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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

**OMNI MEDSCI, INC.,**

*Plaintiff,*

v.

**APPLE INC.,**

*Defendant.*

Case No. 3:20-cv-00563

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT  
INFRINGEMENT**

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

1 Plaintiff, Omni MedSci, Inc. (“Omni MedSci”), alleges as follows:  
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3 **The Parties**

4 1. Plaintiff Omni MedSci is a Michigan corporation having its principal place of  
5 business at 1718 Newport Creek Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103. Dr. Mohammed N. Islam  
6 is the principal of Omni MedSci. Dr. Islam is a tenured Professor of Optics and Photonics in the  
7 Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, and a Professor of Biomedical Engineering, at  
8 the University of Michigan’s College of Engineering. Omni MedSci is part of the Omni family  
9 of companies, which create, develop, and commercialize Dr. Islam’s optical technology in  
10 various fields. The Omni companies also develop and provide unique optical products to the  
11 U.S. Department of Defense and intelligence community.  
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13 2. Defendant Apple Inc. (“Apple”) is a California corporation, having a regular and  
14 established place of business at 1 Infinite Loop, Cupertino, California 95014. Apple may be  
15 served with process through its registered agent for service of process C T Corporation System  
16 (C0168406).  
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18 **Jurisdiction and Venue**

19 3. This is a complaint for patent infringement under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, *et seq.* The  
20 Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.

21 4. The court has personal jurisdiction over Apple, and venue under 28 U.S.C.  
22 §§1391(a)(1) and 1400(b) is proper in this district, because Apple has a regular and established  
23 place of business in this district and because Apple offers for sale and sells infringing Apple  
24 Watches in this district.  
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1 **The Patent-in-Suit**

2 5. On December 31, 2019, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued U.S. Patent  
3 No. 10,517,484 (“the ‘484 patent”) (Exhibit A) to Dr. Mohammed N. Islam.

4 6. The ‘484 patent is the “Patent-in-Suit.”

5 7. Omni MedSci has been, and is, the owner by assignment of the Patent-in-Suit.  
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7 **Background Facts**

8 8. By 2012, Omni MedSci had invented technology for using lasers in medical and  
9 other applications, including wearable measurement devices incorporating lasers and other  
10 components that can detect and monitor physiological parameters such as glucose, ketones, heart  
11 rate, blood constituents, and dental caries.  
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13 9. On December 31, 2012, Omni MedSci filed a set of patent applications covering  
14 its developments using lasers for medical and other applications.

15 10. Between June 2014 and July 2016, Dr. Islam had a series of meetings and email  
16 exchanges with Apple personnel regarding the technology underlying his then-pending patent  
17 applications, including the now-issued Patent-in-Suit. In those exchanges, Apple was offered the  
18 opportunity to license or acquire Omni MedSci’s patented and patent-pending technology, but  
19 Apple declined.  
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21 11. On June 11-12, 2014, Dr. Islam met with Apple employees Drs. Michael O’Reilly  
22 and Michael Hillman at Apple’s headquarters in Cupertino, California to discuss Omni MedSci’s  
23 then patent-pending technology.

24 12. Dr. Hillman then arranged for a meeting with Dr. Islam and approximately ten  
25 Apple employees at Apple’s headquarters in Cupertino, California to discuss technical details of  
26 Omni MedSci’s then patent-pending technology. The meeting took place at Apple on February  
27 5, 2015.  
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17. The Watches are wearable devices that measure a physiological parameter, namely, heart rate.

18. The Watches measure heart rate non-invasively using light emitting diodes (“LEDs”).

19. In use, the Watches are paired with and communicate with Apple iPhones.

20. The Watches are worn on a user’s wrist.

21. The Watches can improve the signal-to-noise ratio of the LED light reflected from the skin by increasing the intensity of the light emitted from the LEDs.

22. The Watches can also improve the signal-to-noise ratio of the LED light reflected from the skin by increasing the pulse rate of the LEDs.

23. The Watches have one or more lenses that deliver the light from the LEDs to a Watch wearer’s skin.



1 device that can measure heart rate, which is a physiological parameter. The Watches can be  
2 paired with an iPhone. *See, e.g.*, [support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666](https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666).

3 36. Claim 7 further recites: “a wearable device adapted to be placed on a wrist or an  
4 ear of a user, including a light source comprising a plurality of semiconductor sources each of  
5 the semiconductor sources configured to generate an output light having one or more optical  
6 wavelengths.” The Watches are designed to be worn on a user’s wrist and use multiple light  
7 emitting diodes for measuring the heart rate. *See, e.g.*, [support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666](https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666), U.S.  
8 Pub. No. 2017/0281024, and U.S. Pub. No. 2016/0058367.

10 37. Claim 7 further recites: “the wearable device comprising one or more lenses  
11 configured to receive a portion of at least one of the output lights and to deliver a lens output  
12 light to tissue.” The Watches include one or more lenses that receive the light from the LEDs and  
13 deliver a portion of that light to a wearer’s skin. The lenses can be seen in the images of the  
14 accused Watches, below:  
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24 Series 5



Series 3

38. Claim 7 further recites: “the wearable device further comprising a detection  
system configured to receive at least a portion of the lens output light reflected from the tissue  
and to generate an output signal having a signal-to-noise ratio, wherein the detection system is

