

Topic 6: Retrieval and Comparison of Prior Art Citations

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Agenda

- Types of prior art citations
- Search reports, list of citations
- Retrieval options
- Comparing search reports: CCD

Work-Sharing in the PCT national phase

Utilizing examination work products from other national phases for improving **efficiency** and **quality** requires

- Databases/platforms providing
 - Patent family information (family table) [>Topic 2]
 - Examination status of family members [>Topic 3]
 - Access to examination work products (dossiers, file wrappers) of family members [>Topic 4]
- Ideally, platforms which integrate this information in a user-friendly manner, e.g. within family table; and with additional tools, for example, for comparing work products (Common Citation Document CCD) [>Topic 6]
- Information on differing national practices (naming and content of work products; important case law; exclusions; ..)



Types of citations/references

- Prior art relevant for patentability of claimed subject matter may be
 - Cited by an applicant
 - Cited by an examiner or other official search/examination bodies
 - Cited by third parties (for example, Sect. 801 of PCT AI)
- Citations may originate from
 - Substantive examination before grant
 - Opposition, re-examination, revocation, ... after grant
- Patents
 - can cite other patents as prior art (backward citations)
 - can be cited by other patents (forward citations)

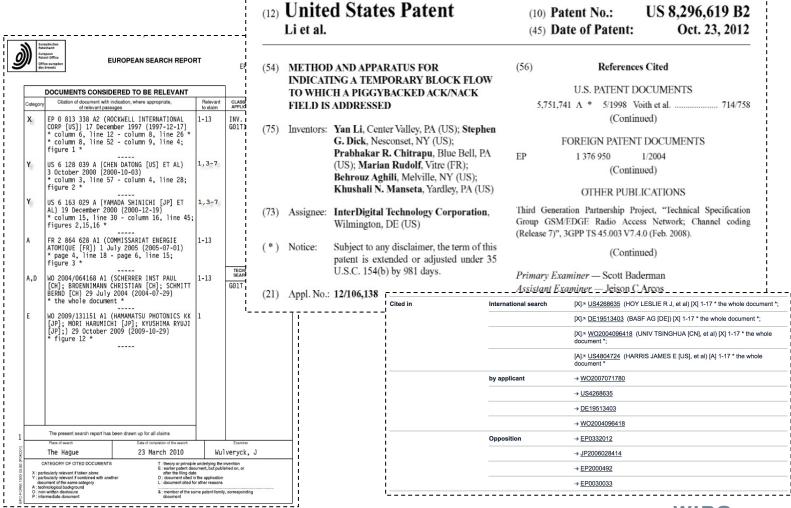


Foreign Citations for Work-Sharing

- Useful for assessing novelty/obviousness
 - Limited expertise in search (search skills)
 - Limited access to professional or specialized databases
 - Limited time
- Useful for selecting foreign claims sets already granted
 - Claim sets granted in jurisdictions where additional substantial prior art was considered may be more trust worthy
 - Additional prior art may convince applicant to accept claim proposals
- Need to be checked prior to grant decision
 - If additional relevant prior art was found in other jurisdictions you need to consider it before granting
 - Should be applied even when bilateral work-sharing agreements like PPH, Validation, Reinforced Cooperation or Parallel Patent Grant Initiative are in place



Samples of prior art citations



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Overview: Access to prior art citations

Citations/references are usually presented as

- Bare listings of citations, for example lists of publication numbers only
- Citations in search reports supplemented with further useful information

Search reports are available as:

- Regular patent publications (EP-A1/A3/A4, WO-A1/A3)
- Electronic documents accessible through file/dossier access platforms, such as online registers, Global Dossier, WIPO CASE

Bare lists of citations are usually available

- On front pages of publications of granted patents, republications after opposition (EP-B1/B2..)
- Through separate links or integrated tables in patent databases, such as national registers (e.g. DE or EP Register) when viewing individual applications
- Trilateral Common Citation Document (CCD)



International Search Report (ISR)

