

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

ABBVIE INC. )  
1 North Waukegan Road )  
North Chicago, IL 60064 )  
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And )  
)  
ABBVIE DEUTSCHLAND GMBH & CO. KG )  
Max-Planck-Ring 2a, 65205 )  
Wiesbaden, Germany )  
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Plaintiff, )  
)  
v. )  
)  
ROXANE LABORATORIES, INC. )  
1809 Wilson Road )  
Columbus, OH 43228 )  
)  
c/o CT Corporation System )  
1300 East 9th Street )  
Cleveland, OH 44114 )  
)  
Defendant. )

Civil Action No. 2:14-cv-85

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiffs AbbVie Inc. and AbbVie Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG (collectively “AbbVie”), by way of Complaint against Roxane Laboratories, Inc., state as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff AbbVie Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware with its corporate headquarters at 1 North Waukegan Road, North Chicago, Illinois 60064. AbbVie Inc. is a global biopharmaceutical company engaged in the business of research, development, manufacture, and sale of pharmaceutical products throughout the world.

2. Plaintiff AbbVie Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG is a partnership organized and existing under the laws of Germany with its registered seat at Max-Planck-Ring 2a, 65205 Wiesbaden, Germany (as of January 27, 2014: Mainzer Straße 81, 65189 Wiesbaden, Germany). AbbVie Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG is governed by its General Partner, AbbVie Komplementaer GmbH, Wiesbaden, Germany, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AbbVie Inc.

3. On information and belief, Defendant Roxane Laboratories, Inc. (“Roxane”) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Nevada, having its principal place of business located at 1809 Wilson Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228.

#### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

4. This is a civil action for patent infringement of United States Patent Number 8,470,347 B2 (“the ’347 patent”), arising under the United States Patent Laws, Title 35, United States Code, §§ 100, *et seq.*, and in particular under 35 U.S.C. § 271. This action relates to Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) No. 202573, which Roxane filed or caused to be filed under 21 U.S.C. § 355(j) with the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”), for approval to market a generic copy of AbbVie’s successful Norvir<sup>®</sup> tablets that are sold in the United States, and which Roxane subsequently amended.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5. This is a civil action for patent infringement and declaratory judgment arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq.*, and the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Roxane as evidenced by, *inter alia*, Roxane's having conducted business in Ohio including but not limited to the substantial, continuous and systematic distribution, marketing, and/or sales of pharmaceutical products to residents of this judicial district, having availed itself of the rights and benefits of Ohio law, previously admitting to personal jurisdiction in this Court, availing itself of the jurisdiction of this Court, and having engaged in systematic and continuous contacts with the State of Ohio.

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

### **BACKGROUND**

8. AbbVie Inc. is the holder of approved New Drug Application ("NDA") No. 22-417 for ritonavir tablets, marketed and sold under the trademark Norvir<sup>®</sup>. AbbVie manufactures and sells Norvir<sup>®</sup> 100 mg tablets in the United States under NDA No. 22-417.

9. Roxane filed with the FDA ANDA No. 202573 under 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(B), seeking FDA approval to market ritonavir tablets 100 mg ("Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets"), which are generic copies of AbbVie's Norvir<sup>®</sup> tablets.

10. ANDA No. 202573 seeks FDA approval of a pharmaceutical composition comprising ritonavir in a 100 mg dosage strength.

11. ANDA No. 202573 seeks FDA approval to market Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets in the United States.

12. On December 12, 2013, AbbVie Inc. received a letter on behalf of Roxane, dated December 5, 2013, purporting to be a "Patent Notice Pursuant to § 505(j)(2)(B)(ii) [21 USC § 355(j)(2)(B)(ii)]" for ANDA No. 202573 pursuant to section 505(j)(2)(B)(ii) of the Federal

Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and 21 C.F.R. § 314.95. Roxane's December 12, 2013, notice letter notified AbbVie Inc. that Roxane had amended ANDA No. 202573, seeking approval to market Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets prior to, *inter alia*, the expiration of the '347 patent.

**THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT**

13. The '347 patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") on June 25, 2013. AbbVie Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG is the owner by assignment of the '347 patent and has the right to sue for infringement thereof. AbbVie lists the '347 patent in the Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations ("Orange Book") for NDA No. 22-417. A true and correct copy of the '347 patent is attached as Exhibit A. The '347 patent expires on March 17, 2027, inclusive of pediatric exclusivity.

