2022 Patent Infringement Risk Search - Chemistry

INSTRUCTIONS

Prepare and conduct a search. Try as much as possible to describe the steps you take to acquaint yourself with the topic of such a search. Describe how you find and use the necessary information in developing the search query. Your reasons for NOT including certain aspects may also be of importance. Keep a record (history) of the search you conduct in the database of your choice. Explain any factors other than the technical topic that will have an effect on the search. Be as detailed as possible in describing your approach to the search including developing the search strategy, the choices you make in developing the strategy, the database syntax you use and what it means, and reasons for the results you pick.

The majority of the marks will be awarded for the explanation you provide about developing and finalising your search strategy. Do not stop if you find a seemingly perfect hit. By finishing early you might not earn enough marks to pass. There is no perfect set of results.

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CASE STUDY

Compound for treatment of Alzheimer's disease

Your company is proposing to launch a compound for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease in January 2023. Unfortunately, at present the brief from R&D is very broad.
The lead candidates for this launch are all either 2-piperidinone or piperidine based molecules that also include a tetrazole ring structure in another part of the molecule.
The compounds of the present invention selectively attenuate A-beta (1-42) production by inhibiting gamma-secretase with a reduced propensity for undesirable side effects.

It is intended to roll-out these lead candidates across the existing markets: EU and the US.

Your colleague patent attorney asked you to conduct a patent infringement risk search for any molecules with these chemical features already used for this type of Alzheimer treatment. It has also been agreed at this stage to exclude any structure searches from this request.