



Search Service – Searching for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients



Comprehensive searches for active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) are essential in order to assess the patent protection of APIs, when seeking reliable patent protection, when developing generics, or when negotiating licenses.

Our offer

We are experts for chemical and pharmaceutical searches.

We search for APIs in all databases containing structures of specific and Markush substances. In particular, we search with the chemical indexing of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) and Thomson Reuters. In addition, we carry out keyword searches and searches including compound names, synonyms, and development codes in our value-added and full-text patent databases.

Your benefits

Our search results are of high quality and contain a detailed search report with a summary of the topic from the searcher's point of view, a description of the strategy, a section with the relevant and categorized answers, and a list of the databases used.

In addition, we deliver the results in tabular format.

We discuss all steps of the search with you in advance, e.g. by phone, by e-mail, or by web conference. You decide how much time and effort we put into the search.

The total costs are composed of handling charges plus database costs.

Of course we keep all your searches strictly confidential.

Within the scope of our quality assurance, the search strategy is checked by a second searcher.

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If you would like us to perform a search for you, please contact us. We will be happy to provide you with detailed advice and a time and cost estimate.