

2021 Patent Infringement Risk 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

A client wishes to launch a new women's health supplement in Germany, Netherlands, Austria, Canada, USA, Japan and China. The launch is planned for June 2021.

Component	(in mg unless otherwise indicated)
Linoleic Acid	10
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Docosahexaenoic Acid	10
Vitamin C	25
Vitamin E	10 (I.U.)
Vitamin A	2700 (I.U.)
Vitamin D₃	400 (I.U.)
Vitamin B ₆	20
Iron	90
Calcium	2500
Microcrystalline Cellulose	200
Starch	200
Silicon Dioxide	3
Magnesium Stearate	10

For definitions of I.U see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International unit

The marketing claims will include:

for use by women prior to and during lactation (breast feeding mums); nutritional supplement; daily source of your omega-3 fatty acids.

You are instructed to carry out a patent infringement search for the 3 unsaturated fatty acids in this product.