

Employee 4

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From: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 1:44 PM
To: (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: It is in the 45K folder

Yeah

(b) (7)(C) Division Chief Firearms Operations Division
202-648-(b) (7)(C) Cell (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (7)(C)
To: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wed Apr 27 13:43:16 2011
Subject: RE: It is in the 45K folder

Sorry about the confusion, that seems to reign these days.....

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Don't embrace mediocrity!
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From: (b) (7)(C)
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Thanks!

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From: (b) (7)(C)
To: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wed Apr 27 12:36:58 2011
Subject: It is in the 45K folder

cid:image002.png@01CC04D7.43CA4170

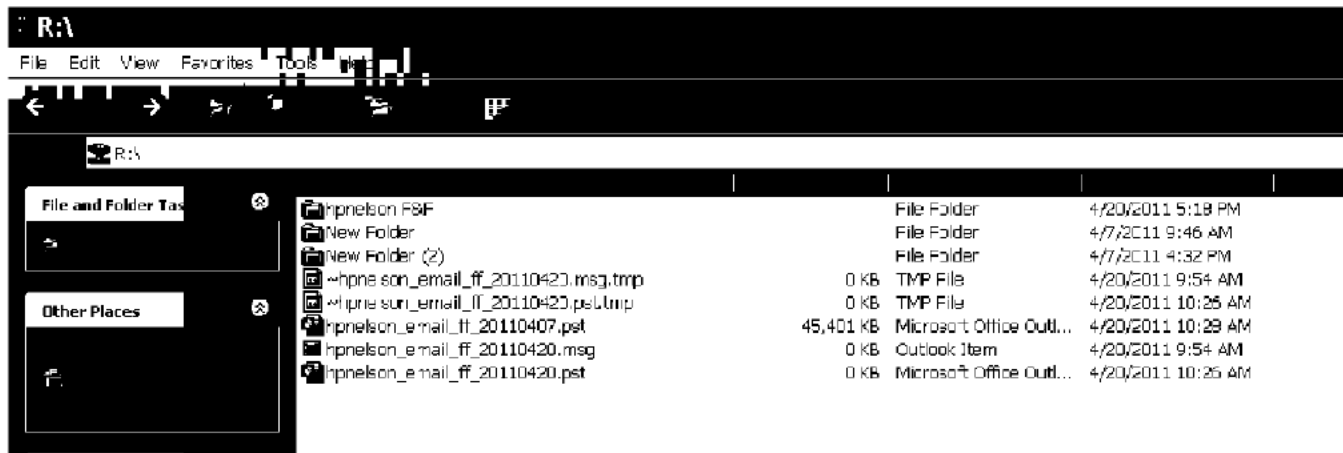
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From: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 1:33 PM
To: (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: It is in the 45K folder

Thanks!

(b) (7)(C) Division Chief Firearms Operations Division
202-643-(b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (7)(C)
To: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wed Apr 27 12:36:58 2011
Subject: It is in the 45K folder

cid:image002.png@01CC04D7.43CA4170

(b) (7)(C)

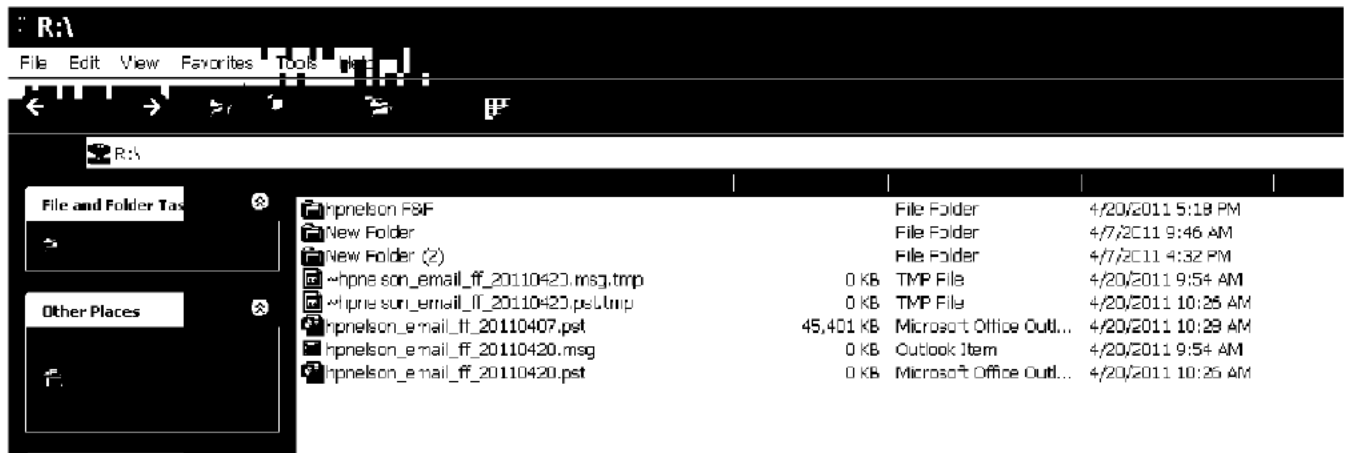
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From: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 1:09:40 PM
To: Needles, James R.
Subject: RE: Additions to 6(e) list - "Fast/Furious"

202-648-9630

(b) (7)(C)

Chief, Firearms Operations Division
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From: Needles, James R.
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 12:34 PM
To: (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: Additions to 6(e) list - "Fast/Furious"

What is your fax number?

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From: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 5:17 AM
To: (b) (7)(C) (USAAZ)
Cc: Newell, William D.; Needles, James R.
Subject: Additions to 6(e) list - "Fast/Furious"

Please add the following ATF personnel below to this GJ disclosure list:

Executive Assistant (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C) will be assisting me in HQ. You may forward any correspondence to her via ATF e-mail and mail/FedEx to her at my HQ address below.

Thank you.

(b) (7)(C)

Chief, Firearms Operations Division
ATF HQ - room 6.S.129
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From: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 7:43 AM
To: (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Re: Call me?

Thanks. Was in there. Will look again.

(b) (7)(C) Division Chief Firearms Operations Division
202-648-(b) (7)(C) Cell (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (7)(C)
To: (b) (7)(C)
Cc: Holgate, Rick
Sent: Tue Apr 26 21:52:02 2011
Subject: RE: Call me?

(b) (7)(C)

Sorry, just reading emails. Had a community board meeting tonite.

All these types of files should have been placed on the OIG and Congress network share by (b) (7)(C) if they are not there, please let me know and we will try to search them out.

Thanks

(b) (7)(C)

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Deputy Chief

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How am I doing? We'd appreciate your feedback. Please send an email to ISD_Support with comments or suggestions.

From: (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 7:43 PM
To: (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Call me?

Looking for the folder where (b) (7)(C) copied all the "Bureau" documents. Cannot seem to locate... thanks

(b) (7)(C)

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From: (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 10:29 AM

To: (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Firearm purchases - per date w recover.xlsx DRAFT

Attachments: Firearm purchases - per date w recover.xlsx

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 2:30:46 PM
To: Burton, Faith (SMO); McDermond, James E.; [REDACTED] Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.
CC: Gaston, Molly (SMO); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)
Subject: RE: Draft response to HJC Chairman Smith's letter of 3/9/11 re Gunrunner/ Fast & Furious allegations - for comment asap. Thanks. FB

ATF concurs without comment.

[REDACTED]
*DOJ- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
Chief - Office of Legislative Affairs*

[REDACTED] (mobile1)
[REDACTED] (mobile2)
[REDACTED] (office)
[REDACTED] (fax)

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From: Burton, Faith (SMO) [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 11:57 AM
To: [REDACTED] McDermond, James E. [REDACTED] Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.
Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)
Subject: Draft response to HJC Chairman Smith's letter of 3/9/11 re Gunrunner/ Fast & Furious allegations - for comment asap. Thanks. FB

<< File: smith gunrunner clean.docx >>

From: Serres, Greg
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 12:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Questions from Matt Axelrod

Got them. Thanks.

Greg Serres
Acting Deputy Chief Counsel
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
202- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 12:18 PM
To: Serres, Greg
Subject: Re: Questions from Matt Axelrod

I dropped (3) 6e letters on your chair.

[REDACTED]
Chief, Firearms Operations Division
202- [REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

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From: Serres, Greg
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri Mar 18 07:56:43 2011
Subject: RE: Questions from Matt Axelrod
OK

Greg Serres
Acting Deputy Chief Counsel
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
202- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 7:34 AM
To: Serres, Greg
Subject: Fw: Questions from Matt Axelrod

Fyi. We (Chait, [REDACTED] Needles, [REDACTED] Melson and I) had a discussion on 6(e) and document creation issues last night. I'll come by to discuss with you this morning.

[REDACTED]
Chief, Firearms Operations Division

202- [REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

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From: Melson, Kenneth E.

To: [REDACTED] A.; Hoover, William J.; Chait, Mark R.; Needles, James R.; [REDACTED]

Sent: Thu Mar 17 19:28:23 2011

Subject: RE: Questions from Matt Axelrod

I assume you will provide a copy of all to me as well. Thanks. Ken.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:36 PM

To: Hoover, William J.; Chait, Mark R.; Needles, James R.; [REDACTED]

Cc: Melson, Kenneth E.

Subject: Questions from Matt Axelrod

All:

As we discussed, here are the questions Matt is asking at the moment. Some of this is done.



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[REDACTED]
Acting Chief of Staff
Office of the Director
O: 202 [REDACTED]
C: [REDACTED]
HQ Room 5 S 100

From: Serres, Greg
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 7:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Questions from Matt Axelrod

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Greg Serres
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Chief, Firearms Operations Division
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From: Melson, Kenneth E.
To: Pellettiere, Christopher A.; Hoover, William J.; Chait, Mark R.; Needles, James R.; Lowrey, Stuart L.; Kraft, Mark E.
Sent: Thu Mar 17 19:28:23 2011
Subject: RE: Questions from Matt Axelrod
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:36 PM
To: Hoover, William J.; Chait, Mark R.; Needles, James R.; [REDACTED]
Cc: Melson, Kenneth E.
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All:

As we discussed, here are the questions Matt is asking at the moment. Some of this is done.

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[REDACTED]
Acting Chief of Staff
Office of the Director
O: 202-[REDACTED]
C: [REDACTED]
HQ Room 5 S 100

Subject: Director's Briefing on SWB Cases
Location: Director's Conference Room - 5 S 100

Start: 3/6/2011 2:00 PM
End: 3/6/2011 6:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Required Attendees:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.; Chait, Mark R.; McDermond, James E.;
[REDACTED] Ford, Larry W.; Martin, Steve K.; Boxler, Michael B.;
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Michalio, Mark (ODAG) (SMO); Smith, Brad (ODAG) (SMO); Newell, William D.;
Needles, James R.; [REDACTED]

Resources: Director's Conference Room 5 S 100

When: Sunday, March 06, 2011 2:00 PM-6:00 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Director's Conference Room 5 S 100

Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

NOTE DATE AND TIME - THIS IS A SUNDAY BRIEFING. This will be a detailed briefing on the ATF cases related to the homicide of ICE Special Agent Zapata in response to Sen. Grassley's latest letter

2p - Brief Director - Texas Cases with SAs [REDACTED]

4:45 - Brief Director - Phoenix case with SAC Newell, ASAC Needles, RAC [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Grassley 020911 draft responses
Attachments: Draft Responses Grassley 020911.docx

See last paragraph. This was based on the previous document that Needles had sent us on 2/9/11. That chronological spreadsheet of purchases was prepared by the IRS. I have asked Jim to determine when the IRS prepared it, and when it was last updated (is there a more recent version?). [REDACTED] DP

[REDACTED] DP

[REDACTED] DP

I have

[REDACTED]
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ATF HQ - Room 6.S.129
202-[REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 3:56 PM
To: Hoover, William J.
Subject: Fw: Grassley 020911 draft responses

[REDACTED]
Chief, Firearms Operations Division
202-[REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G.
Sent: Thu Feb 10 12:25:47 2011
Subject: Grassley 020911 draft responses

<<Draft Responses Grassley 020911.docx>>

[REDACTED]
Chief, Firearms Operations Division

ATF HQ - Room 6.S.129

202 [REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

DRAFT RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS/COMMENTS IN GRASSLEY LETTER OF 2/9/11

Page 1, Para 1: “ATF agents told my staff that the agency allowed the sale of assault rifles to known and suspected straw purchasers for an illegal trafficking ring near the southwest border.”

ATF has an open criminal investigation involving a large, illegal firearms trafficking organization associated with Mexican based drug traffickers. As part of the investigative process, ATF has identified numerous purchasers and other persons potentially and/or suspected of being engaged in the criminal activity. During the course of the investigation, non-prohibited individuals being investigated as suspected straw purchasers continued to periodically purchase firearms from federally licensed firearms dealers. Some of these purchases became known to ATF through reported multiple sales, information from licensed dealers, information from cooperating individuals, surveillances conducted by ATF, interdictions and/or gun traces by other US law enforcement agencies, and in some cases, gun recoveries and/or traces in Mexico.

Page 1, Para 2: “In that letter, the Department categorically denied that the ATF “knowingly allowed the sale of assault weapons to a straw purchaser...” The Department said that the ATF makes “every effort to interdict weapons that have been purchased illegally and prevent their transportation to Mexico.”

The omitted portion of the first statement by DOJ referenced above is “...who then transported them to Mexico – is false.” As noted by DOJ, ATF makes every effort to interdict weapons that have been purchased illegally and prevent their transportation to Mexico. Again, we have to note that all of these purchases involve non-prohibited persons following the federal firearms procedures. The fact that such persons may have made numerous purchases, including purchases of firearms identifiable as weapons of choice in Mexico or purchases involving multiple firearms, does not in itself establish a federal violation. Even if the individuals subsequently sold these firearms to another person, or if some of the firearms were recovered in crimes in the US or Mexico, additional evidence would be required to establish a violation. ATF used every available tool and every effort was made to interdict firearms in this case going south to Mexico. The number of seizures made by ATF and other US law enforcement officials reflect that.

ATF in Phoenix, prior to, during and after the GRIT operation that initiated in May 2010, conducted extensive surveillance on source FFL locations, suspect purchasers and other trafficking suspects. ATF detailed numerous agents from out-of-town and out-of-state to assist in surveillances during this case prior to the arrival of the GRIT participants, from approximately March 14 to May 3, 2010. These detailed agents worked exclusive surveillance for 7 weeks, 7 days a week, for nearly 4,000 hours of surveillance. In addition, the Phoenix Group VII personnel also conducted numerous surveillance operations prior to the arrival and after the

departure of these detailees, including during the GRIT operations. ATF Phoenix developed and maintained a detailed surveillance assignment list. In addition to physical, mobile surveillance, ATF utilized a variety of electronic surveillance methods, including but not limited to pole cameras and [REDACTED] interceptions. Also, the Phoenix Police Department Air Wing was utilized on numerous occasions to conduct aerial surveillance. During all of these surveillance operations, at no time did ATF knowingly conduct surveillance of any person or vehicles in which firearms “walked” into Mexico.

As should be noted, even with the detailees and the additional manpower derived from the GRIT operation, ATF Phoenix could not surveil every “suspected” residence, purchaser and dealer premises on a non-stop, 24/7 basis. This was not, and is not today, the only firearms trafficking case we are working in the Phoenix area. We utilized personnel and other tools as much as possible, but when a “suspected straw purchaser” goes into their home with firearms and nothing happens for days, we must make judgments as to how to best proceed with the investigation. In this case, we were dealing with in excess of [REDACTED] “suspected straw” purchasers and other suspects. This ATF office has at least that many [REDACTED] active cases. In addition, even if we were to approach a suspected straw purchaser, we have no ability to force the person to tell us where or to whom the guns may be going. If such interviews are conducted and lead to legally acceptable responses, we must continue our investigative efforts, despite having alerted the suspect to our efforts.

Page 1, Para 3: “The ATF had been tracking [REDACTED] purchases because [REDACTED] was a suspected trafficker since at least November 2009.”

Page 2, Para 1: “The dealer who sold the weapons... met with ATF representatives and Assistant US Attorneys as early as December 17, 2009...”

Page 2, Para 1: “By January 13, ATF added [REDACTED] to a suspect person database for the investigation.”

Page 2, Para 2: “On January 16, 2010, [REDACTED] ATF entered these weapons into the...Suspect Gun Database three days later.”

In reviewing the attached documents, which appear to be redacted ATF internal investigative reports and emails, the following was noted.

Attachment 1: This multiple sale summary report is [REDACTED]. It relates to a purchase made on 11/24/2009. At that time, [REDACTED] was not yet identified by ATF as a “suspect” in the Suspect Gun Database.

Attachment 2: This redacted ATF Management Log, partially illegible, appears to document that ATF coordinated and deconflicted this investigation with other federal OCDETF agencies, including DEA and ICE, in furtherance of the overall US law enforcement efforts along the southwest border. ATF Phoenix VII is an ATF-led OCDETF Strike Force group that is collocated with other federal agencies that lead OCDETF strike force groups. It also notes the contact with the FFL on 12/17/2009.

Attachment 3: This Multiple Sale summary report relates to a purchase by [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. Again, it is noted that at this time, [REDACTED] is not yet identified as a "suspect" in the ATF Suspect Gun Database. In addition, the NTC comment remains [REDACTED].

Attachment 4: The redacted email, dated 1/13/2010, reflects the entry of [REDACTED] subjects into the Suspect Person Database for this investigation. [REDACTED] appears on the chart, with a total of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] should be noted that based on this chart, as of 1/13/2010, [REDACTED] had -0- firearms identifiable with him that had been traced by ATF.

Attachment 5: This [REDACTED] suspect gun summary report is essentially a duplicate of the information in the [REDACTED] multiple sale report (Attachment 3). This report was generated because ATF Phoenix had caused [REDACTED] to be entered into the Suspect Person Database.

Attachment 6: This [REDACTED] suspect gun summary report relates to the [REDACTED] purchase or [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]. This information was also made known to ATF by the FFL on [REDACTED].

Attachment 7: These suspect gun summary reports relate to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. These reports were generated because ATF Phoenix had caused [REDACTED] to be entered into the Suspect Person Database.

Attachment 8: This redacted ATF Significant Information Report dated 12/16/2010 reports the arrest of [REDACTED]. As reported, two firearms purchased by [REDACTED] on 1/16/2010 were recovered on 12/15/2010 at the scene of a shooting incident in which a CBP officer was killed. Following the incident, ATF agents located and interviewed [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ATF arrested [REDACTED] and filed a criminal complaint for federal charges.

Attachment 9: These are two firearms trace summary reports dated [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] recovered at the CBP shooting scene on 12/15/2010. These reports indicate the [REDACTED].

Page 1, Para 3 and Page 2, Para 1:

See two “releases” generated by the FFL and USAO document of that event.

Page 2, Para 3: “...the indictment of [REDACTED] and others references approximately 769 firearms. Of those, the indictment refers to the recovery of only about 103 weapons. So where are the other approximately 666 weapons referenced in the indictment?”

In conjunction with the Fast and Furious investigation, a group of [REDACTED] individuals were entered into the Suspect Gun database. A total of [REDACTED] firearms (including [REDACTED] recovered in the Tohono O’Odom Indian Reservation) in the database were recovered/seized in the US. The number of firearms recovered in Mexico was [REDACTED]. In addition, through ATF surveillances and enforcement operations, another 230 firearms were recovered prior to being entered into the database. Therefore, 602 firearms were interdicted in the US, and 195 were recovered in Mexico, for a total of 797 firearms recovered.

From:**Subject:** FW: Border Crossing responses - WEST**Attachments:** Border Operations.; Firearms crossing international border; Untitled; Questions; Denver response; Untitled; FW: HQ Request

West Divisions:

Phoenix -- [REDACTED] grenade hulls Jan 2010; [REDACTED] 785045-07-[REDACTED] BP and ROI 13, 15, 18.

Houston -- 782095-11-[REDACTED], with ICE and Columbia, [REDACTED], delivery and SWs; "FN Traficador"

[REDACTED] 782025-08-[REDACTED] two surveillances and border stops, no recoveries, see BP.

Dallas -- Negative

Denver -- Negative

Los Angeles -- Negative

San Francisco -- Negative

Seattle - Negative

[REDACTED]
Chief, Firearms Operations Division
ATF HQ - Room 6.S.129
202 [REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

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From: McMahon, William G.**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 8:44 AM**To:** [REDACTED]**Subject:**

[REDACTED]

Attached are the responses from the WEST SACs. I will get the EAST and CENTRAL to you shortly.

Thanks,

Bill

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From: Needles, James R.
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 6:44 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Border Operations.

In January of 2010, one controlled delivery of grenade hulls, spoons and head assemblies was made to defendant [REDACTED] ATF SA's were in contact with Mexican authorities who were on the Mexican side of the border. As [REDACTED] went through the San Louie border the Mexican officials were advised however they did not stop [REDACTED]

From: Richardson, Marvin G.
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:10:01 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Denver response

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Bill,

Denver's response is negative to both questions.

Take care and get some rest!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 6:02:00 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
CC: Crenshaw, Kelvin N.; [REDACTED]
Subject: Firearms crossing international border

Sir, on behalf of SAC Kelvin Crenshaw, the Seattle Field Division is negative on both questions.

DOO [REDACTED]
Supervisory Special Agent
ATF Seattle Field Division
915 2nd Ave., Room 790
Seattle, WA. 98174
Office: [REDACTED]
FAX: (206) 389-5829
CELL: [REDACTED]

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From: Webb, J. Dewey
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 9:47 AM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: FW: HQ Request
Attachments: TRAFICADOR BorderNexus.doc

BILL,

WE ONLY HAVE TWO CASES INVOLVING CONTROLLED DELIVERIES AND THEY ARE VERY RECENT. THE COLOMBIAN CASE TOOK PLACE WHILE YOU WERE ON VACATION. AS TO THE SECOND QUESTION, WE HAVE NEVER ALLOWED GUNS TO GO INTO MEXICO. THE CLOSEST IT EVER CAME IS MENTIONED IN THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

J. DEWEY WEBB
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
ATF, HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION
OFFICE (281)372-
FAX (281)372-

From:
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 8:36 AM
To: Webb, J. Dewey
Subject: HQ Request

Regarding the HQ inquiry from last night:

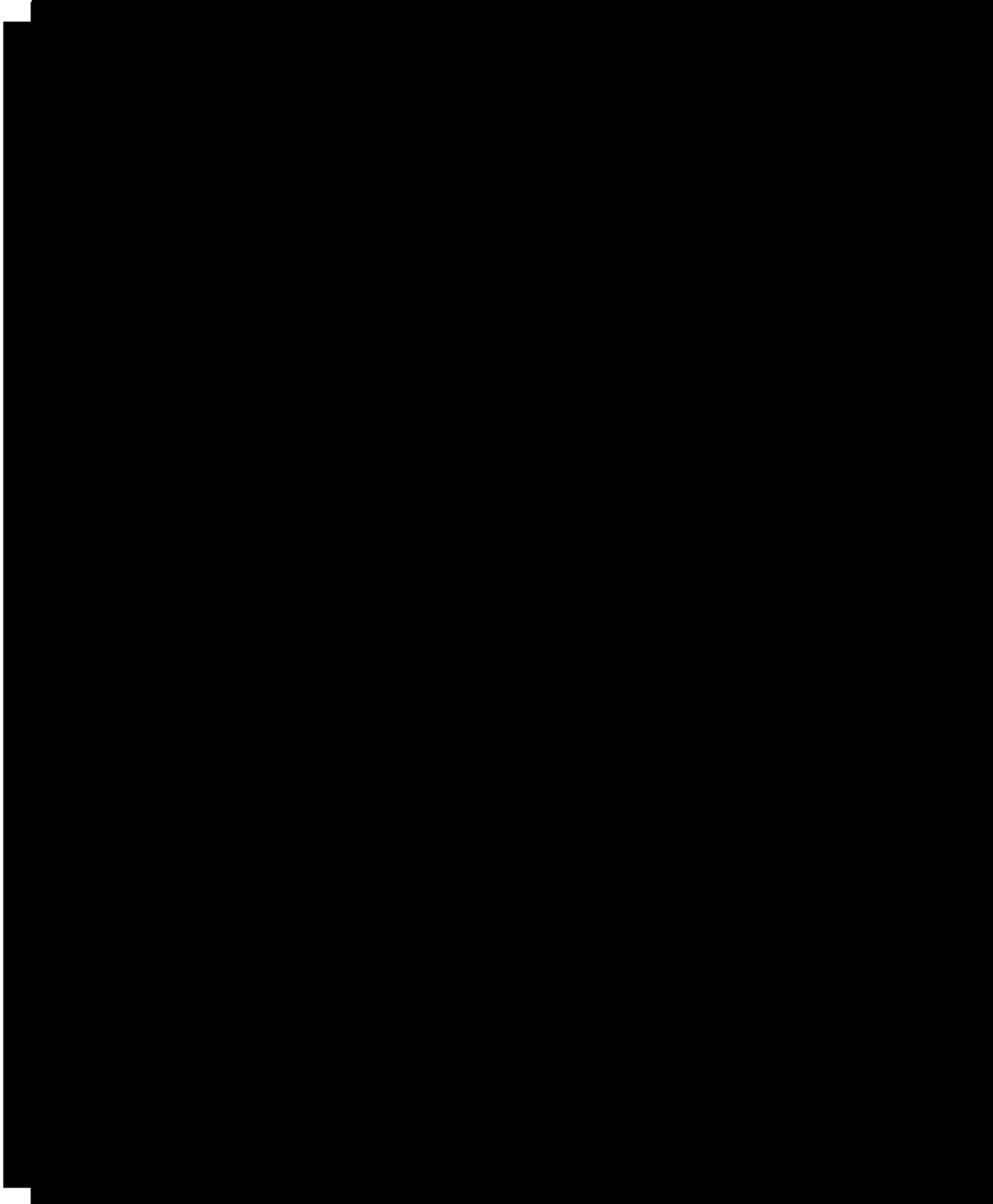
1. Controlled Deliveries Outside the US:
 - 782095-11-0009 On March 8, 2011, ATF Group IX in conjunction with ICE and the Columbian National Police did a controlled delivery of 15 firearms in Columbia and assisted in a series of search warrants. A SIR was filed on this case on 3/8/2011. This is the only controlled delivery of actual firearms outside the US.
 - Group VIII worked with Scotland Yard and ICE on a case where firearms went to Great Britain, but ATF arranged for the delivery of the empty packaging materials and British authorities did a controlled delivery with firearms they supplied. Some firearms exhibits were sent to Britain for trial but never left law enforcement hands.
2. Following Persons to the Mexican Border Where They Subsequently Crossed:
 - 782025-08-0062 – Operation FN Trafficador. Please see attached Information for details. The case contains 6(e) material. The summary is that Group VIII initiated a trafficking investigation and on two occasions followed individuals to the border. During one, a person ran from a CBP secondary search with a duffle bag containing unknown items. This individual was not found as he blended into the large crowd. On the second surveillance, after approximately 48 hours no indication of firearms were discovered, and surveillance by ATF was discontinued when ICE insisted that a media crew film the stop and search of the vehicle.

SPECIAL AGENT - GROUP SUPERVISOR

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO,
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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77032 USA
VOICE (281)
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OPERATION FN TRAFICADOR
782025-08-0062

This investigation was initiated by Houston Group VIII (OCDETF Strike Force) Special Agents after receiving information through review of ATF Online Lead multiple sales and firearms tracing database.





From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:57 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Questions

Sir,

The San Francisco Field Division has canvassed our personnel and reports a negative response to your two questions.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
Assistant Special Agent in Charge (Acting SAC)
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
San Francisco Field Division
Office: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]

From: Champion, Robert R.
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:58:01 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject:

Bill,

In regards to the ATF HQ. inquiry regarding International Firearms Trafficking over the last 3 years, the Dallas Field Division does not have any investigations that meet the criteria of control deliveries where FA's were allowed to cross the International Border nor have we witnessed FA's cross the International Border without taking action.

Thank you,

Robert R. Champion
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Dallas Field Division
(469) 227-██████

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Investigation: [REDACTED]	Investigation Number: 785115-10-0004	Report Number: 205
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SUMMARY OF EVENT:

[REDACTED]

NARRATIVE:

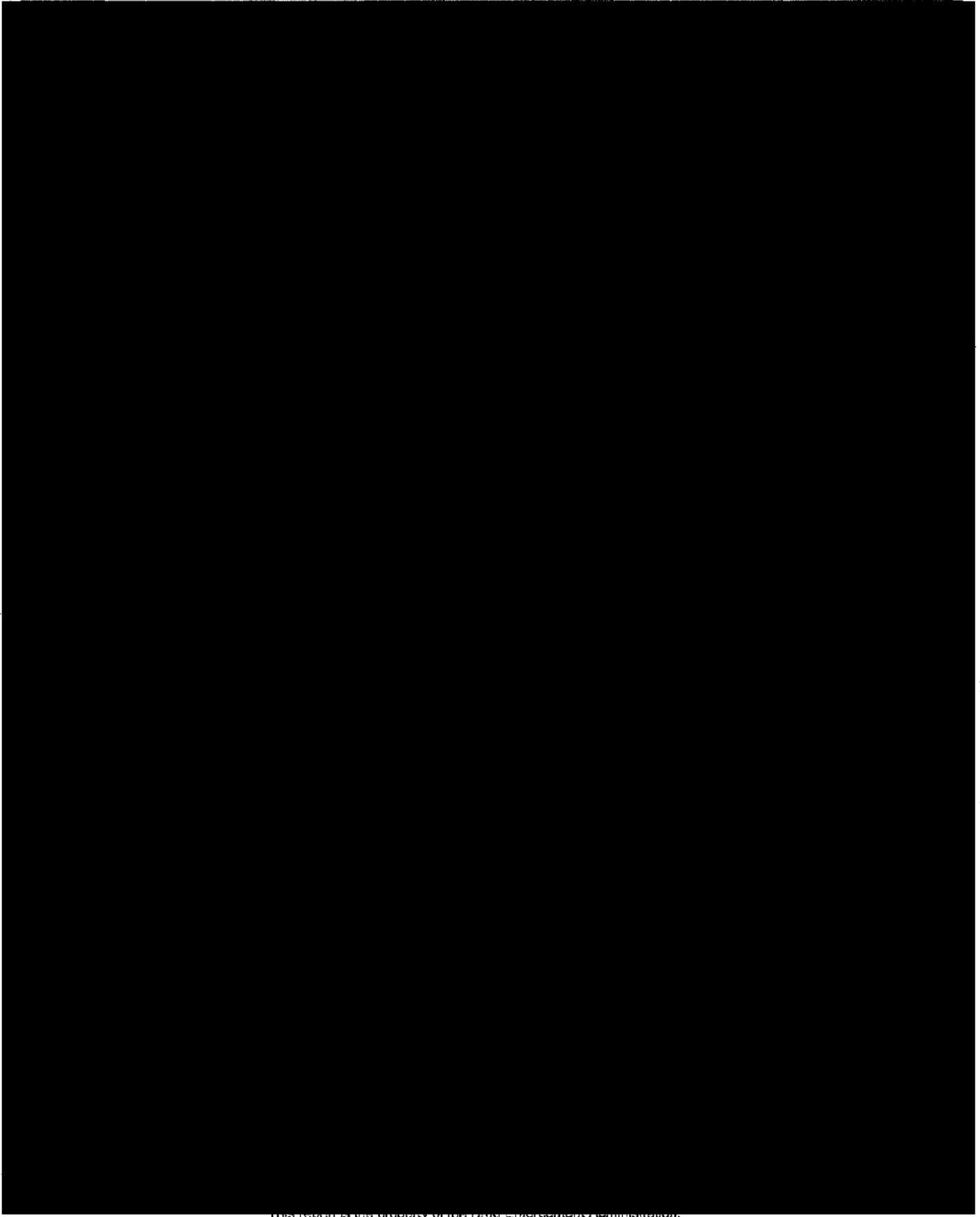
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ATTACHMENTS:

[REDACTED]

Prepared by: [REDACTED]	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix VII Field Office	Date: 4-7-2010
Authorized by: [REDACTED]	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Date: 4-7-10
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Date: [REDACTED]

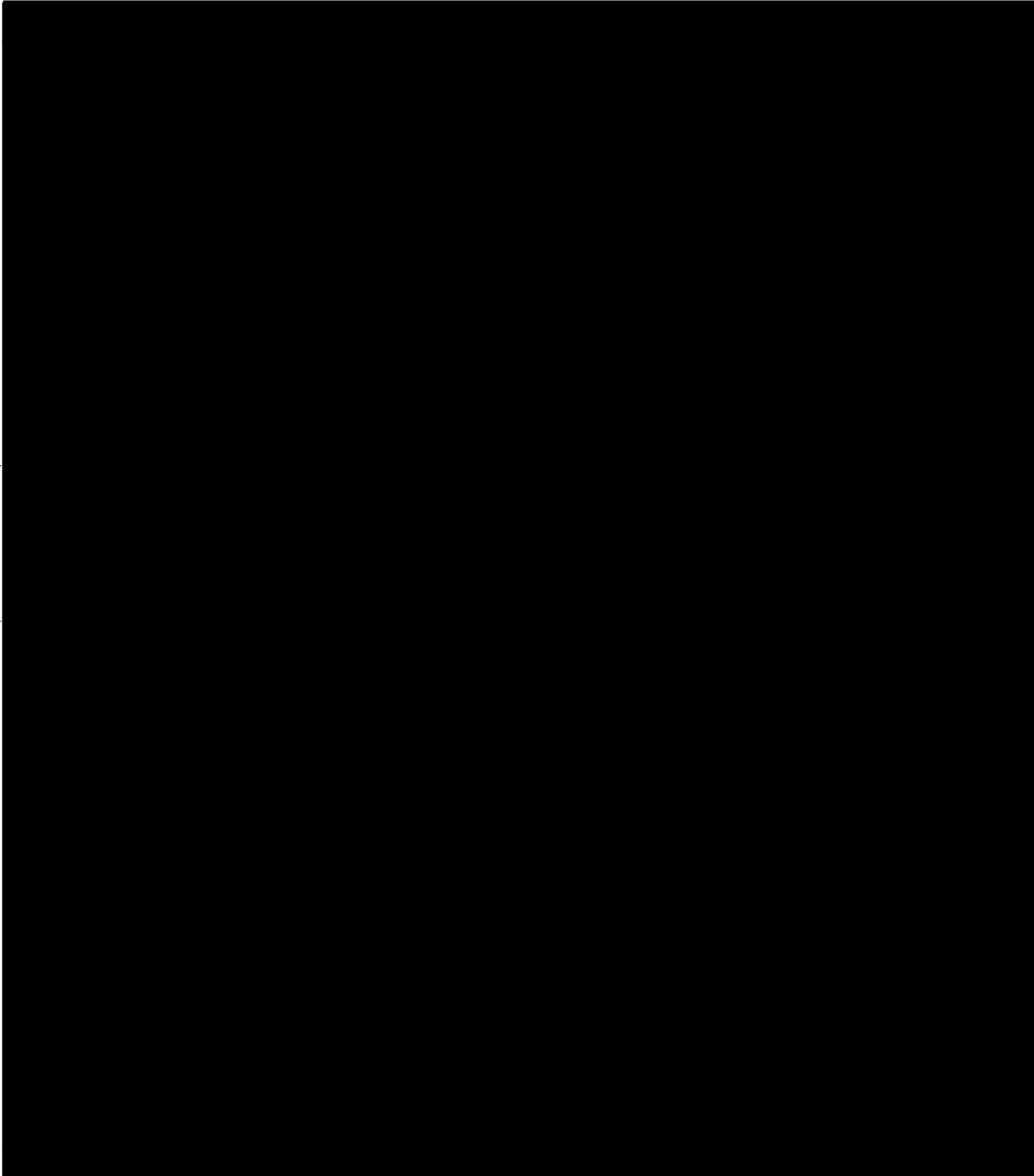
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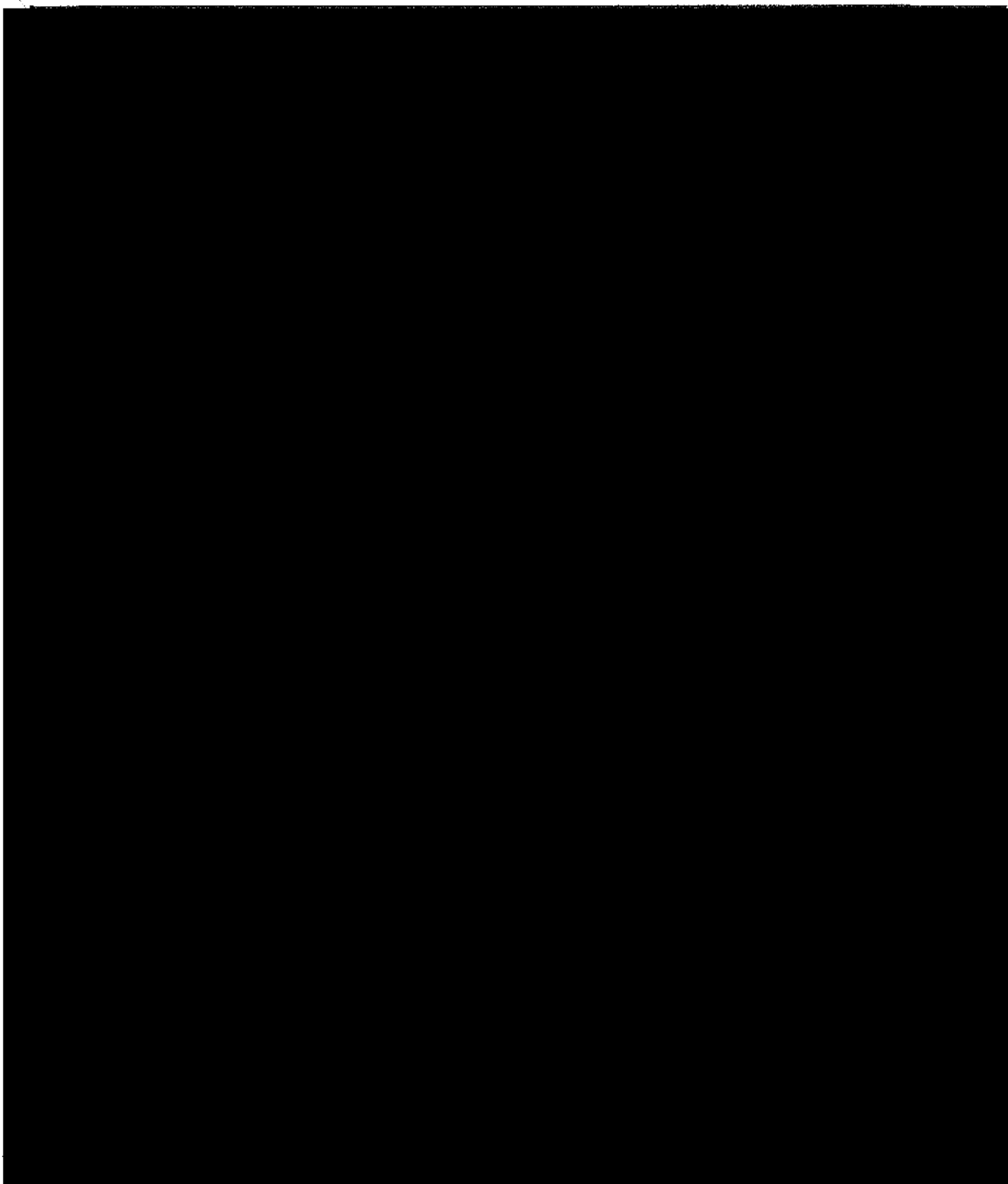
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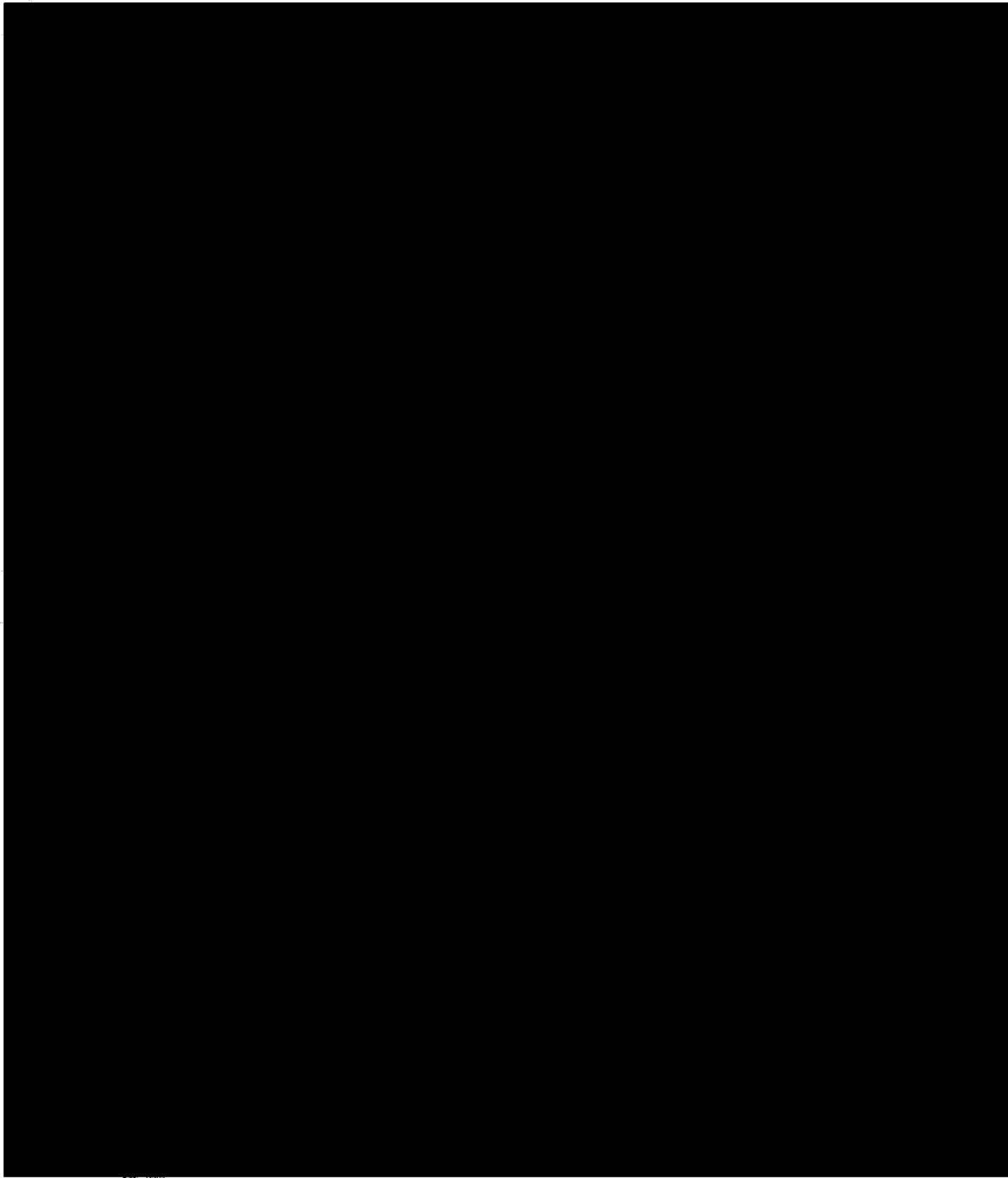
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 4:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re DEA actions in Fast and Furious

[Billy] believes DEA was involved in some of our surveillances. Can you and Jim Needles please check? [Billy] thinks he remembers them being in ROI's. See below.

From: Hoover, William J.
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu Mar 24 16:21:43 2011
Subject: Re: Just confirming our plan on responding to Grassley incoming of 3/15/11 re DEA actions in Fast and Furious

[REDACTED]

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Billy

William J. Hoover
 Deputy Director
 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
 O) 202-648-8710

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From: [REDACTED]
To: Melson, Kenneth E.; Hoover, William J.; [REDACTED]
Cc: Hickson, Ernest E.; Thomasson, Scot L.; Chait, Mark R.; [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu Mar 24 15:00:08 2011
Subject: FW: Just confirming our plan on responding to Grassley incoming of 3/15/11 re DEA actions in Fast and Furious

Thoughts Gentlemen? See chain below.

[REDACTED]
 DOJ- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
 Chief - Office of Legislative Affairs

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From: Burton, Faith (SMO) [mailto:Faith.Burton@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 2:57 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (SMO); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ); [REDACTED]
Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO); [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Just confirming our plan on responding to Grassley incoming of 3/15/11 re DEA actions in Fast and Furious

Please see the enclosed DEA draft response, for your comments. [REDACTED]

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Please advise. Thanks. FB

From: Shoemaker, Sheldon R. (DEA-US)
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:29 PM
To: Burton, Faith (SMO)
Cc: [REDACTED] Gaston, Molly (SMO); Cooper, Mary Irene (DEA-US); Boyle, Brian D (DEA-US); Masumoto, Scott S. (DEA-US); Tuggle, Gary (DEA-US)
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Sheldon Shoemaker

Section Chief, DEA Congressional Affairs

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Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 7:11 PM
To: Shoemaker, Sheldon R.
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Gaston, Molly (SMO)
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Attachments: Final DEA Grassley Ltr Re ATF.doc; 2011-03-15 CEG to DEA (Briefing and Documents).pdf

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 5:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: F&F BPs
Attachments: December Fast and Furious BP for SAC.DOCX; briefing paper for round-up.docx; Fast and Furious Talking Points for DAD doc.docx; December Fast and Furious BP Supplemental December 16 2010.docx; December Fast and Furious BP for SAC (2) (2).docx

[REDACTED]
Acting Chief of Staff
Office of the Director
O: 202 [REDACTED]
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From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 8:35 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: F&F BPs

[REDACTED]
Here are the BPs I have on the F&F case.

William G. McMahon
Deputy Assistant Director (West)
Office of Field Operations
Office - (202) [REDACTED]

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Briefing Paper

Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII

(OCDETF Strike Force/Gunrunner Group)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZ-0496

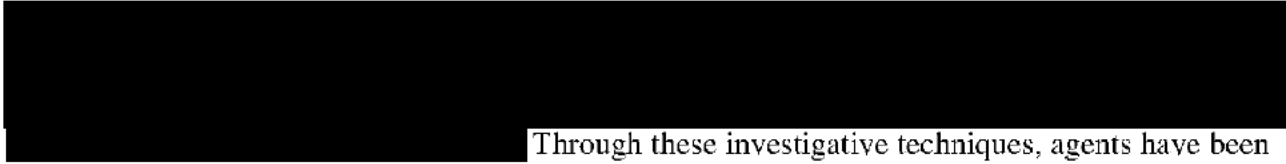
January 14, 2011

Purpose: Indictment and arrest of approximately nineteen individuals involved in firearms trafficking to Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations/Cartels.

Date of Operation: January 25, 2011.

Background: Since October 2009, ATF, and other partners, have been investigating a firearm trafficking organization that is being funded by a drug trafficking organization (DTO) that is involved in violent criminal activity in Mexico, Southern Arizona and many other regions of the United States. These acts contribute to violations of Federal Laws to include Firearms, Narcotics, Money Laundering, and Conspiracy Laws.

Agents believe that the Phoenix-based firearm trafficking group is actively purchasing firearms through straw purchasers using bulk narcotics proceeds. From October 2009 to October 2010 agents have documented that this organization has spent approximately 1.25 million dollars in cash at various Phoenix area FFLs to acquire in excess of 1,900 firearms. The firearms are then being trafficked into Mexico.

 Through these investigative techniques, agents have been able to identify additional co-conspirators and disrupt the firearms trafficking organization by seizing numerous firearms and narcotics. To date, 278 firearms and over fifty (50) pounds of marijuana have been recovered by ATF agents in addition to the numerous firearms and narcotic seizures in Mexico related to this investigation. An additional 72 firearms have been seized by U.S. law enforcement agencies in response to information received from ATF.

Evidence in ATF Custody: 278 firearms, 250 “drum” magazines, thousands of rounds of various caliber ammunition.

OPERATION DETAILS:

Command Post: 3010 North 2nd Street, Phoenix, AZ (OCDETF Strike Force location).

Incident Commander(s): Incident Commander ASAC Jim Needles.

Arrest Teams: Four arrest teams, four search teams.

Additional ATF Support: No additional ATF support outside the reporting division will be needed to complete the operation.

Specialized ATF Support: ATF Special Response Team, (SRT).

Issues/Problems: No issues or problems that are anticipated.

Anticipated Seizures: No significant seizures are anticipated during the enforcement operation.

Media: Acting Director Melson, SAC Newell, and United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Dennis Burke will hold a press conference at the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Action or Follow-up: [REDACTED]

Participants: ATF, IRS, DEA, ICE (HSI), USMS, Phoenix PD, USDA-OIG.

Case Agent: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

RAC/GS: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Briefing Paper

Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force/Gunrunner)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZP-0496

Case Background

The Phoenix Group VII Field Office is leading an investigation entitled "Operation Fast & Furious" in conjunction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Phoenix Police Department (PPD). This operation was approved as an OCDETF case by the Southwest Region as SW-AZP-0496.

Since October 2009, ATF and the other partners listed above have been investigating a firearm trafficking organization that is being funded by the Sinaloa drug trafficking organization (DTO), a narcotics trafficking organization well known for violent criminal activity in Mexico. This organization is also involved in trafficking firearms to Mexico, and smuggling cocaine and marijuana into southern Arizona to be distributed throughout the United States. The OCDETF investigation of this organization is addressing violations of Federal Laws to include Firearms, Narcotics, Money Laundering, and Conspiracy Laws.

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During the course of this investigation

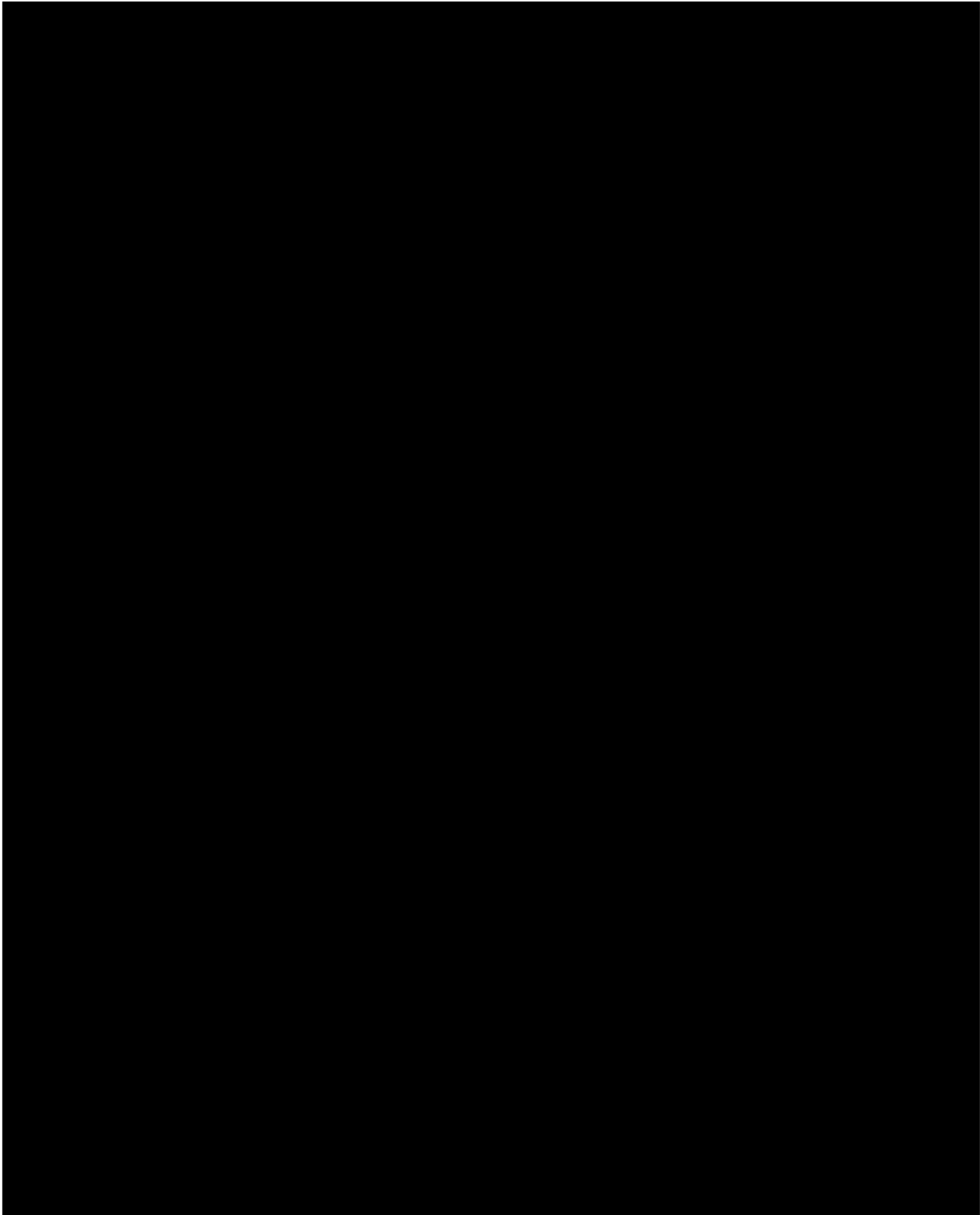
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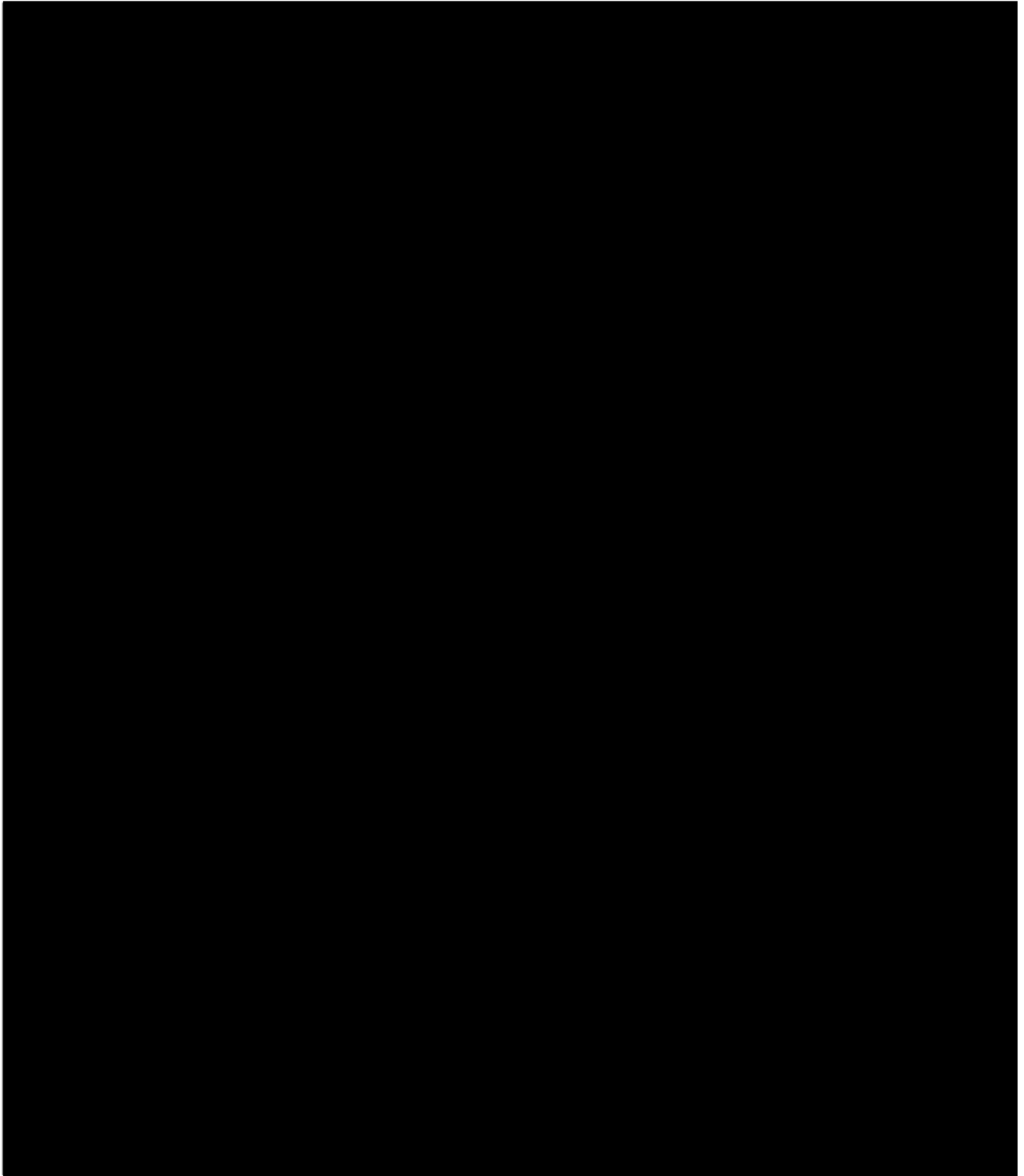
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List of Defendants Referred to USAO for Prosecution:



Proposed Charges:



Briefing Paper

Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force/Gunrunner)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZP-0496

Case Background

The Phoenix Group VII Field Office is leading an investigation entitled "Operation Fast & Furious" in conjunction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Phoenix Police Department (PPD). This operation was approved as an OCDETF case by the Southwest Region as SW-AZP-0496.

Since October 2009, ATF and the other partners listed above have been investigating a firearm trafficking organization that is being funded by the Sinaloa drug trafficking organization (DTO), a narcotics trafficking organization well known for violent criminal activity in Mexico. This organization is also involved in trafficking firearms to Mexico, and smuggling cocaine and marijuana into southern Arizona to be distributed throughout the United States. The OCDETF investigation of this organization is addressing violations of Federal Laws to include Firearms, Narcotics, Money Laundering, and Conspiracy Laws.

Agents believe that the Phoenix-based firearm trafficking group is actively purchasing firearms through "straw" purchasers using narcotics proceeds. From October 2009 to October 2010 agents have documented that this organization spent approximately 1.25 million dollars in cash at various Phoenix area Federal Firearms Licensees to acquire in excess of 1,900 firearms. The firearms are then being trafficked into Mexico using false compartments in various vehicles through various international Ports of Entry in Arizona and Texas.

During the course of this investigation [REDACTED]

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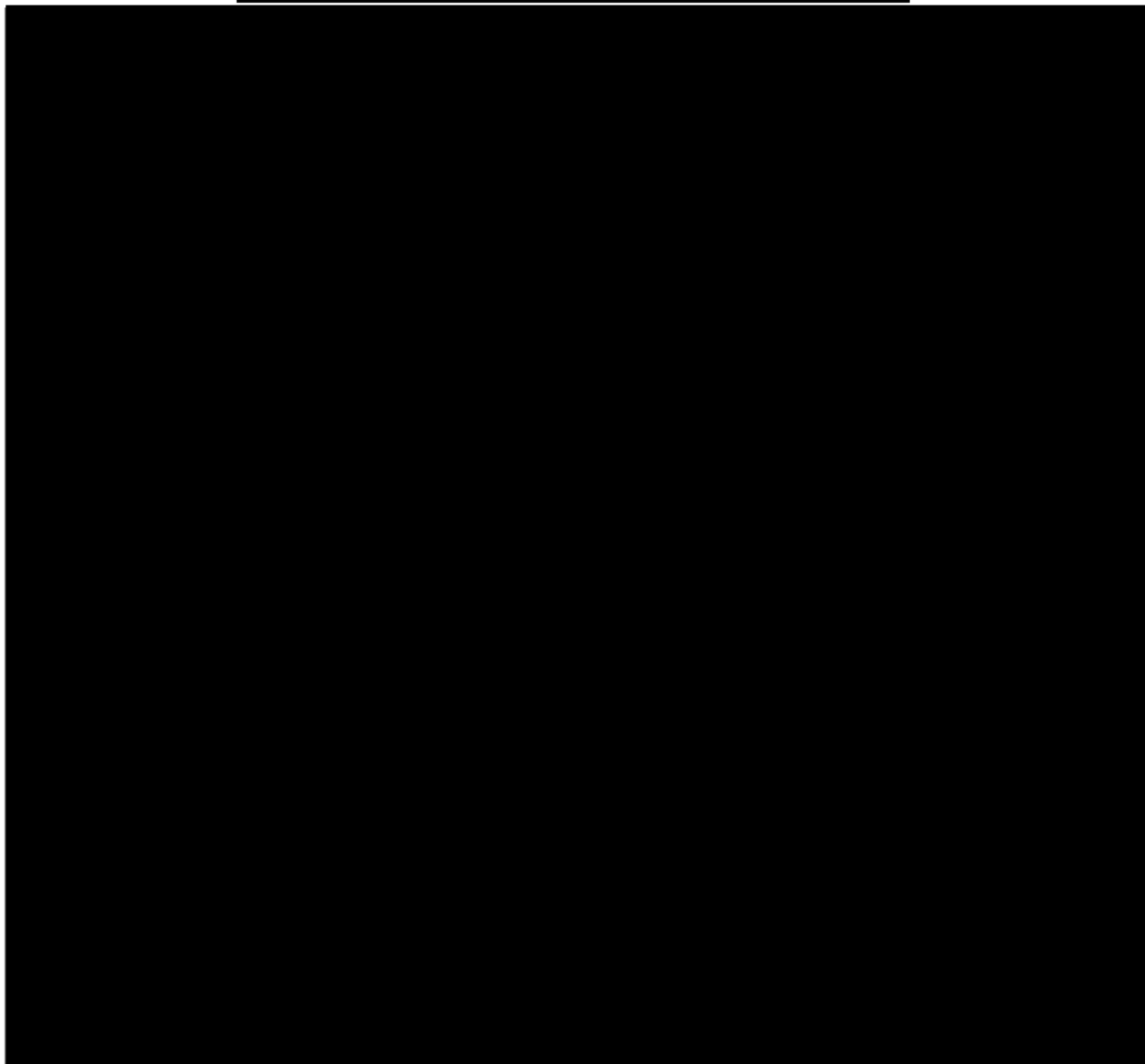
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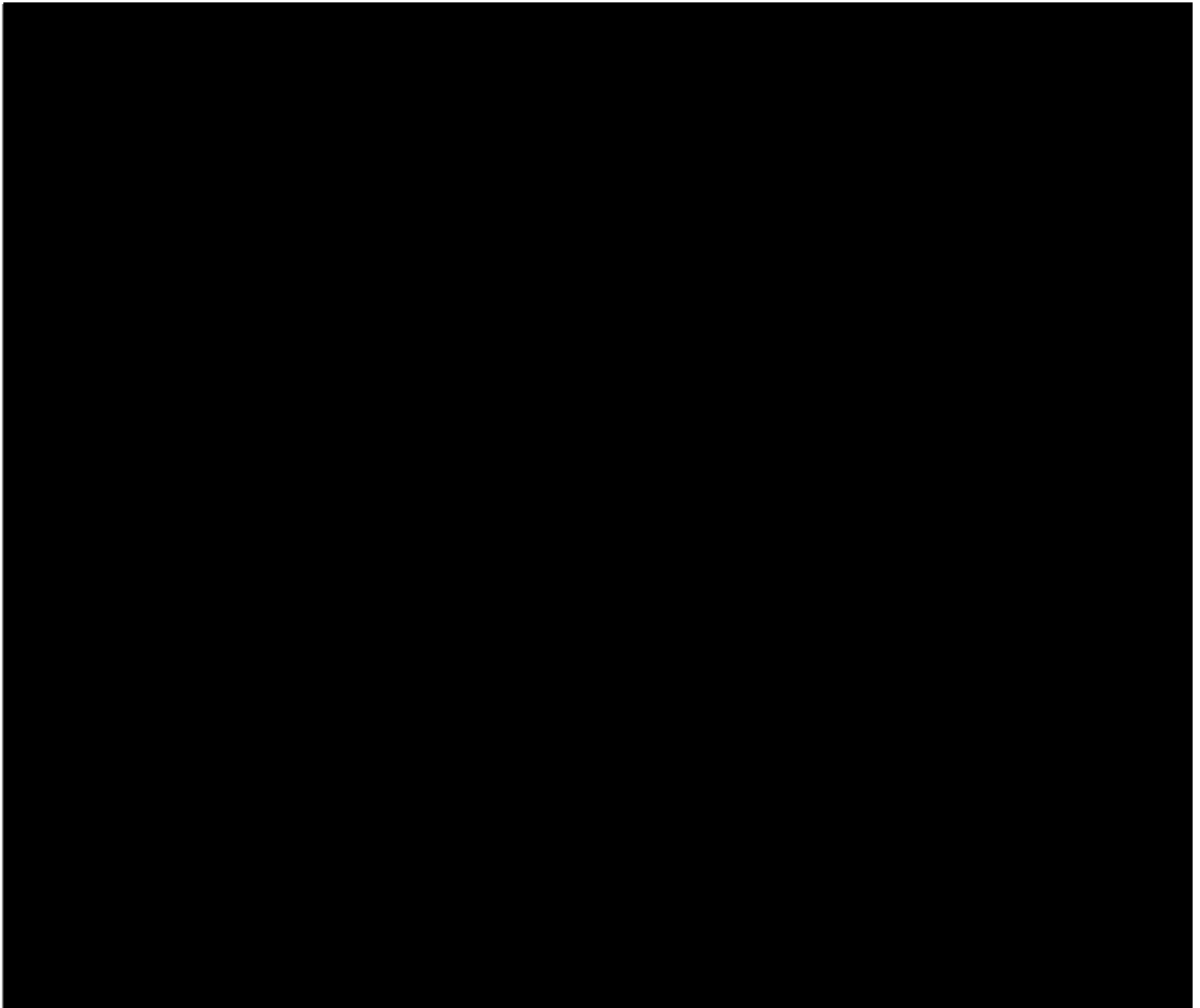
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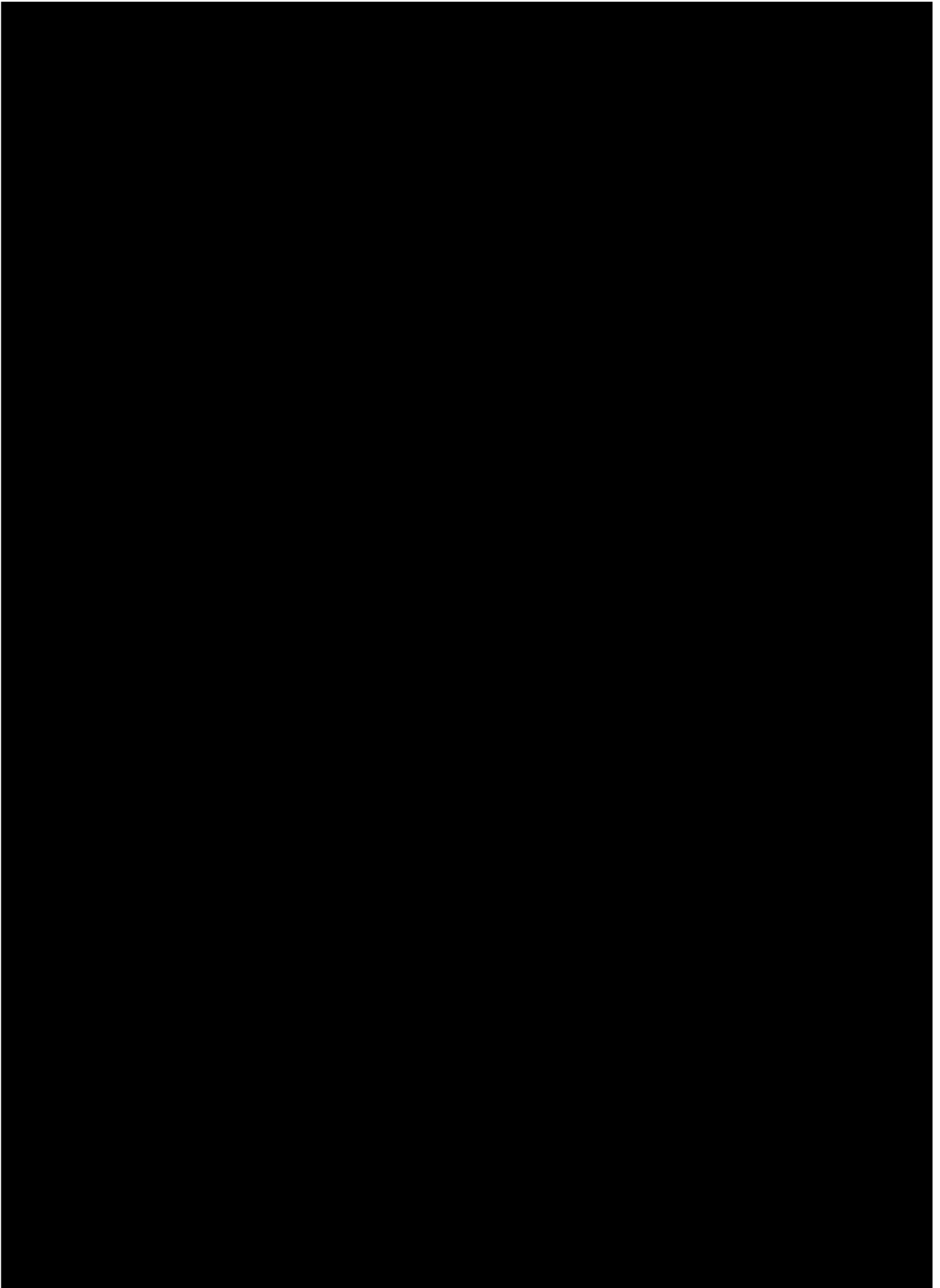


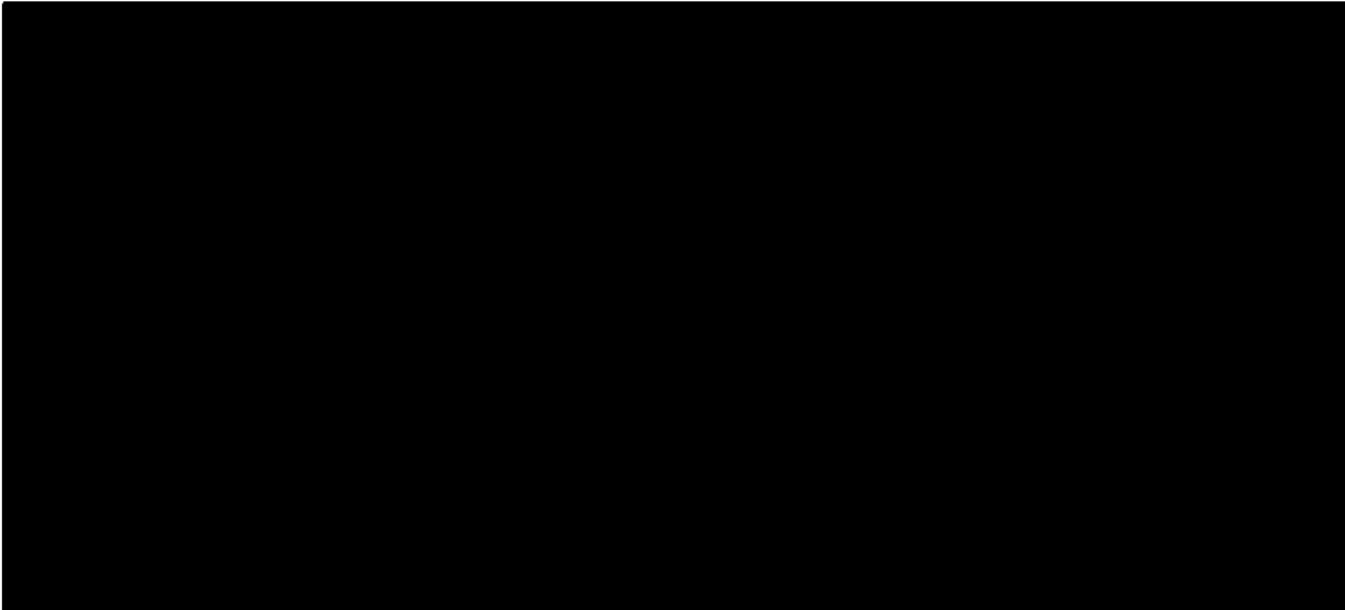


Proposed Charges:









Phoenix Press Conference Key Messages and Talking Points:
(Some will be specific to Fast and Furious and some will address all the cases)

Key Messages:

Since the second GRIT initiative ended in August, 2009 the Phoenix Field Division has continued to proactively address firearms trafficking to Mexico in support of ATF's Project Gun Runner

These investigations demonstrate the commitment on the part of ATF and its Federal, State, Local, Tribal and International partners to address the criminal activity involved in the trafficking of firearms to Mexico

These investigations address the key goals of ATF's Southwest border firearms trafficking strategy which are:

- Prevent violent crime
- Ensure the safety of the communities situated along the Southwest Border
- Disrupt and dismantle the firearms trafficking networks responsible for the diversion of firearms from lawful commerce and into the hands of the Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs)

These investigations all involved tireless effort on the part of ATF employees using a wide variety of investigative methods to fully identify those responsible for trafficking firearms to Mexico

ATF's firearms tracing system, eTrace, played a key role in assisting in identifying the individuals involved in violating Federal firearms laws in these investigations

In all of these cases a large number of certain types of rifles, such as AR and AK variants with detachable magazines were purchased by straw purchasers as part of complex firearms trafficking organizations and then recovered in violent crimes in Mexico, according to ATF trace data, investigative experience, and Mexican law enforcement official reports

Substantiates the fact that Mexican DTOs and other associated criminal groups operating along the SWB are actively pursuing "weapons of choice" in U.S. commercial firearms market

These cases demonstrate the ongoing trafficking of firearms by Mexican DTOs and other associated groups operating in Arizona and the need for the reporting of multiple sales for certain types of rifles in order to ferret out those intent on providing firearms to these criminal groups

Talking Points:

(Using the “Ws” method – you can change if you desire)

What:

- Proactive investigations focused on eliminating the entire firearms trafficking network, not just the straw purchasers
- ATF led firearms trafficking investigations into several firearms trafficking networks based in metro Phoenix
- Some initiated as early as October, 2009
- OCDETF Strike Force effort.
- Multi-agency (ICE, IRS, DEA, Phoenix PD)
- Almost exclusively "weapons of choice" which we have openly discussed many times before
- Alleged violations of Federal firearms laws by individuals involved in the illegal acquisition and transfer of firearms, money laundering, etc (the USAO will cover specific charges per case in more detail). Thus we should only state what is in the indictment when it comes to numbers of firearms. The indictment for Fast and Furious will not have the total number of firearms trafficked. Note: We have seized 352 firearms here in the U.S. in our effort to stop the trafficking while still making the larger case, and about 250 have been seized in Mexico. We will update the numbers again next week.

Who:

- Metro Phoenix area based complex firearms trafficking organizations

For Fast and Furious:

- [REDACTED]
- Firearms primarily destined for Sinaloa DTO (based on traces, seizures in Mexico and other investigative data gathered during investigations)
- A large group of straw purchasers [REDACTED] were used extensively to spread out purchases and evade detection (another time to address Multiple Sale on Long Guns issue)

How:

- Trafficking organizations used a large number of straw purchasers to spread out sales
- Shows straw purchases and the use of straw purchasers is still a major issue (lack of criminal history, need money, unlimited resource, etc)
- Firearms were purchased at numerous FFLs in the metro area

- Firearms were trafficked to Mexico in a variety of ways but mainly in small loads using vehicles crossing into Mexico via POEs

For Internal ATF Use Only:

At no time during the Fast and Furious investigation, or ANY investigation conducted by the Phoenix Field Division highlighted above, did ATF personnel knowingly allow firearms to be trafficked. Every available resource as well as every possible investigative and judicial process was used to prevent this from taking place. As a result of these efforts in the Fast and Furious case and as of October of 2010 to the best of our knowledge all firearms purchasing and trafficking activity by this organization has ended. This is due to several factors not the least of which are the many proactive measures taken by the agents assigned to Phoenix Group VII. It should also be noted that throughout the course of the investigation numerous seizures were made by other State, local and Federal law enforcement agencies at the direction of Phoenix Group VII in order to ensure the seized firearms did not reach their intended destination but also to ensure the leadership of this firearms trafficking organization was not “tipped off” to the proactive measures taken while the larger conspiracy case was being prepared for the USAO. To date 350 firearms have been taken into ATF custody as a result of these combined efforts.

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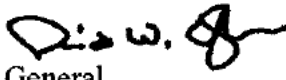
The Deputy Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

January 7, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENT COMPONENTS
ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM:

David W. Ogden 
Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT:

Strategy for Combating the Mexican Cartels

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the Department of Justice Strategy for Combating the Mexican Cartels (the "Cartel Strategy"), which was approved by the Attorney General earlier this week.

The Cartel Strategy is a product of the Department's Southwest Border Strategy Group, which I chair, and which has been meeting for the last several months. The Strategy Group is vice-chaired by the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, and includes the heads of: ATF, BOP, DEA, EOUSA, FBI, OCDETF, USMS, as well as the Chair of the AGAC and the U.S. Attorneys from the five Southwest Border Districts. The Cartel Strategy resulted from an active dialogue among, and significant input from, the components represented on the Strategy Group.

The Cartel Strategy is premised on the notion that a large share of the violence, drug-trafficking, corruption, and other criminal activity occurring along the Southwest Border is perpetrated by a relatively small number of hierarchical criminal organizations. The Strategy Group believes that the most effective mechanism to attack those organizations is the use of intelligence-based, prosecutor-led multi-agency task forces, that simultaneously attack all levels of, and all criminal activities of, the operations of the organizations. The Cartel Strategy sets forth a blueprint for accomplishing this with the resources of the Department of Justice. By design, the Cartel Strategy is consistent with the National Drug Control Strategy and the National Southwest Border Counternarcotics Strategy, both of which guide the larger interagency efforts, and both of which DOJ played a significant role in drafting.

The Cartel Strategy is not a radical departure from efforts that are already underway in the Department. To the contrary, the Cartel Strategy articulates those basic principles that already inform the Department's most successful efforts against the cartels. It is anticipated that the Cartel Strategy will serve as a guidepost toward what types of activities the Department should

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pursue going forward. The Department will measure future initiatives in this area by reference to their ability to further the principles and objectives set forth in the Strategy. Furthermore, the document will help advise those outside the Department – our non-DOJ partners in federal law enforcement, our state and local partners, and policy-makers at all levels of government – how it is that the Department of Justice intends to confront this pervasive challenge.

It is important to note that, although the Cartel Strategy was developed under the auspices of the Southwest Border Strategy Group, the Strategy contemplates vigorous enforcement activity by law enforcement agents and prosecutors, not just at the Southwest Border, but in every jurisdiction. As you are all well aware, the criminal activities perpetrated by the Mexican cartels are not confined to the Southwest Border, but rather extend throughout our country, and internationally. Effective implementation of our strategy to attack all elements of the cartels comprehensively and simultaneously requires that we attack them vigorously in whatever locale they may be found.

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the active involvement of all the components of the Department in the effort against the Mexican drug cartels. As a result of your hard work, talent, and dedication, we have already struck many hard blows against them. I am confident that, going forward, and with the courageous assistance of our partners in Mexico, we will be on the proper path toward achieving even greater successes in disrupting and dismantling these dangerous criminal enterprises.

Attachment

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STRATEGY FOR COMBATING THE MEXICAN CARTELS

It is a priority of the Department of Justice to disrupt and dismantle the Mexican drug cartels, bring to justice their leadership, and stem the growing violence and associated criminal activity perpetrated by the cartels, both along the Southwest Border and throughout the Nation. In order to maximize the efficacy of its limited resources, which are spread through numerous components of the Department, it is necessary that the Department deploy those resources pursuant to a single, coherent strategic plan, under a single coordinating body, the Southwest Border Strategy Group.

An essential aspect of the DOJ plan must be ensuring a productive partnership with the government of Mexico, as well as with our state, local, and tribal law enforcement counterparts. Equally important, we must avoid wasteful overlap and duplication of efforts with the activities of our other federal partners, particularly the law enforcement agencies at the Department of Homeland Security.

The following document sets forth the policy considerations that will guide the Department in this process.

The Strategy

The Department will implement its Strategy for Combating the Mexican Cartels under the supervision of the newly-created Southwest Border Strategy Group. The Strategy is intended to be consistent with the Administration's overarching National Southwest Border Counternarcotics Strategy.

The Department's strategy will be executed through the proven mechanism of prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven multi-agency task forces, with the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) Program serving the primary coordinating function. Multiple OCDETF investigations should continue to be linked together at a national level in coordination with the Special Operations Division (SOD), resulting in nationwide takedowns coordinated by SOD, on the model of Project Reckoning, Operation Xcellerator, and Project Coronado.

The DOJ Strategy's key objectives are to:

- Increase the safety and security of U.S. citizens throughout the United States by enforcing violations of federal law that have a particular nexus to the threats posed by the Mexican Cartels, i.e. drug trafficking, money laundering and bulk cash smuggling, firearms trafficking, and corruption.
- Reduce the flow of narcotics and other contraband entering the United States.
- Reduce the flow of illegal weapons, ammunition, explosives, and currency exiting the United States and entering Mexico.

- Strengthen Mexico's operational capacities and enhance its law enforcement institutions.
- Increase bilateral cooperation between Mexico and the United States on fugitive capture and extradition activities.
- Increase intelligence and information sharing among law enforcement agencies in the United States and with Mexico to achieve focused targeting of the most significant criminal organizations.
- Improve case building through interagency coordination, leveraging the expertise and authority of each investigative and prosecutorial agency.
- Maximize the effectiveness of prosecution by locating, arresting, extraditing, and trying all levels, including most importantly the leadership, of these criminal organizations, and disrupting and dismantling the organizations' domestic transportation and distribution cells.
- Coordinate enhanced enforcement initiatives to address "downstream" impacts on judicial security, court and detention operations, prison management and fugitive apprehension.

Division of Responsibilities with DHS

Addressing the Southwest Border threat has two basic elements: policing the actual border to interdict and deter the illegal crossing of undocumented persons or contraband goods, and confronting the large criminal organizations operating simultaneously on both sides of the border.

Given its statutory mission and the resources it can bring to bear at the border, DHS clearly bears primary responsibility for the policing function at the border. DOJ fully supports DHS in that endeavor by sharing relevant intelligence and by prosecuting the most egregious offenders DHS arrests in the course of its policing function. The Department of Justice prosecutes tens of thousands of these reactive law enforcement cases in federal court every year.

However, the root cause of the explosion of violence just south of our border is the conflicts within and among a limited number of sophisticated, transnational criminal organizations. These hierarchical, Mexico-based cartels are responsible for smuggling into the United States most of our nation's illegal drug supply. While the cartels' primary business is drug trafficking, they also sponsor a panoply of other crimes that support their illegal operations. These other crimes include extortion, torture, murder, corruption of public officials, sheltering of wanted fugitives, kidnapping and human smuggling, laundering of illicit criminal proceeds through the existing financial system

and through bulk cash smuggling, and the illegal acquisition, trafficking, and use of firearms and explosives.

It is in taking down these organized, multi-faceted criminal enterprises that DOJ plays the primary role and brings to bear its special expertise. DOJ's success in this endeavor assists, in turn, DHS in the performance of its policing and enforcement function, by disrupting the operations of the cartels, thereby decreasing the pressure on the border. For its part, DHS, and in particular ICE, provides invaluable assistance to the attack on these criminal organizations, by bringing to bear its unique expertise on cross-border transit of contraband.

Border policing and interdiction, and the resulting prosecutions, are key elements of the U.S. government's overall border security strategy. However, the investigation, apprehension, extradition, and prosecution of key cartel leaders and their associates, and the deprivation through forfeiture of their ill-gotten gains, is the most effective means by which we can move past merely addressing the symptoms of our problems along the Southwest Border and attack, instead, the underlying causes.

Deployment of Resources

The Department's view – based on its decades of experience in investigating, prosecuting, and dismantling organized criminal groups, such as the Mafia, international terrorist groups, and domestic and transnational gangs – is that the best way to fight large scale criminal organizations is through prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency task forces that blend the strengths, resources, and expertise of the complete spectrum of federal, state, local, and international investigative and prosecutorial agencies. Through their participation in such task forces, the Department's prosecutors, together with its component law enforcement agencies – DEA, ATF, FBI, and USMS – give the Department the capacity to carry out the full range of activities necessary to succeed against these organizations.

The Department has embraced a model to achieve these comprehensive goals that is proactive, in which we develop priority targets through the extensive use of intelligence. This intelligence is obtained from law enforcement sources, as well as through the careful and disciplined use of classified information from intelligence community agencies to provide unclassified leads. Sharing information, we build cases, coordinating long-term, extensive investigations to identify all the tentacles of a particular organization. Through sustained coordination of these operations, we are able to execute a coordinated enforcement action, arresting as many high-level members of the organization as possible, disrupting and dismantling the domestic transportation and distribution cells of the organization, and seizing as many of the organization's assets as possible, whether those assets be in the form of bank accounts, real property, cash, drugs, or weapons. Finally, we prosecute the leaders of the cartels and their principal facilitators, locating, arresting, and extraditing them from abroad as necessary. In this effort, we coordinate closely with our Mexican counterparts to achieve the goal: destruction or weakening of the drug cartels to the point that they no longer pose a viable

threat to U.S. interests and can be dealt with by Mexican law enforcement in conjunction with a strengthened judicial system and an improved legal framework for fighting organized crime.

In most places, along the border and throughout the country, OCDETF provides an effective mechanism for law enforcement agencies from within DOJ, from elsewhere in the federal government (including DHS and Treasury), and state and local law enforcement, to combine with federal prosecutors to form a “virtual task force” for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting a particular high-value drug trafficking organization. In certain key locales, OCDETF has established actual, brick-and-mortar Co-Located Strike Forces, for the pursuit of the highest level traffickers of drugs, guns, and money. For instance, the San Diego Major Mexican Traffickers Task Force has been responsible for coordinating the U.S. government's successful efforts against the Arellano-Felix Organization. The Houston OCDETF Strike Force has directed our most damaging blows against the Gulf Cartel. And in the first several months of its existence, the Arizona OCDETF Strike Force has been responsible for the indictment of a leader and other members of a major Mexican cartel and the seizure of millions of dollars in cartel assets.

The Department will use the OCDETF Strike Force concept to target all the organized crime activities of the drug cartels – not just those crimes directly related to the drug trade. By further leveraging and coordinating the investigative expertise and jurisdiction of law enforcement agencies outside the drug enforcement area, the Department will task the Strike Forces to disrupt and dismantle every area of the cartels' infrastructure and undermine their ability to operate successfully in any illegal activity.

On a local level, each Strike Force co-locates law enforcement resources that are supplemented by one or more on-site Assistant United States Attorneys. Retaining the current Strike Force structure, specifically the co-location and intensive and early prosecutorial involvement, ensures that the Department capitalizes upon the proven synergy of these Strike Forces to maximize the effectiveness of long-term investigations of these organizations. The synergy created by co-locating the diverse expertise of federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's Office, has had demonstrable success against major criminal organizations operating throughout the country. It is for this reason that the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General should have the flexibility to call upon and leverage the resources of the already successful multi-agency task forces around the country, including the OCDETF Strike Forces, HIDTA Task Forces, DEA task force groups, FBI Safe Streets Task Forces, and VCITs, drawing upon the expertise of all of the agencies that contribute to them.

In those locations where they currently exist, DOJ will make the OCDETF Co-Located Strike Forces the focal point for interagency efforts against the Mexican criminal organizations.¹ Elsewhere along the border, and throughout the nation, DOJ will seek to

¹ OCDETF Co-Located Strike Forces are currently located in San Diego, Phoenix, El Paso, Houston (with satellites in Laredo and McAllen), Tampa, San Juan, Atlanta, New York, and Boston.

replicate, to the extent possible, the OCDETF Strike Force model, in particular the characteristics of interagency cooperation, information sharing, and strategic, intelligence-based targeting that have been embodied in these Strike Forces.

Supplementing the regional operations of the prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven multi-agency task forces with a comprehensive national policy and coordination body, the Southwest Border Strategy Group, run out of the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, will give the Department a unified and comprehensive vehicle through which the United States government can disrupt the influence of the cartels. This unified and coordinated approach to law enforcement is not only the best way to use the formidable resources of the United States government, but also the most effective way to decrease the influence of these violent criminal enterprises while enhancing the public safety.

While the prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency task force model is a key component of the Department's strategy, it will not be the only component. We must also recognize and support the important daily work performed by our investigators and prosecutors in stopping and seizing the massive amounts of narcotics, firearms, and bulk cash that flow across the border in both directions. These more reactive narcotics cases are important to the overall cartel strategy, because in the process we are seizing millions of pounds of drugs, thousands of firearms, and millions of dollars in bulk cash as they enter and exit the country. In addition, these commodity-focused cases yield significant intelligence that is then fed into the Special Operations Division (SOD), the OCDETF Fusion Center (OFC), and the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) for use in supporting more proactive, intelligence-driven investigations that are designed to attack all of the cartels' diverse lines of illegal business. Therefore, the Department's Strategy for Combating the Mexican Cartels must include an assessment of the resource needs of all our components, and a plan for how they intend to achieve the stated goals of the Strategy in light of the specific cartel activity impacting their jurisdictions.

Intelligence

Law enforcement agencies must have the ability to access, link, and interpret voluminous intelligence information from as wide a community as possible. We use this shared information to identify and target the most significant organizations, so that we can achieve the greatest impact with our finite resources. We also use shared information to develop coordinated, multi-jurisdictional investigations of those high-impact targets, making sure that investigations are mutually reinforcing, without duplicating or jeopardizing other investigations targeting overlapping organizations.

Several multi-agency endeavors are particularly important to the provision of tactical intelligence and operational support in targeting the largest and most dangerous Mexican cartels.

The Attorney General's Consolidated Priority Organization Target (CPOT) List

The CPOT list of international “Most Wanted” drug kingpins will be used to help focus our critical resources on the greatest threats from the Mexican cartels. Of the 59 worldwide organizations currently on the list, 25 of them are Mexico-based. DOJ will also work in partnership with the Secretary of the Treasury to impose sanctions against Mexican drug trafficking organizations pursuant to the President’s authority under the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act.

The El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC)

EPIC is a DEA-led multi-agency organization that provides case-specific tactical intelligence, focusing specifically on the Southwest Border. The ATF Firearms Intelligence Analysis Team is a specialized component of EPIC that serves as a central point of analysis and repository for all Southwest Border firearms-related intelligence. FBI recently created the Southwest Intelligence Group (SWIG), a clearinghouse of all FBI activities involving Mexico, and it is in the process of moving that clearinghouse to EPIC. EPIC houses the National Seizure System, which collects and maintains data on seizures of drugs, guns, and money by law enforcement agencies throughout the nation.

The Special Operations Division (SOD)

SOD is a DEA-led multi-agency coordination center that targets the communication devices the criminal organizations’ leaders use to communicate with each other. SOD actively supports multi-jurisdictional, multi-national, and multi-agency electronic surveillance investigations, coordinating overlapping investigations and ensuring that tactical and operational intelligence is shared between law enforcement agencies.

The OCDETF Fusion Center (OFC)

The OFC is a comprehensive, multi-agency data center containing drug and related financial data from DEA, ATF, FBI, ICE, CBP, IRS, USMS, EPIC, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, the State Department’s Bureau of Consular Affairs, and other key agencies. It conducts cross-agency and cross-jurisdictional integration and analyses to create comprehensive pictures of targeted organizations and to pass usable leads through SOD to participants in the field.

Current Areas of Focus

Pursuant to the principles articulated above, DOJ is pursuing initiatives in the following areas:

1. Ramping up Establishment and Use of Vetted Units in Mexico

An important aspect of case building in Mexico involves U.S. cooperation with specially vetted Mexican law enforcement units. DOJ law enforcement agents work in an advisory capacity to develop elite vetted units of Mexican federal police officers,

training them to conduct law enforcement operations that lead to the discovery and seizure of drugs, guns, explosives, money, and documentary evidence to support bilateral investigations and prosecutions. The Mexican units also arrest active members of the cartels, who may eventually become either cooperating witnesses, defendants, or both. These units are essential to our operations. In order to properly leverage and support these crucial operations, the Department must expand their number, to include more drug trafficking units, a firearms trafficking unit, a money-laundering/financial unit, and a fugitive apprehension unit.

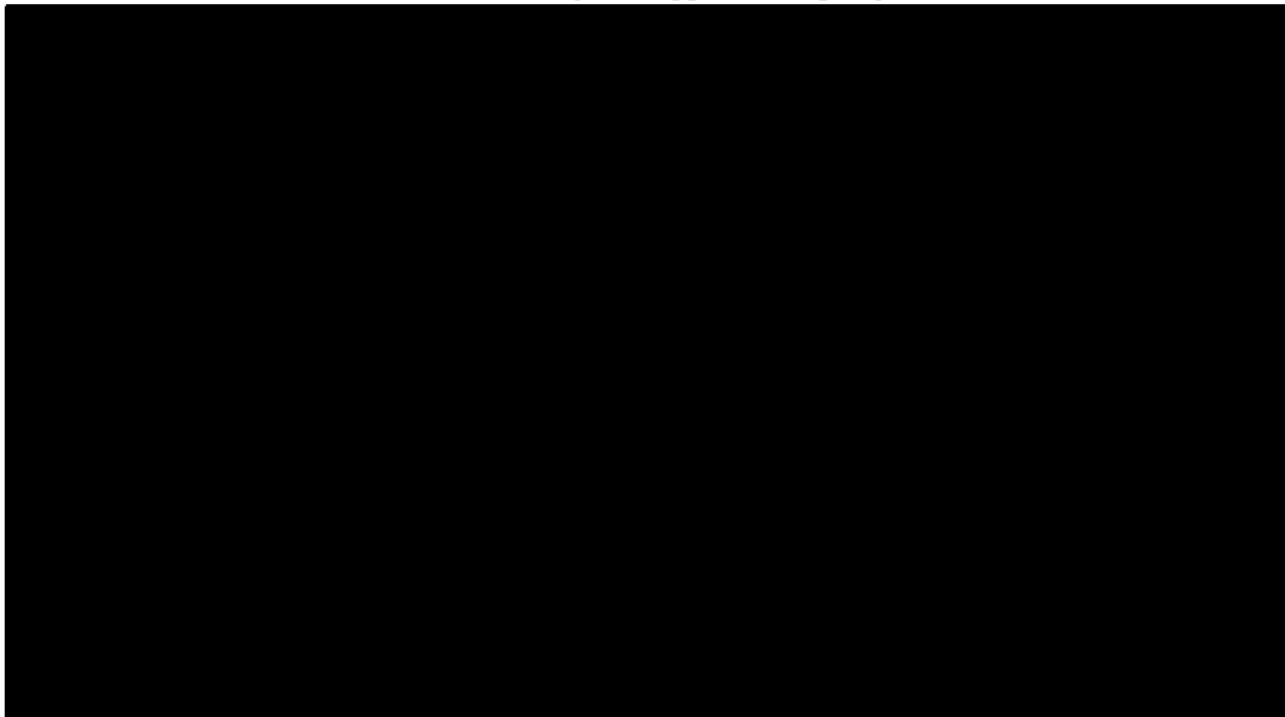
2. Continued Focus on Attacking Cartel Finances

A particular point of emphasis in recent years has been the dismantlement of the financial infrastructure of the drug trafficking organizations. These efforts have been hampered by the fact that financial cases are complex and time-consuming, and the pool of experienced financial investigators is finite. Since the curtailment of IRS involvement in drug investigations in 2005, ATF, DEA, FBI, and USMS have hired additional financial investigators and forfeiture specialists. OCDETF has established the Financial Investigative Contractor (FIC) Program to bring additional experienced financial investigators to bear on the largest cartels, and has buttressed the analytical and document exploitation capabilities of its Co-Located Strike Forces in San Diego, Phoenix, El Paso, Houston, and Atlanta. DEA has implemented Financial Investigation Teams (FITs) in its field divisions to target the financial assets of drug traffickers. Analysts and attorneys in the U.S. Attorney's Offices and in the Department's Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section have also stepped up their efforts to assist in prosecuting money laundering activities of all types. In addition, Southwest Region federal agencies are working with state and local law enforcement agencies on an OCDETF bulk currency initiative that targets the highest level drug cartels and their transportation routes in the Southwest. These efforts must be supported and expanded.

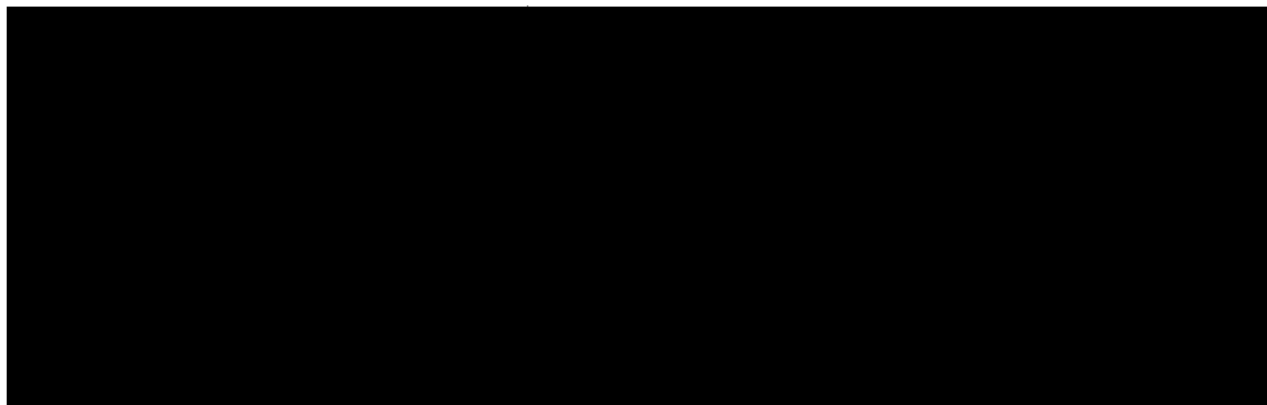
3. Attacking the Southbound Flow of Firearms

Addressing the flow of weapons into Mexico from the United States is also a primary focus of our efforts. ATF's intelligence has shown that the prevalence of firearms and explosives trafficking into Mexico has a direct nexus to the cartels' national domestic drug distribution network. Thus, given the national scope of this issue, merely seizing firearms through interdiction will not stop firearms trafficking to Mexico. We must identify, investigate, and eliminate the sources of illegally trafficked firearms and the networks that transport them. Since 2006, Project Gunrunner has been ATF's comprehensive strategy to combat firearms-related violence perpetrated by the drug cartels along the Southwest Border. Increasingly close collaboration between ATF and the efforts of the multi-agency drug task forces along the border, including, most particularly, the OCDETF co-located Strike Forces, ensures that scarce ATF resources are directed at the most important targets. Additionally, DOJ is sponsoring and hosting U.S./Mexico bilateral working groups focusing on joint efforts to combat arms trafficking, and is ensuring that U.S. Attorneys Offices around the country are coordinating on firearms trafficking cases.

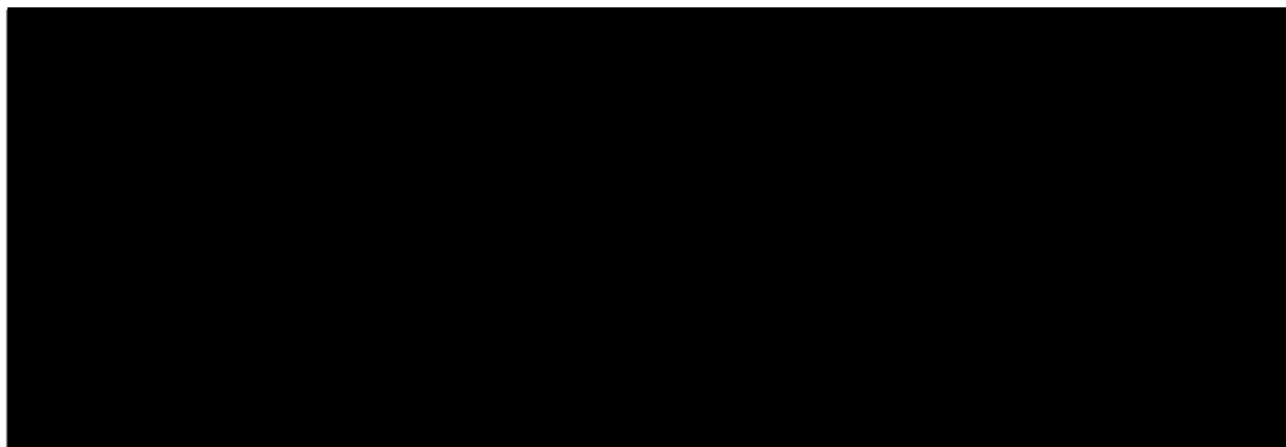
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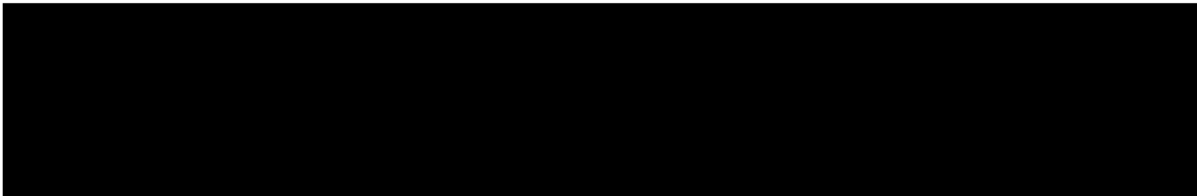


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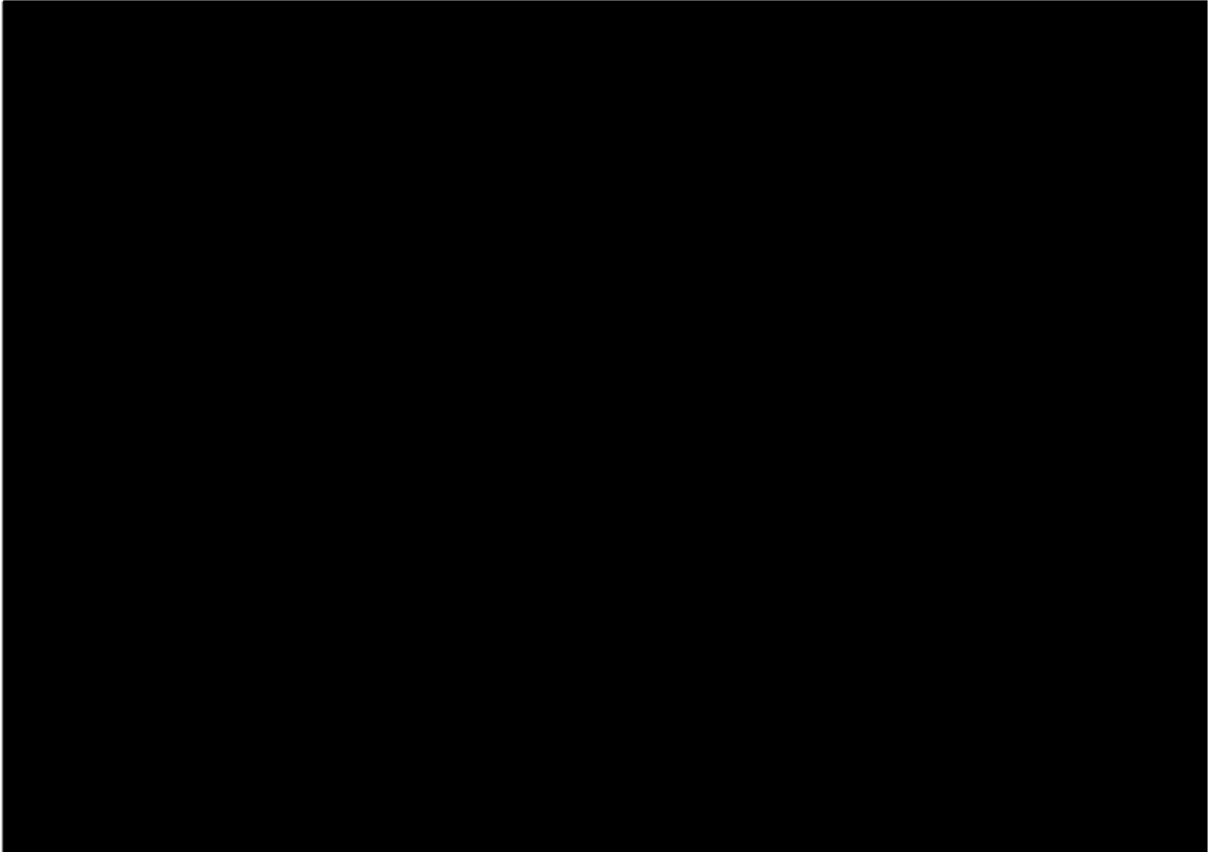


6. Continued Pursuit of Corrupt Public Officials Who Facilitate the Drug Trade





7. Merida



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 12:56 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (SMO)
CC: Melson, Kenneth E.; Hoover, William J.; McMahon, William G.; Needles, James R.; [REDACTED]
Subject: 3/22 Fast and Furious Briefing Get Backs

Following up from yesterday's discussions:

Are we aware of any times when guns were handed off to [REDACTED]

See ROI 18 – we followed some guns to a residence we later learned was associated with [REDACTED]
See also ROI 36 – [REDACTED] purchased 20 AK's. After a long surveillance, Phoenix PD conducted a traffic stop. [REDACTED] claimed ownership of the guns. [REDACTED] in the car at the time of the stop. The guns were not seized.

Did ASAC Gillette receive any complaints or feedback regarding the investigative techniques used in F&F? Per ASAC Needles, he checked with ASAC Gillette, the answer is no.

The Ombudsman indicates they have not received any communications from S/A [REDACTED]

OPRSO is checking to make sure they have not received any communications from S/A [REDACTED]

What audio exists on the video tape of the surveillance aired by CBS? The tape was reviewed. It is short, The audio on the tape is "typical surveillance audio" e.g. "They are coming out." There is no inflammatory audio. The tape ends as the surveillance pulls out of the parking lot.

Were all suspects entered in TECS? Yes, and they always have been. As of yesterday there were no hits on [REDACTED] (reference the letter from Grassley to CBP)

[REDACTED]
Acting Chief of Staff
Office of the Director
O: 202-648-[REDACTED]
C: [REDACTED]
HQ Room 5 S 100

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From: Burton, Faith (SMO) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 11:57:09 AM
To: [REDACTED] Hoover,
William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.
CC: Gaston, Molly (SMO); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Weinstein, Jason (CRM);
Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)
Subject: Draft response to HJC Chairman Smith's letter of 3/9/11 re Gunrunner/ Fast
& Furious allegations - for comment asap. Thanks. FB

Attachments: smith gunrunner clean.docx



From: McMahon, William G.

Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 8:44 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject:

Attachments: Border Operations.; Firearms crossing international border; Untitled; Questions; Denver response; Untitled; FW: HQ Request

[REDACTED]

Attached are the responses from the WEST SACs. I will get the EAST and CENTRAL to you shortly.

Thanks,

Bill

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From: Needles, James R.
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 6:44 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Border Operations.

In January of 2010, one controlled delivery of grenade hulls, spoons and head assemblies was made to defendant [REDACTED] ATF SA's were in contact with Mexican authorities who were on the Mexican side of the border. As [REDACTED] went through the San Louie border the Mexican officials were advised however they did not stop [REDACTED]

From: Richardson, Marvin G.
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:10:01 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Denver response

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Bill,

Denver's response is negative to both questions.

Take care and get some rest!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 6:02:00 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
CC: Crenshaw, Kelvin N.; [REDACTED]
Subject: Firearms crossing international border

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Sir, on behalf of SAC Kelvin Crenshaw, the Seattle Field Division is negative on both questions.

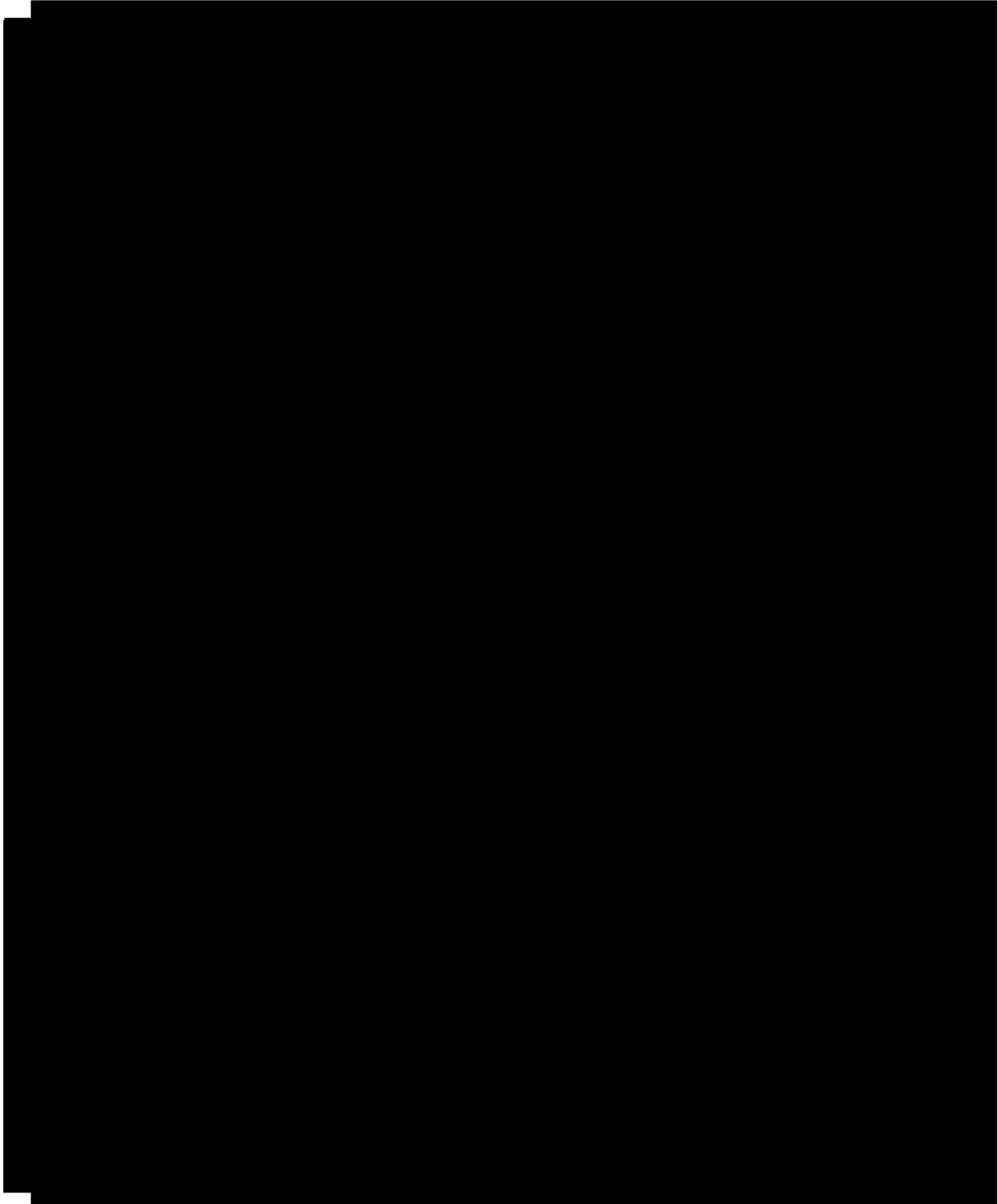
DOO [REDACTED]
Supervisory Special Agent
ATF Seattle Field Division
915 2nd Ave., Room 790
Seattle, WA. 98174
Office: [REDACTED]
FAX: (206) 389-5829
CELL: [REDACTED]

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782025-08-0062

This investigation was initiated by Houston Group VIII (OCDETF Strike Force) Special Agents after receiving information through review of ATF Online Lead multiple sales and firearms tracing database.





From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:57 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Questions

Sir,

The San Francisco Field Division has canvassed our personnel and reports a negative response to your two questions.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
Assistant Special Agent in Charge (Acting SAC)
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
San Francisco Field Division
Office: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]

From: Champion, Robert R.
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:58:01 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject:

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Bill,

In regards to the ATF HQ. inquiry regarding International Firearms Trafficking over the last 3 years, the Dallas Field Division does not have any investigations that meet the criteria of control deliveries where FA's were allowed to cross the International Border nor have we witnessed FA's cross the International Border without taking action.

Thank you,

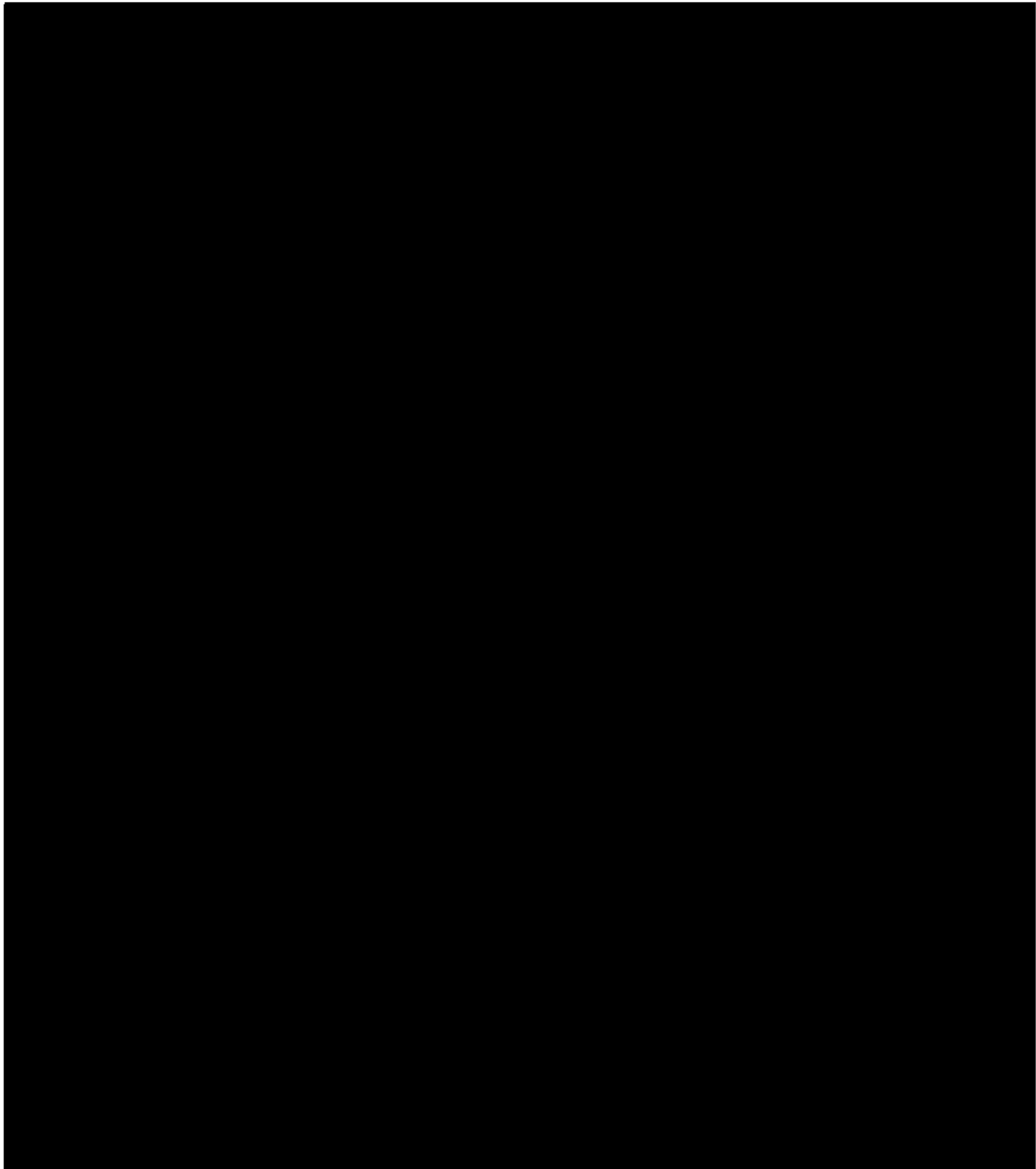
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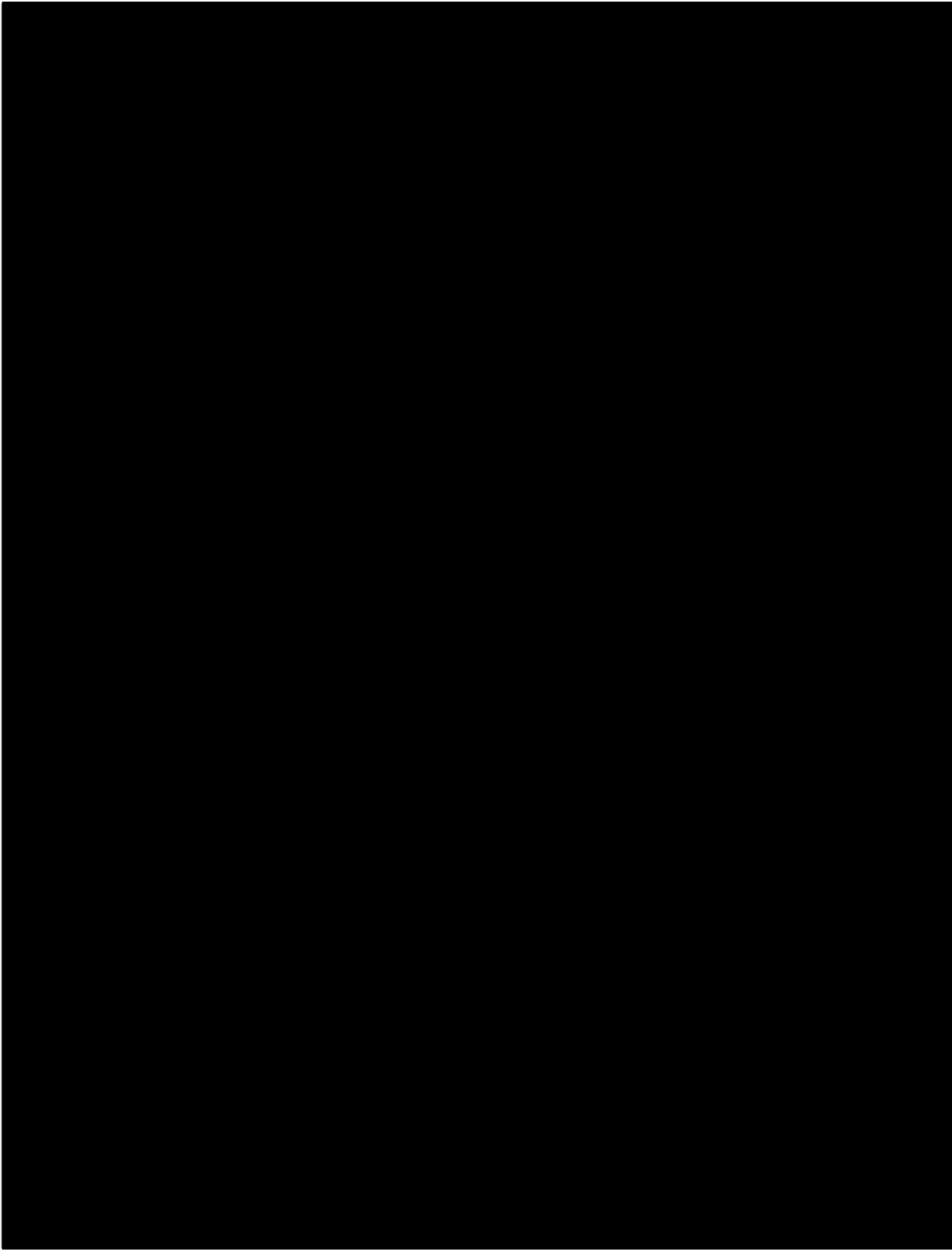
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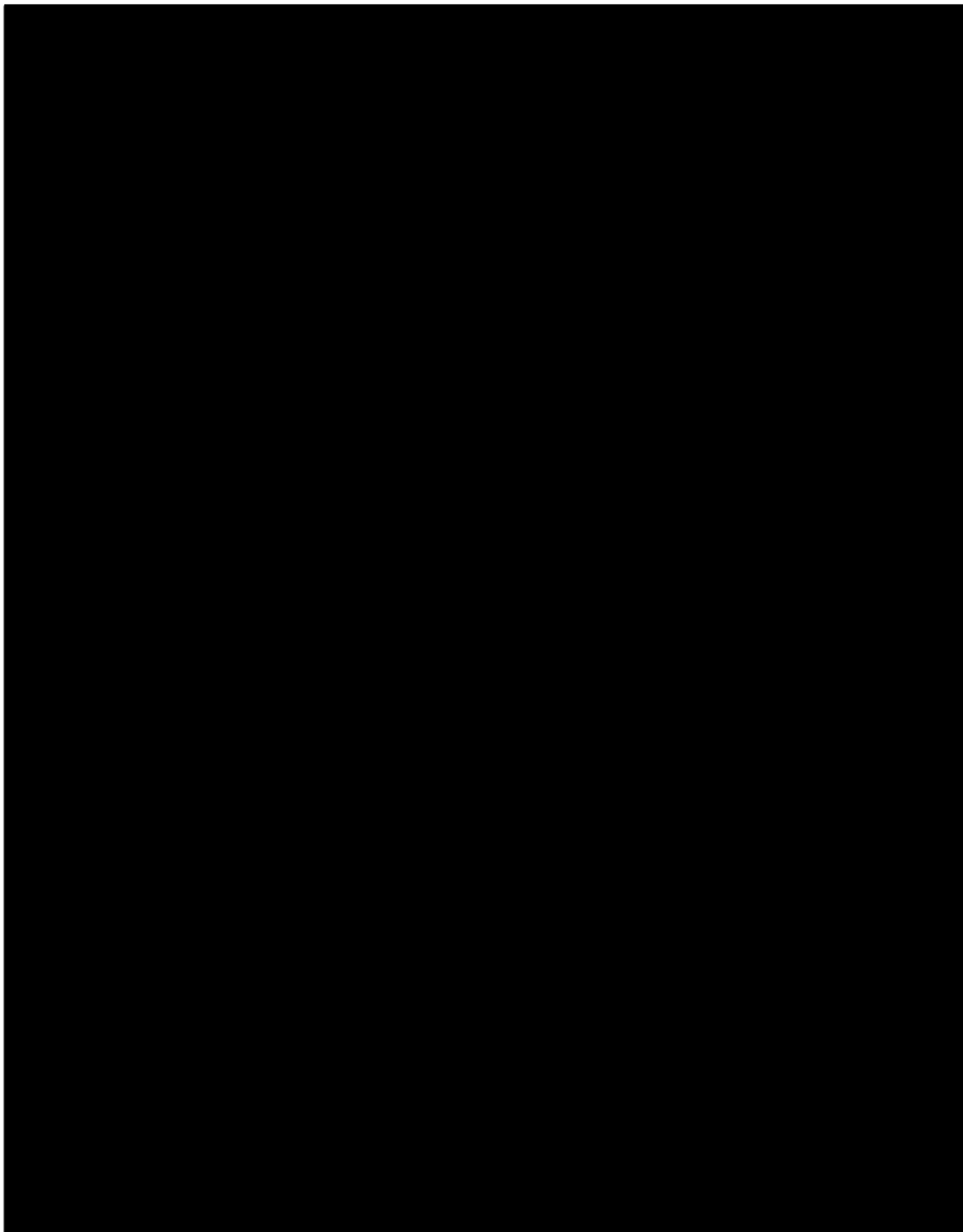


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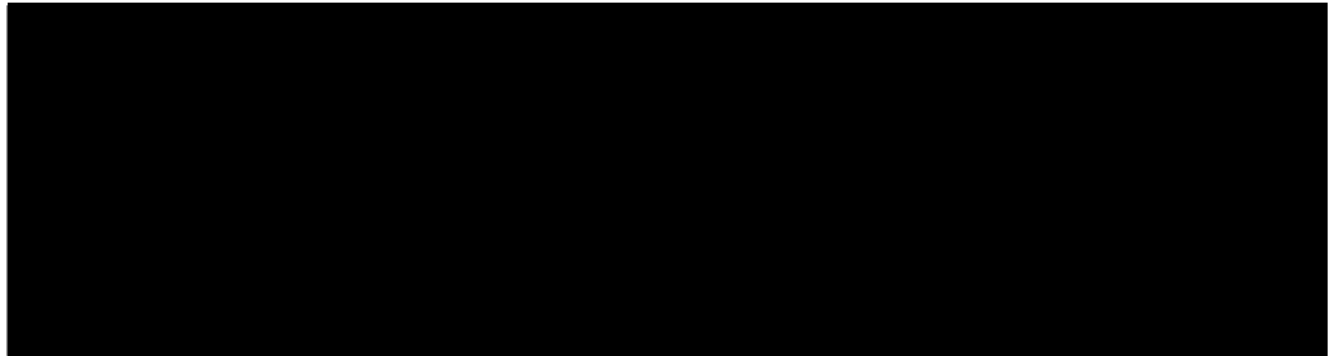
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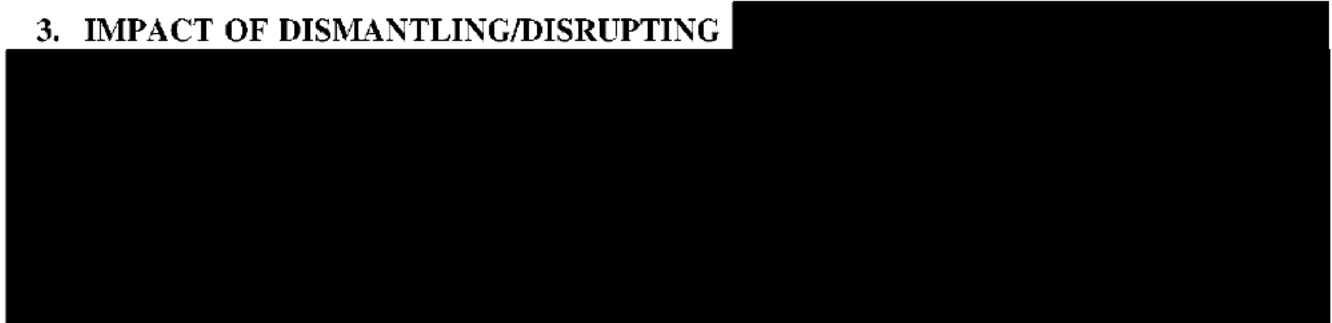
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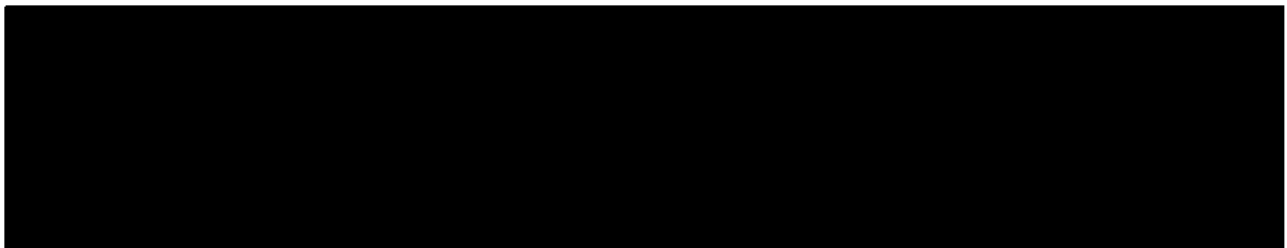
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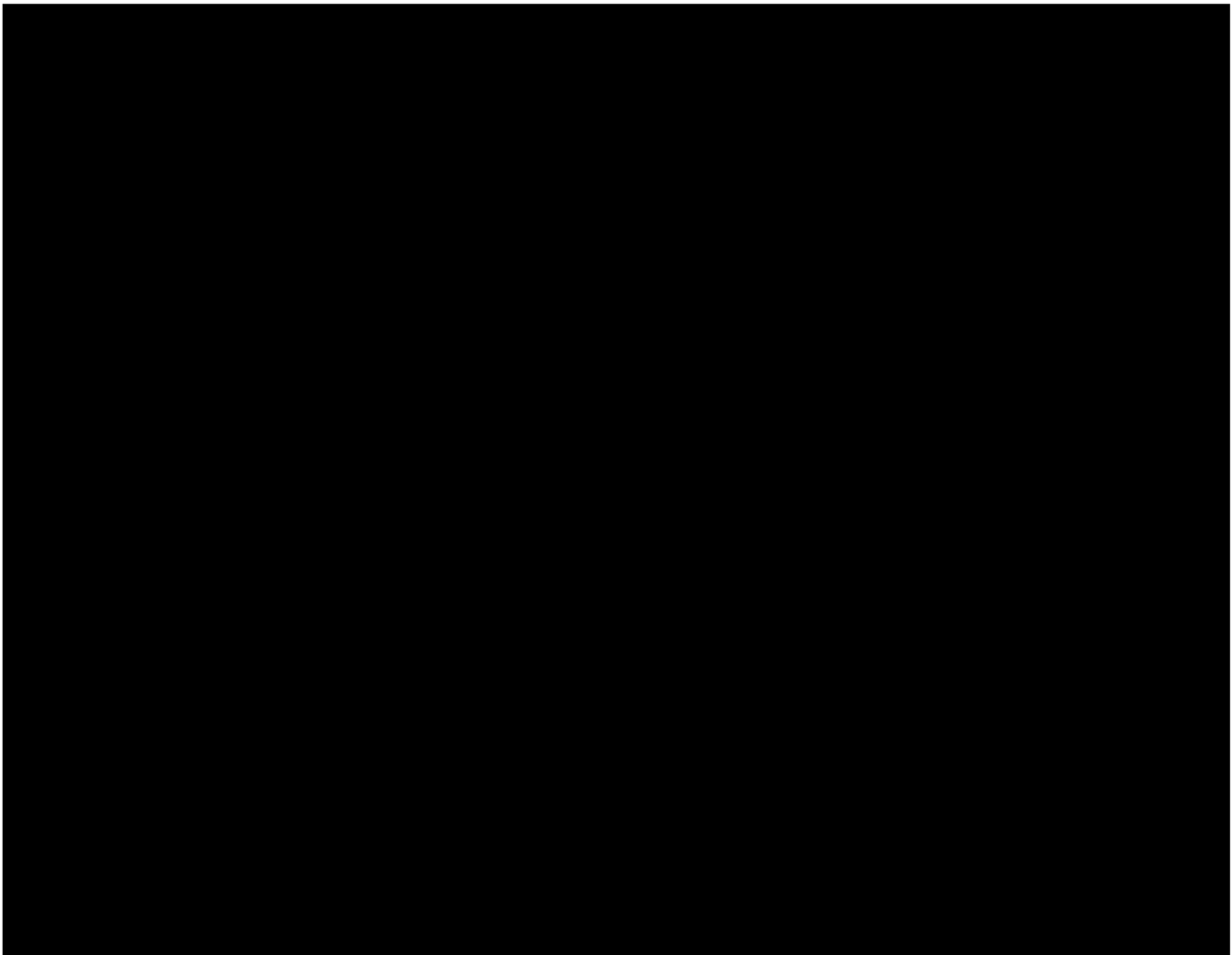


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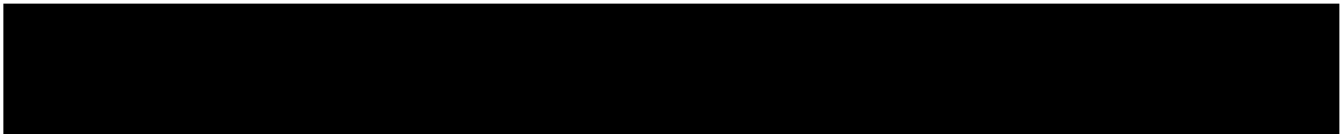




5. PRINCIPAL TARGETS OF INVESTIGATION AND THEIR ROLES



6. CONNECTION TO TERRORIST GROUPS, NATIONAL GANGS, AND / OR



7. EXTENT OF PUBLIC CORRUPTION -

[REDACTED]

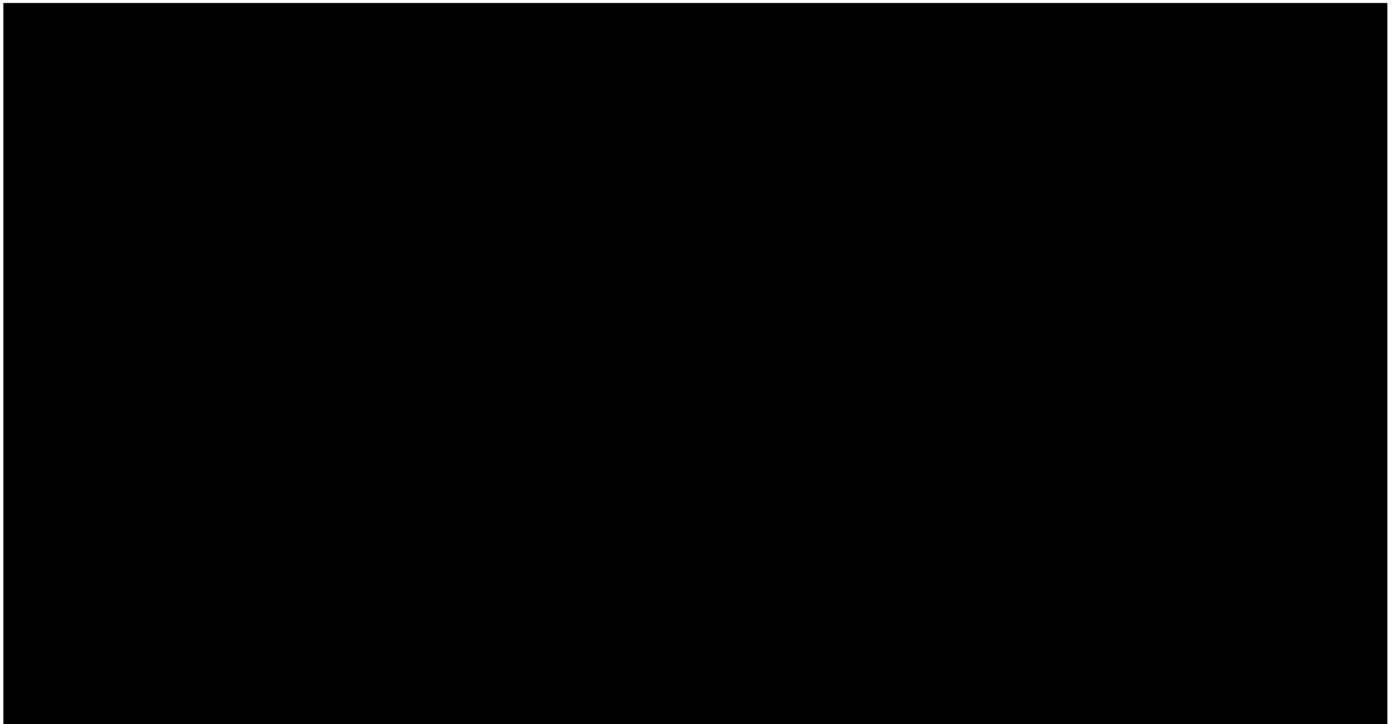
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B. INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES AND GOALS

[REDACTED]



C. MANPOWER/RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS



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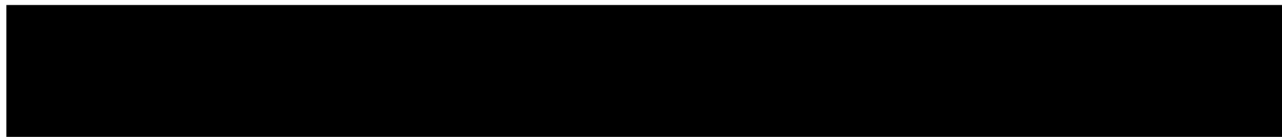
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THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS

Operation Name

Case Attorney: Name: AUSA Emory Hurley Agency: USAO Telephone: 602-514-7678 Email: Emory.Hurley@usdoj.gov

Case Agents(s):



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(Assigned by AUSA Coordinator)

Federal Judicial District Initiating this Investigation: District of Arizona

Special Operations Division (SOD) Coordination: [REDACTED] (Note: Coordination refers to those multi-jurisdictional operations where SOD is actively coordinating with the field to provide guidance and oversight. SOD funding of electronic surveillance does not, by itself, constitute coordination.)

If yes: SOD Staff Coordinator [REDACTED]

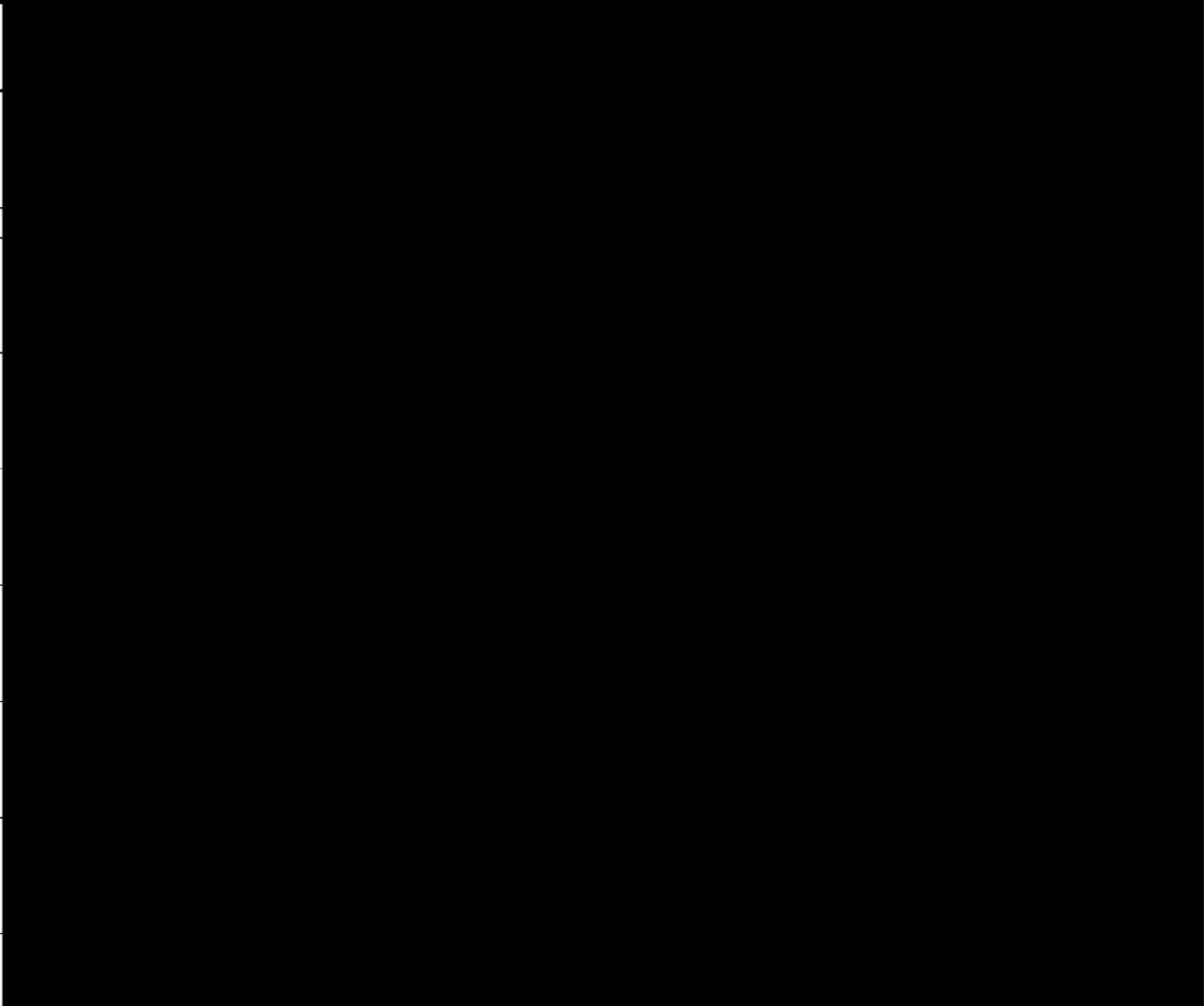
Have you received any product from the OCDETF Fusion Center regarding this case? (other than the initial Rapid Enforcement Review) [REDACTED]

Did the OCDETF Fusion Center assist you [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of organization is unknown)

Name: [REDACTED] Operation (Code) Name: The Fast and the Furious

II. Prospective Defendants (If more than thirty, attach "Prospective Defendants Supplement" (OCDETF Form S-3))



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III. Agency Involvement Check all boxes which apply and enter personnel commitment and agency case numbers, if available.

Note: Agency case numbers for Federal agencies must be submitted by the time of the first Interim Report (that is, within six months of the initiation of the OCDETF investigation).



Does this investigation anticipate requesting State and Local Overtime Funding?

If yes, please indicate funding source

If yes, please indicate an **estimated** amount for the current fiscal year. (Note-State and Local Overtime Funding must still be submitted through the separate appropriate process for approval.)