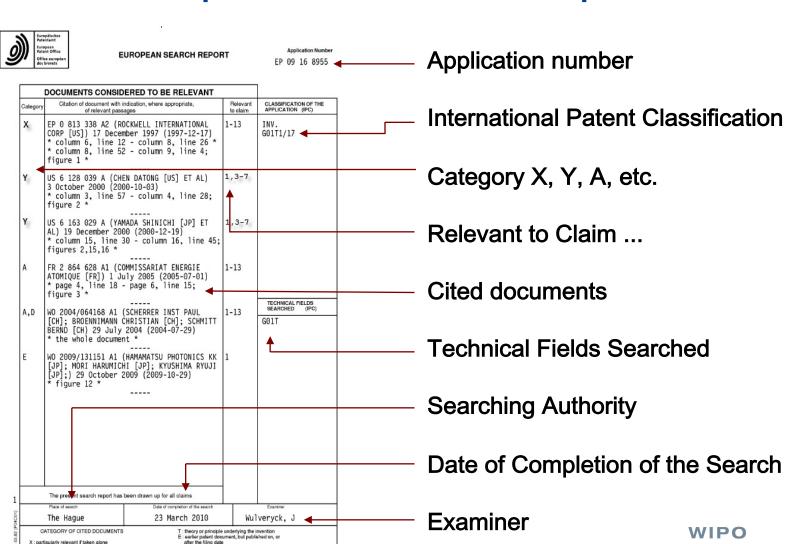
- Established by (selected) competent ISA
- Search based on claims as originally filed (Article 15)
 - > Limited utility of ISR for amended claims in national phase
- Search performed according to PCT Examination Guidelines
- Prior art is everything made available to the public (Rule 33)
 - in written disclosure (ISR may refer to oral disclosure, exhibition, though)
 - prior to the international filing date (i.e. priorities are not taken into account for the international search)
- Not any written disclosure is to be searched: only PCT minimum documentation (Rule 34)
- In case of lack of unity, only the "first" invention will be searched (Rule 40), unless additional fees are paid
- ISA can decline search of certain subject matter (Rule 39), namely subject matter that is excluded from patentability in national law (PCT does not define what is patentable!)



ISR

- ISR is "enriched" search report as it includes
 - List of relevant prior art documents (citations) plus indications:
 - Claims for which a citation is relevant
 - Parts of the cited document which are relevant (e.g. 'line 5-6, page 7; drawing 6') for those claims
 - Why the document is relevant (challenging novelty, inventive step; describing background art)
 - IPCs of the claimed subject matter
 - Limited search strategy: technology areas (IPC) searched
- Includes observations regarding lack of unity (Box III), or whether no meaningful search could be performed (clarity of claims)

Enriched prior art search reports



particularly relevant if combined with another

document of the same category

A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons

& : member of the same patent family, corresponding

Categories of citations

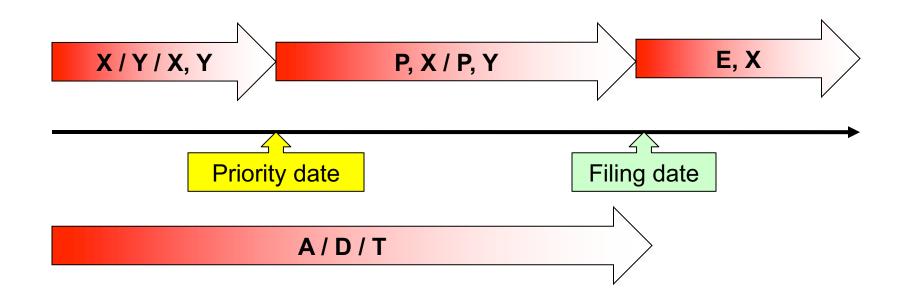
- X particularly relevant if taken alone (novelty)
- Y particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category (inventive step)
- A technological background
- O non written disclosure
- P intermediate document, i.e. published between the earliest priority date and the filing date
- E earlier document but published on or after the filing date
- T theory or principle underlying the invention
- D document cited in the application
- I (applied by EPO for limited period of time)

See 16.59ff of the PCT Examination Guidelines



Prior art categories

Publication dates of prior art documents



Publications of search reports

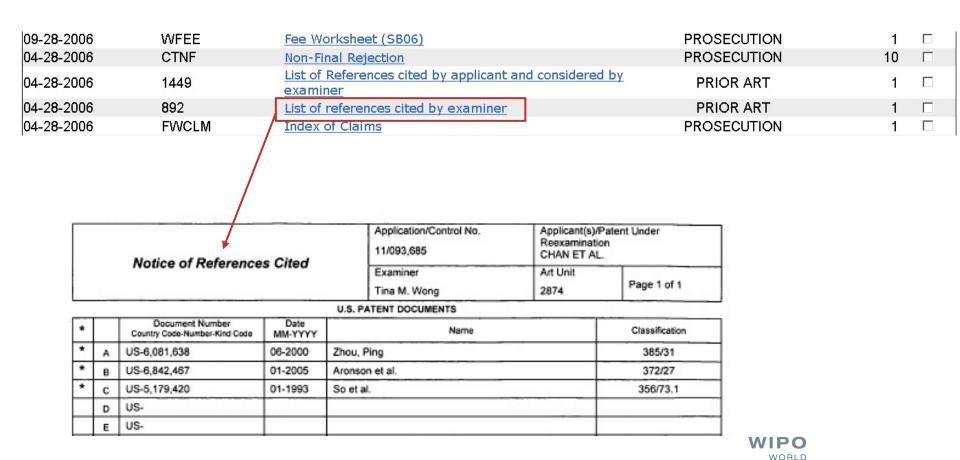
- ISRs are published as WO-A1 or WO-A3 documents
- In addition to the PCT, only the EPO publishes search reports
 - EP-A1 or A3 similar to WO-A1 or A3
 - EP-A4 for supplementary European search reports if examiners conduct additional searches
- No other IPO publishes search reports, they are only made publicly available through national registers ('laid open for public inspection')
- Accessible as well through Global Dossier and WIPO CASE
- Citation information is also made available through other interfaces of various databases (not in Patentscope, though)

