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# A Review of the Delamanid Patent Landscape A scoping report

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that a third of the world's population is latently infected with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. In 2012, there were an estimated 8.6 million incident cases of tuberculosis (TB), with 12 million prevalent cases, 940 000 deaths among HIV-negative people, and 320 000 deaths among HIV-positive people. Most cases (58%) were in the WHO South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions, while the WHO African Region had 27% of the world's cases. Despite being curable, TB claimed the lives of 1.3 million people in 2012.

TB treatment has become more complex, particularly with the emergence of multidrug-resistant (MDR) strains of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. There were approximately 450 000 new cases of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) worldwide in 2012.¹ MDR-TB is resistant to the two most commonly used TB drugs, isoniazid and rifampicin. It requires extended treatment with second-line drugs that are less effective and have more adverse effects than isoniazid- and rifampicin-based regimens.²

Given the emergence of MDR-TB and the need to shorten treatment duration, new drugs are required. The last of the current anti-TB treatments—rifampicin—was introduced in 1963. Since then, research for new TB treatments had largely come to a halt. However, in recent years the pipeline for potential new TB treatments has started to look more promising than it has for the past 50 years.

One compound of interest is Otsuka Pharmaceutical's delamanid (OPC 67683). Delamanid has been identified as a possible new treatment for MDR-TB.<sup>3</sup> In November 2013, the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) of the European Medicines Agency granted a conditional marketing authorization for delamanid, which is marketed under the brand name Deltyba, for the treatment of MDR-TB.

In view of delamanid's potential role in the treatment of MDR-TB, this report explores the patent landscape and considers possible access issues relating to this drug.

<sup>1</sup> Global tuberculosis report 2013. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2013 (<a href="http://www.who.int/tb/publications/global\_report/en/">http://www.who.int/tb/publications/global\_report/en/</a>, accessed 31 December 2013).

<sup>2</sup> Diacon A et al. The diarylquinoline TMC207 for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis. New England Journal of Medicine. 2009;360:2397-2405.

<sup>3</sup> Gler MT et al. Delamanid for multidrug-resistant pulmonary tuberculosis. New England Journal of Medicine. 2012;366:2151-2160.

### 2. BACKGROUND

Delamanid was discovered via a screening programme carried out by Otsuka. The compound belongs to the nitroimidazole class of compounds and is a derivative of compound CGI-17341 whose anti-TB activity was already reported in 1993.<sup>4</sup> Indeed, various 5- and 2-nitroimidazoles and 5-nitrofurans were already known to be effective against a variety of protozoan and bacterial infections in humans and animals.<sup>5</sup> For example, the published international patent application WO 97/01562 previously disclosed a 6-nitro-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro[2,1-b]-imidazopyran compound with bactericidal action in vitro to mycobacterium TB.

Previously known as OPC-67683, delamanid is a mycolic-acid biosynthesis inhibitor found to be free of mutagenicity and to possess highly potent activity against TB, including MDR-TB.<sup>6</sup> Compared to the earlier nitroheterocyclic compounds that were disclosed in international patent application WO 97/01562, delamanid is considered to differ structurally in terms of its basic skeleton and mutagenic properties.

Chemical names for delamanid are:

- imidazo[2,1-*b*]oxazole, 2,3-dihydro-2-methyl-6-nitro-2-[[4-[4-(4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenoxy]-1-piperidinyl]phenoxy]methyl]-, (2*R*)-; and
- (2*R*)-2-methyl-6-nitro-2-[(4-{4-[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenoxy]piperidin-1- yl}phenoxy)methyl]-2,3-dihydroimidazo[2,1-*b*]oxazole.

The structure of delamanid is shown in Figure 1.

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 $O_2N$ 
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 $O_2N$ 
 $O_2N$ 
 $O_2N$ 
 $O_3N$ 
 $O_3N$ 

Figure 1. Structure of delamanid

Delamanid is currently in Phase III clinical trials to determine whether it is effective in the treatment of MDR-TB in combination with other MDR-TB medications during six months of treatment. Trials are being conducted in Estonia, India, Latvia, Lithuania, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Moldova and South Africa. However, at the end of 2011, Otsuka filed for approval of delamanid in relation to MDR-TB at the European Medicines Agency (EMA). According to reports, Otsuka has received approval from the EMA for paediatric testing. Paediatric trials are also reportedly taking place in Philippines and South Africa. While conditional marketing approval for the adult formulation has been granted in Europe, it is not yet clear when a paediatric version will enter the market.