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Was this investigation **initiated** by an OCDETF Co-located Task Force/Strike Force?
If yes, check all that apply:



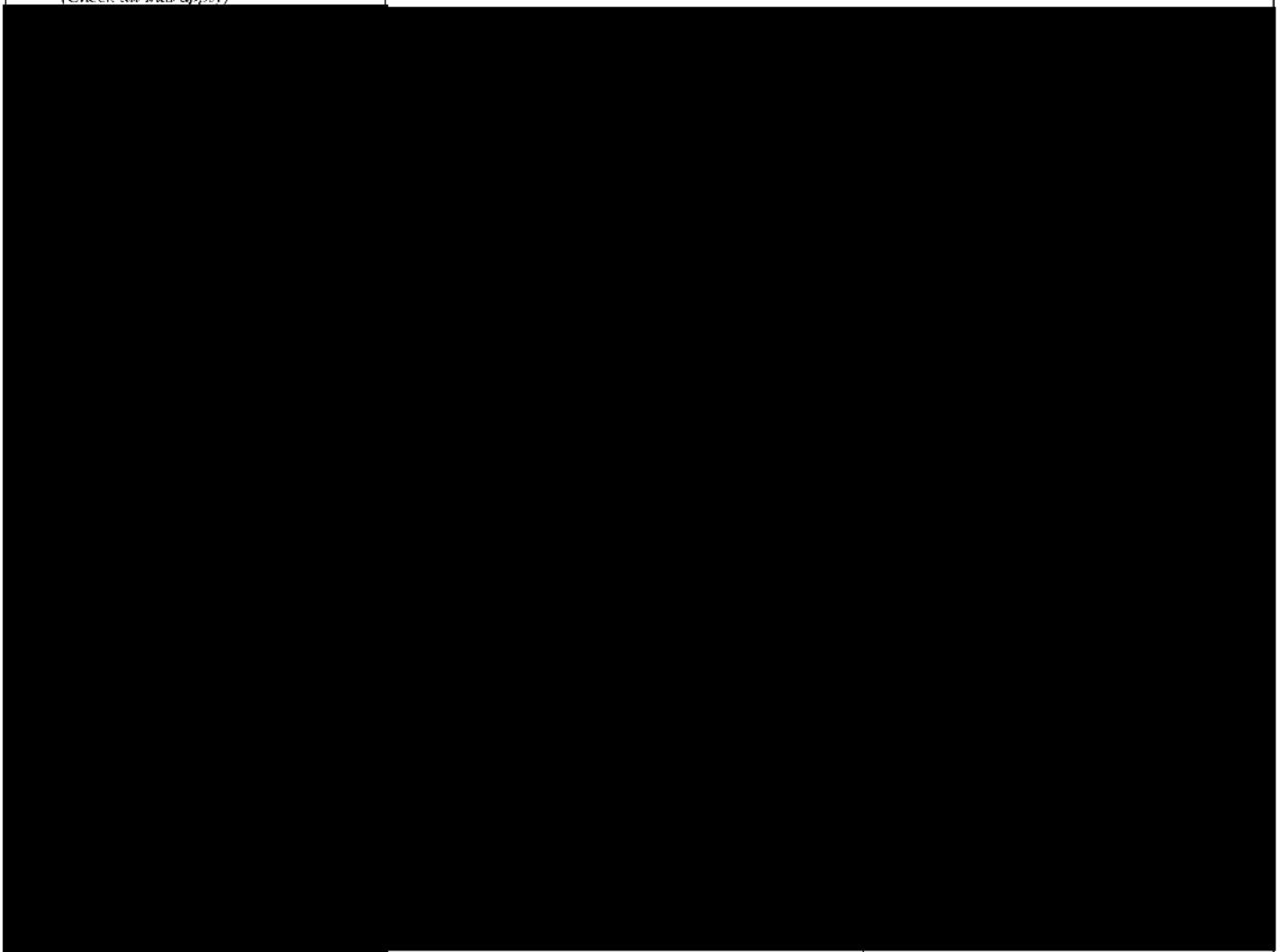
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IV. Drugs Under Investigation
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V. Organization Description



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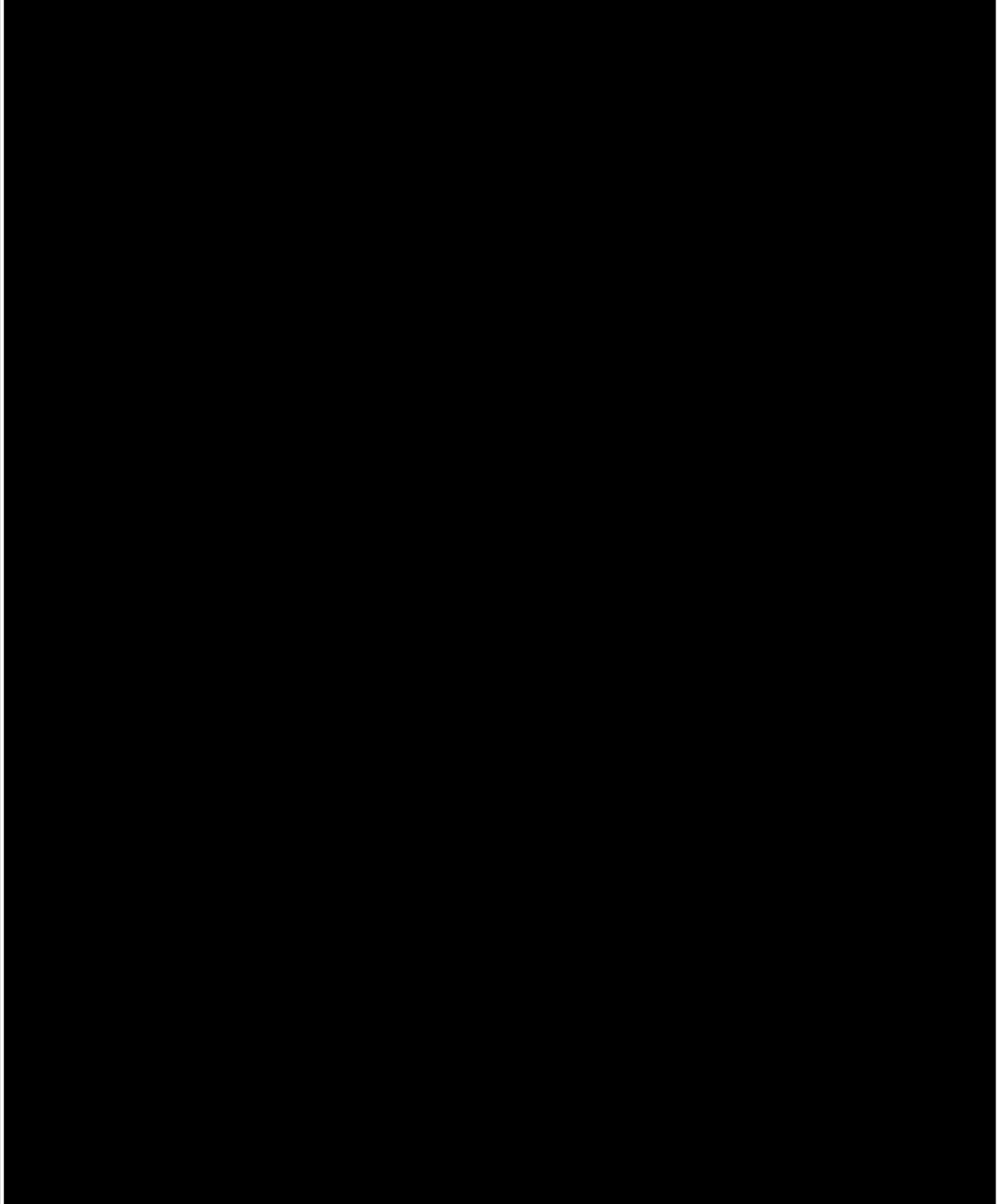
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VI. Investigative Techniques Used to Date Supervised by your District: *(check all that apply)*



General Investigative Techniques

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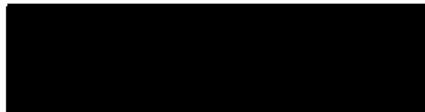
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VII. REQUIRED DATABASE CHECKLIST FOR OCDETF IIF

Name of Agent
Agency
Telephone Number
OCDETF Operation Name
Judicial District



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The Fast and the Furious
District of Arizona

REQUIRED DATABASE CHECKS

DATABASE	DATE REQUESTED	DATE COMPLETED
[REDACTED]		

OPTIONAL DATABASE CHECKS

While not required for OCDETF approval, please provide information, if checks were completed.

DATABASE	DATE COMPLETED
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VIII. SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION (SOD) WORKSHEET

Date Prepared: (MM/DD/YYYY)

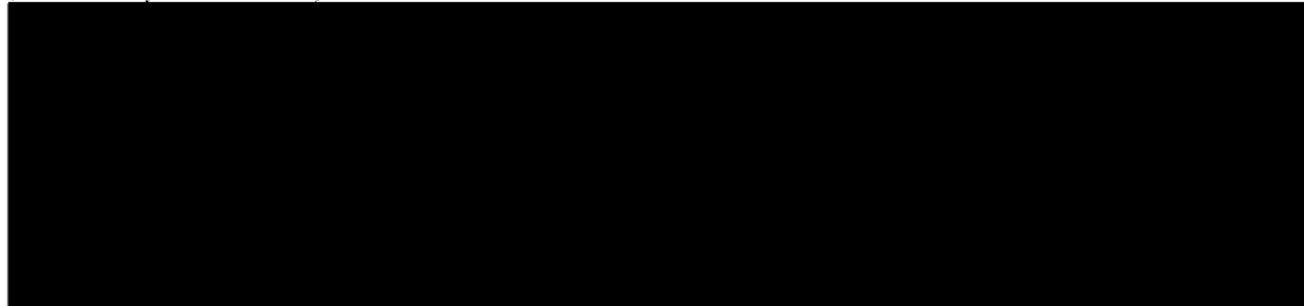


(If Yes, answer the following)



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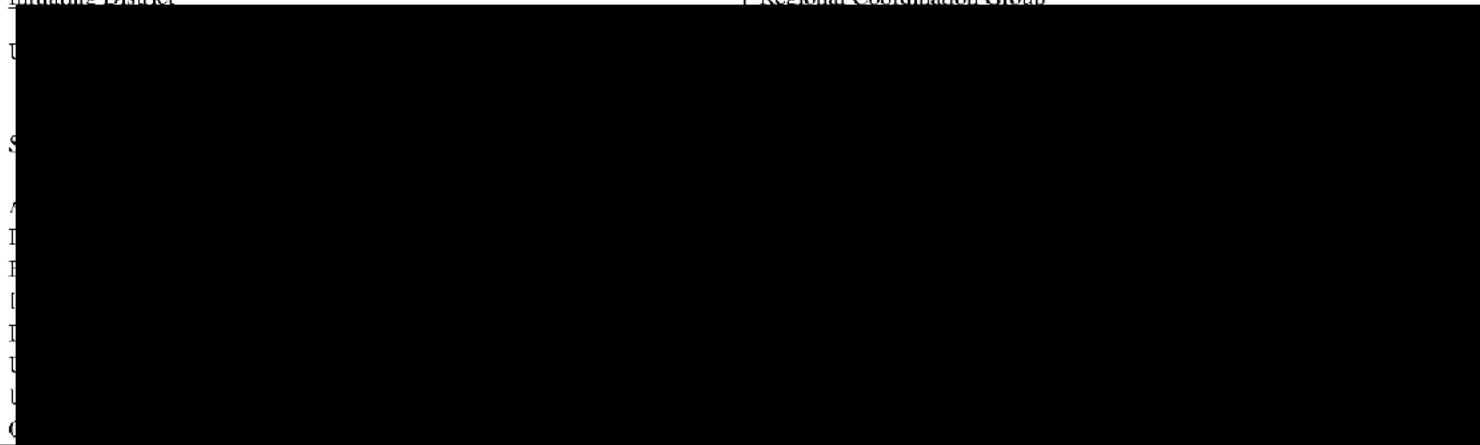
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X. Approvals

Initiating District

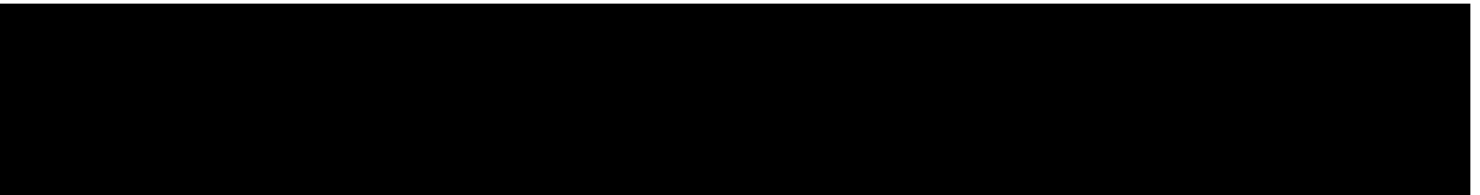
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If an agency disagrees with this proposal, which has been approved by majority vote, please indicate below and attach a dissenting statement.

Dissenting Agency: _____

To be completed by the Regional Coordination Group:



OCDETF Executive Office
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Initials ___ Date ____

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From: Chait, Mark R.
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 11:40 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Additional Document Requests from Matt Axelrod:

Please have a copy of all of Matts request for me next week as well. Thx

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] E.; Needles, James R.
Cc: McMahon, William G.; Chait, Mark R.; Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.
Sent: Mon Mar 21 10:29:55 2011
Subject: Additional Document Requests from Matt Axelrod:

All:

Matt spent the weekend reading the first 370 ROIs. He has requested the following additional documents as a result of that review:

DP

Repeat request from last week:

DP

Thanks in advance,

[REDACTED]

Acting Chief of Staff
Office of the Director

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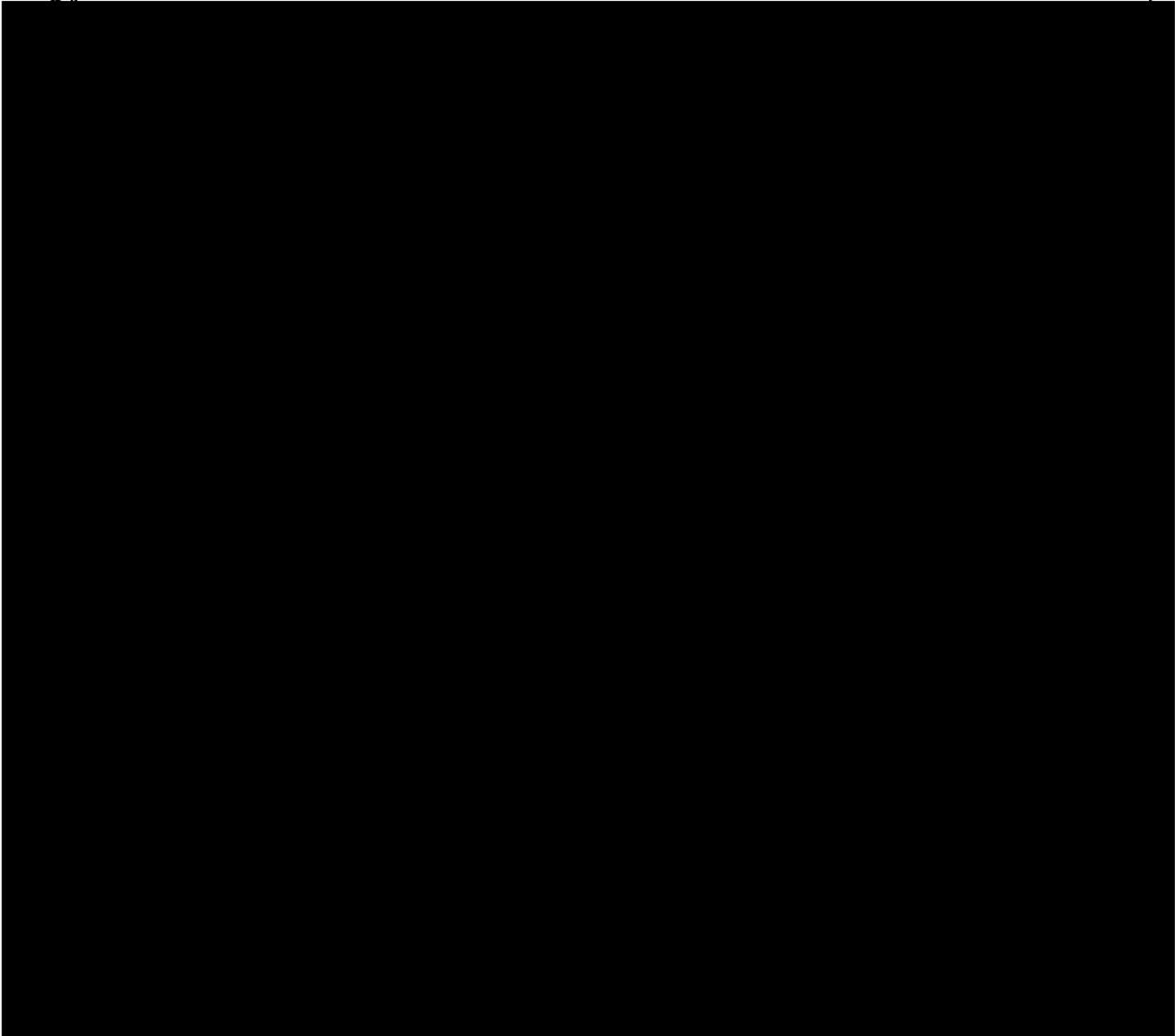
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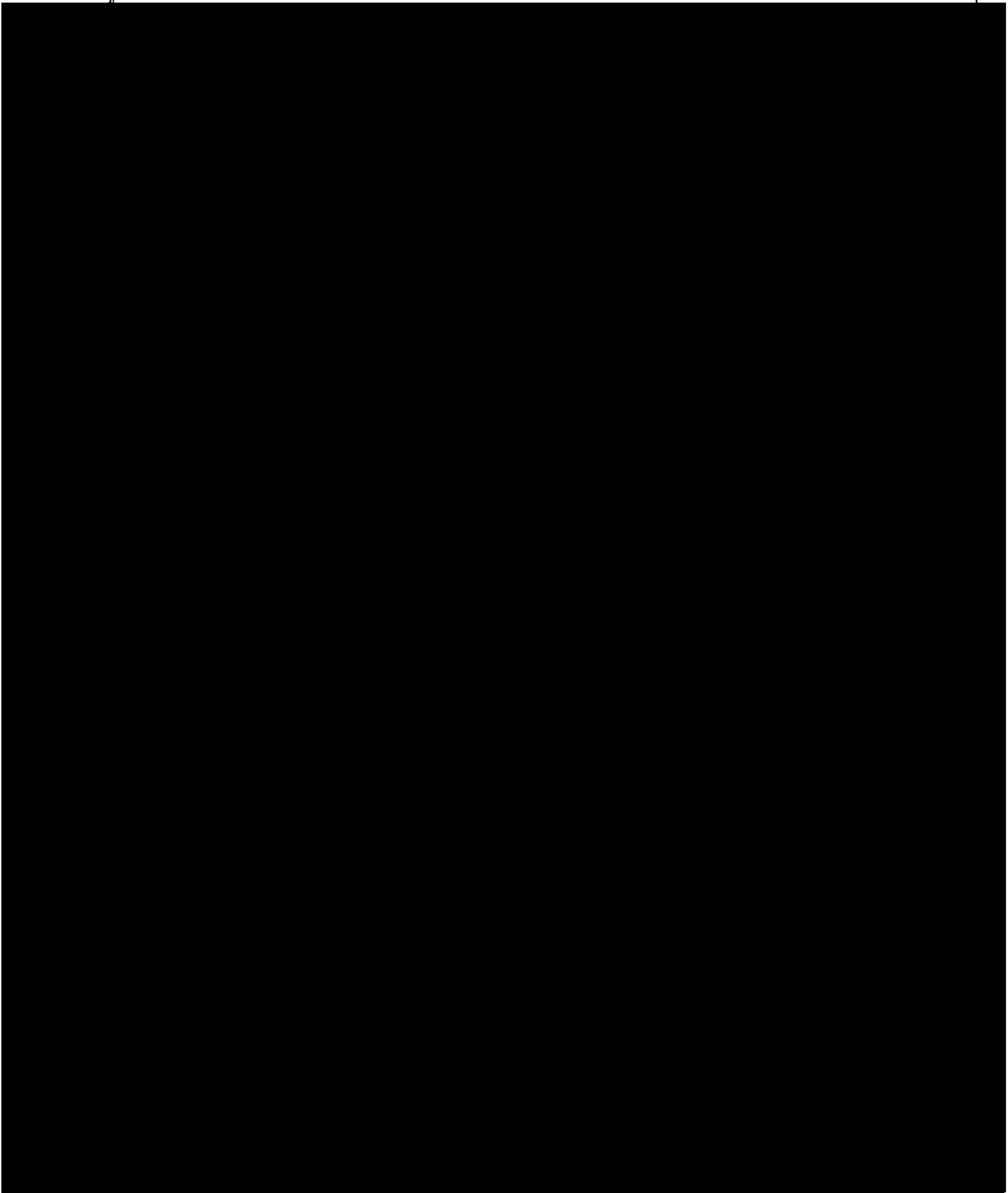
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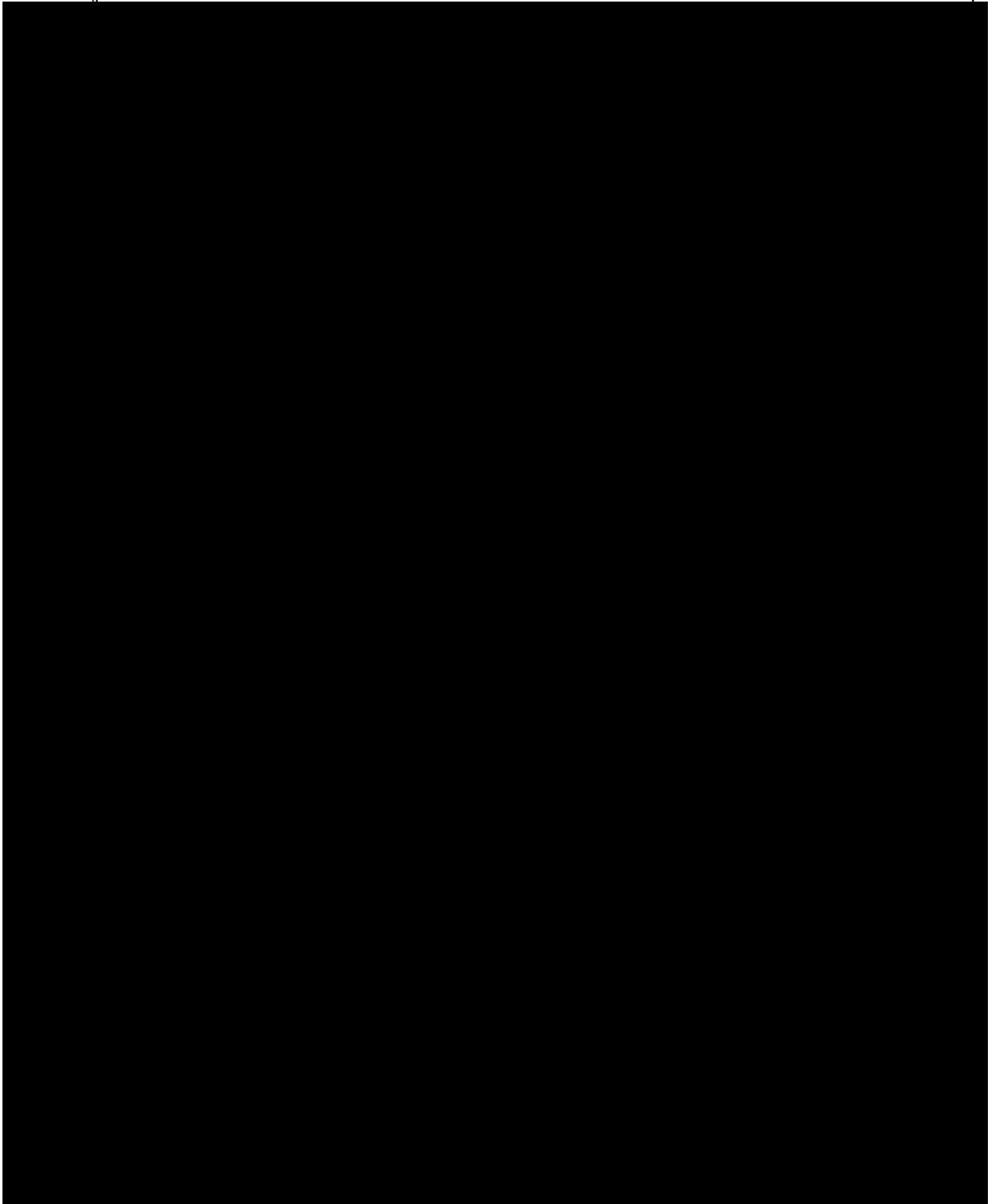
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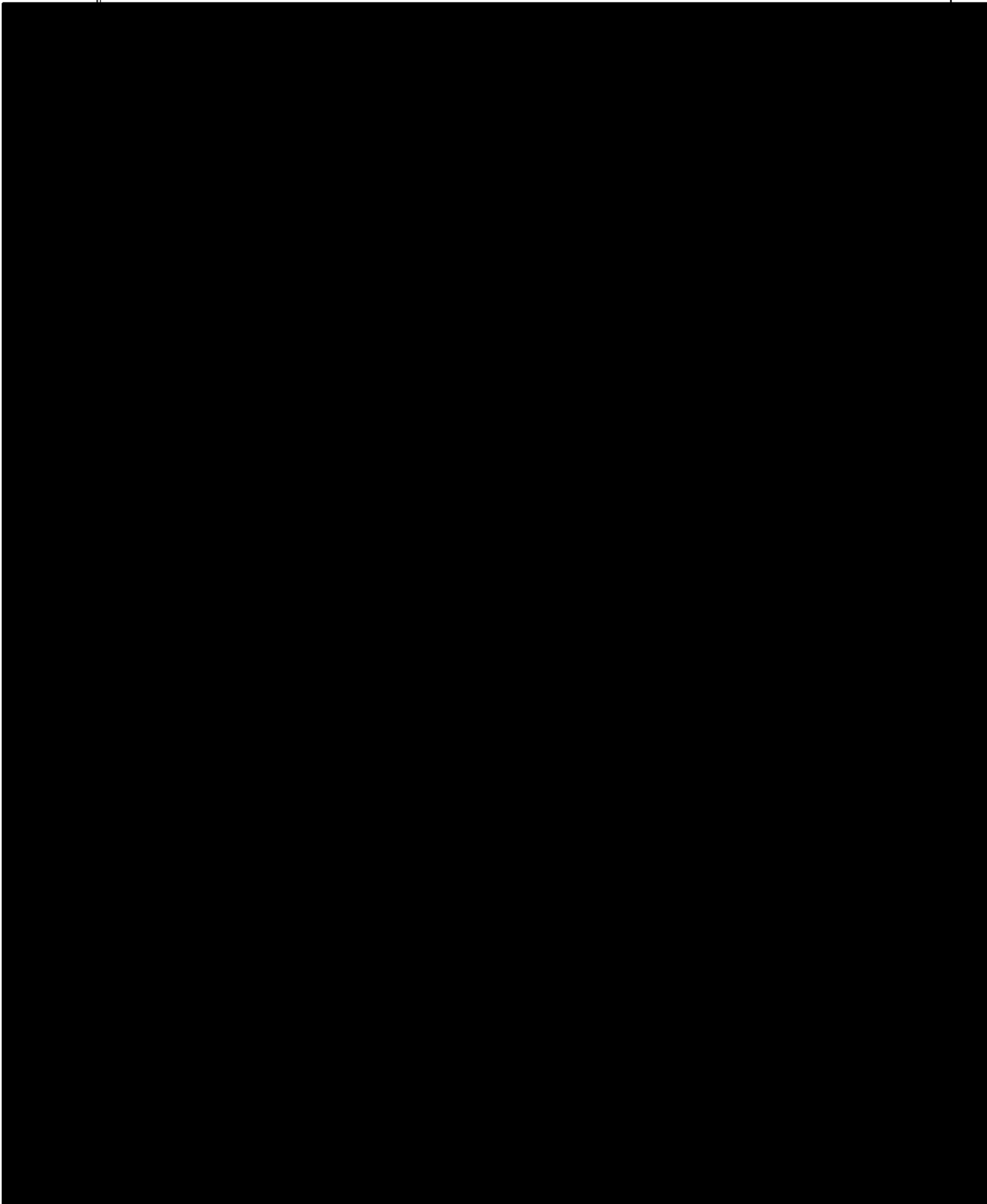
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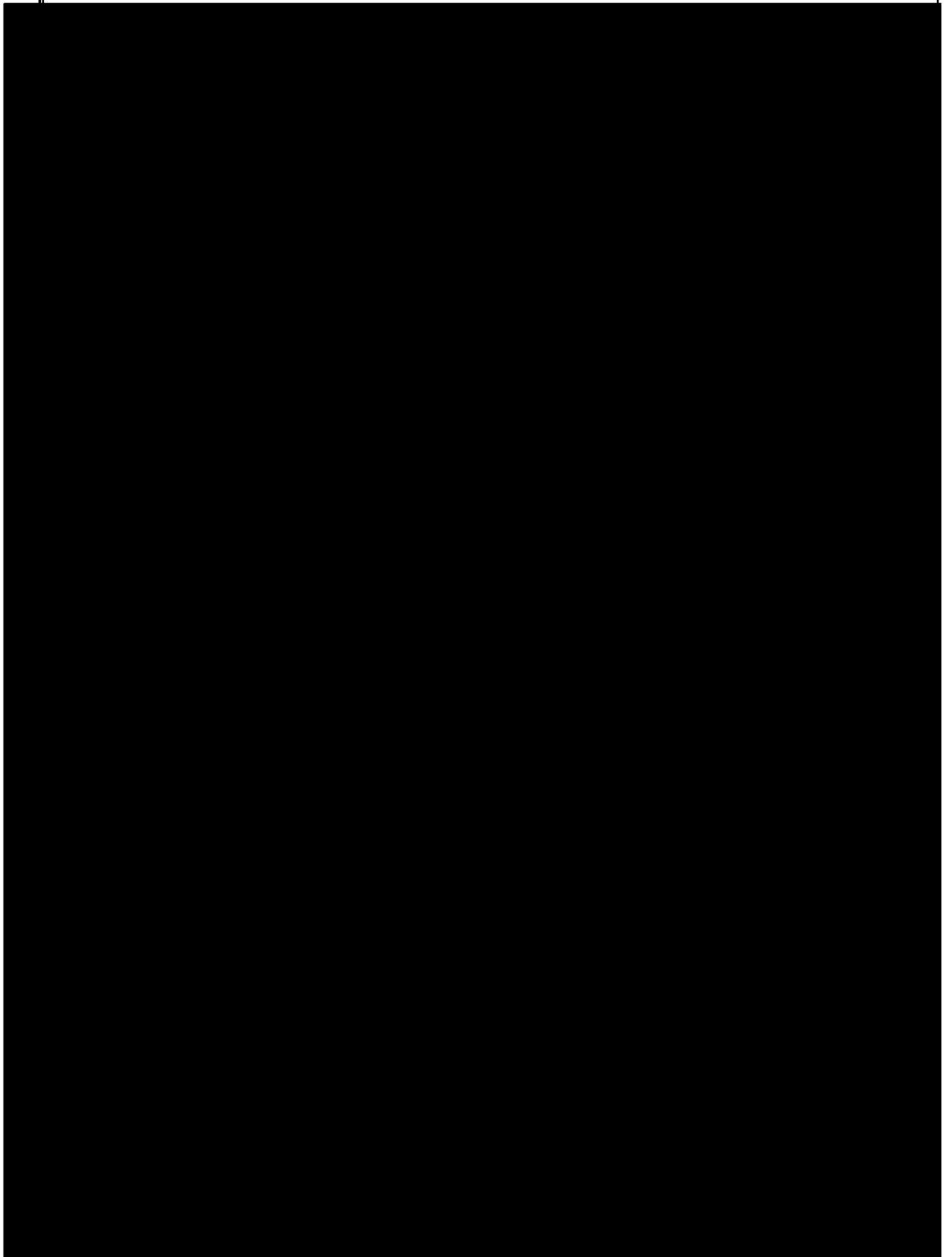
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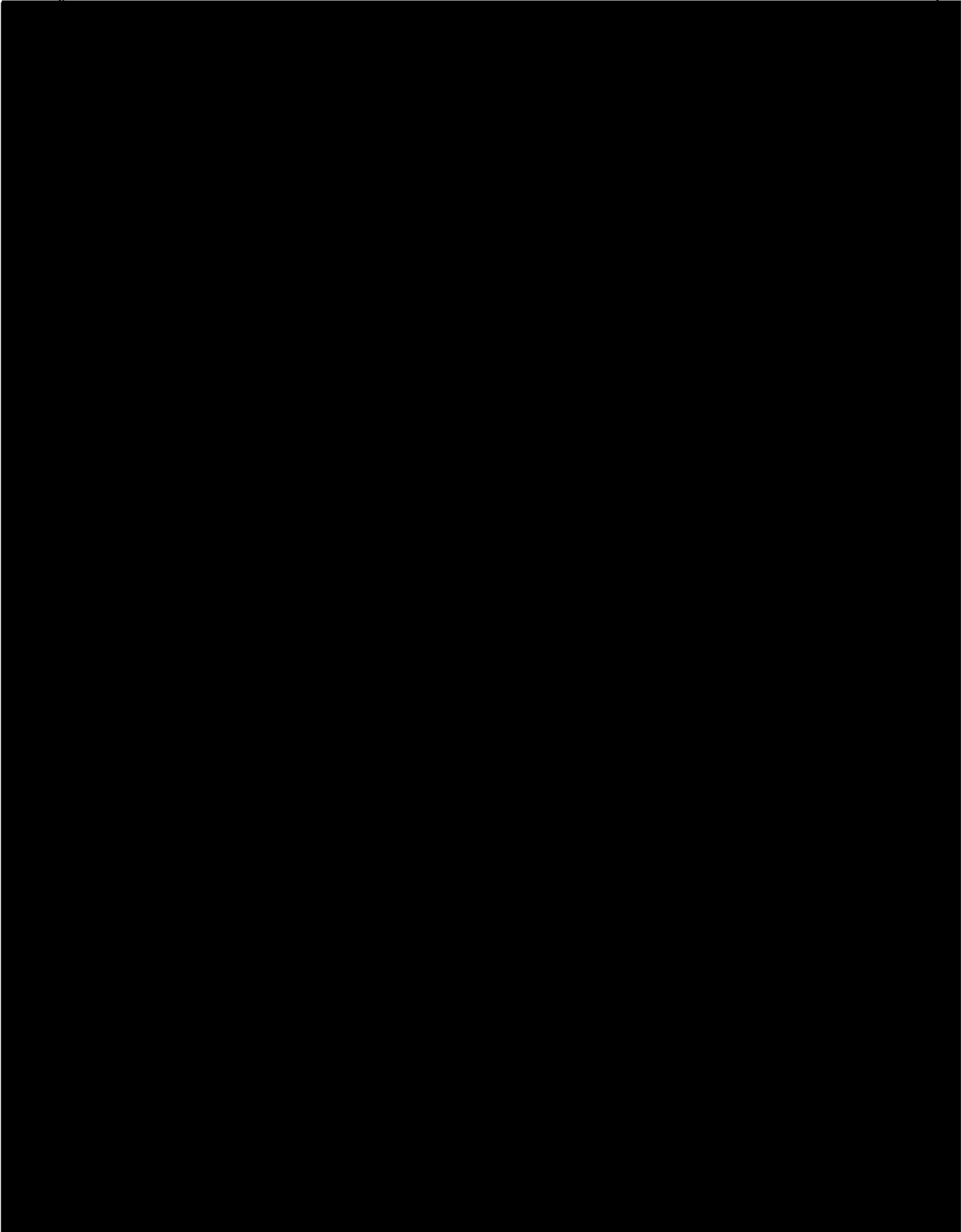


