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Test report on Minesoft's Orange Book











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#### 1. Introduction

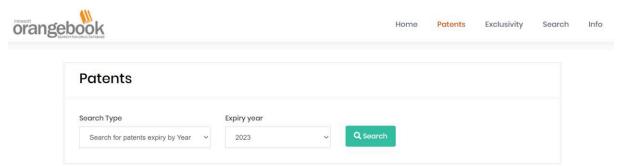
The present document gives a brief description of the major functionalities of Orange Book, a free access patent analytics tool from Minesoft.

Orange Book is a free resource for searching within the Food and Drug Administration's approved drug database which makes it a very specific tool for research within the pharmaceutical industry. The tool does not require any kind of registration to login and all the features are completely free.

The tool provides some minimal analytics functionality from the search results.

## 2. Home page

Once the user has logged in, the tool displays the home page (shown in the next figure). The user can choose what to search for among patents, companies, litigations, trademarks and NPL (Non Patent Literature). Furthermore Innography gives the possibility to manage and share the retrieved documents by using the 'My Portfolio' and 'DocShare' options.



A search bar finds place in the center of the screen. Here the user can select among different search modalities: keyword-based, by publication number, by application number, by accession number, and sematic search. Users interested in chemical compounds can exploit the 'Chemical' option. There is also the possibility to build searches with a guided procedure by clicking on the 'Use Search Builder' button.

#### 3. Patent search

The tool allows for a patent search function, an exclusivity function and a quick search function.

The **patent search** section allows users to search within the patent database according to three different predefined search criteria, which are by applicant, by year, or by pharmaceutical companies.

The **exclusivity** function is specifically related to the pharmaceutical industry and refers to certain delays and prohibitions on approval of competitor drugs. The tab provides analogous information and









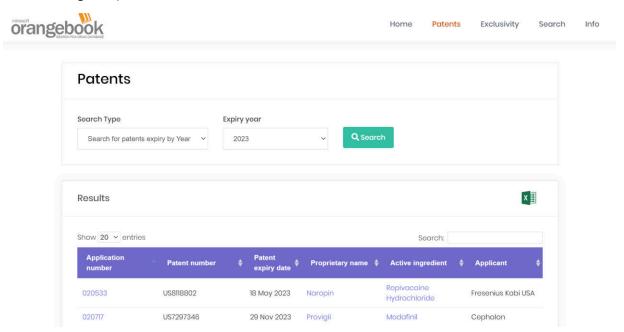


features to the previous one. An additional feature that this research provides is the direct link to the U.S. national library of medicine<sup>1</sup> database in which relevant information related to the proprietary are shown.

The **search tab** allows a two-factor search using Boolean operators. The factors are applicant, proprietary name, application number and active ingredient while as operators one can choose between conjunction, disjunction and negation.

The tool does not allow patent searching by either keywords query or textual input, the only search allowed is based on one of three predefined inputs:

- 1. The search for patents expiry by company: choosing the company name from the list of companies in the database (example: Novartis) the tool shows a list of patents with Novartis as the assignee.
- 2. As additional output, the tool provides a trend in patent expiration by year. The search for patents expiry by year (example: 2023).
- 3. The patent number search allows users to search for a patent by providing the exact patent number as input (please note that depending on the syntax, the patent number might not be recognized).



The list of patents provides some metadata related to each document such as the application number, the patent number, the patent expiry date, the proprietary name, the active ingredient and the applicant.

In terms of **displayed information,** in case of search by company, beyond the patent list, the trend of the company's patents based on their future expiration is presented.

https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/home

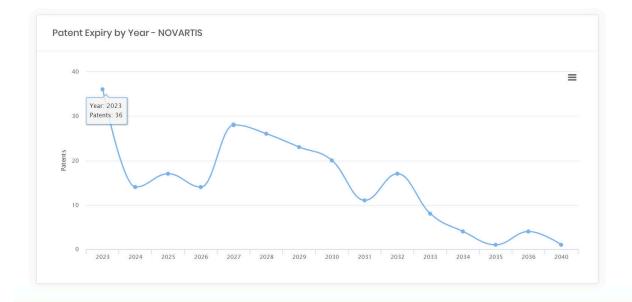




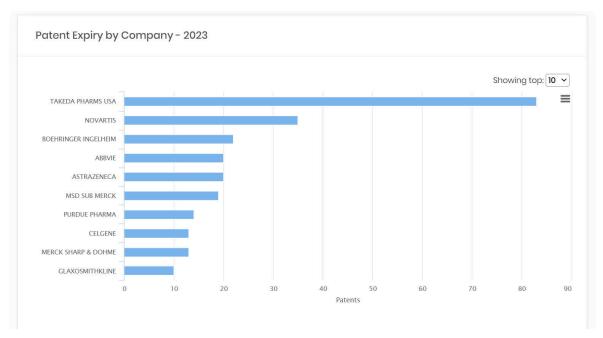








While in case of search by year a histogram representation of the distribution of the number of patents expiring in 2023 aggregated by company is presented.



The tool allows users to download the entire patent set (Excel document). Please note that for the test we made, the list generated consisted of 500 results: a threshold on the number of documents is most likely to be applied as in different databases the same search provides a higher number of documents, i.e. more than 220k results.

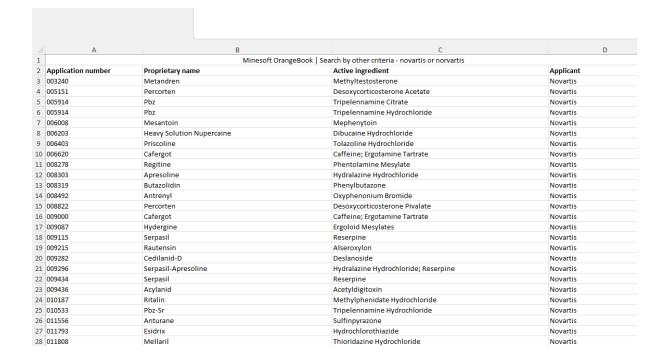




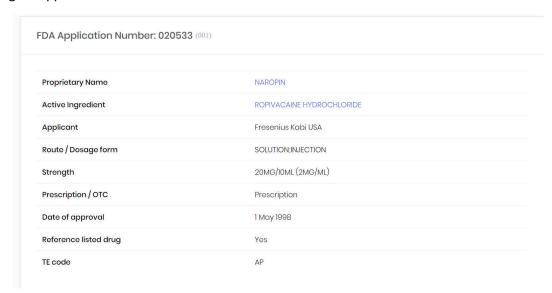








### Clicking on Application Number more detailed information are shown:



Please note that the tool does not allow to visualise the entire patent document, but metadata only.