US-PAIR: search report US examiner

Notice of References Cited				Application/C 11/689,638	Application/Control No. 11/689,638		Applicant(s)/Patent Under Reexamination COX ET AL.		
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US-PAIR: prior art in image file wrapper

"Image File Wrapper" contains search and examination reports



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US Final and Non-Final Rejections

 Relevance of citations (X, Y) can (currently) only be derived from the reasons of rejections stated in US examination reports and decisions ('final' and 'non-final rejections')

9. Claims 1, 8-10, 15-16, 34, 39-40, 42, 51, 63, 68, 69 and 79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tibor (Tibor) (US Pub. No. 2004/0234117).

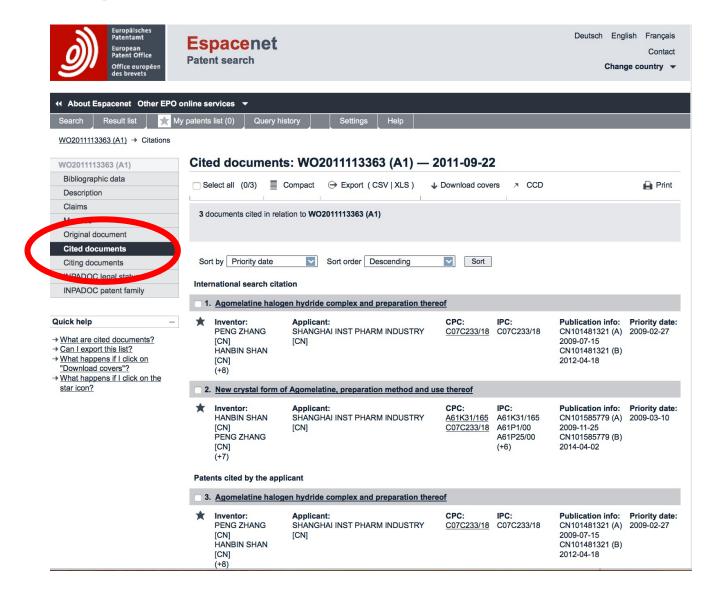
As per claim 1 Tibor discloses:

A secure universal transaction system, comprising: an operation ource component, including a first biometric security component, a second security component, (page 1) 33, the central system 12 can be remotely located from the electronic transaction station to cation as the electronic transaction station, e.g., an in-store central processor at 10 Claims 1, 8-10,... not novel in view of US2004023117A1'

