

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

STA Pharmaceuticals US, LLC v. Nguyen

STA Pharmaceuticals · No. 24-cv-2426-AGS-DDL · Decided September 19, 2025

OPINION

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 3 || STA
PHARMACEDTICALS US, LLC, Case No.: 24-cv-2426-AGS-DDL 4 Plaintiff,| ORDER
GRANTING MOTION TO 5 || y. SEAL (ECF 17) AND DENYING REQUEST FOR
EXPEDITED 6 || Phuong Hoai NGUYEN, DISCOVERY (ECF 19-1) 7 Defendants. 8 In
connection with its preliminary-injunction motion, plaintiff STA Pharmaceuticals 9 ||US, LLC,
moves to seal Exhibit A to Yu Lu’s declaration and portions of Britton Moore’s 10 declaration.

The public has a “general right to inspect and copy public records and 11 documents.” Nixon v.
Warner Commce’ns, Inc., 435 U.S. 589, 597 (1978). “A party seeking 12 |to seal judicial records
can overcome the strong presumption of access by providing 13 sufficiently compelling reasons
that override the public policies favoring disclosure.” In re 14 || Midland Nat.

Life Ins. Co. Annuity Sales Pracs. Litig., 686 F.3d 1115, 1119 (9th Cir. 2012); 15 || see also Center
for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., LLC, 809 F.3d 1092, 1102 (9th Cir. 2016) 16 || (applying the
“compelling reasons” standard to a preliminary-injunction motion that was 17 || “more than
tangentially related to the merits” of the case). STA’s sealing motion is tailored 18 |to protect only
information that is sufficiently identified as trade secrets or confidential 19 || third-party
information.

Thus, the motion is GRANTED. See Apple Inc. v. Psystar Corp., 20 F.3d 1150, 1162 (9th Cir.
2011) (“The publication of materials that could result in 21 ||infringement upon trade secrets has
long been considered a factor that would overcome 22 strong presumption in favor of access to
documents.”). 23 The request for expedited discovery (see ECF 19-1, at 24) is DENIED without
24 || prejudice.

STA may renew this request with the Magistrate Judge. 25 ||Dated: September 18, 2025 26 | □ 7
Hon. rew G. Schopler United States District Judge 28 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
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