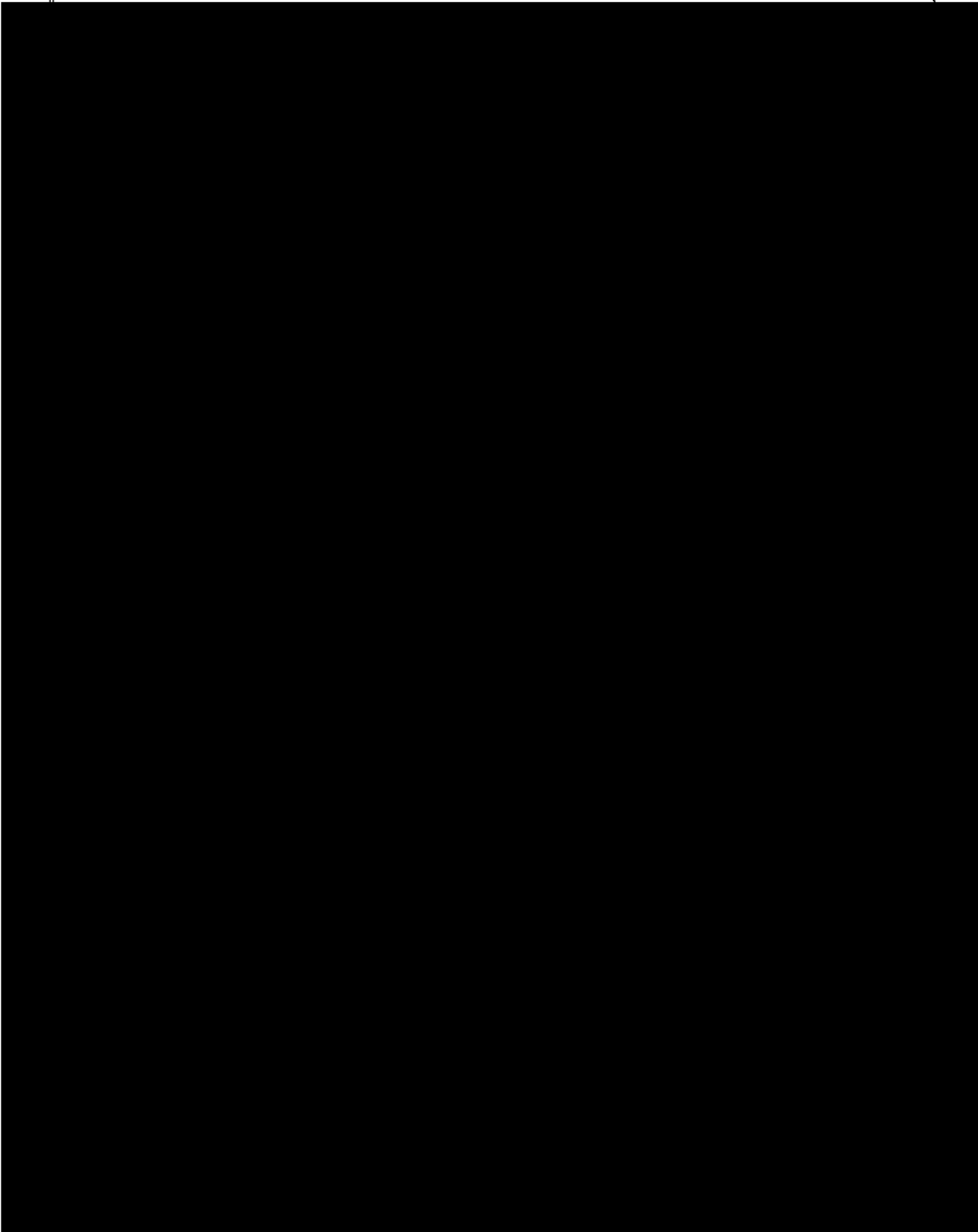


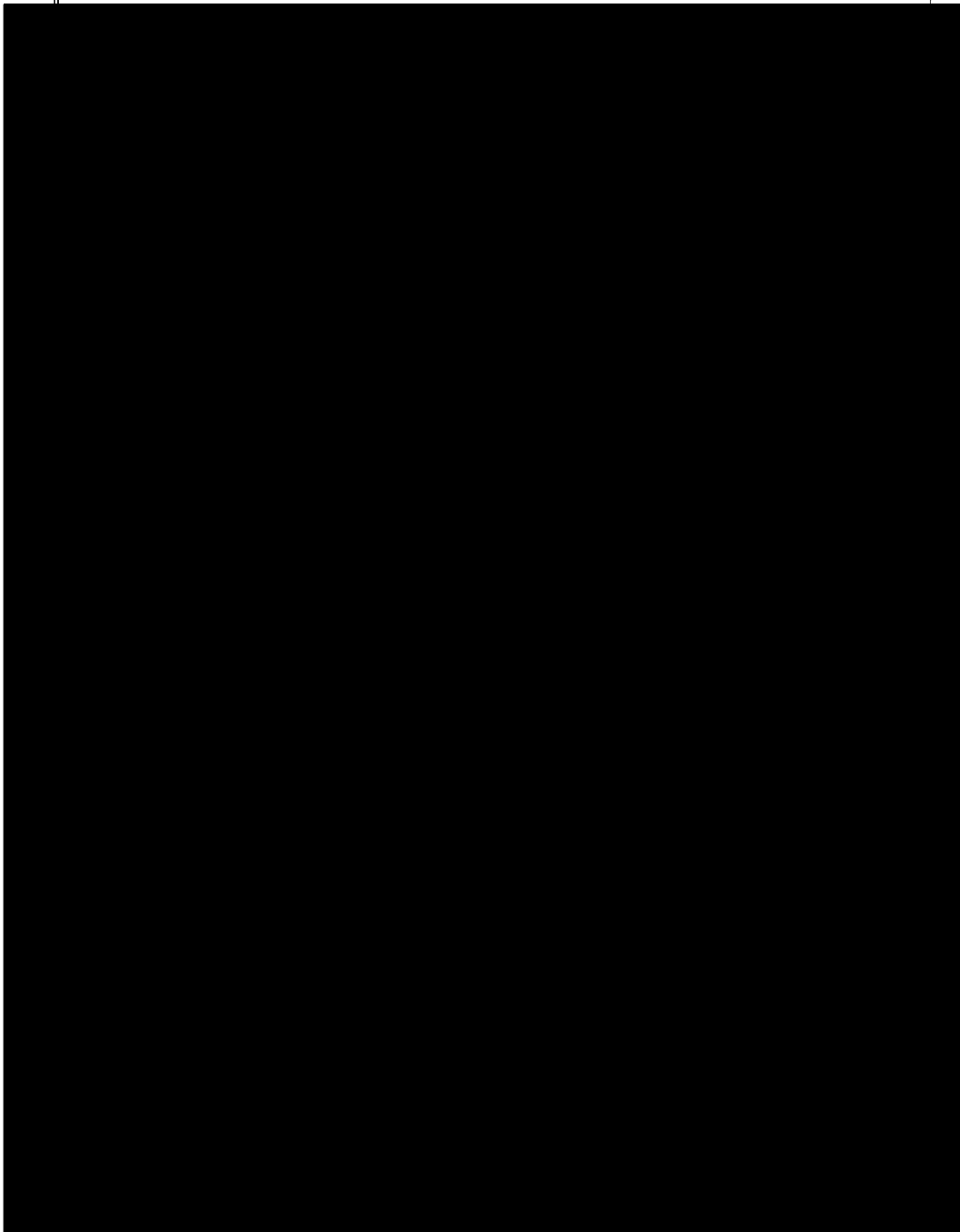


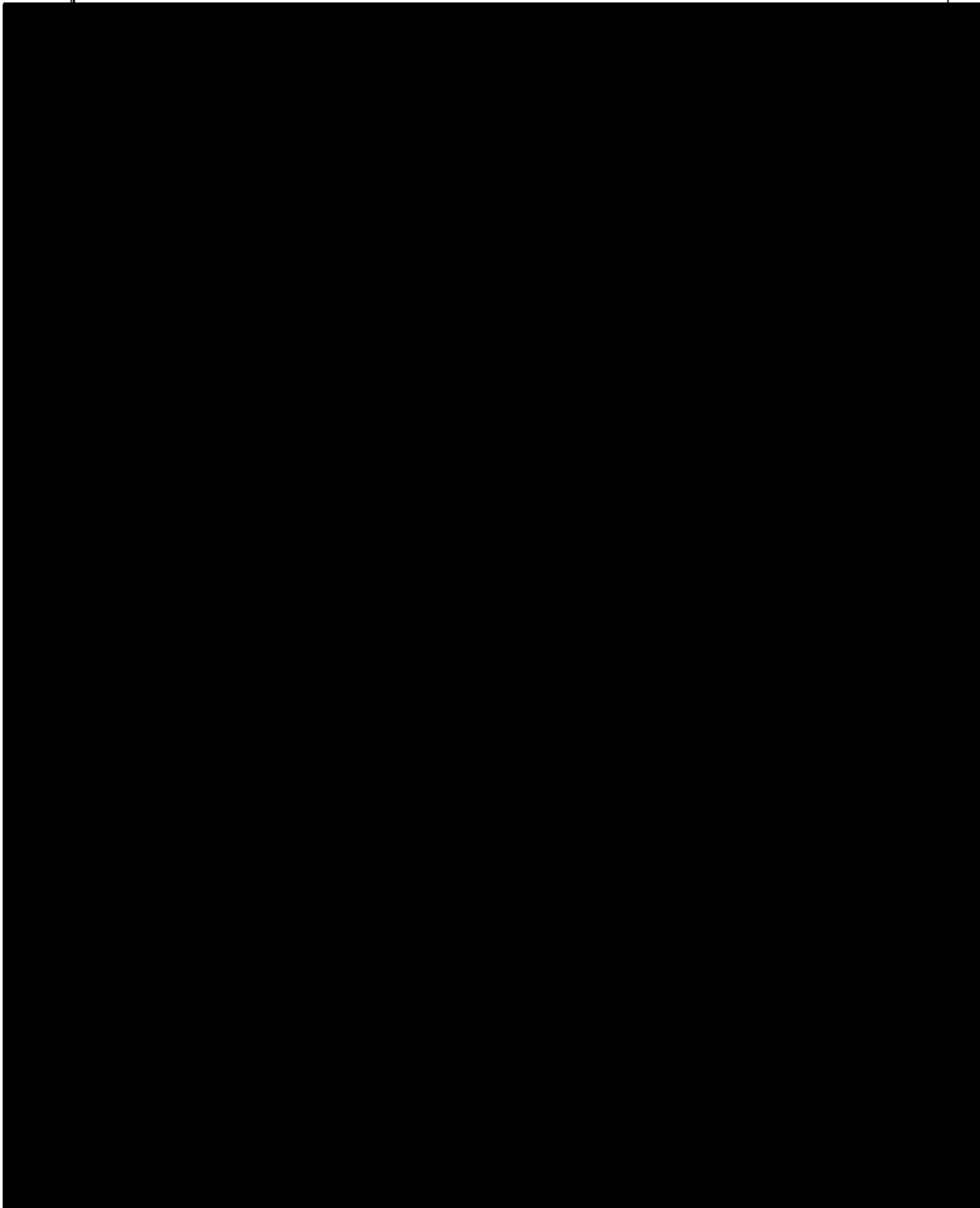


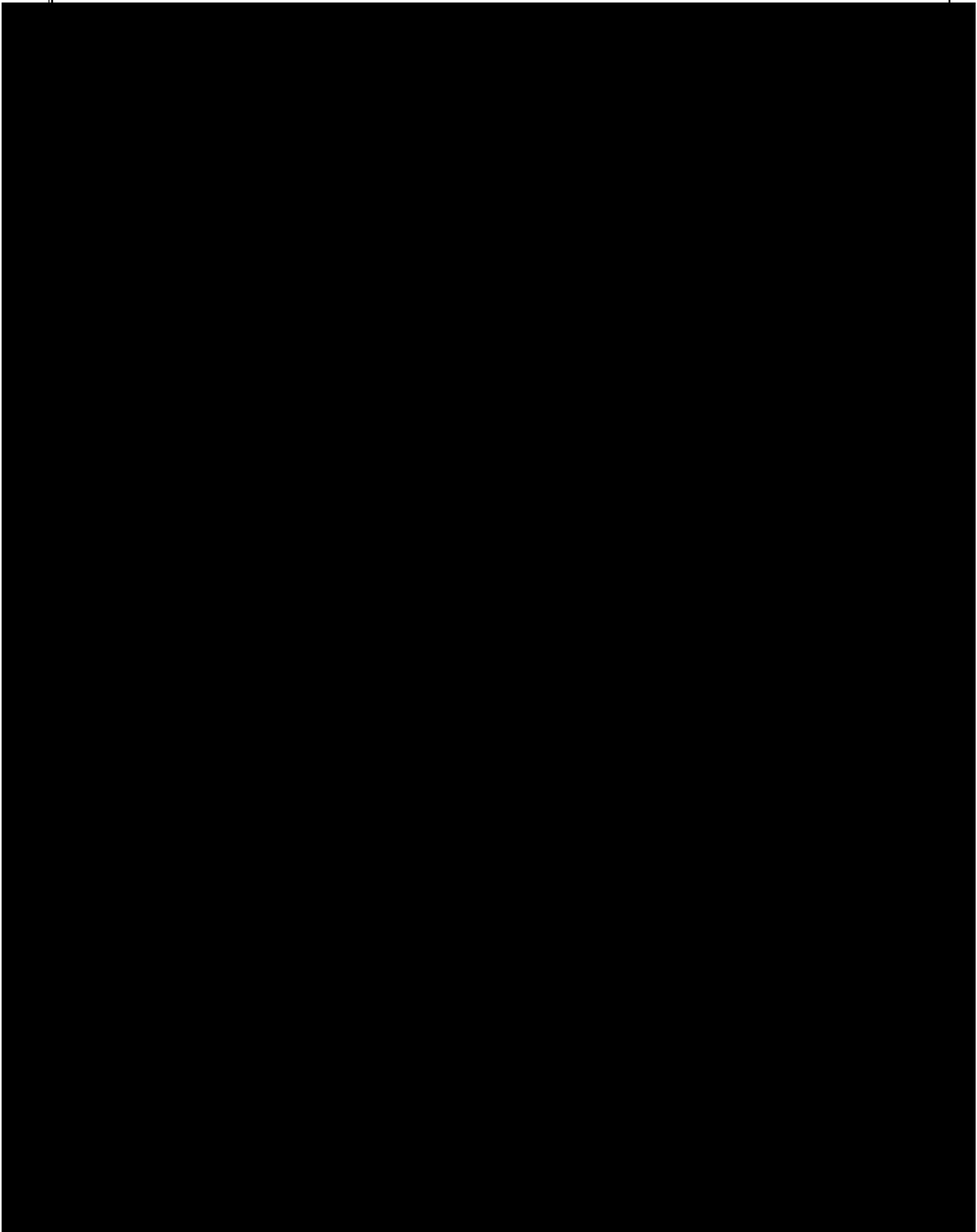


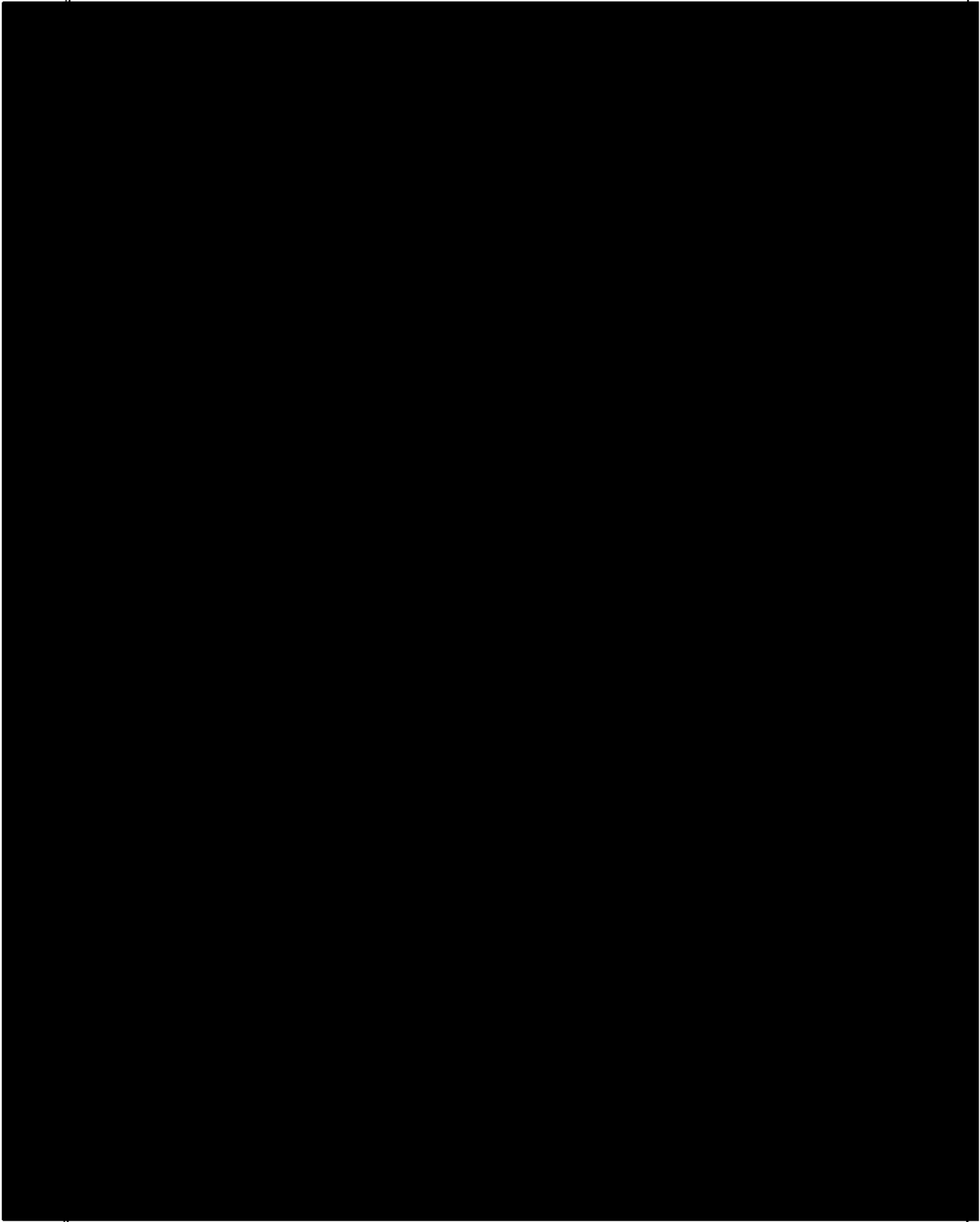


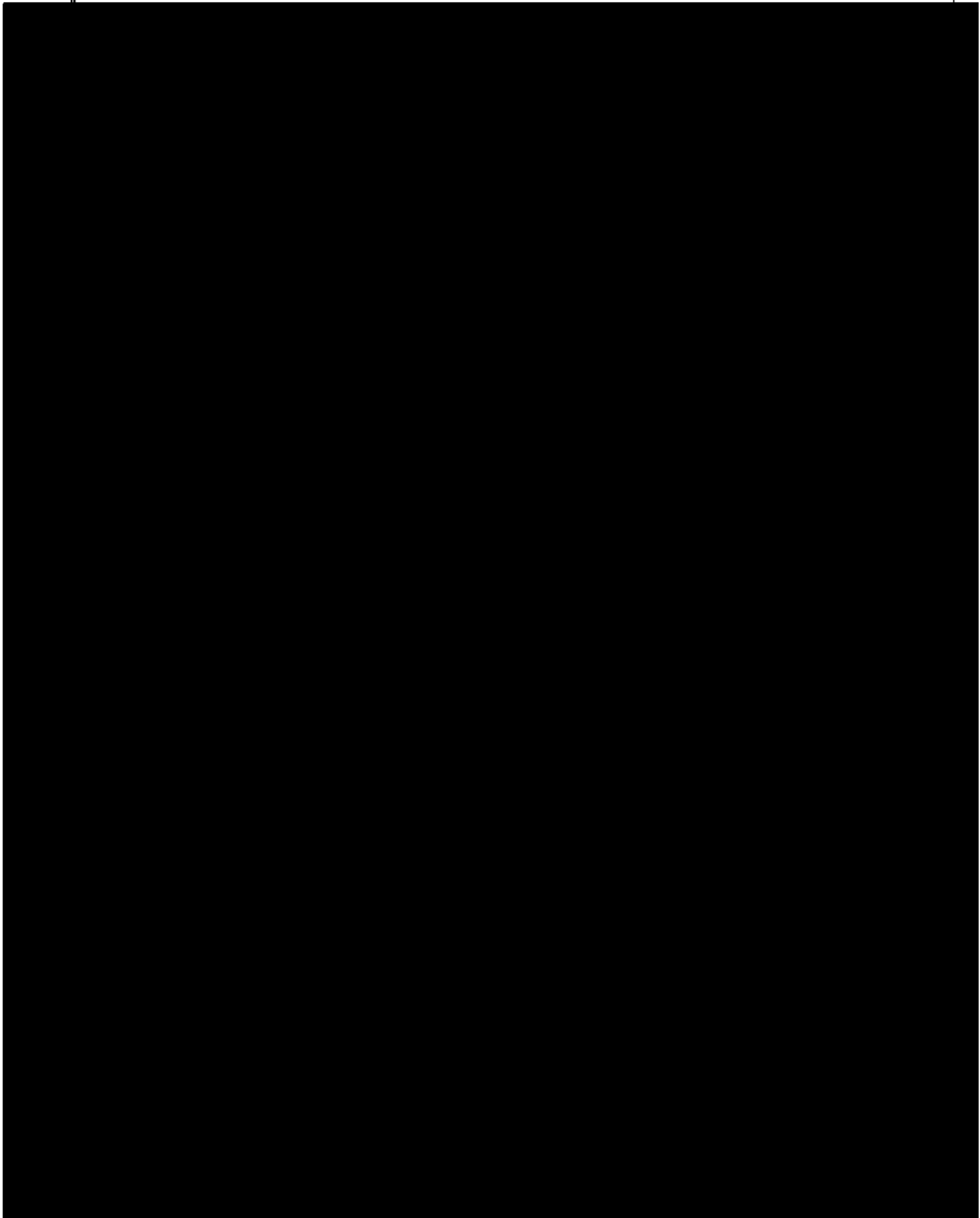


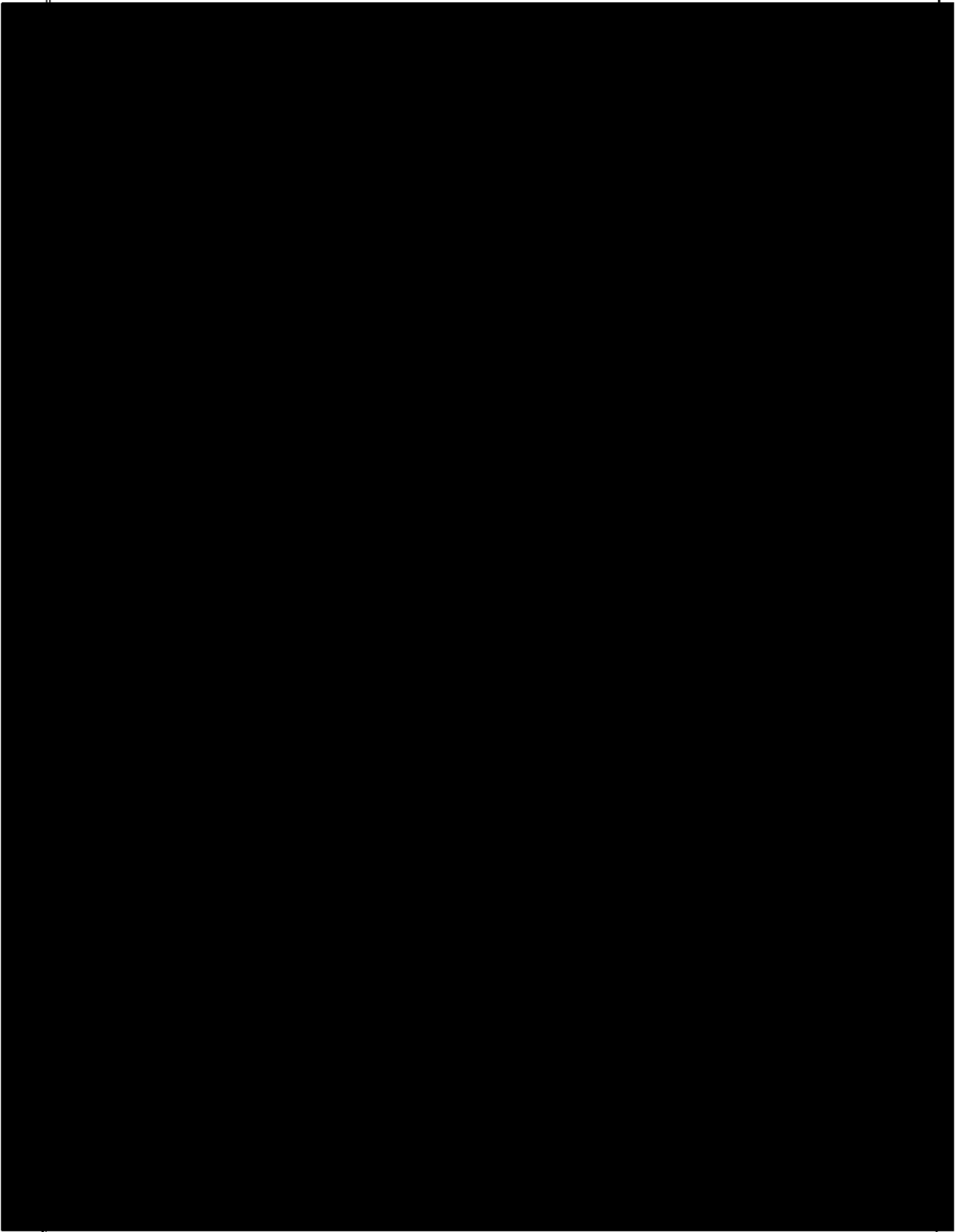


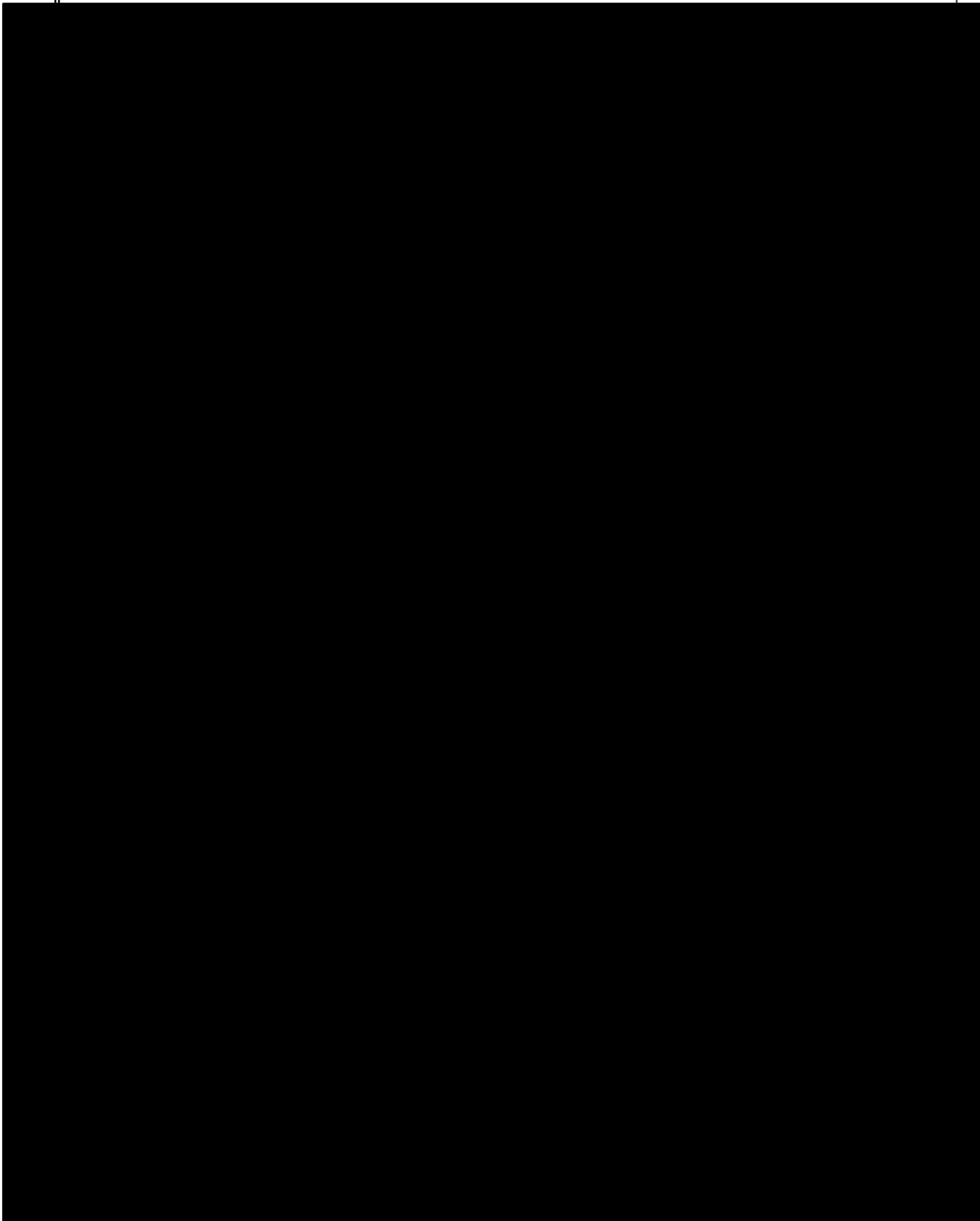


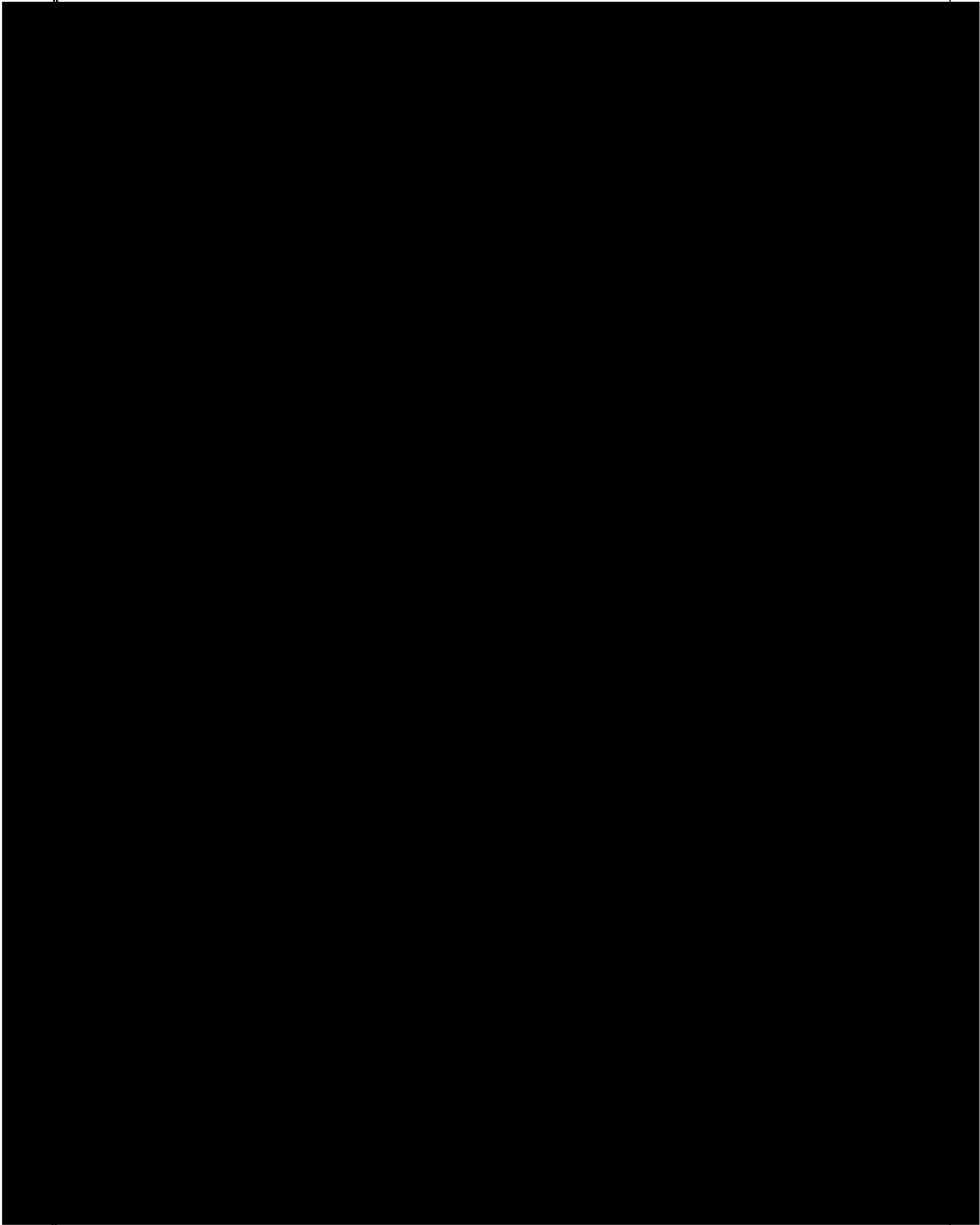


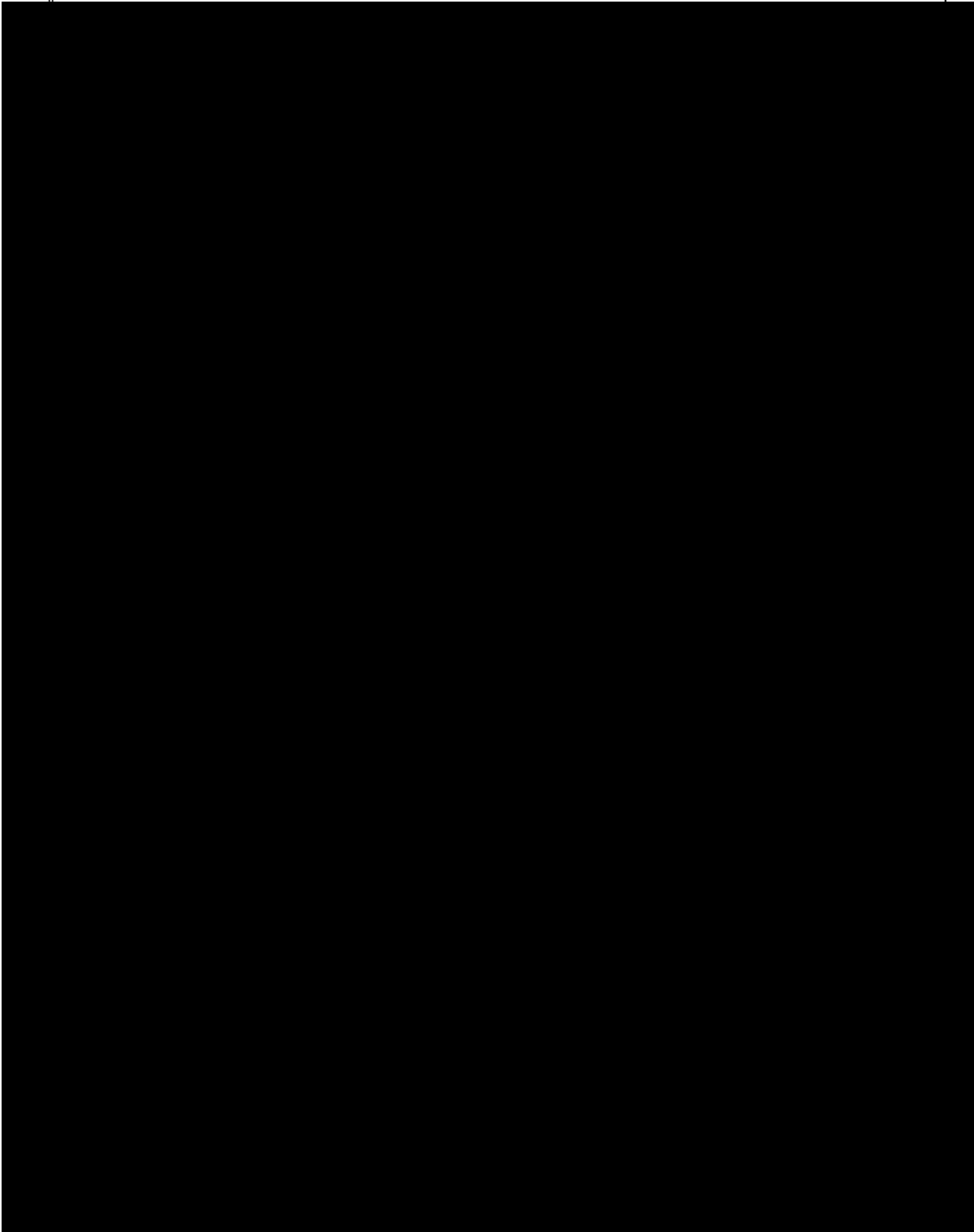


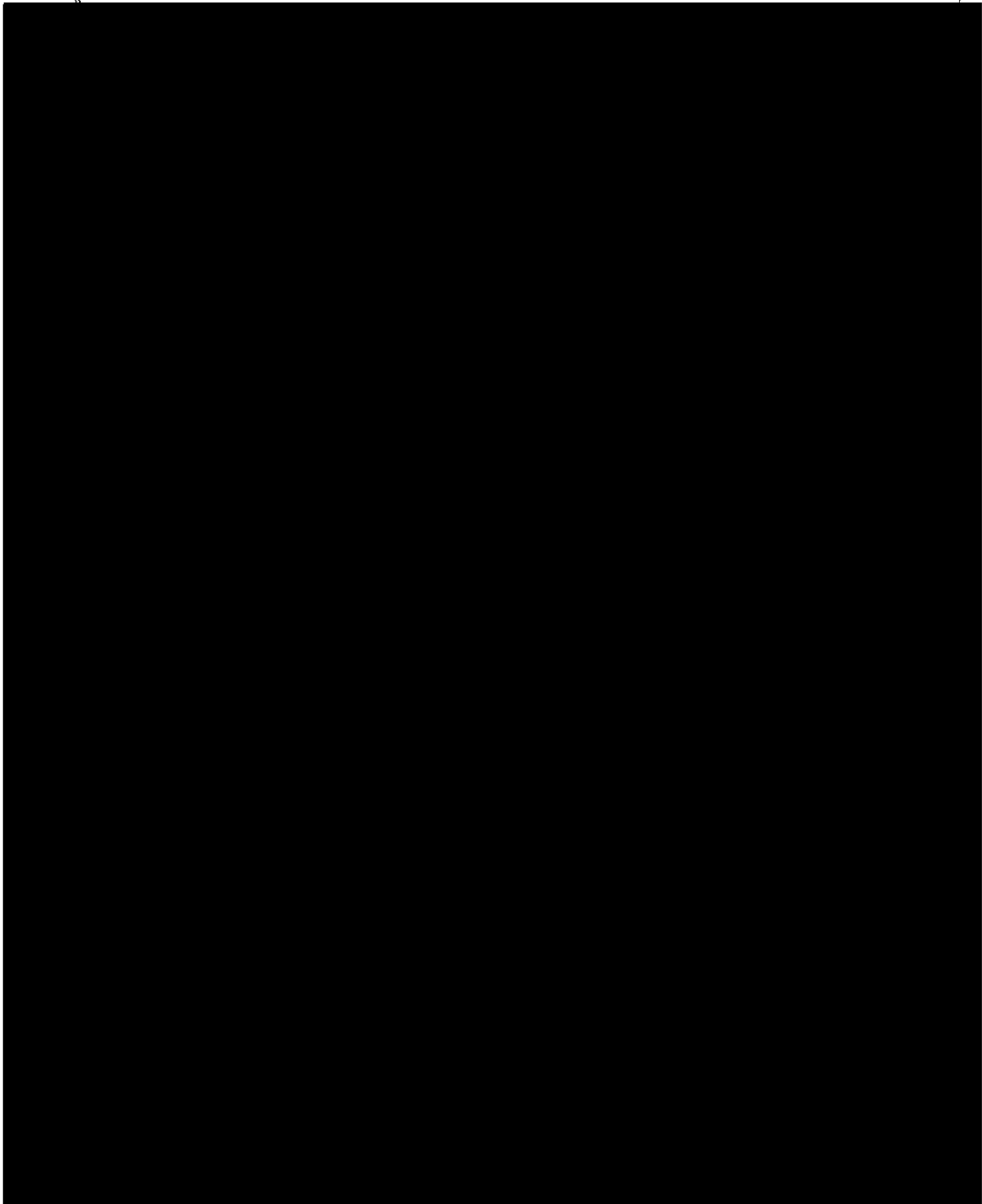


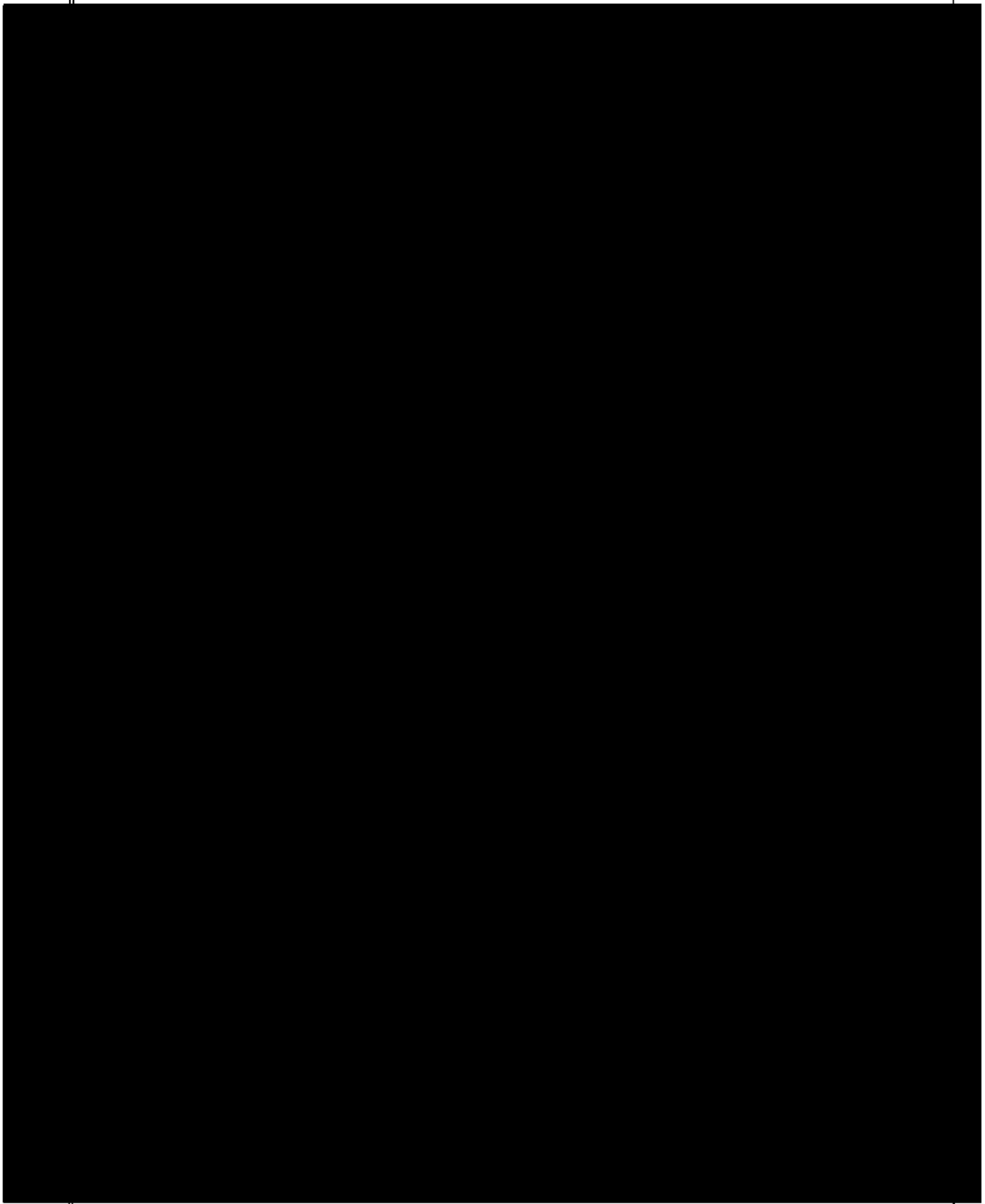


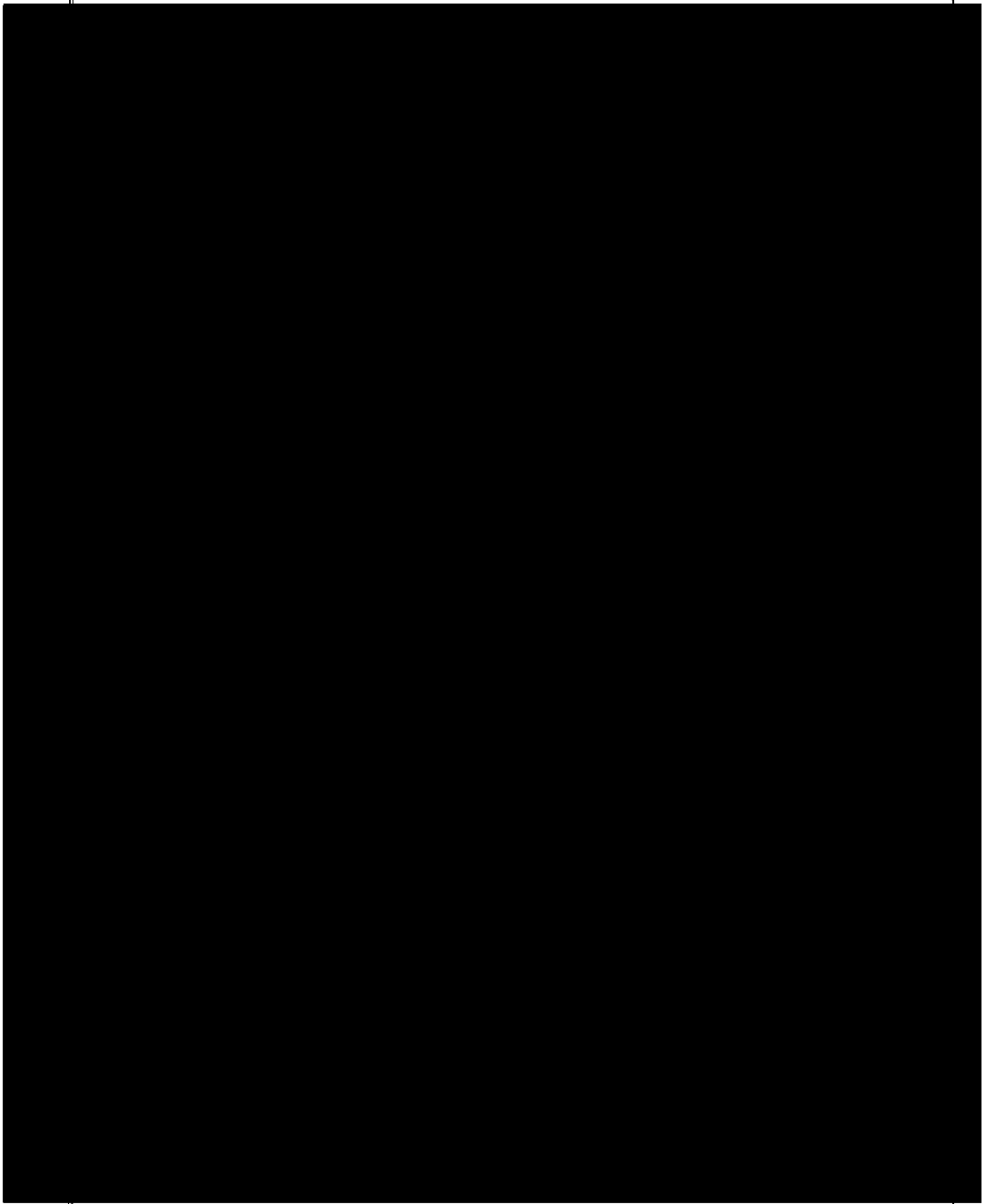


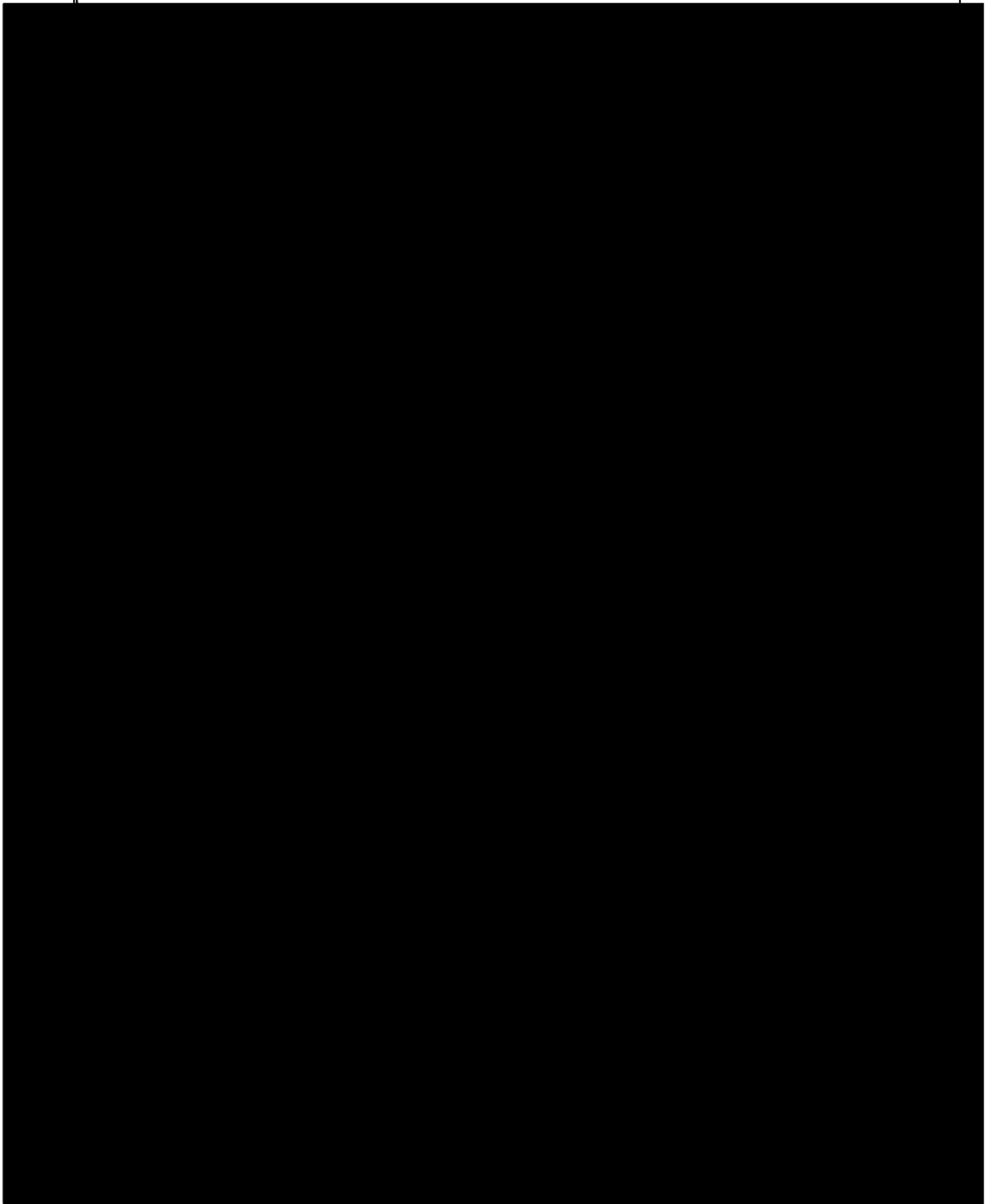


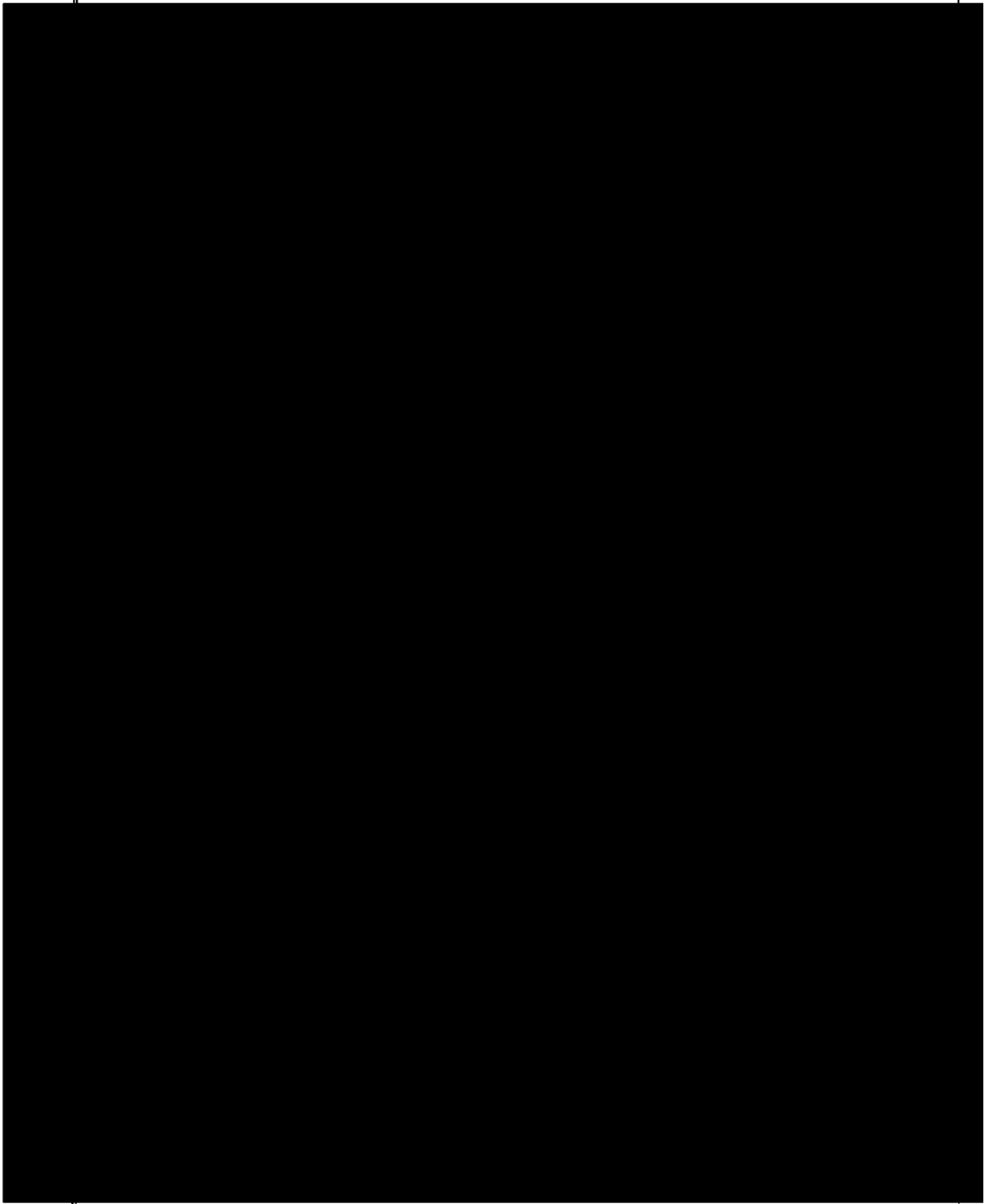


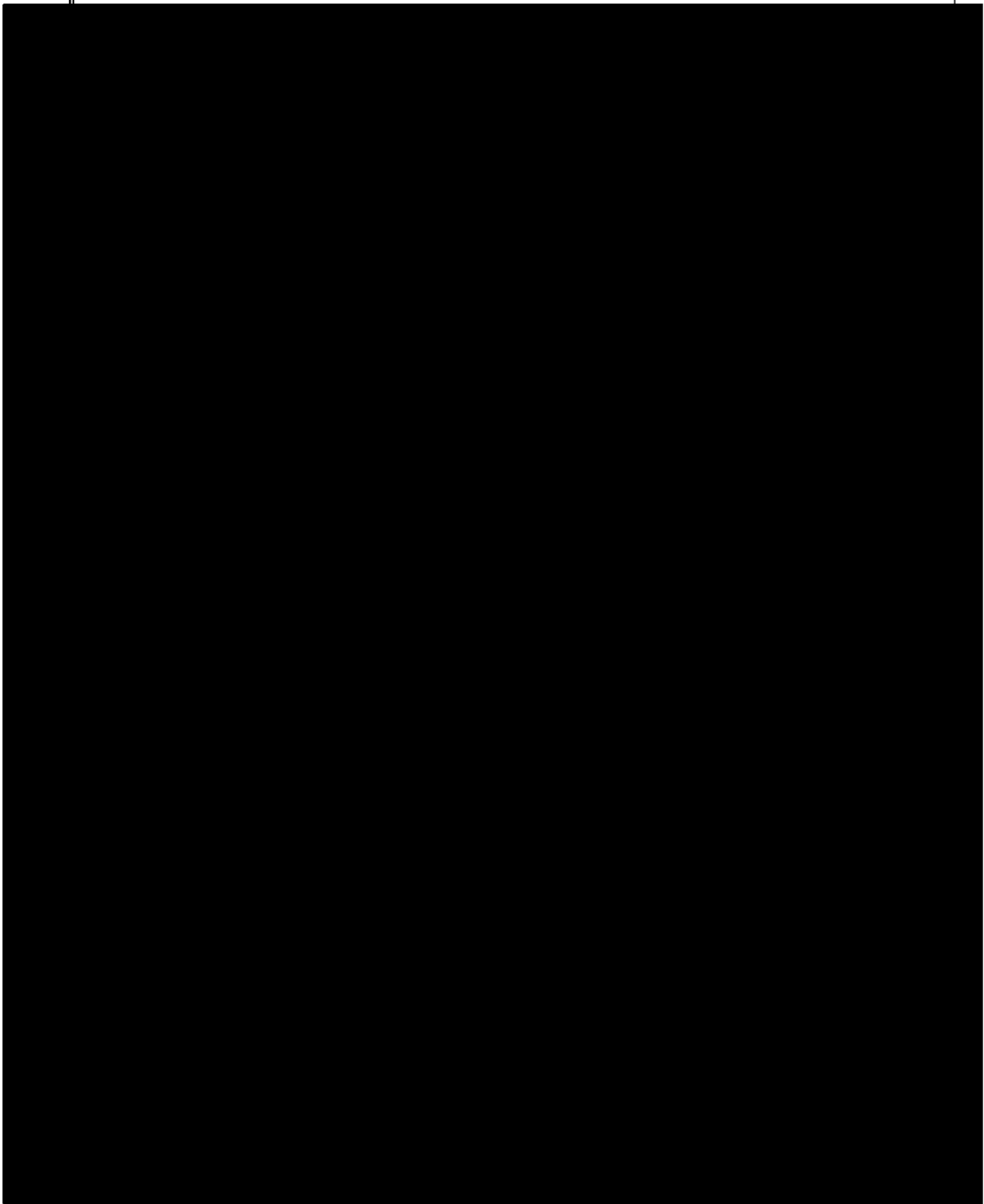


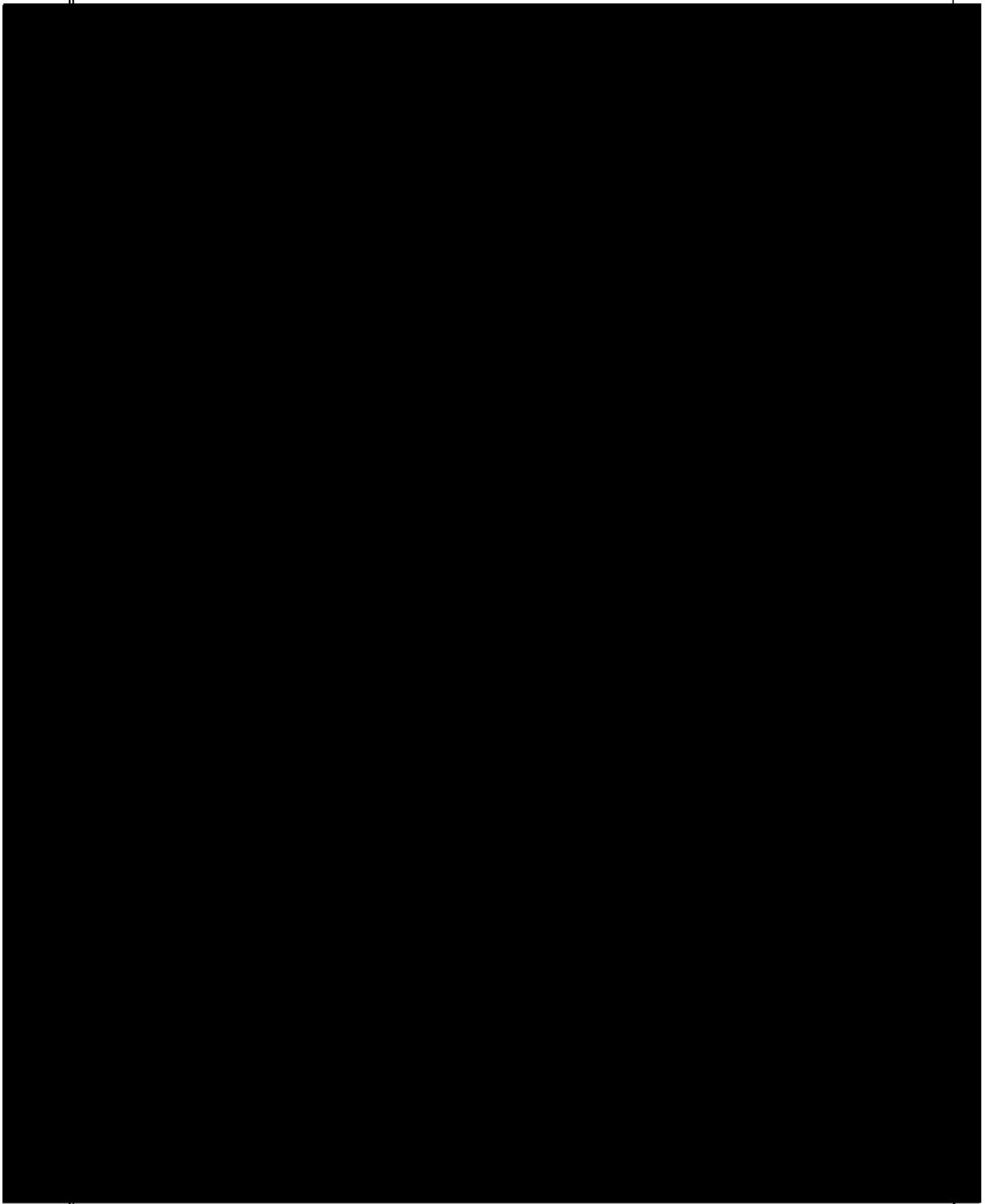


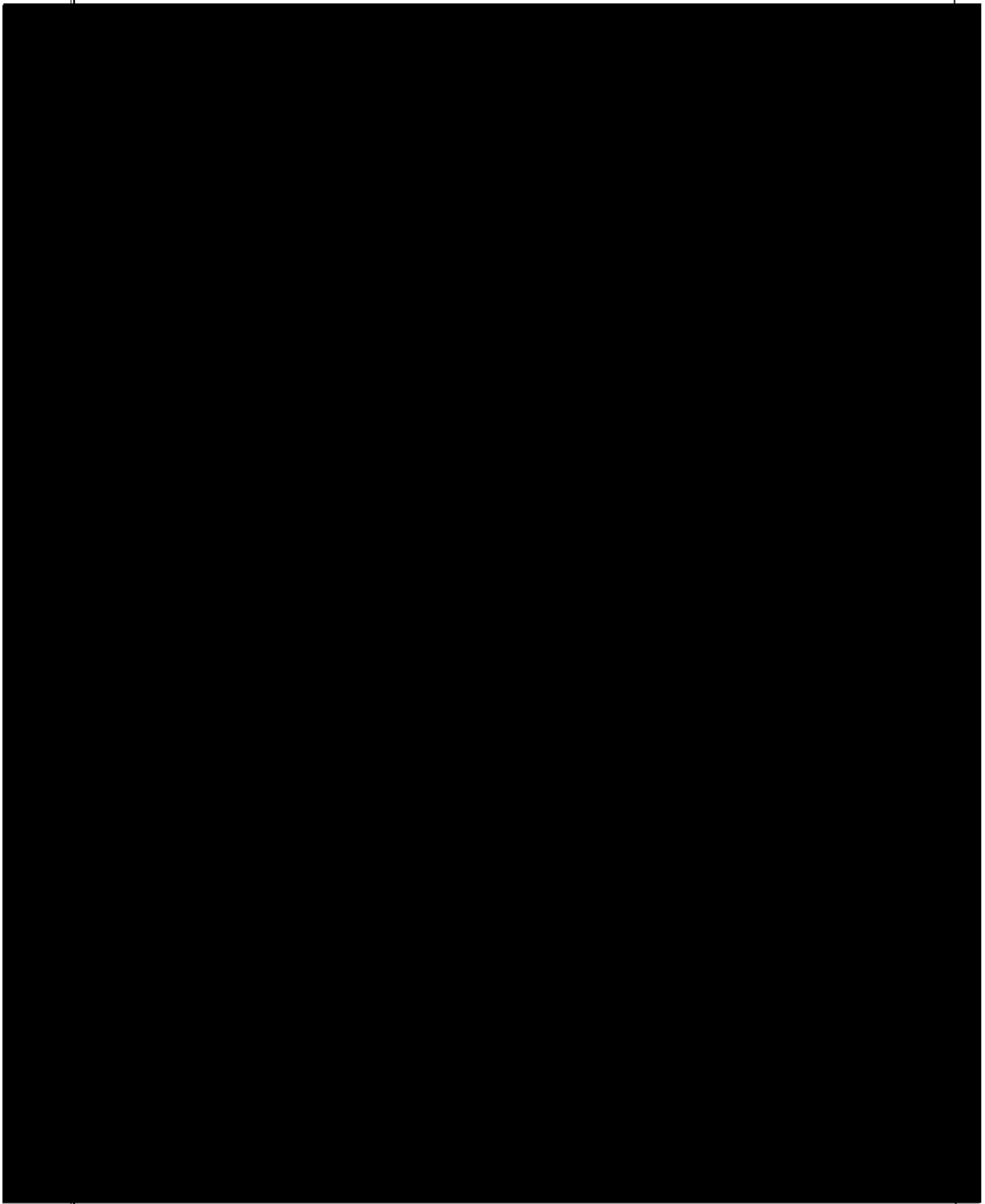


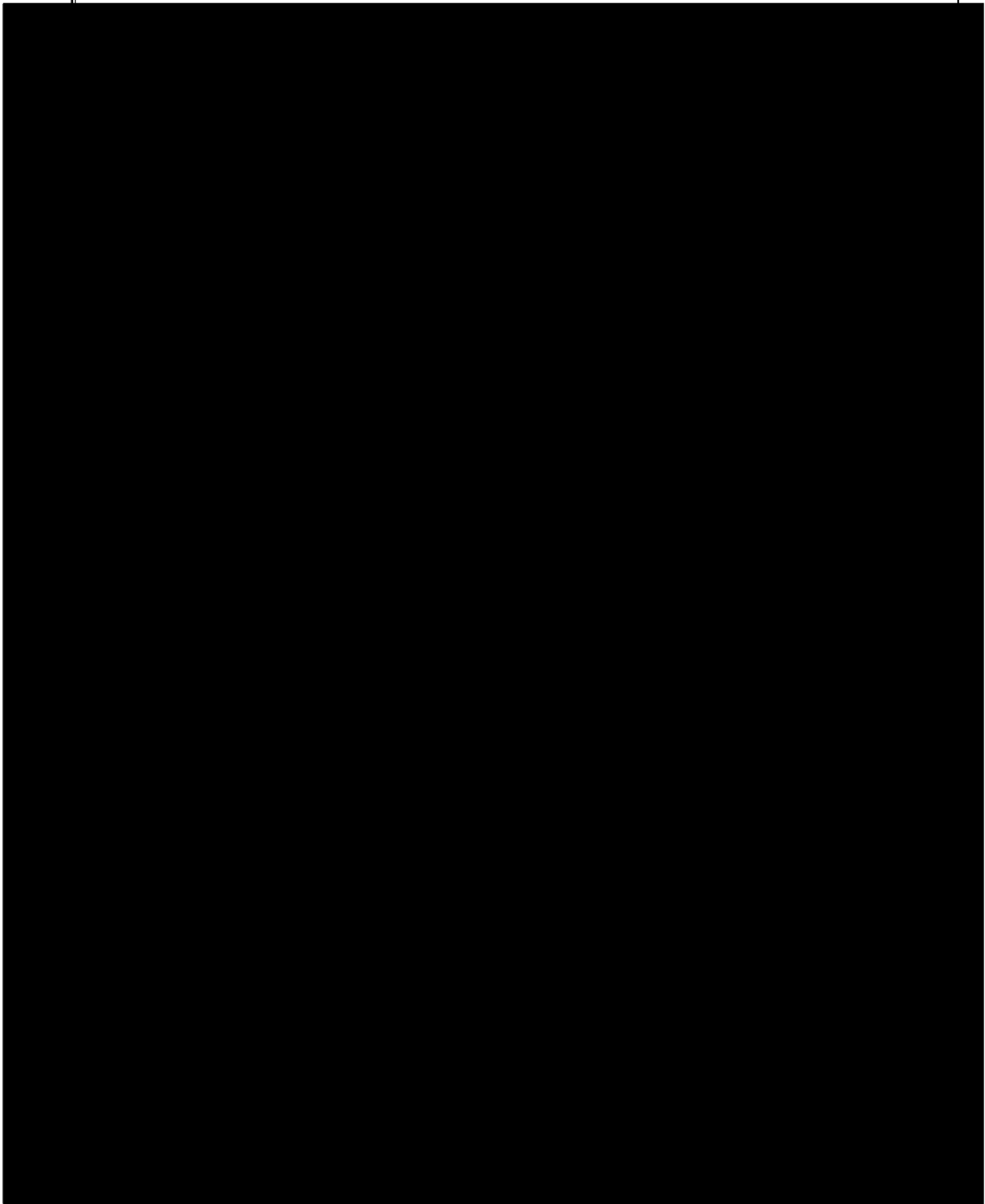


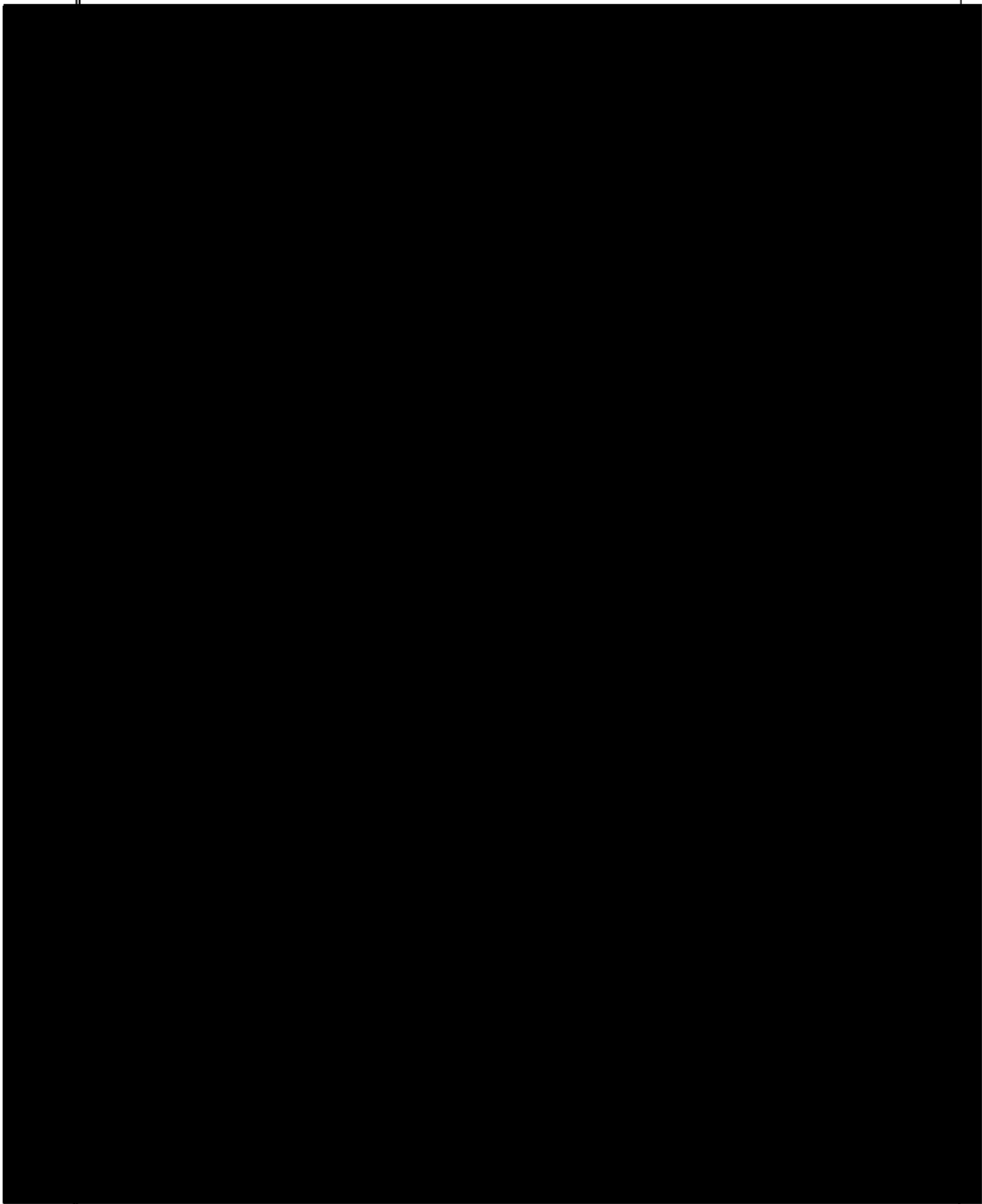


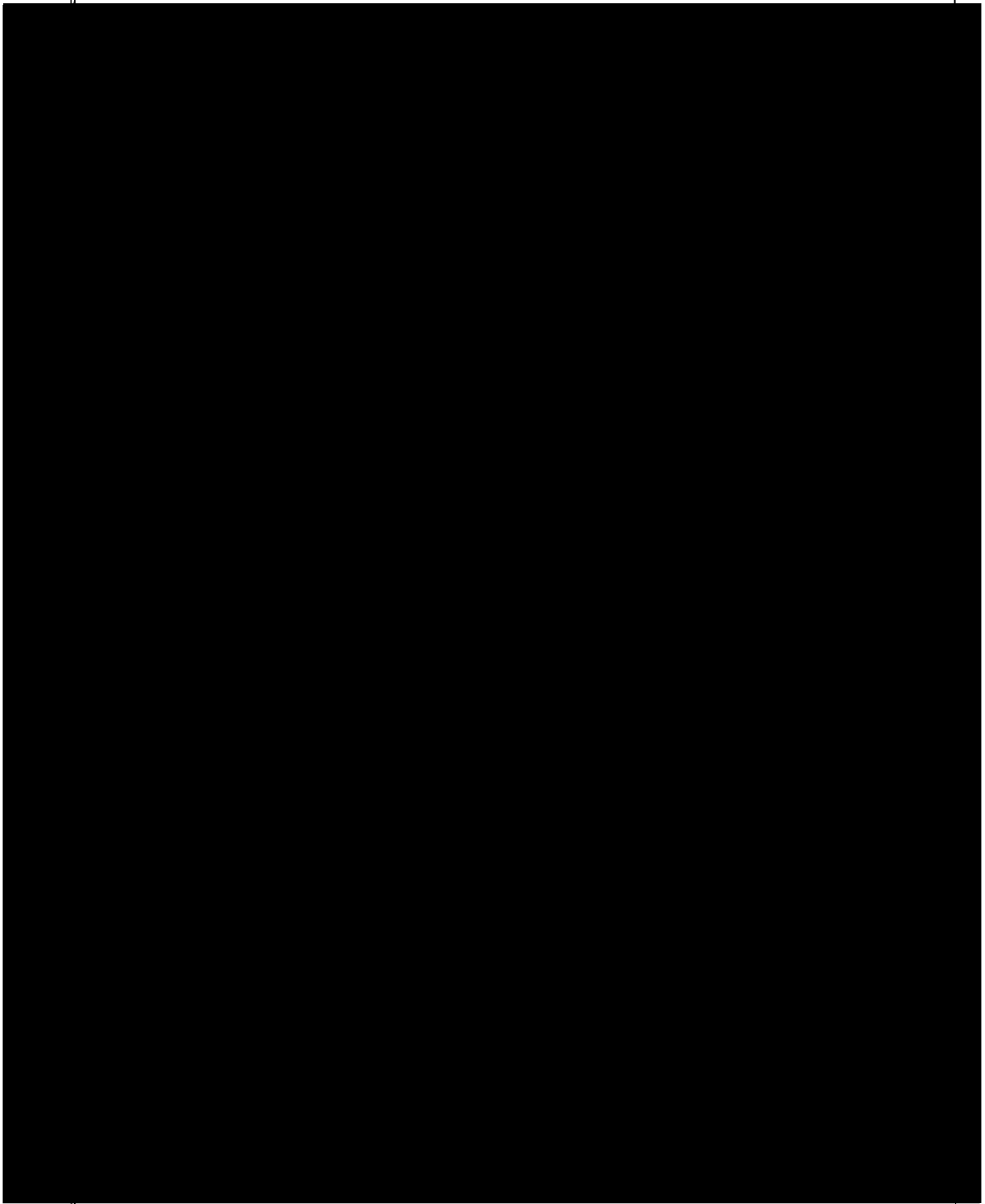


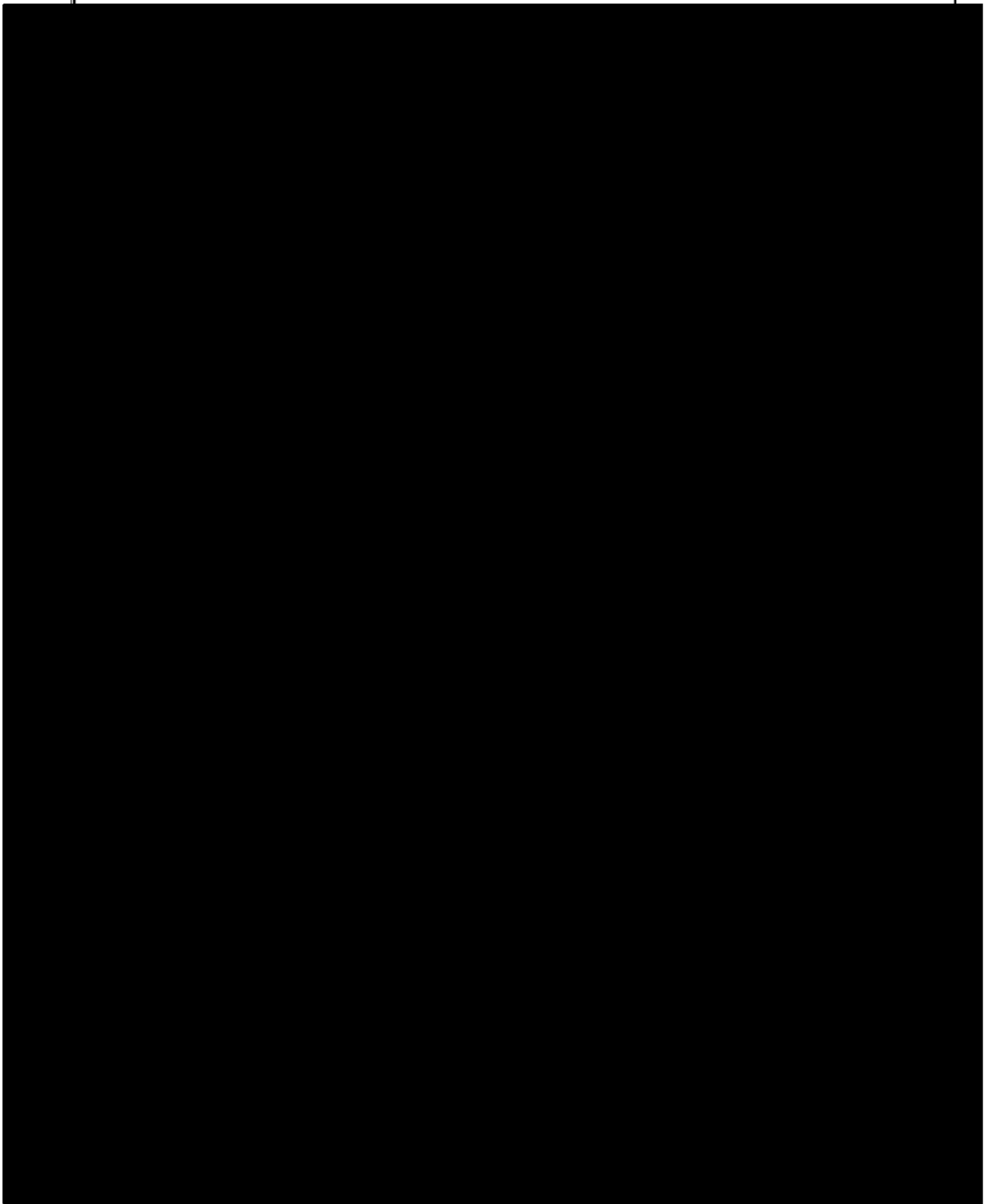


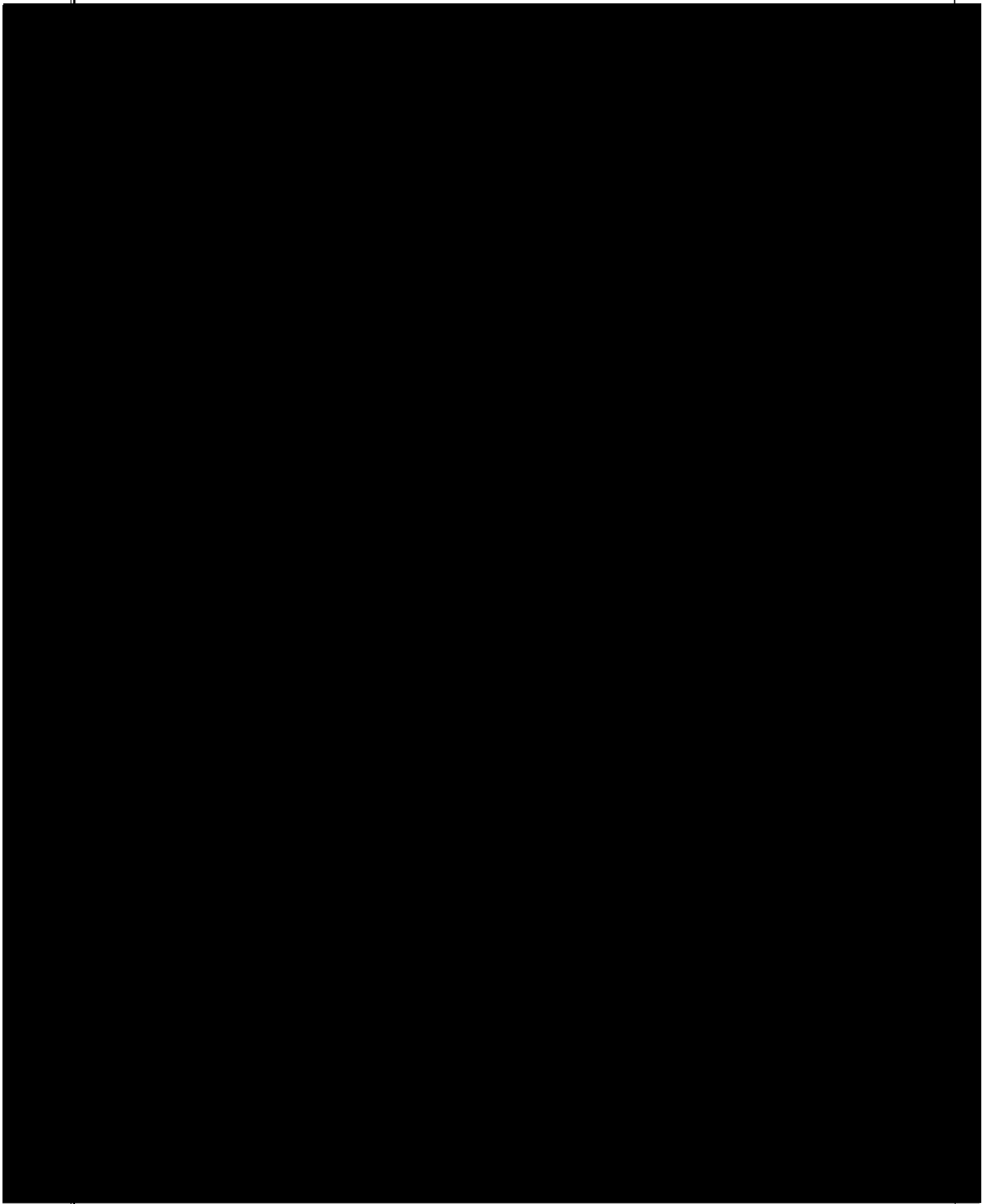


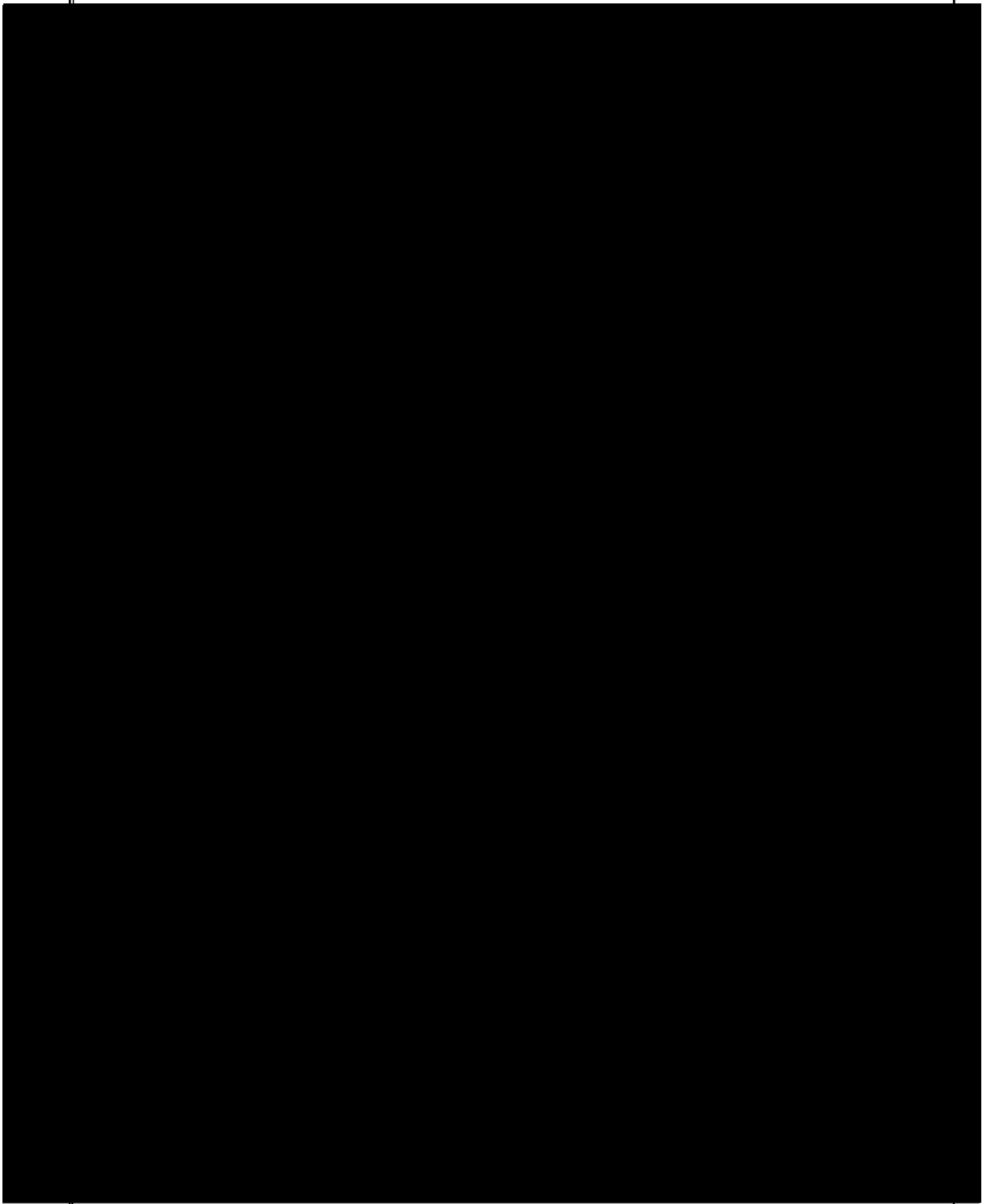


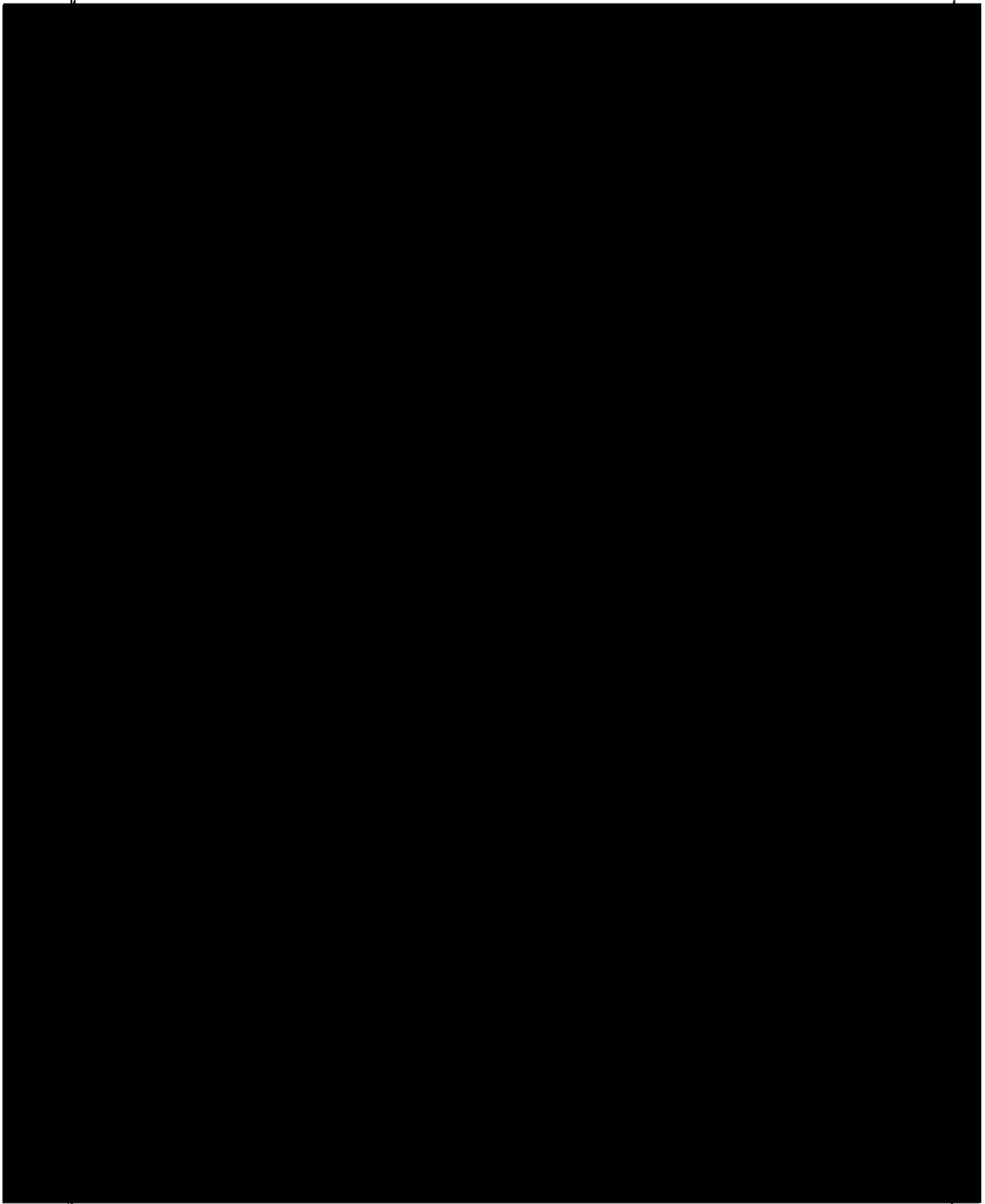


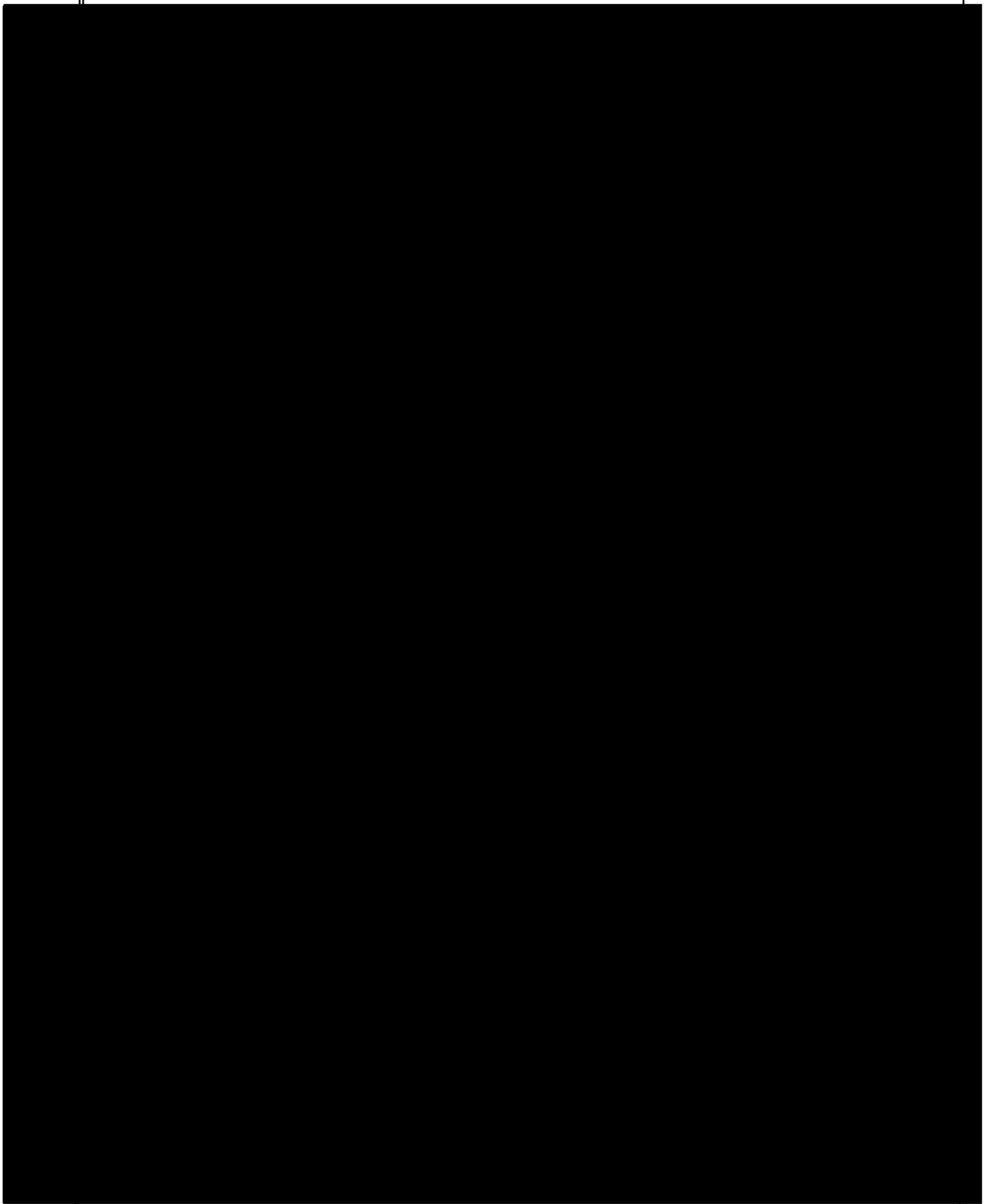


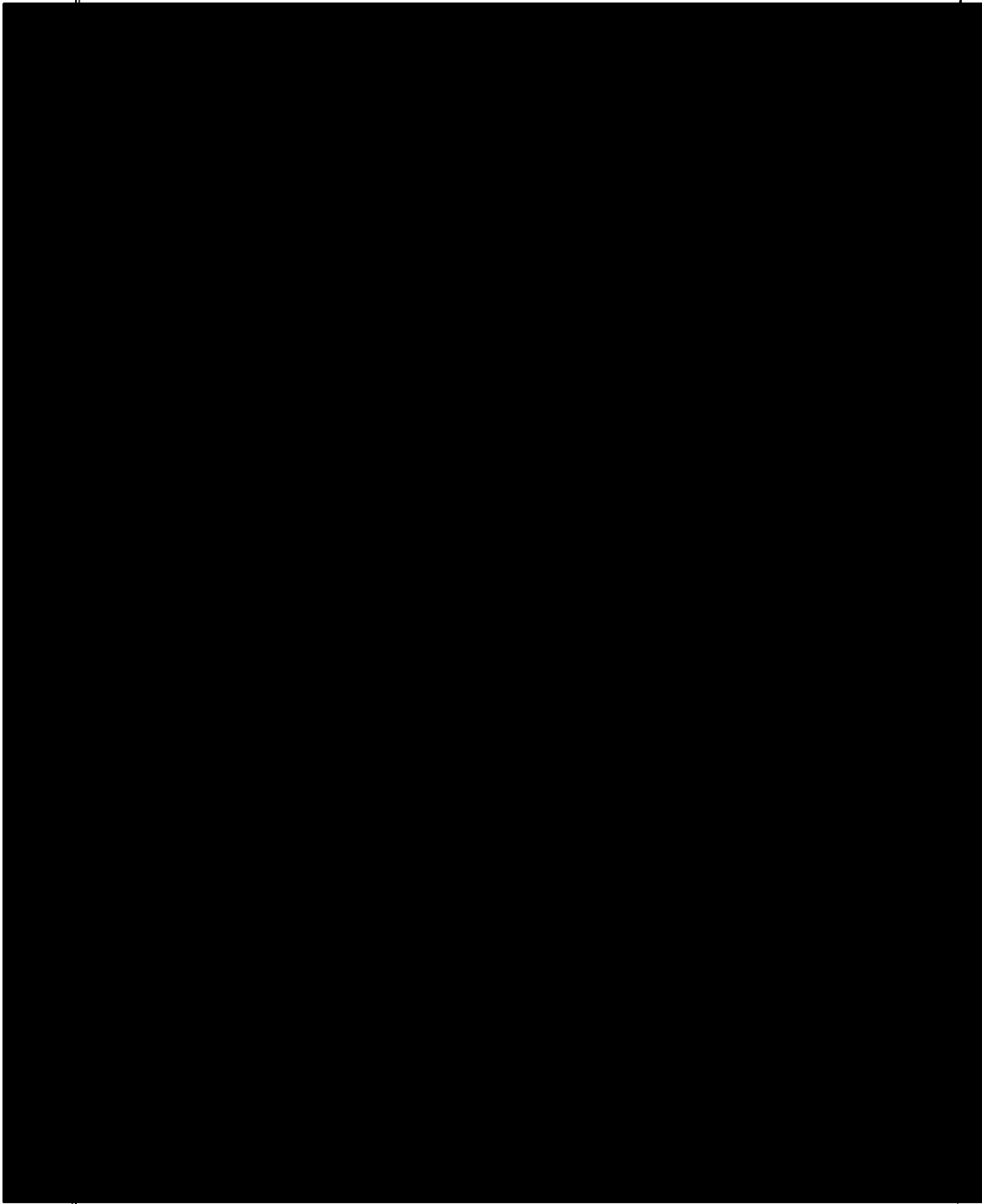


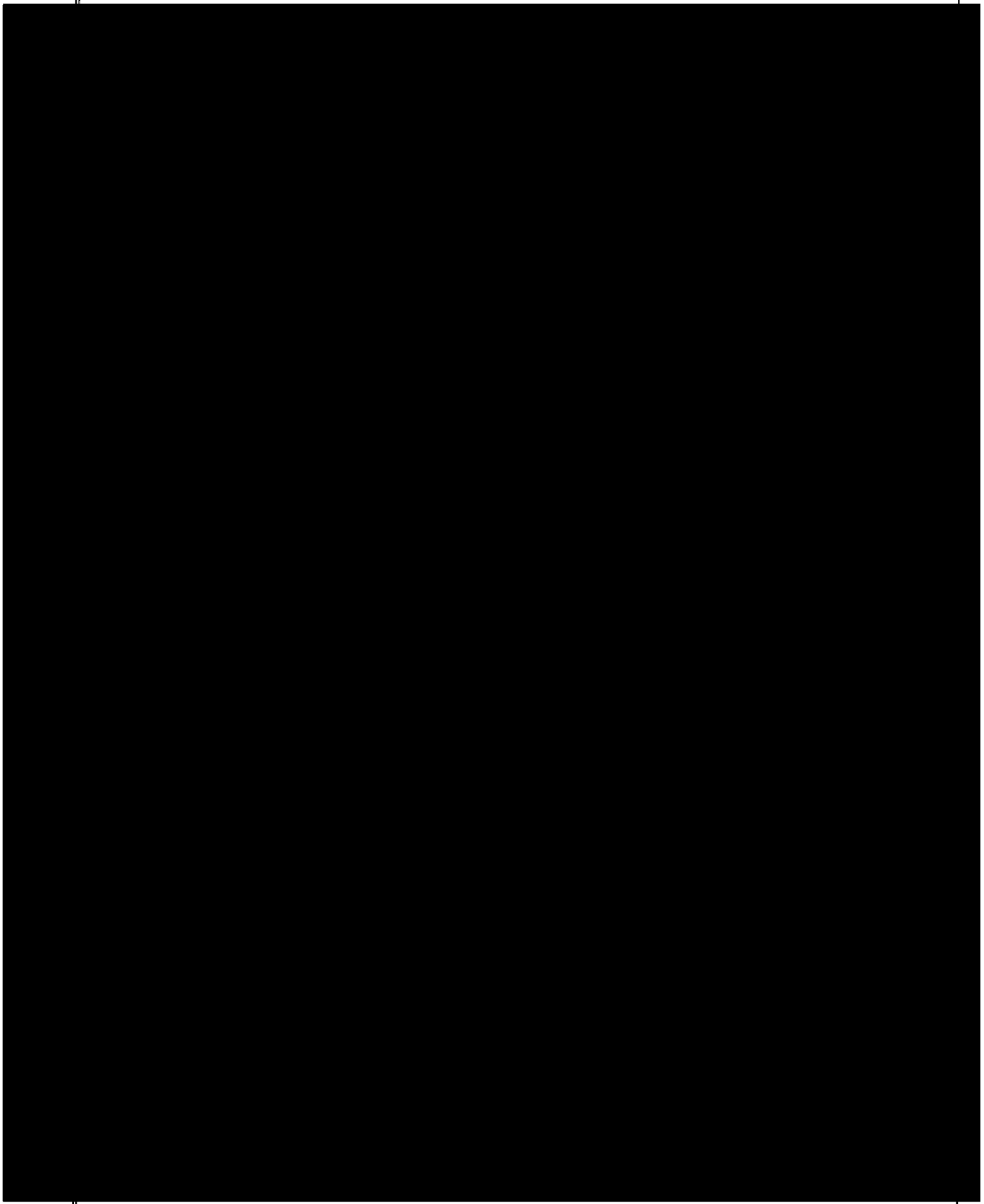


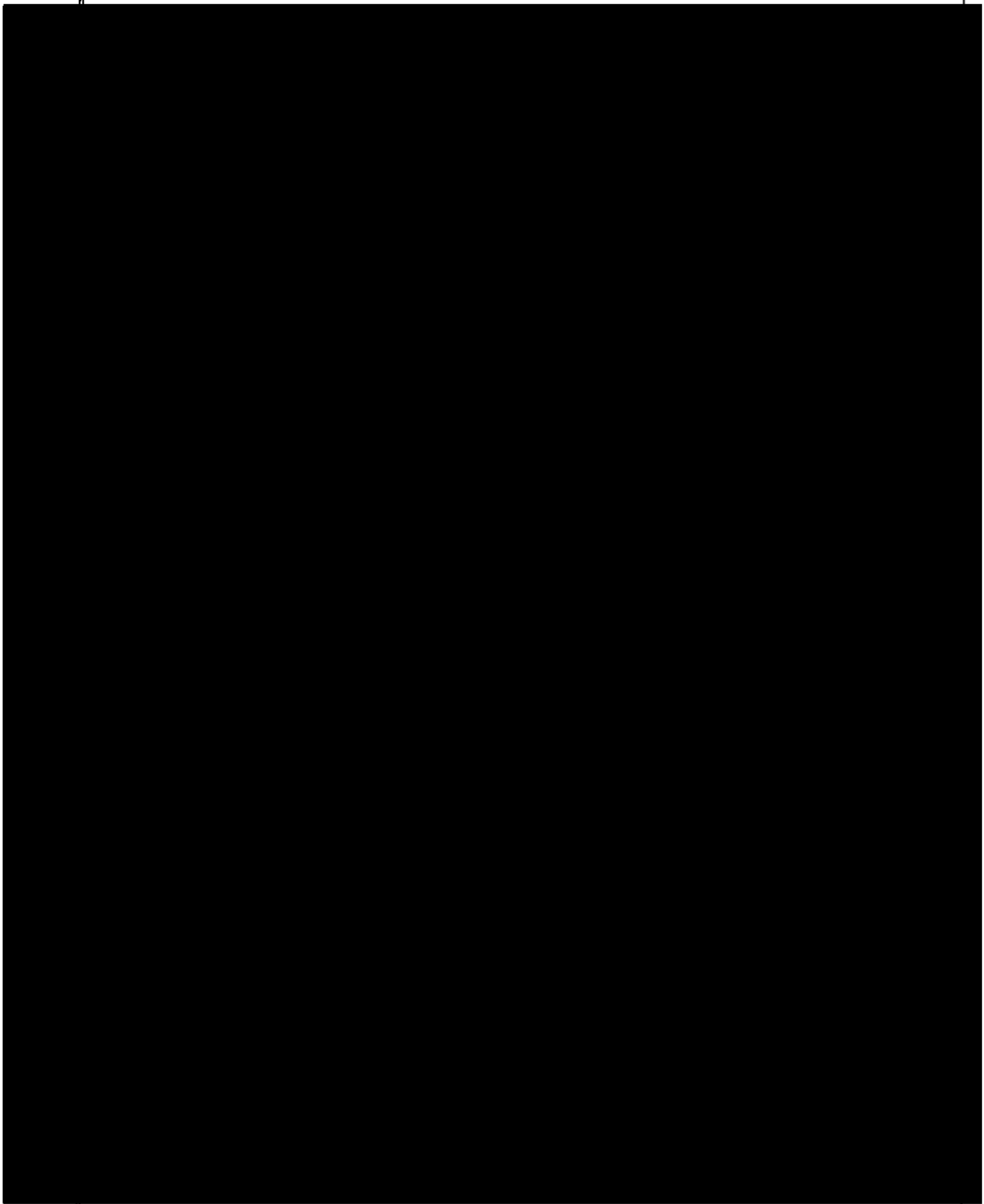


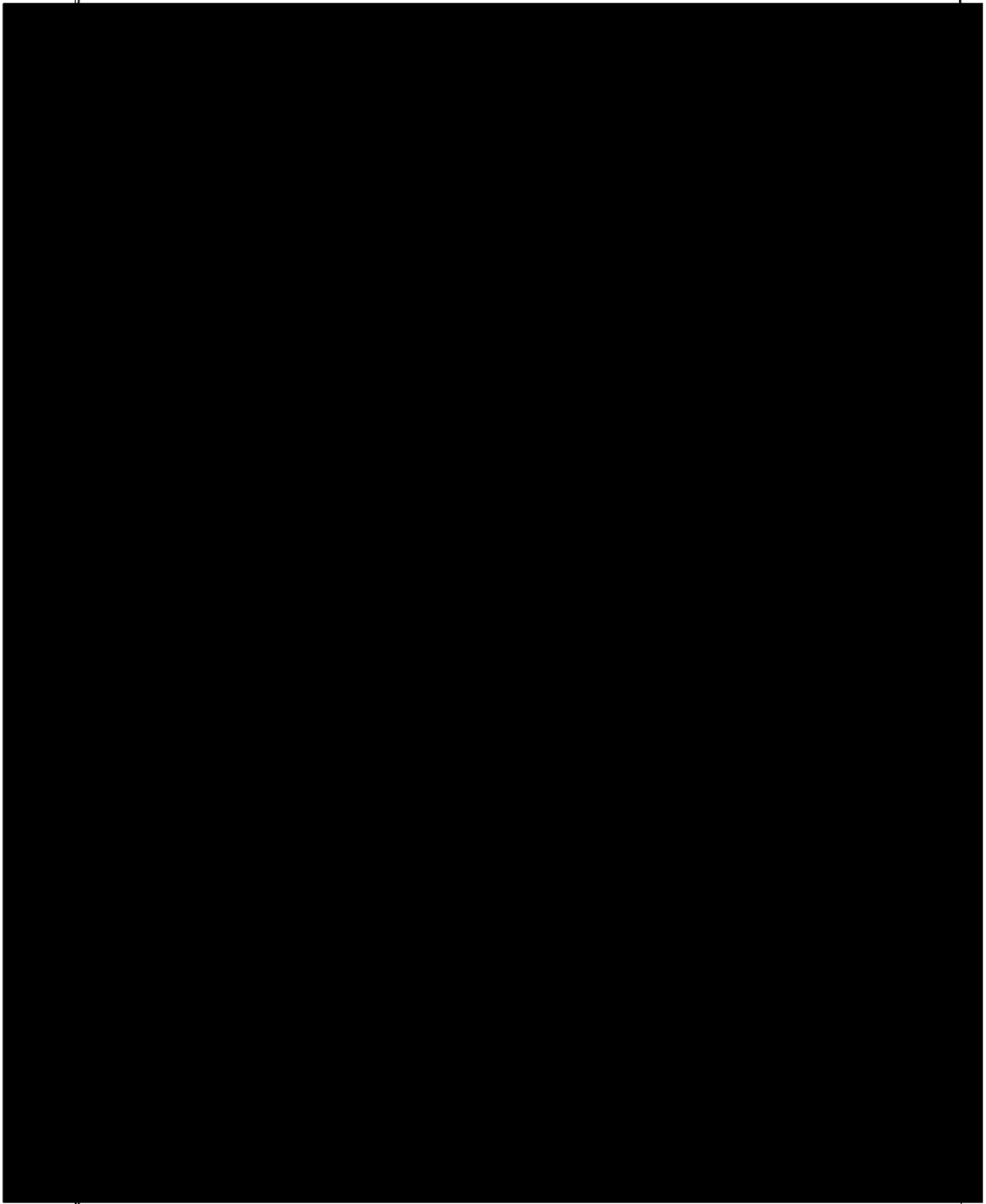


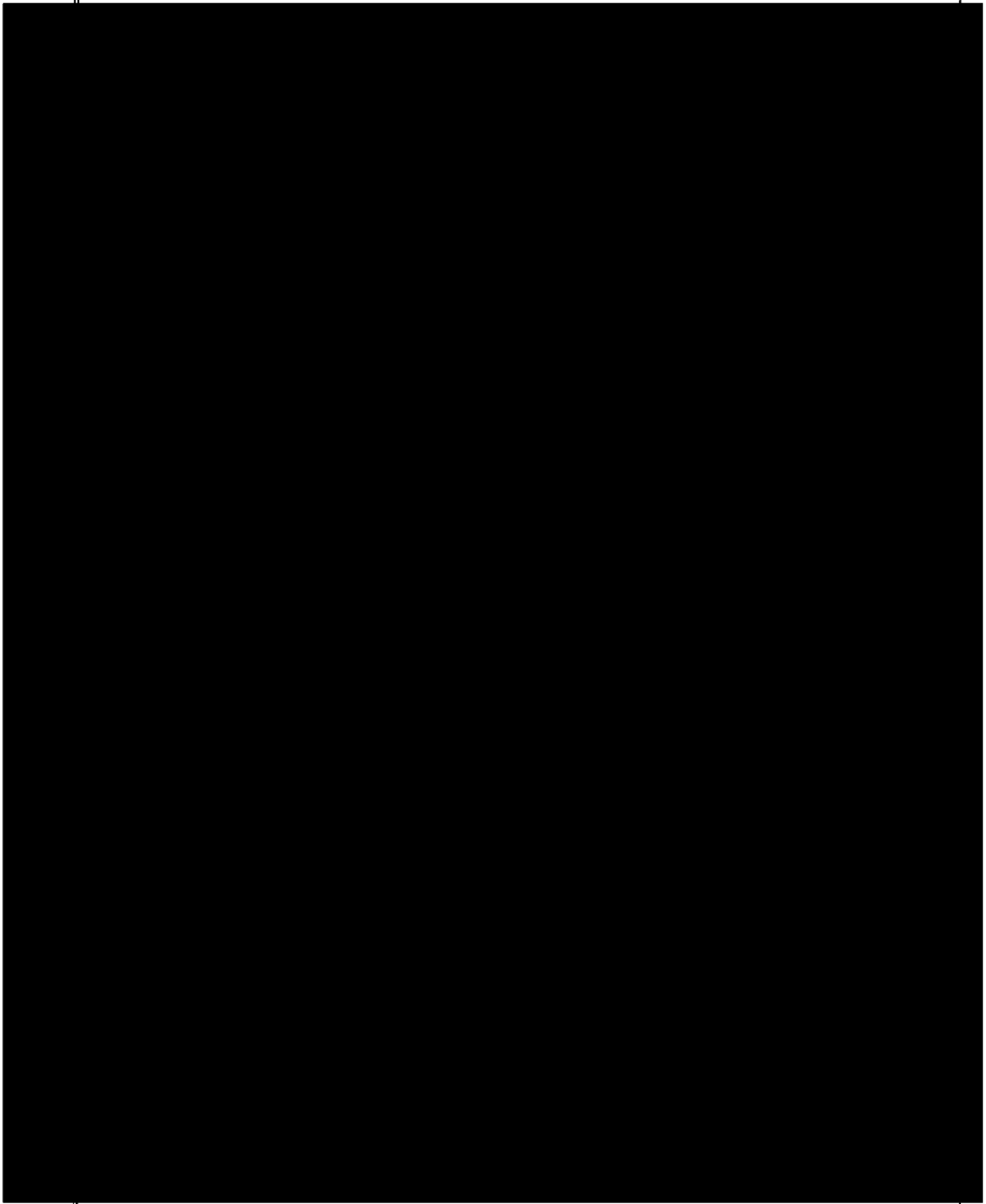


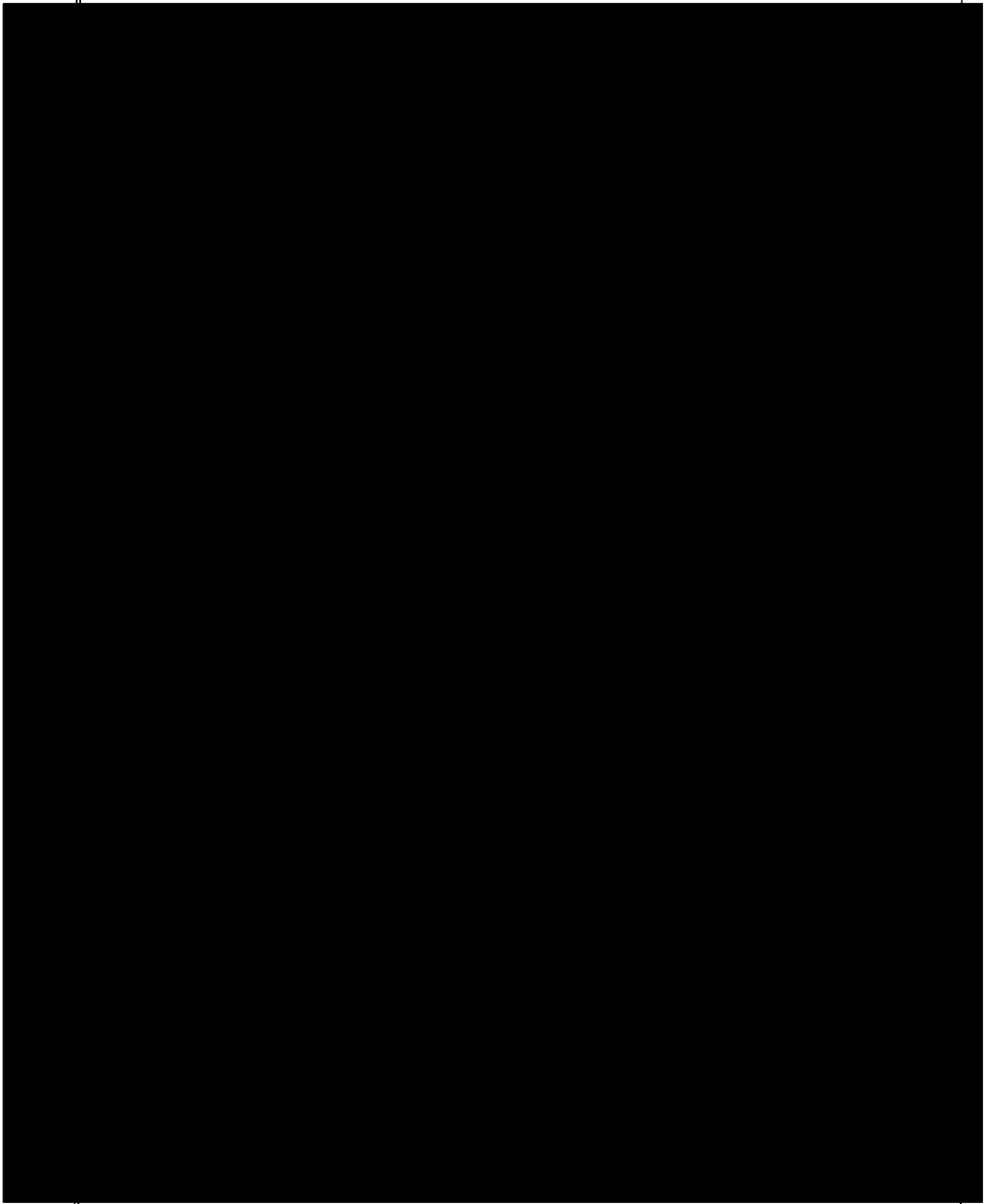


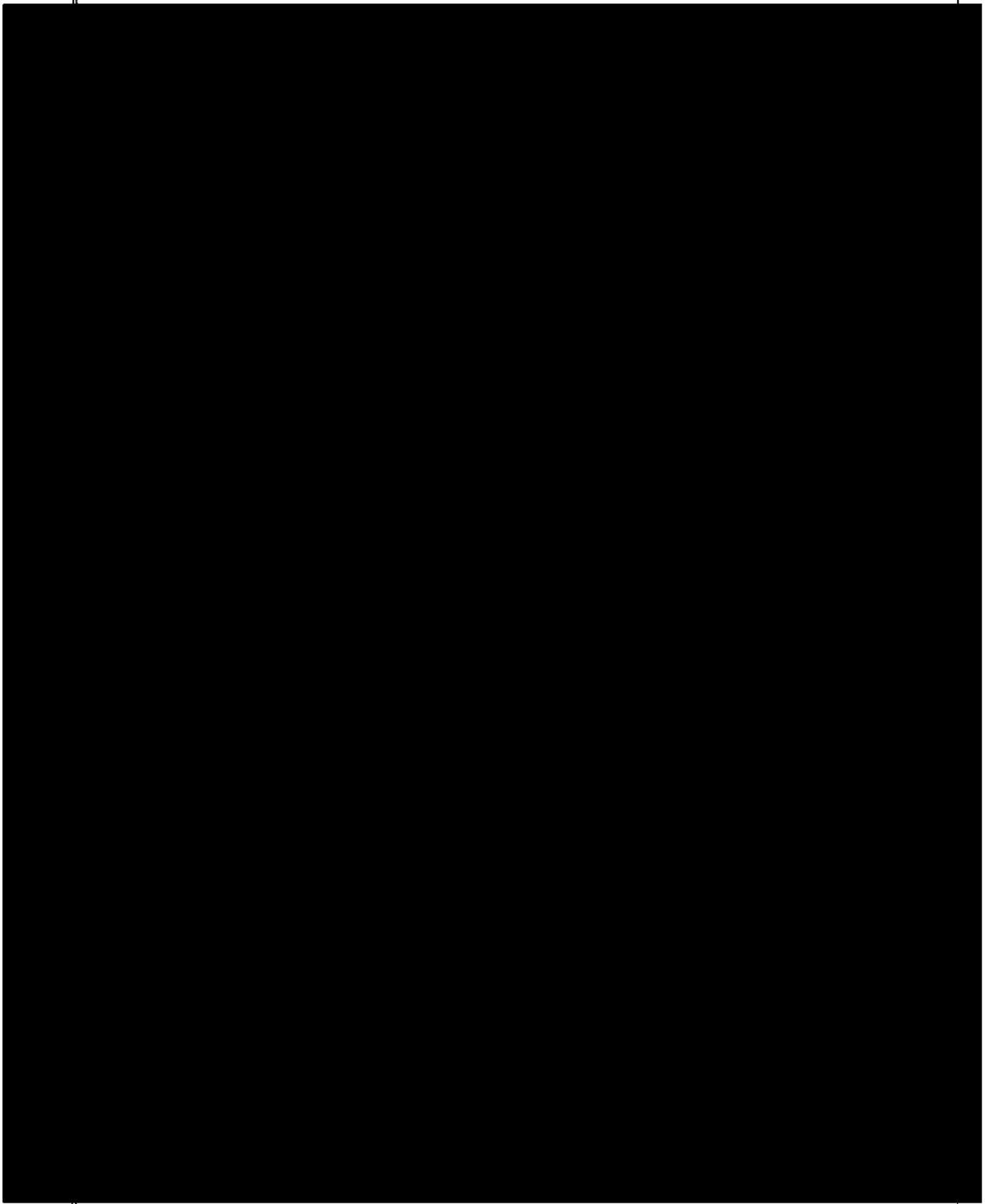


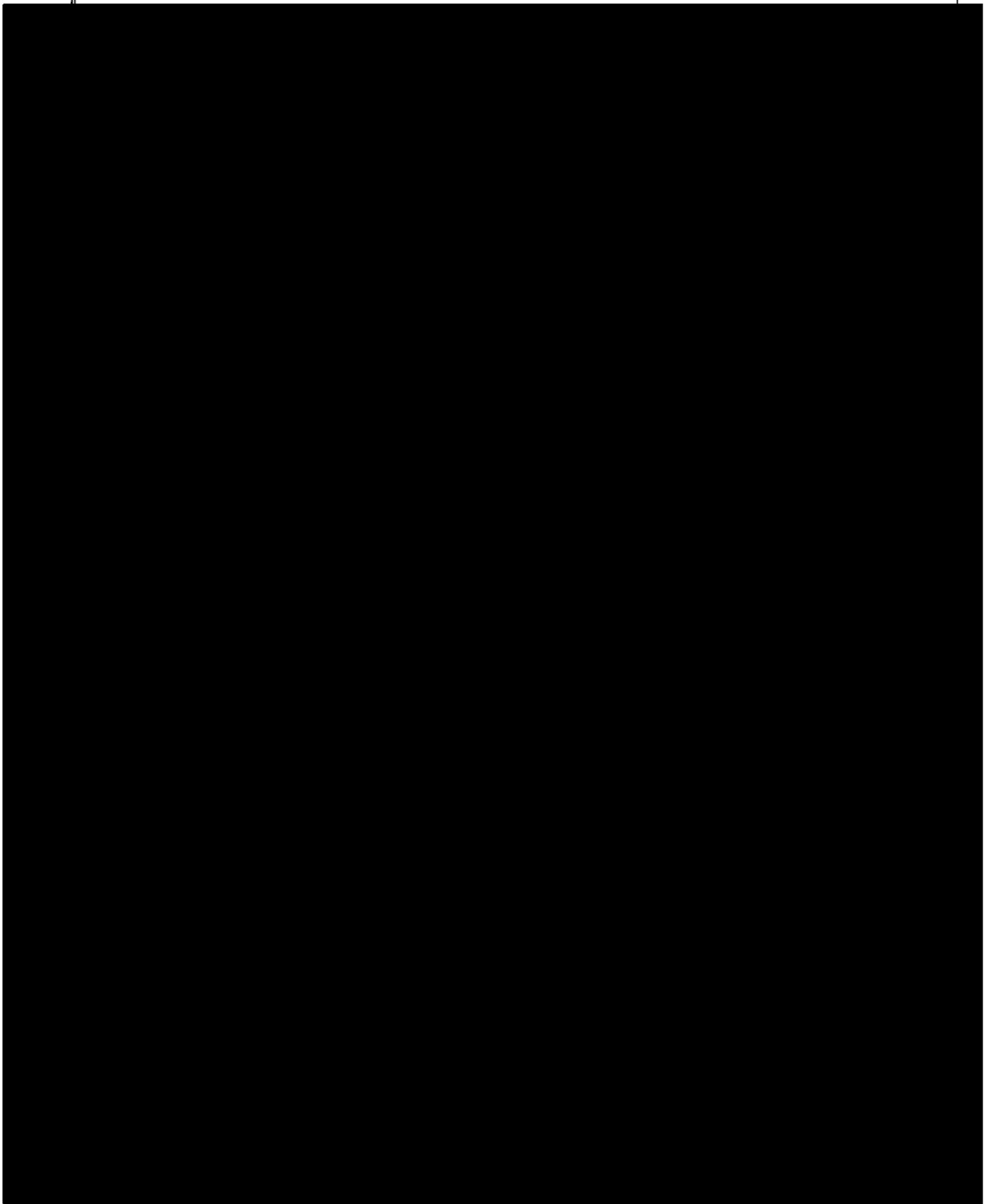


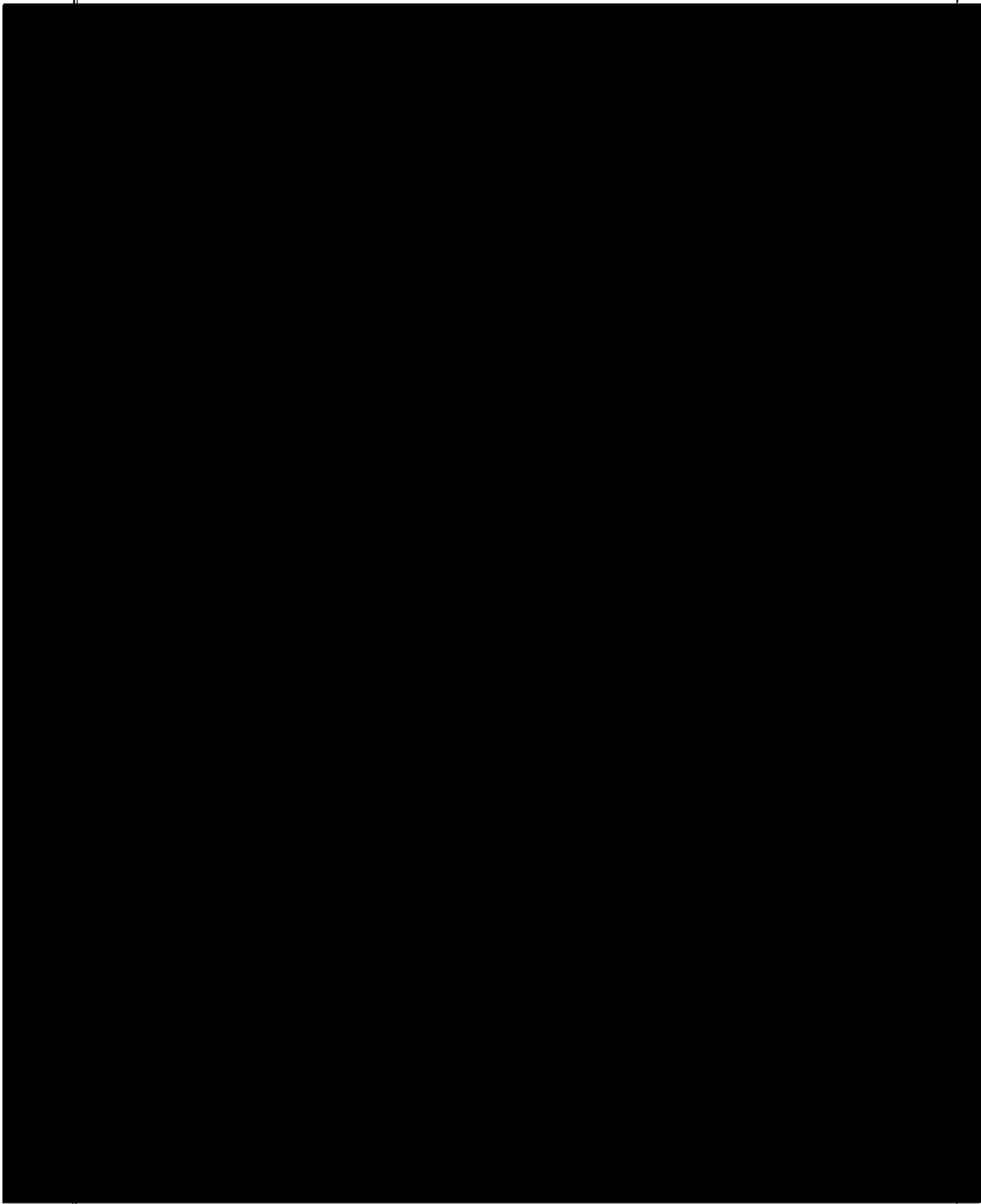


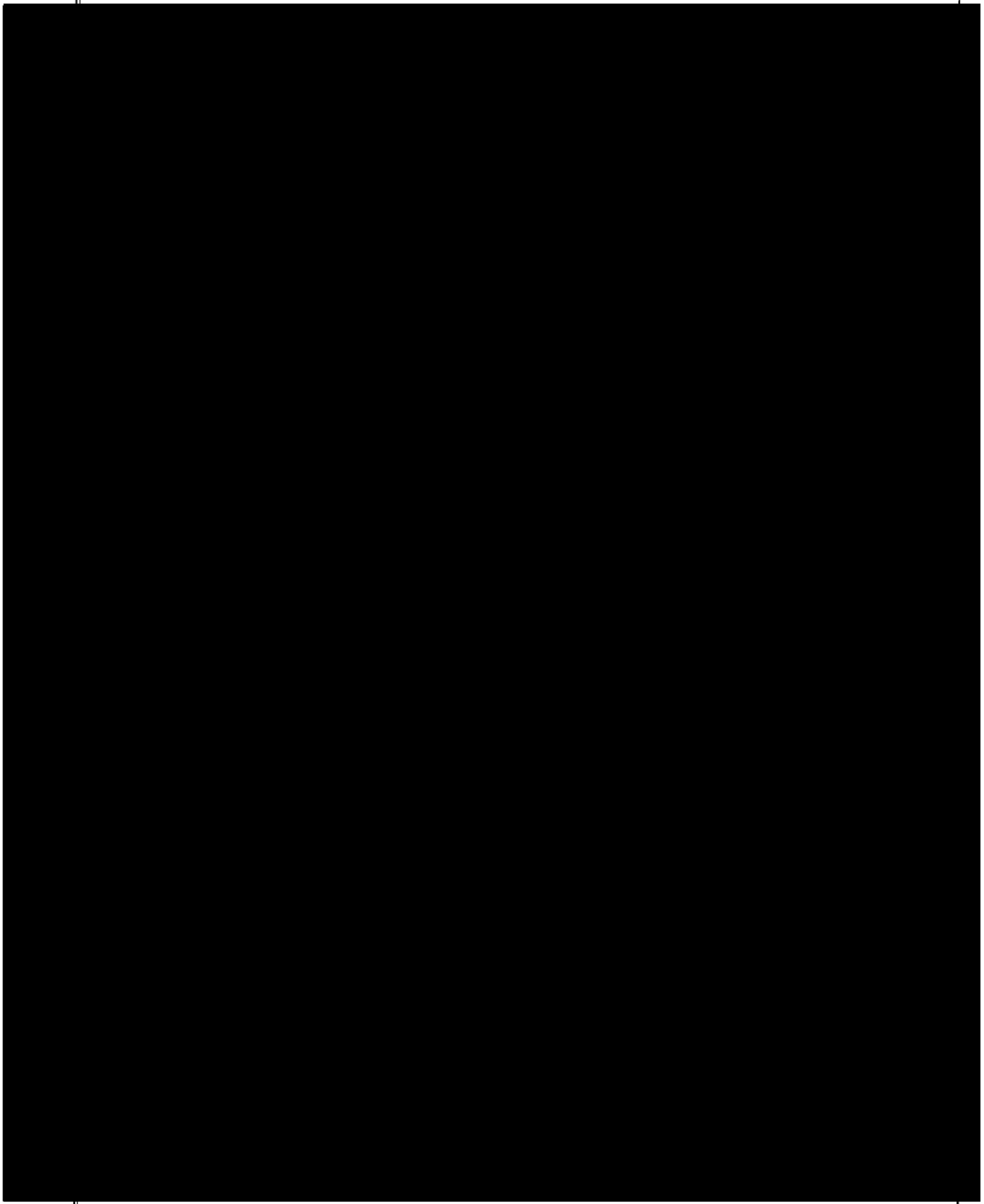


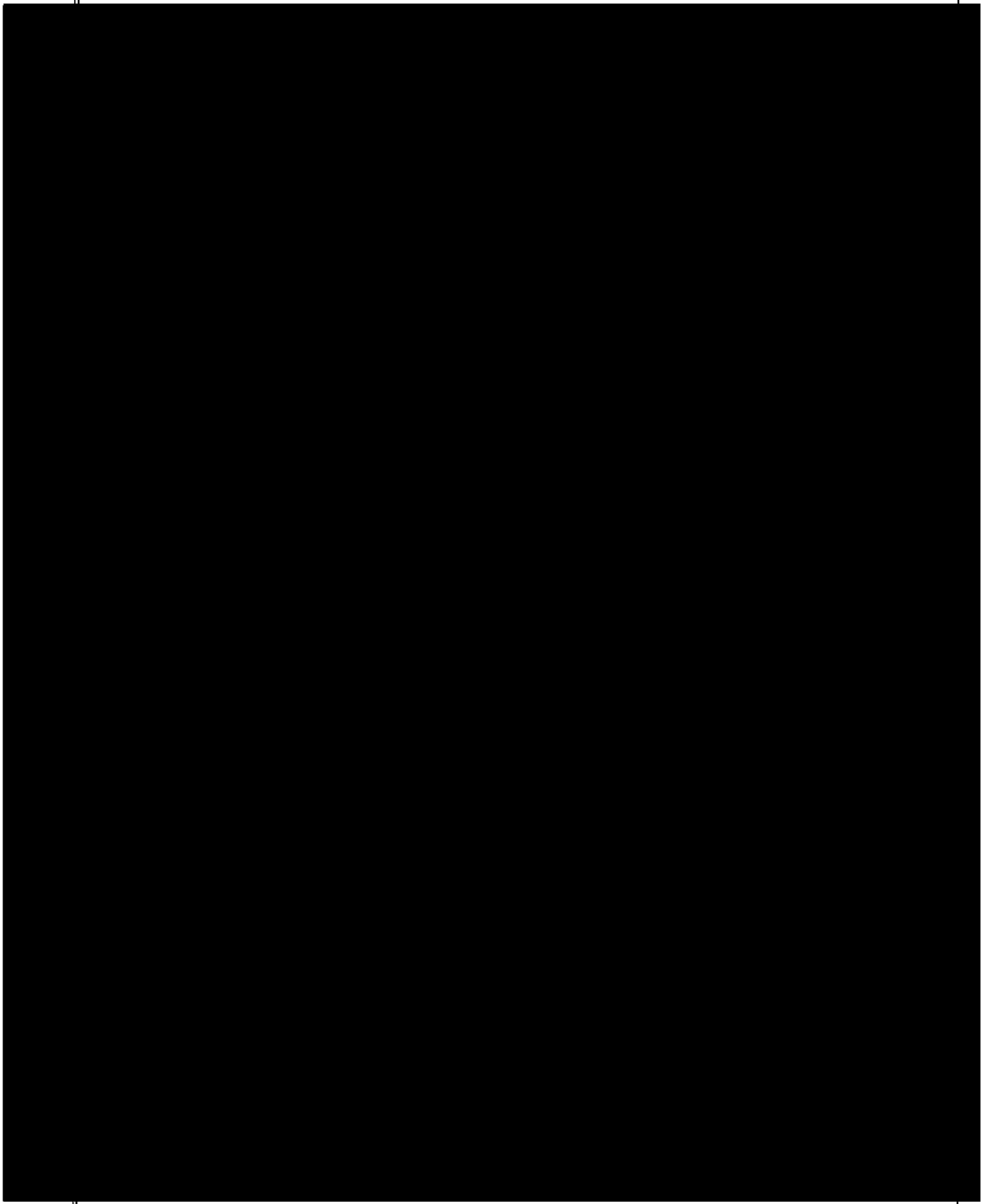


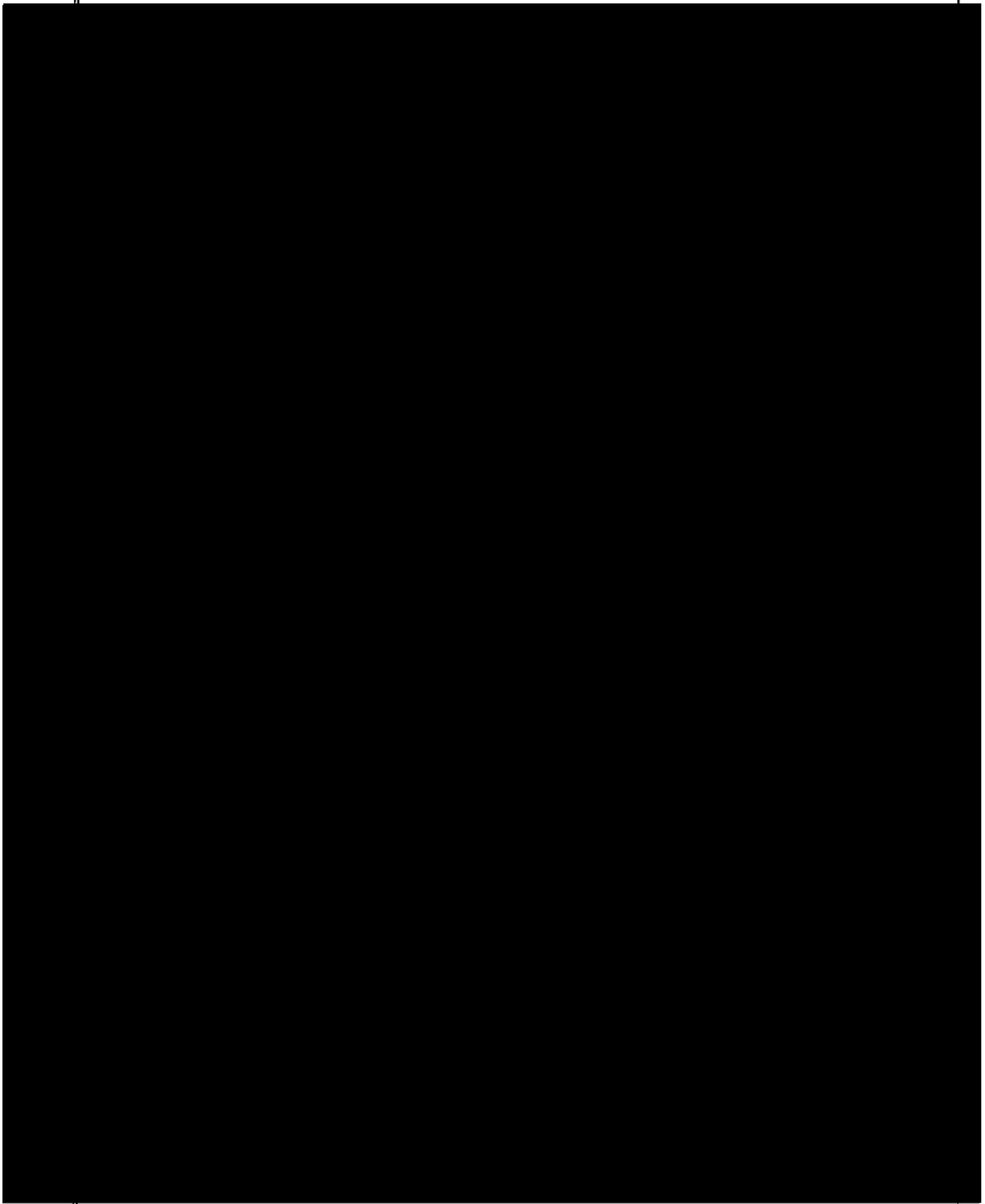


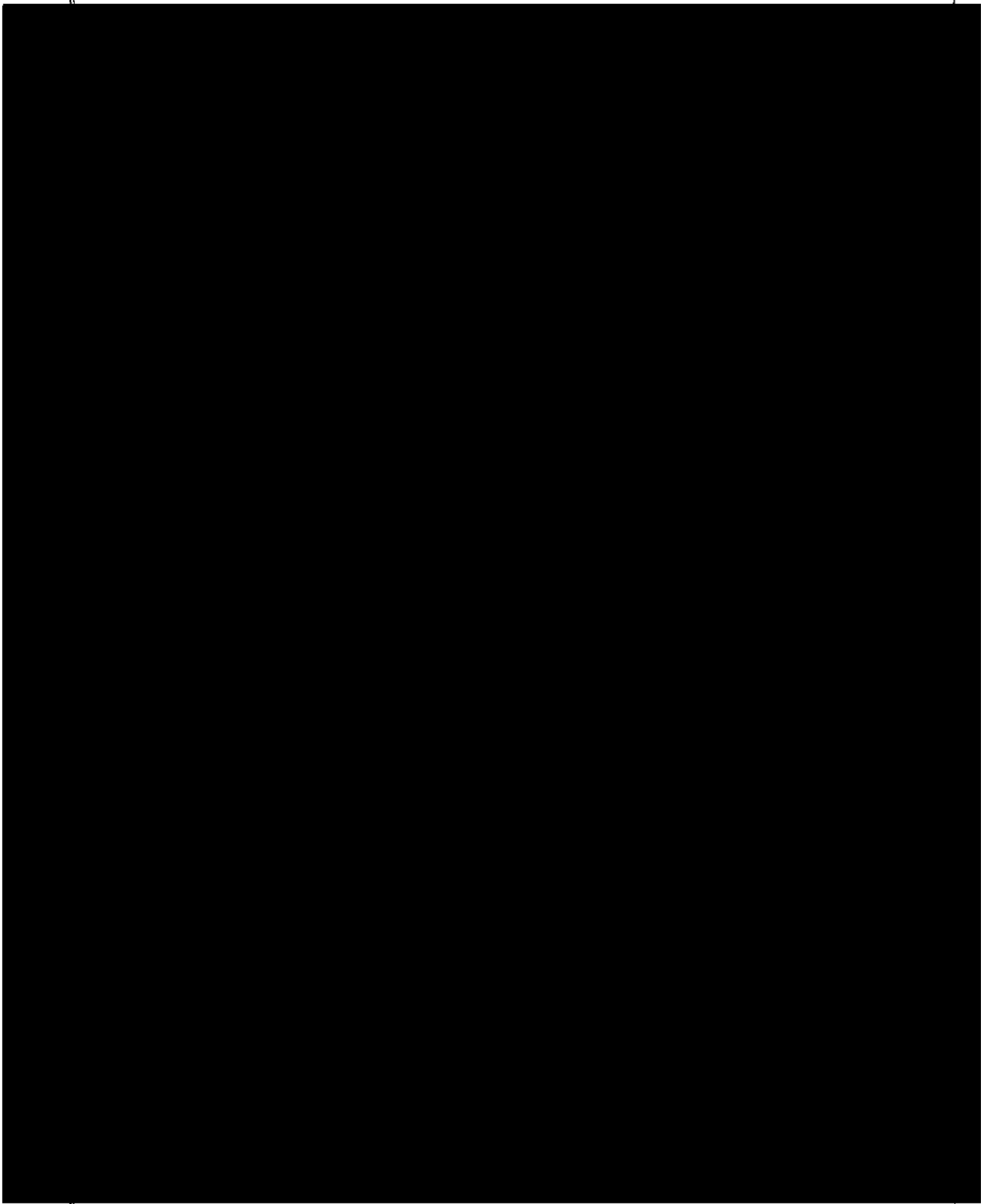


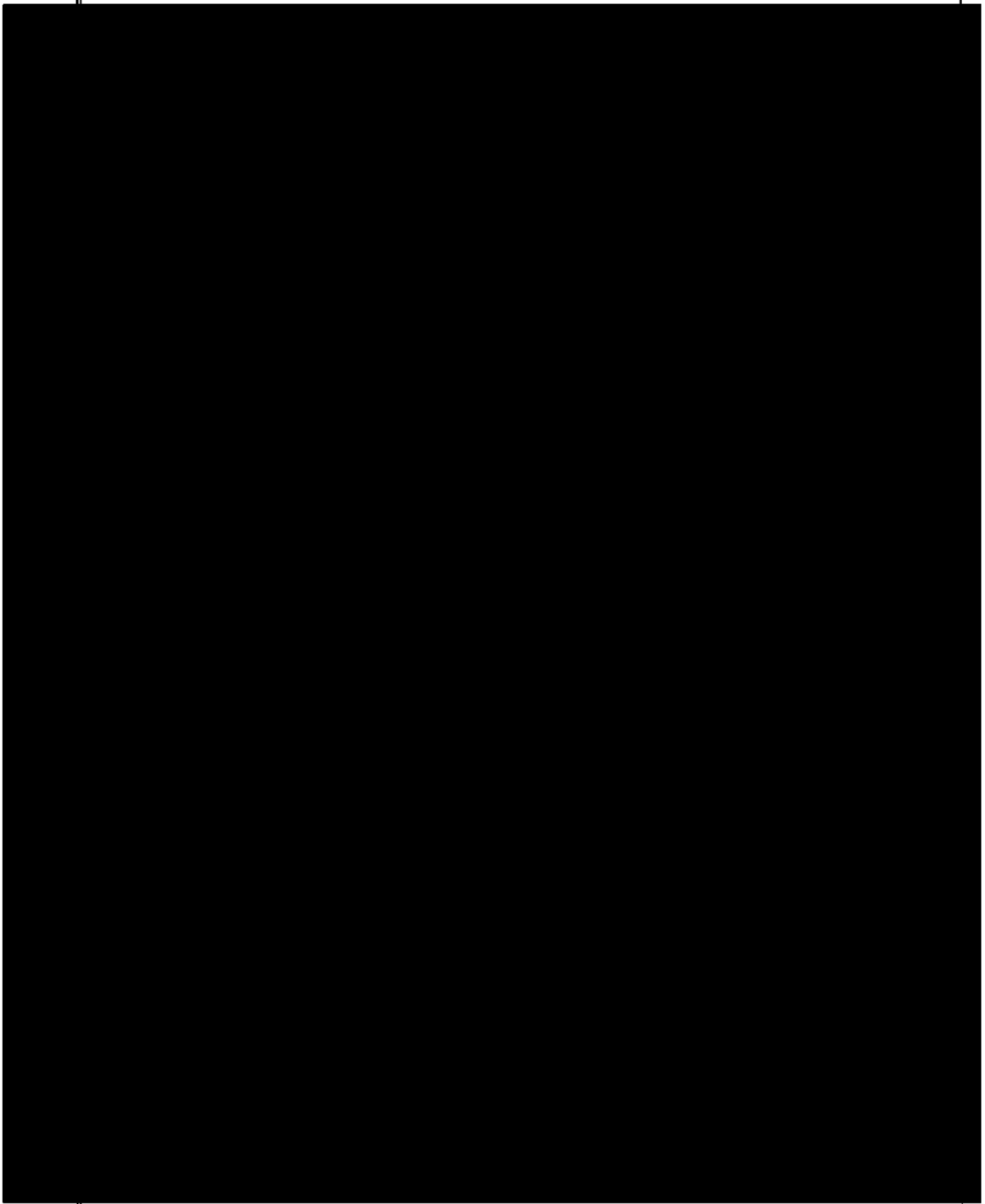


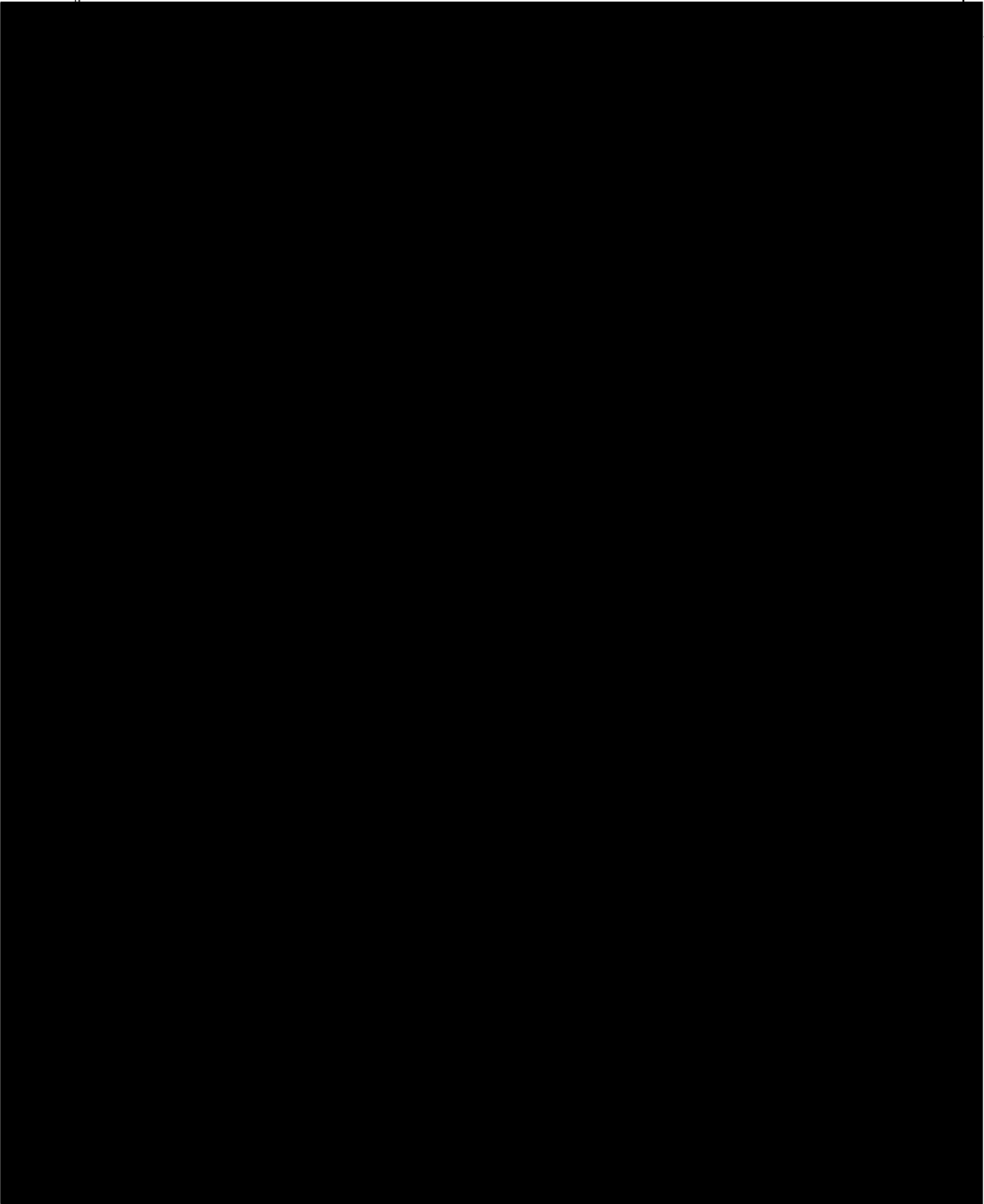


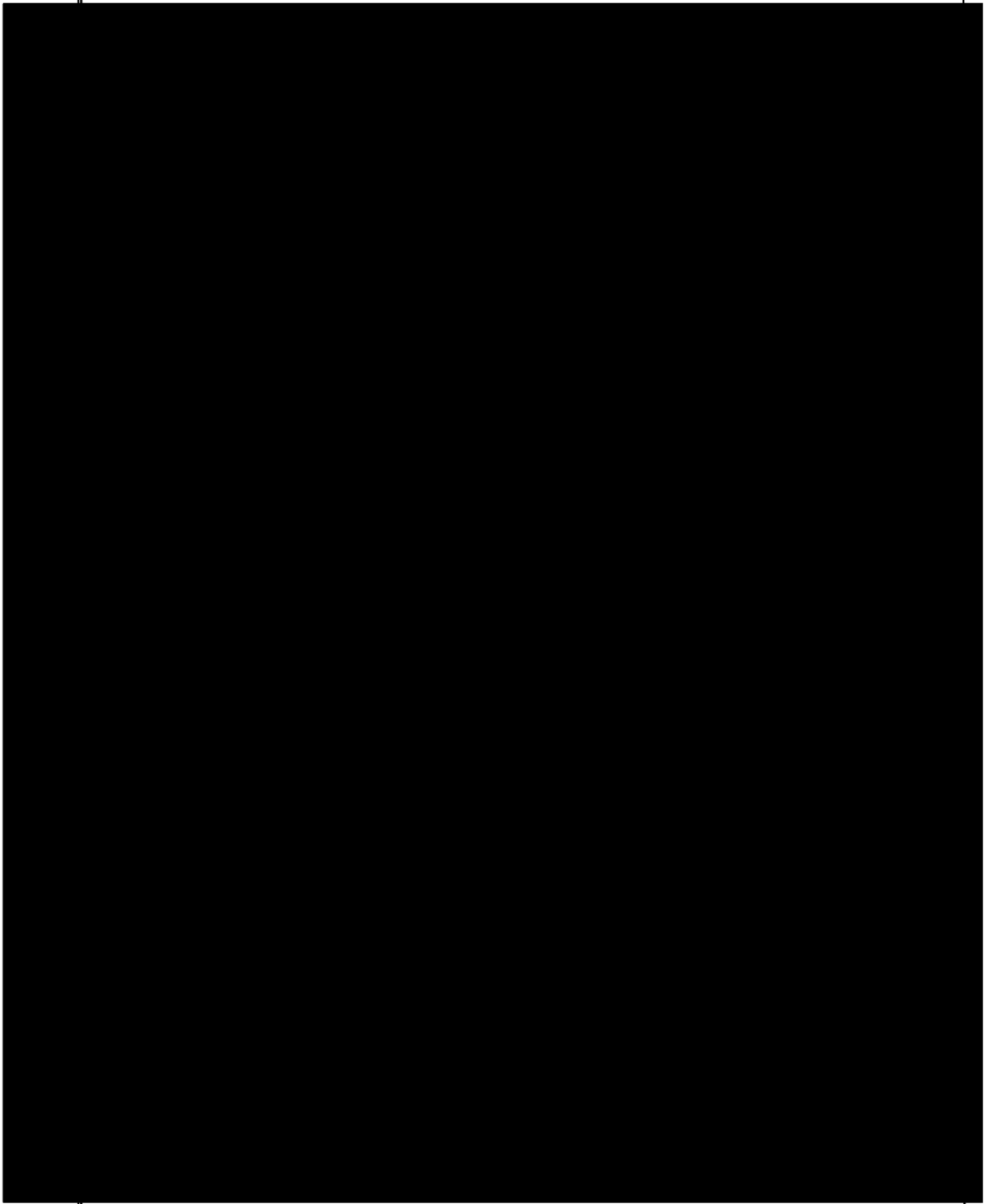


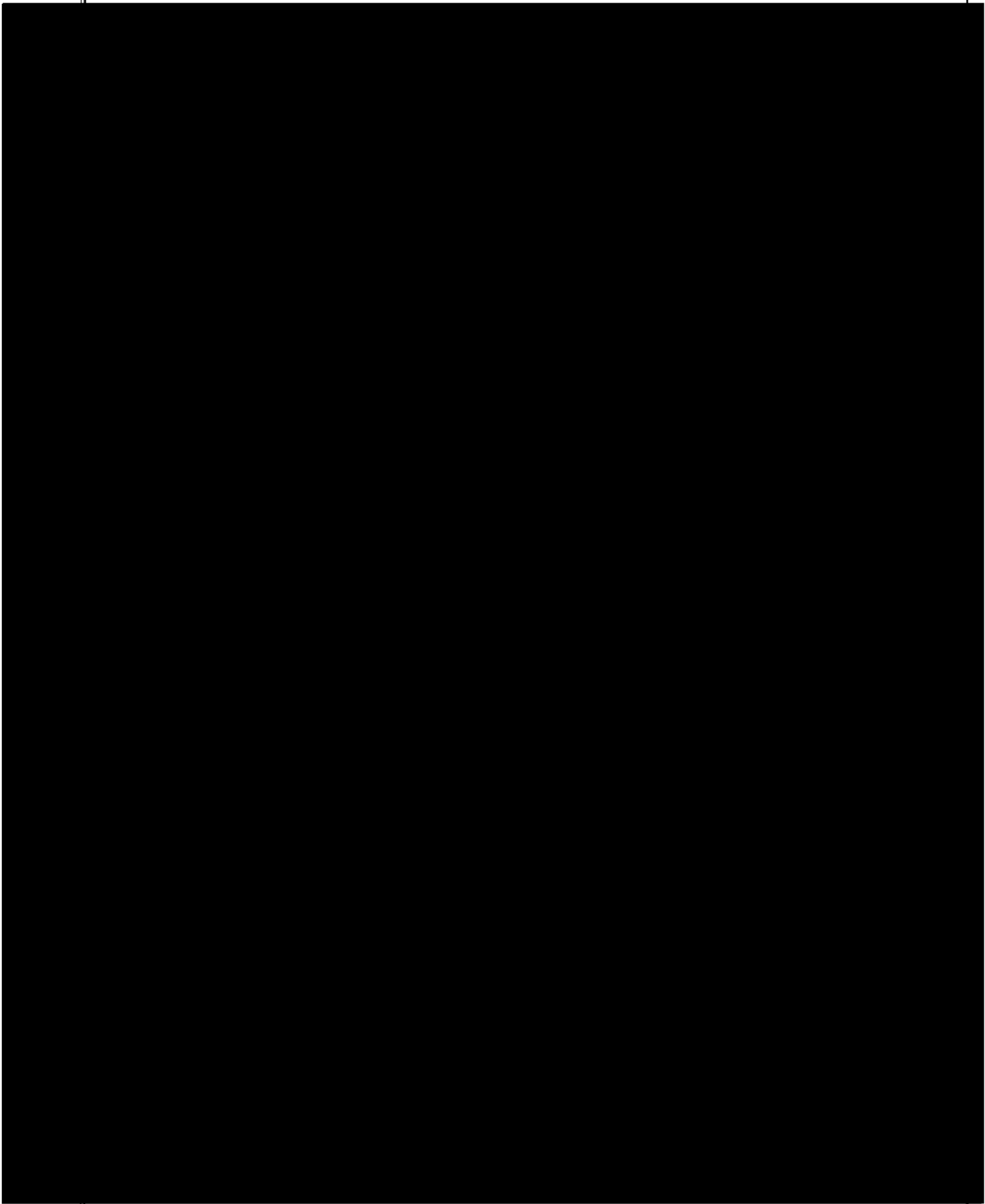


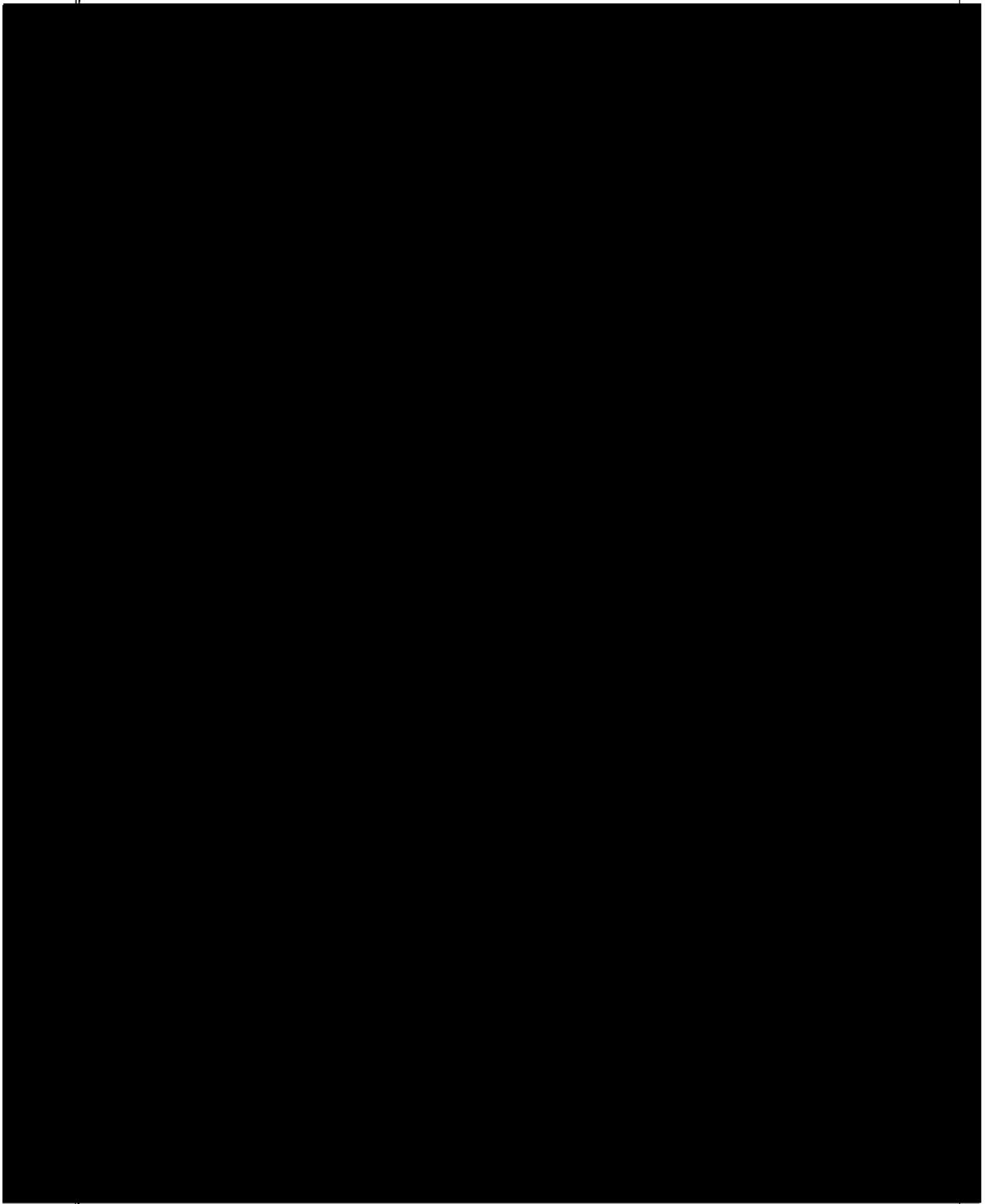


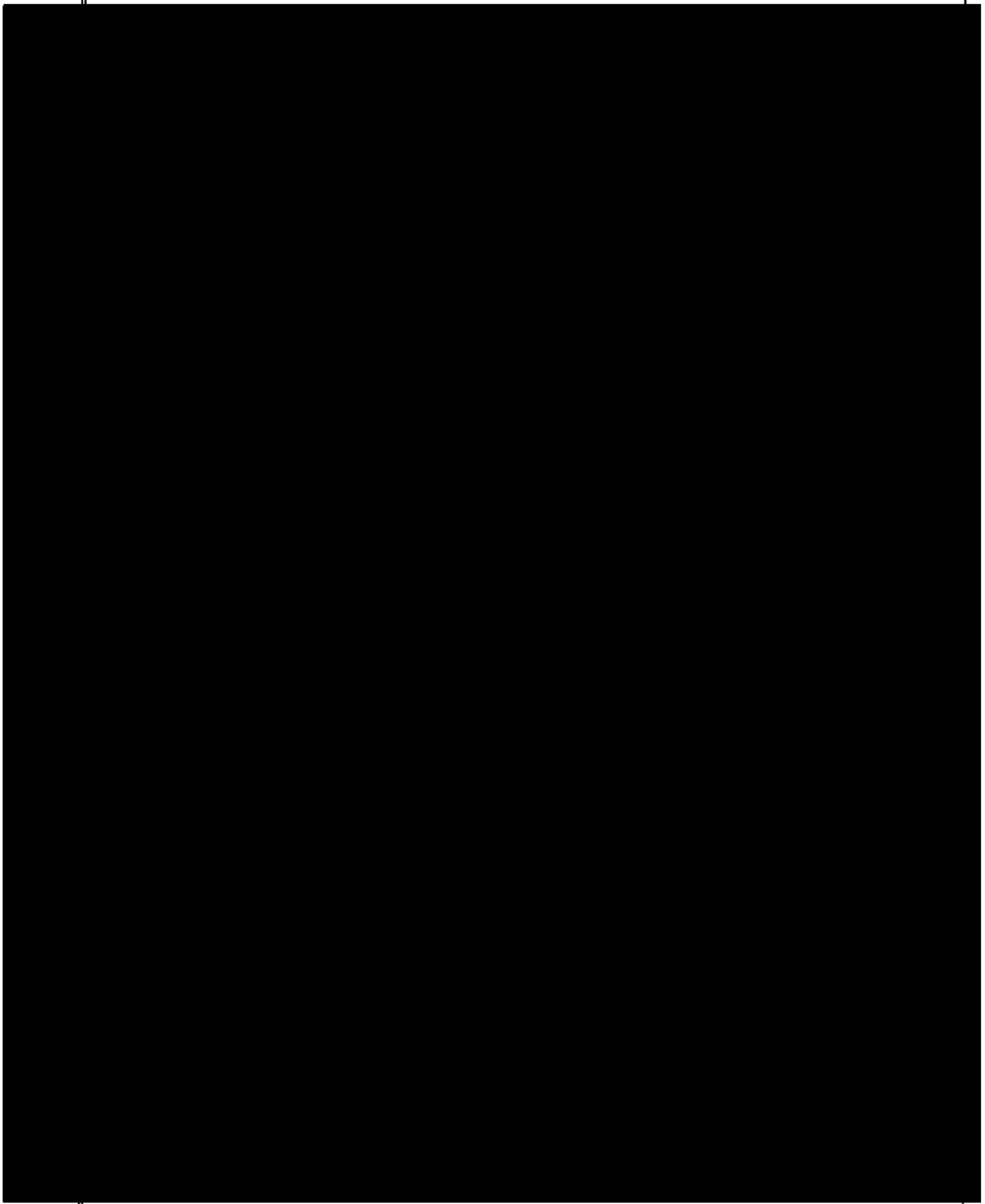


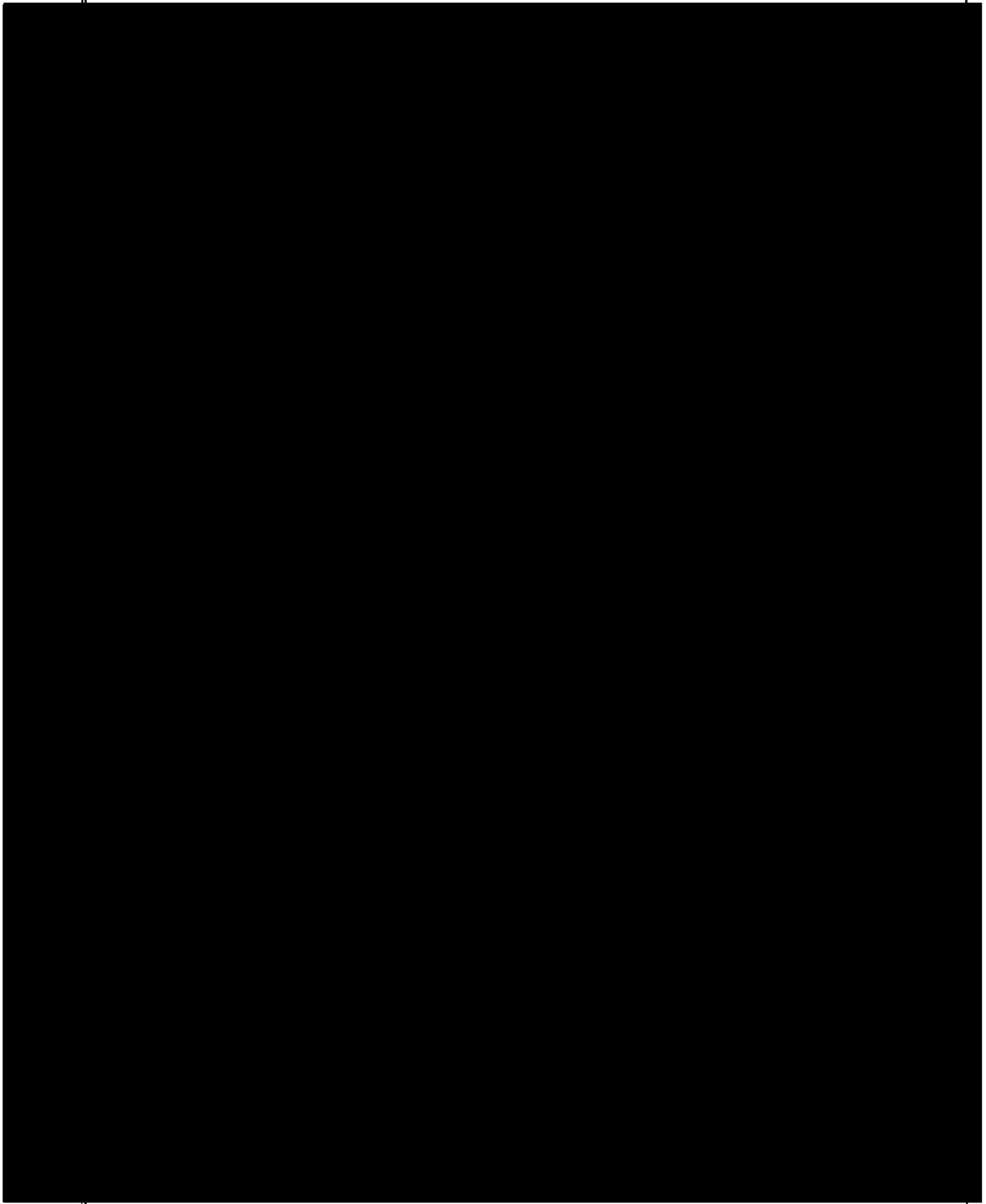


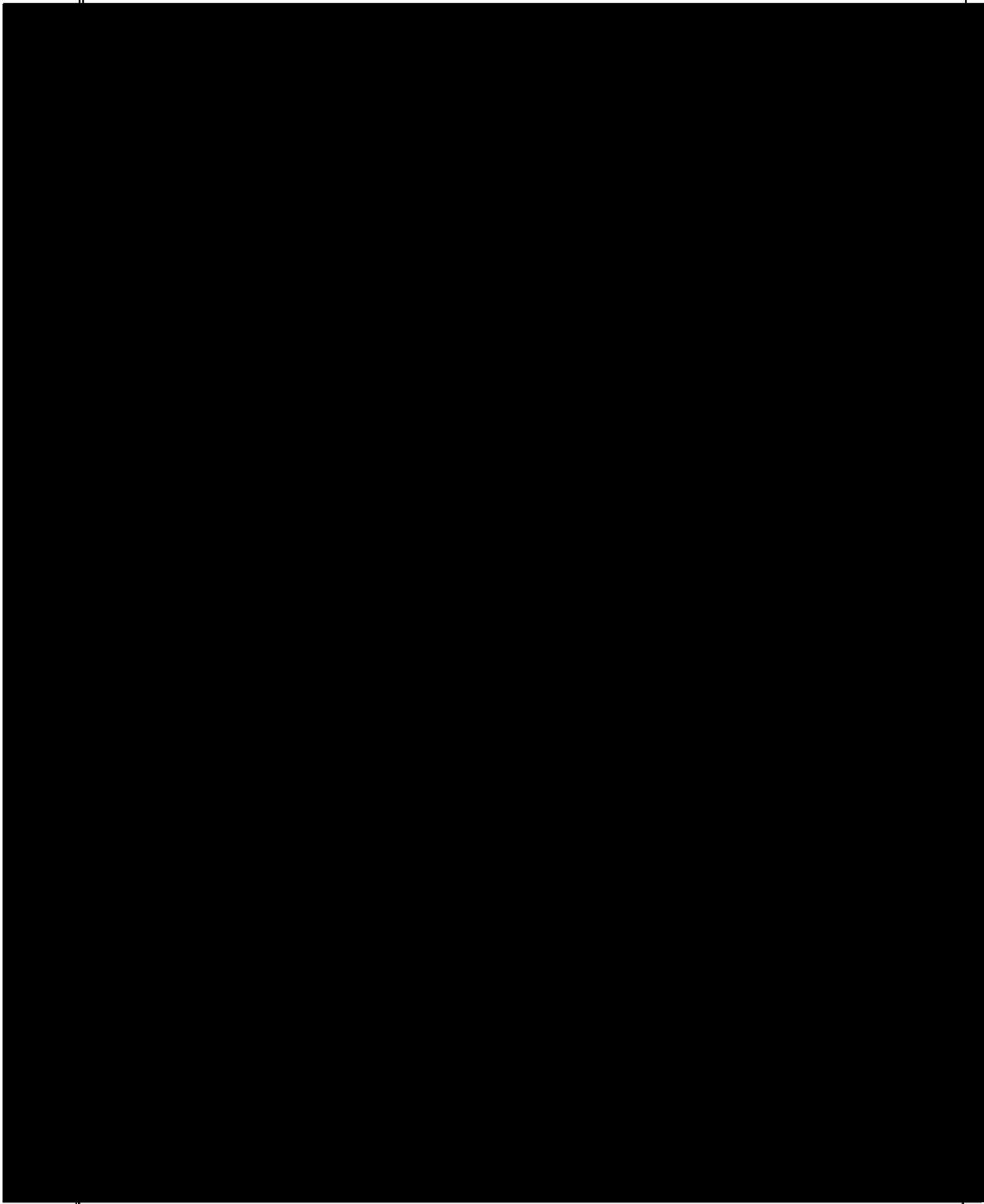


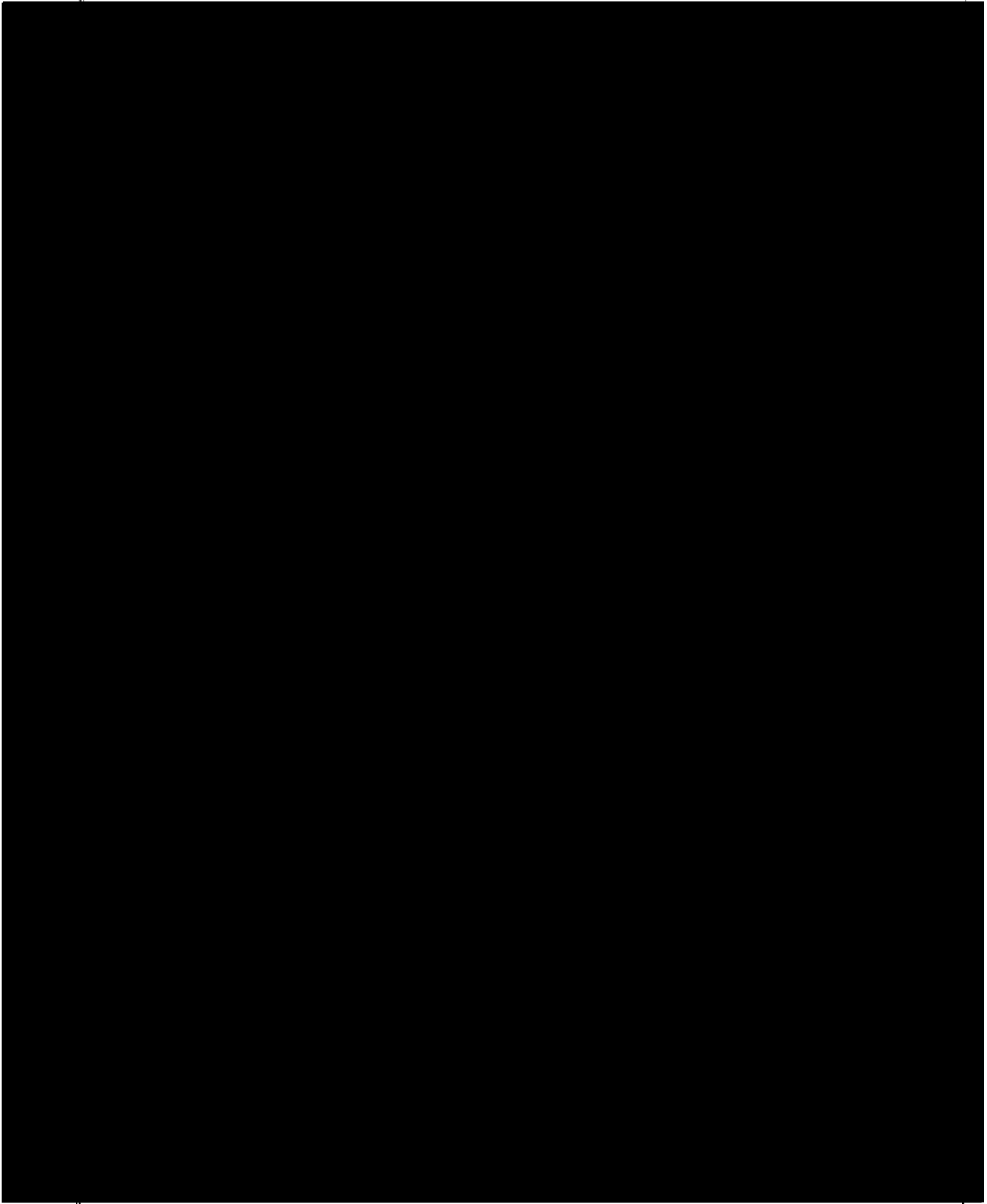


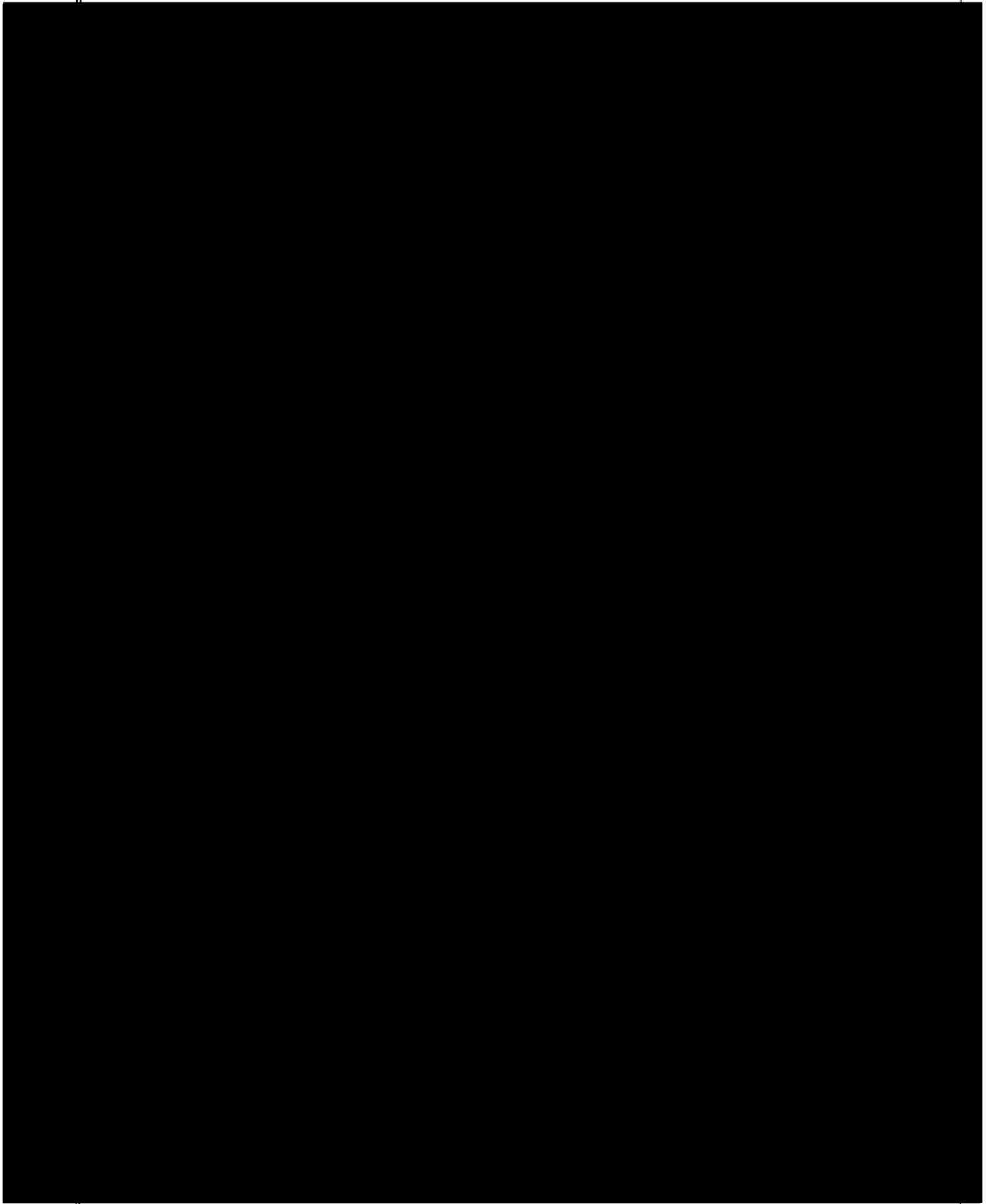


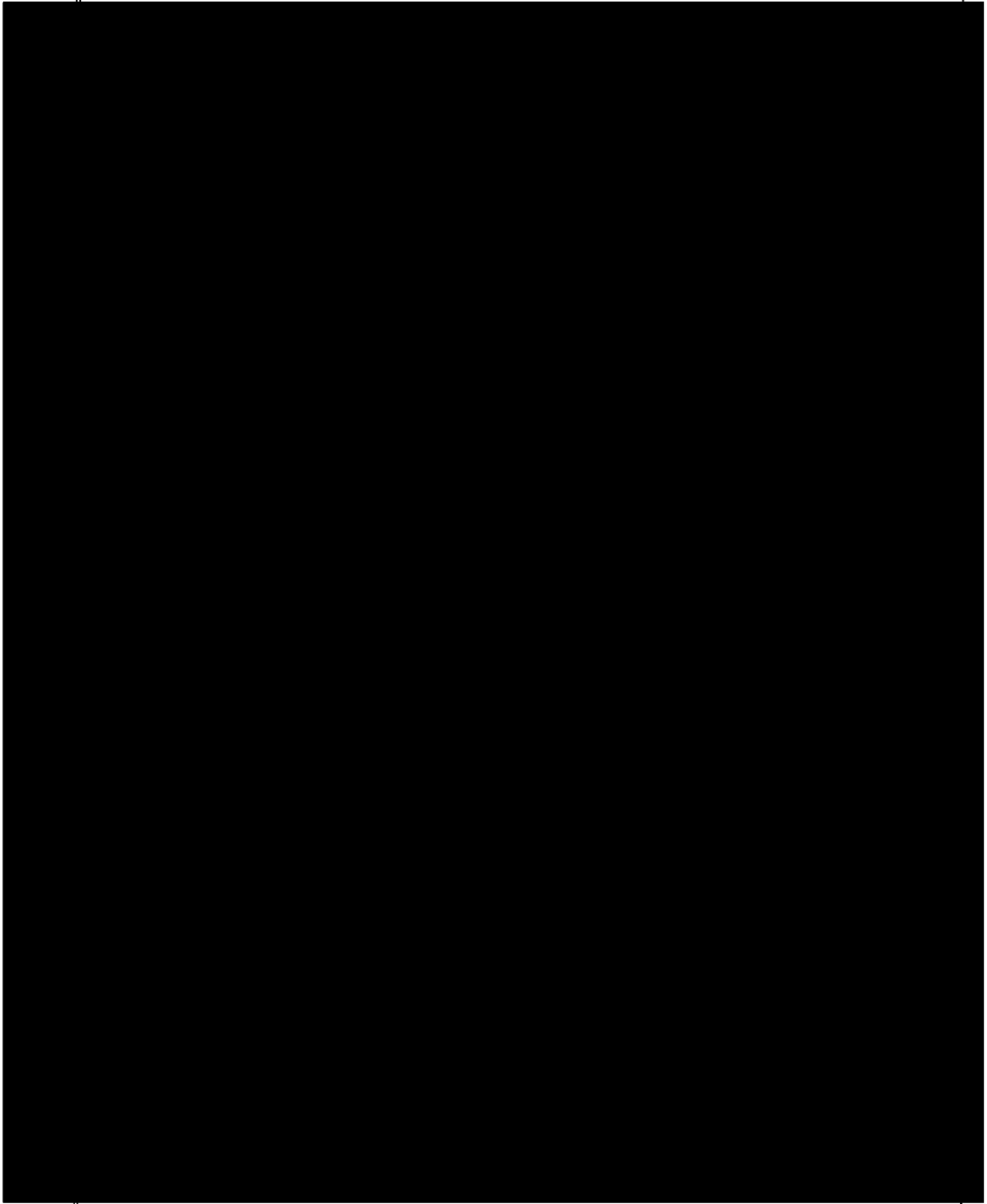


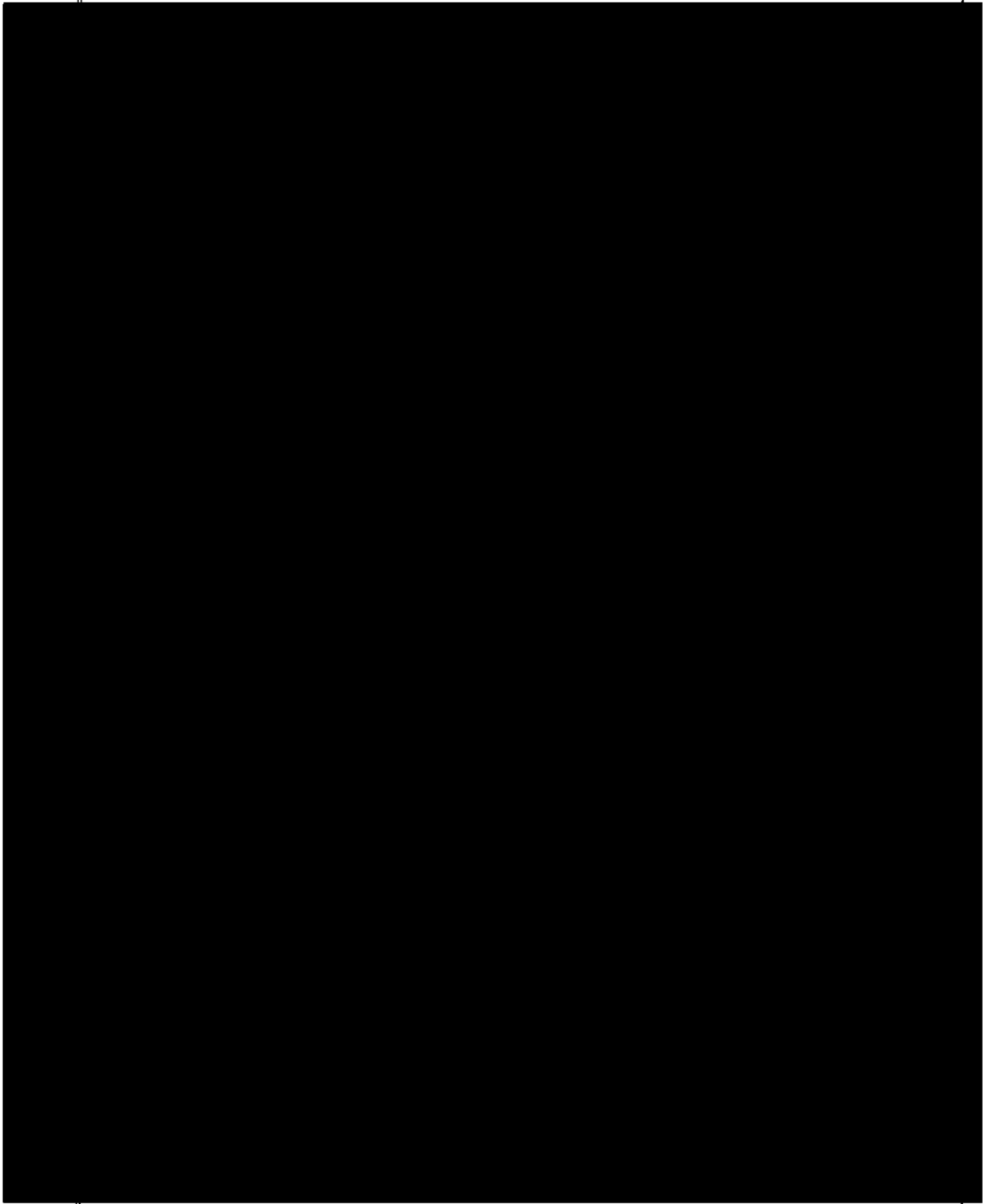


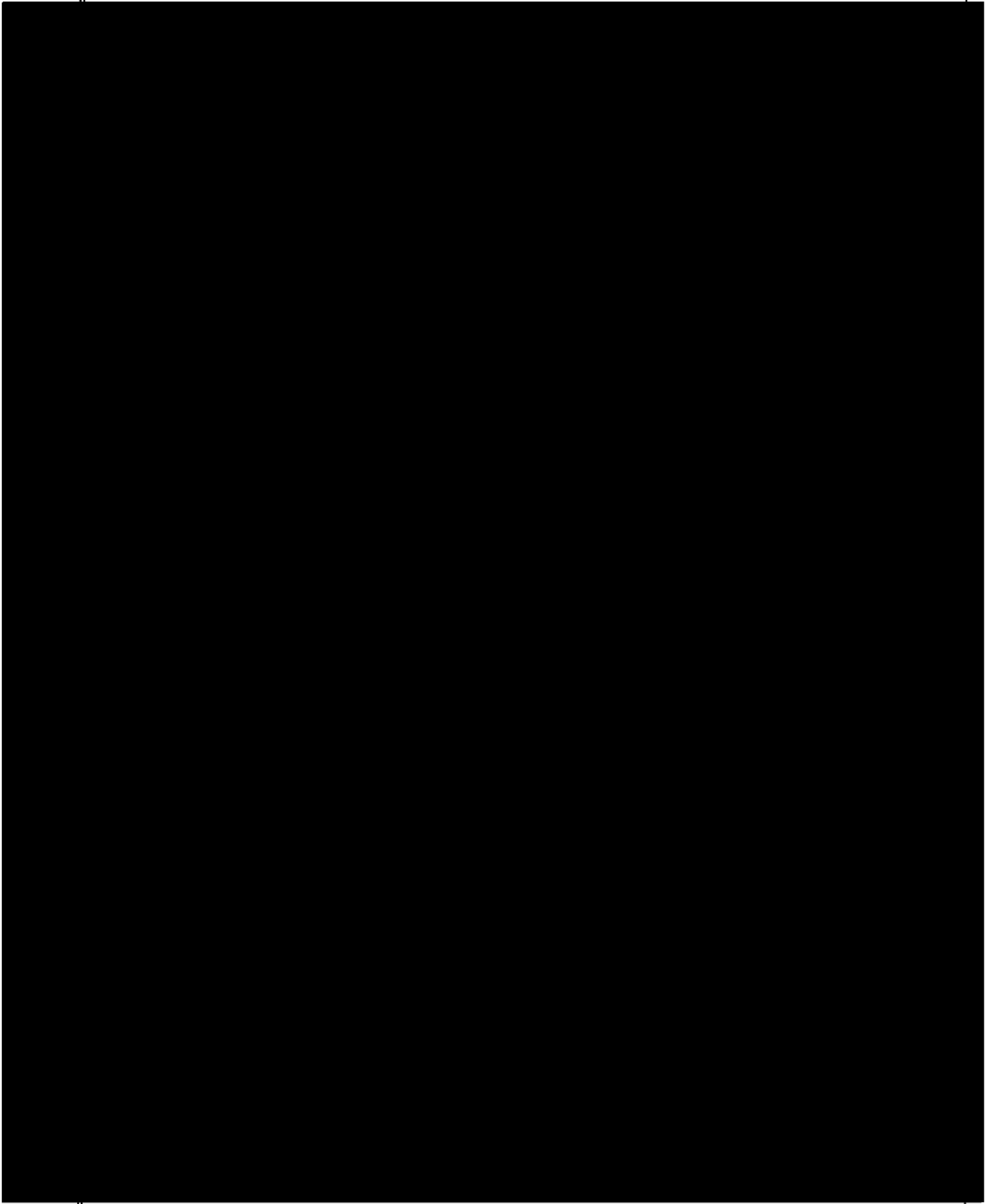


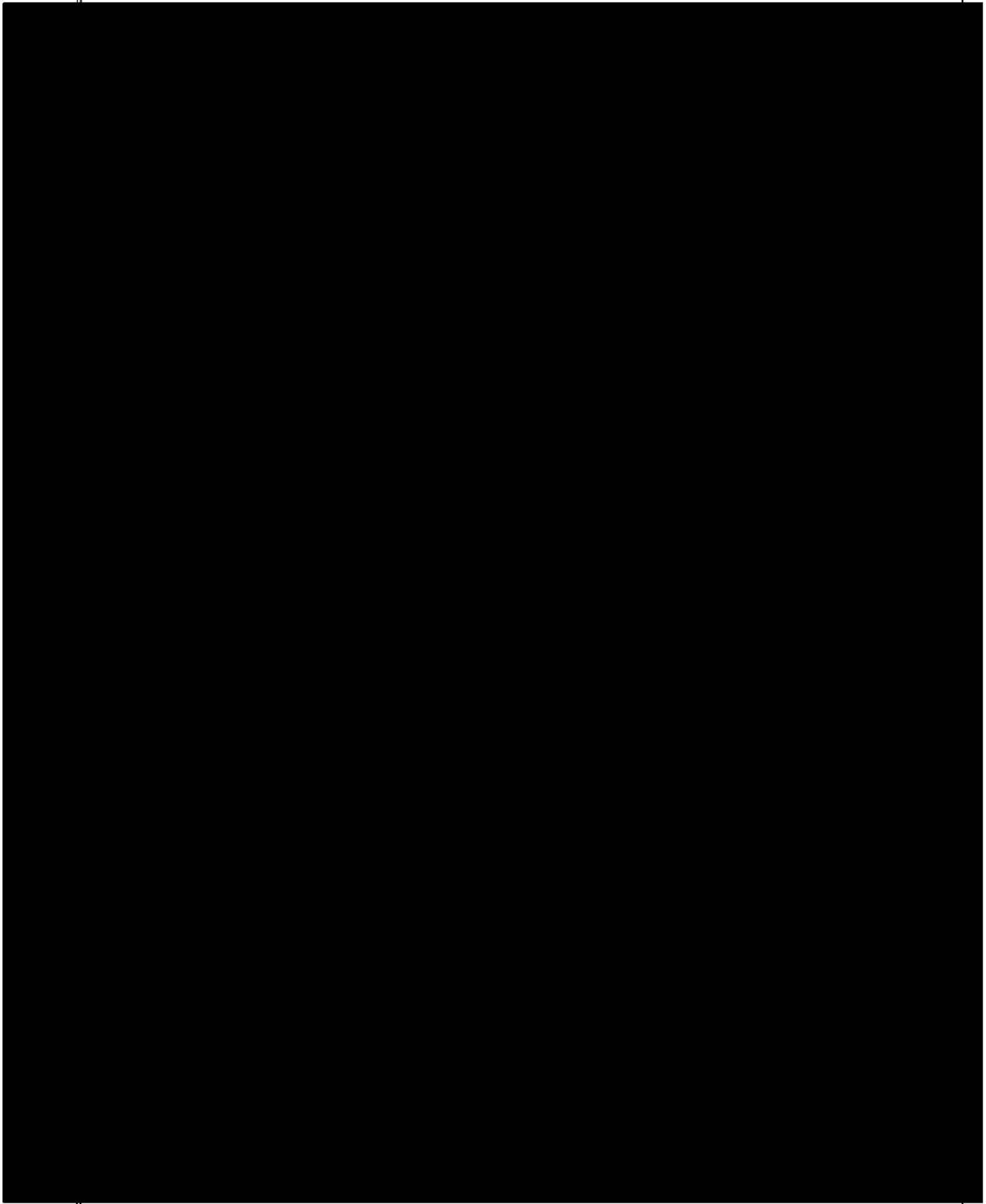


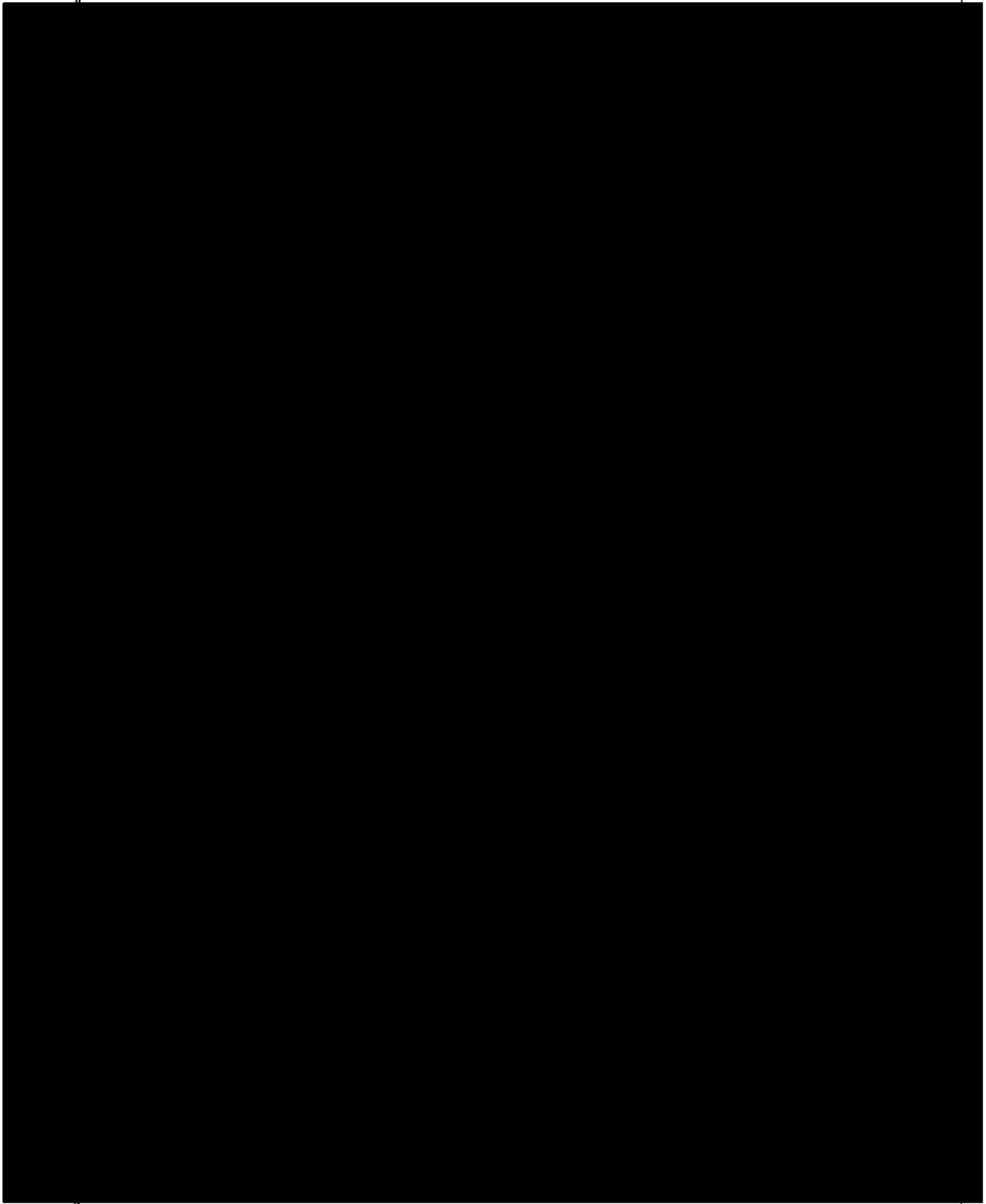


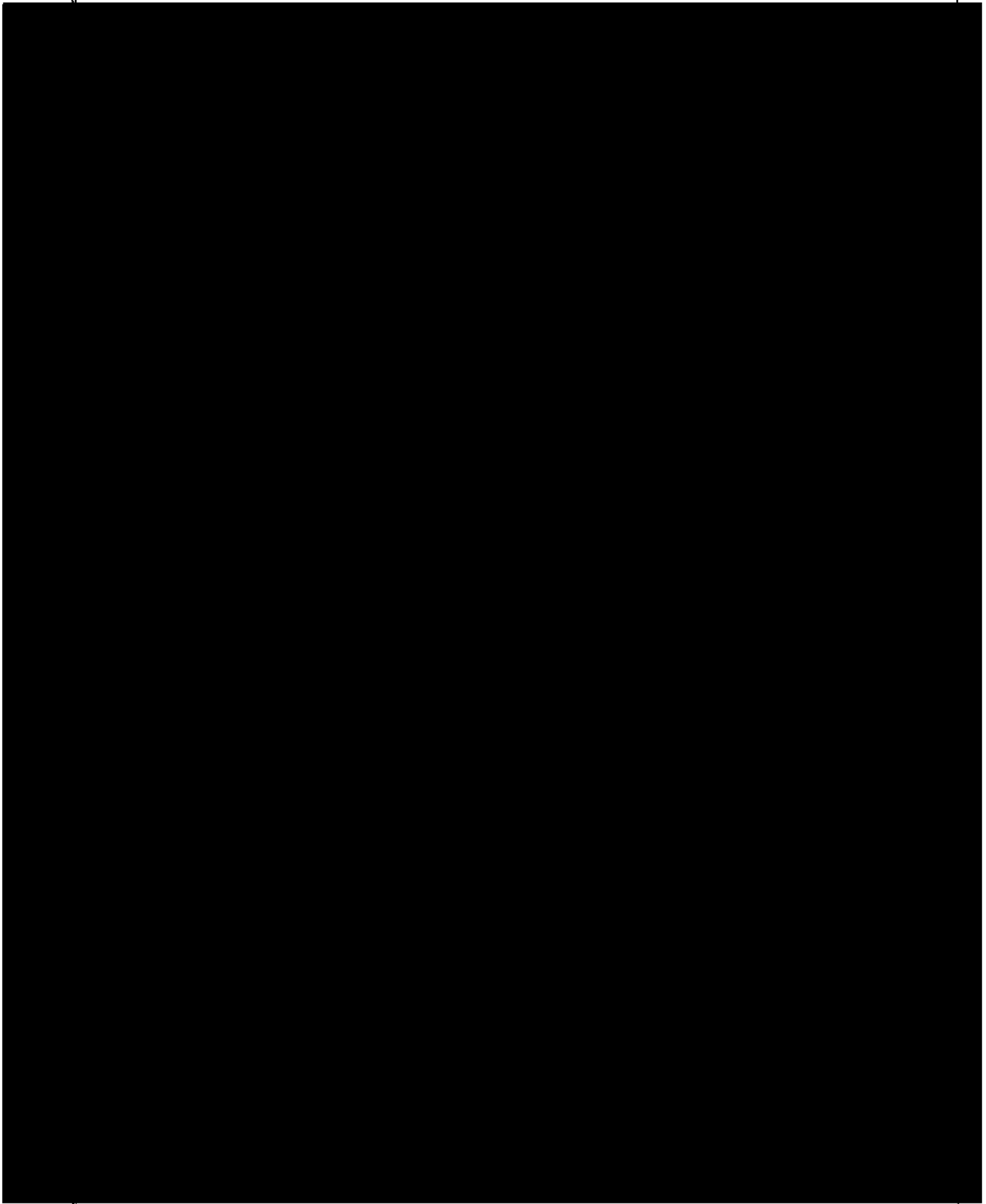


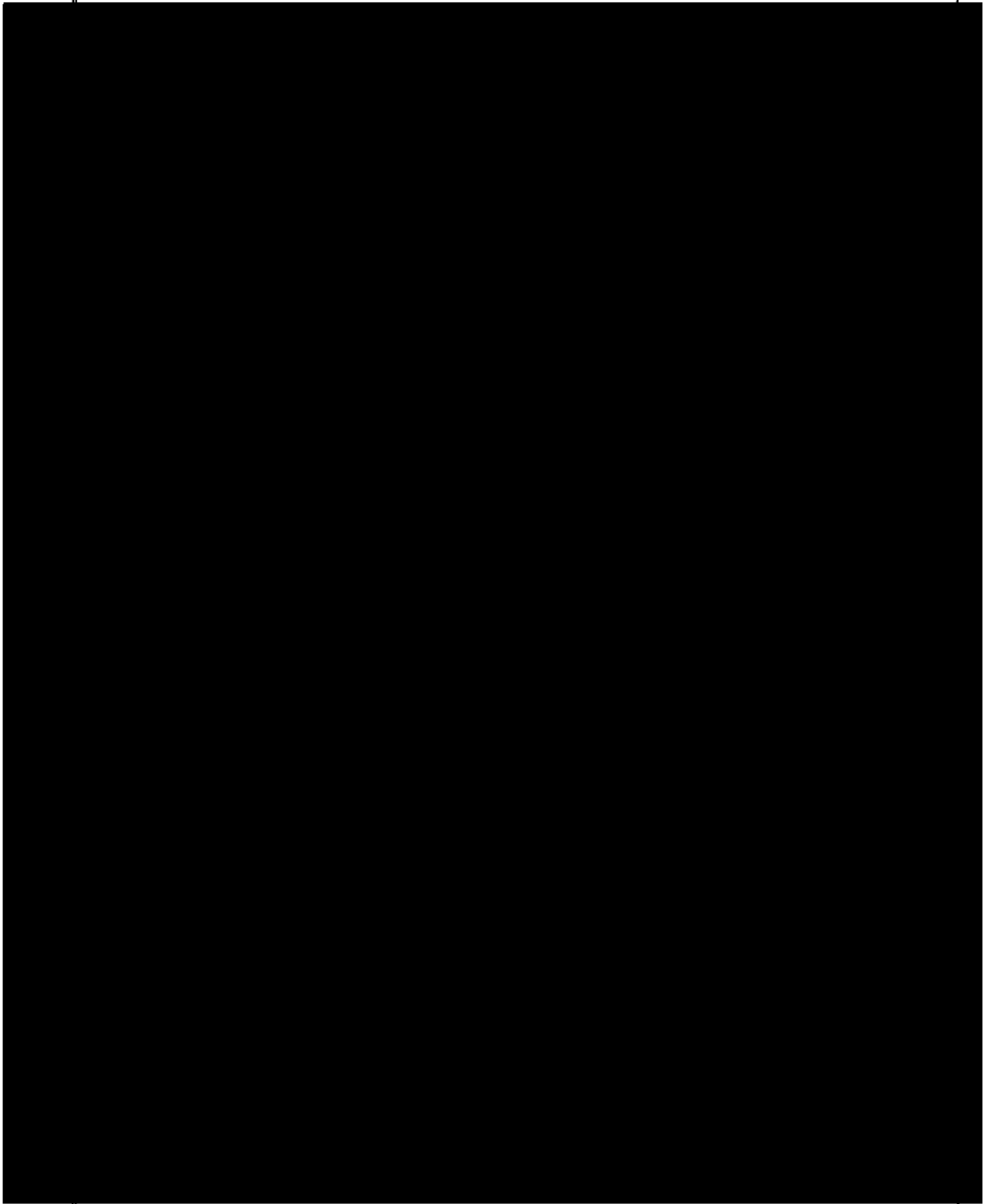


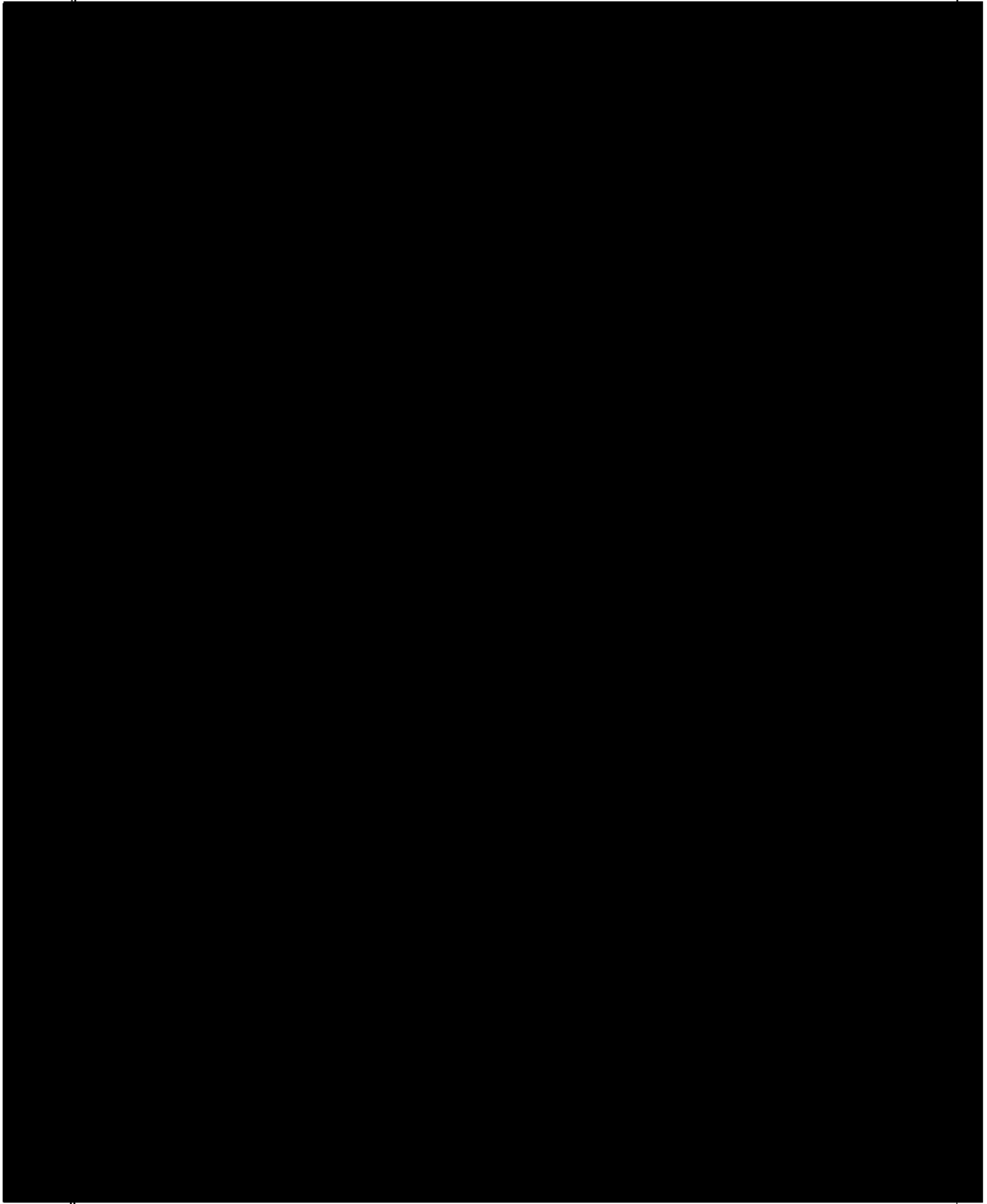


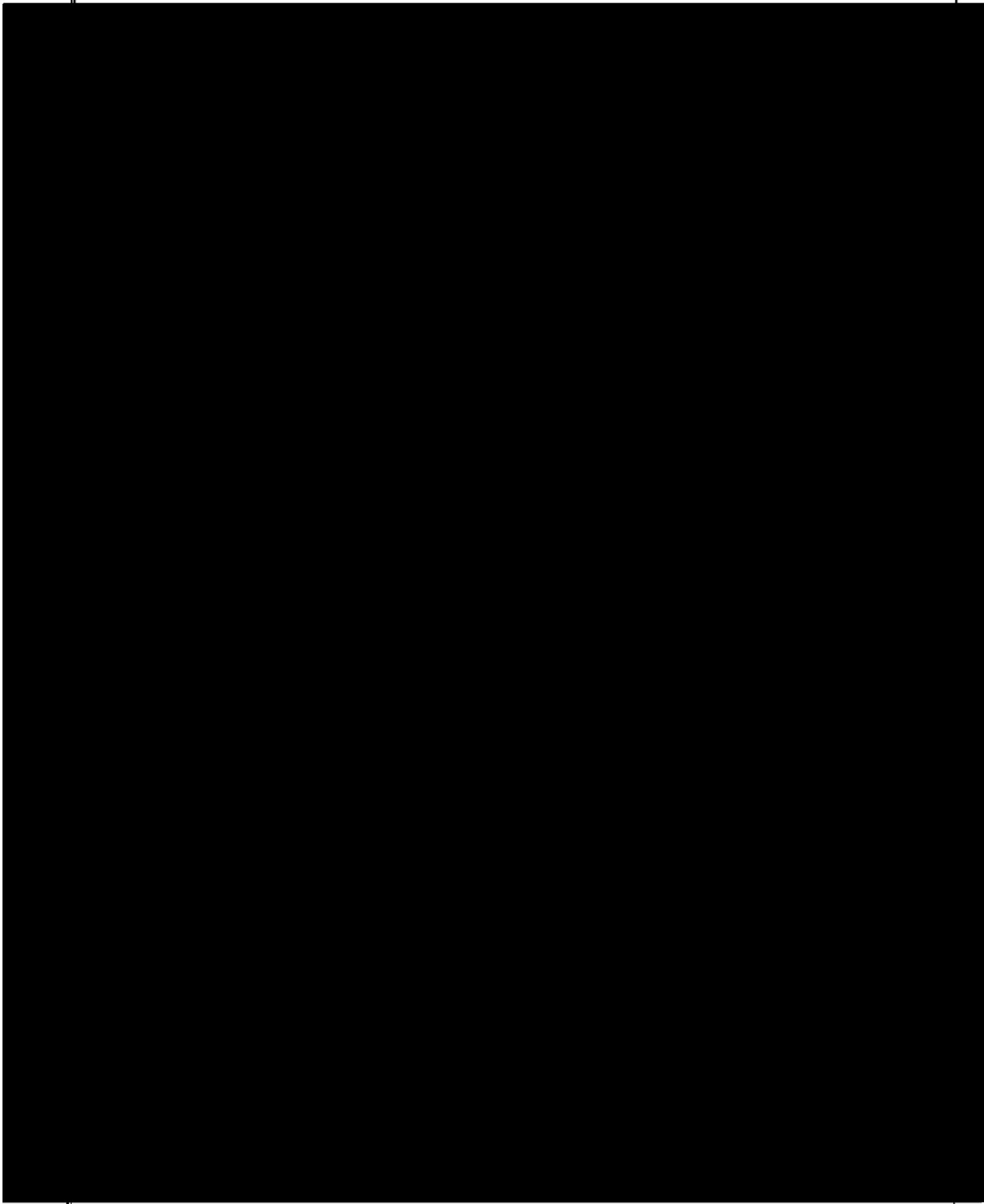


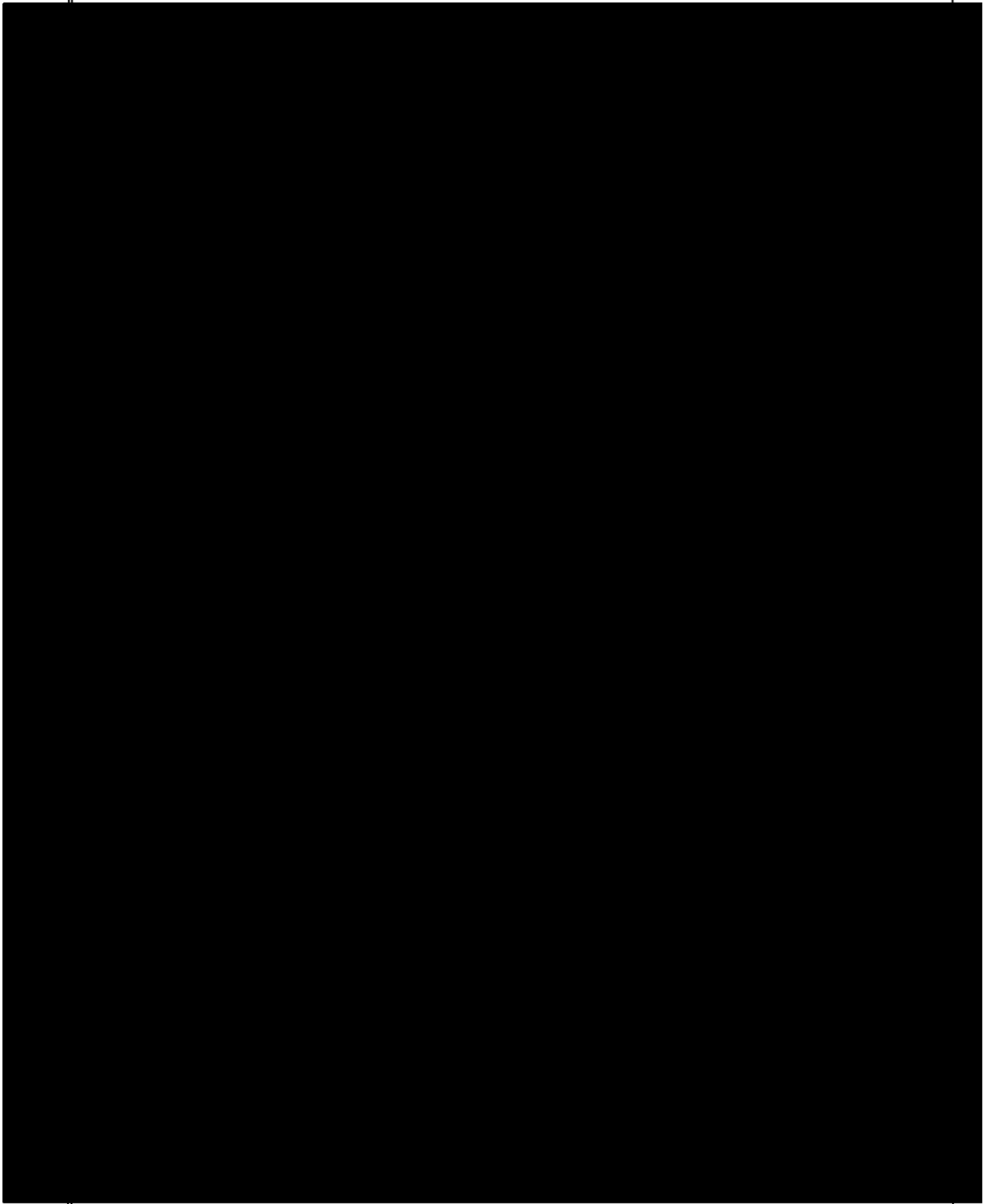








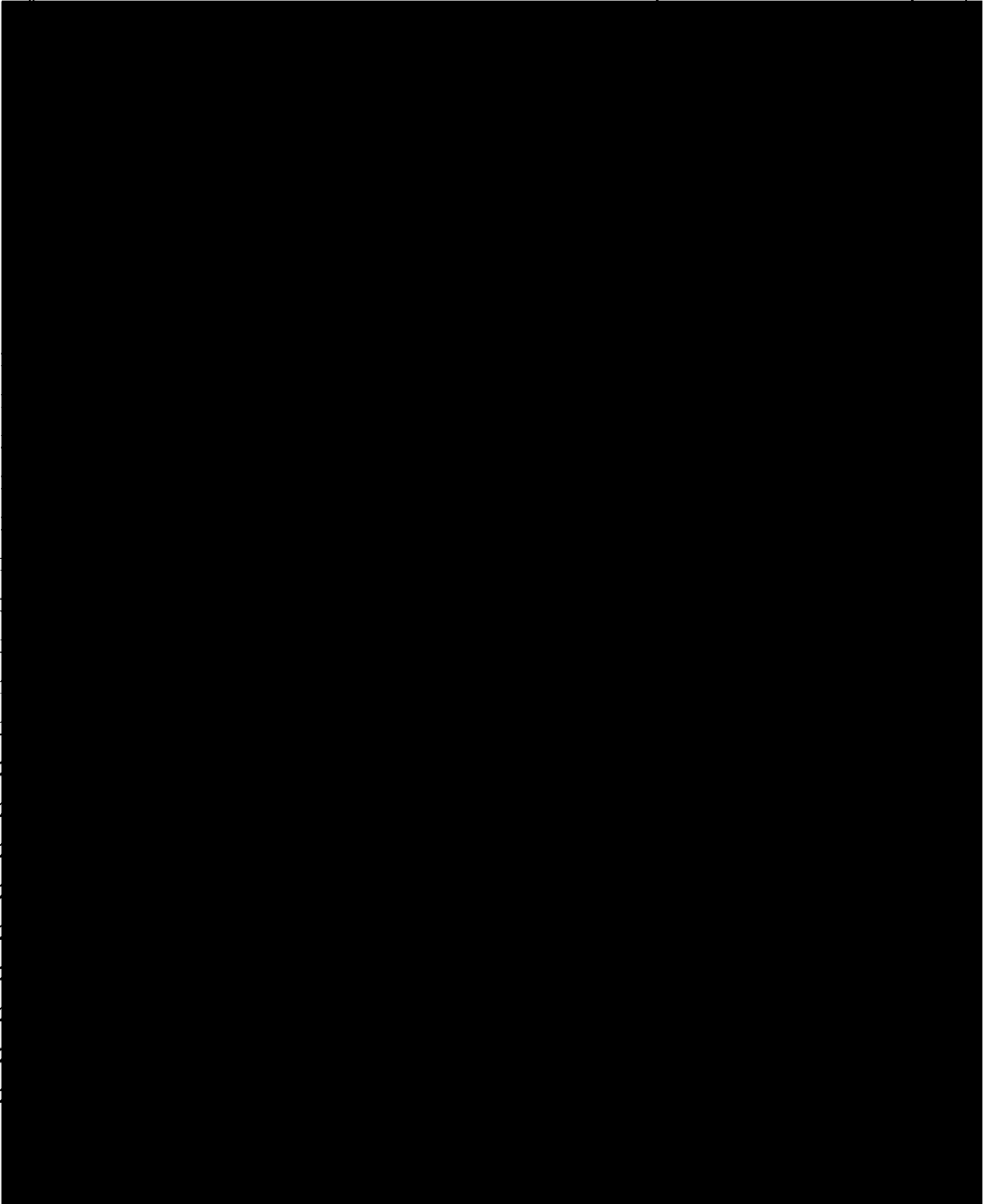


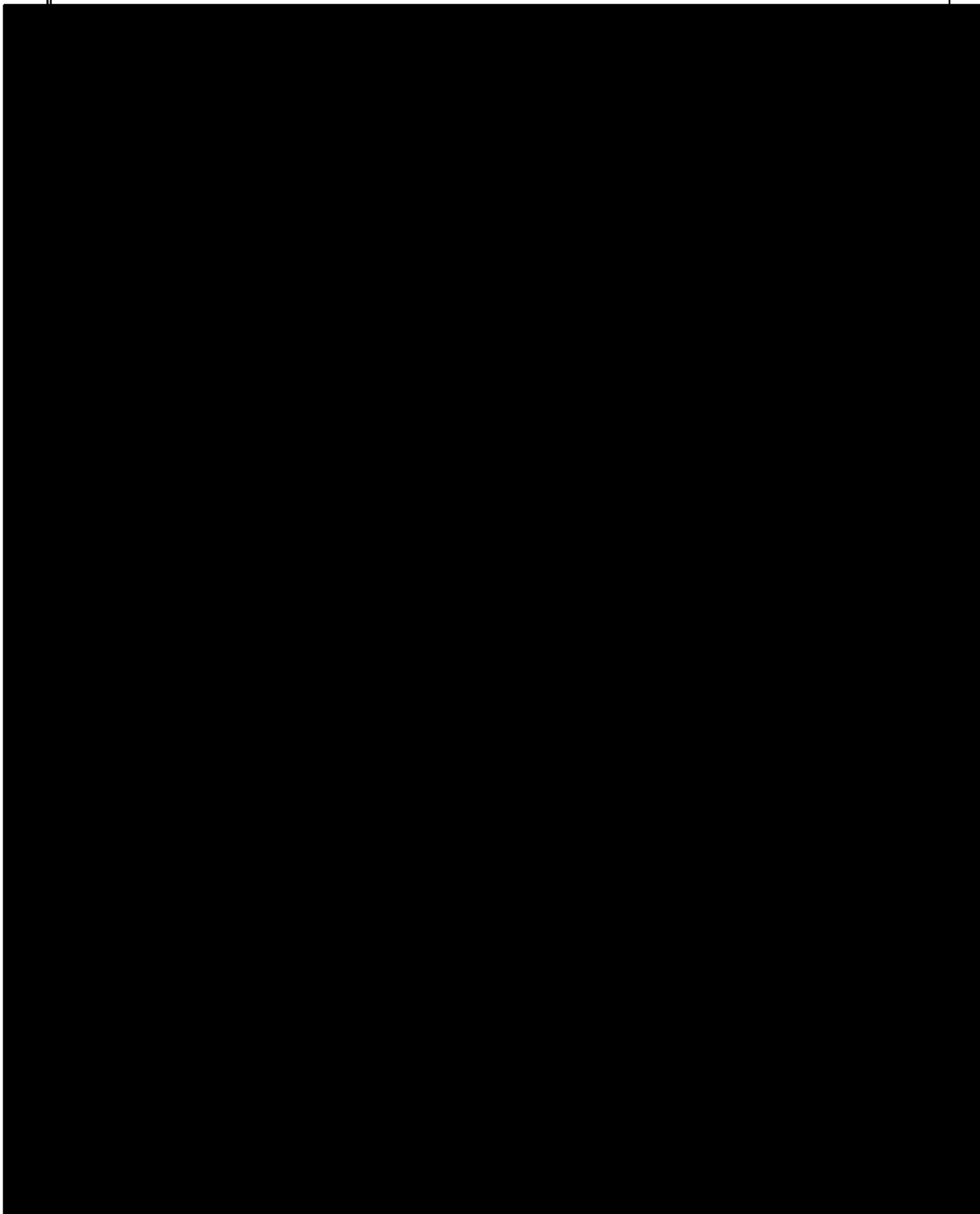


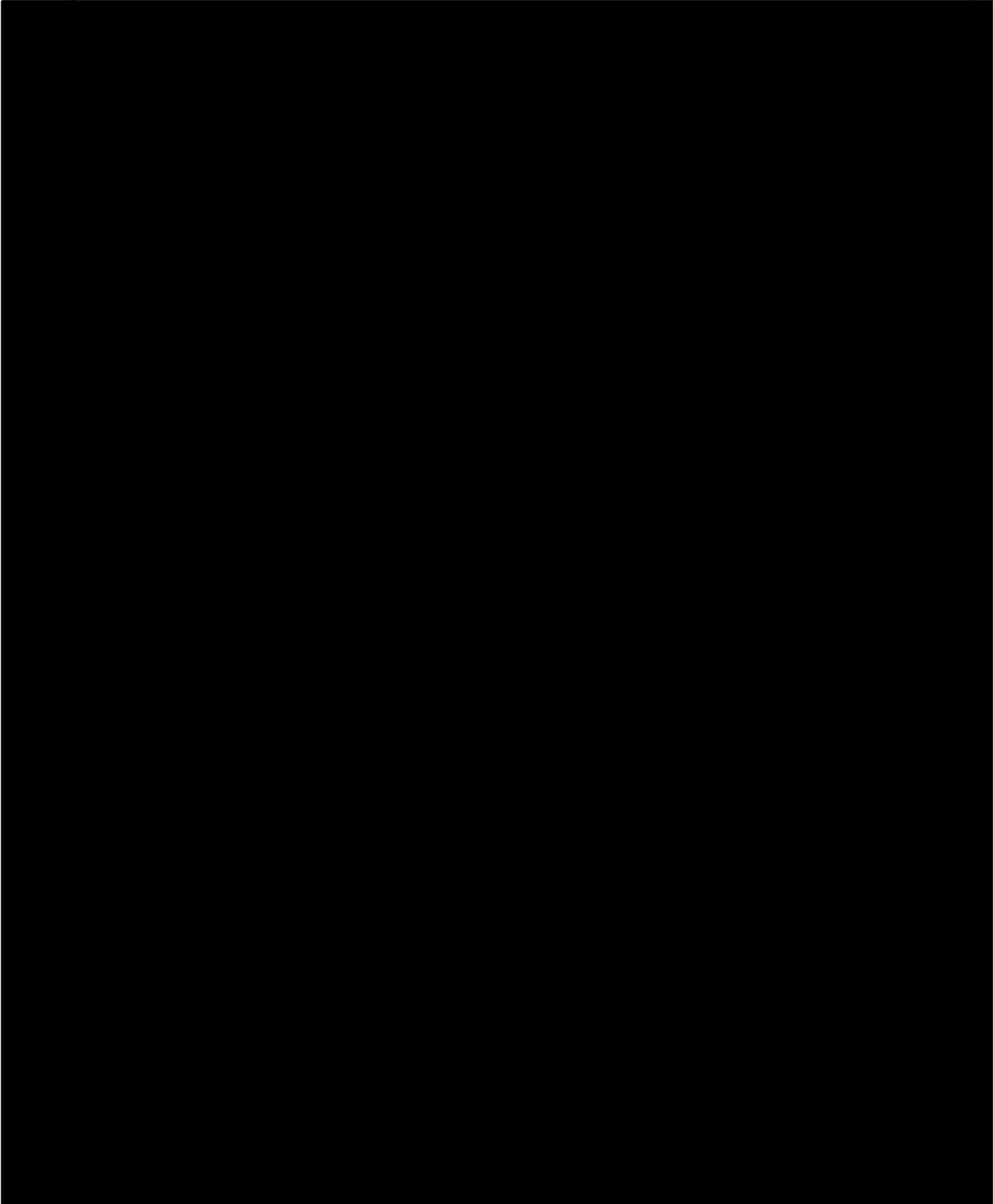
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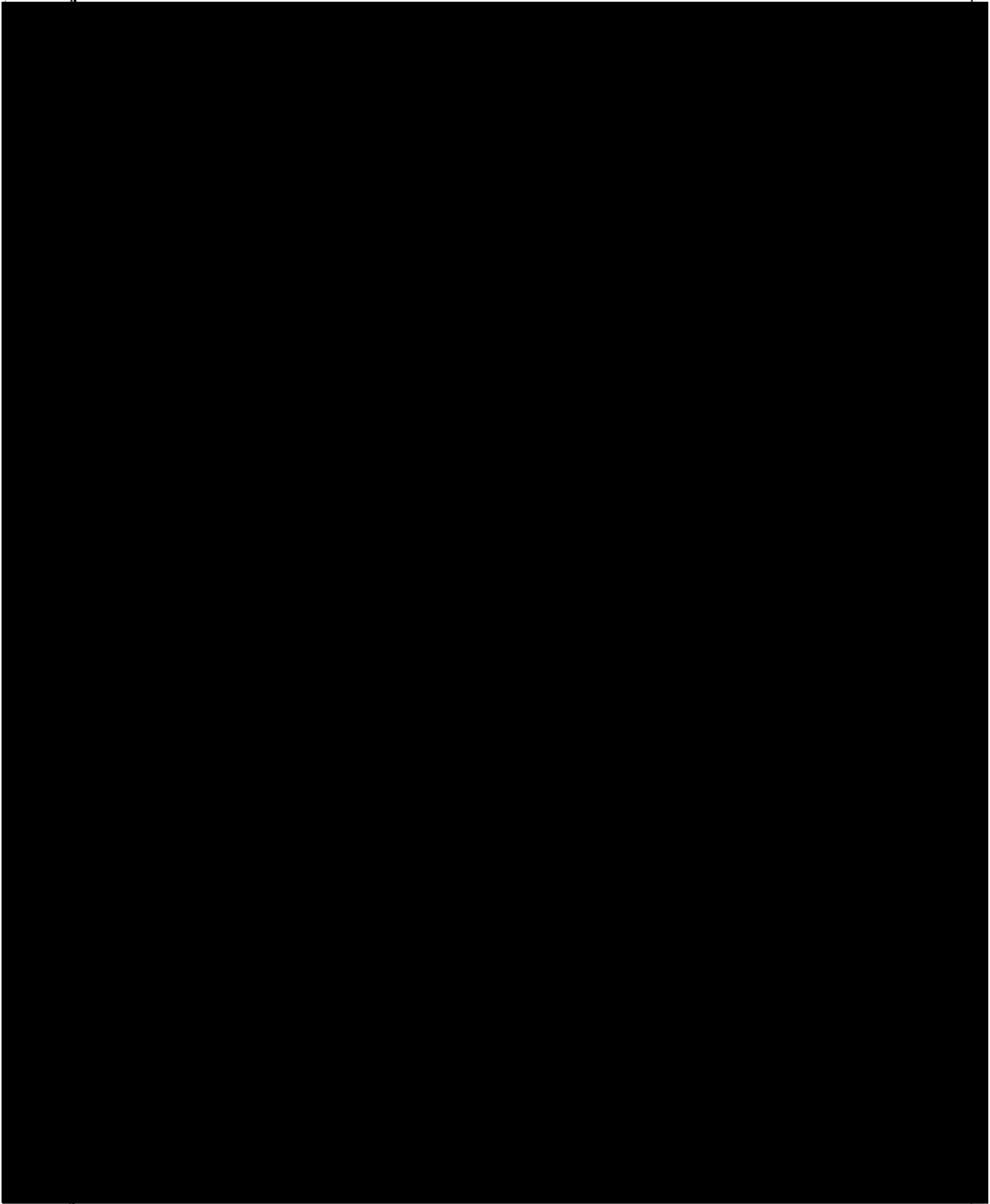
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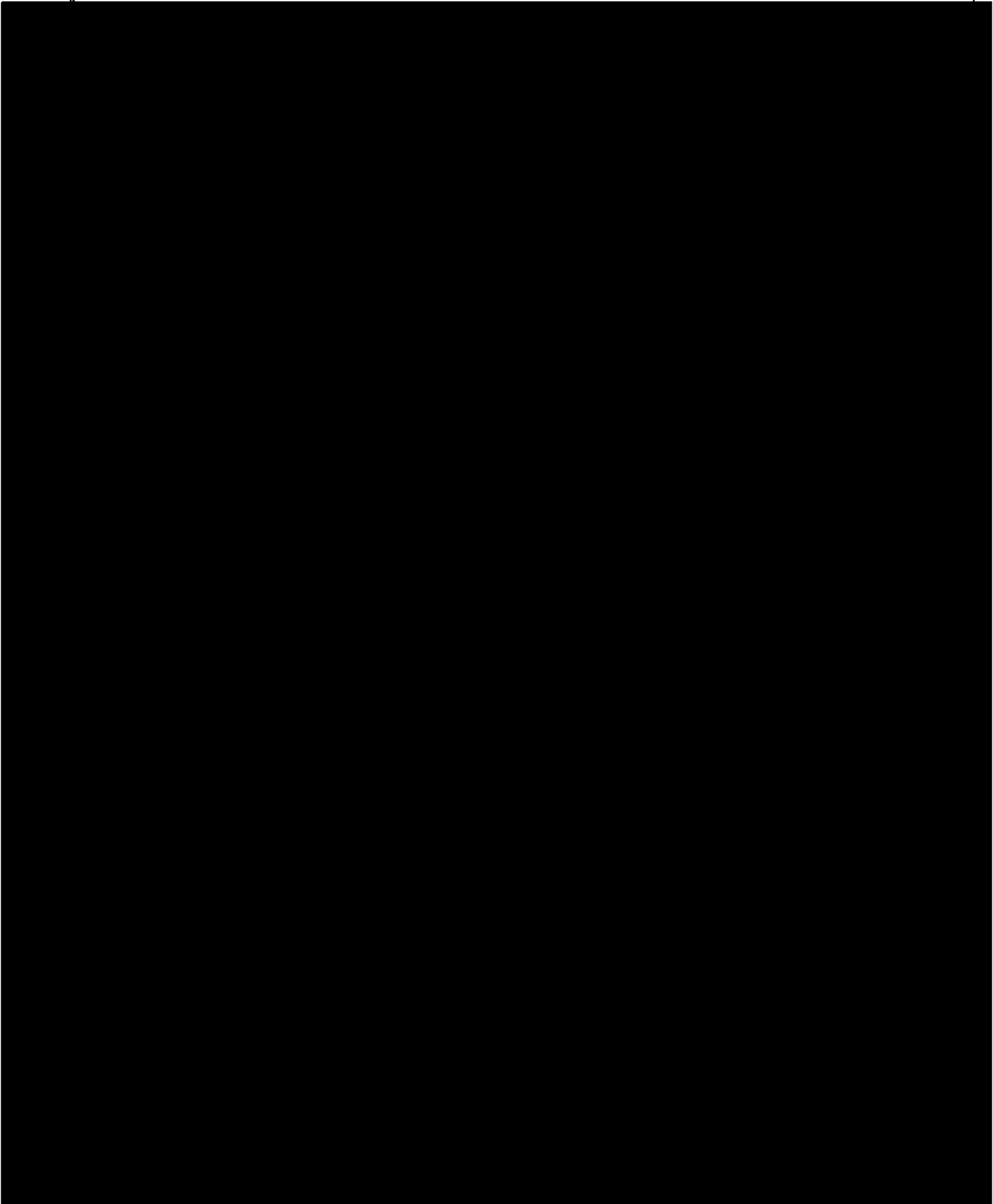
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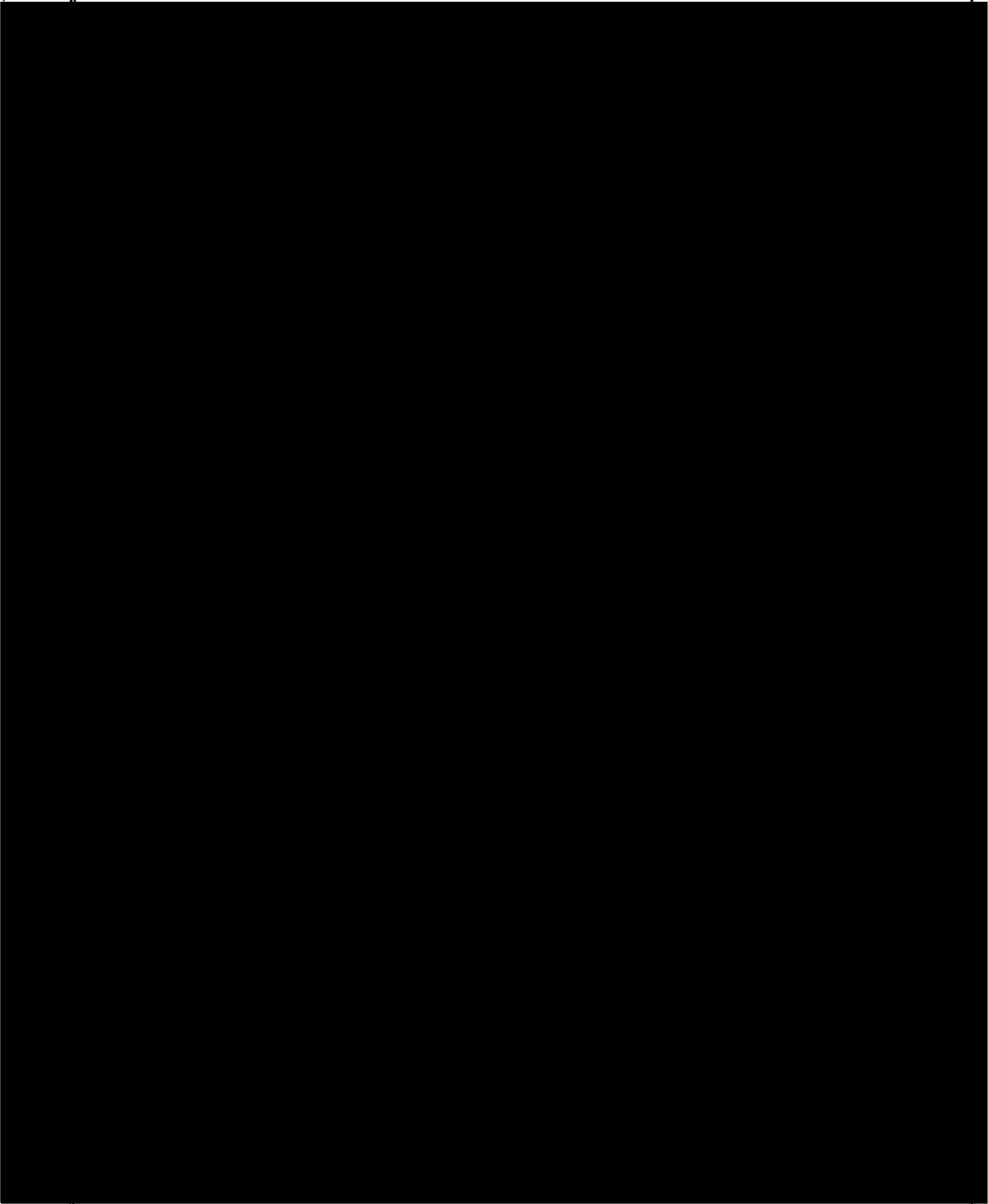