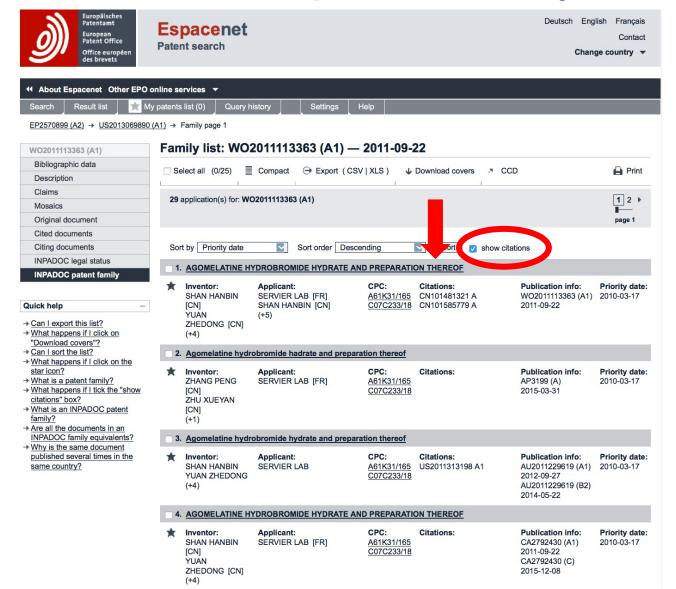
US search reports in Global Dossier

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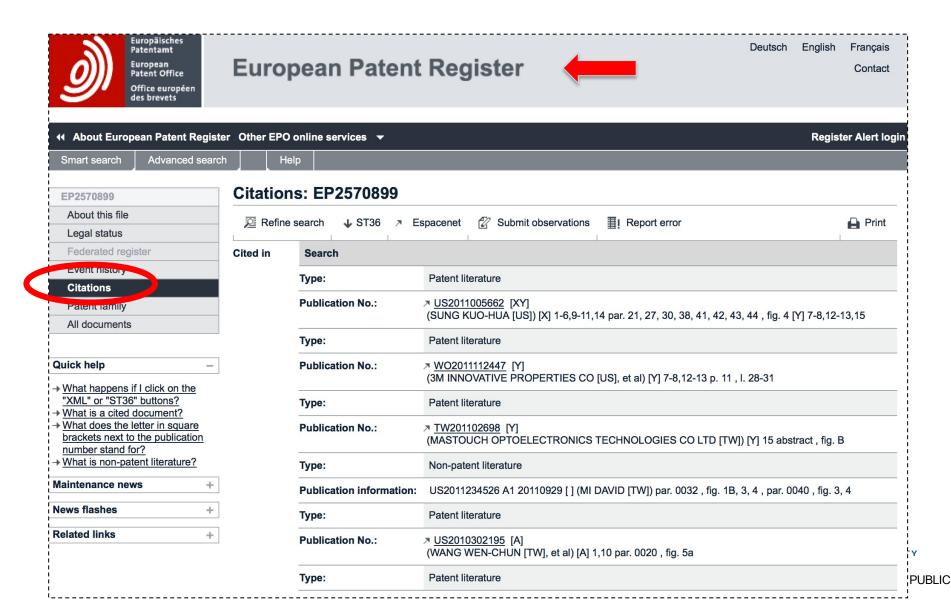


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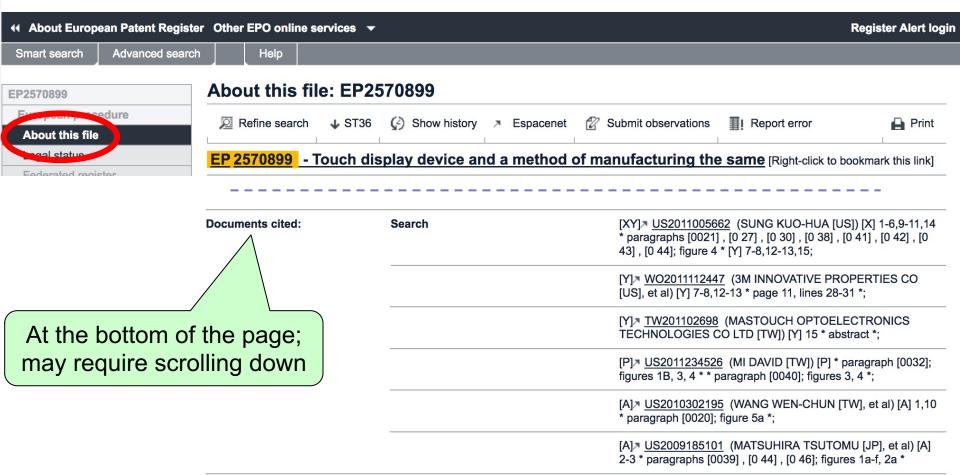


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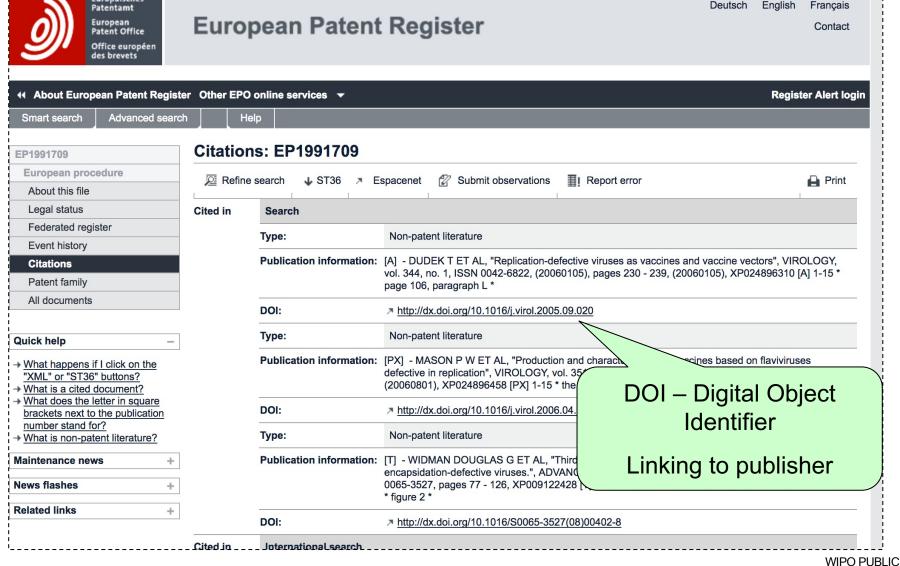
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NON-PL Citations in EP-Register

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Citation during opposition (EP Register)

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Opposition	→ <u>EP0332012</u>					
	→ <u>JP2006028414</u>					
	→ <u>EP2000492</u>					
	→ <u>EP0030033</u>					
	by applicant					



