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Immunex Corporation (NASDAQ:IMNX) released the following statement in response to a lawsuit filed today by ZymoGenetics, Inc.:

ENBREL® (etanercept) has been on the market since 1998 and under development for over ten years.

Over at least the past two years, ZymoGenetics has raised their patents with Immunex, but has never charged Immunex with infringement, even though Immunex has, on numerous occasions, requested that ZymoGenetics explain their patent position.

Immunex believes ZymoGenetics' allegations are without merit and will vigorously defend itself against this lawsuit.