

European Patent Office Grants Patent for BioCurex's RECAF Blood Tests

28.03.2008 - BioCurex Inc. announced that the European Patent Office (EPO) has granted the Company's patent claims for cancer diagnostic serum tests based on the RECAF marker.

A "continuation in part" patent application (also referred to as a "divisional") has been filed with the EPO in relation to therapy and imaging applications of RECAF, which indicates that claims related to those fields continue to be "pending".

Dr. Moro, BioCurex's President and CEO stated: "This is great news for us. A granted patent in Europe can result in greater revenue potential via our licensees. It also favors the commercialization of our manual serum tests (Serum-RECAF-M)(tm), since a general opinion in the industry is that it is easier (and less expensive) to obtain approval for diagnostic devices in Europe than in the USA. One opportunity under consideration for distribution of the tests would be to obtain approval for the entire EU and then license or sign distribution agreements with leading medical products suppliers for individual countries. In this fashion, we would add smaller, but more numerous product outlets, rather than having a limited number of very large semi-exclusive licensees."

Dr. Moro added: "It is very important to understand the RECAF technology in detail in order to file patents based on the knowledge thus acquired. Pending approval of our patent, we have delayed publishing results in scientific journals since this would require us to supply extensive information so the studies can be reproduced by other scientists. Publishing certain critical information prior to receiving the approval for our patent would constitute 'prior art' that could interfere with the claim for a patent."

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