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**Your Reference: -
Application No:** GB 0318315.9

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Dear Sir/Madam

Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17(5)

I enclose two copies of my search report and a copy of the citations.

Accelerated publication

At your request, publication of your application is being accelerated. Provided you have met all formal requirements, preparations for publication will be completed shortly. Just before this you will receive a letter informing you of the exact date when preparations for publication will be completed and the publication number and date of publication.

Clarity of claims

The claims of your application do not clearly define your invention. Although the claims are not searchable, I have done a search based on the description which I believe relates to a composition comprising ozone and a polyfluorocarbon (PFC) for use in the treatment of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

If you continue with your application to the substantive examination stage you will receive a further explanation of how your claims are unclear and you will have an opportunity to revise them then.

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Patentability

A patent may be granted only for an invention which is new. I consider that, in the light of the documents listed in my search report, in particular document 1, your application will not meet this criterion for patentability. What is important about the disclosure in document 1 - "Surface treatment of SARS-infected lungs" is that the document is dated 20th May 2003 which is before the filing date of the current application. If this date is not the true date on which the aforementioned document was placed on the internet, you will need to prove this. Thus, if you placed the said document on the "www.ycec.com" website after 12 June 2003 the above citation would cease to anticipate the current patent application.

You should therefore consider these documents very carefully before deciding whether or not to continue with substantive examination. Should you not wish to proceed to substantive examination the fee already paid for substantive examination may be refunded upon request.

Amendment/withdrawal

Please note that, due to the acceleration of the procedure, it is unlikely that there will be sufficient time to file amended claims for inclusion with the published application, or to withdraw the application to prevent publication.

Yours faithfully

Dr William Thomson
Examiner



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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X	1-4	INTERNET: "Surface treatment of SARS-infected lungs", Zhen-Man Lin, 20 th May 2003, www.ycec.com/Surface-Treatment-of-SARS-e200503.htm See whole document, in particular the abstract
X	1-4	WPI Abstract Accession No 2002-721810/78 & RU 2187984 (G UCHREZH DENIE MEZHOTRASLEVOJTEKHN KOMPLEKS MIKROKHIRURGIJA) 27/08/2002 See abstract
A		INTERNET: "SARS and Ozone Therapy:Theoretical Considerations", G.V. Sunnen, May 2003, www.triroc.com/sunnen/topics/sars.html See whole document, in particular the abstract and page 7, lines 9-26
A		EP 1208851A3 (ALLIANCE PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION) See whole document, in particular page 3, lines 42-45 and page 5, line 18 - page 7, line 30 and claims 1-9

Categories:

X Document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step	A Document indicating technological background and/or state of the art.
Y Document indicating lack of inventive step if combined with one or more other documents of same category.	P Document published on or after the declared priority date but before the filing date of this invention.
& Member of the same patent family	E Patent document published on or after, but with priority date earlier than, the filing date of this application.

Field of Search:

Search of GB, EP, WO & US patent documents classified in the following areas of the UKC^v:

A5B

Worldwide search of patent documents classified in the following areas of the IPC⁷:

A61K; A61P

The following online and other databases have been used in the preparation of this search report:

BIOSIS, CAS-ONLINE, EPODOC, INTERNET, JAPIO, MEDLINE, TXTE & WPI