Datasheet for the decision of 1 July 2008

Case Number: T 1961/07 - 3.3.04
Application Number: 96925884.7
Publication Number: 0841937
IPC: A61K 38/17
Language of the proceedings: EN
Title of invention: Use of betaglycan to reduce scarring
Patentee: Renovo Limited
Opponent: GENZYME CORPORATION
Headword: Genzyme/USE OF BETAGLYCAN
Relevant legal provisions:
EPC Art. 108
EPC R. 101(1)
Relevant legal provisions (EPC 1973):

Keyword: "Admissible appeal - (no)"
Decisions cited:

Catchword:
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DECISION of the Technical Board of Appeal 3.3.04 of 1 July 2008

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Composition of the Board:
Chair: U. Kinkeldey
Members: R. Gramaglia
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Summary of Facts and Submissions

I. The appeal contests the interlocutory decision of the Opposition Division of the European Patent Office posted on 24 September 2007 concerning maintenance of European patent No. 841937 in amended form.

The Appellant (Opponent) filed a notice of appeal on 4 December 2007 and paid the fee for appeal on the same day.

No statement of grounds was filed. The notice of appeal contains nothing that could be regarded as a statement of grounds pursuant to Article 108 EPC.

II. In a communication dated 19 March 2008 sent by registered letter with advice of delivery, the Registry of the Board informed the Appellant that no statement of grounds had been filed and that the appeal could be expected to be rejected as inadmissible.

III. By letter dated 21 May 2008 the Appellant confirmed, that the request for oral proceedings was not intended to apply to the question of inadmissibility of the appeal.

Reasons for the Decision

As no written statement setting out the grounds of appeal has been filed, the appeal has to be rejected as inadmissible (Article 108 EPC in conjunction with Rule 101(1) EPC)
Order

For these reasons it is decided that:

The appeal is rejected as inadmissible.

The Registrar:     The Chair:

C. Eickhoff      U. Kinkeldey