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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
PHOENIX DIVISION**

PHARMACEUTICAL
TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, AN
ARIZONA LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

EISAI, INC. AND EISAI
MEDICAL RESEARCH, INC.,
BOTH DELAWARE
CORPORATIONS,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: to be assigned
by the Clerk of the Court

COMPLAINT

TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT FOR FALSE PATENT MARKING

Plaintiff, Pharmaceutical Technologies, LLC (hereinafter, "PT, LLC"), by its attorneys, hereby complains against Defendants Eisai, Inc. and Eisai Medical Research, Inc. (hereinafter, "Defendant(s)," "Eisai," or "Defendant(s) Eisai"), and alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

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2 1. PT, LLC, is an Arizona Limited Liability Company with its principal place of
3 business at 111 W. Monroe St., Suite 320, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

4 2. Defendants are corporations established under the laws of the state of Delaware,
5 with a joint principal place of business at 100 Tice Boulevard, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey,
6 07677.

7 3. Defendants regularly conduct and transact business in Arizona, throughout the
8 United States, and within the District of Arizona, directly and/or through one or more
9 subsidiaries, affiliates, business divisions, or business units. Defendants can be served with
10 process through any of their registered agents, including officers or directors. Defendants'
11 registered agent with the state of Delaware is the Corporation Service Company located at 2711
12 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808 (302) 636-5401.

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14 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

15 4. This Court has exclusive jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331,
16 as a matter arising under the Constitution and laws of the United States, and specifically under 28
17 U.S.C. § 1338(a) for a civil action arising under an Act of Congress relating to patents.

18 5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants. The Defendants have
19 conducted and does conduct business within the State of Arizona. Defendants, directly, or
20 through subsidiaries or intermediaries, offer for sale, sell, advertise and/or mark the Aricept®
21 tablet articles that are subject matter of of this Complaint in the United States and in the State of
22 Arizona, inclusive of the counties comprising the Phoenix Division of the District of Arizona.

23 6. Defendants have voluntarily sold the Aricept® tablet articles that are subject matter

1 of this Complaint in this District, either directly to customers in this District or through
2 intermediaries with the expectation that the Aricept® tablet articles will be sold and distributed to
3 customers in this District. Aricept® tablet articles have been and continue to be purchased and
4 used by consumers in the District of Arizona. Defendants have committed acts of false marking
5 and/or advertising within the State of Arizona, including within the counties comprising the
6 Phoenix Division of the District of Arizona.

7 7. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)-(c) and 1395(a),
8 because: (i) Defendants' Aricept® tablet articles that are subject matter of this cause of action are
9 falsely advertised and/or marked and offered for sale, prescribed for sale, and/or sold in various
10 pharmacies and/or on the Internet in this District; (ii) a substantial part of the events or omissions
11 giving rise to the cause of action stated in this Complaint occurred in this District or on the
12 Internet in this District; and (iii) Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this District, as
13 described above.

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15 **NATURE OF THE CASE**

16 8. This is a *qui tam* action for false patent marking under 35 U.S.C. § 292.

17 9. Defendants have violated 35 U.S.C. § 292 by falsely advertising Aricept®
18 (donepezil hydrochloride tablets) as patented by United States Patent Nos. 5,985,864; 6,140,321;
19 6,245,911; and 6,372,760 (hereinafter, "the '864 patent," "the '321 patent," "the '911 patent,"
20 and "the '760 patent," respectively), with the purpose of deceiving the public. The named
21 patents are attached hereto as Appendices A, B, C, and D, respectively. Defendants have, in a
22 continuous manner from January 7, 2002 through the present, advertised in the United States
23 Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") Orange Book that Aricept® tablets are covered by each

1 of the '864 patent, the '321 patent, and the '911 patent. (*See* Appendix E, "Patent Term
2 Extension and New Patents" publication for the Orange Book dated January 7, 2002, at page 6,
3 line entries for Application/Product Number 020690 "Donepezil Hydrochloride; Aricept;" *see*
4 *also* Appendix F, Orange Book website patent listing screenshot taken on March 17, 2011, at
5 page 1, line entries for Application Number 020690, the FDA application number for Aricept®
6 tablets.) Defendants have also, in a continuous manner from September 4, 2002 through the
7 present, advertised in the FDA Orange Book that Aricept® tablets are covered by the '760 patent.
8 (*See* Appendix F, Orange Book website patent listing screenshot taken on March 17, 2011, at
9 page 1, line entries for Application Number 020690, the FDA application number for Aricept®
10 tablets; *see also*, Appendix G, "Patent Term Extension and New Patents" publication for the
11 Orange Book dated September 4, 2002, at page 3, line entries for Application/Product Number
12 020690 "Donepezil Hydrochloride; Aricept, the FDA application number for Aricept® tablets.")

