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1 (The following proceedings continued in
2 public session.)

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4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. Thank you, sir.
5 You're excused. You may stand down.

6 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Anything further from the
8 attorneys before we recess?

9 MS. MUSSER: Yes, Your Honor. From --
10 Complaint Counsel is hoping that you would be able to
11 accommodate a witness who has a medical issue on
12 Thursday and have a late start at 10:30, if that's
13 doable for Your Honor.

14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Let me look at the official
15 calendar here. That would be 2 September?

16 MS. MUSSER: That would be this Thursday, which
17 is the 2nd of September. Sorry, Your Honor. I was
18 looking for a calendar.

19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Start at 10:30? Yes, we can
20 do that.

21 MS. MUSSER: Thank you.

22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm assuming there is no
23 objection, right, Mr. Marriott?

24 MR. MARRIOTT: There is no objection, Your
25 Honor.

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1 MS. MUSSER: Thank you, Mr. Marriott.

2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. Anything else?

3 MS. MUSSER: Not from Complaint Counsel.

4 MR. MARRIOTT: Nothing here, Your Honor. Thank
5 you.

6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Have you been able to plug in
7 any witnesses for September 14 or 15?

8 MS. MUSSER: We're still working on that. We
9 believe that if we're still going at that time, we will
10 be able to present witnesses on that date. So
11 Complaint Counsel should be able to, at least the
12 14-15, and we will coordinate with Respondents' counsel
13 in the event we need to fill the time.

14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You said something that got my
15 attention. Did you say "if we're still going at that
16 time"?

17 MS. MUSSER: If Complaint Counsel hasn't rested
18 their case. We're just waiting to see how long we'll
19 take. So I don't want to give anyone any false hope.

20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Your case, okay.

21 MS. MUSSER: Just my case. I won't speak to --

22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: The rest of us would just go
23 on without you. Is that what you're saying?

24 MS. MUSSER: You don't want to go on without
25 me.

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1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Now, I told you I would let
2 you know about the 29th or 30th, because those are two
3 days I had blocked out. It's looking like right now it
4 will be the 29th. I'm not 100 percent sure, but that
5 will make the 30th available if we're still going.

6 MR. MARRIOTT: Very good.

7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. All right, so tomorrow,
8 usual time. Thursday, 10:30. Friday --

9 MR. MARRIOTT: No, Your Honor. I understood we
10 were off tomorrow, Your Honor.

11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You are correct. This is
12 Tuesday. You see, that mistake is understandable
13 because this is a September calendar, so -- all right,
14 so we will reconvene Thursday, 10:30 a.m. We're in
15 recess.

16 MS. MUSSER: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 MR. MARRIOTT: Thank you.

18 MS. SULLIVAN: Thank you, Your Honor.

19 MR. MARRIOTT: Good night, everybody.

20 (Whereupon, at 5:47 p.m., the hearing was
21 adjourned.)

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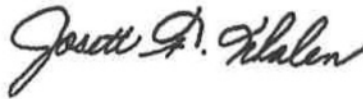
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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

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a corporation,)
and) Docket No. 9401
GRAIL, INC.,)
a corporation,)
Respondents.)
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3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: We're on the record.
4 Anything before we start with the next witness?

5 MS. MUSSER: Nothing from complaint counsel.

6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You're muted.

7 MR. MARRIOTT: Just my appreciation for the
8 brief postponement. Thank you. And my apologies to
9 everyone for the delays here.

10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: No problem. Hope everything
11 is okay out there with the weather.

12 MR. MARRIOTT: I'm not sure we can quite go
13 that far, but it's getting better, Your Honor.

14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. Sounds good.
15 Go ahead and call your next witness.

16 MS. MUSSER: Good morning, Your Honor.
17 Complaint counsel calls Kevin Conroy, chairman and CEO
18 of Exact Sciences.

19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Jada, is the public line on?

20 JADA: That is correct, the public line is on.

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22 Whereupon --

23 KEVIN CONROY

24 a witness, called for examination, having been first
25 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

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1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MS. MUSSER:

3 Q. Good morning, Mr. Conroy.

4 A. Good morning, Susan.

5 Q. Can you please state and spell your name for
6 the record.

7 A. Kevin Conroy, K-E-V-I-N C-O-N-R-O-Y.

8 Q. Mr. Conroy, I'd just like to remind you before
9 we get started that we are in public session, which
10 means the public has dialed in. And I'm going to ask
11 you a series of questions. I will do my level best to
12 stay away from anything that's confidential or
13 sensitive and has been granted in camera status. But
14 if at any point I ask you questions that you're
15 uncomfortable asking [sic] in public session, please
16 just let me know.

17 Does that work for you, Mr. Conroy?

18 A. Thank you.

19 Yes, it does.

20 Q. And Mr. Conroy, where do you work?

21 A. I work at Exact Sciences.

22 Q. And how long have you worked at Exact Sciences?

23 A. Over twelve years.

24 Q. And what is your current title?

25 A. Chairman and CEO.

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1 Q. And at a very high level, can you describe your
2 responsibilities as chairman and CEO.

3 A. Yes. As chairman I'm responsible for setting
4 the agenda of the board of directors, and as CEO I'm
5 responsible for the operations of the company.

6 Q. And as part of your responsibilities as CEO
7 over the operations of the company, do you have any
8 responsibility related to strategic planning of
9 Exact Sciences?

10 A. Yes. That falls under me.

11 Q. And can you at a high level describe your
12 responsibilities related to strategic planning.

13 A. Yes.

14 Strategic planning is all about planning for
15 the future, way out into the future, kind of a
16 five-year plan, a three-year plan, and then that folds
17 into an annual planning process.

18 So you try to create a vision, for at a company
19 like ours that's focused on patients, planning for how
20 you can screen more people to detect cancer early and
21 all of the investments and people that you need to make
22 that happen.

23 Q. And as part of that forward-looking planning,
24 do you also conduct risk assessments for -- looking for
25 potential risks that could affect those plans?

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1 A. That's an important part of strategic planning,
2 is to assess internal and external threats, for
3 example, whether you have the people to get the job
4 done or the external development, what's going on in
5 the outside world that could affect your ability to
6 make that long-term plan become real.

7 Q. And as CEO and chairman, do you have any
8 responsibilities relating to the merger and acquisition
9 strategy of Exact Sciences?

10 A. Yes. Ultimately I'm responsible for that.

11 Q. And as chairman and CEO, what responsibilities,
12 if any, do you have for negotiating supply contracts?

13 A. I normally am not involved in negotiating
14 supply contracts.

15 Q. Do you ever get involved --

16 A. The people who do negotiate supply contracts
17 roll up and report to me, but normally I don't
18 negotiate them.

19 There are exceptions to that, but for the most
20 part I'm not involved directly.

21 Q. And when do you get involved directly?

22 A. I have been involved in a very limited number
23 of cases, including involved to a certain extent in
24 negotiating or having conversations with Illumina
25 because of the critical nature of next-generation

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1 sequencing as part of our long-term plan.

2 And I got involved in that not at the outset
3 but as things became more difficult. And -- but
4 normally -- I'm trying to think. I can't think of very
5 many other cases where I've been involved in
6 negotiating a supply agreement, even with critical
7 suppliers.

8 Q. And what are your current responsibilities
9 relating to commercialization of Exact's products?

10 A. My responsibilities ultimately are to make sure
11 that we get our tests, which we think are advanced
12 tests that can have a positive impact on human health,
13 to physicians, to healthcare providers, and ultimately
14 to patients.

15 And so all of those responsibilities roll up
16 directly to me, and we have individuals who are
17 responsible for different parts of the tests that we
18 offer. And those people execute the long, medium and
19 near-term plans to make those tests available optimally
20 to patients.

21 Q. But is it fair to say, as chairman and CEO,
22 you're generally familiar with the commercialization
23 planning for Exact's cancer tests?

24 A. Yes, I am.

25 Q. Mr. Conroy, do you have any advanced degrees?

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1 A. I -- I have a J.D. I have a J.D. that I earned
2 in 1991.

3 Q. Where did you earn your J.D.?

4 A. University of Michigan.

5 Q. And did you practice law, Mr. Conroy?

6 A. I did. I practiced intellectual property law
7 for I think about nine years in private practice and
8 then in-house counsel for a handful of years before
9 moving to becoming a general manager.

10 Q. Were you a member of the patent bar?

11 A. I was, yes.

12 Q. And Mr. Conroy, why are you here today?

13 A. Because I was subpoenaed to attend.

14 Q. And is there any reason you can't testify
15 truthfully and accurately here today?

16 A. No.

17 Q. And Mr. Conroy, I know you touched on this
18 briefly, but at a very high level, can you describe
19 what type of work Exact Sciences does.

20 A. Well, our mission at Exact Sciences is to
21 eradicate cancer through earlier detection and tests
22 that help guide the right treatment to the right
23 patient. That's our overarching North Star, and all of
24 the tests that we develop in some way, shape or form
25 help lead to helping people avoid cancer, detect cancer

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1 earlier, or for people who are diagnosed with cancer,
2 make sure that they get the right treatment -- the best
3 treatment possible.

4 And this is all made possible by the powerful
5 information that you can get from the human genome, the
6 genetics, the inherent genetics that we're born with,
7 and also the cancer genome or what is going on inside
8 the tumor cells that somebody may have.

9 Q. What type of products does Exact work on as
10 part of that mission you just described?

11 A. A range of tests, starting with hereditary
12 cancer testing, which is your germline, what you're
13 born with, to screening tests and then all the way to
14 tests that help a patient who has been diagnosed with
15 cancer get the right treatment and to detect, for
16 example, whether their cancer has recurred.

17 And another important part of what we do is to
18 provide the software that helps physicians and patients
19 better interact with those tests, manage that data, and
20 make the best possible decision that they can for that
21 patient in terms of treatment.

22 Q. Do you consider Exact a clinical testing
23 business?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Can you explain what that means to you.

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1 A. Clinical testing is testing a real person or a
2 patient sample -- I say "real person." A lot of times
3 we test people who aren't patients because they're
4 perfectly healthy. If you're screening somebody for
5 cancer, that is by definition somebody who isn't a
6 patient. They are somebody who is generally healthy --
7 and patients who actually have cancer.

8 Q. And I want to take you back a little bit. I
9 believe you testified that you've been working at Exact
10 a while.

11 When did you start at Exact again?

12 A. I started on April 2, 2009.

13 Q. And on April 2, 2009, when you started, can you
14 describe Exact's business at that time.

15 A. Well, there were three of us, and we -- you
16 couldn't really describe it much as a business. It was
17 an idea. And the idea was to develop two things, a
18 colon cancer screening test that allows you to
19 accurately detect colon cancer through a sample
20 collected in the privacy of your own home. And then
21 secondly, long-term was to develop what then we called
22 a pan-cancer screening test or a universal cancer
23 screening test from a simple blood draw.

24 Q. And has Exact changed since you had that idea
25 in 2009?

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1 A. Yeah. We now have almost 6,000 people, and we
2 have a range of different tests that we have brought to
3 physicians and patients. And we are a fully, what we
4 would call a commercial company in that we have teams
5 of people who educate healthcare providers about the
6 tests that we offer, and we provide clinical testing
7 services.

8 Q. And how many products is Exact currently
9 offering for sale?

10 A. It's approximately seven or eight different
11 products, two main tests, Cologuard, which is a
12 screening test for colon cancer, and Oncotype DX, two
13 different tests there, a breast cancer test and a
14 prostate cancer test.

15 Q. And does Exact have any labs as part of its
16 business today?

17 A. Yes. We have a host of labs. We have labs in
18 Madison, Wisconsin; Redwood City, California; Phoenix,
19 Arizona; and Baltimore, Maryland.

20 Q. And does Exact have manufacturing capabilities
21 today?

22 A. We do. We manufacture and ensure the quality
23 of the components that go into our tests. And the
24 principal manufacturing location is Madison,
25 Wisconsin.

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1 Q. And does Exact have a clinical sales force
2 today?

3 A. We do. Altogether, we have over a thousand
4 people that call upon healthcare providers, educating
5 them about the various tests that we offer.

6 Q. And why does the clinical sales force target
7 healthcare providers?

8 A. All of this technology is really new
9 technology, and the only way to get healthcare
10 providers to understand the performance
11 characteristics of new technology, how that new
12 technology can and should be used, what the guidelines
13 say about that technology, and how it performs relative
14 to other types of tests is to engage with them on a
15 very regular basis.

16 The average technology, new medical technology,
17 takes about 17 years to be fully implemented, and that
18 is if you're constantly out engaging with the
19 physicians who use new technology. It's virtually
20 impossible to bring new technologies to healthcare
21 providers and to patients without doing so.

22 Q. And just a few follow-ups on some of those
23 areas of growth that you just testified about.

24 When you mentioned lab capability, how did
25 Exact grow its lab capabilities from those four people

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1 on April 2, 2009 to its current capabilities today?

2 A. Well, we have this amazing team of clinical
3 laboratorians who built our first lab here in Madison,
4 secured all of the regulatory and quality approvals
5 necessary to turn that lab on and start offering tests
6 to the public. And we built that capacity from a very
7 small lab to now the ability to offer millions of
8 Cologuard tests and hundreds of thousands of
9 Oncotype DX tests and other tests, and we constantly
10 invest in those clinical laboratory capabilities.

11 Q. And Exact Sciences was able to grow that
12 capability in-house; is that fair?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And you talked about this thousand-person
15 clinical sales force.

16 How did Exact expand its sales force so much?

17 A. Well, I remember that when we first decided to
18 hire a sales force that we hired 80 people to offer
19 Cologuard to a target market of 350,000 primary care
20 physicians. And the original plan was 50. We bumped
21 it to 80. And today we have more than 500 just calling
22 on primary care physicians, plus we have a partnership
23 with Pfizer where they add to that ability.

24 And still we don't have the ability to call on
25 all primary care physicians, nurses, et cetera.

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1 So that has just grown over time. As
2 Cologuard has grown, we've been able to invest more of
3 our time, energy and money into building that sales
4 force.

5 Q. And where did you recruit your sales force
6 from, what type of companies?

7 A. All over the country from people primarily who
8 had experience calling on healthcare providers and in
9 particular primary care healthcare providers.

10 Q. And as part of this growth that you've just
11 described, has Exact collaborated with any other
12 organizations as part of its research and development
13 efforts?

14 A. Our principal collaboration was with the
15 Mayo Clinic, so that's how this whole thing started way
16 back in March of 2009. Before I even joined the
17 company, I met with Dave Ahlquist at the Mayo Clinic.
18 And that turned into a partnership in June of 2009, and
19 that partnership we're very fortunate has continued for
20 twelve years.

21 We now also have a partnership with City of
22 Hope and a -- a development partnership and also with
23 Johns Hopkins University.

24 So we have -- those are critically important to
25 take an idea of what you can do with technology and

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1 translate it into a test that is safe and effective for
2 patients who need those tests.

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: We seem to have lost the
4 witness' counsel. Was that at his choice?

5 MR. BACHMAN: I'm here, Your Honor. Can you
6 hear me?

7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm sorry. I misspoke. I'm
8 trying to read the boxes here. I believe it -- we lost
9 an attorney, just -- I think it was -- maybe it was the
10 attorney for Mr. Conroy.

11 There he is. If you dropped on your own,
12 that's fine, Mr. Kelley.

13 MR. KELLEY: Apologies, Your Honor. I was
14 having issues with my webcam.

15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. Go ahead.

16 BY MS. MUSSER:

17 Q. I believe you mentioned someone named
18 David Ahlquist.

19 Is that Dr. Ahlquist?

20 A. "Ahlquist." Yes.

21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hold on a second.

22 I just want to make sure the record is clear.

23 So, Mr. Bachman, you're not the counsel for
24 Mr. Conroy, the witness; you're the counsel for the
25 company Exact Sciences?

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1 MR. BACHMAN: I apologize, Your Honor. One and
2 the same.

3 I understood I should list my client first,
4 Exact Sciences, and then my counsel afterwards. That's
5 what I attempted to do. I am counsel for Kevin Conroy
6 and I also represent Exact Sciences.

7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. Good. We need to get
8 that on the record.

9 And Mr. Kelley, who are you representing?

10 MR. KELLEY: I also represent Exact Sciences.
11 Allen is my boss.

12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. Now we're clear.
13 Go ahead, Ms. Musser.

14 MS. MUSSER: And Your Honor, just for clarity
15 of the record, I believe Scott Coward is in attendance
16 today. He is also in-house counsel for
17 Exact Sciences.

18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.

19 BY MS. MUSSER:

20 Q. And my apologies, Mr. Conroy. I believe we
21 were talking about Dr. Ahlquist -- Ahlquist. My
22 apologies again.

23 Who is Dr. Ahlquist?

24 A. So Dr. Ahlquist was a gastroenterologist at the
25 Mayo Clinic who for years conducted research on colon

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1 cancer screening, looking for biomarkers that could
2 identify colon cancer early, identify them in stool, in
3 blood, other patient samples. Then -- and he was a
4 leader at the Mayo Clinic and a highly regarded both
5 researcher and clinician.

6 Q. And can you explain how that collaboration with
7 Dr. Ahlquist impacted the development and
8 commercialization of Exact's products?

9 A. Sure.

10 We wouldn't be here without his work. I met
11 with him in March of 2009, after initially declining to
12 join Exact Sciences. And the board at Exact Sciences
13 suggested that I go visit with Dr. Ahlquist and look at
14 the research that he was doing, and the research
15 included data demonstrating the ability to detect colon
16 cancer and even precancerous polyps accurately from a
17 stool sample.

18 So that was kind of the first part of the
19 meeting. The second part of the meeting, Dave had this
20 vision, which I honestly thought was a little far out
21 there at the time, which was the idea of detecting many
22 or most cancers from a simple blood draw, something
23 that he called a pan-cancer test.

24 So the vision, which was pretty unique at the
25 time, was to be able to look for tiny fragments of

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1 cancer DNA in a patient's blood. And in that meeting
2 was the genesis for a partnership and a long-term
3 collaboration where we worked daily, weekly, monthly to
4 bring these tests to physicians and patients, so
5 Mayo Clinic and Dave Ahlquist was a critical part of
6 that. Dave, unfortunately, passed away.

7 Q. And how did Dr. Ahlquist's idea of looking for
8 these tiny fragments of cancer in DNA -- how did that
9 impact Exact Sciences' mission statement? Did that
10 relate at all?

11 A. It was -- it was the genesis of our mission,
12 was to detect cancer earlier, because -- and I'll never
13 forget in that first meeting Dave -- Dave just
14 explained it simply. And I didn't know a lot about
15 colon cancer.

16 He showed nine out of ten people diagnosed with
17 Stage I or II colon cancer survive five or more years,
18 whereas only one out of ten people diagnosed with
19 late-stage cancer survive five or more years, so the
20 whole goal is to shift detection from late stage, which
21 is largely where colon cancer is detected today, to
22 early stage where it's frequently surgery alone has
23 cured it with no chemotherapy. If diagnosed Stage I,
24 that's the typical treatment.

25 So that was the vision, and that has -- we've

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1 stayed true to that vision over the last twelve years.

2 Q. Mr. Conroy, what does that vision and that
3 mission statement mean to you personally as CEO and
4 chairman of Exact Sciences?

5 A. It's -- it is a joy to be able to come into
6 work every day to invest and work on new technologies
7 and new tests that can change outcomes and being able
8 to see that through over the last twelve years of
9 working on technologies that you actually bring to
10 patients.

11 Now we have screened over six million people
12 with Cologuard. Most of them, the majority, would
13 never have been screened. And the result of that, if
14 you model that out, is about 200,000 people with
15 precancerous polyps had those polyps removed, and about
16 30,000 people diagnosed with early stage, treatable
17 stage, colon cancer versus later stage, so it's -- it's
18 a joy to be able to come into work every day.

19 Q. And are you familiar with Exact Sciences' five
20 core values?

21 A. Yes, I am.

22 Q. Is innovation one of those values?

23 A. It is.

24 Q. What does innovation mean to Exact Sciences?

25 A. Innovation means looking at a complex problem

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1 and thinking about it in different ways, ways that
2 maybe others have never thought about solving those
3 problems, and then investing in a collaborative effort
4 to solve them, bringing together people of all
5 different perspectives and backgrounds and experiences
6 and skill sets to do so.

7 Cologuard is an example of that. Oncotype DX
8 is an example of that. These were far-out-there ideas
9 when first thought of, and so it is a core value to
10 constantly innovate and work with others internally and
11 externally so that you can make a difference in
12 people's lives.

13 Q. And you mentioned Oncotype and Cologuard.
14 Are you familiar with a product called
15 CancerSEEK?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What is CancerSEEK?

18 A. So CancerSEEK is a test that was developed by
19 Bert Vogelstein at Johns Hopkins. Bert --
20 Dr. Vogelstein is probably the preeminent researcher in
21 cancer, certainly in colon cancer and other cancers,
22 and he has devoted his life to this concept, like
23 Dr. Ahlquist, of earlier detection.

24 So he developed CancerSEEK within his own lab
25 and then ran clinical studies to demonstrate the

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1 ability from a single blood draw to detect cancer
2 earlier across many different types of cancer. And
3 that eventually became part of a company called
4 Thrive, a company which we invested in and later
5 acquired.

6 Q. And what impact does this acquisition of Thrive
7 have on Exact's core value of innovation?

8 A. In terms of CancerSEEK?

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. So CancerSEEK is an example of amazing
11 innovation. The way that the Vogelstein lab and team
12 thought about detecting cancer earlier was different
13 than the way that others had approached that.

14 We combined -- we are in the process of
15 combining the CancerSEEK approach with an approach that
16 we worked on at the Ahlquist lab and within
17 Exact Sciences to bring the best of both of those
18 technologies together so that we will, as we plan to,
19 bring the very best, most accurate test for multicancer
20 screening to physicians and patients.

21 Q. And you mentioned that CancerSEEK's approach to
22 early cancer detection was different.

23 Can you explain how it was different?

24 A. What --

25 Q. And I'll remind you we're in public session, so

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1 just if you're uncomfortable, I can ask that later.

2 A. No. Not at all.

3 In essence, what the CancerSEEK test does is
4 it looks for driver mutations, mutations in a
5 patient's DNA, in a particular organ, that would turn
6 that cell or cells into cancer cells. And there was a
7 curated approach to identifying the specific DNA
8 mutations -- and there was a lot of work that went into
9 that -- and a panel or a series of those mutations
10 coupled with proteins -- and there was a lot of work in
11 identifying which mutations and which proteins -- and
12 then building a test on next-generation sequencing
13 technology, the Illumina technology, and protein
14 detection technology that allowed you to accurately
15 find cancers with a high level of specificity, meaning
16 that -- a low false positive rate.

17 Q. And will this new --

18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hold on a second.

19 I'm noticing a lot of boxes on the Zoom
20 screen. And based on what I heard earlier, there is
21 more than one attorney on video for this witness.
22 Only the attorney who will be lodging any objections
23 should be on video. Otherwise, your video should be
24 off.

25 Thank you.

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1 MS. MUSSER: May I proceed, Your Honor?

2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.

3 MS. MUSSER: Thank you.

4 BY MS. MUSSER:

5 Q. You just testified about differences in
6 CancerSEEK's approach to detecting early stage cancer.
7 Did I get that right, Mr. Conroy?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Will this -- do you -- will CancerSEEK's
10 approach to detecting early cancer in patients be
11 beneficial for those patients?

12 A. It has the ability to do so. It may not be
13 beneficial to all patients, but to some patients with
14 cancer it has the ability to be very beneficial.

15 Q. And going back to innovation, that core value
16 that you described, how will the ability to bring
17 CancerSEEK to patients advance Exact's commitment to
18 innovation?

19 A. Our commitment to innovation is very
20 fundamental to who we are, this constant investment in
21 advancing whole new ideas for detecting cancer
22 earlier. And CancerSEEK was -- is a proven approach
23 in the sense that it ran a 10,000-patient clinical
24 trial prospectively, like in the normal way that you
25 would see a physician, and you got a sense for the

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1 performance of that test in its rudimentary form
2 because that -- the original version of CancerSEEK is
3 not the test that it is today.

4 So we have continued to innovate that original
5 version of CancerSEEK. It was first studied about
6 three, maybe even four years ago. And there have been
7 constant improvements made with the use of
8 next-generation sequencing technologies and other
9 technologies.

10 Q. And have those innovations improved the
11 CancerSEEK product?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Will those improvements benefit patients?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And does Exact plan on continuing to innovate
16 to continue to develop the CancerSEEK product?

17 A. Absolutely. Every day.

18 Q. And you also mentioned Cologuard.

19 Can you describe at a high level how Cologuard
20 works?

21 A. So Cologuard is relatively straightforward in
22 concept. It's a package that comes to your home with
23 a collection kit, and a patient collects a stool
24 sample and pours a preservative over that sample, and
25 it is sent back to our labs, where we test it for ten

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1 different biomarkers and we -- eleven, including a
2 protein biomarker, so ten DNA markers and one protein
3 marker. And that generates a score, and that score
4 translates into either a positive result or a negative
5 result.

6 A positive result is bad. You may -- you need
7 to get a colonoscopy. And a negative result is good in
8 that you can go back into the screening population and
9 get tested three years later.

10 Q. And is Cologuard FDA-approved?

11 A. Yes, it is.

12 Q. Was Cologuard the first product that Exact
13 obtained FDA approval for?

14 A. Yes, it was.

15 Q. Can you walk me through at a high level the
16 process of getting FDA approval for Cologuard?

17 A. We ran a 10,000-patient study where every
18 patient got a colonoscopy, got a Cologuard test, and
19 also got a fecal immunochemical test, what's called an
20 FIT test.

21 So the two tests that were used prior to
22 Cologuard mainly were colonoscopy and the FIT test.
23 And we were comparing against colonoscopy as a gold
24 standard, so that was considered truth, and the -- and
25 we were also comparing against the FIT test as a

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1 comparator test.

2 With that 10,000-patient study we were able to
3 demonstrate the accuracy of Cologuard and the relative
4 accuracy of the FIT test.

5 We submit all of that data to the FDA -- so the
6 study took over two years. There was about a year
7 submission process leading up to approval, so
8 altogether -- we started the process in 2009 of
9 developing a test, and in 2014 we received FDA
10 approval.

11 Q. And as part of that process, did Exact have to
12 provide the FDA information on Cologuard?

13 A. Extensive information.

14 So if you took all the binders of data that we
15 supplied to the FDA, you could stack them from the
16 floor to the ceiling twice. And then we had to provide
17 multiple sets, so there was actually a very large semi
18 truck which sent documents to the FDA, so it was
19 extensive documentation.

20 Q. And did Cologuard -- or did Exact need to
21 provide any information about Cologuard's suppliers?

22 A. Yes.

23 Our suppliers are critical to the process and
24 are -- the key suppliers are inspected by the FDA to
25 help ensure that the quality measures are put into

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1 place and being followed prior to FDA approval and
2 since FDA approval.

3 So the people at the FDA are tasked with a
4 really important goal of safety and efficacy, and the
5 quality of a product is part of that and the suppliers
6 are an absolutely critical part of that quality
7 assurance.

8 Q. And why did Exact decide to obtain FDA approval
9 for Cologuard?

10 A. As a screening test, it's -- it's -- it's
11 essential.

12 First of all, the FDA requires it.

13 Second of all, the -- Medicare will not pay for
14 a test that is not FDA-approved.

15 Physicians want to know that a test has been
16 proven to be safe and effective in the population that
17 they're going to use it, and they want to understand
18 the data, the performance data, of a test, so we never
19 seriously thought about bringing the test to market
20 through what's called a lab-developed test process
21 without FDA approval. It was all about FDA approval,
22 Medicare coverage, private insurance coverage. Those
23 were the goals.

24 Q. And during this process, did Exact work with
25 any consultants to facilitate the FDA approval?

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1 A. Yes. Many consultants. Biostatisticians,
2 regulatory consultants, so people who know that FDA
3 process extremely well, people who helped us set up the
4 quality systems, et cetera.

5 Q. And why did Exact decide to use consultants in
6 order to help with the FDA process?

7 A. There are people who are expert in working with
8 the FDA, in helping to design studies. It's very hard
9 to do that just internally. There -- so you want to
10 rely on the expertise of people.

11 For example, our biostatistician was somebody
12 who had been in front of 50 FDA panel meetings. And we
13 have never been in front of a panel meeting, so getting
14 that type of input and support and help is just
15 critical to having a smooth working relationship with
16 FDA.

17 Q. And did use of these consultants accelerate the
18 Cologuard FDA approval process?

19 A. They not only accelerated it, they helped
20 enable it.

21 Q. And I believe you earlier mentioned that Exact
22 has purchased a company called Thrive. Did I get that
23 right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. When did Exact purchase Thrive?

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1 A. We purchased Thrive -- I think the deal was
2 announced in -- I should know this -- October of 2020.
3 Late last year. And then it actually closed -- it
4 would have closed at the beginning of 2021 after
5 regulatory approvals.

6 Q. And prior to Exact's acquisition of Thrive, did
7 Exact invest in Thrive?

8 A. So we invested in Thrive a year, year and a
9 half before we announced the acquisition of Thrive. We
10 invested \$1 million. And then in June of 2020 we
11 invested I believe around \$5 million.

12 Q. And in June of 2020, after that second
13 investment, was Exact considering getting -- deepening
14 its relationship with Thrive?

15 A. Yes.

16 We were impressed with the work that they had
17 done over the course of that time period. We were very
18 impressed with their team and their science. They were
19 people that we felt we could work with over the long term.

20 And so we were getting to know each other. We
21 met periodically with the leadership of the company,
22 and we were impressed, so we wanted to deepen that
23 relationship. We didn't know what it would lead to at
24 the time, and -- but eventually it led to an
25 acquisition.

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1 Q. But you started that process -- when did you
2 start that process of deepening the relationship with
3 Thrive?

4 A. Well, it really started from the time we made
5 the million-dollar investment, and then periodically I
6 would meet with their CEO every few months. We would
7 talk to them. Our scientists would talk with their
8 scientists. And then over time it just gradually,
9 those interactions became more frequent.

10 Q. And when did Exact decide to purchase Thrive?

11 A. There was negotiation that occurred in
12 September -- well, let me take a step back.

13 It -- we -- the decision to acquire Thrive
14 occurred in a relatively short period of time in the
15 September-October time frame of last year, in part
16 because Thrive had to make a decision about whether
17 they were going to go public or -- or be acquired.

18 And we felt that a combined approach using our
19 technology and their technology would create the very
20 best multicancer screening test. And we felt that the
21 time to work on that was sooner rather than later so
22 that we could bring that test to the most people
23 possible as soon as possible.

24 So it was driven in large part by their
25 decision to have to go raise a lot of money, increase

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1 their valuation, and then be more difficult to join
2 forces with going forward, and so it was in that
3 September-October time frame, to make it short.

4 Q. And did Exact's acquisition of Thrive advance
5 its mission, which I believe you earlier described as
6 to eradicate cancer and the suffering it causes through
7 the early detection of cancer?

8 A. Yeah. We believe that it will.

9 Q. And do you know Dr. Lengauer?

10 A. I do.

11 Q. Where does Dr. Lengauer work?

12 A. He splits his time between Exact Sciences and a
13 venture capital firm and other projects.

14 Q. And what work does he do at Exact Sciences?

15 A. His focus is on the scientific advancement of
16 CancerSEEK, and he is deeply involved in that
17 development process.

18 Q. Was he involved in CancerSEEK's prior clinical
19 testing?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And is he familiar with technical
22 specifications of the CancerSEEK test?

23 A. Intimately.

24 Q. And do you consult with him when you have
25 questions about CancerSEEK technical specifications?

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1 A. Yes. Among other people, yes.

2 Q. And overall, what is your opinion of
3 Dr. Lengauer?

4 A. He's brilliant. He's a wonderful colleague.
5 He is tireless and he's committed to the cause, so it's
6 a joy to work with Christoph.

7 MS. MUSSER: All right.

8 And Judge Chappell, that concludes the public
9 part of my examination.

10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.

11 Mr. Marriott, would you like to do your public
12 cross at this time or hold it?

13 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, I think -- I think
14 it would make the most sense to hold it, if that's okay.

15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.

16 So, Ms. Musser, you're requesting in camera?

17 MS. MUSSER: Yes, Your Honor.

18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.

19 At this time we're going to go into an
20 in camera session.

21 The public who are calling in will be moved
22 into a waiting room. You will be brought back into the
23 courtroom after we go back to public session.

24 I need the lead or questioning counsel for each
25 party to view the list of participants on the Zoom

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1 screen and verify that there are no participants in the
2 courtroom who should not be there.

3 If there is anyone who should not be there,
4 they should -- you are to instruct them to use the
5 Raise Your Hand function on the Zoom screen, and
6 OpenExchange will move them into a waiting room.

7 Go ahead.

8 MS. MUSSER: Your Honor, other than the
9 individuals already raising their hand, I don't see
10 anyone else.

11 JADA: Hello, everyone that's raised their
12 hand -- oh, we've got one more. Just a moment.

13 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, it looks to me like
14 there may be a person still on from GRAIL,
15 Marissa Song.

16 THE WITNESS: Your Honor, may I take a
17 two-minute break? I just need to fix a contact.

18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead while we're wrapping
19 up the in camera situation. Go ahead.

20 JADA: All right. Everyone has been moved and
21 confirmed.

22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you, Jada.

23 (Whereupon, the proceedings were held in
24 in camera session.)

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1 (The following proceedings continued in
2 public session.)

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4 (Pause in the proceedings.)

5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right, thank you.

6 Proceed now with the public version of your
7 cross exam.

8 MR. MARRIOTT: Thank you, Your Honor.

9 CROSS EXAMINATION (cont.)

10 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

11 Q. Mr. Conroy, I would like to talk to you about
12 some of the clinical studies concerning CancerSEEK.
13 There are two published studies concerning CancerSEEK,
14 right?

15 A. Yes, I believe so.

16 Q. And the first study involving CancerSEEK was
17 published in the journal Science in 2018. Is that
18 right?

19 A. I -- I don't remember the journal, but if you
20 show it to me, I will be able to tell you whether
21 that's the one.

22 Q. Okay. And you recall that first study was
23 referred to as the Cohen study. Does that help?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Why don't we take a look at RX 3142 in

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1 evidence. This is the Cohen study. Do you see that,
2 Mr. Conroy?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. So the title of this study is "Detection and
5 localization of surgically resectable cancers with a
6 multi-analyte blood test."

7 Do you see that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And Joshua D. Cohen is listed among many
10 authors, right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, the Cohen study applied CancerSEEK to
13 100 -- to 1005 patients, correct?

14 A. That's what this paragraph says.

15 Q. And all of those patients had nonmetastatic
16 clinically detected cancers. True?

17 A. I don't know.

18 Q. Do you see here in the paper itself that it
19 says that those 1005 patients had "nonmetastatic
20 clinically detected cancers"?

21 A. I do see that, yes.

22 Q. And you recall that this study evaluated eight
23 different types of cancer, right?

24 A. You may want to -- I just want to be careful.
25 Do you want to ask me whether I read this study in

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1 detail? I just don't want to -- us to have this
2 back-and-forth.

3 Q. You recognize the Cohen study as one of the
4 first -- in fact, the first published study on the
5 CancerSEEK test, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you recognize this exhibit, RX 3142, in
8 evidence, as that study, right?

9 A. I recognize the -- this, yes.

10 Q. Okay. And you don't have any reason to
11 dispute, do you, sir, that this study focused on eight
12 cancer types?

13 A. No.

14 MS. MUSSER: Objection. Foundation.

15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Response?

16 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, I think the witness
17 already answered the question and said no, and it is
18 the first published study on a -- on a CancerSEEK test
19 about which we have now had hours of testimony.

20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll allow the answer.

21 Go ahead.

22 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

23 Q. And those specific cancer types -- withdrawn.

24 So the -- the Cohen -- the Cohen study,
25 Mr. Conroy, looked at eight cancer types: ovary,

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1 liver, stomach, pancreas, esophagus, colorectal, lung,
2 and breast. Do you see that?

