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- Ariad Pharmaceutical v. Eli Lilly, in which the en banc Federal Circuit firmly established that the written description and the enablement requirements are distinct and separate
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