<sup>4</sup> Ashtekar DR et al. In vitro and in vivo activities of the nitroimidazole CGI 17341 against Mycobacterium tuberculosis. Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. 1993;37(2):183-186.

<sup>5</sup> Raether W et al. Nitroheterocyclic drugs with broad spectrum activity. Parasitol Research. 2003;90:S19-39.

<sup>6</sup> Matsumoto M et al. OPC-67683, a nitro-dihydro-imidazooxazole derivative with promising action against tuberculosis in vitro and in mice. PLOS

<sup>7</sup> See: Safety and efficacy trial of delamanid for 6 months in patients with multidrug resistant tuberculosis (<a href="http://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT01424670">http://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT01424670</a>, accessed 31 December 2013).

<sup>8</sup> Mazzotta M. Top private funder of TB R&D moves forward with trials of promising new drug. Science Speaks: HIV & TB News; 21 March 2012 (<a href="http://sciencespeaksblog.org/2012/03/21/top-funder-of-tb-rd-moves-forward-with-trials-of-promising-new-drug/#axzz2KF0rJsll">http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01859923</a>, accessed 31 December 2013).

### 3. DELAMANID: THE PATENT LANDSCAPE

The patent landscape in Annex I of this report sets out the key patents and patent applications for delamanid, including their geographical patent coverage, as of February 2013. While every effort has been made to obtain comprehensive and accurate information on the status and geographical scope of the patents covering delamanid, in many countries patent information is not readily available to the public or not updated on a regular basis. In addition, some patent applications may have been published only after the searches were conducted. As such, there may be other relevant patents which have subsequently been published and which are not included in this landscape. Accordingly, the information provided herein is subject to the above disclaimers.

Patent searches identified nine relevant patents. For ease of reference these nine patents have been identified as Patents 1–9 in Annex I. All the patents were filed and remain in the name of Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.

**Patent 1** covers various 2,3-dihydro-6-nitroimidazo 2,1-b oxazole compounds, including the base compound delamanid, its racemates and isomers. The information available for Patent 1 is limited in terms of whether there is patent coverage in all high-burden TB and MDR-TB countries, particularly in Africa. However, key countries where the patent has been granted to date include China, India, Philippines and Russia. A divisional patent deriving from the granted patent is also pending in India. The international patent application has also entered the national phase in Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, South Africa, Ukraine and Viet Nam, but further checks are required to determine the current status of the applications.

**Patent 2** covers a broad range of 2,3-dihydro-6-nitroimidazo 2,1-b oxazole compounds for the treatment of TB, including their optically active forms. The coverage of this patent overlaps with that claimed in Patent 1 and includes protection for delamanid in claim 1. The information available for Patent 2 is limited in terms of whether there is patent coverage in all high-burden TB and MDR-TB countries, particularly in Africa. However, key countries where the patent has been granted to date include China, Philippines and Russia. The international patent application has also entered the national phase in Egypt, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, South Africa, Thailand, Ukraine and Viet Nam. With the exception of India, where the patent is awaiting examination, further checks are required to determine the current status of the applications in the other countries.

**Patent 3** covers a broad range of pharmaceutical compositions for formulation purposes, comprising at least one 2,3-dihydro-6-nitroimidazo 2,1-b oxazole compound, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose phthalate or acetate succinate. The information available for Patent 3 is limited in terms of whether there is patent coverage in all high-burden TB and MDR-TB countries, particularly in Africa. However, key countries where the patent has been granted to date include China, India, Philippines, Russia and Ukraine. The international patent has also entered the national phase in Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, South Africa, Thailand and Viet Nam. Further checks are required to determine the current status of the applications in these countries.