3 A. I do see that.

4 Q. And to the best of your knowledge, it didn't
5 look at any other cancer. True?

6 A. I guess so. I remembered it also looking at
7 prostate, so I am questioning my own memory here. It
8 is three years ago, but I'll take it for what it says
9 here. I'm sure this is accurate.

10 Q. Okay. I want to ask you -- we talked a little
11 bit in an earlier session about the concept of
12 specificity and sensitivity. Do you remember that
13 discussion?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And the Cohen study found with respect to
16 CancerSEEK the following: It said that the median
17 sensitivities of CancerSEEK among the eight cancer
18 types evaluated was 70 percent, and it ranged from 98
19 percent in ovarian cancers to 33 percent in breast
20 cancers, right?

21 A. Yes. That's what this paper says.

22 Q. And it -- and at that sensitivity, the
23 specificity was greater than 99 percent. Do you see
24 that?

25 A. I do see that, yes.

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1 Q. The researchers on this test concerning
2 CancerSEEK could not be certain that the few
3 false-positive testing individuals identified among the
4 healthy cohort did not actually have an as-yet
5 undetected cancer. True?

6 A. That's what this says.

7 Q. And one of the most important attributes of a
8 screening test is the ability to detect cancers at
9 relatively early stages, right?

10 A. I agree with that statement, yes.

11 Q. And you would further agree, would you not,
12 that the median sensitivity of CancerSEEK among the
13 eight cancer types evaluated was 70 percent?

14 A. In this study, yes.

15 Q. And the Cohen study, it had several
16 limitations. Is that fair to say?

17 A. I think that is fair to say.

18 Q. And, in fact, they're acknowledged by the
19 authors, that the patient cohort in the study was
20 comprised of individuals with known cancers, most
21 diagnosed on the basis of symptoms of disease. Fair to
22 say?

23 A. Yes. That's a limitation.

24 Q. Okay. And moreover, most individuals in a true
25 screening setting would have less advanced disease,

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1 right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And another limitation here was that the
4 study's controls were limited to healthy individuals,
5 right?

6 A. Well, that's what this says. You know, I'm not
7 an expert on the actual study.

8 Q. Okay. But you understand that a true cancer
9 screening -- that in a true cancer screening setting,
10 some individuals might have inflammatory or other
11 diseases which could result in a greater proportion of
12 false-positive results than observed in the study,
13 right?

14 A. I -- I agree with that statement, yes.

15 Q. And in the Cohen study, the researchers were
16 not able to use a completely independent set of cases
17 for testing. True?

18 A. That appears to be true, yes.

19 Q. And the proportion of cancers of each type in
20 the cohort was not representative of those in the
21 United States as a whole. Fair to say?

22 A. That's usually the case with case-control
23 studies, and it appears to be the case here.

24 Q. And when weighted for the actual incidence in
25 the United States, the researchers here estimated that

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1 the sensitivity of CancerSEEK was 55 percent among all
2 eight cancer types, right?

3 A. That's what they said, yes.

4 Q. Okay, thank you. We can bring that down.

5 I want to ask you now about the DETECT-A study.
6 I'll show you RX 3419 in evidence. Do you see this,
7 Mr. Conroy?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And the title of this study is, "Feasibility of
10 blood testing combined with PET-CT to screen for cancer
11 and guide intervention."

12 Do you see that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And do you recall that this study was also
15 published in Science Magazine?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And it was published in July of 2020. Does
18 that sound right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So the -- this is referred to sometimes as the
21 Lennon study. Does that sound familiar?

22 A. Um-hum.

23 Q. Or the DETECT-A study. DETECT-A was an
24 exploratory prospective interventional study, correct?

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. And DETECT-A enrolled only women to attend to
2 ovarian cancer. True?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And the DETECT-A study used a three-step
5 testing process. Sound right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And that process was a baseline blood test and
8 a confirmation blood test and then imaging using a
9 PET-CT scan. True?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And the baseline test, that represented an
12 early version of CancerSEEK, right?

13 A. That is correct.

14 Q. And the confirmation blood test was given to
15 participants that scored positive on the baseline test,
16 right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And then diagnostic PET-CT imaging was used to
19 confirm the results of blood testing and to localize
20 the potential cancer, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Now, of the 10,006 participants who enrolled in
23 this study, 9 -- 9000 -- 9911 were actually tested,
24 right?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And of the 9911 participants, 490 scored
2 positive in the baseline test compared to the blood
3 test. True?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And of those, 134 tests were confirmed in a
6 confirmation test component. True?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And of those 134 participants with positive
9 blood testing, 127 were evaluated by imaging, right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And 64 of those 127 participants had imaging
12 results that were concerning for cancer. True?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And then of those 64 patients, 26 were
15 subsequently found to have cancer, right?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. So the baseline blood test and confirmatory
18 blood test missed 70 people with cancer, right?

19 A. Where does it say that?

20 Q. Well, is that true, sir, that the baseline
21 blood test and confirmatory test missed 70 people with
22 cancer?

23 A. I don't know.

24 Q. Why don't we look at page 1, the third column.
25 Do you see where it says, "Of the 96 cancers incident

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1 during the study period, only 26 were first detected by
2 blood testing"?

3 Do you see that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And that means that the baseline blood test and
6 confirmatory blood test missed 70 people with cancer,
7 right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. So the DETECT-A blood test identified only ten
10 cancers, right?

11 A. Ten types of cancers? Is that --

12 Q. Ten types of -- yes, and thank you for that
13 clarification. Ten types of cancers.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And those ten types -- as a matter of fact, why
16 don't we look at Figure A, which is on page 9 of the
17 report. The ten types of cancer identified were
18 appendix, breast, carcinoma, unknown primary origin,
19 colorectal, kidney, lung, lymphoma, ovary, thyroid, and
20 uterine, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And some of the patients were found to have
23 cancers not detected by the baseline blood test. True?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And, in fact, cancer didn't -- CancerSEEK did

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1 not detect six cancers by the baseline blood test: bile
2 duct, bladder, liver, pancreas, sarcoma, and stomach,
3 right?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Now, Mr. Conroy, the investigators here stated
6 that a source of potential harm associated with the
7 DETECT-A protocol was the radiation exposure from
8 diagnostic PET-CT scan, right?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And the diagnostic PET-CT confers a higher
11 radiation exposure than a standard CT. True?

12 A. Marginally, yes.

13 Q. And the study stated, in fact, that diagnostic
14 PET-CT is not well suited to be a primary screening
15 modality for the general population. Fair to say?

16 A. I agree with that, yes.

17 Q. And that's in part because of low disease
18 prevalence and a relatively high rate of incidental
19 findings in that setting, right?

20 A. I want to make sure I understand your question.
21 As a primary screening modality, yes. As a reflex to a
22 positive screening test, I -- no.

23 Q. And the reason it's not well suited to be a
24 primary screening modality is in part because of the
25 low disease prevalence and a relatively high rate of

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1 incidental findings in that setting, right?

2 A. Well, in addition to just doing a PET-CT on the
3 whole -- all adults over the -- a certain age, 100
4 million people, is financially and operationally
5 impractical.

6 Q. Okay. So there were also some limitations on
7 the DETECT-A study, right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And one of them was that the analysis only
10 considered the initial followup after the baseline
11 test. True?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And the researchers observed that the longer
14 followup will undoubtedly reveal more undetected
15 cancers, thereby increasing the number of
16 false-negatives, right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And another limitation of the study was that
19 not all enrolled individuals completed the prescribed
20 course. True?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And, finally, the -- the study only included
23 women and certain races and ethnicities, right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So in a single clinical trial, CancerSEEK has

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1 not found more than ten different types of cancer.

2 True?

3 A. That I don't believe is true.

4 Q. Okay. Well, in clinical trials, CancerSEEK has
5 never identified bone cancer, bladder cancer, cervix
6 cancer, head and neck cancer, or leukemia, correct?

7 A. I -- I don't know whether that's true or not.
8 It depends on your definition of "clinical trial." So
9 the answer is I don't know.

10 Q. Okay. So besides the Galleri test, Mr. Conroy,
11 no other multicancer test is yet on the market. True?

12 A. What do you mean by "multicancer test"?

13 Q. No other multicancer screening test for
14 asymptomatic patients is on the market, right?

15 A. Based on DNA? I don't believe so.

16 Q. Okay. And the success of the various early
17 cancer screening tests in development, that's going to
18 depend significantly on various scientific and
19 regulatory variables. Is that fair?

20 A. The long-term success? Yes, on a whole host of
21 variables, correct.

22 Q. Yeah. And each one of those variables -- each
23 one of those -- withdrawn.

24 Each one of those tests in development, they
25 could vary from one another, correct?

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1 A. They -- yes, correct.

2 Q. They can -- they can be different based on type
3 of cancer, right, that they detect?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And they can be different based upon the
6 technologies that they use, right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And these multicancer screening tests in
9 development may end up having different sensitivities
10 and specificities. True?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And different uses, right?

13 A. Yes, potentially.

14 Q. And some may be covered by payers and some may
15 not be covered by payers, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you can't say, as you sit here today, with
18 any certainty which of the tests in development will
19 actually come to market and be commercially successful,
20 right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. Now, I think you -- excuse me, I'm just trying
23 to make sure I can ask this question in a way that
24 respects the public forum in which we are.

25 Now, you would agree with me, would you not,

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1 sir, that CancerSEEK and Galleri may well turn out to
2 be complements for one another? Isn't that right?

3 A. I'm not sure how. Maybe you could explain.

4 Q. Well, some -- some patients could benefit from
5 taking both tests if and when both tests are available
6 on the market. Isn't that right?

7 A. I am -- I am a little bit at a loss here as to
8 how.

9 Q. All right. I'll withdraw the question,
10 Mr. Conroy.

11 Let's see if we can agree on a few things.
12 Developing a new and improved cancer test is a
13 speculative and risky endeavor, right?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Okay. You're sure about that?

16 A. Well, it's -- I'm answering the question as you
17 posed it, and that's all I'm supposed to do. So if
18 you -- it is risky. In terms of speculative, I would
19 say we work awfully hard to understand and narrow those
20 risks, but, yes, there are risks, and you can't
21 eliminate them.

22 Q. Okay. So --

23 A. So speculative and risky, I would say risky,
24 absolutely, yes.

25 Q. Okay. But you wouldn't agree that developing a

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1 new or improved cancer test is a speculative and risky
2 endeavor?

3 A. It -- it's risky is the way I would describe
4 it. Speculative to me implies something different.

5 Q. Would you agree with me, sir, that candidate
6 products that may initially show promise may fail to
7 achieve the desired results in large clinical trials?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And would you agree with me that they may not
10 achieve acceptable levels of accuracy?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And would you agree that results from early
13 studies or trials are not necessarily predictive of
14 future clinical trial results?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Let's take a look, if we could -- your company
17 is a public company, right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. So you make periodic statements to shareholders
20 about the operation of the business. True?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And you make every effort to be truthful and
23 accurate in those -- in those statements to your
24 shareholders, right?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. They count on you for that, right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. Let's take a look at Exact Sciences'
4 10-K dated 12/31/2020. Do you recognize this document,
5 Mr. Conroy?

6 MS. MUSSER: Mr. Marriott, is this PX or RX?

7 MR. MARRIOTT: I apologize. It is -- this is
8 RX 3197 in evidence.

9 MS. MUSSER: Thank you.

10 THE WITNESS: Where is the date on this?

11 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

12 Q. Well, that's a good question. We'll see if we
13 can highlight it for you.

14 A. Oh, it looks like June 30, 2020. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. So why don't we take a look, if we
16 could, at page 49. You signed this document, right,
17 sir?

18 A. I did.

19 Q. Okay. Take a look --

20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Can you please magnify that or
21 do I need to grab a magnifying glass?

22 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, I apologize. We
23 will magnify that.

24 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

25 Q. All right. Do you see, sir, where it says,

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1 "Developing new or improved cancer tests is a
2 speculative and risky endeavor"?

3 A. Yes, I do.

4 Q. That's what you told your shareholders, right?

5 A. That's what was in the 10-K, yes. Our lawyers
6 wrote this.

7 Q. Well, your lawyers are truthful and accurate in
8 their statements, are they not?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And that's a truthful and accurate statement.
11 True?

12 A. I've already answered that. I believe it's a
13 risky endeavor. In terms of speculative, I -- I've
14 already answered that.

15 Q. Okay. So you think this portion of your 10-K
16 was incorrect, correct?

17 A. I probably wouldn't have written it the same
18 way. I think the impact is minimal.

19 Q. Okay. We can take that down.

20 Would you agree with me, Mr. Conroy, that any
21 cancer screening test will need to demonstrate in
22 clinical studies a high level of accuracy?

23 A. What do you -- are you referring to sensitivity
24 or specificity?

25 Q. I'm referring to accuracy.

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1 Would you agree with me that any cancer
2 screening test will have to demonstrate in clinical
3 studies a high degree of accuracy?

4 A. Mr. Marriott, in clinical diagnostics, we don't
5 use the term "accuracy." We refer to sensitivity,
6 specificity, PPD and NPD. And so I don't -- I just
7 don't understand the meaning behind that word in the --
8 as it relates to a clinical diagnostic test.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. We can't put a number behind accuracy, but we
11 can put a number behind sensitivity, specificity,
12 negative predictive value, and positive predictive
13 value, and I can give you my opinion on each of those.
14 I have an answer. It's just not the one that you --
15 for the question you've asked, so...

16 Q. Why don't we take a look at your 10-K again.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Can we have page 49, please.

19 Do you see where it says in your 10-K, dated
20 12/31/2020, "Any cancer screening test we develop will
21 need to demonstrate in clinical studies a high level of
22 accuracy"?

23 Is that --

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. -- what you told your shareholders, Mr. Conroy?

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1 A. That is what's in the 10-K.

2 Q. And that's what you told your shareholders,
3 right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. We can bring that down.

6 Would you agree with me, sir, that cancer
7 screening tests seek to identify relatively rare
8 occurrences?

9 A. That's the hope, and the plan is for these
10 tests to be able to detect the aggregate prevalence of
11 cancer at some level of sensitivity and a reasonably
12 high level of specificity.

13 Q. And if a -- if a -- if a cancer -- withdrawn.

14 If a clinical study -- if -- I apologize. I
15 had a hard time getting that one out, Mr. Conroy.

16 If in a clinical study a candidate product
17 fails to identify even a small number of cancer cases,
18 the sensitivity rate may be materially and adversely
19 affected. True?

20 A. Even a small number of cancers may be
21 significantly material? Yeah, that could be true. It
22 depends on how many cancers there are in the
23 prospective study.

24 If there were two and you missed one, yes, you
25 would miss 50 percent. If there were 2000 and you

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1 missed one rare cancer, it would give you a very small
2 sensitivity hit.

3 Q. And any cancer diagnostic test will need to
4 address an unmet medical need with accurate performance
5 and utility, right?

6 A. Generally speaking, yes.

7 Q. And in developing your test, you may need to
8 explore a number of different biomarker combinations,
9 right?

10 A. We are, yes.

11 Q. And you may need to alter, you know, your
12 candidate products and platform technologies
13 accordingly, right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And you may need to repeat clinical studies
16 before you identify a potentially successful candidate,
17 right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Now, shifting gears a little bit, can we agree,
20 Mr. Conroy, that product development is expensive and
21 may take years to complete and can have uncertain
22 outcomes?

23 A. We can definitely agree on that.

24 Q. And we can further agree, I hope, that failure
25 can occur at any stage of development, right, sir?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And even -- and if, after development, a
3 candidate product appears successful, Exact may need to
4 obtain FDA and other regulatory clearances or approvals
5 before you can market the product, right?

6 A. You sound a lot like our lawyers. The answer
7 is yes.

8 Q. That's -- you know, I'll take that as a
9 compliment.

10 The FDA's clearance or approval pathways,
11 they're likely to involve significant time, right, as
12 well as additional research and development and
13 clinical study expenditures. True?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And at the end of the day, sir, there can be no
16 guarantee that the FDA would clear or approve any
17 future product or service that you may develop. True?

18 A. True.

19 Q. So you mentioned, I think, something about some
20 of these factors earlier. The commercial success of
21 your product, that's going to depend upon a variety of
22 factors, like acceptance in the medical community and
23 patient acceptance and demand, right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And it's going to depend upon coverage and

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1 reimbursement by third-party payers. True?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So is it -- is it accurate to say that
4 healthcare providers may be reluctant to prescribe and
5 patients may be reluctant to complete Exact's tests if
6 they're not confident that patients will be reimbursed
7 for those tests?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. I want to talk to you a little bit, Mr. Conroy,
10 about NGS sequencing, and you talked a little bit about
11 this on the confidential record. I am going to try to
12 do this in a way you're comfortable with on the public
13 record. If not, please let me know.

14 But you use, at Exact/Thrive, NGS sequencing
15 products, right?

16 A. No. We use Illumina next-generation sequencing
17 products. You said Thrive.

18 Q. Yeah, I apologize. Thank you for correcting me
19 on that.

20 A. See, I'm paying very close attention to you.

21 Q. Well, I appreciate that. That's what I think
22 everyone expects.

23 So you talked a little bit about your use of
24 Illumina sequencing products on the closed record. Am
25 I right that you are familiar with the other sequencing

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1 providers that exist in the marketplace?

2 A. I think any discussion of other next-generation
3 sequencing technology should be in camera, but
4 generally speaking, I am familiar with some of the
5 additional next-generation sequencing products.

6 Q. Okay. Well, I will -- I will persevere with a
7 few, and if you feel like we need to go in camera,
8 please just raise your hand.

9 A. Sure.

10 Q. BGI has an NGS sequencer. True?

11 A. I believe they do.

12 Q. And at present, as you understand it, BGI is
13 enjoined from selling in the United States, right?

14 A. I believe that's accurate.

15 Q. But BGI would be a replacement for Illumina's
16 NGS sequencing technology if BGI's products were
17 available in the United States. True?

18 A. I don't know that. Let me ask you, what do you
19 mean by "replacement"? Replacement for CancerSEEK?

20 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, I think the prudent
21 thing here to do is let me just hold this line of
22 questions so we can go in camera. I tried, but I'm
23 afraid it's going to be hard to do this in a way that
24 is going to make Mr. Conroy feel comfortable.

25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You realize we were in camera

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1 before?

2 MR. MARRIOTT: I do. I had hoped we
3 wouldn't have to -- I will finish the rest of what I
4 have here, but given the answers that I've got here, I
5 think I probably need to go in camera. But I can do it
6 at the end if that's okay.

7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: It will have to be at the end,
8 but also I'll point out, the witness said he thought
9 questions about sequencers should be in camera, but if
10 he's talking about Illumina, you're Illumina's
11 attorney, you should know that or not, right, what you
12 can get into?

13 MR. MARRIOTT: Well, I'm not concerned about
14 any of this, Your Honor, I think it is public, but it
15 sounds like the witness has a different view, and I
16 just don't want to run afoul of anyone's claimed
17 confidentiality.

18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Mr. Conroy, you understand any
19 concerns regarding to Illumina, this is their attorney.
20 He wouldn't ask if it was their concern. Do you
21 understand that?

22 THE WITNESS: I do understand that. We are
23 under NDA with a number of other companies, and I just
24 want to be very careful to respect that.

25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That's fine. I just wanted to

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1 make sure it went beyond Illumina.

2 Go ahead.

3 MR. MARRIOTT: All right. So I will -- in view
4 of that, I will skip that section, and apologies, but I
5 guess we will have to come back to that a little bit
6 later.

7 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

8 Q. In any case, Mr. Conroy, I suppose we can agree
9 you are not an expert in sequencing, right?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. You have never been trained on a sequencer?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Never used a sequencer?

14 A. Nope.

15 Q. Don't know the specs of Illumina's sequencers
16 or anybody else's for that matter, right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Okay. So I want to talk to you a little bit
19 about Illumina's open offer. You were asked some
20 questions about that earlier. You're a lawyer, right?

21 A. Not any longer, I am not. I was trained as a
22 lawyer, correct.

23 Q. You were trained as a lawyer. You litigated
24 for nine years; you were four years in-house. Correct?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Okay. No contract's perfect, we can agree on
2 that, can't we?

3 A. I think we can agree on that.

4 Q. And no contract can address all potential
5 issues that might eventualize over a long term, right?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. But that doesn't stop Exact from entering into
8 contracts all the time, right?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. Now, I think you said earlier that you thought
11 there were some costs associated with enforcing a
12 contract. There are also costs associated with not
13 entering into contracts, right?

14 A. What do you mean by that?

15 Q. Well, you view entering into a long-term supply
16 agreement with your suppliers as important to your
17 business. True?

18 A. Our long-term suppliers are important to our
19 business.

20 Q. And you'd like to have a long-term supply
21 agreement with Illumina, right?

22 A. I don't want to talk about this on this record.

23 Q. Okay. Well, when Illumina and GRAIL -- when
24 Illumina -- when the Illumina/GRAIL transaction was
25 announced, it was your expectation that Exact could

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1 reach a long-term supply agreement that would be in the
2 mutual best interests of both Illumina and Exact,
3 right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you knew Mr. Francis deSouza, the CEO of
6 Illumina at the time, right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And you liked him, right?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. And you met with him on a bunch of different
11 occasions and had a bunch of different conversations
12 with him, right?

13 A. Several times and several conversations, yes.

14 Q. And you had what you thought was a good
15 relationship with him that you thought could translate
16 into a productive partnership. True?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you still think today it's possible to have
19 a productive partnership with Illumina, right?

20 A. Theoretically that's possible, yes.

21 Q. And you have not -- you understand Illumina's
22 made an open offer, right? We've talked a little bit
23 about that.

24 A. I understand they have made an open offer. I
25 don't remember the two of us talking about the open

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1 offer.

2 Q. Well, you -- that open offer, that includes a
3 12-year supply contract for Illumina's current and
4 future sequencing products sold in the United States.
5 You know that much, right?

6 A. I do, yes.

7 Q. And that open offer gives Exact -- it would
8 give Exact, if Exact were to enter into it, a
9 unilateral right to terminate the supply relationship
10 with Illumina for any reason. True?

11 A. I don't know the details to that level of the
12 open offer.

13 Q. Well, do you know that the open offer includes
14 a guarantee for supply of products?

15 A. I don't know that -- to that level of
16 specificity.

17 Q. Do you know that the open offer commits
18 Illumina to providing Exact the same products and
19 support services for purchase to which GRAIL or any
20 other for-profit entity has access?

21 MS. MUSSER: Objection. Foundation.

22 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, the question was "do
23 you know."

24 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll allow it.

25 THE WITNESS: I haven't read the full open

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1 offer. It's only been described to me by counsel.

2 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

3 Q. Okay. And do you know whether the open offer
4 commits Illumina to providing Exact access for purchase
5 to any pre-release sequencing product to which GRAIL or
6 any for-profit entity is offered access?

7 A. I don't know.

8 Q. Okay. Do you know whether the open offer
9 provides the opportunity for Exact to enter into a
10 separate development agreement on commercially
11 reasonable terms, including the design or modification
12 of any supply product?

13 A. I don't know.

14 Q. Do you know whether it prohibits Illumina from
15 discontinuing any supply product so long as Exact
16 continues to purchase that product?

17 A. I don't know.

18 Q. Is it true, sir, that the open offer requires
19 that in the event of a supply shortage, Illumina must
20 allocate existing supply in any equitable manner and
21 not favor GRAIL?

22 A. I don't know.

23 Q. So you haven't read the open offer, right?

24 A. That's what I just testified to.

25 Q. Yes. And so you don't actually know what

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1 Illumina is or isn't offering in the open offer, right?

2 A. I know aspects of the open offer that my
3 counsel has communicated to me.

4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Let's take a short break here,
5 a short break. We'll reconvene at 5:05. We're in
6 recess.

7 (A brief recess was taken.)

8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, we're back on the
9 record. Continue.

10 You are muted, Mr. Marriott.

11 MR. MARRIOTT: You would think I would get
12 better at this by now. Thank you, Your Honor.

13 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

14 Q. Mr. Conroy, before the break --

15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you see "muted" on your
16 screen when you look at it?

17 MR. MARRIOTT: I do, Your Honor. It was
18 blocked, so -- I do see it.

19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I have a headset, so I have a
20 mute button, and the reason I don't unmute sometimes,
21 when I mute from my headset, I'm muted, but it doesn't
22 show up on my screen.

23 MR. MARRIOTT: I have had that problem, but
24 this one I just wasn't looking, so I can't use that
25 excuse here, but I do know what you mean.

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1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Timing-wise, I am hoping that
2 we can finish this witness today?

3 MR. MARRIOTT: I am absolutely hopeful of that
4 as well, Your Honor.

5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead. I am sure he is,
6 too.

7 MR. MARRIOTT: We all are, Your Honor. It's
8 been a long day.

9 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

10 Q. Before the break we were talking about the open
11 offer, and I understand it sounds like you haven't read
12 it. I want to ask you whether you were aware that the
13 open offer has provisions concerning intellectual
14 property.

15 A. I assume, as most supply agreements do, that it
16 does. I don't know the substance of that agreement.

17 Q. Why don't we take a look at it. It's PX 0064
18 in evidence. I want to point you to Section 9(a),
19 which is, as you can see, titled "Intellectual
20 Property."

21 Do you see that, Mr. Conroy?

22 A. I do see that.

23 Q. And do you see by this provision, the open
24 offer provides a "nonexclusive, nontransferable,
25 personal, non-sublicensable right under Illumina's Core

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1 IP to use the Supplied Products"?

2 A. I do see that.

3 Q. And do you have any understanding as to whether
4 the open offer prevents Illumina from ceasing shipment
5 of products for infringement of applications-specific
6 IP?

7 A. I would have to read that section of the
8 agreement.

9 Q. Why don't we take a look at that particular
10 provision, which is in 9(b). Do you see here it says,
11 "In no event will Illumina have the right to cease
12 shipping of the Supplied Product solely on the basis of
13 any alleged claim of infringement of any intellectual
14 property rights of Illumina"?

15 A. I do read that, yes.

16 Q. And that's a -- that's a provision you'd like
17 to have, right?

18 A. What is the definition of a "Supplied Product"?

19 Q. Well, without -- without going down what is
20 something of a -- something of a complexity with -- I
21 won't torture us with it at whatever time it is, 5:05,
22 but would you like to have, sir, a right --

23 A. You're asking me a very specific question about
24 a legal document and expecting me to answer it. I -- I
25 will go back to saying that these are matters that our

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1 lawyers look into, negotiate. If you want me to opine
2 on particular provisions, I -- my only response would
3 be I would have to ask our counsel.

4 Q. Okay. Exact/Thrive does not have any rights to
5 the GRAIL intellectual property, right?

6 A. We do not.

7 Q. You don't have an IP license of any kind from
8 GRAIL. True?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And as far as you know, Exact/Thrive doesn't
11 have confidential information about Illumina's
12 proprietary products or reagents, right?

13 A. Not to my knowledge.

14 Q. And Exact/Thrive has never had -- you can take
15 that down, Mike.

16 Exact/Thrive has never had any expectation that
17 it would be given access to GRAIL's IP as a mechanism
18 to develop the CancerSEEK test, right?

19 A. As a mechanism to develop the CancerSEEK test?
20 No, I don't believe so.

21 Q. Now, on the open offer, sir, you do understand
22 that it includes various pricing protections, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And can we agree that Illumina has brought down
25 its prices since 2013?

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1 A. I wasn't a customer in 2013, so I can't answer
2 that with any specific knowledge.

3 Q. Okay, fair enough.

4 As part of the transaction here, Illumina has
5 committed not to increase prices on current products
6 for a 12-year term. You understand that, right?

7 A. What I understand is there's a certain discount
8 for a certain period of time and a further discount at
9 a further period of time down the road.

10 Q. Why don't we take a look at the open offer in
11 Section 5(c), and I'm asking you specifically now about
12 commitments not to increase price. Do you see under
13 Section 5(c) here, titled, "No Price Increases"?

14 A. I see that, yes.

15 Q. And does that -- does that -- is it consistent
16 with your understanding that Illumina has agreed not to
17 increase prices for a 12-year term under the open
18 offer?

19 A. I think they -- their proposal is to increase
20 prices every year based on inflation, and then to --
21 but to otherwise structure a discount based on volume
22 and a discount that would further occur at certain
23 volume levels at a future date. That's the -- my
24 understanding of the open offer.

25 Q. All right. Do you see where it says, "The

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1 inflation-adjusted (based on the Bureau of Labor
2 Statistics Analytical Laboratory Instrument
3 Manufacturing Index) in the Producer Price Index
4 ('PPI') Volume Based Net Price (under Appendix 1) that
5 customer shall have access to each supplied product
6 purchased under this supply agreement over the 12-year
7 term of this supply agreement shall not increase."

8 Do you see that?

9 A. I read that as you read it, yes.

10 Q. And, in fact, as part of the transaction here,
11 Illumina has committed to lower the volume-based net
12 price per gigabase of sequencing 43 percent by 2025.

13 Do you understand that?

14 A. I'd have to take a look at the price grid.

15 Q. Well, why don't we take a look at Section 5(d),
16 as in dog, of the agreement. Do you see that
17 highlighted text, sir?

18 A. I just read it.

19 Q. Okay. And you understand from having just read
20 it that Illumina has committed to lower the
21 volume-based net price per gigabase of sequencing 43
22 percent by 2025, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, I want to ask you -- I want to ask you a
25 little bit about audit rights, something we talked

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1 about before. You understand that the open offer
2 requires that Illumina submit to an annual compliance
3 audit?

4 A. I think I've testified now repeatedly that I
5 haven't read the agreement, so I -- I don't know what
6 audit rights exist or don't.

7 Q. Okay. You're not an expert, in any case, in
8 audit rights, right?

9 A. I'm experienced in audit rights being in
10 agreements, but I wouldn't describe myself as an
11 expert, no.

12 Q. And that's because you have a number of
13 agreements in which you include audit rights. Isn't
14 that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. Have you ever done an audit, Mr. Conroy?

17 A. Have I ever been involved in an audit?

18 Q. Have you ever done an audit?

19 A. Personally? I think I have a long time ago.

20 Q. Now, is it true that Exact/Thrive does not
21 currently share any strategic plans with Illumina?

22 A. No. No, we don't. Yes, it's true.

23 Q. No, you don't. And you don't currently share
24 any pricing plans with Illumina. True?

25 A. That's true.

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1 Q. And you've never tried to purchase data from
2 Illumina, right?

3 A. I haven't. I don't know if anybody on our team
4 has.

5 Q. And you have no plans, so far as you know, to
6 purchase any data from Illumina in the future, right?

7 A. As far as I know, no.

8 Q. So let me -- let me ask you this, sir. Under
9 current law, you're not allowed to offer a lab -- you
10 are allowed, rather -- let me withdraw that question.

11 Under current law, you are allowed to offer a
12 lab-developed test without FDA approval, right?

13 A. Yes, in certain situations. You can't just
14 offer it. It's not that simple, but there is a path
15 towards making a lab-developed test available, yes.

16 Q. But from a practical perspective, getting paid
17 under Medicare without FDA approval would be
18 impossible, right?

19 A. For a screening test that -- as we understand
20 CMS to interpret CMS rules, regulations, and the
21 underlying statute, correct.

22 Q. And getting paid by commercial payers without
23 FDA approval would be improbable, right?

24 A. Broadly speaking, correct.

25 Q. And it would, in fact, be very challenging for

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1 an MCED test to become viable long-term if it were
2 ineligible for Medicare reimbursement, correct?

3 A. It would be viable only as a niche product
4 because most individuals are not willing to pay for
5 things out of pocket in the U.S., so correct.

6 Q. And reimbursement is going to depend on a lot
7 of factors, right, including the sufficiency of the
8 sensitivity and specificity of the test, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And it will depend on whether the test is
11 reliable, safe, effective, and medically necessary.
12 True?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Cancer screening is one of the leading causes
15 of death in the United States, right? I'm sorry, bad
16 question. Withdrawn.

17 Cancer is one of the leading causes of death in
18 the United States, right?

19 A. Yes. It is the number two cause of death; the
20 number one cause of death for people 85 or under.

21 Q. And detecting cancer early is, in your
22 judgment, critical, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. It can't be overstated, right?

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. And we can agree, can we not, that the majority
2 of cancers are discovered too late?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And finding cancer early is important because
5 by the time symptoms appear, the cancer can have grown
6 and spread, right?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. So screening cancer can find evidence of
9 disease early when cancer is asymptomatic. True?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And that can change everything if you find it
12 early, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Now, by detecting cancer earlier, surgical
15 costs are lower. True?

16 A. Typically, yes.

17 Q. And treatment costs are lower, right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And the odds of survival increase
20 significantly, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Is it also right, Mr. Conroy, that the current
23 cancer screening options are limited?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And USPSTF, which we've talked about, only

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1 currently recommends screening for four types of
2 cancer, right?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And that's lung, breast, colorectal, and
5 cervical. True?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. And the majority of cancers have no screening
8 options at all, right?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. The widespread adoption, sir, of an MCED test,
11 a multicancer early detection test, will save lives.
12 Do you agree with that?

13 A. I do agree with that.

14 Q. But the MCED market does not currently exist.
15 True?

16 MS. MUSSER: Objection. Calls for an expert
17 opinion.

18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Respond or rephrase.

19 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, I think the witness
20 talked at some length about his perception of the
21 supposed market in earlier testimony. I'm not looking
22 for an expert opinion. I'm looking for his knowledge
23 and understanding as the chairman and CEO of
24 Exact/Thrive.

25 MS. MUSSER: If I may respond, Your Honor?

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1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.

2 MS. MUSSER: The market in antitrust, of
3 course, has a very precise definition as to what
4 comprises a market, and so to the extent that
5 Mr. Marriott is asking for his opinion of a market
6 definition, we would object as improper expert
7 testimony.

8 MR. MARRIOTT: And I'm asking in his lay
9 understanding of the term "market" Your Honor.

10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That wasn't in the pending
11 question, so you will need to rephrase and give him a
12 little more info on what you're asking.

13 MR. MARRIOTT: Fair enough. Happy to do that.

14 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

15 Q. You would agree, would you not, sir, that the
16 MCED market, as you would use that term as a layperson,
17 does not currently exist, correct?

18 A. What about the Galleri test which is presently
19 being offered?

20 Q. I'm afraid you need to answer my question as
21 opposed to ask a question.

22 A. Well, I believe there is a nascent market that
23 has begun once Galleri became available.

24 Q. Okay. Can we take a look at your deposition,
25 Mr. Conroy? Page 98, Counsel, lines 18 through 20.

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1 Do you see, sir, where it says:

2 "QUESTION: Now, that market"-- referring, if
3 you look up, to the MCED market -- "does not exist,
4 correct?

5 "ANSWER: No."

6 Did you give that answer to that question,
7 Mr. Conroy?

8 A. I don't -- I may have. I don't know the timing
9 of this relative to the Galleri launch.

10 Q. Okay. We can take that down, please.

11 You don't know -- withdrawn.

12 The acceleration of any MCED test will save
13 lives. True?

14 A. The acceleration of any test will save lives.
15 You know, first of all, I -- and I have to answer this
16 because I'm in the public. As a CEO of a company that
17 is regulated by the FDA, one thing we don't do is talk
18 about saving lives as it relates to a specific test,
19 and there are reasons for that.

20 So because of that, I think I just need to
21 answer -- you need to rephrase the question or I can't
22 answer it, lest I get in trouble with the FDA.

23 Q. Well, I'm happy to try to rephrase it.

24 Is it your testimony, sir, that you cannot say
25 whether the accelerated adoption of an MCED test would

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1 save lives?

2 A. I wouldn't make that claim about our test -- I
3 wouldn't claim that our MCED test would save lives in a
4 public -- making a public claim. Do I -- do I believe
5 that early cancer detection tests would have the net
6 effect of earlier detection and saving lives? Yes, but
7 it's important for me to answer this question this way,
8 which is as a company offering screening tests, we
9 don't make claims that we save lives.