13 10. The '864 and the '321 patents were statutorily disclaimed by Defendant(s),
14 effective on May 25, 2007, the date that the United States Patent and Trademark Office
15 ("USPTO") approved the terminal disclaimers that Defendant(s) filed for the '864 and '321
16 patents. (*See* Appendices H and I: USPTO website screen shots showing historically significant
17 dates for the prosecution histories of application numbers 08/870,394 and 08/774,802: *i.e.*, the
18 patent applications that issued as the '864 and '321 patents, respectively.) A patent that has been
19 terminally disclaimed is dedicated to the public such that no infringement action can be brought
20 on it. So neither the '864 patent nor the '321 patent has covered Aricept® tablets since at least
21 May 25, 2007. It follows that Defendants have, for a period of close to four years, advertised in
22 the FDA Orange Book that each of the '864 patent and the '321 patent covers Aricept® tablets,
23 when in fact neither of those statutorily disclaimed patents has covered Aricept® tablets for at

1 least close to four years.

2 11. Moreover, neither of the '911 patent and the '760 patent covers Aricept® tablets
3 because not one claim in either of the '911 patent or the '760 patent reads on Aricept® tablets.
4 Accordingly, Defendants have advertised in the FDA Orange Book that each of the '911 patent
5 and the '760 patent covers Aricept® tablets for a period of just over nine years, when neither of
6 the '911 patent or the '760 patent has ever covered Aricept® tablets.

7 12. On information and belief, Defendants' advertising in the FDA Orange Book that
8 Aricept® tablets are covered by each of the '864 patent, the '321 patent, the '911 patent, and the
9 '760 patent is done: (i) despite Defendants' actual knowledge that not one of the '864, '321,
10 '911, or '760 patents covers Aricept® tablets, and (ii) to prevent competition in the marketplace.
11 Quelling competition in the United States' market for Aricept® tablets is done both by false
12 marking, as described herein, and by improperly manipulating the Hatch-Waxman Act in a
13 manner that effectively and substantially delays the marketing of a generic version of Aricept®
14 tablets.

15 13. By way of overview here, the instant false marking violations by Defendants (*i.e.*,
16 Orange Book advertising/listing the '864 patent, the '321 patent, the '911 patent, and the '760
17 patent) have triggered certain provisions of the Hatch-Waxman Act. And those Hatch-Waxman
18 Act provisions, in combination with affirmative steps taken by Defendants, have operated to keep
19 the generic drug manufacturer, Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., from bringing its generic
20 version of Aricept® tablets to market in the United States, despite those generic Aricept® tablets
21 being tentatively approved by the FDA. Defendants' bad-faith manipulation of the Hatch-
22 Waxman Act that involve the false marking violations described herein present a pattern of
23 conduct that establishes Defendants' intent to deceive the public.

1 determining whether the involved patents are valid and enforceable. If these costs are not
2 incurred, an infringer can be found to have willfully infringed, a finding which carries with it the
3 potent possibility of treble damages. Falsely marking and/or advertising an article of
4 manufacture as patented therefore increases costs for a potential market participant because those
5 wishing to compete in the market must *unnecessarily* (1) take on the costs of a reasonably
6 competent search for information necessary to interpret each patent, (2) take on the costs of
7 investigating prior art and other information bearing on the quality of the patents, and (3) take on
8 costs related to the analysis thereof.

9 17. For at least the foregoing reasons, when an entity falsely claims that a product is
10 patented - as Defendants have done in the instant case - the false marker gains an illegal and
11 impermissible market advantage. This illegal advantage directly results in supracompetitive
12 pricing for the falsely marked product, which places the United States' economy in a
13 disadvantaged state due to a misallocation of public and private resources and a lack of
14 confidence in products that are marked as patented. And all of this is done at the expense of the
15 United States' public and government.

16 18. False patent marking, including representing through advertisement that a product
17 is covered by a patent when it is not so covered, is a serious problem for other reasons as well.
18 Acts of false marking deter innovation and stifle competition in the marketplace. If an article
19 that is within the public domain is falsely marked, potential competitors may be dissuaded from
20 entering the market, for instance with a lower-cost and/or higher-quality version of the falsely
21 marked product. False marking can deter scientific advancement when research is purposefully
22 cut short under the belief that defending against patent infringement may be too costly. False
23 marking can cause unnecessary investment to design around another's patent. False markings

1 may create a misleading impression that the falsely marked product is technologically superior to
2 competing products, as articles bearing the term “patent” may be presumed to be novel, useful,
3 and innovative.

4 19. The false marking statute explicitly permits *qui tam* actions. By permitting
5 members of the public to sue on behalf of the government, Congress allows individuals to help
6 control false marking. Plaintiffs in such actions are often viewed as a private attorney general,
7 assisting the government with enforcing fair competition in a large and sometimes unwieldy free
8 market.

9 20. PG, LLC, as a private attorney general and on behalf of the United States, brings
10 the present cause of action against Defendants for falsely marking its Aricept® tablet articles of
11 manufacture with each of the ‘864 patent, the ‘321 patent, the ‘911 patent, and the ‘760 patent, in
12 violation of 35 U.S.C. § 292(a).

