

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
Western Division
No. 5:11-CV-00513

PRECISION BIOSCIENCES,)	
INC.,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	COMPLAINT FOR PATENT
)	INFRINGEMENT
)	
CELLECTIS SA, CELLECTIS)	
BIORESEARCH, and CELLECTIS)	
BIORESEARCH INC.,)	(JURY TRIAL DEMANDED)
)	
Defendants.)	

Plaintiff Precision BioSciences, Inc. brings this action for patent infringement against defendants Cellectis SA, Cellectis bioresearch and Cellectis bioresearch Inc., alleging as follows, on personal knowledge as to its own activities and on information and belief as to all other matters:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Precision BioSciences, Inc. (“Precision”) is a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 302 East Pettigrew Street, Dibrell Building, Suite A-100, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

2. Defendant Cellectis SA (“Cellectis”) is a corporation organized under the laws of France having a principal place of business at 102 Rue de Noisy, 93235 Romainville, France.

3. Defendant Cellectis bioresearch (“Cellectis bioresearch”) is a corporation organized under the laws of France having a principal place of business at 102 Avenue Gaston

Roussel, 93230 Romainville, France. Collectis bioresearch is a subsidiary of Collectis established in 2008.

4. Defendant Collectis bioresearch Inc. (“Collectis bioresearch USA”) is a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at One Broadway, Cambridge Massachusetts 02142. Collectis bioresearch USA is a subsidiary of Collectis bioresearch established in 2010 and is responsible for the US-wide promotion of Collectis bioresearch products and services.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a) because this action arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 101, *et seq.*

6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Collectis, Collectis bioresearch, and Collectis bioresearch USA because, *inter alia*, they regularly conduct business in North Carolina and in this judicial district, directly and through their agents, and they have committed acts of infringement in North Carolina and in this judicial district.

7. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1391(d) and 1400(b).

INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,021,867

8. United States Patent No. 8,021,867 (the “’867 patent”), entitled “Rationally Designed Meganucleases with Altered Sequence Specificity and DNA-Binding Affinity,” was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 20, 2011. A true and accurate copy of the ’867 patent is attached as Exhibit 1.

9. Precision is the exclusive licensee of the '867 patent and owner of all substantial rights therein and thereto, including but not limited to the right to institute and to maintain proceedings for infringement of the '867 patent by others.

10. Collectis, Collectis bioresearch and/or Collectis bioresearch USA have infringed and, subsequent to the filing of this action, continue to infringe one or more claims of the '867 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271 by making, using, offering for sale, selling and importing into the United States one or more products, including but not limited to meganucleases targeting the human RAG1 gene, meganucleases targeting the HIV1 genome, and meganucleases targeting the GS gene in Chinese Hamster Ovary cells, and/or by contributing to and inducing others to make, use, offer for sale, sell and import into the United States one or more products, including but not limited to meganucleases targeting the human RAG1 gene, meganucleases targeting the HIV1 genome, and meganucleases targeting the GS gene in Chinese Hamster Ovary cells.

11. As a result of the infringement of the '867 patent by Collectis, Collectis bioresearch and/or Collectis bioresearch USA, Precision has suffered and continues to suffer injury to its business and property in an amount to be determined as damages.

12. Unless an injunction is issued enjoining Collectis, Collectis bioresearch and/or Collectis bioresearch USA, and their respective officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and all those persons and entities in active concert and participation with them, from infringing the '867 patent, Precision will be irreparably harmed.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Precision respectfully requests entry of a judgment that includes:

- A. A finding that Collectis, Collectis bioresearch and Collectis bioresearch USA have infringed the '867 patent;
- B. A preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining Collectis, Collectis bioresearch and Collectis bioresearch USA, and their respective officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and all those persons and entities in active concert with them, from infringing the '867 patent;
- C. An award of damages in favor of Precision and against Collectis, Collectis bioresearch and Collectis bioresearch USA, such damages being in an amount sufficient to compensate Precision fully for infringement of the '867 patent by Collectis, Collectis bioresearch and Collectis bioresearch USA, and an assessment of prejudgment and post-judgment interest;
- D. A finding by the Court that this is an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and an award to Precision of its costs, expenses and attorneys' fees in this action; and
- E. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Precision hereby demands trial by jury as to all issues triable by jury as of right.

This the 26th day of September, 2011.

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