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25 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
26 DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

27 MiMedx Group, Inc.,

28 Plaintiff,

v.

Surgenex, LLC,

Defendant.

No.

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT
INFRINGEMENT**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

1 Plaintiff MiMedx Group, Inc. (“MiMedx” or “Plaintiff”) files this Complaint
2 against Defendant Surgenex, LLC (“Surgenex” or “Defendant”) and alleges as follows:

3 **NATURE AND BASIS OF ACTION**

4 1. This is a civil action for Surgenex’s infringement of United States Patent
5 Nos. 8,709,494 (“the ’494 Patent”); 9,956,253 (“the ’253 Patent”); 10,406,259 (“the ’259
6 Patent”); 9,572,839 (“the ’839 Patent”); 11,504,449 (“the ’449 Patent”); 11,752,174 (“the
7 ’174 Patent”); 8,323,701 (“the ’701 Patent”); 9,789,137 (“the ’137 Patent”); and
8 10,874,697 (“the ’697 Patent”) (collectively, “Patents-in-Suit”). This action arises under
9 the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 100, 271, *et seq.*

10 2. MiMedx seeks, among other things, permanent injunctive relief, monetary
11 damages, punitive damages, and recovery of MiMedx’s costs and reasonable attorneys’
12 fees incurred in connection with this action.

13 **PARTIES**

14 3. Plaintiff MiMedx is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of
15 the State of Florida. MiMedx is registered to do business in the State of Georgia and
16 maintains its headquarters and principal place of business at 1775 West Oak Commons
17 Court, Marietta, Georgia 30062.

18 4. On information and belief, Defendant Surgenex is a corporation organized
19 and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona with its principal place of business at
20 15444 North 76th Street, Suite C110, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260.

21 5. On information and belief, Surgenex is a biomaterials manufacturer and
22 developer that is in the business of developing, marketing, distributing, offering to sell,
23 and selling amnion- and chorion-based placental tissue graft products in the United States,
24 including, but not limited to, PelloGraft®, ArdeoGraft®, SurGraft XT®, and SurGraft
25 TL®.

26 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

27 6. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant
28 to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338 because this case arises under the United States Patent

1 Act, 35 U.S.C. §§ 100, 271, *et seq.*

2 7. This Court has general personal jurisdiction over Surgenex because
3 Surgenex is incorporated and has its principal place of business in the State of Arizona.

4 8. This Court has specific personal jurisdiction over Surgenex because
5 Surgenex transacts business within the State of Arizona, including, but not limited to,
6 contracting to supply infringing placental tissue grafts in the State of Arizona, and
7 otherwise engaging in acts of patent infringement within the State of Arizona by making,
8 selling, and offering for sale placental tissue grafts that infringe the Patents-in-Suit.

9 9. Surgenex has purposefully and voluntarily placed its product(s), and/or
10 caused its infringing product(s) to be placed, into the stream of commerce with the
11 expectation that it will be purchased by consumers in this District. As such, Surgenex has
12 established minimum contacts with the forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over
13 Surgenex would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

14 10. Surgenex also has continuous and systematic contacts within the State of
15 Arizona. On information and belief, Surgenex: (1) has a corporate presence in the State
16 of Arizona, including an office, real property, and personal property; (2) intentionally and
17 actively markets and provides its placental tissue-based products, including PelloGraft®,
18 ArdeoGraft®, SurGraft XT®, and SurGraft TL®, to residents of and businesses within
19 the State of Arizona; (3) maintains numerous employees within the State of Arizona; and
20 (4) enjoys substantial revenues from sales of its products and services in the State of
21 Arizona.

22 11. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), (c), and
23 1400. In particular, Surgenex is incorporated in the State of Arizona and has its principal
24 place of business in the State of Arizona.

25 **BACKGROUND**

26 **I. MIMEDX AND ITS PRODUCTS**

27 12. MiMedx develops, manufactures, and markets innovative and unique
28 advanced wound interventions from human placental amniotic membranes.

1 13. MiMedx has been manufacturing and distributing products since at least
2 2008 and continues to expand its innovative product portfolio with new technologies.

3 14. In 2011, MiMedx acquired Surgical Biologics LLC, expanding MiMedx's
4 business by adding allografts and other products processed from human amniotic
5 membranes to MiMedx's existing medical device product lines. MiMedx has distributed
6 over 3 million amniotic tissue grafts to patients in need thereof and achieved significant
7 clinical outcomes in multiple therapeutic areas, including, but not limited to, the fields of
8 ophthalmology, spinal surgery, chronic wound treatment, dental treatment, orthopedic
9 surgery, sports medicine, and urology.

10 15. Over the years, MiMedx has spent millions of dollars researching and
11 developing its proprietary placental tissue-based products and processes, and devotes
12 significant financial resources each year in marketing its products and processes as well.

13 16. Because of the substantial expertise, investment of time, effort, and
14 financial resources required to bring safe and efficacious bioactive healing products and
15 processes to the market, MiMedx has sought and secured an extensive patent portfolio to
16 protect its innovative tissue technology and products.

17 17. MiMedx has also conducted extensive clinical and laboratory tests on its
18 tissue graft products, and is dedicated to providing safe, superior allografts.

19 18. Because of MiMedx's commitment to the development and testing of its
20 products, MiMedx has become acclaimed for its novel placental tissue-based products.
21 Indeed, MiMedx's products are some of the most well-known and well-respected in the
22 industry.

23 19. MiMedx's initial product offering included EpiFix® and AmnioFix®,
24 which are tissue grafts processed from human amniotic membrane that are derived from
25 donated placentas using MiMedx's proprietary technology.

26 20. MiMedx processes the human amniotic membrane through a proprietary
27 system to produce a safe and effective tissue product, which is commonly referred to as
28 an "allograft." MiMedx's products are used in a vast number of clinical treatments,

1 including, but not limited to, advanced wound care, orthopedic/spine surgery, and sports
2 medicine applications. In each of these areas, and many more, MiMedx's products act as
3 a barrier and protect the wound bed to aid in the development of granulation tissue in
4 acute and chronic closures, among other benefits.

5 **II. THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT**

6 21. MiMedx has an extensive patent portfolio, including the Patents-in-Suit,
7 covering various placental tissue-based products.

8 22. On April 29, 2014, the United States Patent and Trademark Office
9 ("USPTO") duly and legally issued United States Patent No. 8,709,494, titled "Placental
10 Tissue Grafts." The '494 Patent names John Daniel as an inventor.

11 23. The '494 Patent has been assigned to MiMedx, and MiMedx has standing
12 to sue and recover damages for infringement of the '494 Patent and pursue any and all
13 causes of actions and remedies, both legal and equitable, related thereto. A true and
14 correct copy of the '494 Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

15 24. On May 1, 2018, the USPTO duly and legally issued United States Patent
16 No. 9,956,253, titled "Placental Tissue Grafts." The '253 Patent names John Daniel as an
17 inventor.

18 25. The '253 Patent has been assigned to MiMedx, and MiMedx has standing
19 to sue and recover damages for infringement of the '253 Patent and pursue any and all
20 causes of actions and remedies, both legal and equitable, related thereto. A true and
21 correct copy of the '253 Patent is attached as Exhibit B.

22 26. On September 10, 2019, the USPTO duly and legally issued United States
23 Patent No. 10,406,259, titled "Placental Tissue Grafts and Improved Methods of
24 Preparing and Using the Same." The '259 Patent names John Daniel as an inventor.

25 27. The '259 Patent has been assigned to MiMedx, and MiMedx has standing
26 to sue and recover damages for infringement of the '259 Patent and pursue any and all
27 causes of actions and remedies, both legal and equitable, related thereto. A true and
28 correct copy of the '259 Patent is attached as Exhibit C.

1 28. On February 21, 2017, the USPTO duly and legally issued United States
2 Patent No. 9,572,839, titled “Placental Tissue Grafts and Methods of Preparing and Using
3 the Same.” The ’839 Patent names John Daniel as an inventor.

4 29. The ’839 Patent has been assigned to MiMedx, and MiMedx has standing
5 to sue and recover damages for infringement of the ’839 Patent and pursue any and all
6 causes of actions and remedies, both legal and equitable, related thereto. A true and
7 correct copy of the ’839 Patent is attached as Exhibit D.

8 30. On November 22, 2022, the USPTO duly and legally issued United States
9 Patent No. 11,504,449, titled “Placental Tissue Grafts and Methods of Preparing and
10 Using the Same.” The ’449 Patent names John Daniel as an inventor.

11 31. The ’449 Patent has been assigned to MiMedx, and MiMedx has standing
12 to sue and recover damages for infringement of the ’449 Patent and pursue any and all
13 causes of actions and remedies, both legal and equitable, related thereto. A true and
14 correct copy of the ’449 Patent is attached as Exhibit E.

15 32. On September 12, 2023, the USPTO duly and legally issued United States
16 Patent No. 11,752,174, titled “Placental Tissue Grafts and Improved Methods of
17 Preparing and Using the Same.” The ’174 Patent names John Daniel, Randall Spencer,
18 John Russo, and Robert Tofe as inventors.

19 33. The ’174 Patent has been assigned to MiMedx, and MiMedx has standing
20 to sue and recover damages for infringement of the ’174 Patent and pursue any and all
21 causes of actions and remedies, both legal and equitable, related thereto. A true and
22 correct copy of the ’174 Patent is attached as Exhibit F.

23 34. On December 4, 2012, the USPTO duly and legally issued United States
24 Patent No. 8,323,701, titled “Placental Tissue Grafts.” The ’701 Patent names John
25 Daniel, Randall Spencer, John Russo, and Robert Tofe as inventors.

26 35. The ’701 Patent has been assigned to MiMedx, and MiMedx has standing
27 to sue and recover damages for infringement of the ’701 Patent and pursue any and all
28 causes of actions and remedies, both legal and equitable, related thereto. A true and

1 correct copy of the '701 Patent is attached as Exhibit G.