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14 **DEFENDANTS’ PATENT ADVERTISEMENTS FOR ARICEPT®**

15 21. As established in paragraphs 9-12 of this Complaint, Defendants advertise in the
16 FDA Orange Book that Aricept® tablets are covered by each of the ‘864 patent, the ‘321 patent,
17 the ‘911 patent, and the ‘760 patent. At least part of this FDA Orange Book advertising is done
18 on the Internet, at the website corresponding to the FDA’s Orange Book publication. The
19 Orange Book publishes selected information about all pharmaceutical products that the FDA has
20 approved for marketing in the United States, on behalf of the United States government and after
21 safety and efficacy review. The patent and exclusivity information section of the Orange Book
22 lists, for each pharmaceutical product published therein, any United States patent(s) asserted by
23 the owner or licensee of an FDA-approved, pharmaceutical product as covering its product.

1 Because Defendants listed each of the ‘864 patent, the ‘321 patent, the ‘911 patent, and the ‘760
2 patent in the Orange Book as covering Aricept® tablets, Defendants unequivocally advertised
3 and continue to advertise that each of the ‘864 patent, the ‘321 patent, the ‘911 patent, and the
4 ‘760 patent covers Aricept® tablets.

5 22. Orange Book patent listings serve as a starting point, for generic drug developers,
6 manufacturers, and marketers, in making determinations about the viability of investing
7 resources towards bringing a generic version of a branded, FDA-approved pharmaceutical to
8 market. The Orange Book search page is www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/ob/default.cfm.
9 There, conducting a “Proprietary Name” search using “Aricept” leads to FDA Application
10 Number N020690, to Defendant Eisai, Inc. Clicking on that application number leads to a
11 webpage which shows that the New Drug Application for Aricept® tablets was FDA approved
12 on November 25, 1996, and provides another hyperlink for “Patent and Exclusivity Info for this
13 product [Aricept® tablets].” That hyperlink clicks through to Defendants’ Orange Book
14 advertisement that Aricept® tablets are covered by each of the ‘864 patent, the ‘321 patent, the
15 ‘911 patent, and the ‘760 patent. Of note, it is an FDA-approved manufacturer – such as
16 Defendants – and not the FDA, that decides what patents are advertised as allegedly covering
17 their product in the FDA Orange Book, including the noted FDA Orange Book webpage. This
18 webpage is therefore an advertisement by the Defendants to the public-at-large, including generic
19 drug developers, manufacturers, and marketers, that Aricept® tablets are covered by each of the
20 ‘864 patent, the ‘321 patent, the ‘911 patent, and the ‘760 patent. A printed version of this
21 webpage is provided herewith as Appendix F.

22 23. On information and belief, Defendants also marked packaging material for their
23 Aricept® tablets with each of the ‘864 patent, the ‘321 patent, the ‘911 patent, and the ‘760

1 patent.

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3 **FALSITY OF DEFENDANTS' PATENT ADVERTISEMENTS FOR ARICEPT®**

4 24. Under one approach for finding an article “unpatented” under 35 U.S.C. § 292, it is
5 clear that articles no longer protected by a patent are “unpatented.”

6 25. An additional approach for finding false marking liability under 35 U.S.C. § 292,
7 the article in question and claims of the alleged covering patent are analyzed. The first step of
8 this analysis asks whether the claims of the patent cover the article in question. In patent
9 analysis, it is the claims that provide the “metes and bounds” of the patentee’s right to exclude
10 others from practicing, using, and/or selling the claimed invention. And the right to exclude
11 analysis is a two-step process: first requiring a proper interpretation of the scope of the claims,
12 and then requiring an evaluation of whether the properly interpreted claims “read on” the article
13 in question. An article is “unpatented” under the false marking statute if not one claim of the
14 allegedly covering patent “reads on” the article in question.

15 26. **The ‘864 and ‘321 Patents.** Aricept® tablets are unpatented by each of the ‘864
16 patent and the ‘321 patent, for at least the following reasons. As stated in paragraph 10 of this
17 Complaint, Defendant(s) filed with the USPTO terminal disclaimers for each of the ‘864 patent
18 and the ‘321 patent. And the USPTO made each of those terminal disclaimers effective as of
19 May 25, 2007. At least because those terminal disclaimers operate to dedicate to the public each
20 of the ‘864 patent and the ‘321 patent, such that no infringement suit can be brought based on
21 them, Aricept® tablets have been “unpatented” as to each of the ‘864 patent and the ‘321 patent
22 since May 25, 2007. Accordingly, Defendants’ advertising in the Orange Book that each of the
23 ‘864 patent and the ‘321 patent covers Aricept® tablets has been false since May 25, 2007 or

1 shortly thereafter.

2 27. **The ‘911 Patent.** Aricept® tablets are unpatented by the ‘911 patent because no
3 claim of the ‘911 patent reads on Aricept® tablets, for at least the following reasons. The ‘911
4 patent contains 21 claims, three of which are independent. Independent claims 1-3 of the ‘911
5 patent are directed to polymorphic crystal forms of donepezil A, B, and C, respectively, each of
6 which have specified signal peaks in their powder x-ray diffraction patterns and/or infrared
7 absorption spectrums. (Appendix C, the ‘911 patent, Column 22, line 35 – Column 24, line 41.)
8 The powder x-ray diffraction patterns for the A, B, and C crystal forms of donepezil, as claimed
9 by independent claims 1-3, are illustrated in Figures 1-3 of the ‘911 patent, respectively.
10 (Appendix C, the ‘911 patent: Figures 1-3 and Column 2, lines 30-37.)

