EXHIBIT A

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Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 6:44 PM
To: Scott D. Stimpson
Cc: David C. Lee
Subject: RE: Discovery issues
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Scott,

We need an additional 10 days - through October 20 - to serve our discovery responses and responsive documents. Between the client reps' and my travel schedules over this past week and next week, we simply need that additional time to complete the collection and review of documents prior to production.

With respect to supplementing our contentions and related document production, we would like to agree to also have that completed by October 20. There are a number of issues and people involved with that and it simply is not possible to have it done by October 7. There is also some overlap between this work and the discovery responses so it makes sense to have it all done at the same time.

I'm hoping you will not object to this. MDx required additional time for its document production and we did not object - only asked for the same courtesy in return. I realize that there is some dispute regarding supplementing the contentions. To be clear, we intend to do so as discussed, and we believe MDx should also do so, as requested in our letter of September 2 - over one month ago. In that regard, please let me know if MDx will supplement its invalidity contentions by October 20.

I will be taking my laptop with me on my trip and anticipate working on this case while on the road, and I will send you more detailed responses to your other points as soon as possible. Exchanging privilege logs on October 14 as you suggest will work, with the understanding that we would supplement it with our discovery responses on October 20. With respect to the experts, as we discussed our technical expert will be Philip Greenspun. Our damages expert will be David Hall with Alvarez & Marsal. As you know we do not agree that MDx has the right to "approve" our experts - nonetheless I am providing you with our experts' names in good faith now - over three months before their endorsements are due - so that we can move past this issue, and you can easily find their CVs online. Likewise, please advise us who MDx is considering for its experts. I will send you the last-revised version of the PO from the road, as I have been unable to tie that up since we spoke on Monday.

With respect to depositions, we would like to take Mr. Rothschild and Mr. LaPointe, in November and/or December -hopefully not Thanksgiving week nor the week between Christmas and New Year's eve. If you would please check with them regarding their availability and consult your own calendar regarding defending the depositions, we would appreciate it. We are also considering a 30(b)(6) deposition and will follow-up with the topics accordingly. There are probably a couple of other fact witnesses we'll want to take of the individuals involved with the Vitals website and the changes made in January, 2011. You mentioned "noticing" the inventors' depositions - I suggest that you first let us know the general timeframes when you want to take

them, and then we can consult with them re their availability. Looks like we'll be doing depositions in NY, CO and FL, so we'll need to coordinate and avoid the necessity of vacating and amending notices.

Thanks, Jesus

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Jesus, the email is copied below, with my comments in red. Thanks.

Scott

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Yes. We assert that MDx directly infringes these claims. We also assert that third parties directly infringe and that MDx induces and contributes to the third parties' direct infringement. Not sure if this clarifies or answers your question - if we get a better understanding of your question we would consider supplementing.

This does not make any sense to us, and your contentions are not sufficient to support it. For example, what third party receives a request for information regarding a first healthcare provider? Your contentions lack any support for these allegations.

(2) We do not understand what basis there could be for contributory infringement allegations on any of these claims, and there is no showing of this in the Contentions. Is it really the HG position that

every substantial use of the MDx website infringes the claims (no substantial non-infringing uses)?

Yes, that is our position.

The contentions do not support this allegation, either. There are many uses of the Vitals website, and your contentions only address a minor portion of them. If you intend to claim that all substantial uses infringe, then these contentions need to be supplemented to show all those alleged infringements. We will object to this allegation later, and to any damages analysis that does not account for the fact that the majority of the Vitals website has not been subject to infringement allegations in the Contentions. If your technical or damages experts intended to rely on this allegation that all substantial uses infringe, those allegations had to be in the Infringement Contentions.

(3) As we have mentioned already, the HG position that MDx has conceded literal infringement of every element except the comparison ratings is baseless. We offered you the opportunity to do these equivalents analyses properly, but so far you have declined that invitation. Can you please let us know if you will be supplementing on this issue or not, and if so when? We want to be cooperative, but it has been weeks since this analysis was due and we will need the supplementation relatively soon, please, or we will take the position that all other equivalents positions have been waived.

We will rely on the doctrine of equivalents for any elements MDx contends are not literally present. What elements does MDx contend are not literally present? Once you provide us with this information, we will supplement.

You have now, and have had, our non-infringement positions. Equivalents positions have to be in the Contentions.

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We understand your position but do not agree, particularly given that we received your documents a short time ago. We reserve the right to supplement, as MDx has, as discovery progresses.

We agree to disagree here.

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This is correct, although as you know we are still searching for documents.

All the comments below simply say you are checking for documents. That should have been completed long ago, frankly. We are noticing the inventor depositions -- if relevant documents are produced late, after the depositions, we will seek to have the depositions a second time, and we reserve all other rights. In any event, we understand all documents will be produced by the 7th, except those responsive only to our second set of requests.

We also have the following specific questions:

a. Request 1: Please produce file histories of the '060 Patent's remaining continuing applications, all non-patent literature submitted with information disclosure statements, and any foreign counterparts. I thought we provided this - if not we will do so.
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We need to get logs of any withheld privileged material soon please. How about October 14?

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We appreciate you getting this information, but it has been two months since this information was promised. We look forward to getting it by the 7th.

REQUESTED SEARCH TERMS

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I'm writing to follow-up our discussion on September 19, during which we discussed the issues raised in your email below. I have inserted our comments after the various issues below, and will look forward to discussing them with you in more detail.

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