**Patent 4** covers a broad range of pharmaceutical compositions comprising at least one 2,3-dihydro-6-nitro-imidazo 2,1-b oxazole compound in combination with other antituberculosis drugs, including isoniazid, ethambutol, streptomycin, pyrazinamide, enviomycin, kanamycin, capreomycin, cycloserine, thioacet-azone, clofazimine, rifampicin and moxifloxacin. The information available for Patent 4 is limited in terms of whether there is patent coverage in all high-burden TB and MDR-TB countries, particularly in Africa. However, key countries where there is information confirming the international patent application entering the national phase include China, India, Egypt, India, Philippines, South Africa and Russia. With the exception of China and India, where the patent applications are still pending, further checks are required to determine the current status of the applications in the other countries.



**Patent 5** covers a pharmaceutical composition comprising delamanid, a fatty acid and organic acid glycerol ester and/or a fatty acid and organic acid polyglycerol ester. The information available for Patent 5 is limited in terms of whether there is patent coverage in all high-burden TB and MDR-TB countries, particularly in Africa. This could be due to a delay in publication of the national phase data for the international patent application.

**Patent 6** covers synthetic intermediate compounds that are useful for producing an oxazole compound, including delamanid, at a high yield and high optical purity. The information available for Patent 6 is limited in terms of whether there is patent coverage in all high-burden TB and MDR-TB countries, particularly in Africa. This could be due to a delay in publication of the national phase data for the international patent application. The data available shows that the application is pending in China.

**Patent 7** covers early nitroimidazole compounds and methods of their preparation as early intermediates. The compounds relate to earlier uses discussed in international patent WO 97/01562, as noted above. The information available for Patent 7 is limited in terms of whether there is patent coverage in all high-burden TB and MDR-TB countries, particularly in Africa. However, key countries where the patent has been granted to date include China, India, Philippines, Russia and Ukraine. The international patent application has entered the national phase in Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, South Africa and Viet Nam. Further checks are required to determine the current status of the applications in these countries.

**Patent 8** covers a method for preparing nitroimidazole compounds as early intermediates. This patent relates closely to WO 2004/035547 (Patent 7). The information available for Patent 8 is limited in terms of whether there is patent coverage in all high-burden TB and MDR-TB countries, particularly in Africa. However, key countries where the patent has been granted to date include China, India, Philippines, Russia and Ukraine. The international patent application has entered the national phase in Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, South Africa and Viet Nam. Further checks are required to determine the current status of the applications in these countries.

**Patent 9** covers a process for producing aminophenol compounds, which could act as intermediates for producing nitroimidazole compounds. The information available for Patent 9 is limited in terms of whether there is patent coverage in all high-burden TB and MDR-TB countries, particularly in Africa. However, key countries where the patent has been granted to date include China, India, Philippines and Russia. The international application has entered the national phase in Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, South Africa and Viet Nam. Further checks are required to determine the current status of the applications in these countries.

### 4. CONCLUSION

As this analysis shows, patents and patent applications for delamanid are already in place in a number of key countries, including several which may have local manufacturing capability and have a high burden of MDR-TB. While not all the patent applications identified may be pursued and/or granted, this nevertheless indicates that patents may in future become more important in determining access to TB treatment.

Determining the patent situation is a useful starting point for understanding the possible access issues, since patents can bar competitors from manufacturing, selling, importing or exporting a product.<sup>10</sup> Moreover, although only a granted patent can actually bar competition, patent applications serve as a deterrent.

Nevertheless, competition and access to medicines are not determined exclusively by patents but also by, among other things, the patent-holder's licensing strategies and/or access programme. At the time of writing there was little public information on Otsuka's policy for access to delamanid, or on its envisaged pricing strategy. According to reports, Otsuka has stated that it will take a cautious approach in order to preserve delamanid's potency for treating MDR-TB.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Matsuyama K. First tuberculosis drug in 40 years has Otsuka cautious. Bloomberg News. 7 June 2012 (http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-06-06/stalling-sales-may-give-otsuka-edge-with-cure-for-tb-superbugs.html, accessed 31 December 2013). See also note 8, above.



<sup>10</sup> Companies typically file their patents in a manner that enables them to control access to a drug in key developing-country markets (usually middle-income economies); this includes filing in countries where there is a risk of generic competitors being able to produce the drug locally.