11 28. By way of preliminary matters, it would be necessary for Aricept® tablets to
12 contain the crystal forms of donepezil A, B, and/or C described and claimed in the ‘911 patent in
13 order for any claim of the ‘911 patent to read on Aricept® tablets. To this end, a person with
14 ordinary skill in the art of x-ray diffraction analysis would understand that if Aricept® tablets
15 indeed contained the crystal forms of the donepezil A, B, and/or C described and claimed in the
16 ‘911 patent, then at least the strong signal peaks in the x-ray diffraction patterns of crystal forms
17 of donepezil A, B, and/or C would be reflected and/or apparent in the x-ray diffraction pattern of
18 Aricept® tablets. The ‘911 patent, however, teaches the x-ray diffraction patterns of *pure* crystal
19 forms of donepezil A, B, and/or C, *and not the x-ray diffraction pattern of Aricept® tablets, the*
20 *product that is actually advertised as patented by the ‘911 patent.*

21 29. United States Patent No. 6,734,195 (hereinafter, “the ‘195 patent”) teaches the x-
22 ray diffraction pattern of Aricept® tablets in the bottom trace of its Figure 2. (Appendix J, the
23 ‘195 patent: Figure 2 and Column 2, lines 33-37.) As shown in Figure 2, and in contrast to those

1 diffraction patterns claimed by the '911 patent, the x-ray diffraction pattern of actual Aricept®
2 tablets is so deficient as to prevent the product from being covered by the claimed diffraction
3 patterns for the A, B, and C crystal forms of donepezil recited in claims 1-3 of the '911 patent.

4 30. For example, Figure 1 of the '911 patent shows that the A crystal form of donepezil
5 recited in claim 1 of the '911 patent has a strong signal peak in its x-ray diffraction pattern at
6 angle $2\Theta = 17.5$; whereas the bottom trace of the '195 patent's Figure 2 shows that Aricept®
7 tablets have a trough in their x-ray diffraction pattern at angle $2\Theta = 17.5$. Based on at least this
8 discrepancy, the teachings of the '195 patent inform a person with ordinary skill in the art that
9 Aricept® tablets do not contain the A crystal form of donepezil defined by independent claim 1
10 of the '911 patent. So independent claim 1 of the '911 patent does not read on Aricept® tablets.

11 31. In addition, Figure 2 of the '911 patent shows that the B crystal form of donepezil
12 recited in claim 2 of the '911 patent has a strong signal peak in its x-ray diffraction pattern at
13 angle $2\Theta = 21.75$; whereas the bottom trace of the '195 patent's Figure 2 shows that Aricept®
14 tablets have a trough in their x-ray diffraction pattern at angle $2\Theta = 21.5$. Based on at least this
15 discrepancy, the teachings of the '195 patent inform a person with ordinary skill in the art that
16 Aricept® tablets do not contain the B crystal form of donepezil defined by independent claim 2
17 of the '911 patent. So independent claim 2 of the '911 patent does not read on Aricept® tablets.

18 32. Further still, Figure 3 of the '911 patent shows that the C crystal form of donepezil
19 recited in claim 3 of the '911 patent has twin signal peaks in its x-ray diffraction pattern at angle
20 2Θ range = 13.5 - 15; whereas the bottom trace of the '195 patent's Figure 2 shows that Aricept®
21 tablets have a flatline in their x-ray diffraction pattern at angle 2Θ range = 13.5 - 15. Based on at
22 least this discrepancy, the teachings of the '195 patent inform a person with ordinary skill in the
23 art that Aricept® tablets do not contain the C crystal form of donepezil defined by independent

1 claim 3 of the '911 patent. So independent claim 3 of the '911 patent does not read on Aricept®
2 tablets.

3 33. At least the foregoing points and discussion establish that Aricept® tablets do not
4 contain the crystal forms A, B, and/or C of donepezil defined in claims 1-3 of the '911 patent.
5 Several plausible circumstances might explain why the crystal forms for A, B, and/or C of
6 donepezil as defined in claims 1-3 of the '911 patent are not present in Aricept® tablets. It could
7 be that no crystal form A, B, or C of donepezil is used in the manufacturing process for Aricept®
8 tablets. It could also be that certain steps or events in the manufacturing process for Aricept®
9 tablets transform any crystal form A, B, and/or C of donepezil used in the manufacturing process
10 for Aricept® tablets into other forms of donepezil. An example of such a transforming step or
11 event is wetting (even partial wetting) that dissolves and thereby destroys any crystal form A, B,
12 and/or C of donepezil used in the manufacturing process for Aricept® tablets. Another example
13 of such a transforming step or event could be compression that physically destroys any crystal
14 form A, B, and/or C of donepezil used in the manufacturing process for Aricept® tablets.

15 34. Finally, claims 4-21 of the '911 patent all recite processes for producing the
16 donepezil crystal forms A, B, or C defined by claims 1-3 of the '911 patent. At least because, as
17 explained above, Aricept® tablets do not contain the A, B, or C crystal forms of donepezil
18 defined by claims 1-3 of the '911 patent, the processes for producing the A, B, or C crystal forms
19 of donepezil recited by claims 4-21 of the '911 patent cannot read on Aricept® tablets.
20 Accordingly, not one claim of the '911 patent reads on Aricept® tablets, and Aricept® tablets
21 have therefore always been "unpatented" as to the '911 patent. Defendant Eisai's advertising in
22 the Orange Book that the '911 patent covers Aricept® tablets has therefore been false since
23 January 7, 2002 or shortly thereafter.