10 Q. Thank you, Mr. Conroy.

11 Your Honor, I have nothing further in the
12 public session. I can try to be brief about what I
13 have in the in camera session.

14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Any redirect on the public
15 version?

16 MS. MUSSER: Yes. Yes, Your Honor.

17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.

18 REDIRECT EXAMINATION (cont.)

19 BY MS. MUSSER:

20 Q. Do you recall, Mr. Conroy, that Mr. Marriott
21 asked you some questions about the open offer?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you testified that you haven't read the
24 open offer. Did I get that right?

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. Is the supply agreement that Exact is
2 negotiating with Illumina different than the open
3 offer?

4 A. We have an NDA in place with Illumina, so I --
5 I will say yes; however, I just want to request, Your
6 Honor, that any specific questions relating to our
7 negotiations with Illumina be maintained in in camera
8 session.

9 MS. MUSSER: And, Your Honor, I don't need to
10 go into it any further, so we can stay public if that's
11 okay with --

12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.

13 BY MS. MUSSER:

14 Q. And who on behalf of Exact has been negotiating
15 with Illumina?

16 A. Our chief financial officer, COO, Jeff Elliott,
17 and Scott Coward, our general counsel.

18 Q. And is it fair to say that those individuals
19 would be the best persons to ask about the specifics of
20 those negotiations?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. MARRIOTT: Objection. Leading.

23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Rephrase.

24 BY MS. MUSSER:

25 Q. Who would be the -- yes, Your Honor.

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1 Who would be the best people to ask about the
2 specifics of Exact's negotiation with Illumina?

3 A. Jeff Elliott and Scott Coward.

4 Q. And do you recall being asked about the Cohen
5 and DETECT-A studies in your conversations with
6 Mr. Marriott?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did the Cohen study use the current version of
9 CancerSEEK when conducting that study?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did the DETECT-A study use the current version
12 of CancerSEEK when detecting -- when conducting that
13 study?

14 A. No.

15 Q. And did the Cohen study use the same clinical
16 trial design as the trial design planned for the SOAR
17 study that Exact will be submitting for FDA approval?

18 A. No.

19 Q. How is it different?

20 A. The DETECT-A study studied only women, so that
21 is one example of a difference. It was only in one
22 health system, Geisinger. It was a smaller study. I
23 think those are the -- it studied a different
24 population in that the SOAR study will also study
25 higher risk patient populations rather than average

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1 risk patients.

2 Q. And do you know if any other company has
3 conducted a prospective interventional design -- case
4 study designed like DETECT-A?

5 A. I believe that GRAIL is in the process of doing
6 a prospective study in a high-risk population. That
7 hasn't been peer-reviewed yet, but it, as I understand
8 it, is unlike DETECT-A in that it is a more narrow
9 population.

10 Q. And what type of studies has GRAIL published
11 data on that you're aware of?

12 A. Case-control studies.

13 Q. How does that differ from a prospective
14 interventional design like DETECT-A?

15 A. So --

16 MR. MARRIOTT: Objection. Foundation. Calls
17 for expert testimony.

18 MS. MUSSER: Your Honor, may I respond?

19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.

20 MS. MUSSER: Mr. Marriott showed Mr. Conroy two
21 different studies throughout the course of his
22 examination, so I'm simply following up on those
23 questions that Mr. Marriott asked, with additional
24 questions as to other related studies.

25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, I will sustain the part

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1 requiring more of a foundation.

2 MS. MUSSER: May I proceed, Your Honor?

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.

4 BY MS. MUSSER:

5 Q. Mr. Conroy, do you know how GRAIL's previous
6 study differs from the DETECT-A study?

7 A. Yes, I do, and am intimately familiar with
8 case-control studies and prospective studies. It's an
9 integral part of my job and has been for 15 years.

10 Q. And based on that 15 years of experience, can
11 you explain the difference between a case-control study
12 and a prospective study?

13 A. Yes. A case-control study is simply a way to
14 describe a study where samples are collected from
15 patients after they've already been diagnosed with
16 disease. Those are the cases.

17 And the controls are people that are different
18 than those cases. They are people typically without
19 disease and -- or without the same disease that is in
20 the cases, at least.

21 In case-control studies, sensitivity is
22 significantly -- typically significantly better because
23 the cases that you find are typically later stage, and
24 sensitivity of DNA tests are typically more sensitive
25 for patients with larger, more distributed metastasized

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1 cancer, because there's more that gets into the blood.

2 Prospective study, conversely, is kind of
3 all-comers. You go to your doctor's office, you sign
4 up for a study, and you get a blood tube drawn before
5 you know whether you have cancer, and then there is
6 some other means of determining whether cancer exists.

7 For example, in the DETECT-A study, that means
8 of determining whether cancer existed was a PET-CT or a
9 -- 12 months later, did a patient have symptoms leading
10 to a workup leading to a finding of cancer.

11 Q. Based on your 15 years of experience working
12 with these types of studies, is it fair to compare the
13 sensitivity results of a prospective study as well as a
14 case -- to a case-control study?

15 A. No, it is not.

16 Q. Why not?

17 A. Because case-control studies almost always have
18 higher sensitivities -- and typically slightly better
19 specificities, but especially on the sensitivity
20 side -- in a case-control study than in a prospective
21 study. That's well known and understood.

22 Q. Can you please pull up RX 3142-4, and if you
23 could zoom in on the second column, starting with,
24 "Last," in the middle of the page.

25 Mr. Conroy, do you recall being asked about the

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1 first part of this sentence, "Last, the proportion of
2 cancers of each type in our cohort was purposefully not
3 representative of those in the United States"?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And I don't believe you were asked about the
6 second half of the sentence, but the second half of the
7 sentence goes on, "as a whole because we wanted to
8 evaluate at least 50 examples of each cancer type with
9 the resources available to us."

10 Why did Exact or Thrive at the time want to
11 evaluate at least 50 examples of each cancer type with
12 the resources available to them? Do you know?

13 A. Yeah. Well, first of all, I believe this study
14 was done by a group of researchers, including Bert
15 Vogelstein, and Thrive was not the study sponsor. So
16 it was an academic study.

17 Secondly, they wanted to power the study with a
18 sufficient number of cancers so they could get a
19 reasonable read on the sensitivity for each cancer, and
20 in our field, we tend to look at the number 50 as a --
21 giving you a reasonably solid statistical view of
22 sensitivity.

23 And so that's -- that's why there were 50 here
24 or that's why they limited it to cancers where they
25 could go and find 50 patients with those cancers.

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1 MS. MUSSER: I have no further questions in the
2 public portion.

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Anything further?

4 MR. MARRIOTT: Nothing here, Your Honor, not in
5 the public portion anyway.

6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. At this time, we are
7 going to need to go into in camera session to complete
8 the -- before we do that, I want to talk about
9 scheduling while we're on the public record.

10 Next week we are in court on the 9th and 10th.
11 The following week, we are not in court on the 16th,
12 and I'm waiting to hear from the parties about the 14th
13 and 15th. I'm available if you have witnesses.

14 We're not in court September 22nd, and I have
15 an update on the last week of September. We're going
16 to be in court on the 30th, no court on the 29th, and
17 on the 28th, that's a Tuesday, we're going to end trial
18 at 3:45 p.m. on the 28th of September.

19 So just to reiterate, end at 3:45 on the 28th,
20 no trial on the 29th, but we do have trial on the 30th
21 and October 1st.

22 Any questions?

23 MR. MARRIOTT: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

24 MS. MUSSER: No, Your Honor.

25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.

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1 At this time, we will need to go into in camera
2 session, and for the public who are still on the line,
3 I'm going to recess trial as soon as this witness
4 finishes in in camera, just so you know.

5 The public who are calling in will be moved
6 into a waiting room. You will be brought back into the
7 courtroom after we go back into public session. I need
8 the lead or questioning counsel for each party to view
9 the list of participants on the Zoom screen and verify
10 that there are no participants in the courtroom who
11 should not be there.

12 If there is anyone not authorized, you are to
13 instruct that person to use the raise hand function on
14 the Zoom screen. Open Exchange will then move that
15 person into a waiting room. Go ahead.

16 JADA: No one has raised their hand and the
17 public line has been moved.

18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. And the public line has
19 been muted?

20 JADA: That is correct.

21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. We are in in
22 camera session. I'm sorry, go ahead.

23 MS. MUSSER: Your Honor, I'm sorry. I see a
24 Martin Yost from GRAIL and a Marcus Curtis from GRAIL,
25 and I apologize if -- I don't know if those two should

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1 be in camera.

2 MS. RATHBUN: They are both with Latham &
3 Watkins, so they are allowed to be in camera.

4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I couldn't understand that.

5 MS. RATHBUN: They are both with Latham &
6 Watkins, outside counsel for GRAIL, and are allowed to
7 be in the Zoom session.

8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right, thank you.

9 So we are ready to proceed. We are now in
10 camera.

11 (Whereupon, the proceedings were held in
12 in camera session.)

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2 public session.)

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4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Mr. Conroy, thank you. You're
5 excused. You may stand down.

6 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: We will reconvene tomorrow at
8 09:45.

9 Anything further?

10 MR. MARRIOTT: Nothing here, Your Honor.

11 MS. MUSSER: Nothing from Complaint Counsel,
12 Your Honor.

13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: We are in recess.

14 MR. MARRIOTT: Thank you, all.

15 MS. MUSSER: Thank you.

16 (Whereupon, at 5:49 p.m., the hearing was
17 adjourned.)

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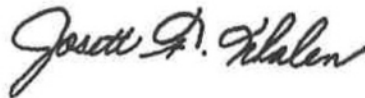
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and) Docket No. 9401
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Respondents.)
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3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: We're back on the record.

4 Anything before we have the next witness?

5 MS. MUSSER: Yes, Your Honor. If I may, I just
6 wanted to provide an update on your inquiry yesterday
7 about the scheduling for the 14th and 15th.

8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Right.

9 MS. MUSSER: So I just wanted to inform the
10 court and I informed respondents this morning that
11 complaint counsel does have witnesses that it will be
12 able to call on the 14th. Those will be our final
13 witnesses on the case, so after we complete our
14 examinations that day, we will plan on resting our
15 case, with the exception of the trial depositions that
16 are being scheduled.

17 So I don't know if we'll have a full day,
18 Your Honor. We'll be able to provide a more fulsome
19 update later, but we would anticipate at least going
20 through the morning.

21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. That's tentative based
22 on how we go between now and then.

23 MS. MUSSER: Yes, Your Honor.

24 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. Thank you.

25 Anything further?

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1 MR. MARRIOTT: Nothing here, Your Honor.

2 MS. MUSSER: Nothing from complaint counsel.

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. Call your next

4 witness.

5 MS. MUSSER: My colleague Nick Widnell will be
6 calling our next witness today. Thank you.

7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.

8 MR. WIDNELL: May it please the court.

9 Nicholas Widnell for complaint counsel,
10 Your Honor, and complaint counsel calls
11 Dr. Alexander Aravanis.

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13 Whereupon --

14 ALEXANDER ARAVANIS

15 a witness, called for examination, having been first
16 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Proceed when ready.

18 MR. WIDNELL: My apologies, Your Honor. We
19 have a slight height difference and we're just
20 adjusting the camera a little bit.

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22 DIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. WIDNELL:

24 Q. Dr. Aravanis, could you please state and spell
25 your full name for the record.

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1 A. Sure. My first name is Alex, A-L-E-X; last
2 name is Aravanis, A-R-A-V-A-N-I-S.

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Is it Alex or Alexander?

4 THE WITNESS: My full legal name is Alexander.

5 BY MR. WIDNELL:

6 Q. And before we start, is there any reason you
7 would be unable to provide complete and accurate
8 testimony today?

9 A. No.

10 Q. All right.

11 Also, just as a preliminary matter, I just
12 want to kind of walk through the testimony you've
13 given in the investigation and in this litigation
14 because I'll be referring to different parts of your
15 testimony, and I just want to make sure we're all on
16 the same page.

17 Do you recall giving testimony in your personal
18 capacity in an investigational hearing or IH on
19 March 19, 2021?

20 A. I do, yes.

21 MR. WIDNELL: And that, Your Honor, is -- that
22 transcript is PX 7065 and has been admitted on JX 2.

23 BY MR. WIDNELL:

24 Q. And also during the investigation, do you
25 recall giving testimony on behalf of Illumina pursuant

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1 to rule 2.7 on March 30, 2021?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 MR. WIDNELL: Okay. And Your Honor, that is
4 PX 7073, which is also admitted pursuant to JX 2.

5 BY MR. WIDNELL:

6 Q. And then finally, during the actual litigation,
7 do you recall giving testimony on June 25, 2021, both
8 in your personal capacity and as a representative or on
9 behalf of Illumina?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. Okay. And the testimony you gave on behalf of
12 Illumina was pursuant to rule 3.33; correct?

13 A. Yes, that's correct.

14 MR. WIDNELL: And Your Honor, that
15 transcript, both the personal testimony and the
16 rule 3.33 testimony, is PX 7104, also on the record
17 pursuant to JX 2.

18 THE REPORTER: Mr. Widnell, you're going to
19 need to watch with the paper shuffling. It has to be
20 really right near your microphone, so it's interfering
21 with what's being said. Just be careful.

22 MR. WIDNELL: I will try and at least have a
23 pause while I'm turning pages, which is one thing I can
24 avoid. Otherwise, I'll try not to have any noise.

25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: It's also a problem if you

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1 turn pages while the witness is answering. If you
2 still want to shuffle pages, you can wear a headset
3 with a microphone.

4 MR. WIDNELL: Yes, sir. Let me see if I can do
5 this without it interfering, and if it turns out to be
6 a problem, I'll switch to a headphone.

7 BY MR. WIDNELL:

8 Q. Dr. Aravanis, you were first employed by
9 Illumina in 2013; correct?

10 A. Yes. That's right.

11 Q. And during your first period of employment with
12 Illumina, your title was senior director of research;
13 is that correct?

14 A. Yes. Yeah, that's right. Uh-huh.

15 Q. And you were also one of the cofounders of
16 GRAIL; is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And as a cofounder of GRAIL, you were involved
19 in the -- in some of the early research and
20 development of technology relevant to GRAIL; is that
21 correct?

22 A. Yes. That's right. Uh-huh.

23 Q. And you were involved in preparing the business
24 plan for GRAIL; is that correct?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And you were also involved in the operational
2 aspects of creating GRAIL as an independent company; is
3 that correct?

4 A. Yeah. That's right.

5 Q. And one reason to form GRAIL as an independent
6 company was it -- is that it would allow GRAIL to
7 attract the best talent; is that right?

8 A. Yeah. There's more to it, but yes, that's
9 correct.

10 Q. Okay.

11 And another reason was because GRAIL would have
12 greater speed and agility; right?

13 A. Yes. For -- for certain aspects of
14 development.

15 Q. Okay.

16 And another reason was because of the high
17 investment involved; is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And that was because GRAIL could attract
20 outside investors if it was a standalone company; is
21 that right?

22 A. Yes, that's right.

23 Q. Okay.

24 And another reason was that Illumina had a
25 lower risk tolerance than GRAIL as an independent

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1 company might have; is that correct?

2 A. Yes, that's correct. There's I think a lot of
3 context there, but that's basically correct.

4 Q. And by creating a standalone company, Illumina
5 gave early notice to Illumina's customers that Illumina
6 intended to participate in the cancer early detection
7 space; is that correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay.

10 And that was important because otherwise
11 Illumina's customers could respond negatively to the
12 discovery that Illumina was launching a clinical
13 product; is that correct?

14 A. No. I don't think that's correct.

15 Q. Okay.

16 Is it the case that the reason that you just
17 agreed to is related to concerns about Illumina
18 competing with customers?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you a document that's
21 marked PX 2007.

22 And if we could turn to the -- oh, yeah.

23 So to start out with, Your Honor, this document
24 is submitted pursuant to JX 2 and is Plaintiff's
25 Exhibit PX 2007.

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1 And Dr. Aravanis, if you look at the header of
2 the email, do you see that you're one of the recipients
3 of this email?

4 A. Yes. I see my name.

5 Q. All right. Go to -- yeah.

6 So that email was forwarding a draft
7 presentation that, among other things, has this slide
8 in it.

9 Do you see the "ScreenCo: Why form a new
10 company?"

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. And ScreenCo was the name that Illumina
13 was using for GRAIL at the time; is that correct?

14 A. Yeah. Correct.

15 Q. And if you look on the right-hand side, there's
16 a column that says, "Separate entity help protects
17 Illumina downside."

18 Do you see that?

19 A. Uh-huh. Yes.

20 Q. And then the last entry in that column is
21 "Competing with customers: Reduce tension by giving
22 early notice that we intend to play in this space."

23 Do you see that?

24 A. I do.

25 Q. So at least some people at Illumina involved in

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1 forming GRAIL had a concern about how forming GRAIL
2 could effect concerns by Illumina's customers that
3 Illumina was competing with its customers; is that
4 correct?

5 A. I don't think so. No.

6 Q. All right.

7 A. I'm happy to explain.

8 Q. Please.

9 A. Yeah. Since no company was developing cancer
10 screening let alone multicaner early detection at the
11 time, there was no concern of competing with
12 customers.

13 I think there may have been some concern that
14 maybe initially, you know, a customer might be confused
15 about that, and so it was to -- I believe the
16 notifications were to give them a heads-up and just
17 clarify that this application was completely novel and
18 had no overlap with products that they were developing
19 and commercializing.

20 Q. And by giving that notice, Illumina would be
21 conveying that there was no cause for concern for
22 customers?

23 A. I think it was to just clarify that this was a
24 completely novel product in a novel space.

25 Q. So how did giving that notice help protect

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1 Illumina from a downside? What was the downside that
2 was being protected?

3 A. I don't know if there was a downside. We just
4 wanted to clarify with customers that, you know, what
5 was -- what GRAIL was going to develop was a completely
6 different product.

7 Q. So I guess the reason why I used the term
8 "downside" is because that's the header at the top of
9 that column, "Separate entity help protects Illumina
10 downside."

11 Do you see that?

12 A. I do, yes.

13 Q. So do you agree that at least some people
14 involved in forming GRAIL thought there was some kind
15 of downside related to potentially competing with
16 customers?

17 A. No. I think that -- and I didn't write this
18 slide, but perhaps someone thought a downside -- there
19 would be a downside if there was confusion about what
20 GRAIL was doing, and someone might misinterpret it as
21 competing, but since there was no, you know -- the
22 GRAIL product doesn't compete with anything, you know,
23 in actuality, there is no reason to be concerned.

24 Q. Okay. Thank you.

25 And just -- we can take that down.

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1 And just continuing with sort of your career
2 trajectory, around this time you also left to go to
3 GRAIL; is that correct?

4 A. So I joined GRAIL in 2016.

5 Q. And your title at GRAIL was chief science
6 officer; is that correct?

7 A. Eventually I was promoted to chief scientific
8 officer. That wasn't my initial title.

9 Q. What was your initial title?

10 A. Vice president of research and development.
11 Uh-huh.

12 Q. And GRAIL at the time was focused purely on an
13 early detection cancer test; is that correct?

14 A. Yes. That's right.

15 Q. And at that time was GRAIL controlled by
16 Illumina?

17 A. Can you -- could you be clearer what you mean
18 by "controlled."

19 Q. So did Illumina have the ability to make
20 important decisions for GRAIL?

21 A. So the -- the board at GRAIL, upon the founding
22 of the company, had I believe more board members that
23 were independent of Illumina than Illumina had, so if
24 that's what you mean by "controlled," then I would say,
25 you know, no.

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1 Q. Did Illumina have the ability to determine what
2 products GRAIL would research?

3 A. I don't believe so. No.

4 Q. I'm going to show you a document that is marked
5 PX 2186.

6 Your Honor, this is a document that is admitted
7 pursuant to JX 2.

8 And if we could zoom in on the -- so first off,
9 do you see, Dr. Aravanis, the middle email on this
10 document is an email from you?

11 A. Yes, I see that.

12 Q. And then can we go to the bottom of the page.

13 So in that email, you wrote, "Much of the large
14 R&D and infrastructure investment for non-screening
15 applications is the same as screening. Foregoing [sic]
16 the large, early commercial opportunities for all the
17 non-screening indications seems like a bad business
18 move, but if generating revenue is not important early
19 on, I guess it's okay."

20 What were you saying there?

21 A. So could I provide some context?

22 Q. Absolutely.

23 A. So the company wasn't officially spun off
24 until March of 2016, so this was when -- this was
25 prior to the company being spun off. There were

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1 discussions about -- again, before it was an
2 independent company, about, you know, should it solely
3 focus on screening, should it also consider developing
4 some other products, and so this was a -- you know,
5 a -- you know, an active discussion.

6 Ultimately, we determined that it made sense
7 for it to completely focus on cancer screening. And
8 that was a decision by GRAIL, you know, not -- not
9 Illumina.

10 You know, so what you're showing here is part
11 of a larger discussion about should the business --
12 should GRAIL's business be a hundred percent focused on
13 screening or mostly focused on screening and some other
14 things. You know, ultimately we again came to the
15 conclusion at GRAIL it should be completely screening,
16 and I agreed with that.

17 Q. Can we go to the second page and actually the
18 bottom section that starts "On February 4, 2016."

19 Can you read that or would it help for us to
20 blow that up?

21 Let's just blow up a bit more, actually the
22 rest of the text on that page.

23 So this is a part of that email chain. This is
24 an email from Rick Klausner.

25 Was Rick Klausner also a founder of GRAIL?

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1 A. Yes, he was. Uh-huh.

2 Q. And before that, he was at Illumina and he was
3 the chief medical officer; is that correct?

4 A. Yes, that's correct.

5 Q. Okay.

6 And he is talking to -- about a conversation he
7 had with Jay.

8 Would Jay be Jay Flatley, the CEO of Illumina?

9 A. Yes. That's right.

10 Q. And he says, "I talked to Jay about the
11 question of whether GRAIL has the right under our
12 agreement to commercialize 'liquid biopsy' assays as an
13 LDT. Jay was clear and said 'no'...only screening..."

14 So is it the case that while in the process
15 of (inaudible due to noise).

16 So is it the case that while Illumina was
17 creating GRAIL, Illumina and GRAIL entered into an
18 agreement whereby GRAIL could only investigate
19 screening?

20 A. No. That's not correct.

21 Q. So just to be clear, you're saying that you are
22 not aware of any agreement between Illumina and GRAIL
23 from this time period that limited the products that
24 GRAIL could research and develop.

25 A. That's correct.

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1 I don't believe GRAIL ever had a restriction on
2 the products it could research, develop and
3 commercialize. There may have been specific supply
4 agreements with certain terms for only certain,
5 you know -- that could be applied to certain products
6 or not, but there was never, to my knowledge, any
7 actual restriction on what GRAIL could pursue.

8 Q. And do you have any reason to doubt that
9 Mr. Flatley told Dr. Klausner that GRAIL could only
10 research and develop screening products?

11 A. So my recollection about the context here is
12 that this was specific to the rights to develop
13 products using a particular supply agreement but not
14 for GRAIL in general.

15 Q. Okay.

16 So the supply agreement you're referring to is
17 the supply agreement between GRAIL and Illumina to
18 provide sequencing?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay.

21 And if we could go up to what's number 4 I
22 think on the...

23 So the paragraph, do you see it, "If there is
24 only a price advantage for screening, why does Illumina
25 own and control the majority of GRAIL and get a

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1 20 percent royalty?"

2 A. Yes, I see that.

3 Q. So at least at this time, what was contemplated
4 was that Illumina would own and control the majority of
5 GRAIL; is that correct?

6 A. So I don't agree with the word "control"
7 because GRAIL had a -- it was an independent company
8 with an independent board. But I think you are correct
9 that Illumina owned the majority of GRAIL when it was
10 initially spun out.

11 Q. And just to be clear, this is an email that you
12 actually wrote yourself; is that right?

13 A. It is, yes.

14 Q. Okay. Thank you.

15 I'd like to continue along your career
16 trajectory.

17 I believe relatively recently you moved to
18 Illumina. Is that correct?

19 A. Yes. That's right.

20 Q. So you left GRAIL in around May of 2020; is
21 that right?

22 A. Yeah. That would be right.

23 Q. And you started on June 1, 2020 as the
24 chief technology officer at Illumina; yes?

25 A. Yeah. Uh-huh.

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1 Q. And as chief technology officer, you're part of
2 the executive team at Illumina?

3 A. I am.

4 Q. And as chief technology officer, you're
5 familiar with the technical aspects of Illumina's
6 products; is that right?

7 A. Yes, I am.

8 Q. And that would include Illumina's sequencer,
9 the NovaSeq sequencer?

10 A. Yes, it would.

11 Q. And the NovaSeq is Illumina's sequencer that
12 has the highest throughput; is that correct?

13 A. Yes. That's right.

14 Q. At least currently. In terms of what's
15 available on the market today.

16 And the NovaSeq contains different flow cells;
17 is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Was the question does the NovaSeq have
20 different flow cells?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. Yes, it does have different flow cells.

23 Q. And the difference between different flow cells
24 used on the NovaSeq is that they have different
25 outputs; is that right?

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1 A. Yes, that is right.

2 Q. And the NovaSeq using the S4 flow cell in
3 particular has the highest output; is that right?

4 A. Yes, that's right.

5 Q. And flow cells have nanowells on their surface;
6 is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And a nanowell is an individual well that is
9 very small, where the sequenced DNA is located; is that
10 right?

11 A. Yes, that's right.

12 Q. Okay.

13 And just to make sure everyone knows, what is
14 sequenced DNA?

15 A. Did you say "what is sequenced DNA?"

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. So it's DNA that's been sequenced. What
18 "sequenced" means is that the individual letters in
19 that DNA molecule have been deciphered or read out.

20 Q. And what is the significance of having
21 sequenced DNA in a nanowell on the flow cell?

22 A. Could you be more specific. What do you mean?

23 Q. I'm hoping for just a brief explanation of
24 exactly what it is or what is the purpose of having DNA
25 sequenced in a nanowell on a flow cell, what's the

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1 practical use of that for the sequencer.

2 A. Are you asking what the -- what the value is of
3 DNA sequencing?

4 Q. No. I'm just asking about the mechanism of
5 what -- how sequenced DNA contributes to the mechanism
6 of sequencing.

7 A. Are you asking how DNA sequencing works?

8 Q. With respect to particularly sequenced DNA in
9 the nanowell. Yes.

10 A. Yeah.

11 So the DNA molecule to be sequenced that's in
12 the nanowell, you know, is -- it's stuck in that
13 nanowell, and then there's a series of chemistries and
14 associated pictures taken that read out the sequence
15 for that sequenced molecule, and so by isolating it in
16 an individual well, that individual molecule sequence
17 can be separately read and recorded.

18 Q. Okay.

19 And going back to the S4 flow cell, the
20 S4 flow cell has over ten billion nanowells; is that
21 correct?

22 A. I think ten billion is the maximum. Yeah.

23 Q. So do you recall testifying in your deposition
24 that the S4 flow cell has north of ten billion
25 nanowells?

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1 A. I don't recall saying that. If I did, a more
2 accurate statement would have been ten -- ten billion.

3 Q. Can we pull up that.

4 So I'm going to show you -- this is from your
5 deposition -- page 121 lines 8 to 19.

6 So I think in your answer it's apparent that
7 you were saying there are actually slightly more than
8 ten billion nanowells; is that correct?

9 A. That's what it says here. You know, a more
10 accurate statement would be, you know, ten billion.
11 That would be the correct statement.

12 Q. So if you look at the paragraph just above the
13 one that's highlighted, "So, you know, order of
14 magnitude, you know, I would say it's ten billion, but
15 there are some additional wells beyond the number that
16 are sequenced," do you see that?

17 A. Yep.

18 Q. So it's actually -- the number of nanowells is
19 slightly more than ten billion; is that correct?

20 A. Yeah. What I was trying to do here -- and I
21 perhaps wasn't clear -- is that, you know, often all
22 of the -- so I think the distinction here is what is
23 the maximum amount of usable nanowells that produce
24 data versus additional nanowells that are just part of
25 the process but, you know, end up -- end up not being

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1 usable, so, you know, it could be the -- so I think the
2 distinction is are you talking about the -- the maximum
3 number of usable wells? That's ten billion.

4 If you're saying physically are there other
5 nanowells that -- you know, on the surface but that
6 don't produce usable data, indeed there's probably
7 more.

8 Q. Okay. Thank you. That's helpful.

9 And going back to the S4 flow cell, the S4 flow
10 cell can generate up to ten billion single-ended reads
11 then; is that right?

12 A. Yes, that's right.

13 Q. Okay.

14 And a NovaSeq can run two S4 flow cells at
15 once; is that right?

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. And the run time for a NovaSeq using two
18 S4 flow cells is 44 hours?

19 A. That sounds right.

20 Q. So the NovaSeq running two S4 flow cells can
21 generate 20 billion reads in one run; is that right?

22 A. That's right.

23 MR. WIDNELL: Your Honor, the remainder of my
24 direct examination covers subject matter that
25 respondents have identified as being proprietary and

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1 competitively sensitive or subject matter discussed in
2 transcripts and documents that have been granted
3 in camera status by the court. Therefore, I request
4 to move in camera before continuing my direct
5 examination.

6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: If you're well-versed, you can
7 mute when you cough or sneeze.

8 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'll do my best.

9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.

10 Mr. Widnell, are you familiar with the last
11 in camera order which was issued in this case?

12 MR. WIDNELL: Yes, Your Honor. Yes. And --

13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You've applied it to your
14 questions regarding that, along with that?

15 MR. WIDNELL: I have.

16 Also in conjunction -- well, actually, I should
17 back up.

18 My -- the last in camera order I'm aware of is
19 for the second motion or -- has there been one that --
20 more recent than that? I may have missed something
21 this morning or -- or yesterday if something came out
22 then. But otherwise --

23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm pretty sure one came out
24 this morning on the third motion.

25 MR. WIDNELL: The third motion? Okay. I have

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1 not actually had a chance to review that.

2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: This is where we are. And I
3 haven't committed them to memory. The one on Illumina
4 resolved everything except the depositions and IHTs. And
5 there's one on GRAIL that will come out soon, and my
6 intent is it will do the same thing, because the
7 requested information for IHTs and depositions was still too
8 broad.

9 So I don't know how much that would affect
10 what you're doing. But the number of documents that
11 have been requested were brought down under a
12 thousand.

13 MR. WIDNELL: A lot of the reason for lines of
14 questioning being in camera or us making that call is
15 related to the deposition testimony. But I can take a
16 quick look and see -- I could probably --

17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hang on.

18 Did you say a lot of it is regarding the depo
19 testimony?

20 MR. WIDNELL: That's right.

21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That's unresolved.

22 MR. WIDNELL: Yes.

23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: So just so we're clear, the
24 one I issued was Illumina. The one on GRAIL is
25 pending. I think a reply I saw for the first time this

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1 morning, so that one is pending. But the depositions/IHTs
2 are still unresolved.

3 So with that, we will go to in camera session.

4 The public who are calling in will be moved
5 into a waiting room. You will be brought back into the
6 courtroom after we go back to a public session.

7 I need the lead or questioning counsel for each
8 party to view the list of participants on the Zoom
9 screen and verify that there are no participants in the
10 courtroom who should not be there.

11 If there is anyone who is not authorized to be
12 in the in camera session, you are to instruct that
13 person to use the Raise Hand function on the Zoom
14 screen.

15 And I've noticed that a lot of people are
16 hitting the Raise Hand function on their own, which is
17 good.

18 Once the Raise Hand function is hit,
19 OpenExchange will move that person into a waiting
20 room.

21 Go ahead.

22 MR. WIDNELL: Just to be clear, we don't see
23 any issues at this point. Are we all set?

24 MR. MARRIOTT: Let me -- I think -- if I may, I
25 think the -- since we're talking about Illumina

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1 information, it sounds like the Illumina in-house
2 lawyers I think are fine. It looks to me like there
3 are still some GRAIL in-house lawyers who may need to
4 be removed, Ms. Song and -- and I may be missing
5 others, so perhaps someone from GRAIL could help me,
6 but I certainly recognize Ms. Song's name.

7 MS. RATHBUN: Ms. Song is the only GRAIL
8 in-house counsel --

9 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. We can't hear you.
10 There's too much echoing.

11 MS. RATHBUN: Sorry. One moment.

12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Perfect echo chamber.

13 MR. MARRIOTT: Well, it's actually amazing,
14 Your Honor, we've had very little of that, so the
15 echo --

16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Right. That was classic.
17 That was like yelling from the rim of the
18 Grand Canyon.

19 MR. MARRIOTT: Liven up our Friday.

20 (Pause in the proceedings.)

21 MS. RATHBUN: Hey, Everyone, is that better?

22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Much better. Thank you.

23 MS. RATHBUN: Ms. Song is the only in-house
24 counsel for GRAIL on, so as soon as she's removed we
25 should be all set.

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1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. Waiting for Jada or
2 Scott to let me know.

3 SCOTT: The public line has been moved and
4 Marissa has been moved, so if that's all there is, then
5 you should be good to proceed, Your Honor.

6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Who's Marissa?

7 MR. MARRIOTT: That's Ms. Song.

8 SCOTT: Yeah.

9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Oh, okay.
10 All right. So we're ready?

11 SCOTT: Yes, Your Honor.

12 (Whereupon, the proceedings were held in
13 in camera session.)

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1 (The following proceedings continued in
2 public session.)

3 JADA: All right, Your Honor. It looks like
4 everyone is back connected.

5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. Go ahead when
6 ready.

7 MR. MARRIOTT: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.

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9 CROSS-EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

11 Q. Good morning, I guess still it is,
12 Dr. Aravanis.

13 A. Yeah. Good morning.

14 Q. Would you remind us, please, of your current
15 role at Illumina.

16 A. Yeah. I'm the chief technology officer at
17 Illumina, and I'm responsible for research and product
18 development.

19 Q. And how would you describe for the court what
20 you do in that role?

21 A. Yeah.

22 So I direct the research and product
23 development programs, manage the teams that are
24 developing -- you know, doing the research projects and
25 product development, help develop our strategies in

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1 those areas, and participate as a member of the
2 executive team representing research and development.

3 Q. So how big is the R&D team today?

4 A. Approximately 1800 people.

5 Q. And how long have you been head of R&D at
6 Illumina?

7 A. About three months.

8 Q. Is that head of R&D or is that product
9 development?

10 A. The product development portion. My role
11 expanded about three months ago to include product
12 development. I've been at Illumina and been as the CTO
13 longer than that.

14 Q. When did you become chief technology officer at
15 Illumina?

16 A. In June of 2020.

17 Q. So let's talk a little bit about your
18 educational background if we could.

19 Do you have an undergraduate degree?

20 A. Yes, I do.

21 Q. And what is your undergraduate degree?

22 A. It's a -- I have a bachelor's of science in
23 electrical engineering, computer science and physics.

24 Q. And from where did you get that degree?

25 A. The University of California at Berkeley.

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1 Q. Okay.

2 Do you have any graduate degrees?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. And tell the court if you would, please, what
5 graduate degrees you have.

6 A. I have a master's of science in electrical
7 engineering, a Ph.D. or a doctorate in electrical
8 engineering, and I also have a medical degree.

9 Q. And where did you get your master's, your Ph.D.
10 and your M.D.?

11 A. At Stanford University.

12 Q. And were you awarded any fellowships?

13 A. Yes, I was.

14 Q. And tell us if you would, please, what
15 fellowships were you awarded.

16 A. I was awarded the National Science Foundation
17 fellowship and the Stanford Graduate fellowship.

18 Q. Could you give the court an example or two of
19 the research that you've done in neuroscience.

20 A. Yes.

21 While at Stanford, I invented a technique
22 called optogenetics. This is a technique that allows
23 the circuits of the brain to be mapped to understand
24 diseases of the brain.

25 Q. And how about diagnostics? Give us an example

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1 or two of any research you've done in diagnostics.