## **ANNEX I: DELAMANID (OPC-67683) PATENT LANDSCAPE**

Patents 1–6 have been identified as the key patents and have therefore been listed first, instead of using a chronological order based on filing date. Patent searches were conducted in February 2013.

	Patent 1	Patent 2	Patent 3	Patent 4	Patent 5
	2,3-dihydro-6- nitroimidazo [2, 1-b] oxazoles (This patent covers various compounds, including delamanid and its racemates and single isomers)	2,3-dihydro-6- nitroimidazo [2, 1-b] oxazole compounds for the treatment of tuberculosis (This patent covers various compounds, including delamanid)	Pharmaceutical composition comprising 2,3-dihydro-6-nitroimidazo [2, 1-b] oxazole derivatives (This patent covers a pharmaceutical composition comprising delamanid, its optically active isomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, with a cellulose compound)	Antituberculous composition comprising oxazole compounds (This patent covers delamanid in combination with other antituberculous drugs, including rifamycin, isoniazid, ethambutol, streptomycin, pyrazinamide, enviomycin and kanamycin)	Medicinal composition showing improved drug absorbability (This patent covers a pharmaceutical composition comprising delamanid and a fatty acid and organic acid glycerol ester and/or a fatty acid and organic acid polyglycerol ester)
Applicant	Otsuka	Otsuka	Otsuka	Otsuka	Otsuka
пррисанс	Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd	Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd	Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd	Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd	Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd
International Patent Publication No.	WO 2004/033463	WO 2005/042542	WO 2007/013477	WO 2007/043542	WO 2007/052738
Expected expiry (if granted and not subject to patent term extensions)	9 October 2023	28 October 2024	18 July 2026	3 October 2026	1 November 2026
			PATENT STATUS	1	
Argentina	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available
	Pub No.041198 App No. P030103673	Pub No. 046777 App No. P040103961	Pub No. 055357 App No. P060103282	Pub No. 056872 App No. P060104358	Pub No. 05783 App No. P060104810
Australia	Granted Patent No. 2003272979	Granted Patent No. 2004285811	Granted Patent No. 2006273355	Granted Patent No. 2006300320	NA
	Pub/App No. 2003272979	Pub/App No. 2004285811	Pub/App No. 2006273355	Pub/App No. 2006300320	
				Pending	
				Pub/App No. 20100241497	

	Patent 1	Patent 2	Patent 3	Patent 4	Patent 5
Bangladesh	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available	NA	NA
	App No. 258/2003	App No. 263/2004	App No. 164/2006		
Belarus	Current status not available	Current status not available	Granted Patent No. 14174	NA	NA
	App No. A20050451	App No. A20060534	App No. A20080226		
Brazil	Pending	Pending	Pending	NA	NA
	Pub/App No. Pl0314344-9	Pub/App No. Pl0414909-2	Pub/App No. Pl0613883-7		
Canada	Granted Patent No. 2497569	Pending	Pending	Pending	NA
	Pub/App No. 2497569	Pub/App No. 2539335	Pub/App No. 2610749	Pub No. 2624497 App No. 20062624497	
China	Granted Patent No. 100366624	Granted Patent No. 100497345	Granted Patent No. 101222913	Pending	NA
	Pub No. 1705670 App No. 200380101750.8	Pub No. 1878777 App No. 20048032244	Pub No. 101222913 App No. 200680025866	Pub No. 101277740 App No. 20068036787	
	Pending				
	Pub No. 101172981 App No. 200710004036				
	Pending				
	Pub No. 101255170 App No. 2200710004037				
	Pending				
	Pub No. 102532162 App No. 20111416170				
China, Hong Kong SAR	Current status not available	Current status not available	Granted Patent No. 1114565	NA	NA
	Pub No. 1085463 App No. 06101486.3	Pub No. 1097258 App No. 20070101546	Pub No. 1114565 App No. 20080110119		
Egypt	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available	NA
	App No. 113/2005	App No. 401/2006	App No. 2008010154	App No. 2008040571	
European Patent Office	Pending	Granted Patent No. 1678185	Granted Patent No. 1906926	Pending	No Application Found
	Pub No. 1555267 App No. 03754085.3	Pub No. 1678185 App No. 04793412	Pub No. 1906926 App No. 06781620.7	Pub No. 1931425 App No. 060811551	