1 35. **The ‘760 Patent.** Aricept® tablets are unpatented by the ‘760 patent because no
2 claim of the ‘911 patent reads on Aricept® tablets, for at least the following reasons. The ‘760
3 patent contains 10 claims. Independent claim 1 of the ‘760 patent recites: “An antimentia
4 medicament composition, comprising: an antimentia medicament and **an organic acid,**
5 wherein the antimentia medicament is donepezil and **the organic acid is selected from the**
6 **group consisting of tosyllic acid, mesyllic acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid, tartaric acid,**
7 **citric acid and combinations thereof,** wherein the organic acid is not added to form a salt.”
8 (Emphasis added.) (Appendix D, the ‘760 patent, Column 4, lines 58-65.)

9 36. Claim 1 of the ‘760 patent therefore defines antimentia medicaments that must
10 contain the drug donepezil and one or more of the following organic acids: tosyllic acid,
11 mesyllic acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid, tartaric acid, and citric acid. Aricept® tablets,
12 however, do not contain any of the named organic acids or combinations thereof. (*See* Appendix
13 K, prescribing information for Aricept®, Section 11, pages 6-7.) Because Aricept® tablets do
14 not contain tosyllic acid, mesyllic acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, or
15 combinations thereof, claim 1 of the ‘760 patent does not read on Aricept® tablets. Further,
16 nothing in claims 2, 6, 7, and 8 of the ‘760 patent, which depend from claim 1, operates to alter
17 the present analysis; so claims 1-2 and 6-8 of the ‘760 patent do not read on Aricept® tablets.

18 37. Independent claim 3 of the ‘760 patent recites: “A method for stabilizing an
19 antimentia medicament, which comprises the step of: **adding an organic acid** to an
20 antimentia medicament, wherein the antimentia medicament is donepezil and **the organic**
21 **acid is selected from the group consisting of tosyllic acid, mesyllic acid, benzoic acid,**
22 **salicylic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid and combinations thereof,** wherein the organic acid is
23 not added to form a salt.” (Emphasis added.) (Appendix D, the ‘760 patent, Column 5, lines 1-

1 8.)

2 38. Claim 3 of the '760 patent therefore defines a method for stabilizing an
3 antidementia medicament that contains the drug, donepezil. The stabilization method defined by
4 claim 3 requires that one or more of the following organic acids be added to donepezil: tosyllic
5 acid, mesyllic acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid, tartaric acid, and citric acid. Aricept® tablets,
6 however, do not contain any of the named organic acids or combinations thereof. (*See* Appendix
7 K, prescribing information for Aricept®, Section 11, pages 6-7.) Because Aricept® tablets do
8 not contain tosyllic acid, mesyllic acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, or
9 combinations thereof, claim 3 of the '760 patent does not read on Aricept® tablets. (Appendix
10 K, prescribing information for Aricept®, Section 11, pages 6-7.) Further, nothing in claims 4-5
11 and 9-10 of the '760 patent, which depend from claim 3, operates to alter the present analysis; so
12 claims 3-5 and 9-10 of the '979 patent do not read on Aricept®.

13 39. Since not one claim of the '760 patent reads on Aricept® tablets, Aricept® tablets
14 have always been “unpatented” as to the '760 patent. Defendant Eisai's advertising in the
15 Orange Book that the '911 patent covers Aricept® tablets has therefore been false since
16 September 4, 2002 or shortly thereafter.

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18 **DEFENDANTS' INTENT TO DECEIVE**

19 40. Under Federal Circuit case law, the combination of a false statement and
20 knowledge that the statement was false creates a rebuttable presumption of 'intent to deceive the
21 public' within the meaning of the false marking statute. For at least the reasons set forth in
22 paragraphs 9-12, 24 and 26 of this Complaint, Defendants have, in a continuous manner from at
23 least May 25, 2007 through the present, falsely advertised that each of the '864 patent and the

1 '321 patent covers Aricept® tablets. For at least the reasons set forth in paragraphs 9-12, 25, and
2 27-39 of this Complaint, Defendants have, in a continuous manner from January 7 or September
3 4, 2002 through the present, falsely advertised that each of the '911 patent and the '760 patent
4 covers Aricept® tablets.

5 41. Defendants therefore made false statements by advertising that each of the '864
6 patent, the '321 patent, the '911 patent, and the '760 patent covers Aricept® tablets. Defendants
7 have actual knowledge that the instant patents do not cover Aricept® tablets, in view of at least
8 the following facts.

9 42. **The '864 and '321 Patents.** Defendant(s) filed with the USPTO the terminal
10 disclaimers for each of the '864 patent and the '321 patent. Defendants are sophisticated
11 companies with many years of experience in procuring, licensing, and enforcing United States
12 patents. On information and belief, Defendants have sophisticated in-house counsel, and
13 regularly retain sophisticated outside legal counsel, including United States patent counsel.