2 36. On October 17, 2017, the USPTO duly and legally issued United States
3 Patent No. 9,789,137, titled "Placental Tissue Grafts and Improved Methods of Preparing
4 and Using the Same." The '137 Patent names John Daniel, Randall Spencer, John Russo,
5 and Robert Tofe as inventors.

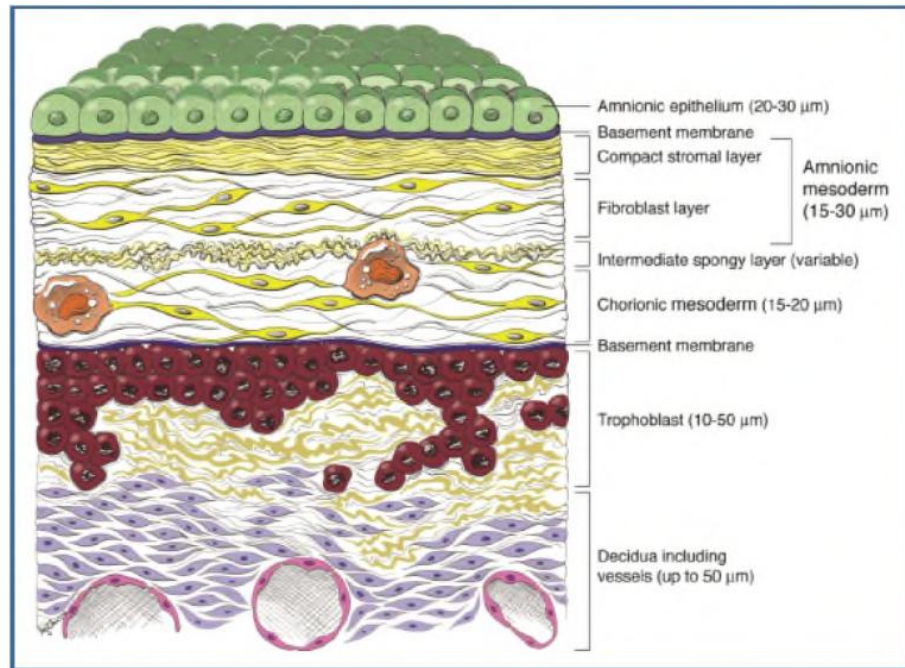
6 37. The '137 Patent has been assigned to MiMedx, and MiMedx has standing
7 to sue and recover damages for infringement of the '137 Patent and pursue any and all
8 causes of actions and remedies, both legal and equitable, related thereto. A true and
9 correct copy of the '137 Patent is attached as Exhibit H.

10 38. On December 29, 2020, the USPTO duly and legally issued United States
11 Patent No. 10,874,697, titled "Placental Tissue Grafts and Improved Methods of
12 Preparing and Using the Same." The '697 Patent names John Daniel, Randall Spencer,
13 John Russo, and Robert Tofe as inventors.

14 39. The '697 Patent has been assigned to MiMedx, and MiMedx has standing
15 to sue and recover damages for infringement of the '697 Patent and pursue any and all
16 causes of actions and remedies, both legal and equitable, related thereto. A true and
17 correct copy of the '697 Patent is attached as Exhibit I.

18 **A. BACKGROUND ON PATENTS-IN-SUIT**

19 40. The Patents-in-Suit are directed to placental tissue grafts, *i.e.*, tissue grafts
20 made from processed human placenta. The human placenta fetal membrane includes two
21 primary membranes, the amniotic (amnion) and the chorionic (chorion) membranes,
22 which are separated by a spongy (or intermediate) layer interface. Each of the amnion and
23 chorion, *in utero*, is composed of various layers, as specified and depicted below (*see*
24 Rebecca N. Baergen, *Manual of Pathology of the Human Placenta* at 104 (2d ed. 2011)):
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41. The layers of human amnion include the amniotic epithelium (or the epithelial cellular layer), the basement membrane (or the basal lamina), the compact stromal layer, and the fibroblast layer.

42. The epithelial cellular layer is the innermost layer of the native placental amnion, closest to the fetus, and primarily consists of a single layer (or monolayer) of flat, or typically cuboidal, epithelial cells. The native amniotic epithelial cells are in contact with the underlying basement membrane.

43. The basement membrane is a thin layer, which is attached to and supports, and is therefore covered by, the epithelial cellular layer. The basement membrane is composed of a network of reticular fibers (a type of fibrous connective tissue). The basement membrane contains biological macromolecules, which includes, for example, collagen, laminin, and other proteoglycans.

44. The compact stromal layer lies beneath the basement membrane, consists of a complex network of connective tissue, and is somewhat (but not entirely) devoid of cells. The fibroblast layer of the amnion contains cells that are embedded in the “extracellular matrix” of the connective tissue, which is synthesized and maintained by the fibroblast cells in the fibroblast layer.

1 45. The spongy (or intermediate) layer resides between the amnion and the
2 chorion in the natural placenta, and is comprised of a loosely arranged mesh of fine
3 collagen fibrils embedded in a proteoglycan, mucin, and multi-protein rich complex. The
4 spongy layer is loosely attached to the amnion and chorion via a fine network of anchor
5 fibrils.

6 46. The cellular composition of native chorion is also extensively different
7 from native amnion in that it is a tough fibrous and uneven layer comprised of
8 trophoblastic cells and connective tissue. The chorion is also functionally distinct from
9 the amnion. For example, the trophoblast cells have, among other things, endocrine
10 functions, including production of several pregnancy related hormones. The chorion also
11 has different physical properties than the amnion, *e.g.*, chorion is generally three to four
12 times thicker.

13 **B. The '494 Patent**

14 47. The claims of the '494 Patent are generally directed to placental tissue grafts
15 derived from the amnion and chorion layers of the native human placenta. The '494 Patent
16 describes the “two primary layers” of the placenta, the amnion and chorion. (Ex. A, '494
17 Patent, at 1:36-67.) The '494 Patent describes the amnion as consisting of “epithelium
18 cells, thin reticular fibers (basement membrane), a thick compact layer, and fibroblast
19 layer.” (*Id.* at 1:40-43.)

20 48. The '494 Patent also describes several benefits of amnion- and chorion-
21 containing placental tissue grafts, such as, for example, providing a matrix for cellular
22 migration/proliferation, providing a natural biological barrier, and promoting healing. (*Id.*
23 at 1:49-55.) Moreover, the grafts taught by the '494 Patent are easy to handle and can be
24 stored at room temperature for extended periods of time without the need for refrigeration
25 or freezing. (*Id.* at 1:55-58.)

26 49. Generally speaking, the '494 Patent is directed to a method for preparing
27 placental tissue grafts for medical use, which includes separating the amnion from the
28 chorion of a placenta; washing and cleaning the separated membranes to remove blood

1 clots and extraneous tissue, such as the spongy (or intermediate) layer; and forming a
2 laminated tissue graft by adhering those layers together, either via the dehydration process
3 or via other means, such as adhesive. (*See, e.g., id.* at Abstract, 2:14-24, 45-55, Fig. 1.)

4 50. In particular, the '494 Patent discloses "improved procedures for
5 harvesting, processing, and preparing amnion and/or chorion tissue for later surgical
6 grafting procedures." (*Id.* at 2:4-6.) The improved grafts "are comprised of single layers
7 of amnion or chorion, multiple layers of amnion or chorion, or multiple layers of a
8 combination of amnion and chorion." (*Id.* at 2:36-39.) Though some cells may be
9 unavoidably removed as an indirect side effect of processing, the tissue claimed in the
10 '494 Patent does not include substantial decellularization (*i.e.*, removal of 90% or more
11 cells from the graft), but rather repeatedly emphasizes that processing of the tissue is to
12 be conducted "gently" and "carefully." (*See, e.g., id.* at 6:15-19, 6:32-34, 6:56-64.)

13 51. Once placental tissue is collected and screened (*see id.* at 5:5-54), tissue
14 processing commences. The first main step taught by the '494 Patent is separation of the
15 amnion from the chorion. (*Id.* at 6:32-55.)

16 52. After separation, the '494 Patent teaches that the amnion and chorion may
17 be washed and cleaned to remove blood clots, extraneous tissue, and other contaminants.
18 (*E.g., id.* at 3:10-13, 6:56-7:9.) While a number of different methods to clean the amnion
19 and chorion exist, the '494 Patent specifies that the placenta is preferably cleaned in a
20 hyperisotonic solution, such as NaCl concentration in a range from 10% to 30%. (*Id.* at
21 3:1-3, 7:25-30.)

22 53. Through this washing and cleaning process, including through the removal
23 of extraneous tissue and subsequent lamination, such as the spongy (or intermediate)
24 layer, the grafts of the '494 Patent and related patents have characteristics that are
25 markedly different from the characteristics of natural placental tissue.

26 54. In some, but not all, embodiments, the tissue graft may also be soaked in
27 antibiotic solution, and subsequently rinsed to remove remnants of the antibiotic solution,
28 which further cleans the tissue. (*Id.* at 3:4-9, 7:30-56.)

1 55. The '494 Patent also teaches that a laminate may be formed by, for example,
2 mounting layers of amnion and chorion on a drying fixture and dehydrating them
3 together. (*Id.* at 3:33-39.)

4 **C. The '253 Patent**

5 56. The '253 Patent is in the same patent family as the '494 Patent.
6 Accordingly, it has substantially the same specification and disclosure as the '494 Patent,
7 generally directed to placental tissue grafts derived from the amnion and chorion layers
8 of the native human placenta. This includes the gentle, careful cleaning of the tissue
9 layers. (*See, e.g.*, Ex. B, '253 Patent, at 6:20-23, 6:36-38, 6:62-7:3.)

10 **D. The '259 Patent**

11 57. The '259 Patent is in the same patent family as the '494 Patent.
12 Accordingly, it has substantially the same specification and disclosure as the '494 Patent,
13 generally directed to placental tissue grafts derived from the amnion and chorion layers
14 of the native human placenta. Like the '494 Patent, the '259 Patent discloses that “[t]o
15 the extent possible, oxygen is removed from the inner pouch before it is sealed” (Ex. C,
16 '259 Patent, at 9:66-67), and that “[i]n practice, it has been determined that the above
17 allograft materials can be stored in room temperature conditions safely for at least five
18 (5) years.” (*Id.* at 10:31-33.)