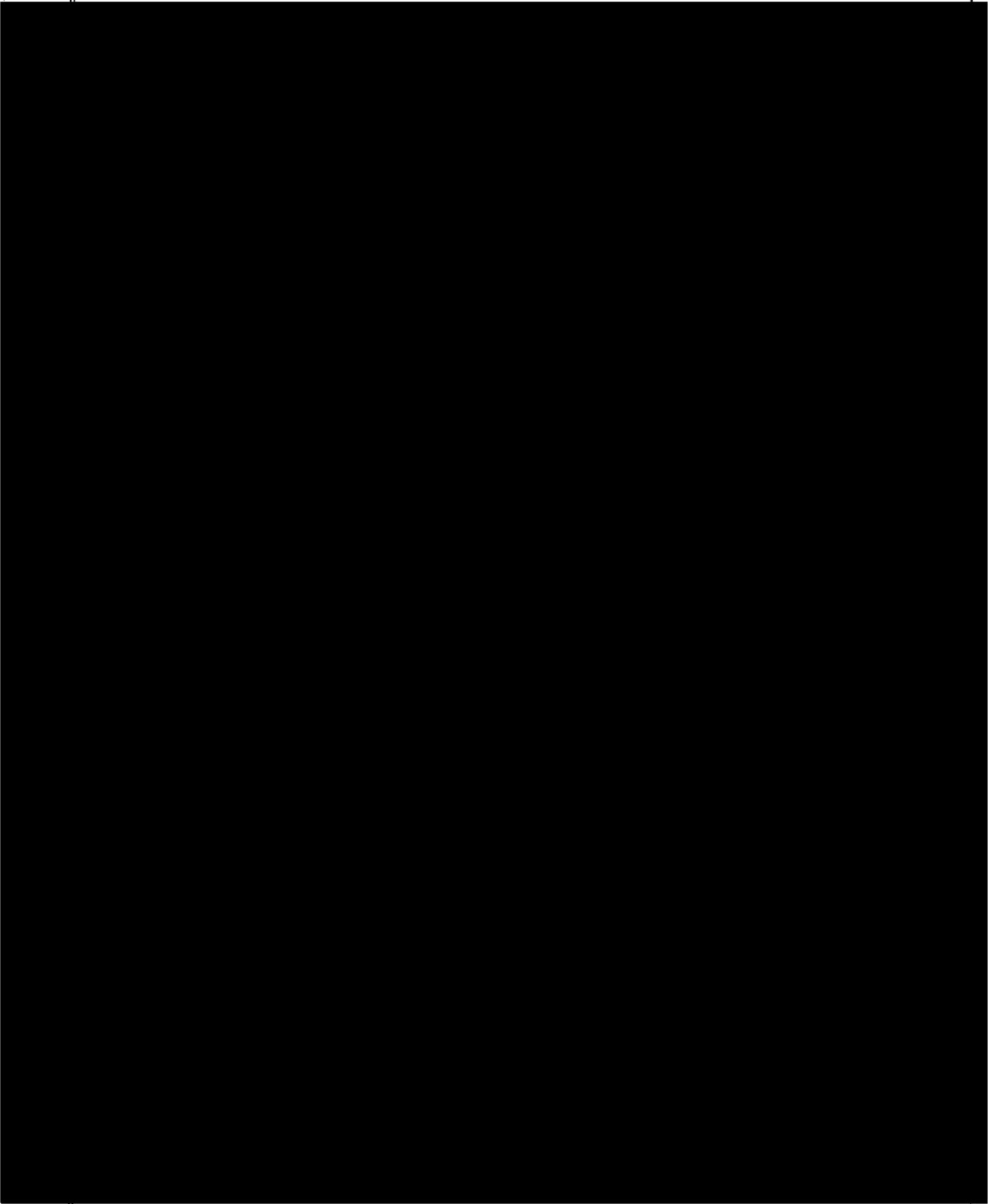


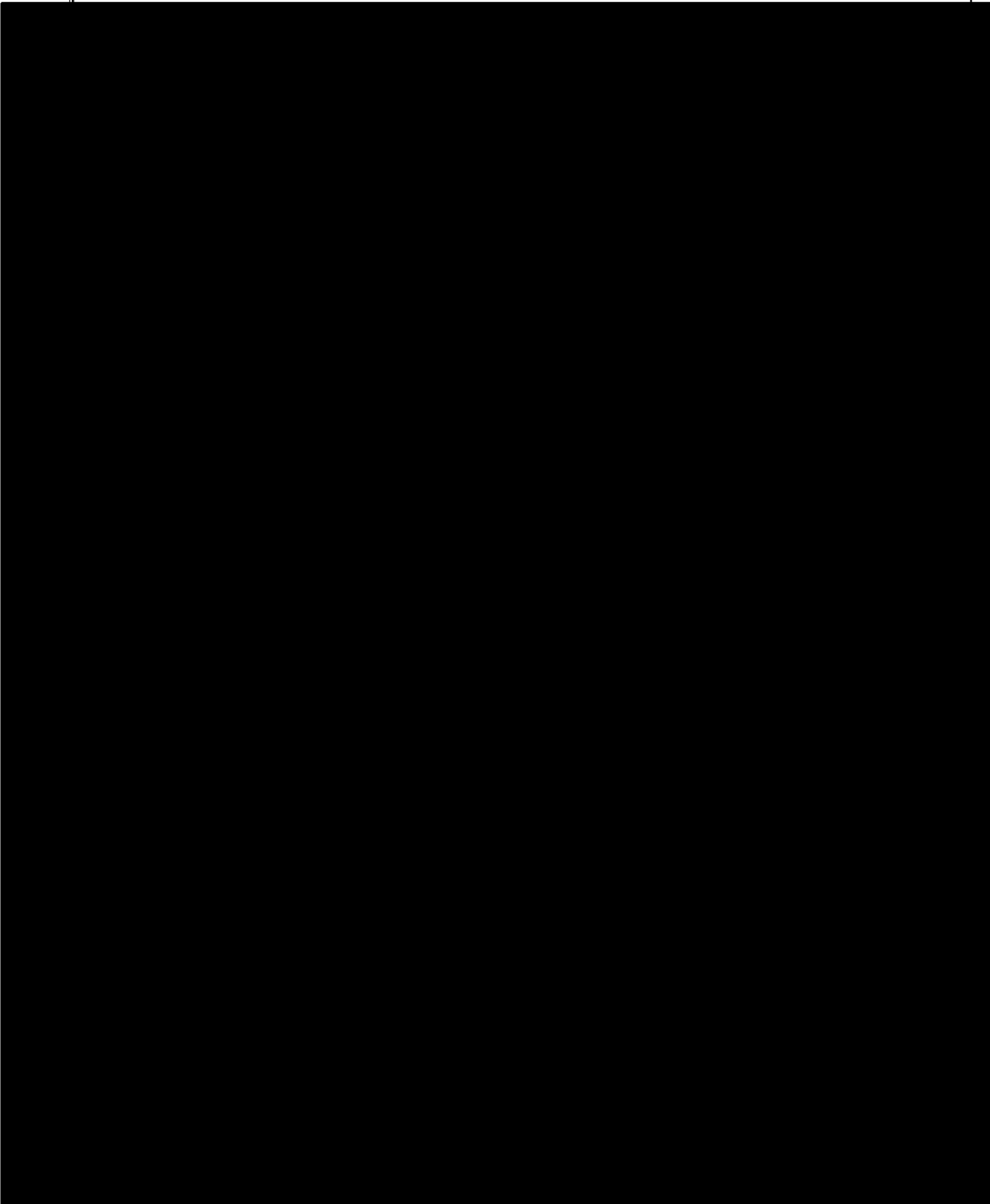


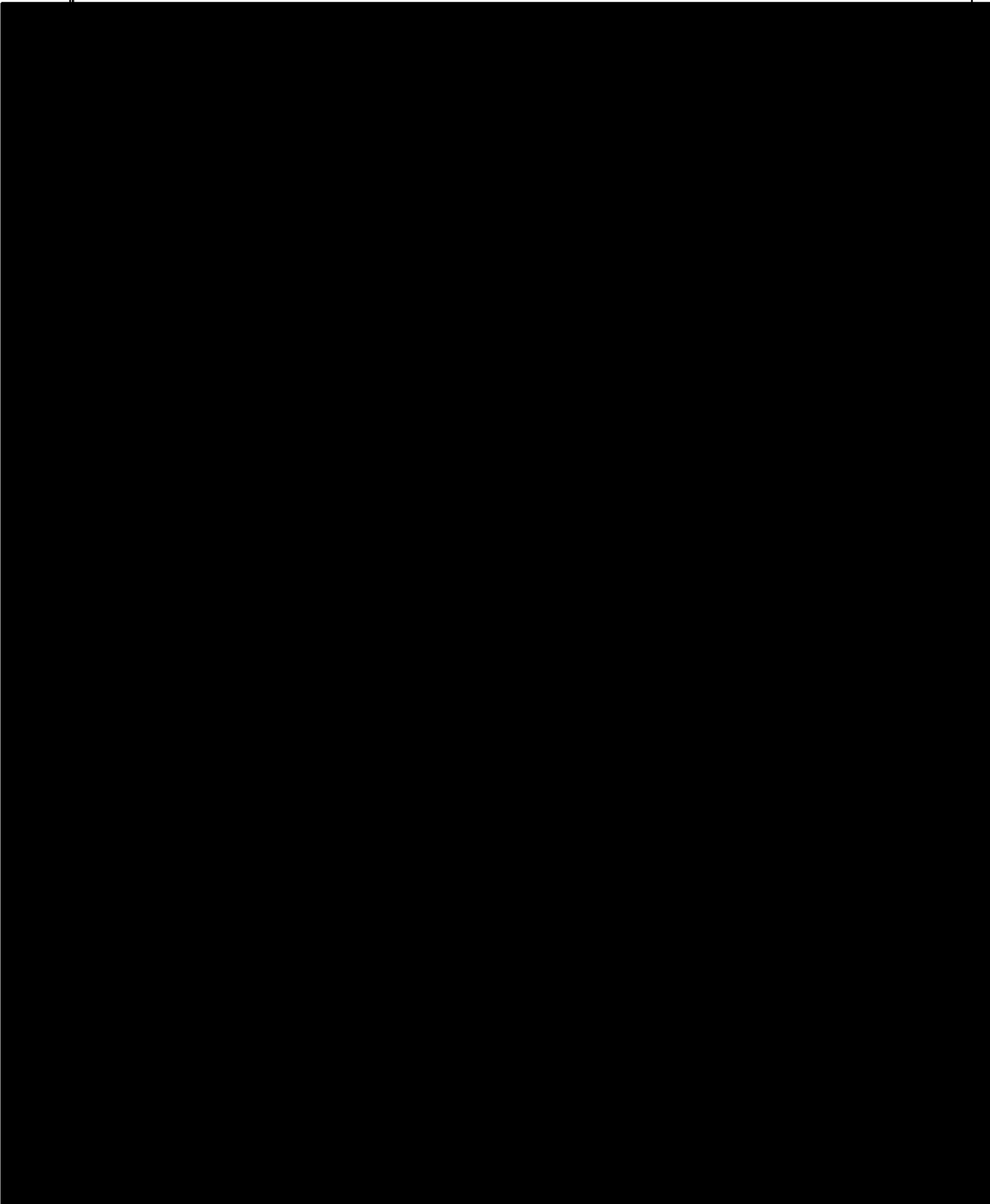


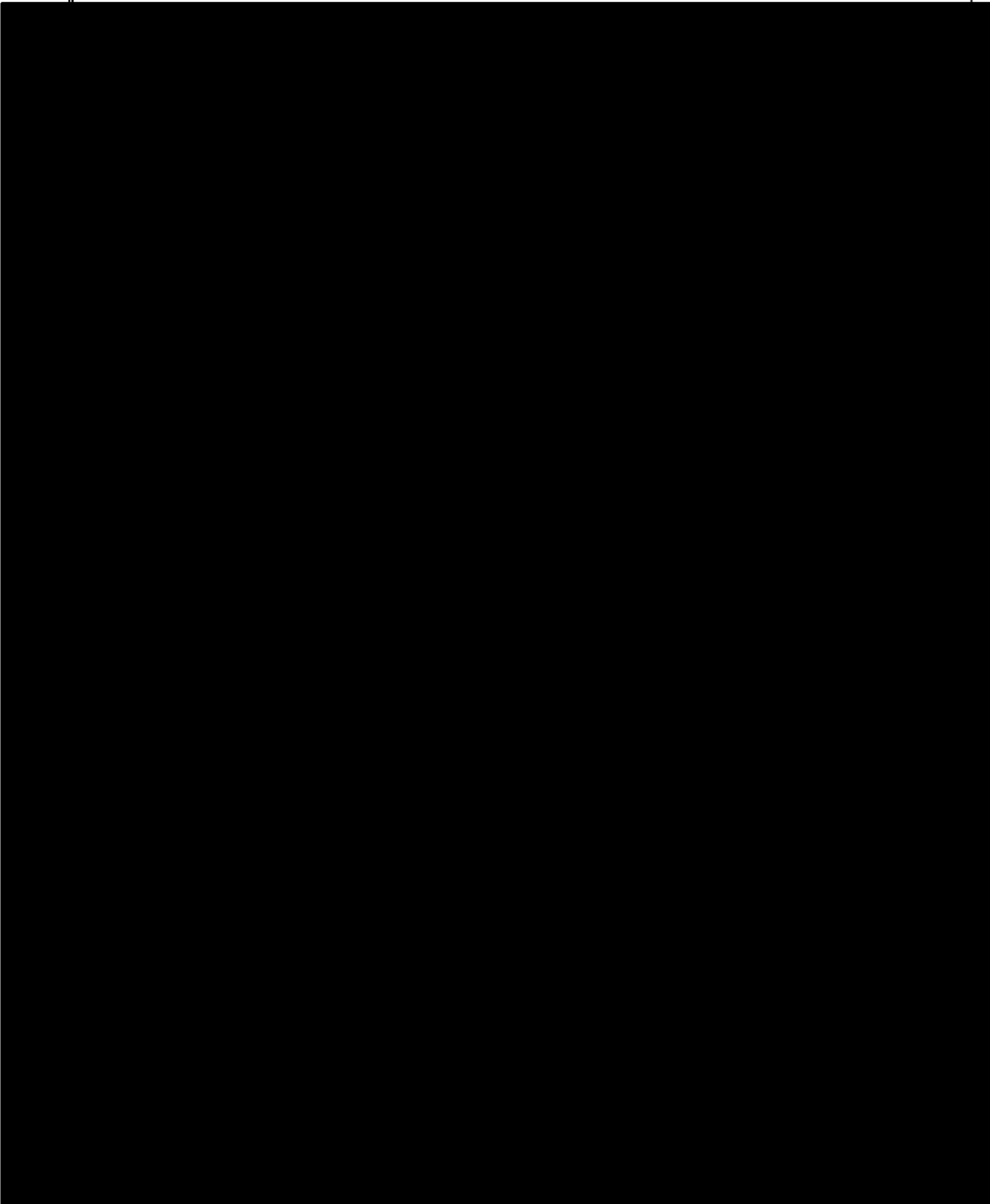


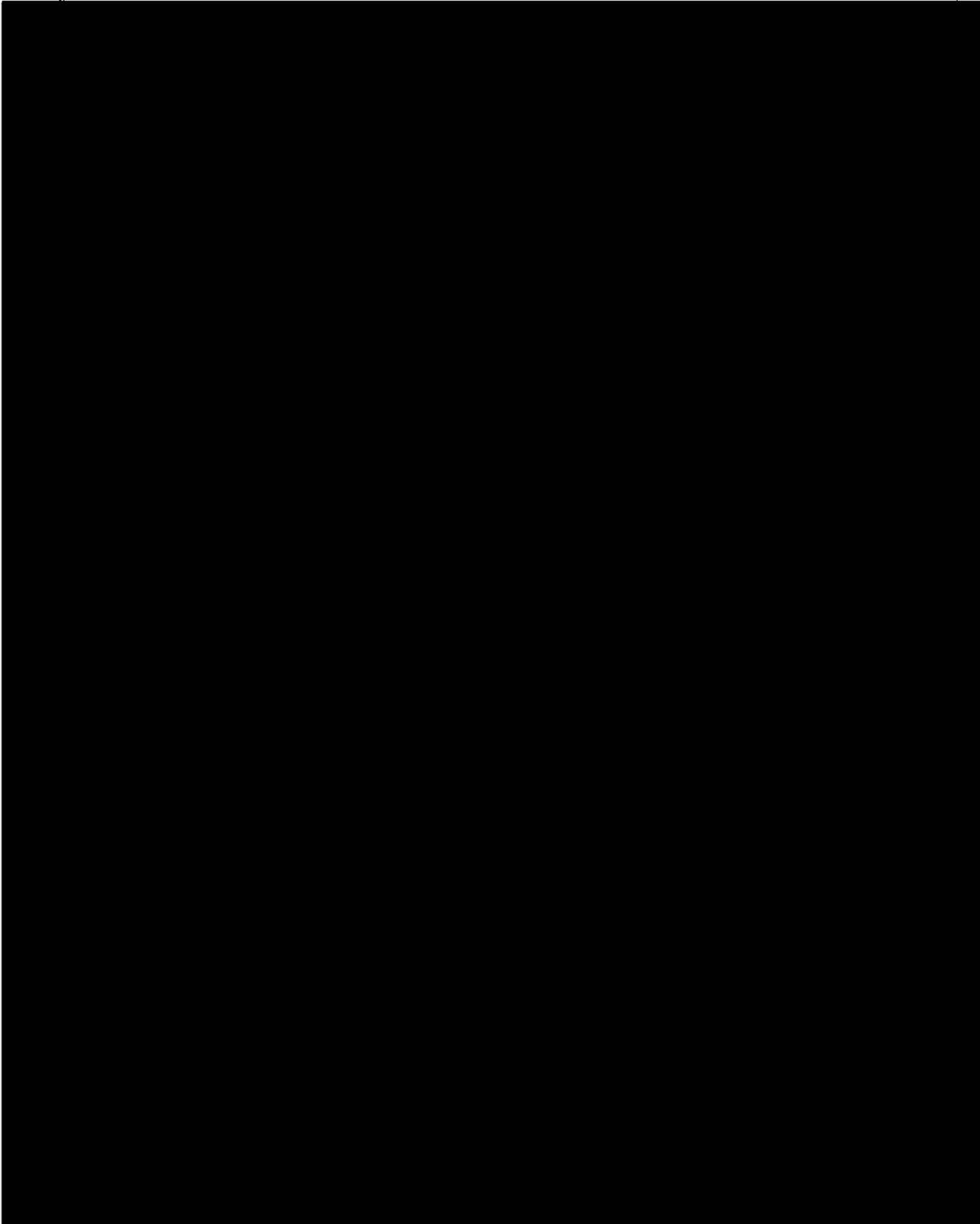


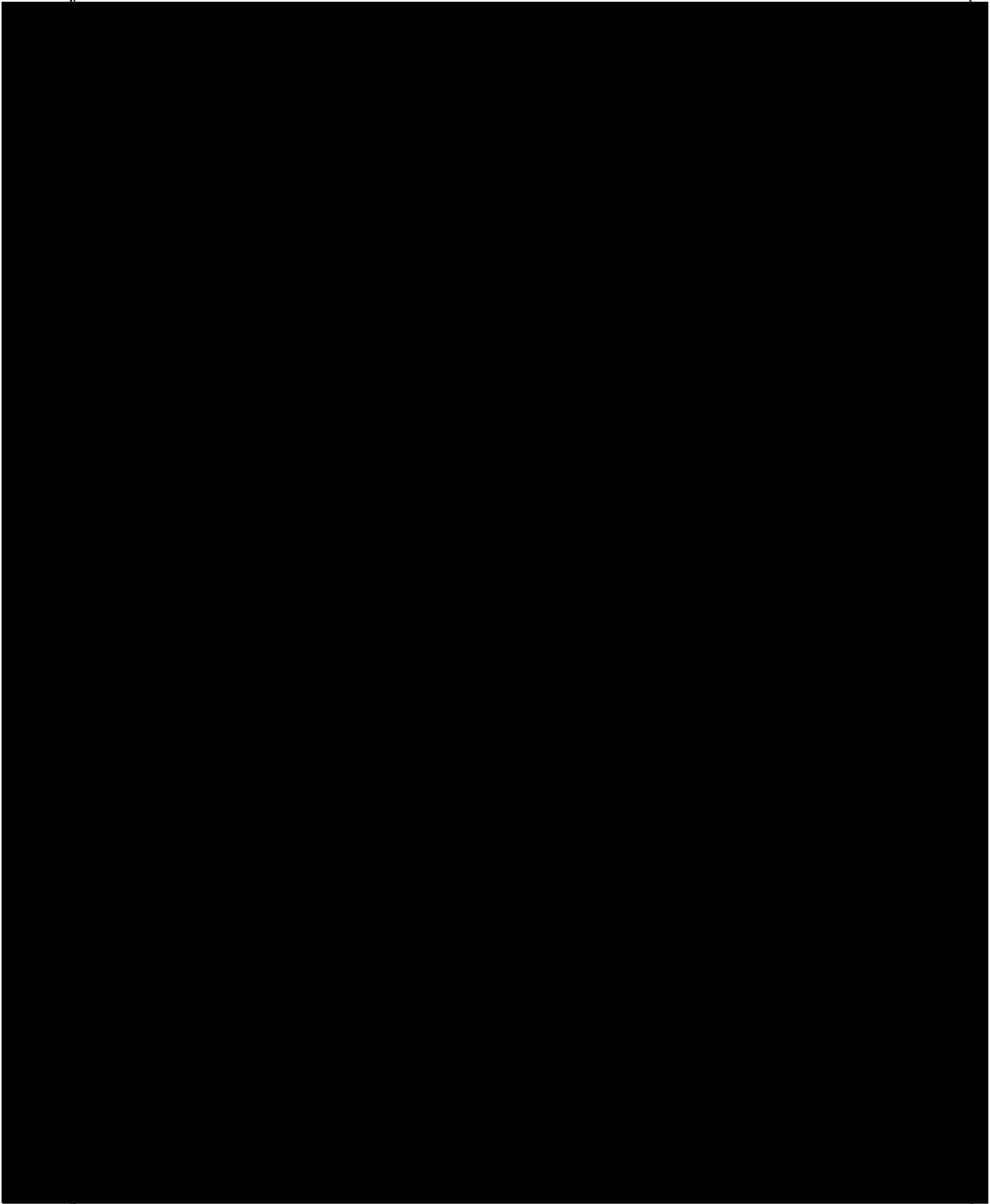


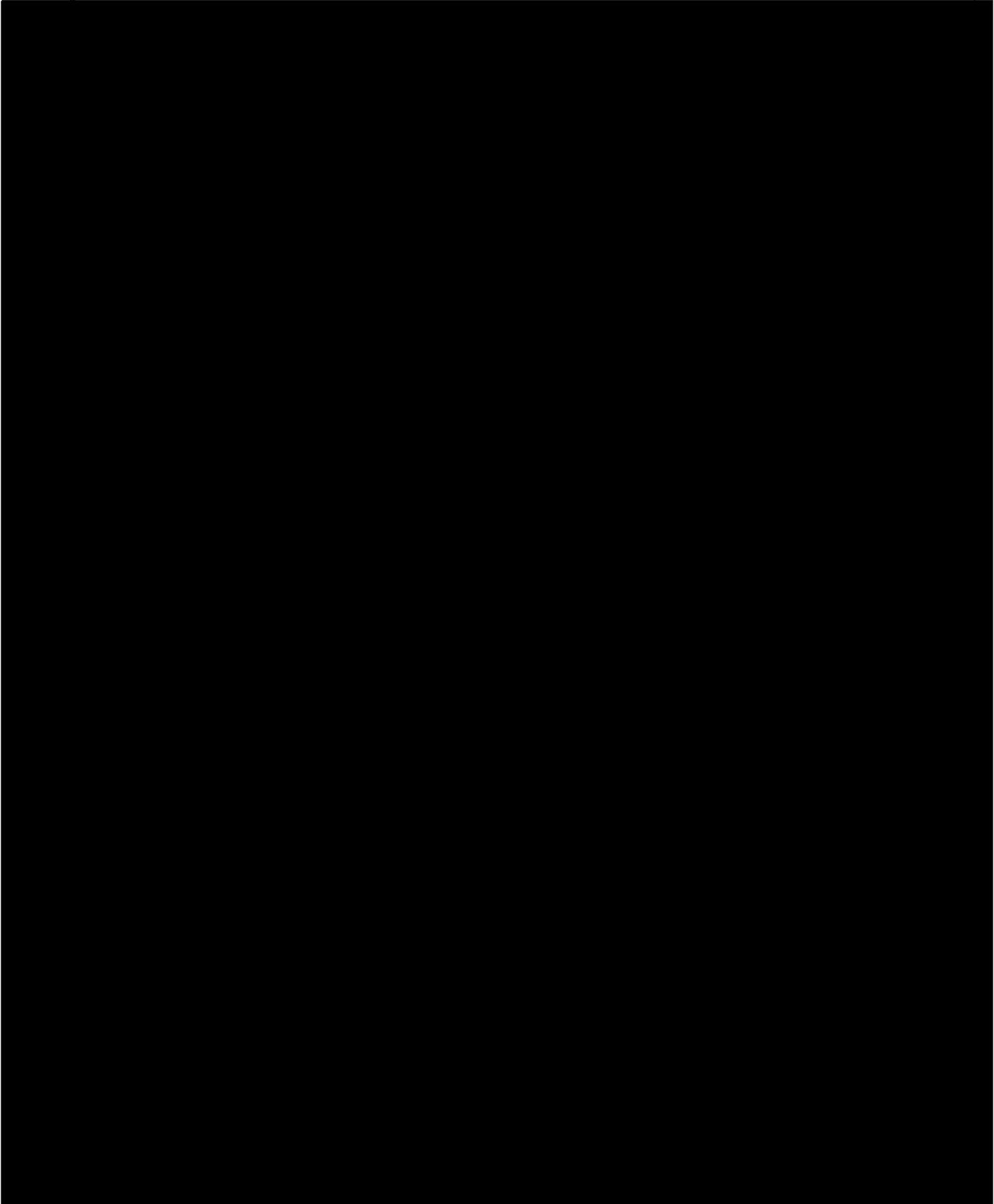


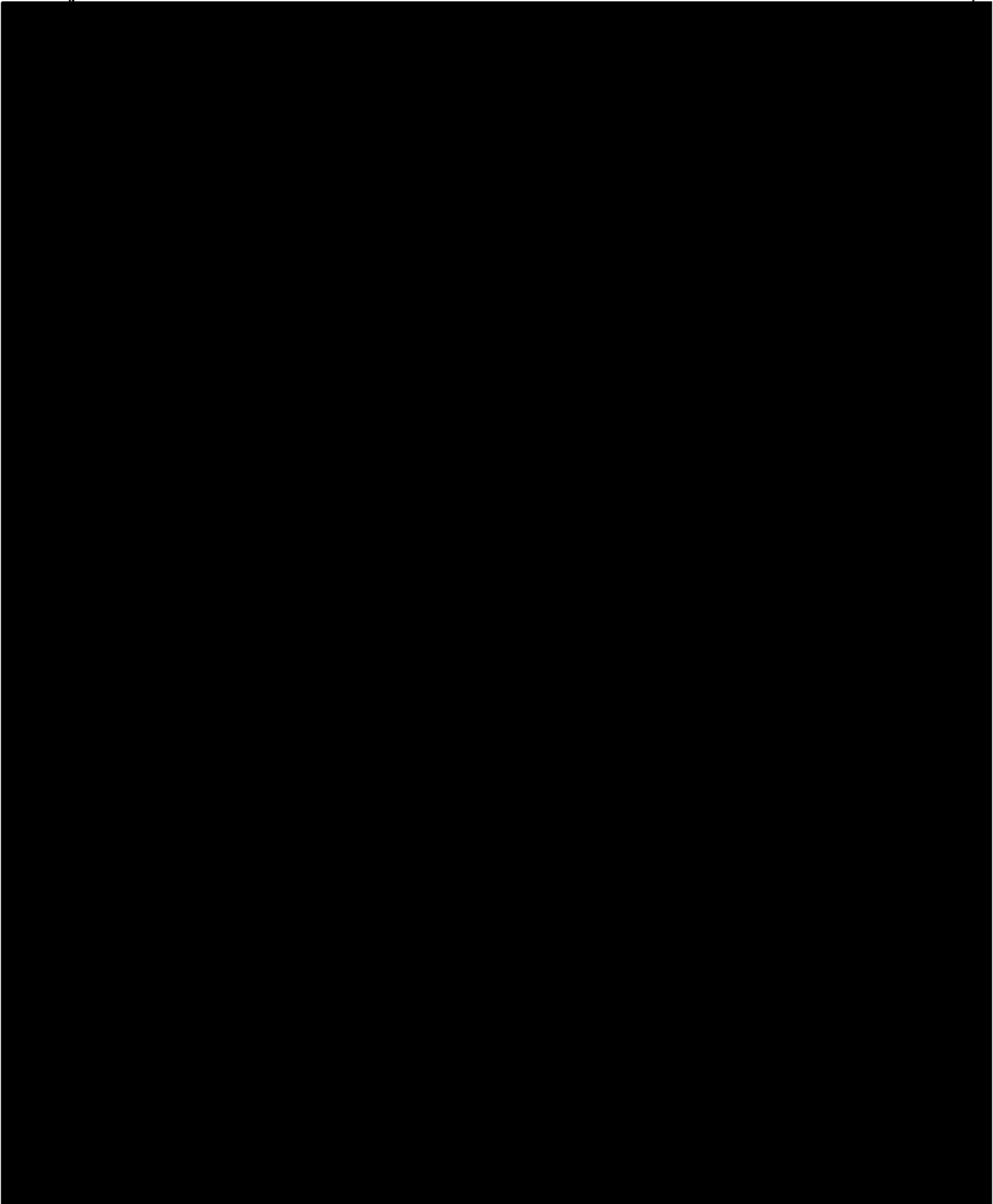


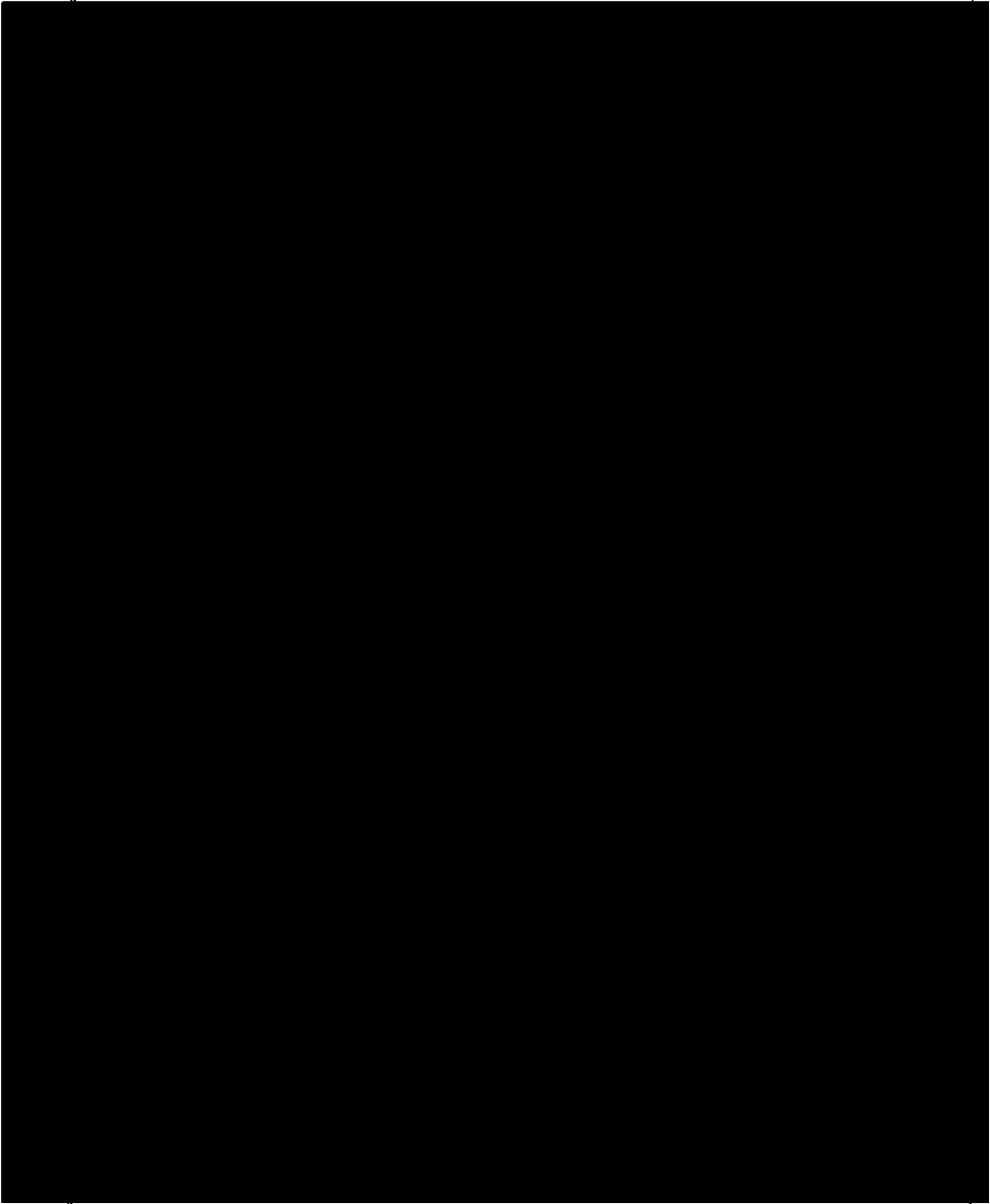


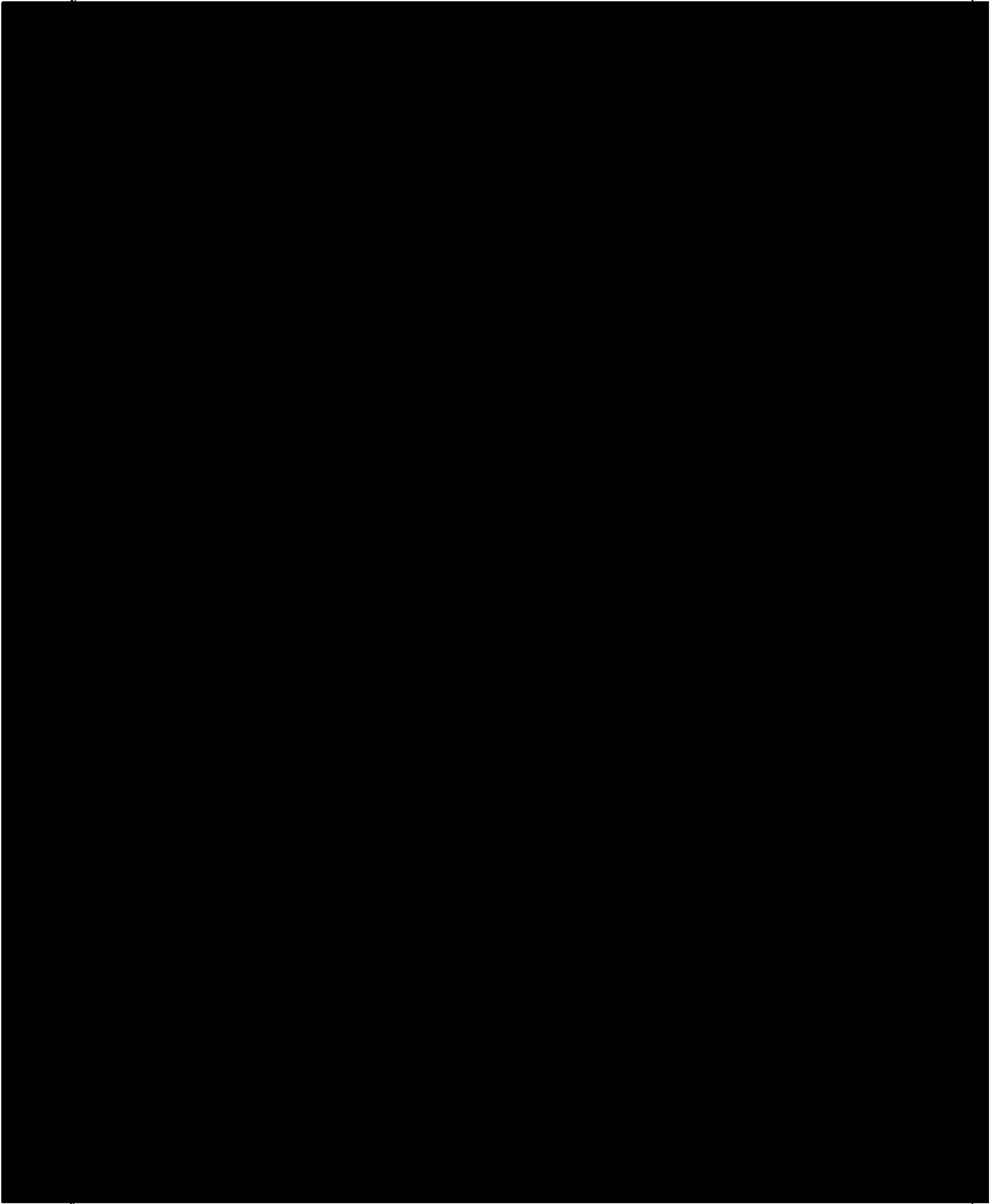


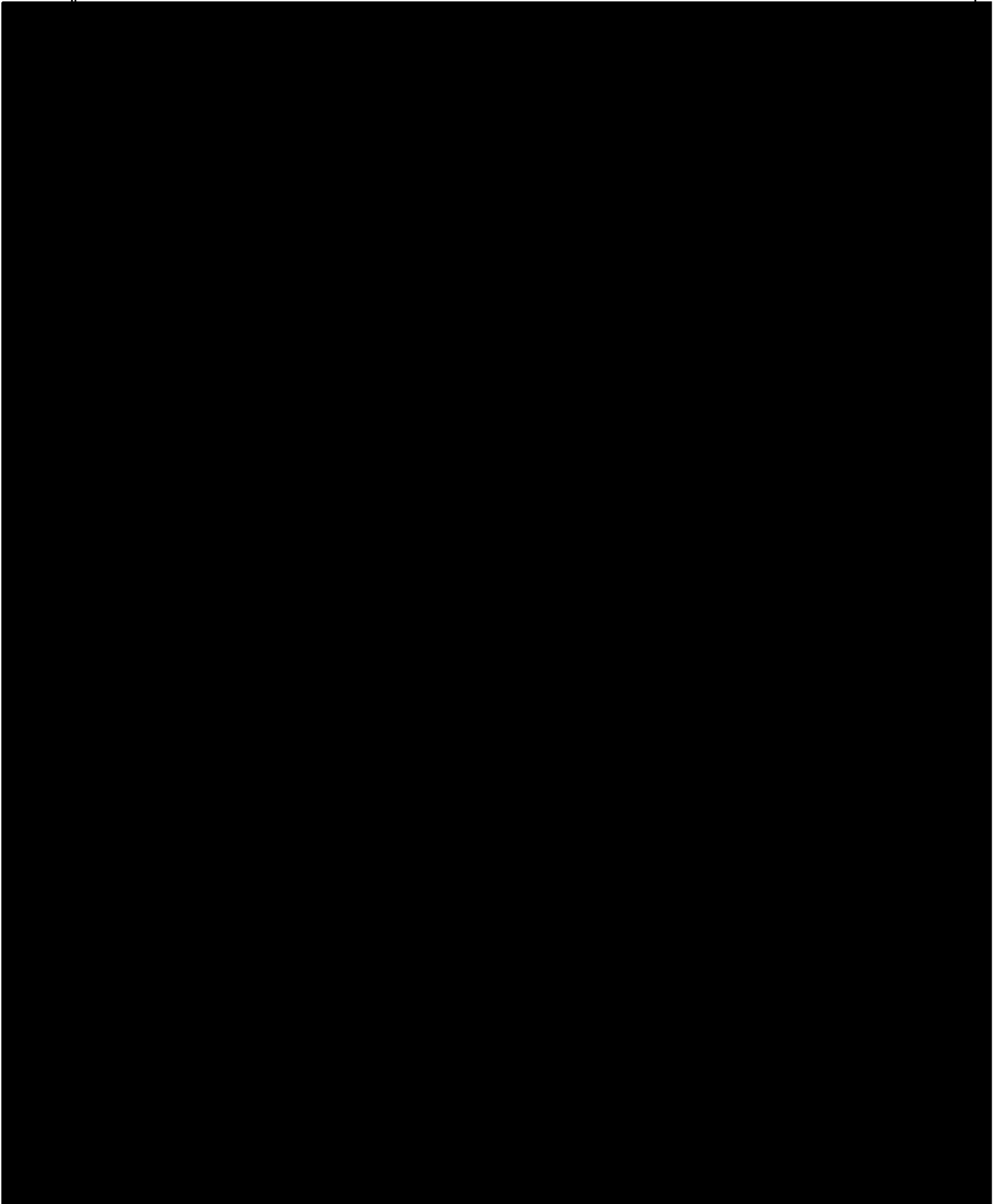


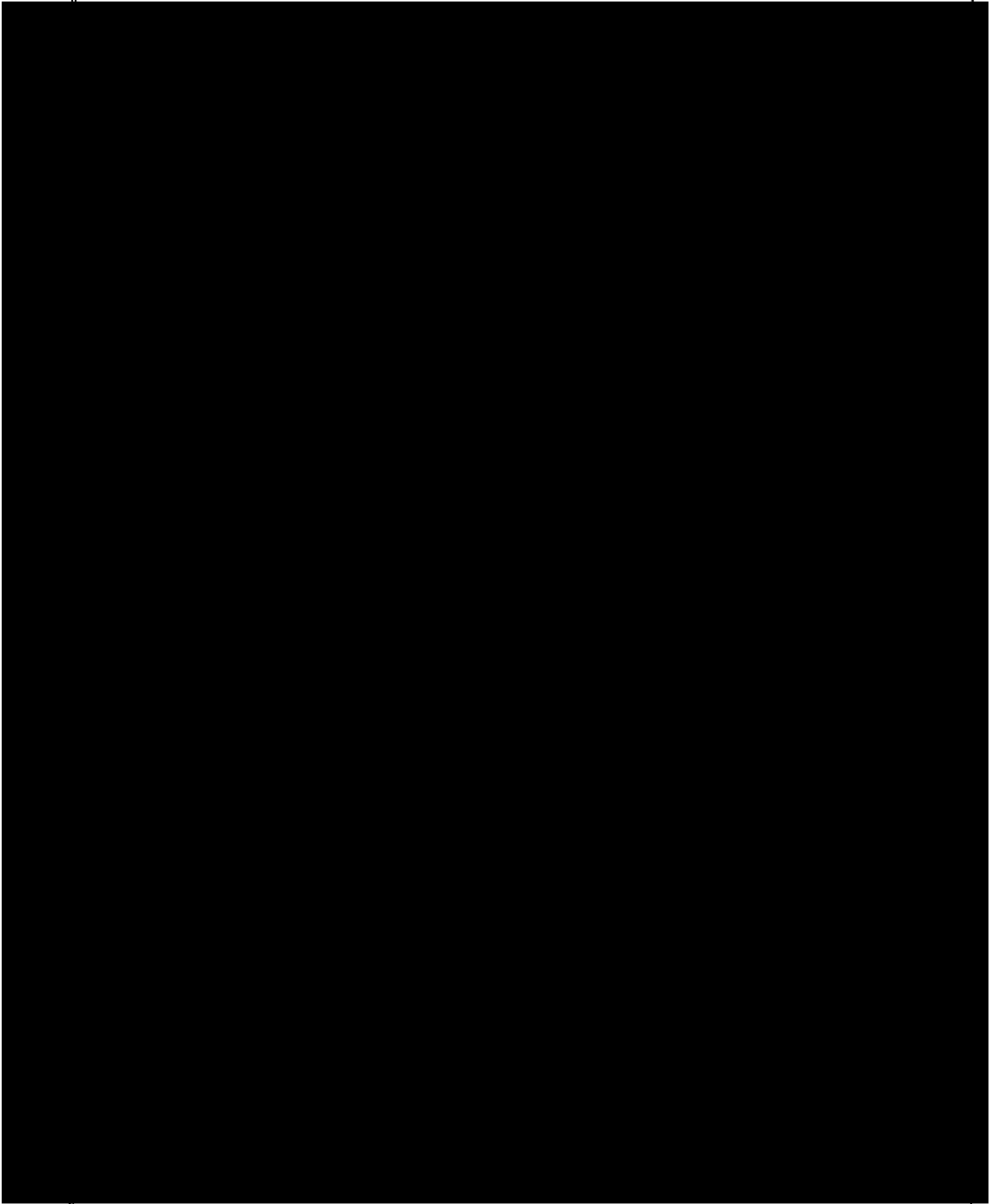


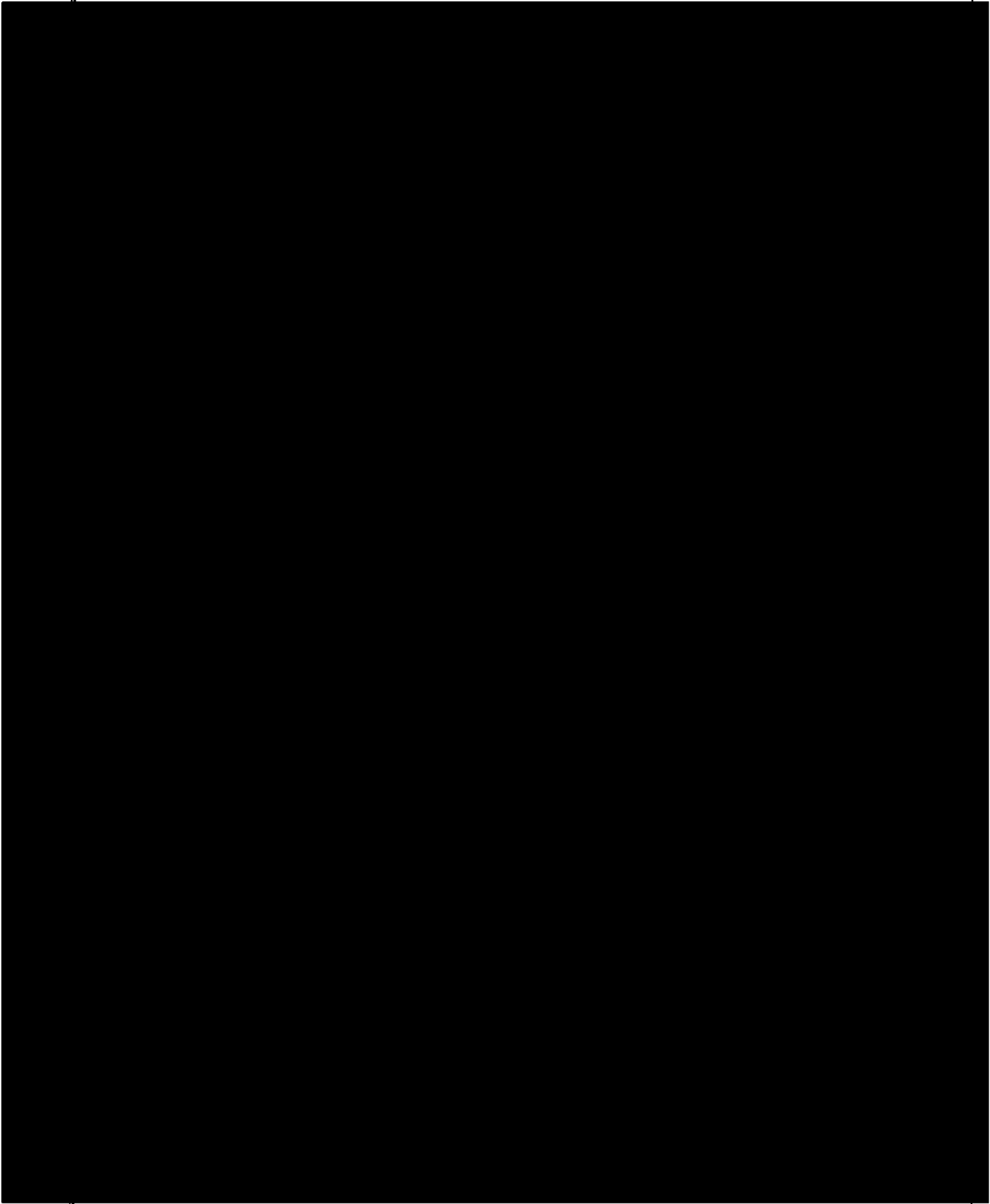


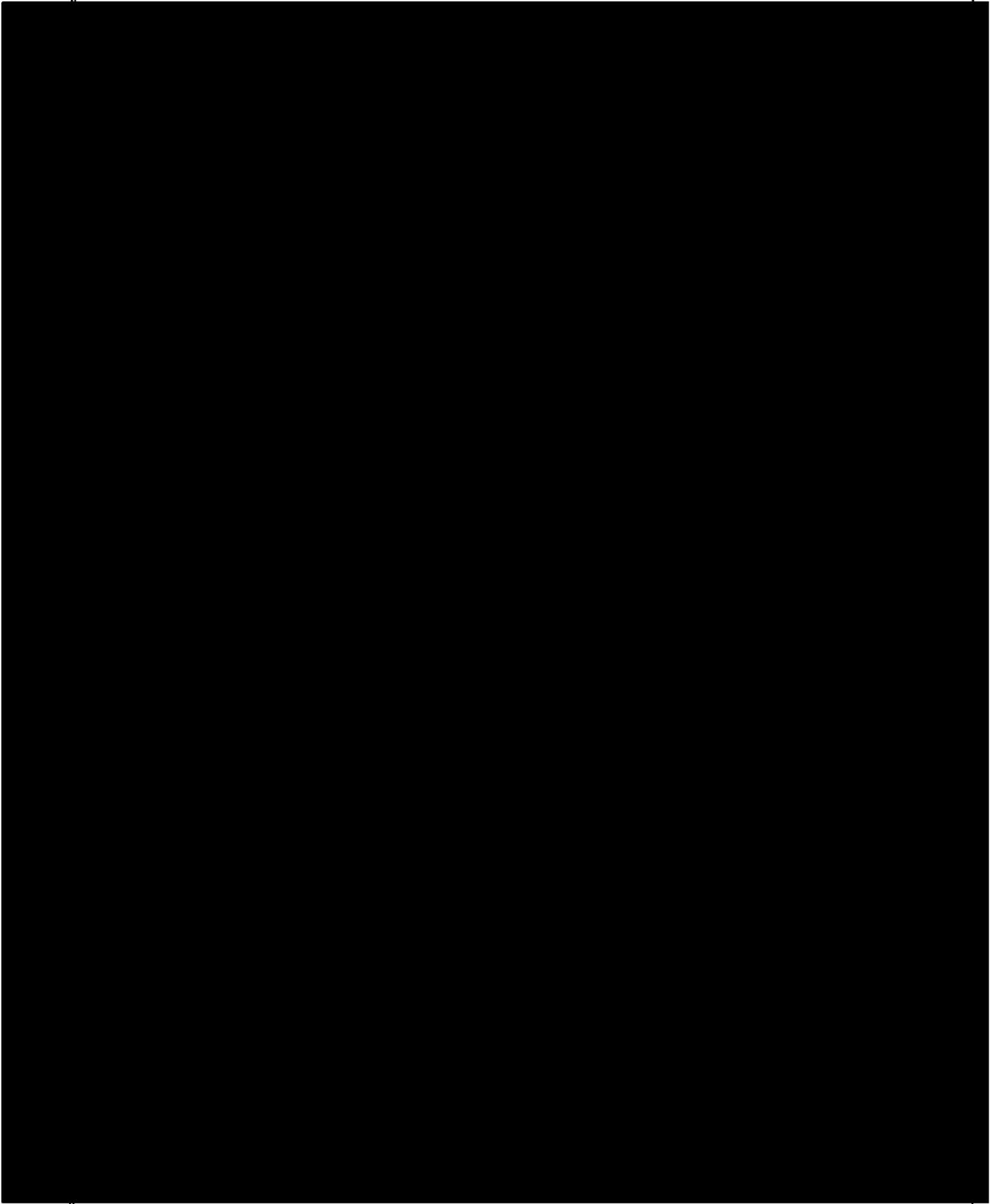


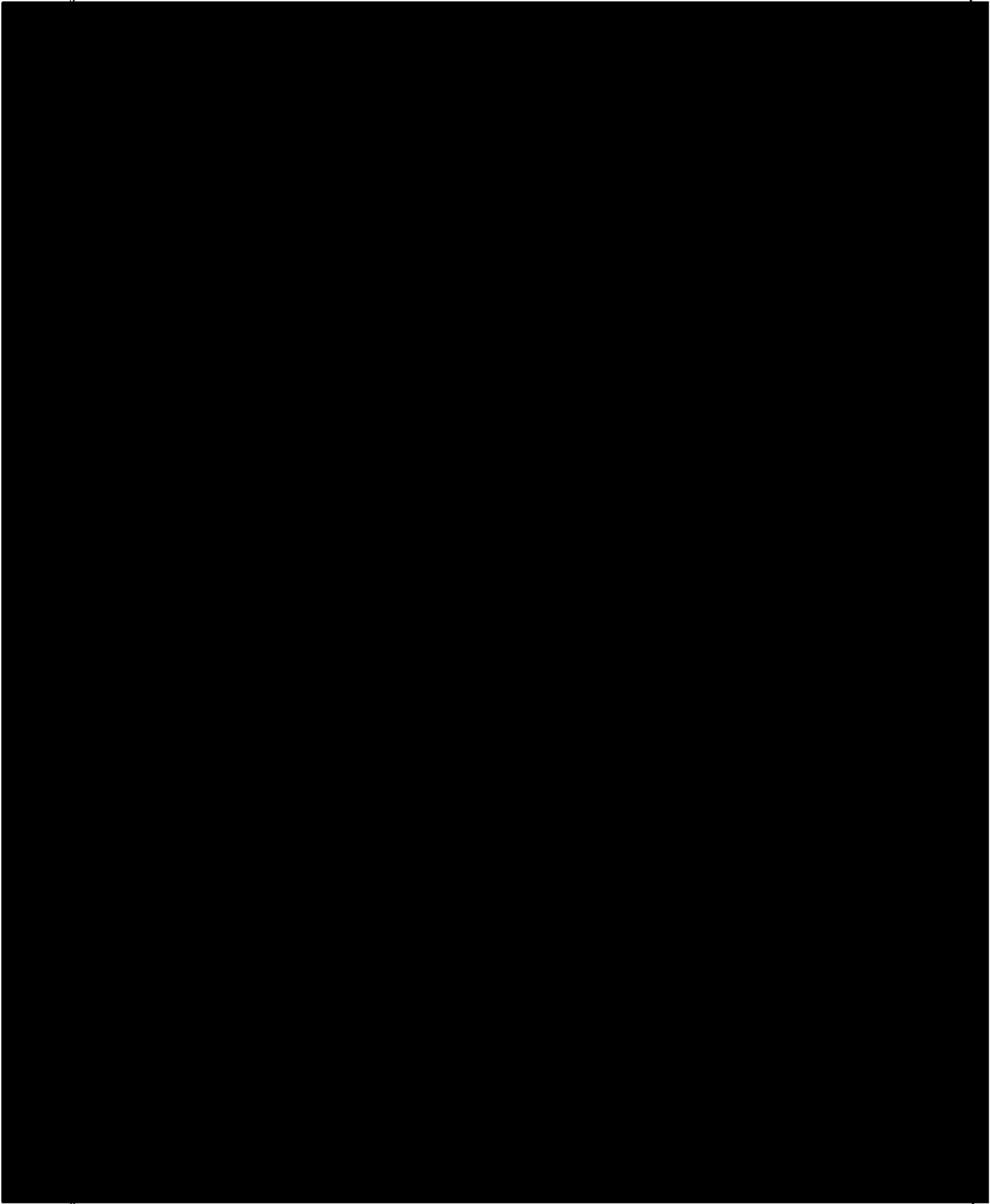










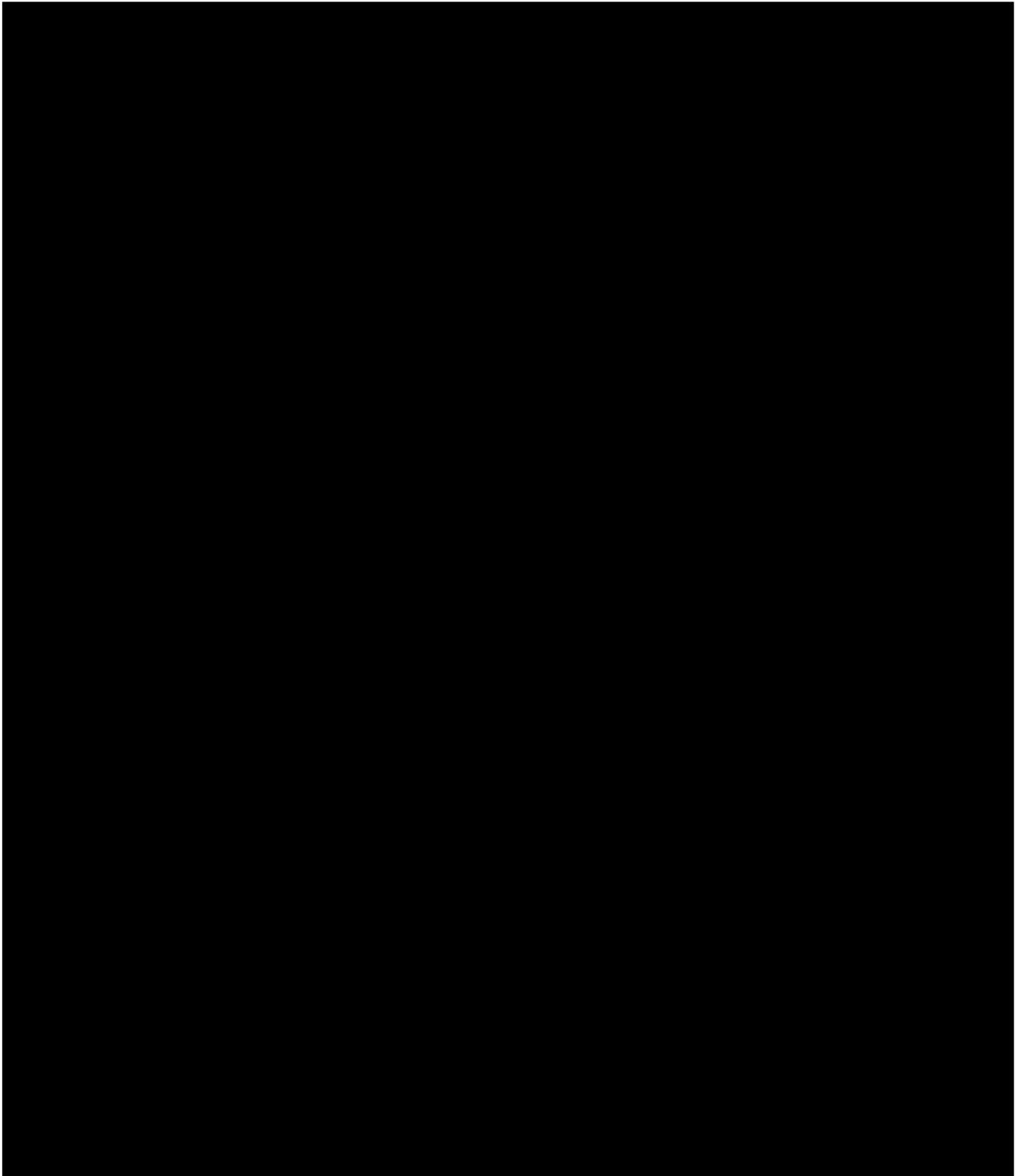


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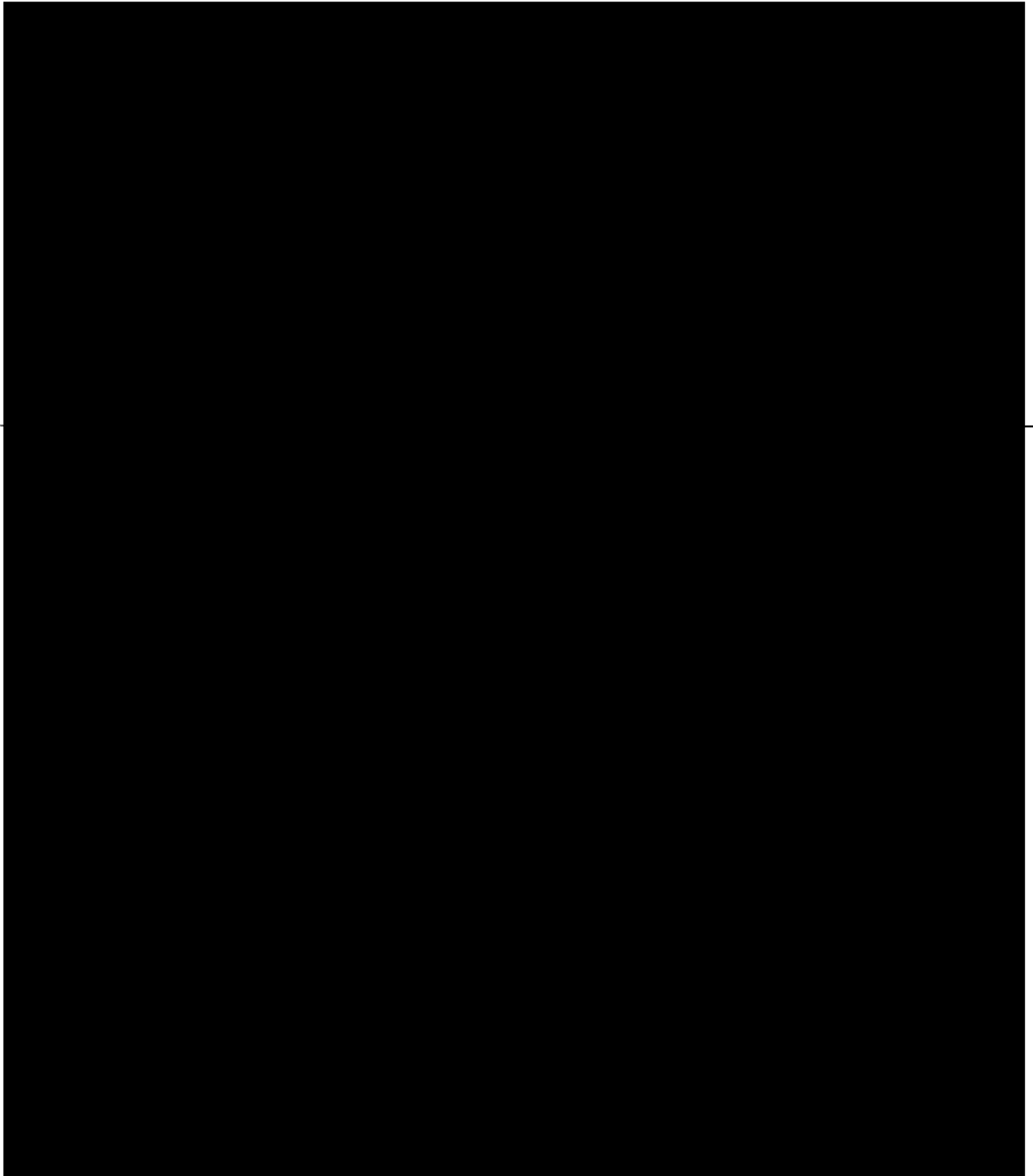


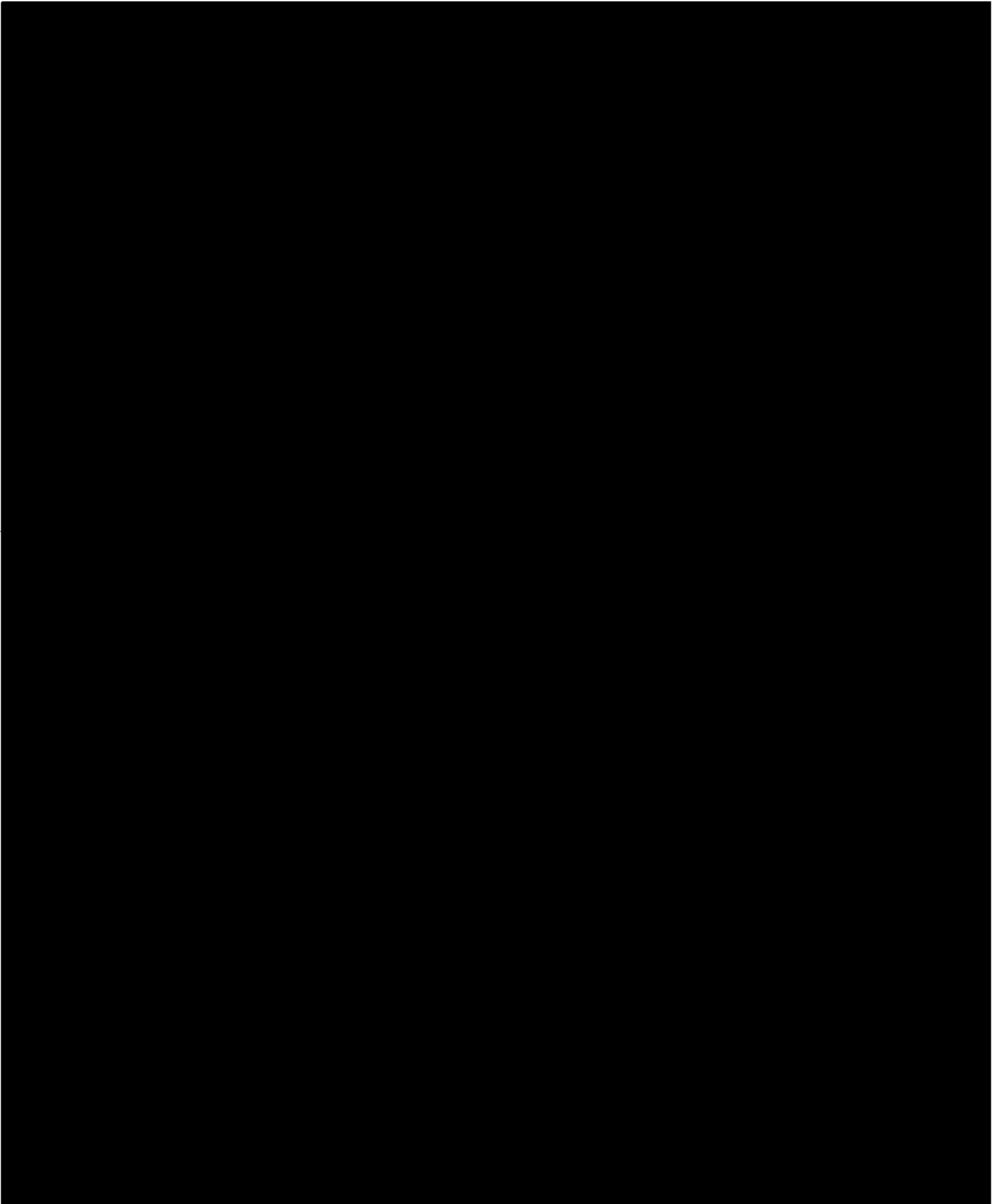


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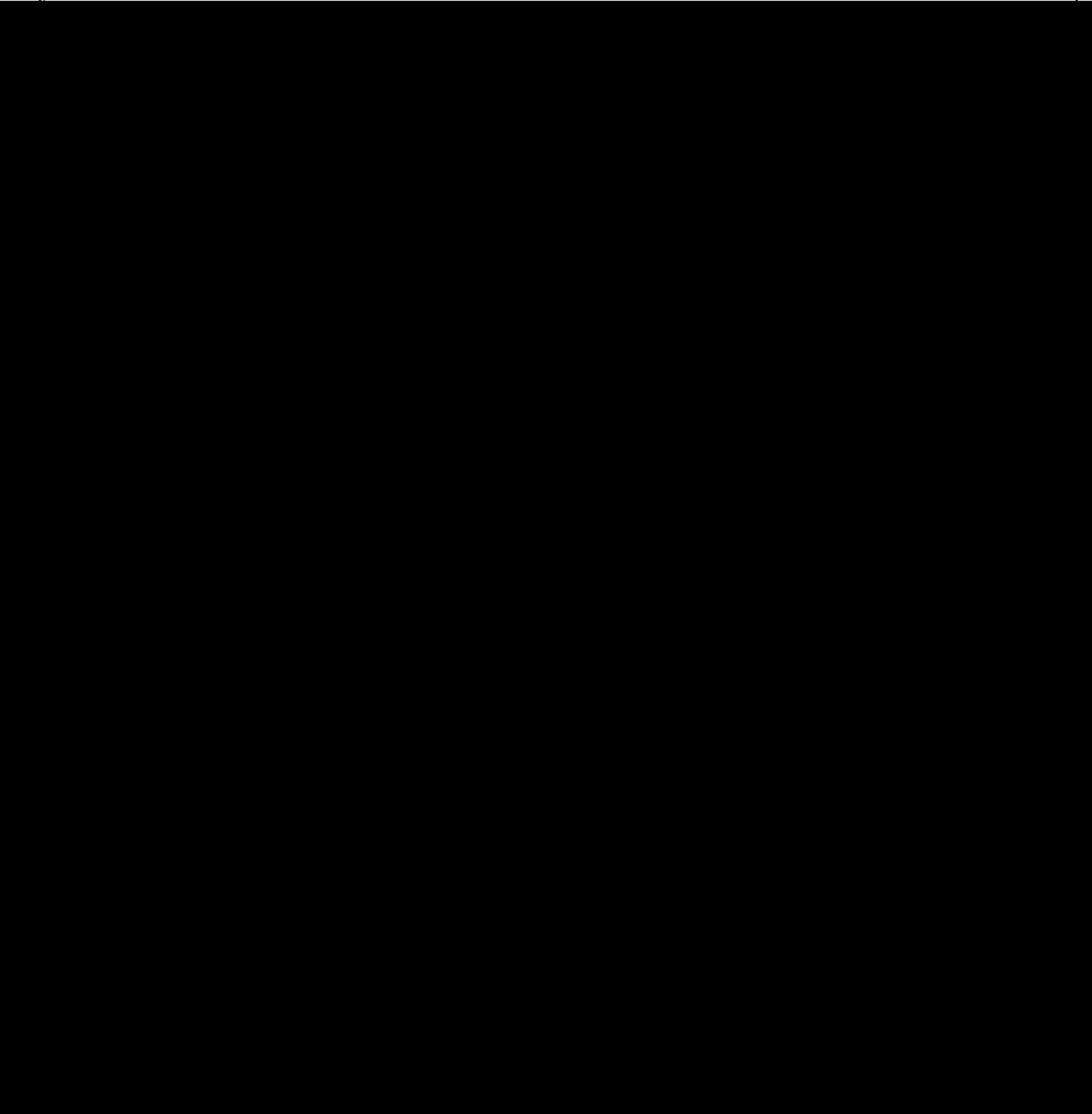
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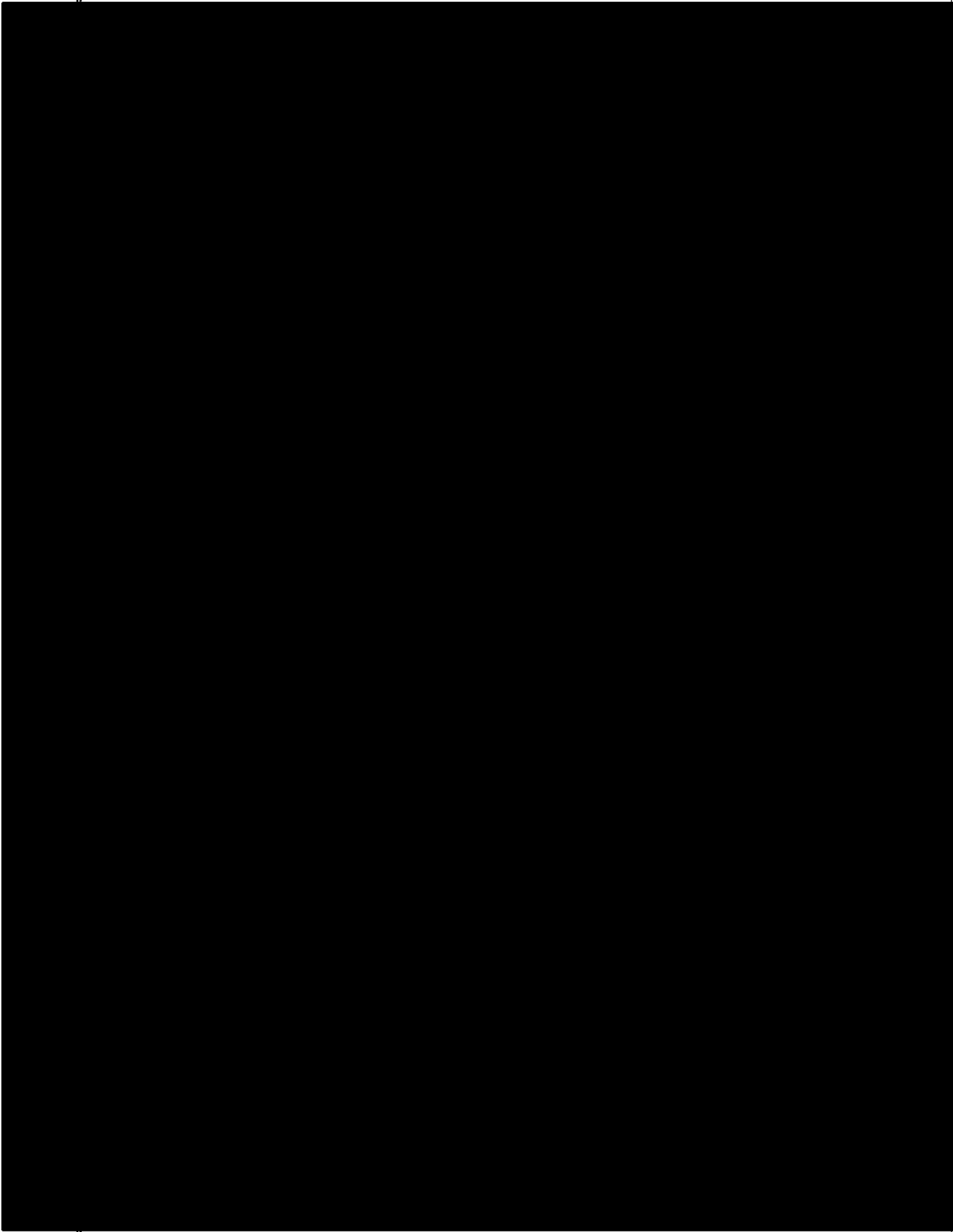


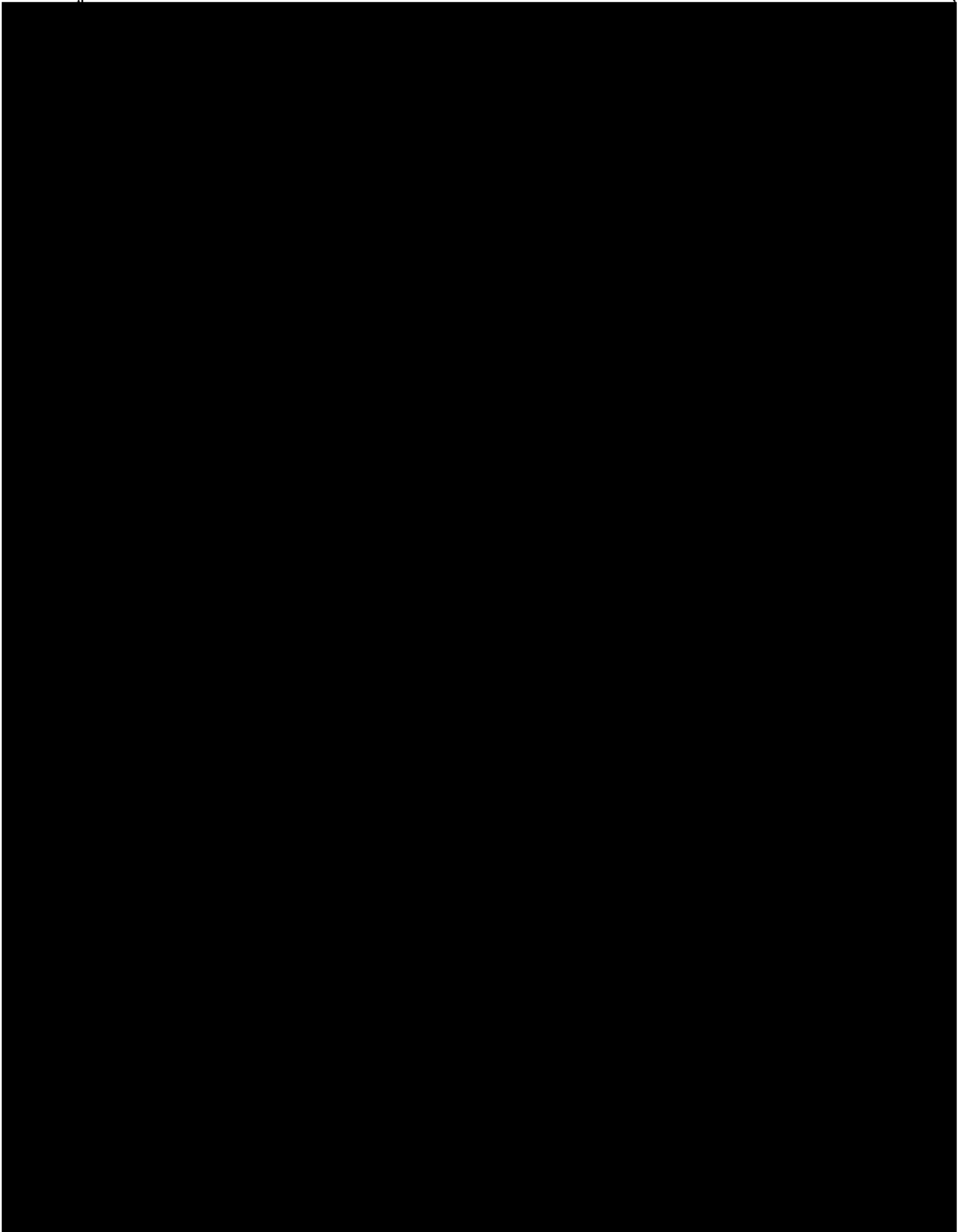


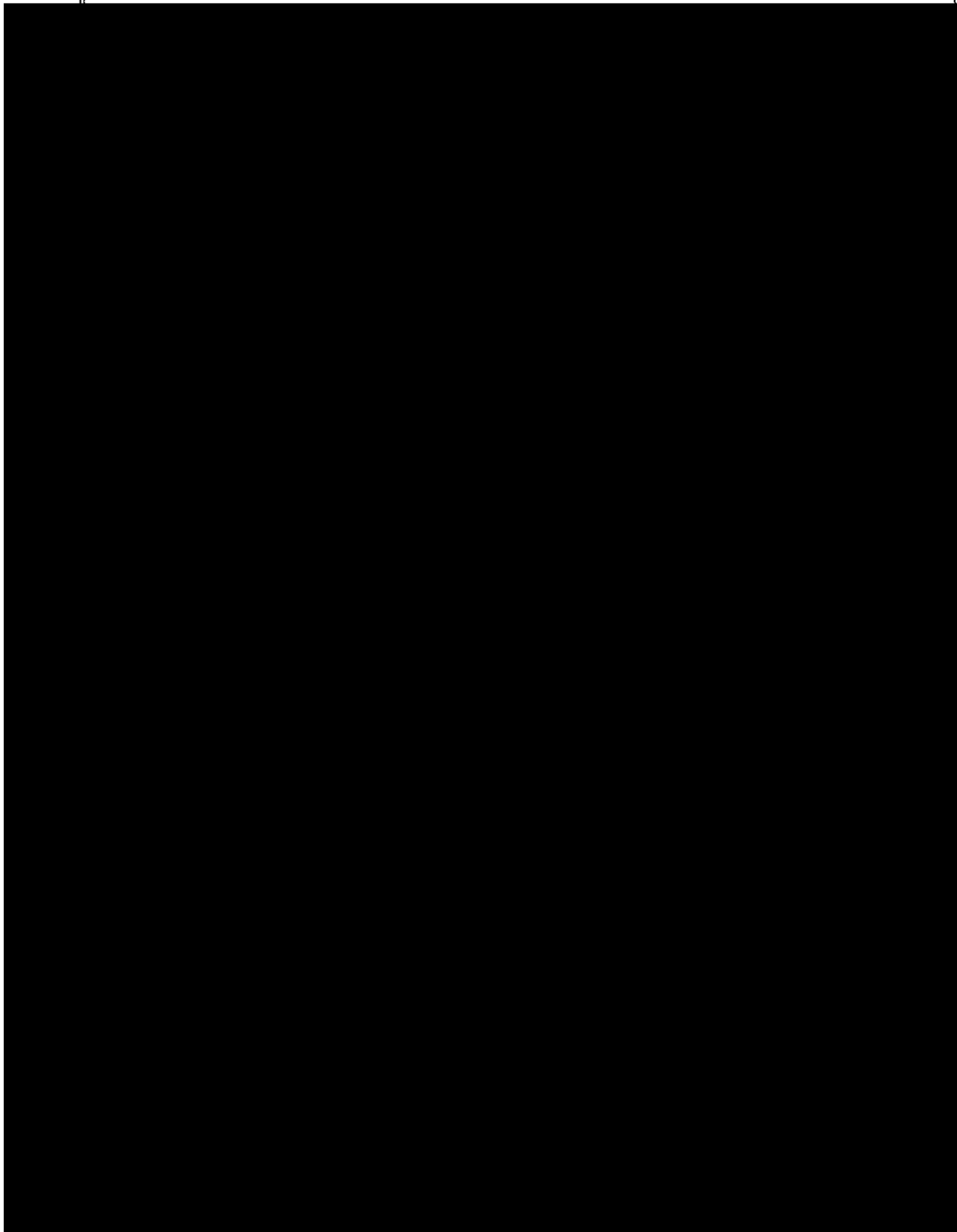
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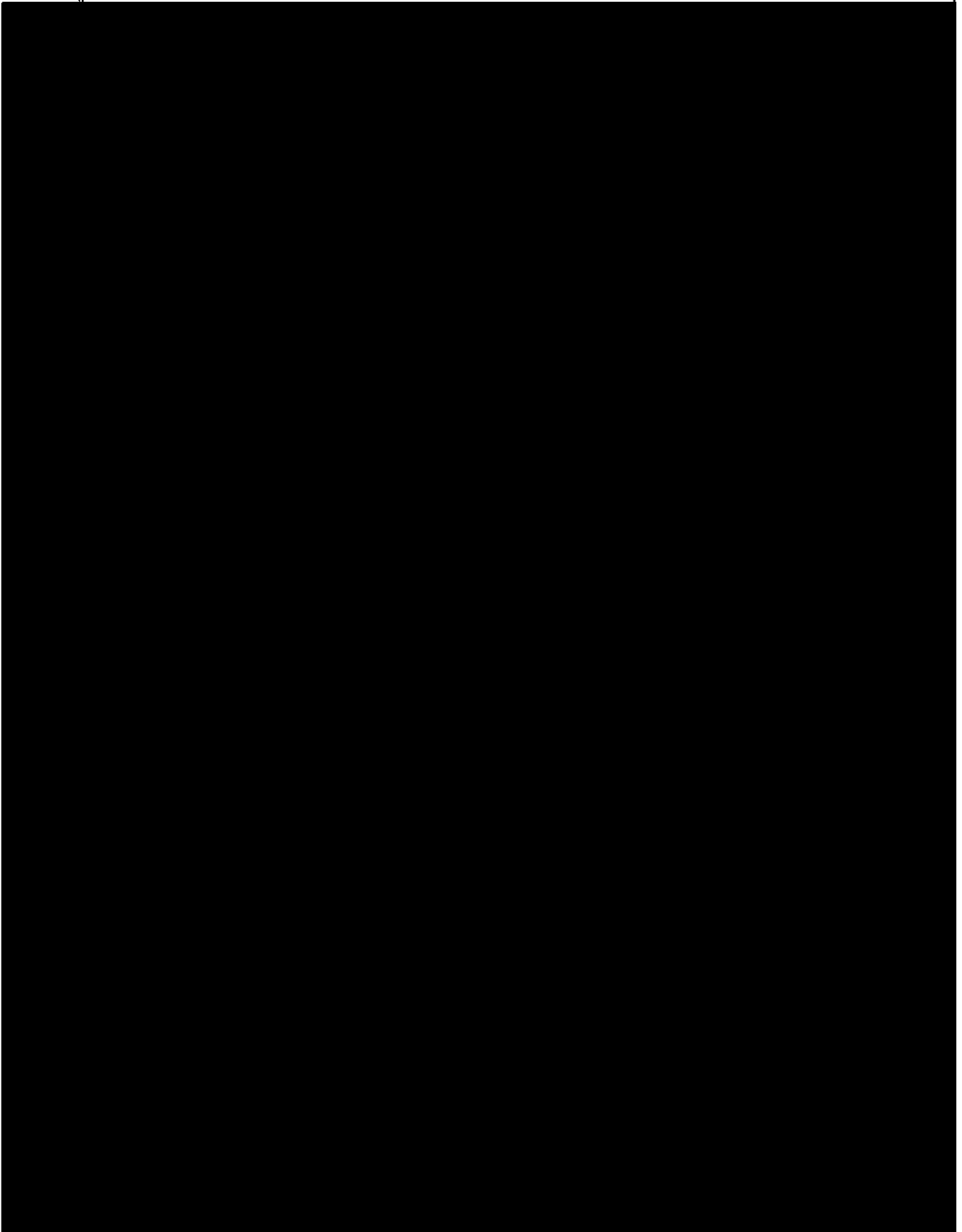
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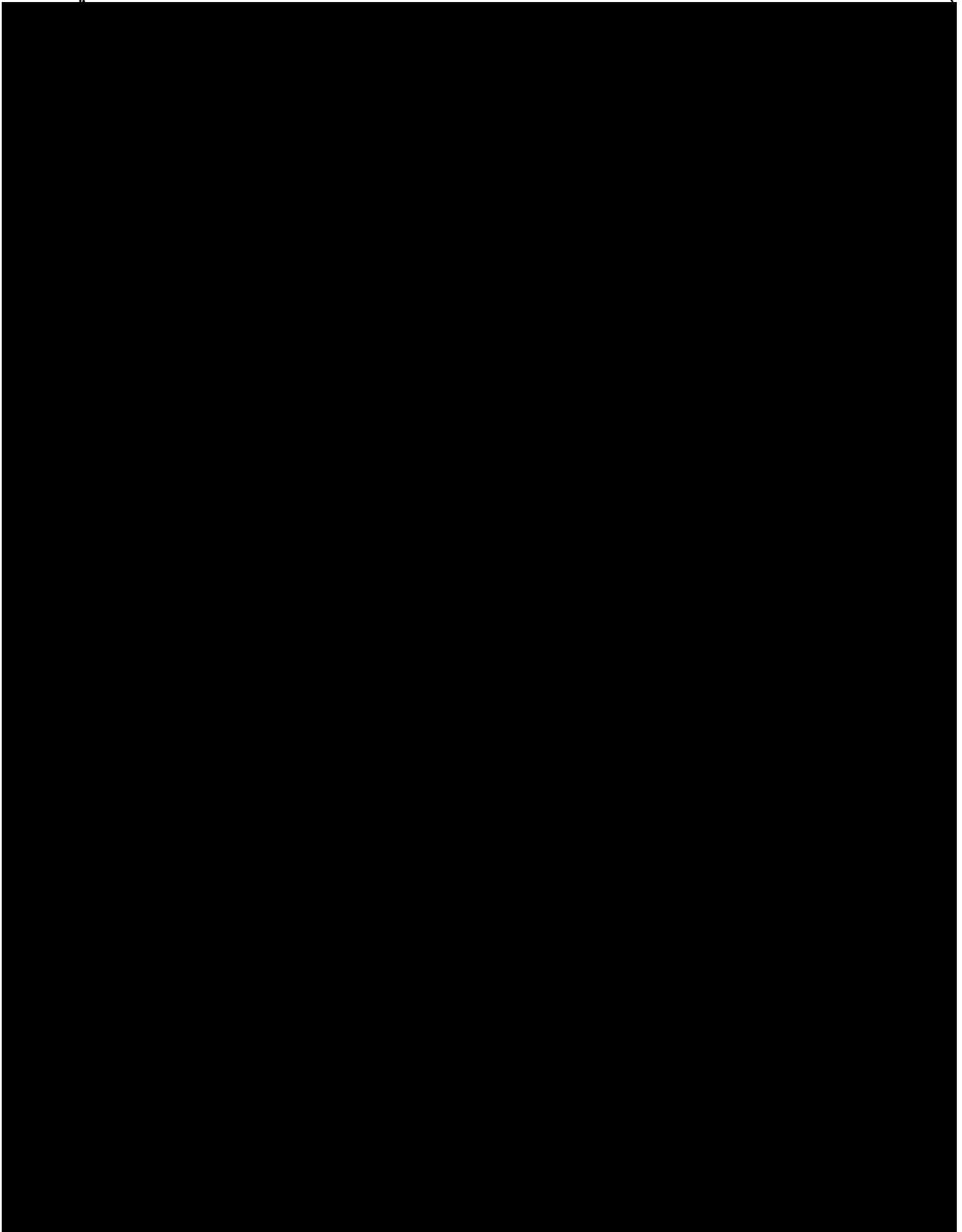