14 43. Defendants therefore know that the terminal disclaimers filed for the '864 patent
15 and the '321 patent effectively ended any protection that those patents may have had as to
16 Aricept® tablets on the date the USPTO approved those terminal disclaimers: *i.e.*, May 25,
17 2007. Defendants therefore had actual knowledge that neither the '864 patent nor the '321 patent
18 has covered Aricept® tablets since at least May 25, 2007.

19 44. **The '911 and '760 Patents.** As stated above, Defendants are sophisticated
20 companies with many years of experience in procuring, licensing, and enforcing United States
21 patents. On information and belief, Defendants have sophisticated in-house counsel and
22 regularly retain sophisticated outside legal counsel, including United States patent counsel.
23 Defendants therefore know that patents do not have unlimited scope; but rather a scope limited to

1 that which is claimed.

2 45. Defendant(s) procured from the USPTO the '911 patent and the '760 patent on
3 November 16, 1999 and October 31, 2000, respectively. Defendants therefore had actual
4 knowledge of the scope of the claims in each of the '911 patent and the '760 patent on or before
5 the respective issuance dates of the '911 and '760 patents. Defendant(s) also procured from the
6 FDA New Drug Application: N020690 (*i.e.*, the application for Aricept® tablets) on November
7 25, 1996. Defendants therefore had actual knowledge of the contents and makeup of Aricept®
8 tablets prior to November 25, 1996. Accordingly, Defendants have had actual knowledge that
9 neither the '911 patent nor the '760 patent has covered Aricept® tablets since 2002.

10 46. As stated above, well-established Federal Circuit case law holds that the instant
11 combinations of false statements and knowledge that the statements are false gives rise to
12 presumptions of 'intent to deceive the public' under the false marking statute. Moreover, the
13 'intent to deceive the public' presumptions that arise here are heightened as to each of the '911
14 patent and the '760 patent, because those patents are presently unexpired and do not contain one
15 claim that reads on Aricept® tablets. Further still, all of the 'intent to deceive the public'
16 presumptions that arise here are substantially bolstered on at least the following grounds.

17 47. By maintaining its false Orange Book advertisings/listings for each of the '864
18 patent, the '321 patent, the '911 patent, and the '760 patent for Aricept® tablets – despite actual
19 knowledge that none of those patents cover Aricept® tablets – Defendant(s) have, in the past and
20 present, engaged in conduct that violates the false marking statute. By way of that unlawful
21 conduct, Defendants are also quelling competition in the United States market for Aricept®
22 tablets, at least by manipulating the Hatch-Waxman Act in a manner that effectively and
23 substantially delays the generic drug manufacturer, Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., from

1 bringing its generic version of Aricept® tablets, which has been tentatively approved by the
2 FDA, to market in the United States. An analysis of the Hatch-Waxman Act follows. And the
3 Hatch-Waxman analysis is followed by an analysis of the effects of Defendants' unlawful false-
4 advertising of the '864 patent, the '321 patent, the '911 patent, and the '760 patent in connection
5 with its Aricept® tablets.

6 48. Hatch-Waxman. The Hatch-Waxman Act requires a drug company seeking to
7 market a new pharmaceutical product in the United States to prepare and file a New Drug
8 Application (hereinafter, "NDA"), which must be approved by the FDA prior to marketing the
9 new drug. *See* 21 U.S.C. §§ 355(a) and (b). As part of the NDA approval process, NDA
10 applicants must submit to the FDA information regarding the drug's safety and efficacy and
11 identify all patents that "could reasonably be asserted if an entity not licensed by the owner
12 engaged in the manufacture, use, or sale of the NDA drug." 21 U.S.C. §§ 355(b)(1) and (c)(2).
13 When an NDA is approved, the FDA lists the patent information provided by the NDA applicant
14 along with the approved drug in its Orange Book publication. *See* 21 U.S.C. §§ 355(b)(1),
15 (j)(2)(A)(ii).

16 49. Under the Hatch-Waxman Act, generic drug companies may obtain expedited
17 approval of generic drugs by preparing and filing with the FDA an Abbreviated New Drug
18 Application (hereinafter, "ANDA"). 21 U.S.C. §§ 355(j). Once an ANDA applicant
19 demonstrates bioequivalence of its generic drug with the NDA drug, it is not required to conduct
20 its own, independent clinical trials to prove safety and efficacy. 21 U.S.C. §§ 355(j)(2)(A)(iv),
21 (j)(8)(B). An ANDA applicant must include a certification as to each patent listed in the Orange
22 Book with respect to the NDA drug that either: (I) no patent information has been filed with the
23 FDA; (II) the patent has expired; (III) the patent will expire on a particular date and the FDA's

1 approval of the ANDA should be deferred until expiration; or (IV) in the opinion of the ANDA
2 applicant, the patent is invalid or will not be infringed by the manufacture, use, or sale of the
3 generic drug. 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii). Respectively, these filings are referred to as
4 Paragraph I, II, III, and IV certifications.