19 **E. The '839 Patent**

20 58. The '839 Patent is in the same patent family as the '494 Patent.
21 Accordingly, it has substantially the same specification and disclosure as the '494 Patent,
22 generally directed to placental tissue grafts derived from the amnion and chorion layers
23 of the native human placenta. This includes descriptions of grafts comprising “multiple
24 layers of . . . chorion” (*see, e.g.*, Ex. D, '839 Patent, at 2:46), and the gentle, careful
25 cleaning of the tissue layers (*see, e.g., id.* at 6:21-24, 6:37-39, 6:63-7:4).

26 **F. The '449 Patent**

27 59. The '449 Patent is in the same patent family as the '494 Patent.
28 Accordingly, it has substantially the same specification and disclosure as the '494 Patent,

1 generally directed to placental tissue grafts derived from the amnion and chorion layers
2 of the native human placenta. Like the '494 Patent, the '449 Patent teaches grafts
3 comprising “multiple layers of . . . chorion.” (*See, e.g.*, Ex. E, '449 Patent, at 2:46.) The
4 '449 Patent further explains that the membranes are treated with an antibiotic solution,
5 rinsed, and then dehydrated (*see, e.g., id.* at 7:19-20, 7:36-38, 7:65-66), and further
6 teaches a shelf life of five years (*id.* at 10:27-29).

7 **G. The '701 Patent**

8 60. The '701 Patent is generally directed to placental tissue grafts derived from
9 the amnion layer of the native human placenta, among other additional membranes,
10 including, for example, chorion. (*See, e.g.*, Ex. G, '701 Patent, at 13:10-23.)

11 61. Like the '494 Patent, the '701 Patent describes amnion and chorion. (*See*
12 *id.* at 1:25-37.) The processing steps between the '494 Patent and the '701 Patent are
13 largely similar, and include separation, cleaning, dehydration, and lamination. (*See, e.g.*,
14 *id.* at 3:6-26, 4:48-60, 5:1-23, 5:58-6:48, 6:60-8:3.) The '701 Patent also describes various
15 benefits of and clinical procedures for the tissue grafts that practice the claimed invention.
16 (*See, e.g., id.* at 1:38-60, 8:41-52, 10:42-11:3, 11:16-39.)

17 62. As with the '494 Patent, through the washing and cleaning process,
18 including the removal of extraneous tissue, such as the spongy (or intermediate) layer,
19 and subsequent lamination, the grafts of the '701 Patent and related patents have
20 characteristics that are markedly different from those of natural placental tissue.

21 63. The '701 Patent discloses graft embodiments “composed of at least one
22 layer of amnion tissue where the epithelium layer has been substantially removed in order
23 to expose the basement layer to host cells.” (*See, e.g., id.* at 1:64-67.) The '701 Patent
24 teaches that by removing epithelial cells from an amnion layer to expose the basement
25 membrane in certain embodiments, cells from the host can more readily interact with the
26 cell-adhesion bio-active factors located on the top and within the basement membrane.
27 (*See, e.g., id.* at Abstract, 1:64-2:24, 5:25-31, 10:42-11:3.)

28 64. By exposing the basement membrane layer, the grafts of the '701 Patent

1 and related patents further have characteristics that are markedly different from the
2 characteristics of natural placental tissue.

3 65. The '701 Patent also discloses that it may be important to preserve an
4 exposed fibroblast layer of the amniotic membrane. (*See, e.g., id.* at 5:10-23.) The '701
5 Patent teaches careful removal of residual blood and extraneous tissue, for example, with
6 a blunt instrument, and cautions against aggressive cleaning to avoid removing the
7 fibroblast layer. (*See, e.g., id.* at 5:13-23.)

8 **H. The '174 Patent**

9 66. The '174 Patent is in the same patent family as the '701 Patent.
10 Accordingly, it has substantially the same specification and disclosure as the '701 Patent
11 (*see* ¶ 60, above), generally directed to placental tissue grafts derived from the amnion
12 layer of the native human placenta, among other additional membranes, including the
13 chorion. The '174 Patent indicates that the placental tissue grafts may be modified with a
14 small gauge needle or punch to comprise a plurality of holes. (*See, e.g., Ex. F, '174 Patent,*
15 *at 9:53-10:5, Fig. 10.*)

16 67. By adding a plurality of holes, the grafts of the '174 Patent and related
17 patents have further characteristics that are markedly different from the characteristics of
18 natural placental tissue.

19 **I. The '137 Patent**

20 68. The '137 Patent is in the same patent family as the '701 Patent.
21 Accordingly, it has substantially the same specification and disclosure as the '701 Patent,
22 generally directed to placental tissue grafts derived from the amnion layer of the native
23 human placenta, among other additional membranes, including chorion. The '137 Patent
24 notes that the use of sutures is optional. (*See, e.g., Ex. H, '137 Patent, at 11:38-39.*)

25 **J. The '697 Patent**

26 69. The '697 Patent is in the same patent family as the '701 Patent.
27 Accordingly, it has substantially the same specification and disclosure as the '701 Patent,
28 generally directed to placental tissue grafts derived from the amnion layer of the native

1 human placenta, among other additional membranes, including chorion. The '697 Patent
2 indicates that its grafts may be modified with a small gauge needle or punch to comprise
3 a plurality of holes. (*See, e.g.*, Ex. I, '697 Patent, at 9:50-10:2, Fig. 10.)

4 **III. SURGENEX**

5 70. Surgenex manufactures, distributes, sells, and offers to sell placental tissue-
6 based products, including, but not limited to, the PelloGraft®, ArdeoGraft®, SurGraft
7 XT®, and SurGraft TL® products.

8 71. Surgenex describes itself on its website's "About" page as a "contract
9 research and manufacturing organization specializing in human cellular and tissue-based
10 products," and further states that it is "focused on the development and commercialization
11 of placental tissue and musculoskeletal based implants."¹

12 72. Surgenex's website also states that it has a 17,500 square foot on-site
13 facility, including over 5,000 square feet of clean room space, for processing its allograft
14 products. A screenshot from Surgenex's website is reproduced below.



25 *Surgenex Processing Facility*

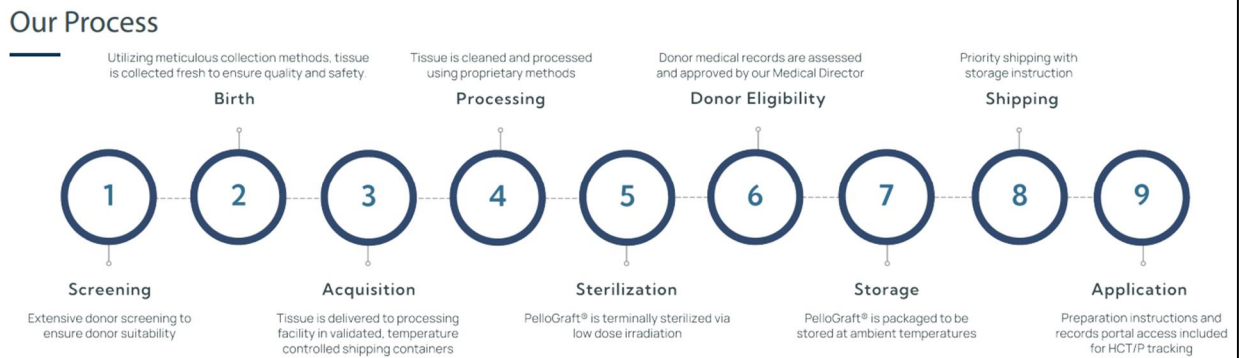
26 73. Surgenex's website also asserts that it "offer[s] a full suite of processing
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28 ¹ <https://www.surgenex.com/about>, last accessed Dec. 16, 2024.

1 capabilities to supply traditional birth tissue and musculoskeletal allografts through
 2 customized, innovative implants.”

3 74. Surgenex manufactures, sells, and offers for sale numerous placental tissue
 4 products, in varying configurations, including placental amnion layer(s), chorion layer(s),
 5 and/or the intermediate layer.

6 75. Surgenex’s entire process for obtaining donor tissue, preparing, storing,
 7 delivering, and using their products is summarized in the following figure, depicting nine
 8 distinct steps:



21 76. The above figure is taken from the PelloGraft® product flyer,² and an
 22 analogous figure is shown in the ArdeoGraft® product flyer.³ No comparable flyer is
 23 available for the SurGraft XT® and SurGraft TL® products, but, on information and
 24 belief, the processes are substantially the same for those products.

25 77. Step 1 involves screening donors, including a risk assessment interview,
 26 review of medical records, and serological, microbiological, and infectious disease
 27 testing. Surgenex’s website describes the screening process as follows:

28 ² https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/60dc5ea6b948335b79027531/66ef14964318e4f0ca48955d_Pellograft%20Sell%20Sheet%20-%20Form%201.12.14%20Rev%202-compressed.pdf, last accessed Dec. 16, 2024

³ https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/60dc5ea6b948335b79027531/6720f1e0e9faeb6235bb0610_ArdeoGraft%20Sell%20Sheet%20-%20Form%201.12.29%20REV%201.pdf, last accessed Dec. 16, 2024.

1 Independent, contracted tissue recovery agencies follow strict
2 protocols in accordance with FDA regulations and AATB
3 standards. Serological and microbiological testing is performed
4 at an independent, CLIA certified, FDA registered laboratory
5 against standards that exceed the requirements of the FDA and
6 AATB. Final donor eligibility is determined by a licensed medical
7 director following review of all infectious disease testing, the
8 uniform donor risk assessment interview and all relevant medical
9 records.

