

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

<p>SANOFI-AVENTIS U.S. LLC, AVENTISUB LLC, SANOFI, and GENZYME CORPORATION,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiffs,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC., and TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendants.</p>	<p>Civil Action No.</p>
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COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs sanofi-aventis U.S. LLC (“sanofi-aventis U.S.”), Aventisub LLC (“Aventisub”), Sanofi, and Genzyme Corporation (“Genzyme”) (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), by their attorneys, for their Complaint against Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (collectively, “Teva” or “Defendants”), allege as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is a civil action for infringement of United States Patent Nos. 6,794,410 (“the ‘410 patent,” a true and accurate copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A) arising under the Patent Laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code, Sections 100 *et seq.* This action relates to Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) No. 209700, filed by Teva

Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. with the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) for approval to market a proposed generic version of the Aubagio[®] (teriflunomide) drug product.

THE PARTIES

2. Plaintiff sanofi-aventis U.S., a wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary of Sanofi, is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 55 Corporate Drive, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

3. Plaintiff Aventisub LLC is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 3711 Kennett Pike, Suite 200, Greenville, Delaware 19807.

4. Plaintiff Sanofi is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of France, having its principal place of business at 54 rue La Boétie, 75008 Paris, France.

5. Plaintiff Genzyme is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, having its principal place of business at 500 Kendall Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142.

6. On information and belief, Defendant Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (“Teva USA”) is a company organized and existing under the laws of the Delaware with its principal place of business at 425 Privet Road, Horsham, Pennsylvania 19044. On information and belief, Teva USA is in the business of, among other things, marketing and selling generic versions of branded pharmaceutical products for the United States market, alone and/or through its wholly-owned subsidiaries and agents.

7. On information and belief, Defendant Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (“Teva Industries”) is a company organized and existing under the laws of Israel, with a principal place

of business at 5 Basel Street, Petach Tikva 49131, Israel. On information and belief, Teva Industries is in the business of manufacturing and selling generic versions of pharmaceutical products for the United States market. On information and belief, Teva USA is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Teva Industries, is controlled by Teva Industries, and is an agent or affiliate of Teva Industries.

8. On information and belief, Teva Industries operates in the United States through Teva USA.

9. On information and belief, the acts of Teva USA complained of herein were done at the direction of, with the authorization of, and/or with the cooperation, participation, and assistance of Teva Industries. On information and belief, the acts of Teva USA complained of herein were done at least in part for the benefit of Teva Industries.

TEVA USA'S ANDA

10. On information and belief and as stated in the letter dated November 21, 2016, and received by Plaintiffs on or about November 22, 2016, purporting to be a notice pursuant to Section 505(j)(2)(B)(ii) and (iv) of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 355(j)) and 21 C.F.R. § 314.95(c) (the "Notice Letter"), Teva USA submitted ANDA No. 209700 to the FDA under Section 505(j) of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 355(j)) seeking approval to engage in the commercial manufacture, use, sale and/or importation of teriflunomide tablets, 7 mg and 14 mg ("Teriflunomide ANDA Products"), as a generic version of the Aubagio[®] (teriflunomide) drug product throughout the United States, including within the State of Delaware, prior to the expiration of the '410 patent.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

11. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a), 2201, and 2202.

12. On information and belief, Defendants develop, formulate, manufacture, import, offer for sale, sell, commercialize, market, and/or distribute generic versions of branded pharmaceutical products in/into the United States, including in the State of Delaware.

13. On information and belief, Defendants prepared and filed ANDA No. 209700, seeking approval from the FDA to sell the Teriflunomide ANDA Products throughout the United States, including within the State of Delaware.

14. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Teva USA because, *inter alia*, Teva USA has committed an act of patent infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (e)(2), and intends a future course of conduct that includes acts of patent infringement in Delaware. These acts have led and will lead to foreseeable harm and injury to Plaintiffs in Delaware. For example, on information and belief, following approval of ANDA No. 209700, Defendants will make, use, import, sell, and/or offer for sale the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in/into the United States, including in this State, prior to the expiration of the '410 patent.

15. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Teva USA because, *inter alia*, Teva USA, on information and belief: (1) maintains substantial, systematic, and continuous contacts with the State of Delaware; (2) avails itself of the laws of the State of Delaware by being incorporated in Delaware under File No. 2053734; (3) intends to manufacture, market, sell, or distribute the Teriflunomide ANDA Products to residents of this State, which is confirmed by the filing of ANDA No. 209700; (4) maintains a broad distributorship network within this State;

(5) regularly transacts and/or solicits business in the State of Delaware; (6) continuously and systematically places goods into the stream of commerce for distribution in the United States, including in the State of Delaware; (7) generates substantial revenue and income from sales of its generic pharmaceutical products throughout the United States, including within the State of Delaware.

16. Additionally, on information and belief, Teva USA has previously submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court and has availed itself of the legal protections afforded by this Court by asserting counterclaims in suits brought in Delaware. *See e.g., Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited et al v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.*, Civil Case No. 16-cv-00246-LPS (D. Del.); *Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation et al v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.*, Civil Case No. 16-cv-00648-RGA (D. Del.).

17. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Teva Industries because, *inter alia*, Teva Industries, on information and belief: (1) maintains substantial, systematic, and continuous contacts with the State of Delaware, including, but not limited to, ongoing communications and contacts with its U.S. subsidiary, Teva USA; (2) maintains a broad distributorship network within this State; (3) regularly transacts and/or solicits business in the State of Delaware; (4) continuously and systematically places goods into the stream of commerce for distribution in the United States, including in the State of Delaware; (5) generates substantial revenue and income from sales of its generic pharmaceutical products throughout the United States, including within the State of Delaware.

18. Upon information and belief, Teva USA and Teva Industries have previously submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court and have availed themselves of the legal protections of

the State of Delaware by having filed suit in this jurisdiction. *See e.g., Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. et al v. Biocon Ltd. et al.*, Civil Case No. 16-cv-00278-GMS (D. Del.); *Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. et al v. Doctor Reddys Laboratories, Ltd. et al.*, Civil Case No. 16-cv-01267-GMS (D. Del.).

19. Alternatively, to the extent the above facts do not establish personal jurisdiction over Teva Industries, this Court may exercise jurisdiction over Teva Industries pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(k)(2) because: (a) Plaintiffs' claims arise under federal law; (b) Teva Industries would be a foreign defendant not subject to personal jurisdiction in the courts of any State; and (c) Teva Industries has sufficient contacts with the United States as a whole, including, but not limited to, manufacturing and selling generic pharmaceutical products that are distributed throughout the United States, such that this Court's exercise of jurisdiction over Teva Industries satisfies due process.

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

THE PATENT

21. The '410 patent, titled "Use of (Z)-2-cyano-3-hydroxy-but-2-enoic Acid-(4'-trifluoromethylphenyl)-amide for Treating Multiple Sclerosis," was duly and legally issued on September 21, 2004 to inventor Joseph Wettstein. The '410 patent was assigned to Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc. On July 31, 2013, the United States Patent and Trademark Office granted reexamination certificate C1 6,794,410 for the '410 patent, allowing new claims 2-22. On June 16, 2014, the '410 patent was assigned to Aventisub LLC. Since June 16, 2014, Aventisub has been the owner of the '410 patent. The '410 patent would have expired on April 15, 2022, but is

subject to a certificate issued under 35 U.S.C. § 156, extending the term of the ‘410 patent for 1,625 days (a true and accurate copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B). Therefore, the ‘410 patent will expire on September 12, 2026.

