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15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
16 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
17 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

19 SMITHKLINE BEECHAM
CORPORATION, d/b/a
20 GLAXOSMITHKLINE,

21 Plaintiff,

22 vs.

23 ABBOTT LABORATORIES,

24 Defendant.

CASE NO. C 07-5702 (CW)

Related per December 5, 2007 Order to Case No.
C 04-1511 (CW)

**SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM IN
SUPPORT OF ABBOTT'S OMNIBUS
MOTION TO DISMISS**

Judge: Honorable Claudia Wilken
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SAFEWAY INC; WALGREEN CO.; THE
KROGER CO.; NEW ALBERTSON'S,
INC.; AMERICAN SALES COMPANY,
INC.; AND HEB GROCERY COMPANY,
LP,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C 07-5470 (CW)

Related per November 19, 2007 Order to Case
No. C 04-1511(CW)

RITE AID CORPORATION; RITE AID
HDQTRS CORP.; JCG (PJC) USA, LLC;
MAXI DRUG, INC D/B/A BROOKS
PHARMACY; ECKERD
CORPORATION; CVS PHARMACY,
INC.; AND CAREMARK LLC,
Plaintiffs,

vs.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C 07-6120 (CW)

Related per December 5, 2007 Order to Case No.
C 04-1511 (CW)

MEIJER, INC. & MEIJER
DISTRIBUTION, INC.; ROCHESTER
DRUG CO-OPERATIVE, INC.; AND
LOUISIANA WHOLESALE DRUG
COMPANY, INC., ON BEHALF OF
THEMSELVES AND ALL OTHERS
SIMILARLY SITUATED,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C 07-5985 (CW)

(Consolidated Cases)
Related per November 30, 2007 Order to Case
No. C 04-1511 (CW)

1 At the hearing on Abbott's motions to dismiss, counsel for GSK stated that the
2 prerequisites for a refusal-to-deal claim identified in the Supreme Court's *Trinko* decision did not
3 have to be pled or proven, but were only means to establish the defendant's intent to monopolize.
4 Plaintiffs suggest that they can state a claim for a violation of Section 2 based on refusal to deal
5 by alleging that Abbott had an intent to monopolize, without identifying conduct that would be
6 considered exclusionary (also referred to as "predatory" or "anticompetitive" in the case law).
7 Abbott offers this supplemental memorandum to provide the Court with citations to cases
8 addressing this issue.

9 Predatory conduct is an essential and independent element of any Section 2 claim:

10 [A] claim for monopolization of trade has two elements: the possession of monopoly
11 power in the relevant market and the acquisition or perpetuation of this power by
12 *illegitimate 'predatory' practices*. Similarly, to state a claim for attempted
13 monopolization, the plaintiff must allege facts that, if true, will prove: (1) that the
14 defendant has engaged in *predatory or anticompetitive conduct* with (2) a specific intent
15 to monopolize and (3) a dangerous probability of achieving monopoly power.

16 *Coalition for ICANN Transparency, Inc. v. VeriSign, Inc.*, 567 F.3d 1084, 1093 (9th Cir. 2009)
17 (emphasis added and citations omitted). Predatory conduct requires more than acts by the
18 defendants taken with a subjective intent to monopolize. Those acts must be objectively
19 anticompetitive without reference to the defendant's subjective intent.

20 The Supreme Court has held specifically that, even where there is proof of intent to
21 monopolize, the other elements of a Section 2 claim must be satisfied. For example, in *Brooke*
22 *Group Ltd. v. Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.*, 509 U.S. 209 (1993), the Court rejected the
23 idea that "a mere showing that the defendant intended to harm competition" could state a claim
24 under Section 2 of the Sherman Act or under the Robinson-Patman Act, and held that, even where
25 evidence of such intent exists, the plaintiff must still prove predatory conduct (in that case, below-
26 cost pricing and a dangerous probability of recoupment). *Id.* at 221-24.

27 The Ninth Circuit has also repeatedly held that showing intent to monopolize is
28 insufficient; instead, there must be an independent showing of predatory conduct. In *Cascade*
Health Solutions v. PeaceHealth, 515 F.3d 883 (9th Cir. 2008), for example, the Ninth Circuit
emphasized that "*Brooke Group*[]" . . . put to rest any notion that predation can be proven through

1 evidence of intent alone.” *Id.* at 910 n.20; *see also Oahu Gas Serv., Inc. v. Pacific Res., Inc.*, 838
2 F.2d 360, 371 (9th Cir. 1988) (finding no “liability even though we accept the jury’s conclusion
3 that Gasco intended the campaign to harm Oahu and thereby to increase its market share”).
4 Consistent with this, in *John Doe I v. Abbott Laboratories*, 571 F.3d 930 (9th Cir. 2009), the
5 court held that the plaintiffs had failed to allege exclusionary conduct even though plaintiffs’
6 central allegation was that Abbott intended to monopolize (*i.e.*, the *Doe* plaintiffs, like the
7 plaintiffs here, had alleged an intent to monopolize). *Id.* at 932 (“Abbott allegedly leveraged its
8 Norvir monopoly to attempt to monopolize the boosted market for Kaletra.”).

9 Courts require more than a mere intent to monopolize because “the same manifestations of
10 intent can accompany competitive, socially beneficial acts (such as aggressive but remunerative
11 price cutting) and anticompetitive, harmful acts (such as properly defined predatory pricing).” III
12 Areeda & Hovenkamp, *Antitrust Law* ¶ 601, at 5 (3d ed. 2008). For this reason, *Delaware &*
13 *Hudson Railway. Co. v. Consolidated Rail Corp.*, 902 F.2d 174 (2d Cir. 1990), upon which GSK
14 relies, recognized that direct proof of intent to monopolize “standing alone,” could not satisfy the
15 “anti-competitive conduct” element. *Id.* at 179; *see also Rural Tel. Serv. Co., Inc. v. Feist*
16 *Publ’ns, Inc.*, 957 F.2d 765, 769 (10th Cir. 1992) (“[Even] [a]ssuming Rural Telephone’s refusal
17 to deal was motivated by an intent to exclude Feist Publications from the yellow pages
18 advertising market, anti-competitive intent alone is insufficient to establish a violation of § 2.”);
19 *Olympia Equip. Leasing Co. v. W. Union Tel. Co.*, 797 F.2d 370, 379 (7th Cir. 1986) (“[I]f
20 conduct is not objectively anticompetitive[,] the fact that it was motivated by hostility to
21 competitors . . . is irrelevant.”); *Ocean State Physicians Health Plan, Inc. v. Blue Cross & Blue*
22 *Shield of Rhode Island*, 883 F.2d 1101, 1113 (1st Cir. 1989) (“[T]he desire to crush a competitor,
23 standing alone, is insufficient to make out a violation of the antitrust laws. . . . As long as Blue
24 Cross’s course of conduct was itself legitimate, the fact that some of its executives hoped to see
25 Ocean State disappear is irrelevant. Under these circumstances Blue Cross is no more guilty of
26 an antitrust violation than a boxer who delivers a perfectly legal punch—*hoping* that it will kill
27 his opponent—is guilty of attempted murder.”). Accordingly, Plaintiffs’ allegations of Abbott’s
28 subjective intent cannot remedy Plaintiffs’ failure to allege any form of exclusionary conduct.

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