10 78. Surgenex’s Product Digital Catalog⁴ states that this screening process
11 includes testing for hepatitis B and C, HIV, HTLV 1, syphilis, HBV, HCV, West Nile
12 virus, and other microbes. Steps 2 and 3 involve birth and acquisition of the placental
13 tissue.

14 79. Once the recovery agencies collect and deliver the placental tissue to
15 Surgenex, in Step 4, processing takes place in the in-house facility:

16 Tissue is shaped using specially designed clean room
17 equipment and subjected to a proprietary series of pro-
18 cessing steps to effectively clean and disinfect allografts
19 without the use of harsh chemicals.

20 *Surgenex Product Digital Catalog*

21 80. Surgenex states on its website that its processing includes “[m]inimal
22 manipulation to retain the native biomechanical structure of host tissue” and “[e]xhaustive
23 post-processing rinsing to effectively eliminate processing reagents.”

24 81. Accordingly, on information and belief, Surgenex retains the amniotic
25 epithelial layer in its amnion-containing products.

26 82. Next, according to Surgenex’s website, the tissue is “lyophilized or
27 dehydrated and subjected to post processing evaluation prior to final packaging.”

28 ⁴ https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/60dc5ea6b948335b79027531/67197edde45fd62a07652c52_Form%201.12.19%20-%20Surgenex%20Product%20Digital%20Catalog%20REV4.pdf, last accessed Dec. 16, 2024.

1 83. After these processing steps, Step 5 is sterilization via irradiation.
2 Surgenex’s website explains the process as follows:

3 Following processing, allografts are subjected to terminal
4 sterilization via low dose irradiation to a sterility assurance level
5 of 10⁻⁶.

6 84. In Step 6, the information obtained in Step 1 is reviewed again by Surgenex
7 prior to releasing the tissue for distribution.

8 85. Step 7 of the Surgenex process is storage. The below figure indicates that
9 the PelloGraft® product may be stored at ambient temperature (*i.e.*, room temperature):

10 PelloGraft® is packaged to be
11 stored at ambient temperatures

12 86. The PelloGraft® product flyer asserts that it has a five-year shelf life:
13 PelloGraft® promotes optimal healing, serves as a protective
14 barrier, and helps reduce complications in the healing process. It
15 has a five-year shelf life.

16 87. The products are then shipped to a distributor or provider (Step 8), and
17 include preparation instructions for application (Step 9).

18 88. The Surgenex Product Digital Catalog states that the PelloGraft®,
19 ArdeoGraft®, SurGraft XT®, and SurGraft TL® products are suitable for wound care:

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1 processing different “Full-Thickness” products,⁵ the PelloGraft® product is processed
2 such that each amnion layer and chorion layer is cleaned and washed separately, whereby
3 blood and extraneous tissue is removed.

4 93. The PelloGraft® product is processed to retain certain cellular layers,
5 including the epithelial cellular layer and the fibroblast cellular layer.

6 Minimal manipulation to retain the
7 native biomechanical structure of
8 host tissue

Surgenex Product Digital Catalog

9 94. Surgenex’s PelloGraft® placental tissue graft products are dehydrated.

10 Tissue is lyophilized or dehydrated and subjected to post
11 processing evaluation prior to final packaging.

Surgenex Product Digital Catalog

12 95. Surgenex’s PelloGraft® placental tissue graft product comprises an amnion
13 layer and a chorion layer and are laminated to make them suitable for their intended use,
14 according to the PelloGraft® product website.⁶ On information and belief, adjacent
15 amnion and chorion layers in the PelloGraft® products are laminated directly to each
16 other.
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18 96. On information and belief, at least one version or iteration of the
19 PelloGraft® product is “vented” to improve wound drainage, meaning that the product
20 comprises a plurality of holes.

21 **Vented Options & Large Format Sheet Sizes**

22 Surgenex® is proud to introduce large format sheet
23 sizes with and without venting, tailored to providers’
24 needs. Venting allows for better wound drainage and
easy usage under negative pressure therapy.

PelloGraft® Product Flyer

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27 ⁵ <https://www.surgenex.com/products/surgraft-ft>, last accessed Dec. 16, 2024.

28 ⁶ <https://www.surgenex.com/products/pellograft>, last accessed Dec. 16, 2024.

1 97. Surgenex offers non-vented versions of PelloGraft® in five different sizes,
2 and vented versions of PelloGraft® in three different sizes, as shown on its PelloGraft®
3 product flyer:

SIZES
16 MM
2 X 2 CM
2 X 3 CM
3 X 4 CM
4 X 4 CM
5.5 X 4.5 CM - VENTED
6.5 X 5.5 CM - VENTED
7.5 X 6.5 CM - VENTED

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16 **B. The ArdeoGraft® Product**

17 98. On information and belief, Surgenex makes, sells, and/or offers to sell the
18 ArdeoGraft® product in the United States in and this District.

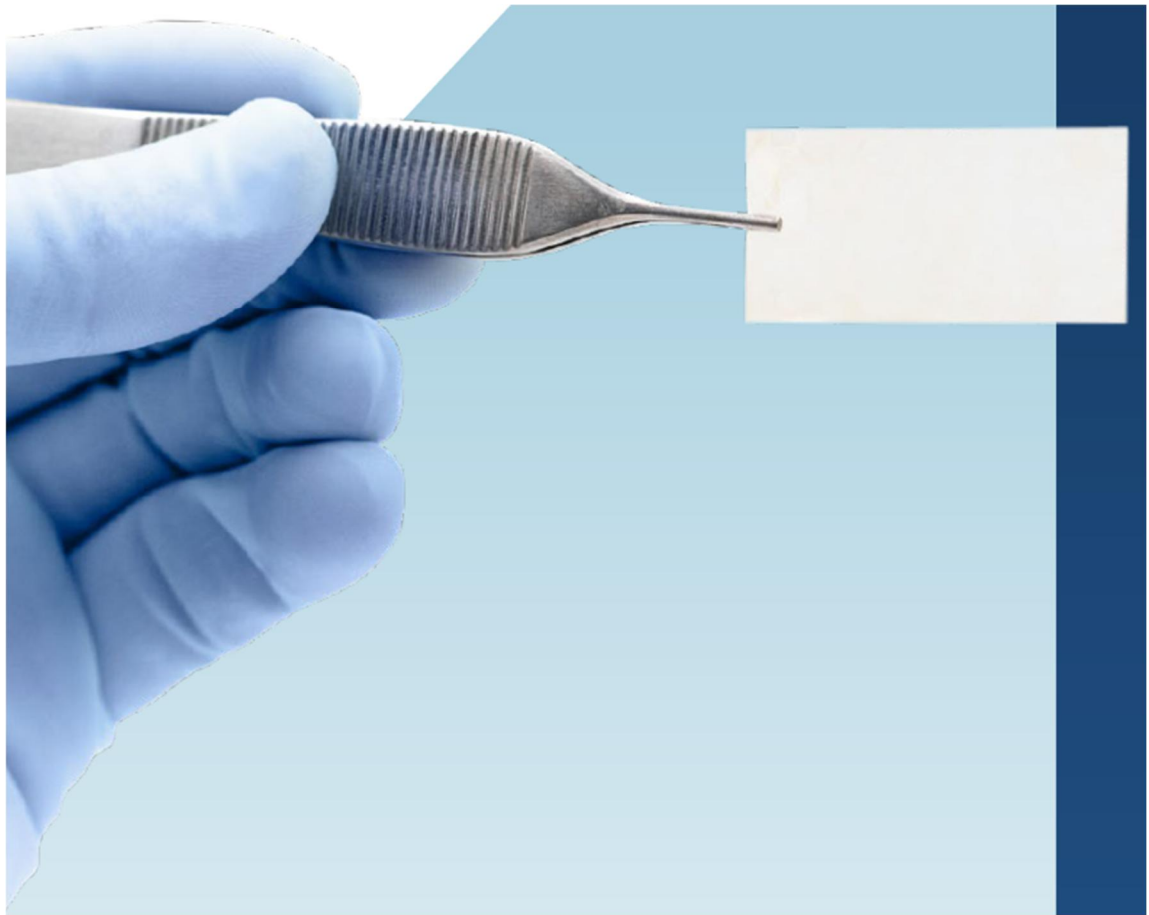
19 99. On information and belief, the ArdeoGraft® product is a placental tissue
20 graft product comprising two layers of chorion, according to the ArdeoGraft® product
21 flyer. The ArdeoGraft® product flyer states that it is a “dual layer allograft derived from
22 chorion” and a “Dual Layer Chorion” product:
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ArdeoGraft® Product Details

ArdeoGraft® is a cutting-edge dual layer allograft derived from chorion, designed for both topical and surgical applications. This advanced product acts as a protective barrier, offering exceptional coverage and shielding acute and chronic wounds from the surrounding environment.

Well suited for wound care and surgical applications, ArdeoGraft® ensures optimal protection and healing support.

ArdeoGraft® product flyer



ArdeoGraft® Product Flyer

100. On information and belief, the ArdeoGraft® product is processed such that the native chorion layers of the graft are separated from their respective native amnion

1 layers.

2 101. On information and belief, and based on how Surgenex describes
3 processing different “Full-Thickness” products, the ArdeoGraft® product is processed
4 such that each chorion layer is cleaned and washed separately, whereby blood and
5 extraneous tissue are removed.

6 102. The ArdeoGraft® product is processed to avoid removal of cells.

7 Minimal manipulation to retain the
8 native biomechanical structure of
9 host tissue

10 *Surgenex Product Digital Catalog*

11 103. Surgenex’s ArdeoGraft® placental tissue graft products are dehydrated.

12 Tissue is lyophilized or dehydrated and subjected to post
13 processing evaluation prior to final packaging.

14 *Surgenex Product Digital Catalog*

15 104. Surgenex’s ArdeoGraft® placental tissue graft product comprises two
16 chorion layers, and are laminated to make them suitable for their intended use, according
17 to the ArdeoGraft® product website.⁷ On information and belief, the adjacent chorion
18 layers are laminated directly to each other.

19 105. Surgenex offers ArdeoGraft® in eleven different sizes, as shown on the
20 ArdeoGraft® product website.