Citations on front pages of grant publications

Patent literature

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THE MARCONI REVIEW, vol. XLIII, no. 218, 1980, pages 156-175, Rugby, GB; R.M. LANG-DON: "Vibratory process control transducers"

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON INSTRUMENTA-TION AND MEASURMENT, vol. IM-32, no. 3, September 1983, pages 434-437, IEEE, New York, US; E. STEMME et al.: "Measuring liquid density with a tuning-fork transducer"

I.S.A. TRANSACTIONS, vol. 20, no. 3, 1981, pages 67-75, Research Triangle Park, NC, US; B.W. BALLS: "A new on-line density meter for viscous liquids and slurries" rannam suney(Go)

Representative: Stoole, Brian David et al Schlumberger Electronics (U.K.) Limited 124 Victoria Road Farnborough Hampshire GU14 7PW (GB)

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Third party observations

- Overview: http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/revocation_mechanisms/third_party/index.html
- For PCT, possible according to Section 801ff of Administrative Instructions
- Searchable in Patentscope: TPO:(* to *)
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Search and Examination-Related Documents						
Date	Title	View	Download			
26.05.2017	Third Party Observation	PDF (2p.)	PDF (2p.), ZIP(XML + TIFFs)			
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16.03.2017	International Search Report	PDF (4p.)	PDF (4p.), ZIP(XML + TIFFs)			
6.03.2017	Written Opinion of the International Search Authority	PDF (9p.)	PDF (9p.), ZIP(XML + TIFFs)			
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Backward and forward citations

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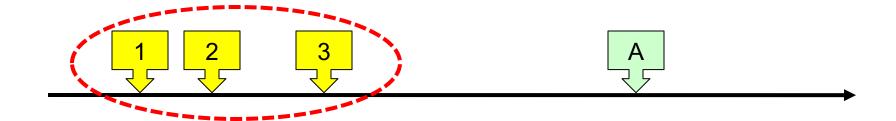


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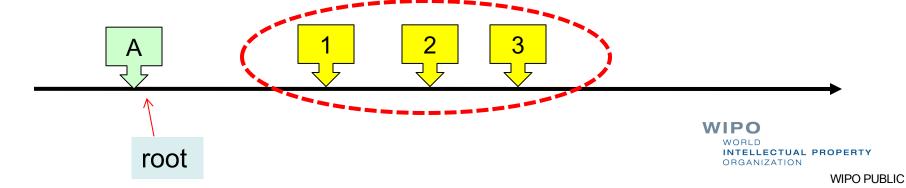
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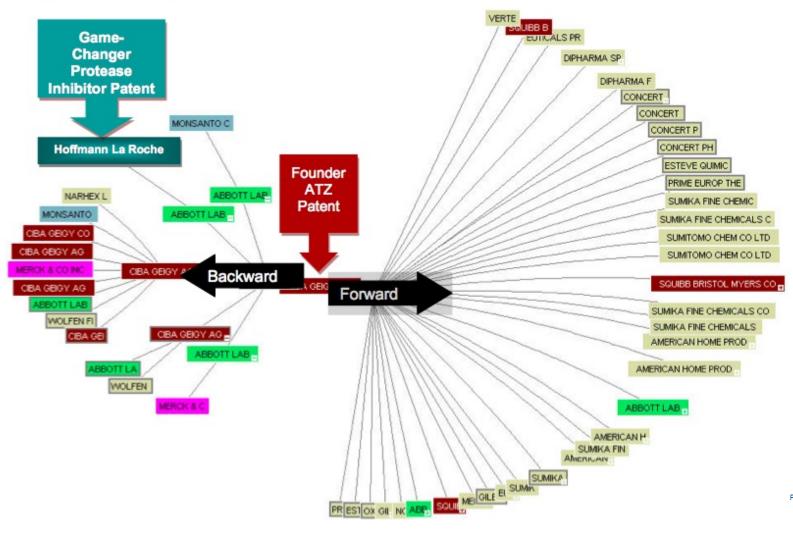


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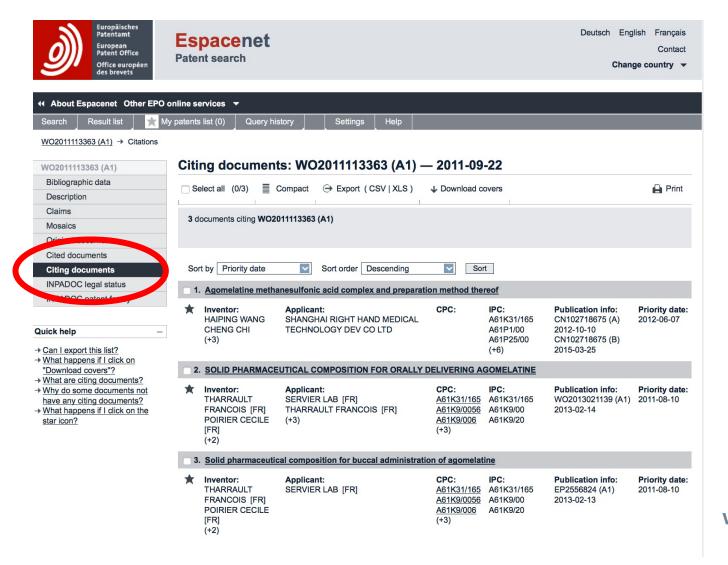


