

Appendix 4 Questionnaire (Group2)

B3b Comparative Study Questionnaire [Group 2]

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1. Questionnaire

<p>1 Scope of the claim as interpreted by the Office – what does the claim cover/include?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The claim was literally interpreted; i.e. take all claim limitations into account.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “means or steps plus function” limitation was not literally interpreted (point out the corresponding part of written description.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Statement of “intended Use” in the preamble was neglected (point out the neglected part of the claim.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The claim was not literally interpreted for the lack of clarity (explain).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Others (explain.)</p> <p>Comments:</p>
<p>2 Sources of search – including any classified search system, databases (both commercial and internal), journals, books, and other source</p>

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1. Questionnaire (continuation)

3 Search strategies – what areas/sources were searched and in what priority? Including any electronic search strategy employed including the specific queries used.

4 Citation of the closest prior art – focusing on what would your Office cite to the applicant for each claim. Please include the determination and explanation to support this determination with respect to novelty and obviousness/inventive step.

