

I. Summary of Facts and Submissions

1 European patent 3 256 569 having the title "ALVEOLAR-LIKE MACROPHAGES AND METHOD OF GENERATING SAME " is based upon European patent application No. 16 748 520.0 filed on 11-02-2016. It claims priority of US 201562114851 filed on 11-02-2015.

The mention of the grant of the patent has been published in the European Patent Bulletin of 24-03-2021. Proprietor of the patent is
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2 Notice of opposition has been filed by
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on 22-12-2021.

Opponent (O) requested revocation of the patent in its entirety based on Art. 54 and Art. 56 (Art. 100(a) EPC), Art. 83 (Art. 100(b) EPC) and Art. 123(2) (Art. 100(c) EPC). O filed documents D1-D10.

3 In a letter received on 27-05-2022, the proprietor (P) requested the maintenance of the patent on the basis of the new main request (MR) filed with the letter of reply. P also filed documents D11-D18.

4 On 19-12-2022 the opposition division issued a summons to attend oral proceedings on 18-10-2023.

5 With letter of 17-08-2023, O filed documents D19-D22 and further arguments.

6 With letter of 18-08-2023, P filed a new MR, replacing the MR filed previously, and auxiliary requests (AR) 1-4. He also filed document D23 and further arguments.