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	NSS	NSPPR
Discover prior art	✓	✓
Assess patentability		✓
Search is carried out as per the PCT Minimum Documentation	✓	✓
List of documents and other prior art data that appear to be relevant to the novelty and inventive step of the invention as presented and disclosed	✓	✓
Explanatory opinion on patentability		✓
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