1 configured to be synchronized to the light source.” On information and belief, The Watches  
2 include a detection system that receives part of the light reflected from a wearer’s skin. The  
3 detection system generates an output signal, which has a signal-to-noise ratio and can be  
4 synchronized to the light source. *See, e.g.*, [support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666](https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666) and U.S. Pub.  
5 No. 2016/0058367.  
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7 39. Claim 7 further recites: “wherein the detection system comprises a plurality of  
8 spatially separated detectors, and wherein at least one analog to digital converter is coupled to at  
9 least one of the spatially separated detectors.” The Watches include two (for Series 3) or eight  
10 (four Series 5) detectors. Each detector is separated from the others in space. On information  
11 and belief, the Watches include at least one analog-to-digital converter coupled to at least one of  
12 the detectors. *See, e.g.*, [support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666](https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666), U.S. Pub. No. 2016/0058367, U.S.  
13 Pub. No. 2016/0058312, and U.S. Pub. No. 2016/0038045.  
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15 40. Claim 7 further recites: “the smart phone or tablet comprising a wireless receiver,  
16 a wireless transmitter, a display, a speaker, a voice input module, one or more buttons or knobs, a  
17 microprocessor and a touch screen, the smart phone or tablet configured to receive and process at  
18 least a portion of the output signal, wherein the smart phone or tablet is configured to store and  
19 display the processed output signal.” Apple’s iPhone’s, which can be paired with the Watches,  
20 have a wireless receiver, a wireless transmitter, a display, a speaker, a voice input module, one or  
21 more buttons or knobs, a microprocessor and a touch screen. An iPhone can receive and process  
22 data (*e.g.*, heart rate information) from the Apple watch and store and display the processed data.  
23 *See, e.g.*, [support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666](https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666); U.S. Pub. No. 2016/0058312.  
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25 41. Claim 7 further recites: “wherein at least a portion of the processed output signal  
26 is configured to be transmitted over a wireless transmission link.” An iPhone can transmit heart  
27 rate information from a paired Watch over a wireless transmission link to Apple’s iCloud. *See,*  
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1 e.g., [support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666](https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666); [www.imore.com/how-sync-your-health-data-ios-11-](https://www.imore.com/how-sync-your-health-data-ios-11-and-how-it-works)  
2 [and-how-it-works](https://www.imore.com/how-sync-your-health-data-ios-11-and-how-it-works); U.S. Pub. No. 2016/0058312.

3 42. Claim 7 further recites: “a cloud configured to receive over the wireless  
4 transmission link an output status comprising the at least a portion of the processed output signal,  
5 to process the received output status to generate processed data, and to store the processed data.”  
6 Apple sells a system, which includes the Apple iCloud that can receive over a wireless  
7 transmission link an output status comprising at least a portion of the processed data transmitted  
8 from Apple iPhones. The Apple iCloud can then process the transmitted output status to generate  
9 and store data such as heart rate information. *See, e.g.*, [support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666](https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666);  
10 [www.imore.com/how-sync-your-health-data-ios-11-and-how-it-works](https://www.imore.com/how-sync-your-health-data-ios-11-and-how-it-works).  
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12 43. Claim 7 further recites: “wherein the output signal is indicative of one or more  
13 physiological parameters.” The output signal from the Watches represents, *inter alia*, the  
14 wearer’s heart rate. *See, e.g.*, U.S. Pub. No. 2016/0058367.  
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16 44. Claim 1 further recites: “the wearable device configured to increase the signal-to-  
17 noise ratio by increasing light intensity of at least one of the semiconductor sources from an  
18 initial light intensity and by increasing a pulse rate of at least one of the semiconductor sources  
19 from an initial pulse rate.” On information and belief, the Watches have the ability to improve  
20 the signal-to-noise ratio of the output signal “by increasing both LED brightness [light intensity]  
21 and sampling rate [pulse rate].” *See, e.g.*, [support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666](https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666).  
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23 45. Claim 7 further recites: “the detection system further configured to: generate a  
24 first signal responsive to light received while the semiconductor sources are off, generate a  
25 second signal responsive to light received while at least one of the semiconductor sources is on.”  
26 On information and belief, the Watches include can capture light while the LEDs are off and  
27 convert the captured light into a first signal and capture light while at least one of the LEDs is on  
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1 and convert the captured light into a second signal. *See, e.g.*, support.apple.com/en-us/HT204666  
2 and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2016/0058367.

3 46. Claim 7 further recites that the system can “increase the signal-to-noise ratio by  
4 comparing the first signal and the second signal.” On information and belief, the Watches can  
5 increase the signal-to-noise ratio by comparing the first signal and the second signal. *See, e.g.*,  
6 U.S. Patent Publication No. 2016/0058367.  
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8 **Count 7 – Willful Infringement**

9 47. Omni MedSci reasserts and incorporates the allegations contained in the  
10 paragraphs above.  
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12 48. Based on the communications and meetings between Dr. Islam and Apple  
13 personnel, Apple knew of its infringement of the Patent-in-Suit or was willfully blind to its  
14 infringement.  
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16 49. Apple’s infringement of the Patent-in-Suit has been willful.  
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18 **Demand for Relief**

19 WHEREFORE, Omni MedSci requests entry of judgment against Apple as follows:

20 A. Finding Apple liable for infringement of the Patent-in-Suit and that the  
infringement has been willful;

21 B. Awarding Omni MedSci damages under 35 U.S.C. § 271 adequate to compensate  
22 for Apple’s infringement;

23 C. Permanently enjoining Apple, together with any officers, agents, servants,  
24 employees, and attorneys, and such other persons in active concert of participation with them,  
25 who receive actual notice of the Order, from further infringement of the Patent-in-Suit;

26 D. A declaration this case is exceptional within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and  
awarding Omni MedSci its reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements;

27 E. Awarding Omni MedSci interest on all damages awarded; and  
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1 F. Granting Omni MedSci all other relief to which it is entitled.

2 **Demand for Jury Trial**

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4 Omni MedSci demands trial by jury for all issues so triable.

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6 Dated: January 24, 2020

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