ACTS GIVING RISE TO THIS ACTION

22. Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC is the holder of the approved New Drug Application (“NDA”) No. 202992 for the Aubagio[®] (teriflunomide), 7 mg and 14 mg, drug product (“Aubagio[®] NDA”). Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC, Aventisub LLC, Sanofi, and Genzyme all share in the revenue generated from the sale of Aubagio[®].

23. Aubagio[®] is indicated for the treatment of patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (“MS”) (“Approved Indication”) and acts to alleviate and/or slow the appearance of symptoms of an acute episode of MS, and slow the progression of an acute episode of MS. Usage of Aubagio[®] and the Approved Indication are described in the Aubagio[®] Prescribing Information, which also instructs that when Aubagio is coadministered with rosuvastatin, the dose of rosuvastatin should not exceed 10 mg once daily in patients.

24. The ‘410 patent is listed in the FDA publication entitled “Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluation” (the Orange Book) as being applicable to Aubagio[®].

25. The ‘410 patent covers the use of Aubagio[®] according to its Approved Indication, which includes treatment of patients with relapsing forms of MS, which includes alleviating and/or slowing the appearance of symptoms of and the progression of an acute episode of MS.

26. Defendants have knowledge of the ‘410 patent.

27. By the Notice Letter, Teva USA notified Plaintiffs that Teva USA had submitted ANDA No. 209700 to the FDA seeking approval to engage in the commercial manufacture, importation, use, and/or sale of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products prior to the expiration of the ‘410 patent.

28. Teva USA submitted ANDA No. 209700 to obtain FDA approval to engage in the commercial manufacture, importation, use, and/or sale of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products prior to the expiration of the ‘410 patent.

29. On information and belief, Defendants intend to engage in the commercial manufacture, importation, use, and/or sale of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in/into the United States and/or induce or contribute to such acts promptly upon receiving FDA approval to do so and during the term of the ‘410 patent.

30. In the Notice Letter, Teva USA notified Plaintiffs that ANDA No. 209700 contained a certification pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) that, in Teva USA’s opinion, the ‘410 patent is invalid, unenforceable, and/or will not be infringed by the manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, and/or importation of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in/into the United States (“Paragraph IV Certification”).

31. In addition to the information provided to Plaintiffs in the Notice Letter, counsel for Plaintiffs reviewed the portions of ANDA No. 209700 that were voluntarily provided by Teva USA under the terms of a confidentiality agreement.

32. On information and belief, the active ingredient of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products is teriflunomide, which is the same active ingredient in Aubagio® and the same active ingredient used in the methods of one or more claims of the ‘410 patent.

33. On information and belief, Teva USA asserted in ANDA No. 209700 that the Teriflunomide ANDA Products are bioequivalent to Aubagio®.

34. On information and belief, ANDA No. 209700 refers to and relies upon the Aubagio® NDA and contains data that, according to Teva USA, demonstrate the bioequivalence of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products and Aubagio®.

35. On information and belief, Teva USA is seeking approval to market the Teriflunomide ANDA Products for the same Approved Indication as Aubagio®.

36. On information and belief, Teva USA is seeking approval to market the Teriflunomide ANDA Products for the treatment of patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, which includes alleviating and/or slowing the appearance of symptoms of an acute episode of MS, and slowing the progression of an acute episode of MS.

37. On information and belief, Teva Industries was actively involved in the preparation and/or submission of ANDA No. 209700 including the Paragraph IV certification against the '410 patent.

38. On information and belief, Teva Industries actively and knowingly provided Teva USA with material information and support in preparing and submitting ANDA No. 209700 and have therefore aided and/or abetted in the filing of ANDA No. 209700.

39. On information and belief, Defendants will work in concert with one another to commercially manufacture, use, offer for sale, and/or sell the Teriflunomide ANDA Products throughout the United States, import the Teriflunomide ANDA Products into the United States, and/or induce and/or contribute to such acts promptly upon receiving FDA approval to do so and during the term of the '410 patent.