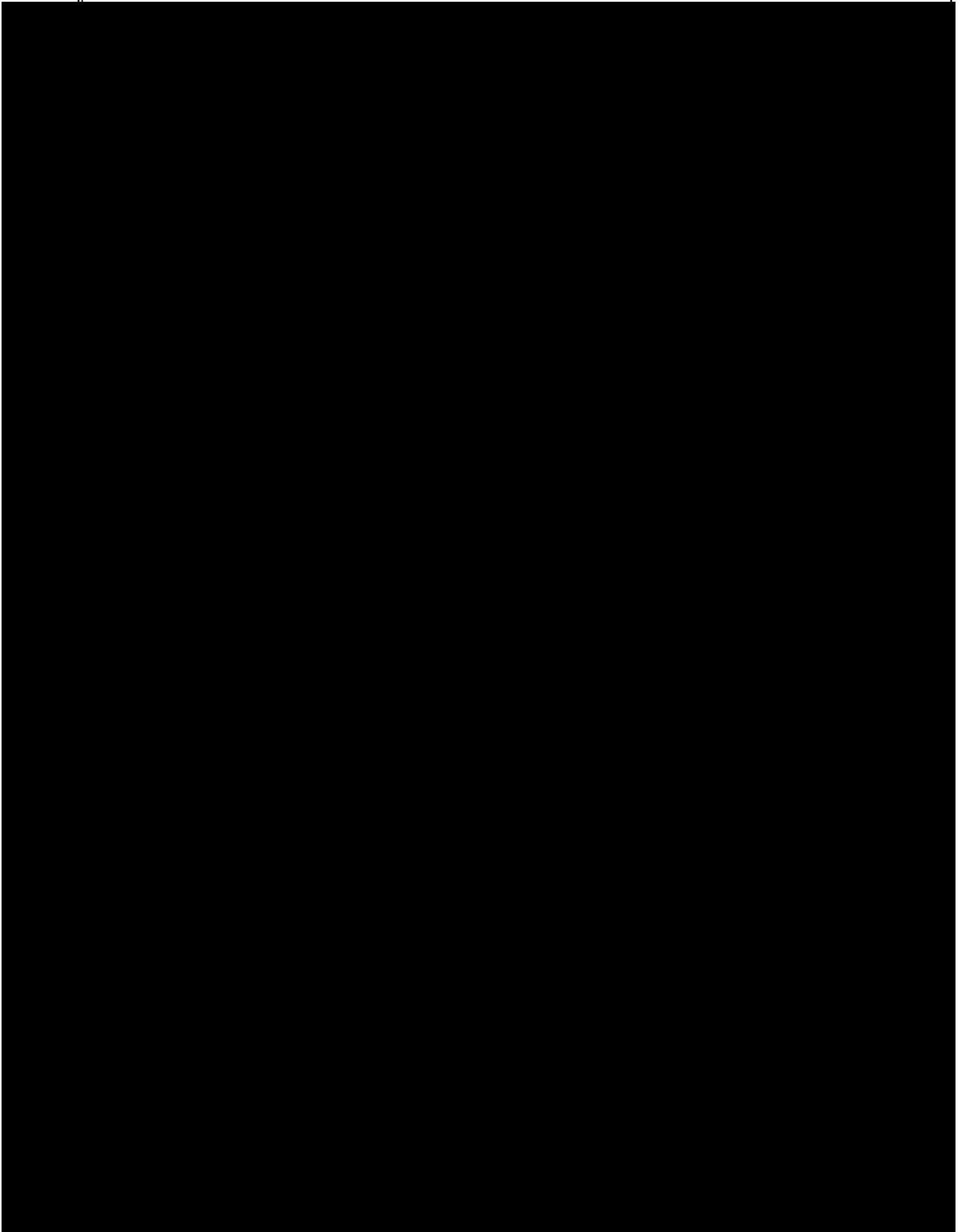


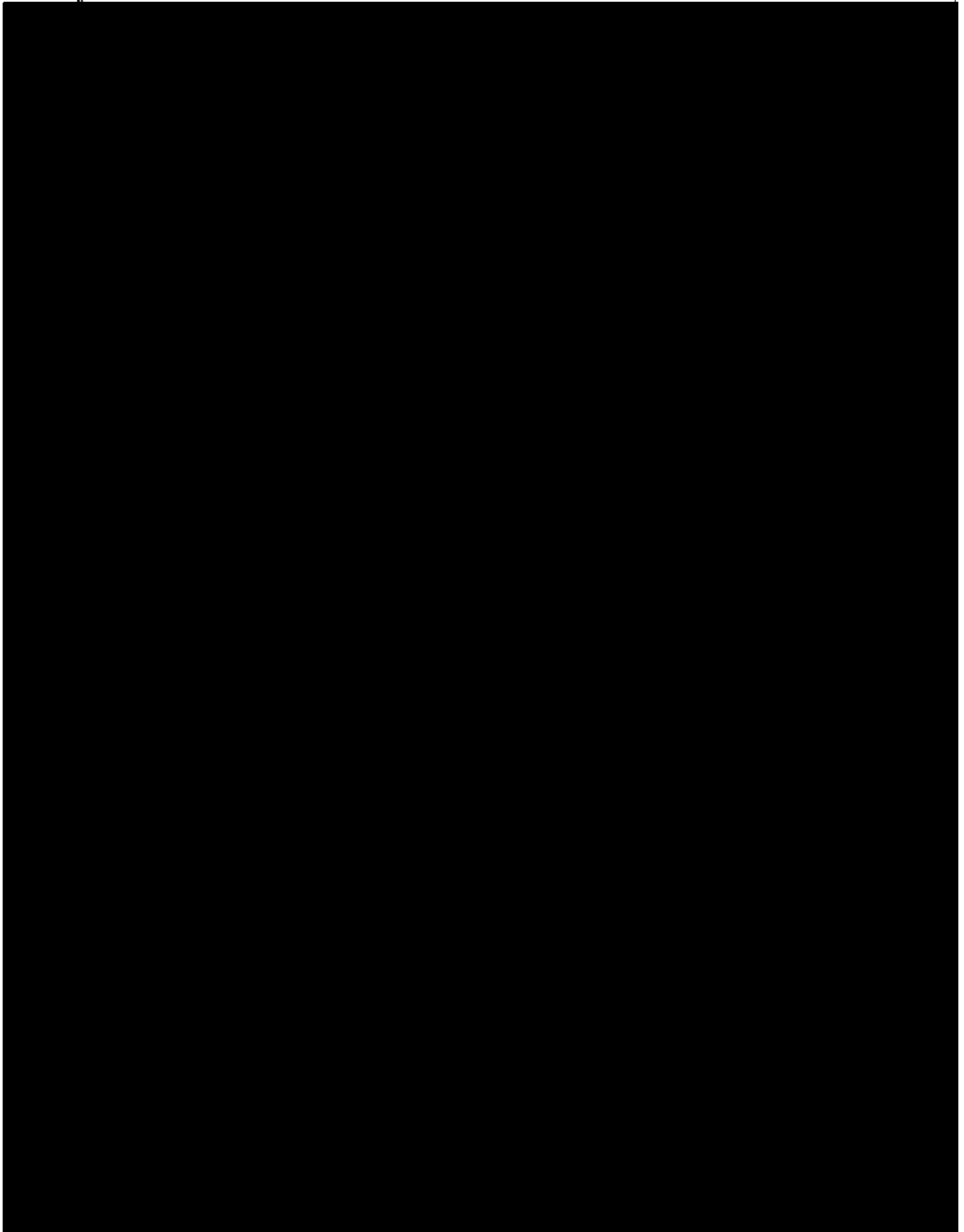


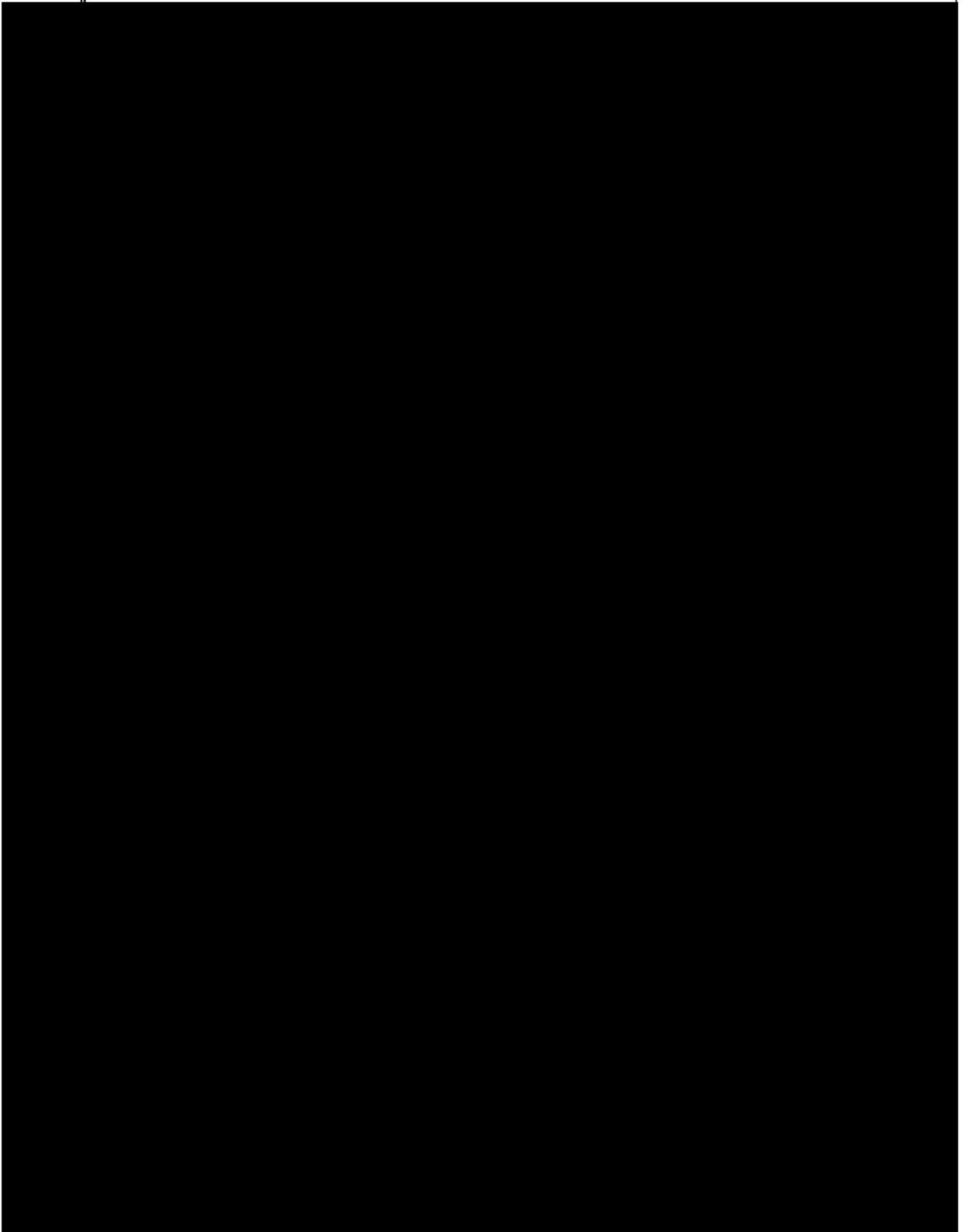


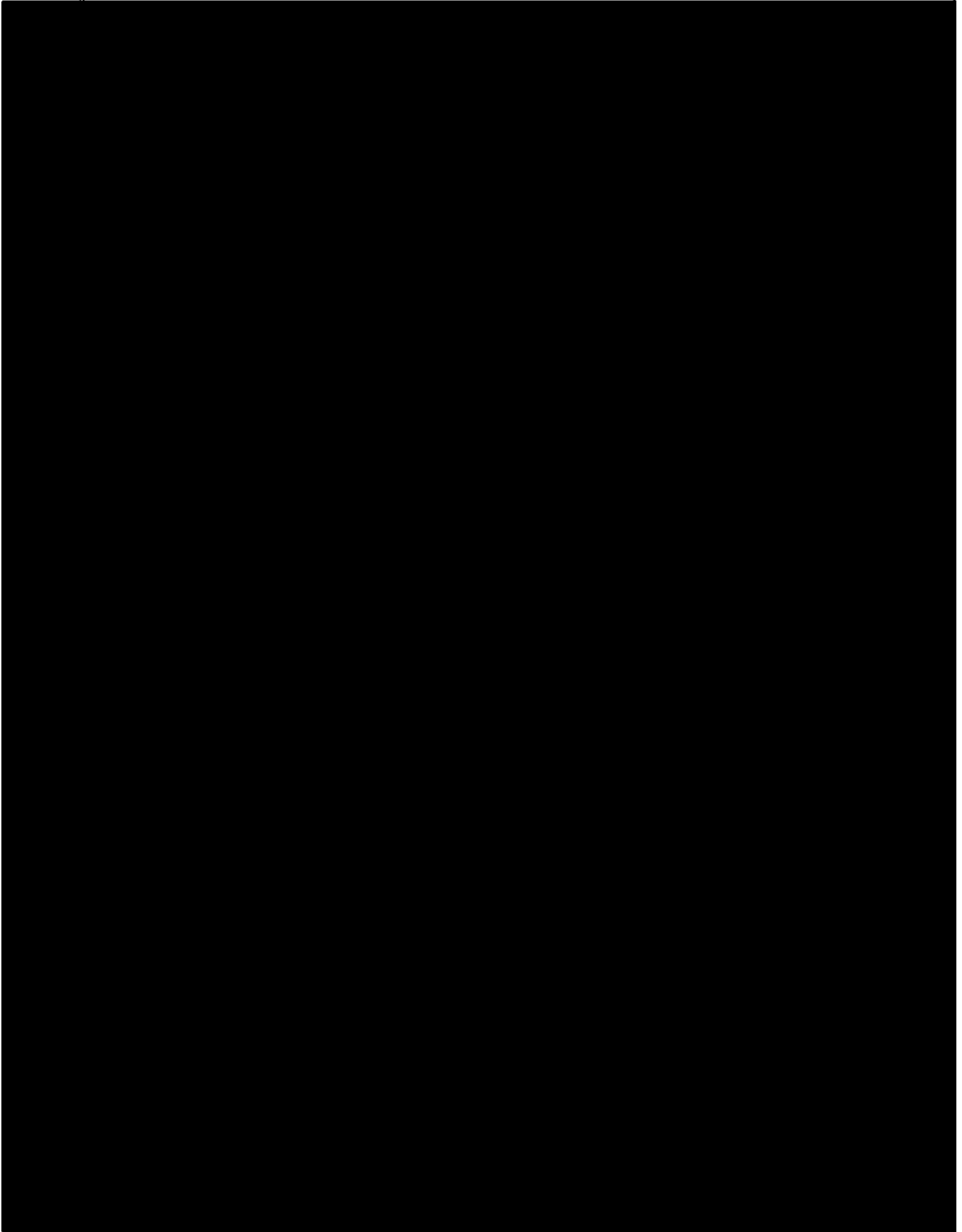


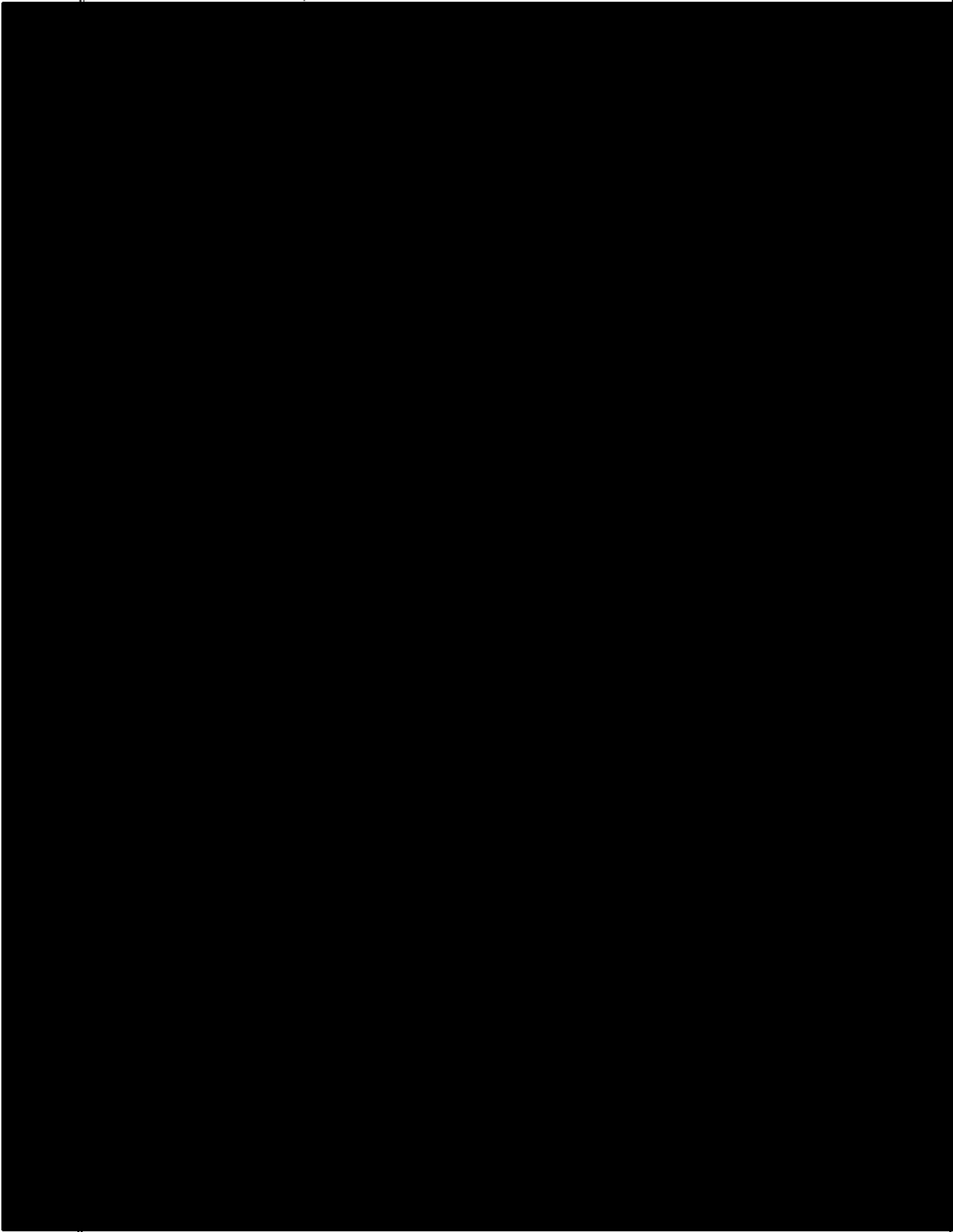


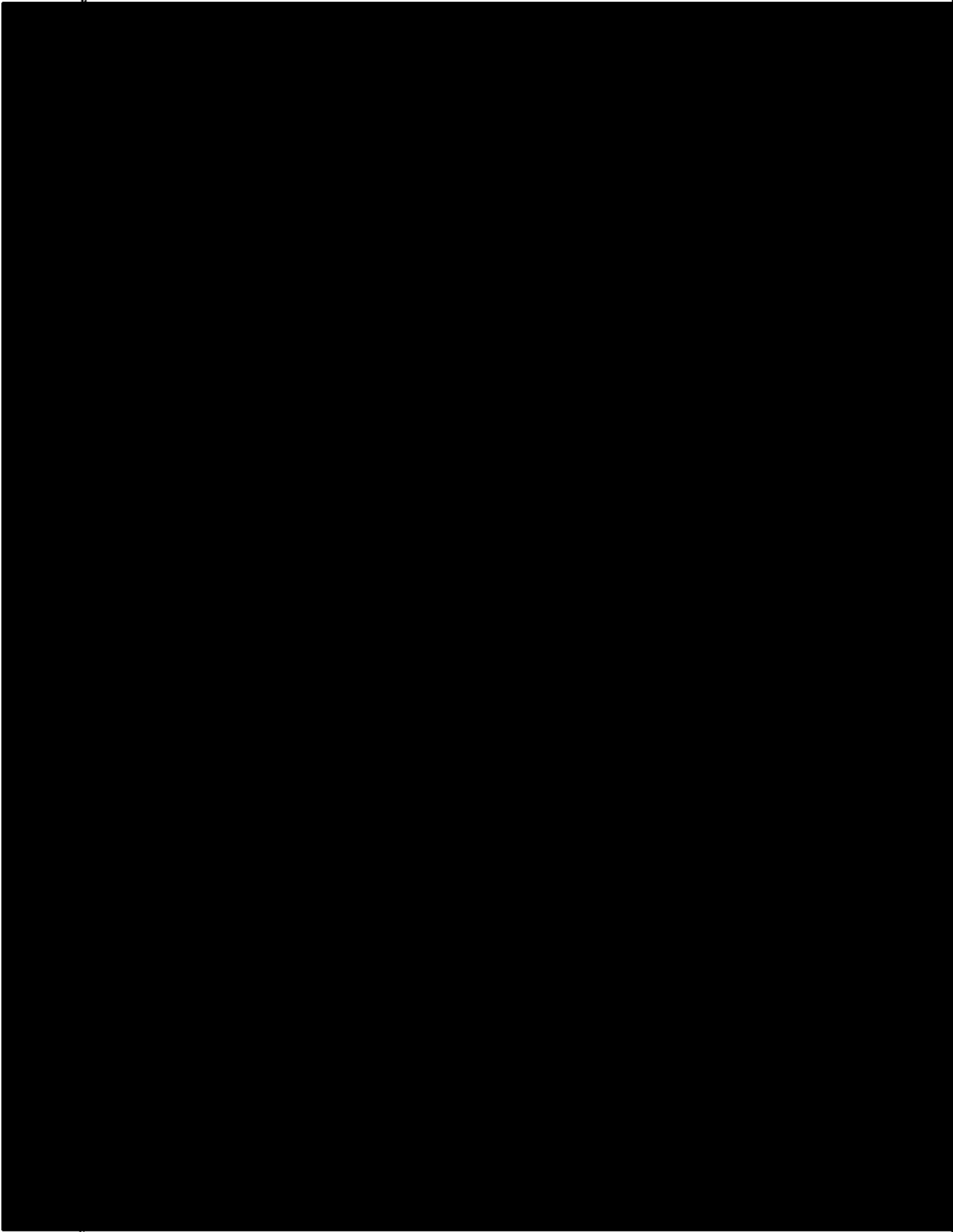


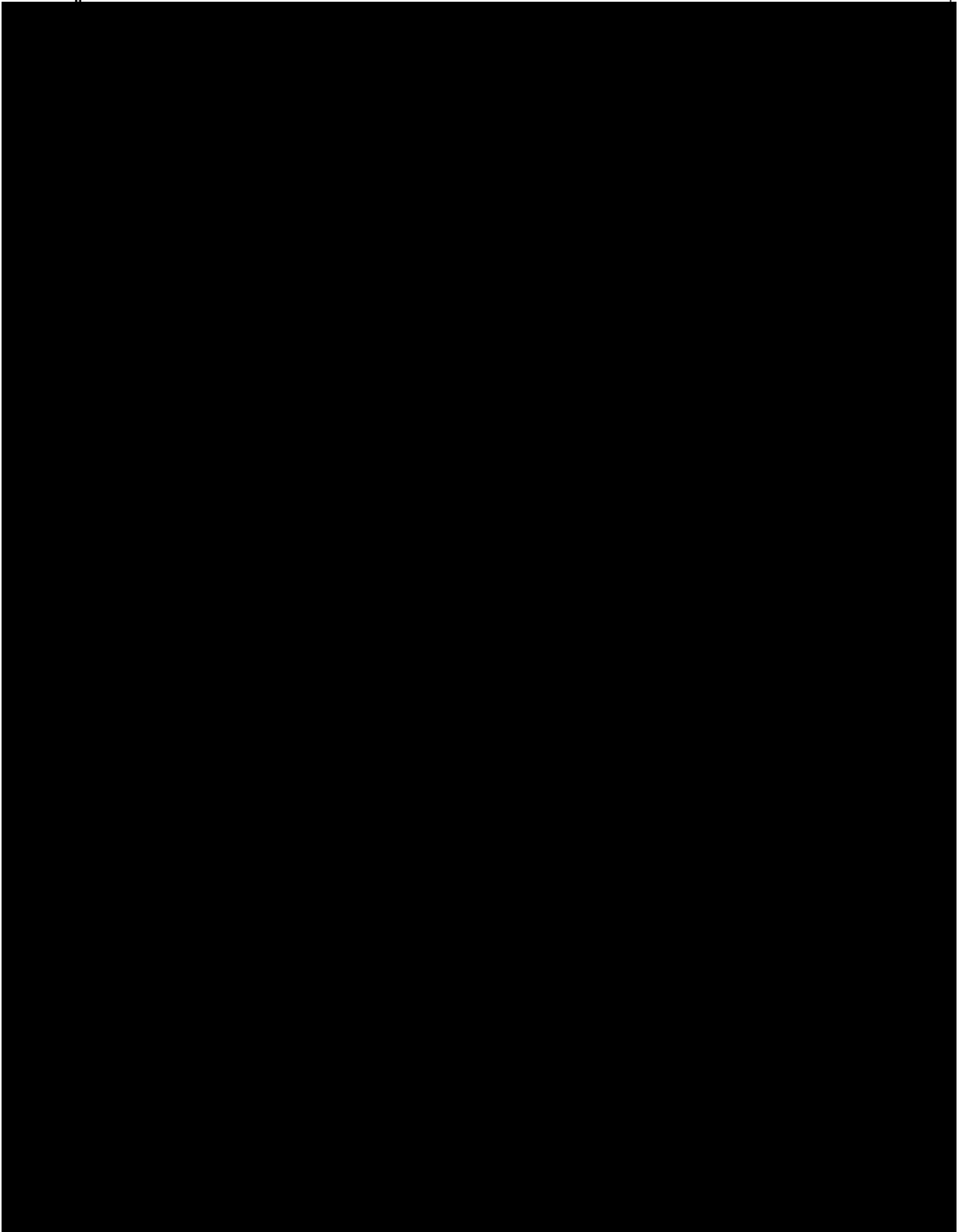


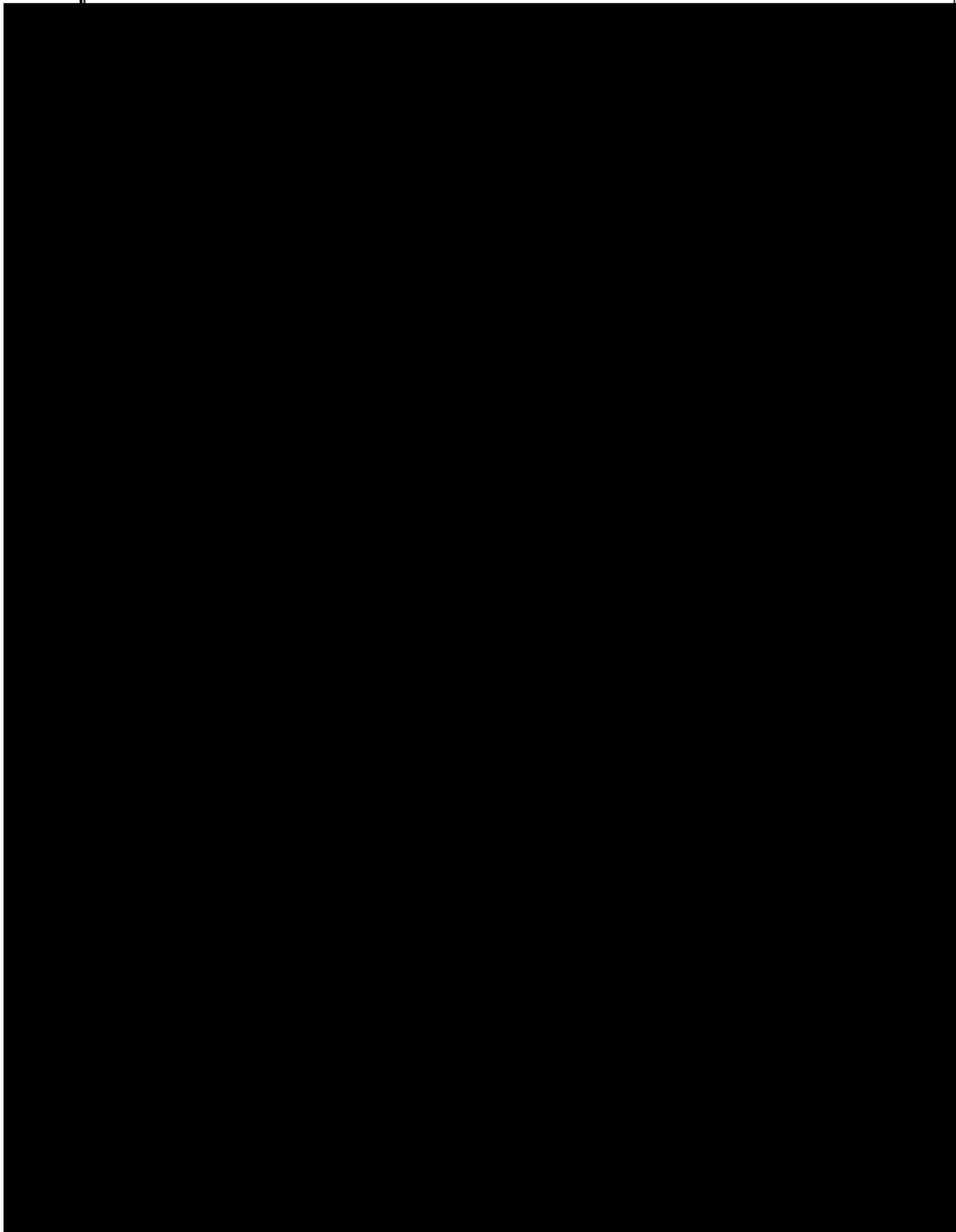


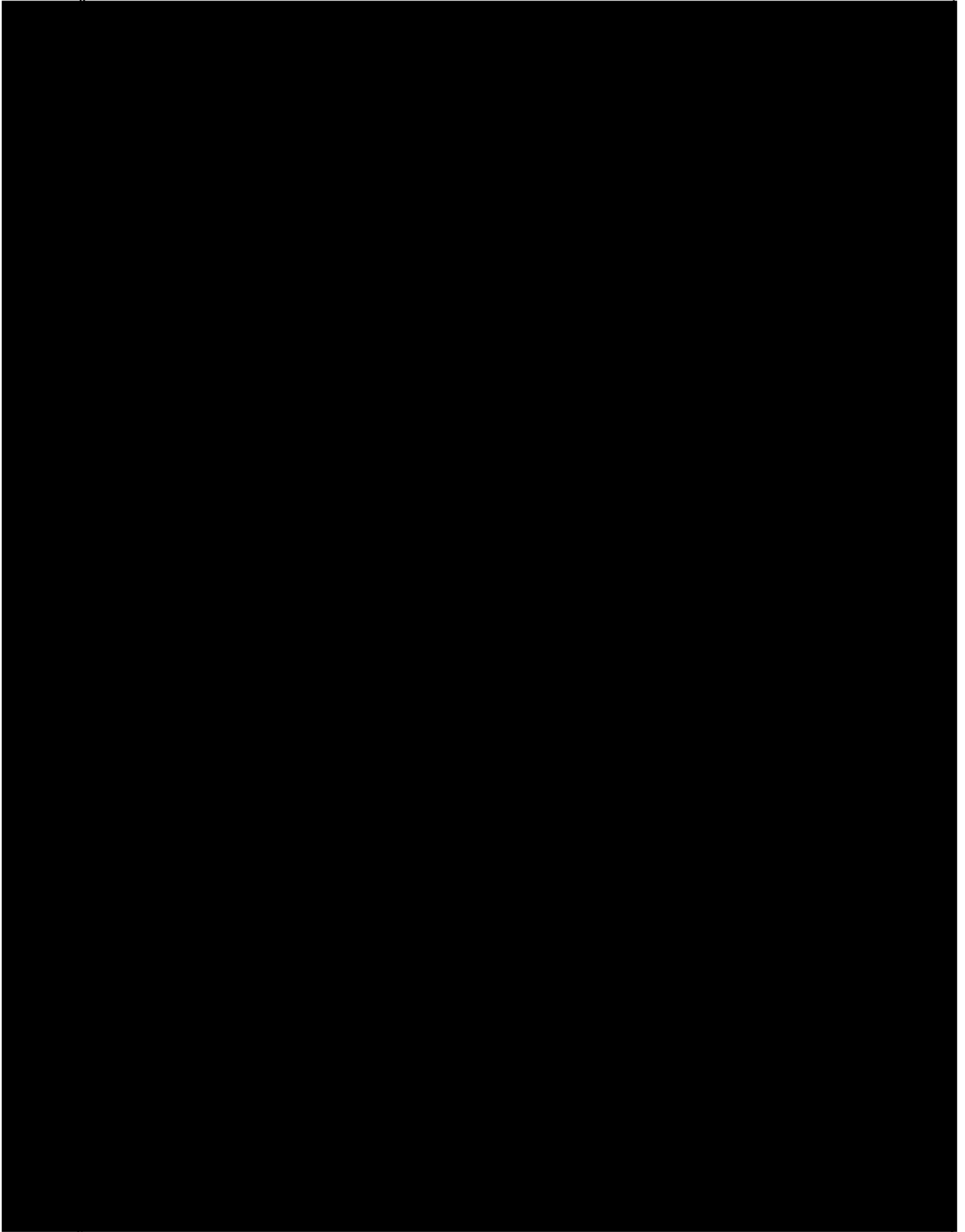


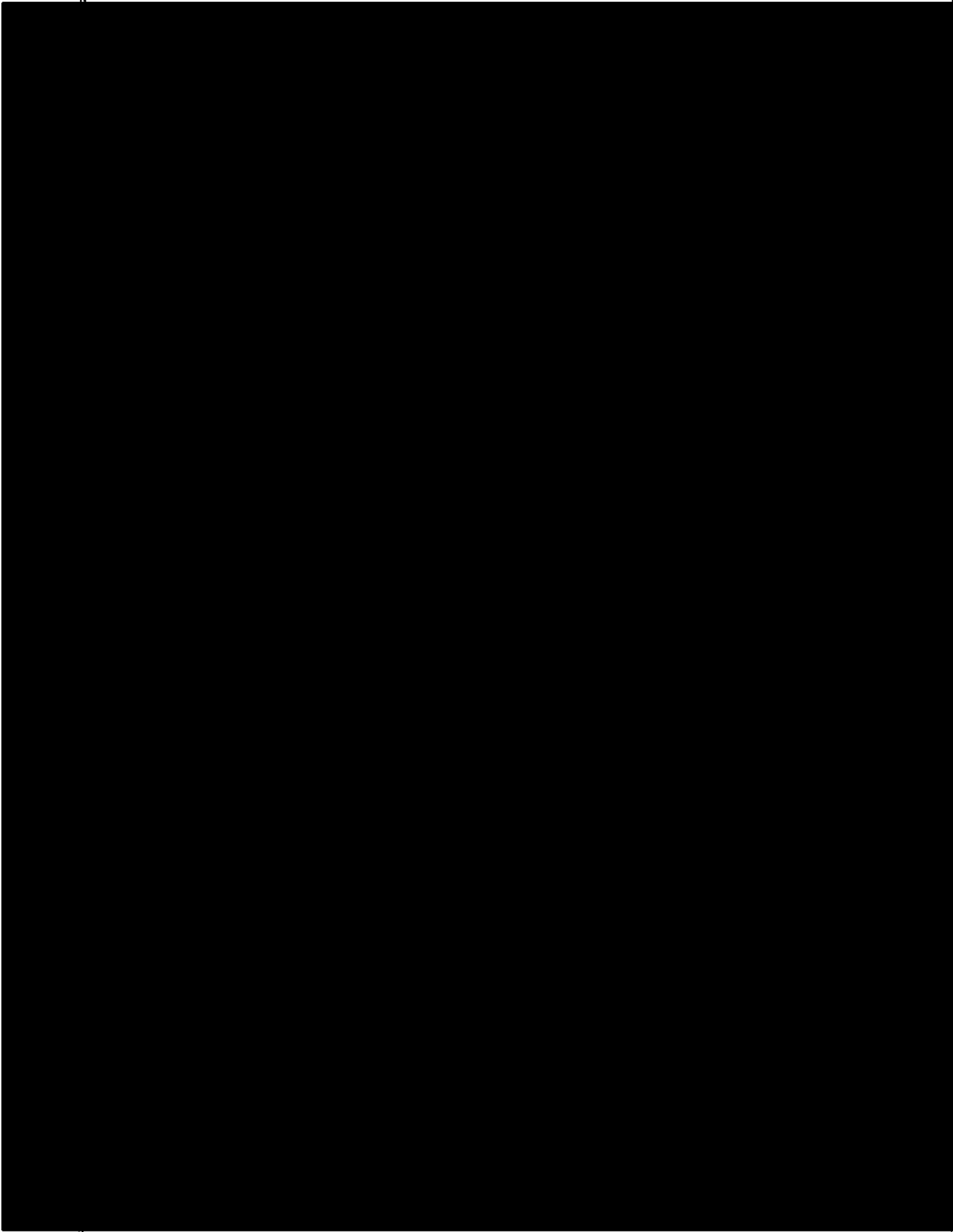


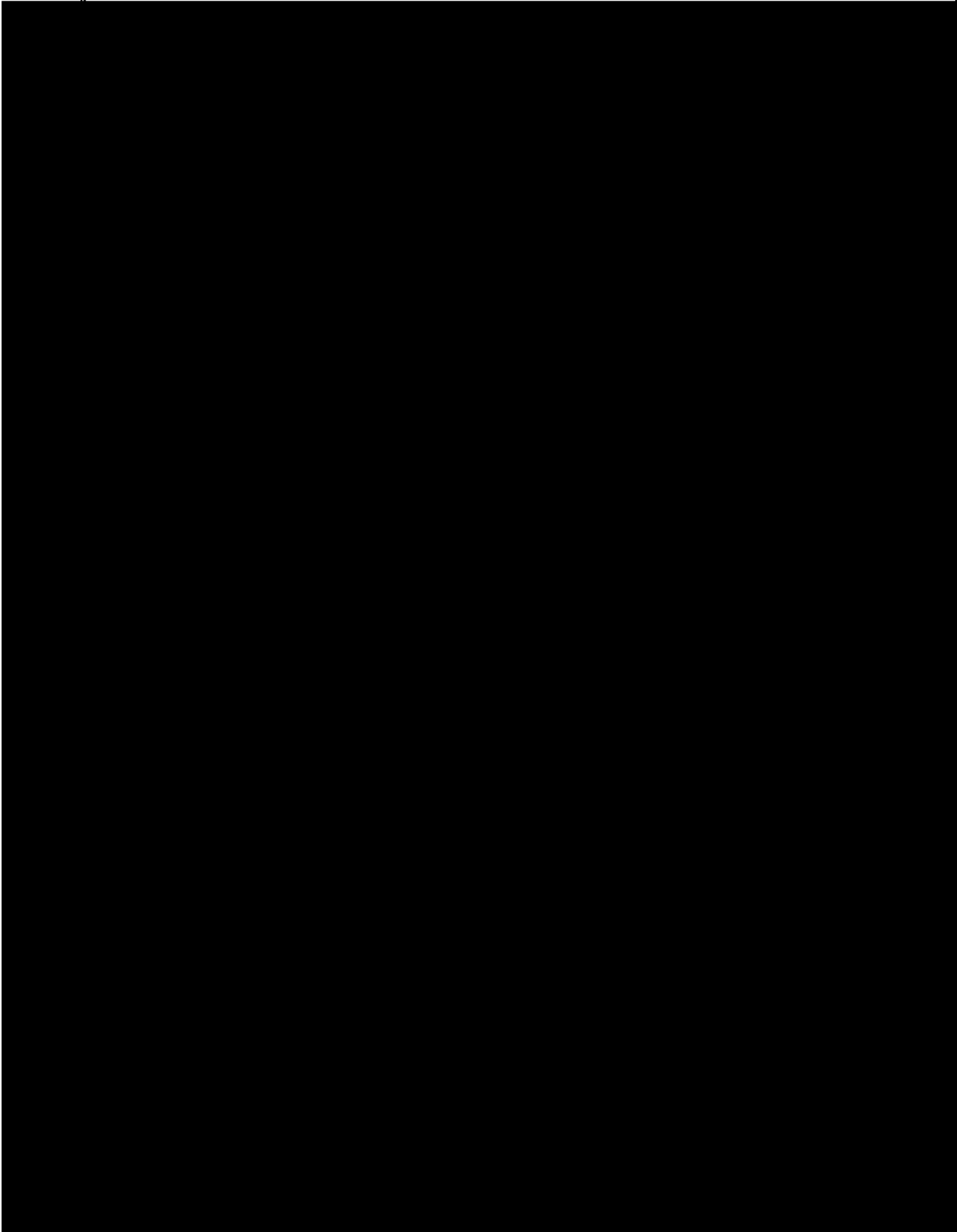


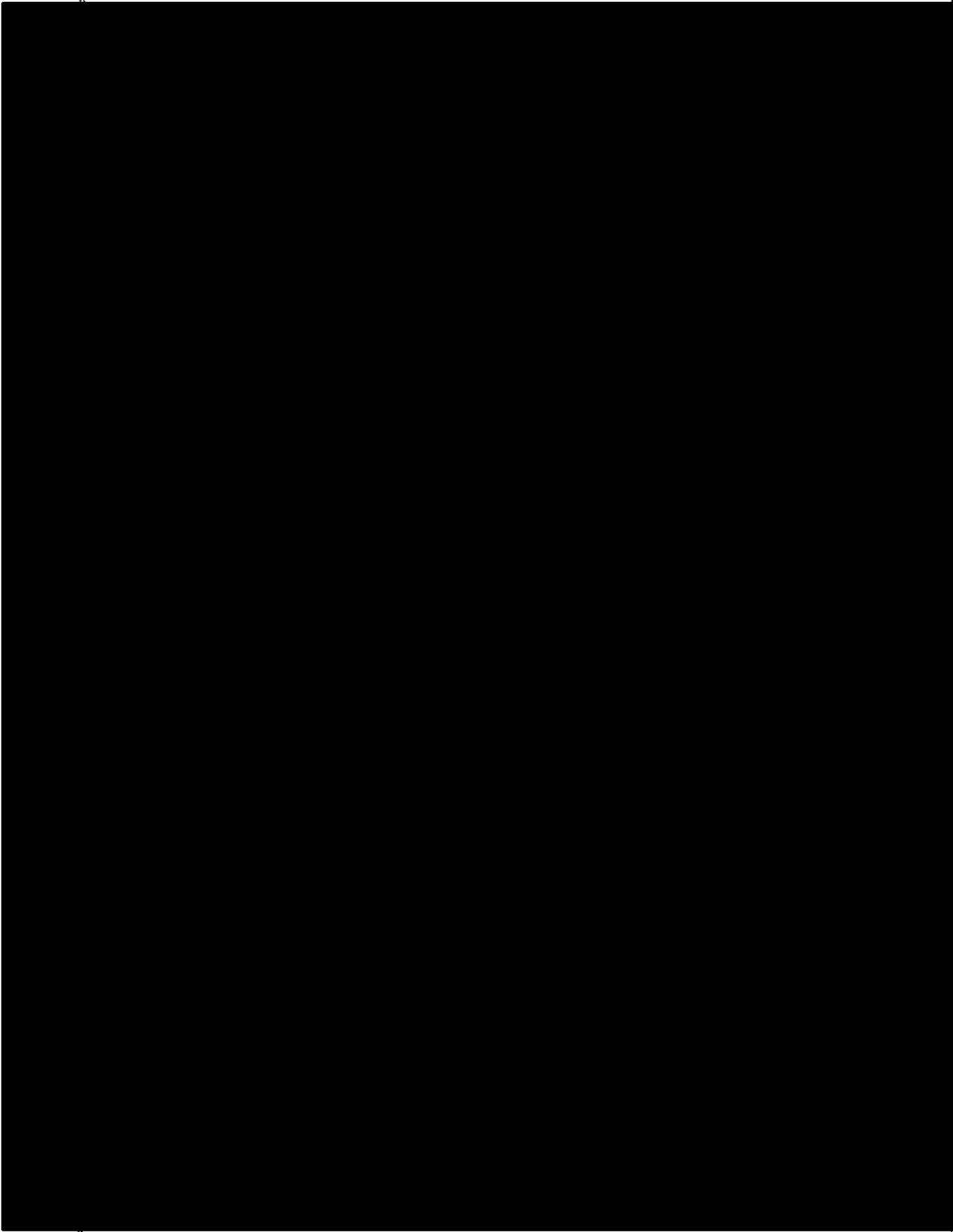


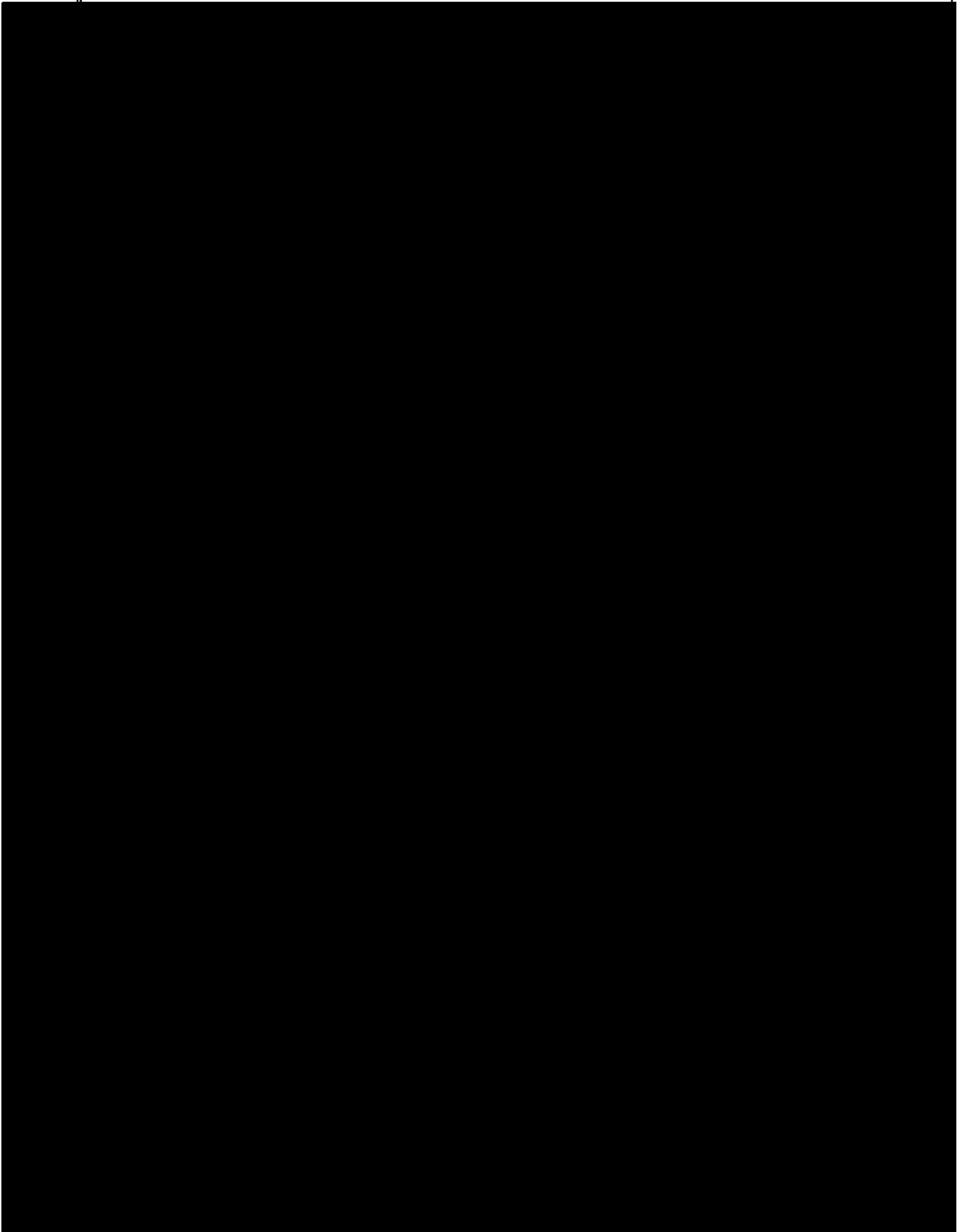


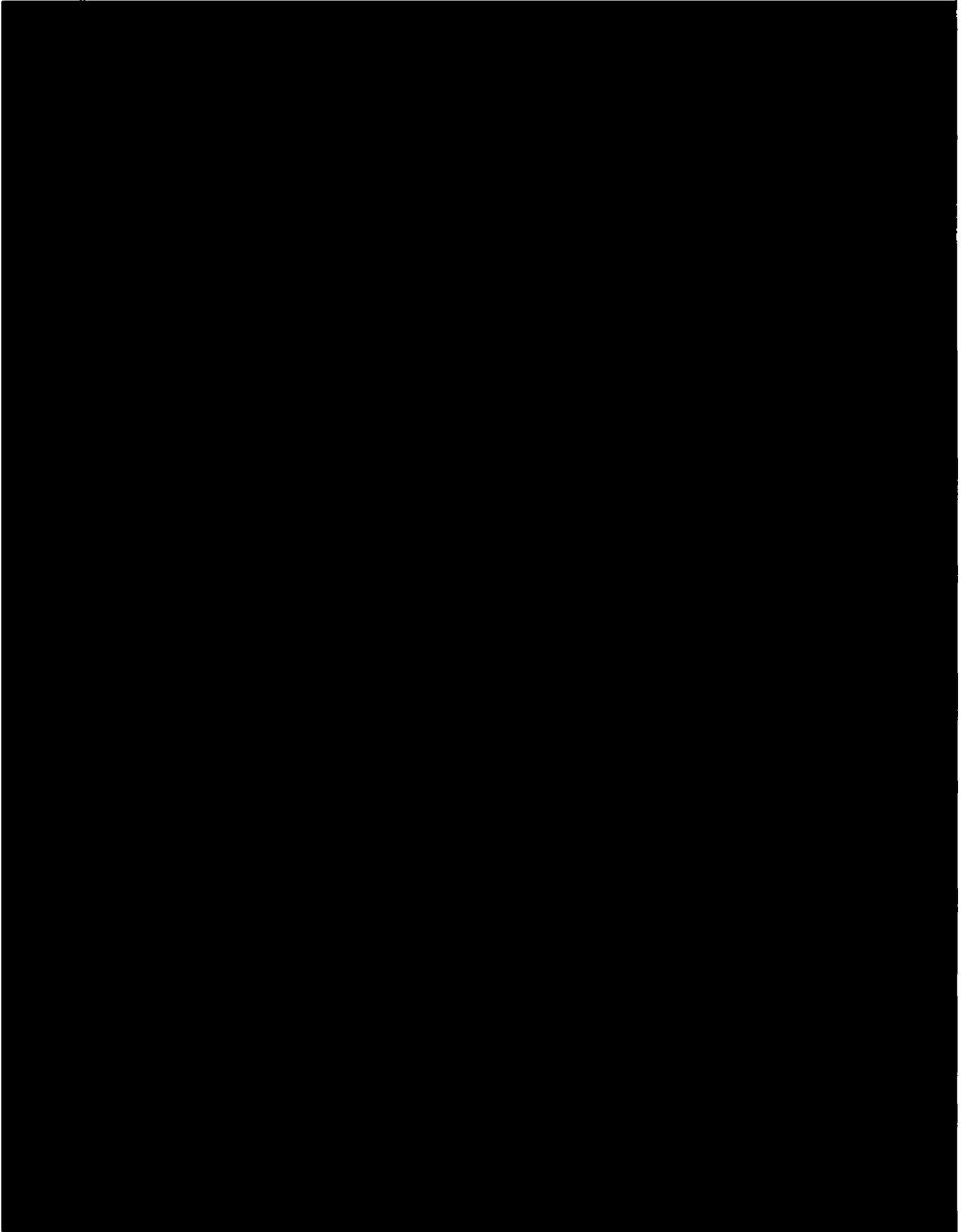


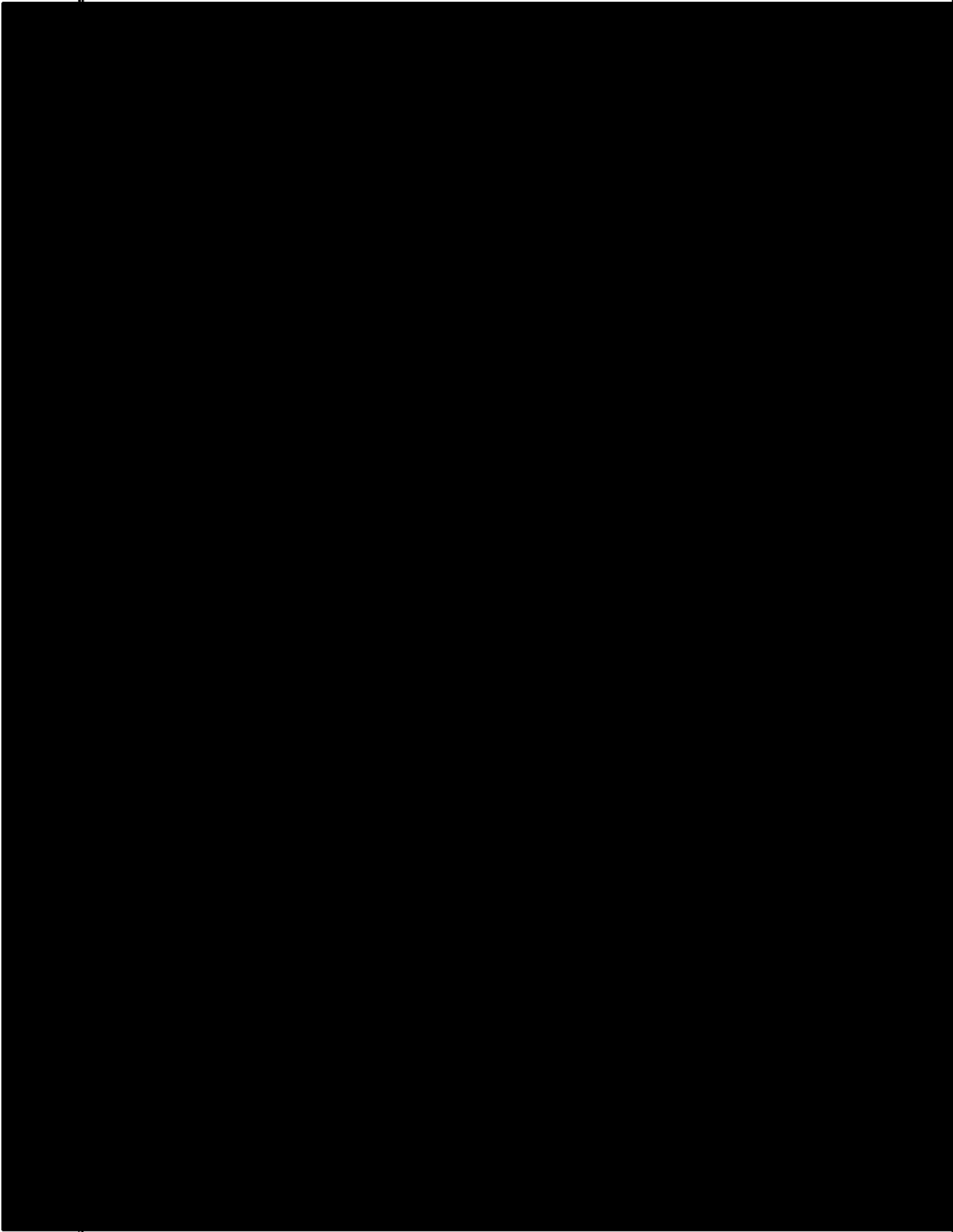


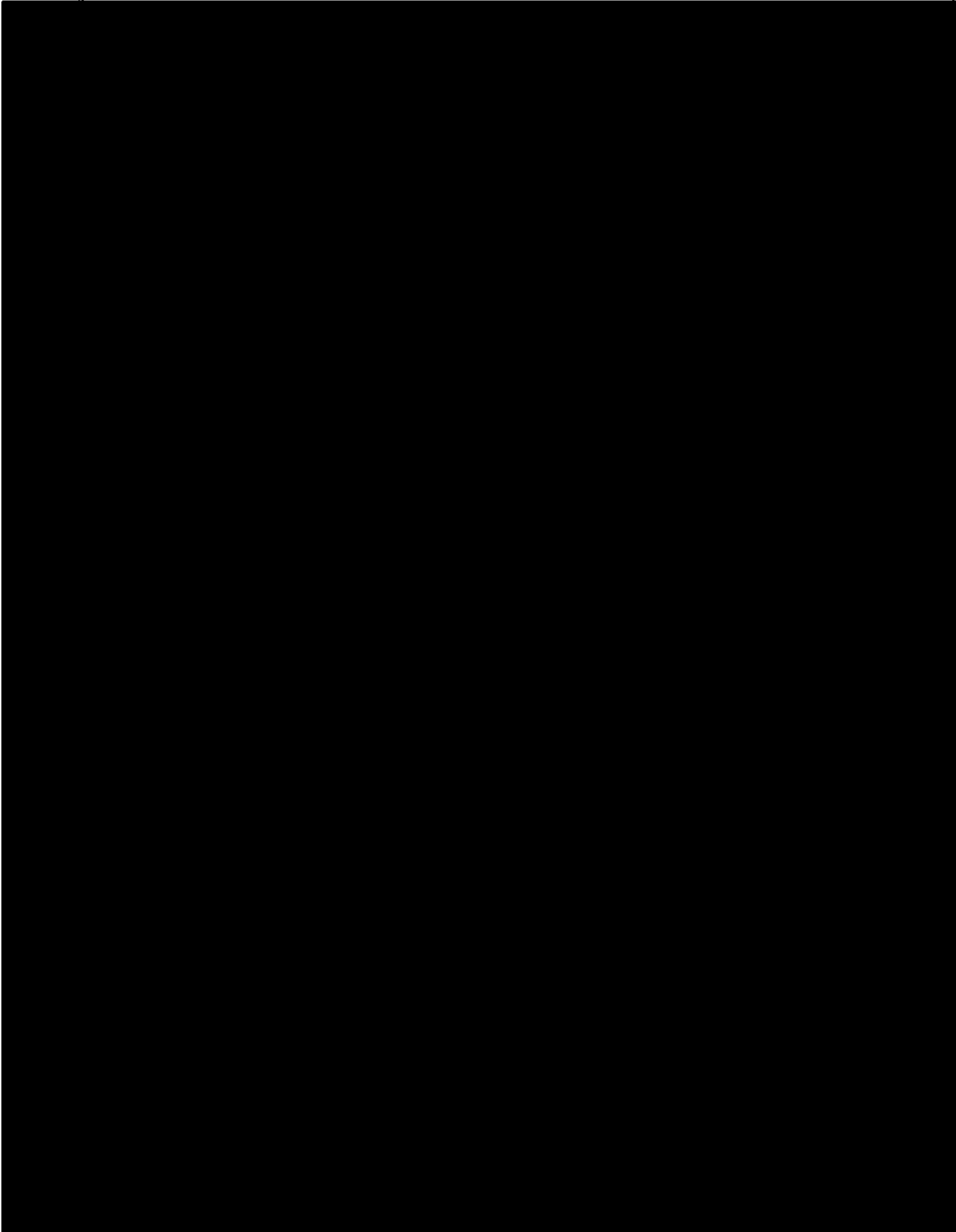


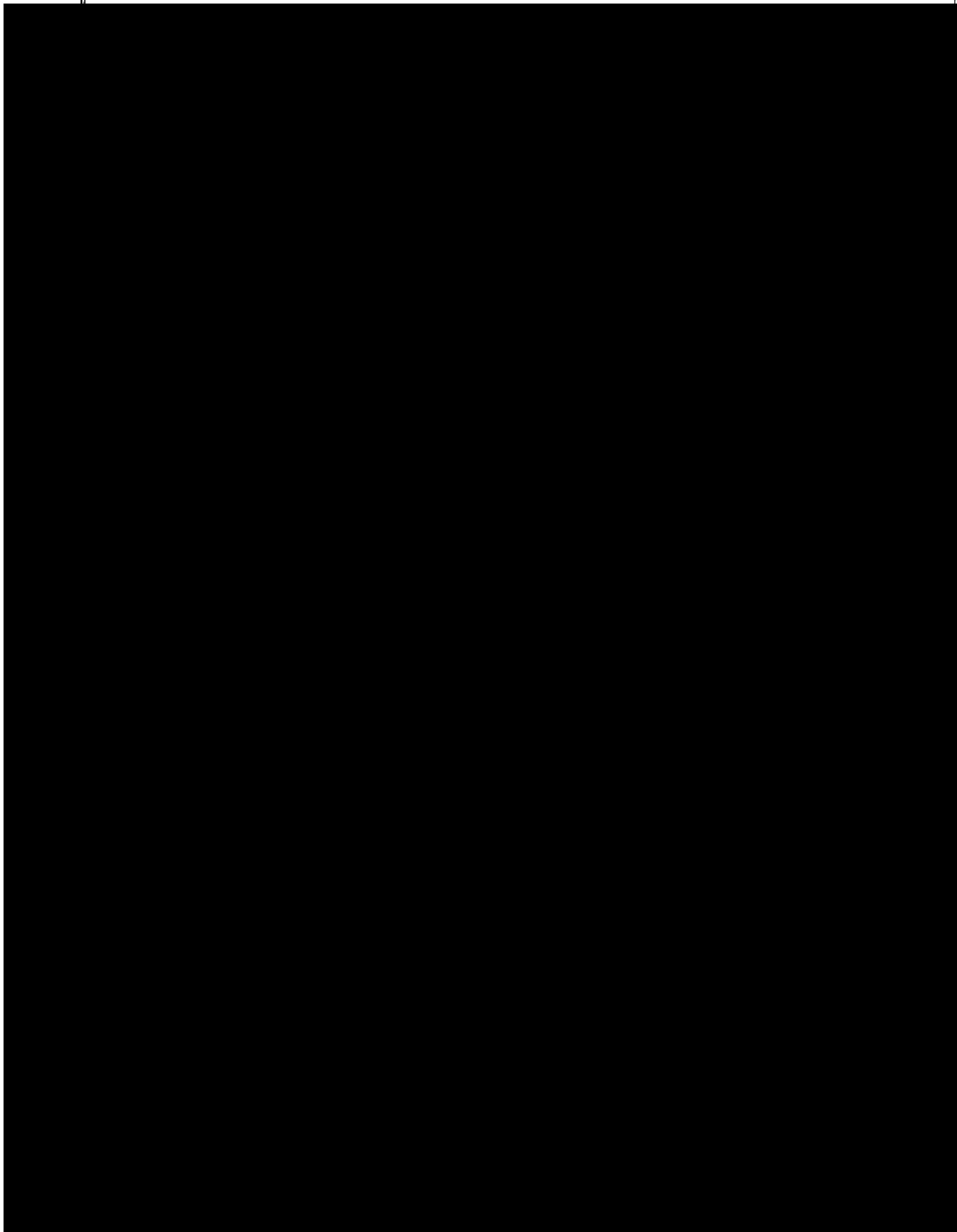


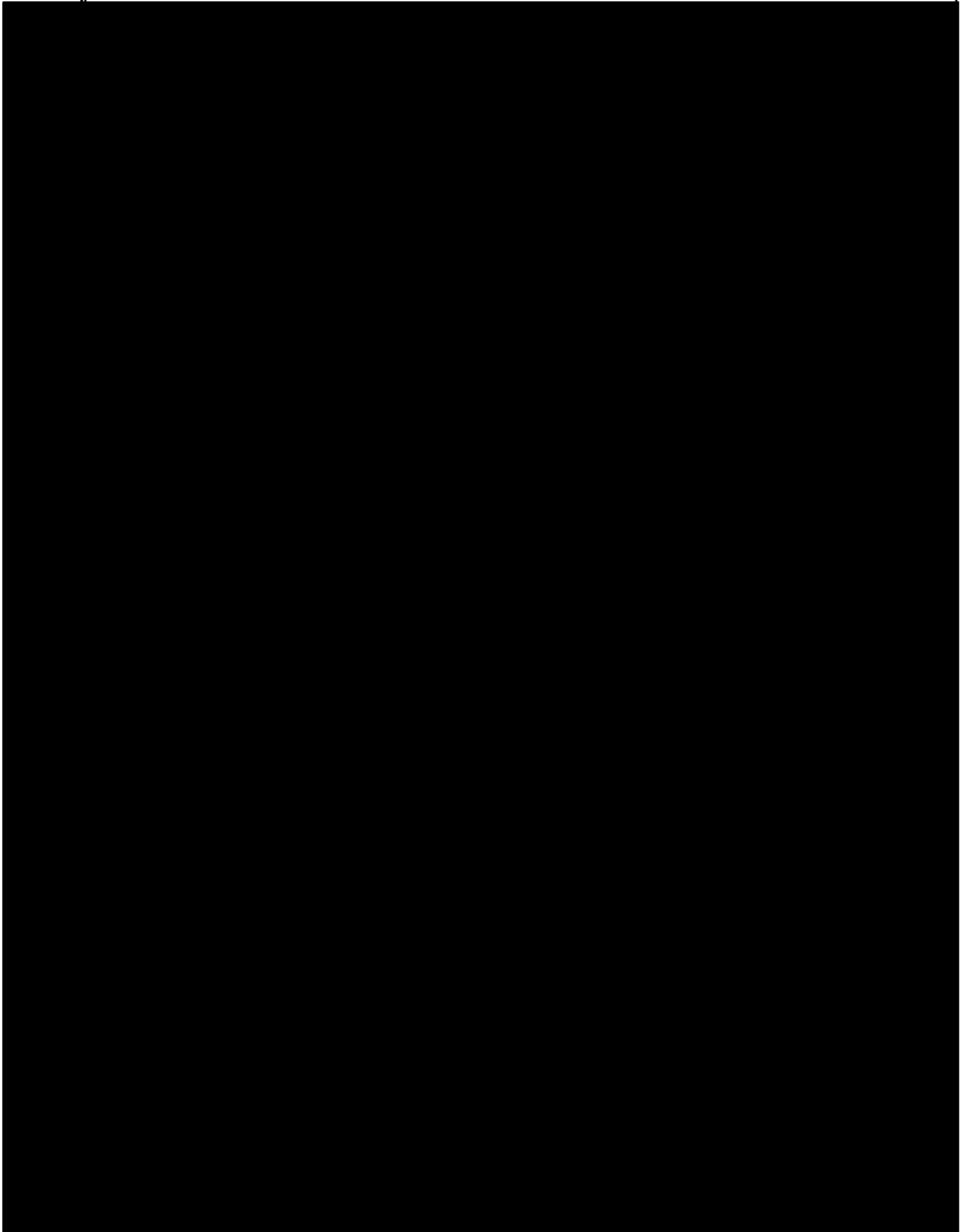


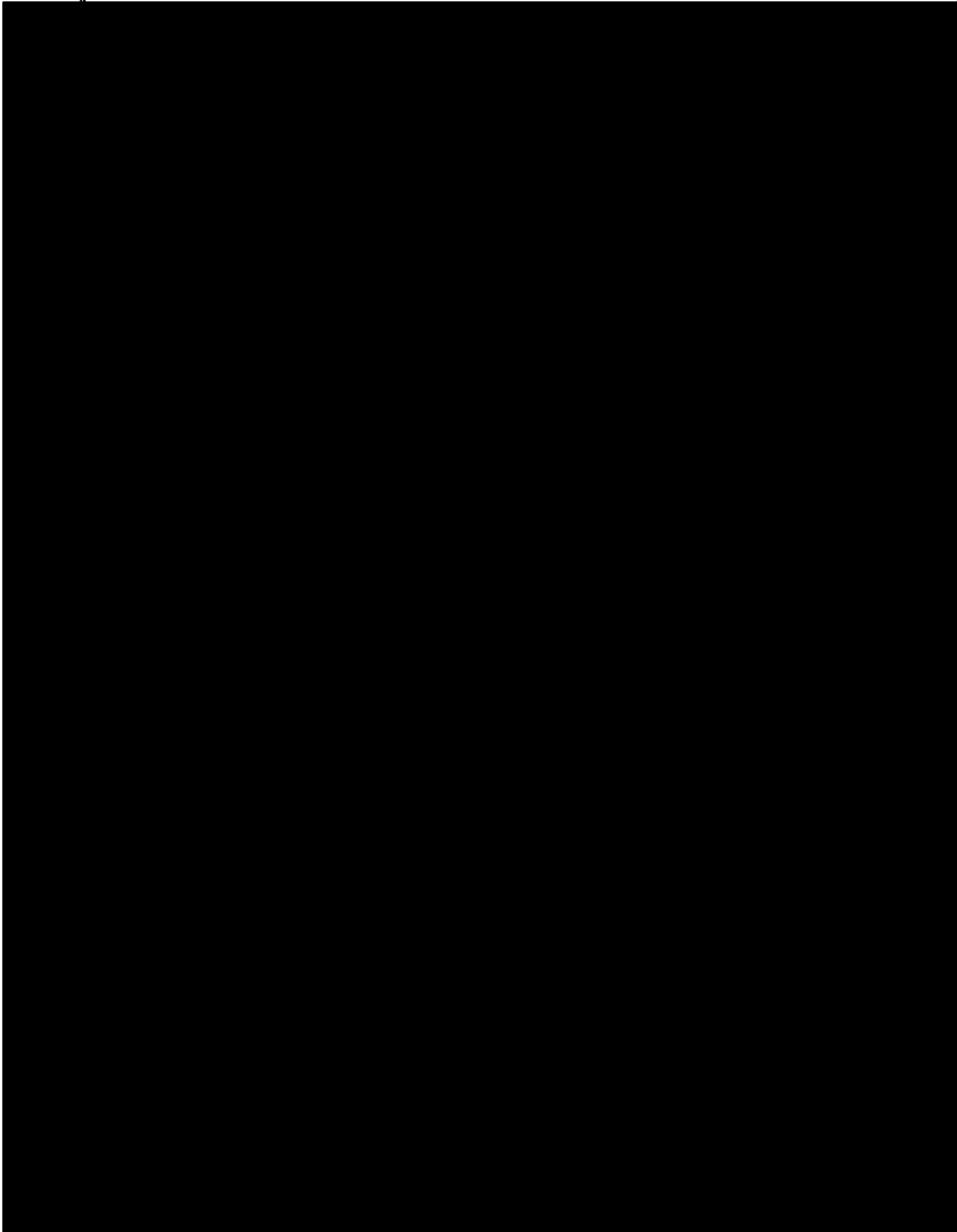


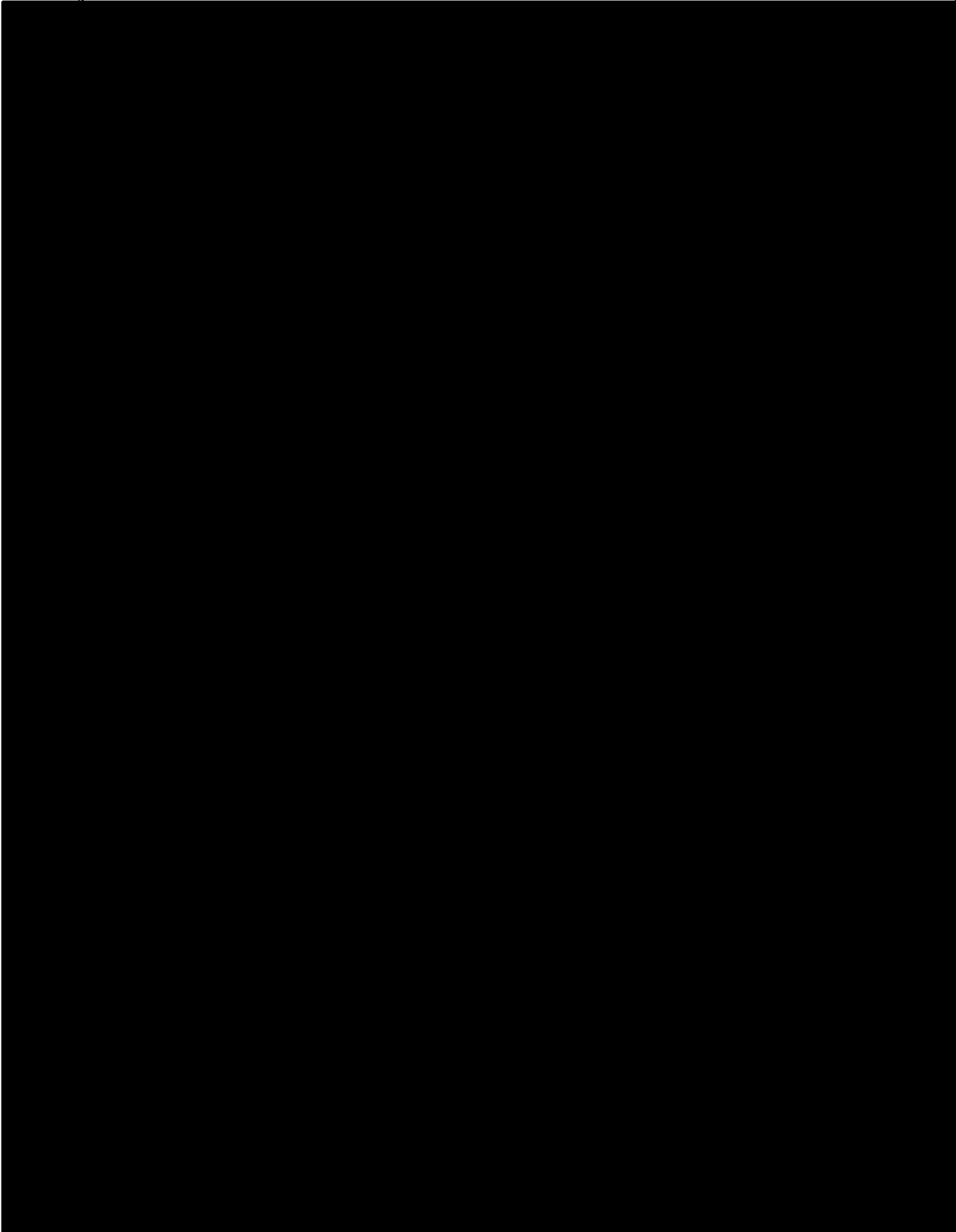


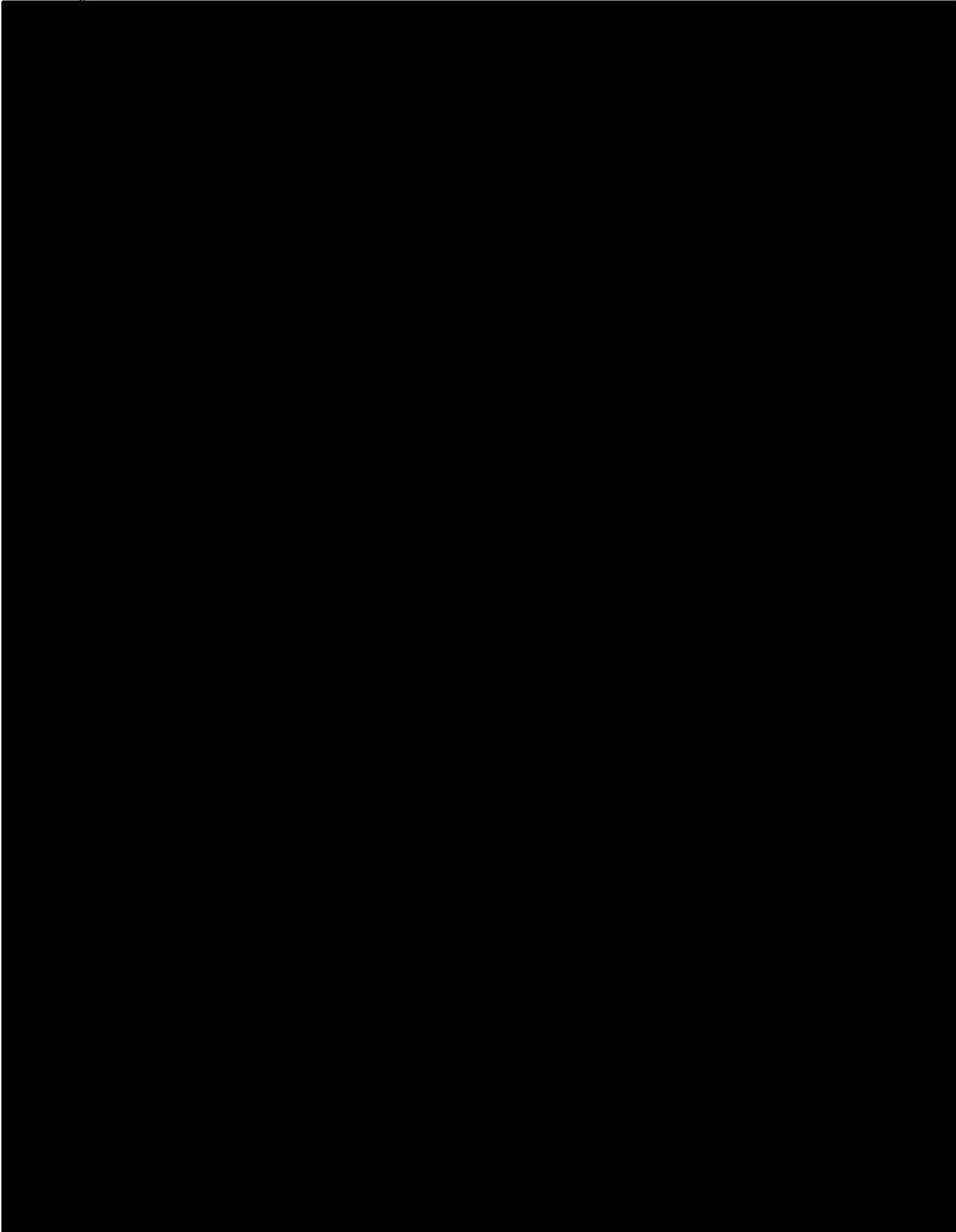


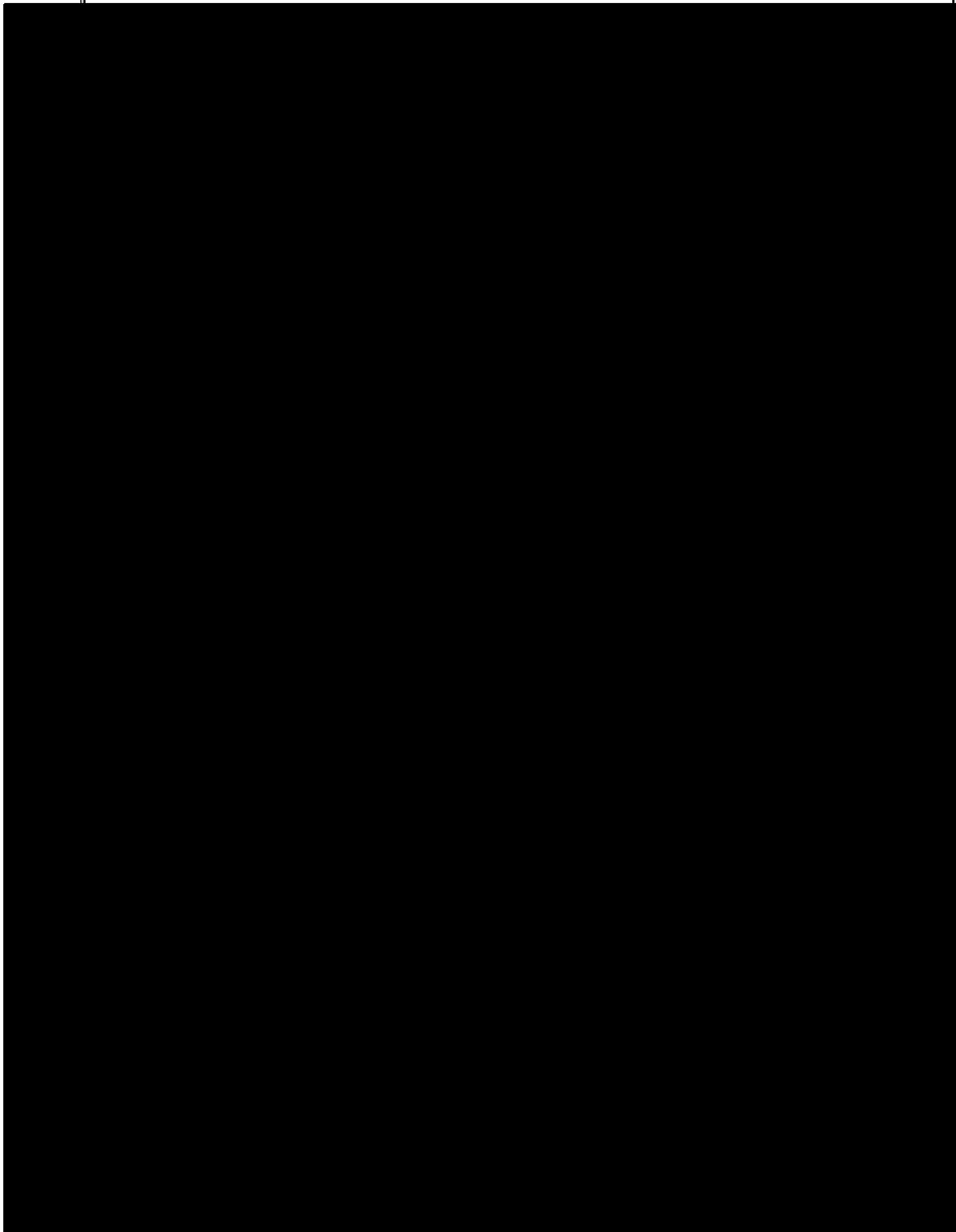


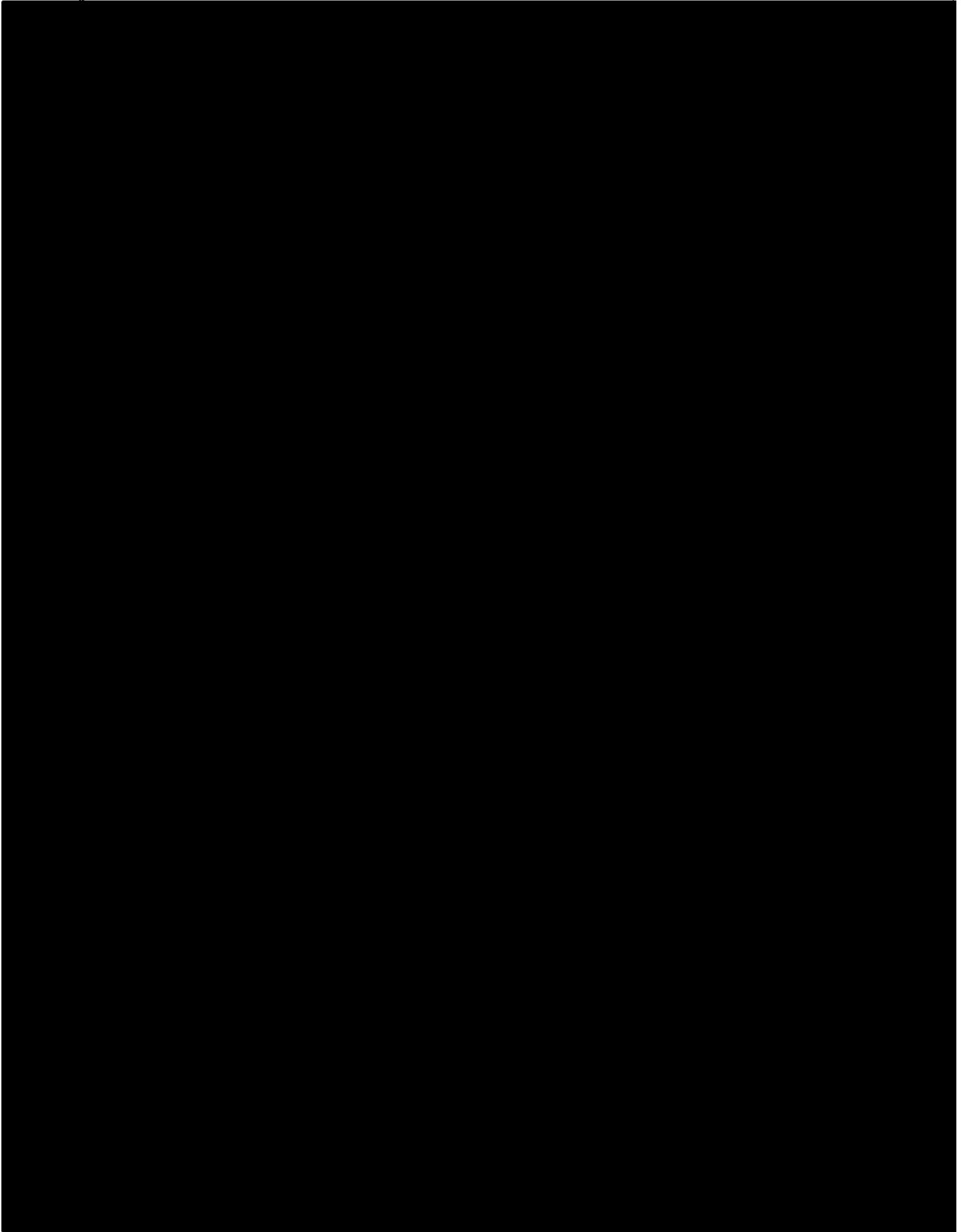


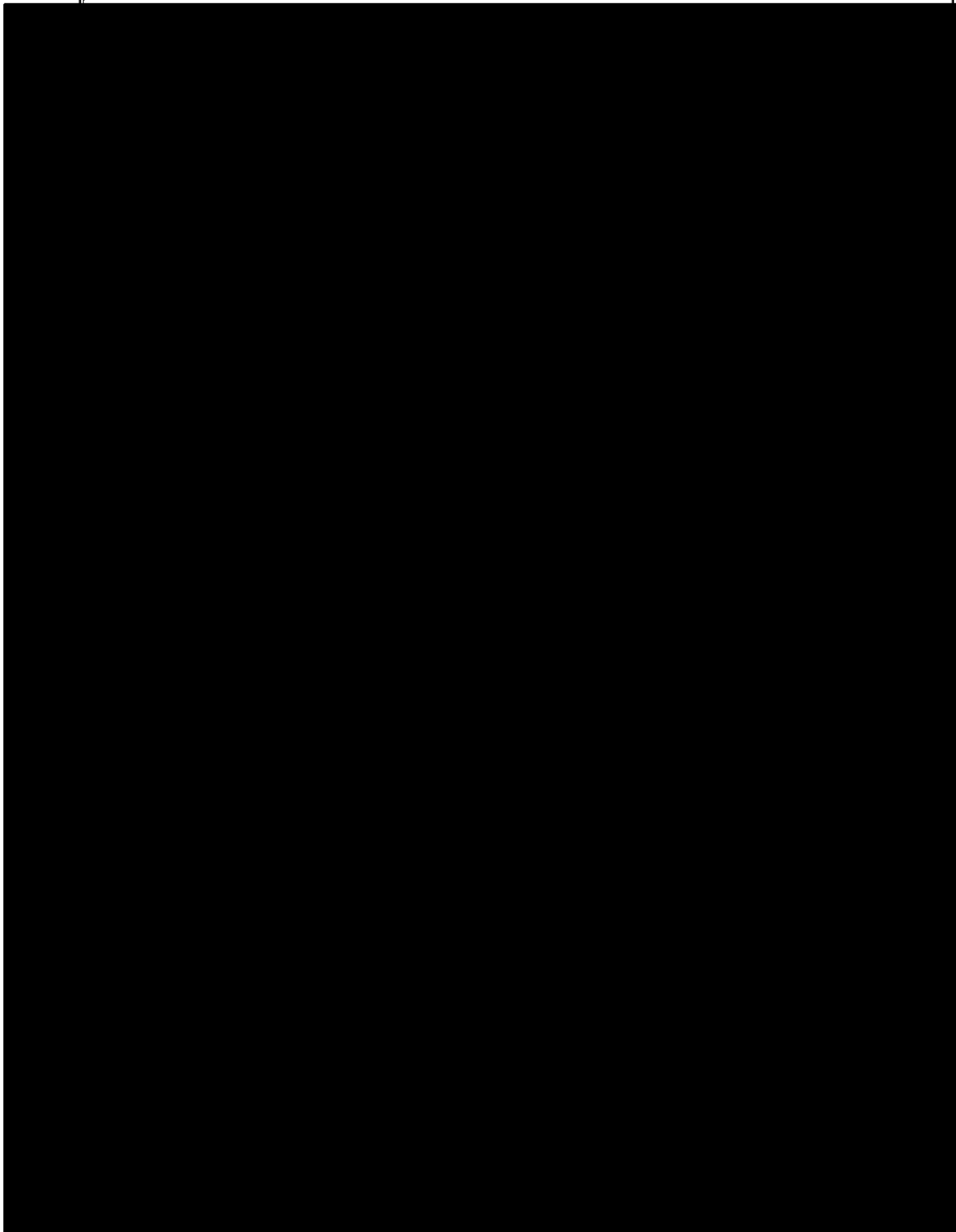


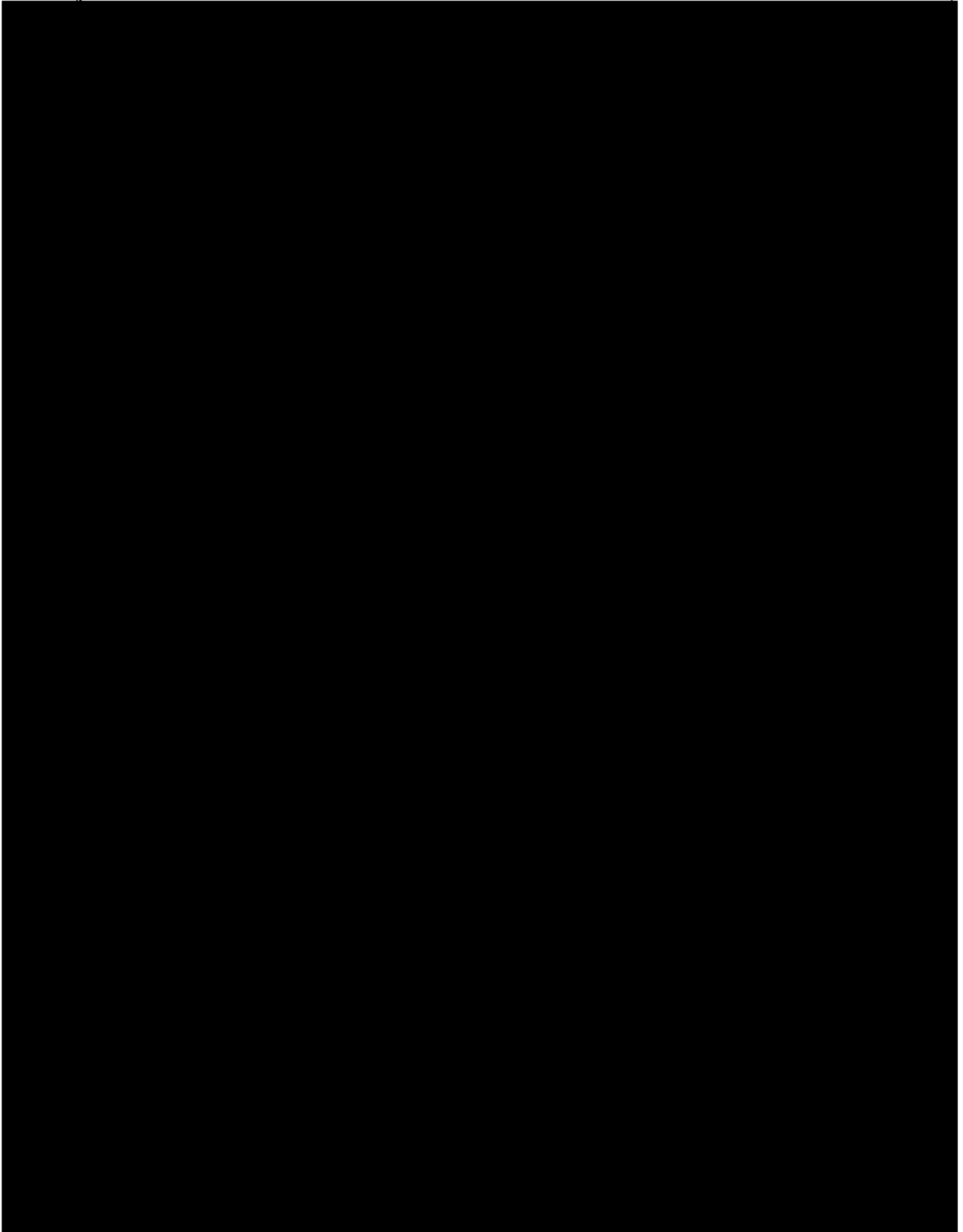


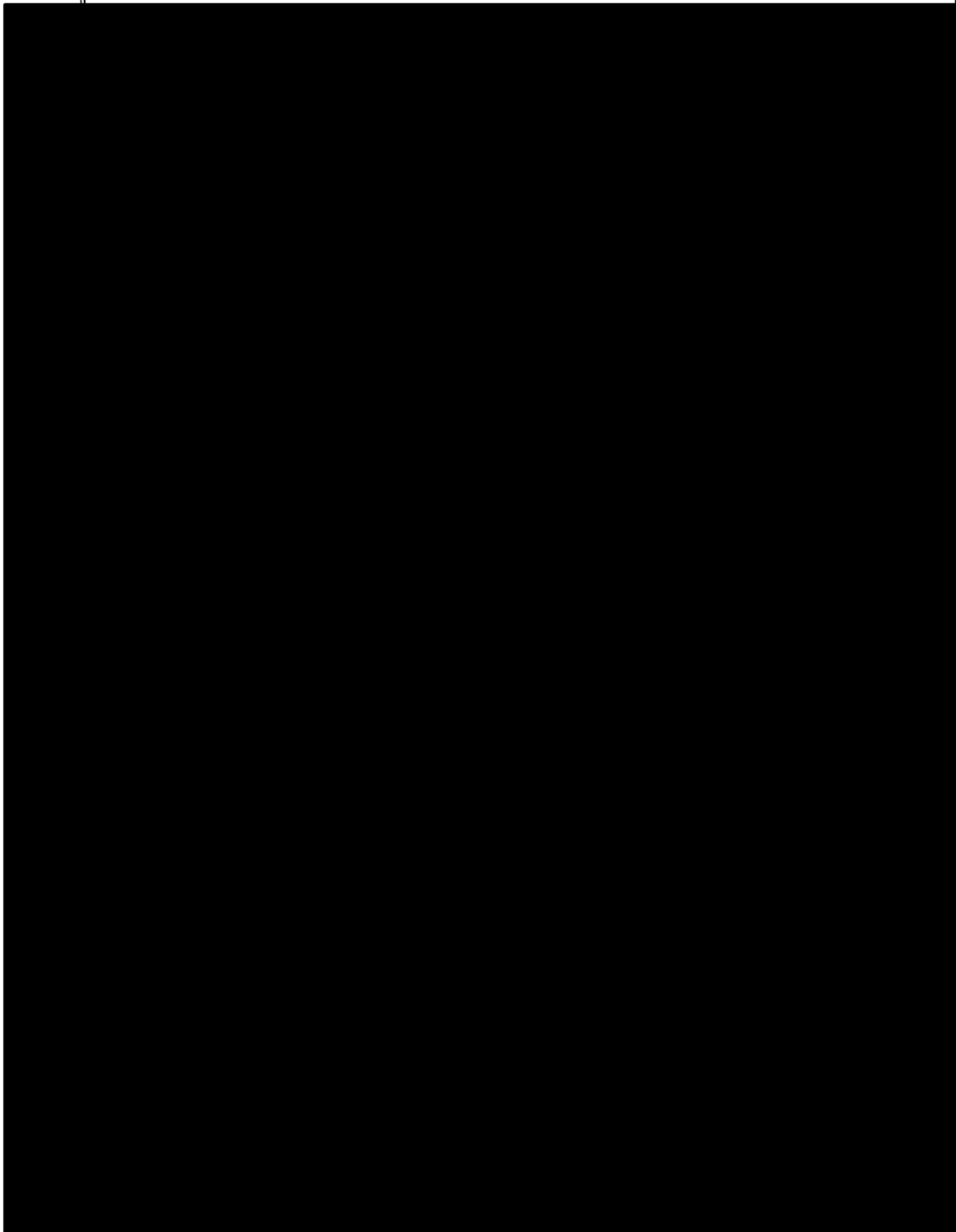


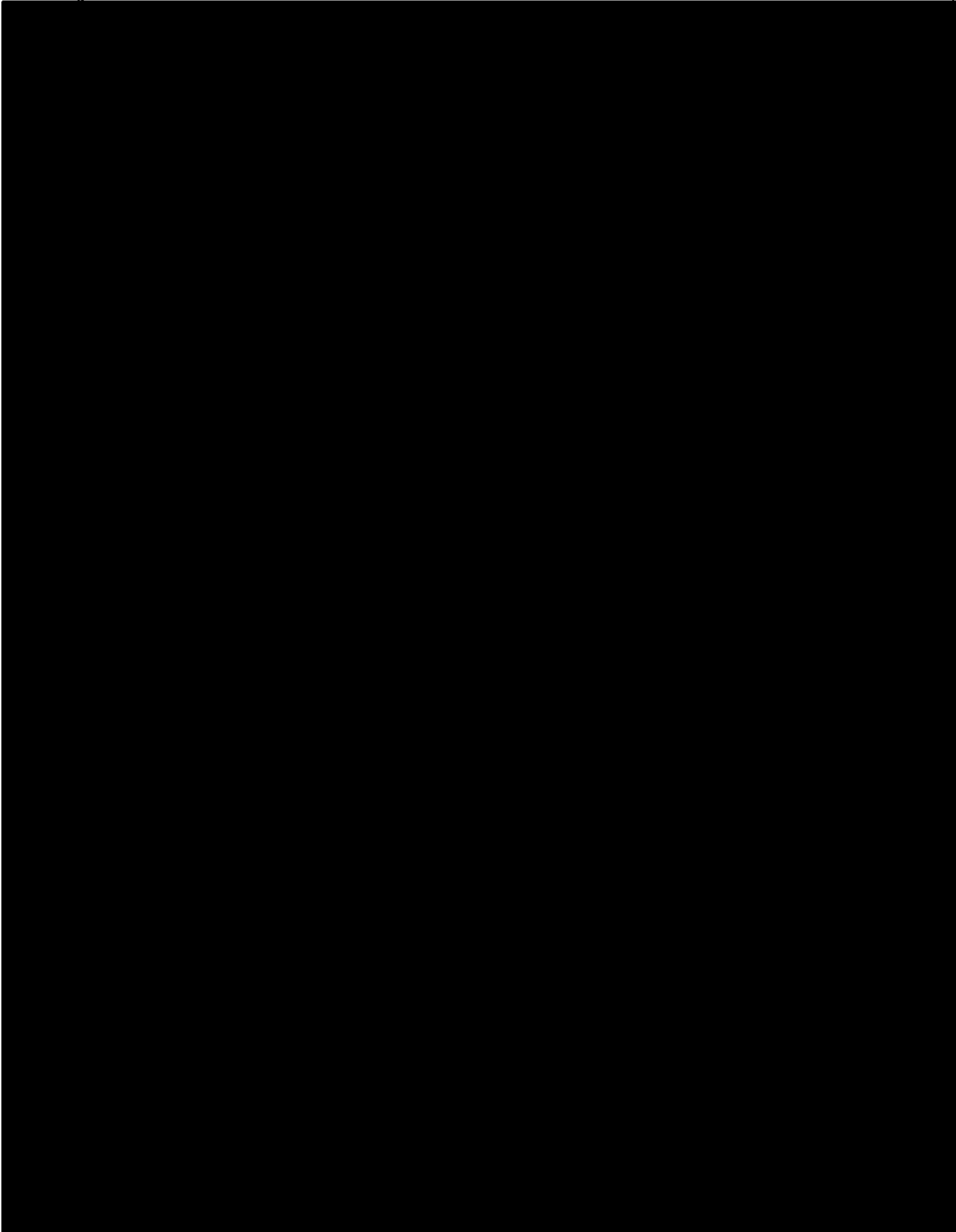


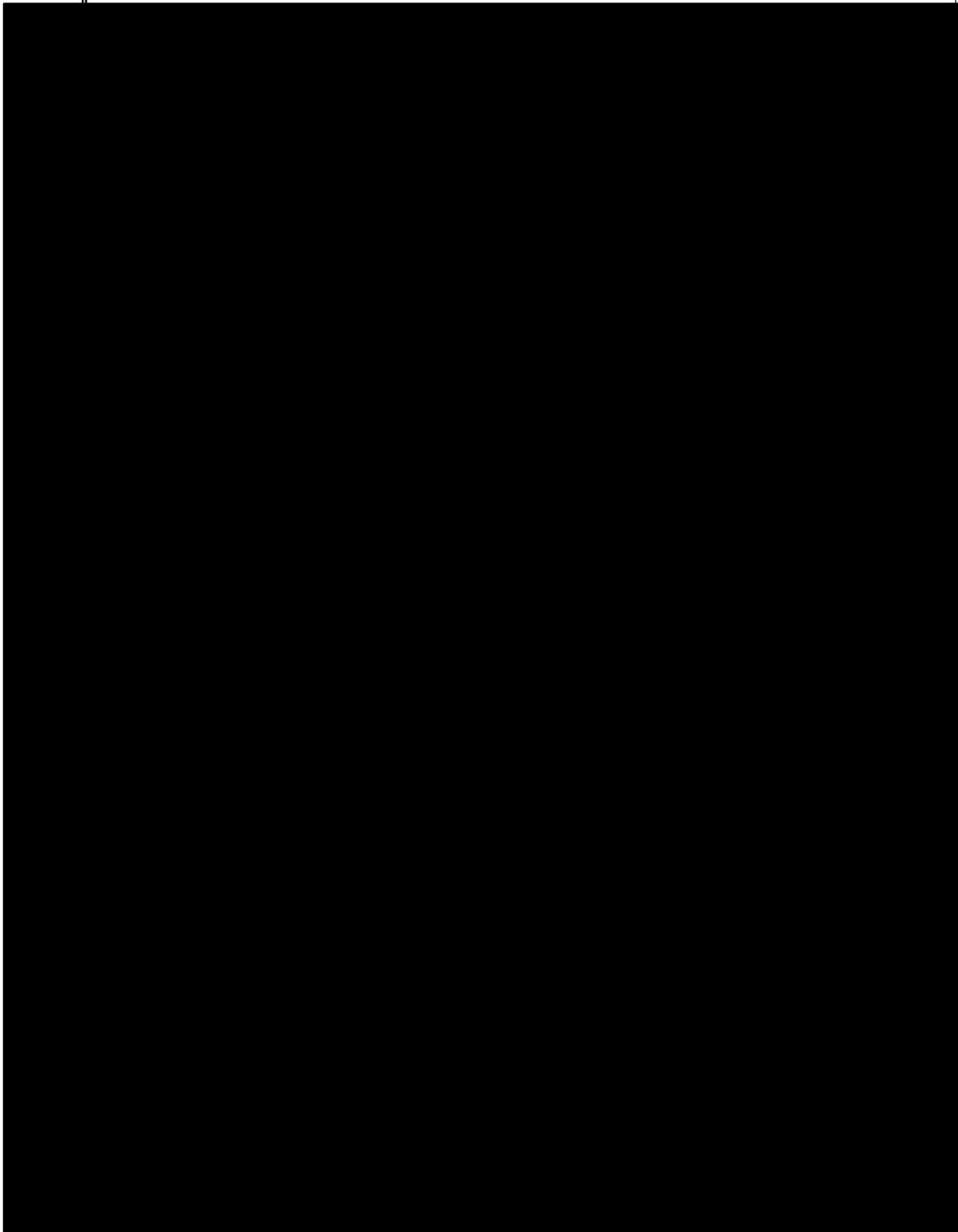


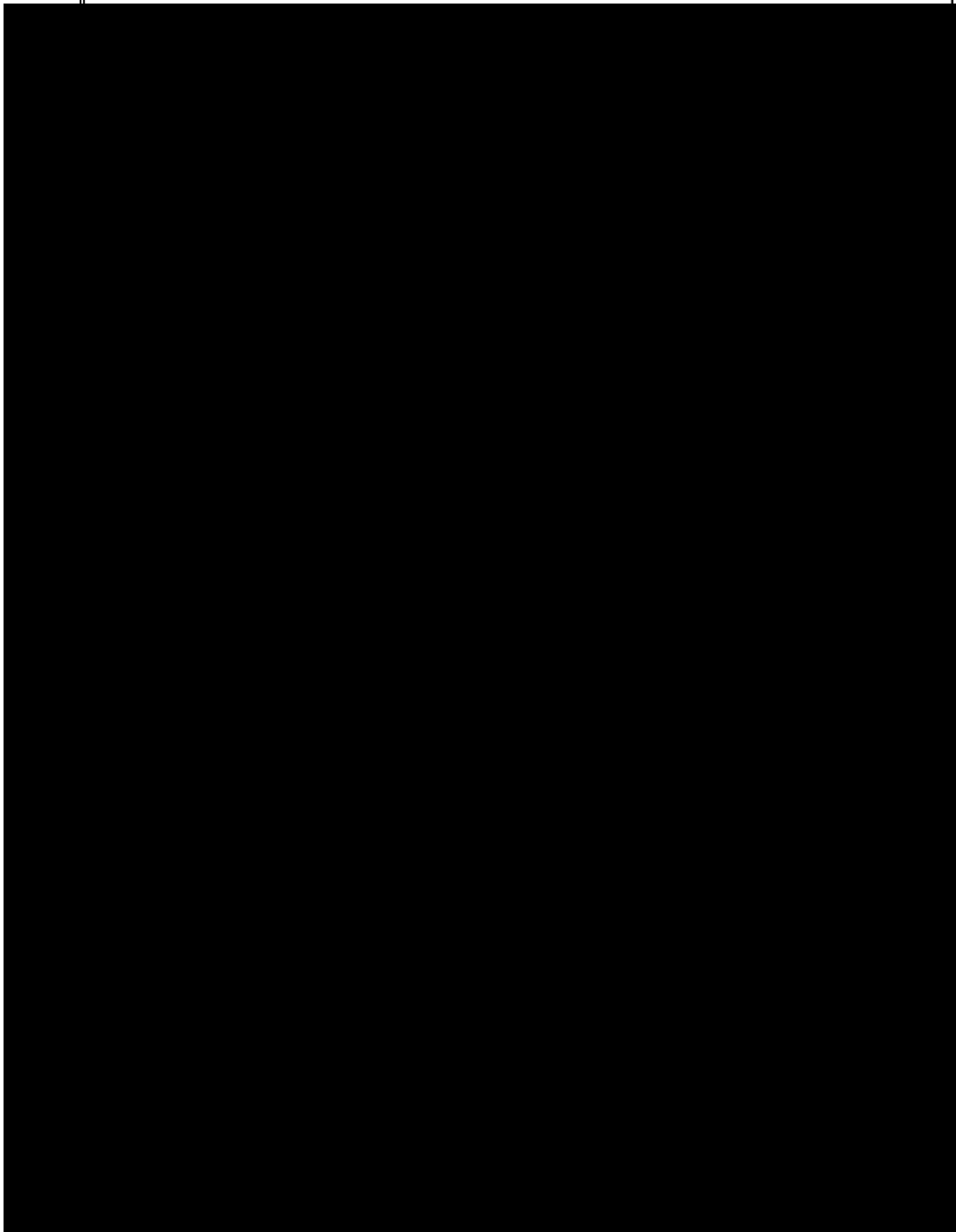


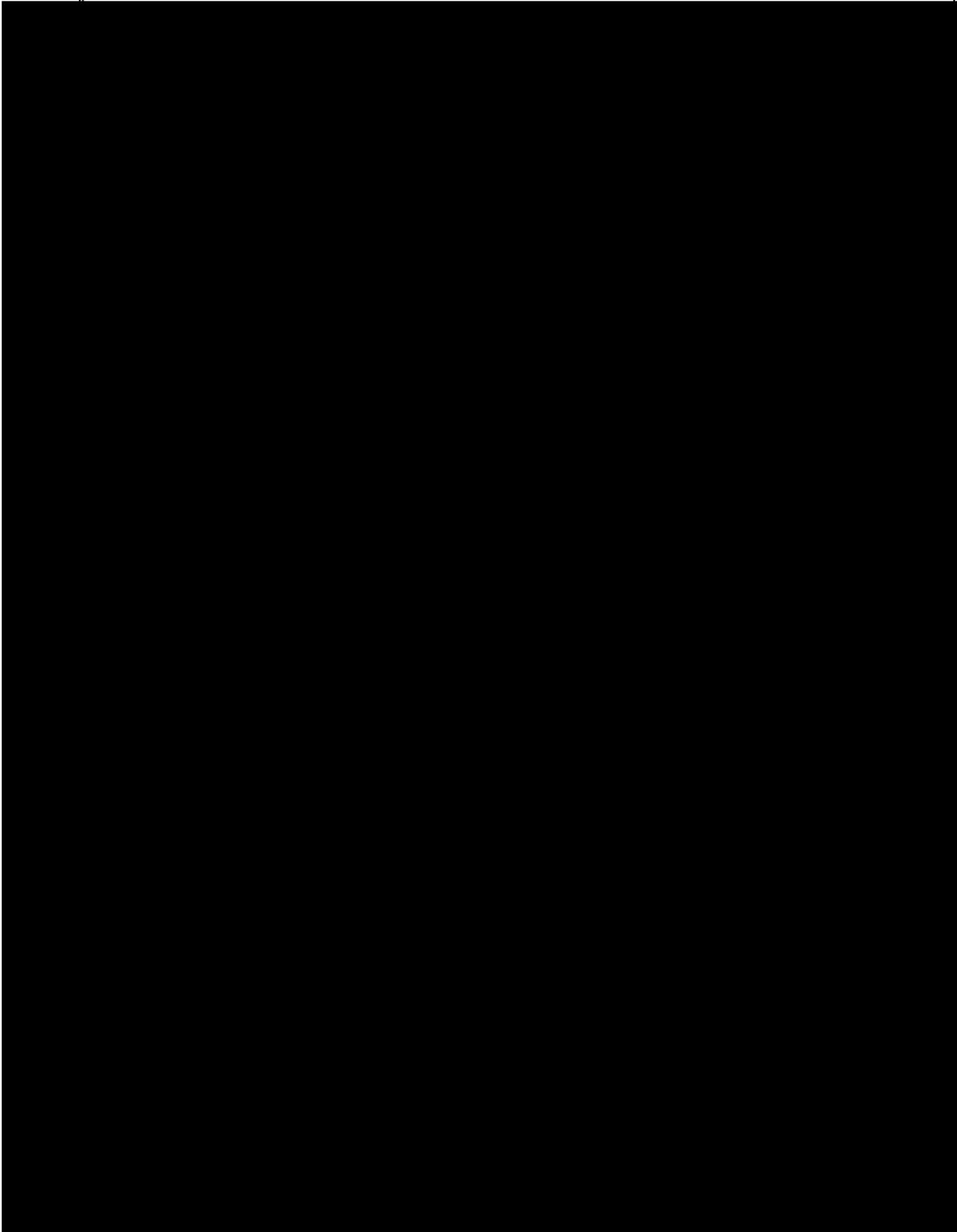


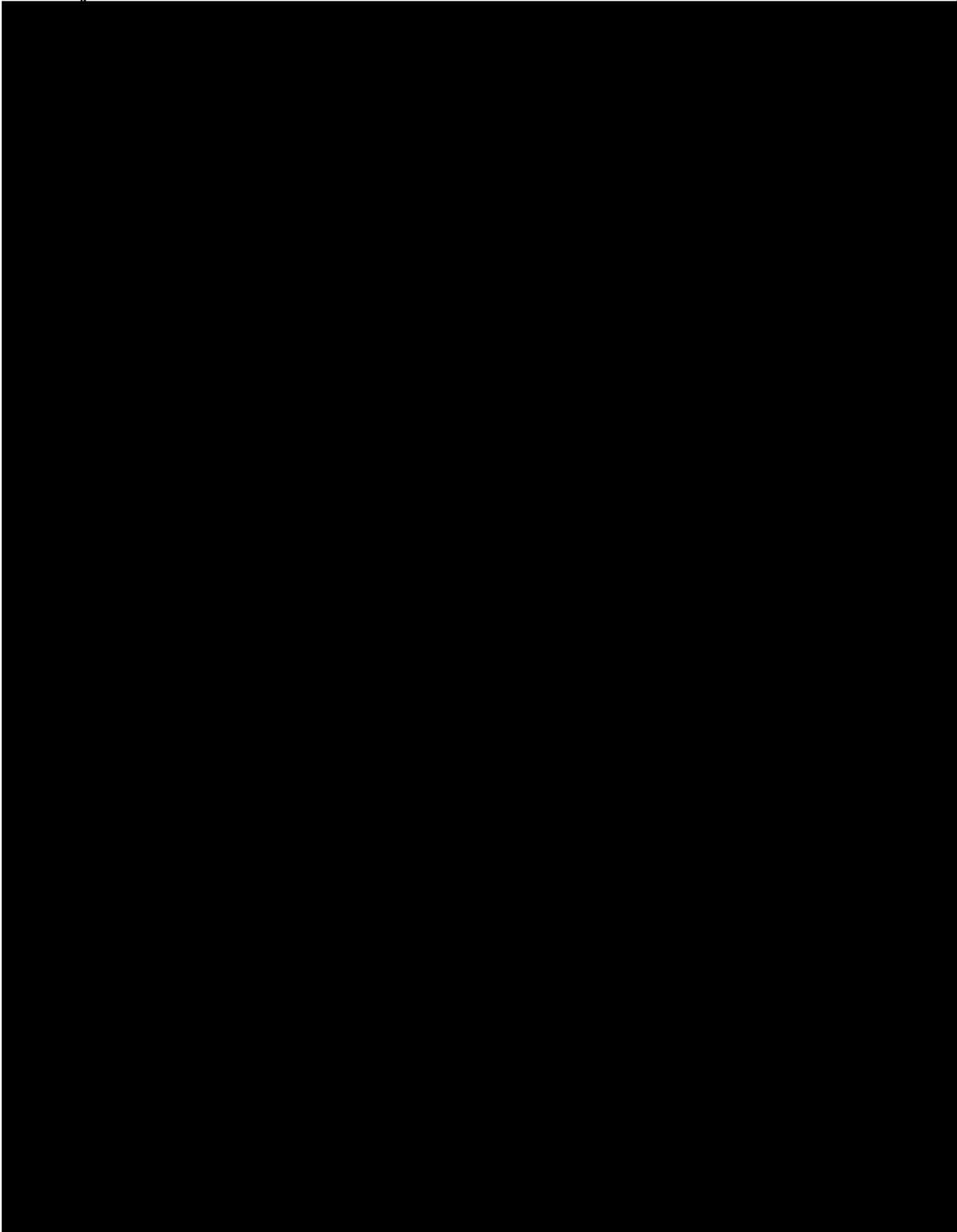


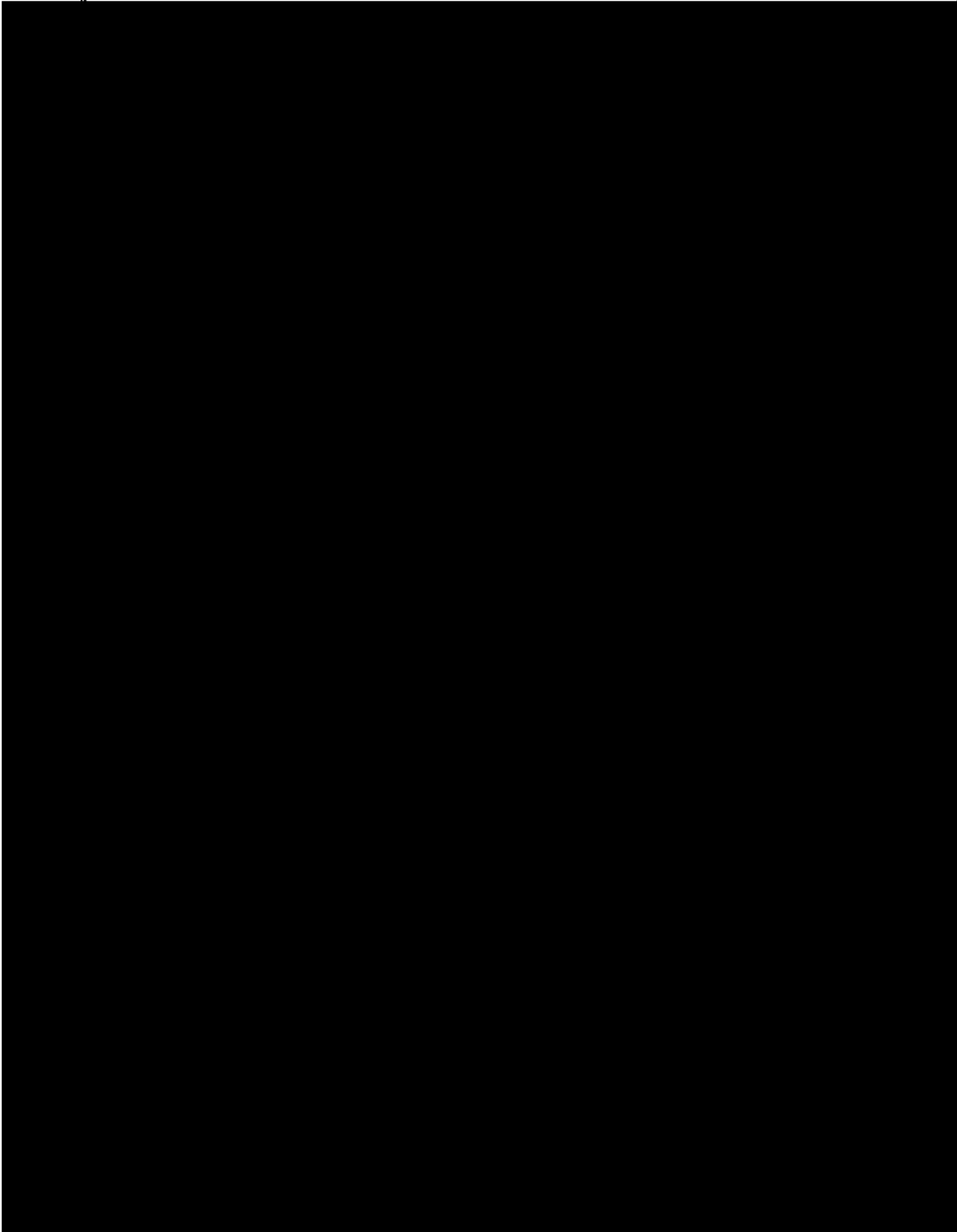


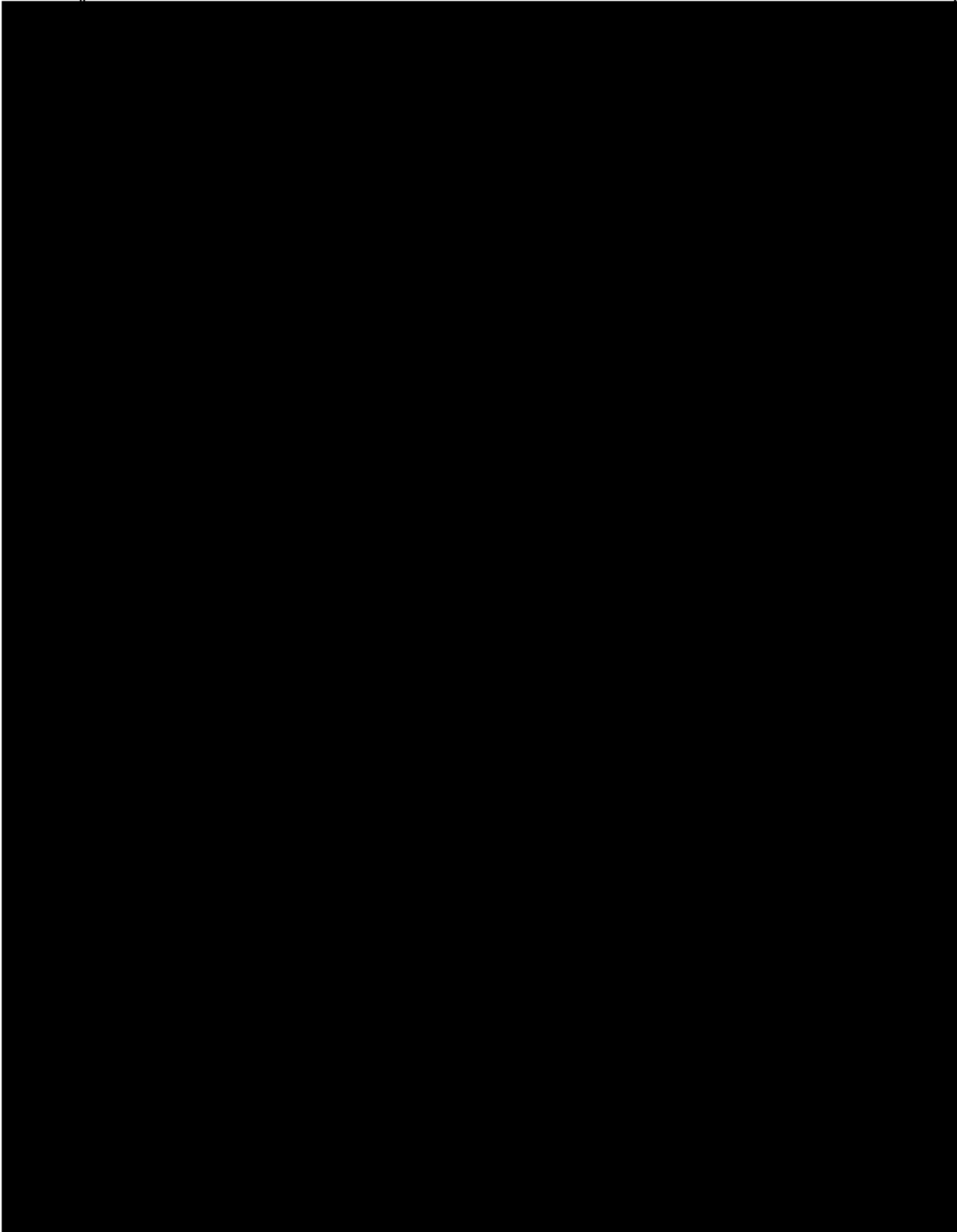


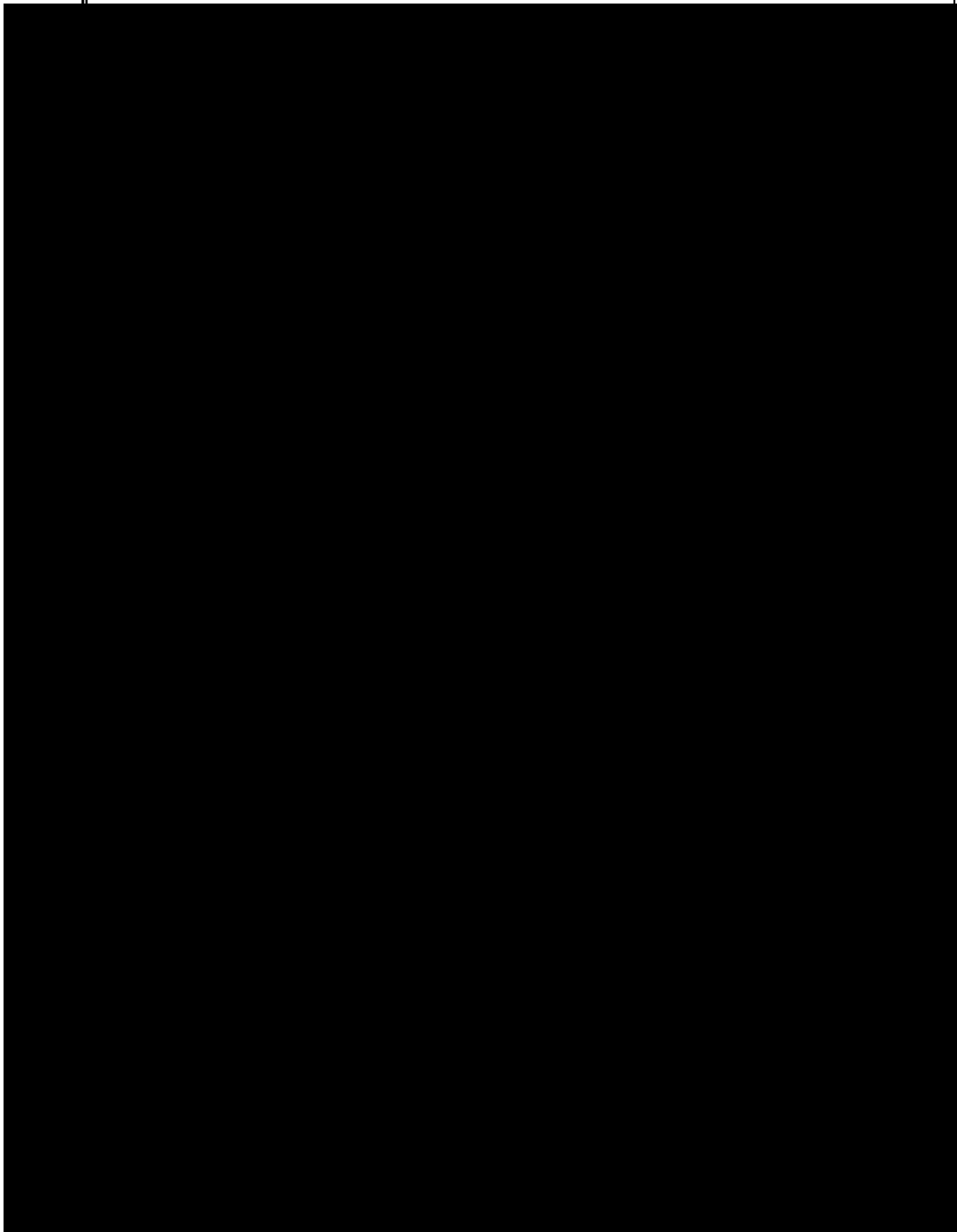


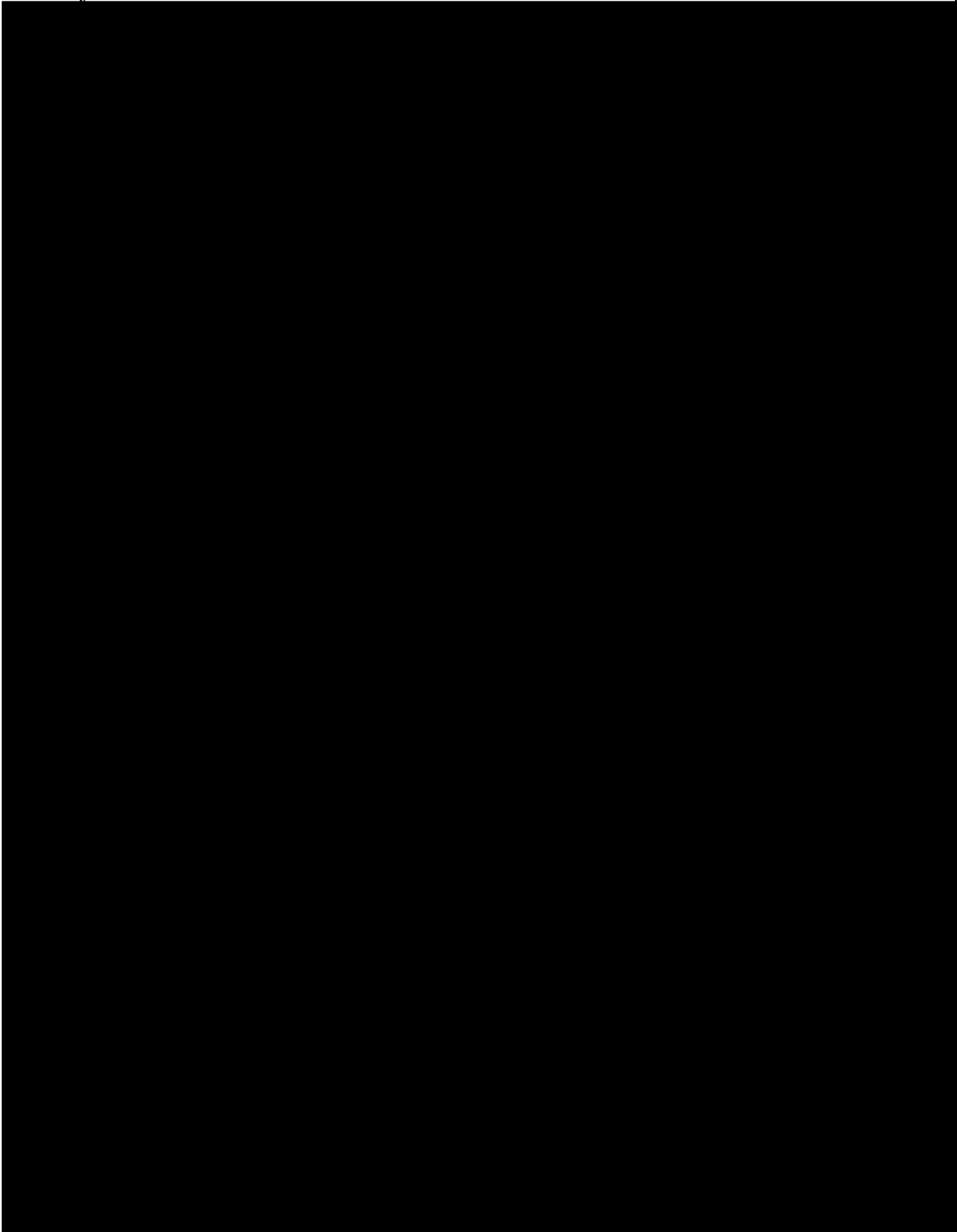


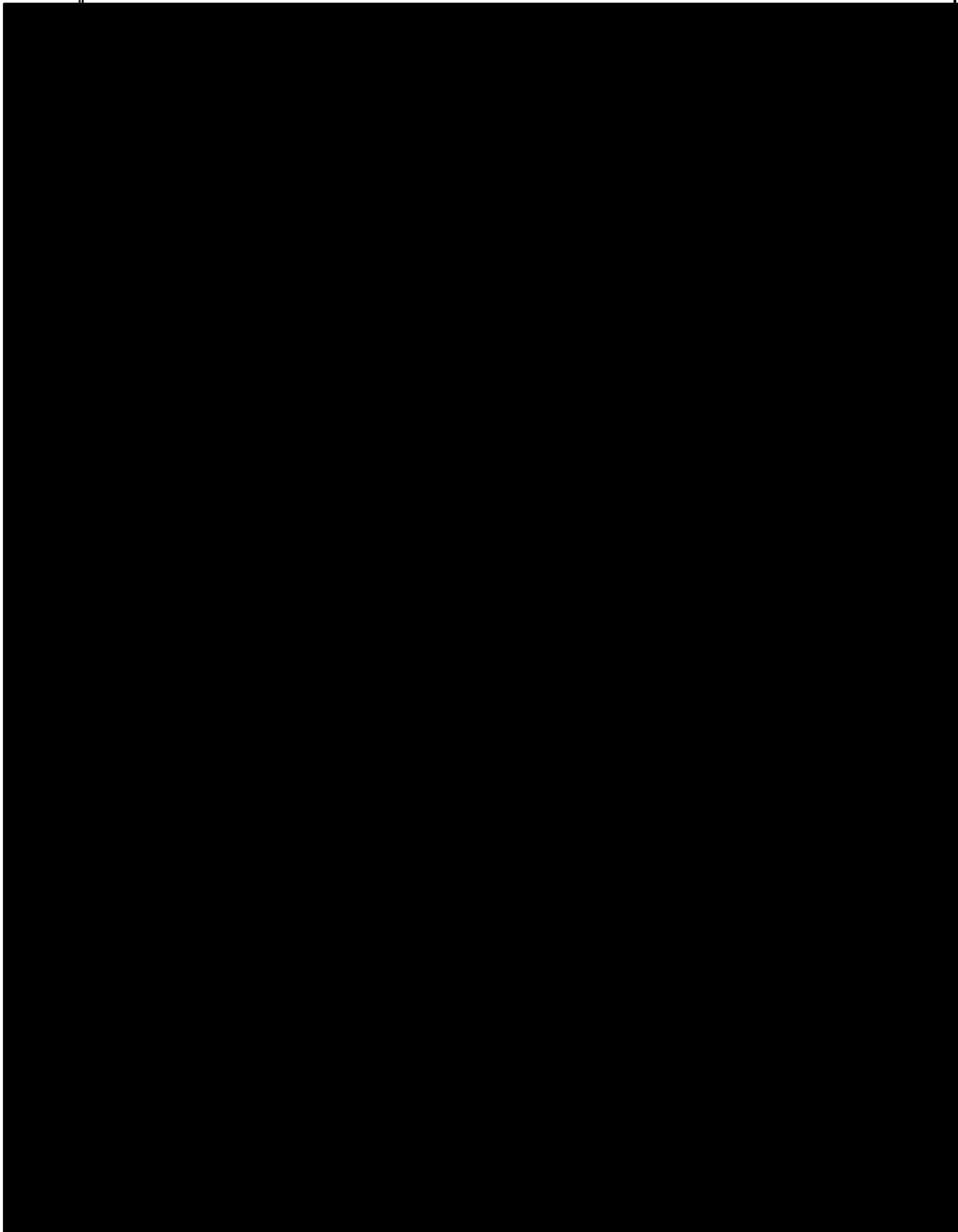


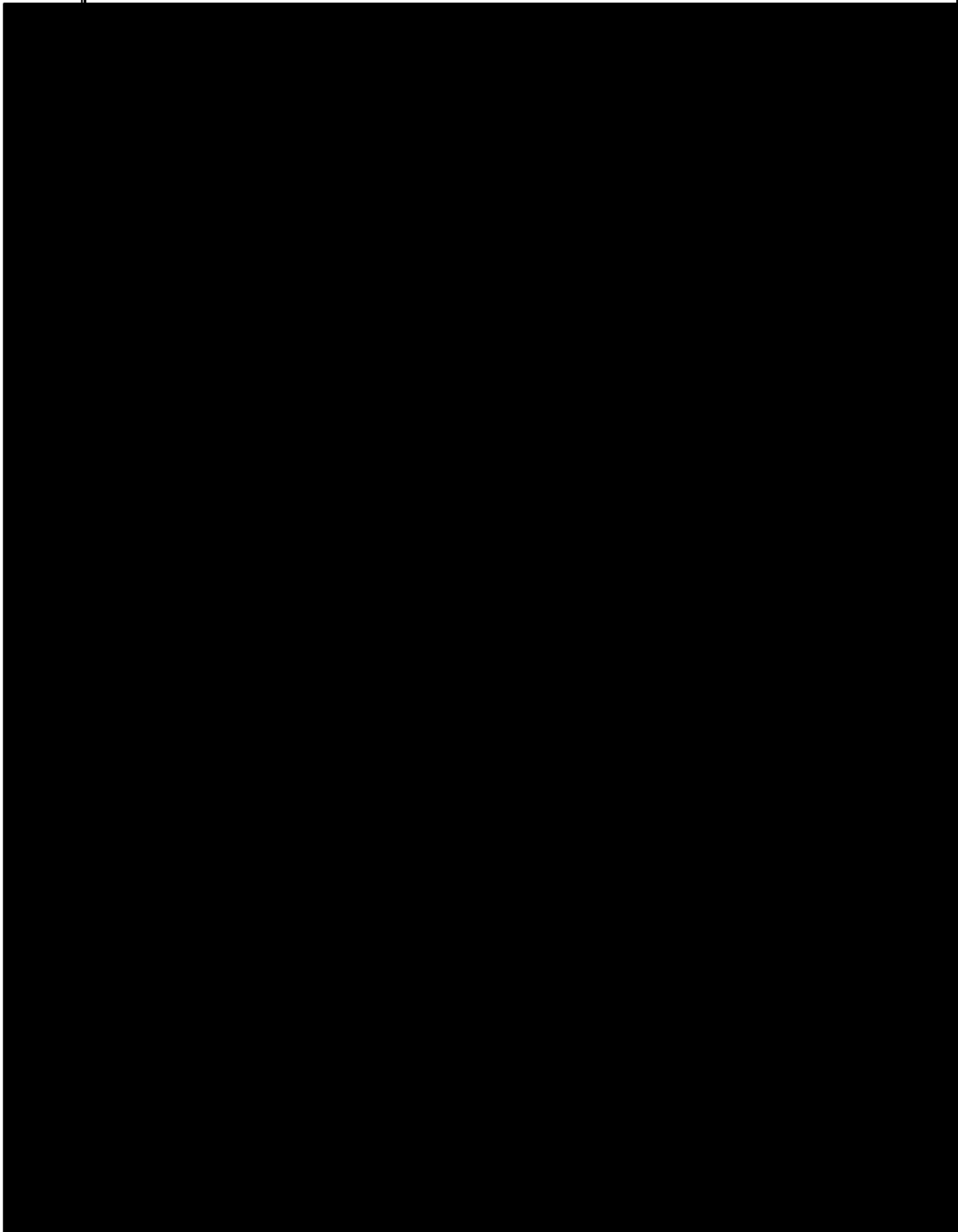


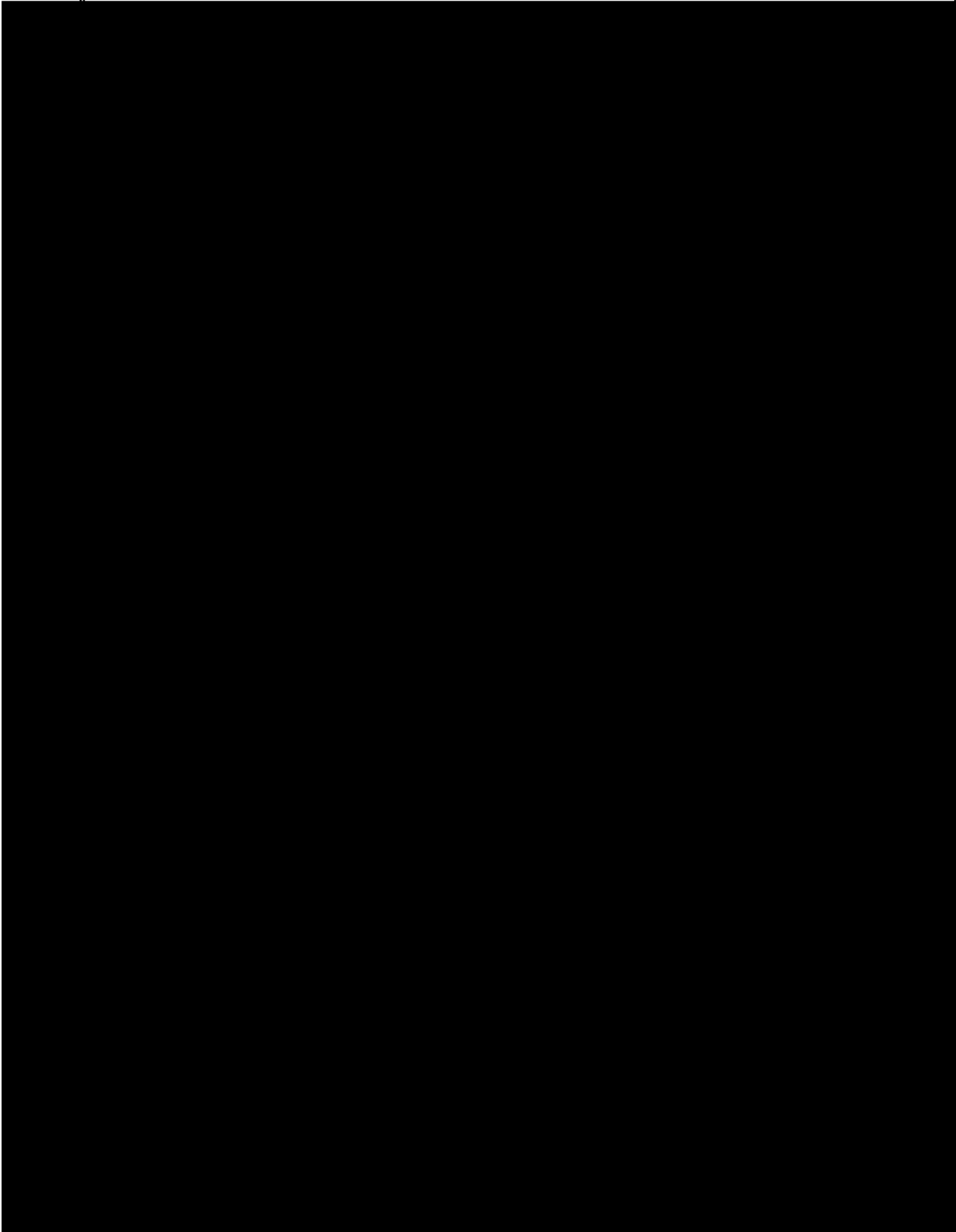


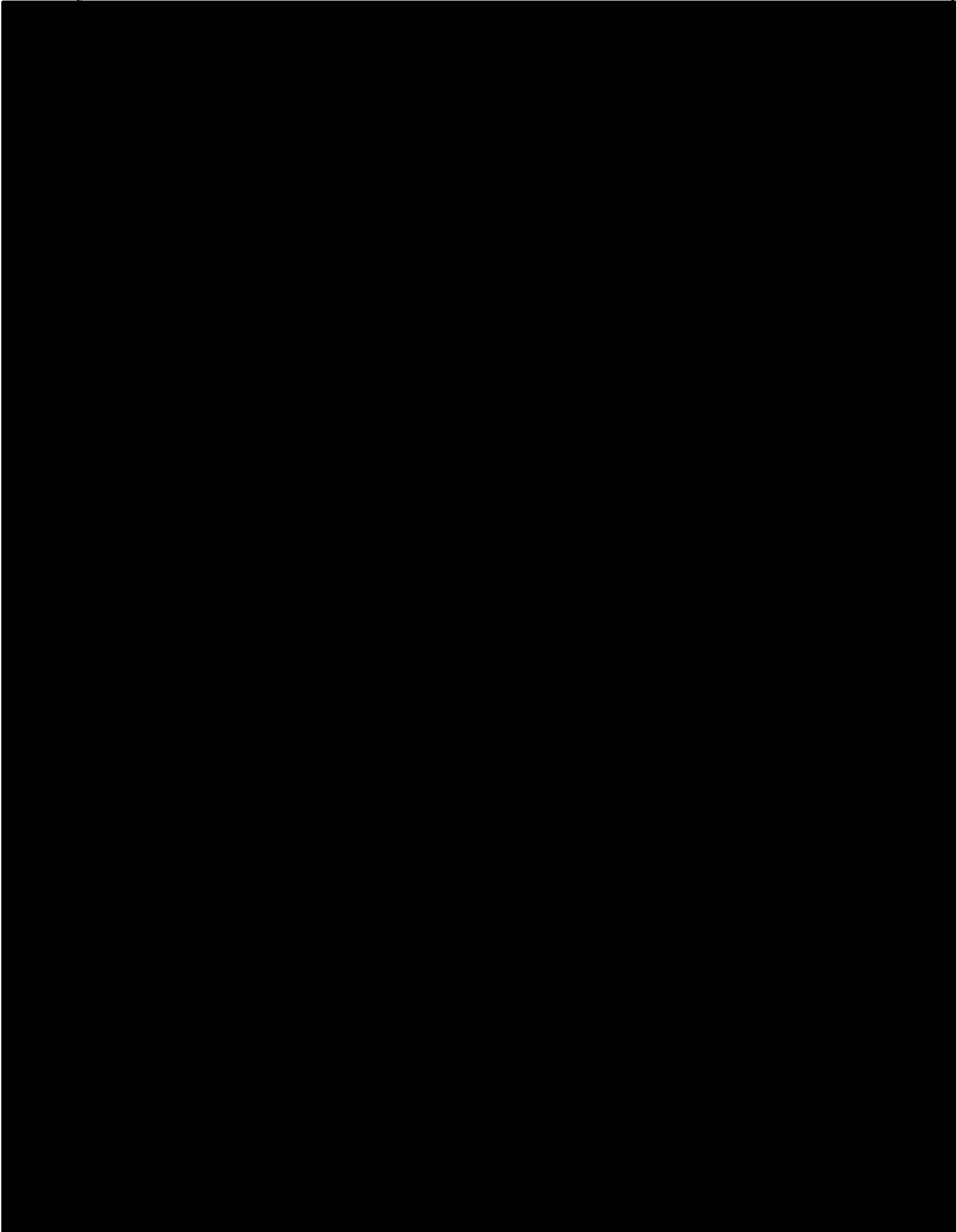


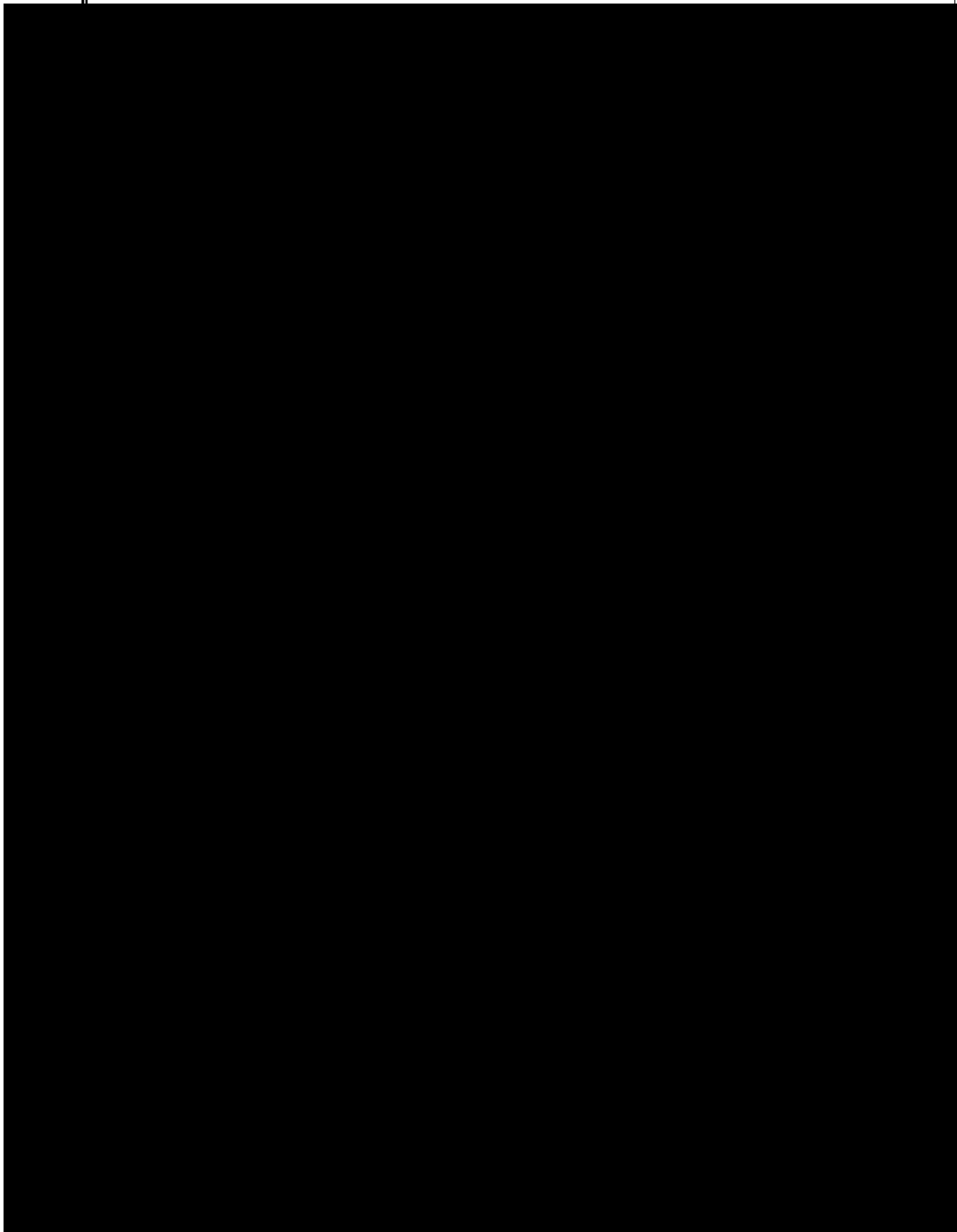


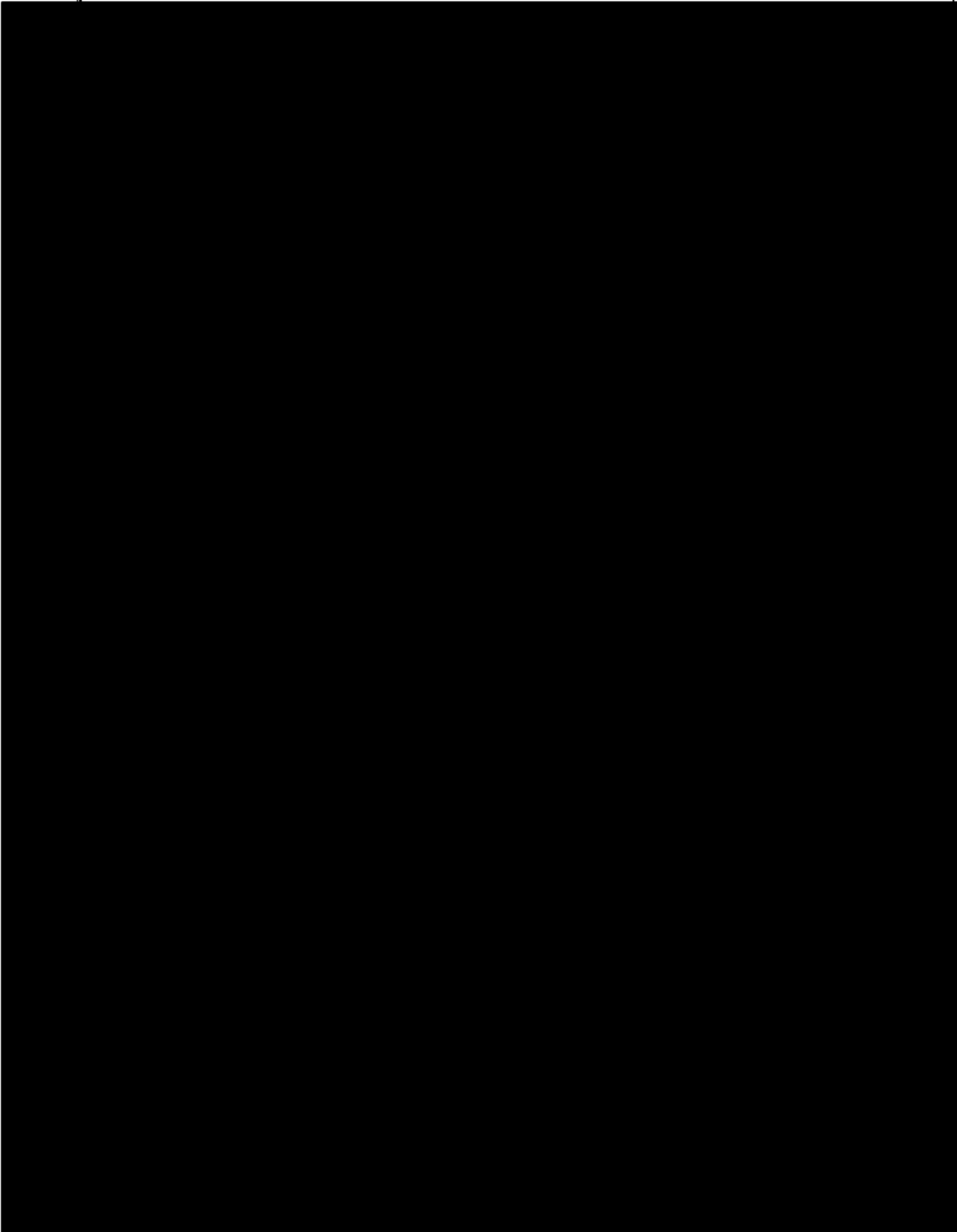


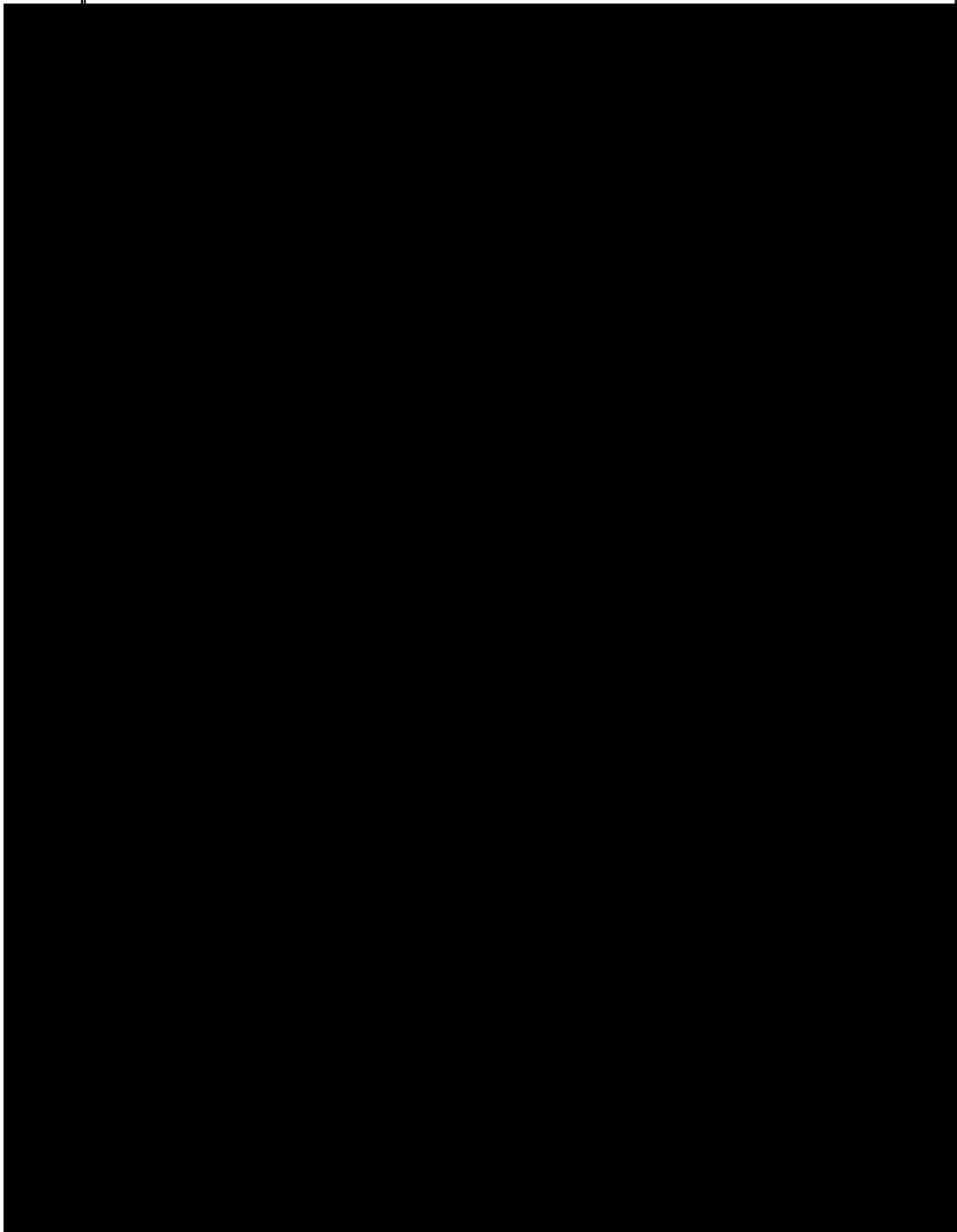


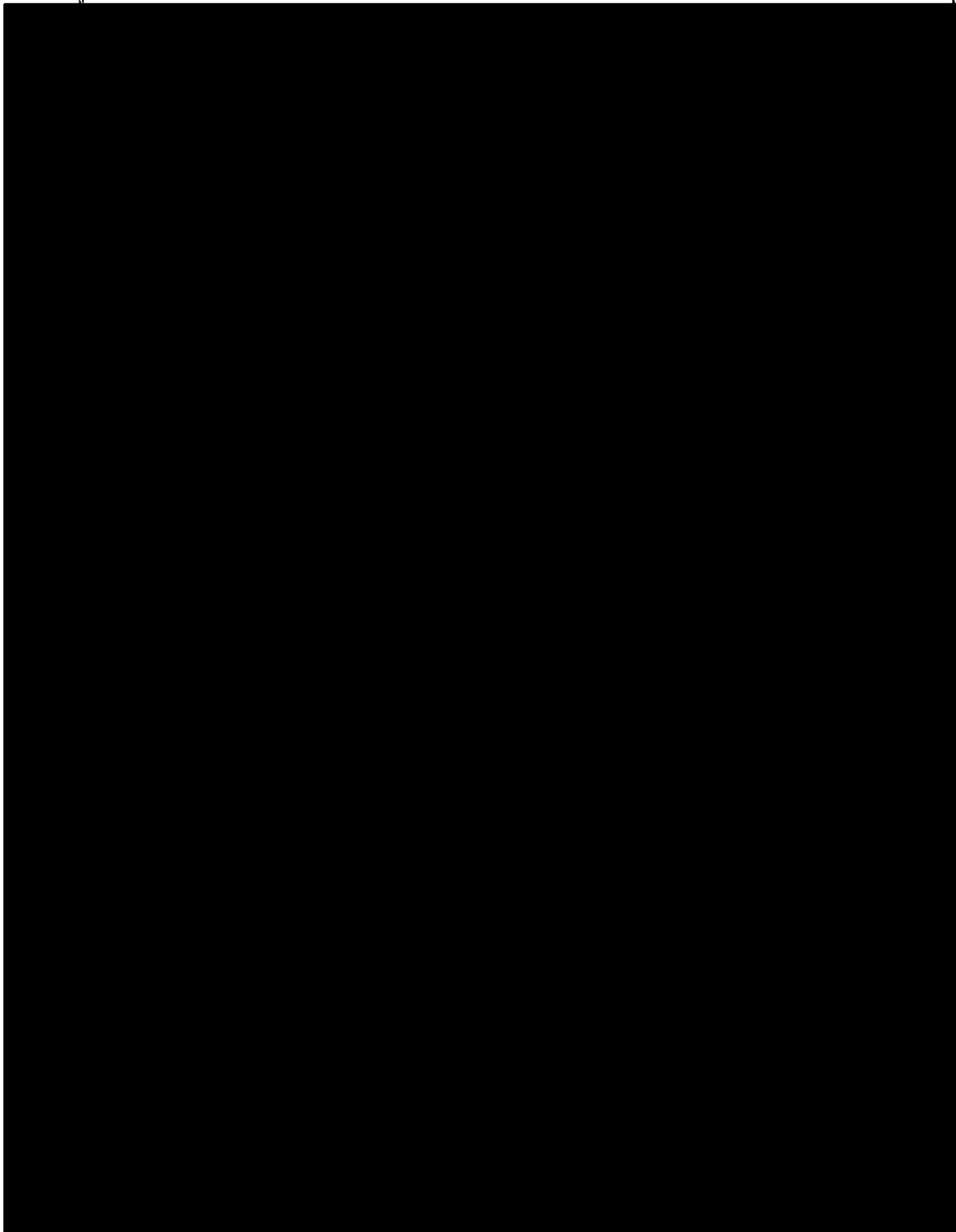


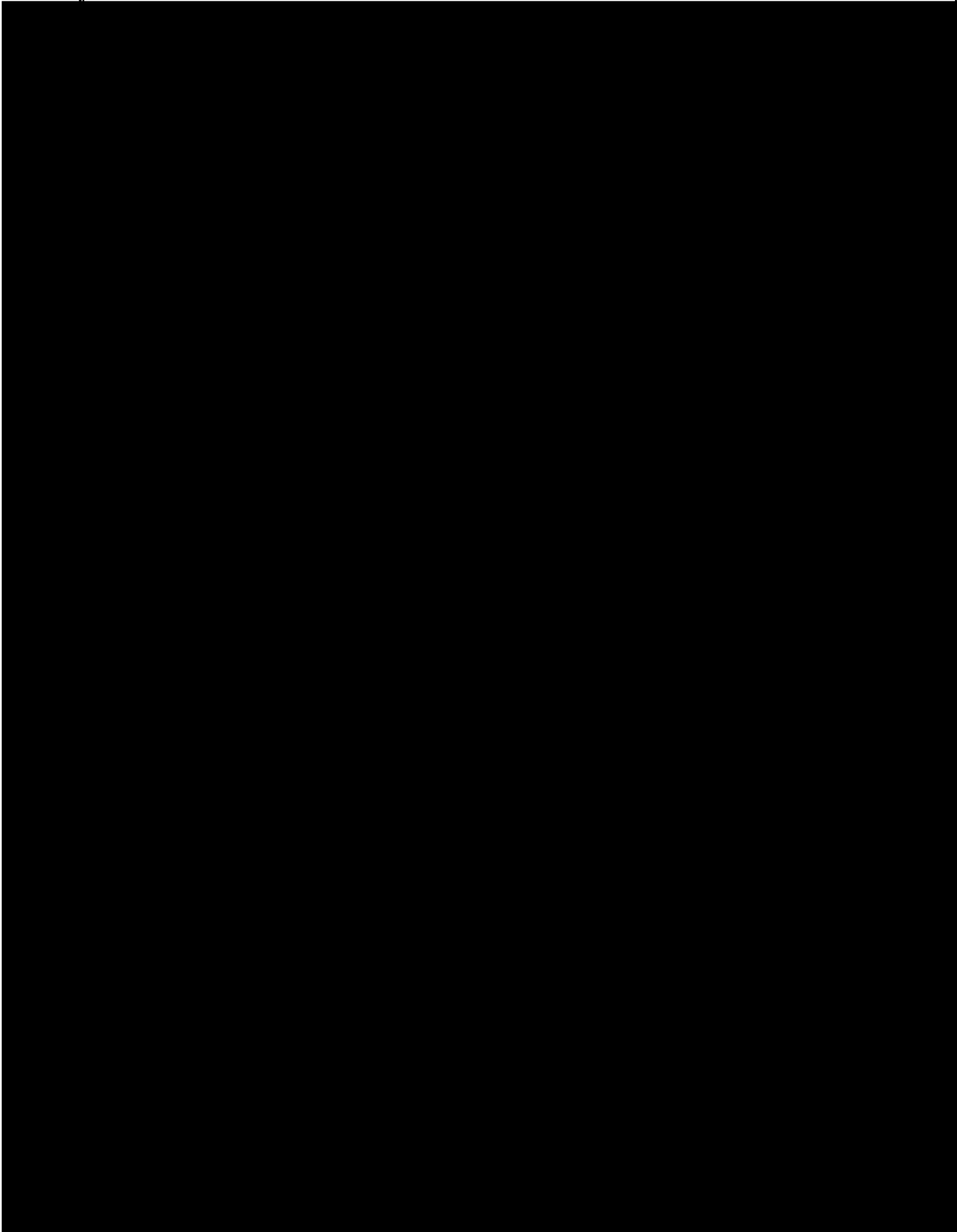


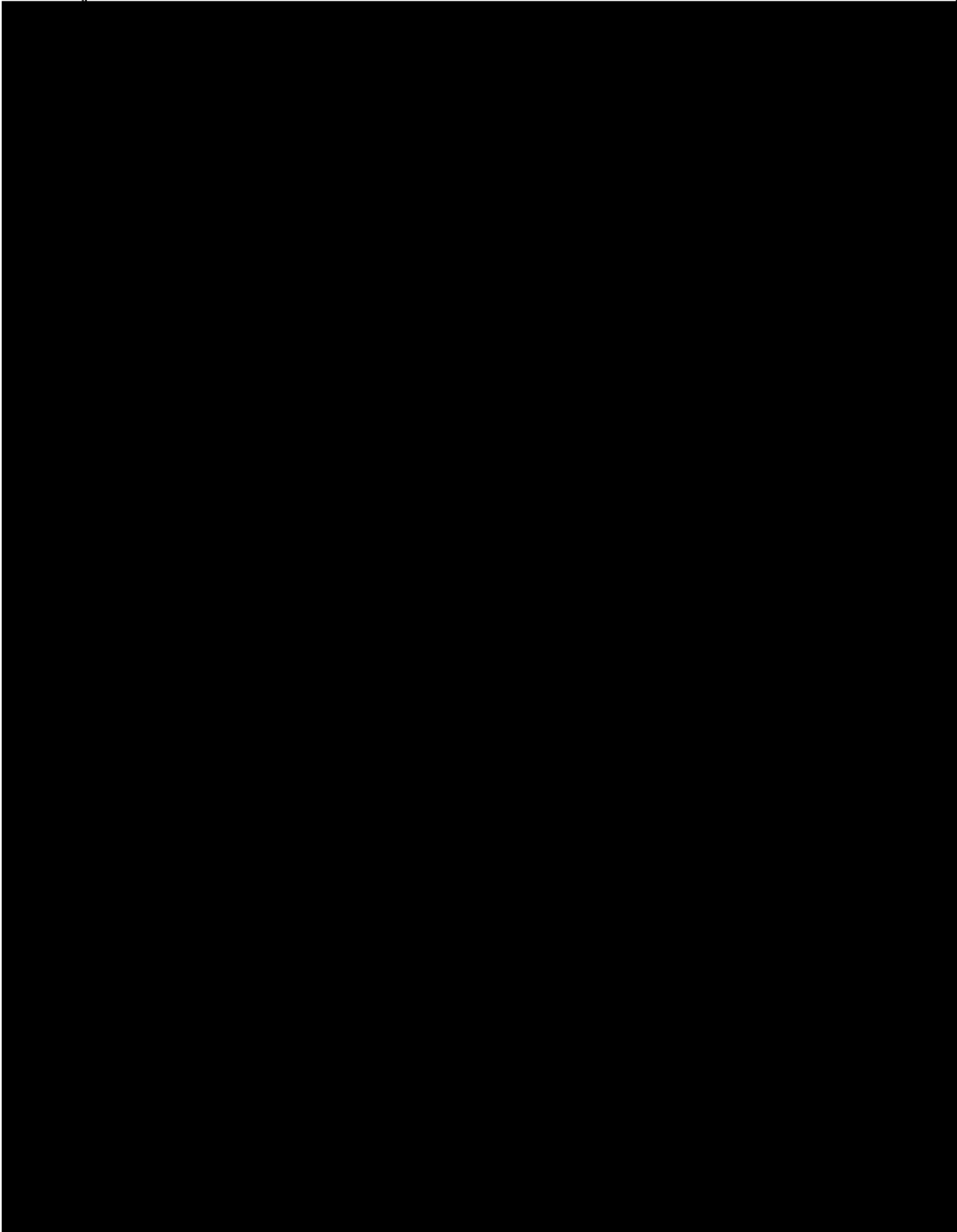


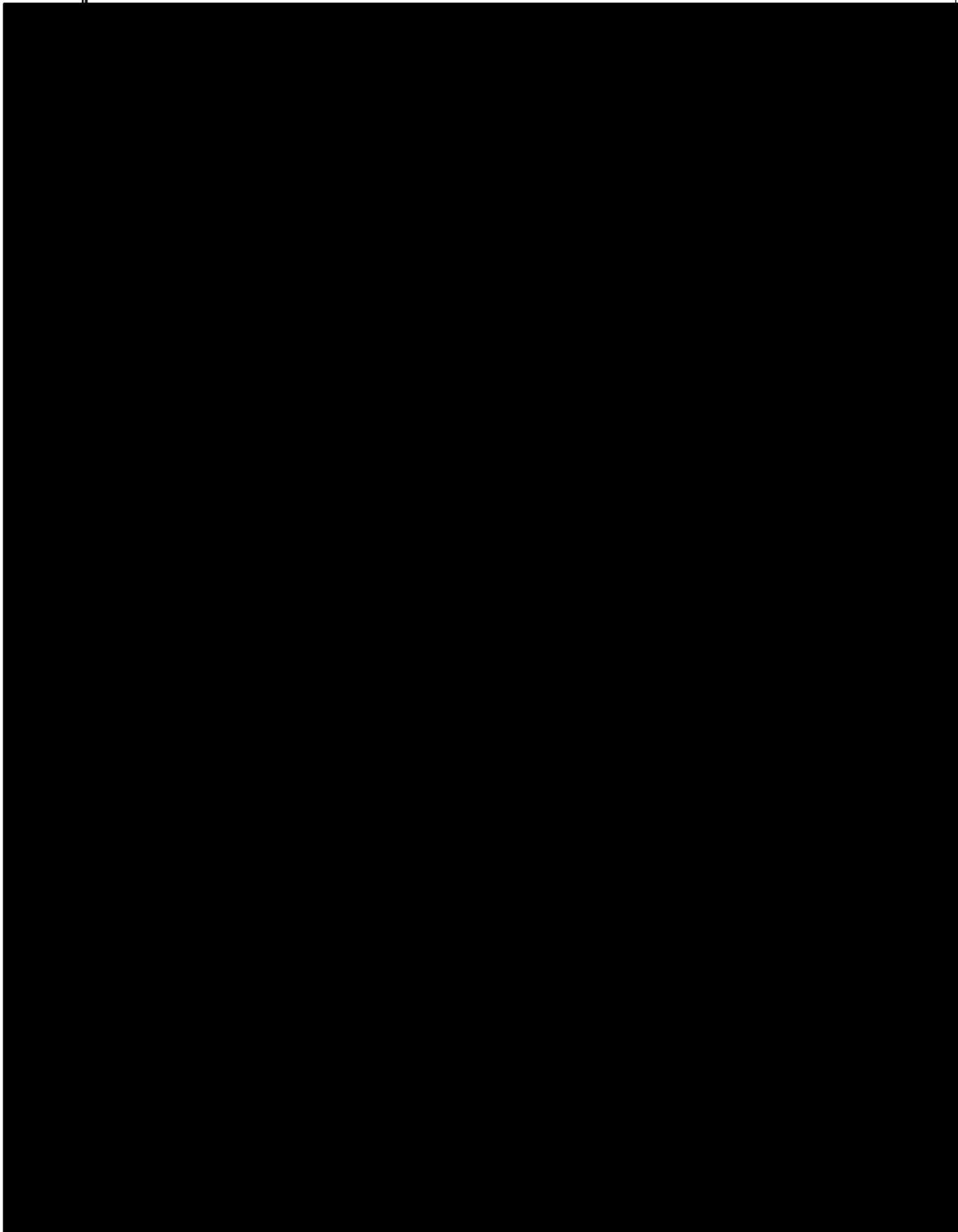


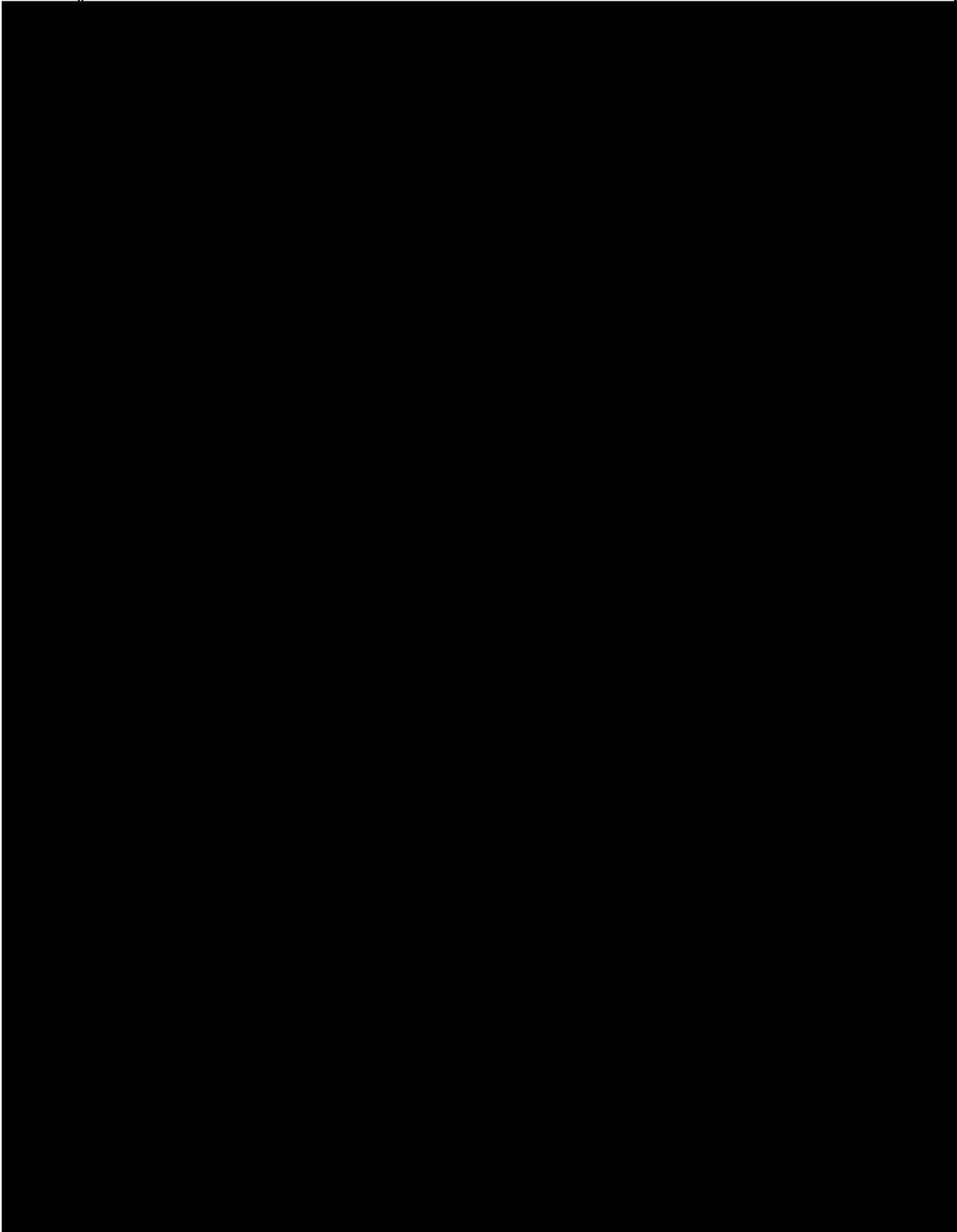


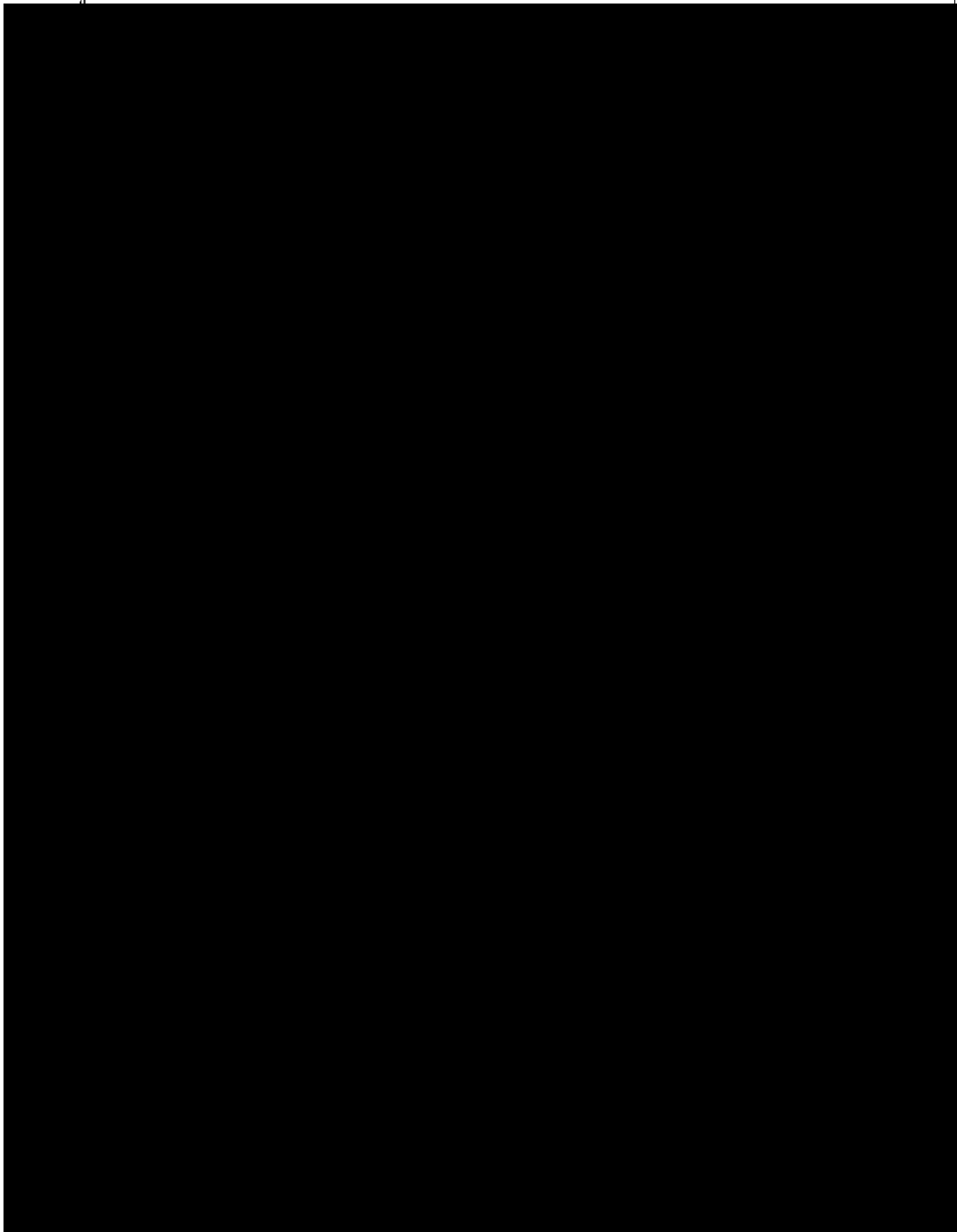


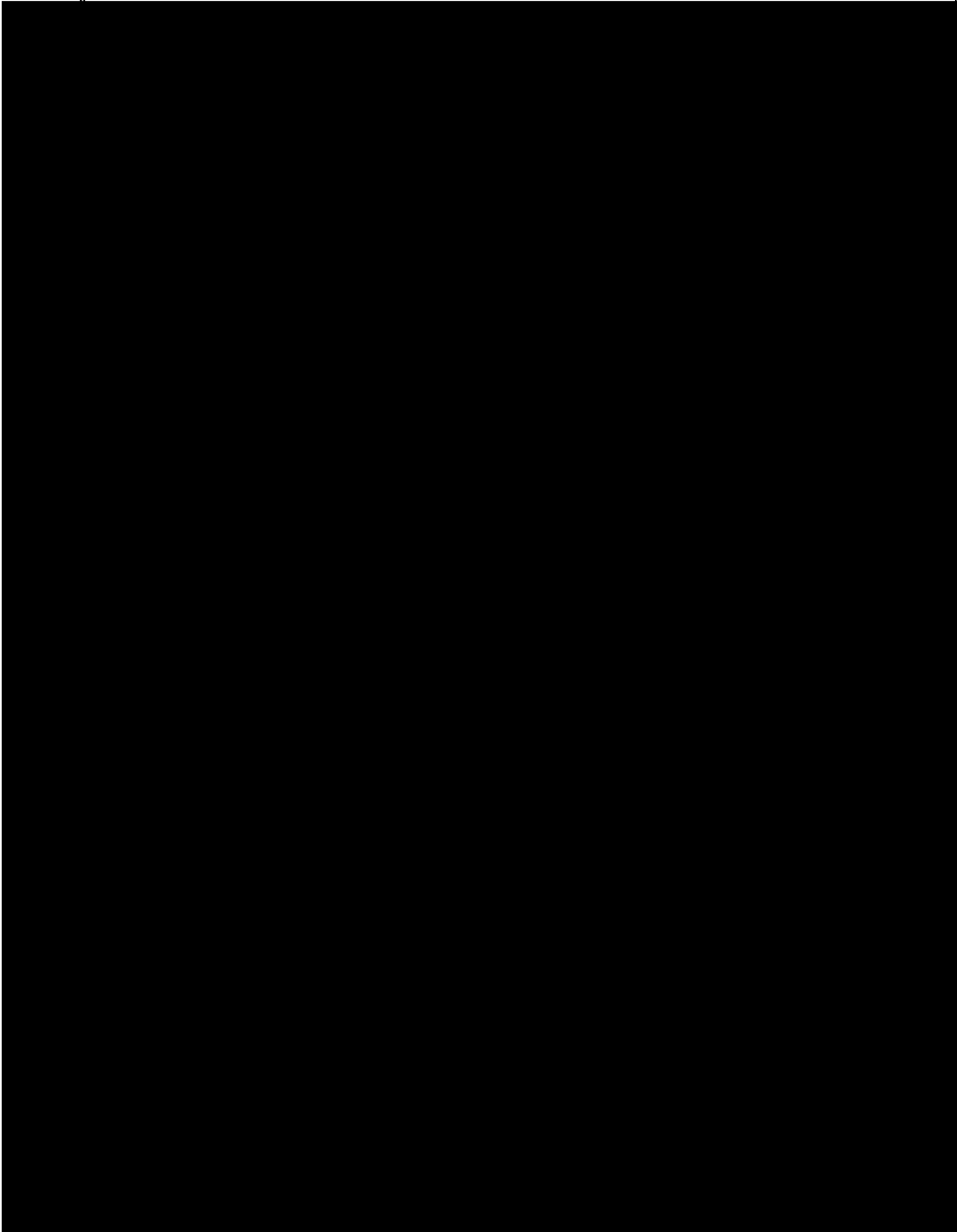


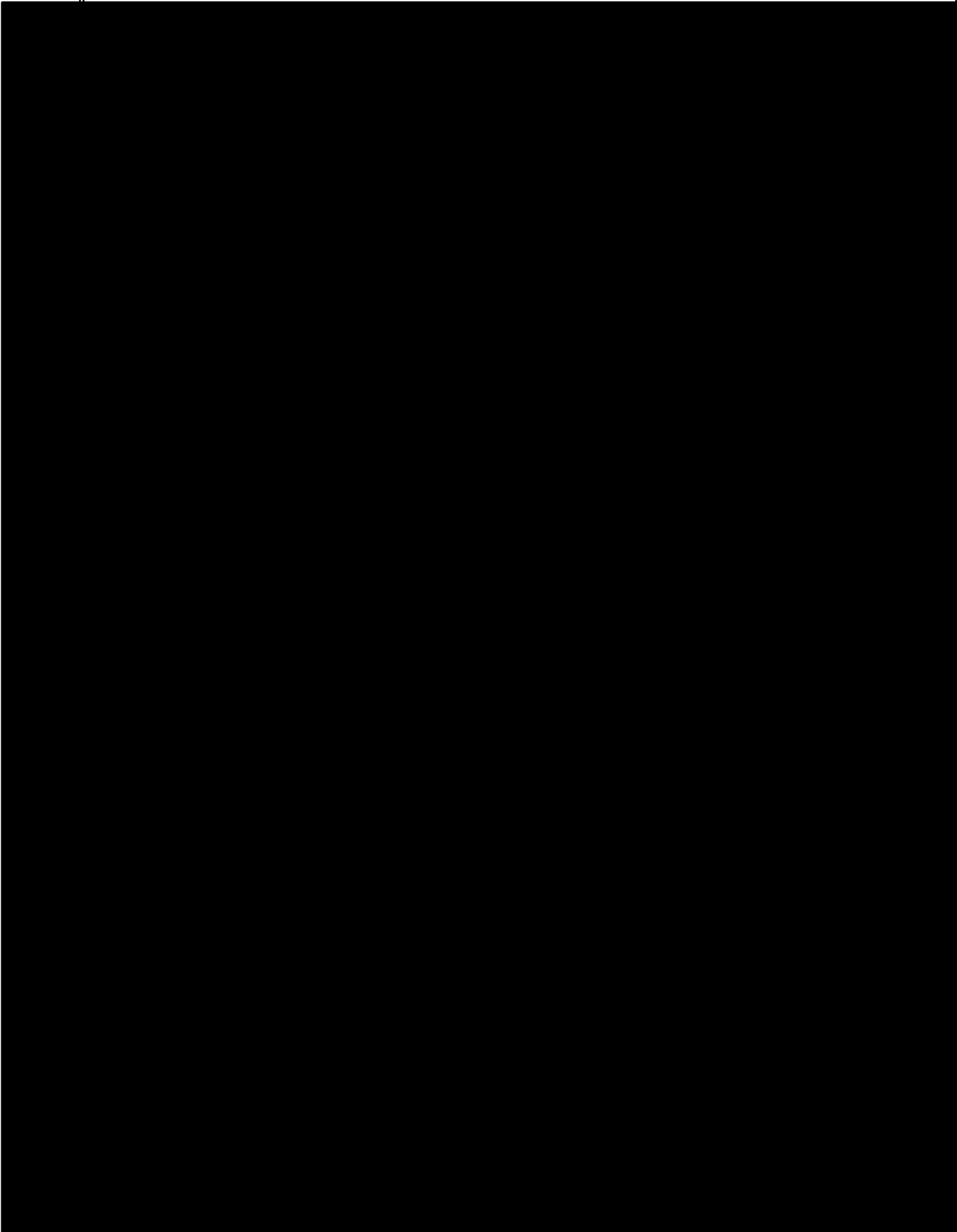


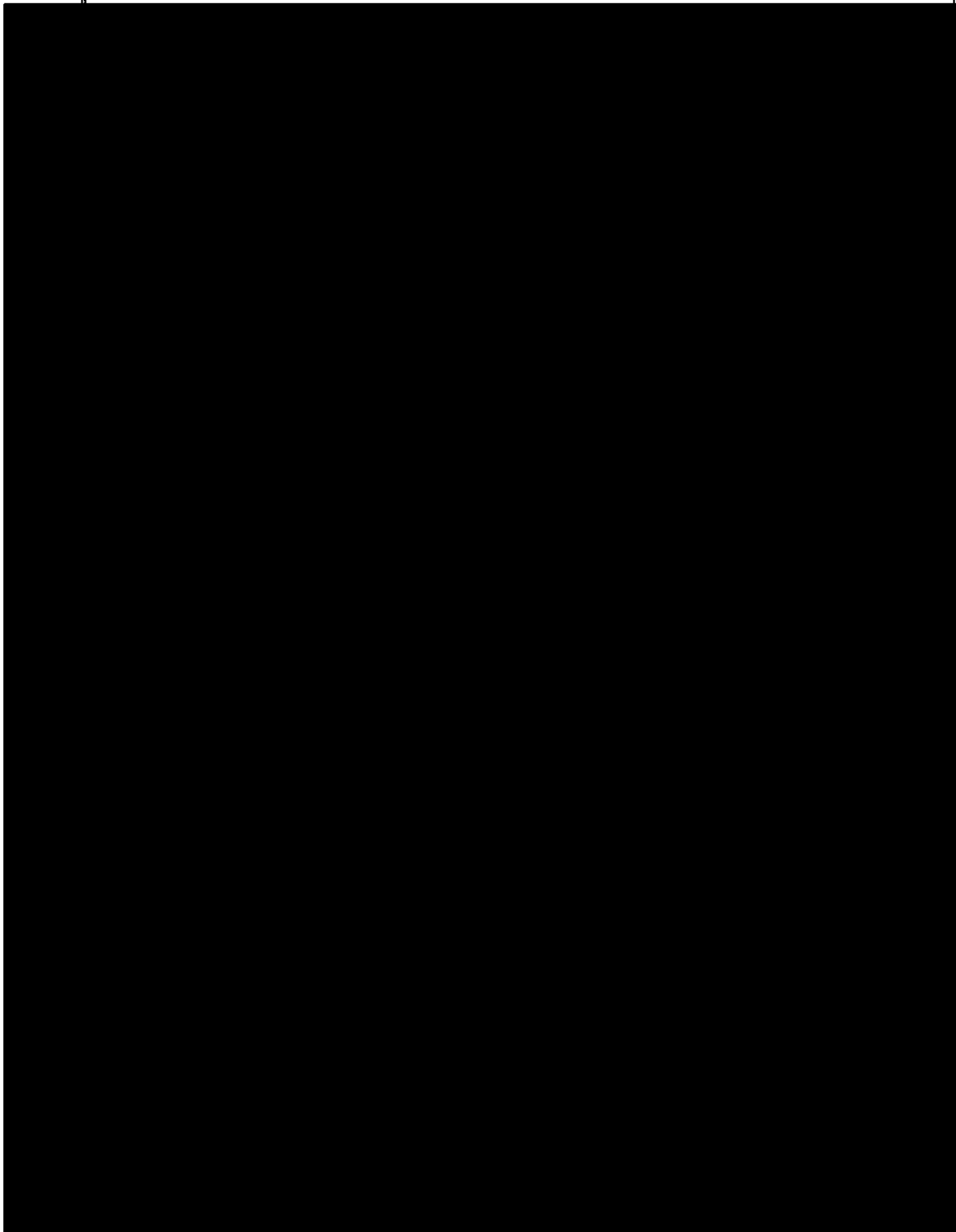


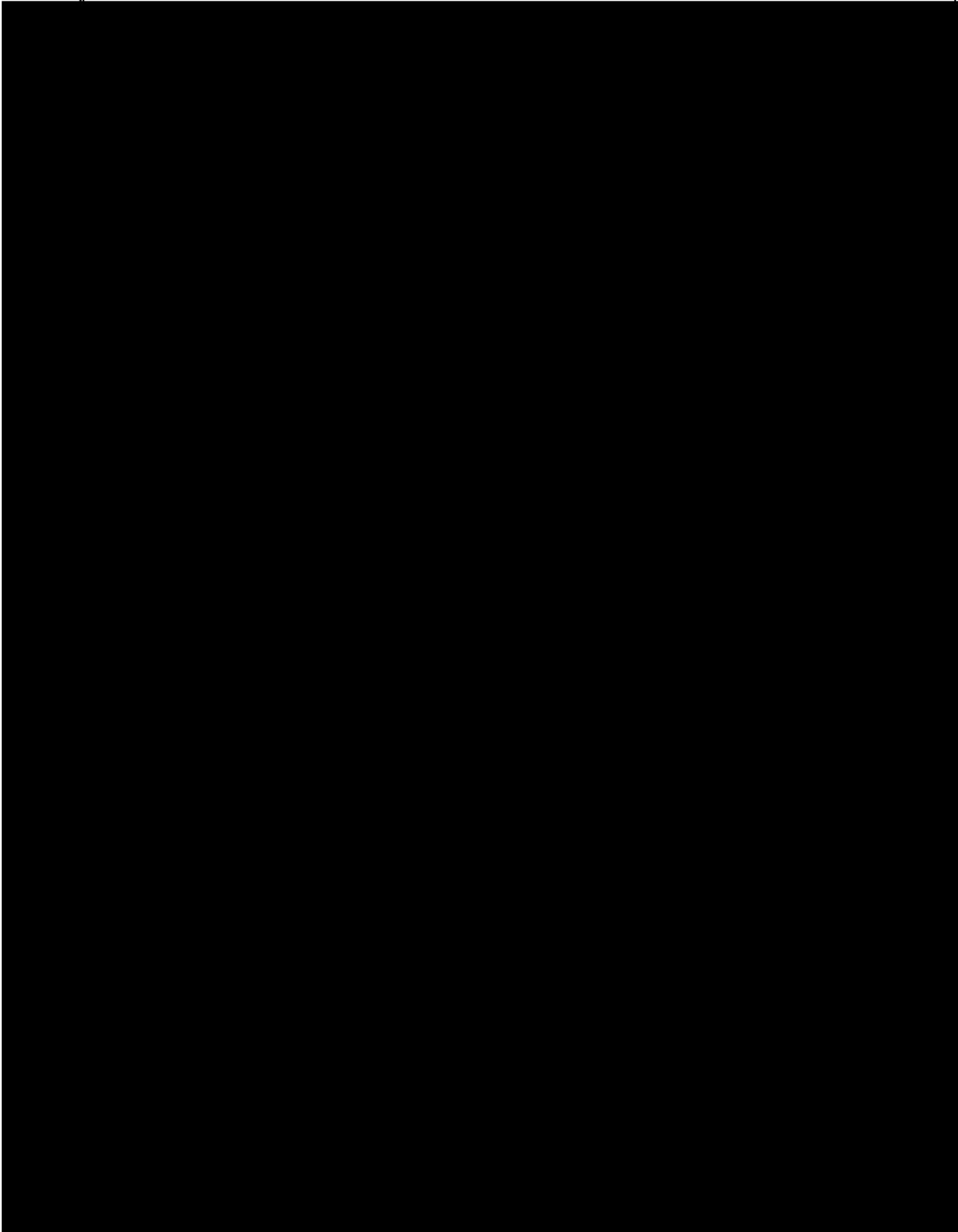


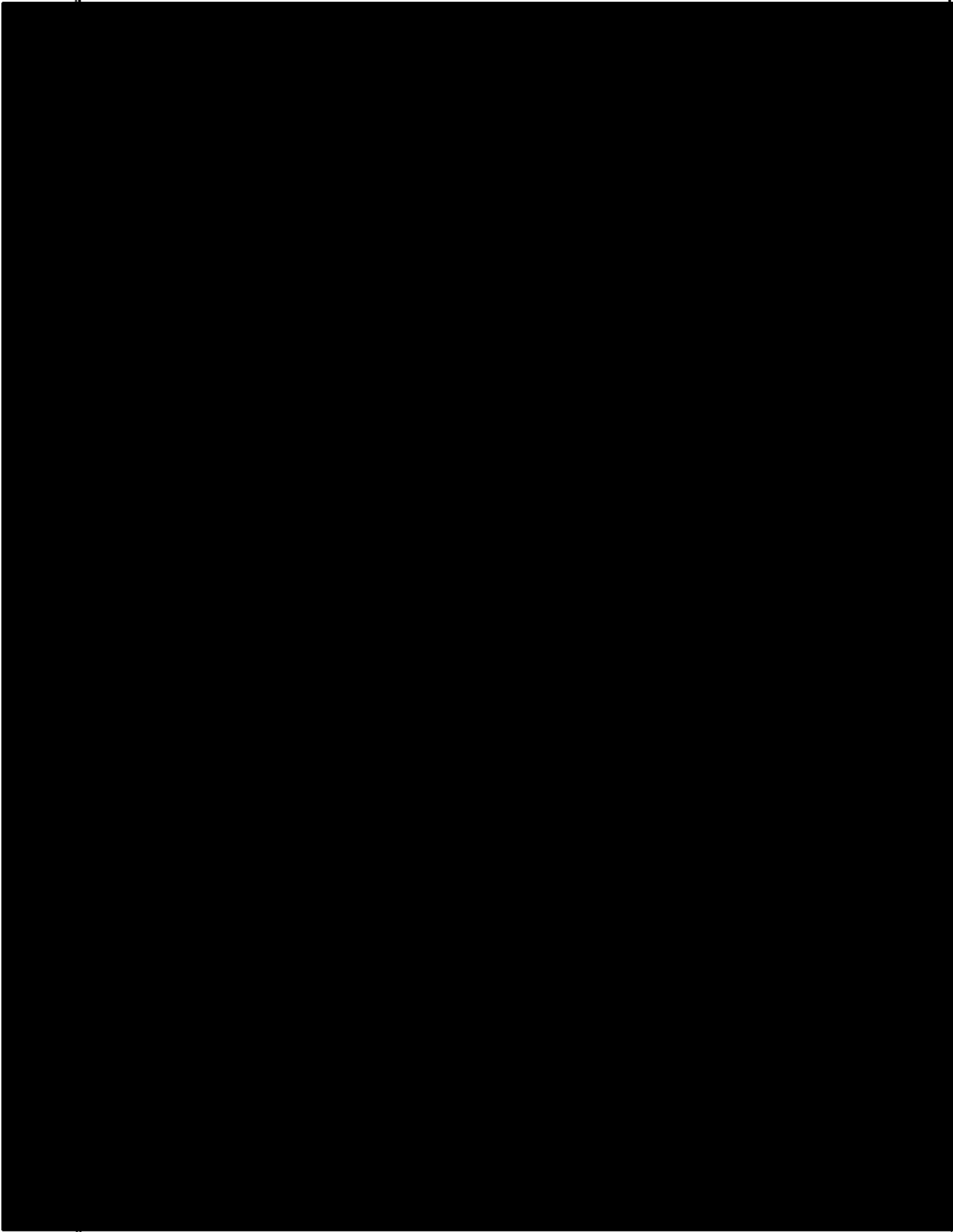


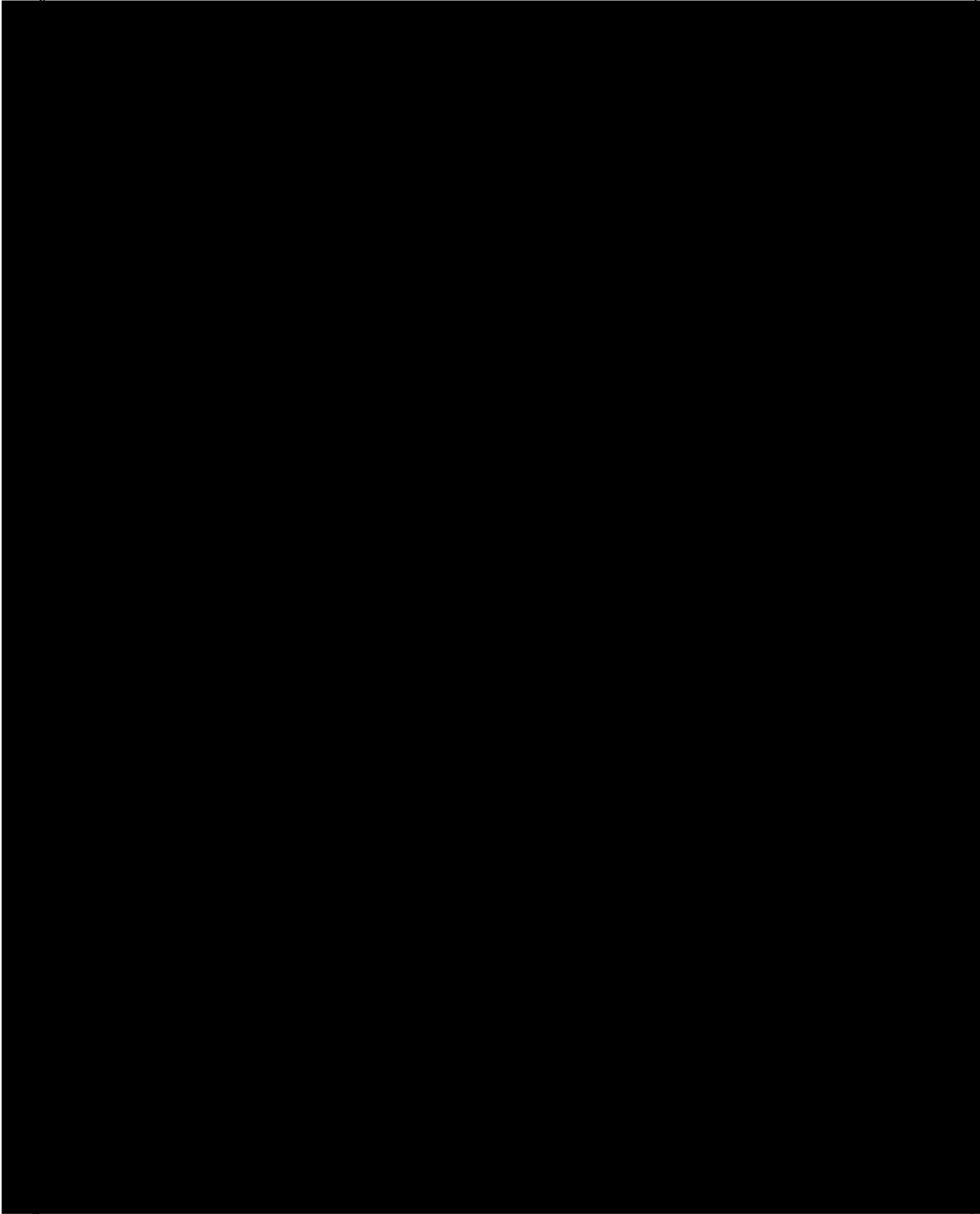


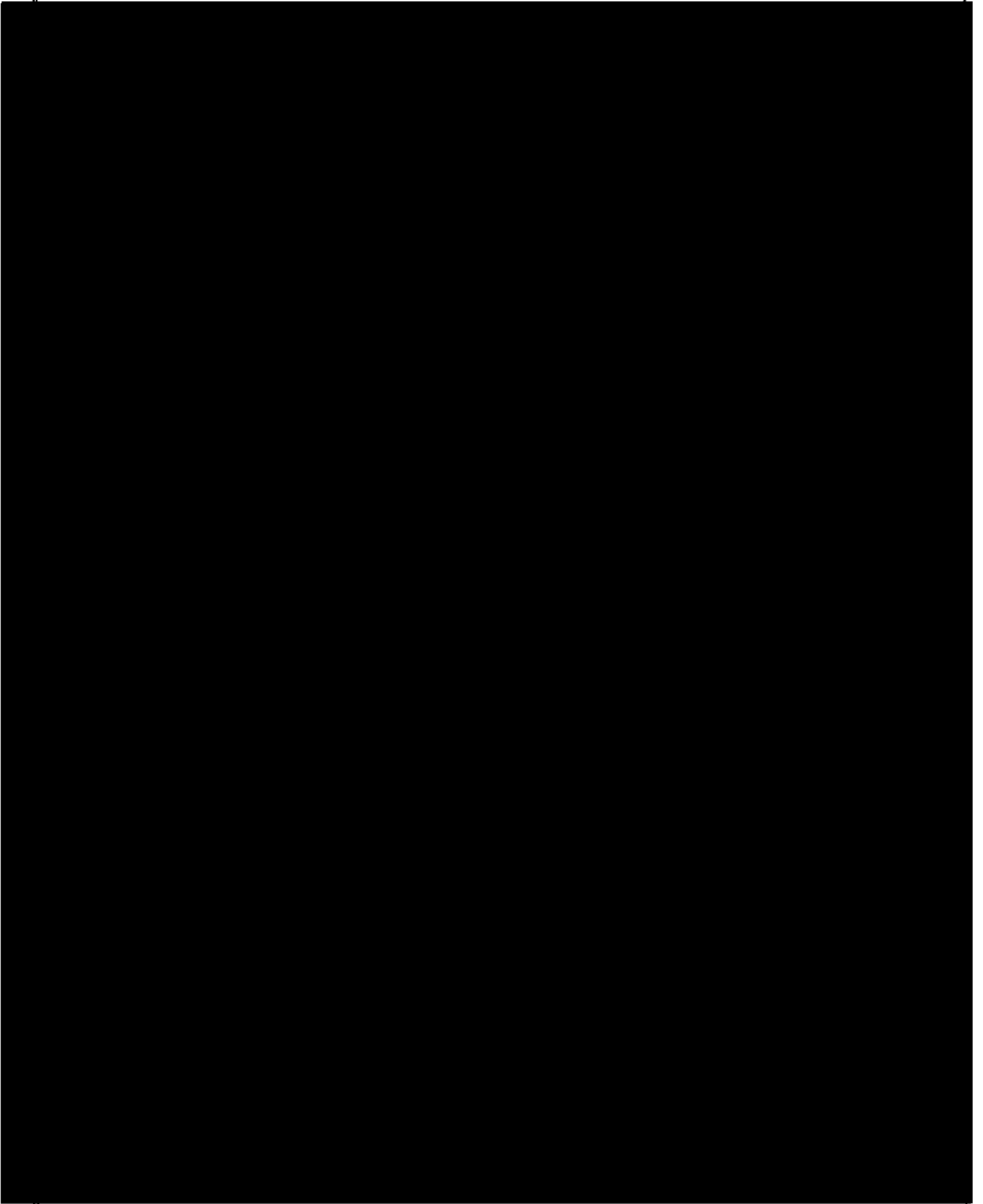


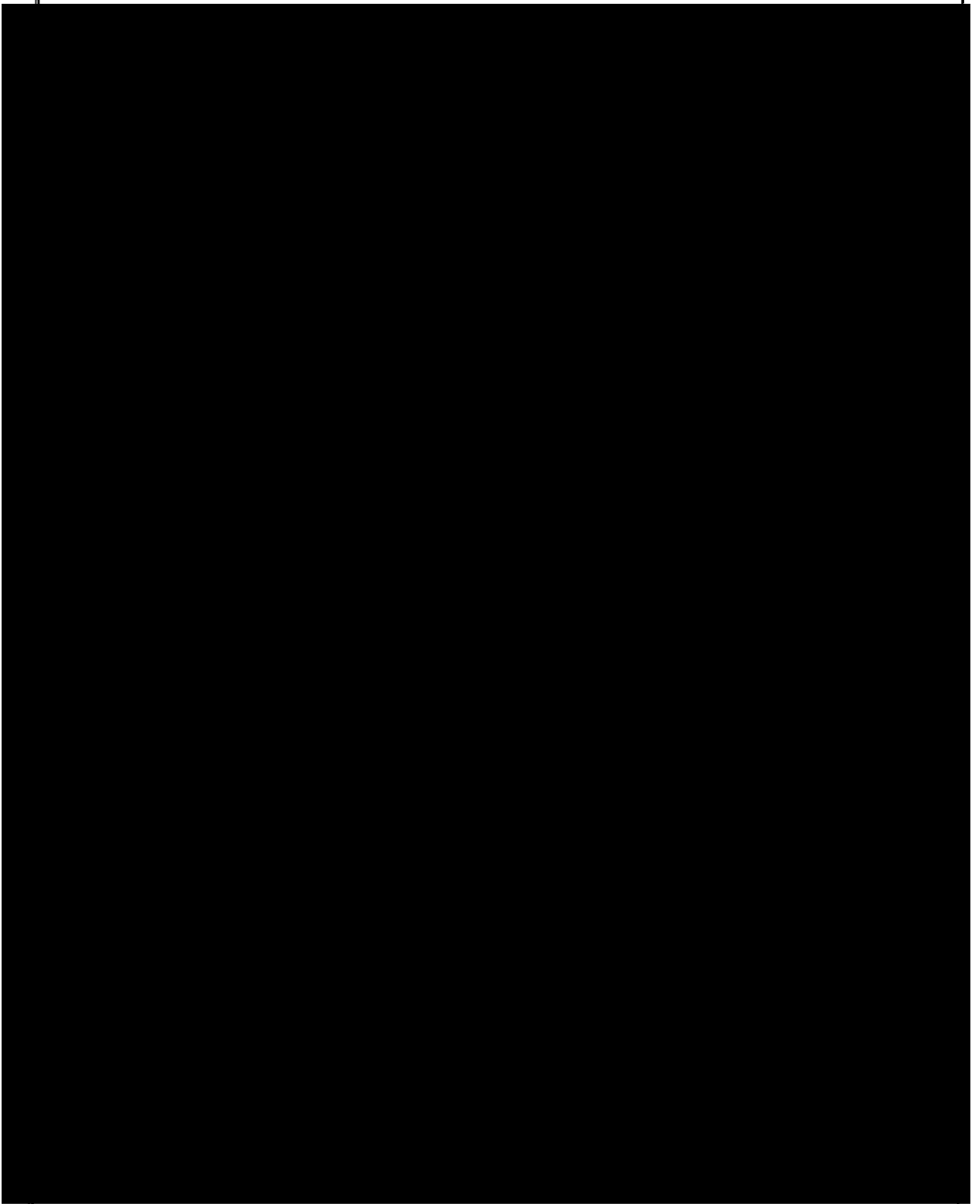


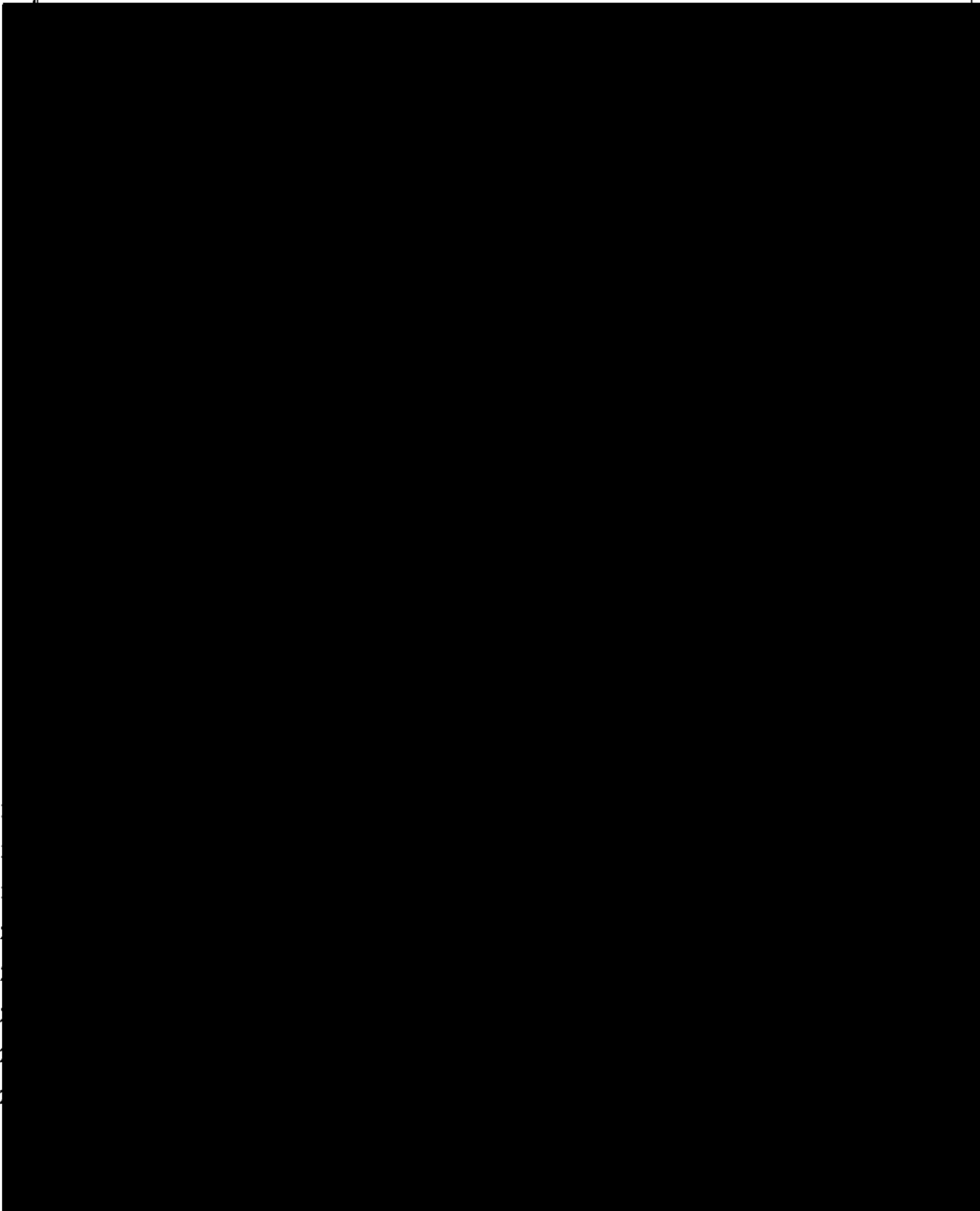


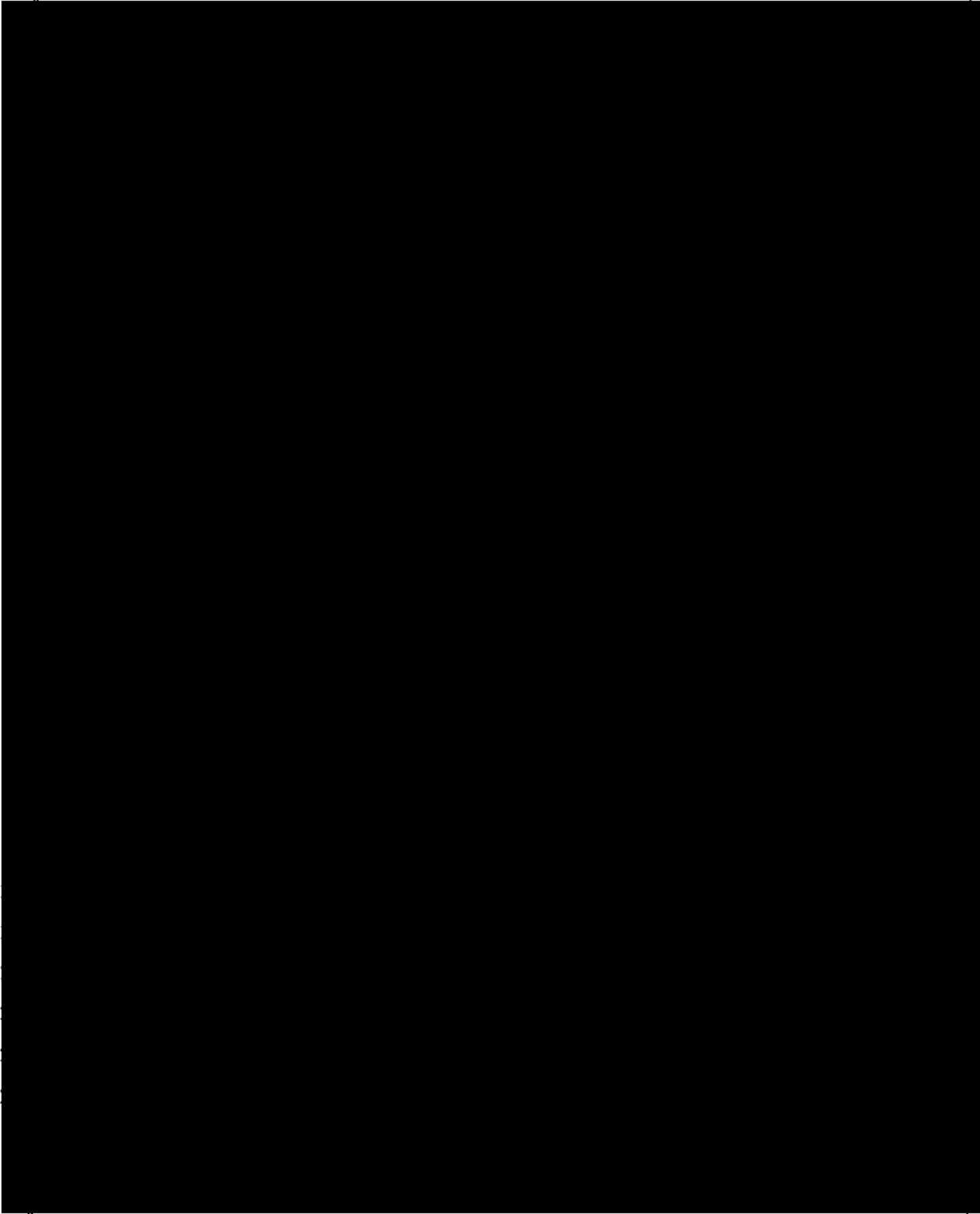


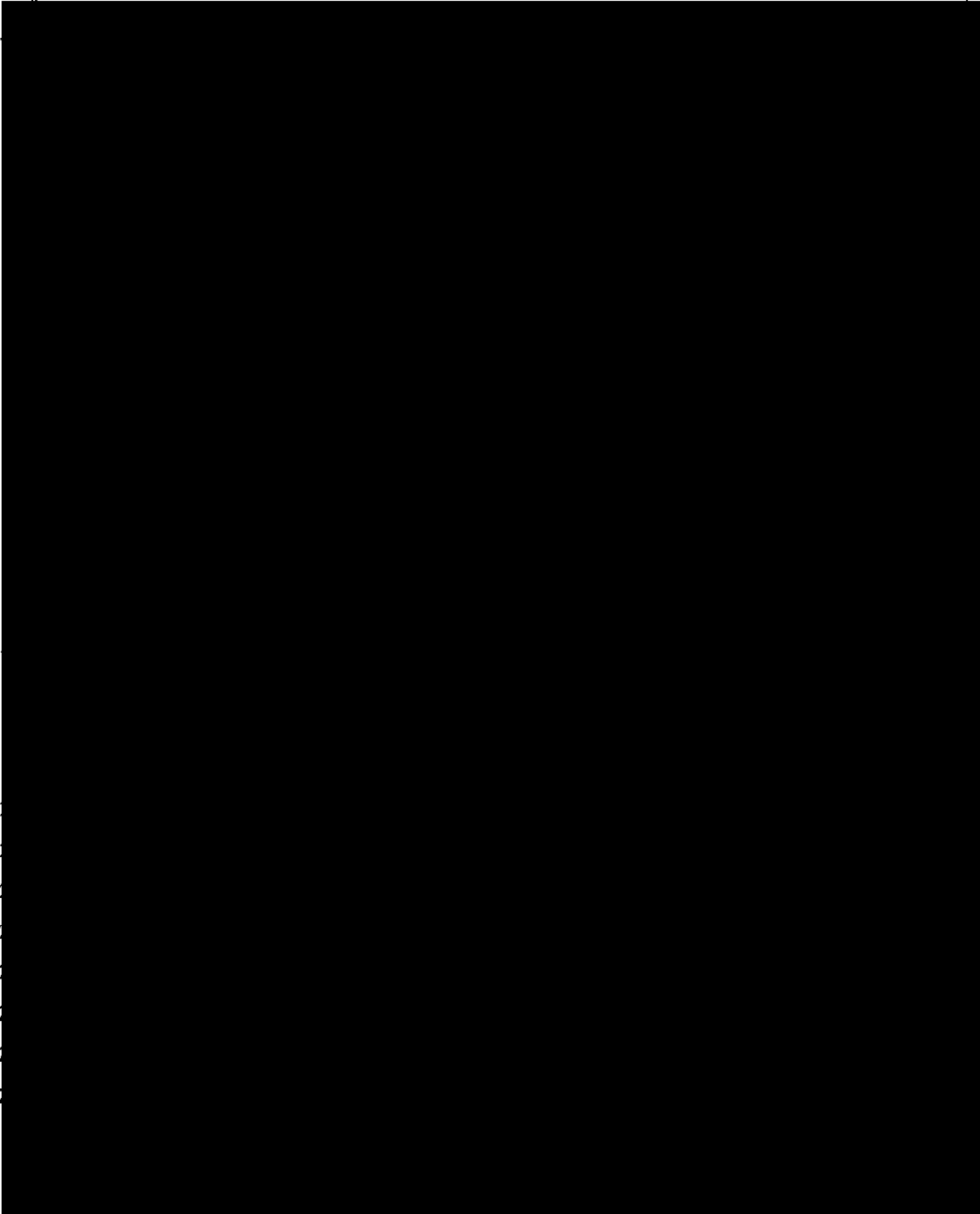


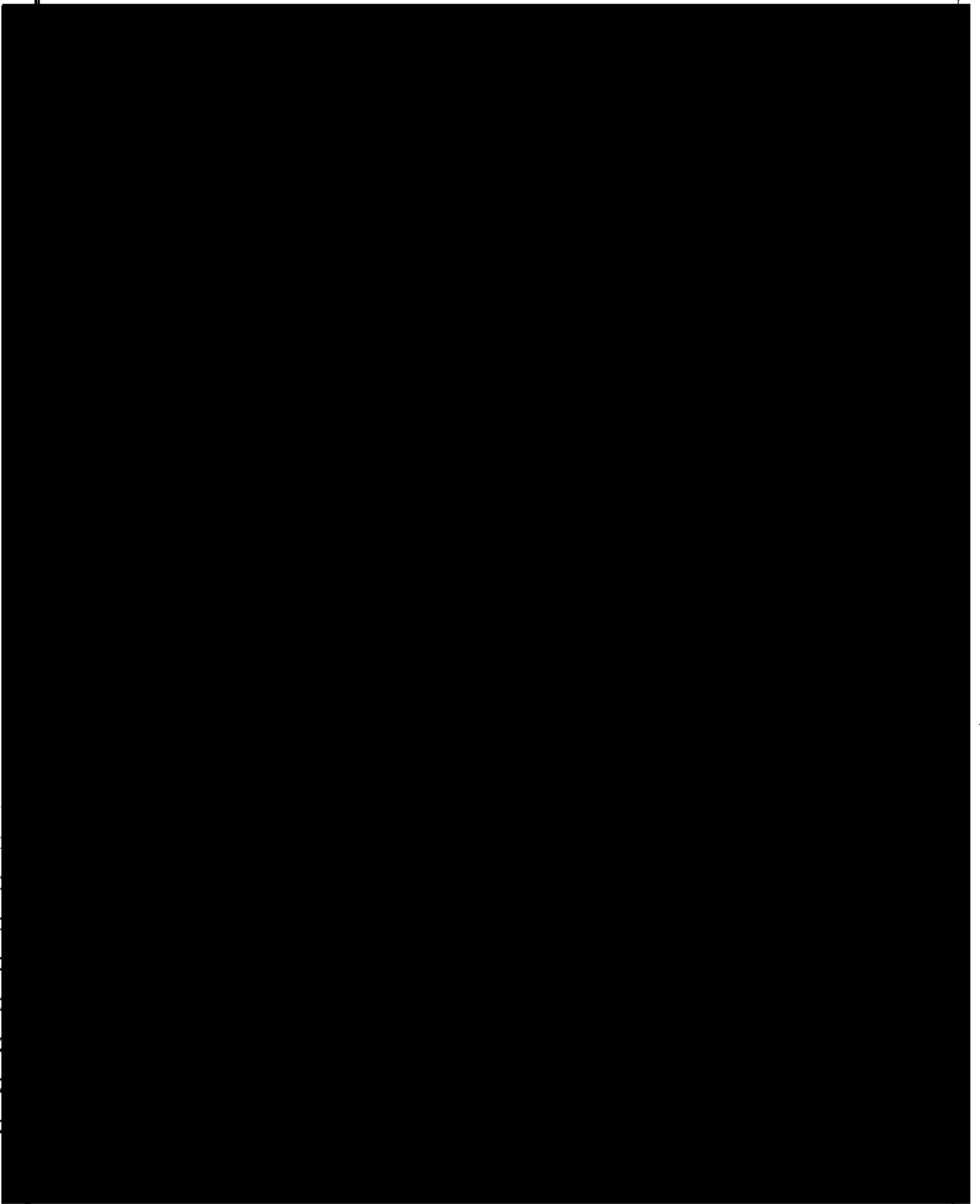


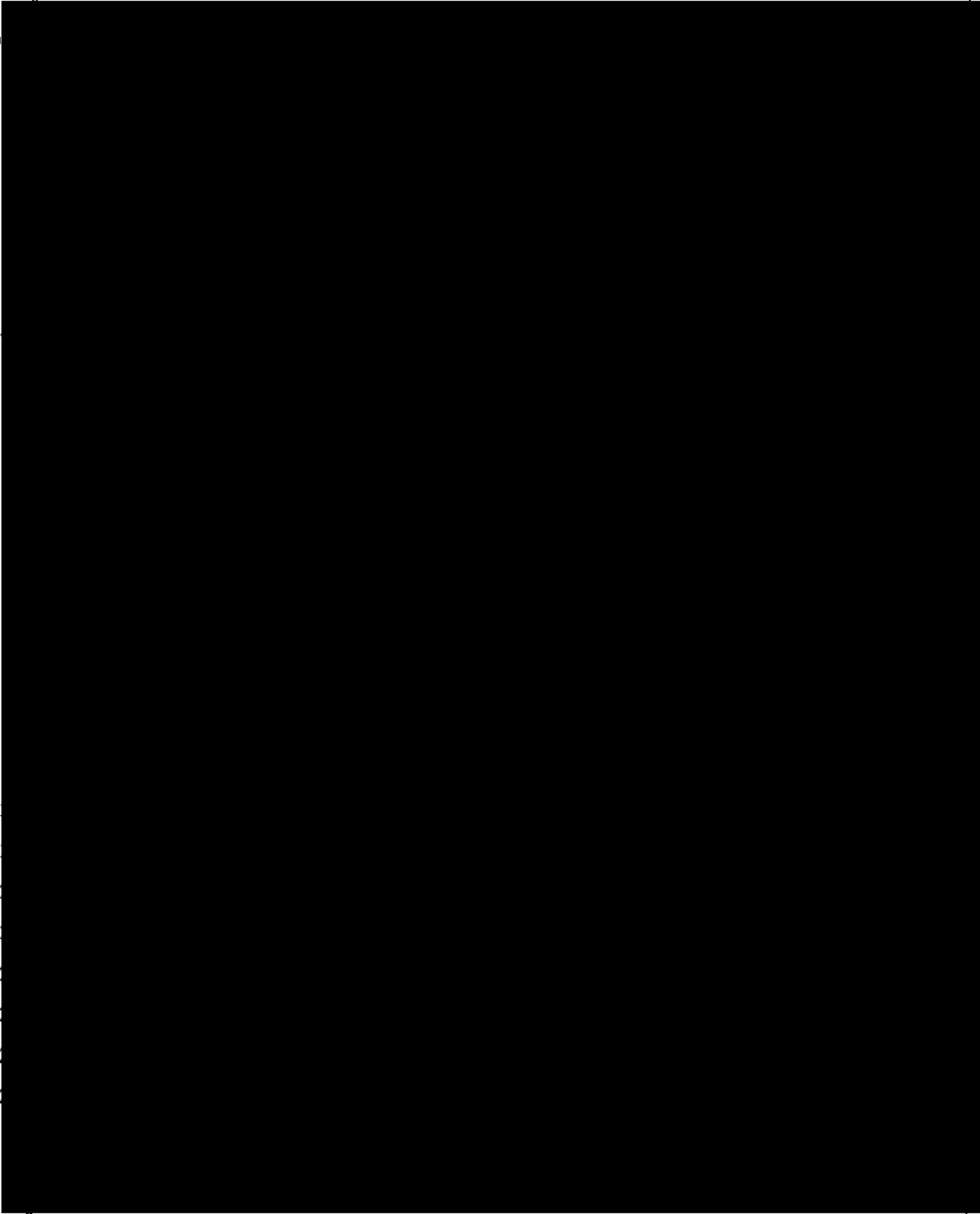