5 50. The FDA's approval of an ANDA is dependent upon the type of certification
6 sought by the generic drug manufacturer. The approval of a Paragraph IV ANDA depends upon
7 two factors: (1) whether the NDA drug company brings an infringement action within 45 days of
8 learning of the Paragraph IV ANDA filing, and (2) whether the ANDA applicant was the first
9 one to file an ANDA containing a Paragraph IV Certification against an Orange Book listed
10 patent. Under the Hatch-Waxman Act, the filing of a Paragraph IV certification against an
11 Orange Book listed patent constitutes an "artificial" act of patent infringement, for purposes of
12 establishing jurisdiction in federal court. 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2).

13 51. After filing a Paragraph IV certification and receiving the FDA's tentative approval
14 of its ANDA, an ANDA filer must provide, to the patentee and the NDA holder, notice of the
15 factual and legal bases for the Paragraph IV certification. 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(B). Within 45
16 days of receiving this notice, the patentee and NDA holder may bring suit against the Paragraph
17 IV filer for patent infringement, which triggers an automatic stay of final approval of the ANDA
18 by the FDA for 30 months. 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(5)(B)(iii). If the patentee does file an
19 infringement suit within 45 days, the FDA may not approve the ANDA until either the 30 month
20 stay has expired or a court rules that the patent is invalid or not infringed by the ANDA. 21
21 U.S.C. §§ 355(c)(3)(C). If, however, the patentee does not bring suit within that period, the FDA
22 may issue a final approval of the ANDA once the requirements for approval have been satisfied.

23 52. The Hatch-Waxman Act grants the first party to submit an ANDA containing a

1 Paragraph IV certification against an Orange Book listed patent (hereinafter, the “first-filer”) a
2 180-day period of generic marketing exclusivity. 21 U.S.C. §§ 355(j)(2)(A)(iv). The first-filer
3 may obtain this 180-day exclusivity period regardless of whether or not it successfully
4 establishes that the challenged patents are invalid or not infringed by the drug described in its
5 ANDA. All that is required for the first-filer to receive the 180-day generic exclusivity period is
6 that it submits a substantially complete ANDA that contains a Paragraph IV Certification. 21
7 U.S.C. § 355 (j)(5)(B)(iv)(II)(bb). The Hatch-Waxman Act provides that the 180-day period of
8 generic exclusivity begins either on the date that the first-filer markets its generic drug, or on the
9 date of a final court decision finding the relevant Orange Book listed patents invalid or not
10 infringed, whichever comes first. *See* 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(5)(B)(iv). Only the first-filer can trigger
11 its 180-day exclusivity period via the commercial-marketing trigger. *See* 21 U.S.C. §
12 355(j)(5)(B)(iv)(I). In contrast, subsequent Paragraph IV ANDA filers can trigger the first
13 Paragraph IV ANDA filer’s 180-day exclusivity period via the court-judgment trigger. In
14 addition, the FDA cannot give its final approval to subsequent Paragraph IV ANDAs until the
15 first-filer’s 180-day exclusivity period expires.

16 53. With the foregoing in mind, attention is directed to the following facts. The FDA
17 has tentatively approved two ANDAs for generic versions of Aricept® tablets. Both of these
18 generic Aricept® tablet ANDAs were filed with Paragraph IV certifications against each Orange
19 Book listed patent for Aricept® tablets that are subject matter of this Complaint (*i.e.*, the ‘864
20 patent, the ‘321 patent, the ‘911 patent, and the ‘760 patent). Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
21 (hereinafter, “Ranbaxy”) is the first-filer of the tentatively-approved, Aricept® tablet Paragraph
22 IV ANDAs, and Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (hereinafter, “Teva”) is the subsequent ANDA
23 filer.

1 54. On information and belief, Defendants received notifications from each of Ranbaxy
2 and Teva that the FDA had tentatively approved their generic Aricept® Paragraph IV ANDAs,
3 these notifications setting forth factual bases for each of the ‘864 patent, the ‘321 patent, the ‘911
4 patent, and the ‘760 patent being invalid and/or not infringed by the Paragraph IV ANDAs for
5 Aricept® tablets.

6 55. Defendants did not sue either Ranbaxy or Teva for infringement of any of the ‘864
7 patent, the ‘321 patent, the ‘911 patent, and the ‘760 patent within 45 days of receiving the
8 notifications at hand. Instead, Defendants granted covenants not to sue Ranbaxy and Teva for
9 infringement of the ‘911 and ‘760 patents in connection with their Aricept® tablet Paragraph IV
10 ANDAs. Though Ranbaxy has apparently been free to market its generic Aricept® tablets since
11 November 25, 2010, it is believed that Ranbaxy has not commercially marketed its generic
12 Aricept® tablets as of today.

13 56. Teva cannot obtain final approval of its Aricept® tablet Paragraph IV ANDA from
14 the FDA (and thereby bring its generic Aricept® tablets to market) for several reasons. First,
15 Defendants maintain and Orange Book listings/advertisements for Aricept® tablets of the ‘864
16 patent, the ‘321 patent, the ‘911 patent, and the ‘760 patent. Accordingly, the FDA cannot give
17 its final approval to Teva’s generic Aricept® tablet Paragraph IV ANDA, which was filed
18 subsequent to Ranbaxy’s Aricept® tablet Paragraph IV ANDA, until Ranbaxy’s generic
19 exclusivity period has expired. And Ranbaxy’s generic exclusivity period is not triggered until
20 Ranbaxy commercially markets its generic Aricept® tablets or there is a court judgment that the
21 Orange Book listed patents for Aricept® tablets are invalid or not infringed by the generic
22 Aricept® tablets of either Ranbaxy’s or Teva’s paragraph IV ANDAs for the same.

