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## AstraZeneca patent revoked for obviousness

In a decision on 22 March in Teva and ors v AstraZeneca concerning a patent on a sustained release formulation of an anti-psychotic drug, Mr Justice Arnold revoked the patent due to obviousness.

In his <u>IPKat</u> blog, Darren Smyth draws comparisons between this decision and that of Actavis v Novartis, which involved a patent concerning a sustained release formulation of fluvastatin that was held to be obvious.