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U.S. District Court
District of Delaware (Wilmington)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20–cv–00125–LPS

Natera, Inc. v. ArcherDX, Inc.
Assigned to: Judge Leonard P. Stark
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Date Filed: 01/27/2020
Jury Demand: Plaintiff
Nature of Suit: 830 Patent
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

Cause: 35:1 Patent Infringement

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06/21/2021	234	<p>ORAL ORDER: Having reviewed the materials submitted relating to various discovery disputes (see, e.g., D.I. 224, 225, 226, 228, 229), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: (i) Defendants' request for a schedule that coordinates discovery and consolidates trial with later–filed and non–similarly–situated Natera v. Genosity, C.A. No. 20–1352, is DENIED; (ii) the deadline for the completion of fact discovery in the instant action is EXTENDED from July 9 to September 3, 2021; and (iii) no later than July 3, 2021 the parties shall agree upon mutually–convenient dates and locations for completion of all fact depositions, including Rule 30(b)(6) depositions. As an initial matter, Defendants have not filed a motion (which could be accompanied by full briefing) as the Court required were Defendants to pursue the relief they now seek through their letter. (See D.I. 220) (denying Defendants' request for status conference and/or submission of letter briefs regarding possible coordinated or consolidated schedule, adding "Should any party wish to modify an existing schedule and/or seek coordination or consolidation, it may file a motion seeking such relief.") In any event, delaying the long–scheduled May 2022 trial to spring of 2023, as Defendants propose, would unfairly prejudice Plaintiff, who competes directly with them. Further, even Defendants acknowledge that "the Genosity matter will have unique issues." (D.I. 224 at 2) Defendants have not shown good cause for the schedule modification they seek (other than with respect to extending fact discovery to permit completion of depositions). The Court does not agree with Plaintiff that the majority of depositions must occur in June and July, particularly given counsel's other commitments. The Court encourages the parties to explore ways to allow both cases to proceed efficiently (including considering agreeing that judgment in one case will bind the parties to the second case and/or treating all discovery in the first case as part of the record in the second case) but will not grant Defendants' request to delay trial over Plaintiff's objection. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's request to compel a deposition from non–party Thomas Jefferson University Hospital is DENIED, as Plaintiff has not shown, at this point, that the need for such a deposition outweighs the burden to the Hospital in participating in it. Finally, today's teleconference is RESCHEDULED and will begin at 4:15 p.m. All remaining matters, including Archer's request for supplementation of Interrogatories 3–7, and Natera's request for supplementation of Interrogatories 2, 10, and 11 and Requests for Production 8 and 9, will be discussed at that teleconference. The parties should be prepared to address whether, in light of this Order extending fact discovery, the Court should simply impose a deadline for all requested supplementation. ORDERED by Judge Leonard P. Stark on 6/21/21. (ntl) (Entered: 06/21/2021)</p>