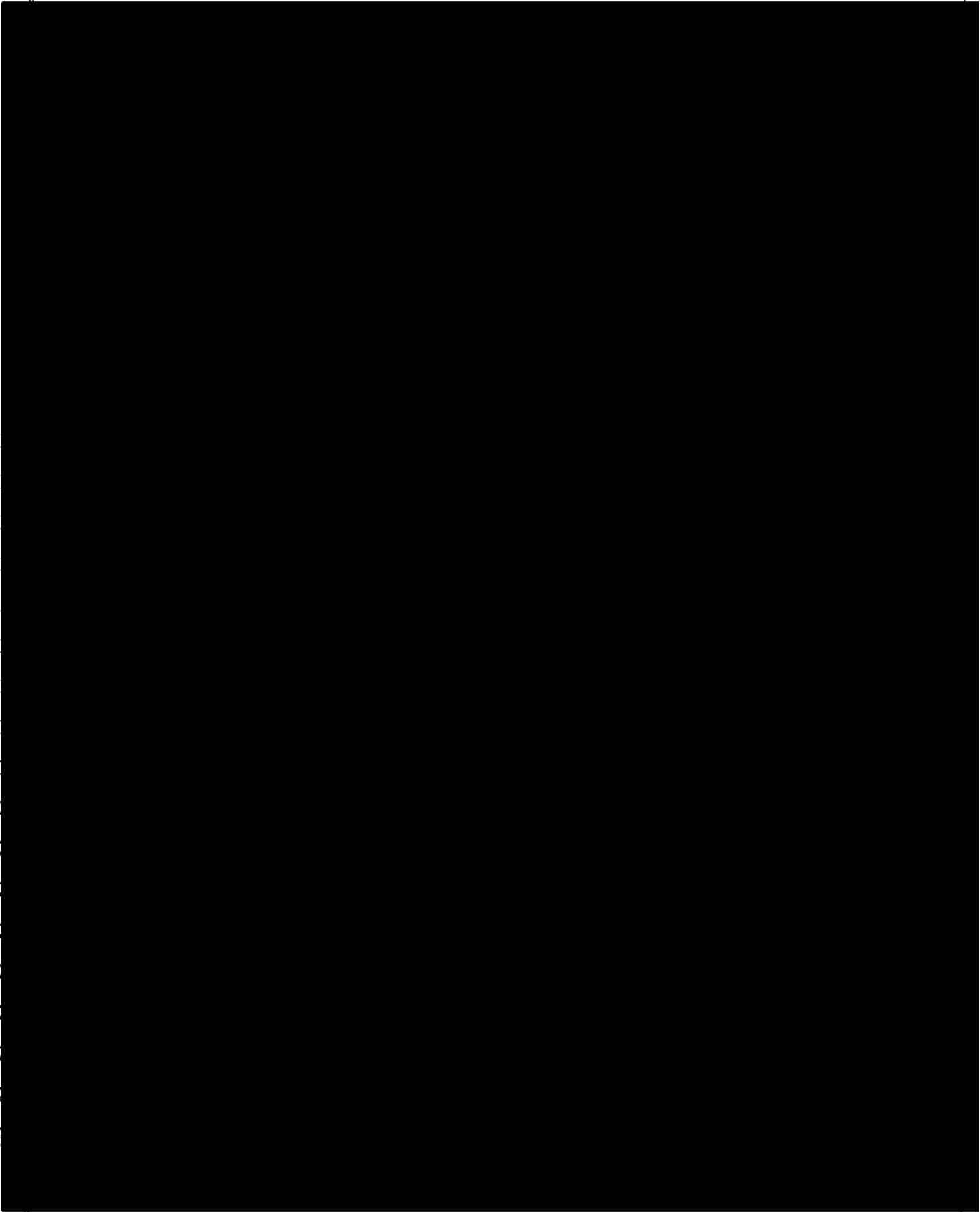


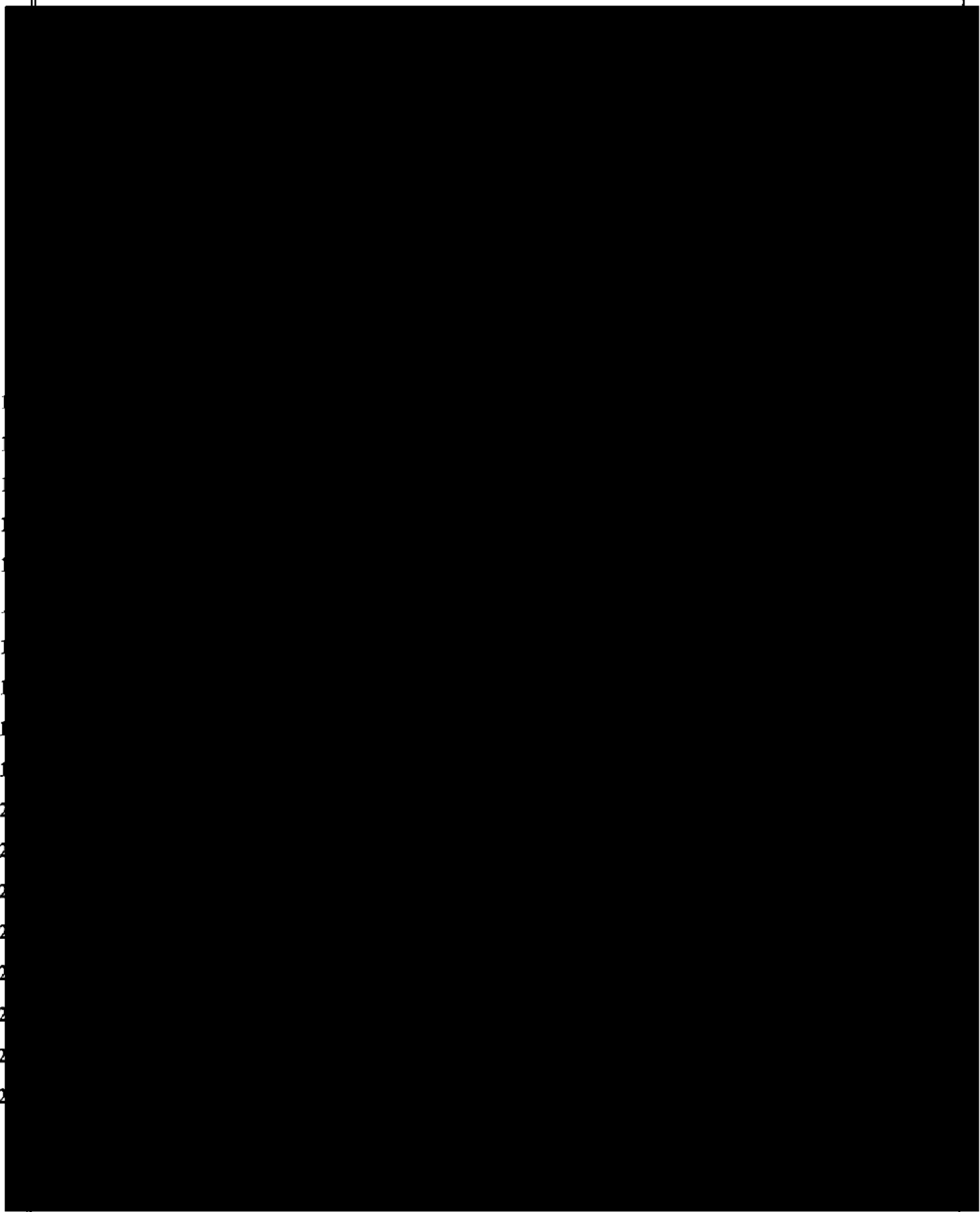




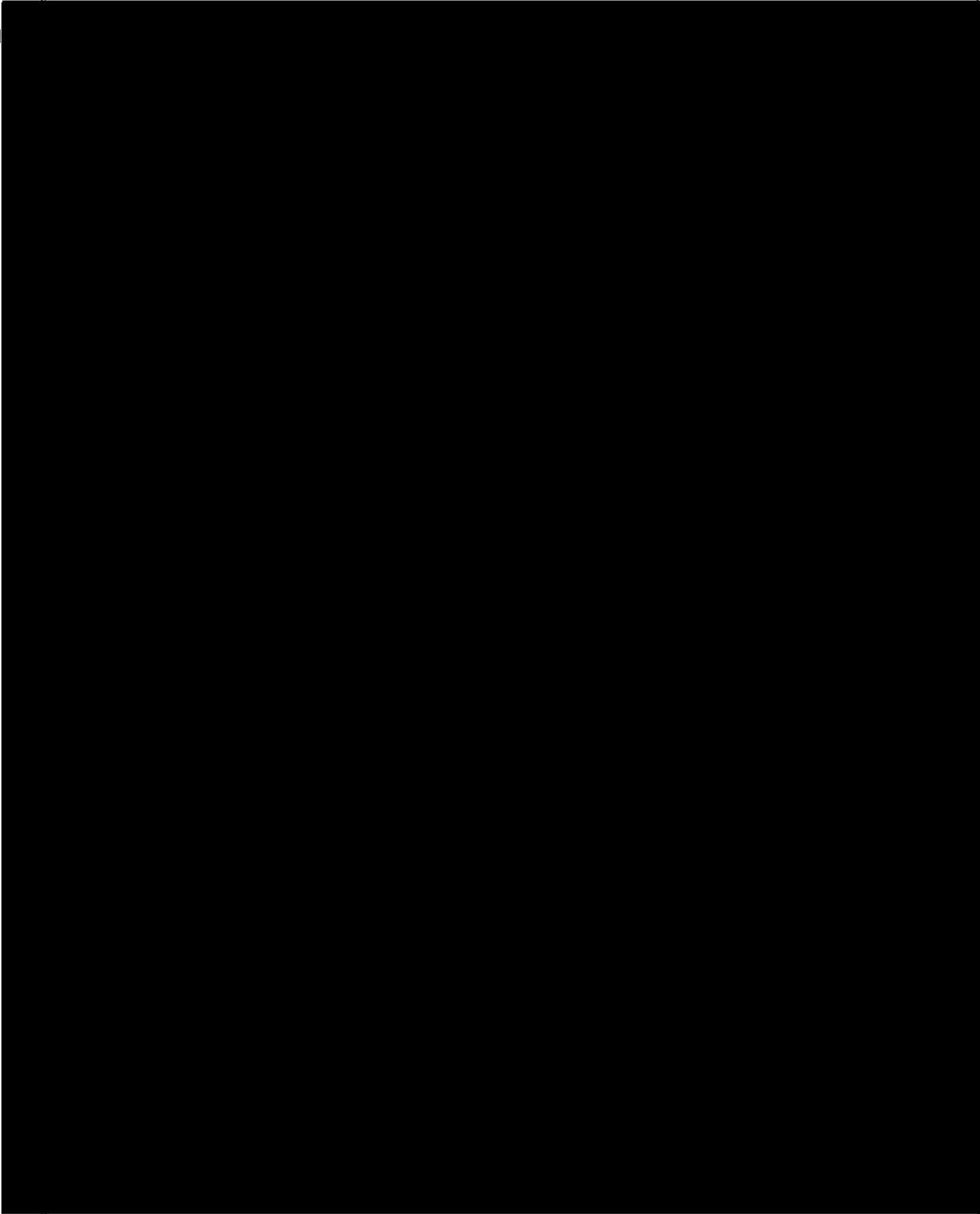


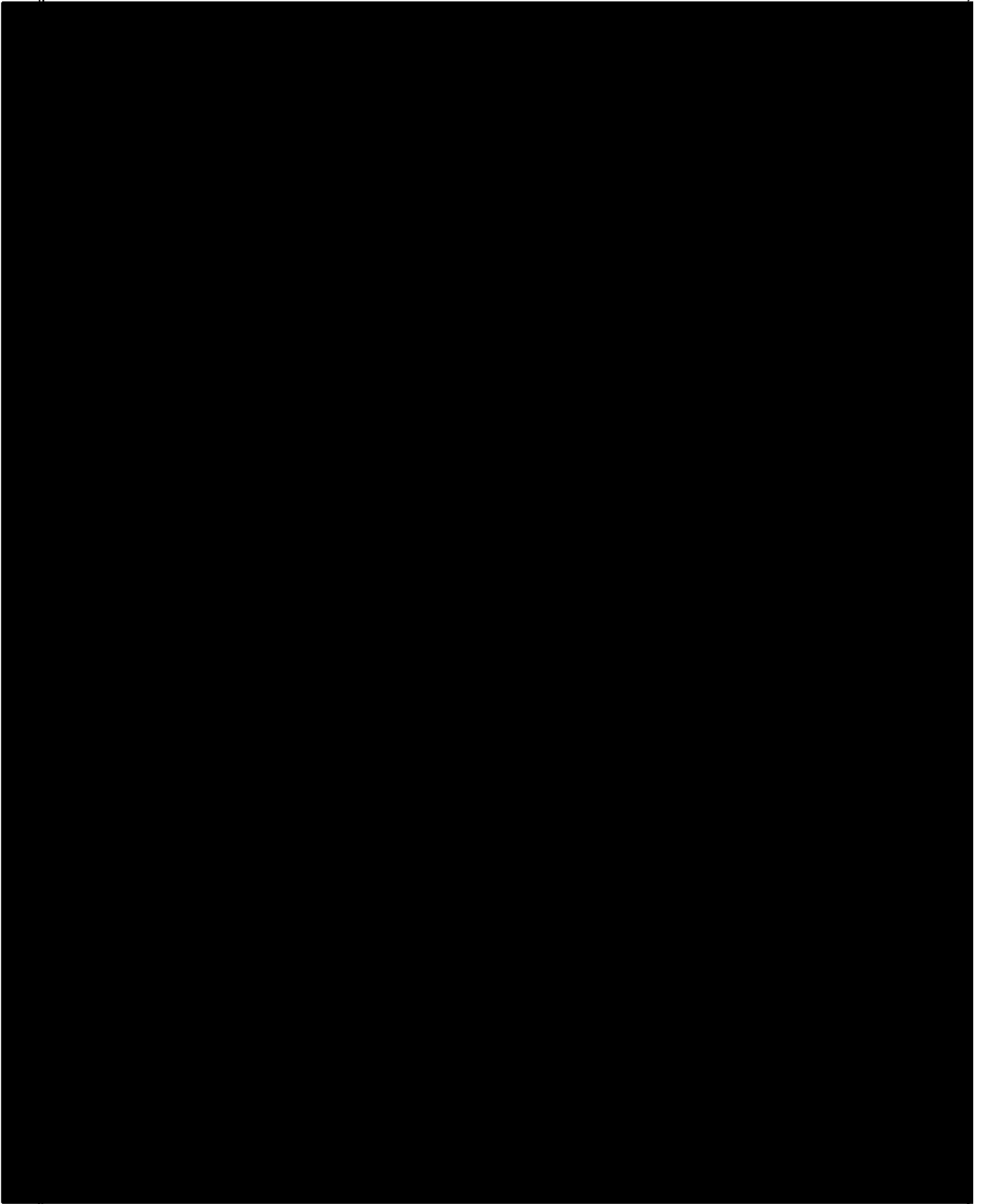


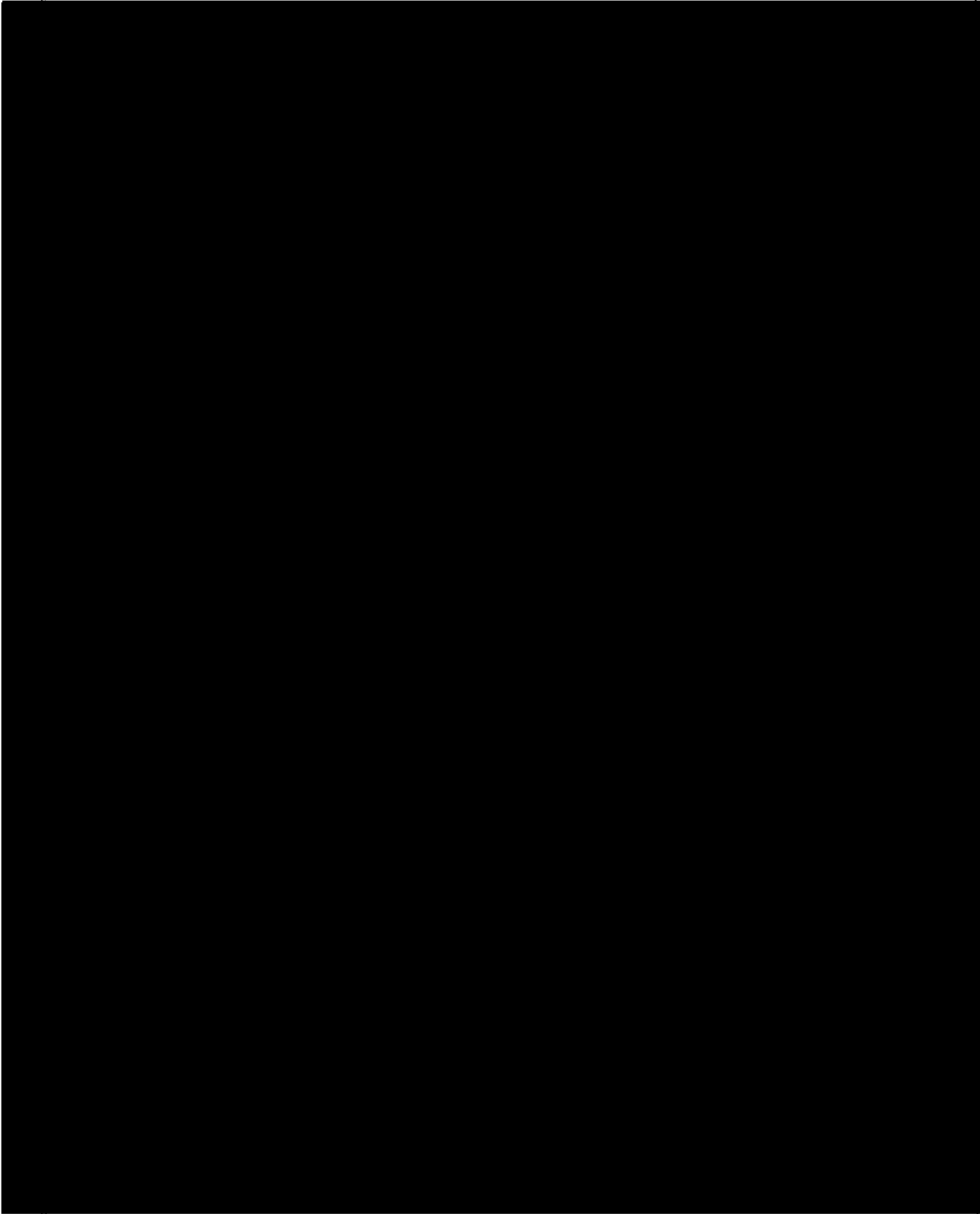


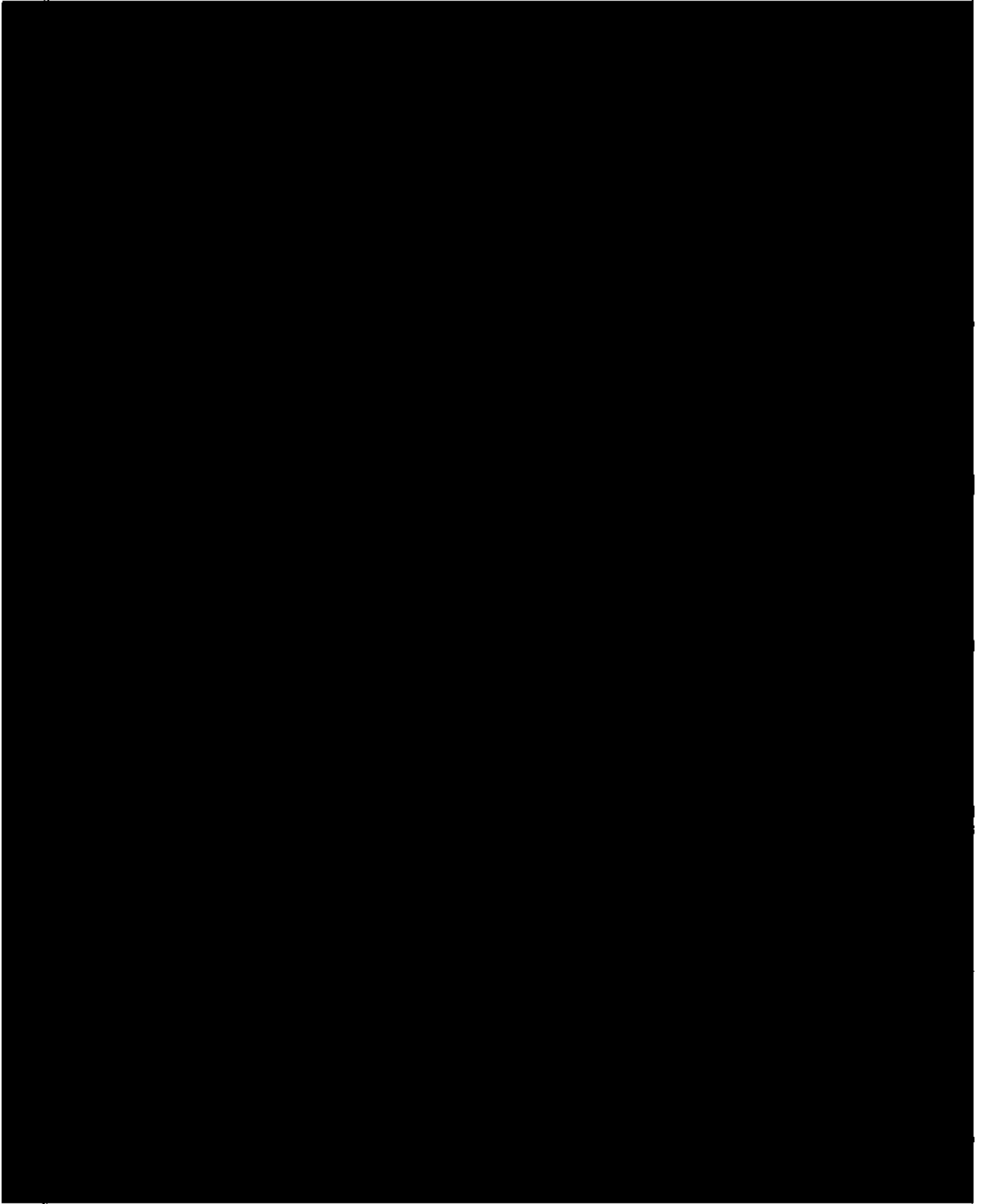


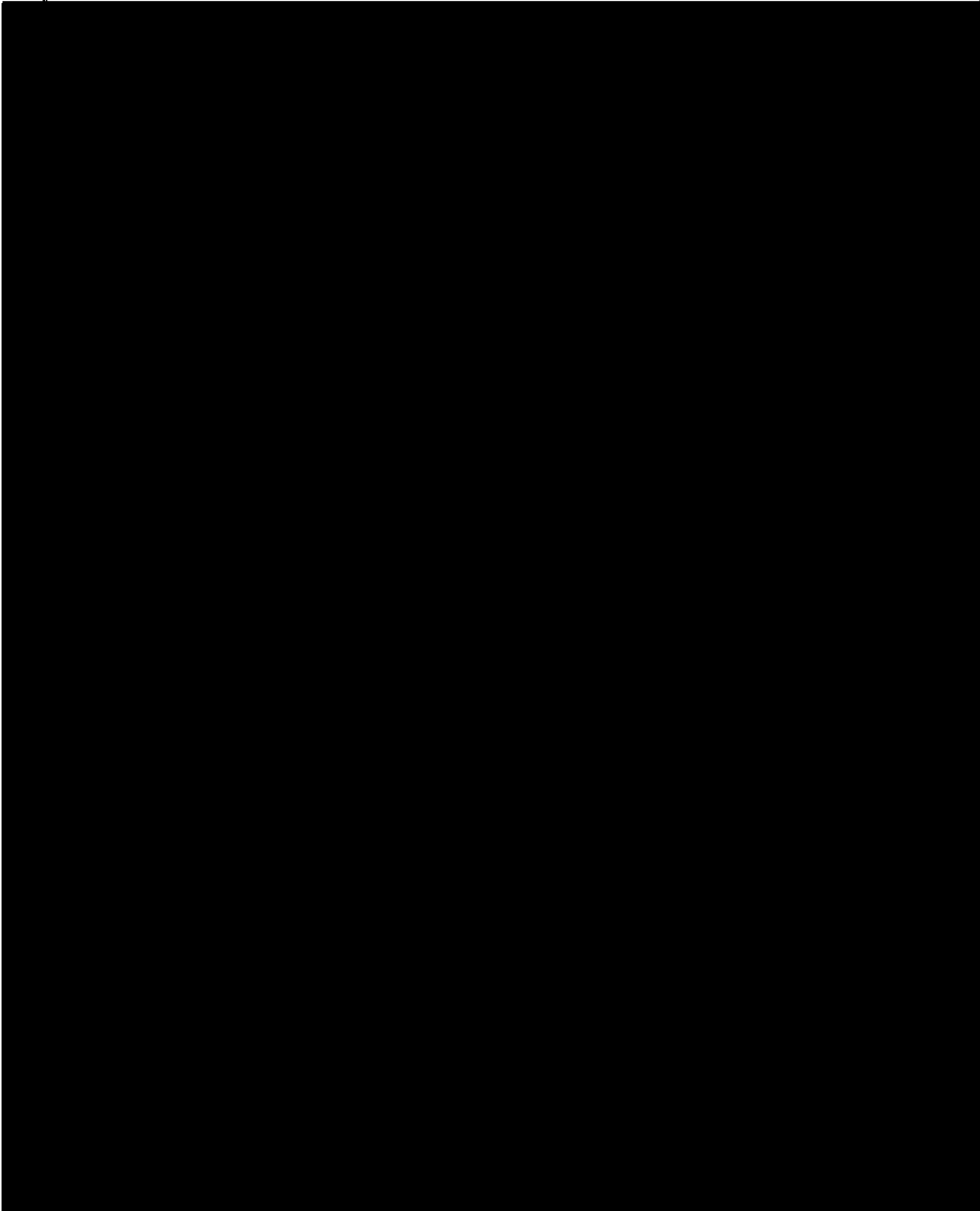
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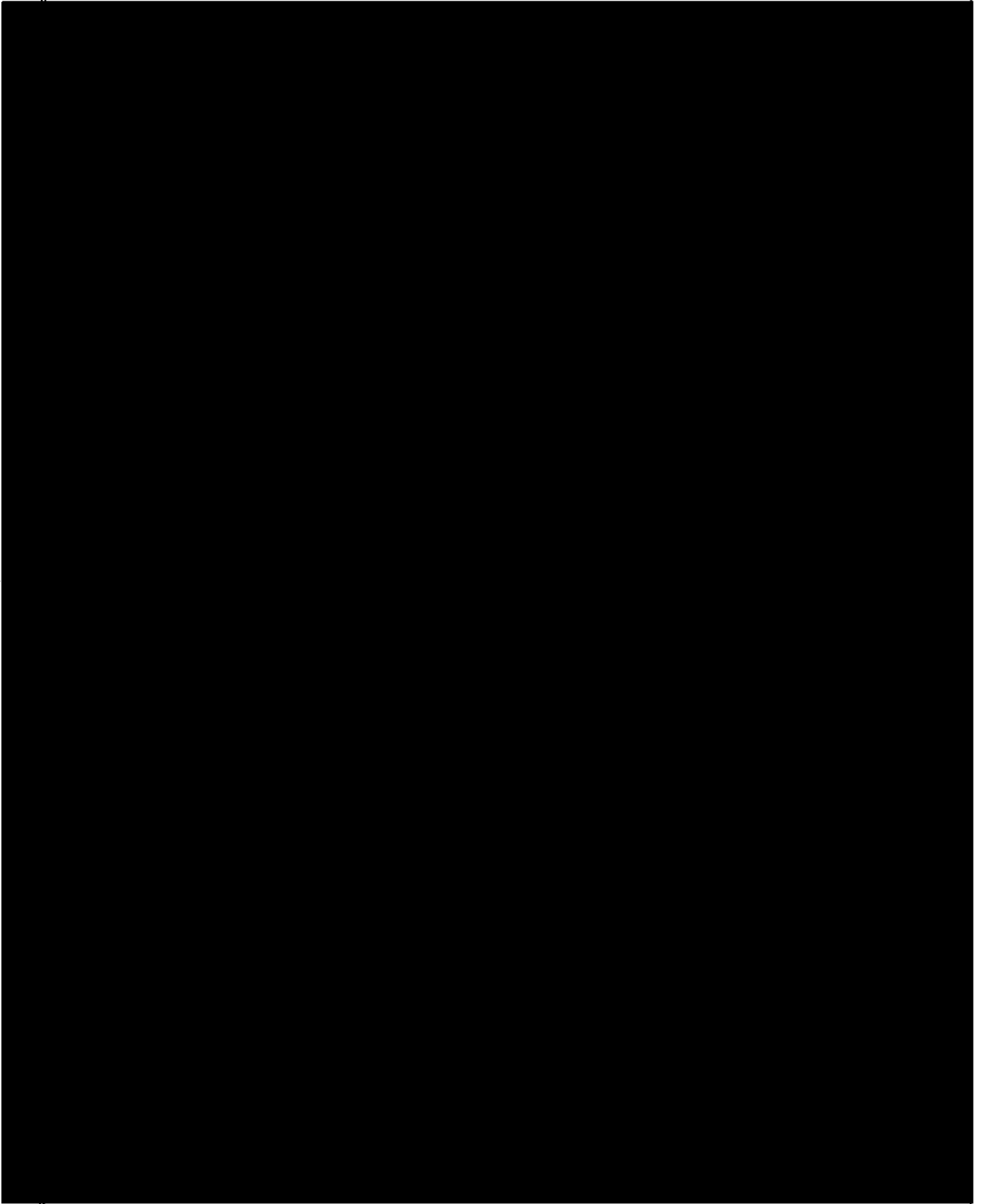


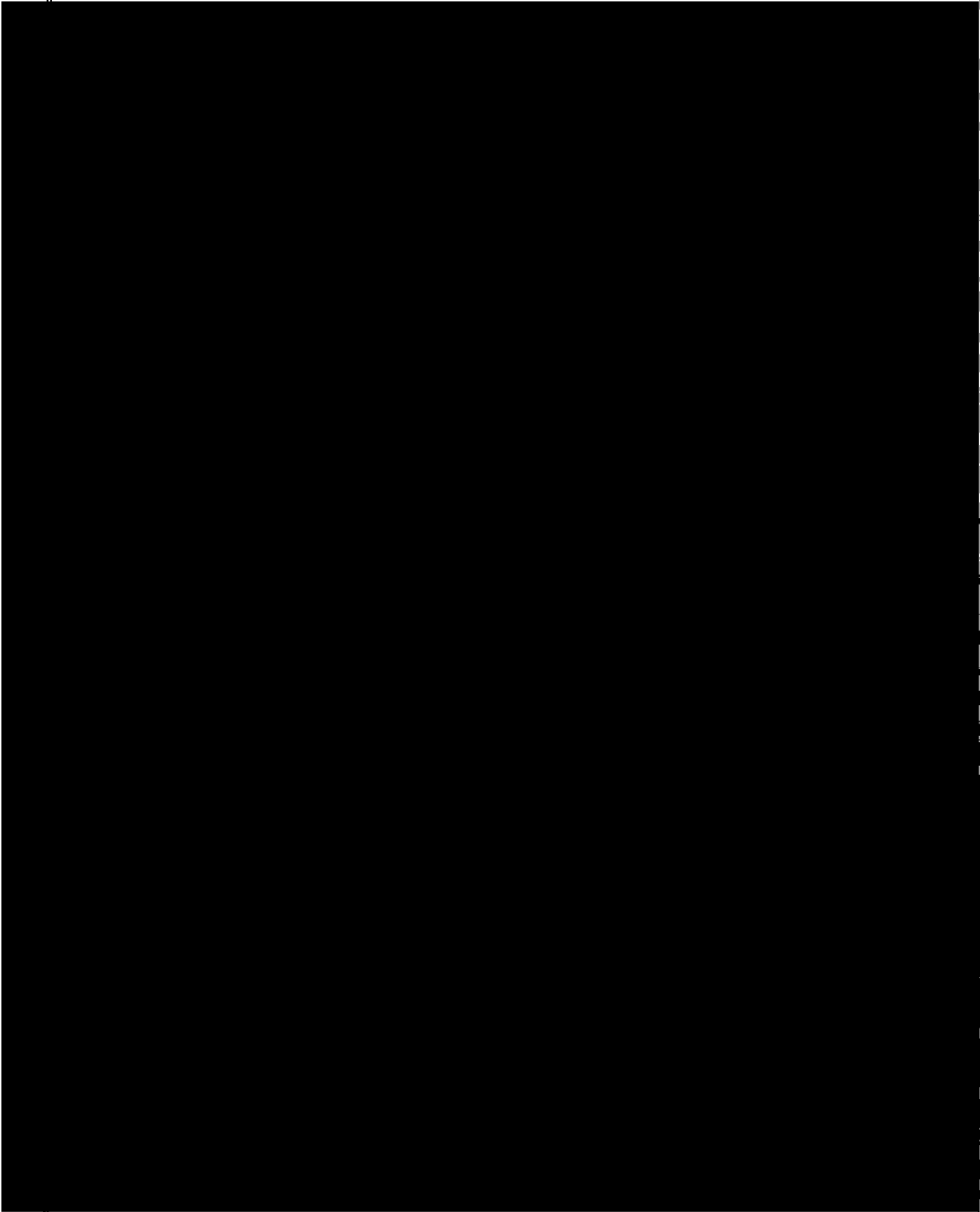


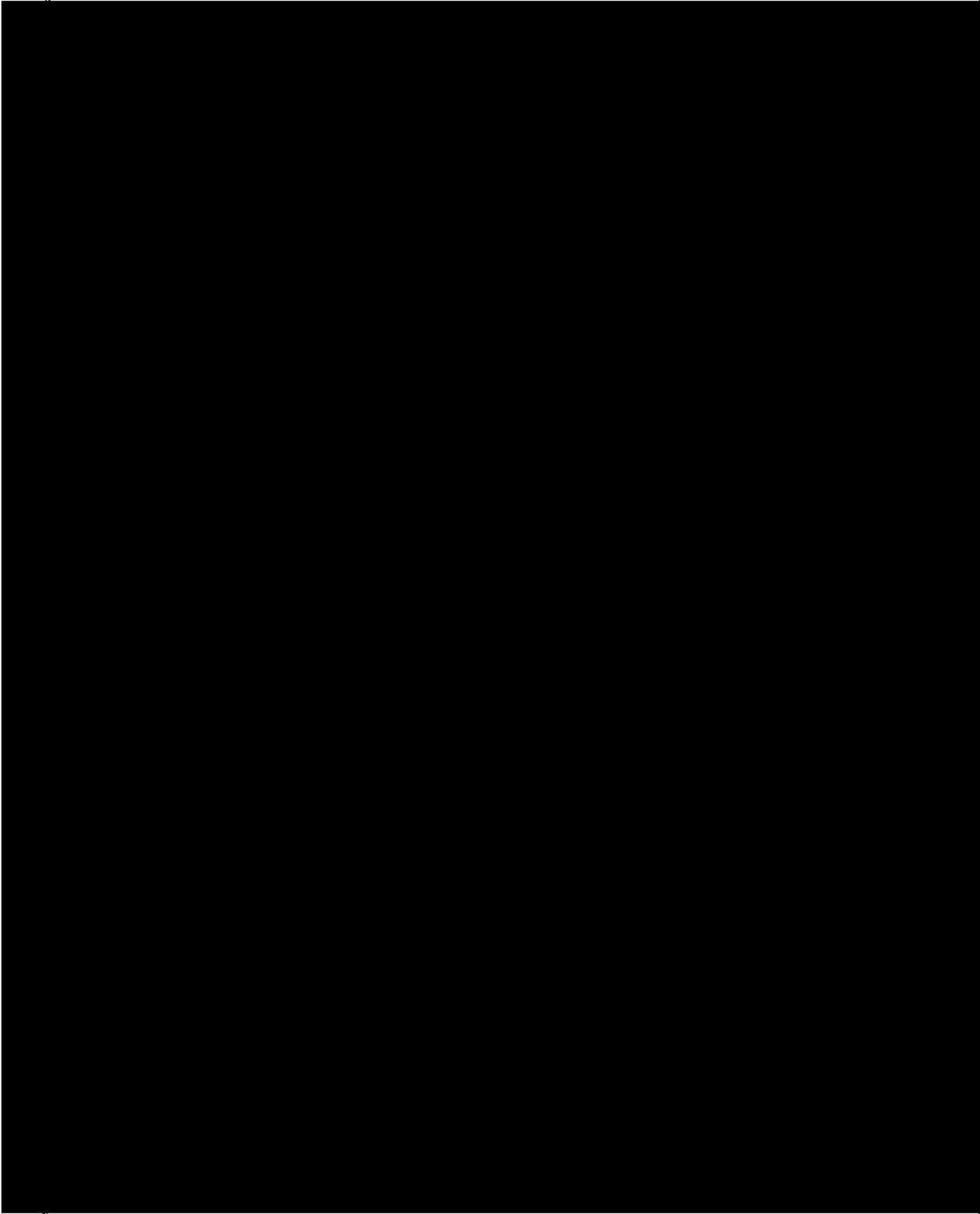


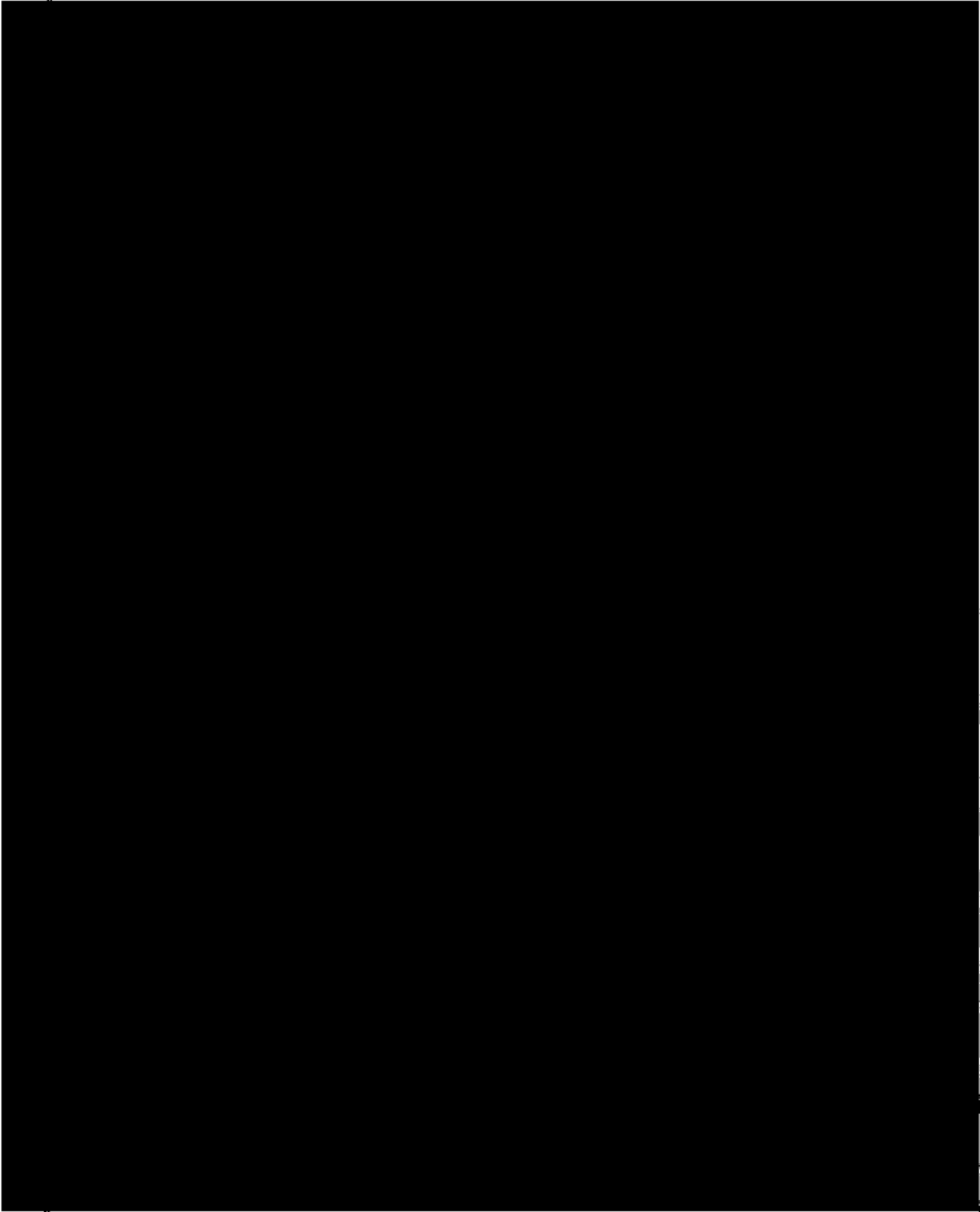


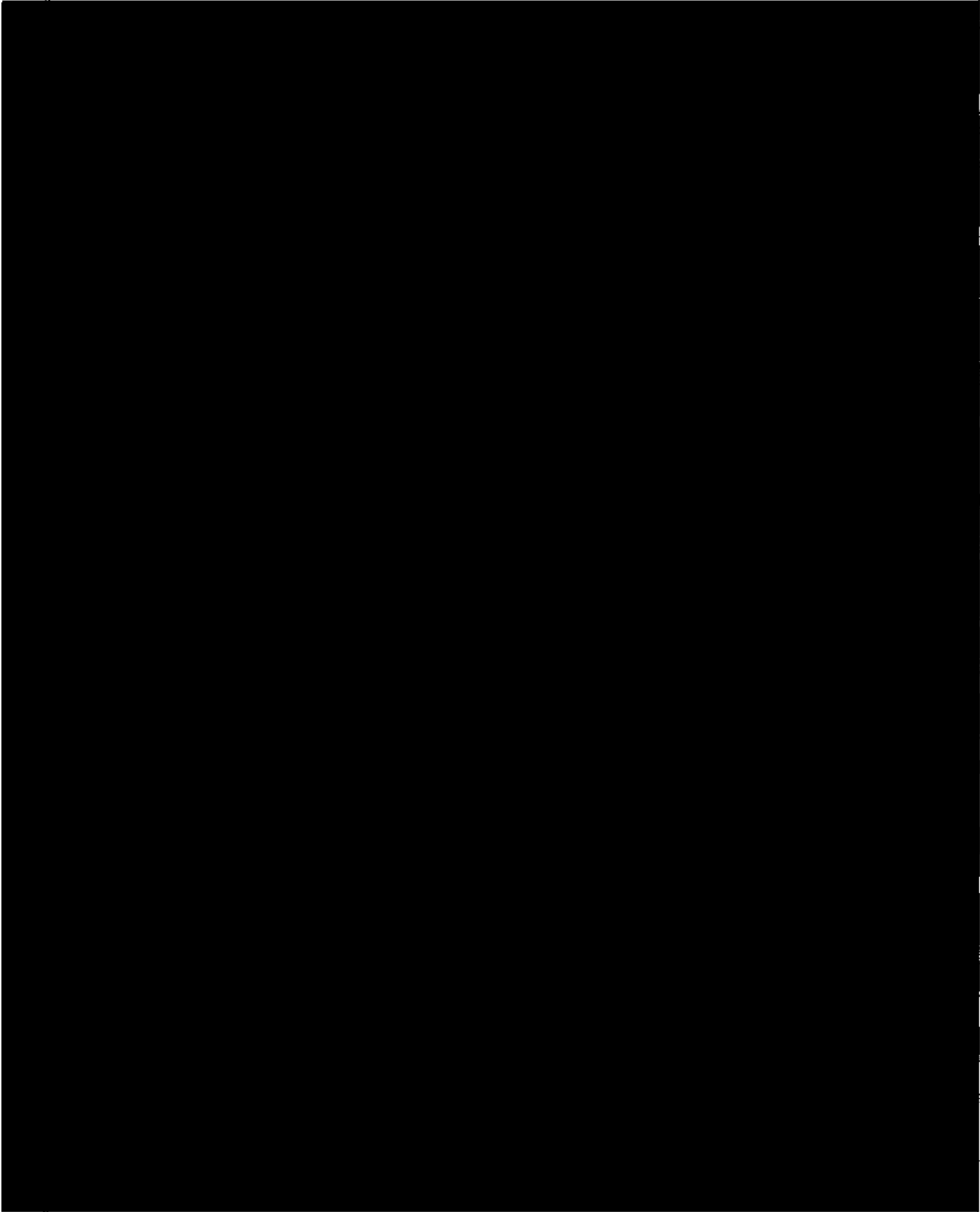


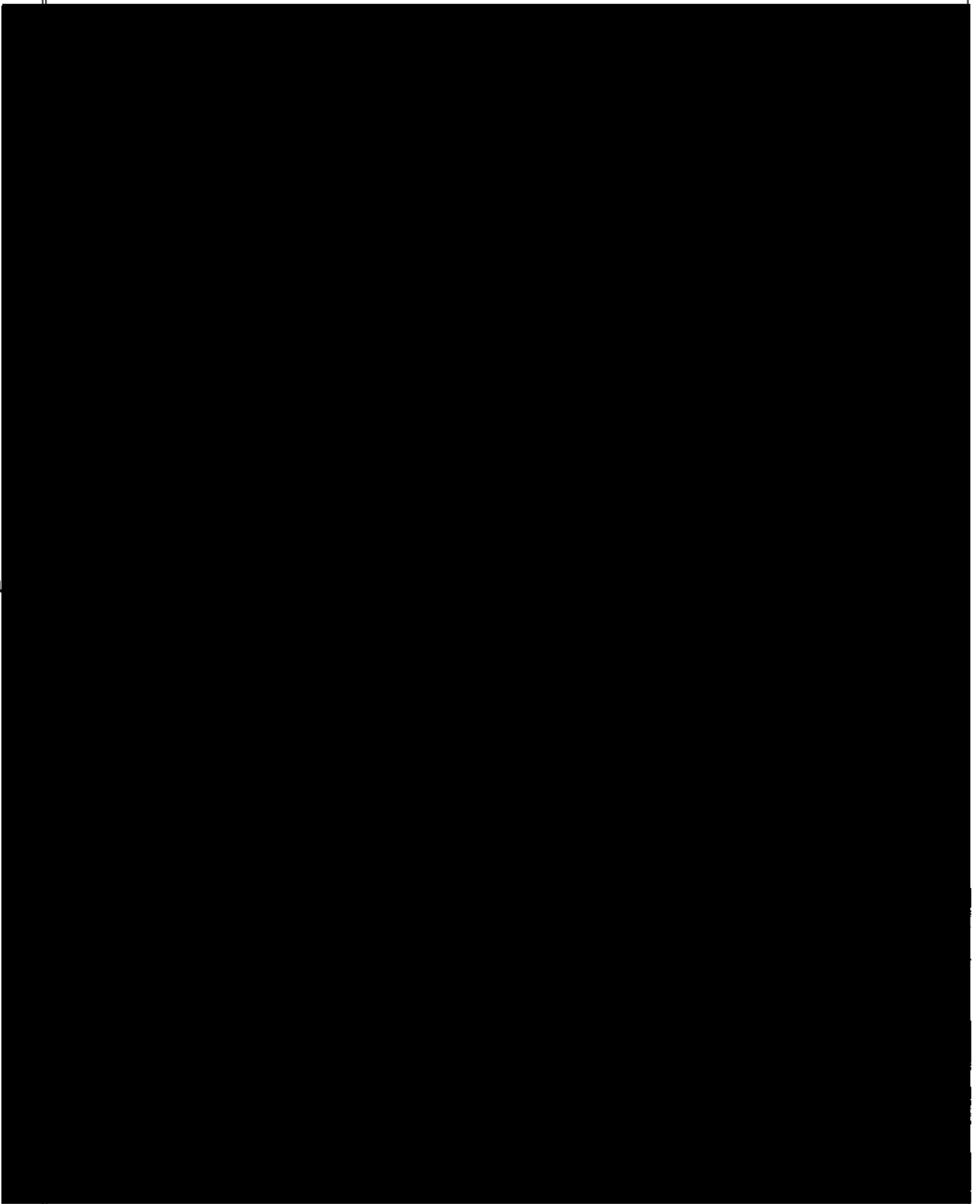










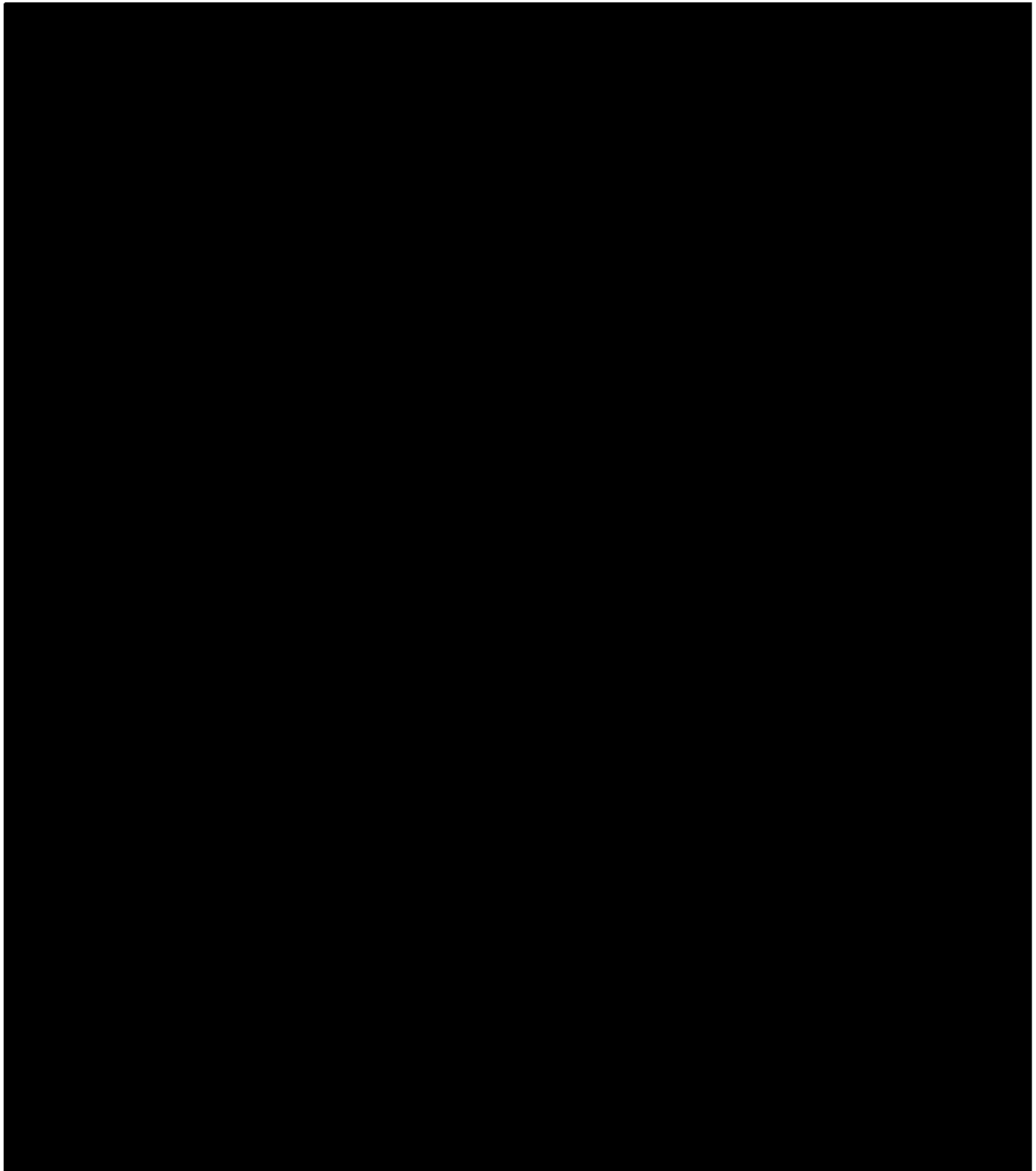


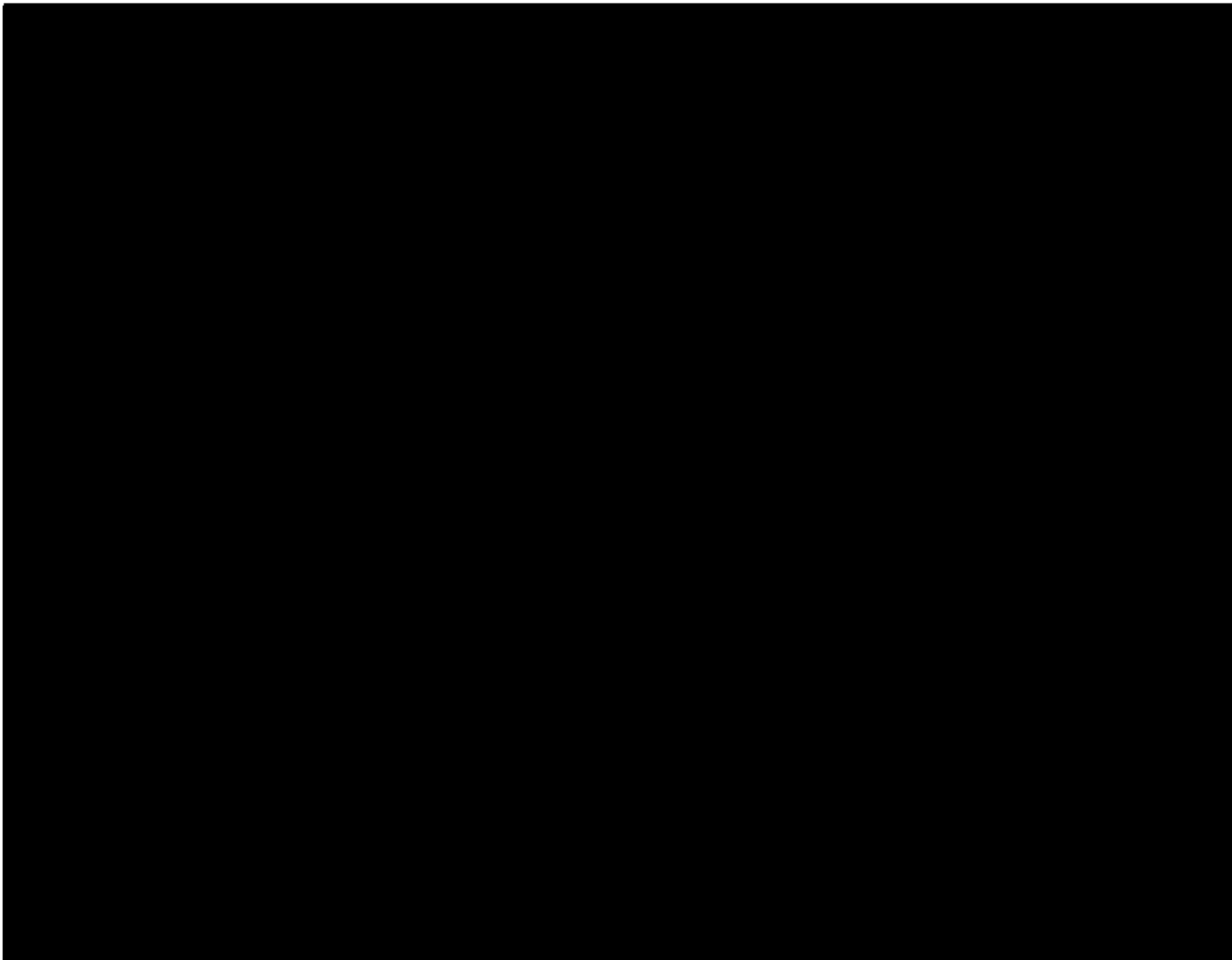


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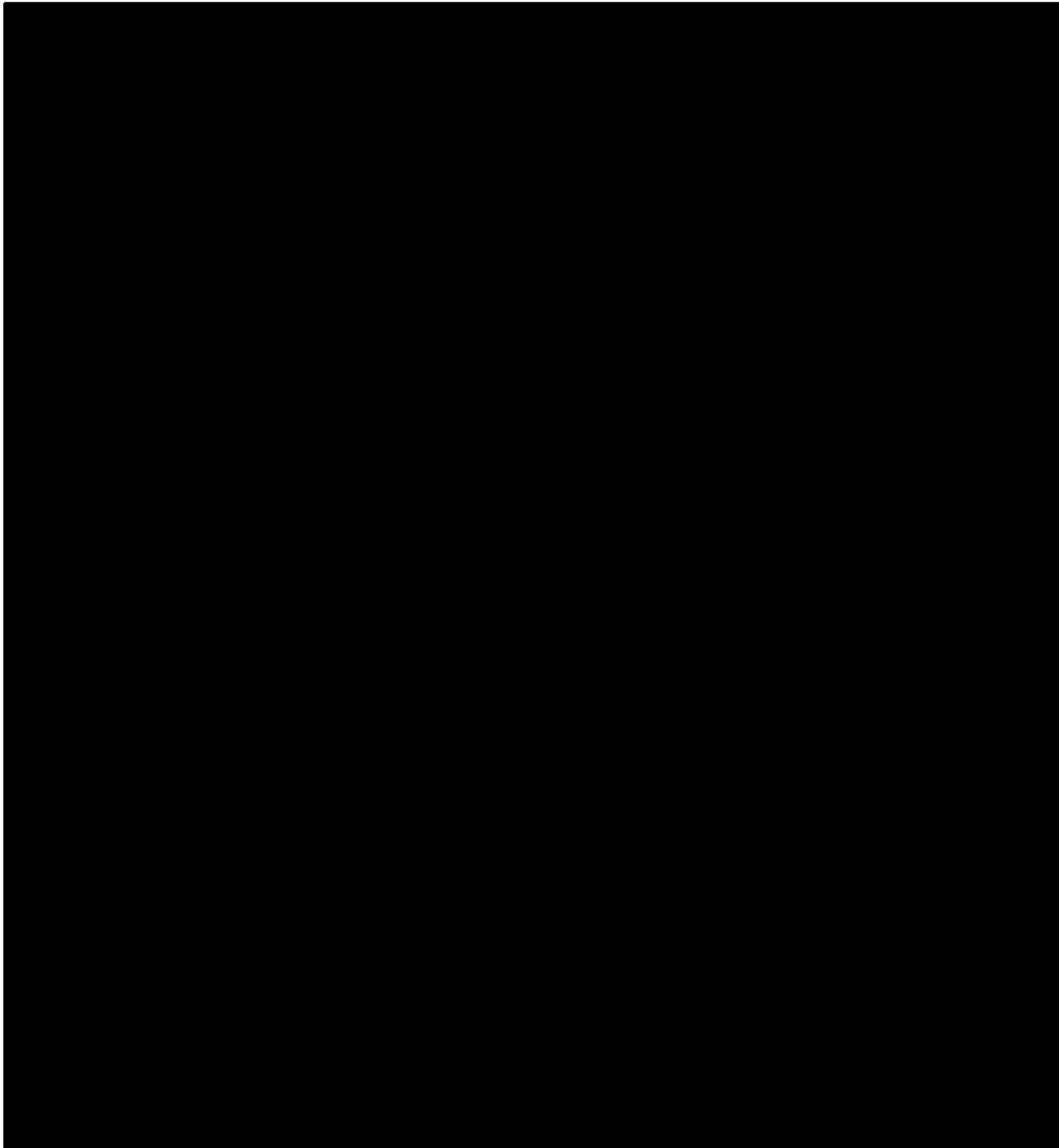
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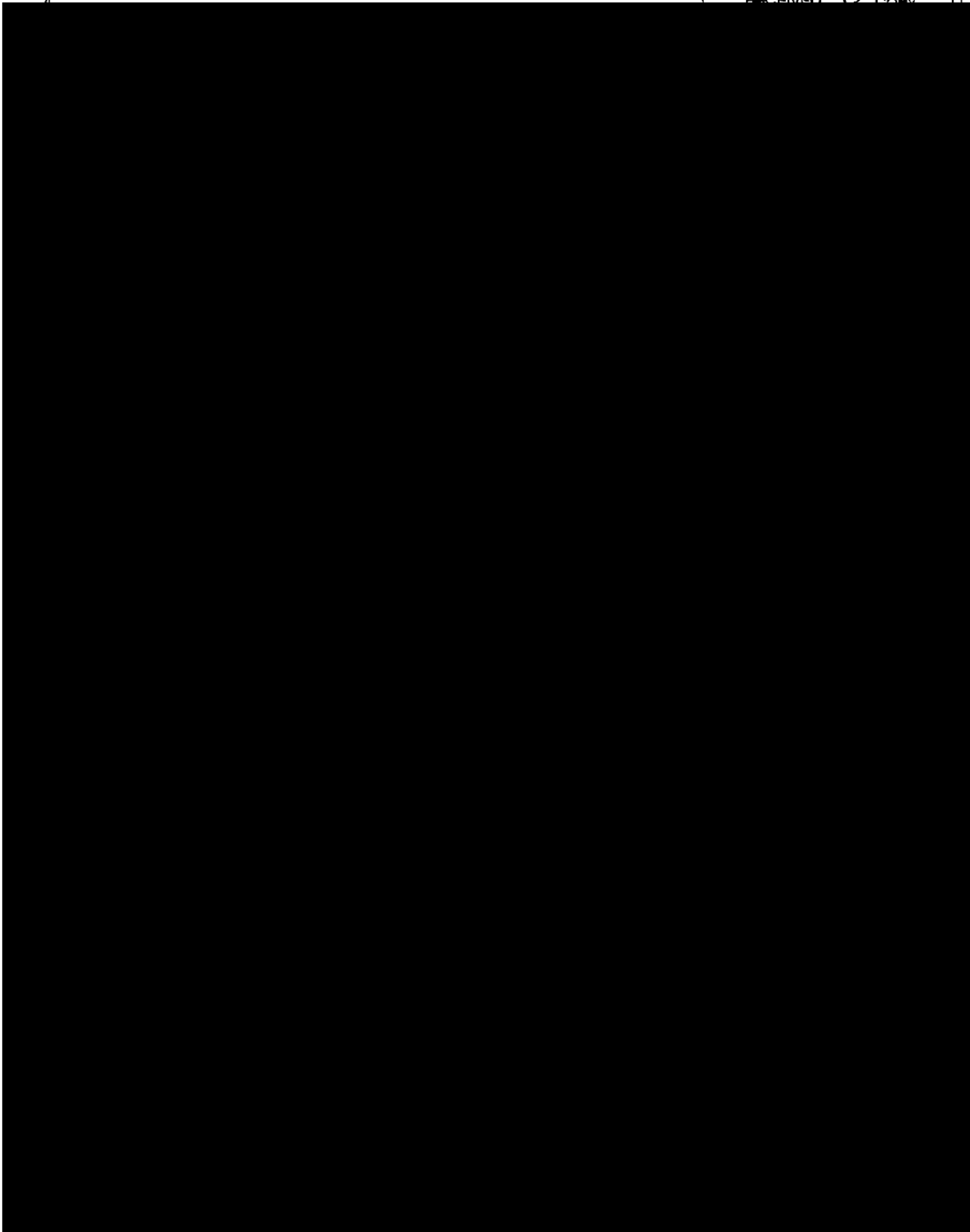
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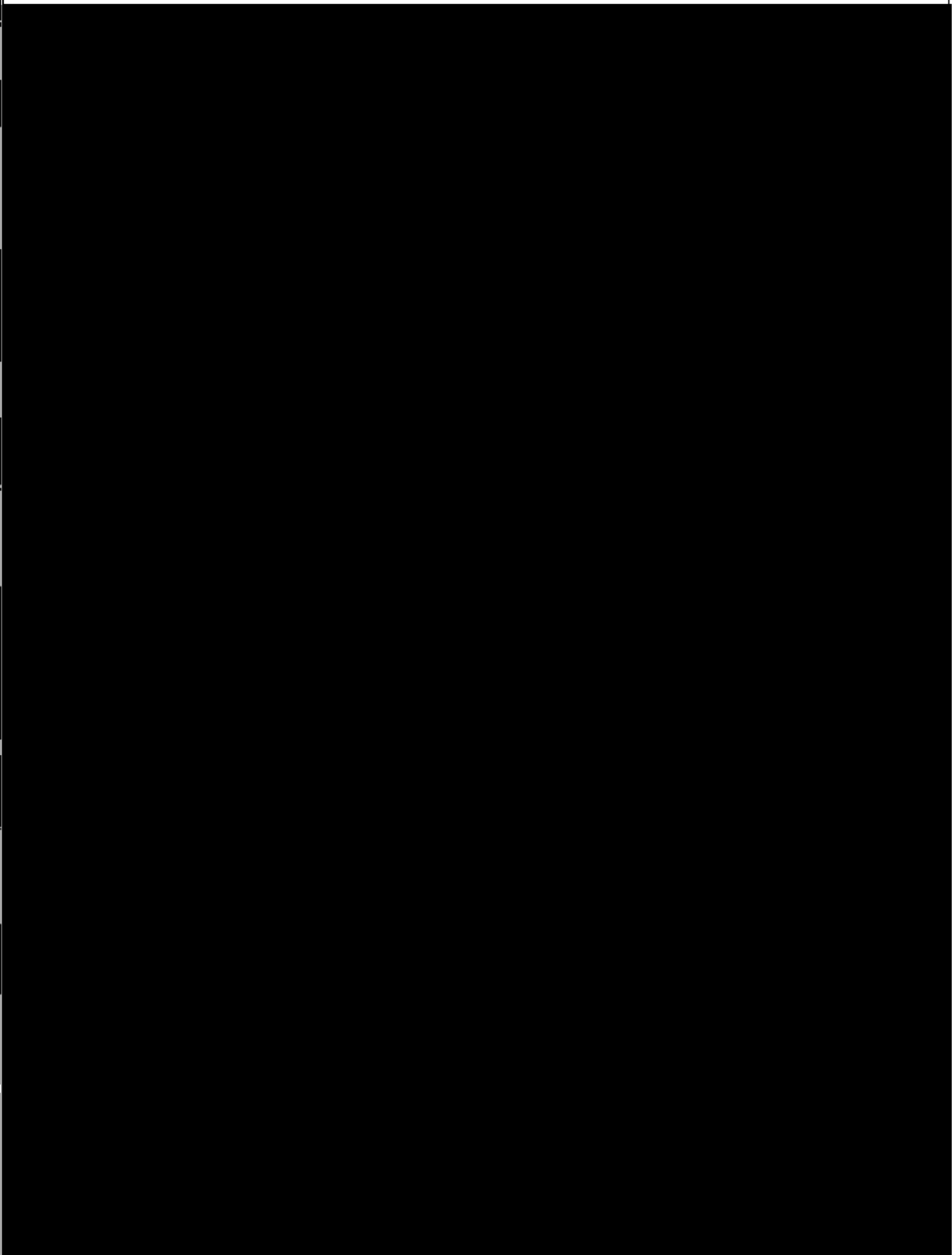
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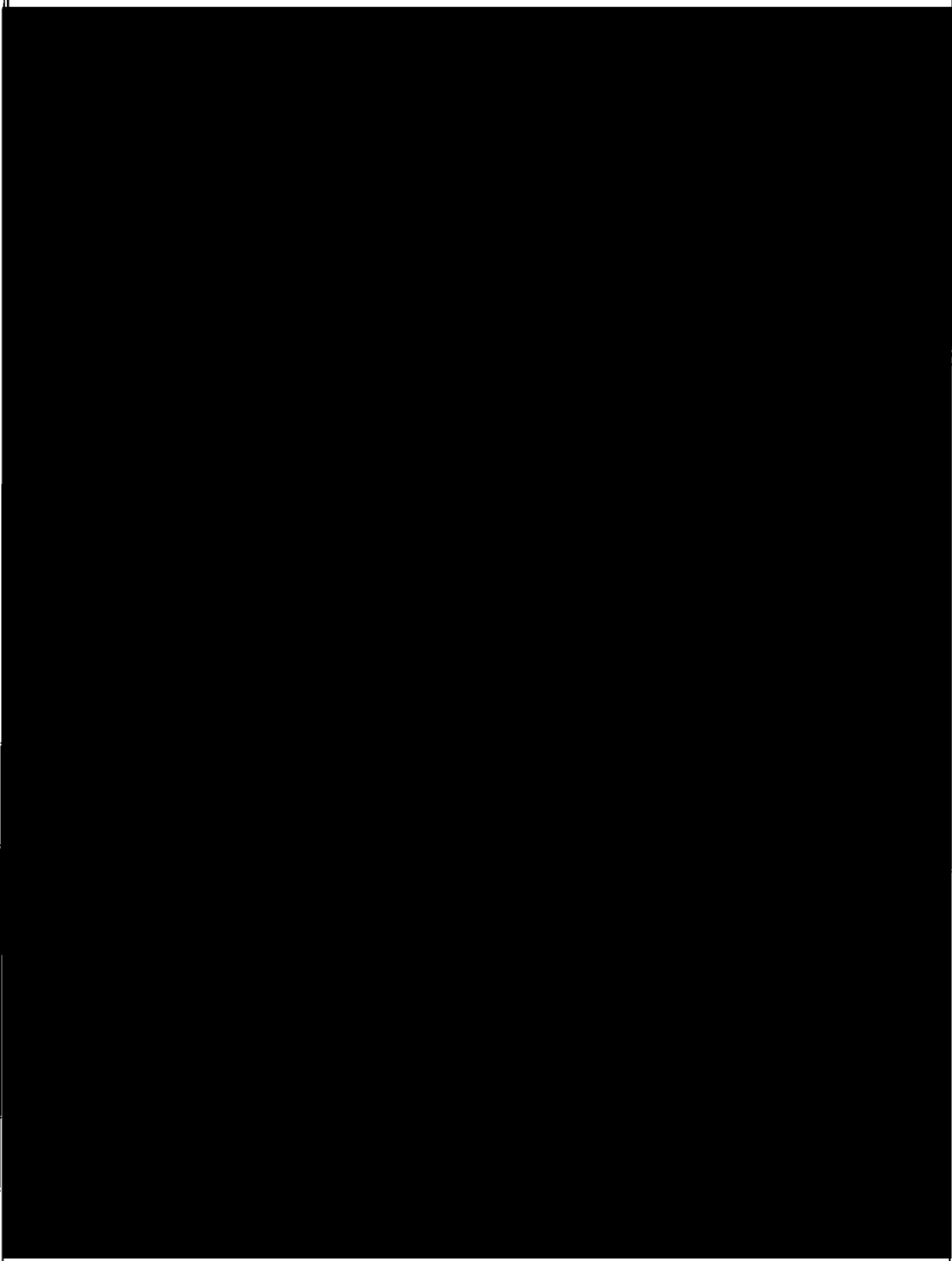
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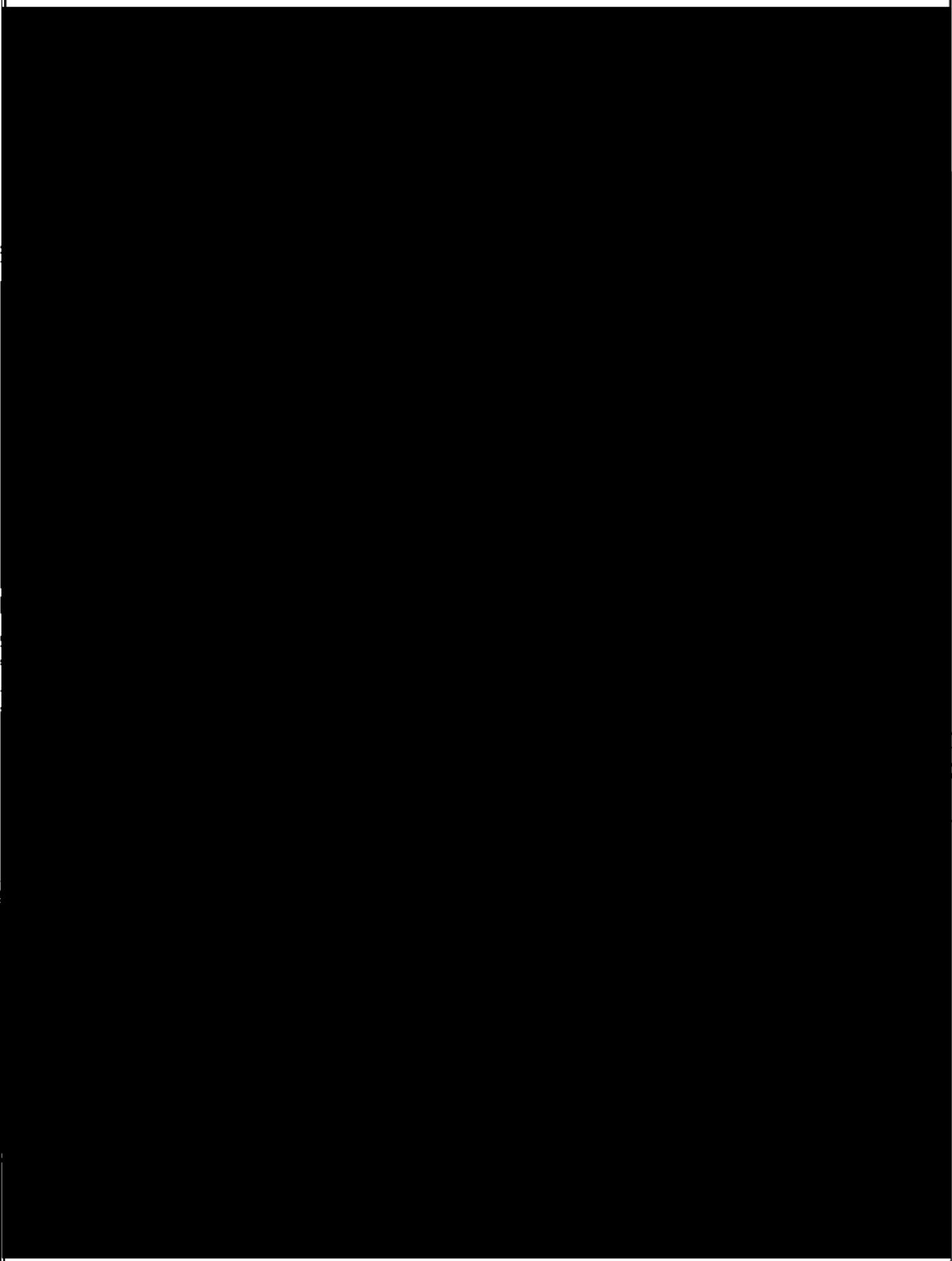
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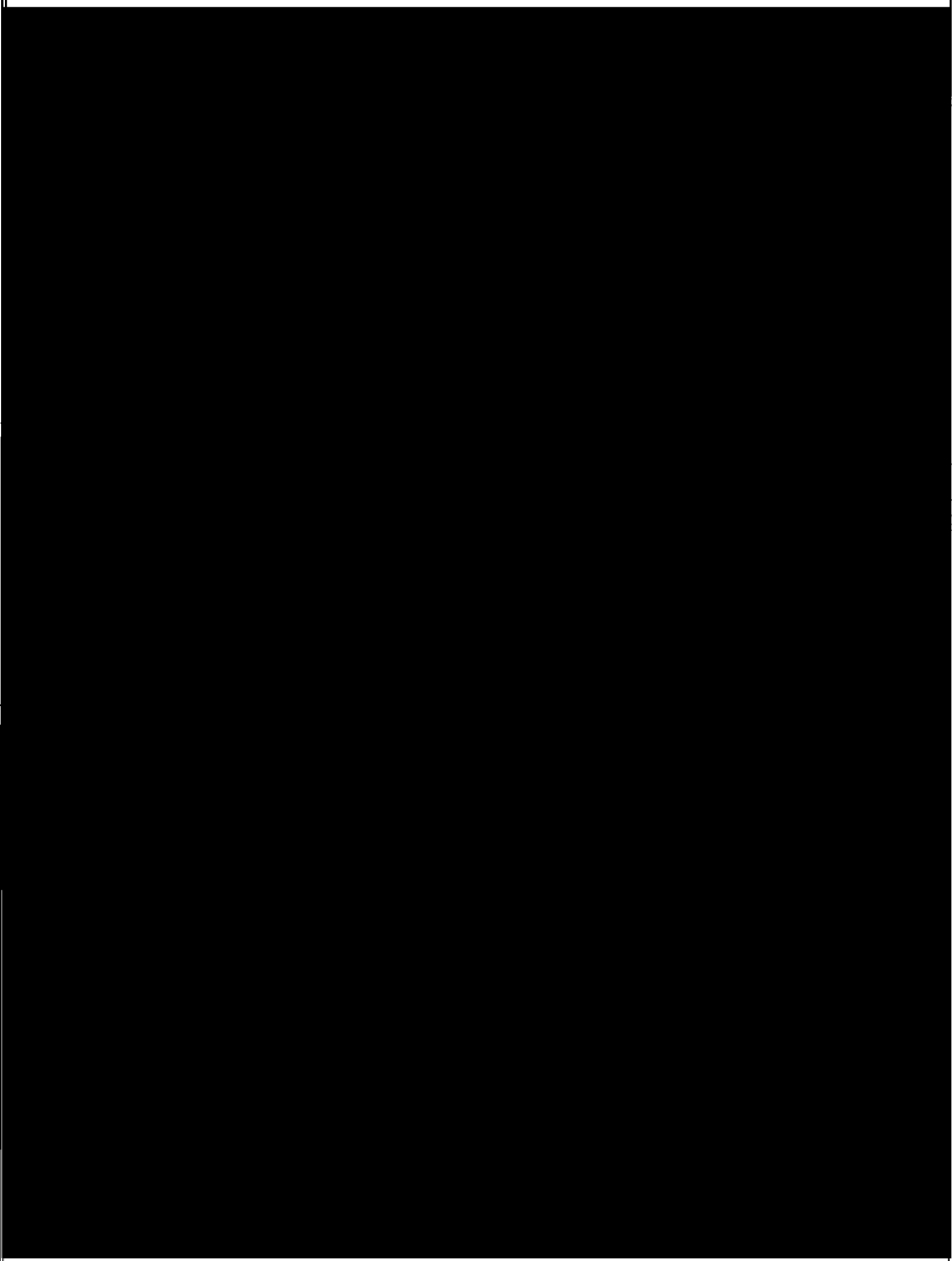
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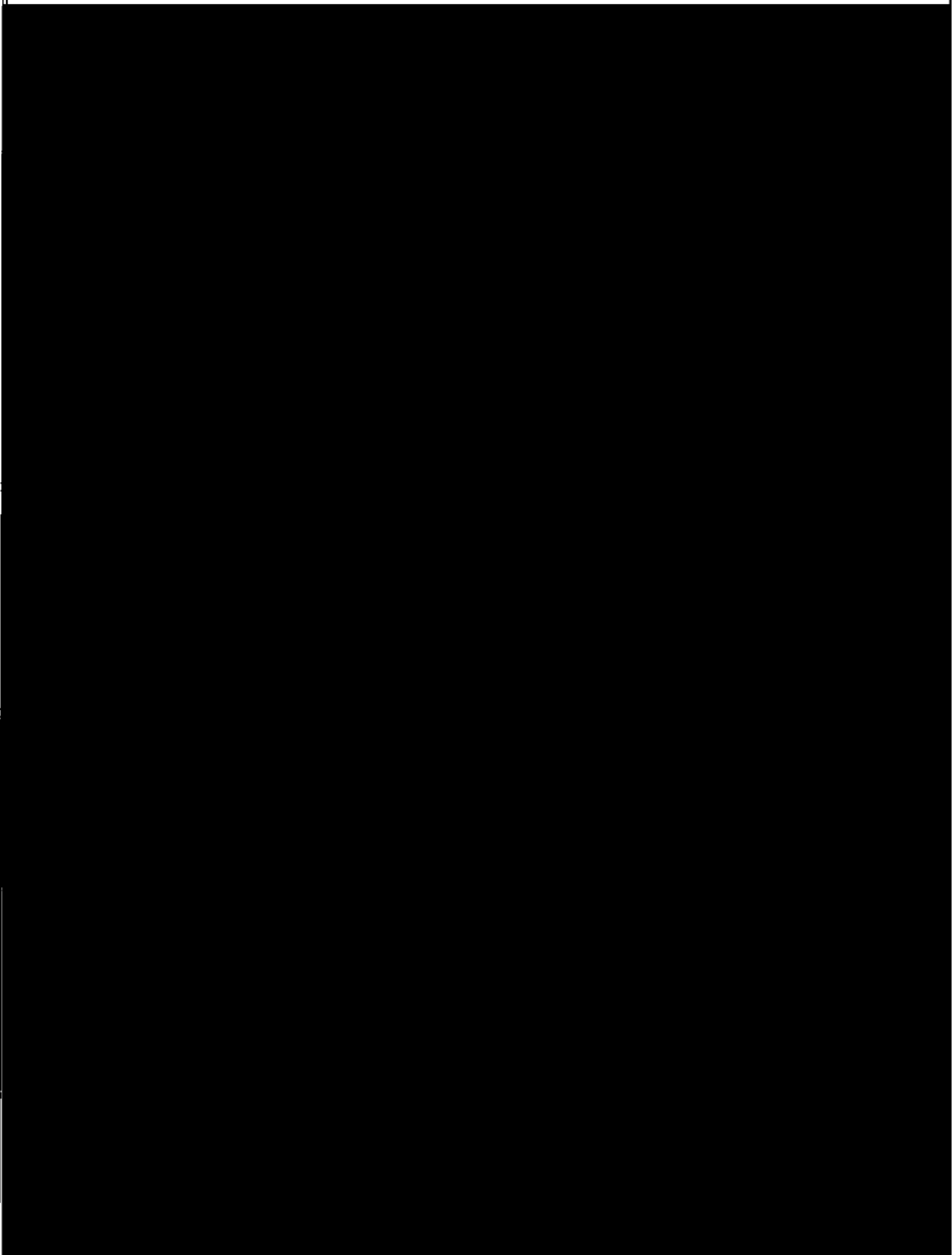
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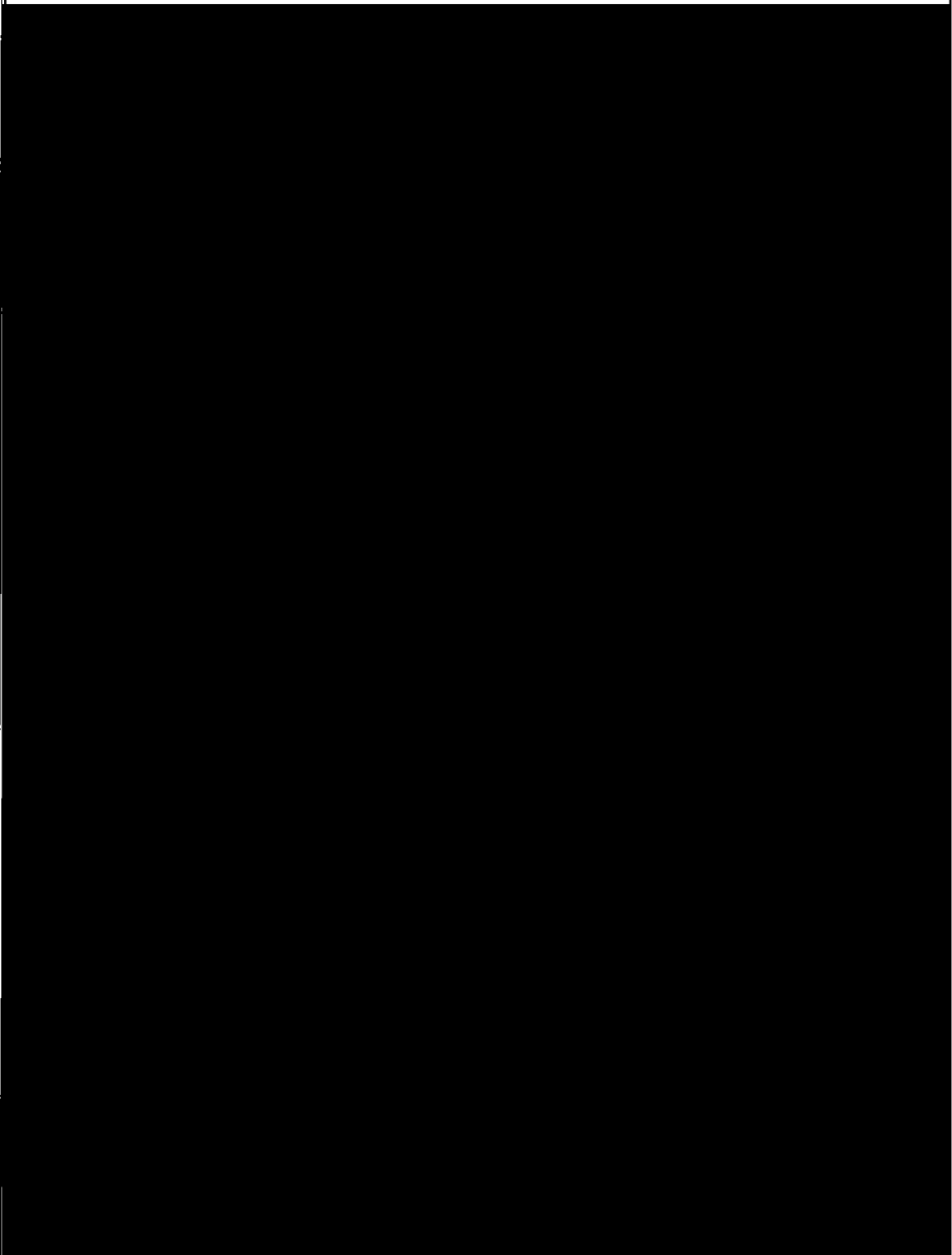
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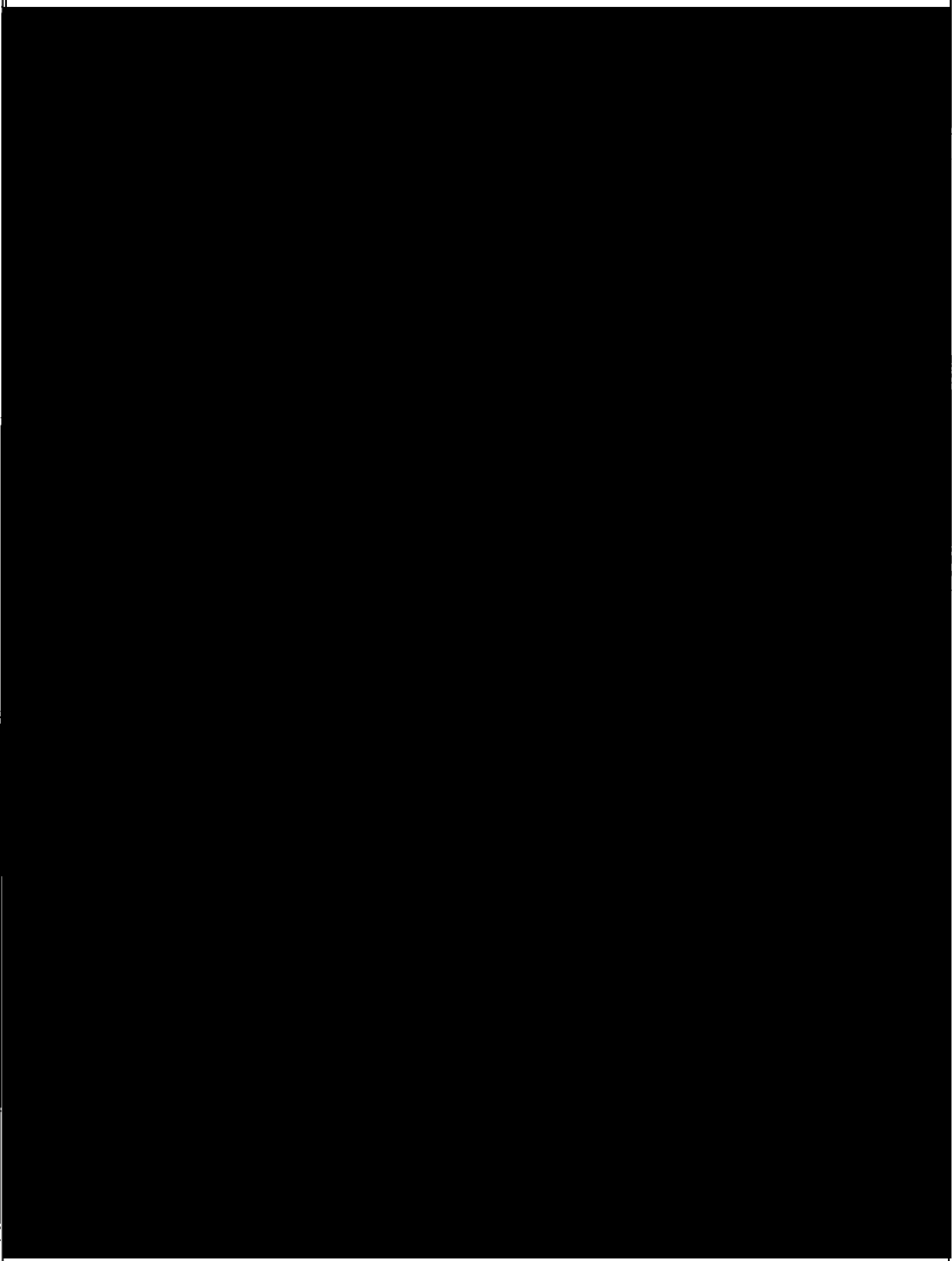
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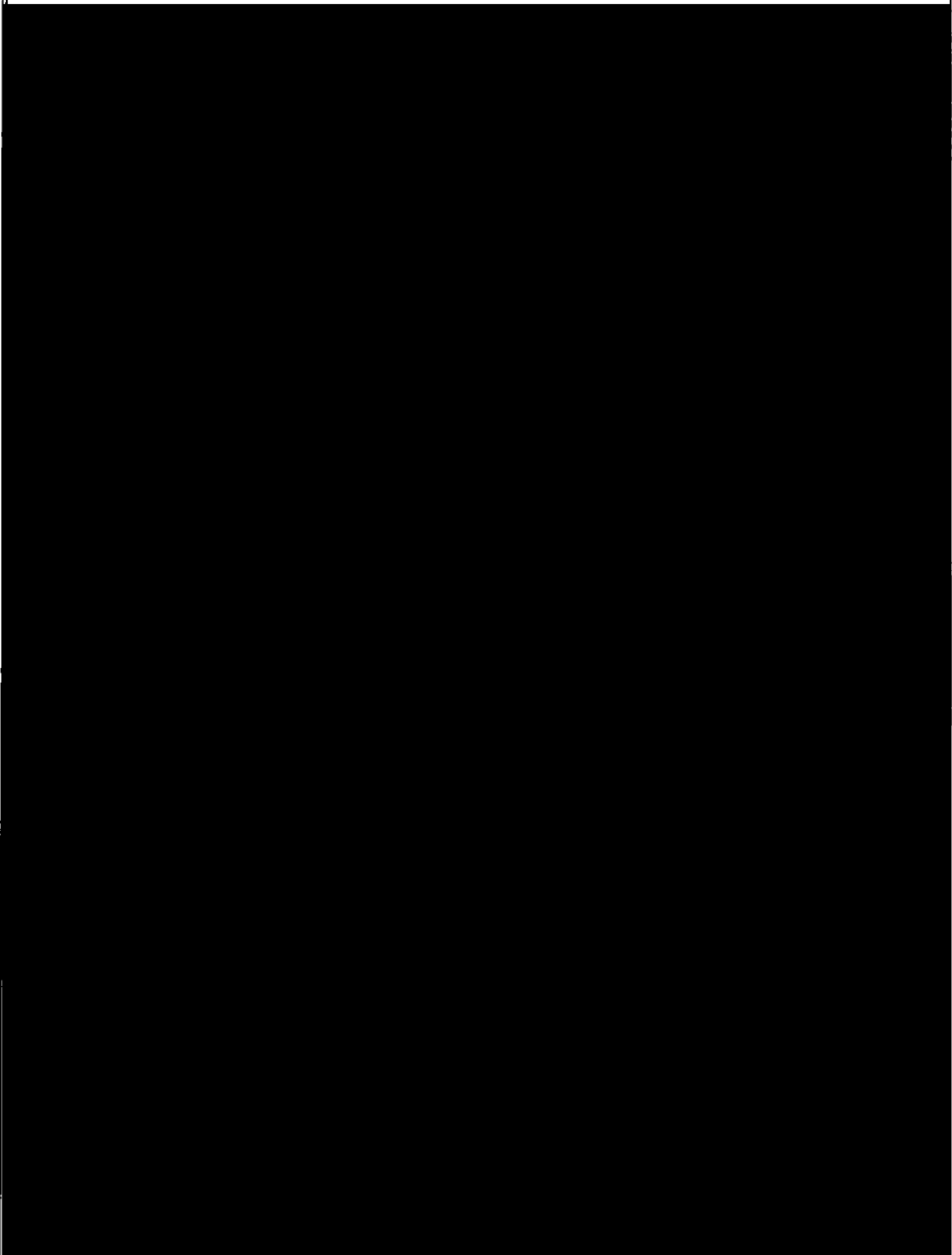
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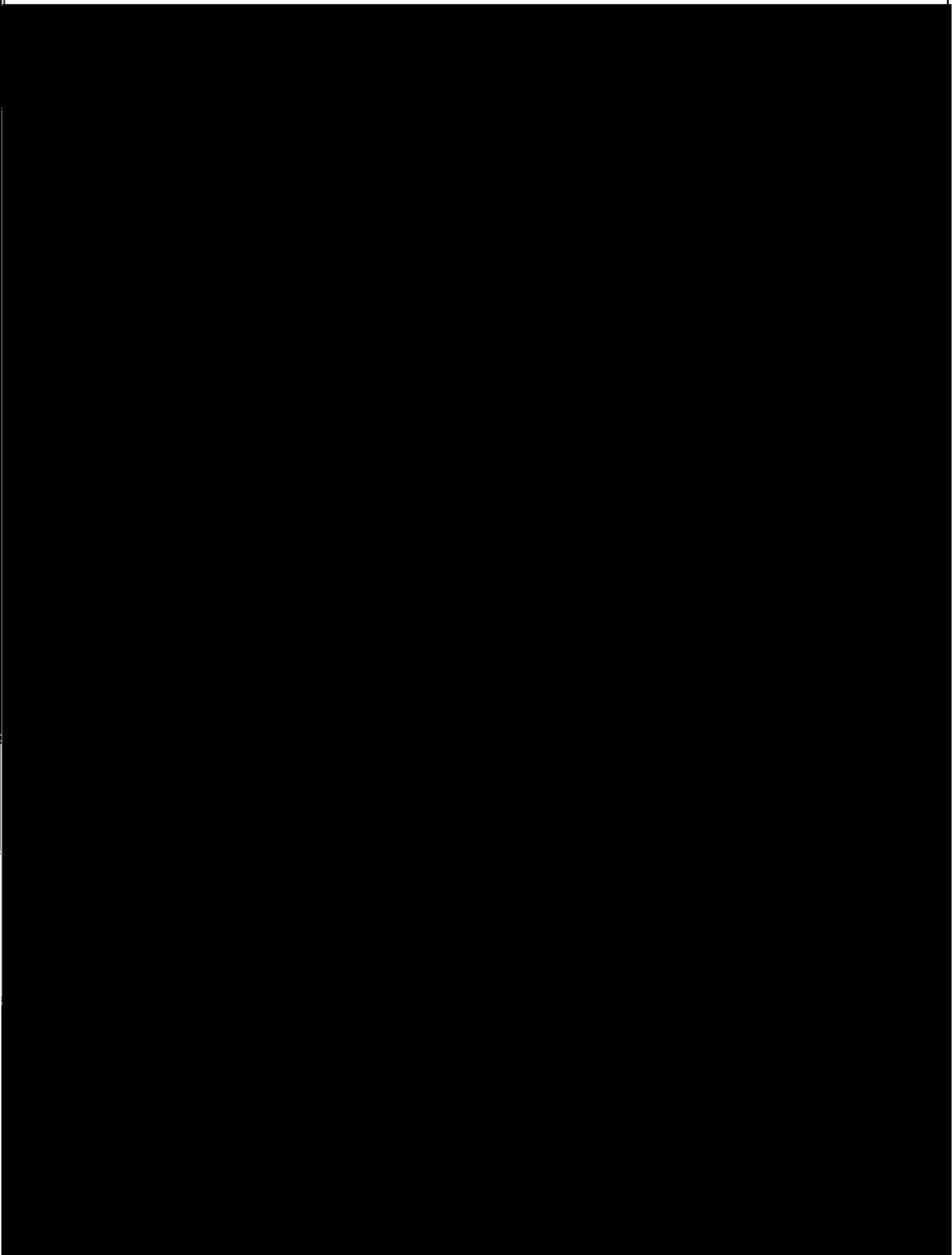
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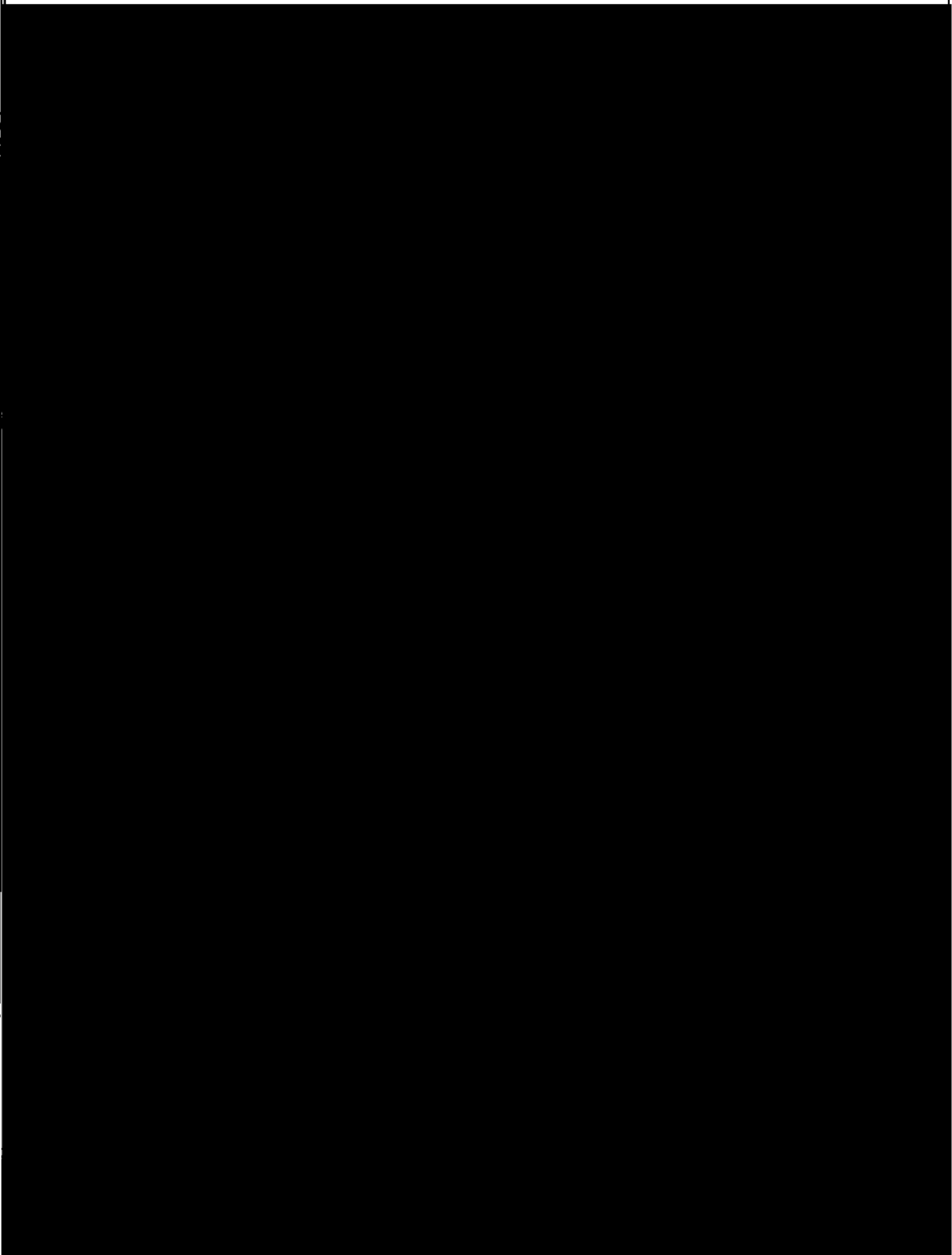
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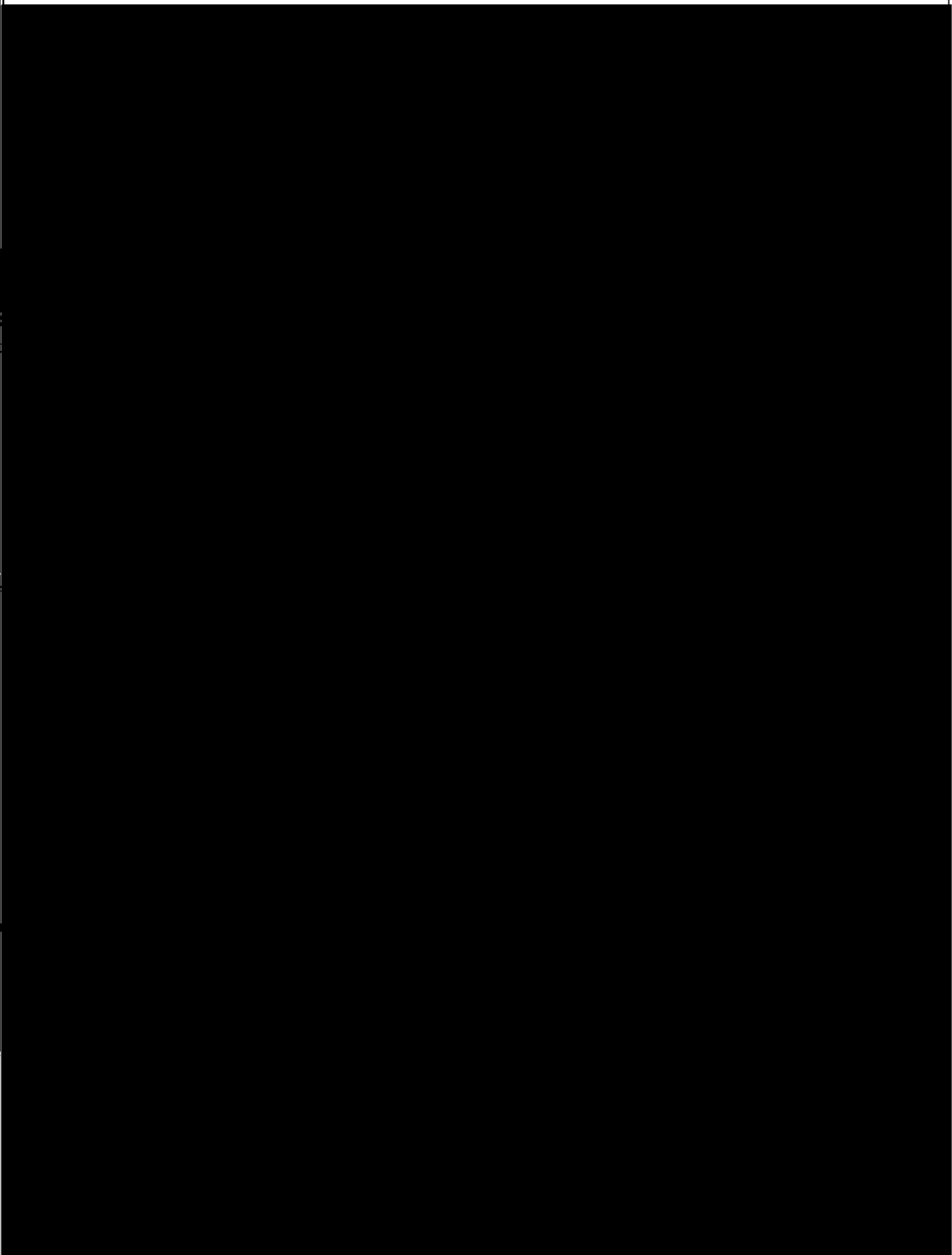
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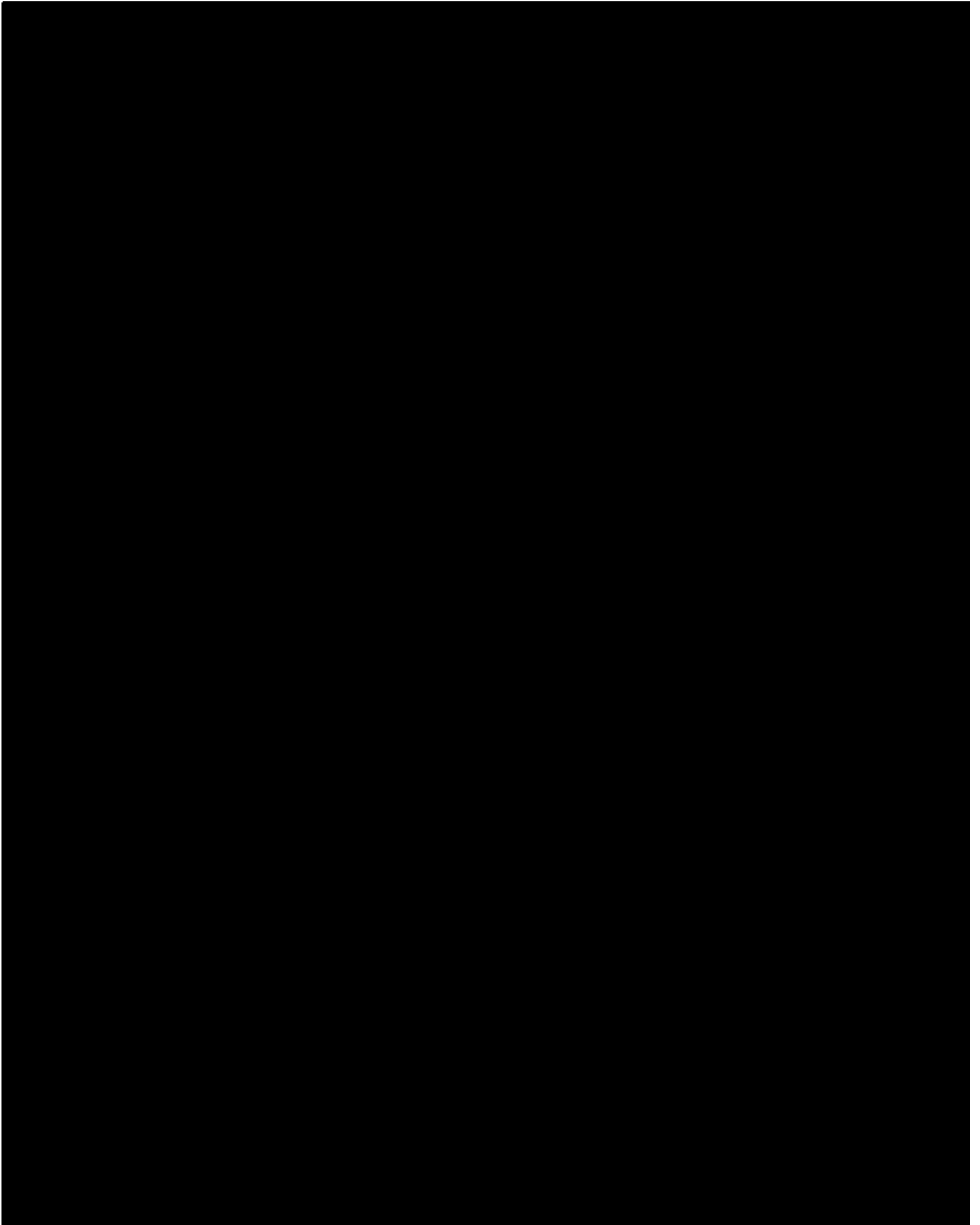


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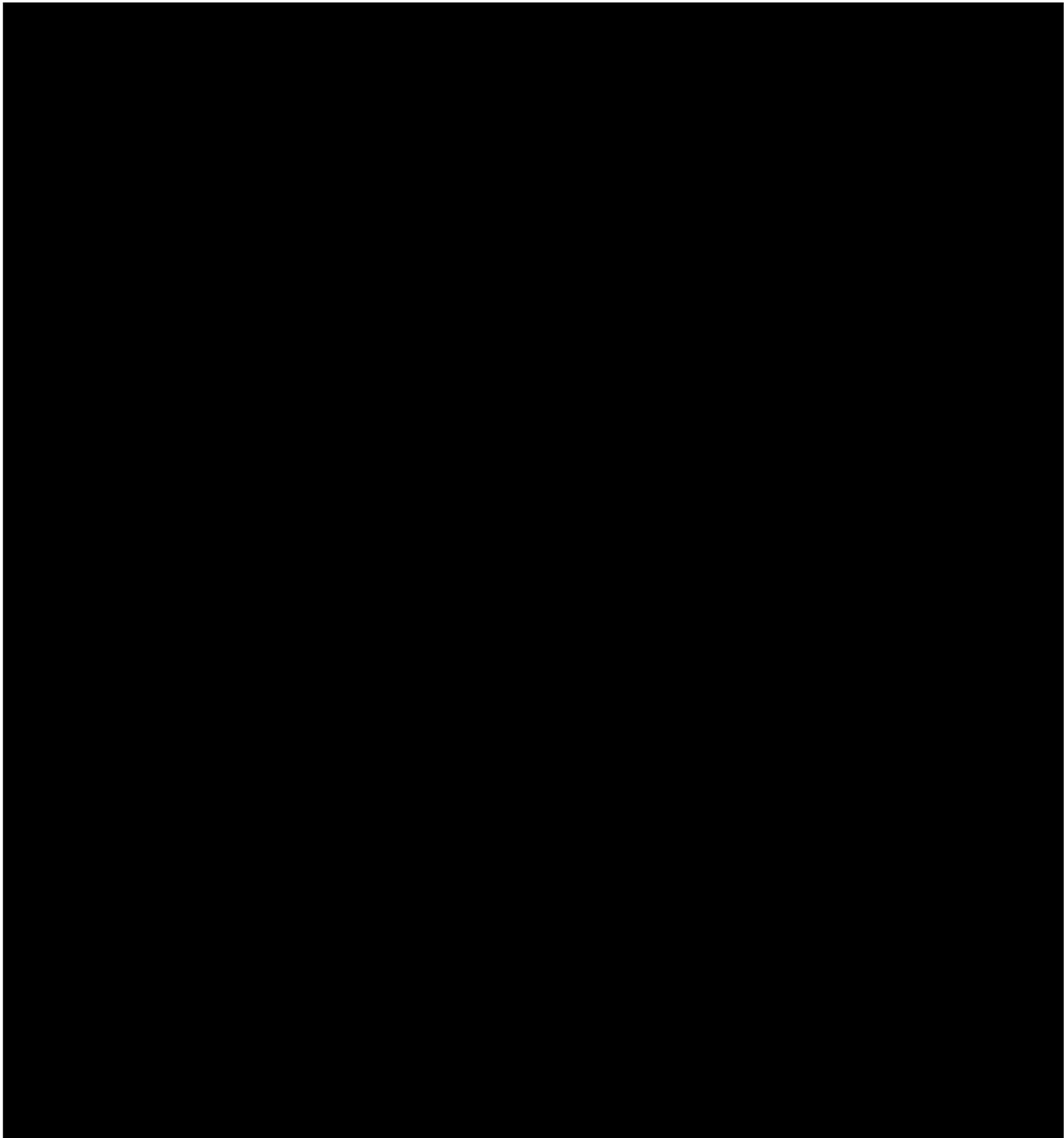


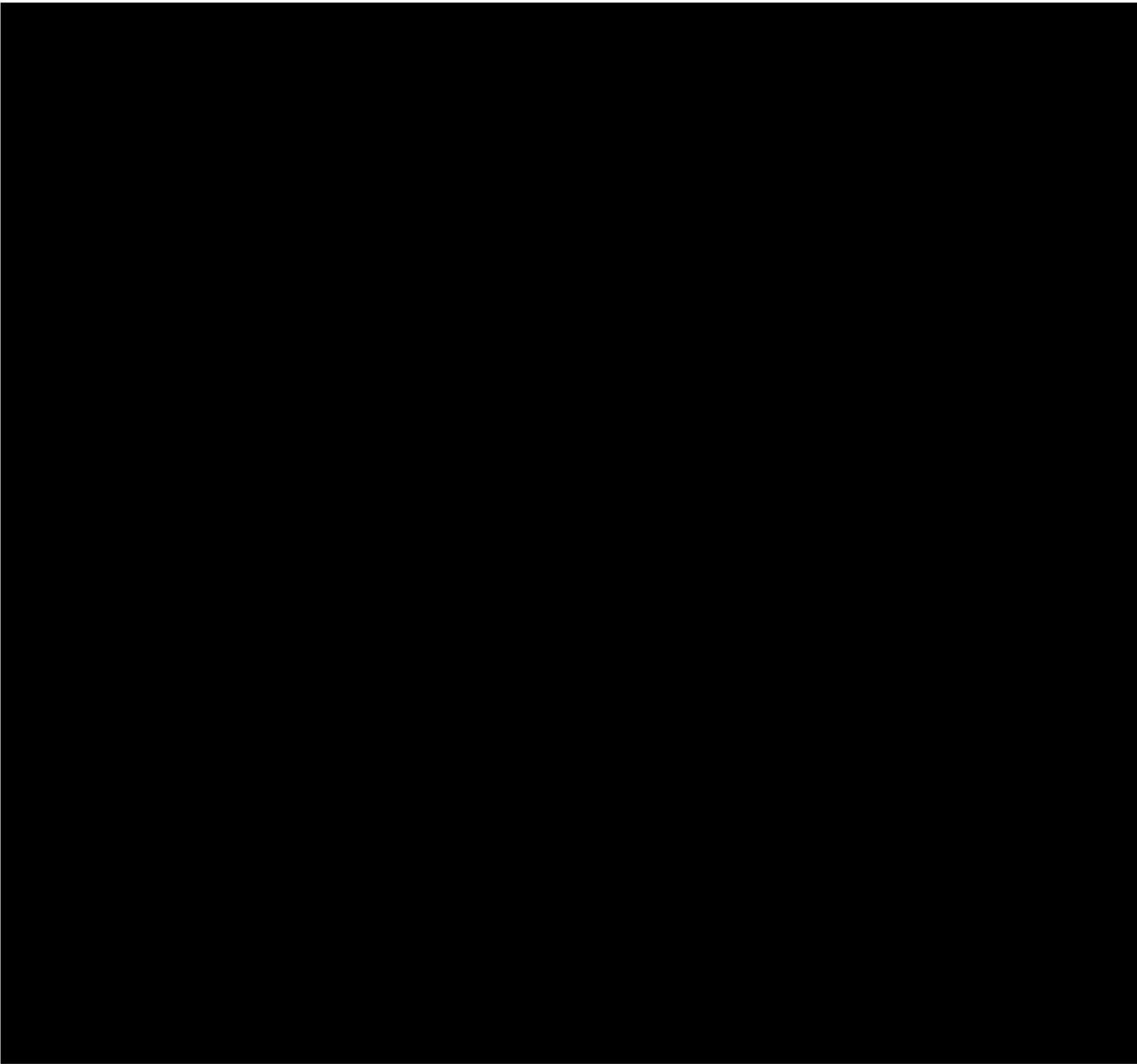


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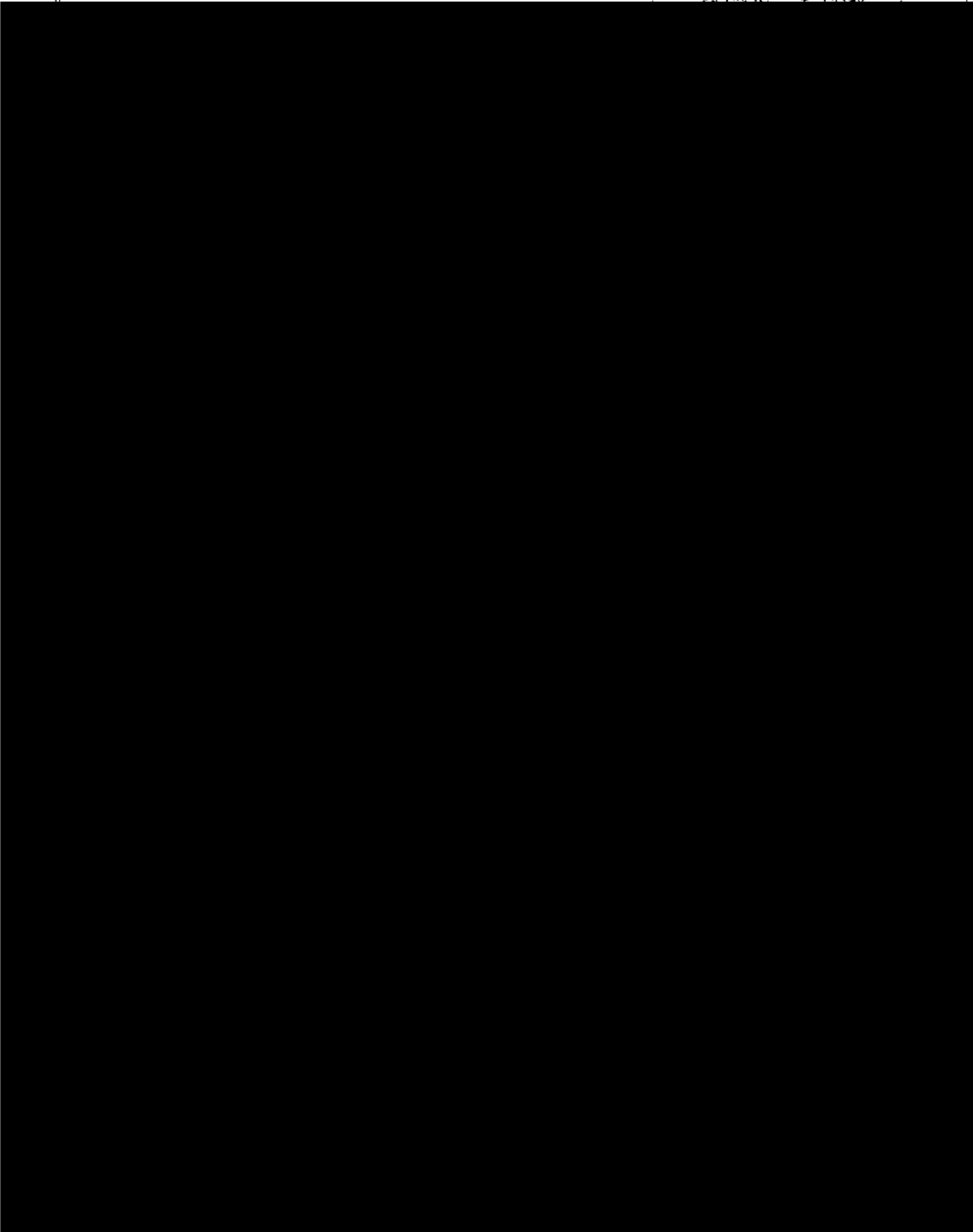


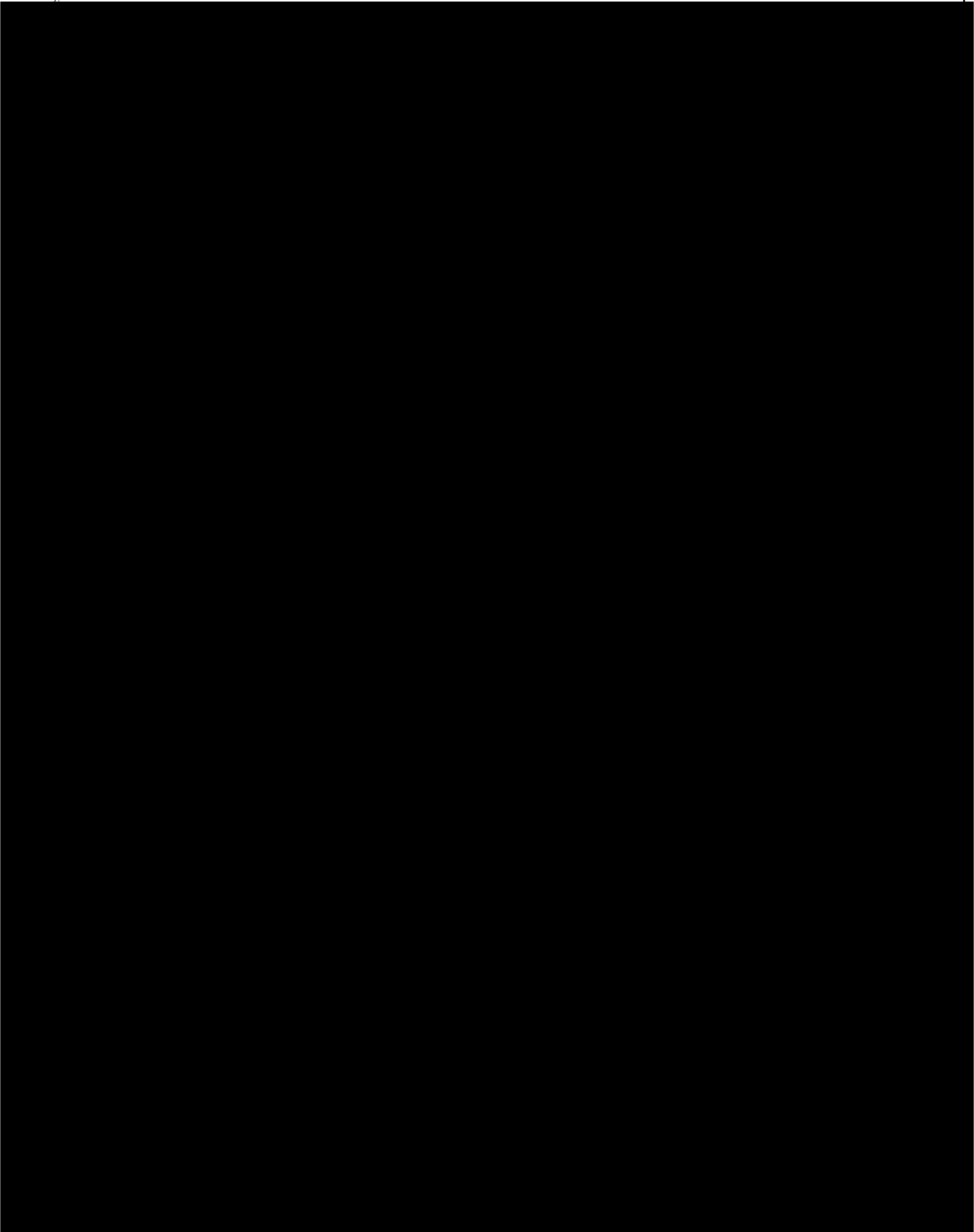


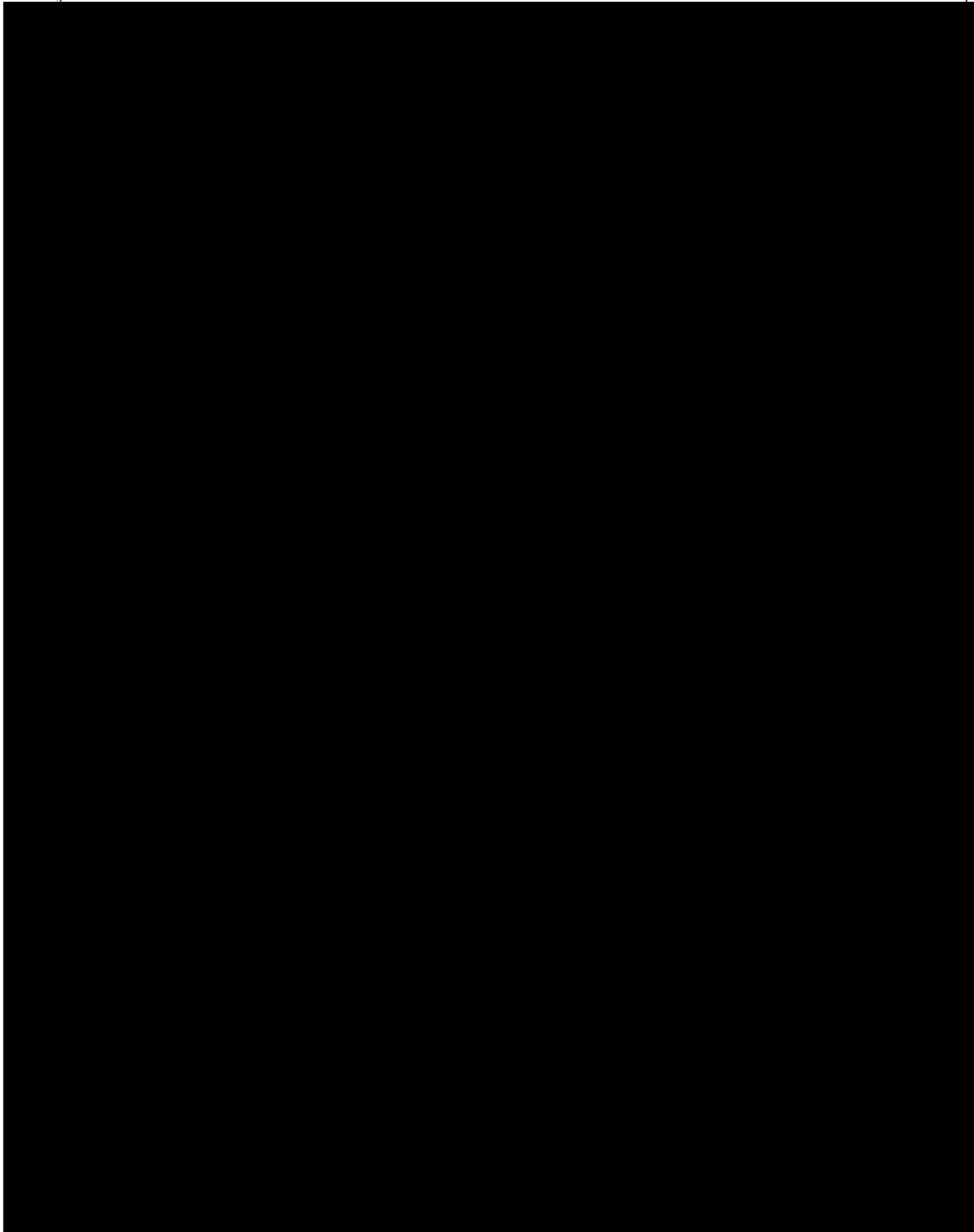
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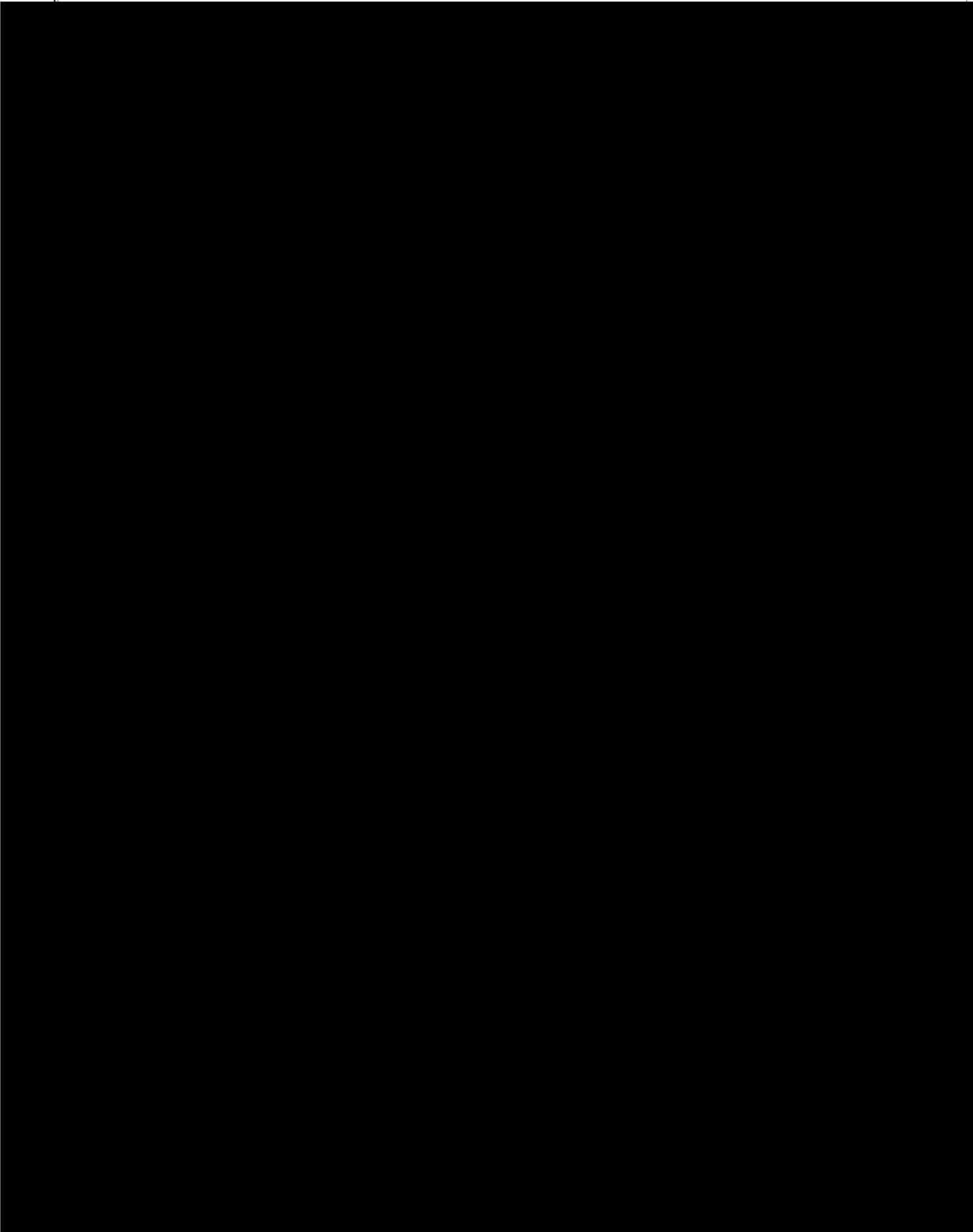
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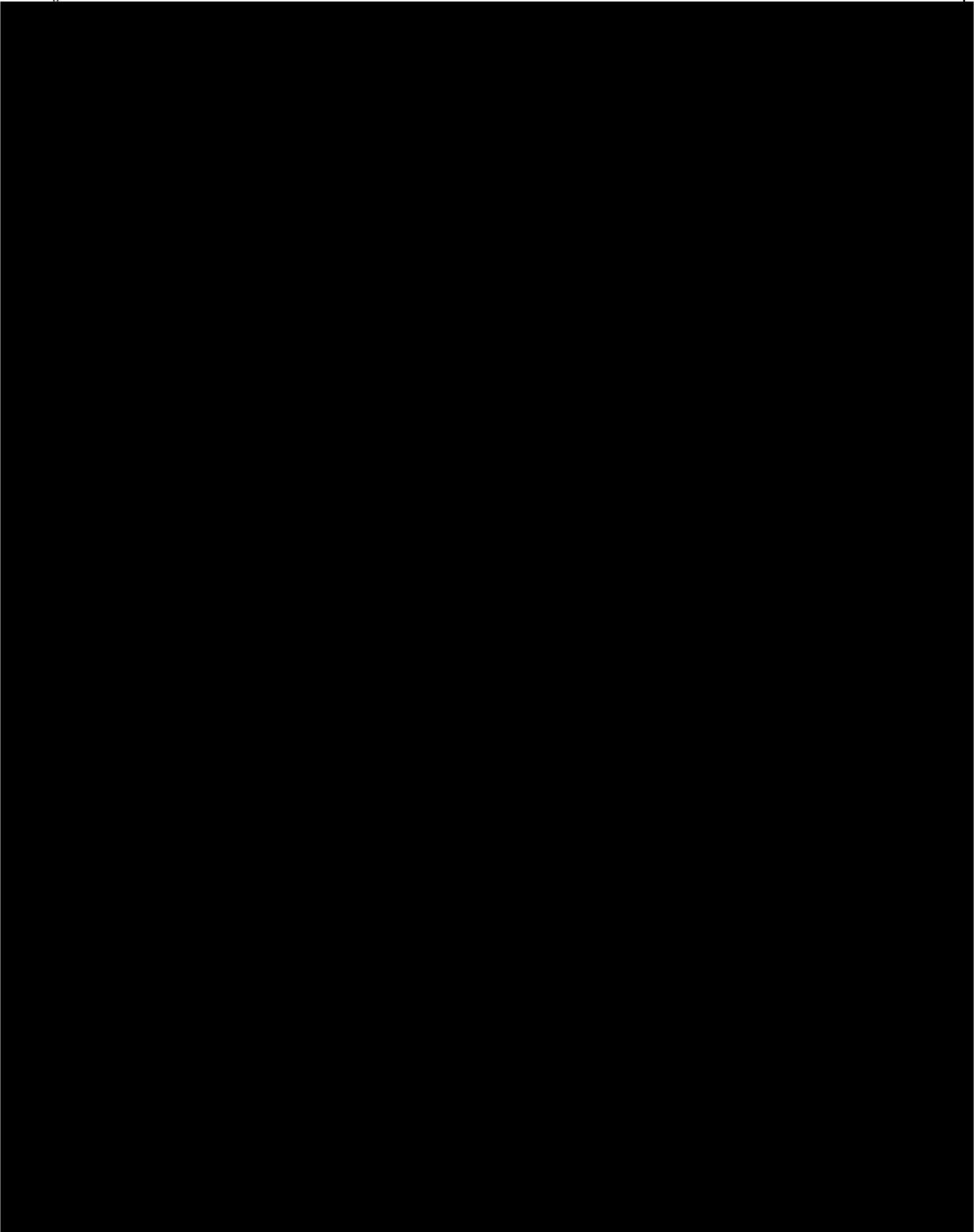
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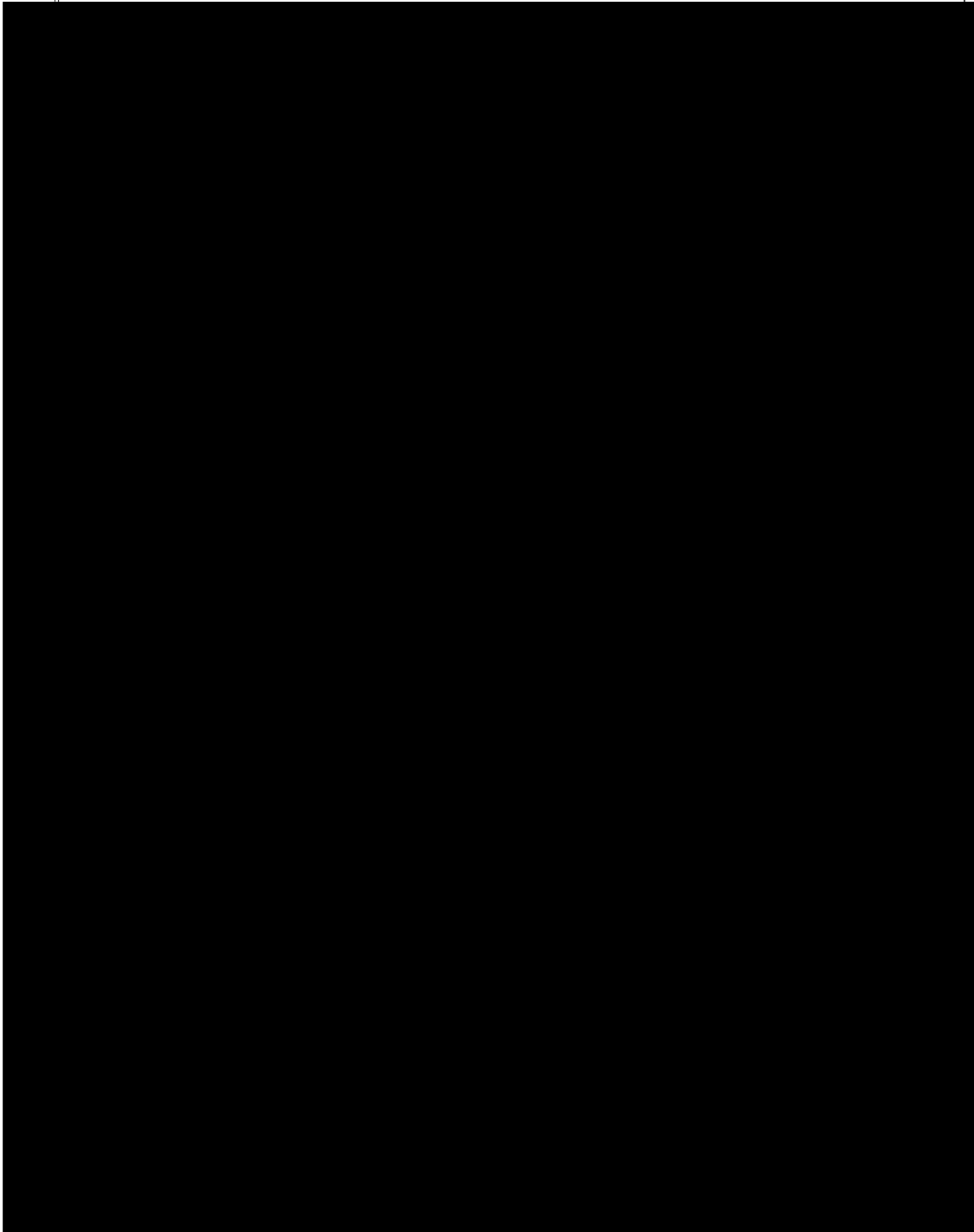