2 A. Yeah. I developed an at-home diagnostic for
3 fertility testing and thyroid hormone testing.

4 Q. Do you have any professional publications?

5 A. Yes, I do.

6 Q. And on what subjects have you published?

7 A. I've published on cancer detection, new
8 methods for DNA sequencing, discoveries in
9 neuroscience. I've published on medical devices,
10 medical diagnostics.

11 Q. So turning to your professional career before
12 Illumina, would you just list for us -- and then maybe
13 I'll ask you about them -- just list for us the jobs
14 that you had after graduating from Berkeley but before
15 starting at Illumina.

16 A. Sure.

17 I've worked at Hewlett-Packard laboratories,
18 Lawrence Berkeley laboratories, Pria Diagnostics,
19 EPOC Biosciences, and Sapphire.

20 Q. What was Pria Diagnostics?

21 A. Yeah.

22 So that was a company developing an at-home
23 diagnostic for fertility testing and thyroid hormone
24 testing.

25 Q. And what did you do there?

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1 A. Yeah. I oversaw their research and product
2 development.

3 Q. What's EPOC Biosciences?

4 A. Yeah. It was a company developing a medical
5 device for use in the intensive care unit to monitor
6 very ill patients.

7 Q. And what did you do at EPOC?

8 A. Yeah. I oversaw the research and development
9 of that product.

10 Q. Okay. And finally, what is Sapphire? Tell us
11 more about that, please.

12 A. Yeah. Sapphire was a company developing
13 synthetic biology tools. This is a biotechnology that
14 helps discover new genes or genes that could be related
15 to disease or, for example, plant yield.

16 Q. And what was your role at Sapphire?

17 A. I was the chief scientific officer.

18 Q. And how long were you at Sapphire?

19 A. About five years.

20 Q. Did you have occasion while you were at
21 Sapphire to use NGS sequencing?

22 A. I did.

23 So I -- I used multiple NGS sequencing
24 technologies as part of the research and development.

25 Q. When did you first join Illumina?

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1 A. In early 2013.

2 Q. And so tell us how it is that you came to join
3 Illumina in early 2013.

4 A. Yeah. As a user of Illumina's sequencing
5 technology, I got to know some of the research and
6 development team at Illumina, including the
7 chief technology officer. That relationship led to the
8 offer of a position at Illumina.

9 Q. And what role did you take upon joining
10 Illumina?

11 A. I was a scientific -- or a senior director of
12 research.

13 Q. So give the court if you would a flavor for the
14 duties and responsibilities that you had as senior
15 director of R&D.

16 A. Yeah.

17 So I was responsible for directing and managing
18 research projects.

19 Q. And at the time, what was the size of the R&D
20 organization that you led?

21 A. About a hundred individuals.

22 Q. And what technologies were you responsible for
23 or applications?

24 A. I was responsible for many, developing new
25 sequencing approaches for, you know, therapy selection

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1 in cancer, new approaches for noninvasive prenatal
2 testing.

3 I also worked on improvements to fundamental
4 sequencing technologies, new sequencing chemistries,
5 new sequencing detection methods, new materials for
6 using sequencing, and also development of software to
7 analyze sequencing data.

8 Q. Could you give us an example of one of the
9 projects you worked on.

10 A. Yeah. One project was to develop a
11 comprehensive approach to genomic profiling of cancer
12 or a single assay that could test for all of the major
13 mutations related to therapy selection in cancer.

14 Q. Did you have any role in the formation of GRAIL
15 by Illumina?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. And what was your role?

18 A. I was one of the cofounders of the company.

19 Q. And besides yourself, who else do you identify
20 as a cofounder of GRAIL?

21 A. Jay Flatley, who was the chairman of the board
22 of Illumina at that time; Rick Klausner, who was the
23 chief medical officer at Illumina at that time; and
24 also Mostafa Ronaghi, who is the chief technology
25 officer at Illumina.

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1 Q. When was GRAIL initially formed?

2 A. It was initially formed in late 2015.

3 Q. We'll come back to GRAIL, but did there -- in
4 some more detail, but did there come a time when you
5 left Illumina?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. When was that?

8 A. That was in March of 2016.

9 Q. Okay. And what was your reason for leaving
10 Illumina in March of 2016?

11 A. I left to join GRAIL.

12 Q. So how long had you been at Illumina when you
13 decided to leave to join GRAIL?

14 A. Yeah. A little over three years.

15 Q. And why did you decide after a little over
16 three years at Illumina to leave for GRAIL?

17 A. The opportunity at GRAIL was an extraordinary
18 professional opportunity, and I also had personal
19 reasons.

20 Q. So what were the personal reasons why you left
21 Illumina for GRAIL?

22 A. My father had recently died of cancer, and my
23 mother had been diagnosed with multiple cancers,
24 including a late-stage cancer. I believed at the time
25 that the type of cancer that she had, you know, might

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1 be -- there's a potential to detect it early if we
2 could succeed at GRAIL and so hopefully could help
3 other families in the future not have to deal with a
4 late-stage cancer diagnosis.

5 Q. What role did you assume upon joining GRAIL?

6 A. I was the vice president of research and
7 development.

8 Q. So tell us if you would, please, what were your
9 duties and responsibilities as vice president of R&D at
10 GRAIL.

11 A. I developed the research and development
12 program at GRAIL, so, you know, all of the research and
13 development activities, experiments.

14 I also, you know, built and managed and led the
15 research and development team.

16 Q. And how long did you serve as vice president of
17 R&D at GRAIL?

18 A. A few years.

19 Q. Can you give His Honor some examples of the
20 kinds of projects you worked on as VP of R&D at GRAIL?

21 A. Sure.

22 So one very important initial research project
23 was to understand the signals in the blood related to
24 cancer, so we started a study to collect the blood from
25 15,000 individuals with and without cancer and with

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1 different types of cancer so we could understand,
2 you know, in lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, ovarian
3 cancer what the signals looked like in the blood and
4 whether any of these signals might be useful for cancer
5 detection, simultaneously also evaluated many technical
6 approaches for, you know, detecting those variety of
7 signals.

8 So I was responsible for all of this
9 fundamental research to understand if what GRAIL set
10 out to do, multicancer early detection, would be
11 possible; if so, what signals to use and what
12 technology to use in developing a product.

13 Q. I think you said you served as VP of R&D for a
14 few years.

15 What did you do next?

16 A. I was promoted to chief scientific officer.

17 Q. And when was that?

18 A. I don't remember the exact date. It was a few
19 years after we started the company.

20 Q. What were your duties and responsibilities as
21 chief scientific officer at GRAIL?

22 A. It included all the duties that I had as
23 vice president of research and development. It
24 expanded to also include the laboratory operations and
25 the clinical development also.

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1 Q. And how long did you serve as chief scientific
2 officer of GRAIL?

3 A. A few years.

4 Q. Did there come a time then when you left
5 GRAIL?

6 A. Yes. I left GRAIL in May of 2020.

7 Q. And why did you do that?

8 A. I was offered the position of chief technology
9 officer at Illumina.

10 Q. Why did you want to come back to Illumina as
11 chief technology officer?

12 A. Yeah. Again, it was an extraordinary
13 professional opportunity to come back to Illumina and,
14 you know, lead research and technology development for
15 its next wave of sequencing technologies and also the
16 opportunity to potentially create other, you know,
17 important applications like GRAIL was pursuing.

18 Q. And how would you further characterize for the
19 court your duties and responsibilities now as
20 chief technology officer at Illumina?

21 A. Yeah. It's a very broad role, to -- to set
22 our -- our overall strategy around technology and new
23 products, to form and manage key research projects,
24 and then to also oversee our product development
25 efforts.

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1 Q. Dr. Aravanis, have you been awarded any patents
2 over the course of your career?

3 A. Yes, I have.

4 Q. How many?

5 A. I don't know the exact number.

6 Q. Let me see if I can refresh your recollection.

7 I count -- I've counted more than 20 patents
8 bearing your name in the United States, 40 pending
9 applications in the United States, and a hundred
10 patents or pending applications internationally.

11 Does that sound roughly right?

12 A. It does, yeah.

13 Q. Can you give the court an example or two of the
14 kinds of inventions for which you have received patents
15 either in the U.S. or abroad?

16 A. Yeah.

17 I've been an inventor of new approaches to
18 sequencing, new chemistries that can be used for
19 sequencing, new detection methods, new ways of
20 analyzing sequencing.

21 I've also been an inventor on methods for
22 cancer detection, discoveries of novel signals and uses
23 of those signals to detect cancer.

24 Q. So we've heard some evidence during the course
25 of this trial about Illumina's business, but I'd like

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1 to ask you if you would, please, describe Illumina from
2 your perspective for the court.

3 A. Yeah. Illumina develops and commercializes
4 genomics technologies for the purposes of basic
5 research and also clinical applications.

6 Q. And what is Illumina's mission?

7 A. Illumina's mission is to unlock power of the
8 genome.

9 Q. What does that mean exactly?

10 A. We know that the more information we can get
11 from the genome, particularly the human genome, the
12 more we can understand, you know, how human biology
13 works, how diseases work, how we can detect those
14 diseases earlier and how we can treat those diseases,
15 and so by making the technologies that enable the
16 information the -- the genome to be accessed, at lower
17 cost, with more accuracy, with more speed and in
18 different ways we feel furthers that mission of
19 unlocking the power and ultimately improving human
20 health.

21 Q. I want to talk to you a little bit about
22 sequencing.

23 What training and experience do you have in
24 sequencing?

25 A. Yeah.

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1 So I've used multiple sequencing technologies
2 in research and development at companies, you know,
3 other than Illumina. And at Illumina I've been an
4 inventor of new sequencing technologies and I've
5 overseen the research and development for new
6 sequencing technologies.

7 Q. Give us a little bit more flavor on the role
8 you've played in developing Illumina sequencing
9 technology.

10 A. Sure.

11 So, you know, so I've been involved in
12 everything from developing a long-term technology
13 roadmap for the types of innovations that might be
14 possible in new chemistries, new detection methods, new
15 materials, setting up research projects to do the
16 fundamental research to find out what's possible and
17 make those inventions. And then I've been in the
18 process of combining those inventions into new products
19 and then working with and managing teams that are
20 combining these, you know, innovations into new types
21 of sequencers, you know, going through all of the
22 development work to make them into robust products that
23 can also be manufactured.

24 Q. Can you tell us how many of your patents or
25 pending patent applications relate to sequencing?

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1 A. I don't know the exact number. It's a -- it's
2 many of them.

3 Q. So by way of background here, what I'd like to
4 do, with His Honor's permission, is to have you tell us
5 a little bit more about sequencing in some detail. And
6 I want to begin by laying the groundwork for that by
7 having you explain to us for the record some concepts
8 like DNA and genes and the genome.

9 And to be clear here, I'm not asking for your
10 opinions, Doctor. I'm asking for your personal
11 knowledge based upon experience.

12 And maybe we can bring up RDX 6 at 2.

13 And I'm going to have a series -- I have a
14 series of -- now I'm hearing an echo, Your Honor.

15 Okay. It seems to be gone.

16 I'm going to have a series of demonstratives
17 here. These are just demonstratives, not being offered
18 into evidence.

19 But referring to RDX 6 at 2, tell us what DNA
20 is.

21 A. Yeah.

22 DNA is a biological molecule. You could think
23 of it as a very long, you know, string, for example.

24 That molecule is very repetitive. It's
25 actually only made of four components, four different

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1 bases, you know, linked up to each other in a long
2 chain with different orders of these four bases.

3 The four bases are shown here, A, T, C and G.
4 Those are the four letters often referred to the four
5 letters of the DNA code.

6 DNA also has this property that it's -- you
7 have two strands together, so that's sometimes you hear
8 a double helix. These two strands wind around each
9 other.

10 The information between the strands is
11 complementary, meaning that if you have one strand,
12 it's always mirrored by its complementary base on the
13 other side.

14 Q. And where is DNA found?

15 A. DNA is found in most cells in the human body.

16 Q. And how many different cell types are there in
17 the human body?

18 A. Oh, there's hundreds.

19 Q. How is DNA packaged?

20 A. Yeah.

21 So, in cells, DNA is in a subcompartment
22 called the nucleus, so you could think of it as,
23 you know, like a bubble. And the DNA is compacted into
24 that, that nucleus structure within the cell.

25 Q. What are genes?

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1 A. Yeah.

2 So genes are the parts of the DNA that are
3 translated into proteins.

4 Q. And what does a gene do?

5 A. Yeah.

6 So, you know, when these -- when these pieces
7 of DNA are translated into proteins, these proteins
8 serve a large number of biological processes.

9 Some proteins can become things like
10 hemoglobin, which carry oxygen in the blood. They
11 could be enzymes which do metabolism, like break down
12 glucose or sugar.

13 Some proteins also serve as structure or
14 structural materials. For example, your hair and
15 fingernails are made of proteins.

16 Q. So we've heard some reference during trial to
17 the concept of the genome.

18 What is the genome?

19 A. Yeah.

20 So the genome is all of the DNA and its
21 functions.

22 Q. And what percentage of the genome is comprised
23 of genes?

24 A. Yeah. It's actually only a small fraction of
25 the genome, about 1.5 percent, that is actual genes

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1 that get translated into proteins.

2 Q. What can you tell us about how one genome
3 compares to another?

4 A. Yeah.

5 So between two different human -- sorry.
6 There's some background noise.

7 Between two different human beings, the vast
8 majority of their genome, you know, or their DNA is
9 identical, 99.5 percent. There's a very small fraction
10 that differs between any two people, about a
11 half percent. However, this half percent is very
12 important because it defines that, you know, each human
13 being is unique, you know, the way they look, affects,
14 you know, their susceptibility to disease.

15 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. There is some
16 interference going on.

17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Let's take a short break, and
18 everybody check your connections and see if you can
19 figure out where this background noise is coming from.

20 We'll reconvene at 11:25.

21 We're in recess.

22 (Recess)

23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: We're back on the record.

24 Proceed.

25 MR. MARRIOTT: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.

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1 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

2 Q. So, Dr. Aravanis, give us a sense of the --

3 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. There's an echo on
4 your part, Mr. Marriott.

5 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

6 Q. Okay. Let me try again.

7 Doctor, can you give us a sense of the length
8 of the human genome?

9 A. Sure.

10 So some -- you know, some examples to give a
11 sense of how long it is physically.

12 If you were to take all of the DNA in the human
13 body, so all the DNA from each nucleus in every cell,
14 and you were to pull it so that it was -- pull it out
15 taut, and you were to line all those pieces of DNA up,
16 it would be very long, just the DNA from a single human
17 being.

18 A few examples.

19 You could actually go to the moon and back
20 90,000 times.

21 You could go to the sun and back 225 times.

22 If you were to spend time reciting each letter
23 in that code at a rate of one per second, you know,
24 around the clock, it would take 13 centuries, so,
25 you know, a very long molecule.

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1 Q. And so with all that background then, Doctor,
2 what is DNA sequencing?

3 A. Yeah.

4 So DNA sequencing is a technology to actually
5 read this code out, right, so you have these long
6 molecules of DNA and you have these four bases in
7 different orders. And for a variety of reasons you'd
8 actually like to know what those exact letters are,
9 and so what DNA will do -- DNA sequencing technology
10 will do is actually give you that, that list of
11 letters.

12 Q. And what's the purpose of sequencing? Why do
13 we do it?

14 A. There are many, many uses of DNA sequencing.
15 Almost every area of life science or clinical medicine
16 DNA sequencing is used, is used in it. A good
17 application would be in finding the right therapy for a
18 cancer patient.

19 So you can sequence the DNA from a tumor. And
20 tumors have cancerous cells and those cells have
21 mutations, so by using a DNA sequencer on the DNA from
22 a cancer cell you can see which letters have changed
23 relative to what the letters would normally be.
24 Knowing those changes can tell you which drugs might be
25 most effective for that patient.

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1 Q. All right. So I want to have you tell us a
2 little bit about the Illumina sequencing workflow if
3 you could.

4 So maybe we can just start by you listing for
5 us the phases of the workflow, and then I'll ask you to
6 tell us about each one in turn.

7 A. Sure.

8 So, you know, the first step is to isolate and
9 extract your DNA, so you're not going to find the DNA
10 just as, you know, pure DNA sitting around. You're
11 going to have blood or some other tissue. You need to
12 extract it.

13 Then you go into something called library
14 preparation, which is taking the DNA and preparing it
15 in special ways, depending on the application, for
16 the -- you know, for the -- for the sequencing.

17 And then the sequencer will put out sequence
18 data, so, you know, lots of data, and then that DNA
19 has to be analyzed, you know, for the purpose of
20 interest.

21 Q. All right. So let's take each of those in turn
22 in a little bit more detail.

23 So what happens and how does it happen in the
24 isolation and extraction phase?

25 A. Yeah. Let's take a blood sample, for example,

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1 right.

2 So while a blood sample has DNA in it, it has
3 many other things, all the other components of a cell,
4 proteins and carbohydrates and lipids and, you know,
5 fats, and so on.

6 So what you do is you have a series of chemical
7 steps. And what the chemical steps do is they remove
8 all of the non-DNA materials from the DNA portions a
9 step at a time, and then you eventually get to
10 something where it's very pure in terms of just the DNA
11 material.

12 Q. Okay. So what about library prep? What
13 happens in that phase of the workflow?

14 A. Yeah. You know, and the details of library
15 prep depend on the exact application, but in general,
16 you often want to break the DNA up.

17 So the DNA may be too long to sequence, so what
18 you would do then is chop it up using either a
19 mechanical method or an enzyme.

20 Once the DNA is in smaller pieces, you then
21 attach adapters to the DNA, so you have your DNA
22 fragment and you put other little pieces of DNA -- you
23 stick them to either side of the original DNA fragment
24 from the sample. And then that's important in the
25 sequencing step because it helps it stick to the flow

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1 cell, you know, in the sequencer.

2 There can be other steps in the library
3 preparation. Depending on what application you're
4 doing, you might want to just focus on certain regions
5 of the genome, and there are steps that can do that.

6 Q. All right. So a person extracts their sample.
7 They isolate it. They do the library prep.

8 What then do they do with the prepared library
9 during the core sequencing step?

10 A. Yeah.

11 So you then input your DNA into a flow cell,
12 which is basically a glass slide. Those adapters stick
13 to the flow cell. You then load it into the sequencer
14 and then, you know, push "Go."

15 And then what the sequencer does is, through a
16 series of chemistries and pictures it takes, it reads
17 out the actual sequence, the letters for each of the
18 DNA molecules that stuck to the flow cell.

19 Q. And then what happens following that during the
20 data analysis phase?

21 A. Yeah.

22 So the sequencer is going to put out, you know,
23 kind of this generic sequence data. And then that
24 sequence data -- I mean, all it is is just, you know,
25 long strings of letters. You want to make some meaning

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1 of it, depending on the application.

2 And so the analysis again varies by
3 application, but it will often focus -- it will look
4 for DNA from certain regions of the genome of interest,
5 for example, a gene related to cancer. And then it may
6 do an analysis, again, using the cancer example, of
7 saying, well, are there any changes in the sequence
8 that are different than what you would expect.

9 And then it might report out and say, hey, in
10 these genes, these changes occurred and it -- you know,
11 in some applications it might even say, you know,
12 here -- you know, there's drugs that can address this
13 type of cancer with this type of mutation.

14 Q. Do different applications have different
15 workflows?

16 A. Yes.

17 So what really defines applications is what's
18 up-front of a sequencer and what's downstream of a
19 sequencer.

20 The sequencer itself is totally generic.
21 You know, you put DNA in. You get these strings of
22 letters out, you know, the same for all applications,
23 so again kind of a generic sequencing, you know,
24 instrument that doesn't know the application.

25 And then the -- but, you know, the tailoring,

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1 say, for a cancer application versus a genetic disease
2 testing is really all about the -- how you do the
3 isolation, how you do the library prep, and how you do
4 the analysis.

5 Q. All right. So which, if any, of these
6 sequencing workflow steps is different from one MCED
7 test to another?

8 A. Yeah. You know, all of the differences
9 between, you know, different tests would be around the
10 isolation, extraction, library prep and data analysis.
11 The core sequencing steps are the same.

12 Q. How many different patient samples can be
13 processed at the same time?

14 A. Yeah. A large number can be processed at the
15 same time, especially on a high-output sequencer. The
16 exact number depends on the application.

17 So some applications like sequencing a whole
18 genome for a human, you know, that requires a fair bit
19 of sequencing, so, you know, you might be able to do a
20 couple dozen samples on a high-output sequencer.

21 You know, if it's a test, for example,
22 you know, a carrier screening test, you might not need
23 very much sequencing at all and you could do hundreds
24 or even thousands on a sequencer.

25 Q. So how is it possible to process multiple

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1 different DNA samples at the same time on the same flow
2 cell?

3 A. Yeah.

4 So the way you -- so on the sequencer, the DNA
5 from different samples gets mixed together, so you
6 could imagine, you know, you need a way to know which
7 DNA sequences came from which original sample and which
8 patient. The way you keep track of it is by putting
9 labels on the fragments in the adapter step in the
10 library prep, right.

11 So patient one might have label A, and so all
12 of the adapters that get, you know, attached to the DNA
13 fragments from patient A's sample have label A, and
14 then you might have -- then you have a different label
15 for patient B.

16 And that label is tracked within the sequencer,
17 and it's actually part of the sequencing, so when you
18 do the data analysis, even though all the data is mixed
19 together, you can see, you know, for each fragment and
20 the sequence associated with it, oh, this has label A,
21 it must have come from patient A. And then you can
22 group together all the fragments with label A and
23 analyze it to understand, you know, what diagnoses
24 patient A might be in and keep it separate from
25 patients C, D, E and F.

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1 MR. MARRIOTT: So, Your Honor, we have two
2 demonstrative videos we'd like to show, again purely
3 demonstrative, both excerpts given the length of the
4 original videos just too long to be I think of utility.
5 Then we'll ask Dr. Aravanis a few questions about
6 these.

7 Each of them has some audio. My view is,
8 Your Honor, that there's no need for the court reporter
9 to take down the audio, but of course that's for
10 Your Honor. This is to let the court see the -- a lab
11 with a bunch of sequencers for the first video and
12 second to see the NovaSeq in particular, and then I
13 have some questions for Dr. Aravanis about it.

14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: How do you plan to submit the
15 demonstrative for the record?

16 MR. MARRIOTT: We can do as we did in what we
17 provided to complaint counsel, Your Honor, we can
18 simply provide the hard copies. And in the case of the
19 video, we can give the court the file that actually
20 shows the video itself. As I said, they're excerpts of
21 two longer videos that just seemed too long to take the
22 court's time with.

23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Josett, do you have a
24 preference?

25 THE REPORTER: Yes, Your Honor. I usually just

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1 put a blurb saying that the video was played.

2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: No. I'm fine with that. I
3 mean how it's given to you for the record.

4 THE REPORTER: What Mr. Marriott suggested is
5 fine.

6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay.
7 So the blurb is fine, no need to transcribe.
8 Go ahead.

9 MR. MARRIOTT: Thank you, Your Honor.
10 Why don't we go ahead then and we'll play this
11 first video, which is narrated by Dr. Helen Speirs, who
12 I understand is a genomics deputy director at a
13 university in Australia, so go ahead and play that.

14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do we have the demonstrative
15 number for the record?

16 MR. MARRIOTT: We do, Your Honor. It is DX 6,
17 and this is slide 11.

18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: How long is this?

19 MR. MARRIOTT: RDX 6.

20 I believe it's about two minutes, Your Honor.

21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.

22 (Video played.)

23 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

24 Q. All right. Doctor, how does what we saw in
25 that video compare with what's done in cancer

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1 screening?

2 A. It's very similar.

3 So, you know, as -- as the narrator was saying,
4 right, the instrument, whether or not you're sequencing
5 a koala or a pine tree or a multicancer early detection
6 sample, is basically the same.

7 Q. And how does the data that comes out of the
8 sequencing vary from one machine to the next?

9 A. You know, it depends on the exact sequencer,
10 but very similar. It's just a string of letters.

11 Q. And where is the MCED -- where in the MCED
12 development -- I'm sorry. Withdrawn.

13 Where is any IP in MCED development focused in
14 that sequencing workflow?

15 A. You know, the unique aspects of any given MCED
16 test would be in the up-front workflow, so when she was
17 talking about preparing the DNA, or after -- you know,
18 so that's before the sequencer or after the sequencer
19 when you're, you know, analyzing it.

20 You know, you know, most people using a
21 sequencer, I don't think they care about what's going
22 on in the sequencer. They have their DNA, they want to
23 put it in, and then they just want to get, you know,
24 the list of letters out the other side.

25 MR. MARRIOTT: We've heard a lot about the

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1 NovaSeq 6000 during the course of trial. And we have
2 another demonstrative here. This is our last video,
3 Your Honor. And this is also an excerpt from a video
4 available on the Illumina website.

5 So why don't we play this one. This is a
6 little bit longer. And then we'll ask the doctor some
7 questions about that.

8 (Video played.)

9 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

10 Q. All right. Doctor, does that video --

11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: First of all, you need to
12 identify that for the record.

13 MR. MARRIOTT: Thank you, Your Honor.

14 That's RDX 6 at slide 12.

15 May I proceed, Your Honor?

16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes.

17 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

18 Q. So does the video we just saw, which is at
19 RDX 6 at 12, Doctor, accurately describe the NovaSeq
20 workflow?

21 A. Yes, it does.

22 Q. And how does that workflow vary from one
23 Illumina machine to another?

24 A. It's very similar between different
25 instruments, you know, I mean, slightly different place

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1 you put the containers in, push the button, but very
2 similar.

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I have a question.

4 If you're running an actual patient sample, is
5 there a contamination factor? Do you worry about
6 needing gloves, masks, dust contamination, things like
7 that?

8 THE WITNESS: Definitely, Your Honor.

9 So -- so in a clinical laboratory, the
10 individual would be wearing protective gear like that.

11 And the other thing I would add is that most
12 of the risk of contamination or infection is upstream
13 when you're dealing with, for example, a blood sample.
14 The process of purifying the DNA removes, you know,
15 most things that could be hazardous or infectious, so
16 by the time you get to the sequencer you've
17 dramatically reduced that, but in a clinical laboratory
18 individuals would be wearing protective gear.

19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: And once you get to using a
20 sequencer when you get to that step, there's no blood
21 involved, it's only DNA; is that correct?

22 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.

24 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

25 Q. Is the process any different from one MCED test

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1 to another, the process that we saw described in the
2 video?

3 A. No. It's the same instrument, same consumable.
4 It's generic.

5 Q. Let me ask you a few questions about the
6 Human Genome Project, Doctor.

7 First of all, what is the Human Genome Project?

8 A. Yeah. The Human Genome Project was a major
9 scientific product -- project to sequence the very
10 first human genome.

11 Q. And what can you tell us about that effort?

12 A. Yeah.

13 So it was a very large effort. You know, it
14 took over 13 years, so it started in the late '80s. It
15 was a global effort, multiple scientific institutions
16 around the world working together. It was very
17 expensive, you know, \$2.7 billion, you know, in total.
18 And all of that work for over a decade and multiple
19 billions of dollars across the world culminated in the
20 first -- the first sequence of the human genome, and it
21 was published in 2000.

22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: How was that funded? Who paid
23 for it?

24 THE WITNESS: It was -- it was primarily funded
25 by governments around the world.

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1 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

2 Q. What type of sequencing was used in the
3 Human Genome Project?

4 A. Yeah. The type of sequencing was
5 first-generation sequencing, so it used a special
6 sequencing chemistry called Sanger sequencing
7 chemistry.

8 Q. So we've heard in this case about
9 next-generation sequencing.

10 What is next-generation sequencing?

11 A. Yeah. Next-generation sequencing is a much
12 higher throughput type of sequencing.

13 As an example, the first-generation sequencing
14 that was used in the Human Genome Project, you might be
15 able to sequence a hundred molecules on one instrument
16 per run. Next-generation sequencing instruments today
17 can simultaneously sequence millions or even billions
18 of sequences in a single run.

19 Q. How would you describe the range of
20 applications to which NGS sequencing can be applied?

21 A. Oh, there's many, many applications for
22 different areas of science and medicine. There's new
23 applications being published almost every day.

24 Q. And how, if at all, does the sequencing
25 workflow change from one application to the next?

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1 A. The differences again are around where the DNA
2 comes from, how it's prepared, and how it's analyzed.
3 The sequencer is the -- is generic and the same in all
4 of them.

5 Q. To what extent, if at all, Doctor, are the core
6 sequencing instrument consumables customized from one
7 application to the next?

8 A. The consumables that are used in a sequencing
9 run, the chemistries and the flow cells are not
10 customized. Those are generic.

11 Q. And can you tell us whether we've now
12 identified all potential applications for sequencing?

13 A. Definitely not. As I mentioned, there's,
14 you know, new research and new clinical applications
15 emerging all the time.

16 Q. How would you characterize the degree to which
17 sequencing is used as a tool for clinical diagnostics?

18 A. I think we're still in the early days.

19 So there's some exciting initial applications
20 that are being used, but even in those areas, for
21 example, selecting therapy for cancer patients,
22 you know, most tumors today are not yet sequenced, so I
23 think there's a long way to go to get the full --
24 you know, for patients to get the full benefit of this
25 technology.

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1 And then there's many new applications
2 emerging, and some of those could be even bigger than
3 the ones we have today, so I would say it's -- we're
4 still early in seeing how this technology can benefit
5 medicine.

6 Q. Can you describe the different oncology
7 applications for which sequencing is used today.

8 A. There's many.

9 So there's a lot of research applications where
10 people sequence cancer cells to understand cancer
11 biology and how cancer is behaving and how you might
12 treat it.

13 There's also therapy selection applications, so
14 this is where you sequence a tumor to understand
15 whether or not any of the mutations that are present
16 might be targetable by a drug.

17 There's also an application for monitoring,
18 sometimes called minimal residual disease, where in a
19 cancer patient who's being treated you want to know how
20 effective the treatment is, and looking for cancer
21 signals in the blood can tell you, you know, how
22 effective the treatment might have been.

23 And then another application is early cancer
24 detection, so in individuals who are asymptomatic and
25 don't have cancer, trying to detect cancer early.

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1 Q. Let's turn a little bit from the science and
2 the technology to the business.

3 How would you describe Illumina's core business
4 today?

5 A. Illumina's core business is to constantly
6 innovate, improve sequencing, you know, create new
7 sequencing technologies, develop them and
8 commercialize them so that, you know, these customers
9 who want to do science, who want to do clinical
10 applications are -- have better and better tools to
11 unlock the genome.

12 Q. How many different kinds of sequencers does
13 Illumina sell?

14 A. Today I think there's eight different
15 sequencing instruments.

16 Q. Can you identify for us some of the instruments
17 offered by Illumina?

18 A. Sure.

19 Are you going to show a visual? Oh, okay.

20 Yeah.

21 So this is the on-market instruments today.

22 They use very similar chemistries. The main
23 difference is the size of the instrument, how much data
24 it can produce, are the primary differences between
25 these different instruments.

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1 A couple of the instruments are also
2 FDA-cleared.

3 Q. Just for the record, can you list for us what
4 those instruments are?

5 A. The FDA-cleared ones?

6 Q. The eight instruments that appear on RDX 6 at
7 16.

8 A. Yeah.

9 So just listing them, the NovaSeq 6000, the
10 NextSeq 1000/2000, the NextSeq 550, the MiSeq, the
11 MiniSeq, the iSeq 100, the NextSeq 550Dx, and the
12 HiSeqDx.

13 Q. So we've heard a lot about consumables,
14 Doctor.

15 What exactly is a consumable?

16 A. Yeah.

17 So they're the materials that are actually
18 consumed in a sequencing run, right, so every
19 sequencing run you need a new set of consumables, but
20 you use the same instrument.

21 An analogy might be like a razor and a razor
22 blade. The -- you know, the razor is the instrument
23 and then, you know, you need a new razor blade every
24 time, you know, you want to do a another sequencing run
25 or another set of consumables.

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1 Q. So referring to RDX 6 at 17, what are we seeing
2 in these images?

3 A. You're seeing the consumables that are needed
4 in a sequencing run.

5 So you're seeing liquid reagents, which are the
6 sequencing chemicals. You're seeing buffers which are
7 used to wash, you know, the sequencing instrument
8 between cycles or between runs. And you're also seeing
9 the flow cell, which is where the DNA is actually stuck
10 to.

11 Q. How many different kinds of consumables does
12 Illumina sell?

13 A. Yeah. I mean, for each instrument there might
14 be a handful of different consumables.

15 Q. So we've heard talk of and you just mentioned
16 the flow cell.

17 What exactly is the flow cell?

18 A. Yeah.

19 So the flow cell is where the actual sequencing
20 is done. The flow cell, you know, in a simple way is
21 just a glass slide. It's enclosed so that you can --
22 you can push or pull through -- fluid through the flow
23 cell over the surface.

24 You can see here that there's lanes, which are
25 those channels, right, through which the fluid goes

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1 through. The DNA in the first step is stuck, you know,
2 onto the surface of the flow cell.

3 And they're also importantly transparent,
4 right, so that you can image them during the flow
5 cell -- during the sequencing cycles.

6 So as it was shown in that first video,
7 you know, there's, you know, millions or billions of
8 DNA molecules stuck to the glass slide, and then you
9 pass the sequencing chemistry through which labels one
10 base at a time. You take an image with a fluorescent
11 microscope, and depending on the color, you can assign
12 a base. And then you do that, you know, over and
13 over.

14 These flow cells, again, you use them once per
15 run and then they're disposed of.

16 Q. How have they evolved over time?

17 A. Yeah. Over time they've gotten larger, so you
18 have more surface area to do more sequencing, and also
19 the density on them, so the number of DNA sequences you
20 can have in a small area, has increased.

21 Q. All right. Let's shift gears a little and talk
22 about Illumina's competitors.

23 Does Illumina track other companies offering or
24 seeking to offer NGS sequencing products?

25 A. Yes, it does.

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1 Q. And do you have personal knowledge of what NGS
2 sequencer -- sequencers other companies are offering?

3 A. Yes, I do.

4 Q. What other companies make NGS sequencers
5 today?

6 A. Yeah. There's numerous.

7 Some of them would include BGI MGI. It's a
8 Chinese manufacturer of NGS sequencing technologies.
9 Thermo Fisher makes an NGS sequencing product.
10 Oxford Nanopore makes an NGS sequencing
11 product.

12 Pacific Biosciences makes an NGS sequencing
13 product.

14 And so does a company called Genapsys.

15 Q. And what, if any, companies have NGS sequencers
16 in development, to your knowledge?

17 A. So I believe there's a couple dozen companies
18 that are developing NGS sequencing instruments.

19 Q. Let me ask you a little bit more about some of
20 the companies you specifically identified.

21 What sequencing products does Thermo Fisher
22 manufacture?

23 A. Yeah.

24 So Thermo Fisher makes an instrument called
25 Ion Torrent. I think there's a few different

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1 instruments. It's an NGS sequencing platform.

2 Q. And how does Thermo's NGS offering compare to
3 Illumina's?

4 A. Yeah.

5 So the -- the type of data it can -- it
6 generates can be used as an alternative for many
7 Illumina applications. It uses a different type of
8 sequencing chemistry and a different detection
9 mechanism than Illumina, but it produces similar types
10 of sequence data.

11 Q. Now, I believe --

12 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

13 Your Honor, it's not clear what his basis for
14 saying that one can be a substitute for another for one
15 of Illumina's customers is.

16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you want to rephrase or lay
17 a foundation?

18 MR. MARRIOTT: Sure, Your Honor. I'm happy to
19 do that. I'm also happy to respond, too, if that would
20 be of -- I think I've laid the foundation, so may I
21 respond? And I'm happy to lay more if you like --
22 well, let me just lay the foundation to keep it simple.

23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes.

24 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

25 Q. You're currently, you testified, the

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1 chief technology officer of Illumina; right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And you were the head of product development
4 for a time; right?

