

Case Studies

Freedom-to-Operate Search

Case Study – FTO Search

The Client:

A Europe based biotechnology firm

The Case:

Client had developed a new recombinant vector for facilitating the cure of cancer. Client wanted to evaluate whether the feature of their product were covered by any active patent in the US and Europe, to be aware of any potential legal issues.

The Project:

With the help of the client, Sagacious identified various features of the product (and corresponding manufacturing process) for which patents might potentially exist. Sagacious then formulated comprehensive search strategies to cover active patents w.r.t each identified feature and conducted a comprehensive **Freedom-to-Operate study** by analyzing over 2,500 patents/ published applications to prepare a report detailing:

- ❑ Relevant patents: Patents that may potentially affect client's freedom-to-operate (manufacture or sell) in the US/ Europe w.r.t the new vector.
- ❑ Mapping: Presenting the mapping between the claims of relevant patents and the features of the product
- ❑ Their Legal Status and Expiry Date: Indicating for each of the relevant patents, their active, lapsed, or pending status, and the corresponding expiry dates.

PS: In this case Client introduced Sagacious to their Law firm. Sagacious then worked closely with their law firm as a backend support team. Sagacious continually obtained feedback on Search Strategy, analysis parameters, etc from the attorneys and provided them all the required information to base their final opinion and suggestions.

Financial Gain:

Sagacious completed the study in Euro 4,500.

This meant at least **60% cost savings** to the client w.r.t. getting the entire study done by their law firm in Europe.