Differences between EPO and USPTO

US Patent Office	European Patent Office
• Laws of nature and natural phenomena, as identified by the courts, including naturally occurring principles/relations and nature-based products that are naturally occurring or that do not have markedly different characteristics compared to what occurs in nature may not be patent eligible. • A claim reciting a judicial exception is not directed to the judicial exception if it also recites additional element(s) demonstrating that the claim as a whole integrates the exception into a practical application, such as the treatment or prophylaxis for a disease of condition.	• An element isolated from the human body or produced by means of a technical process is patentable, even if the structure is identical to that of a natural element (Rule 29(2) EPC). • Methods of treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or therapy as well as methods of diagnosis practiced on the human or animal body are not patentable. However, products or compositions for use in any of these methods are patentable (e.g. compound X for use in the treatment of disease Y) (Art. 53(c) EPC).