5 A. Yes. Correct.

6 Q. And you've previously served as senior director
7 of R&D; correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you've used sequencing instruments for now
10 over a decade; correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And in your position as chief technology
13 officer of Illumina, is it part of your job to track,
14 monitor and follow other companies that are offering
15 NGS sequencing equipment?

16 A. Yes, it is.

17 Q. Do you have knowledge of the sequencing
18 offerings of the companies you already specifically
19 identified: Thermo Fisher, BGI, PacBio,
20 Oxford Nanopore, and Genapsys?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. And can you testify from personal knowledge
23 about how those offerings compare to the offerings of
24 Illumina?

25 A. I can.

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1 Q. Okay. Complaint counsel --

2 MR. WIDNELL: Your Honor? Your Honor, may I
3 respond just briefly? I just wanted to make sure that
4 my objection was clearly understood because I wasn't
5 objecting to him describing the characteristics of
6 competing products. I was objecting to him drawing
7 conclusions about whether customers could substitute
8 one for another.

9 MR. MARRIOTT: I'm happy to lay some still
10 further foundation if that would be helpful.

11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Please do.

12 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

13 Q. Based on your years of experience with NGS
14 sequencing and Illumina's products and your knowledge
15 of products of the companies you specifically
16 identified, do you know from personal knowledge whether
17 those products are alternatives or substitutes for the
18 Illumina offerings?

19 A. Yes. I can provide specific examples.

20 Q. Okay.

21 So complaint counsel has argued I believe that
22 the Thermo Fisher offerings are not a viable
23 alternative to the Illumina offerings.

24 Do you agree with that?

25 A. I don't agree.

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1 Q. And why not, sir?

2 A. You know, for many applications the
3 Thermo Fisher platform is adequate in terms of the type
4 of sequencing data it produces, the accuracy and the
5 cost.

6 Q. Does Thermo Fisher have an NGS sequencing
7 product that could be used for multicancer screening?

8 A. Yes.

9 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

10 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, I believe it's the
11 same foundation I've provided now.

12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Overruled.

13 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

14 So I was going to say yes. I'm most familiar
15 with the Galleri test, having developed that. And the
16 Galleri test can be, you know, run successfully on a
17 Thermo Fisher system.

18 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

19 Q. Do you know whether Thermo Fisher markets its
20 NGS offerings as an alternative to Illumina?

21 A. Yes, it does.

22 Q. Does Illumina view Thermo Fisher as a
23 competitor?

24 A. Yes, it does.

25 Q. You mentioned BGI.

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1 What sequencing products does BGI manufacture?

2 A. BGI manufactures multiple sequencing
3 instruments and consumables. At a high level, it's --
4 they're very similar to Illumina's offerings in terms
5 of the different categories of high throughput, mid
6 throughput, low throughput, so they have again an array
7 of instruments kind of that are, you know, comparable
8 in terms of sequencing output.

9 Q. And are BGI's systems used for liquid biopsy
10 applications?

11 A. Yes, they are.

12 Q. Does BGI have an NGS sequencing product that
13 could be used for multicancer screening?

14 A. Yes, it does.

15 Q. Does BGI compete with Illumina for liquid
16 biopsy applications in the countries in which it
17 operates?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And do you know whether BGI markets its NGS
20 offering as an alternative to Illumina?

21 A. Yes, it does.

22 Q. When do you expect that BGI will enter the U.S.
23 market?

24 A. 20- --

25 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

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1 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll sustain that.

2 We don't know how he would know that, so you
3 need to lay a foundation or move on.

4 MR. MARRIOTT: Okay.

5 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

6 Q. Has Illumina evaluated in the course of its --
7 does Illumina presently have patents that block BGI
8 from entering into the United States marketplace?

9 A. It does.

10 Q. And can you tell us, please, sir, when those
11 patents expire.

12 A. In 2023.

13 Q. And will those expiring patents present any
14 impediment to BGI entering in the U.S. marketplace in
15 2023?

16 A. They will not.

17 Q. And has Illumina made projections as to when it
18 expects that it will face competition in the U.S. from
19 BGI?

20 A. Yes. We believe we will face competition from
21 BGI in 2023.

22 Q. Does Illumina view BGI as a competitor?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. You mentioned PacBio, sir.

25 Who is PacBio?

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1 A. "PacBio" is shorthand for Pacific Biosciences.
2 They're a commercial provider of next-generation
3 sequencing products.

4 Q. And can you tell us about PacBio's NGS
5 offering.

6 A. PacBio has two. They have a long-read
7 technology, which is very complementary to Illumina's
8 sequencing technologies.

9 And recently they've acquired a company called
10 Omniome for \$800 million. That company has a
11 short-read sequencing technology that they and PacBio
12 claim is a superior sequencing technology to Illumina's
13 and a direct replacement.

14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hold on a second. I need to
15 take a couple minutes for a technical issue.

16 Jada, Scott, leave us in place, just hold on.

17 (Pause in the proceedings.)

18 Okay. Go ahead.

19 MR. MARRIOTT: Thank you, Your Honor.

20 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

21 Q. Does PacBio with its acquisition of Omniome
22 have an NGS offering that could be used for multicancer
23 screening?

24 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

25 MR. MARRIOTT: I think it's the same

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1 foundation, Your Honor.

2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Just -- how about just
3 rephrase with "do you know" first of all so we'll know
4 if there's a foundation.

5 MR. MARRIOTT: Sure. Happy to do that.

6 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

7 Q. Do you know whether PacBio has an NGS
8 sequencing product that could be used for multicancer
9 screening?

10 A. What I know is that they have one in
11 development.

12 Q. Do you know whether PacBio markets its NGS
13 offering as an alternative to Illumina?

14 A. It does.

15 Q. And what impact do you expect PacBio's
16 acquisition of Omniome will have on competition for NGS
17 sequencers?

18 A. It will increase it.

19 Q. You mentioned Oxford Nanopore.

20 Tell us, what is Oxford Nanopore?

21 A. Yeah. Oxford Nanopore is another company that
22 develops and commercializes next-generation sequencing
23 products.

24 Q. And do you know whether Oxford Nanopore has an
25 offering -- withdrawn.

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1 What type of sequencing is Oxford Nanopore
2 known for?

3 A. They're known for a type of sequencing called
4 nanopore sequencing.

5 Q. Is it possible to do short-read sequencing on
6 Oxford Nanopore's platforms?

7 A. Yes, it is.

8 Q. And how does the Oxford Nanopore NGS offering
9 compare to Illumina's?

10 A. Yeah. The Oxford Nanopore platform is a very
11 high-output sequencing platform. The amount of data
12 and cost per data is comparable to the high-end
13 Illumina systems. It can sequence both long reads,
14 much longer reads than Illumina, but also short reads.

15 Q. And do you know whether Oxford Nanopore has an
16 NGS sequencing product that could be used for
17 multicancer screening?

18 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Again, to the extent
19 that this is asking for whether or not it meets
20 requirements for MCED customers, I still don't believe
21 that there's been a foundation established that
22 Dr. Aravanis can speak to that.

23 MR. MARRIOTT: The question, Your Honor, asks
24 whether he knows.

25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'll allow that.

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes. Well, maybe just -- I want
2 to make sure I understand the question.

3 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

4 Q. Let me just ask the question again so there's
5 no doubt about it.

6 Do you know whether Oxford Nanopore has an NGS
7 sequencing product that could be used for multicancer
8 screening?

9 A. Yes. It -- I believe it can be. Yeah.

10 Q. And is Oxford Nanopore's platform used for
11 liquid biopsy oncology testing?

12 A. Yes. There are examples of that.

13 Q. And do you know whether Oxford Nanopore markets
14 its NGS offering as an alternative to Illumina?

15 A. Yes, they do.

16 Q. And what do you know, if anything, about the
17 costs of doing short-read sequencing on
18 Oxford Nanopore's systems today?

19 A. They would be very low cost.

20 Q. And what do you know about the projected costs
21 of doing short-read sequencing on Oxford Nanopore's
22 systems in the future?

23 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

24 The witness is being asked to speculate about
25 the future.

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1 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, the question asks
2 whether he knows. And as the chief technology officer
3 of a company that thinks about competition and what
4 competition will be faced in the future, I think that's
5 adequate foundation.

6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: The question begins with "what
7 do you know." That does not require speculation.
8 Overruled.

9 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Oxford Nanopore has said
10 that they are going to dramatically reduce the cost of
11 their sequencing in the coming years. They have a
12 track record of successfully reducing the cost, so
13 you know, I -- I'm confident that they will be able to
14 do that.

15 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

16 Q. Complaint counsel has argued here that
17 Oxford Nanopore is not a viable alternative for an MCED
18 test.

19 Do you agree with that?

20 A. I don't agree.

21 Q. Does Illumina view Oxford Nanopore as a
22 competitor in NGS sequencing?

23 A. Yes, it does.

24 Q. You were asked -- or you mentioned a company
25 called Genapsys.

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1 What is Genapsys?

2 A. Genapsys is another company that develops and
3 commercializes next-generation sequencing products.

4 Q. And what, if any, NGS offering does Genapsys
5 currently have?

6 A. Genapsys sells an NGS instrument and
7 consumable.

8 Q. And how does the Genapsys NGS offering compare
9 to Illumina's?

10 A. It's a different technology for
11 next-generation sequencing but produces the type of
12 data that could be used as a substitute for some
13 applications.

14 Q. And do you know whether Genapsys has an NGS
15 sequencing product that could be used for multicancer
16 screening?

17 A. Today, I think that would be difficult. They
18 have shared a product roadmap, and if they're able to
19 deliver on those products, then yes, you know, it would
20 be a platform that could be used.

21 Q. And do you know whether Genapsys markets its
22 NGS offering as an alternative to Illumina?

23 A. Yes, it does.

24 Q. So what do you know about when the companies
25 that have NGS products in development are expected to

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1 bring their products to market?

2 A. Yeah.

3 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Overruled.

5 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

6 So PacBio has said that the Omniome technology,
7 the next-generation sequencing products based on their
8 Omniome acquisition, they plan to offer that product in
9 2023 but with a -- they said a very attractive price.
10 And they've also claimed that the sequencing will be
11 superior to Illumina, and so they've -- that's what
12 they've stated, in 2023 they're going to offer,
13 you know, that additional competitive technology.

14 Singular is a public sequencing company
15 developing a next-generation sequencing product.
16 They've said they're going to launch their product in
17 2023.

18 BY MR. WIDNELL:

19 Q. Do you know whether -- withdrawn.

20 Would an alternative NGS platform need FDA
21 approval before it could be used for development or
22 commercialization of an MCED test like Galleri?

23 A. No.

24 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Objection overruled.

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1 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

2 Q. Dr. Aravanis, when you were at GRAIL, did you
3 consider using any NGS platforms other than Illumina?

4 A. Yes, I did.

5 Q. And which platforms specifically did you
6 consider, sir?

7 A. We considered BGI MGI for the GRAIL test.

8 We considered Thermo Fisher.

9 We considered Oxford Nanopore.

10 And we considered Genapsys.

11 Q. And did GRAIL ever switch to a non-Illumina
12 sequencer?

13 A. It did not.

14 Q. And why did it not switch?

15 A. As we evaluated the cost of sequencing and the
16 need to find an alternative, it turned out to be --
17 excuse me. I just -- I'm going to clear my throat.
18 Hold on.

19 (Pause in the proceedings.)

20 Apologies. I'm recovering from a cold.

21 When we looked at the cost of Illumina
22 sequencing and the performance we were getting, we
23 considered it adequate.

24 We also knew that the amount of sequencing we
25 were going to need in the future for subsequent

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1 versions of the Galleri test were going to further
2 decrease.

3 We also had confidence that Illumina's
4 sequencing costs would decrease.

5 So when we looked at our overall -- excuse me.

6 So when we looked at the overall priorities in
7 terms of where we should focus research and development
8 to have the biggest impact, finding an alternative
9 sequencer, given that the cost was modest, it was going
10 to decrease in the future, and Illumina is a very
11 reliable vendor, it was a low priority.

12 Nevertheless, you know, as a matter of good
13 business, we did want to have contingencies. We --
14 excuse me -- evaluated the platforms that I mentioned
15 and determined that many of them would be a viable
16 alternative.

17 Given that we were happy with the Illumina
18 platform, we knew it would get -- its costs would
19 decrease, and we had viable alternatives, there was no
20 need, no business need, to explore it further.

21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hold on.

22 Let's take five for the witness. We'll stay in
23 place, just hold on.

24 Do what you need to do, sir, get some water,
25 and we'll stand by.

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1 MR. MARRIOTT: Thank you, Your Honor.

2 (Pause in the proceedings.)

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. Sir, is your voice
4 back?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor. I think I can
6 continue.

7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Take a sip whenever you need
8 it.

9 THE WITNESS: Okay.

10 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Of water.

11 Go ahead.

12 MR. MARRIOTT: Thank you, Judge.

13 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

14 Q. Dr. Aravanis, tell the court if you would what
15 steps would be involved in GRAIL switching from an
16 Illumina NGS platform to another NGS platform.

17 A. Sure.

18 One important step would be to do an analytical
19 bridging study, so this is a study to demonstrate that
20 the test performs similarly on an alternative
21 sequencing platform.

22 In addition to that, there -- depending on the
23 sequencer, there might be other steps where minor
24 modifications to some of the library prep or analysis
25 would also be required.

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1 Q. How long would it take to switch?

2 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Overruled.

4 THE WITNESS: You know, I'd say it depends on
5 how different the sequencing platform is.

6 If it's a platform that produces very similar
7 data, it could be a couple months.

8 If it's a platform that had more substantially
9 different data, I would think worst case would be,
10 you know, six to twelve months.

11 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

12 Q. And how costly would it be?

13 A. Again, if the data was very similar, then it
14 could be, you know, a few hundred thousand dollars.

15 If it was a more extensive bridging study that
16 took longer, you know, it could be in the, you know,
17 millions of dollars.

18 Q. And how frequently do your customers switch
19 from one Illumina NGS platform to another?

20 A. Every few years.

21 Q. And how much more difficult would it be to
22 switch from an Illumina NGS platform to a non-Illumina
23 NGS platform?

24 A. For some of the platforms that produce very
25 similar data and companies that are actually making

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1 sequencers to make that switching very easy I think it
2 would be on the shorter side, again, you know, a few
3 months and a few hundred thousand dollars.

4 Q. All right. So in your role at Illumina, do you
5 project what the competitive landscape for NGS
6 sequencers will look like over the next five to ten
7 years?

8 A. We do.

9 Q. And what do you project the landscape for the
10 NGS marketplace to look like over the next five to ten
11 years?

12 A. There's going to be many new sequencing
13 platforms, so a tremendous intensification of
14 competition.

15 So there's many other platforms today. We
16 believe those platforms will be competitive, you know,
17 become more competitive I should say, and there will be
18 even more platforms in the coming years.

19 Q. So are you familiar with the cost of NGS
20 sequencing?

21 A. Yes, I am.

22 Q. And so referring you to RDX 6 at 19, how has
23 the cost of NGS sequencing changed over time?

24 A. There's been a dramatic reduction in the cost
25 of sequencing.

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1 As shown here in the visual, you know, the
2 original Human Genome Project was about \$3 billion.
3 Even at the time to do another genome would have been,
4 you know, several hundred million dollars. Today, in
5 large part, you know, due to Illumina, the cost of
6 sequencing a genome is about a thousand dollars.
7 Actually, it's even less. It's now \$600.

8 Q. What, if any, plans that you can tell us about
9 on the public record does Illumina have to further
10 drive down the cost of sequencing?

11 A. Yeah. You know, Illumina has ambitious plans
12 to do this. We have hundreds of engineers and
13 scientists working on all aspects of cost reduction.

14 Earlier this year we talked about our plans to
15 eventually get to a hundred-dollar genome. We talked
16 about some of the technology breakthroughs that we
17 think will ultimately enable that.

18 Q. And how is it that Illumina has been able to
19 lower the prices of sequencing as it has?

20 A. Yeah. Through tremendous innovation.

21 Q. And what -- withdrawn.

22 Complaint counsel here has criticized
23 Illumina's open offer on the ground that it guarantees
24 price reductions that are less significant than what
25 Illumina would do in the ordinary course.

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1 Can you address that, please.

2 A. Yeah.

3 So I believe the open offer letter says,
4 you know, that we'll achieve at least a 43 percent
5 reduction. I think the "at least" is important. We
6 have every incentive and hope to do that faster.

7 The reason why it's 43 percent is that's a
8 number we feel we can confidently deliver on in terms
9 of cost reduction. If we can achieve it faster,
10 you know, that will be fantastic.

11 You know, as I said, we have longer-term goals
12 to bring down the cost even more. But there's
13 uncertainty in that science and commercialization and
14 manufacturing right now, so it wouldn't be -- you know,
15 it wouldn't be the right thing to do to customers to
16 commit to something we didn't have confidence in yet.

17 Q. I want to switch gears a little bit here,
18 Doctor, and talk to you a little bit more about GRAIL.

19 Earlier you said that you were involved in the
20 formation of GRAIL.

21 Where did Illumina get the idea to develop a
22 multicancer early detection test?

23 A. Yeah. The idea came from a couple projects
24 that Illumina was doing.

25 One was related to noninvasive prenatal

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1 testing. Illumina was operating a noninvasive prenatal
2 testing business, and in the first hundred thousand
3 women that received that noninvasive prenatal test some
4 unusual signals were identified. It turned out those
5 signals were undiagnosed cancers.

6 This was an important discovery and insight
7 that cancer detection from the blood might be
8 possible.

9 In addition to that, we were developing liquid
10 biopsy technology to look at cancer signals in
11 late-stage cancer for the purposes of therapy selection
12 for advanced cancer patients. There was data from that
13 applied to some early-stage cancer samples that also
14 suggested that early-stage cancer detection might be
15 possible.

16 Q. So can you describe in more detail the path
17 from Verinata realizing that there were anomalies in
18 the NIPT samples to Illumina realizing those anomalies
19 were cancer signatures?

20 A. Yes.

21 So the laboratory director at Illumina who was
22 responsible for the testing collected these unusual
23 signals. She approached leadership at Illumina about
24 them, including the chief medical officer and also
25 myself, you know, and told us, you know, that we should

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1 look into it in more detail.

2 We ultimately formed a team and a program to,
3 you know, evaluate these signals, to follow up with
4 patients carefully and their prescribing physicians,
5 which eventually led to the discovery that these women
6 had undiagnosed cancers.

7 Q. And at the time, what, if any, other work was
8 Illumina doing in the field of oncology?

9 A. Yeah. Illumina was doing many things. It was
10 developing a CDx, a companion diagnostic for therapy
11 selection. It was developing a liquid biopsy assay for
12 therapy selection. And it was also developing a
13 comprehensive approach to therapy selection, looking at
14 a very large gene panel.

15 Q. And to your knowledge, at that time were other
16 companies exploring the development of NGS-based
17 multicancer screening detection tests?

18 A. No. I'm not aware of any.

19 Q. All right. So what did Illumina then do to
20 pursue the idea of a multicancer early detection test?

21 A. As the results were fully appreciated from the
22 NIPT discovery and we did additional work using other
23 oncology assays on early-stage cancers, we developed a
24 hypothesis that multicancer early detection might be
25 possible but also appreciated that a significant

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1 amount of research and clinical development would be
2 required.

3 Q. So how did GRAIL come into the picture?

4 A. Yeah.

5 So ultimately myself and the other founders and
6 Illumina and Illumina's board came to the conclusion
7 that to pursue this application in the research phases
8 and maximize the chance of success, it made sense to
9 found GRAIL and have an independent company to explore
10 this application.

11 Q. What specific contributions did Illumina make
12 to GRAIL to help explore developing an MCED test?

13 A. It contributed myself and 40 Illumina employees
14 who were world experts in genomics technology, cancer
15 biology, assay development, software analysis of
16 genomic signals. It contributed laboratories,
17 significant capital, and intellectual property.

18 Q. At the time that GRAIL was formed, what was
19 Illumina's view as to whether it would succeed?

20 A. You know, Illumina's view was that it was a
21 noble goal. If it was possible, Illumina had to
22 support it because the potential implications and for
23 lives saved was immense, but was also, you know, humble
24 that this was very difficult. Scientifically, there
25 was a lot of risk. It may turn out that -- at the

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1 time, we knew that it might turn out it was not
2 possible. Even if it was possible, it would be very
3 technically challenging to develop such a product. And
4 the clinical development for cancer screening
5 approaches in general was known to be very challenging,
6 expensive and timely.

7 So while Illumina appreciated the promise and
8 this as being worthy, it, you know, also was again
9 realistic about, you know, the substantial risk there
10 was in achieving, you know, a multicancer early
11 detection test.

12 Q. What was the industry reaction to the formation
13 of GRAIL?

14 A. I would say very, very skeptical. I'd say,
15 you know, appreciated again the noble goal.

16 The comments I remember at the time by industry
17 analysts and other companies was that this sounds like
18 it will be very hard, may not work at a scientific
19 level and, even if it did, will take a very long time
20 and be very challenging from a cost and clinical
21 development. Yes.

22 Q. So why the name GRAIL?

23 A. It was a way of showing humility. The
24 Holy Grail was never found, so it was a way of
25 acknowledging that it was a very worthy goal. If you

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1 could achieve it, there would be tremendous benefits.
2 But we also knew that, you know, in doing this we might
3 not succeed.

4 Q. Do you know whether Verinata would have formed
5 some version of GRAIL if Verinata had not been a
6 division of Illumina?

7 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Calls for speculation
8 or an expert opinion.

9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: He said "do you know."
10 Objection overruled.

11 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

12 So I know that they would not have formed a --
13 a, you know -- they would not have pursued this
14 application.

15 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

16 Q. Why?

17 A. What the laboratory director who had seen
18 these initial signals told me was that, you know,
19 quote, no one would, you know, listen to her about
20 pursuing this, that it was a distraction, that
21 Verinata did not have the resources to do this, and
22 that actually for some time at Illumina she was trying
23 to get people interested in it, and she was glad that
24 ultimately she could get, you know, leadership like
25 Rick and myself interested in it and develop a program

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1 like that.

2 She told me that, you know, but for Illumina no
3 one would have developed a program in this area and,
4 you know, also was very encouraging to form GRAIL
5 because, you know, without it she thought that this
6 interesting discovery and the potential benefits might
7 never be realized.

8 I would also --

9 MR. WIDNELL: Your Honor, I just want to
10 object. Everything that's been said is hearsay. We've
11 had no opportunity to test it in any way.

12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You will have your opportunity
13 on cross-exam -- or redirect.

14 MR. WIDNELL: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

16 Q. Dr. Aravanis, were you finished with your
17 answer?

18 A. Yeah. Yes, I was finished with my answer.
19 Yes.

20 Q. What was the name of the laboratory director,
21 if you recall?

22 A. Meredith Halks-Miller.

23 Q. So did there come a time when Illumina made the
24 decision to partially spin GRAIL out of Illumina?

25 A. Yes. In late 2015.

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1 Q. And why was that decision made?

2 A. Yeah.

3 So when we looked at the challenges in
4 developing a multicancer early detection product, we
5 appreciated that the research phase in particular was
6 going to be very challenging.

7 So a large number of cancer samples would have
8 to be collected, you know, tens of thousands, in a
9 very dedicated and expensive, high-risk research
10 program. We thought that as an independent company,
11 GRAIL would have a better chance of succeeding in doing
12 that activity.

13 You know, we didn't think that from a
14 commercial standpoint or necessarily, you know, that
15 GRAIL would be well positioned, but for the research
16 phase we believed that GRAIL would be more successful
17 as an independent company.

18 Q. Did Illumina's ownership interest in GRAIL
19 change over time?

20 A. It did.

21 Q. And how did it change?

22 A. You know, it decreased from a majority
23 ownership upon the -- when the company was initially
24 spun out and eventually went to -- in a subsequent
25 fund-raising round to a much lower percentage. I

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1 don't remember the exact number. Maybe around
2 20 percent.

3 Q. How, if at all, did Illumina's relationship
4 with GRAIL change as its ownership in GRAIL decreased?

5 A. Yeah.

6 So as -- after the ownership decreased to
7 the -- I don't know -- around 20 percent level, the
8 relationship became one of a vendor and an important
9 customer. And that's how I would characterize it.

10 Q. And did Illumina's ownership interest drop
11 eventually to about 12 percent on a diluted basis,
12 fully diluted basis?

13 A. That sounds right. There were subsequent
14 fund-raising rounds.

15 Q. What involvement did Illumina have with GRAIL
16 after it was spun off?

17 A. There were some -- there were some projects
18 that were holdovers from when GRAIL was part of
19 Illumina. And to just efficiently complete those
20 activities and rather than have the companies do
21 redundant work, there was collaboration around those.
22 They were not related to cancer screening. They were
23 just an efficient way to get some of the remaining work
24 done that some of the employees who had left Illumina
25 to GRAIL were doing.

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1 You know, once that was completed, there was no
2 further interactions between the companies other than
3 as a vendor and a customer.

4 Q. Did Illumina customize any NGS products for
5 GRAIL before it was spun out?

6 A. I don't -- I don't -- I don't believe there was
7 anything customized before the spinout. No.

8 Q. Did Illumina customize any NGS products for
9 GRAIL after it was spun out?

10 A. What Illumina did was box things differently.

11 So given that GRAIL was a very high-volume
12 customer and was spending a lot of time kind of
13 unboxing the reagents, Illumina kind of put more
14 bottles in a box and some other kind of packaging
15 activities like that just to make it easier and less
16 wasteful in terms of the packaging materials.

17 Q. So, Dr. Aravanis, what involvement did you have
18 personally in the development of GRAIL's multicaner
19 early detection test?

20 A. Yeah. I wrote the research and development
21 plan and I led the research and development program to
22 develop the test.

23 Q. I want to take you through the development
24 process a little bit. Maybe I can just ask you to
25 start by listing for us the different phases or steps

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1 that were involved in developing the GRAIL MCED test,
2 and then maybe I'll ask you questions about each one.

3 But what were the steps involved -- what are
4 the steps involved in developing an MCED test?

5 A. Yeah.

6 There's a research phase, then, if that's
7 successful, a test development phase and, if that's
8 successful, a clinical trial.

9 Q. And then what follows the clinical trials?

10 A. A commercial launch if the clinical trial is
11 successful.

12 Q. So let me ask you about the research phase.

13 Tell us what's involved in the research phase
14 of developing an MCED test.

15 A. Yeah.

16 So by way of my experience at GRAIL, the
17 research phase was a multiyear process. One thing we
18 needed to accomplish in the research phase to develop a
19 multicancer early detection test was to understand the
20 types of signals in cancer, not just one cancer but
21 actually every major cancer since we wanted to have a
22 test that could detect as many cancers as possible, so
23 that meant recruiting individuals, hundreds of
24 individuals with each major cancer type.

25 We also had to enroll individuals with many

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1 stages of cancer, so not just late-stage cancer but
2 also early-stage cancer.

3 So, for example, in pancreatic cancer, we
4 needed many samples of individuals with Stage I
5 pancreatic cancer, Stage II, Stage III, Stage IV. Many
6 of these samples are very difficult to find.

7 We ultimately recruited 15,000 individuals in
8 that research phase with and without cancer to be able
9 to catalog all of the different cancer signals. This
10 hadn't been done before.

11 We also needed thousands of other individuals,
12 and this came from another study, you know, to add to
13 the individuals without cancer.

14 The reason it was important to have I think in
15 the end in the research phase about 10,000 individuals
16 who didn't have cancer is that, you know, there's many
17 other diseases that can put signals into the blood,
18 you know, autoimmune, heart attacks, and so on.

19 So in addition to the discovery study to see
20 what signals were in the blood of people with various
21 cancers and without cancers, we also had to determine,
22 you know, what technology, if any, might be able to
23 effectively detect these signals.

24 So we did a large research experiment where we
25 looked at many approaches for cancer detection, most of

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1 them, you know, not successful. Ultimately, we found
2 one.

3 And since we were successful in categorizing
4 the signals in cancer and we found a technical approach
5 that we thought might be possible to develop into a
6 product, you know, we were then able to move on into
7 the test development phase.

8 Q. So how many people at GRAIL would you estimate
9 were involved in the discovery phase?

10 A. Hundreds.

11 Q. And how long did that phase, the discovery
12 phase, take?

13 A. Several years.

14 Q. So we've heard some discussion in the course of
15 trial about biomarkers.

16 What is a biomarker?

17 A. Yeah.

18 So a biomarker is a molecule in the blood and
19 that -- and that particular molecule might have a
20 relationship to a disease, so the, you know, amount of
21 that marker could go up or down depending on a
22 particular disease.

23 Q. What biomarkers did you use initially at
24 GRAIL?

25 A. We looked at many types of biomarkers.

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1 We looked at mutations in the DNA, in the
2 cancer DNA in the blood.

3 We looked at chromosomal changes, so this is
4 changes in the amounts of chromosomes in the blood.

5 We also looked at not just DNA but RNA signals
6 in the blood.

7 There was many -- in each of these there were
8 many different subtypes, but I'll just go over the
9 major categories.

10 And then we also looked at epigenetic signals,
11 in particular, methylation of the DNA.

12 Q. And how many biomarkers would you estimate that
13 GRAIL investigated?

14 A. You know, tens of millions.

15 Q. And during this phase, what signals or
16 biomarkers did GRAIL identify as being of greatest
17 interest?

18 A. The signal that was the most promising was the
19 methylation signal.

20 Q. And what technique does the GRAIL test use to
21 detect cancer?

22 A. It uses a next-generation sequencing approach
23 that can detect the methylation signals in the DNA.

24 Q. So referring if I may to RDX 6 at slide 20,
25 would you please explain to us how targeted methylation

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1 works.

2 A. Yeah. Sure.

3 So maybe just to start with methylation
4 patterns in general, so these are unique patterns in
5 the DNA that affect which genes are turned on and off.
6 And then by affecting which genes are turned on and
7 off, it affects what the cell becomes and how it
8 behaves.

9 So if you think, for example, of a lung cell
10 versus a liver cell, they have the same DNA in them.
11 That's not different. What's different is the
12 methylation patterns, so the places in the DNA that are
13 methylated or unmethylated, which is this chemical
14 change, is very different even though the underlying
15 DNA coda is the same. And so this fingerprint really
16 determines, you know, what a cell is and what a tissue,
17 you know, is.

18 There's about 30 million methylation sites in
19 the DNA -- or sorry -- in the human genome. In our
20 research phase at GRAIL, we identified about a million
21 sites that were informative for cancer.

22 And then in the product development phase we
23 developed a more efficient assay to just sequence those
24 one million sites and not all of the DNA. And we did
25 that to have a test that was much lower cost and much

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1 easier to manufacture.

2 Q. So how many methylation markers does Galleri
3 use, to your knowledge?

4 A. It uses a million.

5 Q. Would it be possible to create a test like
6 Galleri using far fewer methylation markers?

7 A. No. I think that's very unlikely.

8 Q. And do different cancer types have the same
9 methylation markers?

10 A. No, they do not.

11 So the methylation patterns between different
12 cancers can be quite different. Methylation patterns
13 actually within a cancer, even of the same type that
14 looks the same, can also be quite different. And this
15 is actually why you need so many markers, which is that
16 you need many markers to be able to understand which
17 type of cancer, to distinguish it from someone who
18 doesn't have cancer, and then -- and also be able to
19 detect all of the different types within a single
20 cancer. There wouldn't be enough information from a
21 small number of markers.

22 Q. And what, if any, challenges did GRAIL face in
23 developing its test during the discovery phase?

24 A. There were many challenges.

25 So coming out of the research phase, the

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1 methylation chemistry for the library prep was not
2 adequate. It wasn't efficient enough. It lost too
3 much of the methylated DNA, so we had to invent a new
4 method of library preparation that was much more
5 efficient.

6 As I -- as we discussed, we didn't want to
7 sequence the 29 million sites that weren't useful.
8 That would have been wasteful, so we needed a method to
9 selectively and efficiently enrich for just those DNA
10 fragments from the million relevant sites. To do that,
11 we invented a new enrichment approach to efficiently
12 recover just those fragments.

13 And then the sequencing, as we discussed, is
14 generic and no invention there.

15 And then on the analysis side we used machine
16 learning methods and -- to decipher and be able to
17 predict cancer from these complex signals.

18 So, you know, for any given cancer, you know,
19 in these million sites you could have many different
20 types of changes. You know, some of the changes are
21 unique to the individual. No human being could look at
22 such signals and actually determine what they mean, so
23 we had to develop a very sophisticated machine learning
24 approach that could take the signals and then make a
25 prediction of cancer and make a prediction of the type

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1 of cancer.

2 So those were some of the challenges in the
3 research and test development phase.

4 There were also challenges on the -- in the
5 clinical development. As I mentioned --

6 Q. Let me stop you there, Doctor, just so we keep
7 these a little bit more compartmentalized.

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. So let's turn to the test development phase
10 more broadly.

11 Describe for the court if you would what's
12 actually involved in the test development phase of an
13 MCED test.

14 A. Yeah.

15 So the test development phase is to construct
16 an assay, so, you know, a library prep and an analysis
17 that performs the test you want, right.

18 So you have to actually find the right
19 chemistries or invent them that manipulate the DNA and
20 prepare it the ways that you need, the efficiencies,
21 the costs that you want to achieve. You have to come
22 up with ways to automate that.

23 In this example, you need a test that can be
24 performed, you know, you know, ultimately, you know,
25 you know, millions of times, you know, in a laboratory,

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1 so you have to miniaturize, you know, these
2 chemistries, learn how to have robots, you know,
3 process them.

4 And then you also have to develop an analysis
5 of the signals.

6 And there's also many steps through which you
7 have to do verifications and validations of the system,
8 so rigorous tests that show that, you know, the overall
9 process is repeatable and reproducible when you do it
10 over and over. When different people run it, you get
11 the same result. When, you know, you run it on
12 different instruments, you get the same result. When
13 you get slightly different batches of a chemistry, you
14 get the same result. You have to document all of this
15 quite rigorously. You have to create systems that
16 follow all of these processes, both during the
17 development and then when the test is actually used.

18 Q. So how many people at GRAIL were involved in
19 the development phase of Galleri?

20 A. Hundreds.

21 Q. And how long would you say the development
22 phase took for Galleri?

23 A. A couple years.

24 Q. Can you describe for us the functions and the
25 features of the test that GRAIL decided through this

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1 process to develop?

2 A. Yeah. It ultimately was a targeted
3 methylation assay, so it had its own -- we talked
4 about the steps in an NGS workflow, so had a method for
5 doing high-throughput automated extraction.

6 It had a method for doing the library
7 preparation, which was the inventions that I described
8 for preparing efficiently the methylation -- methylated
9 DNA fragments for sequencing, for enriching for the
10 relevant regions.

11 Again, it goes onto the same generic sequencer
12 and generic sequencing consumables.

13 And then it has the -- you know, GRAIL's
14 proprietary machine learning algorithms to actually
15 take those signals and then make a prediction about
16 whether or not the patient has cancer and, if they do
17 have cancer, make a prediction about what type of
18 cancer.

19 Q. What challenges did GRAIL face that were
20 specific to the test development phase?

21 A. Yeah.

22 So I think I mentioned this already, but many
23 of these steps didn't exist, so no one at that time had
24 ever developed a -- you know, a production, clinical,
25 targeted methylation assay based on NGS, had automated

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1 it. And no one had ever done it for cell-free DNA.

2 As I mentioned, you know, existing technologies
3 were not efficient enough, not automatable enough, not
4 robust enough, so significant efforts by many engineers
5 and scientists to solve these challenges and make the
6 inventions which made the assay work.

7 Q. What does it mean to verify an MCED test?

8 A. Yeah. It's to show that at a technical level
9 it does what it's intended to do.

10 So if it's intended to process a certain amount
11 of DNA and enrich a certain amount of DNA and target
12 certain methylation sites and then produce, you know, a
13 certain amount of sequence data, you know, a
14 verification test is to actually run, you know, run the
15 system, and show that it performs within spec.