21 **C. The SurGraft XT® Product**

22 106. On information and belief, Surgenex makes, sells, and/or offers to sell the
23 SurGraft XT® product in the United States in and this District.

24 107. On information and belief, the SurGraft XT® product is a placental tissue
25 graft product comprising two layers of amnion. The SurGraft XT® product website⁸ states
26 that it is a “dual layer allograft sourced from amnion” and a “Dual Layer Amnion”

27 ⁷ <https://www.surgenex.com/products/ardeograft>, last accessed Dec. 16, 2024.

28 ⁸ <https://www.surgenex.com/products/surgraft-xt>, last accessed Dec. 16, 2024.

1 product:

2 Advanced Dual 3 Layer Amnion- 4 Derived Allograft

5 SurGraft XT® is a cutting-edge dual layer allograft
6 sourced from amnion, expertly crafted to enhance
7 healing. This innovative product provides a
8 protective barrier, minimizing complications and
9 ensuring exceptional wound care.
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11 *SurGraft XT® Product Website*



27 *SurGraft XT® Product Website*

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1 108. On information and belief, the SurGraft XT® product is processed such that
2 the native amnion layers of the graft are separated from their respective native chorion
3 layers.

4 109. On information and belief, and based on how Surgenex describes
5 processing different “Full-Thickness” products, the SurGraft XT® product is processed
6 such that each amnion layer is cleaned and washed separately, whereby blood and
7 extraneous tissue are removed.

8 110. On information and belief, the SurGraft XT® product is processed to retain
9 certain cellular layers, including the epithelial cellular layer and the fibroblast cellular
10 layer.

11 Minimal manipulation to retain the
12 native biomechanical structure of
13 host tissue

13 *Surgenex Product Digital Catalog*

14 111. Surgenex’s SurGraft XT® placental tissue graft products are dehydrated.

15 Tissue is lyophilized or dehydrated and subjected to post
16 processing evaluation prior to final packaging.

17 *Surgenex Product Digital Catalog*

18 112. Surgenex’s SurGraft XT® placental tissue graft product comprises two
19 amnion layers and are laminated to make them suitable for their intended use, according
20 to the SurGraft XT® product website. On information and belief, the adjacent amnion
21 layers are laminated directly to each other.

22 113. On information and belief, according to the SurGraft XT® product website,
23 at least one version or iteration of the SurGraft XT® product is “vented” to improve
24 wound drainage, meaning that the product comprises a plurality of holes.

25 Surgenex® is proud to introduce large format sheet sizes
26 with and without venting, tailored to providers’ needs.
27 Venting allows for better wound drainage and easy usage
28 under negative pressure therapy.

SurGraft XT® Product Website

1 **D. The SurGraft TL® Product**

2 114. On information and belief, Surgenex makes, sells, and/or offers to sell the
3 SurGraft TL® product in the United States in and this District.

4 115. On information and belief, the SurGraft TL® product is a placental tissue
5 graft product comprising two layers of amnion (*i.e.*, having at least two layers of amnion).
6 The SurGraft TL® product website⁹ states that it is a “triple-layer amnion-derived
7 allograft” and a “Triple Layer Amnion” product.

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Triple-Layer Allograft Innovation

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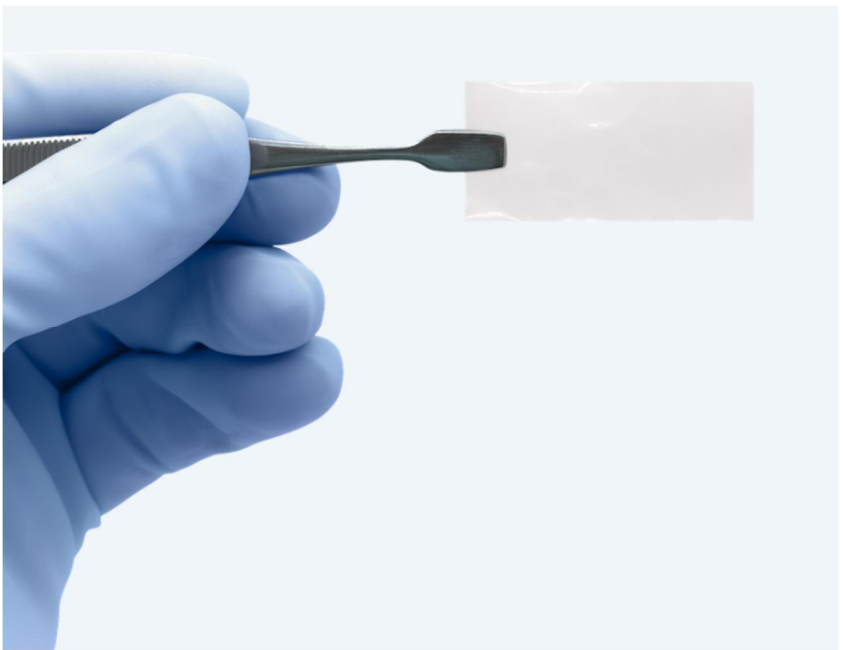
11 SurGraft TL® represents a state-of-the-art triple-

12 layer amnion-derived allograft meticulously

13 designed for wound coverage, serving as a

14 protective barrier and facilitating advanced wound

15 care.



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28 ⁹ <https://www.surgenex.com/products/surgraft-tl>, last accessed Dec. 16, 2024.

1 116. On information and belief, the SurGraft TL® product is processed such that
2 the native amnion layers of the graft are separated from their respective native chorion
3 layers.

4 117. On information and belief, and based on how Surgenex describes
5 processing different “Full-Thickness” products, the SurGraft TL® product is processed
6 such that each amnion layer is cleaned and washed separately, whereby blood and
7 extraneous tissue are removed.

8 118. The SurGraft TL® product is processed to retain certain cellular layers,
9 including the epithelial cellular layer and the fibroblast cellular layer.

10 Minimal manipulation to retain the
11 native biomechanical structure of
12 host tissue

Surgenex Product Digital Catalog

13 119. Surgenex’s SurGraft TL® placental tissue graft products are dehydrated.

14 Tissue is lyophilized or dehydrated and subjected to post
15 processing evaluation prior to final packaging.

Surgenex Product Digital Catalog

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17 120. On information and belief, Surgenex’s SurGraft TL® placental tissue graft
18 product is laminated to make them suitable for their intended use. On information and
19 belief, the adjacent amnion layers are laminated directly to each other.

20 **E. Allegations Relating to All Surgenex Products**

21 121. Surgenex has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims of the
22 Patents-in-Suit by manufacturing, using, selling, and/or offering for sale placental tissue-
23 graft products in the United States and in this District that infringe one or more claims of
24 each of the Patents-in-Suit including, but not limited to, Surgenex’s PelloGraft®,
25 ArdeoGraft®, SurGraft XT®, and SurGraft TL® placental tissue grafts.

26 122. Surgenex has been on actual notice of the Patents-in-Suit since at least of
27 the filing of this lawsuit.

28 123. Additionally, on information and belief, Surgenex has had constructive

1 knowledge of the Patents-in-Suit at least by virtue of the identification of the Patents-in-
2 Suit on the AmnioFix® and EpiFix® product labels, package information, and/or
3 marketing materials by referencing www.mimedx.com/patents under the heading
4 “Amniotic Membrane Allograft Product Lines.”

5 124. On information and belief, Surgenex has acted and continues to act without
6 a reasonable basis for believing that it would not be liable for infringing the Patents-in-
7 Suit.

8 **COUNT I**

9 **(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,709,494)**

10 125. MiMedx repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation of
11 Paragraphs 1 through 124 of this Complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

12 126. MiMedx is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the
13 '494 Patent, including the right to sue and recover, and pursue injunctive relief and all
14 other available remedies for any and all infringements thereof.

15 127. Surgenex has infringed and continues to infringe, either literally or under
16 the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '494 Patent by making, using,
17 selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States at least the PelloGraft®, SurGraft
18 XT®, and SurGraft TL® products, which infringe one or more claims of the '494 Patent
19 in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

20 128. Exemplary claim 9 of the '494 Patent recites:

21 9. A dehydrated, laminated, placental tissue graft which is a laminate
22 comprising two or more separated and washed layers which layers are
23 selected from amnion and/or chorion wherein the layers are directly
24 laminated to each other and at least one of said layers is an amnion layer
which retains an epithelial cellular layer.

25 129. As shown above, exemplary claim 9 covers a dehydrated, laminated,
26 placental tissue graft comprising two or more layers selected from amnion and/or chorion
27 directly laminated to each other, wherein at least one layer is an amnion layer which
28 retains an epithelial cellular layer.

1 130. The PelloGraft® product infringes at least exemplary claim 9 of the '494
2 Patent, as PelloGraft® comprises a layer of amnion and a layer of chorion that are directly
3 laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 90, 94, above.) The layers are
4 separated from each other during processing. (See ¶ 91, above.) The PelloGraft® product
5 is also washed and cleaned during processing. (See ¶ 92, above.) Surgenex touts a
6 cleaning process with “[m]inimal manipulation to retain the native biomechanical
7 structure of host tissue.” Thus, on information and belief, the PelloGraft® product’s
8 amnion layer retains the epithelial layer. (See ¶ 93, above.)

9 131. The SurGraft XT® product also infringes at least exemplary claim 9 of the
10 '494 Patent, as SurGraft XT® comprises two layers of amnion which are directly
11 laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 107, 111, above.) The layers are
12 separated from chorion during processing. (See ¶ 108, above.) The SurGraft XT® product
13 is also washed and cleaned during processing. (See ¶ 109, above.) Surgenex touts a
14 cleaning process, including “[m]inimal manipulation to retain the native biomechanical
15 structure of host tissue.” Thus, on information and belief, at least one of the SurGraft
16 XT® product’s amnion layers retains the epithelial layer. (See ¶ 110, above.)