	Patent 1	Patent 2	Patent 3	Patent 4	Patent 5
India	Granted Patent No. 250365	Pending	Granted Patent No. 253642	Pending	No Application Found
	Pub/App No. 600/KOLNP/2005	Pub/App No. 824/KOLNP/2006	Pub/App No. 9790/DELNP/2007	Pub/App No. 1255/KOLNP/2008	
	Pending				
	Pub/App No. 1647/KOLNP/2007				
Indonesia	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available	NA	NA
	App No. WO0200500873	App No. WO0200601150	Pub No. 048.2242A App No. WO0200800233		
Israel	NA	NA	NA	Current status not available	NA
				Pub/App No. 189944	
Japan	Granted Patent No. 4186065	Granted Patent No. 4761756	Granted Patent No. 4808246	Pending	Pending
	Pub No. 2004149527 App No. 20030353868	Pub No. 2005320316 App No. 20040318005	Pub No. 2009502736 App No. 20080504290	Pub No. 2007126452 App No. 20060273707	App No. 2007542799
Malaysia	Current status not available	Current status not available	Granted Patent No. 144554-A	NA	NA
	Pub No. 139244 App No. PI20033866	App No. PI20044505	App No. PI20063579		
Mexico	Current status not available	Current status not available	Granted Patent No. 282814	Current status not available	NA
	App No. PA/A/2005/003674	App No. PA/A/2006/004064	Pub/App No. MX/a/2008/001210	App No. MX/a/2008/004256	
Pakistan	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available	NA	NA
	App No. 888/2003	App No. 860/2004	App No. 826/06		
	Current status not available	Current status not available			
	App No. 1308/2006	App No. 1225/2006			
Philippines	Granted Patent No. 12005500439	Granted Patent No. 12006500783	Granted Patent No. 12007502673	Pending	NA
	Pub/App No. 12005500439	Pub/App No.12006500783	Pub/App No. 12007502673	App No. 12008500603	
Poland	Current status not available	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Pub No. 376157 App No. 200376157				

	Patent 1	Patent 2	Patent 3	Patent 4	Patent 5
Republic of Korea	Granted Patent No. 100723847	Granted Patent No. 100851802	Pending	Granted Patent No. 101118942	NA
	Pub No. 20050061473 App No. 10-2005-7004567	Pub No. 20060085664 App No. 20067006629	Pub No. 20080033458 App No. 20087004656	Pub No. 20080052648 App No. 20087008171	
Russia	Granted Patent No. 2326121	Granted Patent No. 2365593	Granted Patent No. 2413504	Pending	NA
	Pub/App No. 2005114017	Pub/App No. 2006118794	Pub/App No. 2008107595	Pub/App No. 2008117427	
Singapore	Pending	Pending	Granted Patent No. 137570	Pending	NA
	App No. 200503468-1	App No. 200601851-9	Pub/App No. 200718046-6	Pub No. 165361 App No. 20100006561	
Slovenia	NA	Current status not available	Current status not available	NA	NA
		Pub No. 1678185 App No. 20040030914	Pub No. 1906926 App No. 20060030877		
South Africa	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available	NA
	App No. 2005/01033	App No. 200602184	App No. 2007001404	App No. 20080002883	
Taiwan, China	Current status not available	Granted Patent No. 335331	Current status not available	NA	Current status not available
	Pub No. 200420568 App No. 92128165	Pub/App No. 20040132982	Pub No. 200727917 App No. 95126526		Pub No. 200800268 App No. 20060140012
Thailand	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available	NA	NA
	App No. 085817	App No. 095004	Pub No. 88205 App No. 0601003519		
Ukraine	Current status not available	Pending	Granted Patent No. 95251	NA	NA
	App No. A200504391	App No. A200605975	Pub/App No. 200802496		
USA	Granted Patent No. 7262212	Granted Patent No. 8163753	Granted Patent No. 7943623	Pending	Pending
	Pub No. 2006094767 App No. 10/530429	Pub No. 2008119478 App No. 10/574597	Pub No. 2010130508 App No. 11/996699	Pub No. 2009275528 App No. 12/088867	Pub No. 2009227630 App No. 12/084483
Viet Nam	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available	NA	NA
	App No. 1200500622	App No. 1200600645	App No. 1200800490		

NA: Patent information not available at the time the patent searches were conducted (February 2013).