16 Q. And what does it mean to validate an MCED
17 test?

18 A. Yeah. There's different types of validation.

19 But, for example, for an analytical validation,
20 it's to show that the test measures what you expect to
21 measure and it measures it, you know, repeatably and
22 reliably.

23 Q. Let's turn to the clinical trial phase.

24 What clinical trials or studies has GRAIL done
25 for Galleri?

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1 A. Yeah.

2 So there's three studies that were involved in
3 the development of Galleri.

4 The first is the one in the upper right. It's
5 the CCGA study. That was the study that collected
6 samples from 15,000 people with and without cancers,
7 you know, every major type of cancer, different stages
8 of cancer.

9 In addition to blood from all
10 15,000 individuals, clinical data was also collected
11 from all of these individuals. This was required for
12 the research phase to have the -- you know, again, the
13 cat lit -- the catalog or the atlas of signals and then
14 to test all of the different potential technical
15 approaches to measure these signals.

16 The other study that was also used in the
17 research and test development phase was samples from
18 the STRIVE study, so the STRIVE study enrolled a
19 hundred thousand women, collected blood from all of
20 these women and their clinical data.

21 Several thousand samples from the STRIVE study
22 were used to supplement additional needs that the CCGA
23 study did not meet, in particular, having thousands
24 more individuals without cancer so that, you know,
25 could ensure that the test had a very low false

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1 positive rate.

2 And then the PATHFINDER study was used in
3 the -- you know, in the clinical -- in the clinical
4 trial after the test development.

5 Q. So you said there were four phases to the
6 development of the Galleri test, and I just want to
7 understand how strictly separated these phases are.

8 So did all of these trials referenced here on
9 RDX 6 at 21 -- did they take place, strictly speaking,
10 during the clinical trial phase or to what extent does
11 one phase bleed into the next?

12 A. Yeah.

13 So the CCGA was used during the research phase,
14 and the research phase couldn't have been done without
15 that.

16 Part of the STRIVE study again was used in the
17 research phase because CCGA and STRIVE were also used
18 in the test development phase.

19 The PATHFINDER study was begun towards the end
20 of the test development phase for the clinical
21 validation.

22 Q. And what personal involvement did you have in
23 these studies?

24 A. I was involved in the conception of the
25 studies, the design of them, and in the execution of

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1 operating them.

2 Q. And to what extent are there results from these
3 studies?

4 A. Yeah.

5 So today there are results that GRAIL has
6 released from -- you know, actually, many, many results
7 from the CCGA study. And then it's also released
8 preliminary results from the PATHFINDER study.

9 Q. And what can you tell us at a high level
10 collectively about the results of these trials?

11 A. I would say that the results were positive.

12 In the CCGA study, the initial results showed
13 that multicancer early detection could be possible. It
14 showed that methylation was the most promising result.

15 Then as the -- after the research phase, in the
16 test development phase, the CCGA showed that a much
17 lower-cost targeted methylation assay could also
18 achieve high performance for multicancer early
19 detection.

20 And then the PATHFINDER study showed that in an
21 actual, you know, interventional clinical trial where
22 you're testing patients, you're giving them the results
23 back, you could find undiagnosed cancers in
24 asymptomatic patients, and you could find early-stage
25 cancers in a significant number, and you could also do

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1 it at a very low false positive rate. I believe
2 less -- about half percent. And the test could also at
3 over 90 percent accuracy predict the type of cancer
4 that the patient had.

5 Q. So let's turn to the commercial launch phase.

6 What are the pathways to selling an MCED test?

7 A. There's two -- there's two basic ways you could
8 launch an MCED test. One is as a laboratory-developed
9 test, referred to as an LDT. The other would be as an
10 FDA-approved IVD.

11 Q. And when did GRAIL commercially launch the
12 Galleri test?

13 A. In June of 2021.

14 Q. And what pathway did GRAIL pursue in launching
15 Galleri in 2021?

16 A. Yeah. The Galleri test was launched as an
17 LDT.

18 Q. And what exactly is an LDT?

19 A. It's a test that's developed in a single
20 laboratory, validated in that single laboratory and
21 only offered through that single laboratory. It
22 follows a set of regulations called CLIA regulations.

23 Q. Does an LDT require FDA approval?

24 A. It does not.

25 Q. And can an LDT be distributed for use by a lab

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1 that did not develop the test?

2 A. It cannot.

3 Q. And why did GRAIL launch the Galleri test as an
4 LDT?

5 A. There were two reasons.

6 One is, given the promise of the test, GRAIL
7 wanted to make the -- this potentially lifesaving
8 technology available as soon as possible so that
9 patients and physicians could use the test, so it was
10 the fastest route to make it available and to try to
11 start, you know, making a dent in the number of people
12 who are diagnosed with late-stage cancer.

13 In addition to that, the data from the LDT
14 phase could be used to support and supplement the PMA
15 that GRAIL plans to submit for FDA approval.

16 Q. And what does "PMA" stand for?

17 A. Premarket application.

18 Q. And are there different kinds of premarket
19 applications?

20 A. There are.

21 Q. What are the different kinds of premarket
22 applications?

23 A. Two of them related to diagnostics are -- one
24 is a site-specific PMA. That's for a test for a
25 company that wants to receive FDA approval for running

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1 the test at a single laboratory.

2 There's also a true distributed IVD for which
3 you can submit a PMA. If approved, then that would
4 allow a kit for the test to be distributed and run by
5 other laboratories.

6 Q. And just for the clarity of the record, looking
7 at the realtime, I think I may have just called it a
8 PMA, suggesting there's no approval there.

9 "PMA" stands for premarket approval; right, so
10 you submit a PMA approval application?

11 A. Yeah. Thank you for the correction. Yes, a
12 premarket approval application.

13 Q. And does GRAIL -- I think you -- does GRAIL
14 have plans to seek a premarket approval at some point
15 for the Galleri test?

16 A. It does.

17 Q. And why?

18 A. So FDA approval will help with reimbursement
19 and adoption.

20 Q. And what is required for premarket approval of
21 an MCED test?

22 A. Yeah.

23 So a successful PMA application is required.

24 Q. Now, how many different cancers does the
25 Galleri test detect?

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1 A. 50.

2 Q. Was it always the plan for GRAIL to screen for
3 50 different cancers?

4 A. The initial plan from when the company was
5 founded was to develop a pan-cancer testing approach
6 that tested for multiple cancers. At the time, we
7 didn't know, you know, how many cancers that would be,
8 but it was to test for a large number -- to develop a
9 test for a large number of cancers.

10 Q. Did GRAIL consider developing a single-cancer
11 screening test?

12 A. It did as a route to multicancer but
13 ultimately abandoned it as taking -- that it would take
14 far too long, the benefit would be low, and the
15 benefits of a multicancer test would be much more
16 significant.

17 Q. All right. So why did GRAIL take the approach
18 of launching a test, developing a test that screens for
19 50-plus cancers instead of developing a test that
20 screens for one and then adding other cancers later
21 on?

22 A. So for each test you were to develop, right,
23 you would have to go through a somewhat similar process
24 to what GRAIL did, right, so you'd have to go through a
25 research phase, you'd have to go through a test

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1 development phase, you'd have to go for a clinical
2 phase. You know, the time, you know, might be similar
3 for each cancer. And so if you were going to do this
4 serially and each one took four or five years, right,
5 then for 50 cancers you're talking about, you know, a
6 very long time, right, you know, a couple hundred
7 years.

8 So obviously that's, you know, undesirable and
9 not practical, so there's a lot of benefit, you know,
10 if you could do multicancer.

11 The other is just the inherent benefit of
12 multicancer, right, so a single test has more benefit
13 if it, you know -- if it detects more cancers.

14 Q. How do biomarkers vary from one cancer to the
15 next?

16 A. They tend to be very different, so while there
17 are some signals that overlap, most signals do not.

18 Q. And what steps would a test developer have to
19 follow to convert a single-cancer test into a 50-cancer
20 test?

21 A. So when we looked at this at GRAIL, you would
22 have to do a research study, a discovery study, and
23 collect the relevant samples for the new cancer type to
24 find the signals. You would then have to determine
25 what the right technology would be for detecting that

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1 cancer. You would then have to go into a new test
2 development phase to make a new test, you know, for
3 this additional cancer. And then you would have to
4 start a new clinical trial appropriate for that cancer
5 and then run that clinical trial.

6 Q. Well, so how is it that GRAIL could develop a
7 test for 50 cancers in what I'll call one development
8 cycle, but you say that a company developing tests for
9 one cancer would have to repeat those steps for
10 additional cancers?

11 A. Yeah.

12 So GRAIL did this work in parallel by doing a
13 much larger version, a much larger research phase, a
14 much larger test development and clinical development.

15 So, again, you know, the CCGA study was
16 15,000 individuals. You know, that's probably the -- I
17 mean, you know, by many factors the largest study
18 I've -- I know about for developing an early stage --
19 or for the research phase of an early-stage cancer
20 detection test, right, so if you were doing a single
21 cancer, you might collect a couple hundred, you know,
22 of an individual cancer. But by doing 15,000 and
23 collecting multiple hundreds of every major cancer
24 type, what GRAIL did was effectively do all 50 at the
25 same time, but it had to be an unprecedented size of

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1 study, much more complex and much more expensive.

2 Q. How long have people been trying to develop
3 blood-based cancer screening tests, to your knowledge?

4 A. For a long time. Many, many decades.

5 Q. And why has there been so little success?

6 A. It's very hard to do, for a variety of reasons,
7 which GRAIL encountered.

8 One is, you have to learn what the signals are
9 in the blood, which requires, you know, you know,
10 again, collecting and cataloging the signals of,
11 you know, 50 cancers in this case.

12 You also have to find a technology that could
13 detect the signals with the type of characteristics.
14 That's very hard to do, to find a technology that could
15 detect so many cancers and for cancer screening could
16 do it at such a low false positive rate.

17 And for multicancer there's also value if you
18 can predict the cancer, something else that, you know,
19 had never, you know, been demonstrated.

20 So, you know, lots of efforts over the decades,
21 many companies, many academics, probably billions of
22 dollars spent, and unfortunately, you know, no -- no
23 products or successes to show for it.

24 Q. Couldn't a company just collect a bunch of
25 samples from various sample banks and forgo a clinical

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1 trial?

2 A. I don't think that would work.

3 Q. Why not?

4 A. So what we found at GRAIL is that, you know,
5 the cancer signals in the blood are subtle. There's a
6 lot of signals in people that don't have cancer, and so
7 to be able to understand which signals are relevant,
8 you have to do this where you have a unified collection
9 approach across, you know, all of the cancers the same
10 way.

11 GRAIL collected samples from 142 sites across
12 North America simultaneously to capture all of the
13 different types of cancers, you know, again, you know,
14 hundreds of examples, so that, you know, they could be
15 compared.

16 In a similar way, it had to collect in I
17 believe in the development of Galleri about
18 10,000 individuals, the samples from individuals
19 without cancer, and again had to be collected in a
20 uniform way, high quality, same sample collection
21 protocol, same clinical data collected in the same way
22 so it could be comparable.

23 If you were just to mix and match samples
24 collected in different ways from different purposes,
25 you would end up finding signals that are just

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1 artifacts of those methods. And were you to develop a
2 test in that way, you know, likely it wouldn't perform
3 well.

4 And unfortunately, that is the reason why,
5 despite many companies, large amounts of money and,
6 you know, many academic scientists, there hasn't been
7 success to date. This trying to mix and match things
8 that aren't comparable has been very problematic.

9 Q. So one of complaint counsel's experts has
10 suggested that once a company has a test for a single
11 cancer, it's pretty straightforward to expand to add
12 all other cancers.

13 What can you tell us about that?

14 MR. WIDNELL: Objection, Your Honor. He's
15 basically asking for an opinion about expert
16 testimony.

17 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, I'm actually not.
18 The experts on complaint counsel's side have assumed
19 things that they call facts and used them as the basis
20 of their opinions, and I'm asking about an assumed fact
21 in an opinion of an expert.

22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Why don't we ratchet down the
23 controversy. Ask your question you want to ask the man
24 and don't refer to anybody's expert. Rephrase.

25 MR. MARRIOTT: Okay. Fair enough, Your Honor.

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1 Thank you.

2 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

3 Q. If a company has -- what can you tell us about
4 whether, if a company has a test for a single cancer,
5 it's straightforward to expand that test to all other
6 cancers?

7 A. That doesn't make sense to me. I don't
8 understand why that would be.

9 Q. Okay. And why not?

10 A. You know, to develop a test for a new
11 indication, like a new cancer, you have to go get
12 samples related to that different cancer. You have to
13 find the signals. Then you have to develop a
14 technology for that. Then you have to do a -- the
15 relevant clinical trial.

16 There's no shortcut. I mean, there's hundreds
17 of diagnostics developed. I've never heard of an
18 example where because you developed a test for one
19 thing, you can now -- it's a shortcut to develop a test
20 for something different. That's not the way good
21 clinical development works.

22 Yeah, that doesn't -- it doesn't -- I don't see
23 where the shortcut is.

24 Q. Could you describe for us, please, how the
25 Galleri test works.

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1 A. Yeah.

2 So at a high level, the Galleri test detects
3 methylation signals in the blood that are coming from a
4 cancer. It then, based on the types of signals,
5 predicts whether or not there's a cancer present or
6 not. And it also predicts the type of cancer, assuming
7 that it's predicted a cancer. And then a report is
8 produced that is given to the physician to share with a
9 patient.

10 Q. Can you identify the specific cancers that the
11 Galleri test has identified?

12 A. Do you mean in the PATHFINDER study or what are
13 you referring to?

14 Q. In any of its studies, can you identify for us
15 the cancers, the 50 cancers that -- and I realize it's
16 not meant to be a memory test, but can you give us a
17 sense of the cancers that the Galleri test has
18 identified?

19 A. It's essentially every major cancer you've ever
20 heard of, so I could -- lung cancer, stomach cancer,
21 head and neck cancer, liver cancer, ovarian,
22 pancreatic, and on and on. It's every major cancer.
23 There are some that it doesn't, but it's every major
24 one.

25 Q. What is the specificity of the marketed version

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1 of Galleri?

2 A. 99.5 percent.

3 Q. And what does that mean?

4 A. That means that if you take, say,
5 200 individuals who -- let's say you knew somehow that
6 none of them have cancer -- how often would you get a
7 result erroneously that one of them would have cancer.

8 So in this case, if you were to give the test
9 to 200 people who didn't have cancer and you really
10 knew they didn't have cancer, one in 200 you would get
11 what's called a false positive or the test would
12 indicate a cancer signal was detected, and then upon
13 doing a diagnostic workup you would find that that's
14 not true.

15 Q. And how does that compare to the specificity of
16 other screening tests?

17 A. It's very high. I'm not aware of any screening
18 tests with such a high specificity. Most screening
19 tests are, you know, in the 80s or low 90s, not
20 99.5 percent.

21 Q. What's the specificity, if you know, of a
22 mammogram?

23 A. I think it's in the high 80s.

24 Q. What's the sensitivity of the marketed version
25 of Galleri?

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1 A. Yeah. The sensitivity varies by cancer type,
2 so for each of the 50 cancers there's a different
3 sensitivity.

4 There's also a different sensitivity by stage
5 of cancer, so a different sensitivity for, you know,
6 Stage I pancreatic cancer, you know, a different
7 sensitivity for Stage II.

8 So depending on how you group these together,
9 you can get different averages. I think a very
10 relevant number is that if you look at a subgroup of
11 the 50 cancers that are particularly deadly and that
12 account for two-thirds of all cancer deaths, the
13 Galleri detects 70 percent of those in early stage.

14 Q. And do you know whether the Galleri test has
15 successfully detected cancer in asymptomatic patients?

16 A. Yes, it has. It's detected many individuals
17 with early-stage cancer who are asymptomatic.

18 Q. And do you know whether the test has led to a
19 curative therapy for any of those patients?

20 A. It has.

21 So if you look at the preliminary results from
22 the PATHFINDER study, GRAIL shows examples of an
23 individual, for example, who was detected with
24 pancreatic cancer, turned out it was Stage II
25 pancreatic cancer. The individual went -- underwent

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1 curative therapy for that cancer.

2 There was another individual with -- detected
3 with early-stage head and neck cancer, and again often
4 not detected at early stage, but for this individual it
5 was and so could receive curative intent therapy.

6 There was another individual who had small
7 bowel cancer at early stage, and the test detected
8 that.

9 There are other examples in the PATHFINDER
10 study.

11 Q. Switching gears a little bit here, when did
12 Illumina decide to reacquire all of the shares of
13 GRAIL?

14 A. Yeah.

15 So I think there was a board decision to do
16 that in September of 2020.

17 Q. And did you personally support Illumina's
18 decision to reacquire GRAIL?

19 A. I did support it.

20 Q. And please tell us why.

21 A. You know, the GRAIL Galleri test holds
22 tremendous promise. You know, if the test is widely
23 deployed, you know, there's the opportunity to save,
24 you know, many thousands of lives. There's few things
25 in cancer diagnostics or therapeutics that have the

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1 same potential to avert deaths from cancer.

2 Our analysis was that Illumina is in a unique
3 position to accelerate adoption of the GRAIL Galleri
4 test. And by accelerating that and leading to,
5 you know, many million -- millions of more people
6 getting the test faster, we think in that, you know,
7 period we'll save many additional thousands of lives,
8 so it's hard to, you know, imagine, you know, a more
9 incredible opportunity to improve, you know, human
10 health.

11 You know, in addition to that, there would be
12 other, you know, business benefits. It would help us,
13 you know, diversify our business.

14 It would also give us access to additional
15 clinical data and test data that we think could lead to
16 new breakthroughs, like the one from -- we had from
17 noninvasive prenatal testing that actually led to
18 the -- which contributed to the founding of GRAIL.

19 Q. I believe you said before, Dr. Aravanis, that
20 you supported Illumina's spin-off of GRAIL.

21 How do you reconcile your support for both the
22 spin-off of GRAIL and Illumina's reacquisition of
23 GRAIL?

24 A. Yeah.

25 So, you know, when we -- when we spun off

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1 GRAIL, we believed that was the -- the -- the best way
2 to give GRAIL the chance to do the early-stage research
3 required to see if multicancer early detection was
4 possible.

5 We knew that GRAIL wasn't set up to do
6 commercial development, you know, regulatory processes,
7 and so in the future, bringing the company back in,
8 you know, might make sense.

9 So it was really about, you know, optimizing
10 the research phase. And then when we saw what
11 happened in the research phase, we could reevaluate
12 what made sense, if it was successful, to help
13 commercialize.

14 Q. So what's different, if anything, about GRAIL
15 now compared to when Illumina spun it out in 2017?

16 A. Yeah. I mean, it went from a scientific idea
17 to a first product, and so the -- the science has been
18 proven out. A lot of the clinical results have been
19 established. The test -- a first test has been
20 developed and a first product has been launched.

21 Q. And what, if anything, is different about
22 Illumina now compared to when Illumina spun GRAIL out
23 in 2017?

24 A. You know, Illumina has developed substantial
25 additional capabilities in market access, in its

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1 regulatory capabilities, you know, in its overall
2 scale, size of R&D, so, you know, again, a lot of,
3 you know, improvements and increases in capabilities
4 since Illumina spun out GRAIL.

5 Q. I want to ask you some questions now if I may
6 about the marketplace for MCED tests, picking up on a
7 theme raised by Mr. Widnell during his earlier
8 examination.

9 In your roles at Illumina and then GRAIL and
10 now Illumina again, have you tracked to what extent
11 other companies are developing cancer screening tests?

12 A. Yes, I have.

13 Q. And what do you know about whether other
14 companies are developing an early cancer screening
15 test?

16 A. There appear to be some in an early research
17 phase.

18 Q. Are you aware of any company that has developed
19 an early cancer screening test comparable to the
20 Galleri test?

21 A. No. I'm not aware of any tests that are
22 comparable to the Galleri test.

23 Q. And what would you expect to see in the public
24 domain if a test developer was within five years of
25 launching an MCED test similar to Galleri?

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1 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you want to rephrase, more
3 in the line of what do you know rather than what
4 someone might expect?

5 MR. MARRIOTT: Sure. Happy to do that,
6 Your Honor. Thank you.

7 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

8 Q. What do you know, Dr. Aravanis, about what
9 would be seen in the public domain if a company were
10 within five years of launching an MCED test similar to
11 Galleri?

12 A. So I would expect to see the same types of
13 reports, publications, you know, meeting presentations
14 and clinical trials that GRAIL did.

15 Q. What is ClinicalTrials.gov?

16 A. Yeah. It's a government website where clinical
17 trials are registered.

18 Q. And what's a discovery study?

19 A. A discovery study is a research study for the
20 purpose of understanding -- or sorry -- for the purpose
21 of discovering potential signals that could be useful
22 in, for example, a diagnostic.

23 Q. Do you know whether you would see a discovery
24 study registered on ClinicalTrials.gov if an MCED test
25 developer were close to developing a test?

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1 A. I believe you would expect to see that.

2 So, as we discussed, for an MCED test,
3 you know, GRAIL needed, you know, to have a test for
4 50 cancers, needed about 20,000 individuals, you know,
5 with and without cancer. A clinical, you know, study
6 that was enrolling 20,000 individuals, you know,
7 you know, would -- you know, would be listed on
8 ClinicalTrials.gov. That would be highly unusual to
9 have a 20,000-participant study that wasn't listed on
10 ClinicalTrials.gov.

11 Q. How long does it take --

12 MR. WIDNELL: Your Honor, my apologies, but I
13 understand that the question started with how, but the
14 witness answered with "I believe I [sic] would expect."
15 I think that's -- that's -- there's still a foundation
16 question there about what his basis is.

17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Respond or rephrase or lay a
18 foundation.

19 MR. MARRIOTT: Doctor -- thank you, Your Honor.

20 Doctor -- I'll try to lay a little better
21 foundation.

22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Based on the objection, the
23 current answer will be disregarded.

24 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

25 Q. Dr. Aravanis, do you know what steps an MCED

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1 test developer would take in terms of registering
2 trials on ClinicalTrials.gov if it were close to having
3 developed an MCED test?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And what do you know about what would appear on
6 ClinicalTrials.gov if an MCED test developer were at a
7 point where it had developed an MCED test?

8 A. If a company had -- I just want to clarify I
9 understand. You're saying that the company has gone
10 through the research phase, gone through the test
11 development phase, and now is ready to do a clinical
12 trial. At that point, what would I expect to see on
13 ClinicalTrials.gov? Is that the question?

14 MR. WIDNELL: Objection, Your Honor. That's
15 still what he's expecting, not what he knows.

16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Sustained.

17 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

18 Q. Yeah, the question was a little bit different,
19 so -- but let me see if I can -- I can do this in a
20 different way and ask you this, Doctor.

21 How long does it take --

22 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Let me just tell you, you're
23 here to tell us what you know, not to guess or
24 speculate. All right?

25 THE WITNESS: Okay. Yes, Your Honor.

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1 MR. MARRIOTT: May I proceed, Your Honor?

2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.

3 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

4 Q. How long does it take to go from registering a
5 discovery study on ClinicalTrials.gov to obtaining
6 results that could be used to advance the development
7 of an MCED test like Galleri?

8 A. A couple years.

9 Q. When did GRAIL publicly initiate its discovery
10 study on ClinicalTrials.gov for the Galleri test?

11 A. In 2016.

12 Q. And how long did it take GRAIL to go from
13 registration of the discovery study to obtaining the
14 data that it needed to advance the development of the
15 Galleri test?

16 A. For the discovery phase it took a couple
17 years.

18 Q. What is an IDE?

19 A. "IDE" stands for investigational device
20 exemption. It's given by the FDA to allow a clinical
21 trial to proceed.

22 Q. And is an IDE required to develop an MCED test
23 similar to Galleri?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And are IDEs grants public?

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1 A. No, they're not public.

2 Q. And in your experience as a developer of an
3 MCED test, do companies typically disclose that they
4 receive an IDE for major clinical trials?

5 A. Yes, they do.

6 Q. Was GRAIL granted an IDE from an -- for an
7 interventional study involving Galleri?

8 A. It was.

9 Q. And did GRAIL publicly disclose that it
10 received an IDE for an interventional study involving
11 Galleri?

12 A. Yes, it did.

13 Q. And why did GRAIL publicize the fact that it
14 received an IDE for Galleri?

15 A. It was a significant milestone in the
16 development of the test. An IDE for multicancer early
17 detection had never been given by the FDA before.

18 GRAIL also wanted to demonstrate that it was
19 working with the FDA and, you know, following best
20 practices and developing its test with extreme rigor.

21 Q. What's an interventional study?

22 A. It's a study where, in the case of a
23 diagnostic, the result is being given to the physician
24 and the patient and used in their care and potentially
25 affects their care.

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1 Q. And are interventional studies registered on
2 ClinicalTrials.gov?

3 A. Yes, they are.

4 Q. How long does it take to go from the
5 registration of an interventional study on
6 ClinicalTrials.gov to obtaining results that could be
7 used to advance the development of an MCED test like
8 Galleri?

9 A. In the case of Galleri, it took 18 months from
10 registration to the preliminary results.

11 Q. So what role, Dr. Aravanis, do peer-reviewed
12 journals play in the development of an MCED test?

13 A. They're very important. Peer review is a way
14 of validating the science and the results during the
15 different stages of development.

16 Q. And did GRAIL make the decision to publish in
17 peer-reviewed journals the results of any of its
18 studies concerning Galleri?

19 A. Yes, it did.

20 Q. And why did it do that?

21 A. You know, GRAIL believed that the best
22 scientific and clinical processes for development of
23 clinical products should be transparent. It wanted the
24 scrutiny of the scientific and clinical communities and
25 welcomed their feedback.

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1 It also appreciated that for the results to be
2 believed, you know, peer review was very important.

3 Q. Are you aware of any peer-reviewed articles
4 describing a test similar to the Galleri test?

5 A. Could you -- what do you mean by the "similar
6 to the Galleri test"?

7 Q. Fair enough.

8 Are you aware of any peer-reviewed articles
9 that describe a test that does what the Galleri test
10 does?

11 A. No, I'm not.

12 Q. Is it possible to perform a discovery study for
13 an MCED test like Galleri using samples stored in a
14 biobank?

15 A. I don't believe so.

16 Q. And why not?

17 A. As we discussed before, to find the relevant
18 signals for an MCED test, you need samples that were
19 actually collected that are relevant to what you're
20 trying to detect.

21 So, for example, take pancreatic cancer. If
22 you want to develop a test for early-stage pancreatic
23 cancer, you need samples from individuals with
24 early-stage, you know, pancreatic cancer, right, so you
25 would need samples from individuals with Stage I and

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1 Stage II pancreatic cancer. And you need large numbers
2 of those.

3 Such biobanks don't exist because, you know,
4 the number of individuals with those cancers is very
5 unusual, so without a dedicated effort to find these
6 types of relevant samples in a clinical trial, I don't
7 see how a biobank with some other samples could be
8 relevant.

9 Q. Is it possible to perform a discovery study for
10 an MCED test like Galleri using biomarkers identified
11 from running a commercial MRD or therapy selection
12 test?

13 MR. WIDNELL: Objection, Your Honor. This is
14 straying into opinion testimony.

15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you want to respond or lay
16 a foundation or rephrase?

17 MR. MARRIOTT: I can rephrase it, Your Honor.
18 Thank you.

19 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

20 Q. So in developing the Galleri test,
21 Dr. Aravanis, did you -- did you use biomarkers
22 identified from running a commercial MRD or therapy
23 selection test?

24 A. We did not.

25 Q. And why not?

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1 A. So to develop a test for early-stage cancer,
2 you need signals and samples from early-stage cancer,
3 right. We know the signals in early-stage cancer can
4 be substantially different. You also need signals from
5 a large number of people who don't have cancer.

6 Tests for individuals with late-stage cancers
7 would be different signals than early-stage cancers, so
8 may not be relevant signals.

9 Moreover, those tests are generally used only
10 for a small number of cancers, you know, primarily,
11 say, lung cancer or colorectal cancer, right, so you
12 wouldn't find, for example, pancreatic cancer samples
13 that are -- especially at early stage that are run in
14 any of these tests, so while, you know, you would have
15 data from these other tests, it wouldn't be from the
16 samples and patients that you would need.

17 Q. Are there challenges unique to running
18 clinical trials for an MCED test that's focused on
19 cancers for which there are no existing screening
20 protocols?

21 A. There are.

22 Q. What are those challenges?

23 A. Yeah.

24 So for cancers where there is no existing
25 screening methodology, those cancers tend to present

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1 very late stage in disease, so finding early-stage --
2 patients with early-stage cancers is very hard and very
3 rare.

4 So one of the significant challenges that
5 GRAIL had in developing a cancer test that detected
6 many cancers that were not screened for -- and that's
7 45 of the 50 cancers that GRAIL tests for are not
8 currently screened-for cancers -- it had to set up
9 clinical trials and in the case of the CCGA study had
10 to develop 142 trial sites to find rare examples of
11 individuals with these unscreened cancers at
12 early-stage disease. It was, you know, unprecedented
13 in scale and complexity and cost to do that.

14 Q. How would you compare the Galleri test to
15 other tests in development as you -- as you're aware of
16 them?

17 A. I'm not --

18 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

19 It's not clear what his basis for a comparison
20 would be.

21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Rephrase.

22 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

23 Q. Dr. Aravanis, are you -- do you -- as part of
24 your job as chief technology officer of Illumina and in
25 your prior position at GRAIL, are you -- do you have a

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1 practice of following developments in the marketplace
2 about other MCED tests in development?

3 A. Yes, I do.

4 Q. And do you have knowledge of what other
5 companies have said publicly and what appears or
6 doesn't appear in peer-reviewed journals about other
7 MCED tests in development?

8 A. Yes. I do follow that public information.

9 Q. And do you recall the document that Mr. Widnell
10 showed you during the in camera portion of your
11 testimony, which I won't refer to in any detail, which
12 described work you had done in thinking about other
13 potential competitors in this space?

14 A. Yes. I -- I remember that document.

15 Q. With that, how would you compare the Galleri
16 test to other tests in development?

17 A. I -- I'm not aware of any of the tests being
18 developed by any of those companies that has overlap
19 with the Galleri test or would compete with it.

20 Q. And while you were at GRAIL, did you consider
21 other companies developing early cancer screening
22 tests as competitors or potential competitors to
23 Galleri?

24 A. Yeah.

25 So those companies listed we thought were the

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1 most likely companies to potentially develop something
2 similar. It's turned out now with the benefit of the
3 time that's passed that based on the public
4 information, that hasn't occurred, that they are not
5 developing anything that would be a substitute or a
6 competitive product.

7 Q. I'm going to ask you a few questions about what
8 you understand -- withdrawn. I know that's --
9 "understand" is not a good word in this context,
10 Your Honor.

11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That's right.

12 Hang on. Before you do that, let's go ahead
13 and take our lunch break.

14 MR. MARRIOTT: Okay. Fair enough.

15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: We will reconvene at 2:50,
16 2-5-0.

17 We're in recess.

18 (Whereupon, at 1:43 p.m., a lunch recess was
19 taken.

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1 AFTERNOON SESSION

2 (2:50 p.m.)

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, we are back on the
4 record in public session.

5 Proceed.

6 MR. MARRIOTT: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

8 Q. Dr. Aravanis, is Galleri intended to compete
9 with any single cancer screening test?

10 A. It is not.

11 Q. Why not?

12 A. The single cancer screening tests I'm aware of
13 are to be used in current standard of care
14 applications. The Galleri test is not intended to be
15 used for those purposes.

16 Q. Do you know whether Galleri will compete with a
17 test that screens for fewer than ten cancers?

18 A. You know, given the different number of
19 cancers, all the different types of indications, I
20 think that's unlikely.

21 Q. Do you know whether Galleri will compete with a
22 test that does not identify tumor of origin?

23 A. I don't believe so.

24 Q. And why not?

25 A. A test that does not determine tumor of origin

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1 presumably would be used in a very different clinical
2 context, for example, with an imaging modality. So,
3 again, a very different use case.

4 Q. Does Illumina have any plan to raise costs to
5 GRAIL's rivals?

6 A. No.

7 Q. And why not?

8 A. You know, Illumina's business is based on
9 growing sequencing markets, so lowering the cost,
10 allowing people to do more sequencing. So existing
11 customers today do more samples, do more science and
12 discovery work.

13 Illumina's business has also been driven by new
14 applications that are developed. So by lowering costs,
15 you know, many of the applications today became
16 possible, and people innovated and created those. So
17 Illumina is hoping for more of those applications to be
18 developed. And so there's a strong incentive for us to
19 continue to decrease cost, and that's our plan.

20 Q. And do you know what impact foreclosing a GRAIL
21 rival would be on Illumina's sequencing business?

22 A. It would harm it. We would decrease our
23 revenue.

24 Q. Do you know what impact foreclosing a GRAIL
25 rival would have on Illumina's reputation?

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1 A. It would be very detrimental. So our business
2 is based on customers using our platforms for their
3 applications, developing new applications. Were we to
4 do something like that, you know, they could
5 potentially move to other systems, right?

6 So they have those opportunities today, and we
7 expect them to have even more sequencing alternatives
8 in the future. Were we to do something like foreclose
9 on a customer's business, you know, I think we would
10 jeopardize the existing customer relationships.

11 I would also add just at a kind of reputational
12 level, to do something like that I think, you know, is
13 not consistent with our mission and values.

14 Q. What is the cost of sequencing as a percentage
15 of the development costs of an MCED test like Galleri?

16 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation. To the
17 extent that counsel is asking about Galleri, that's one
18 thing, but if he's asking the witness to speculate
19 about other MCED tests, there is no foundation.

20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Rephrase or lay a foundation.

21 MR. MARRIOTT: I am happy to rephrase, Your
22 Honor.

23 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

24 Q. What is the cost of sequencing as a percentage
25 of the development cost of Galleri?

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1 A. It was about 10 percent of the overall
2 development cost.

3 Q. And what is the cost of sequencing as a
4 percentage of the revenue of Galleri?

5 A. It's less than 10 percent.

6 Q. And what percentage of the cost of MCED tests
7 do you project will be attributable to sequencing costs
8 over the next several years?

9 MR. WIDNELL: Objection to foundation again.
10 He's asking about multiple MCED tests and not just
11 Galleri's.

12 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Rephrase and make sure what
13 you're talking about there.

14 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

15 Q. What percentage of the cost of the Galleri test
16 do you project will be attributable to sequencing costs
17 over the next several years?

18 A. It will go down to 5 percent and then even less
19 over time.

20 Q. Has Illumina made any determination as to
21 whether MCED test developers will be able in the future
22 to reduce the amount of sequencing that tests require?

23 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

24 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That's a fair question.
25 Overruled.

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1 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So it will decrease over
2 time. So for the Galleri tests we discussed, you know,
3 GRAIL has innovations that will lead to a decreased
4 usage of sequencing over time. You know, that, by
5 itself, would reduce the amount of cost associated with
6 sequencing per test.

7 You know, Illumina has -- is also going to
8 lower the cost of sequencing over time. Other
9 sequencing providers are going to also. So this will
10 compound the overall reduction in sequencing costs as a
11 fraction of the test.

12 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, I'm just pausing
13 because I think I may have seen a witness about to come
14 later appear in this phase. I think we probably need
15 to fix that.

16 MS. MUSSER: Yes. I was just alerting Your
17 Honor to the same thing.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, apologies. I'll
19 leave.

20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you.

21 MR. MARRIOTT: Let me see where you were,
22 Doctor, before I interrupted.

23 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

24 Q. All right. I'm sorry, Dr. Aravanis, did you
25 have an opportunity to finish your answer to that

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1 question or would you like it back?