Atazanavir – citation map

Figure 29. Citation map of the founder composition patent for Atazanavir



Espacenet: Forward Citations



Google patents: Forward Citations

Agomelatine hydrobromide hydrate and preparation thereof

Abstract

An agomelatine hydrobromide hydrate of formula (I), in which X is Br, preparation method and use thereof as well as pharmaceutical composition containing it are provided. The solubility of the agomelatine hydrobromide hydrate obtained by the present method is significantly higher than that of agomelatine. Therefore, it is more suitable for manufacturing pharmaceutical formulations. In addition, the product has higher stability and purity. The present product of high purity can be obtained through a simple process, rather than process with complicated steps.

Classifications

C07C233/18 Carboxylic acid amides having carbon atoms of carboxamide groups bound to hydrogen atoms or to acyclic carbon atoms having the nitrogen atom of at least one of the carboxamide groups bound to a carbon atom of a hydrocarbon radical substituted by singly-bound oxygen atoms with the substituted hydrocarbon radical bound to the nitrogen atom of the carboxamide group by an acyclic carbon atom having the carbon atom of the carboxamide group bound to a hydrogen atom or to a carbon atom of an acyclic saturated carbon skeleton

View 1 more classifications

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WO Application

Application number: PCT/CN2011/071912

Other languages: French

Inventor: Hanbin Shan , Zhedong Yuan , Xueyan Zhu , Peng Zhang , Hongjuan Pan , Xiong Yu

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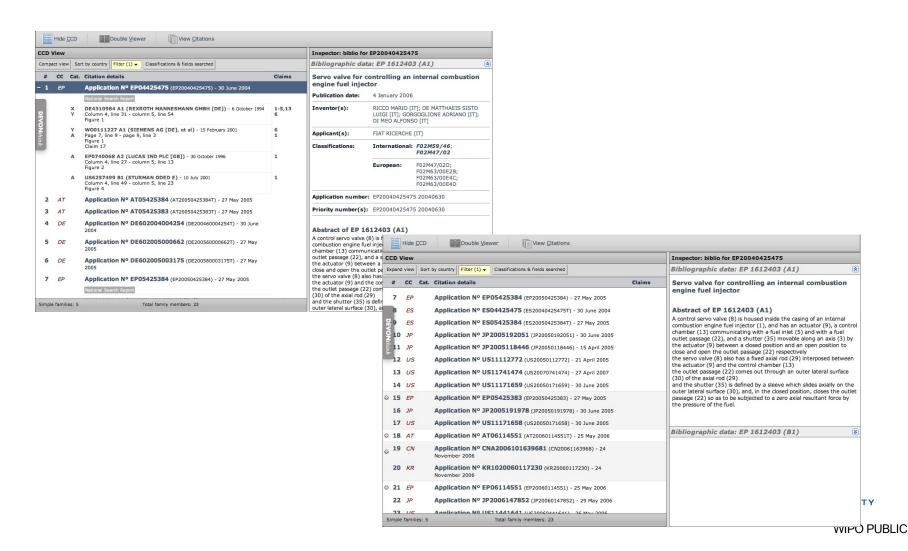
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Common Citation Document (CCD)