40. On information and belief, Defendants will knowingly accompany the Teriflunomide ANDA Products with prescribing information that will contain instructions for use that substantially copy the instructions for Aubagio[®], including instructions for administering the Teriflunomide ANDA Products as claimed in at least one of the claims, including but not limited to claim 10, of the '410 patent.

41. On information and belief, Defendants' prescribing information for the Teriflunomide ANDA Products will instruct users to administer the Teriflunomide ANDA Products to treat patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, which includes alleviating and/or slowing the appearance of symptoms of an acute episode of MS, or slowing the progression of an acute episode of MS.

42. On information and belief, Defendants have knowledge and/or an expectation that the Teriflunomide ANDA Products will be used in accordance with its prescribing information.

43. On information and belief, Defendants know that the prescribing information that will accompany the Teriflunomide ANDA Products will induce and/or contribute to others using the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in the manner set forth in the prescribing information.

44. On information and belief, physicians, health care providers, and/or patients will directly infringe one or more claims of the '410 patent by using the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in accordance with the prescribing information provided by Defendants after the FDA approves ANDA No. 209700.

45. On information and belief, Defendants specifically intend that physicians, health care providers, and/or patients will use the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in accordance with

the prescribing information provided by Defendants to directly infringe one or more claims of the '410 patent.

46. On information and belief, Defendants designed the Teriflunomide ANDA Products for use in a way that would infringe the '410 patent and will instruct users of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products to use the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in a way that would infringe one or more claims of the '410 patent.

47. On information and belief, the Teriflunomide ANDA Products are not staple articles or commodities of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use.

48. On information and belief, Defendants knowingly have taken and intend to take active steps to induce and/or contribute to physicians, health care providers, and/or patients using the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in a manner that directly infringes one or more claims of the '410 patent including, but not limited to, providing prescribing information with instructions for administering the Teriflunomide ANDA Products as claimed in one or more claims of the '410 patent.

49. Plaintiffs commenced this action within 45 days of receiving the Notice Letter.

COUNT I
INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,794,410

50. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations of paragraphs 1-49 as if fully set forth herein.

51. Teva USA's submission of ANDA No. 209700 containing the Paragraph IV Certification to obtain approval from the FDA to engage in the commercial manufacture, importation, use, or sale of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in/into the United States prior to

the expiration of the '410 patent constitutes infringement of at least one of the claims, including but not limited to claim 10, of the '410 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (e)(2)(A).

52. Teva Industries actively and knowingly aided, abetted, and induced Teva USA to submit ANDA No. 209700 containing the Paragraph IV Certification before the expiration of the '410 patent.

53. Defendants had notice of the '410 patent at the time of their infringement. Defendants' infringement has been, and continues to be, deliberate.

54. Plaintiffs will be substantially and irreparably harmed if Defendants' infringement of the '410 patent is not enjoined. Plaintiffs do not have an adequate remedy at law.

55. This is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285, which warrants reimbursement of Plaintiffs' reasonable attorney fees.

COUNT II
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF INFRINGEMENT
OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,794,410

56. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations of paragraphs 1-55 as if fully set forth herein.

57. This claim arises under the Patent Laws, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, and the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, based upon an actual controversy between the parties. Defendants have taken immediate and active steps, through the submission of ANDA No. 209700, to obtain approval from the FDA to commercially manufacture, import, use, or sell the Teriflunomide ANDA Products prior to the expiration of the '410 patent.

58. After obtaining FDA approval, Defendants plan to act in concert with each other to commercially manufacture, use, offer for sale, and/or sell the Teriflunomide ANDA Products

in the United States, import the Teriflunomide ANDA Products into the United States, and/or induce or contribute to such acts prior to the expiration of the '410 patent.