2 A. I did. I did complete my answer.

3 Q. Has Illumina made any commitment about not
4 raising costs to GRAIL rivals?

5 A. It has.

6 Q. And what are those commitments?

7 A. So Illumina has an open offer letter to
8 companies that may develop similar products to Galleri
9 and others in the oncology space. That letter
10 guarantees that prices will never be raised. It also
11 guarantees a price reduction over time of at least 43
12 percent.

13 Q. Do you know whether the projected size of the
14 clinical testing market will give Illumina an incentive
15 to harm GRAIL's rivals?

16 A. I don't believe so.

17 Q. And why not?

18 A. You know, again, Illumina's larger business is
19 based on many customers using Illumina's sequencing
20 platform for their clinical applications, developing
21 new clinical applications. You know, we want that to
22 continue and grow. Raising prices would be
23 counterproductive to that.

24 In addition to that, I would say that we know
25 that, you know, customers have alternative sequencing

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1 options today, and they're going to have many more in
2 the future.

3 Q. Aside from ordinary-course customer support,
4 how much cooperation does an MCED test developer
5 require from Illumina if it's developing an MCED test
6 as an LDT?

7 A. I don't believe there's any additional
8 assistance required beyond standard, you know,
9 servicing of the instruments and maintenance, things
10 like that.

11 Q. And how much cooperation does a developer need
12 if it's developing an MCED as an FDA-approved IVD
13 distributable kit?

14 A. Very little assistance.

15 Q. Has Illumina made any determination as to when
16 MCED test developers will seek distributed IVD kits for
17 cancer screening tests?

18 A. It has not.

19 Q. Is GRAIL developing its test as an IVD
20 distributable kit?

21 A. It is not.

22 Q. And why not?

23 A. Developing a distributed IVD NGS product is a
24 very long and complex process. For the foreseeable
25 future, GRAIL believes that it can address, you know,

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1 the market needs as an LDT and as a site-specific PMA.

2 Q. Does Illumina have any incentive to create
3 sequencing systems that are optimized for Galleri but
4 that don't work for a rival third-party test?

5 A. No, it does not.

6 Q. And has Illumina optimized any of its products
7 for Galleri?

8 A. It has not.

9 Q. Does Illumina have any pattern or practice of
10 optimizing its sequencers for a particular application?

11 A. No, it does not.

12 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

13 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you want to rephrase or --

14 MR. MARRIOTT: I'm happy to --

15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: -- ask a foundational
16 question?

17 MR. MARRIOTT: Sure.

18 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

19 Q. As the chief technology officer of Illumina,
20 Doctor, do you know whether the company has a pattern
21 and practice of optimizing sequencers for particular
22 application?

23 A. It does not.

24 Q. Do you know whether Illumina can materially
25 disadvantage a GRAIL rival because the open offer

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1 doesn't require Illumina to give them access to
2 pre-release NGS products until 45 days after those
3 products are accessible to GRAIL?

4 MR. WIDNELL: Objection, Your Honor. This is
5 coming very close to opinion testimony that goes to
6 legal questions in this case or economic questions in
7 this case.

8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Response?

9 MR. MARRIOTT: Sure. I don't -- I don't -- I
10 apologize, Your Honor. I don't think that it -- I
11 don't think that it does go to legal questions
12 directly, nor do I think that it goes to opinion
13 questions directly. It is a -- it is a question
14 designed to respond to a factual allegation elicited
15 from the Government during one of their examinations,
16 and it asks about the open offer and how the open offer
17 operates or doesn't operate and what incentives it
18 creates or doesn't create.

19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well --

20 MR. WIDNELL: May I respond, Your Honor?

21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Yes, go ahead.

22 MR. WIDNELL: Just to focus, the objectionable
23 part of the question, I think, was when he asked if it
24 would materially disadvantage the company. That seems
25 like a legal conclusion to me.

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1 MR. MARRIOTT: I'm happy to take out the word
2 "materially" if that will resolve the concern.

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Rephrase.

4 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

5 Q. Do you know whether Illumina can disadvantage
6 GRAIL rivals because the open offer doesn't require
7 Illumina to give them access to pre-release NGS
8 products until 45 days after those products are
9 accessible to GRAIL?

10 A. I don't see how that would disadvantage another
11 test developer.

12 Q. And why do you say that?

13 A. These tests are developed over many years.
14 Forty-five days is a very inconsequential amount of
15 time relative to the years it takes to develop one of
16 these products.

17 Q. Do you know whether Illumina can disadvantage a
18 GRAIL rival by telling GRAIL about new Illumina NGS
19 products before giving anyone access to those products?

20 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation. It's not
21 clear how he would know how an MCED -- another MCED
22 test developer would be disadvantaged or not.

23 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, I believe the same
24 question was asked of an MCED developer representative.

25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: The question currently posed

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1 is "do you know." I'll allow it.

2 THE WITNESS: You know, knowledge that a future
3 sequencer is going to come out without access to it, to
4 do testing and development, is not a meaningful
5 advantage.

6 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

7 Q. Does Illumina monitor investment in MCED
8 testing?

9 A. It does.

10 Q. And what can you tell the Court about the
11 investment activity in MCED testing since the
12 announcement of the Illumina/GRAIL transaction?

13 A. We're aware of multiple companies raising
14 additional money to develop MCED tests; new companies
15 being founded and very well financed.

16 Q. And has Illumina made any determination as to
17 whether this transaction will promote innovation?

18 A. Yes. Illumina believes it will significantly
19 increase innovation in the field.

20 Q. And what impact would it have on Illumina's
21 sequencing business if Illumina impeded innovation in
22 NGS sequencing tests?

23 A. It would be detrimental to our business. The
24 growth of our business depends on existing customers
25 innovating, you know, using more and more sequencing,

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1 and new applications being developed.

2 Q. And what impact, if any, would it have on
3 Illumina's reputation if Illumina impeded innovation in
4 NGS screening tests?

5 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. This is getting
6 pretty much into pure speculation.

7 MR. MARRIOTT: I'm happy to respond, Your
8 Honor, if you like.

9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I'm looking at the question.
10 The question's fine. Overruled.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, impeding innovation would be
12 very -- have a very negative impact on our reputation.
13 I believe, you know, some customers would not invest in
14 developing new applications on our platform, could
15 eventually move to other platforms, all of which would
16 be negative for our business.

17 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

18 Q. What impact would it have on Illumina's ability
19 to attract and to retain the most talented scientists
20 if Illumina impeded innovation in NGS testing?

21 A. Yeah, you know, many employees come to Illumina
22 because of our culture and our values. The -- you
23 know, impeding innovation would be counter to that, I
24 think, from a -- you know, retaining the talent we have
25 and attracting new people who want to work on

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1 developing new sequencing technology applications. It
2 would be problematic.

3 Q. Let me shift gears and ask you a little bit
4 about NIPT. Are you knowledgeable personally about the
5 NIPT space?

6 A. Yes, I am.

7 Q. And are you knowledgeable about Illumina's
8 acquisition of Verinata?

9 A. I am.

10 Q. And what can you tell the Court about
11 Verinata's market share since the Illumina acquisition?

12 A. It's decreased.

13 Q. And how, if at all, has the output of NIPT
14 tests changed since 2013 when Illumina acquired
15 Verinata?

16 MR. WIDNELL: Foundation. Objection.

17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Overruled.

18 THE WITNESS: Since the acquisition, the cost
19 of noninvasive prenatal testing has decreased by over
20 90 percent. The number of tests performed has gone up
21 by a factor of a hundred. The number of companies
22 offering noninvasive prenatal tests has decreased --
23 I'm sorry, has increased significantly. The coverage
24 of patients for noninvasive prenatal testing has
25 increased by at least 100 million women, you know,

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1 since the acquisition.

2 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

3 Q. And do you know whether there have been any new
4 entrants in the NIPT space since 2013?

5 A. Yes, a significant number. I don't know the
6 exact number.

7 Q. Were you involved in the Illumina analysis of
8 the GRAIL acquisition?

9 A. Yes, I was.

10 Q. And tell His Honor what your role was, please.

11 A. I was a cosponsor of the project that evaluated
12 the acquisition.

13 Q. And at a high, sort of summary level, what was
14 the strategic rationale for the GRAIL merger?

15 A. Excuse me. First and foremost was to, through
16 the acquisition, to accelerate the adoption of Galleri,
17 and by doing so, increasing the number of tests, you
18 know, performed for patients by millions than would
19 otherwise happen in the absence of the acquisition, by
20 doing additional millions of tests, potentially saving
21 tens of thousands of additional lives.

22 Q. Based on your experience at Illumina and GRAIL,
23 are you knowledgeable about the efficiencies that the
24 reunification of Illumina and GRAIL will generate?

25 A. Yes, I am.

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1 Q. And can you please explain to the Court, at a
2 high level, what benefits you expect to come with the
3 reunion of Illumina and GRAIL, and then I'll try to
4 take you through each of these in turn.

5 A. Yes. The biggest and most important is saving
6 lives, decreasing the number of people who have to die
7 from a late-stage cancer diagnosis.

8 In addition to that, we'll be able to
9 accelerate the FDA approval of GRAIL. We'll be able to
10 eliminate the royalty associated with the current
11 relationship.

12 There are supply chain and operational
13 efficiencies that will help with both the scale-up of
14 the testing and decrease the cost of testing faster
15 than it would otherwise.

16 There are multiple R&D efficiencies associated
17 with the acquisition. We'll be able to eliminate the
18 double-marginalization and pass the savings on to
19 payers of the test and patients, and we'll be able to
20 accelerate international expansion of the test.

21 Q. All right. So let me start with the point
22 about saving lives. What role will cancer screening
23 have on saving lives? If we can, I'll refer you to
24 Demonstrative RDX 6 at 23, if I may.

25 A. So --

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1 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Your Honor, this is
2 basically opinion testimony that is delving into the
3 field of expert testimony.

4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You need to rephrase with,
5 instead of asking for speculation or conjecture or
6 predictions, what facts does he know. He's a fact
7 witness.

8 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, I will do that
9 happily, and just to clarify, I believe what the
10 witness said previously is that based upon his
11 experience, right before I put the demonstrative up,
12 that he is knowledgeable about the efficiencies this
13 transaction will generate. Those efficiencies are
14 necessarily future efficiencies, Your Honor, because
15 the transaction has not -- has not yet reached a point
16 where the companies have been able to integrate, and I
17 intend to ask him about specifically what the company
18 has determined those efficiencies will be.

19 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, and that's fine. I
20 haven't heard that foundation, because if predictions
21 and determinations, calculations have been made, that's
22 a fact. That's not speculation. So with that in mind,
23 go ahead.

24 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

25 Q. Why don't we go back, if we could, to the prior

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1 slide, please, which is RDX 6 at 22.

2 Dr. Aravanis, has Illumina determined that
3 there will, in fact, be efficiencies arising from the
4 reunification of Illumina and GRAIL?

5 A. It has.

6 Q. And are those the efficiencies that you
7 testified to here a few moments ago and that appear on
8 RDX 6 at 22?

9 A. Yes, they are.

10 Q. All right. So, with that in mind, let me turn,
11 if we could, to RDX 6 at 23 and ask you, what will
12 cancer -- based on the determinations that you've made,
13 what will cancer screening -- what will the effect of
14 cancer screening be on saving lives based upon your
15 research and your experience in this space?

16 A. Cancer screening from the Galleri test will
17 significantly reduce the number of cancer deaths.

18 Q. And why do you say that, sir?

19 A. Today, of the 50 cancers that the Galleri test
20 tests for, 45 of those are currently unscreened for.
21 So that's a tremendous unmet need in cancer screening.
22 The ability to find those 45 cancers earlier, when
23 their prognoses are better, will lead to improved
24 treatments and improved outcomes.

25 Q. Have you conducted any study on the life-saving

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1 benefits of an MCED test?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Why don't we take a look, if we could, please,
4 at RX 3178 in evidence. Do you recognize RX 3178,
5 Dr. Aravanis?

6 A. Yes, I do.

7 Q. And what is this, please?

8 A. This is a publication describing modeling work
9 on the reductions in late-stage cancer deaths by using
10 the Galleri test.

11 Q. What's the name of the study?

12 A. The title is "Modeled Reductions in Late-stage
13 Cancer with a Multi-Cancer Early Detection Test."

14 Q. What was your role, sir, in this study?

15 A. I'm an author on the study, so was involved in
16 all aspects of the study and writing the publication.

17 Q. And who else was involved in the study?

18 A. Two GRAIL employees, Earl Hubbell and Christina
19 Clark, and an investigator at the National Cancer
20 Institute, Christine Berg.

21 Q. And when was this study published?

22 A. Early in 2020.

23 Q. And was it published in a peer-reviewed
24 publication?

25 A. I'm sorry. I want to correct something. It

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1 was early in 2021, it was published.

2 Q. And was it published in a peer-reviewed
3 publication?

4 A. Yes. It was published in a peer-reviewed
5 journal.

6 Q. And please, if you would, describe the study
7 for the Court.

8 A. Yeah. The study --

9 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Your Honor, this is
10 still basically expert testimony, and I'm not doubting
11 that they could potentially introduce Dr. Aravanis as
12 an expert, but they haven't. This is -- this is
13 talking about modeling effects of the -- of the MCED
14 test in the future in terms of what its effects may
15 ultimately be, and that is, I think, fairly clearly
16 expert testimony.

17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you want to respond?

18 MR. MARRIOTT: Sure, Your Honor. Thank you.

19 It's a study that the witness has just
20 testified that he actually personally did and
21 conducted. So I think -- you know, maybe he is an
22 expert, but he's offering here testimony about
23 something he actually did, a study he performed.

24 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Lay witnesses generally do not
25 talk about studies. Since he did it, I will allow one

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1 or two more questions, and then you are going to have
2 to move along.

3 MR. MARRIOTT: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.

4 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

5 Q. Dr. Aravanis, can you please describe the study
6 for the Court?

7 A. Yes. The study estimates the benefits of using
8 the Galleri test in a population like the United
9 States.

10 Q. And what was the upshot of the study? What are
11 the results of the study?

12 A. That using the Galleri test, you know, in a
13 population, for example, of 100,000 individuals, you
14 would find approximately 500 cancers earlier than they
15 would be found otherwise. And finding those 500
16 cancers earlier, you would avert 100 deaths in those
17 100,000 individuals and reduce the total amount of
18 cancer death by 26 percent.

19 Q. We can take that down. Thank you.

20 And as a -- as a participant in the study and
21 as an author of the study, do you have a view as to
22 whether that study is reliable, Doctor?

23 A. Yes. The work was done in a rigorous way,
24 carefully evaluating all of the inputs into the model,
25 using high-quality data, and it went through a

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1 peer-review process where it was reviewed by
2 independent scientists.

3 Q. While you were at GRAIL, did you make any
4 determination as to whether the Galleri test would --
5 would meet an unmet patient need in cancer screening?

6 A. Yes, I did.

7 Q. And what was that determination?

8 A. The conclusions of that were that 45 of the 50
9 cancers that the Galleri test screens for currently
10 have no screening test today. Also, that if you take
11 all of the people who die of cancer, over 70 percent
12 die of a cancer for which there is no screening test
13 today. That means that they had no opportunity through
14 testing to find that cancer early when potentially the
15 treatment and prognosis could have been better.

16 Q. We can take that down. Thank you.

17 Can you give us an example of the successes
18 that Galleri has had in detecting cancer in
19 asymptomatic patients?

20 A. Yes. If you look at the data in the Pathfinder
21 study, it shows multiple individuals who had early
22 cancers that were detected by the Galleri test.

23 Q. And have you evaluated what would happen if the
24 widespread adoption of Galleri could be accelerated by
25 a year?

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1 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. This is calling for
2 expert testimony again.

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I've already said you're going
4 to move on from the study. I'm not allowing any more
5 questions about the study. And if this is a new
6 subject, which it best be, lay a foundation.

7 MR. MARRIOTT: Well, I thought it was a new
8 subject, Your Honor. I will -- I will endeavor to lay
9 a foundation for it.

10 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

11 Q. Have you made any determination, Dr. Aravanis,
12 as to what the effect would be of accelerating the
13 adoption of the Galleri test by a year?

14 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: It's a yes or no question, and
16 he can tell us what that determination is, if he knows,
17 but that's all.

18 THE WITNESS: The answer is yes.

19 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

20 Q. All right. And what is that determination?

21 A. It -- the -- by accelerating the Galleri test
22 adoption by one year, approximately 20,000 additional
23 lives could be saved.

24 Q. Now, switching gears, Doctor, to another topic,
25 have you evaluated the impact that FDA approval would

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1 have on the widespread adoption of the Galleri test?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And does GRAIL need FDA approval to achieve
4 widespread adoption?

5 A. It does.

6 Q. And why is that?

7 A. Widespread adoption of the Galleri test will
8 require coverage by public -- by public payers, like
9 Medicare and Medicaid. They will require FDA approval
10 before covering the Galleri test.

11 Q. And at a high level, what is required to get
12 FDA approval for a test like Galleri?

13 A. Yeah, demonstration that the test was developed
14 and will be operated in accordance or in compliance
15 with FDA quality system regulations and clinical
16 evidence demonstrating the performance of the Galleri
17 test.

18 Q. And what experience, if any, does GRAIL have in
19 getting FDA approval?

20 A. None.

21 Q. And what experience, if any, does Illumina have
22 in securing FDA clearance and approvals?

23 A. Illumina received the first FDA clearance for a
24 next-generation sequencer. It's received over 70
25 clearances and registrations around the world in 45

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1 countries. It's received multiple clearances and a PMA
2 approval in the United States.

3 Q. And what hurdles do you expect GRAIL would
4 encounter if it tried to seek FDA approval alone?

5 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation. Also,
6 he's effectively asking for an opinion by asking what
7 GRAIL expects.

8 MR. MARRIOTT: I'm happy --

9 JUDGE CHAPPELL: As properly worded, that
10 objection is sustained. We don't want to know what he
11 expects. We want to know what he knows.

12 MR. MARRIOTT: Fair enough, Your Honor. I'll
13 rephrase the question.

14 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

15 Q. Have you made any determination as to whether
16 GRAIL would encounter difficulties if it sought FDA
17 approval as a standalone company?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And what have you determined?

20 A. That GRAIL will encounter substantial
21 challenges in their submission process.

22 Q. And how can Illumina help GRAIL to obtain FDA
23 approval of Galleri?

24 A. Illumina has a large regulatory team that's
25 experienced in FDA submissions. It has processes,

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1 templates, infrastructure for doing and writing and
2 submitting, you know, PMA applications.

3 In addition to that, upon submission, Illumina
4 has similar, expertise capabilities, processes for
5 working with the FDA after submission to achieve
6 approval.

7 Q. Has Illumina experienced any challenges in
8 getting FDA approval of its own products?

9 A. Yes, it has.

10 Q. And given those challenges, why is it that you
11 believe that Illumina would be able to assist GRAIL in
12 achieving accelerated FDA approval?

13 A. Yeah. Illumina has made applications and has
14 multiple pending applications for first-in-kind
15 products for next-generation sequencing. In doing
16 that, it's broken new ground working with the FDA on
17 how to develop applications for these types of
18 processes.

19 They're very complex diagnostics. The
20 applications are complex, and it's learned a tremendous
21 amount in doing that and incorporated those into the
22 current processes and templates for making
23 applications. Those benefits will be conferred to
24 GRAIL as part of the acquisition.

25 Q. What is Illumina's plan to accelerate FDA

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1 approval of Galleri?

2 A. Illumina's plan is to give GRAIL capabilities
3 that are known to be a gap, for example, a
4 sophisticated quality management system, GRAIL will
5 need that. It will also need additional studies,
6 templates, processes that it doesn't have or are
7 currently deficient today. So we will give those to
8 GRAIL and help them use them as part of a submission.

9 Q. Do you know whether the firewall that Illumina
10 has put in place in the open offer impedes Illumina
11 from realizing the FDA acceleration efficiency you've
12 described?

13 A. No. I don't see how it would impede it.

14 Q. And why is it that you believe the acquisition
15 here would accelerate the FDA approval of Galleri?

16 A. By itself, GRAIL today doesn't have all of the
17 necessary capabilities, staff, quality system,
18 templates, processes to -- to do an application. It
19 will take it substantial time to develop those
20 capabilities, whereas Illumina can provide those
21 capabilities immediately and, therefore, submit their
22 application sooner than they would otherwise.

23 Q. Let me ask you a little bit about payer
24 approval. Are you knowledgeable about the role of
25 payer approvals in obtaining widespread adoption of an

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1 MCED test?

2 A. Yes, I am.

3 Q. And is payer approval important to the
4 widespread adoption of an MCED test?

5 A. Yes, it is.

6 Q. At a high level, what is required to get
7 private insurers to pay for a cancer screening test?

8 A. The most important thing is clinical utility,
9 evidence showing the benefit of the -- of the test.

10 Q. And what, if any, experience does GRAIL have in
11 obtaining payer coverage?

12 A. None to my knowledge.

13 Q. And what experience does Illumina bring that
14 could help get coverage for Galleri?

15 A. Illumina has pioneered multiple approaches to
16 market access, resulting in over 100 million additional
17 patients worldwide covered for whole genome testing for
18 genetic disease over the last two years.

19 In the United States, we have now achieved 200
20 million people who can receive coverage for
21 comprehensive genomic profiling using NGS technology.
22 These were largely driven by Illumina's market access
23 efforts.

24 Q. And why couldn't GRAIL do those kinds of things
25 on its own without Illumina?

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1 A. It doesn't have the same level of expertise,
2 processes, infrastructure, doesn't have the reputation,
3 track record, size of business that would be required
4 to enter into those types of relationships.

5 Q. And what is Illumina's plan to achieve payer
6 coverage for Galleri?

7 A. To apply the same approaches that Illumina used
8 in other areas where it's increased market access and
9 reimbursement.

10 Q. And would the firewall that Illumina has put in
11 place under the open offer impede Illumina from
12 realizing payer acceleration?

13 A. No, it would not.

14 Q. Let's talk a little bit about R&D efficiencies,
15 Doctor. What role does R&D play in Illumina's
16 business?

17 A. At Illumina, you know, innovation is incredibly
18 important to the company, and we invest tremendously in
19 research and development. Close to 20 percent of our
20 revenue -- I believe in the most recent year that was
21 approximately \$650 million -- was invested in research
22 and development.

23 Q. And how does Illumina's investment in R&D
24 compare to the investments of its peers?

25 A. Compared to peers of similar size, I believe

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1 it's -- it is substantially larger.

2 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Foundation.

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: That's sustained.

4 MR. MARRIOTT: May I endeavor to lay a
5 foundation, Your Honor?

6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.

7 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

8 Q. Dr. Aravanis, are you aware of the level of
9 investment that Illumina makes as compared to that of
10 its peers?

11 A. I am.

12 Q. And how does Illumina's investment in R&D
13 compare to that of its peers?

14 A. It's larger.

15 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Your Honor, I
16 apologize, but he hasn't explained what his basis for
17 answering the question is. He's just said that he's
18 aware.

19 MR. MARRIOTT: I can ask that additional
20 question if you like.

21 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do that.

22 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

23 Q. Dr. Aravanis, can you tell us, please, how it
24 is you know the level of investment made by Illumina
25 and its peers in R&D?

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1 A. Yeah. So investment levels in R&D are shared
2 by public companies, so looking at those reports from
3 comparable companies in the industry, I have an
4 under -- provides the information on what the levels of
5 investment are. So it's based on that that I make the
6 statement that Illumina's, you know, level of R&D
7 investment is higher than, you know, comparable
8 companies in the space.

9 Q. Could you describe for us, please, the
10 educational and professional background of the R&D team
11 at Illumina?

12 A. Yeah. Of the approximate -- of the
13 approximately 1800 people in the core research and
14 development group at Illumina, about a quarter of
15 those, you know, close to 500, have advanced scientific
16 or advanced engineering degrees.

17 Q. And how, if at all, have Illumina's R&D efforts
18 contributed in the fight against COVID?

19 A. Yes, Illumina has made a major contribution in
20 the fight against COVID. Early in 2020, Illumina set
21 out to develop a COVID sequencing assay. So this is a
22 product to sequence the viral genome in a COVID patient
23 sample. Illumina did so in record time, a couple of
24 months. It received the first emergency use
25 authorization from the FDA for a COVID sequencing test.

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1 There's now over 70 countries in the world that
2 use Illumina's products for COVID sequencing. There's
3 approaching a million sequences now on the COVID viral
4 genome produced by Illumina's systems. When you hear
5 about things like the DELTA variant or other types of
6 variants, most of that data that's leading to those
7 conclusions and understandings about these increased
8 variants, how they might be affecting transmissibility,
9 disease severity, vaccine efficacy, Illumina's data is
10 being used in all of those important public health and
11 medical decisions.

12 Q. Now, you said that the transaction will create
13 R&D efficiencies. Can you categorize for us the types
14 of R&D efficiencies that the transaction will create?

15 A. Yes. There are R&D efficiencies that will
16 benefit the GRAIL division, and there's R&D
17 efficiencies also from the transaction that will
18 benefit the rest of Illumina.

19 Q. So how will the transaction allow for
20 improvements to the Galleri test?

21 A. Yeah, there are several types of R&D
22 efficiencies that will benefit the Galleri test.

23 Q. And are there -- sorry, go ahead. I thought
24 you were finished.

25 A. Should I -- should I specifically discuss those

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1 efficiencies?

2 Q. Please, if you would.

3 A. Okay, excuse me.

4 One of those is improving the performance of
5 the Galleri test. So Illumina is developing
6 applications in multiple areas: noninvasive prenatal
7 testing, genetic disease testing, therapy selection.
8 We believe that some of those innovations that we're
9 making in those other areas we will be able to apply
10 also to future versions of the Galleri test, improving
11 the performance and, therefore, increasing the clinical
12 value of the test.

13 Another type of R&D efficiency will be to lower
14 the cost of the Galleri test faster. Illumina has
15 significant experience and capabilities in
16 miniaturizing assays, simplifying assays, developing
17 new components for assays that can lower cost,
18 internalizing manufacturing of expensive components,
19 and by internalizing the manufacturing of them,
20 reducing the cost of the overall test. Illumina can
21 manufacture its own enzymes and, therefore, this makes
22 the internalization and manufacturing at lower cost
23 possible.

24 Q. Could you give us some examples of the specific
25 ways that Illumina will be able to improve the Galleri

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1 test?

2 A. Sure. So if you take noninvasive prenatal
3 testing, for example, over the years, Illumina has made
4 some significant innovations to lower the cost, improve
5 the performance, and decrease the turnaround time of
6 the test. So it included simplifying the work flow,
7 combining chemistries and reagents to do multiple steps
8 in a single step, making the amount of reagents or
9 chemicals used smaller through miniaturization, also
10 developed automation techniques that allow the testing
11 to be reproduced at scale, also came up with ways to
12 speed up the chemistry and steps.

13 Over time, the noninvasive prenatal testing
14 work flow that was originally from Verinata went from a
15 two-day work flow to approximately a three-hour work
16 flow. All of those capabilities, you know, and similar
17 types of -- will be applied to the Galleri test, and
18 we'll achieve similar types of benefits.

19 Q. And why couldn't Illumina do all that as a
20 nonequity partner of GRAIL?

21 A. To perform that kind of research and
22 development requires knowledge of the underlying
23 technology. So that would require GRAIL to share, you
24 know, information on its assay, so all of the
25 chemistries, the materials in it, the protocol.

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1 It would also require it to share with us all
2 of its software and bioinformatics. Without that,
3 those type of innovations wouldn't be possible.

4 Q. Now, you said that the transaction would also
5 lead to R&D developments and efficiencies unrelated to
6 Galleri. How will the transaction lead to R&D
7 developments unrelated to Galleri?

8 A. Yes. There's a couple ways that we think the
9 transaction will lead to R&D benefits to the larger
10 Illumina. One is novel discoveries. So our
11 experience, for example, in noninvasive prenatal
12 testing is that when you operate a clinical test as a
13 large service, you will have additional findings.
14 Those could give insights into other types of diseases
15 that GRAIL's technology could be useful for. For
16 example, fatty liver disease or neurodegenerative
17 disease. Those are other applications Illumina would
18 pursue.

19 In addition, we've found that there's
20 significant cross-pollination between applications,
21 meaning that there's aspects of GRAIL's methylation
22 technology that could be useful for noninvasive
23 prenatal testing or genetic disease testing.

24 Q. Can you give us a little more specificity
25 around the R&D efficiency you described for fatty liver

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1 disease, as an example?

2 A. Sure. So GRAIL has some preliminary findings
3 that the methylation technology can be useful for
4 detecting fatty liver disease and, in particular, a
5 very advanced form of that disease. That advanced form
6 of disease can lead to cirrhosis and liver failure.

7 It's an area of a lot of pharmaceutical
8 development to see if that type of advanced fatty liver
9 disease can be -- can be halted through different
10 therapeutics. So that's an area where Illumina would
11 be interested in further exploring and developing a
12 product.

13 Q. Can you give us a little more specificity
14 around the R&D efficiency you would expect concerning
15 signals for diabetes and cardiovascular disease?

16 A. Yeah. So there's evidence of other types of
17 diseases that can be detected using GRAIL's methylation
18 technology. These include metabolic diseases,
19 cardiovascular disease, you know, heart attacks,
20 psychiatric diseases. There's initial evidence that
21 many of these diseases have signals in the blood that
22 could be detected with the GRAIL technology.

23 Q. Just one last example. Can you give us some
24 specifics around the efficiency you expect concerning
25 neurodegenerative disease?

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1 A. Yes. So I think we're all familiar with the
2 devastating aspects of neurodegenerative diseases,
3 diseases like Alzheimer's, like Parkinson's disease,
4 like, you know, also, multiple sclerosis. You know,
5 the world needs diagnostics for these applications.
6 Today, there are not diagnostics that meet the needs
7 for clinicians and patients.

8 Given that, there's potential to develop such
9 tests using the Galleri or the GRAIL technology.
10 Illumina would invest in reconfiguring and optimizing
11 the GRAIL technology for these applications, investing
12 in clinical studies, discovery studies, and, if
13 successful, clinical development studies to bring these
14 to market.

15 Q. And why couldn't GRAIL just pursue projects
16 like that on its own?

17 A. GRAIL doesn't have --

18 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. I'm not sure what the
19 foundation is.

20 MR. MARRIOTT: I'm happy to ask a foundational
21 question.

22 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

23 Q. Do you know, Dr. Aravanis, whether GRAIL could
24 pursue the projects of the kind you've described on its
25 own, independent of Illumina?

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1 A. It would be very difficult for GRAIL to pursue
2 these on its own.

3 Q. And why is that?

4 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. I still haven't heard
5 an answer about what Dr. Aravanis' foundation is for
6 answering the question.

7 JUDGE CHAPPELL: First of all, I said go ahead,
8 earlier. My mic was muted. So now I'll deal with this
9 objection, and I'll repeat what I said earlier to
10 Complaint Counsel. When it's your turn to examine the
11 witness, you may test, delve into, or challenge any of
12 these answers that you would like to, and it doesn't
13 end there. We have post-trial briefings and replies as
14 well.

15 With that, rephrase, lay a foundation, or move
16 on.

17 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

18 Q. Dr. Aravanis, as chief scientific officer at
19 GRAIL and as chief technology officer at Illumina, have
20 you made any determination as to the kinds of projects
21 that GRAIL could and could not pursue independent of
22 Illumina?

23 A. Yes. So I was at GRAIL leading the research
24 and development program there when these signals in
25 fatty liver disease were detected. At the time, we

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1 determined that the company did not have the resources
2 or appropriate expertise to pursue this application,
3 and we stopped that program.

4 Q. What can you -- withdrawn.

5 Do you know whether the R&D efforts you've
6 described will lead to cost reductions?

7 A. Yes. So at Illumina, again, our experience in
8 noninvasive prenatal testing that led to a cost
9 reduction of 90 percent since the acquisition of
10 Verinata, there are many analogous aspects to the GRAIL
11 test; simplification of the work flow, combining steps,
12 new reagents that can perform multiple steps,
13 insourcing of expensive components and manufacturing
14 them at Illumina. We see analogous opportunities in
15 the GRAIL work flow for us to apply those capabilities
16 and reduce the cost much faster.

17 Q. Do you have any personal experience, Doctor,
18 with generating R&D efficiencies in connection with
19 transactions?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. What, specifically?

22 A. So in noninvasive prenatal testing, being
23 involved in the research and development of future
24 versions of that at Illumina that led to significant
25 cost reductions. Also, in the development of

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1 exome-sequencing products, I oversaw research and
2 development that led to significant decreases in cost,
3 miniaturization, reduced -- much faster testing.
4 There's additional examples I could give.

5 Q. Does the firewall that Illumina put in place
6 under the open offer impede Illumina from realizing R&D
7 efficiencies?

8 A. No, I don't believe so.

9 Q. Do the teams at Illumina who would contribute
10 to the R&D efficiencies you've described also work with
11 Illumina's NGS oncology customers in any capacity?

12 A. No, they do not.

13 Q. And do the teams at Illumina who would
14 contribute to R&D efficiencies have access to the
15 information of Illumina's NGS oncology customers?

16 A. They do not have access.

17 Q. Now, Illumina has said that the transaction
18 will reduce -- and you've said -- that the transaction
19 will reduce the royalty owed by GRAIL to Illumina.
20 Before the transaction closed, did GRAIL owe Illumina a
21 royalty?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And now that the transaction has closed, does
24 GRAIL owe Illumina a royalty?

25 A. It does not.

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1 Q. And are you -- are you personally familiar with
2 all the particulars of that royalty?

3 A. I am not.

4 Q. Okay. You said that the transaction will also
5 eliminate double-marginalization. Before the
6 transaction closed, did Illumina charge a margin to
7 GRAIL on sales of its NGS products?

8 A. It did.

9 Q. And did GRAIL project a margin on its products?

10 A. Yes, it did.

11 Q. Are you familiar, Doctor, with the particulars
12 of the extent to which the transaction will eliminate
13 double-marginalization?

14 A. I am not.

15 Q. Do you have personal knowledge of Illumina's
16 supply chain?

17 A. I do.

18 Q. And you said that the transaction will result
19 in supply chain efficiencies. Why do you say that?

20 A. Yeah, so during the due diligence process, we
21 identified common suppliers for core components of the
22 Galleri assay. Again, these are common to components
23 that Illumina purchases today at a very large scale, a
24 very large volume.

25 The cost reductions associated with volume that

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1 Illumina benefits from could be shared with GRAIL as
2 part of an integrated company. Therefore, the cost of
3 goods for the Galleri test would decrease.

4 Q. As the chief technology officer of Illumina,
5 are you knowledgeable about the company's general
6 operations?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And do you know what operational efficiencies
9 will result from the re-acquisition by Illumina of
10 GRAIL?

11 A. Yes. Illumina operates multiple clinical
12 laboratories, has operated genomic testing at a very
13 large scale, you know, millions of tests per year. In
14 doing that, has developed very sophisticated laboratory
15 operations that can be shared with GRAIL to lower their
16 cost of operating labs.

17 Q. Well, how will Illumina's operational
18 capabilities help GRAIL?

19 A. So Illumina has developed automation
20 capabilities to automate assays and reduce cost. It's
21 also developed the capabilities to dynamically staff
22 large sequencing operations and by doing so reducing
23 labor costs associated with that. It's also developed
24 the ability to efficiently use real estate and
25 laboratories. We believe that will lower the

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1 facilities costs that GRAIL will incur, and those,
2 again, costs can be passed on to people purchasing the
3 test.

4 Q. Is the lab --

5 MR. WIDNELL: Objection, Your Honor. Again,
6 the witness is stating what they believe rather than
7 what they're currently planning.

8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Sustained.

9 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, may I try to lay a
10 further foundation for the -- that testimony?

11 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead, and I'm going to
12 instruct the witness again, we want to know what you
13 know. This is not about what you believe, what you
14 expect, what you think might happen. Understood?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes, Your Honor.

16 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Go ahead.

17 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

18 Q. Dr. Aravanis, do you know whether the
19 reunification of Illumina and GRAIL will result in
20 operational efficiencies?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. And what efficiencies do you know will
23 come of that reunification?