- CCD originated from a request of the US commercial sector to have a one-stop-shop for citations of prior art identified by different IPOs for members of the patent family
 - To avoid researching individual national phases
 - Facilitate comparing prior art searches
 - Facilitate identification of prior art seen only by one examiner, or prior art not included in the ISR
 - Provide public access to trilateral offices' internal resources
 - Trilateral and other offices had established mechanisms for non public exchange of prior art search reports
- CCD has been developed and is hosted by the EPO
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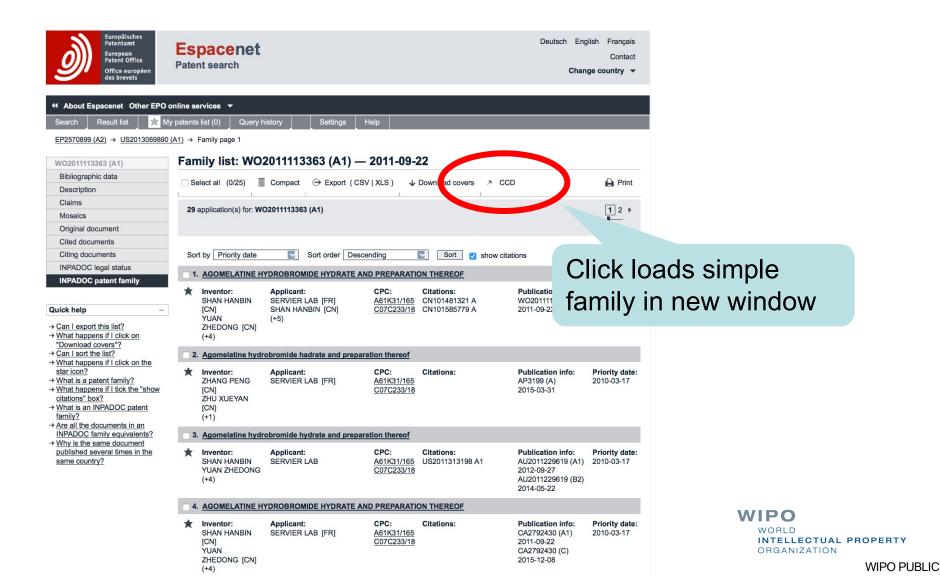


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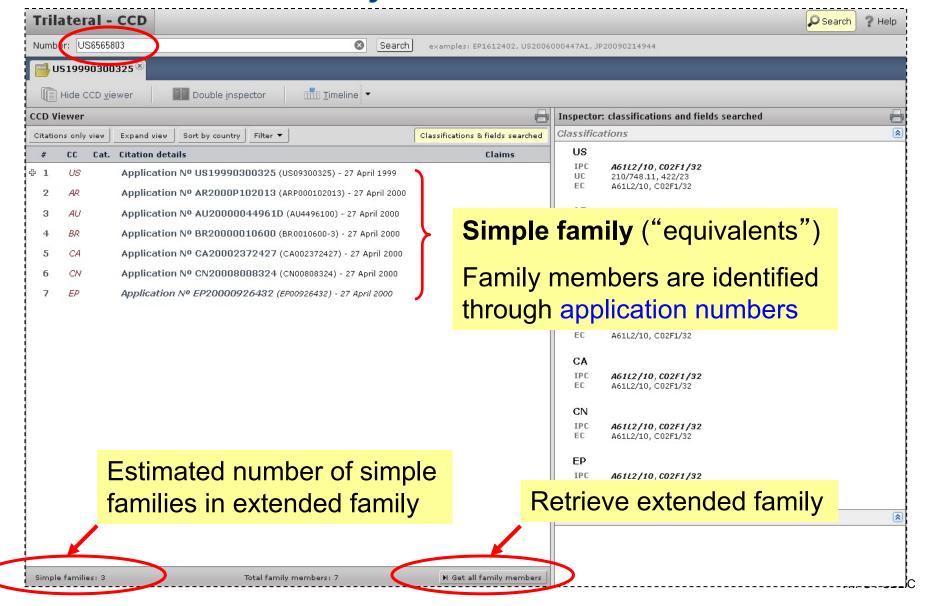
- CCD offers consolidated access to family information and citation data from EPO, KIPO, JPO, SIPO, USPTO, PCT and several other jurisdictions for each respective family member where available.
- CCD builds on the EPO's family system:
 - Family information is equivalent to that presented in Espacenet
 - CCD presents family data in a different way: members of the extended family are ordered/sorted into simple families
- CCD permits comparing of search reports; namely, if a selected citation was seen by only one, several or all examiners (appears in one, several or all available search reports)
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- No examination reports included yet