23 57. Teva sought to trigger Ranbaxy’s generic exclusivity period for Aricept® by

1 obtaining a court judgment that its Aricept® tablet Paragraph IV ANDA does not infringe the
2 ‘911 and ‘760 patents. In particular, Teva filed a Declaratory Judgment action against Eisai, Inc.,
3 seeking a judgment that Teva’s (generic) Aricept® tablets Paragraph IV ANDA does not infringe
4 the ‘911 and ‘760 patents. In response, Defendant Eisai successfully moved for dismissal of
5 Teva’s action, on the grounds that Teva lacked standing to bring its Declaratory Judgment action
6 in District Court because Defendant Eisai had given Teva a covenant not to sue on the ‘911 and
7 ‘760 patents in connection with Teva’s Aricept® tablet Paragraph IV ANDA. Teva successfully
8 appealed the dismissal of its Declaratory Judgment action against Defendant Eisai to the Court of
9 Appeals for the Federal Circuit. (A copy of the Federal Circuit’s decision is attached hereto as
10 Appendix L.)

11 58. It is important to note that Defendant Eisai has, at all times, been free to delist each
12 of the ‘864 patent, the ‘321 patent, the ‘911 patent, and the ‘760 patent from its Orange Book
13 patent listings for Aricept® tablets. Such delistings would immediately: (i) allow the FDA to
14 give its final approval to Teva’s Aricept® tablet ANDA, and (ii) allow Teva to market its generic
15 Aricept® tablets in the United States.

16 59. Taken together, the foregoing facts clearly establish the following. Defendants
17 have intentionally deceived the FDA and the public as to each of the ‘864 patent, the ‘321 patent,
18 the ‘911 patent, and the ‘760 patent covering its Aricept® tablets, by illegally advertising those
19 patents in its Orange Book patent listings for Aricept® tablets. Defendants’ purpose for illegally
20 advertising/listing in the Orange Book that each of the ‘863 patent, the ‘321 patent, the ‘911
21 patent, and the ‘760 patent covers Aricept® is to quell competition in the United States market
22 for its Aricept® tablets. And Defendants have achieved their purpose, at least by substantially
23 delaying Teva in bringing its generic Aricept® tablets to the market in the United States.

CAUSES OF ACTION FOR FALSE PATENT MARKING

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3 60. PT, LLC incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth
4 herein.

5 61. Each independent false patent advertising event for Aricept® tablets by Defendants
6 substantially and cumulatively discourages and deters persons and companies from
7 commercializing competing products.

8 62. Defendants' false Orange Book advertising/listing of each of the '864 patent, the
9 '321 patent, the '911 patent, and the '760 patent for its Aricept® tablets has wrongfully quelled
10 competition with respect to such products, thereby causing harm to PT, LLC, the United States,
11 and the public-at-large.

12 63. Defendants have wrongfully, illegally, and falsely advertised and/or marked their
13 Aricept® tablets as under multiple patent monopolies which they do not possess for Aricept®
14 tablets; and, as a result, Defendants have wrongfully benefited by maintaining an illegal market
15 advantage.

16 64. Defendants know that patents provide the patent holder with market power to
17 monopolize the invention claimed therein.

18 65. Defendants know that all monopoly rights in a patent terminate irrevocably when
19 terminally disclaimed.

20 66. Defendants know that all monopoly rights in a patent are limited to subject matter
21 claimed in the patent.

22 67. Upon information and belief, Defendants know, or reasonably should have known,
23 that advertising and/or marking Aricept® tablets with false patenting statements was, and is,

1 illegal under Title 35 § 292 of the United States Code.

2 68. Each falsely advertised/marked Aricept® article is a separate “offense” under 35
3 U.S.C. § 292.

4 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

5 69. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment
6 against Defendants as follows:

7 70. A decree that Defendants have falsely advertised and/or marked Aricept® tablets in
8 violation of 35 U.S.C. § 292;

9 71. An award of monetary damages, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 292, in the form of a civil
10 monetary fine of \$500 per falsely advertised and/or marked Aricept® tablet article, or an
11 alternative amount as determined by the Court, one half of which shall be paid to the United
12 States of Government and one-half of which shall be paid to PT, LLC, as a private attorney
13 general acting on behalf of the United States;

14 72. Enter a judgment and order requiring the Defendants to pay PT, LLC, prejudgment
15 interest on awarded damages;

16 73. Order Defendants to pay PT, LLC’s costs and attorney fees; and

17 74. Grant PT, LLC, such other and further relief as it may deem just and equitable.

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19 **DEMAND FOR TRIAL**

20 75. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial on all issues at the court’s convenience.

21 Signed 

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23 Attorney for Plaintiff