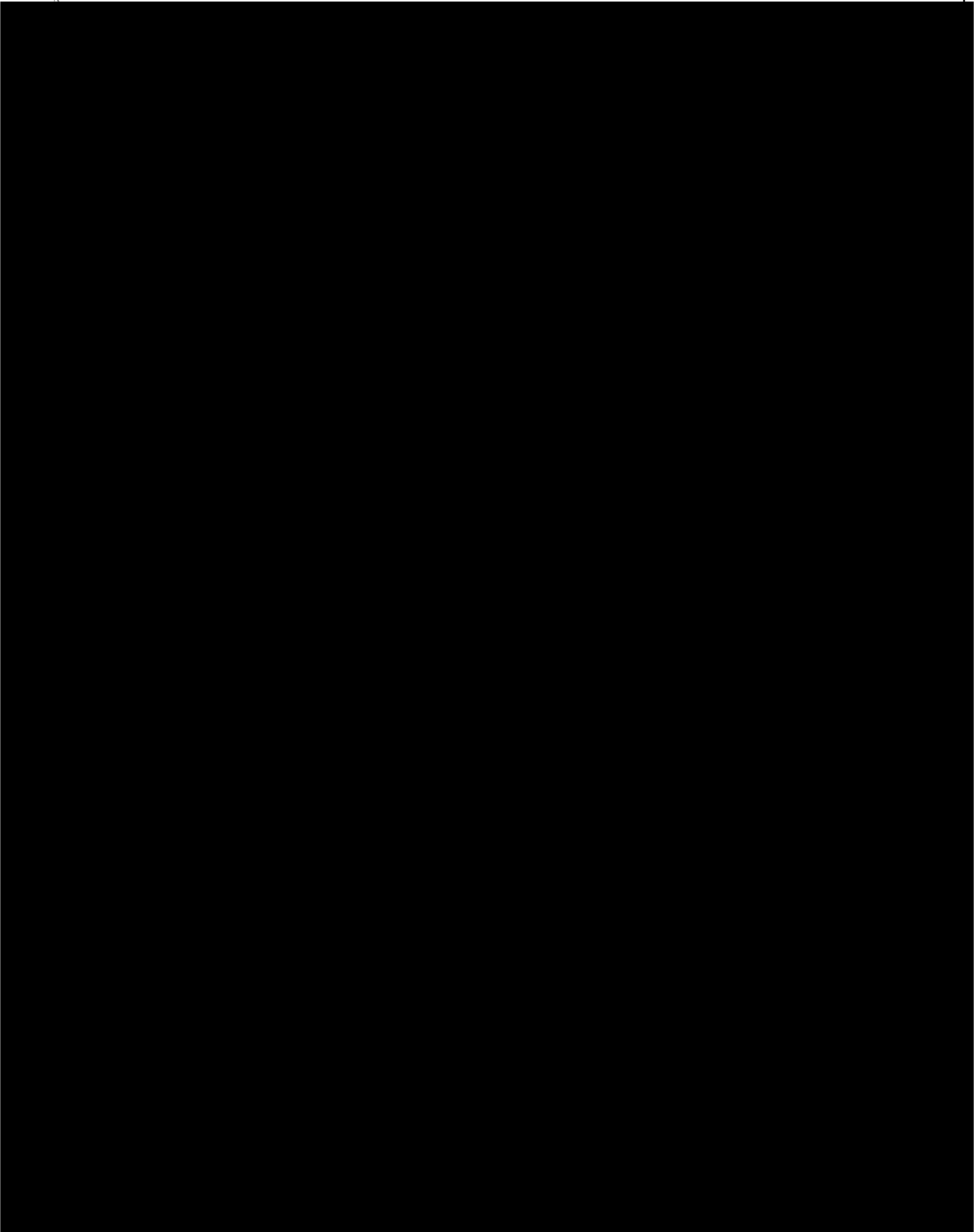


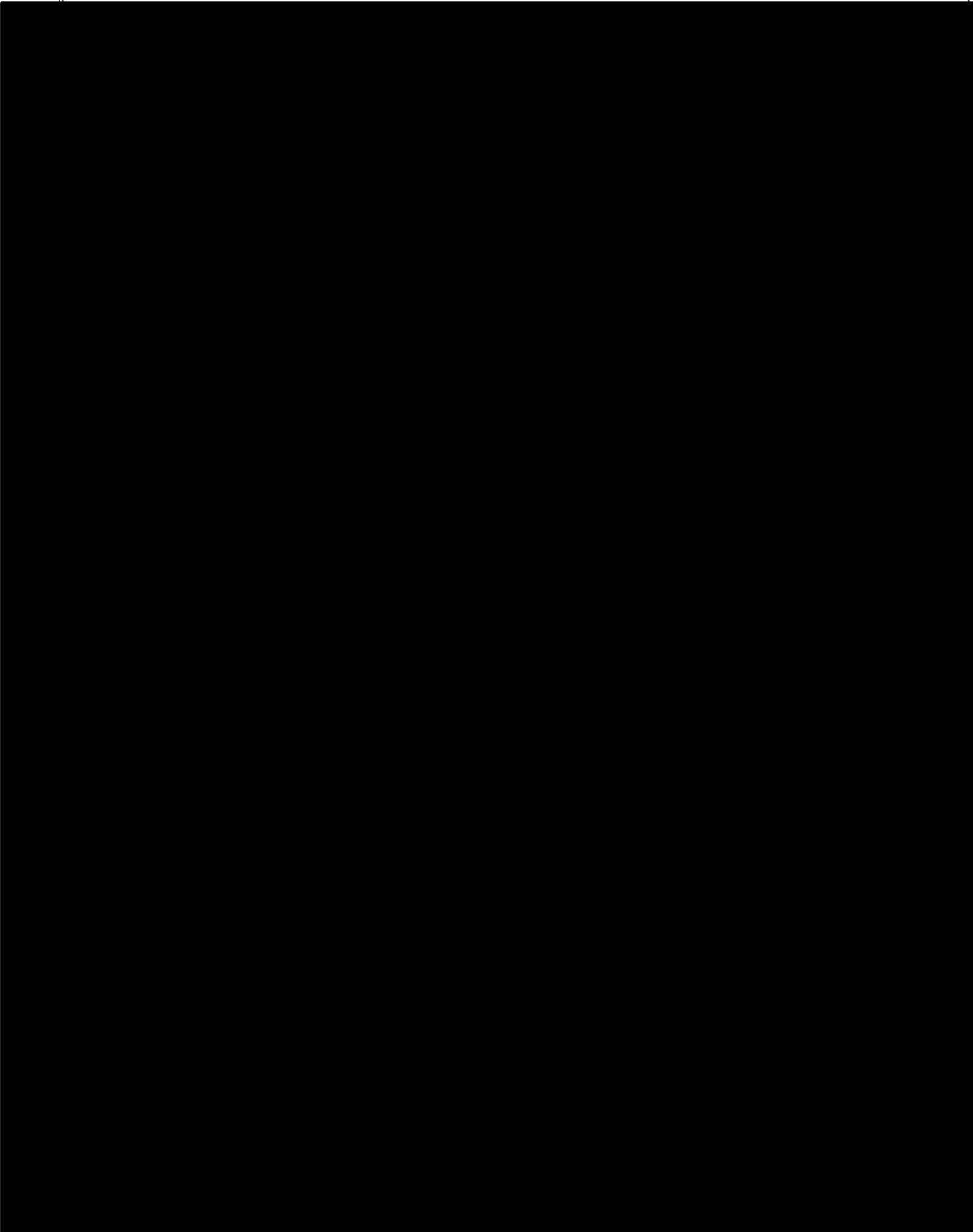


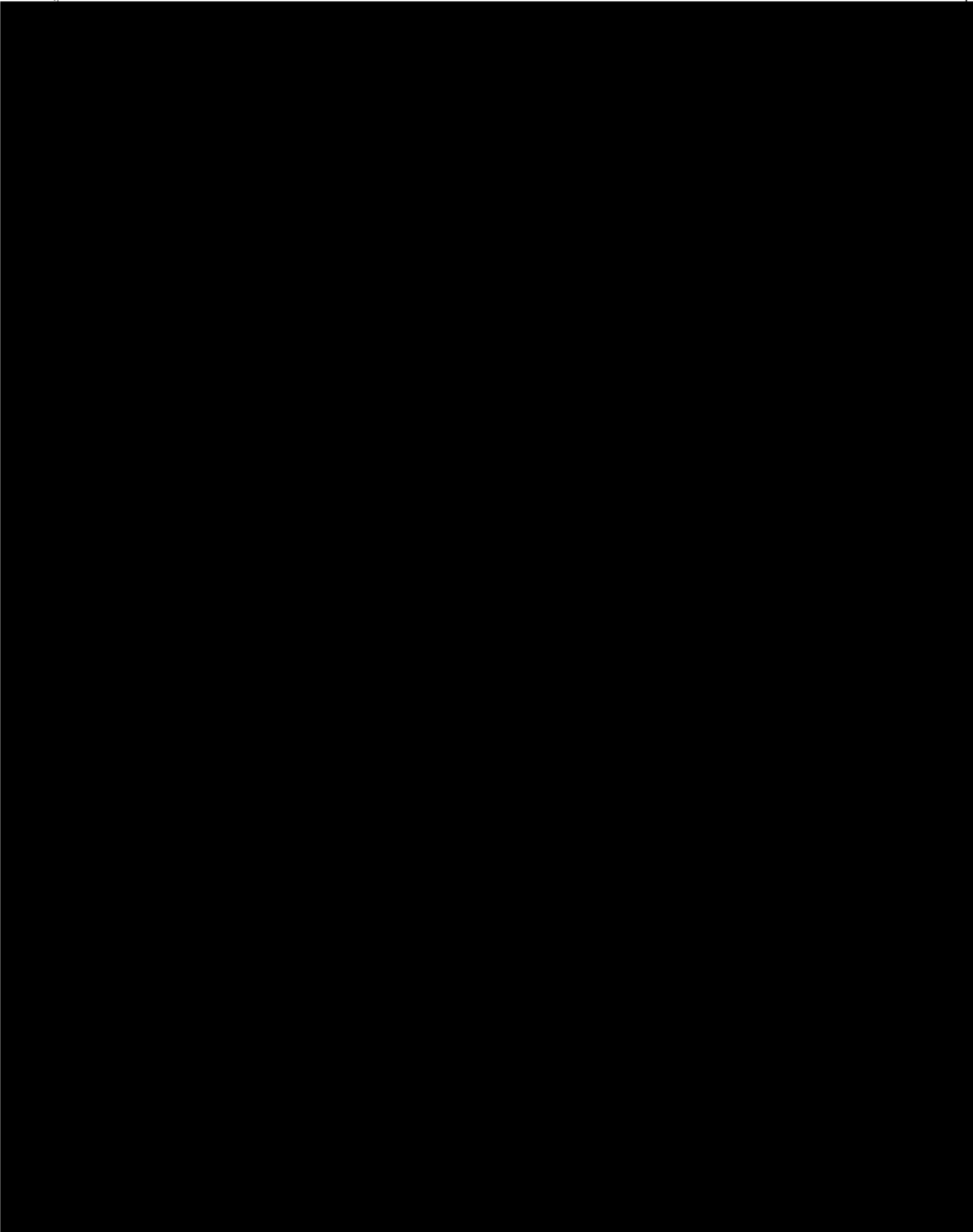


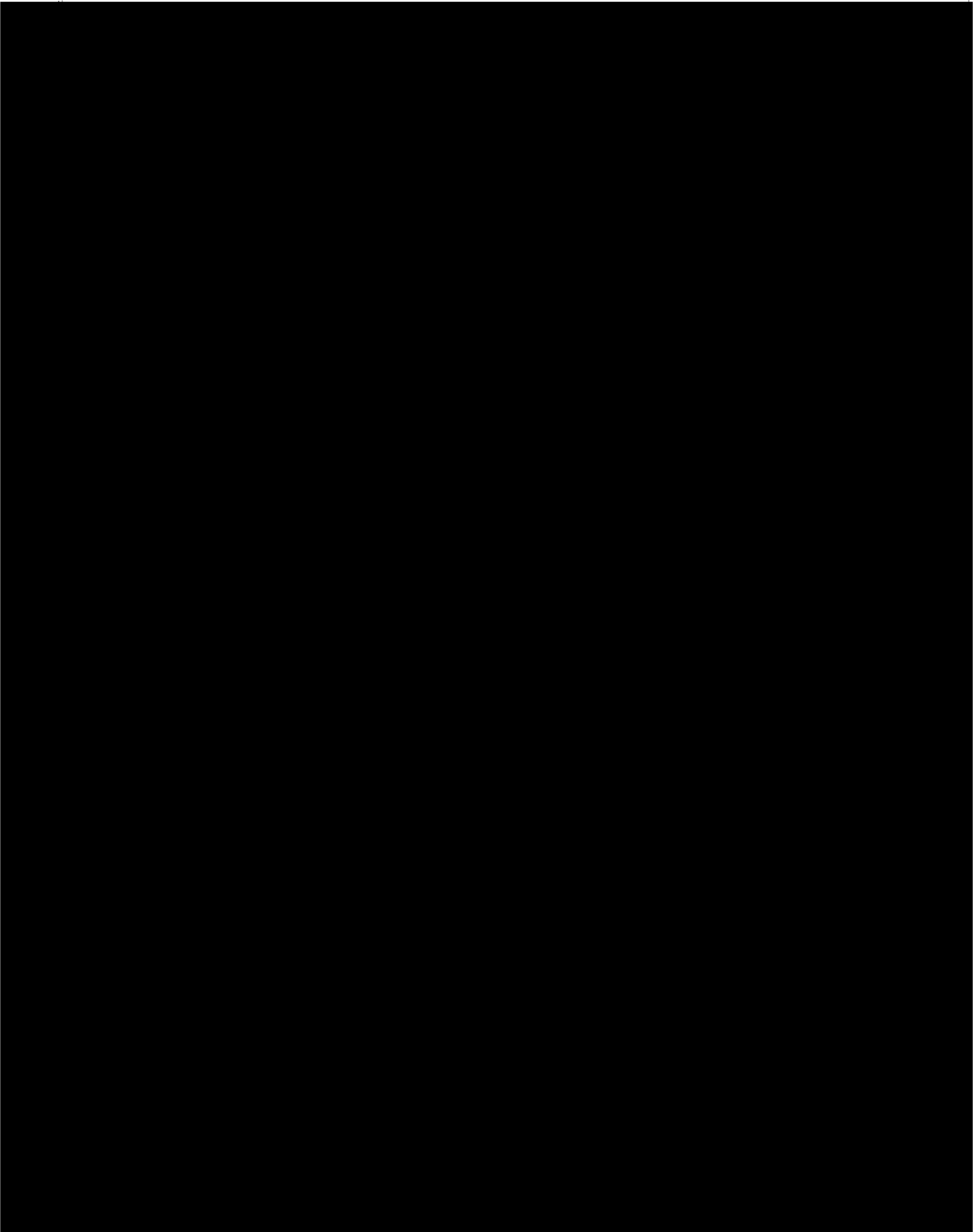


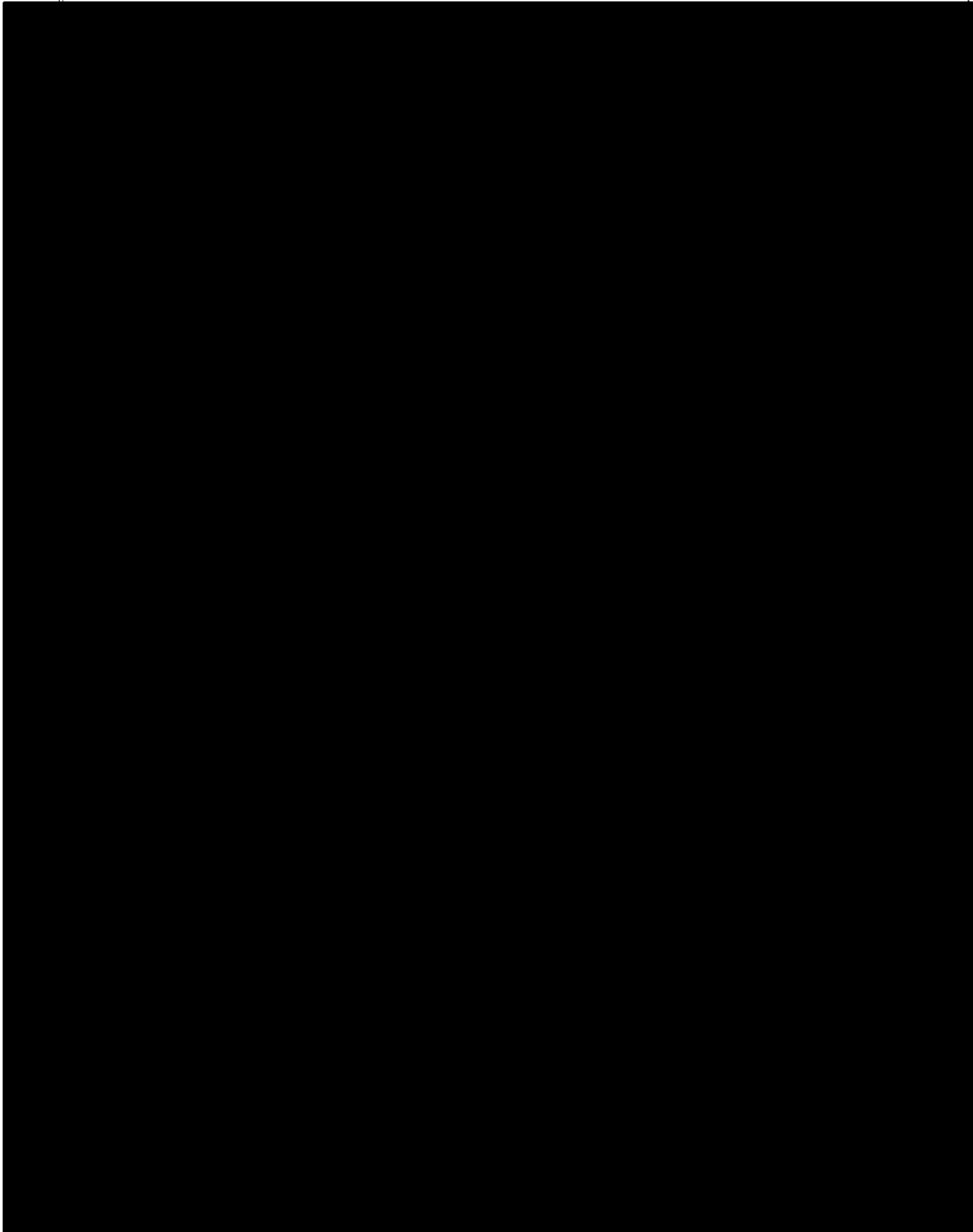


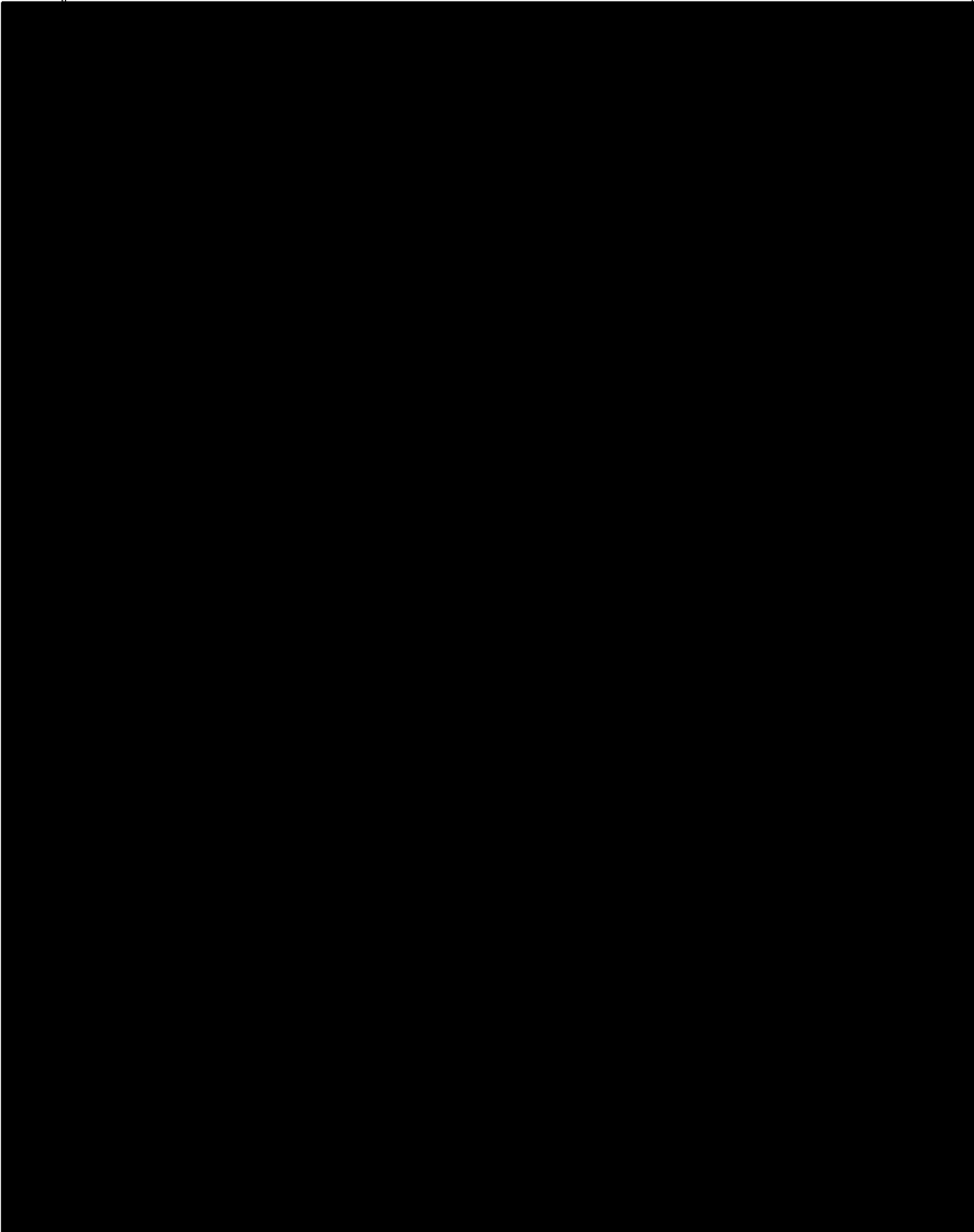


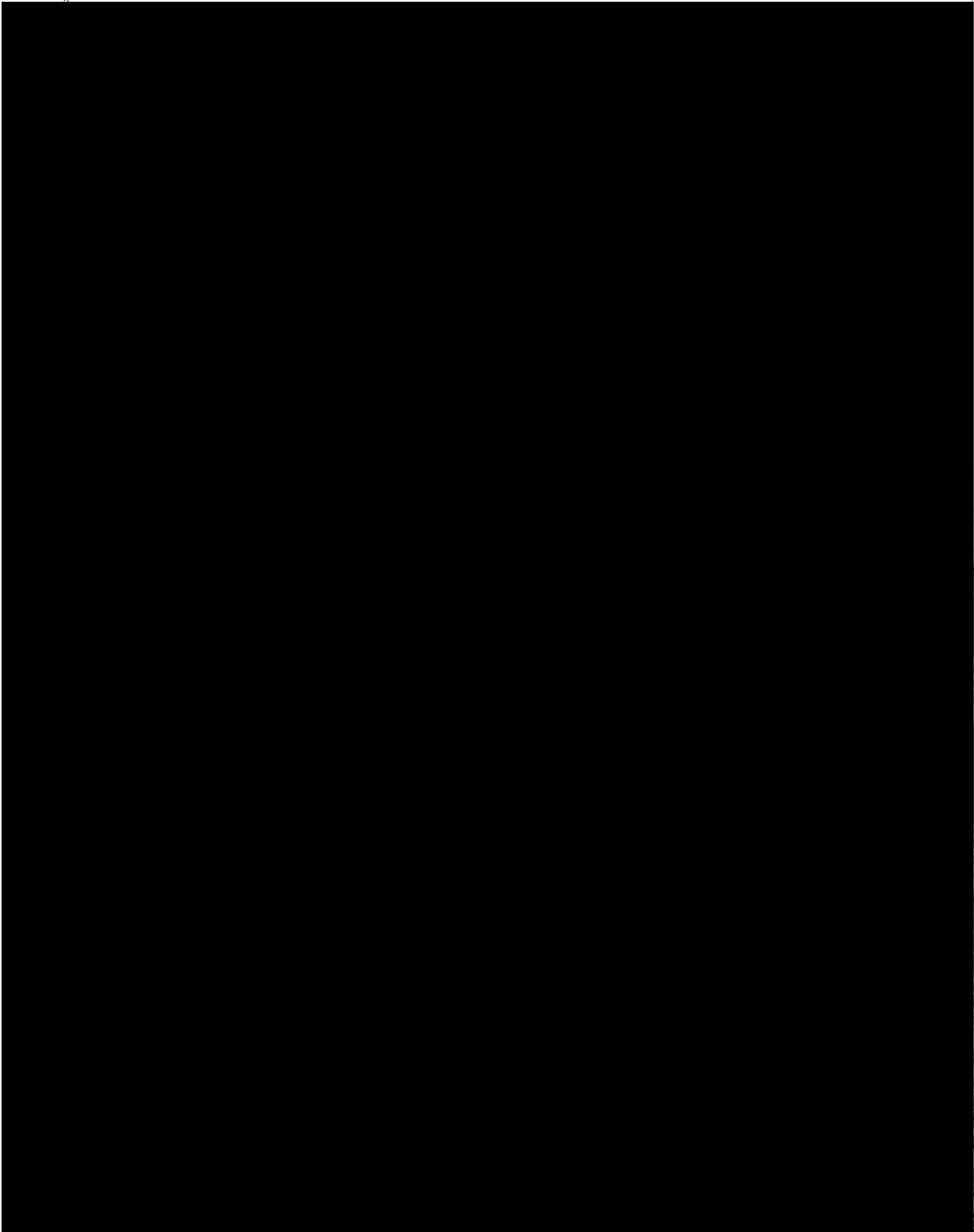


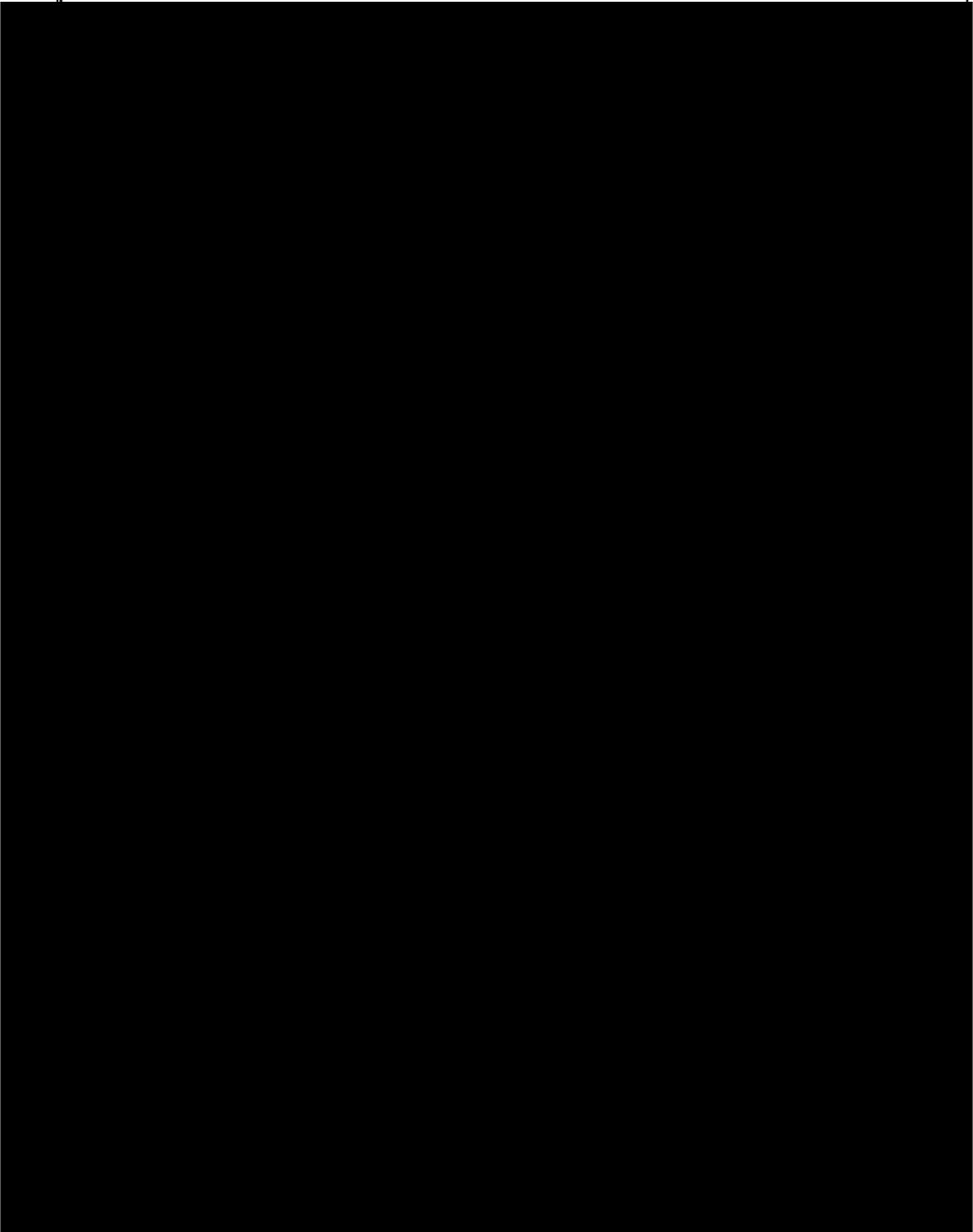


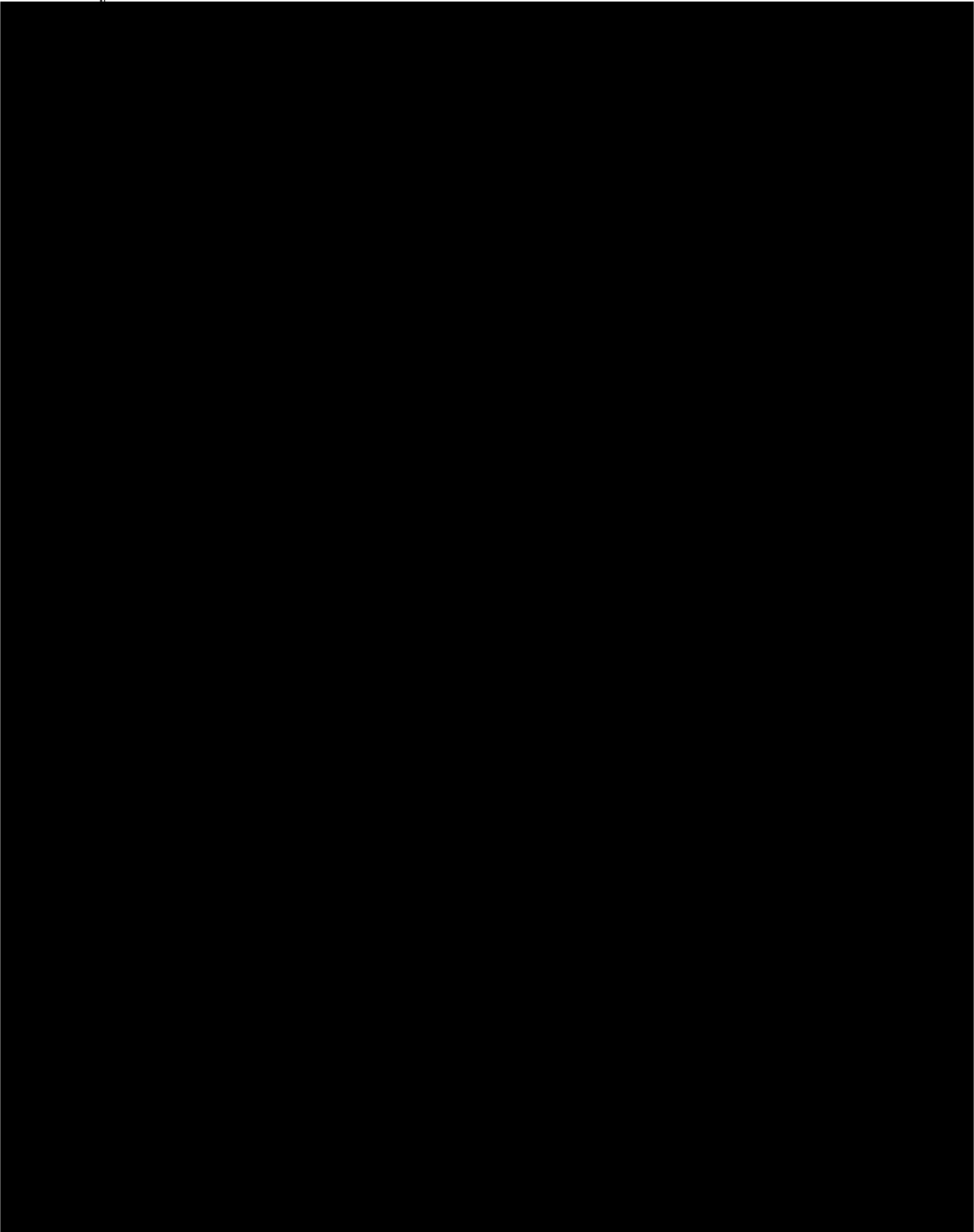


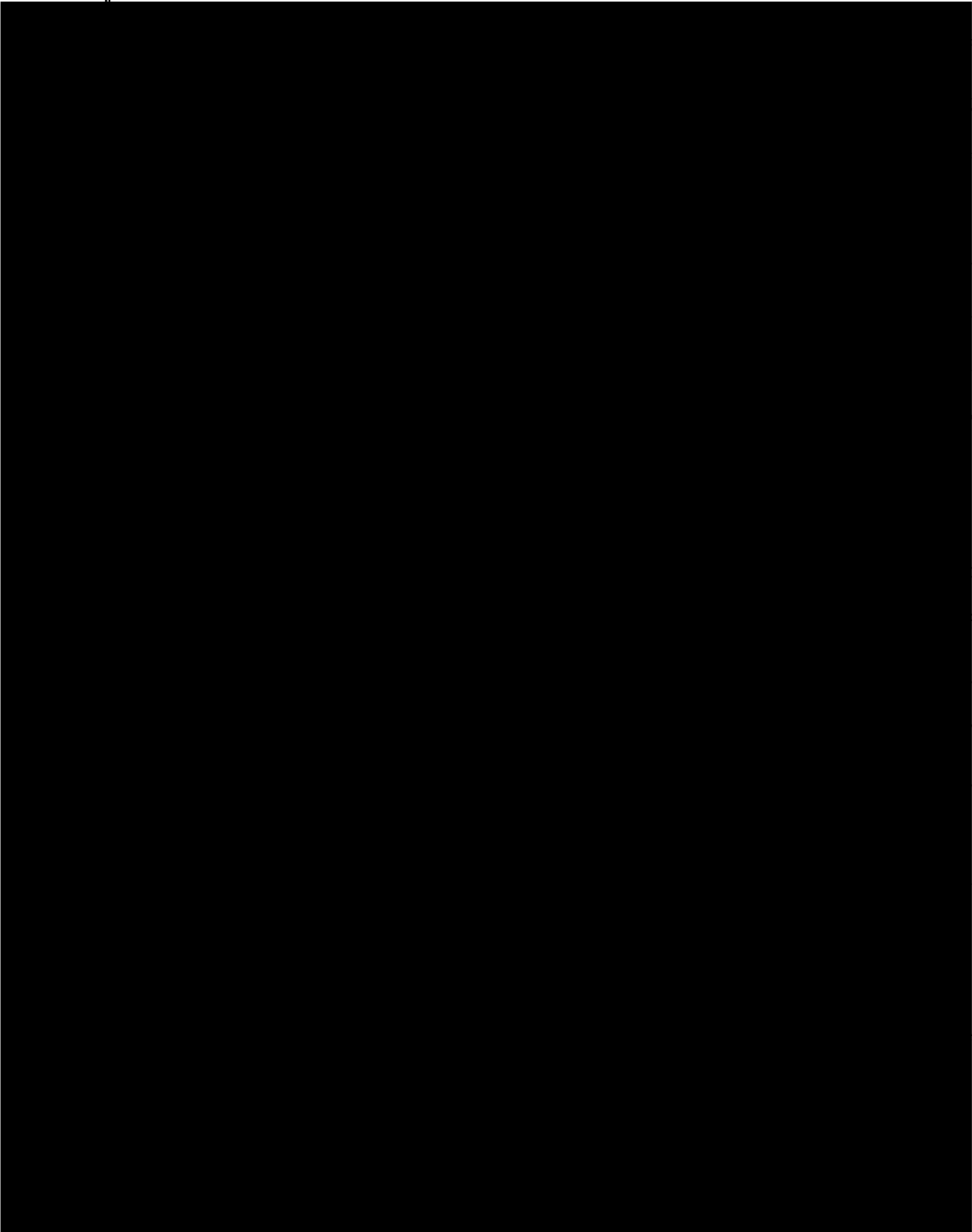


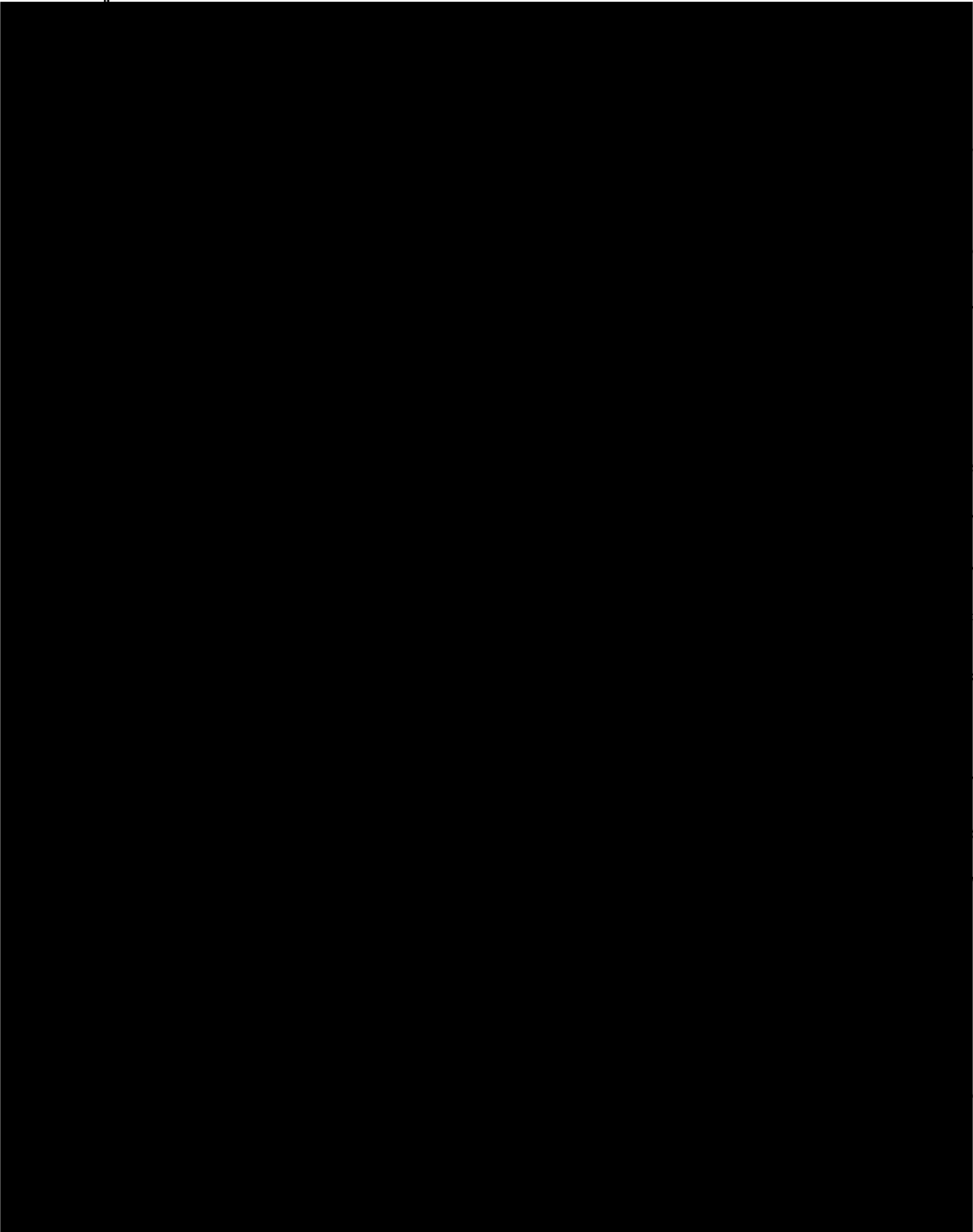


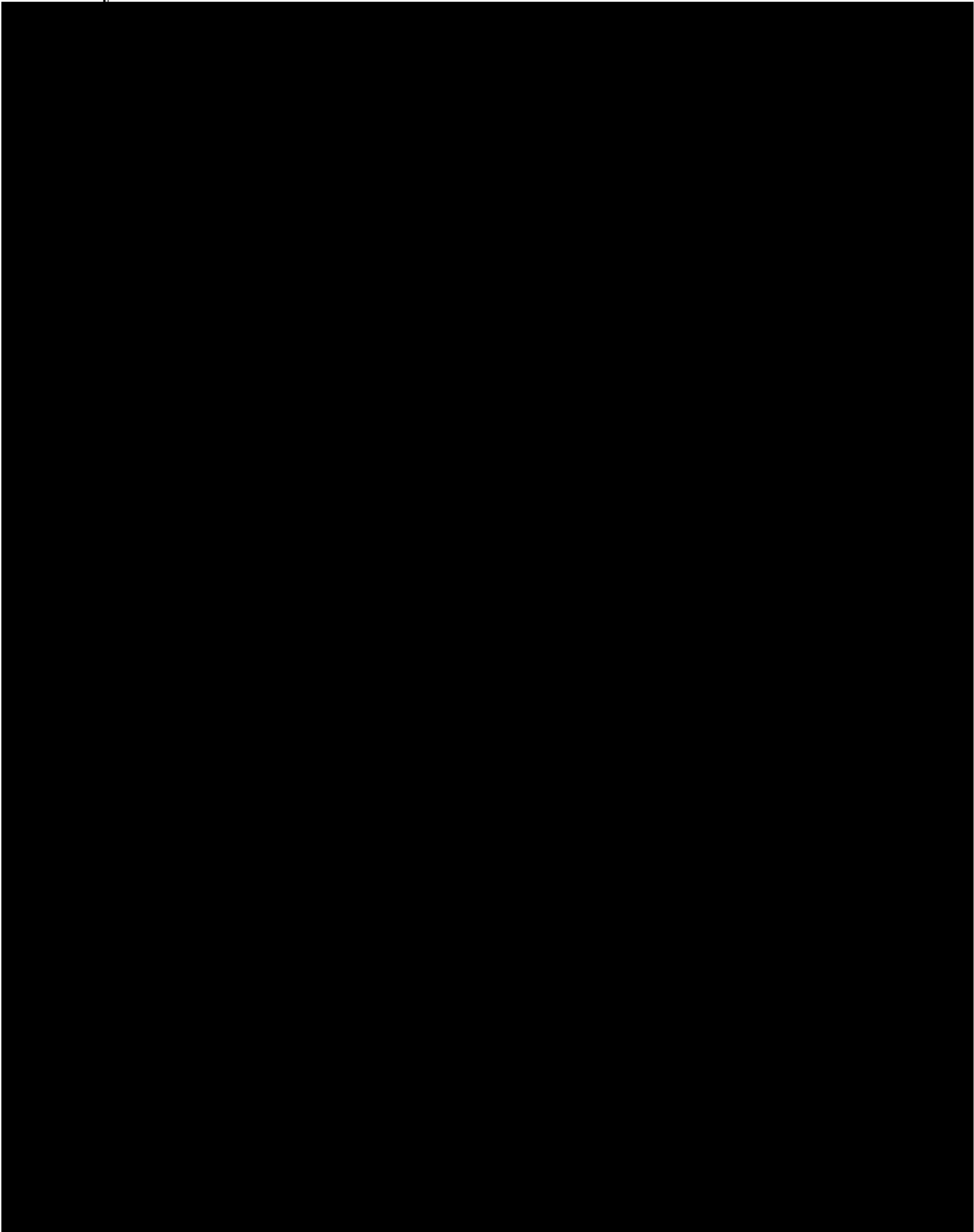


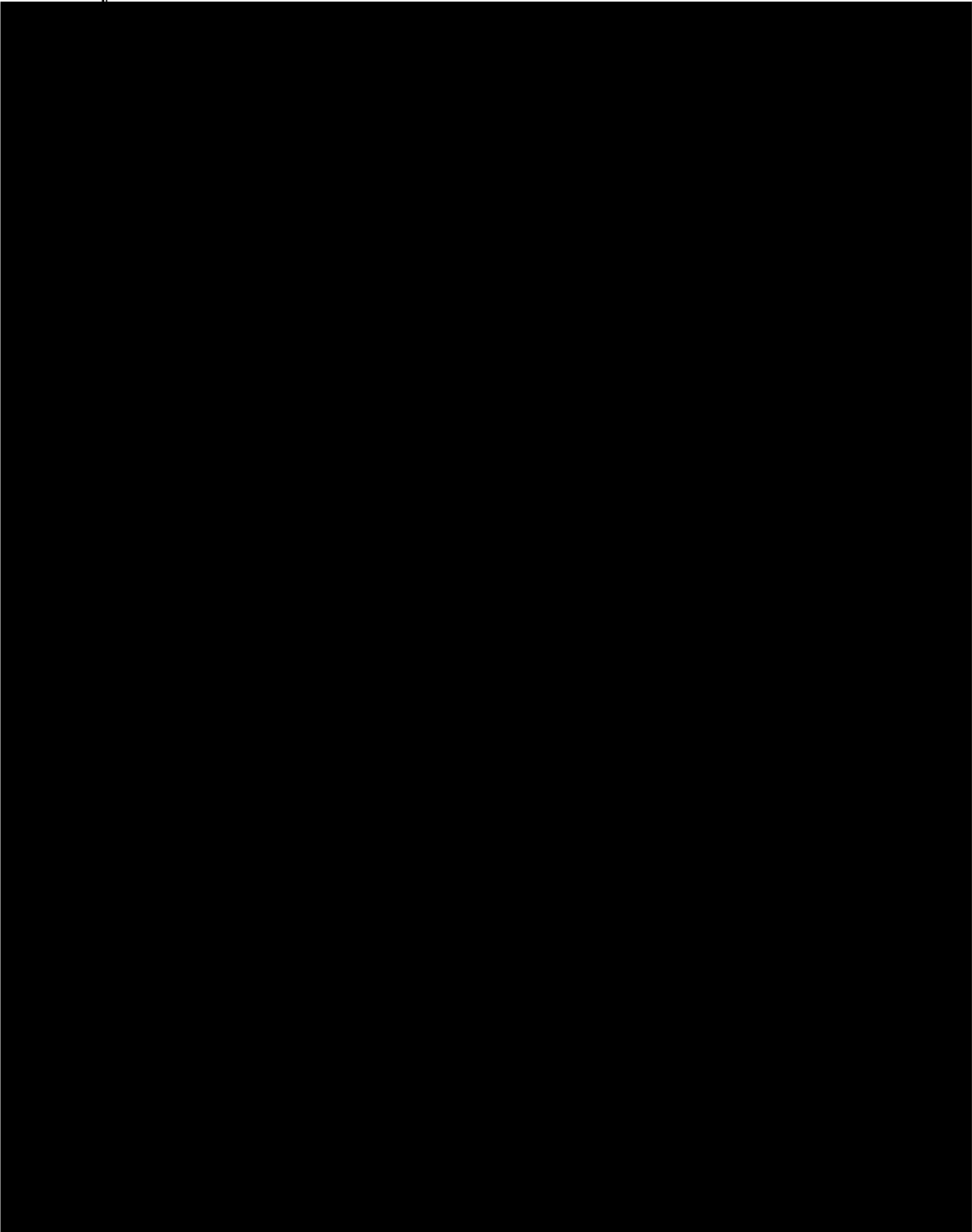


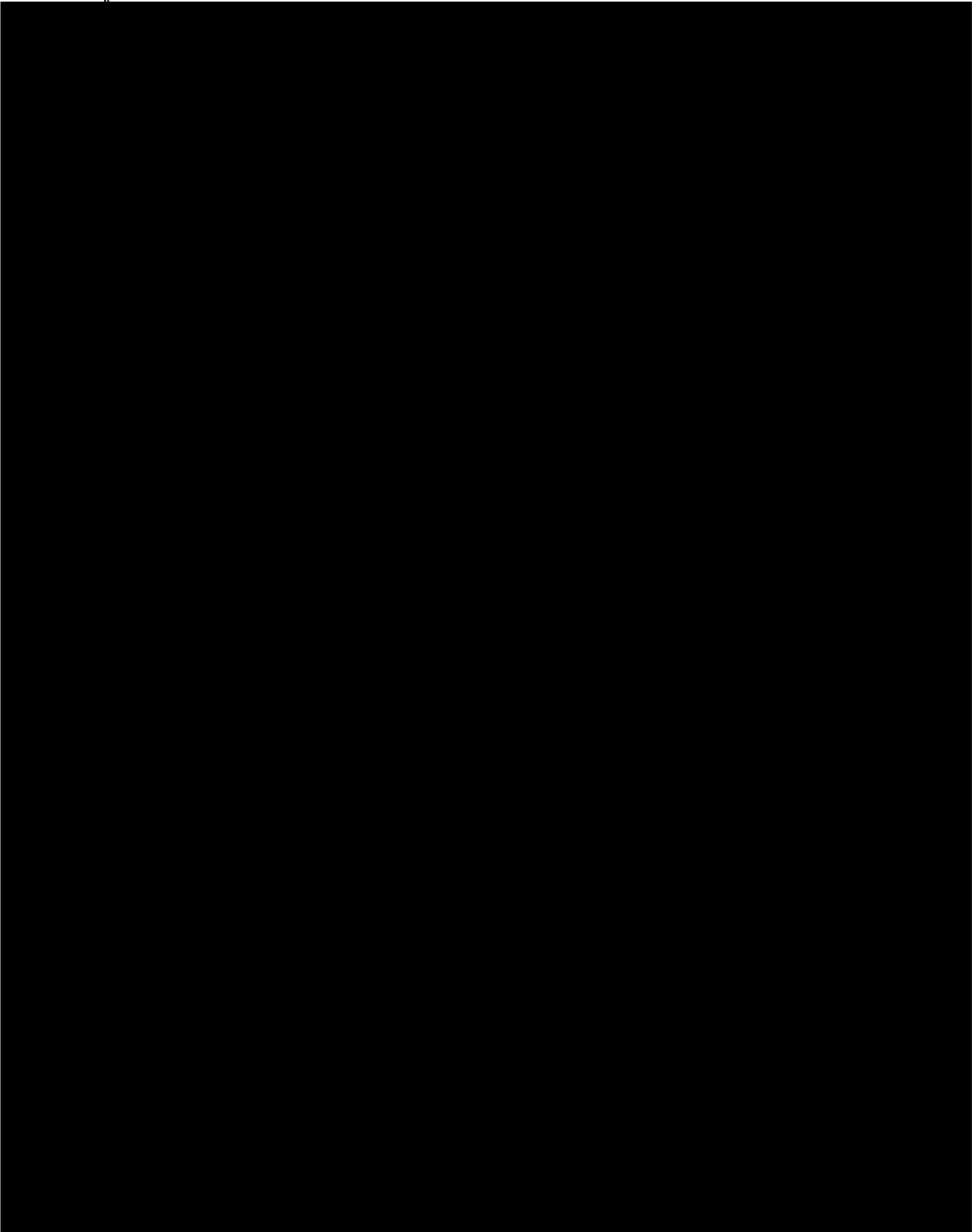


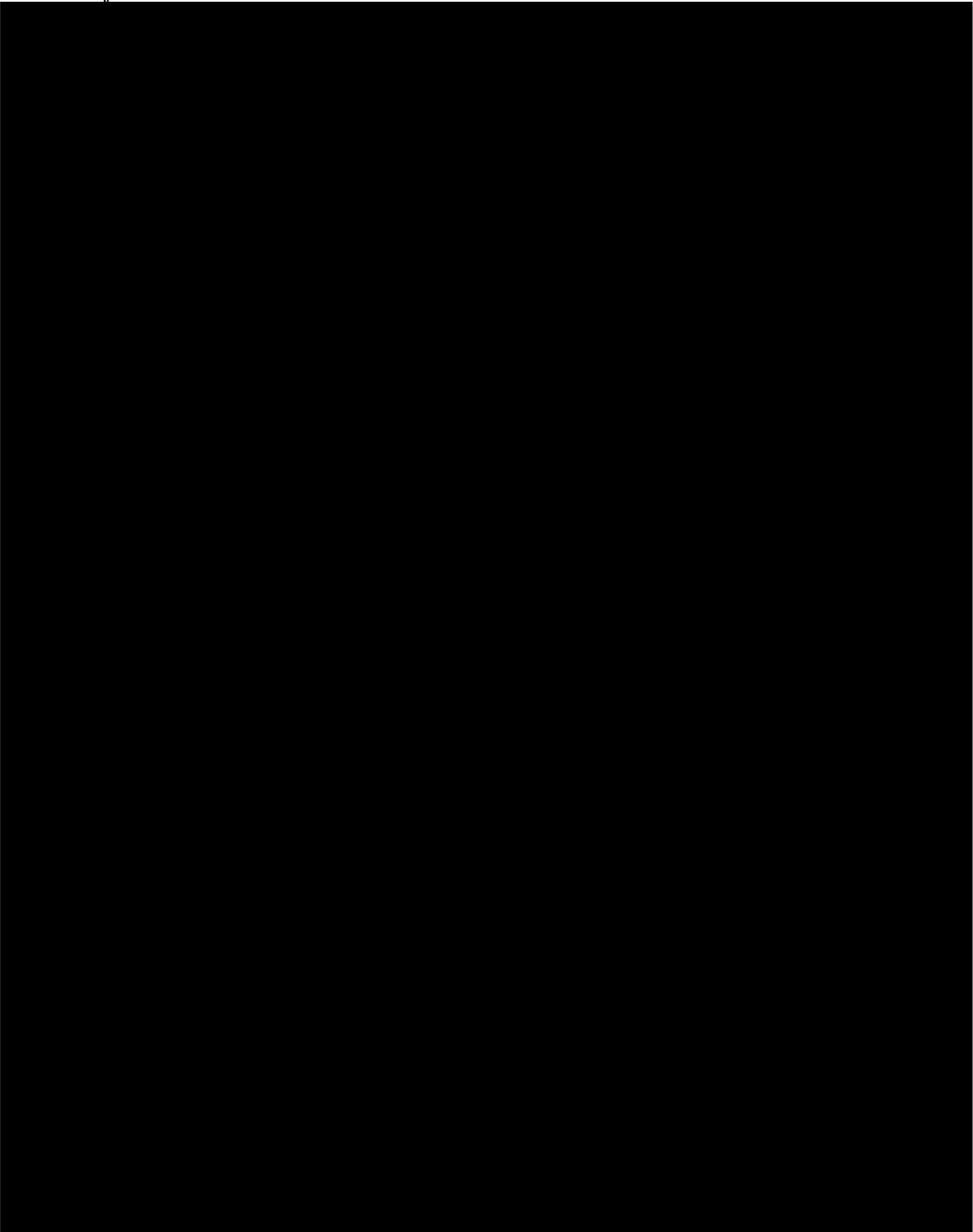


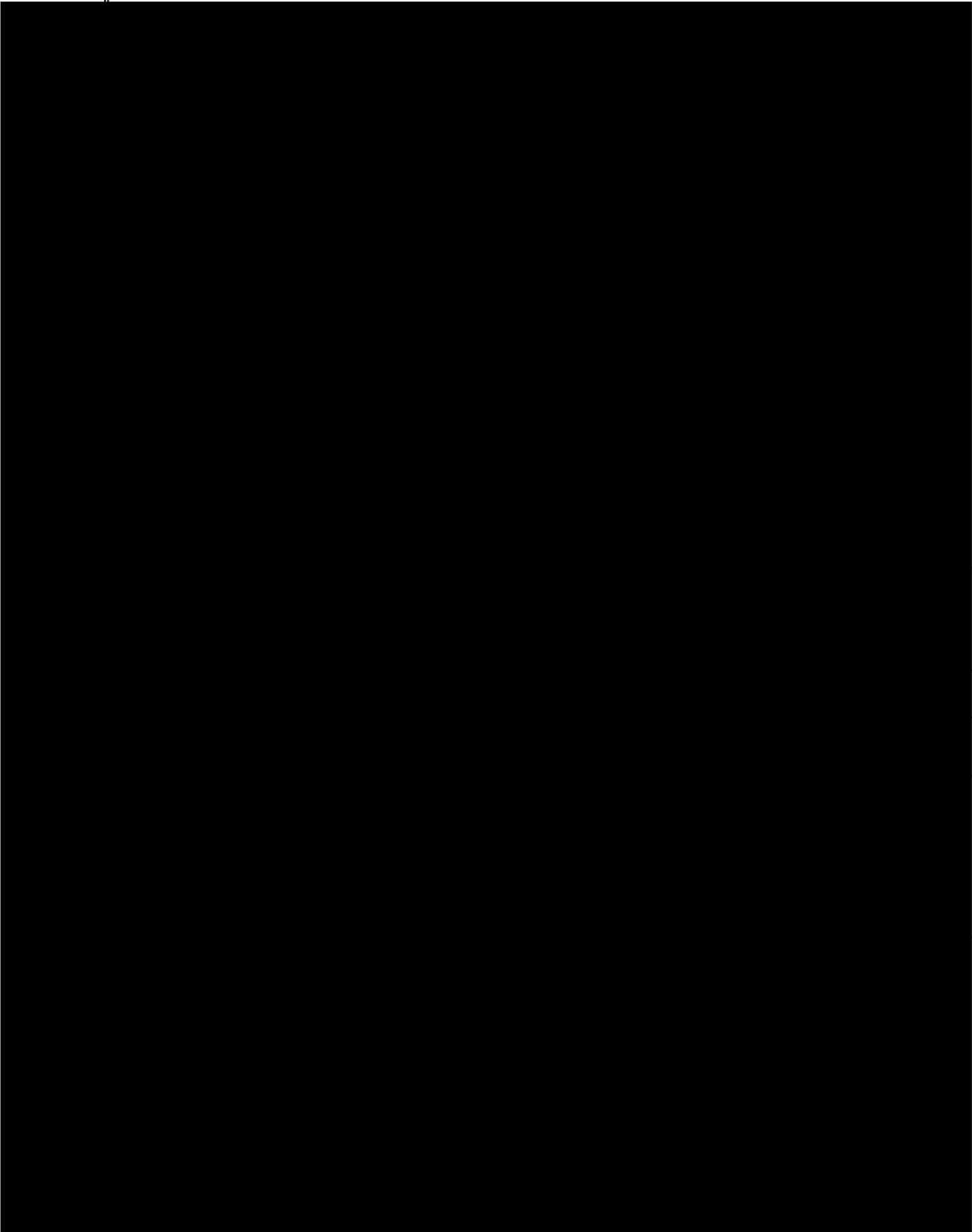


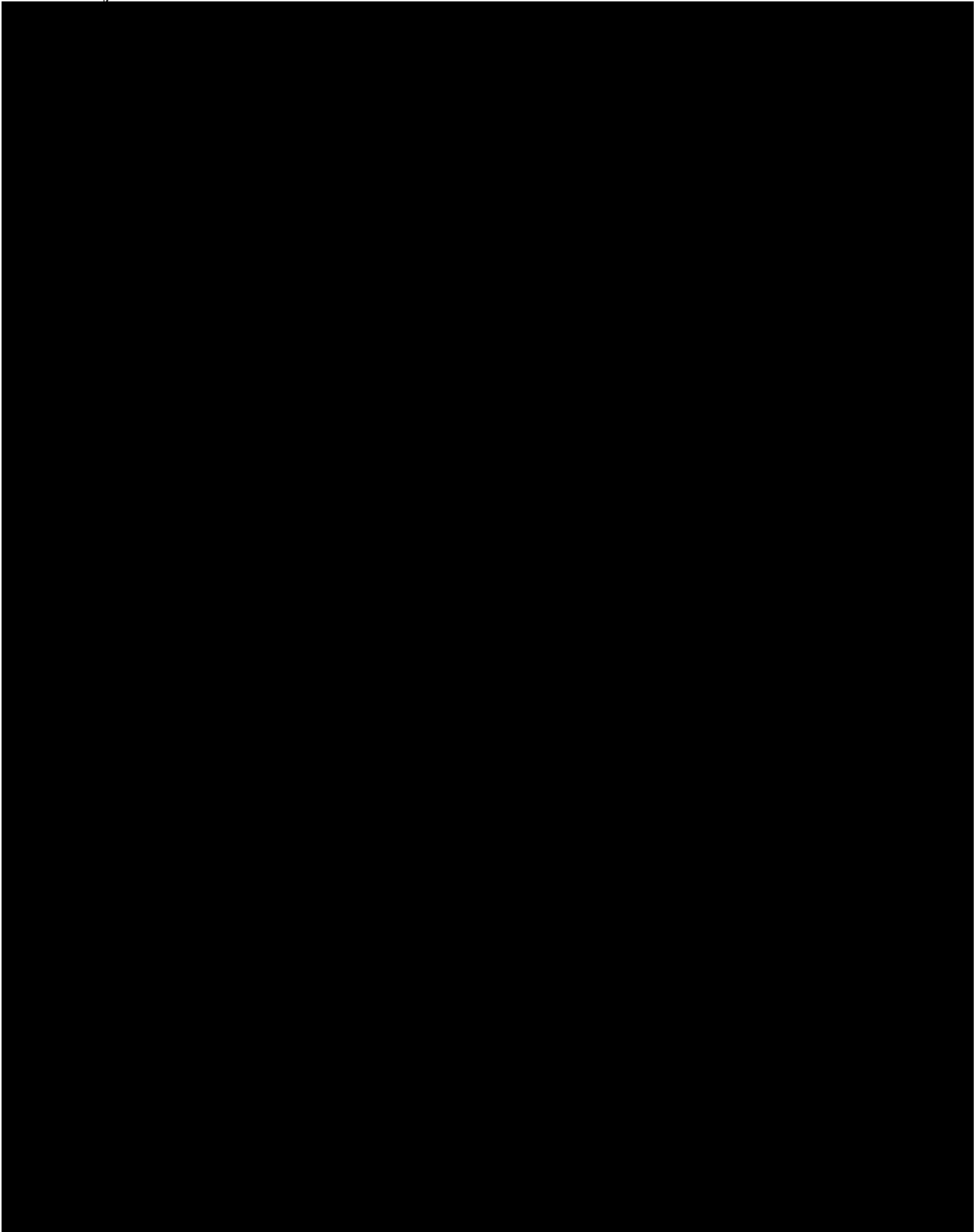


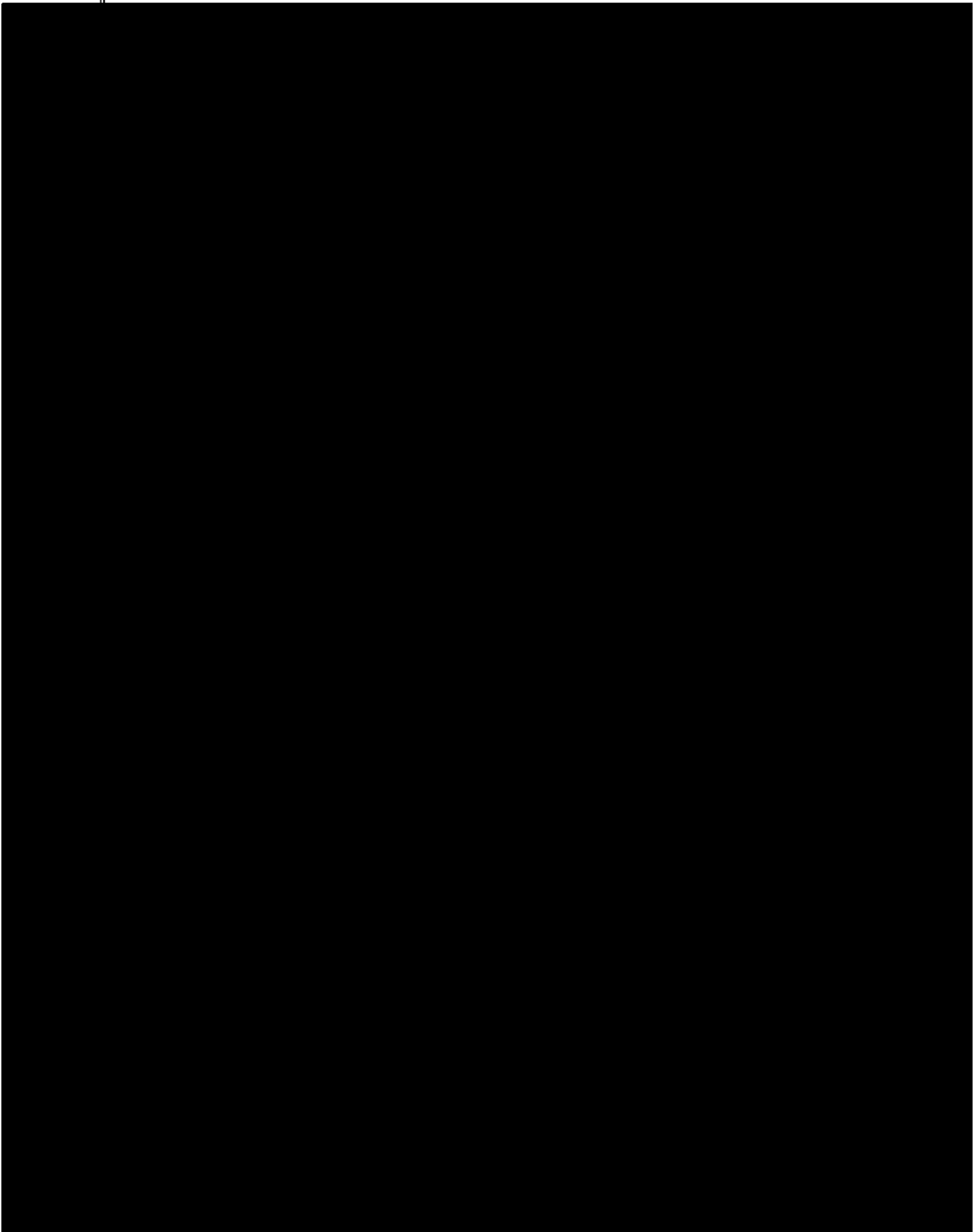


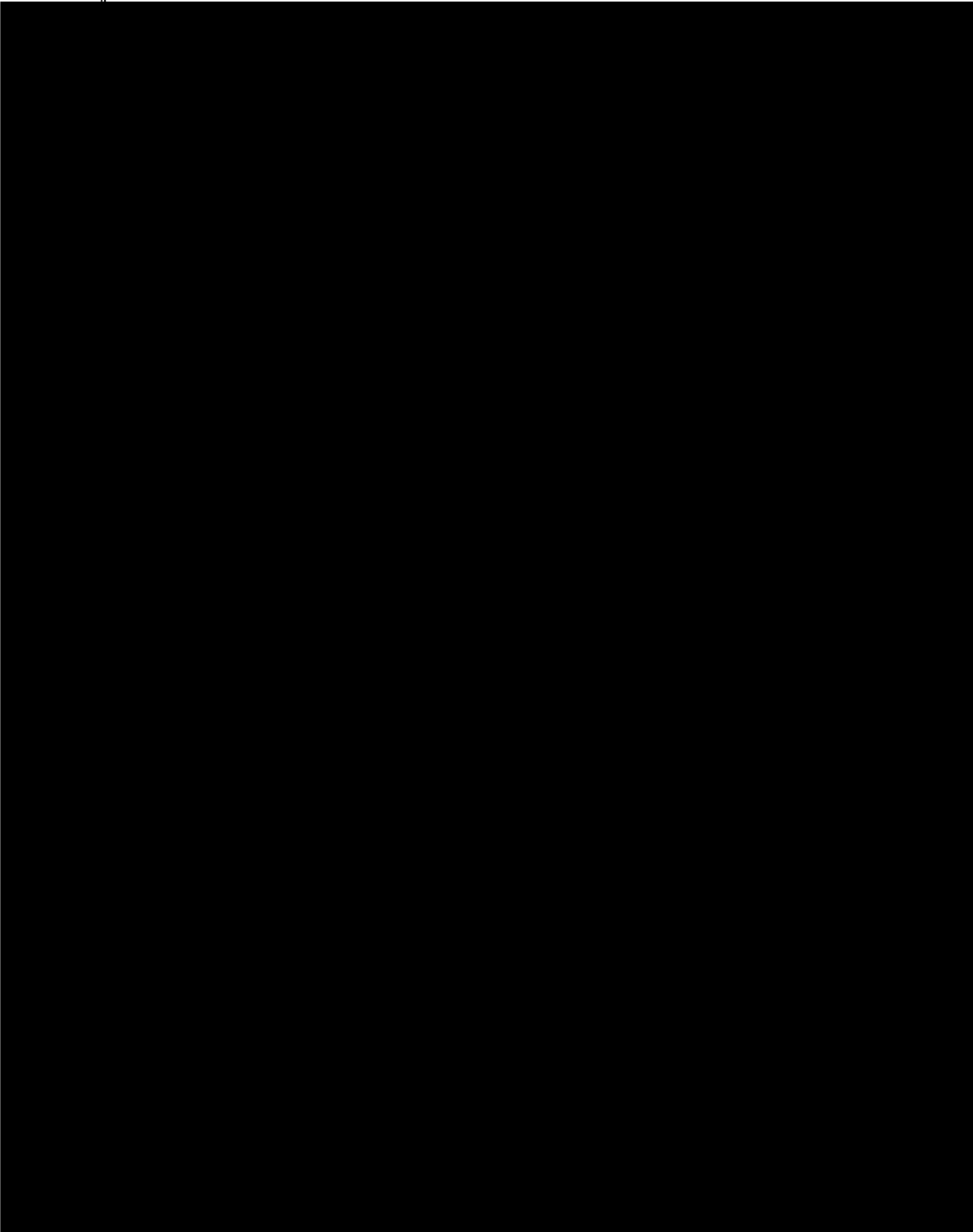


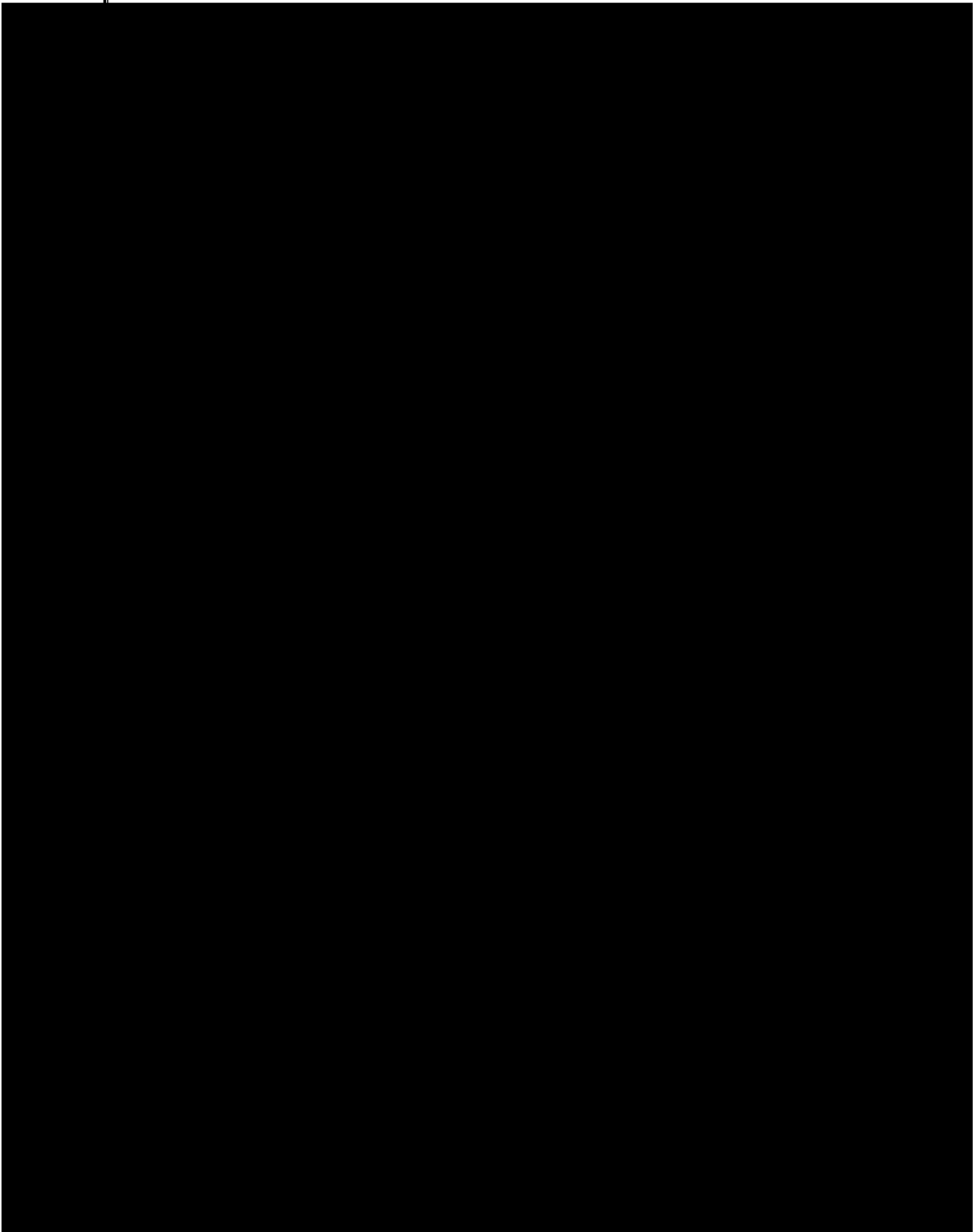


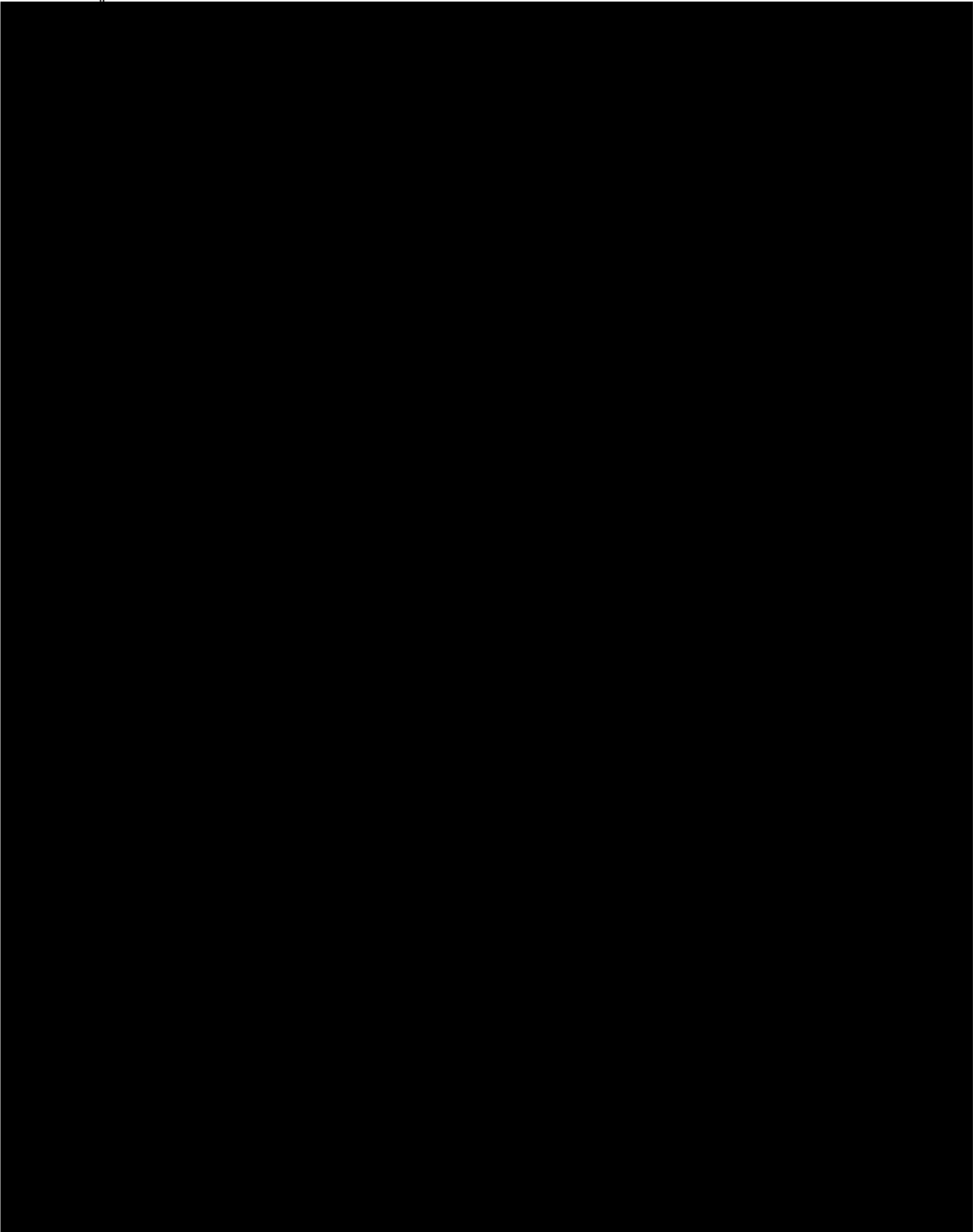


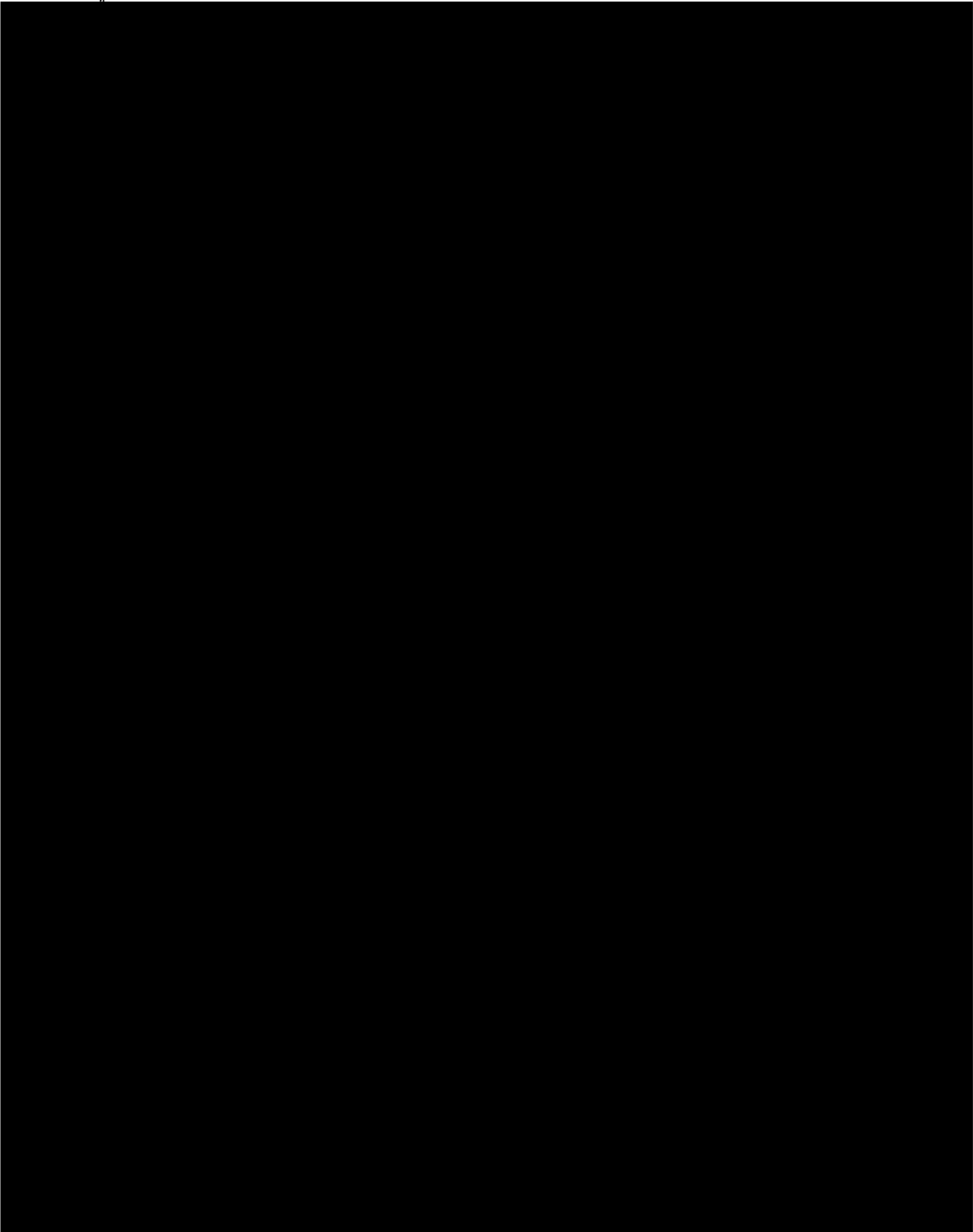


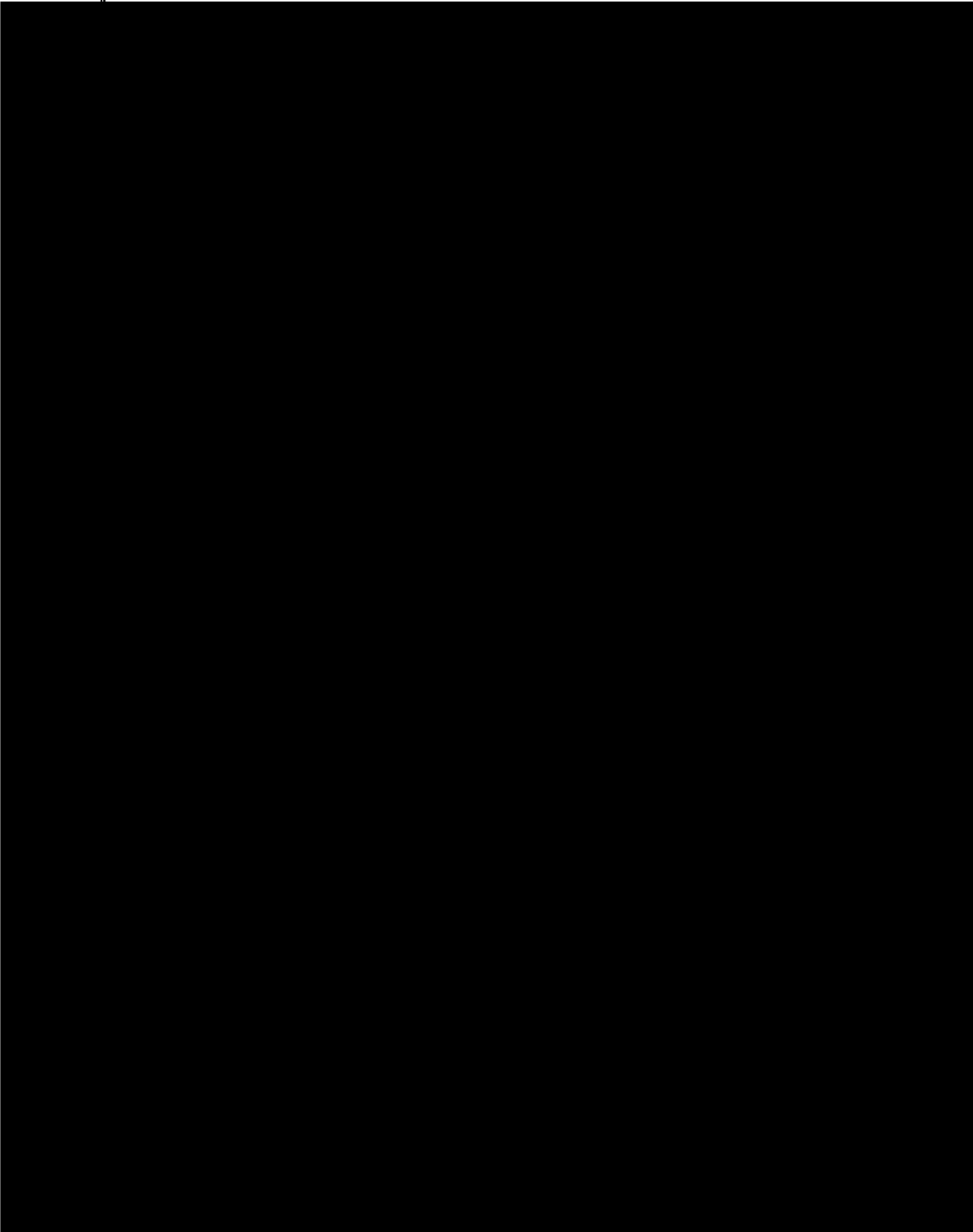


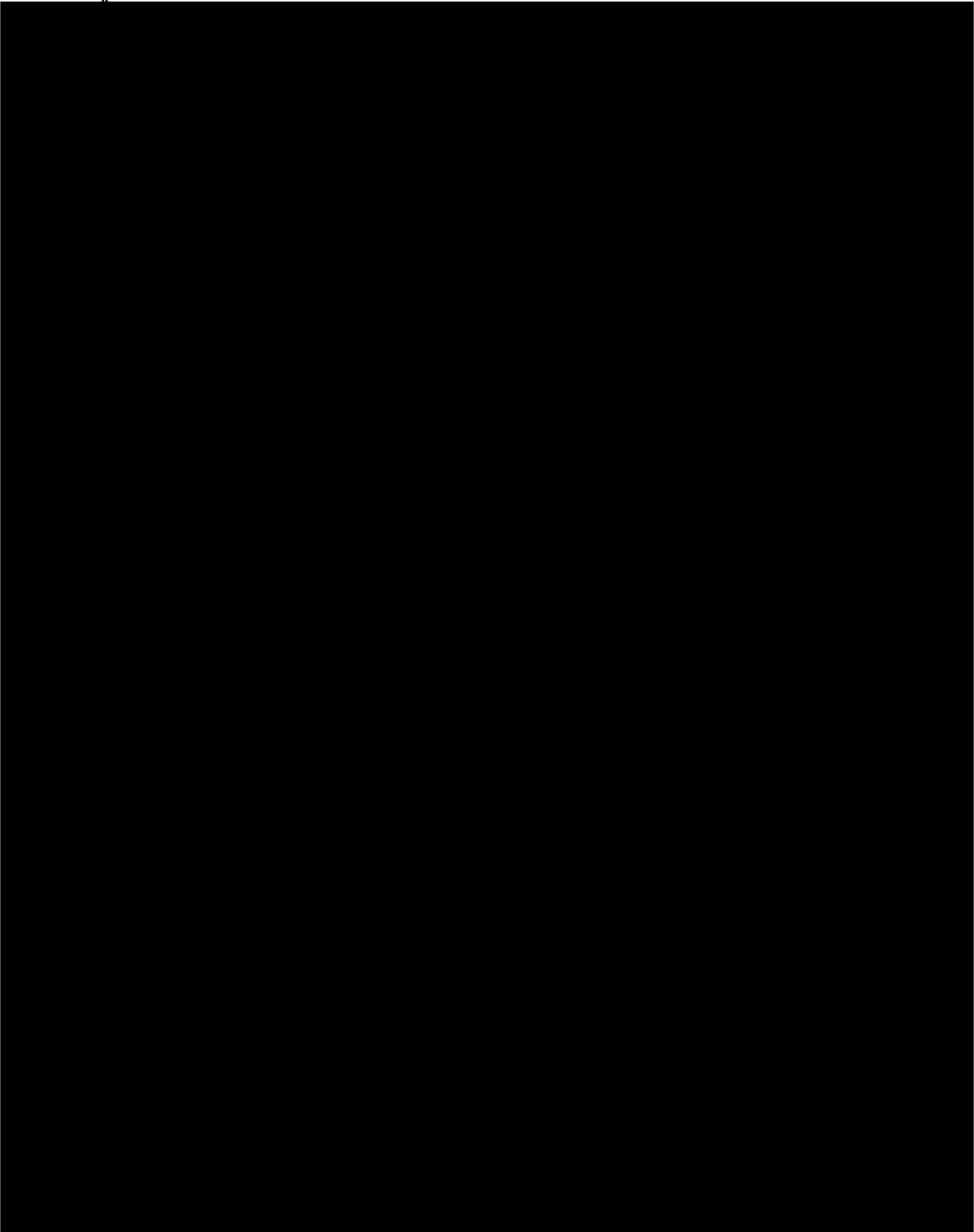


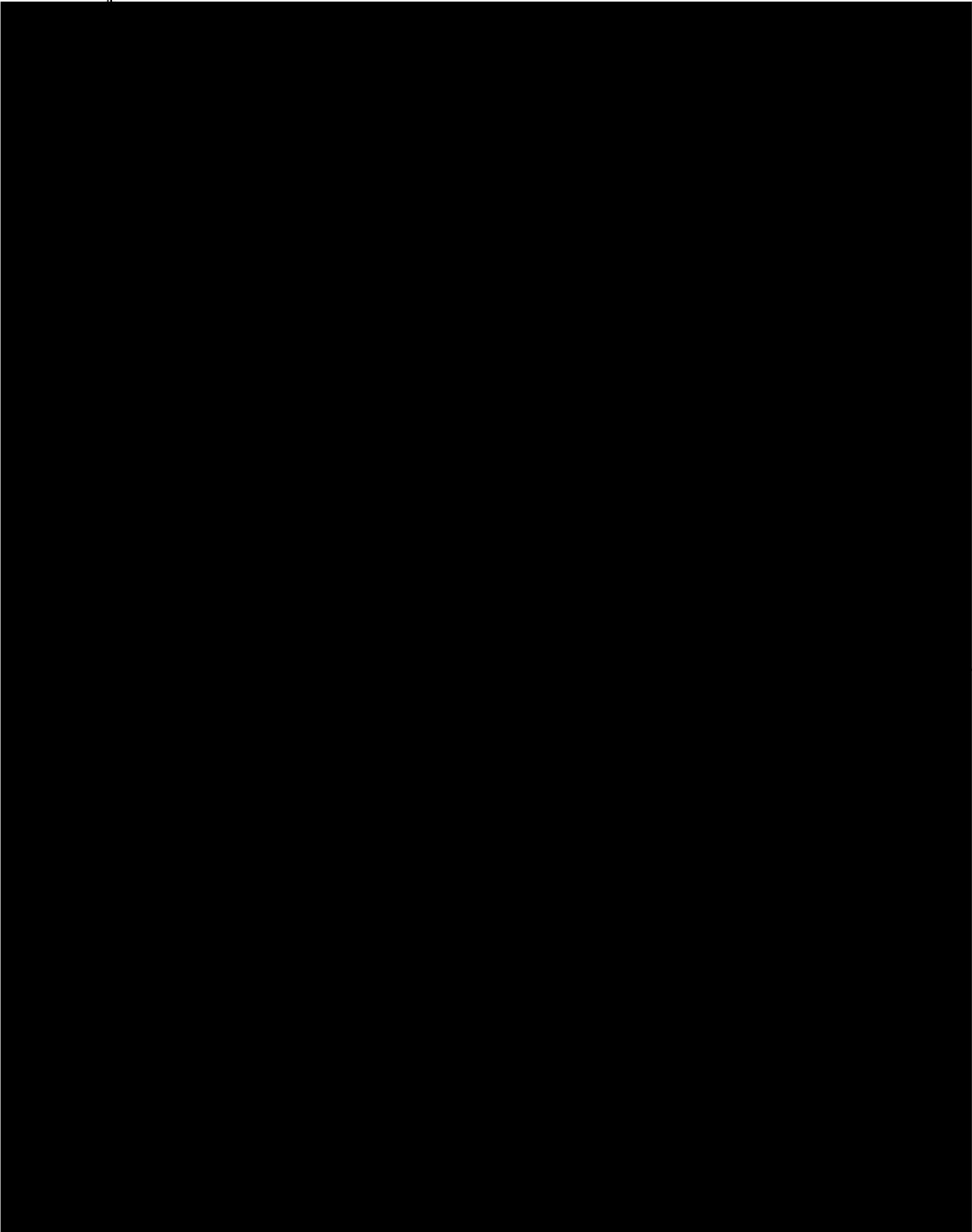


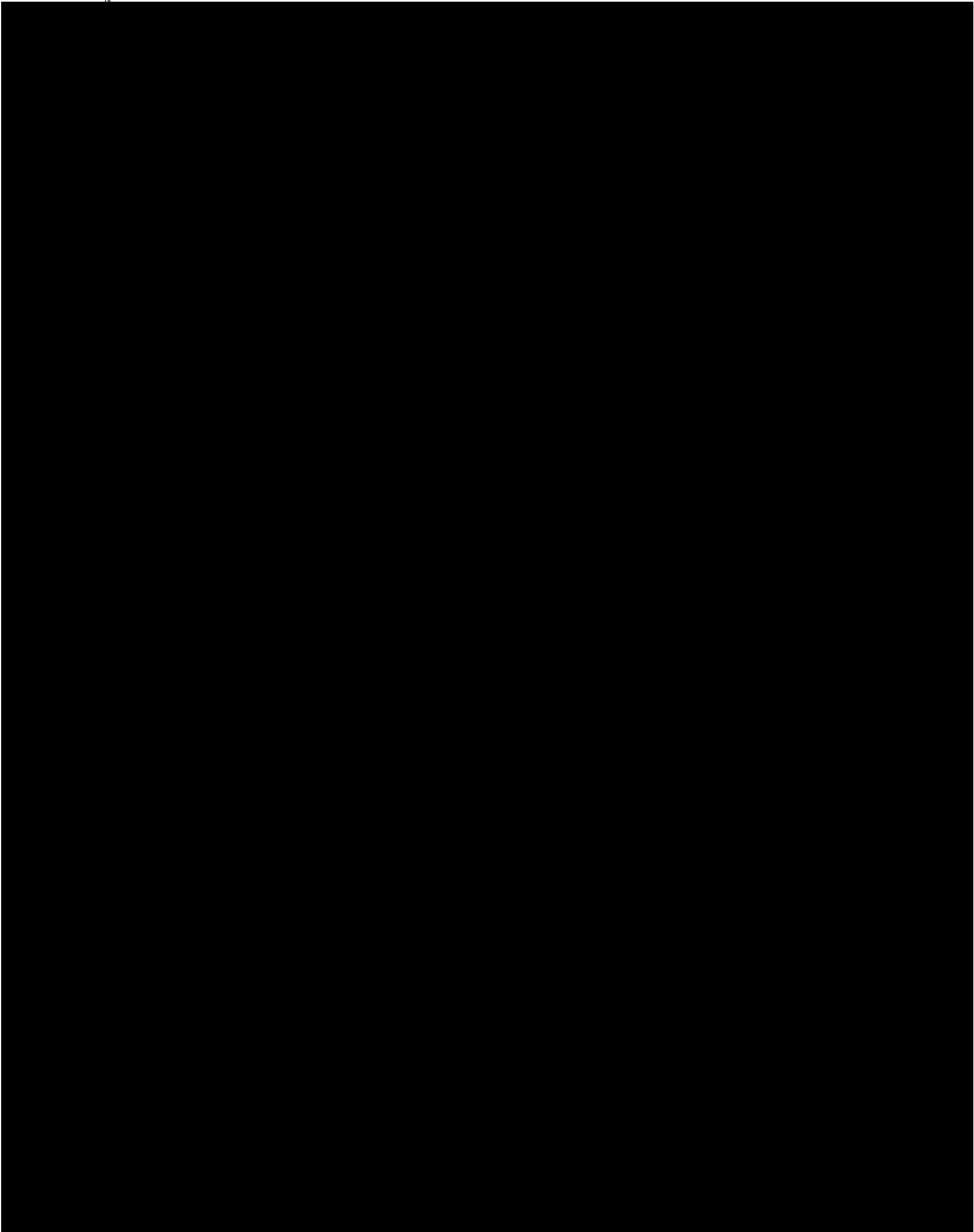


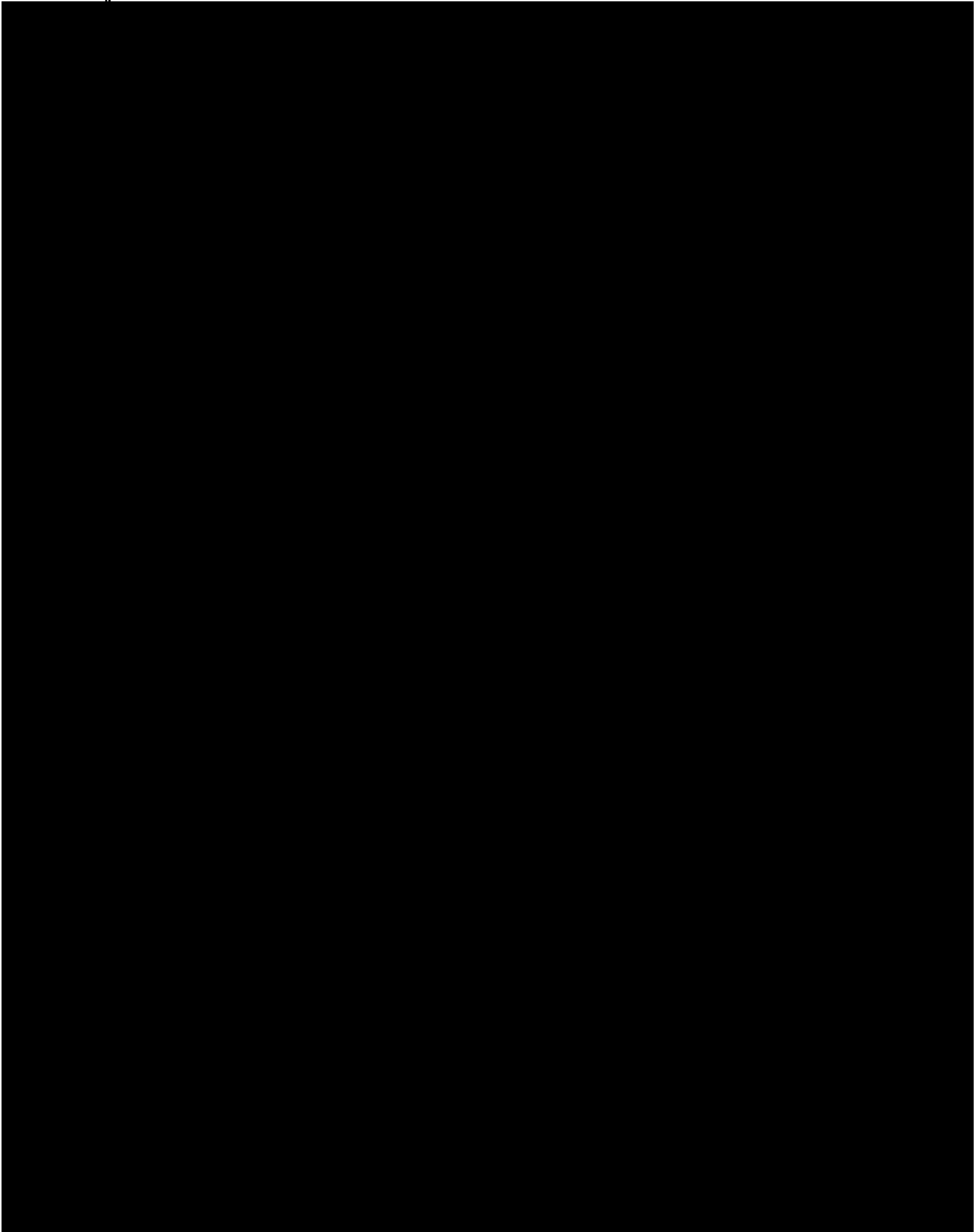


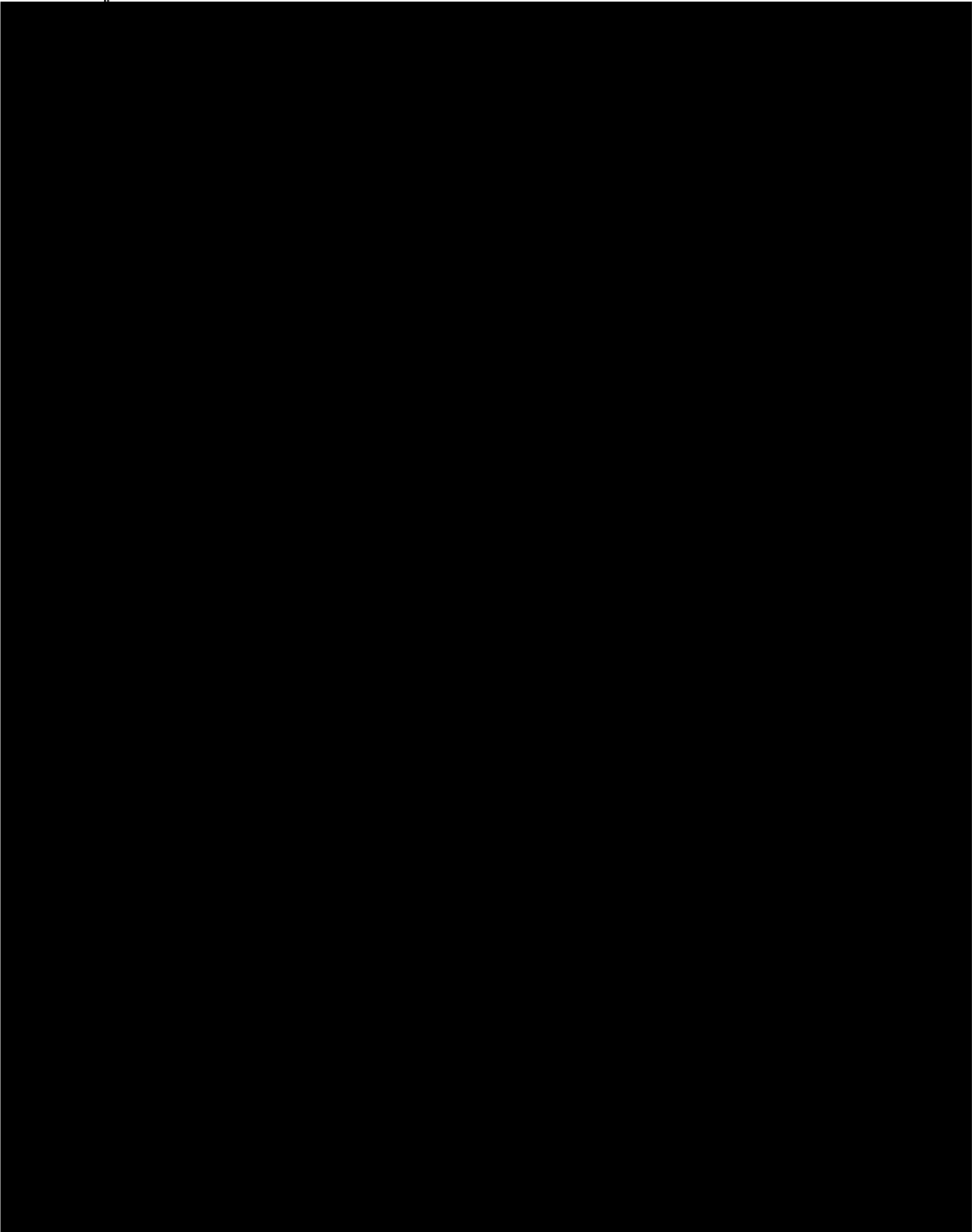


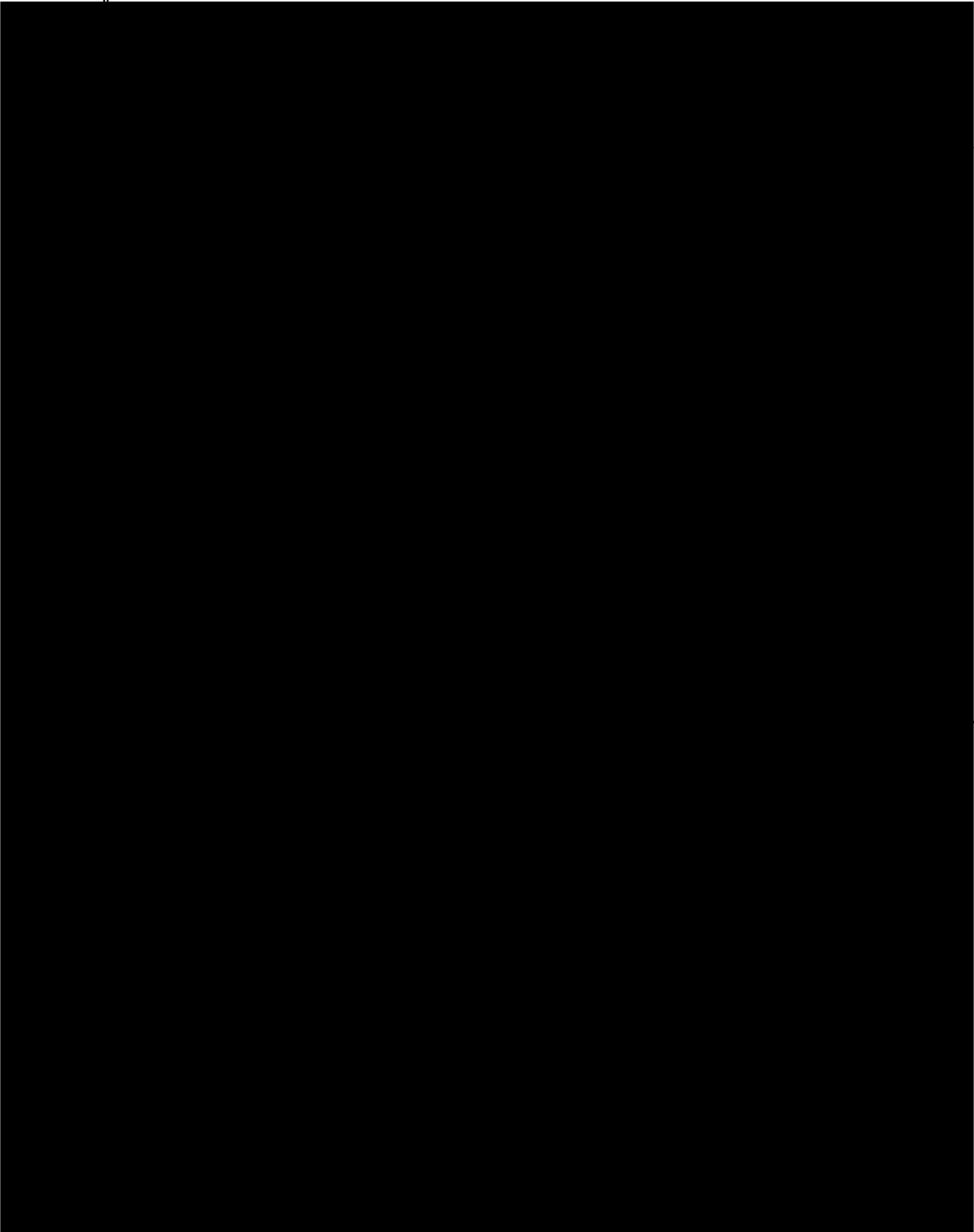


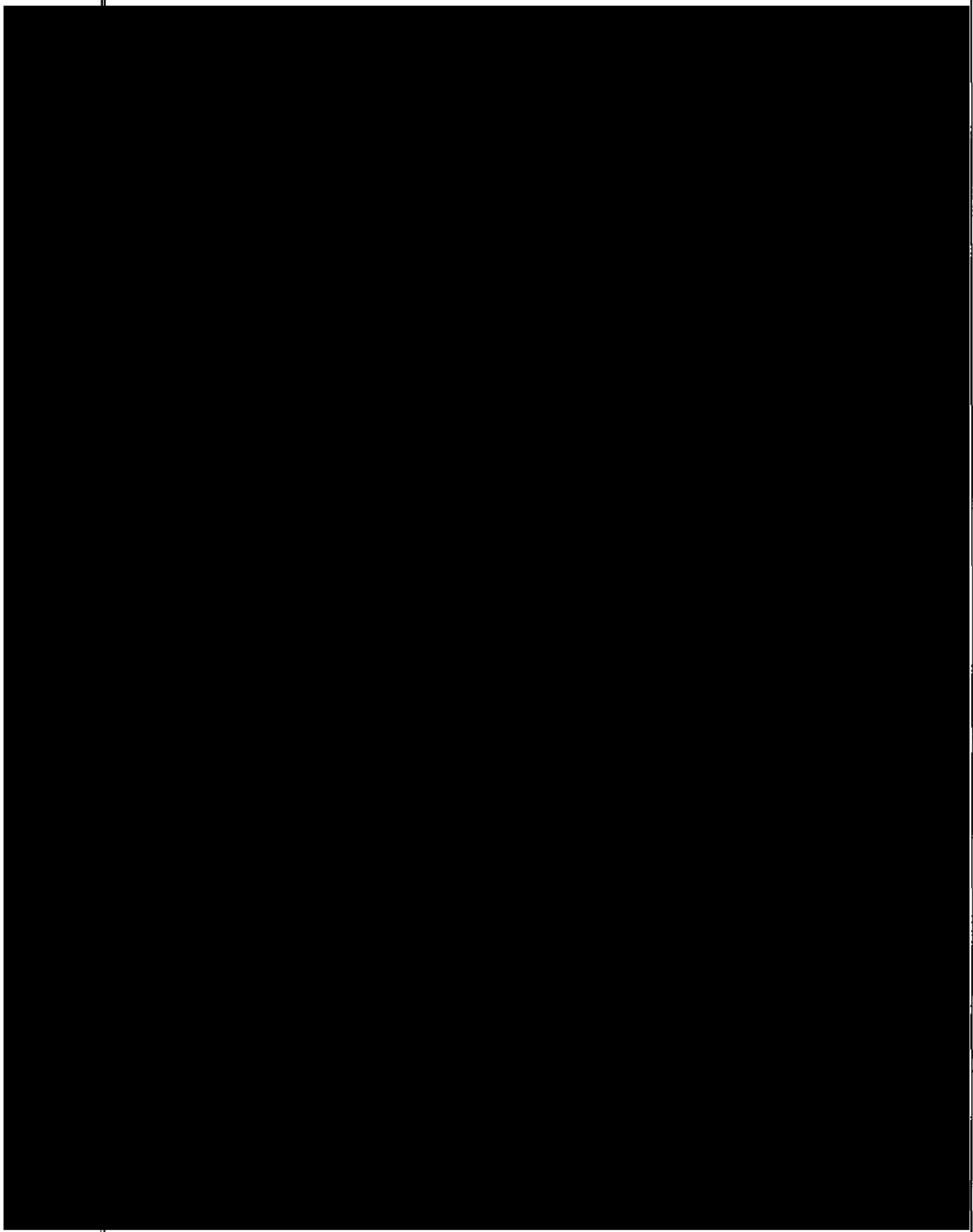


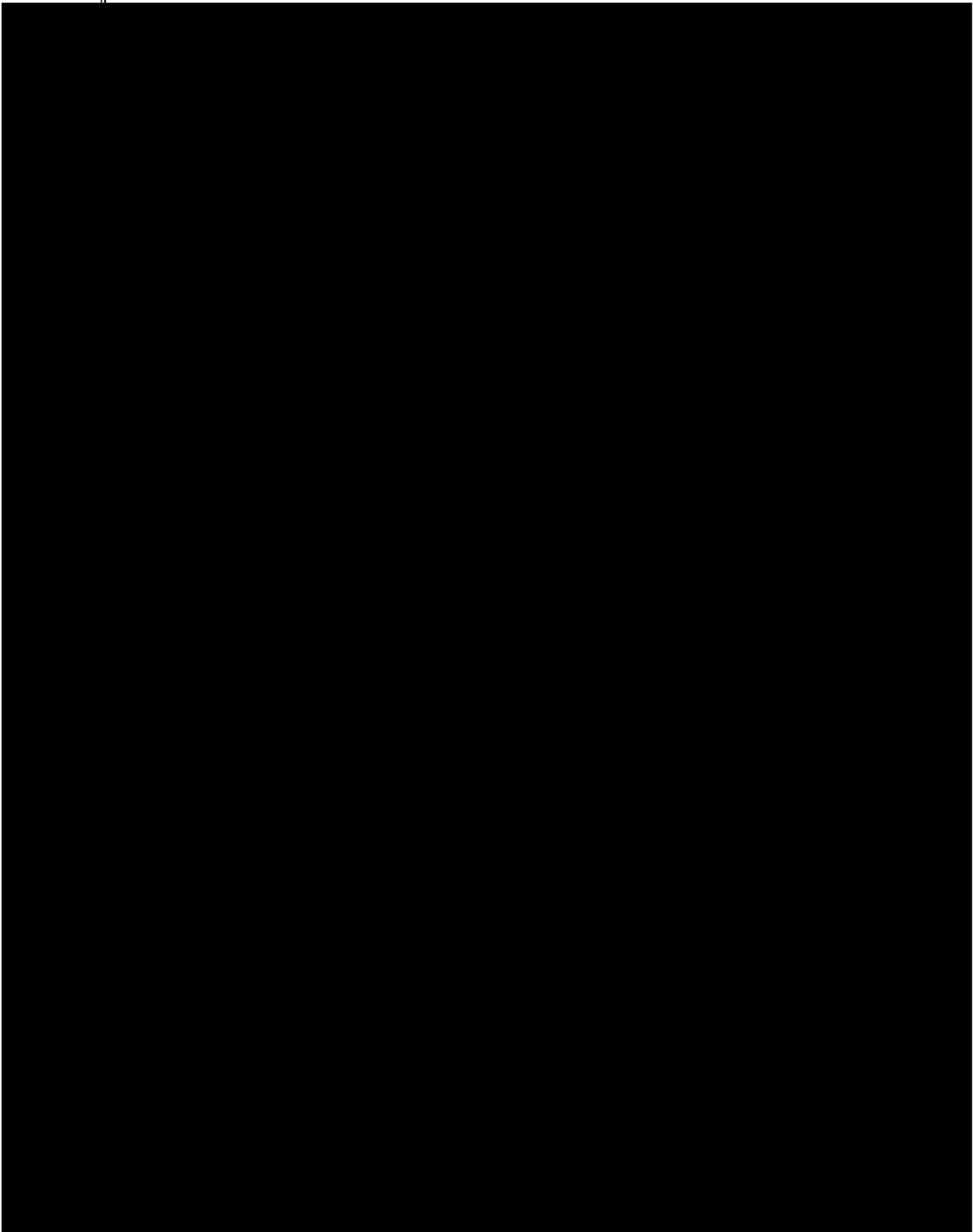


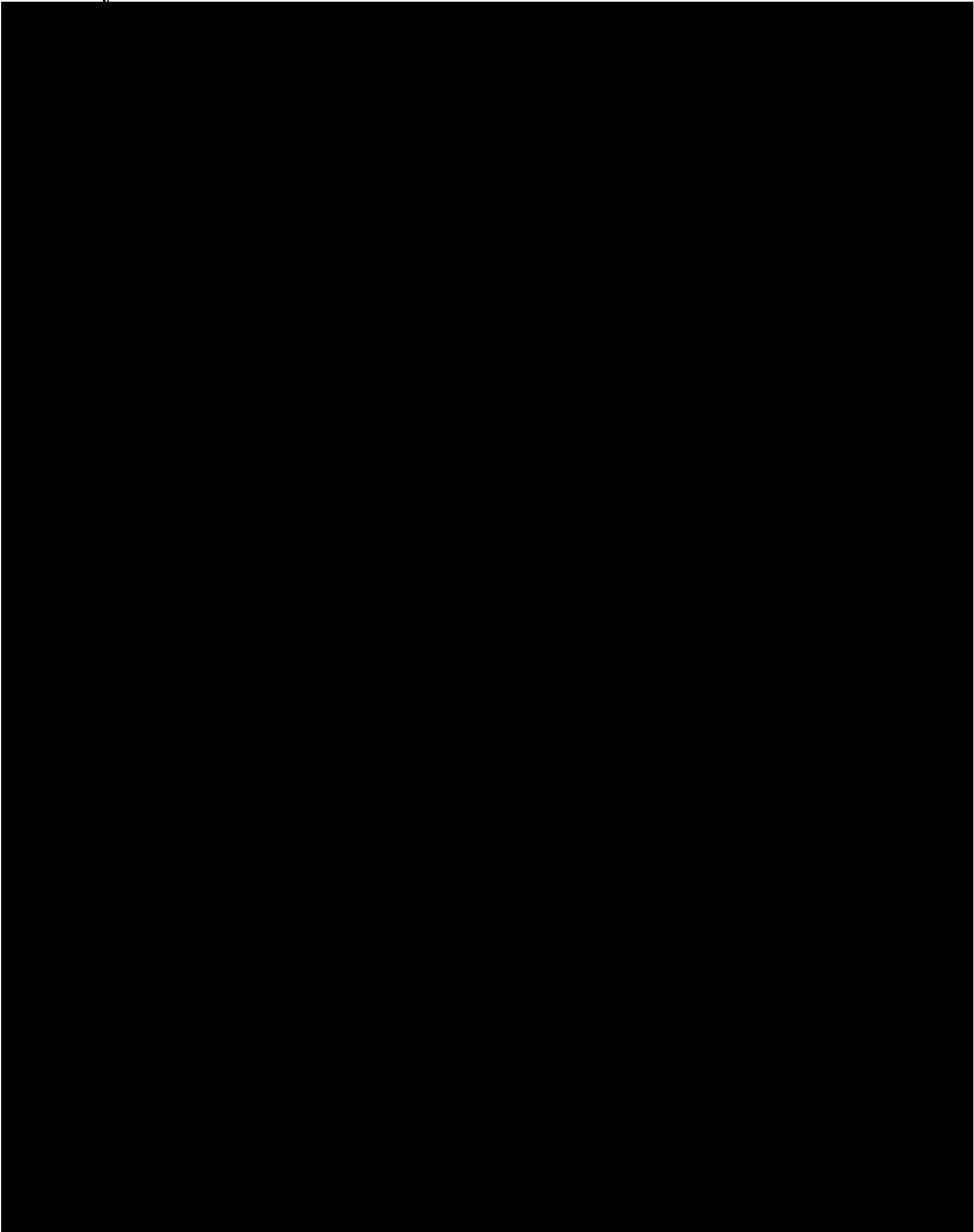


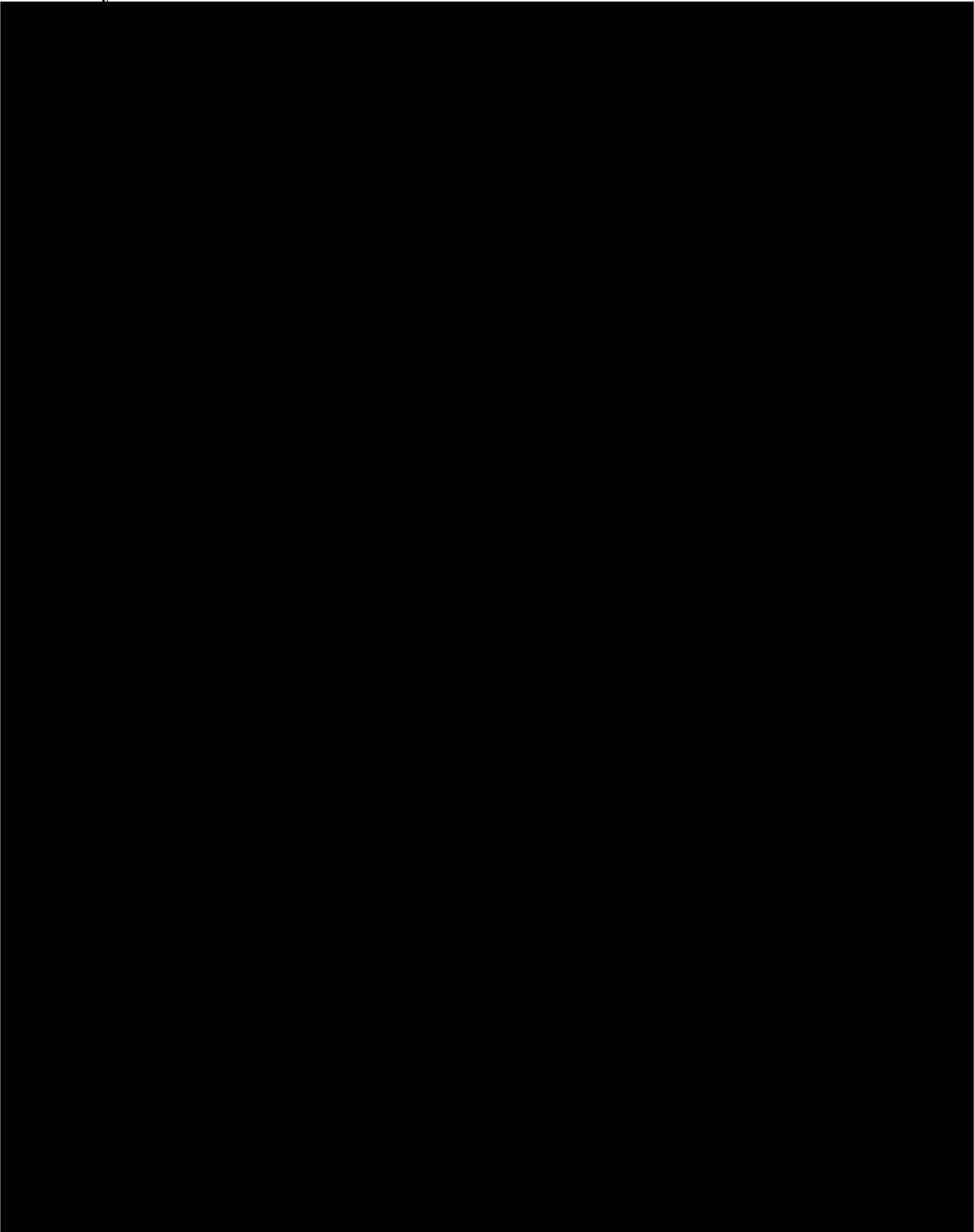


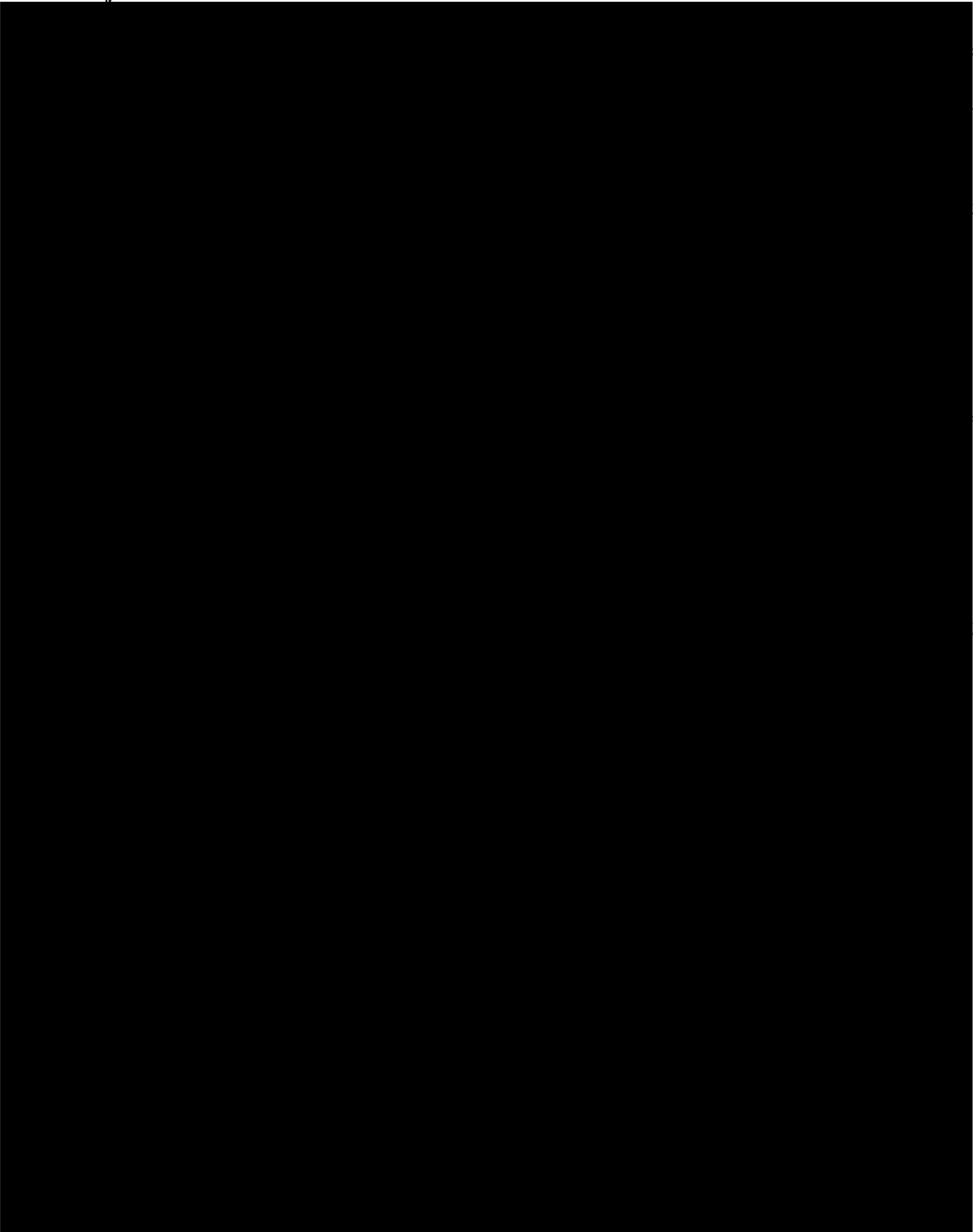


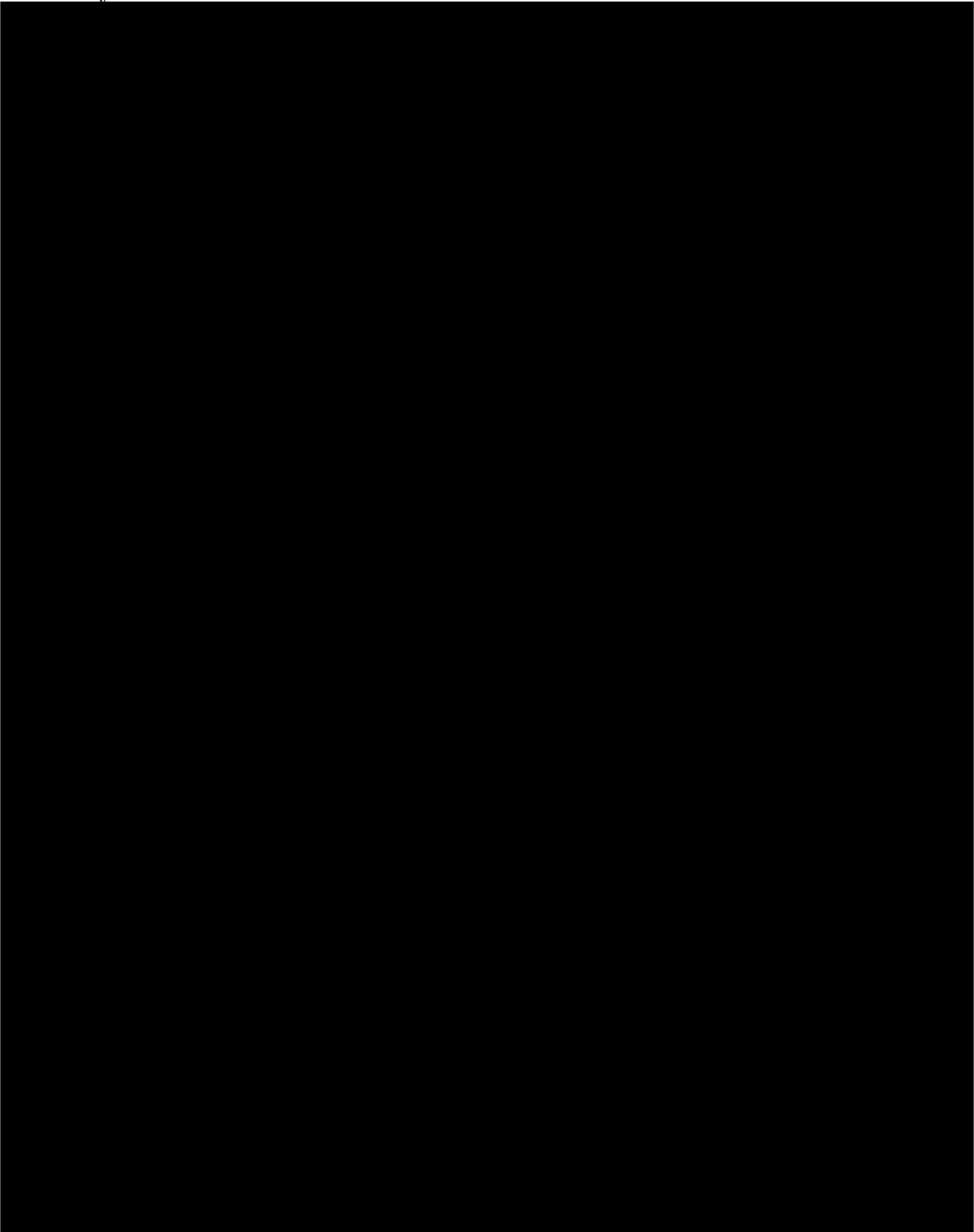


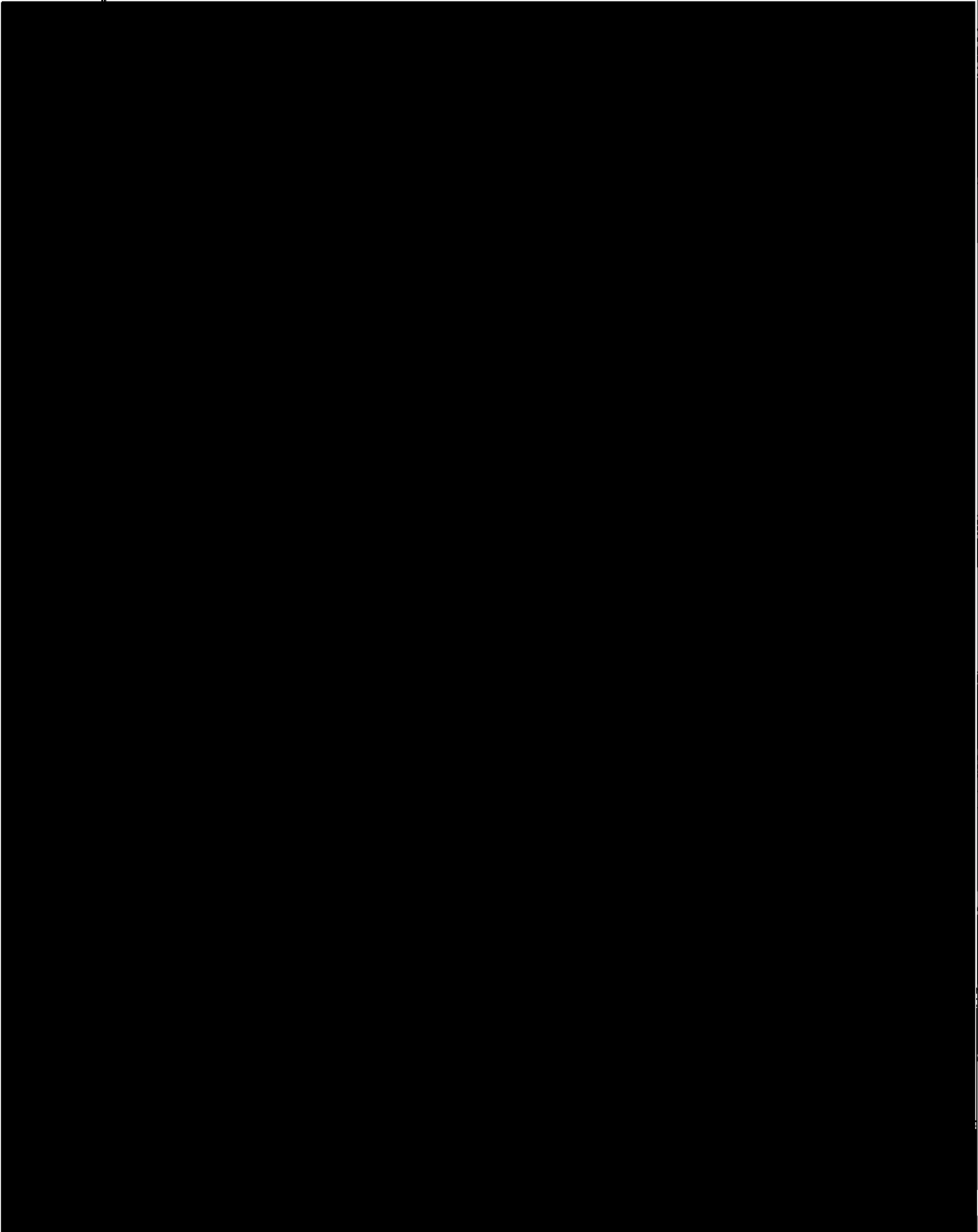


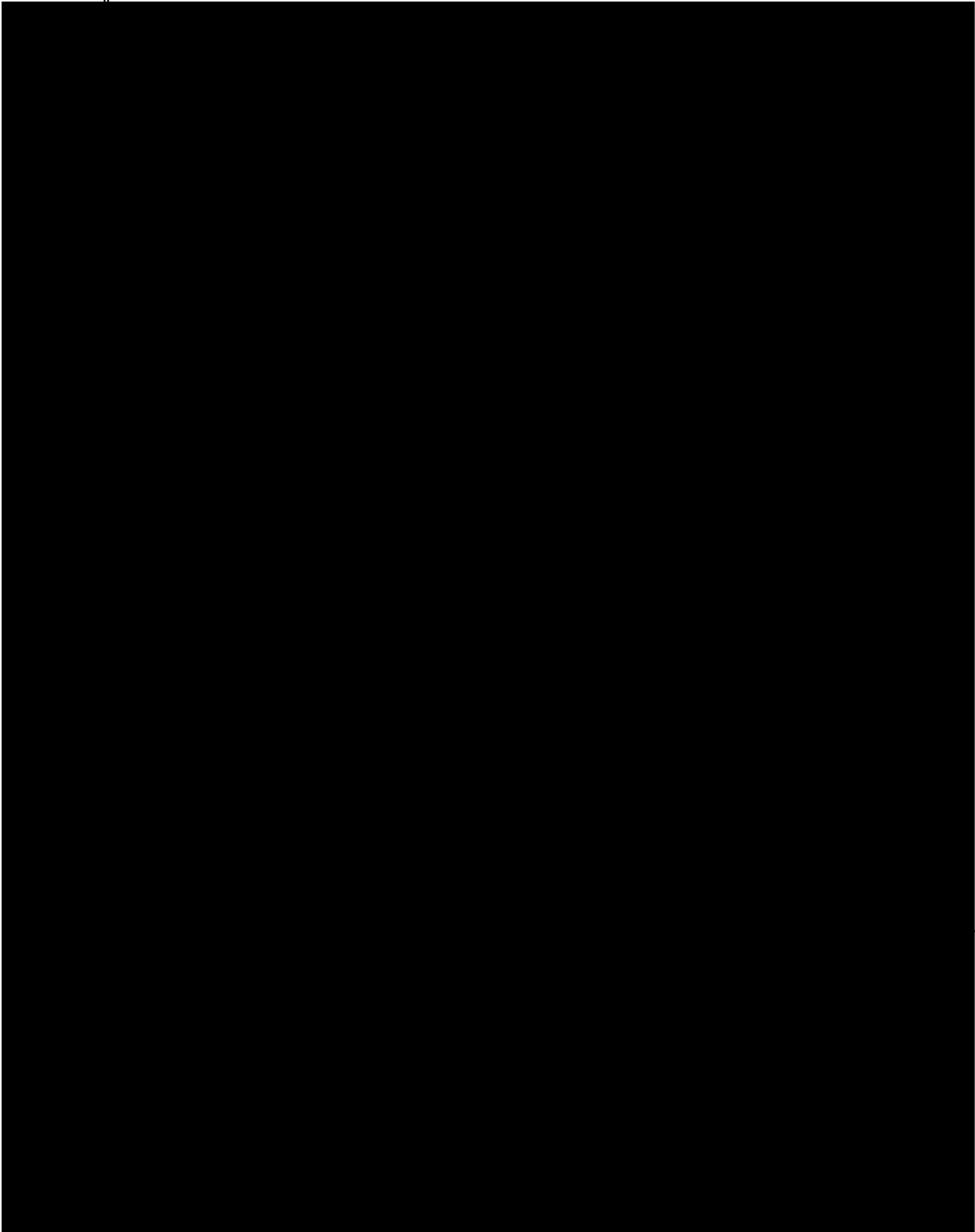


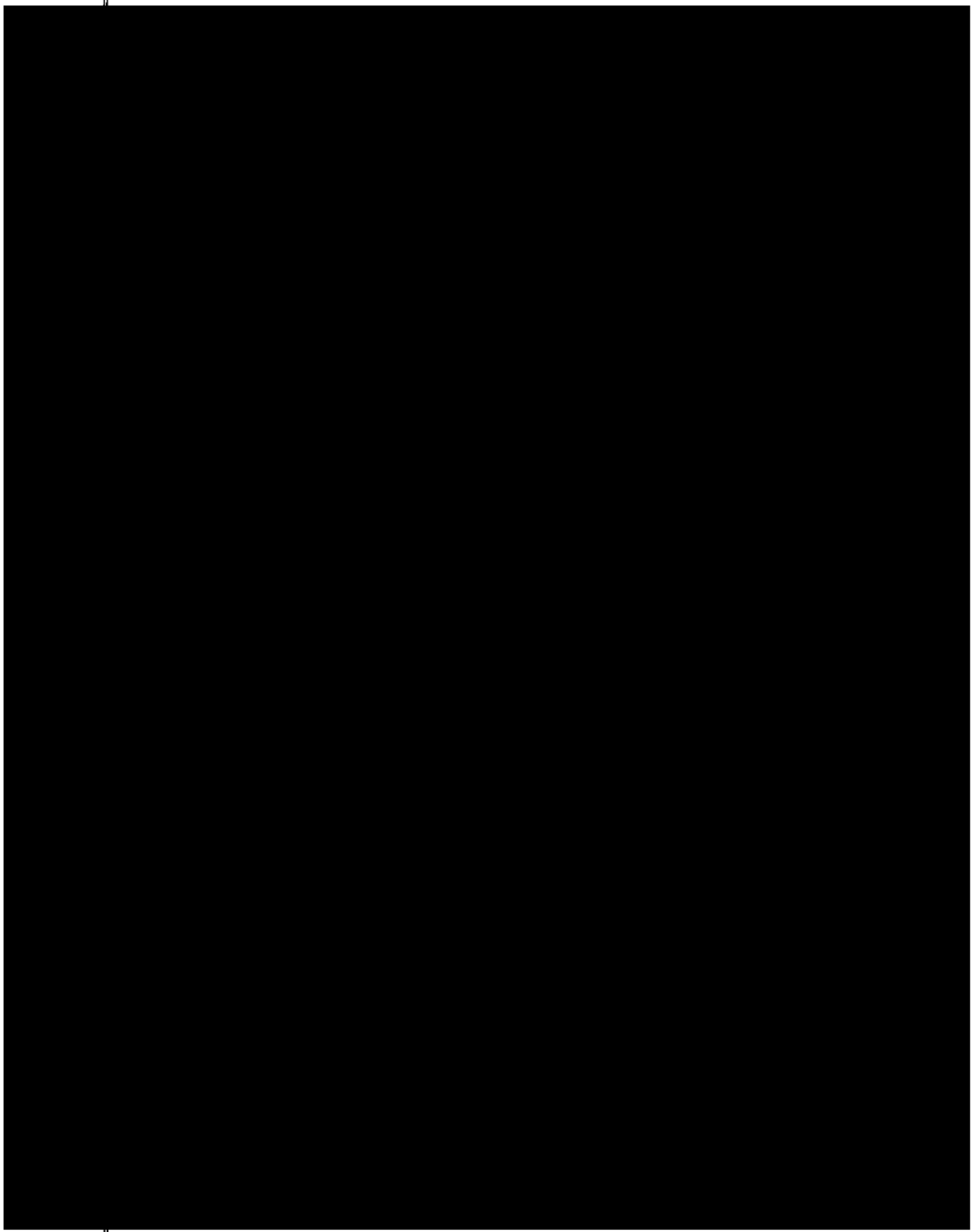