17 132. The SurGraft TL® product also infringes at least exemplary claim 9 of the
18 '494 Patent, as SurGraft TL® comprises three layers of amnion which are directly
19 laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 110, 119, above.) The layers are
20 separated from chorion during processing. (See ¶ 116, above.) The SurGraft TL® product
21 is also washed and cleaned during processing. (See ¶ 117, above.) Surgenex touts a
22 cleaning process, including “[m]inimal manipulation to retain the native biomechanical
23 structure of host tissue.” Thus, on information and belief, at least one of the SurGraft TL®
24 product’s amnion layers retains the epithelial layer. (See ¶ 118, above.)

25 133. MiMedx has been damaged by Surgenex’s past and continuing
26 infringement of the '494 Patent in an amount to be determined at trial, and will continue
27 to suffer damages in the future.

28 134. Surgenex’s infringement of the '494 Patent has been willful. On

1 information and belief, Surgenex has known of MiMedx's patent rights, including the
2 '494 Patent, but still deliberately and intentionally infringed that patent.

3 135. MiMedx has been and continues to be irreparably injured by Surgenex's
4 past and continuing infringement of the '494 Patent, and Surgenex's infringing activities
5 will continue unless enjoined by this Court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

6 136. MiMedx is entitled to monetary damages from Surgenex's unauthorized
7 infringement in an amount to be determined at trial. Surgenex is liable to MiMedx for
8 such damages, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with
9 interest and costs, as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

10 137. Surgenex's wrongful acts have damaged and will continue to damage
11 MiMedx irreparably, and MiMedx has no adequate remedy at law for those wrongs and
12 injuries. In addition to its actual damages, MiMedx is entitled to a permanent injunction
13 that restrains and enjoins Surgenex and its agents, servants, and employees, and all
14 persons acting thereunder, in concert with, or on its behalf, from infringing the '494
15 Patent.

16 **COUNT II**

17 **(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,956,253)**

18 138. MiMedx repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation of
19 Paragraphs 1 through 137 of this Complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

20 139. MiMedx is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the
21 '253 Patent, including the right to sue and recover, and pursue injunctive relief and all
22 other available remedies for any and all infringements thereof.

23 140. Surgenex has infringed and continues to infringe, either literally or under
24 the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '253 Patent by making, using,
25 selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States at least the PelloGraft® and
26 SurGraft XT® products, which infringe one or more claims of the '253 Patent in violation
27 of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

28 141. Exemplary claim 7 of the '253 Patent recites:

1 7. A dehydrated, laminated placental tissue graft which is a laminate
2 consisting of two washed layers, wherein a first of said layers is an amnion
3 layer which consists of an epithelial cellular layer, a basement membrane, a
4 compact layer, and a fibroblast cellular layer, and a second of said layers is
5 (i) amnion that consists of an epithelial cellular layer, a basement membrane,
6 and a compact layer; (ii) amnion that consists of an epithelial cellular layer,
7 a basement membrane, a compact layer, and a fibroblast cellular layer; or
8 (iii) chorion, wherein the first and second layers are dehydrated and
9 laminated to each other; and wherein the layers were separated prior to being
10 laminated to each other.

11 142. As shown above, exemplary claim 7 covers a dehydrated, laminated,
12 placental tissue graft comprising two layers directly laminated to each other, wherein the
13 first layer is an amnion layer retaining its epithelial and fibroblast layers, and the second
14 layer is an amnion layer retaining its epithelial layer, or a chorion layer.

15 143. The PelloGraft® product infringes at least exemplary claim 7 of the '253
16 Patent, as PelloGraft® comprises a layer of amnion and a layer of chorion that are directly
17 laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 90, 94, above.) The layers are
18 separated from each other during processing. (See ¶ 91, above.) The PelloGraft® product
19 is also washed and cleaned during processing. (See ¶ 92, above.) Surgenex touts a
20 cleaning process, including “[m]inimal manipulation to retain the native biomechanical
21 structure of host tissue.” Thus, on information and belief, the PelloGraft® product’s
22 amnion layer retains the epithelial layer. (See ¶ 93, above.)

23 144. The SurGraft XT® product also infringes at least exemplary claim 7 of the
24 '253 Patent, as SurGraft XT® comprises two layers of amnion which are directly
25 laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 107, 111, above.) The layers are
26 separated from chorion during processing. (See ¶ 108, above.) The SurGraft XT® product
27 is also washed and cleaned during processing. (See ¶ 109, above.) Surgenex touts a
28 cleaning process, including “[m]inimal manipulation to retain the native biomechanical
structure of host tissue.” Thus, on information and belief, the SurGraft XT® product’s
amnion layers retains the epithelial layer. (See ¶ 110, above.)

145. MiMedx has been damaged by Surgenex’s past and continuing

1 infringement of the '253 Patent in an amount to be determined at trial.

2 146. Surgenex's infringement of the '253 Patent has been willful. On
3 information and belief, Surgenex has known of MiMedx's patent rights, including the
4 '494 Patent, but still deliberately and intentionally infringed that patent.

5 147. MiMedx has been and continues to be irreparably injured by Surgenex's
6 past and continuing infringement of the '253 Patent, and Surgenex's infringing activities
7 will continue unless enjoined by this Court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

8 148. MiMedx is entitled to monetary damages from Surgenex's unauthorized
9 infringement in an amount to be determined at trial. Surgenex is liable to MiMedx for
10 such damages, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with
11 interest and costs, as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

12 149. Surgenex's wrongful acts have damaged and will continue to damage
13 MiMedx irreparably, and MiMedx has no adequate remedy at law for those wrongs and
14 injuries. In addition to its actual damages, MiMedx is entitled to a permanent injunction
15 that restrains and enjoins Surgenex and its agents, servants, and employees, and all
16 persons acting thereunder, in concert with, or on its behalf, from infringing the '253
17 Patent.

18 **COUNT III**

19 **(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 10,406,259)**

20 150. MiMedx repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation of
21 Paragraphs 1 through 149 of this Complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

22 151. MiMedx is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the
23 '259 Patent, including the right to sue and recover, and pursue injunctive relief and all
24 other available remedies for any and all infringements thereof.

25 152. Surgenex has infringed and continues to infringe, either literally or under
26 the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '259 Patent by making, using,
27 selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States at least the PelloGraft®, SurGraft
28 XT®, and SurGraft TL® products, which infringe one or more claims of the '259 Patent

1 in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

2 153. Exemplary claim 1 of the '259 Patent recites:

3 1. A package comprising a sealed, deoxygenated container, said sealed,
4 deoxygenated container comprising a dehydrated placental tissue graft,
5 wherein said graft has a shelf-life of at least 5 years when stored in said
6 container at room temperature; wherein said graft comprises a first layer
7 which is a separated and washed amnion layer which comprises an epithelial
8 cell layer, and a second layer which is a separated and washed amnion or
chorion layer, and wherein the first and second layers are directly laminated
to each other.

9 154. As shown above, exemplary claim 1 covers a package comprising a sealed,
10 deoxygenated container comprising a dehydrated, laminated, placental tissue graft
11 comprising a first layer, which is a separated and washed amnion layer, and a second
12 layer, which is a separated and washed amnion or chorion layer, wherein the first and
13 second layers are directly laminated to each other. The graft may comprise additional
14 layers, and has a shelf-life of at least 5 years when stored in the container at room
15 temperature.

16 155. The PelloGraft® product infringes at least exemplary claim 1 of the '259
17 Patent, as PelloGraft® comprises a layer of amnion and a layer of chorion that are directly
18 laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (*See* ¶¶ 90, 94, above.) The layers are
19 separated from each other during processing. (*See* ¶ 91, above.) The PelloGraft® product
20 is also washed and cleaned during processing. (*See* ¶ 92, above.) The PelloGraft® product
21 is described as having a five-year shelf life at ambient temperature (*See* ¶¶ 85-86, above);
22 on information and belief, this would require storing the product in a sealed,
23 deoxygenated container. Surgenex touts a cleaning process, including “[m]inimal
24 manipulation to retain the native biomechanical structure of host tissue.” Thus, on
25 information and belief, the PelloGraft® product’s amnion layer retains the epithelial
26 layer. (*See* ¶ 93, above.)

27 156. The SurGraft XT® product also infringes at least exemplary claim 1 of the
28 '259 Patent, as SurGraft XT® comprises two layers of amnion which are directly

1 laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (*See* ¶¶ 107, 111, above.) The layers are
2 separated from chorion during processing. (*See* ¶ 108, above.) The SurGraft XT® product
3 is also washed and cleaned during processing. (*See* ¶ 109, above.) On information and
4 belief, the packaging and shelf-life characteristics of SurGraft XT® would be the same
5 as for the PelloGraft® product, as discussed above. (*See* ¶ 155, above.) Surgenex touts a
6 cleaning process, including “[m]inimal manipulation to retain the native biomechanical
7 structure of host tissue.” Thus, on information and belief, at least one of the SurGraft
8 XT® product’s amnion layers retains the epithelial layer. (*See* ¶ 110, above.)

9 157. The SurGraft TL® product also infringes at least exemplary claim 1 of the
10 ’259 Patent, as SurGraft TL® comprises three layers of amnion, which are directly
11 laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (*See* ¶¶ 110, 119, above.) The layers are
12 separated from chorion during processing. (*See* ¶ 116, above.) The SurGraft TL® product
13 is also washed and cleaned during processing. (*See* ¶ 117, above.) On information and
14 belief, the packaging and shelf-life characteristics of SurGraft TL® would be the same as
15 for the PelloGraft® product, as discussed above. (*See* ¶ 155, above.) Surgenex touts a
16 cleaning process, including “[m]inimal manipulation to retain the native biomechanical
17 structure of host tissue.” Thus, on information and belief, at least one of the SurGraft TL®
18 product’s amnion layers retains the epithelial layer. (*See* ¶ 118, above.)

19 158. MiMedx has been damaged by Surgenex’s past and continuing
20 infringement of the ’259 Patent in an amount to be determined at trial.

