WIPO Structure Searching I

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On 9/27/2016, WIPO conducted a webinar previewing the new chemical structure searching capability being programmed into PatentScope. Copied below in part I are my notes taken during the Webinar and corresponding snippets of the presenters slides. On 9/28/2016, the WIPO presenter emailed participants a list of questions posed by the participants and her answers to those questions. I provide those Q and As in part II.

I. Webinar Notes and Snippets

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Example: Prozac

Example: fluoxetine hydrochloride

Its chemical formula is C₁₇H₁₉CIF₃NO

the first highly specific serotonin uptake inhibitor. It is used as an antidepressant and often has a more acceptable side-effects profile than traditional antidepressants.

Synonyms: Prozac, Sarafem

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION Comparison of structure and text searches indicates shows that typically less results are retrieved using the structure search than merely name searches.

WIPO has indexed structures in English and German language PCT publications. WIPO plans to expand from PCT to other database collections that WIPO has stored and other languages.

Q & A:

Scope of indexing - Entire PCT collection. Will search tool be modified to include Markush searching. No current plans. Slides will be available after Friday at:

www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/index.html

End of Webinar.

II. Q & As

This part provides the participants questions and WIPO presenters answers sent to participants of the webinar, after the fact.

1. Typically, how many structures are revealed in an patent for an INN drug? It is difficult to compute. The system has no limit in terms of maximum number of chemical structures recognized by a document.

2. Means "CAS name" "CAS number"?

CAS numbers are recognized due to their syntax and indexed as is.

3. Is it possible to upload structures from ChemDraw? if we get inchi from the chemdraw or chemsketch. is it possible to search by simply pasting it in chemical search? Yes, the CDX format not supported for file loading

4. Can generic formulae for polymers containing parameters such as n an m for the repeating units be searched? No, only exact structures that can be represented by an Inchi

5. Will alerting on structures be available? In theory yes (RSS)

6. How far back in time will PCT/US be chemically indexed?PCT 1978 and US 1990 (to be confirmed according to the greenbook format)

7. Is it limited to small molecules or can I search for (small) proteins too? Only exact structures that can be represented by an Inchi

8. Structure search for compound where only chemical name is given in patent..is that patent also get picked in the search? Yes

9. How does this affect drafting and filing applications - is there a size requirement for proper data capture?

the clearer the embedded images are the better. min 300dpi

10. Do you get the FDA data from the Orange Book? no from Infochem SW

11. You have a library of pre-stored chemical structures? Probably what is needed for the conversion to Inchikeys. This is a black box for WIPO delivered by Infochem

12. Are the data annotated with InChI or InChIkeys or do you use the Inchi and Inchi keys to generate IiUPAC names and search with the names. annotated with InchiIkeys

13. OK so the trivial name is also indexed as an InChI string or InChiKey? yes

End of Q and As.