	Patent 6	Patent 7	Patent 8	Patent 9
	Synthetic intermediate of oxazole compound and method for producing the same (This patent covers new synthetic intermediate compounds useful for producing an oxazole compound, including delamanid, at a high yield and high optical purity)	1-Substituted 4-nitroimidazole compound and process for producing the same (This patent covers nitroimidazole compounds and methods of their preparation as early intermediates)	Method for producing 4-nitroimidazole compound (This patent covers a method for preparing nitroimidazole compounds as early intermediates. This patent relates closely to WO 2004/035547)	Method of producing aminophenol compounds (This patent covers a process for producing aminophenol compounds, which could act as intermediates in relation to nitroimidazole compounds)
Applicant	Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd	Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd	Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd	Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd
International Patent Publication No.	WO 2011/093529	WO 2004/035547	WO 2005/077913	WO 2005/092832
Expected expiry (if granted and not subject to patent term extensions)	27 January 2031	14 October 2023	15 February 2025	25 March 2025
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Argentina	Current status not available Pub No. 080287 App No. P0110100285	Current status not available Pub No. 041605 App No. P030103730	Current status not available Pub No. 047672 App No. P050100523	Current status not available Pub No. 048043 App No. P050101090
Australia	Pending Pub/App No. 2011211311	Granted Patent No. 2003301282 Pub/App No. 2003301282	Granted Patent No. 2005212093 Pub/App No. 2005212093	Granted Patent No. 2005226409 Pub/App No. 2005226409
Bangladesh	NA NA	Current status not available App No. 261/2003	Current status not available App No. 43/2005	Current status not available App No. 75/2005
Belarus	NA	Current status not available App No. 20050456	Current status not available App No. 20060909	Current status not available App No. 20061039
Brazil	NA	Pending Pub/App No. Pl0313566-7	Pending Pub/App No. Pl0507777-0	Pending Pub/App No. Pl0509095-4
Canada	Pending  Pub No. 2787246  App No. 20112787246	Granted Patent No. 2494710 Pub/App No. 2494710	Pending Pub/App No. 2555372	Granted Patent No. 2559488 Pub/App No. 2559488

	Patent 6	Patent 7	Patent 8	Patent 9
China	Pending	Granted Patent No. 1326840	Granted Patent No. 100526300	Granted Patent No. 100478325
	Pub No. 102725269 App No. 20118006814	Pub No. 1692103 App No. 20038100667	Pub No. 1922154 App No. 20058005310	Pub No. 1938261 App No. 20058009653
China, Hong Kong SAR	NA	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available
		Pub No. 1083830 App No. 20060103740	Pub No. 1097846 App No. 20070104279	Pub No. 1097823 App No. 20070104267
Egypt	NA	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available
		Pub No. 24885 App No. 20005000131	Pub No. 24393 App No. 20006000764	Pub No. 25686 App No. 20006000821
European Patent Office	NA	Pending	Granted Patent No. 1720838	Granted Patent No. 1727782
		Pub No. 1553088 App No. 20030756610	Pub No. 1720838 App No. 20050710450	Pub No. 1727782 App No. 20050727512
India	NA	Granted Patent No. 219525	Granted Patent No. 248249	Granted Patent No. 244643
		Pub/App No. 605/KOLNP/2005	Pub/App No. 2205/KOLNP/2006	Pub/App No. 2585/KOLNP/2006
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Israel	Current status not available App No. 220754	NA	NA	NA
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		Pub No. 2004269500 App No. 20030354575	Pub No. 2006117628 App No. 20050042010	Pub No. 2005306866 App No. 20050089215
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		Pub No. 2009102329 App No. 20080305239		
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Pakistan	NA	Current status not available	Current status not available	Current status not available
		App No. 893/2003	App No. 59/2005	App No. 173/2005



	Patent 6	Patent 7	Patent 8	Patent 9
Philippines	NA	Granted Patent No. 2009500934	Granted Patent No. 12006501555	Granted Patent No. 12006501783
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