21 159. Surgenex’s infringement of the ’259 Patent has been willful. On
22 information and belief, Surgenex has known of MiMedx’s patent rights, including the
23 ’494 Patent, but still deliberately and intentionally infringed that patent.

24 160. MiMedx has been and continues to be irreparably injured by Surgenex’s
25 past and continuing infringement of the ’259 Patent, and Surgenex’s infringing activities
26 will continue unless enjoined by this Court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

27 161. MiMedx is entitled to monetary damages from Surgenex’s unauthorized
28 infringement in an amount to be determined at trial. Surgenex is liable to MiMedx for

1 such damages, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with
2 interest and costs, as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

3 162. Surgenex's wrongful acts have damaged and will continue to damage
4 MiMedx irreparably, and MiMedx has no adequate remedy at law for those wrongs and
5 injuries. In addition to its actual damages, MiMedx is entitled to a permanent injunction
6 that restrains and enjoins Surgenex and its agents, servants, and employees, and all
7 persons acting thereunder, in concert with, or on its behalf, from infringing the '253
8 Patent.

9 **COUNT IV**

10 **(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,572,839)**

11 163. MiMedx repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation of
12 Paragraphs 1 through 162 of this Complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

13 164. MiMedx is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the
14 '839 Patent, including the right to sue and recover, and pursue injunctive relief and all
15 other available remedies for any and all infringements thereof.

16 165. Surgenex has infringed and continues to infringe, either literally or under
17 the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '839 Patent by making, using,
18 selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States at least the ArdeoGraft® product,
19 which infringes one or more claims of the '839 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

20 166. Exemplary claim 1 of the '839 Patent recites:

21 1. A laminated placental tissue graft consisting of a first chorion tissue layer
22 and a second chorion tissue layer which is laminated to said first chorion
23 tissue layer, wherein at least one of the chorion tissue layers is not
decellularized, and wherein said tissue graft is dehydrated.

24 167. As shown above, exemplary claim 1 covers a package comprising a sealed,
25 deoxygenated container comprising a dehydrated, laminated, placental tissue graft
26 comprising a first chorion tissue layer and a second chorion tissue layer laminated to the
27 first layer, wherein at least one layer is not decellularized, wherein the first and second
28 layers are directly laminated to each other.

1 Paragraphs 1 through 173 of this Complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

2 175. MiMedx is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the
3 '449 Patent, including the right to sue and recover, and pursue injunctive relief and all
4 other available remedies for any and all infringements thereof.

5 176. Surgenex has infringed and continues to infringe, either literally or under
6 the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '449 Patent by making, using,
7 selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States at least the ArdeoGraft® product,
8 which infringes one or more claims of the '449 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

9 177. Exemplary claim 1 of the '449 Patent recites:

10 1. A package comprising a sealed, deoxygenated container, said sealed,
11 deoxygenated container comprising a dehydrated, laminated placental tissue
12 graft comprising a first chorion tissue layer and a second chorion tissue layer
13 which is laminated to said first chorion tissue layer, wherein at least one of
14 the chorion tissue layers is not decellularized, wherein said laminated
15 placental tissue graft has been contacted with an antibiotic prior to being
dehydrated; and wherein said graft has a shelf-life of at least 5 years when
stored in said container at room temperature.

16 178. As shown above, exemplary claim 1 covers a package comprising a sealed,
17 deoxygenated container comprising a dehydrated, laminated, placental tissue graft
18 comprising a first chorion tissue layer and a second chorion tissue layer laminated to the
19 first layer, wherein at least one layer is not decellularized, wherein the first and second
20 layers are directly laminated to each other. The graft may comprise additional layers, and
21 has a shelf-life of at least 5 years when stored in the container at room temperature.

22 179. The ArdeoGraft® product infringes at least exemplary claim 1 of the '449
23 Patent, as ArdeoGraft® comprises two layers of chorion that are laminated to each other
24 and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 99 and 102, above.) On information and belief, the packaging
25 and shelf-life characteristics of ArdeoGraft® would be the same as for the PelloGraft®
26 product, as discussed above. (See ¶ 154, above.) Surgenex touts a cleaning process,
27 including “[m]inimal manipulation to retain the native biomechanical structure of host
28 tissue.” Thus, on information and belief, at least one of the ArdeoGraft® product’s

1 chorion layers would not be decellularized. (*See* ¶ 102, above.)

2 180. MiMedx has been damaged by Surgenex's past and continuing
3 infringement of the '449 Patent in an amount to be determined at trial.

4 181. Surgenex's infringement of the '449 Patent has been willful. On
5 information and belief, Surgenex has known of MiMedx's patent rights, including the
6 '494 Patent, but still deliberately and intentionally infringed that patent.

7 182. MiMedx has been and continues to be irreparably injured by Surgenex's
8 past and continuing infringement of the '449 Patent, and Surgenex's infringing activities
9 will continue unless enjoined by this Court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

10 183. MiMedx is entitled to monetary damages from Surgenex's unauthorized
11 infringement in an amount to be determined at trial. Surgenex is liable to MiMedx for
12 such damages, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with
13 interest and costs, as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

14 184. Surgenex's wrongful acts have damaged and will continue to damage
15 MiMedx irreparably, and MiMedx has no adequate remedy at law for those wrongs and
16 injuries. In addition to its actual damages, MiMedx is entitled to a permanent injunction
17 that restrains and enjoins Surgenex and its agents, servants, and employees, and all
18 persons acting thereunder, in concert with, or on its behalf, from infringing the '449
19 Patent.

20 **COUNT VI**

21 **(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 11,752,174)**

22 185. MiMedx repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation of
23 Paragraphs 1 through 184 of this Complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

24 186. MiMedx is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the
25 '174 Patent, including the right to sue and recover, and pursue injunctive relief and all
26 other available remedies for any and all infringements thereof.

27 187. Surgenex has infringed and continues to infringe, either literally or under
28 the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '174 Patent by making, using,

1 selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States at least the PelloGraft® and
2 SurGraft XT® products, which infringe one or more claims of the '174 Patent in violation
3 of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

4 188. Exemplary claim 1 of the '174 Patent recites:

5 1. A tissue graft comprising a first membrane comprising an amnion and at
6 least one additional membrane laminated to the first membrane, wherein the
7 amnion comprises a basement membrane, a compact layer, and a fibroblast
8 layer, and the at least one additional membrane is adjacent to the fibroblast
9 layer; wherein each additional membrane consists of amnion, chorion,
10 allograft pericardium, allograft acellular dermis, amniotic membrane,
11 Wharton's jelly, purified xenograft Type-1 collagen, biocellulose polymers
or copolymers, biocompatible synthetic polymer or copolymer films,
purified small intestinal submucosa, bladder acellular matrix, cadaveric
fascia, or any combination thereof; and wherein said graft comprises a
plurality of holes.

12 189. As shown above, exemplary claim 1 covers a dehydrated, laminated,
13 placental tissue graft comprising an amnion layer comprising a basement membrane, a
14 compact layer, and a layer, and at least one additional membrane adjacent to the amnion's
15 fibroblast layer, wherein the graft comprises a plurality of holes.

16 190. The PelloGraft® product infringes at least exemplary claim 1 of the '174
17 Patent, as PelloGraft® comprises a layer of amnion and a layer of chorion that are directly
18 laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 90, 88, 94, above.) On information
19 and belief, in this alternative scenario a second membrane would be placed in contact
20 with the first amnion's fibroblast layer. "Vented" versions of PelloGraft®, comprising a
21 plurality of holes, are also available. (See ¶ 96, above.)

22 191. The SurGraft XT® product also infringes at least exemplary claim 1 of the
23 '174 Patent, as SurGraft XT® comprises two layers of amnion which are directly
24 laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 107, 111, above.) The SurGraft XT®
25 product is also washed and cleaned during processing. (See ¶ 109, above.) On information
26 and belief, in this alternative scenario a second amnion layer would be placed in contact
27 with the first amnion's fibroblast layer. "Vented" versions of SurGraft XT®, comprising
28 a plurality of holes, are also available. (See ¶ 113, above.)

1 192. MiMedx has been damaged by Surgenex's past and continuing
2 infringement of the '174 Patent in an amount to be determined at trial.

3 193. Surgenex's infringement of the '174 Patent has been willful. On
4 information and belief, Surgenex has known of MiMedx's patent rights, including the
5 '494 Patent, but still deliberately and intentionally infringed that patent.

6 194. MiMedx has been and continues to be irreparably injured by Surgenex's
7 past and continuing infringement of the '174 Patent, and Surgenex's infringing activities
8 will continue unless enjoined by this Court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

9 195. MiMedx is entitled to monetary damages from Surgenex's unauthorized
10 infringement in an amount to be determined at trial. Surgenex is liable to MiMedx for
11 such damages, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with
12 interest and costs, as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

13 196. Surgenex's wrongful acts have damaged and will continue to damage
14 MiMedx irreparably, and MiMedx has no adequate remedy at law for those wrongs and
15 injuries. In addition to its actual damages, MiMedx is entitled to a permanent injunction
16 that restrains and enjoins Surgenex and its agents, servants, and employees, and all
17 persons acting thereunder, in concert with, or on its behalf, from infringing the '174
18 Patent.

19 **COUNT VII**

20 **(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,323,701)**

21 197. MiMedx repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation of
22 Paragraphs 1 through 196**Error! Reference source not found.** of this Complaint, as
23 though fully set forth herein.

24 198. MiMedx is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the
25 '701 Patent, including the right to sue and recover, and pursue injunctive relief and all
26 other available remedies for any and all infringements thereof.