24 A. Reduction in the labor costs, reduction in the
25 facilities costs, reductions in automation.

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1 Q. And are the -- the laboratory operation
2 efficiencies you described, are they just cost
3 efficiencies or is there more to it?

4 A. They're mostly cost efficiencies.

5 Q. So what role will -- you mentioned
6 international acceleration. So let me ask you a few
7 questions about that, and we're getting close to my
8 being able to wrap it up here.

9 What role will the international presence and
10 capability play in the success of an MCED test?

11 A. International expansion of the test will
12 benefit patients in many ways. First, other countries
13 in the world, other than the United States and other
14 than the United Kingdom, will be able to get access to
15 the Galleri test much sooner than they would otherwise.
16 So obviously that's a very large number of people
17 around the world who can potentially then benefit from
18 the Galleri test and find cancers early.

19 By scaling up the test to much larger volumes
20 through international expansion, there will also be
21 benefits to testing in the United States. By operating
22 at much larger scales, the cost of the components
23 associated with the Galleri test will go down faster,
24 and those cost reductions will benefit testing in a --
25 in the United States.

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1 In addition, the larger amount of testing that
2 will happen worldwide will generate a significant
3 amount of data on the test performance. That data can
4 be used as clinical utility information in payer
5 discussions, enabling coverage of the test much sooner
6 by payers. That information can also be used in
7 regulatory submissions, for example, with the FDA, to
8 accelerate approval of the test.

9 Q. Do you know if helping GRAIL to automate its
10 lab operations will impact turnaround time for the
11 Galleri test?

12 A. Yes.

13 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. That's a leading
14 question.

15 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I didn't hear that.

16 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. The question was
17 leading.

18 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Do you know if -- it doesn't
19 suggest an answer. I'm going to overrule that. The
20 witness could have said yes or no.

21 THE WITNESS: The answer is yes.

22 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

23 Q. Could you please explain that, Doctor?

24 A. The GRAIL test today, you know, is a complex
25 work flow taking many days. The laboratory

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1 efficiencies that Illumina can apply to the GRAIL
2 test -- faster automation, better logistics in the
3 laboratory -- will lead to faster turnaround time of
4 processing samples.

5 Q. How would you describe Illumina's international
6 presence?

7 A. Yeah, Illumina operates its business in the
8 majority of the companies -- in the majority of the
9 countries in the world, so it has commercial,
10 regulatory, product support, again in -- I don't know
11 the exact number, approximately 100 countries in the
12 world.

13 Q. And how would you describe Illumina's
14 international capabilities?

15 A. Illumina can ship and sell products in those
16 many countries, you know, around the globe. It can
17 support those products around the globe. It can also
18 pursue regulatory filings and clearances in those
19 countries around the world.

20 Q. How would you characterize GRAIL's
21 international presence and capabilities?

22 A. It has a small presence in the United Kingdom.
23 Other than that, I'm not aware of any other
24 international capabilities.

25 Q. And what impact will international acceleration

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1 of the adoption of the Galleri test have on the United
2 States?

3 A. Yeah, so --

4 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. Calls for
5 speculation.

6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. Based on the
7 objection, let's have a foundation for that.

8 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

9 Q. Dr. Aravanis, have you made any determination
10 as to the impact that acceleration of the Galleri test
11 internationally would have on the test in the United
12 States?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And what is the basis of that determination?

15 A. The basis of the determination is, number one,
16 our plans for making the Galleri test available in the
17 many countries around the world that we operate, that
18 GRAIL does not operate today, so that's our basis of
19 the determination, that the test will be available
20 worldwide, much faster than GRAIL could given that it
21 has no operations in those countries.

22 With offering that test in many countries in
23 the world, that will generate a significant amount of
24 testing data. We know that that testing data will be
25 useful in payer discussions around the questions

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1 they'll have around clinical utility. We also know
2 that that data will be useful in creating future
3 versions of the Galleri test. We also know that that
4 data will be useful in discussions with the FDA around
5 FDA approval.

6 Q. Why couldn't GRAIL just go out and hire a bunch
7 of scientists and sequencing experts to help it achieve
8 the R&D efficiencies that you've described without
9 merging with Illumina?

10 A. These R&D capabilities take a substantial
11 amount of time to develop, so it's taken, you know,
12 many years for Illumina to hire these individuals, to
13 train them, to develop the programs and teams that can
14 execute on these types of projects. You know, GRAIL
15 doesn't have those today. It will have to build those,
16 and it will take, you know, many years.

17 Q. And why couldn't --

18 MR. WIDNELL: Objection. I just want to note,
19 for foundation, it's not clear to me what his basis for
20 saying that GRAIL does not have those capabilities
21 today is, given that he left GRAIL in June of 2020.

22 MR. MARRIOTT: I'm happy to establish that. I
23 think it's there, but I'm happy to do it again if it
24 would be helpful.

25 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Well, you can do it now or he

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1 will do it on cross, either way.

2 MR. MARRIOTT: I will gladly do it now and
3 maybe save us the trouble on cross.

4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right.

5 BY MR. MARRIOTT:

6 Q. Dr. Aravanis, you testified that you served as
7 chief scientific officer of GRAIL, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And since the time that you left GRAIL, have
10 you stayed apprised of the -- of the personnel and
11 capabilities of the company?

12 A. I have through the due diligence process.

13 Q. And since you left GRAIL, has GRAIL continually
14 been a customer of Illumina?

15 A. It has.

16 Q. And are you aware of the regulatory and payer
17 capabilities that GRAIL has and doesn't have?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. So why can't GRAIL just go out and hire
20 regulatory and payer personnel to achieve the
21 efficiencies you've described?

22 A. The -- the individuals with these types of
23 capabilities are not available. The -- there are only
24 a small number of individuals in the world who have
25 direct experience doing NGS submissions, working with

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1 the FDA on those types of applications.

2 Similarly, on the market access, only a limited
3 number of people in the world who have, you know,
4 pioneered approaches to market access for NGS products,
5 who have worked with large payers, who have
6 successfully set up risk-sharing agreements. So, you
7 know, there isn't a -- a significance pool of talent
8 for GRAIL to hire from, nor are there a significant
9 number of consultants. So primarily GRAIL will have to
10 hire and train staff over time to learn these
11 capabilities.

12 Q. Based on your prior role as chief scientific
13 officer of GRAIL, why couldn't -- withdrawn.

14 Couldn't Illumina and GRAIL simply achieve the
15 efficiencies you describe by entering into a contract
16 with one another?

17 A. I don't believe so.

18 Q. And why not?

19 A. It would require GRAIL to share, you know, its
20 knowledge of all of its technology, its assays, its
21 bioinformatics. On the payer and FDA aspects of the
22 efficiencies, they would need to share details of its
23 clinical trials, the results, you know, of them, you
24 know, how they were conducted, proprietary information
25 that it wouldn't necessarily -- it wouldn't otherwise

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1 share.

2 Q. And do Illumina's customers share with Illumina
3 the particulars of their assays and their
4 bioinformatics and their proprietary testing
5 information?

6 A. They do not.

7 Q. So to wrap it up, Dr. Aravanis, let me just ask
8 you this: What impact do you believe this transaction
9 will have on patients?

10 A. It will lead to millions of more tests
11 performed, tens of thousands of additional lives saved,
12 reduction in the cost of the Galleri test, much broader
13 access. It will also lead to new discoveries and new
14 diagnostics for Illumina to pursue and to develop.

15 Q. Thank you.

16 Your Honor, I have no further questions.

17 MR. WIDNELL: I apologize, but that last
18 question, I should have objected. I didn't get it in
19 before Dr. Aravanis started speaking, but the question
20 was what he believes.

21 MR. MARRIOTT: I can rephrase it to say what do
22 you know if that would be preferable.

23 MR. WIDNELL: Your Honor, if I can respond, I
24 mean, if the -- the witness is giving the same answer
25 to do you know as the question do you believe, it seems

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1 to me that it's equally speculative.

2 MR. MARRIOTT: Your Honor, I think you're
3 muted, I'm afraid. I can't hear what you're saying.

4 JUDGE CHAPPELL: All right. Let me check and
5 see what I've said that was missed.

6 I believe I did a double-tap. I unmuted and
7 muted at the same time.

8 Just so it's clear on the record, and heartened
9 by what I see as a wrapup, I'm allowing that question
10 and answer. Overruled.

11 Do you have any further questions?

12 MR. MARRIOTT: I do not, Your Honor. Thank
13 you.

14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I meant Mr. Widnell. I
15 assumed you had passed the witness, Mr. Marriott.

16 MR. MARRIOTT: I had. Thank you.

17 MR. WIDNELL: I have a few questions. I don't
18 think that what I have should take more than 15 minutes
19 at most.

20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay.

21 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. WIDNELL:

23 Q. Dr. Aravanis, during your testimony, you
24 mentioned your belief that other NGS competitors
25 potentially would be able to meet the needs of MCED

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1 developers. Is that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And just to be clear, you do not have access to
4 Guardant's confidential business plans regarding
5 commercialization, do you?

6 A. I do not.

7 Q. And you do not have access to Guardant's
8 confidential technical requirements for NGS sequencing,
9 do you?

10 A. I do not.

11 Q. And you do not have access to Guardant's
12 confidential and proprietary information regarding how
13 its MCED tests work, do you?

14 A. Well, I don't know if they have an MCED test,
15 but I don't have access to their, you know,
16 confidential information.

17 Q. And you do not have access to Natera's
18 confidential business plans regarding
19 commercialization, right?

20 A. I don't.

21 Q. And you do not have access to Guardant's
22 confidential technical requirements for NGS sequencing,
23 right?

24 A. I do not.

25 Q. And you do not have access to Natera's

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1 confidential and proprietary information regarding its
2 plans to develop MCED tests.

3 A. Again, I don't know if they're developing an
4 MCED test or not, but I don't have access to their
5 confidential information.

6 Q. Okay. And likewise, you do not have access to
7 Freenome's confidential business plans regarding
8 commercialization. Is that right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you do not have access to Freenome's
11 confidential technical requirements for NGS sequencing.
12 Is that right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And you do not have access to Freenome's
15 confidential and proprietary information regarding any
16 MCED test it may be developing to the extent it is
17 developing one.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And you do not have access to Exact's
20 confidential business plans regarding
21 commercialization, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you don't have access to Exact's
24 confidential technical requirements for NGS sequencing.
25 Is that right?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And you don't have access to Exact's
3 confidential and proprietary information regarding how
4 it is developing an MCED test and how that MCED test
5 will work to the extent there is, in fact, an MCED test
6 that it's developing.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And you also do not have access to Helios'
9 confidential business plans regarding
10 commercialization, right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you don't have access to Helios'
13 confidential technical requirements for NGS sequencing,
14 right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you don't have access to Helios'
17 confidential and proprietary information regarding how
18 it is developing an MCED test and how that MCED test
19 would work to the extent it is, in fact, developing an
20 MCED test.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. And you do not have access to Singlera's
23 confidential business plans regarding
24 commercialization. Is that right?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And you don't have access to Singlera's
2 confidential technical requirements for NGS sequencing.
3 Is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you don't have access to Singlera's
6 confidential and proprietary information regarding how
7 its MCED tests would work to the extent that it is
8 developing MCED tests. Is that right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. You also mentioned your understanding about how
11 various NGS competitors could expand their products
12 going forward. Is that correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You don't have access to Thermo Fisher's
15 confidential, proprietary information regarding their
16 product development plans, do you?

17 A. No.

18 Q. And you don't have access to Thermo Fisher's
19 confidential proprietary information regarding their
20 sequencers, do you?

21 A. I do not.

22 Q. And you don't have access to GenapSys'
23 confidential and proprietary information regarding
24 their development plans. Is that right?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And you don't have access to GenapSys'
2 confidential, proprietary information regarding its
3 sequencers. Is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you also don't have access to Oxford
6 Nanopore's confidential proprietary information
7 regarding their product development plan. Is that
8 right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you don't have access to Oxford Nanopore's
11 confidential, proprietary information regarding its
12 sequencers.

13 A. I do not.

14 Q. And you don't have access to PacBio's
15 confidential, proprietary information regarding their
16 product development plans. Is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you don't have access to PacBio's
19 confidential proprietary information regarding its
20 sequencers. Is that right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And you don't have access to Singular's
23 confidential, proprietary information regarding its
24 product development plans, right?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And you don't have access to Singular's
2 confidential, proprietary information regarding its
3 sequencers. Is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 MR. WIDNELL: I have no further questions.

6 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Anything further?

7 MR. MARRIOTT: Nothing here, Your Honor.

8 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Thank you, sir. You're
9 excused. You may stand down.

10 Call your next witness. While you're doing
11 that, it's probably a good time to take a quick break,
12 because this transition always takes a few minutes.

13 MR. MARRIOTT: Thank you, Your Honor.

14 JUDGE CHAPPELL: We will take a break and
15 reconvene at 4:20, 4-2-0. We're in recess.

16 (A brief recess was taken.)

17 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay, we're back on the
18 record.

19 Call your next witness.

20 MR. ANDREW: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

21 Jordan Andrew on behalf of Complaint Counsel. At this
22 time, Complaint Counsel would like to call Andy Felton,
23 the vice president of product management at
24 Thermo Fisher Scientific.

25 And, Your Honor, I would also like to introduce

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1 counsel for Dr. Felton attending the hearing today,
2 Mark Alexander of Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider.

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Okay. Go ahead and swear the
4 witness.

5 Whereupon--

6 MARK FELTON

7 a witness, called for examination, having been first
8 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. ANDREW:

11 Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Felton.

12 A. Good afternoon.

13 Q. Would you please spell your first and last name
14 for the record?

15 A. A-N-D-Y, F-E-L-T-O-N.

16 Q. And before we proceed further, I want to remind
17 you that we are in a public session. So I will do my
18 best to stick to questions that relate to information
19 that is not confidential; however, if I ask you a
20 question for which your response would touch on
21 confidential information, just let me know and I will
22 try to rephrase it or save it for a closed session,
23 okay?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Dr. Felton, who is your current employer?

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1 A. Thermo Fisher Scientific.

2 Q. What is your current position at Thermo Fisher
3 Scientific?

4 A. Vice president, product management, platform
5 research, and applied markets.

6 Q. And for the remainder of my examination, I will
7 refer to Thermo Fisher Scientific as Thermo, if that's
8 all right with you.

9 A. Yes, that's fine.

10 Q. How long have you been in your current
11 position?

12 A. I've been in my current position for
13 approximately seven years and with the legacy business
14 for ten years.

15 Q. What are your responsibilities in your current
16 position?

17 A. In my current position, I'm responsible for the
18 platforms and the reagents that run upon them and for
19 the software, as well as applications in research and
20 applied markets.

21 Q. And are the platforms that you're responsible
22 for specifically next-generation sequencing platforms?

23 A. Correct, the next-generation sequencing
24 platforms from the Ion Torrent group of Thermo Fisher,
25 also known as the Clinical Sequencing Division.

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1 Q. As part of your responsibilities, do you
2 monitor Thermo's competitors?

3 A. Yes, I do.

4 Q. And do your responsibilities include
5 understanding the technology of Thermo's competitors?

6 A. Yes, they do.

7 Q. Do your responsibilities also include
8 understanding the requirements of Thermo's customers?

9 A. Yes, they do.

10 Q. What was your role immediately prior to your
11 current position?

12 A. Senior director, product management, for
13 Thermo Fisher Scientific's Next-Gen Sequencing
14 Division.

15 Q. And during what time did you have -- time frame
16 did you have that role?

17 A. From 2010 to approximately 2014 or so.

18 Q. What were your responsibilities in that role?

19 A. Very similar to what I have now, primarily
20 the -- the platforms, as well as the core reagents that
21 run on it, but it excluded the software at that point.

22 Q. And what was your role prior -- prior to that
23 position?

24 A. I was director of product management for the
25 capillary electrophoresis sequencing business at

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1 Applied Biosystems.

2 Q. Describe your responsibilities at Applied
3 Biosystems.

4 A. Responsible for platforms and the core reagents
5 for the capillary sequencing business, which was the,
6 if you will, the precursor technology to
7 next-generation sequencing for obtaining sequencing
8 data from all kinds of samples.

9 Q. Did you have any other roles during your time
10 at Applied Biosystems?

11 A. Yes. I was in product management for the
12 realtime PCR business, the sample preparation business,
13 and DNA synthesis business.

14 Q. And during what time frame were you at Applied
15 Biosystems?

16 A. From 1994.

17 Q. And briefly describe your educational
18 background.

19 A. My undergraduate degree was in chemistry from
20 John Moores University. I have a Ph.D. in peptide
21 protein chemistry from Oxford Brooks University.

22 Q. Okay. Now I'd like to turn to some questions
23 about Thermo's business. At a high level, describe
24 Thermo's next-generation sequencing business.

25 A. At a high level, the business comprises of two

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1 groups of platforms today, primarily focused on our
2 GeneStudio sequencing and Ion Chef platforms, our new
3 Genexus integrated sequencing platform. It addresses
4 primarily three markets: oncology market,
5 research/inherited disease, and reproductive health
6 markets. Those combine both research, pharma/biotech
7 environments, and routine testing facilities of various
8 kinds.

9 Q. I believe you just named some of them, but what
10 are the NGS platforms that Thermo sells?

11 A. Yes. So we sell currently two major platforms
12 that I described in the previous answer, the gene --
13 Ion GeneStudio sequencing platform and its adjacent
14 instrument, the Ion Chef, the Genexus integrated
15 sequencer. We also sell variants of our earlier
16 generation platforms, the proton instrument, and we
17 still sell our current PGM Dx platform, which is the
18 FDA- and EU-approved version of the original PGM
19 sequencing platform.

20 Q. And collectively, does Thermo refer to these as
21 their Ion Torrent instruments?

22 A. Correct. They go to market under the brand Ion
23 Torrent.

24 Q. In what ways are the instruments that you just
25 named different from one another?

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1 A. The primary differences are both in the output
2 pro run in terms of the number of reads or gigabases of
3 output they are able to generate, and the amount of
4 work flow time that the user has to invest in running
5 the system. So they vary from, you know, quite complex
6 work flows from our earlier generation instruments to
7 very hands-free work flows for our latest generation
8 sequencing platforms. So it's a difference of
9 throughput and work flow are the primary differences.

10 Q. How do these platforms compare to each other in
11 terms of throughput?

12 A. We characterize throughput at Ion Torrent
13 primarily in the number of reads, sequencing reads that
14 are generated, and those are generated from our Ion
15 Torrent chips. The PGM has a maximum output of 5
16 million reads per run; the proton, a maximum of 60 to
17 80 million reads.

18 The GeneStudio S5 series has a range of about 5
19 million to 130 million reads per run. And our Genexus
20 platform has a maximum of 40 to 60 million reads per
21 run.

22 Q. So, then, what is the maximum number of DNA
23 fragments that a Thermo sequencing platform is capable
24 of reading in a single run?

25 A. That's typically -- that would be the Ion

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1 GeneStudio platform, and that would be 130 million
2 sequencing fragments.

3 Q. Is there a particular chip that's used on the
4 GeneStudio to be able to read up to 130 million
5 fragments per run?

6 A. Yes. That's called the 550 chip.

7 Q. And for the GeneStudio S5, what is the run time
8 or how many times can a customer run it in one day?

9 A. The run time for the sequencing platform itself
10 is approximately 2 1/2 hours, depending on the
11 complexity of the run itself, but around that time. So
12 typically twice in an eight-hour shift, if you can
13 accommodate making the up-front part of the work flow
14 twice in that time. If you have the ability to run
15 multiple shifts, you could run it up to maybe six
16 times.

17 Q. Is there more to the entire work flow of a
18 sequencer than just the sequencing portion?

19 A. Yes. So the -- in the case of the GeneStudio,
20 that also performs the sequencer. The Ion Chef
21 platform can perform the second of the first two parts
22 of the work flow that we term library prep and template
23 prep. The library prep portion would take about six to
24 eight hours on the Ion Chef platform, and that would
25 need to be followed by the template prep process, which

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1 takes about 14 hours.

2 Q. And so, all in, how long would it take for a
3 given run of a GeneStudio with the proper work flow to
4 read the maximum amount of reads that you described
5 earlier?

6 A. It would take at least 24 hours to probably
7 something like 36 hours, depending on whether you could
8 get the library run finished and kick off the
9 templating reaction to run overnight. Otherwise, it
10 would take two days, two complete work days.

11 Q. Other than Illumina sequencers, are you aware
12 of any NGS instrument available in the United States
13 that can read more than 130 million DNA fragments per
14 run?

15 A. Not at this time, no.

16 Q. You mentioned the PGM Dx platform. What does
17 the "Dx" mean in the context of the platform name?

18 A. The Dx means -- for us that is an FDA-approved
19 platform or a European Union-approved CEID-marked
20 platform. So those are platforms that have had
21 approvals either via the FDA in the U.S. or by the
22 European Union in Europe.

23 Q. And what type of approval did that instrument
24 receive from the FDA?

25 A. That has had -- that is currently a Class III

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1 premarket approval as a companion diagnostic, along
2 with a -- it's a system approval along with an assay
3 called the oncomine Dx target test.

4 Q. Does Thermo currently have any other
5 FDA-approved NGS sequencing platforms?

6 A. No, we do not.

7 Q. Does Thermo typically recommend different NGS
8 platforms to its customers depending on the
9 application?

10 A. Yes, and it will depend on both the application
11 and the throughput required in a particular
12 application. So currently we would most likely
13 recommend either the GeneStudio or the Genexus, unless
14 the user requires a fully FDA-approved system, in which
15 case we would recommend the PGM Dx platform. So it
16 would depend on both the scale of the experiment or the
17 testing required and the application.

18 Q. For applications requiring high throughput
19 sequencing, which instrument would Thermo generally
20 recommend?

21 A. Generally, we would recommend the GeneStudio
22 platform.

23 Q. Are any of Thermo's NGS platforms currently
24 used in oncology applications?

25 A. Yes. All of them are used to some extent in

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1 oncology applications.

2 Q. Describe the different oncology applications
3 for which Thermo NGS sequencing platforms are currently
4 used.

5 A. The primary one for us is routine testing in a
6 pathology setting for detection of mutations in patient
7 samples for therapy decisions. So that would be
8 directly related to patients who have most
9 predominantly later-stage cancers and need to be put on
10 either chemo or targeted therapy. So the targeted
11 therapy result would be provided to them from the
12 assessment mutations from our assays.

13 We have some research markets in oncology, and
14 we also have both for solid tumor and hematological
15 sample therapy decision at some level of recurrence
16 monitoring, testing, but that's very small currently.

17 Q. Is Thermo currently being used for early-stage
18 cancer detection tests?

19 A. Not that we are aware of.

20 Q. And do you know why Thermo is not being used
21 for early-stage cancer detection tests?

22 MS. RATHBUN: Objection. Foundation. Calls
23 for speculation.

24 MR. ANDREW: And, Your Honor, I've asked the
25 witness just does he know why.

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes, we --

2 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Hang on. Hang on. I have to
3 rule on the motion -- I mean the objection.

4 As currently phrased, I'll allow the question.
5 Overruled.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, we have our opinions on why
7 it's not used in that modality.

8 BY MR. ANDREW:

9 Q. And what are those?

10 A. That the -- that environment would require most
11 likely in a heavy centralized setting, so what we mean
12 by that is a large number of samples would be coming in
13 to a single environment, and, therefore, a platform
14 with considerably more output per run than 130 million
15 reads would be the preferred environment. In general,
16 the system isn't well suited to a kind of test that
17 needs a very large number of samples through it --
18 running through it very quickly.

19 MS. RATHBUN: Your Honor, I'm sorry. I am
20 going to move to strike that answer. The question was
21 if he knows, and he answered with his opinion.

22 MR. ANDREW: And, Your Honor, Dr. Felton said
23 that he does know this. It's based on his business.
24 He has said that his responsibilities include
25 understanding the requirements of his customers. These

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1 are part of the requirements of a customer who would
2 have an early-stage cancer screening assay.

3 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I am going to allow the
4 answer. I am allowing the answer. Overruled.

5 BY MR. ANDREW:

6 Q. In your answer, Dr. Felton, you said in general
7 the system isn't well suited to a kind of test that
8 needs a very large number of samples through it. What
9 system were you referring to?

10 A. I was referring to the GeneStudio platform.

11 Q. Dr. Felton, do you know what attributes are
12 necessary in an NGS instrument to be useful for
13 early-stage cancer detection tests?

14 MS. RATHBUN: Your Honor, I'm sorry. I am
15 going to renew my objection. Mr. Felton testified
16 earlier that he -- Thermo Fisher does not have any
17 customers that he's aware of in the MCED space, so I
18 continue to believe there has not been adequate
19 foundation laid.

20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: Response?

21 MR. ANDREW: Yes, Your Honor. Again,
22 Dr. Felton has testified that part of his
23 responsibilities are understanding the needs of his
24 customers. He has also testified that he has -- part
25 of his responsibilities are understanding the

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1 technology of his competitors. Here, we're going to
2 talk about later on competitors that may, indeed, offer
3 products in this space, and so I think Dr. Felton would
4 be well positioned to be able to answer this question.

5 JUDGE CHAPPELL: The current question is "do
6 you know." I'm going to allow that. Overruled.

7 MS. RATHBUN: Thank you, Your Honor.

8 BY MR. ANDREW:

9 Q. Dr. Felton, do you need the question again?

10 A. Yes, please. I'm sorry.

11 MR. ANDREW: Susanne, would you mind reading
12 back the question for Dr. Felton.

13 (The record was read as follows:)

14 "QUESTION: Dr. Felton, do you know what
15 attributes are necessary in an NGS instrument to be
16 useful for early-stage cancer detection tests?"

17 THE WITNESS: Yes. So, in our opinion -- in my
18 opinion, we would believe that the system would have to
19 have --

20 JUDGE CHAPPELL: I am going to have to instruct
21 you, tell us what you know, not your opinion.

22 THE WITNESS: Okay. Apologies.

23 JUDGE CHAPPELL: You're here as a fact witness.

24 THE WITNESS: The system would have to have a
25 large number of reads to cope with the number of

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1 samples and also the accuracy to provide a result that
2 was sufficiently useful for the intended purpose of the
3 test itself.

4 BY MR. ANDREW:

5 Q. And, again, why would there have to be a large
6 number of reads?

7 A. There would be expected to be a very high
8 number of samples in that kind of test environment,
9 because you're screening a large population of people
10 within a geography or a country. Most of them are
11 relatively healthy, so there's a -- we would expect
12 there to be a high number of samples, and, therefore, a
13 system with a high throughput capability would be much
14 preferable to one with a small output that you would
15 have to run multiple times.

16 Q. Does Thermo also have a microarray business?

17 A. Yes, it does.

18 Q. Now, are you familiar with that business?

19 A. I am familiar with the general technology
20 behind microarrays. I am not familiar with the
21 specifics of the business.

22 Q. You said, though, that you're familiar with the
23 microarray technology?

24 A. Yes, correct.

25 Q. Describe Thermo's microarray technology at a

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1 high level.

2 A. The -- the Thermo technology uses a microarray
3 system that deposits fragments of nucleic acid onto a
4 surface. Many hundreds of thousands or up to millions
5 of those fragments can be placed, and you hybridize
6 nucleic acid to that surface to generate a result if
7 the particular fragment matches one in the sample that
8 you are trying to analyze.

9 Q. In what ways does Thermo's NGS technology
10 differ from its microarray technology?

11 A. The microarray technology is what's termed a
12 hypothesis-based system in that the fragments of DNA
13 that are placed onto the microarray surface are, a
14 priori, known and, therefore, you can only expect to
15 get answers for the fragments that you place onto the
16 surface.

17 Sequencing, by contrast, is what we term
18 hypothesis-free, where you sequence whatever is in the
19 sample, and that will give you an answer, because
20 you're detecting reads whatever is in the sample and
21 reading through those sequences.

22 Q. Do you know how the throughput of Thermo's
23 microarray technology compares to the throughput of its
24 NGS technology?

25 A. Not well, no.

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1 Q. Do you know whether microarray technology is
2 generally lower throughput than NGS?

3 A. Generally, it would -- I would say it would be
4 lower throughput than NGS.

5 Q. Are there certain applications for which
6 Thermo's NGS platform instruments are better suited
7 than for microarrays?

8 A. Yes, in general, for more things like oncology
9 testing, inherited disease testing, where you have
10 to -- where you're looking to detect a relatively
11 reasonable number of mutations, but across a large
12 genomic footprint. That would tend to be the space
13 that they would have an advantage over a microarray
14 platform.

15 Q. And to be clear, you're saying that is where
16 NGS would have an advantage?

17 A. NGS would have an advantage, yes.

18 Q. Does Thermo also have a PCR business?

19 A. Yes, we do.

20 Q. And you testified earlier that you have some
21 experience in your career working with PCR technology.
22 Is that right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. At a high level, can you describe PCR
25 technology?

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1 A. PCR technology comes in two forms. There is
2 standard polymerase chain reaction, where you are
3 simply making copies of a particular region of the DNA
4 that you are interested in by heating and cooling,
5 along with an enzyme that generates those copies.

6 And there is quantitative PCR in which you make
7 copies of those particular regions, but you also probe
8 it with a fluorescent target, and that gives you
9 information -- quantitative information about how many
10 copies are present in that target.

11 Q. In what ways does Thermo's NGS technology
12 differ from PCR technology?

13 A. PCR technology only allows you to interrogate a
14 very small number of genomic regions at a time, and
15 that's limited by the number of what are called PCR
16 amplicons, so the region's defined by oligonucleotide
17 primers that interrogate parts of the genome.

18 It's also limited in the case of qPCR by the
19 ability to distinguish closely related fluorescent
20 molecules by the wavelengths, and, therefore, you
21 cannot interrogate a large number of mutations
22 simultaneously with either PCR or qPCR very
23 efficiently, which is where NGS has a huge advantage.

24 Q. And do you know how the throughput of PCR
25 compares to the throughput of NGS?

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1 A. In terms of samples, in terms of genomic
2 regions, it's very much lower, because you can -- each
3 well is essentially only interrogating one or two small
4 regions or mutations at a time in a qPCR plate. So
5 although you may have 96 well plates or 384 well
6 plates, that's a very small number of mutations.

7 NGS is interrogating thousands to tens of
8 thousands to potentially millions or the whole human
9 genome at a time. So on a mutation level, the scale is
10 massive in NGS compared to qPCR.

11 If you -- conversely, if you want to generate a
12 very small amount of information on a lot of samples,
13 qPCR can be quite efficient. So it depends on the kind
14 of experiment that you need to do.

15 Q. And so are there applications for which
16 Thermo's NGS instruments are better suited than for
17 PCR?

18 A. Yes. Again, you know, for things like
19 oncology, inherited disease testing, reproductive
20 health testing, they are generally better. For things
21 like infectious disease testing where you need to just
22 test for a single target of interest and detect its
23 presence or absence across many thousands of samples,
24 qPCR and PCR tend to be a better solution.

25 Q. And going back to the -- your description of

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1 the GeneStudio for just a moment, what is the maximum
2 read length of each fragment that the instrument
3 supports?

4 A. On the GeneStudio we can support up to about
5 600 base pairs for certain applications on that
6 platform.

7 Q. Okay. Now, I just wanted to move on to a few
8 questions about the NGS market generally. Do you know
9 which companies, besides Thermo, currently offer NGS
10 platforms for sale in the United States?

11 A. Yes, we do.

12 Q. Which are those?

13 A. Illumina, Pacific Biosciences, Oxford Nanopore.

14 Q. Of the companies that you just named, which
15 ones currently offer short-read sequencing platforms?

16 A. Illumina.

17 Q. And which companies offer long-read sequencing
18 platforms?

19 A. Pacific Biosciences and Oxford Nanopore.

20 Q. And do you know the difference between a
21 short-read platform and a long-read platform?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. What is it?

24 A. It's kind of in the name. The long-read
25 technology platforms tend to generate sequencing reads

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1 of more than 1000 bases or 1 kb or kilobase, up to 10,
2 20, or 30 kilobases in length in the case of certain
3 platforms, whereas the short-read technologies are
4 typically limited to 300 to 600 base pairs in length.

5 Q. Do you know how the throughput of long-read
6 platforms compares to the throughput of short-read
7 platforms?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. And how does it compare?

10 A. In general it's much lower, because there are
11 lower numbers of reads generated per long-read
12 platform. For example, the Pacific Biosystems platform
13 has -- Sequel II platform has a maximum 8 million long
14 reads. So generally much lower than the short-read
15 platforms in terms of the number of reads generated.

16 Q. Do you know whether long-read platforms are
17 typically used in oncology applications?

18 A. Not -- certainly not -- I do, yes. Sorry, let
19 me answer the question. Yes, I do.

20 Q. And are they?

21 A. To some extent in research applications, but
22 relatively rarely in routine testing applications.

23 Q. And do you know why they're used rarely in
24 testing applications?

25 A. For the majority of current routine testing

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1 applications, the sample source is what is termed
2 formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue from -- for
3 example, from solid tumor material that's been biopsied
4 from a patient. The nucleic acid isolated from that
5 material is already highly fragmented and has a maximum
6 read length of about 175 to 200 base pairs in read
7 length.

8 So it's highly inefficient to use a platform
9 that can generate and has to generate very long reads
10 compared to a platform that's, you know, primary
11 utility is in 200 to 600 base pair read length space.

12 Q. Then for which applications does Thermo compete
13 with Pacific Biosciences?

14 A. To some extent in the inherited disease testing
15 space and the infectious disease testing and research
16 spaces.

17 Q. Do you know whether -- whether Pacific
18 Biosciences competes in the early cancer screening
19 space?

20 A. I don't know for sure, but I believe the answer
21 is no.

22 Q. Does -- does Thermo compete with Pacific
23 Biosciences in the early-cancer screening space?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And for which applications does Thermo

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1 currently compete with Oxford Nanopore?

2 A. Primarily the infectious disease testing space
3 and somewhat in the inherited disease testing.

4 Q. And do you know whether Oxford Nanopore
5 competes in the early cancer screening space?

6 A. The same answer as for Pacific Biosciences. I
7 am not 100 percent sure, but I believe the answer is
8 no.

9 Q. Does Thermo compete with Oxford Nanopore in the
10 early cancer screening space?

11 A. No, we do not.

12 Q. Does Thermo currently compete with BGI in the
13 United States?

14 A. No. We don't -- BGI does not sell its
15 sequencers in the United States that we are aware of.
16 We would be competing with them if they offered any
17 service business within the U.S., and they offer
18 genomic sequencing services where the samples are
19 shipped from the user laboratory to a centralized
20 setting for BGI.

21 Q. And do you know where they're shipped?

22 A. Both Europe and into other regions like the
23 Middle East and in some cases into China.

24 Q. Is Illumina also a competitor of Thermo?

25 A. Yes, they are.

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1 Q. How do -- how do Thermo's NGS instruments
2 compare with Illumina's NGS instruments in terms of
3 throughput?

4 A. There is some overlap on the low-end
5 instrumentation that Illumina offers, particularly the
6 iSeq, MiSeq, and some applications on the NextSeq
7 platform. The NextSeq platform offers up to one to two
8 billion reads currently. Beyond that, the two
9 platforms that Illumina has on market, called the HiSeq
10 and NovaSeq, are much higher in output than any of our
11 platforms.

12 Q. Do you know what the throughput for a NovaSeq
13 is?

14 A. Up to 10 billion reads per run, single-ended
15 reads.

16 Q. How does the cost per read on the NovaSeq
17 compare to the cost per read on the GeneStudio?

18 A. It would be more expensive by what amount --
19 sorry, the NovaSeq would be less expensive than the
20 GeneStudio by a reasonable amount, although I -- off
21 the top of my head, I can't give you an answer as to
22 exactly what that number is.

23 Q. And for oncology applications, does cost per
24 read drive price per sample?

25 A. Yes. So cost per read is directly linked to