



2021 Opposition/Validity/Novelty 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 devising 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 devising the search strategy, the choices you make in devising the strategy, the database syntax you use and what it means, the results you pick.

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

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CASE STUDY

Imagine the date is 25th August 2007 and you have just received an email from a company patent attorney asking for an urgent search for a possible opposition against EP1408776. Unfortunately, the attorney is out on business and would like to discuss your progress on their return in a week's time.

Here is the patent family in PatBase:

Title: [EN] NOVEL FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING BETAINE

Abstract: Source: US2003017241A [EN] The present invention is directed to food or nutritional products containing betaine. Also disclosed are methods for lowering the activity of water (Aomega) and retarding microbial spoilage in an intermediate food or nutritional product, comprising including betaine and a humectant in said food or nutritional product.

Classifications: [Classification Explorer](#)

International (IPC 8-9): [A23L1/30](#) [A23L1/305](#) [A23L1/308](#) [A23L1/31](#) (Advanced/Invention)

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