59. Upon FDA approval of ANDA No. 209700, Defendants will infringe one or more of the claims, including but not limited to claim 10, of the '410 patent under §§ 271 (a), (b), or (c) by making, using, selling, offering for sale, or importing the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in/into the United States and/or inducing or contributing to such acts prior to the expiration of '410 patent, unless enjoined by this Court. Accordingly, an actual and immediate controversy exists between the parties regarding infringement of the '410 patent under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 (a), (b), and/or (c).

60. Upon FDA approval of ANDA No. 209700, use of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products as directed by the instructions to be included with the Teriflunomide ANDA Products will directly infringe at least one of the claims, including but not limited to claim 10, of the '410 patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (a), unless enjoined by this Court.

61. Defendants have taken and intend to take active steps to induce or contribute to the direct infringement of one or more claims, including but not limited to claim 10, of the '410 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (b) and/or § 271 (c) after ANDA No. 209700 is approved, unless enjoined by this Court.

62. Defendants have knowledge of the '410 patent and, by the prescribing information that will be included with Teriflunomide ANDA Products, know or should know that they will aid and abet another's direct infringement of at least one of the claims, including but not limited to claim 10, of the '410 patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

63. Defendants' offering for sale, sale, and/or importation of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in/into the United States with the prescribing information for the Teriflunomide ANDA Products will actively induce infringement of at least one of the claims, including but not limited to claim 10, of the '410 patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (b).

64. The use of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products constitutes a material part of at least one of the claims, including but not limited to claim 10, of the '410 patent; Defendants know that the Teriflunomide ANDA Products are especially made or adapted for use in infringing at least one of the claims, including but not limited to claim 10, of the '410 patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents; and Defendants know that the Teriflunomide ANDA Products are not staple articles of commerce or commodities of commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing use.

65. Defendants' manufacture, use, offering for sale, sale, and/or importation of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in/into the United States will contributorily infringe at least one of the claims, including but not limited to claim 10, of the '410 patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (c).

66. Defendants will have notice of the '410 patent at the time of their infringement. Defendants' infringement of the '410 patent will be deliberate.

67. Plaintiffs will be substantially and irreparably harmed if Defendants' infringement is not enjoined. Plaintiffs do not have an adequate remedy at law.

68. This is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285, which warrants reimbursement of Plaintiffs' reasonable attorney fees.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request the following relief:

(a) A judgment declaring that Defendants have infringed one or more claims of the '410 patent by the filing of ANDA No. 209700;

(b) A judgment declaring that Defendants' manufacturing, using, selling, offering for sale, or importing the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in/into the United States will infringe one or more claims of the '410 patent;

(c) A judgment under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (e)(4)(A) providing that the effective date of any FDA approval of ANDA No. 209700 under Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 355(j)) be a date no earlier September 12, 2026, the expiration date of the '410 patent, or the expiration of any other exclusivity to which Plaintiffs are or become entitled;

(d) Injunctive relief under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (e)(4)(B) preliminarily and permanently enjoining Defendants from making, using, selling, offering for sale, or importing the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in/into the United States until after expiration of the '410 patent or the expiration of any other exclusivity to which Plaintiffs are or become entitled;

(e) A permanent injunction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271 (e)(4)(B) restraining and enjoining Defendants from practicing any methods as claimed in the '410 patent, or from actively inducing or contributing to the infringement of any claim of the '410 patent, until after the expiration of the '410 patent or the expiration of any other exclusivity to which Plaintiffs are or become entitled;

(f) A Declaration that the commercial manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, and importation in/into the United States of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products will directly infringe, induce, and/or contribute to infringement of the '410 patent;

(g) Damages under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (e)(4)(C), which this Court should treble pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284, if Defendants infringe the '410 patent by engaging in the commercial manufacture, importation, use, sale, offer for sale, or import of the Teriflunomide ANDA Products in/into the United States prior to the expiration of the '410 patent or the expiration of any other exclusivity to which Plaintiffs are or become entitled;

(h) An award of reasonable attorney fees in this action pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285;

(i) Costs and expenses in this action; and

(j) Such further and other relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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