27 199. To the extent Surgenex's manufacturing process substantially removes the
28 amnion's epithelial layer, Surgenex has infringed and continues to infringe, either literally

1 or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '701 Patent by making,
2 using, selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States at least the PelloGraft®,
3 SurGraft XT®, and SurGraft TL® products, which infringe one or more claims of the
4 '701 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

5 200. Exemplary claim 1 of the '701 Patent recites:

6 1. A tissue graft consisting of: a first membrane comprising modified amnion
7 wherein the modified amnion has a first side which is an exposed basement
8 membrane and a second side which is an exposed jelly-like fibroblast cellular
9 layer; and one or more additional membranes sequentially layered such that
10 the first additional membrane is layered adjacent to the exposed fibroblast
11 layer of the first membrane, wherein the at least one or more additional
12 membranes is selected from the group consisting of amnion, chorion,
13 allograft pericardium, allograft acellular dermis, amniotic membrane,
14 Wharton's jelly, and combinations thereof.

15 201. As shown above, exemplary claim 1 covers a dehydrated, laminated,
16 placental tissue graft comprising two or more layers selected from amnion and/or chorion
17 directly laminated to each other, wherein at least one layer is an amnion layer which has
18 an exposed basement membrane. In this alternative scenario, the PelloGraft® product
19 infringes at least exemplary claim 1 of the '701 Patent, as PelloGraft® comprises a layer
20 of amnion and a layer of chorion that are directly laminated to each other and are
21 dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 90, 94, above.) In this alternative scenario, on information and belief,
22 the amnion layer would have an exposed fibroblast layer.

23 202. In this alternative scenario, if Surgenex's manufacturing process involves
24 removal of the epithelial layer, the SurGraft XT® product also infringes at least
25 exemplary claim 1 of the '701 Patent, as SurGraft XT® comprises two layers of amnion
26 which are directly laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 107, 111, above.)
27 In this alternative scenario, on information and belief, at least one amnion layer would
28 have an exposed fibroblast layer.

29 203. In this alternative scenario, if Surgenex's manufacturing process involves
30 removal of the epithelial layer, the SurGraft TL® product also infringes at least exemplary
31 claim 1 of the '701 Patent, as SurGraft TL® comprises three layers of amnion, which are

1 directly laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (*See* ¶¶ 0, 119, above.) In this
2 alternative scenario, on information and belief, at least one amnion layer would have an
3 exposed fibroblast layer.

4 204. MiMedx has been damaged by Surgenex’s past and continuing
5 infringement of the ’701 Patent in an amount to be determined at trial.

6 205. MiMedx has been and continues to be irreparably injured by Surgenex’s
7 past and continuing infringement of the ’701 Patent, and Surgenex’s infringing activities
8 will continue unless enjoined by this Court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

9 206. MiMedx is entitled to monetary damages from Surgenex’s unauthorized
10 infringement in an amount to be determined at trial. Surgenex is liable to MiMedx for
11 such damages, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with
12 interest and costs, as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

13 207. Surgenex’s wrongful acts have damaged and will continue to damage
14 MiMedx irreparably, and MiMedx has no adequate remedy at law for those wrongs and
15 injuries. In addition to its actual damages, MiMedx is entitled to a permanent injunction
16 that restrains and enjoins Surgenex and its agents, servants, and employees, and all
17 persons acting thereunder, in concert with, or on its behalf, from infringing the ’701
18 Patent.

19 **COUNT VIII**

20 **(INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,789,137)**

21 208. MiMedx repeats and incorporates by reference each and every allegation of
22 Paragraphs 1 through 207 of this Complaint, as though fully set forth herein.

23 209. MiMedx is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the
24 ’137 Patent, including the right to sue and recover, and pursue injunctive relief and all
25 other available remedies for any and all infringements thereof.

26 210. To the extent Surgenex’s manufacturing process substantially removes the
27 amnion’s epithelial layer, Surgenex has infringed and continues to infringe, either literally
28 or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the ’137 Patent by making,

1 using, selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States at least the PelloGraft®,
2 SurGraft XT®, and SurGraft TL® products, which infringe one or more claims of the
3 '137 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

4 211. Exemplary claim 1 of the '137 Patent recites:

5 1. A dehydrated, laminated placental tissue graft which is a laminate
6 comprising a washed amnion layer which has a first side which is an exposed
7 basement membrane and a second side which is a fibroblast layer, and a
8 second layer which is a washed amnion or a washed chorion, wherein said
9 amnion layer and said second layer are dehydrated and laminated directly to
each other; wherein said amnion layer and said second layer are not held in
together with a suture.

10 212. As shown above, exemplary claim 1 covers a dehydrated, laminated,
11 placental tissue graft comprising two or more layers selected from amnion and/or chorion
12 directly laminated to each other, wherein at least one layer is an amnion layer which has
13 an exposed basement membrane. In this alternative scenario, if Surgenex's manufacturing
14 process involves removal of the epithelial layer, the PelloGraft® product infringes at least
15 exemplary claim 1 of the '137 Patent, as PelloGraft® comprises a layer of amnion and a
16 layer of chorion that are directly laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 90,
17 94, above.) The PelloGraft® product is also washed and cleaned during processing. (See
18 ¶ 92, above.) On information and belief, the layers of the PelloGraft® product, as sold,
19 are not held in together by a suture. In this alternative scenario, on information and belief,
20 the amnion layer would have a fibroblast layer.

21 213. In this alternative scenario, if Surgenex's manufacturing process involves
22 removal of the epithelial layer, the SurGraft XT® product also infringes at least
23 exemplary claim 1 of the '137 Patent, as SurGraft XT® comprises two layers of amnion
24 which are directly laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 107, 111, above.)
25 The SurGraft XT® product is also washed and cleaned during processing. (See ¶ 109,
26 above.) On information and belief, the layers of the SurGraft XT® product, as sold, are
27 not held in together by a suture. In this alternative scenario, on information and belief, at
28 least one amnion layer would have a fibroblast layer.

1 '697 Patent, including the right to sue and recover, and pursue injunctive relief and all
2 other available remedies for any and all infringements thereof.

3 221. To the extent Surgenex's manufacturing process substantially removes the
4 amnion's epithelial layer, Surgenex has infringed and continues to infringe, either literally
5 or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '697 Patent by making,
6 using, selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States at least the PelloGraft® and
7 SurGraft XT® products, which infringe one or more claims of the '697 Patent in violation
8 of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

9 222. Exemplary claim 1 of the '697 Patent recites:

10 1. A tissue graft comprising a first membrane comprising an amnion and one
11 or more additional membranes laminated to the first membrane, wherein the
12 first membrane comprises an exposed basement membrane and a fibroblast
13 layer, and the one or more additional membranes are adjacent to the
14 fibroblast layer; wherein said graft comprises a plurality of holes.

15 223. As shown above, exemplary claim 1 covers a dehydrated, laminated,
16 placental tissue graft comprising two or more layers selected from amnion and/or chorion
17 directly laminated to each other, wherein at least one layer is an amnion layer which has
18 an exposed basement membrane. In this alternative scenario, if Surgenex's manufacturing
19 process involves removal of the epithelial layer, the PelloGraft® product infringes at least
20 exemplary claim 1 of the '697 Patent, as PelloGraft® comprises a layer of amnion and a
21 layer of chorion that are directly laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (*See* ¶¶ 90,
22 94, above.) On information and belief, in this alternative scenario, a second membrane
23 would be placed in contact with the first amnion's fibroblast layer. "Vented" versions of
24 PelloGraft®, comprising a plurality of holes, are also available. (*See* ¶ 96, above.) In this
25 alternative scenario, on information and belief, the amnion layer would have an exposed
26 fibroblast layer.

27 224. In this alternative scenario, if Surgenex's manufacturing process involves
28 removal of the epithelial layer, the SurGraft XT® product also infringes at least
exemplary claim 1 of the '697 Patent, as SurGraft XT® comprises two layers of amnion

1 which are directly laminated to each other and are dehydrated. (See ¶¶ 107, 111, above.)
2 On information and belief, in this alternative scenario, a second amnion layer would be
3 placed in contact with the first amnion’s fibroblast layer. “Vented” versions of SurGraft
4 XT®, comprising a plurality of holes, are also available. (See ¶ 113, above.) In this
5 alternative scenario, on information and belief, at least one amnion layer would have a
6 fibroblast layer.

7 225. MiMedx has been damaged by Surgenex’s past and continuing
8 infringement of the ’697 Patent in an amount to be determined at trial.

9 226. MiMedx has been and continues to be irreparably injured by Surgenex’s
10 past and continuing infringement of the ’697 Patent, and Surgenex’s infringing activities
11 will continue unless enjoined by this Court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

12 227. MiMedx is entitled to monetary damages from Surgenex’s unauthorized
13 infringement in an amount to be determined at trial. Surgenex is liable to MiMedx for
14 such damages, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with
15 interest and costs, as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

16 228. Surgenex’s wrongful acts have damaged and will continue to damage
17 MiMedx irreparably, and MiMedx has no adequate remedy at law for those wrongs and
18 injuries. In addition to its actual damages, MiMedx is entitled to a permanent injunction
19 that restrains and enjoins Surgenex and its agents, servants, and employees, and all
20 persons acting thereunder, in concert with, or on its behalf, from infringing the ’697
21 Patent.

22 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

23 Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant, granting Plaintiff the
24 following relief:

25 A. Enter judgment that Defendant has infringed one or more claims of the
26 Patents-in-Suit and that Defendant’s infringement has been willful;

27 B. Award Plaintiff damages in an amount to be proven at trial that will
28 adequately compensate MiMedx for Defendant’s infringement, but under no

1 circumstances an amount less than a reasonable royalty, as authorized by 35 U.S.C. § 284;

2 C. Increase the damages sustained by Plaintiff up to three times the amount of
3 MiMedx's actual damages, as authorized by 35 U.S.C. § 284;

4 D. Enjoin Surgenex, and all persons acting in concert with Surgenex, from the
5 manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale, and/or importation of the accused products;

6 E. Award MiMedx its attorneys' fees and other expenses of litigation pursuant
7 to 35 U.S.C. § 285;

8 F. Award MiMedx pre-judgment interest and costs pursuant to 35 U.S.C.
9 § 284; and

10 G. Grant such other, different, and additional relief as the Court deems just and
11 proper.

12 **JURY DEMAND**

13 Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, MiMedx demands
14 a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

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