**FIRST COUNT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT  
UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 8,470,347 B2**

14. Paragraphs 1-13 are incorporated herein by reference.

15. On information and belief, Roxane filed ANDA No. 202573 in order to obtain approval to market Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets in the United States before the expiration of the '347 patent. On information and belief, Roxane filed with the FDA, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) and 21 C.F.R. § 314.94(a)(12)(i)(A)(4), a certification that the claims of the '347 patent are purportedly invalid and/or not infringed.

16. Under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), the submission to the FDA of ANDA No. 202573 seeking approval for the commercial marketing of Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets before the expiration date of the '347 patent constitutes infringement of one or more claims of the '347 patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

17. Upon FDA approval of ANDA No. 202573, Roxane will infringe one or more claims of the '347 patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, under § 271(a) by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets, and by actively inducing others under § 271(b), unless this Court orders that the effective date of any FDA approval of ANDA No. 202573 shall be no earlier than the expiration date of the '347 patent and any additional periods of exclusivity.

18. On information and belief, Roxane is aware and/or has knowledge that healthcare professionals and/or patients will use Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets according to the instructions in the proposed package insert in a way that directly infringes the '347 patent.

19. The offering to sell, sale, making, and/or importation of Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets would actively induce infringement of at least one of the claims of the '347 patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Roxane has knowledge and is aware of AbbVie's '347 patent, as evidenced by Roxane's December 12, 2013, notice letter.

20. AbbVie will be irreparably harmed if Roxane is not enjoined from infringing or actively inducing infringement of at least one claim of the '347 patent. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283, AbbVie entitled to a permanent injunction against further infringement. AbbVie does not have an adequate remedy at law.

**SECOND COUNT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AS TO THE '347 PATENT**

21. Paragraphs 1-20 are incorporated herein by reference.

22. Upon further information and belief, Roxane intends to commence sales of such ritonavir tablets immediately upon receiving approval from the FDA.

23. The manufacture, importation, sale, and offer for sale of Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets, once approved by the FDA, would infringe one or more claims of the '347 patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

24. If the FDA approves ANDA No. 202573, the manufacture, importation, sale, and offer for sale in the United States before the expiration of the '347 patent will actively induce infringement by others under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b) by Roxane of one or more claims of the '347 patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b).

25. Roxane's threatened actions in actively aiding, abetting, encouraging, and inducing sales of such ritonavir tablets would infringe one or more claims of the '347 patent.

26. A case or controversy exists between AbbVie and Roxane regarding the infringement and validity of the '347 patent.

27. Under the totality of the circumstances, there is a substantial controversy between AbbVie and Roxane having sufficient immediacy and reality to establish declaratory judgment jurisdiction relating to Roxane's threatened infringement of the '347 patent.

28. AbbVie will be substantially and irreparably damaged and harmed by the infringing activities described above unless those activities are precluded by this Court. AbbVie does not have an adequate remedy at law.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, AbbVie respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor as follows:

1) declaring that, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2)(A), Roxane's submission to the FDA of ANDA No. 202573 to obtain approval for the commercial manufacture, use, offer for

sale, or sale in, or importation into, the United States of Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets before the expiration of the '347 patent was an act of infringement of the '347 patent;

2) declaring that Roxane's commercial manufacture, use, offer for sale, or sale in, or importation into, the United States of generic ritonavir tablets would constitute infringement of the '347 patent;

3) ordering that the effective date of any FDA approval of Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets shall be no earlier than the expiration date of the '347 patent and any additional periods of exclusivity, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(4)(A);

4) enjoining Roxane and all persons acting in concert with Roxane, from commercially manufacturing, using, offering for sale, or selling Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets within the United States or importing into the United States Roxane's generic ritonavir tablets, until the expiration of the '347 patent, and any additional periods of exclusivity, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(4)(B);

5) enjoining Roxane and all persons acting in concert with Roxane, from seeking, obtaining, or maintaining approval of ANDA No. 202573 until the expiration of the '347 patent, and any additional periods of exclusivity;

6) declaring this to be an exceptional case and awarding AbbVie its attorney fees under 35 U.S.C. § 285;

7) declaring the '347 patent valid and enforceable;

8) awarding AbbVie its costs and expenses in this action; and

9) awarding AbbVie any further and additional relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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Respectfully submitted,

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