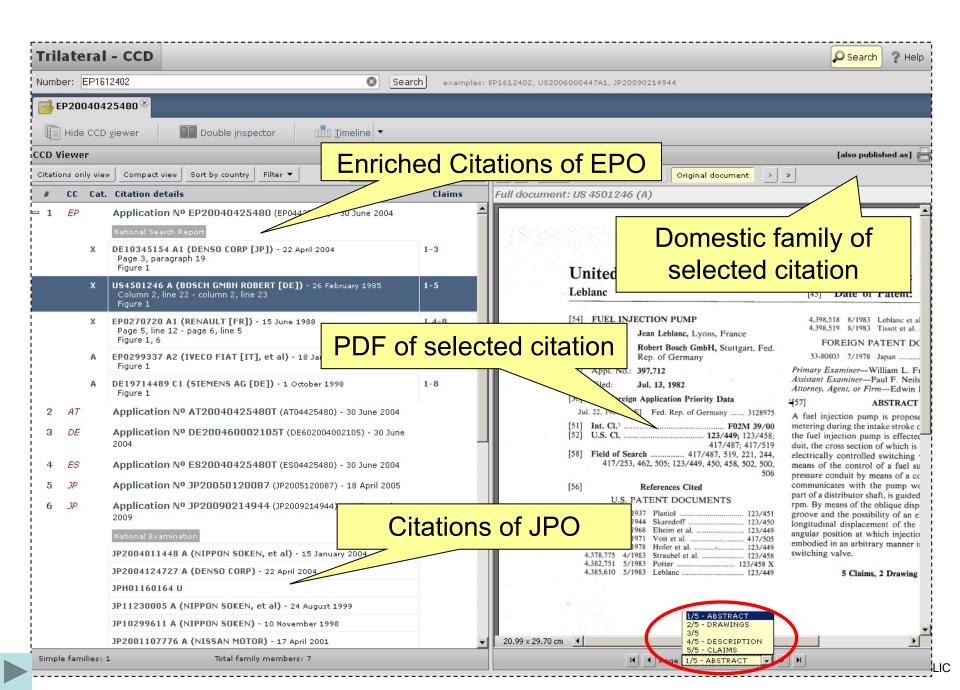


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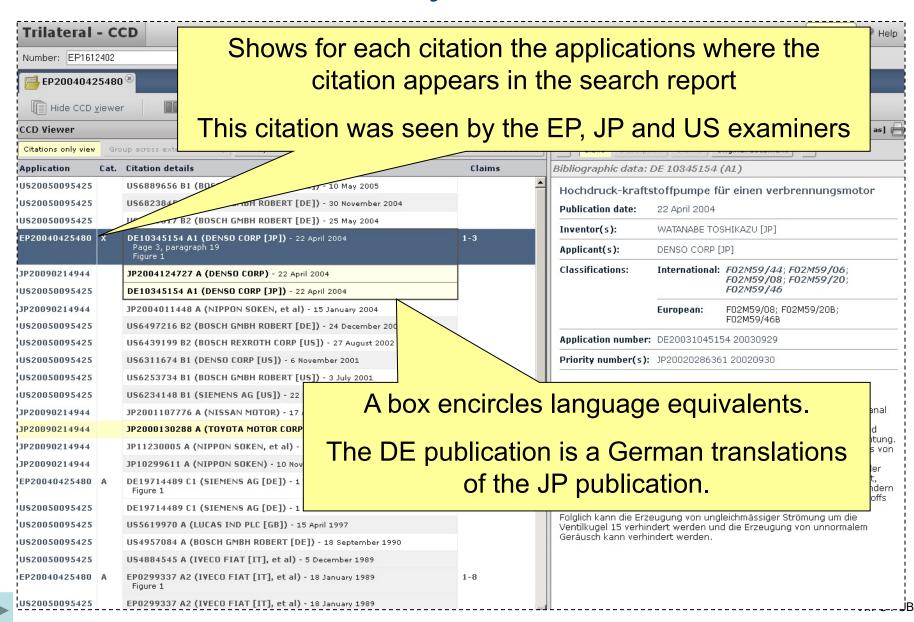


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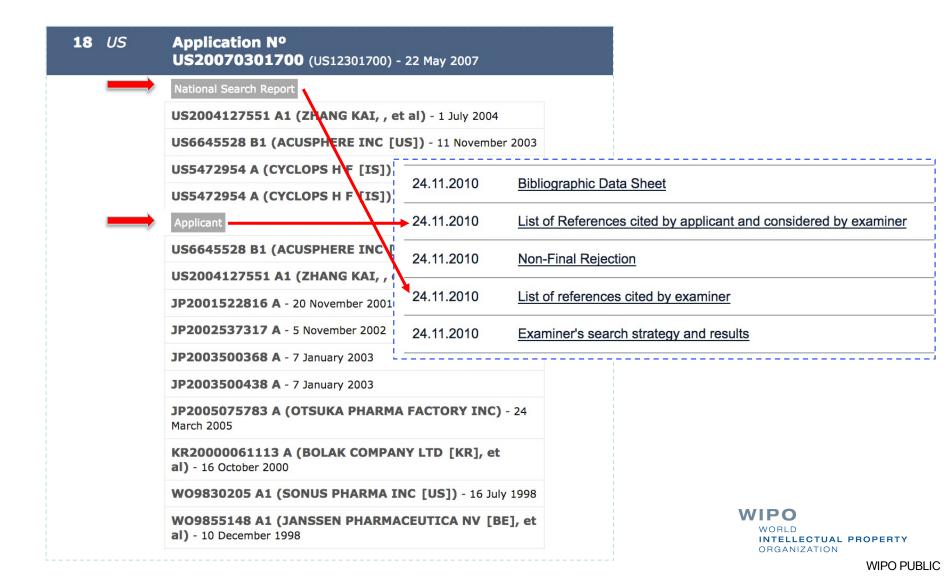




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US citations in CCD



Citations Database: Top 10 Main offices of origin

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Overview: Access options to citations of EP applications via EPO databases

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