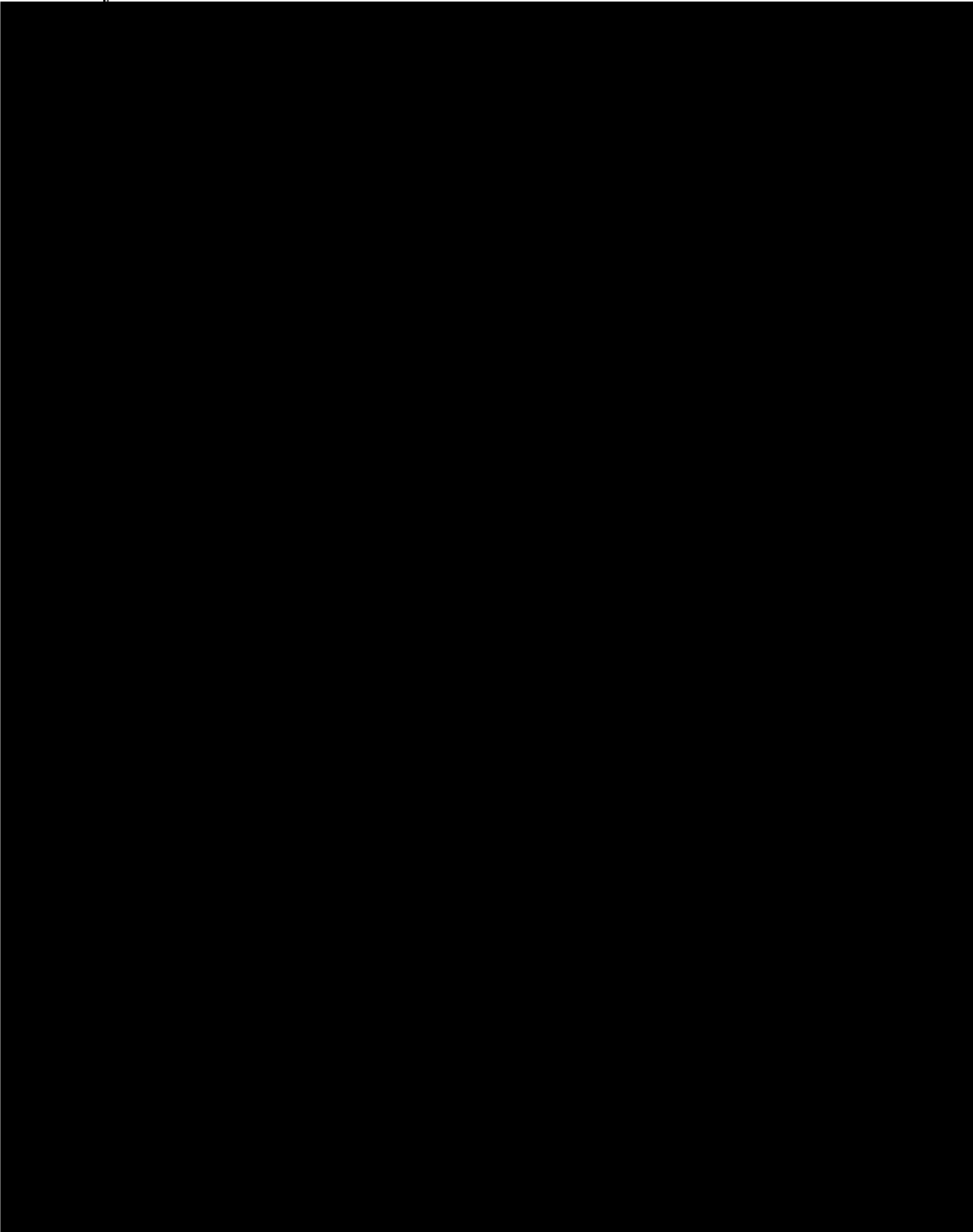


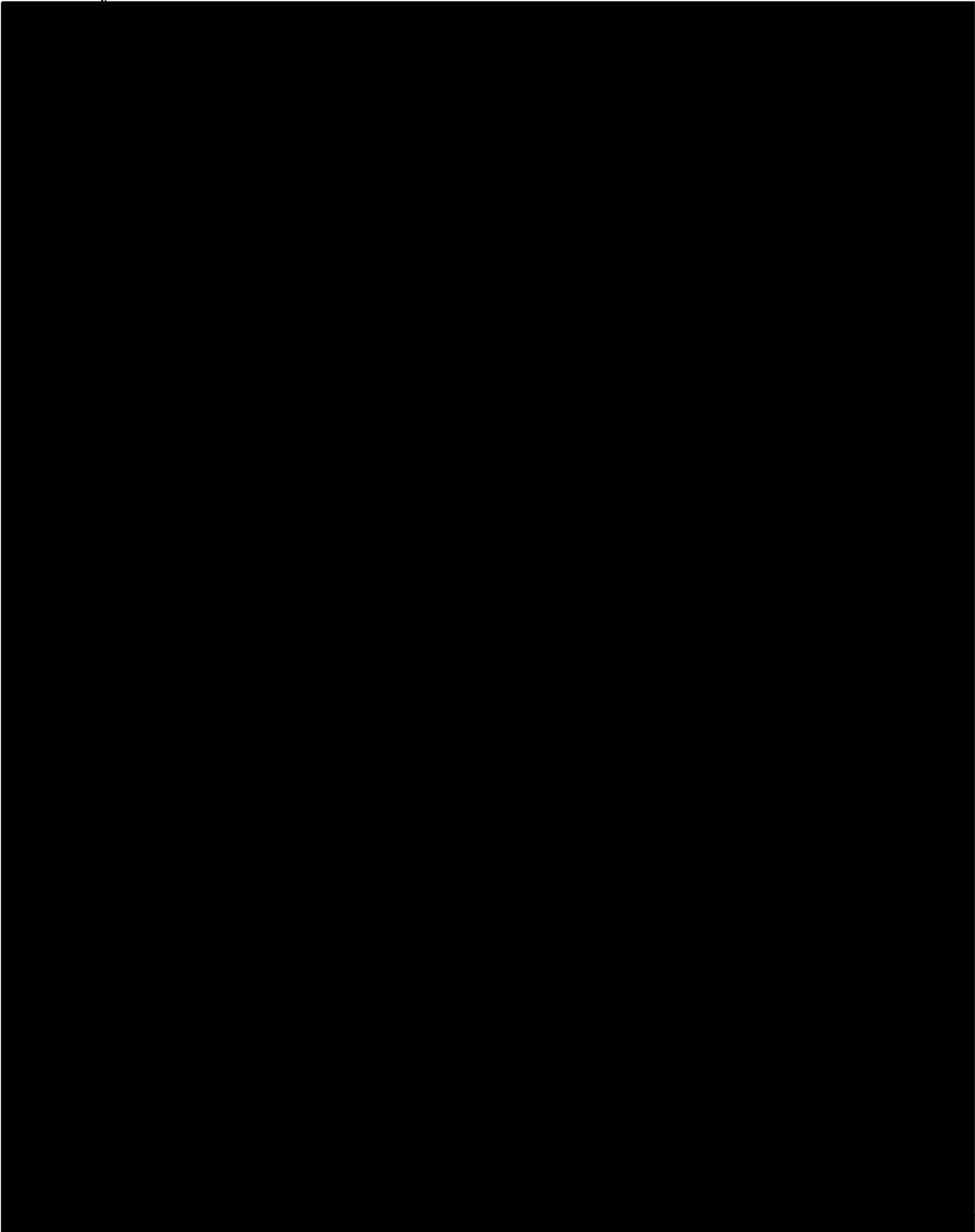


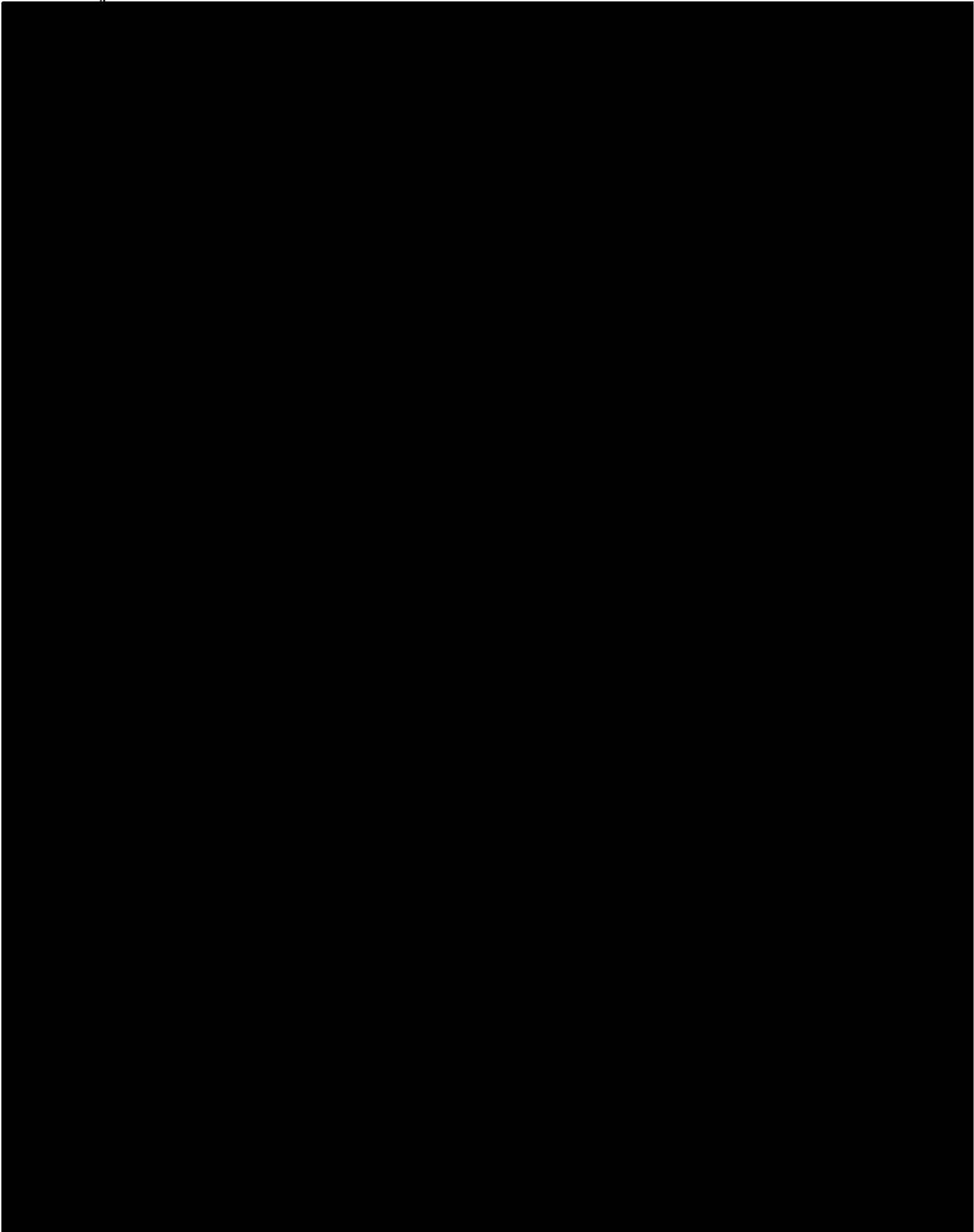


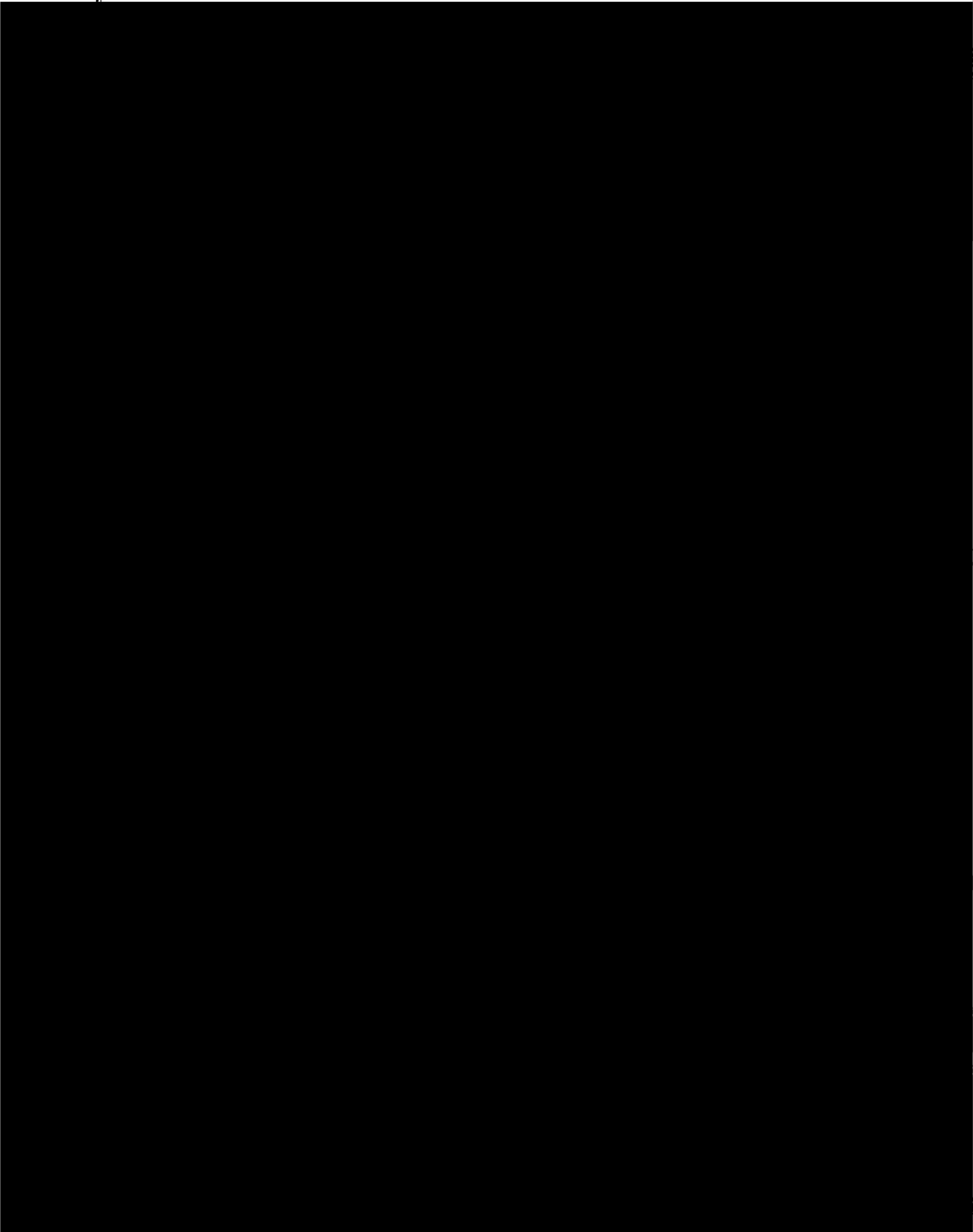


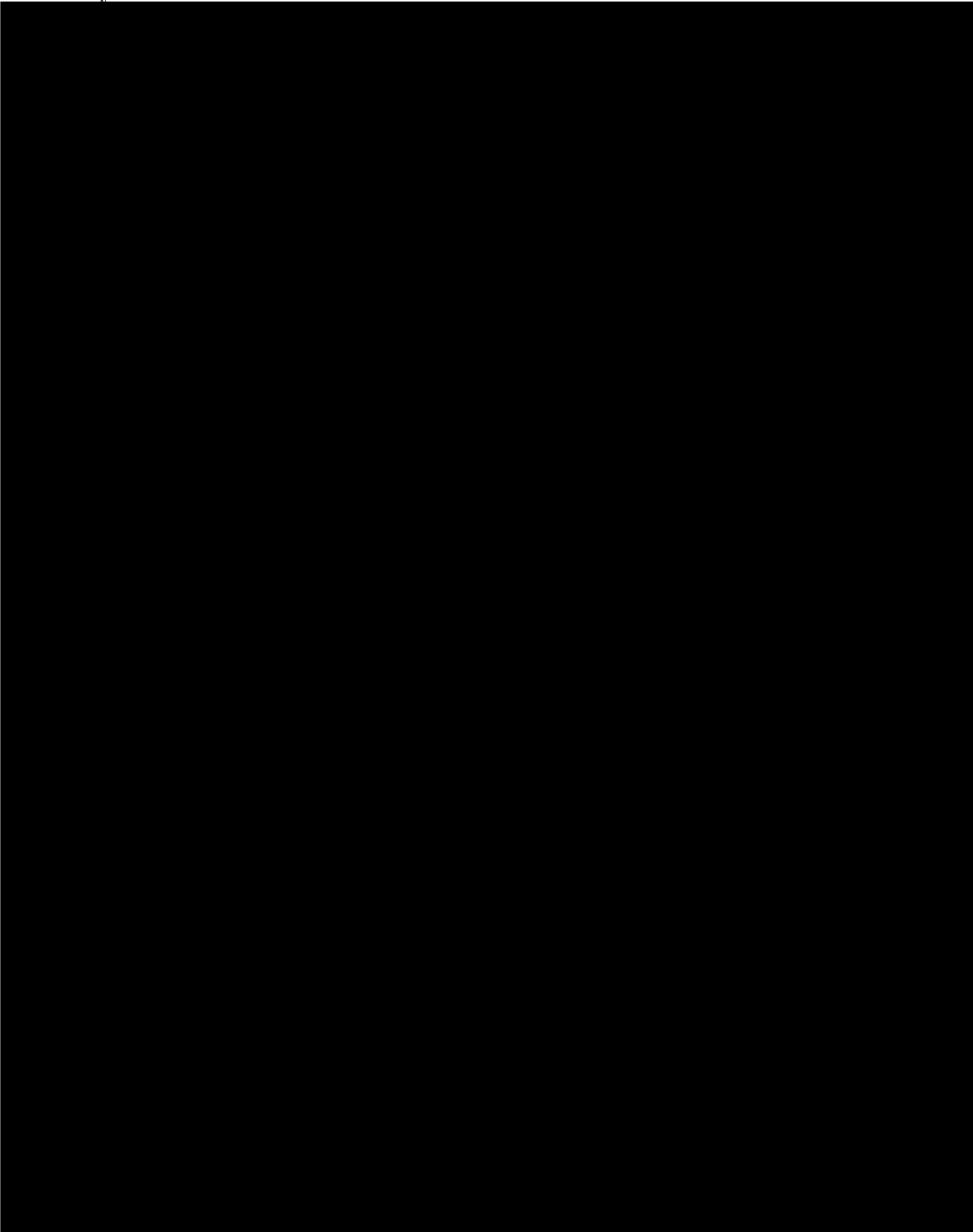


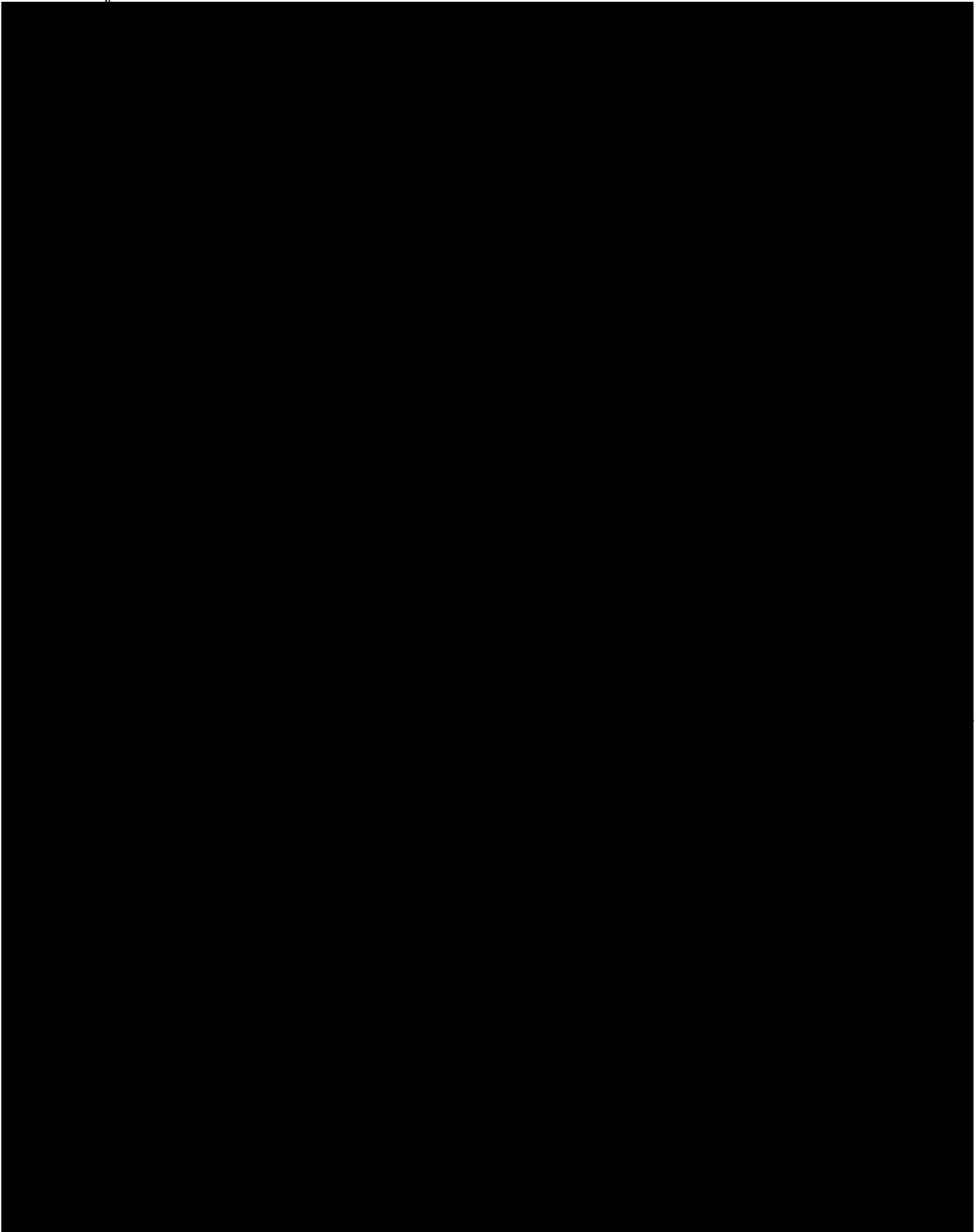


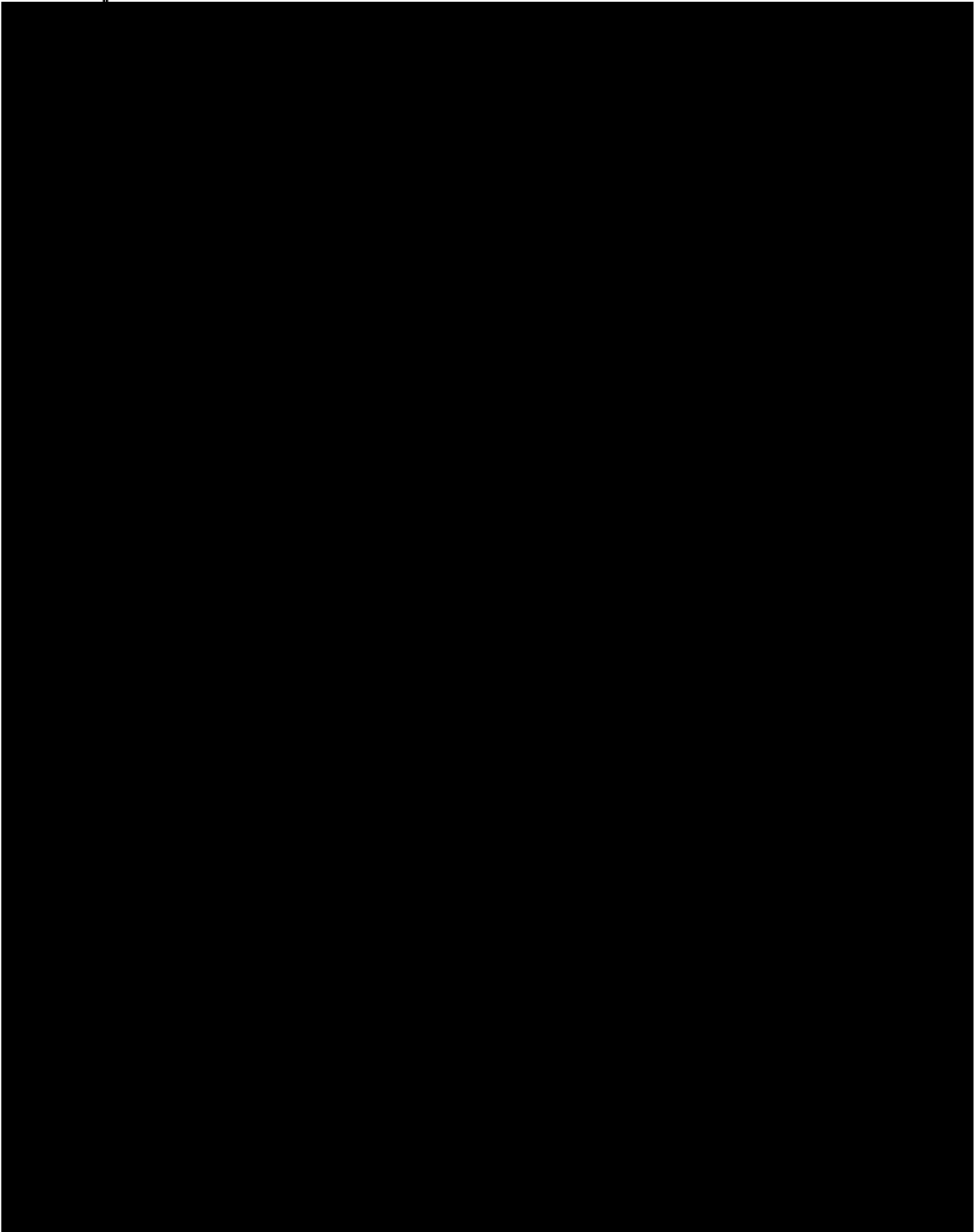


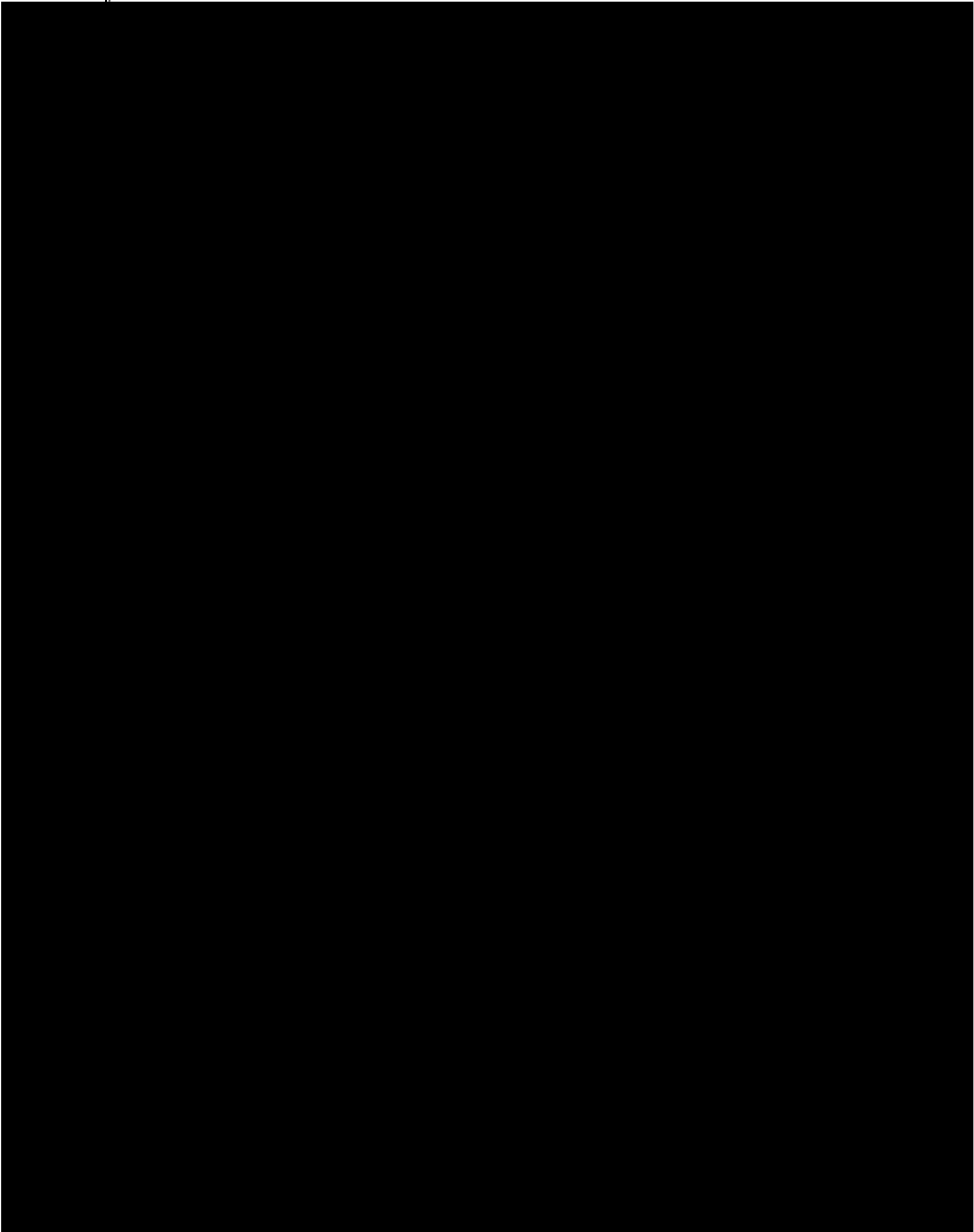


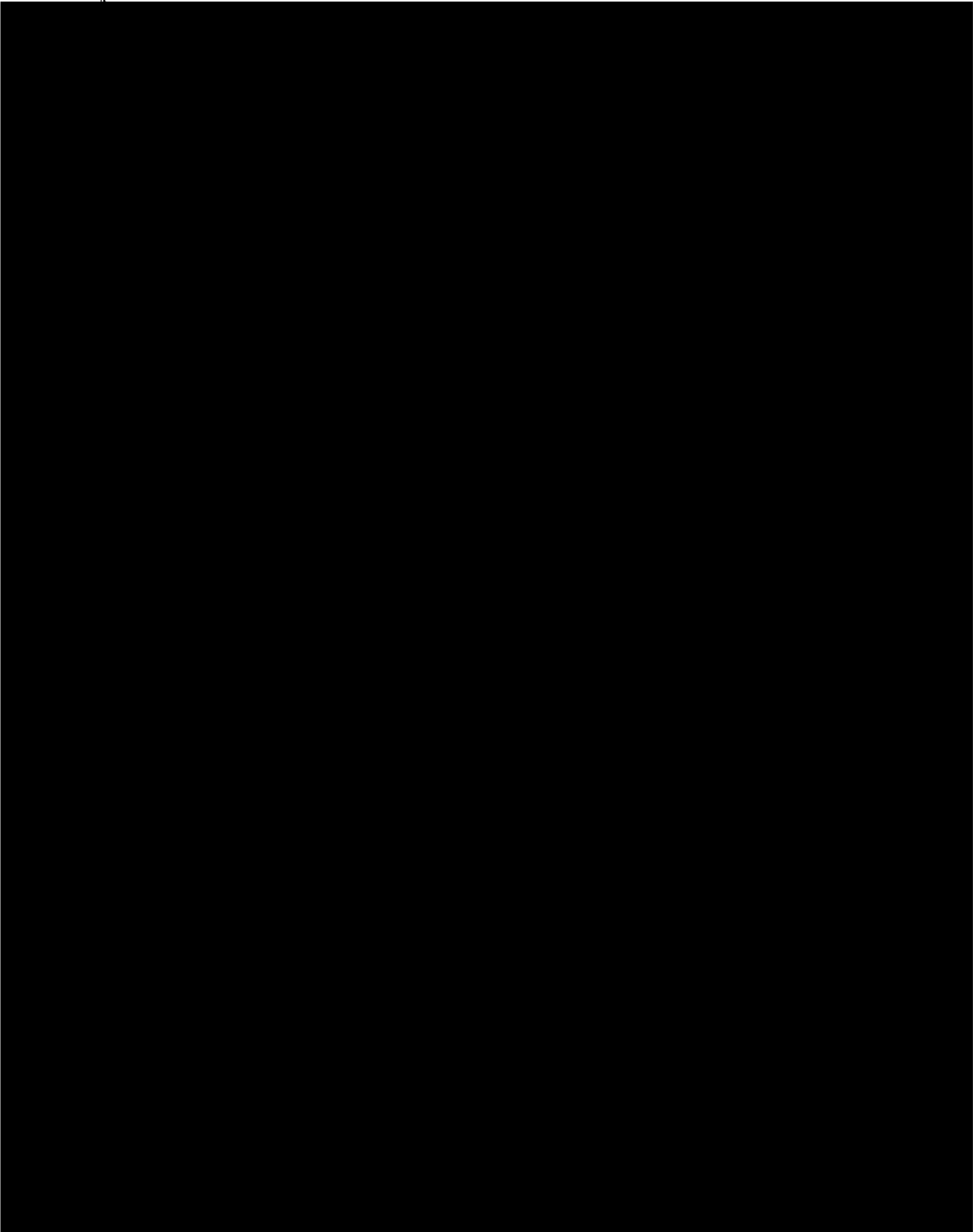


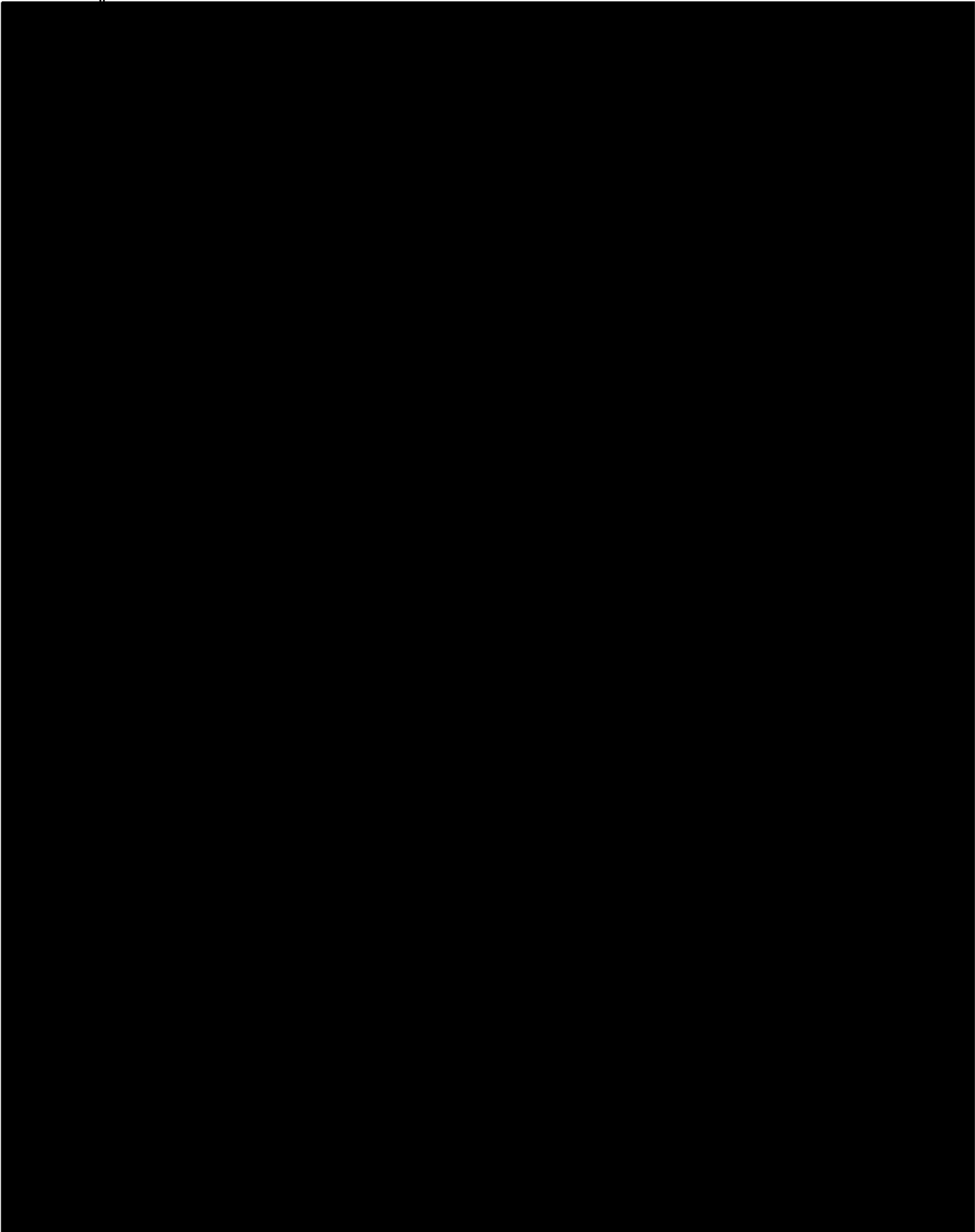


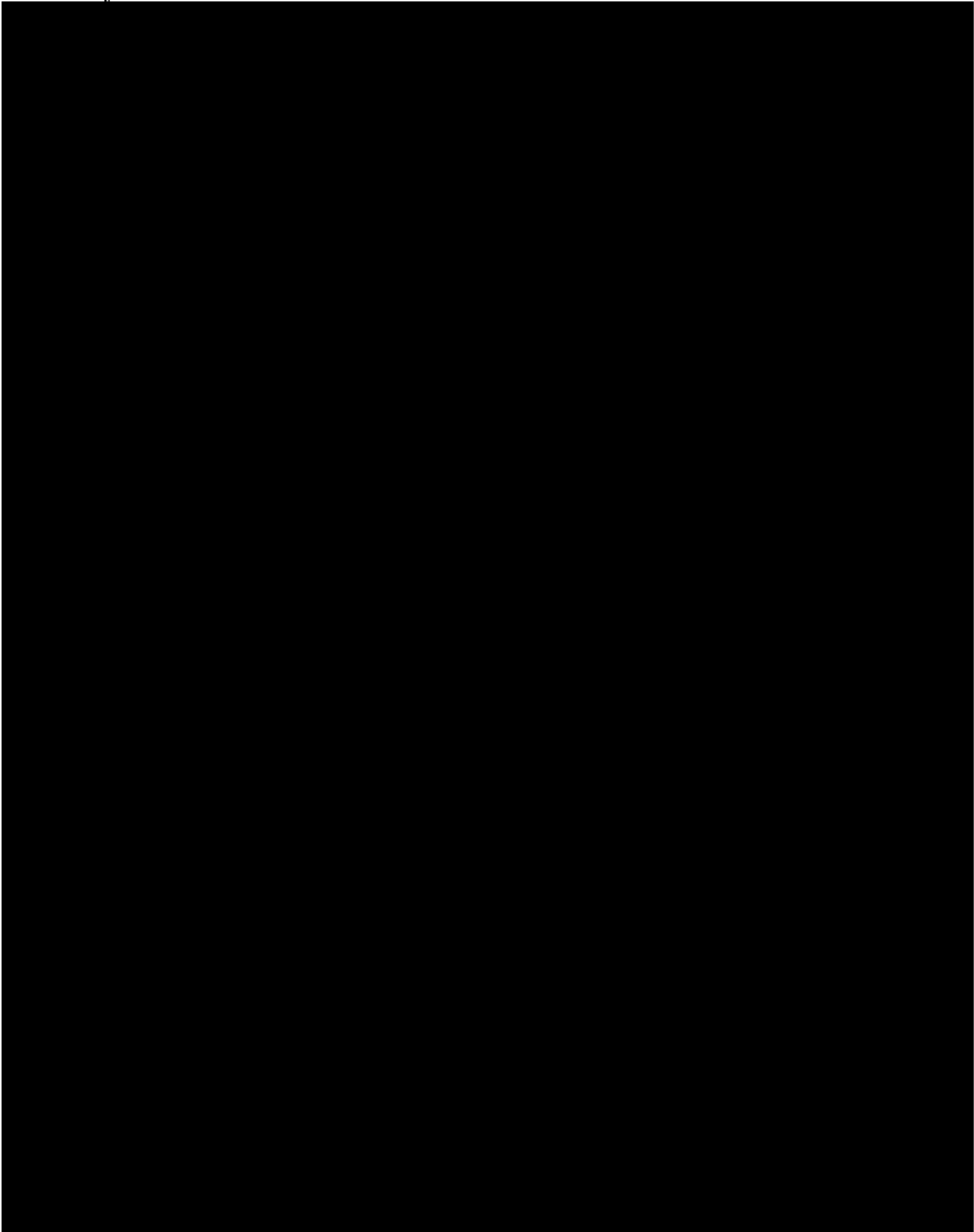


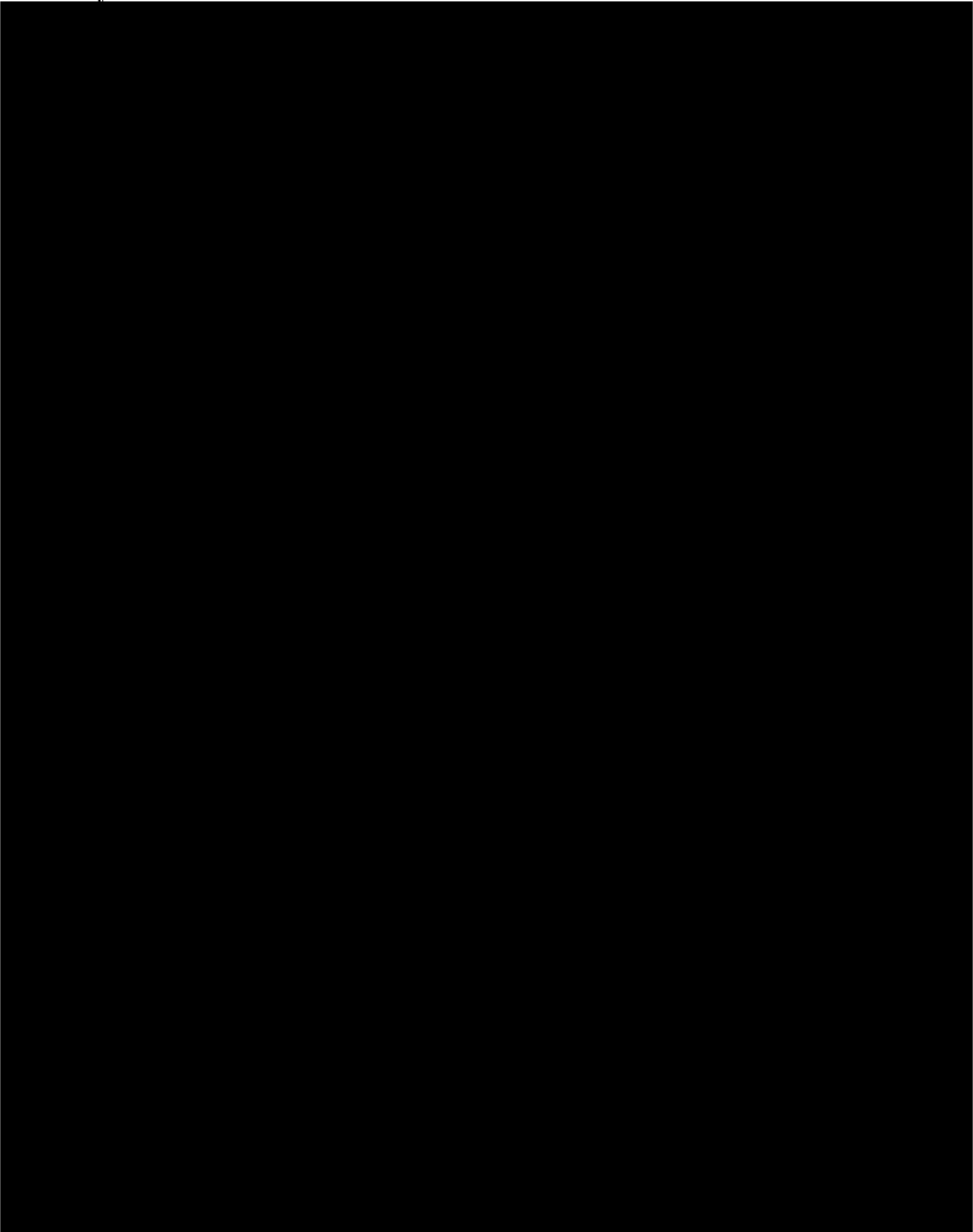


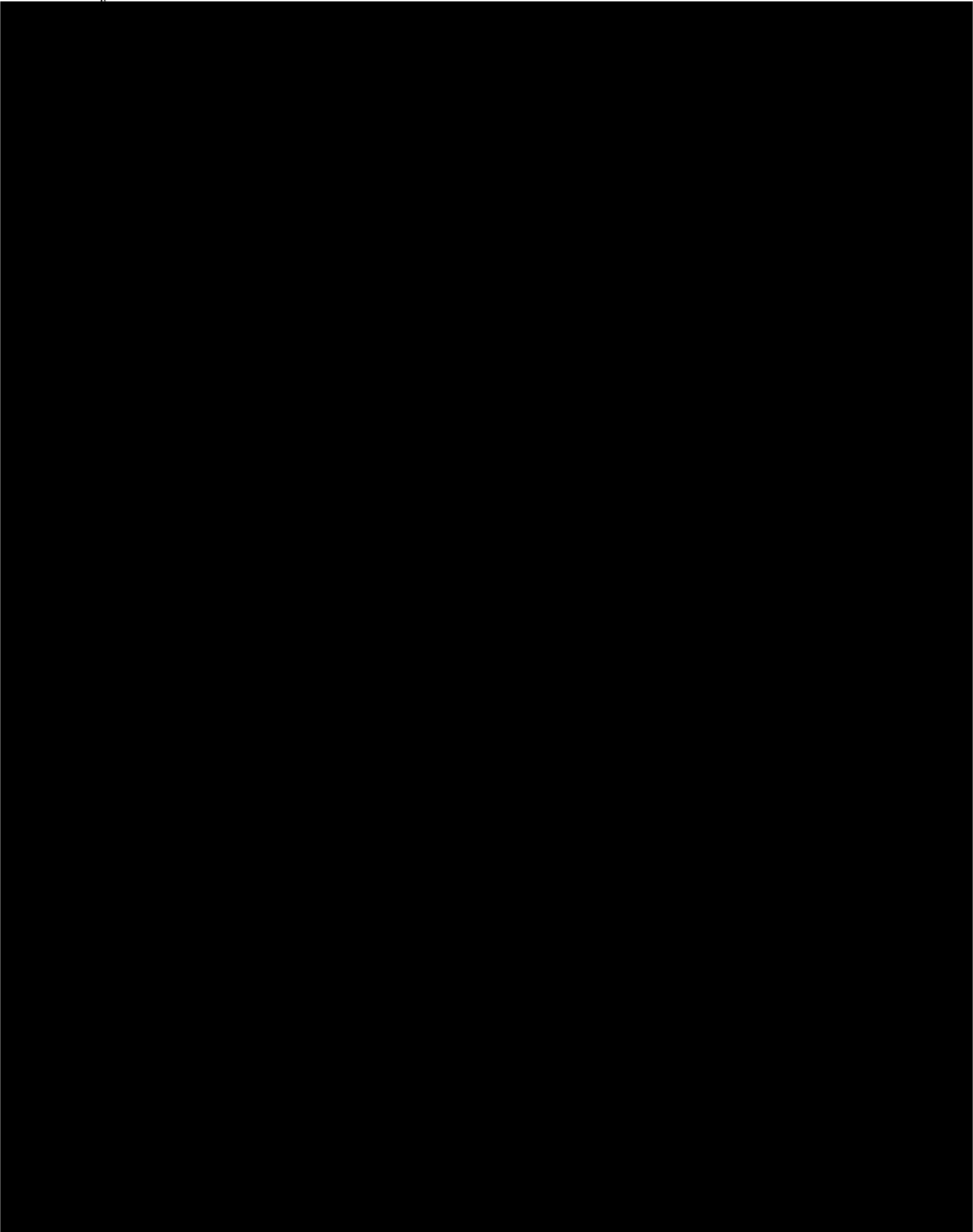


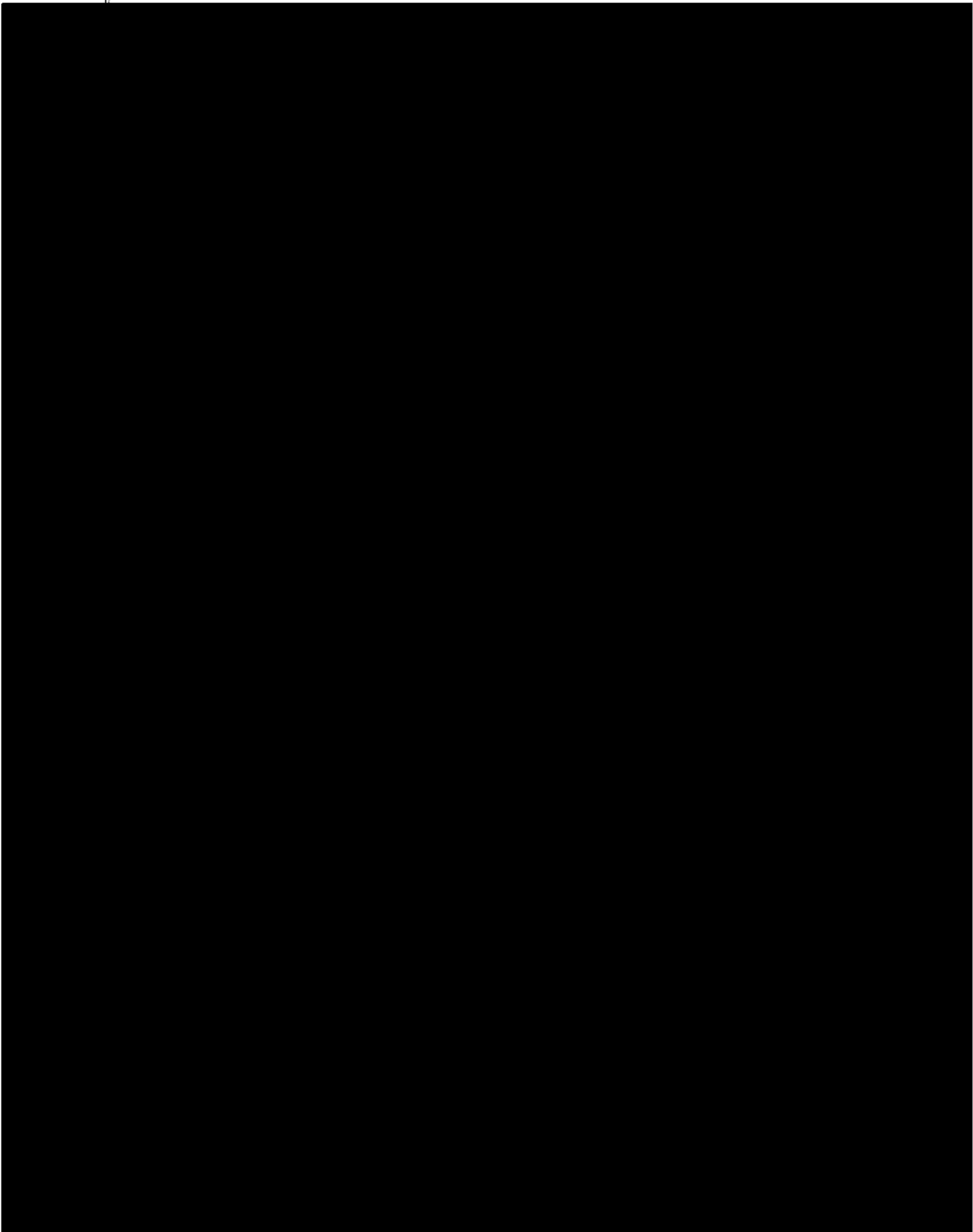


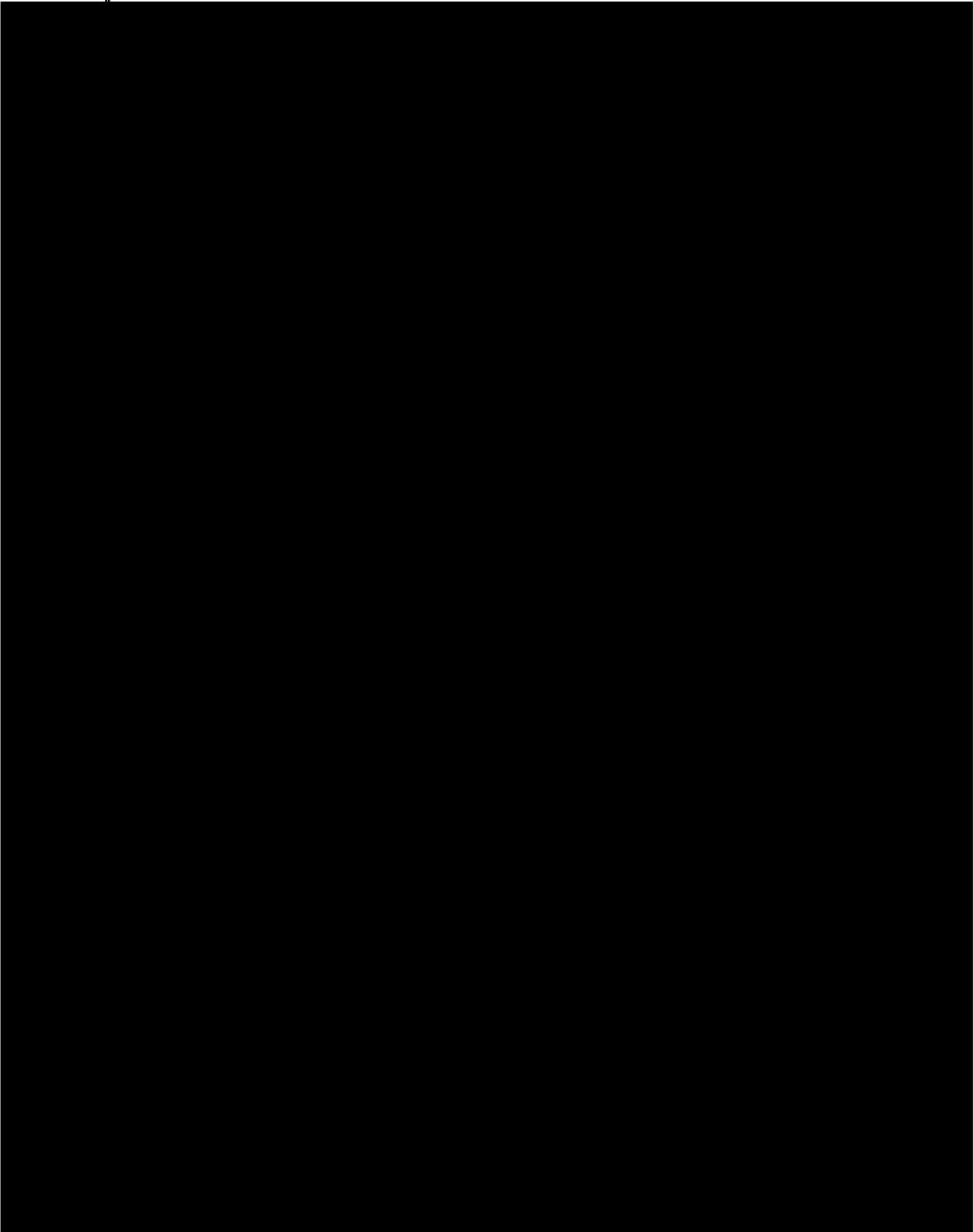


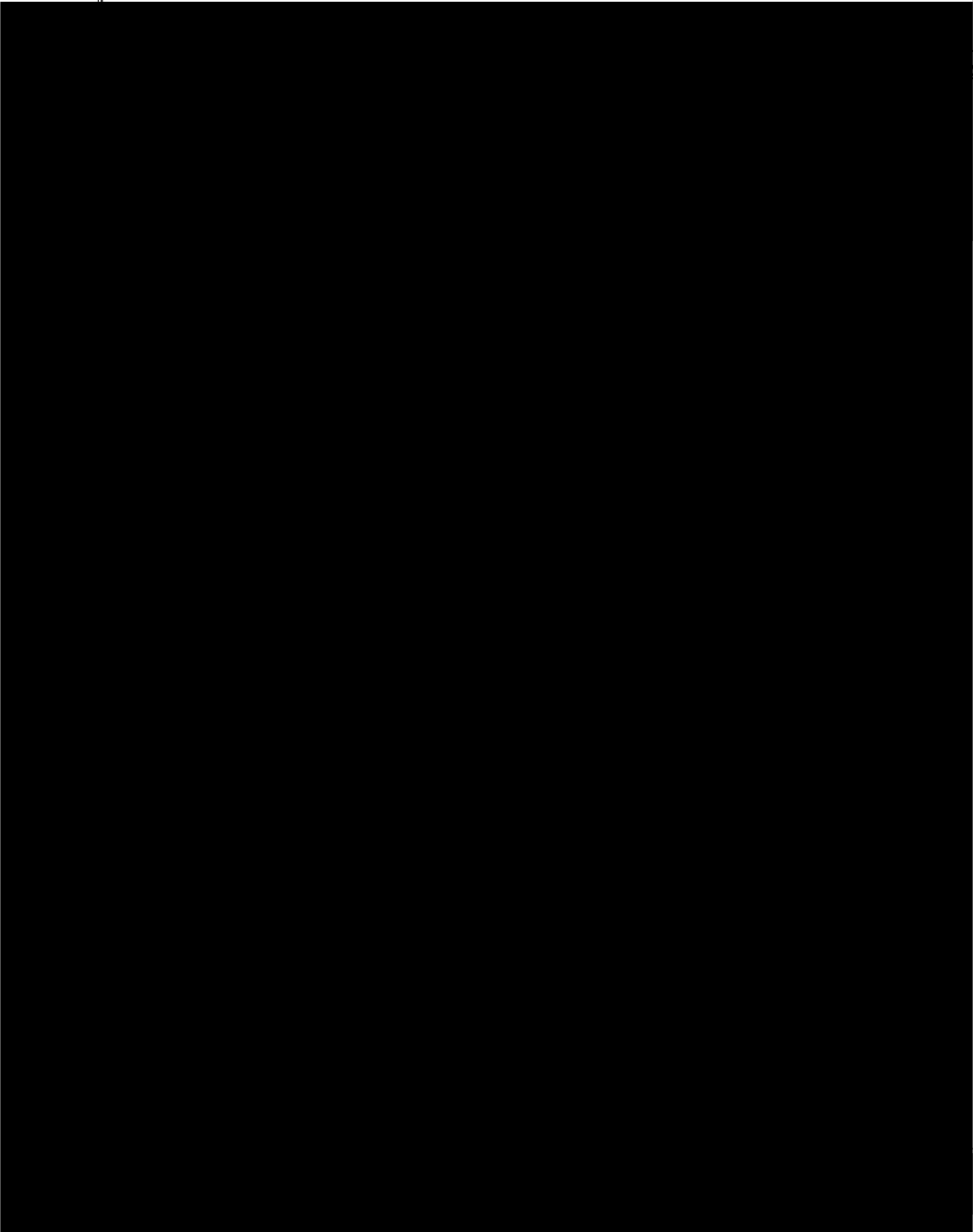


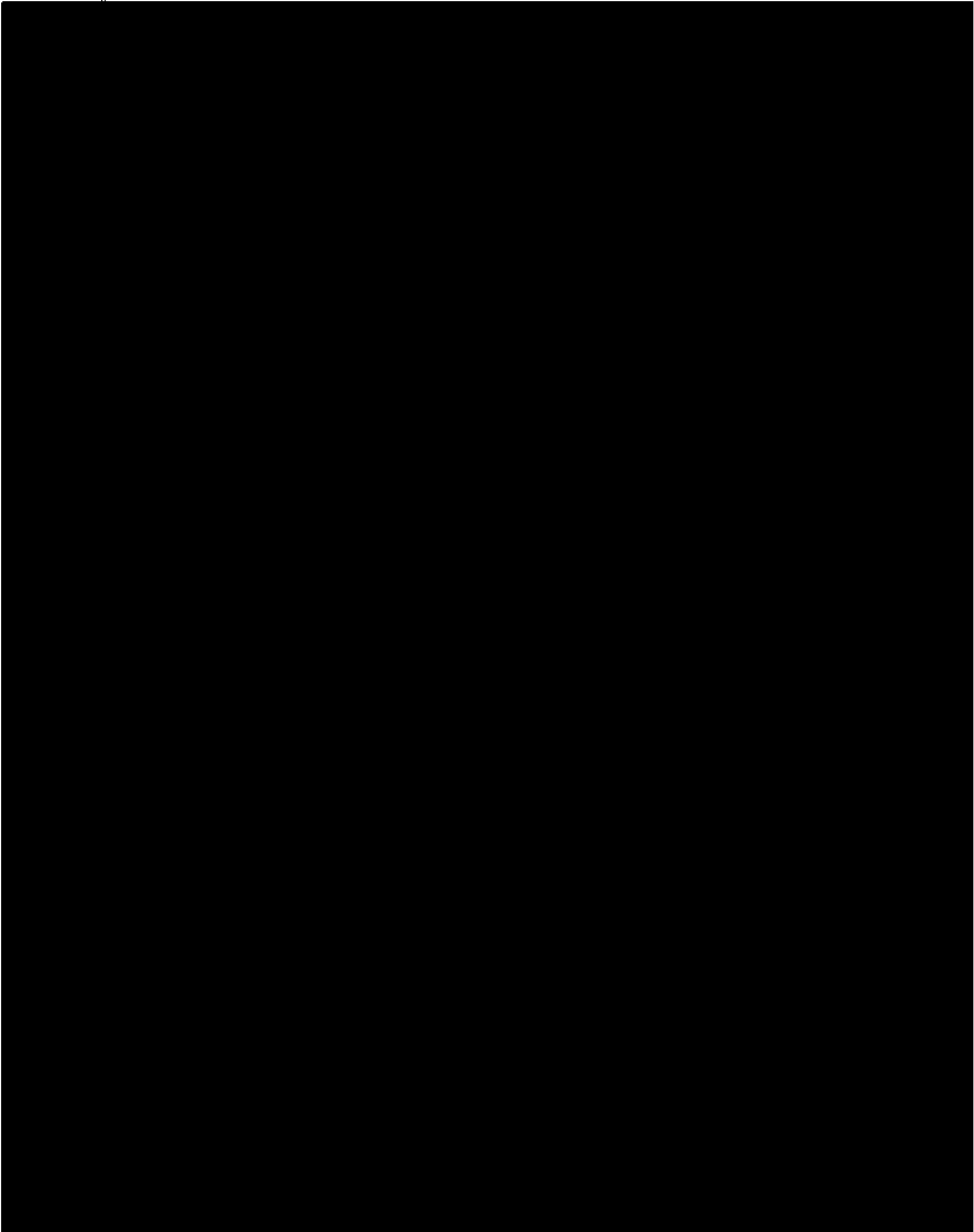


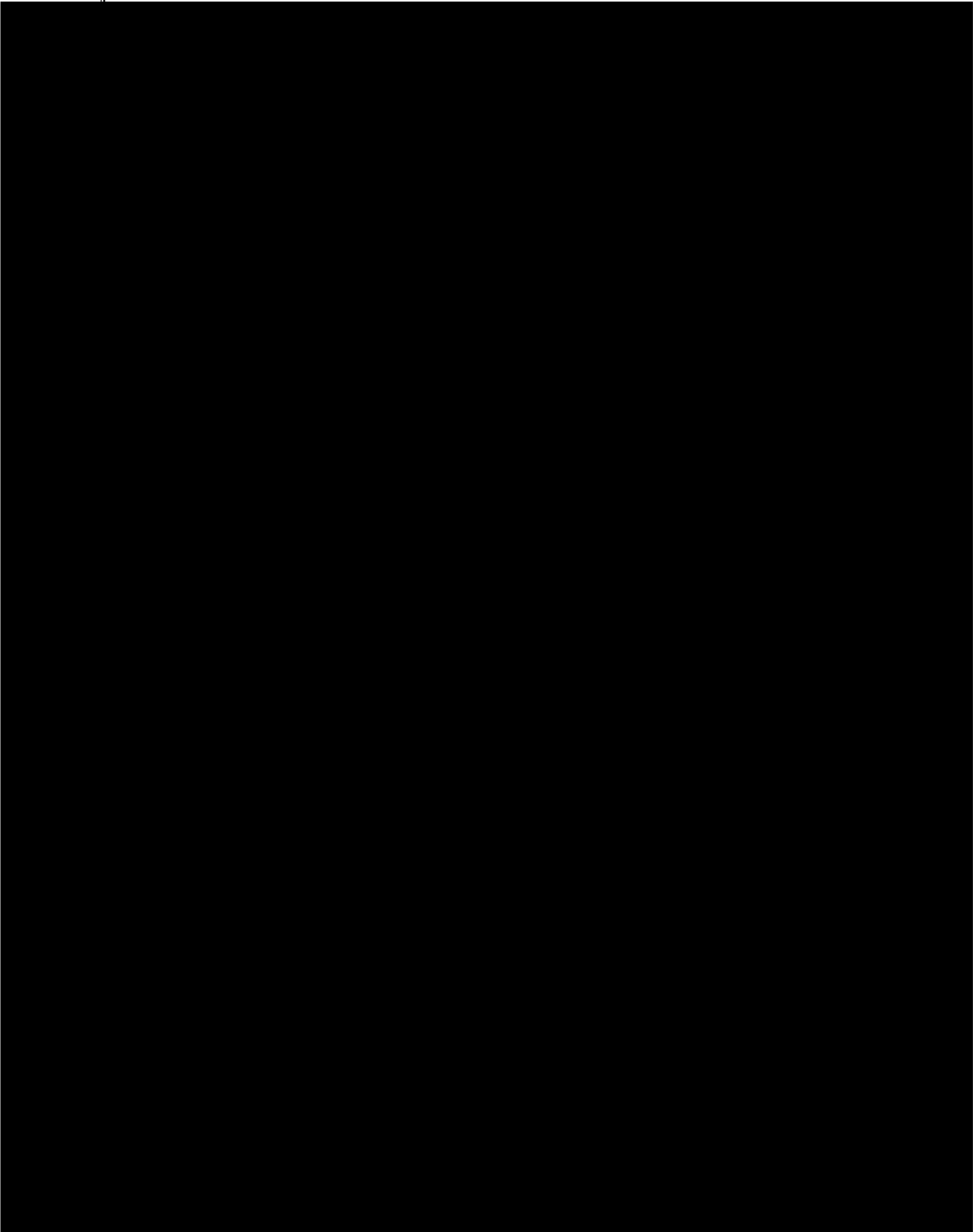


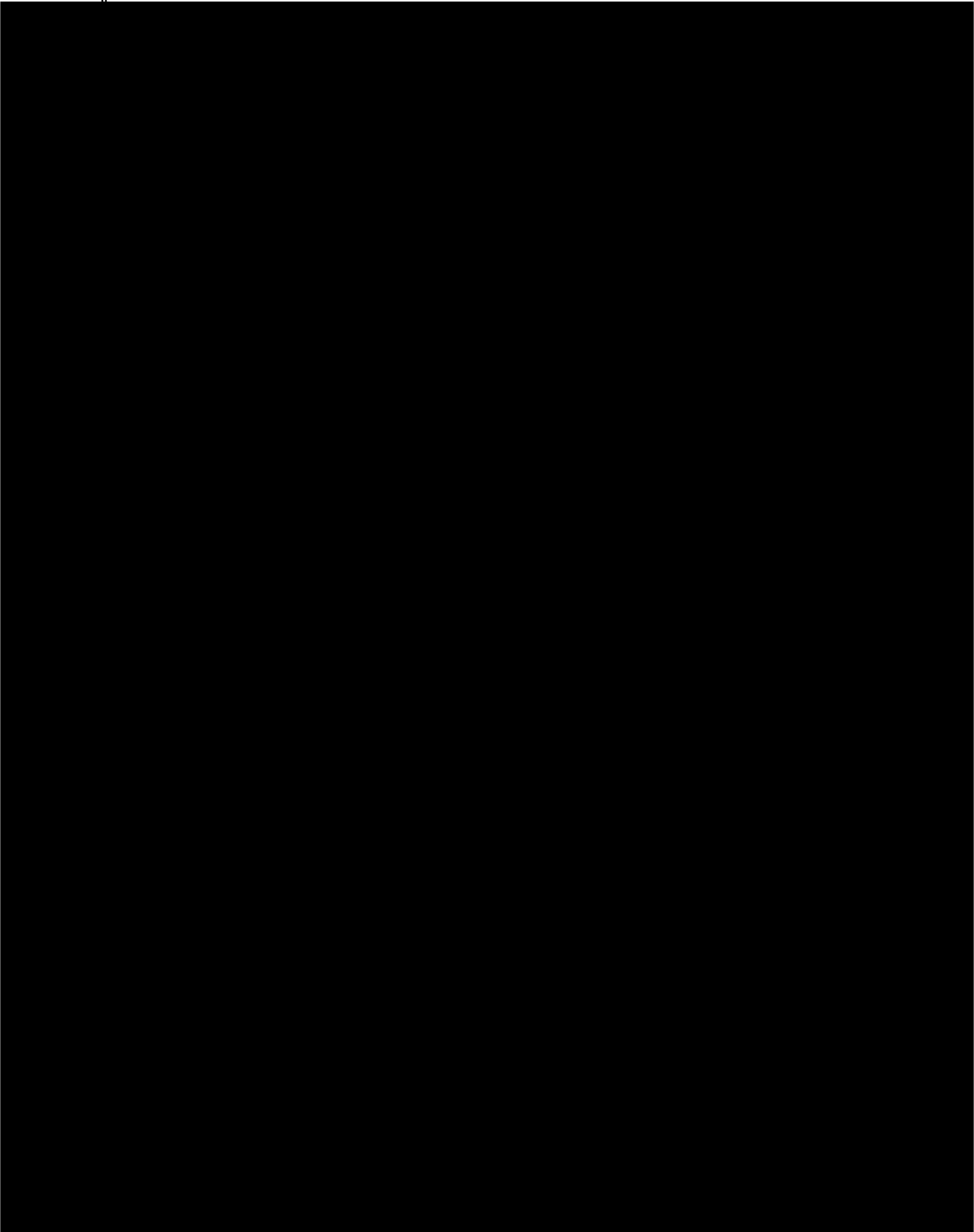


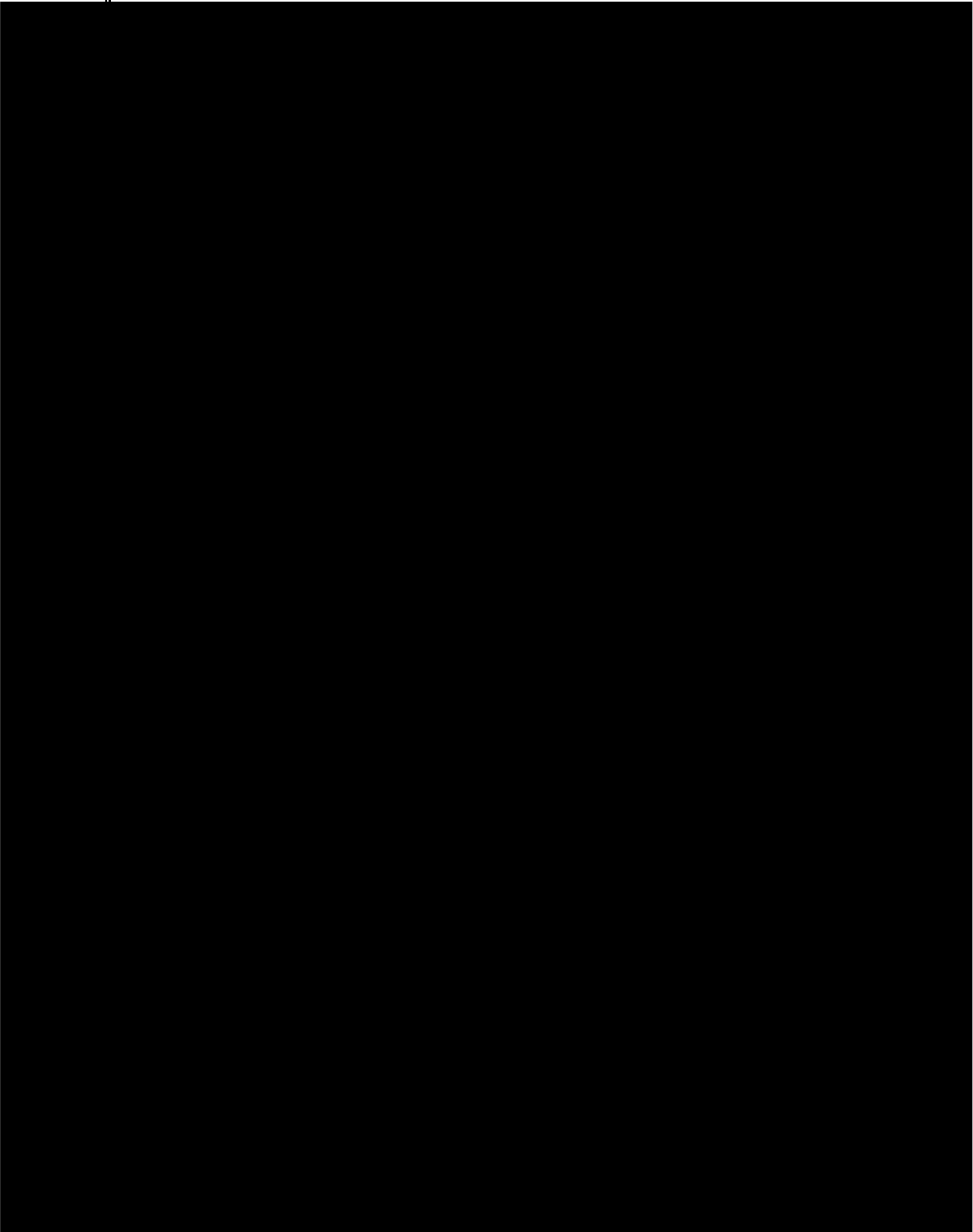


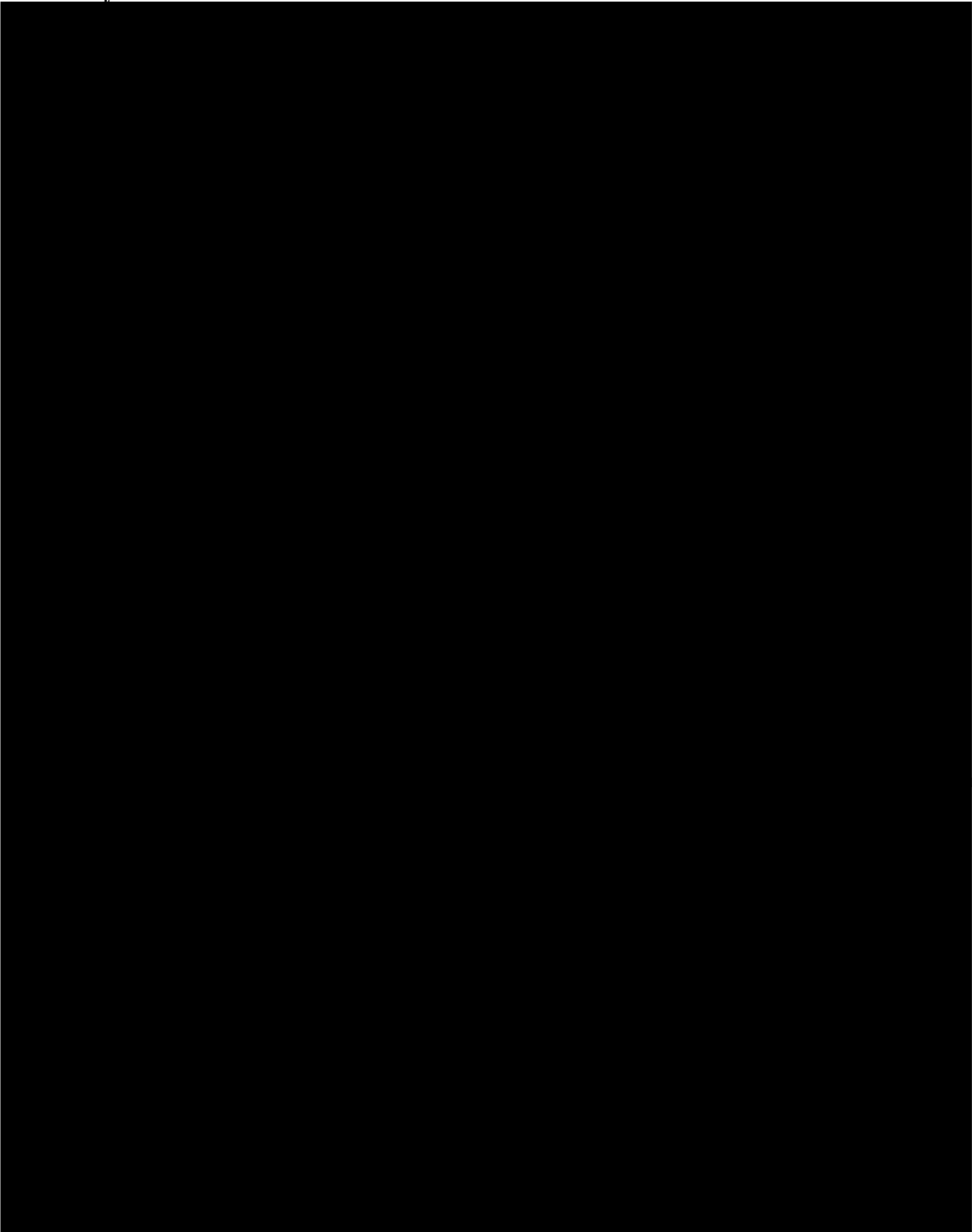


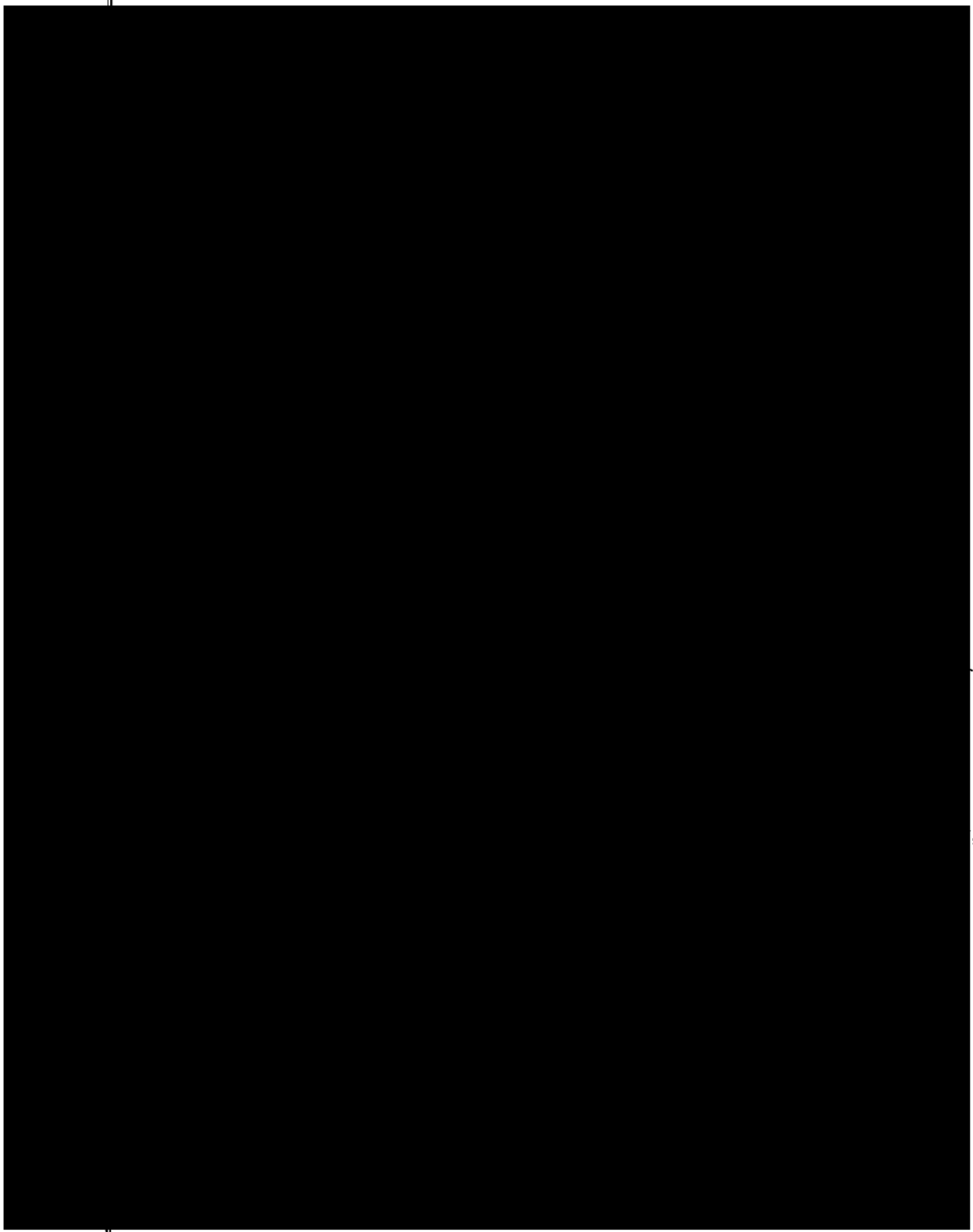


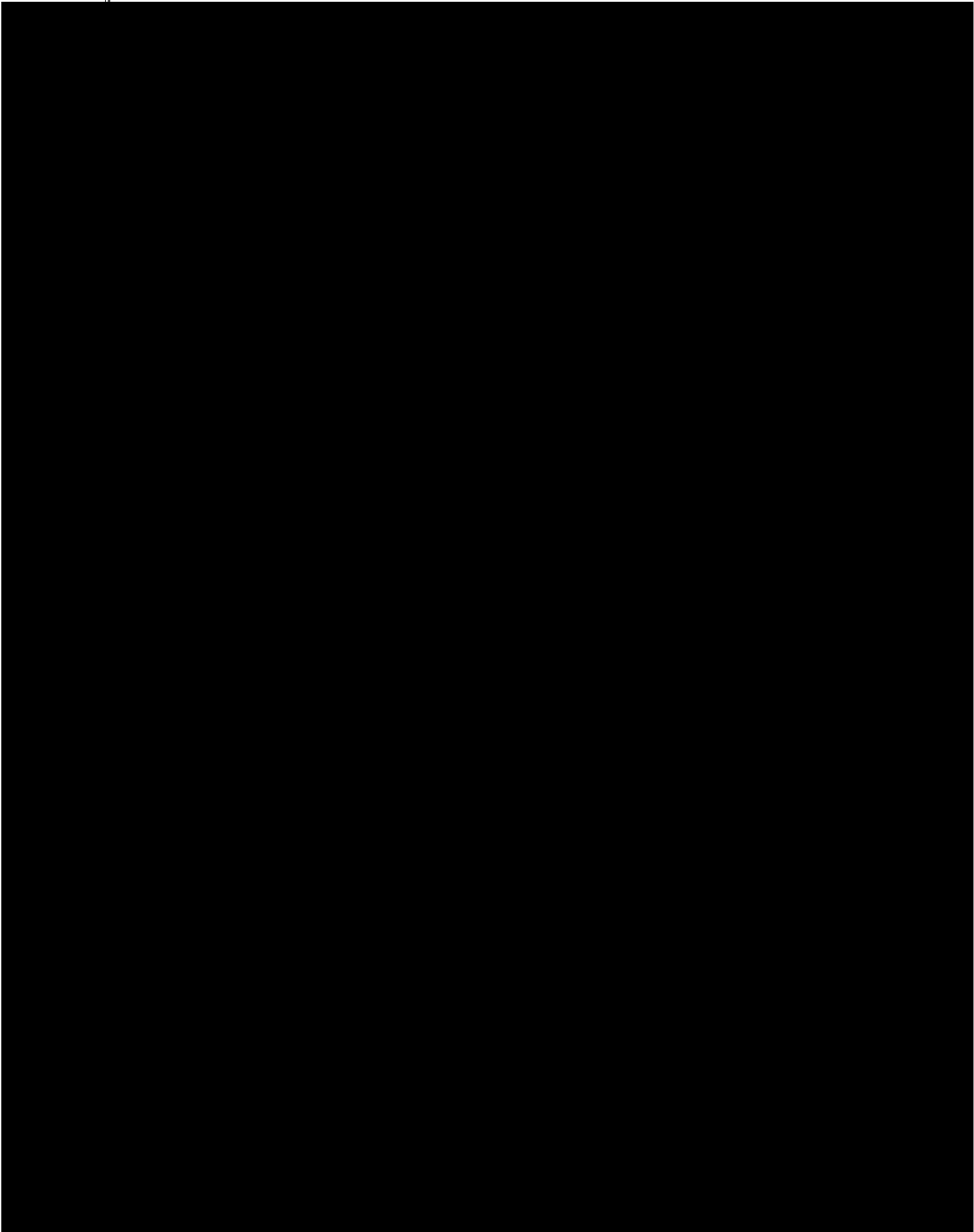


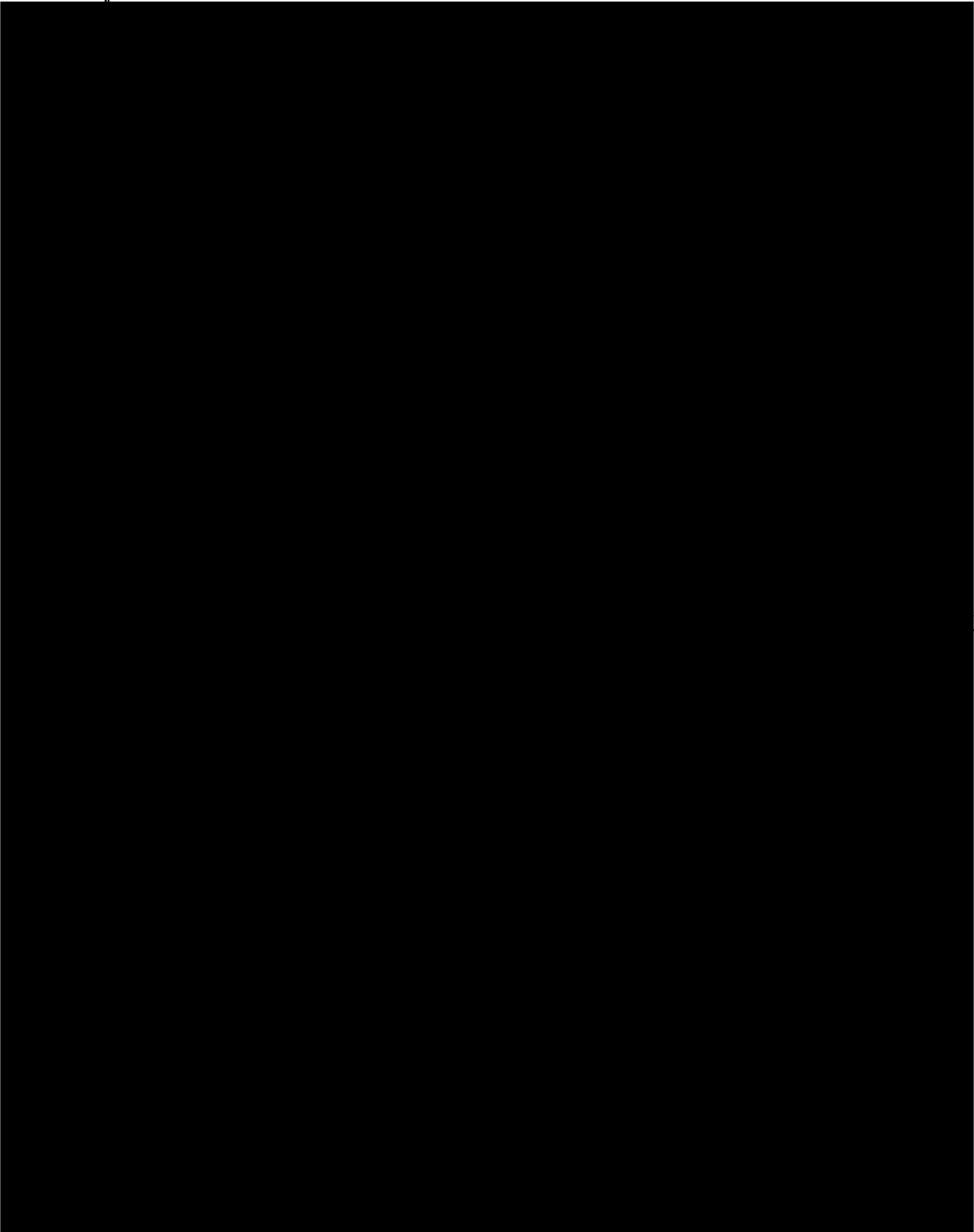


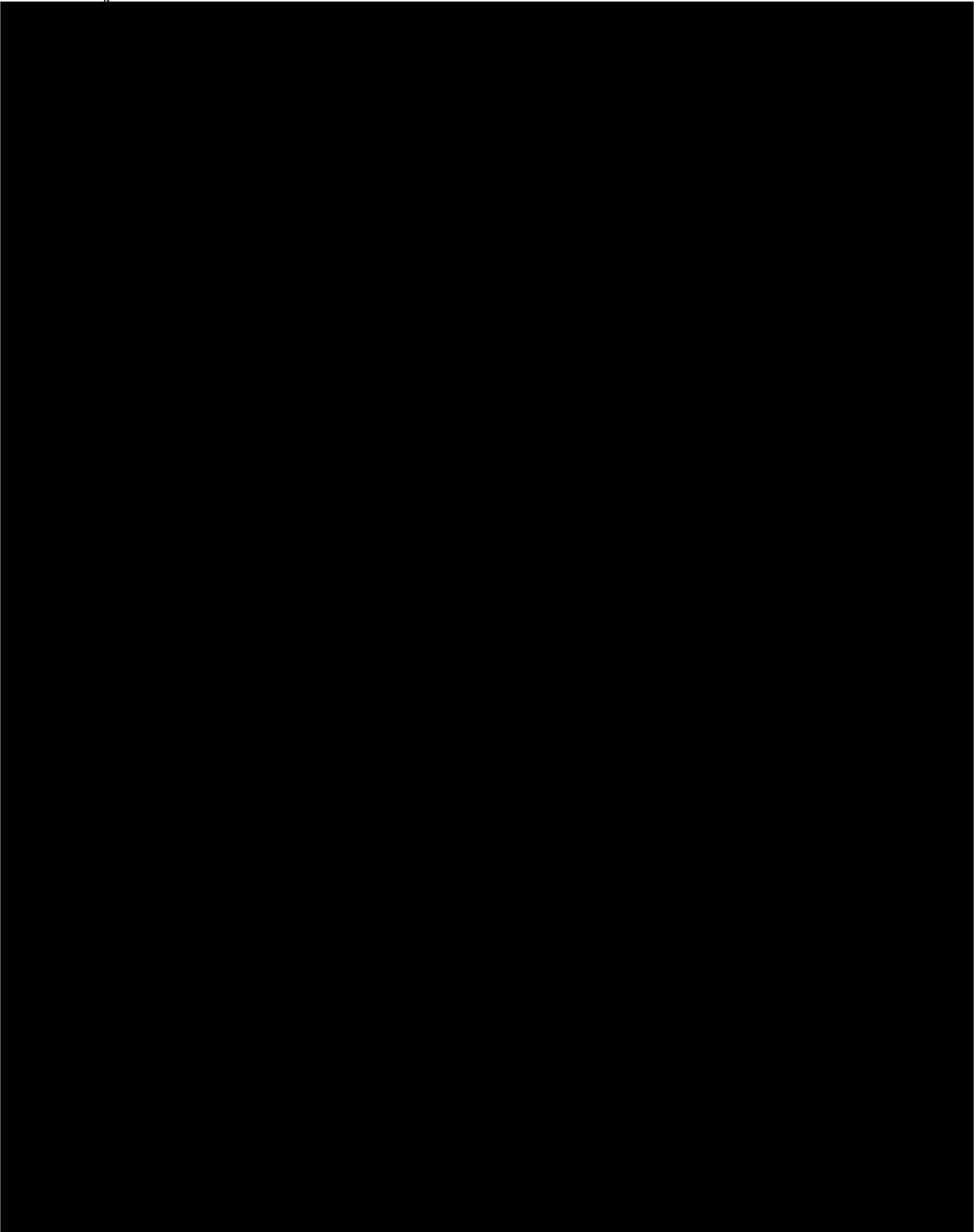


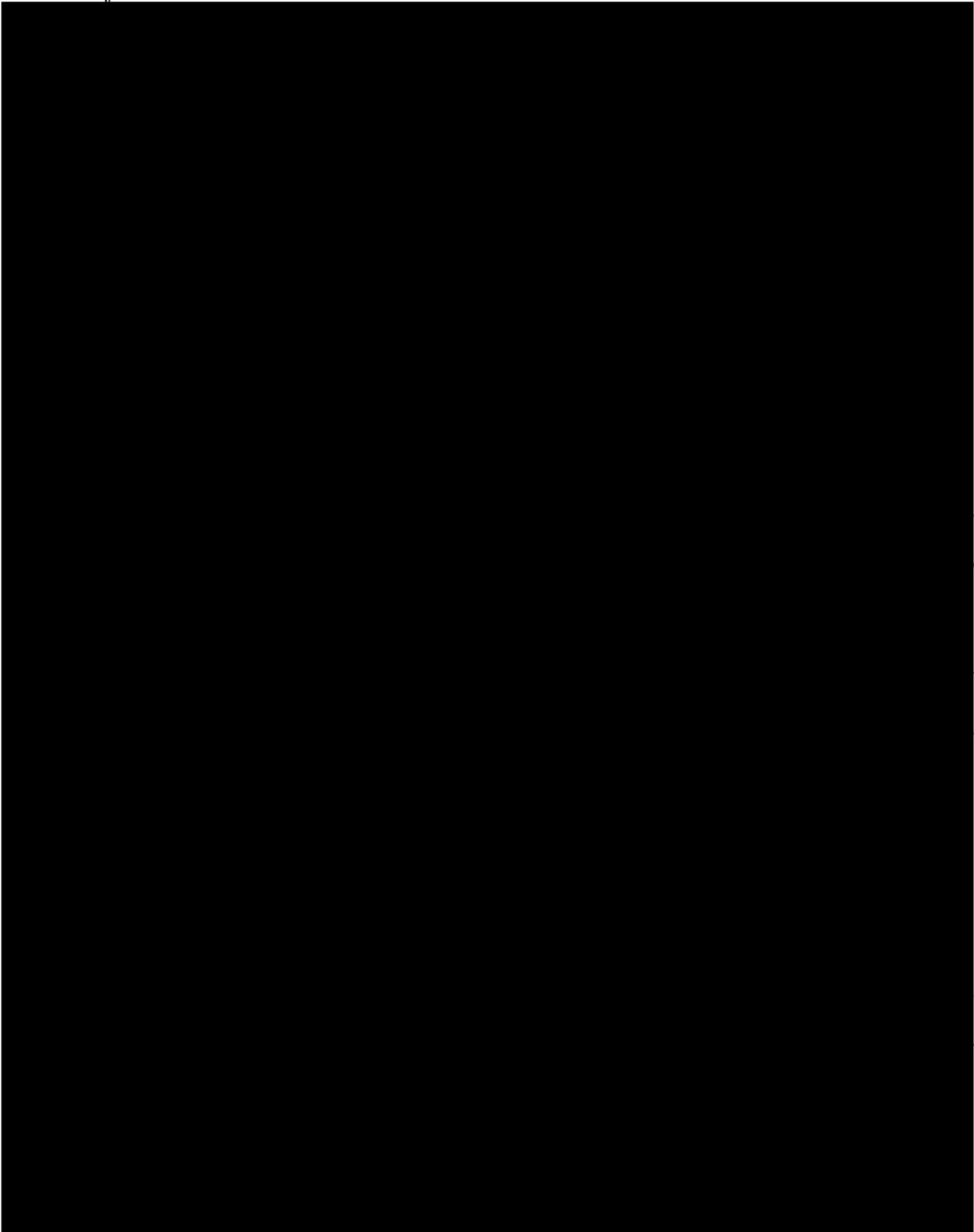


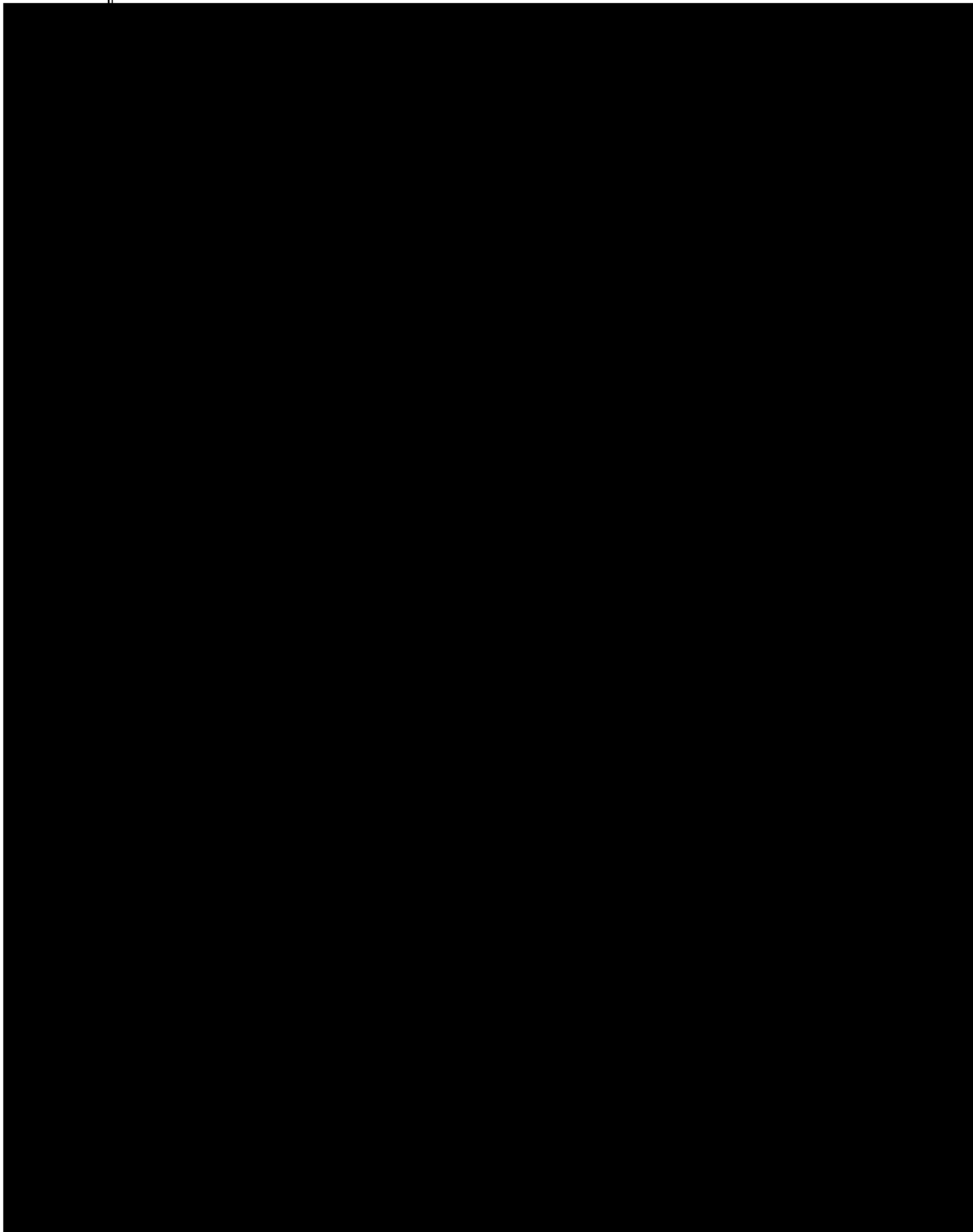


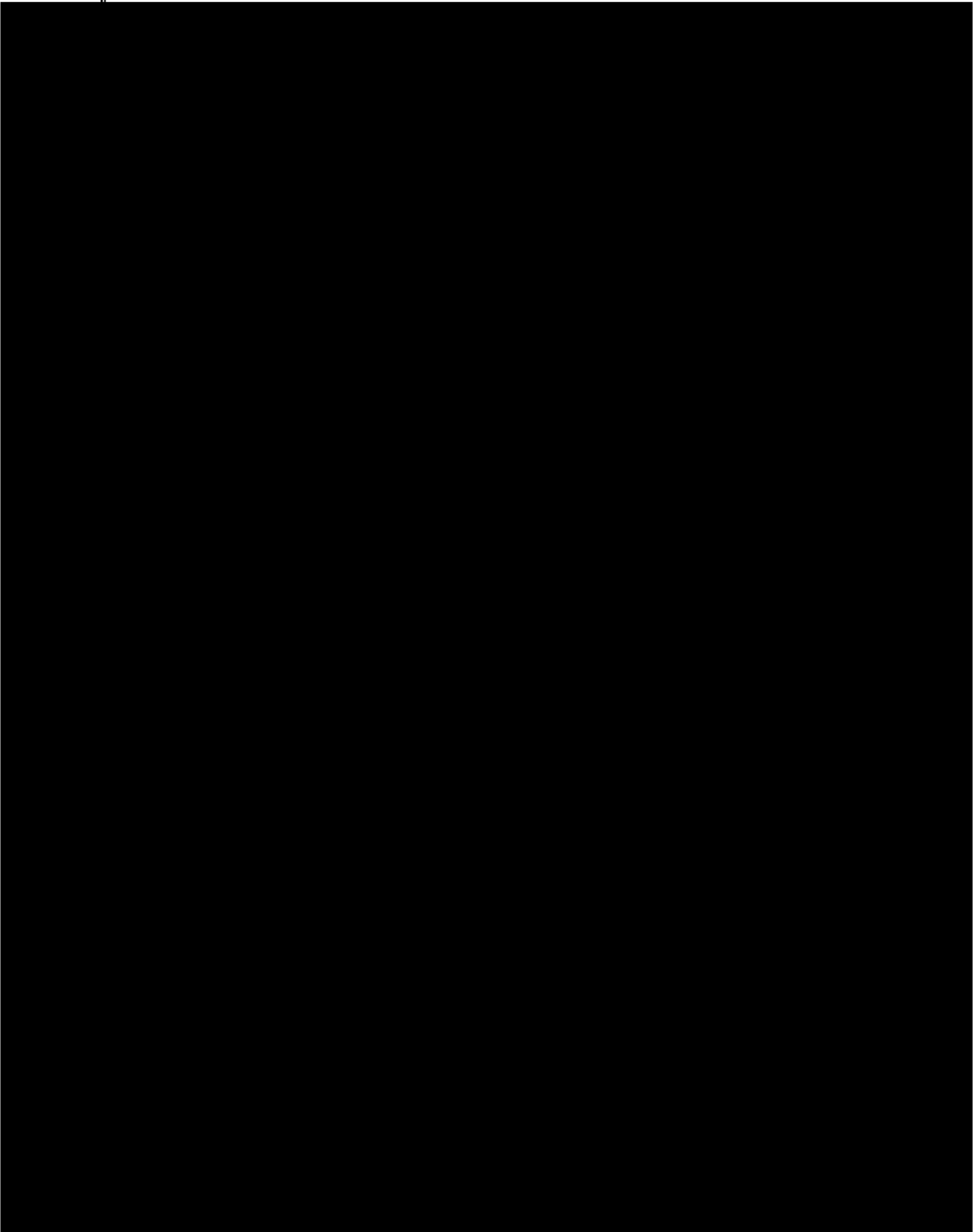


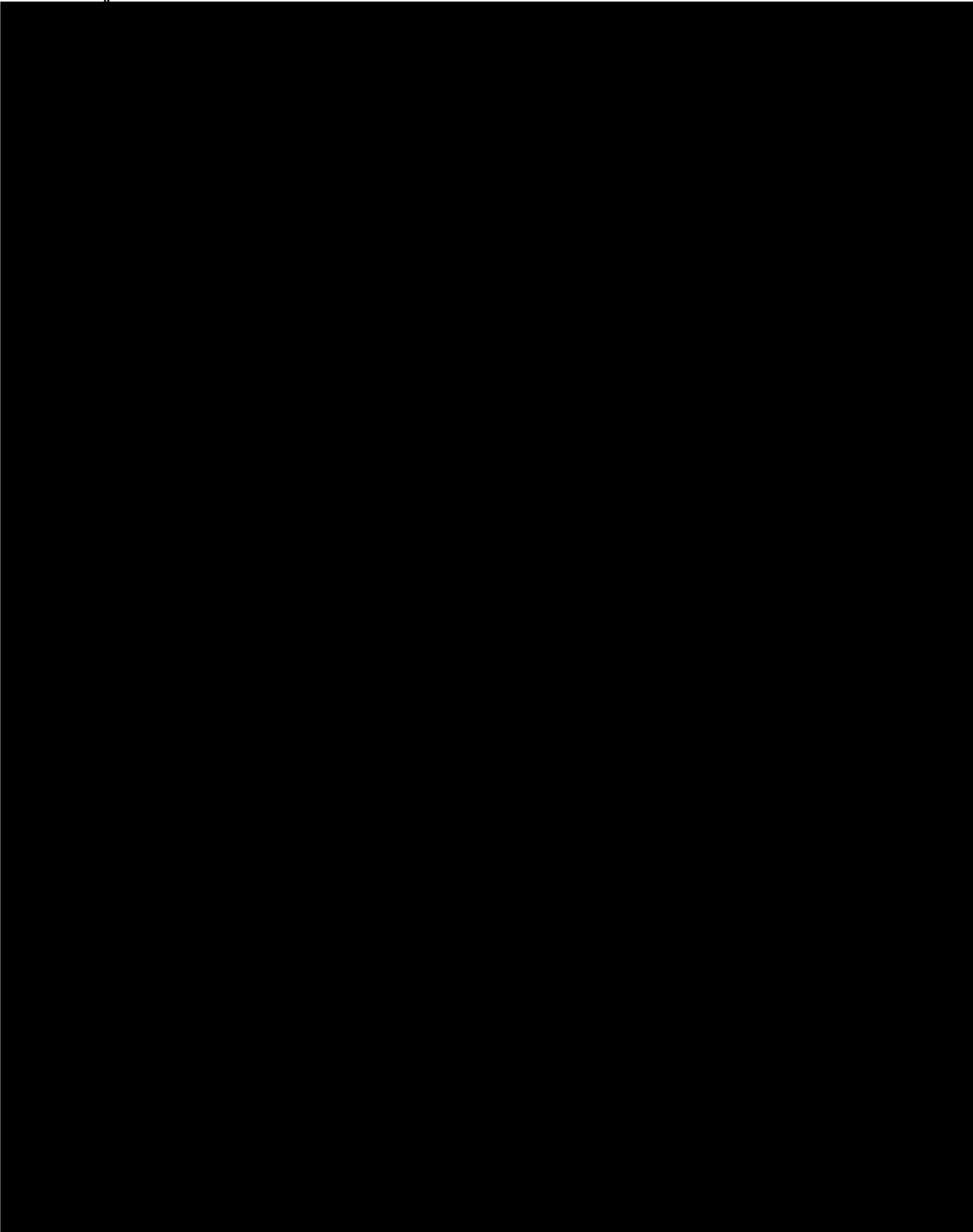


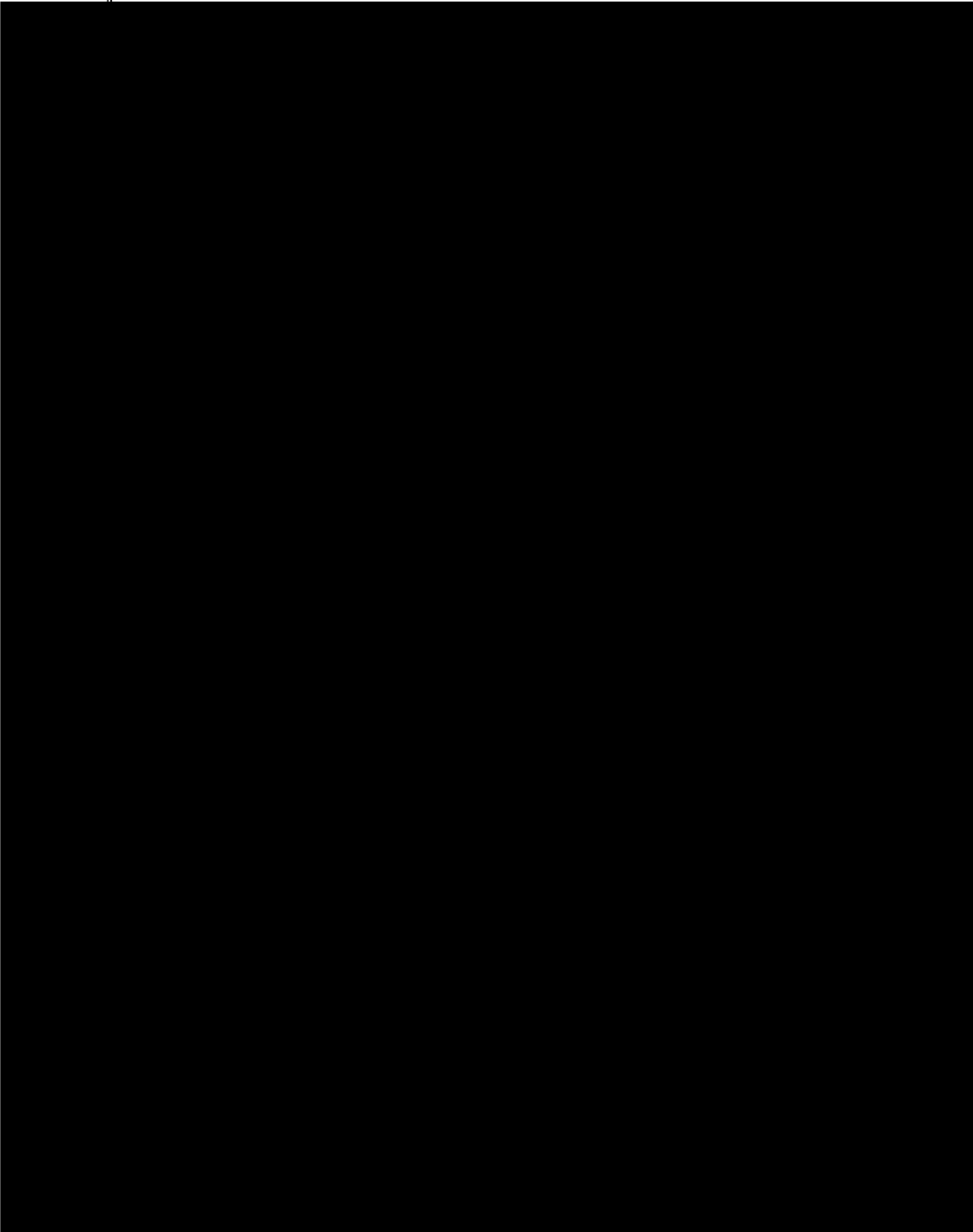


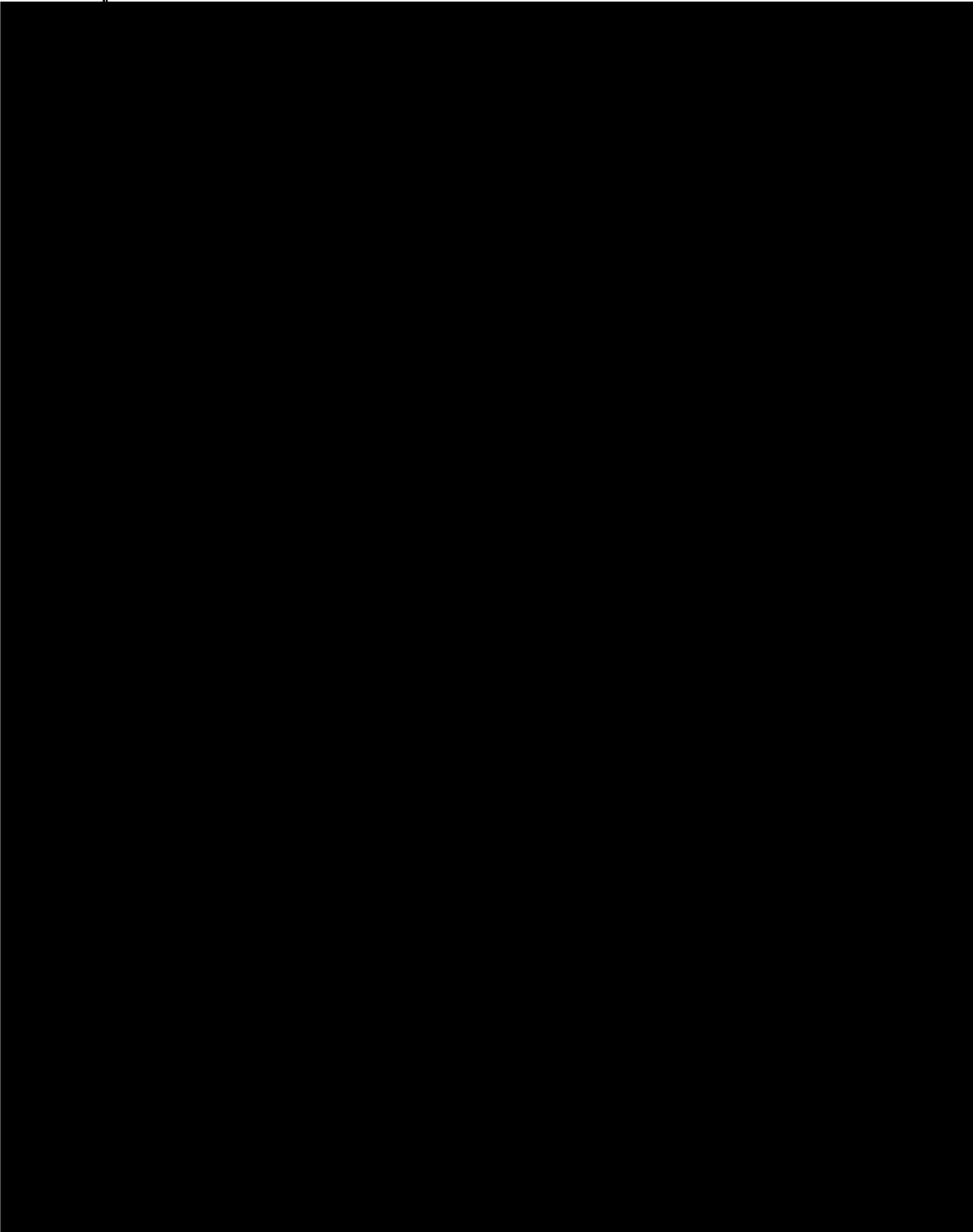


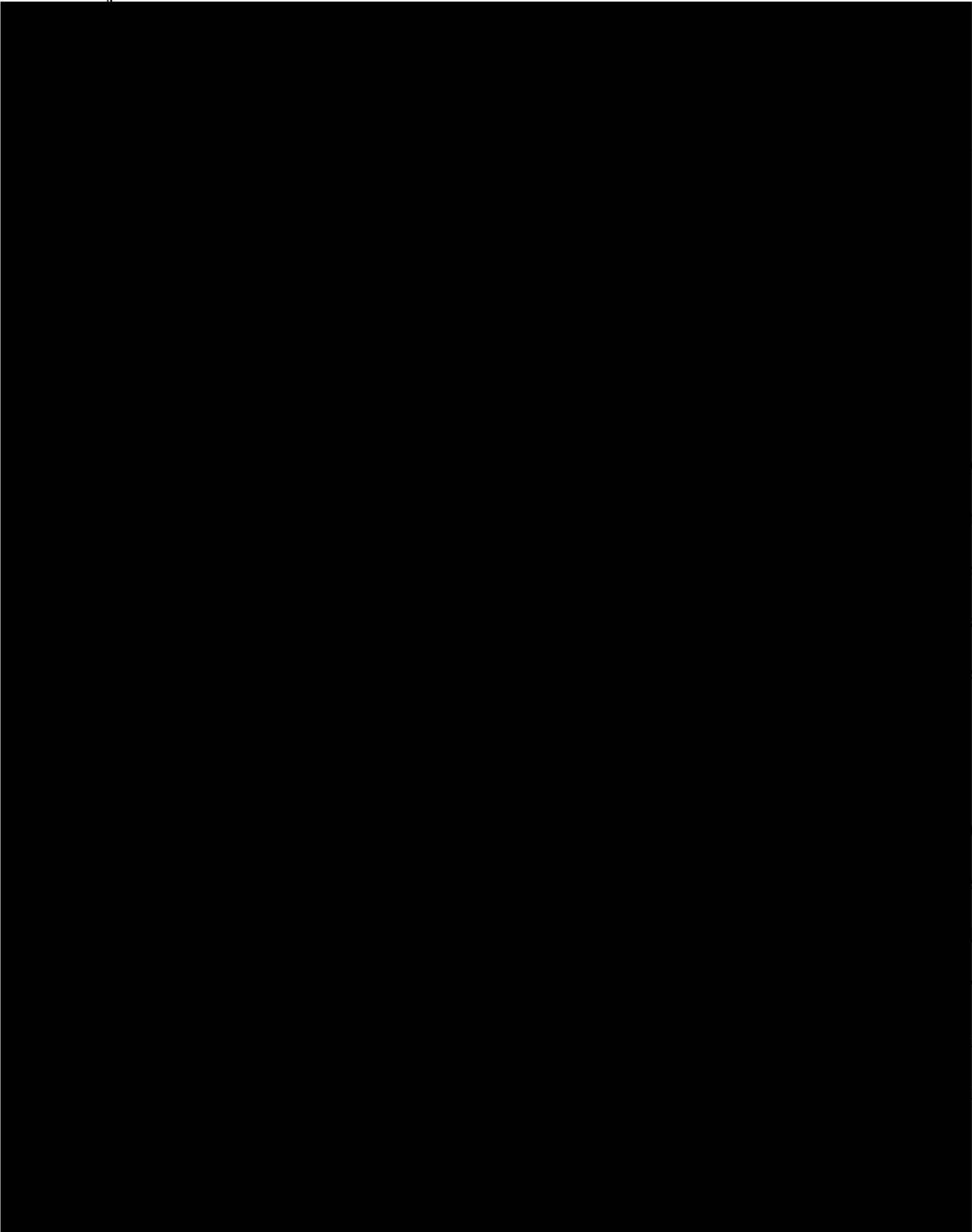


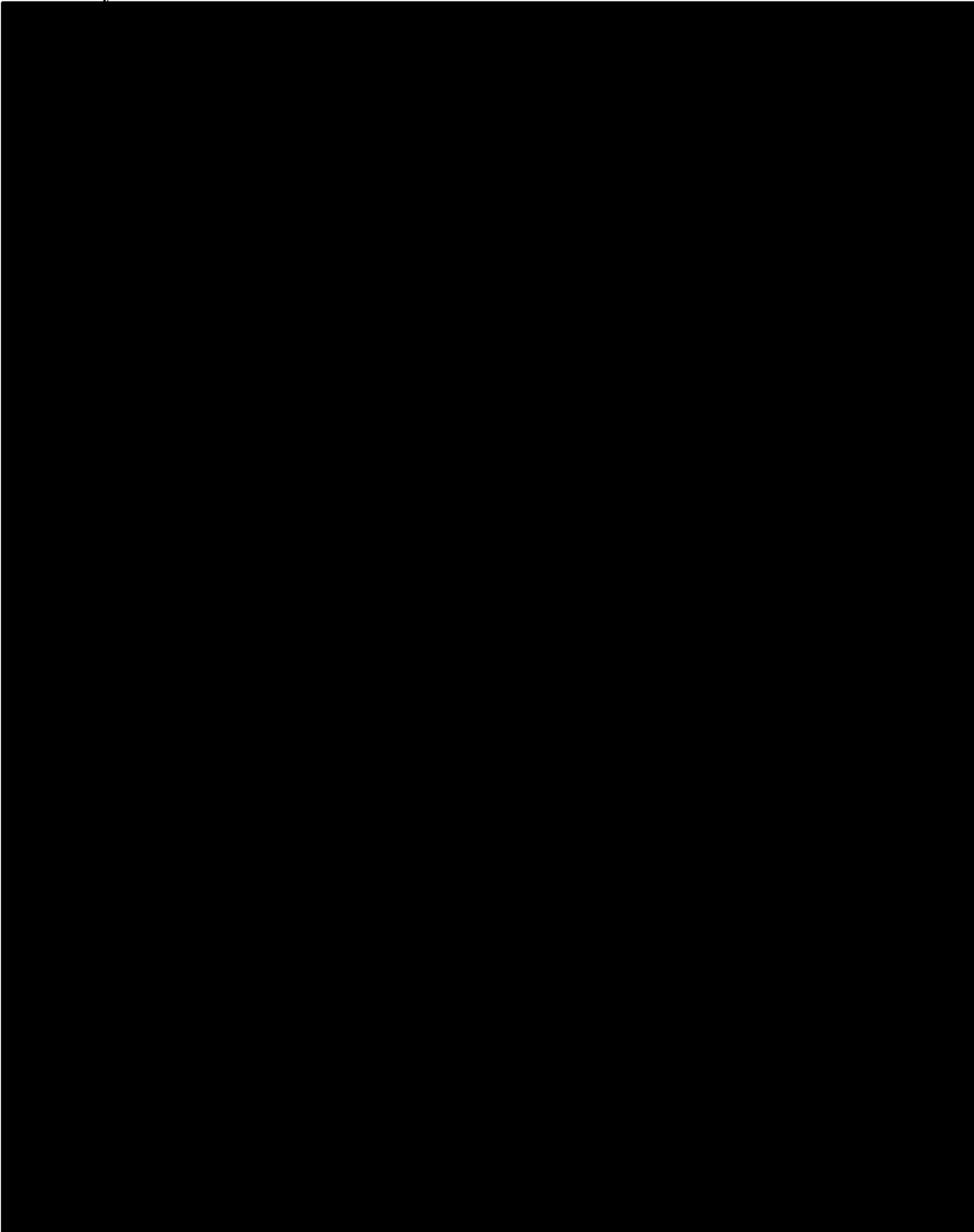


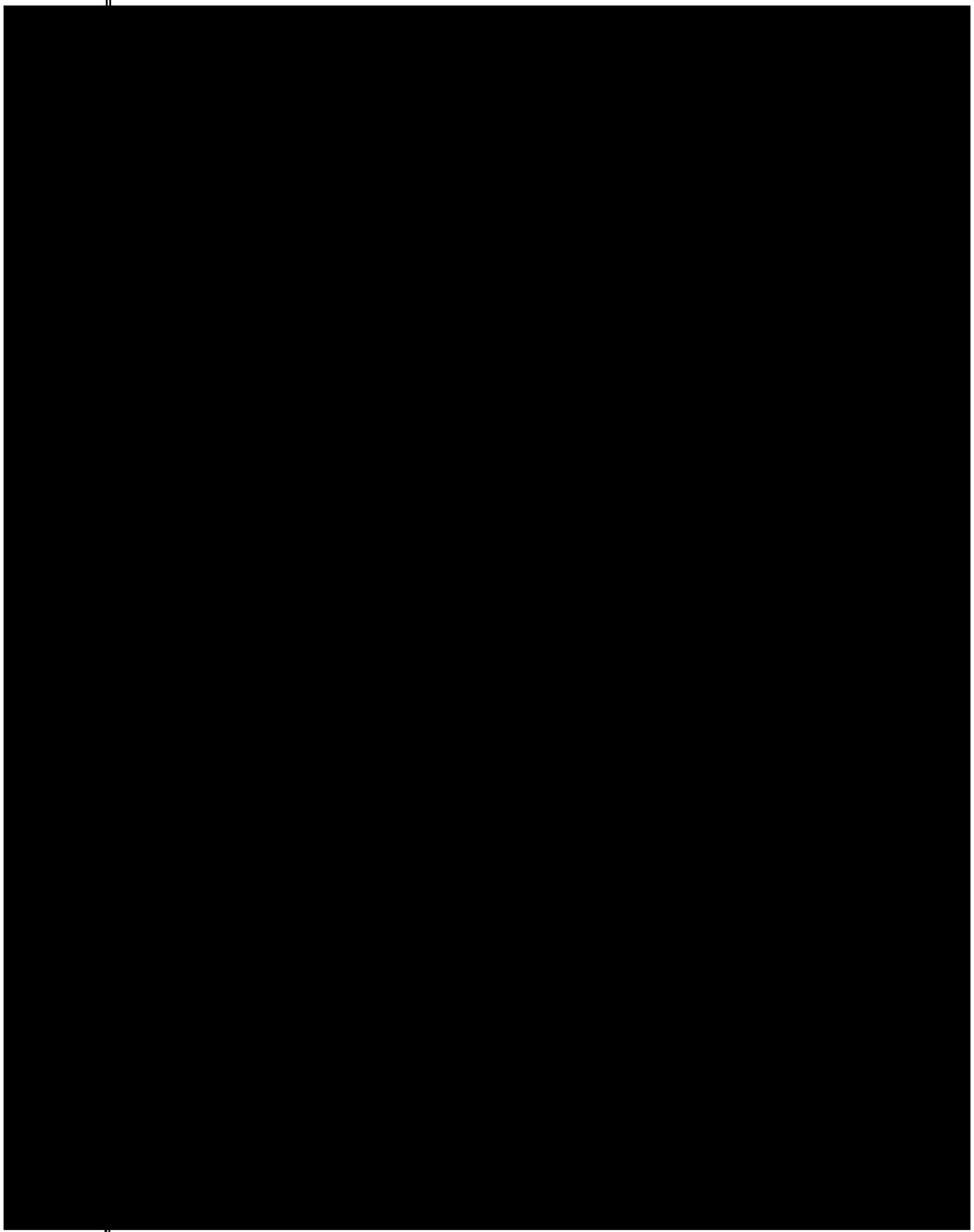


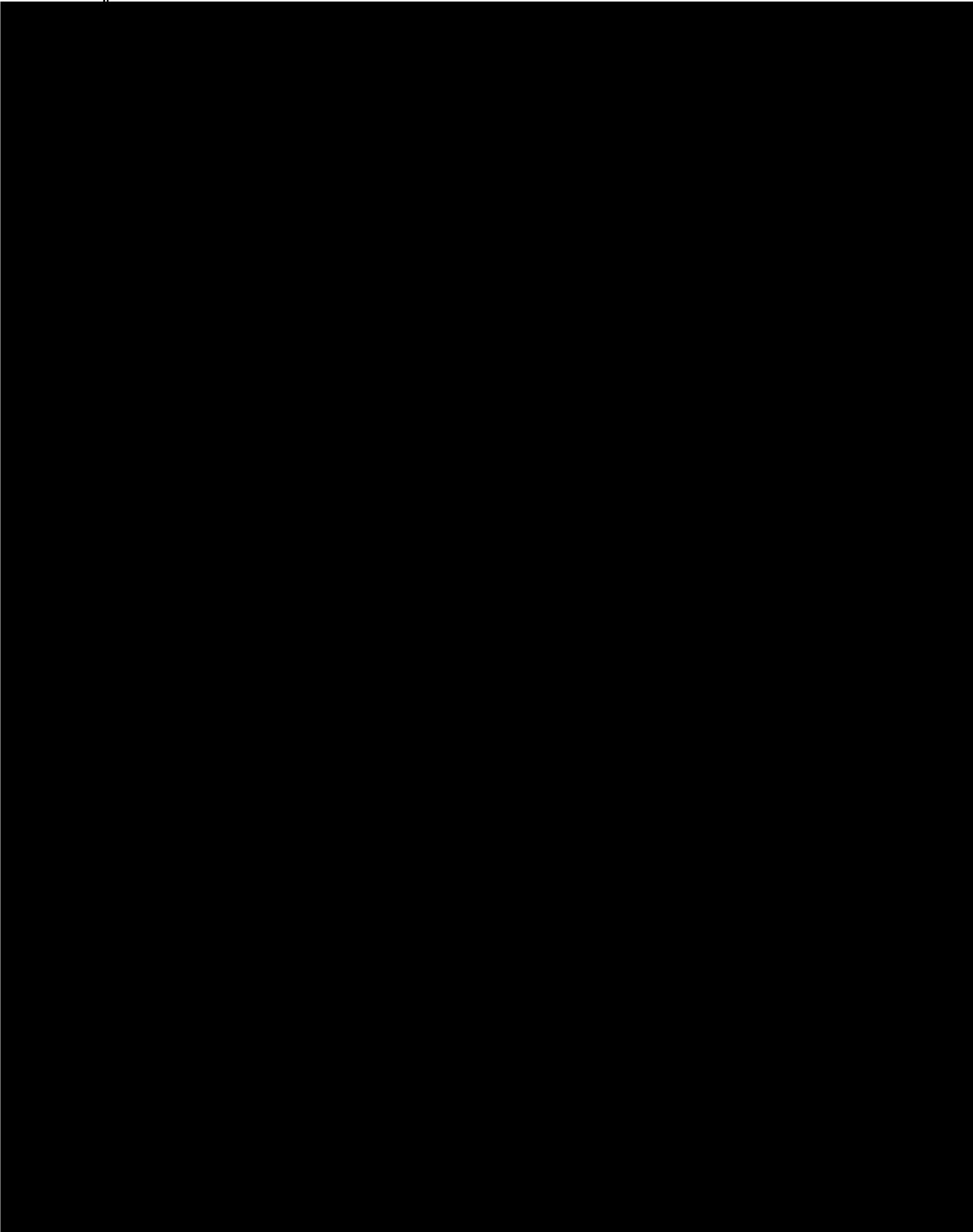


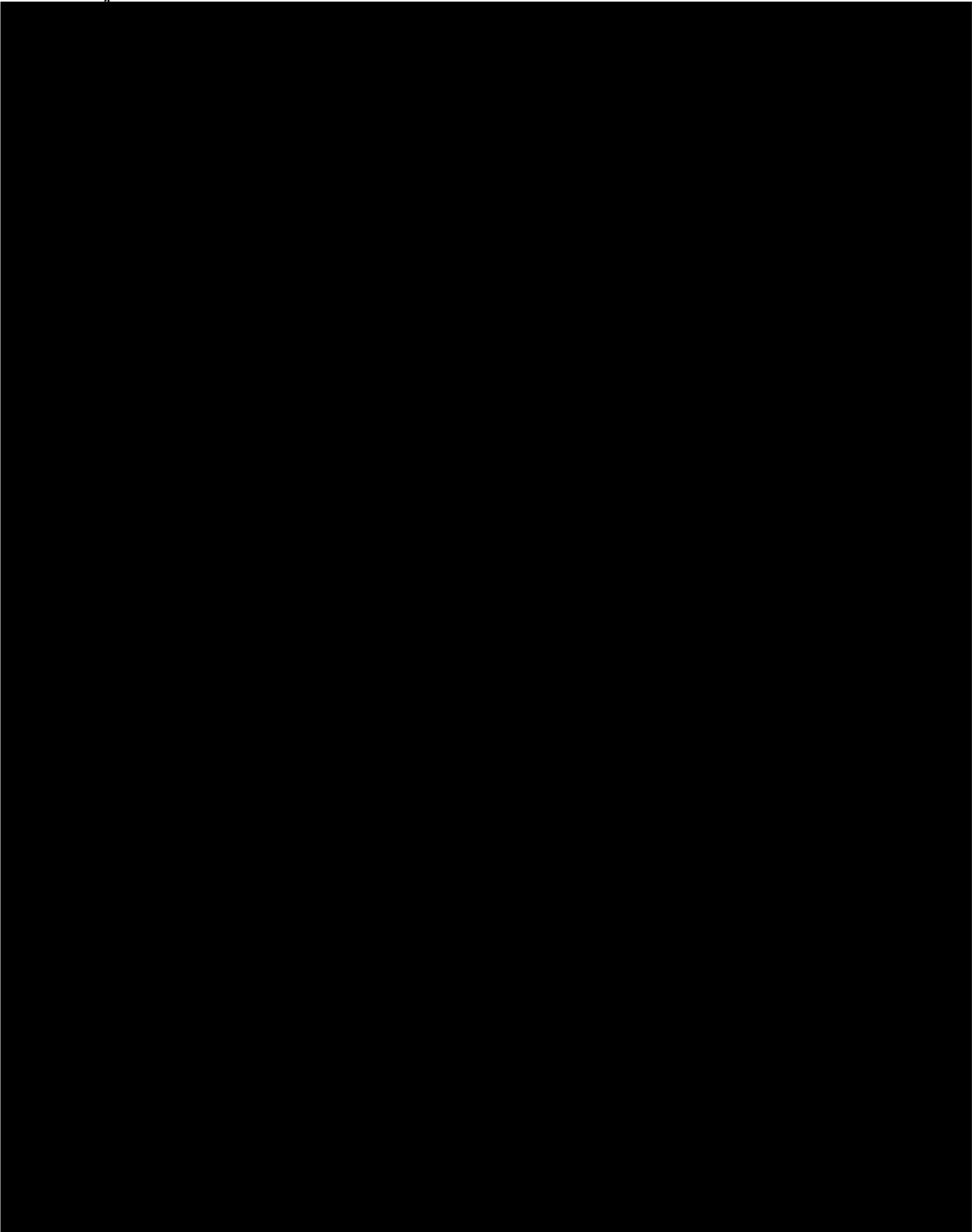


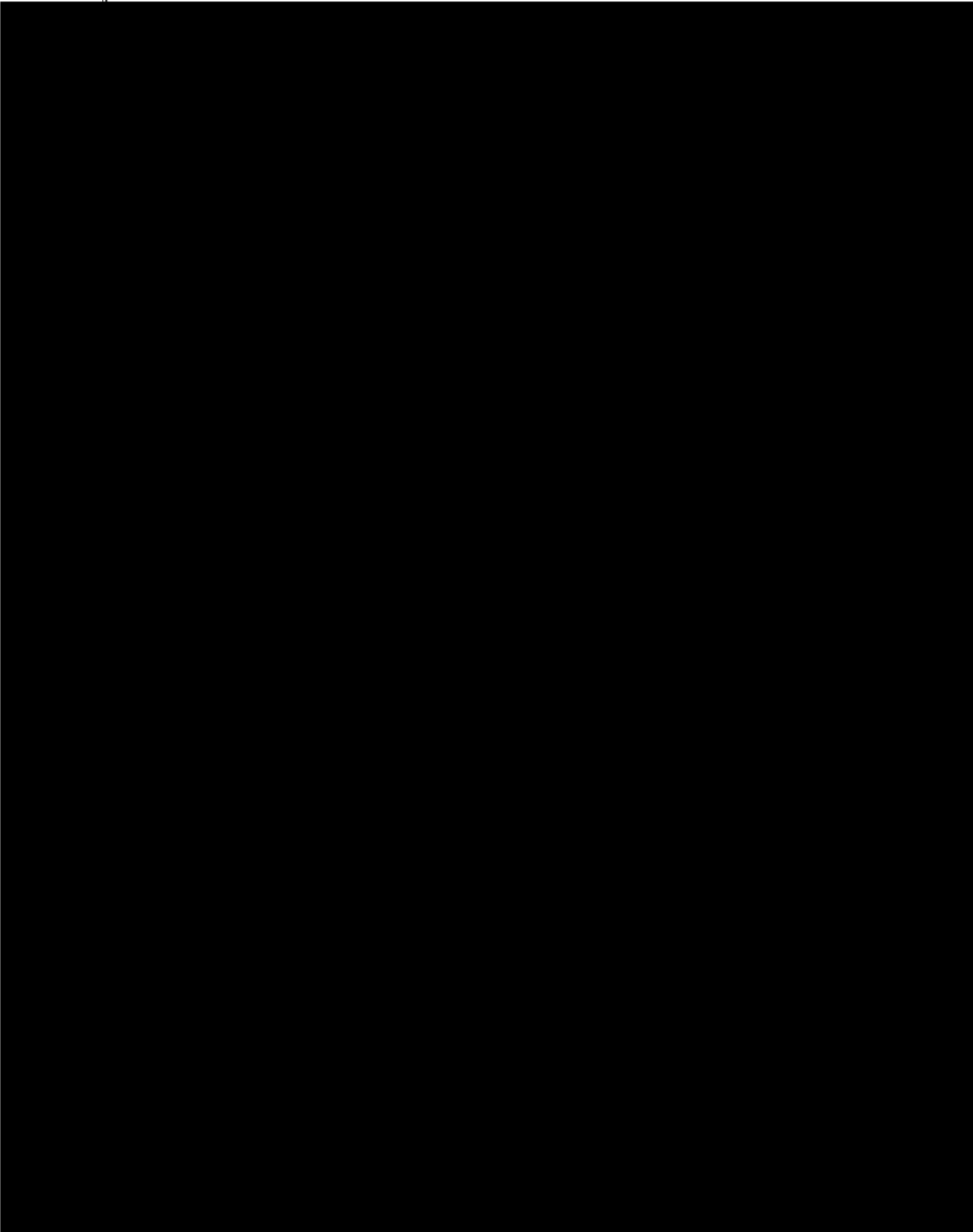


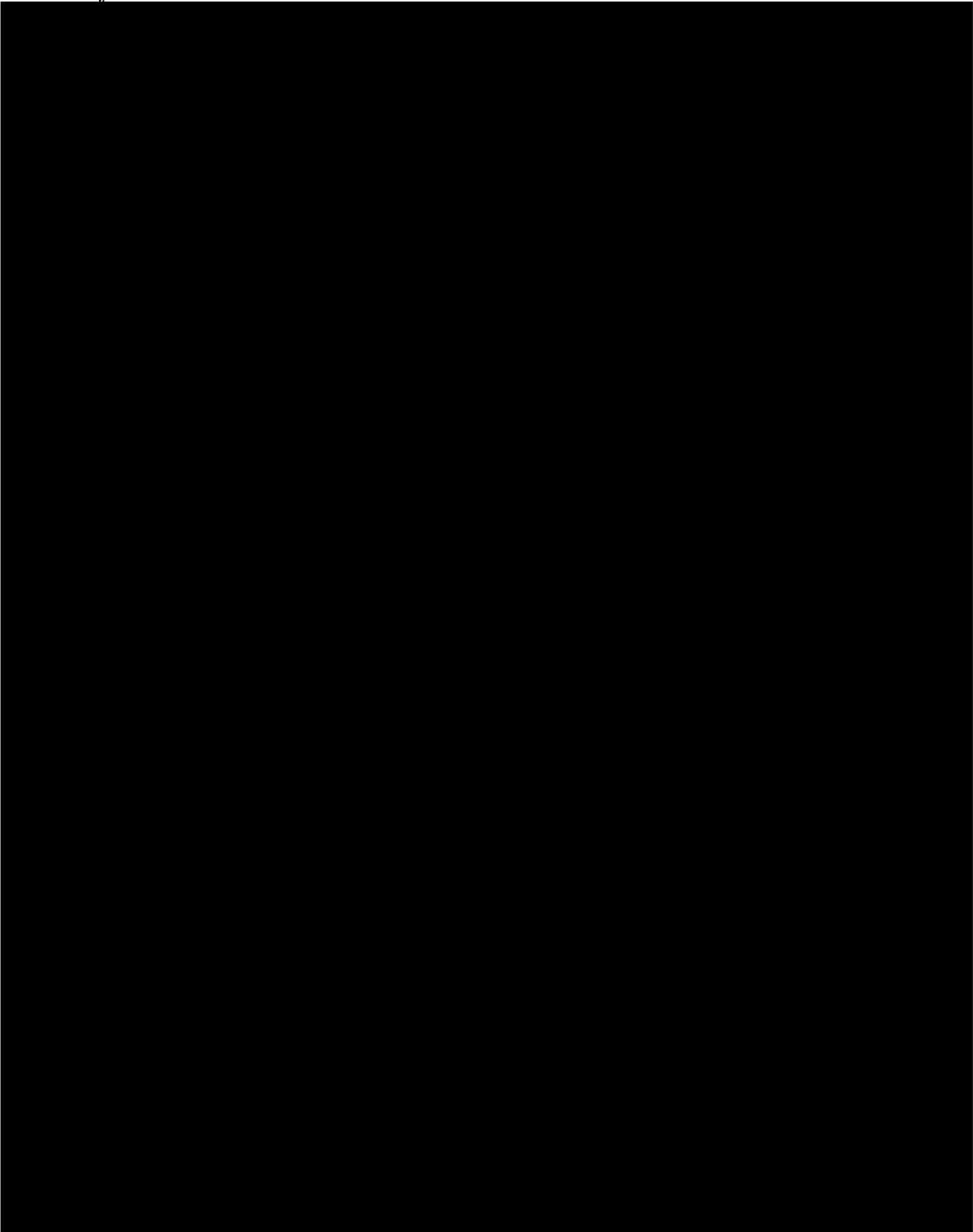


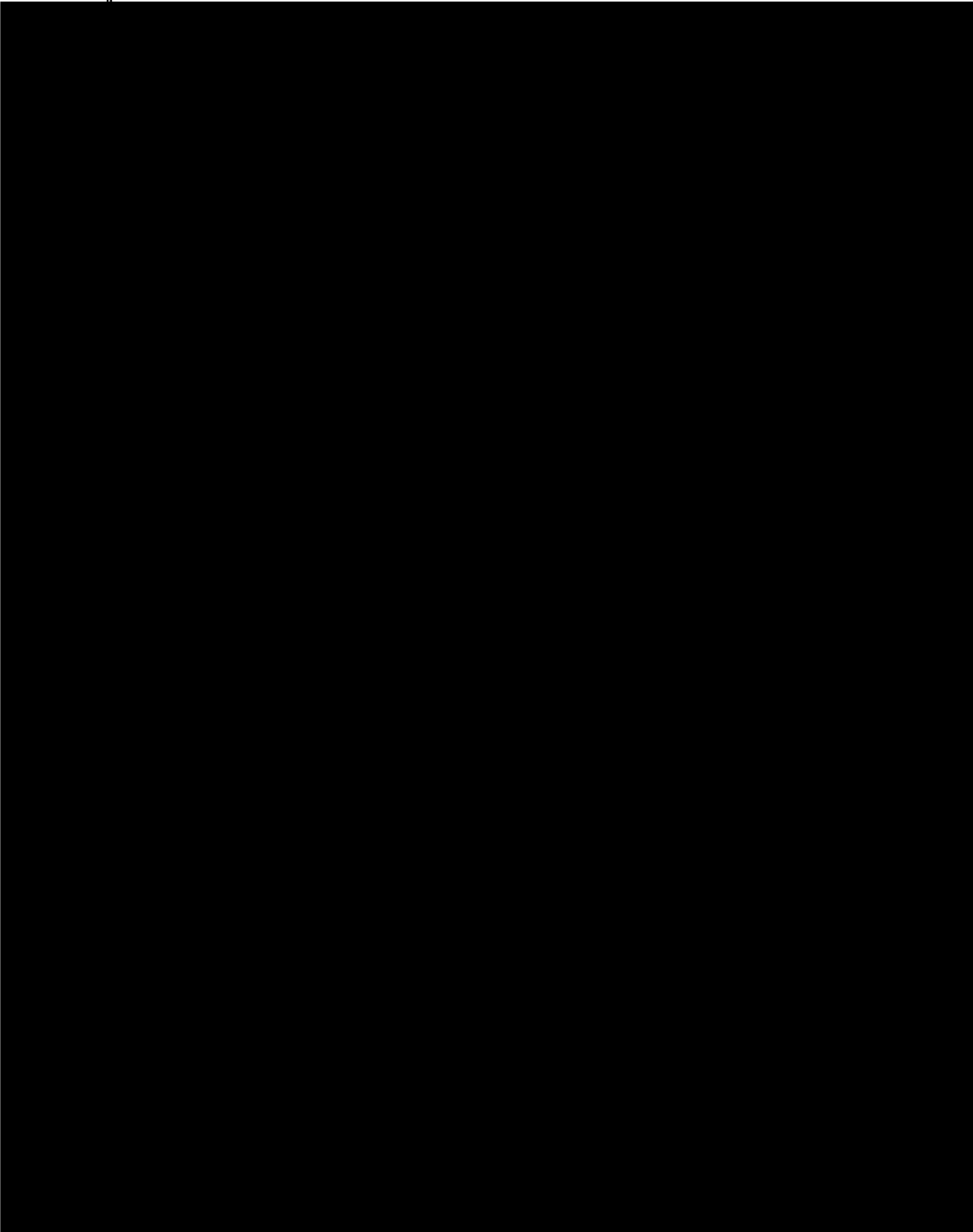


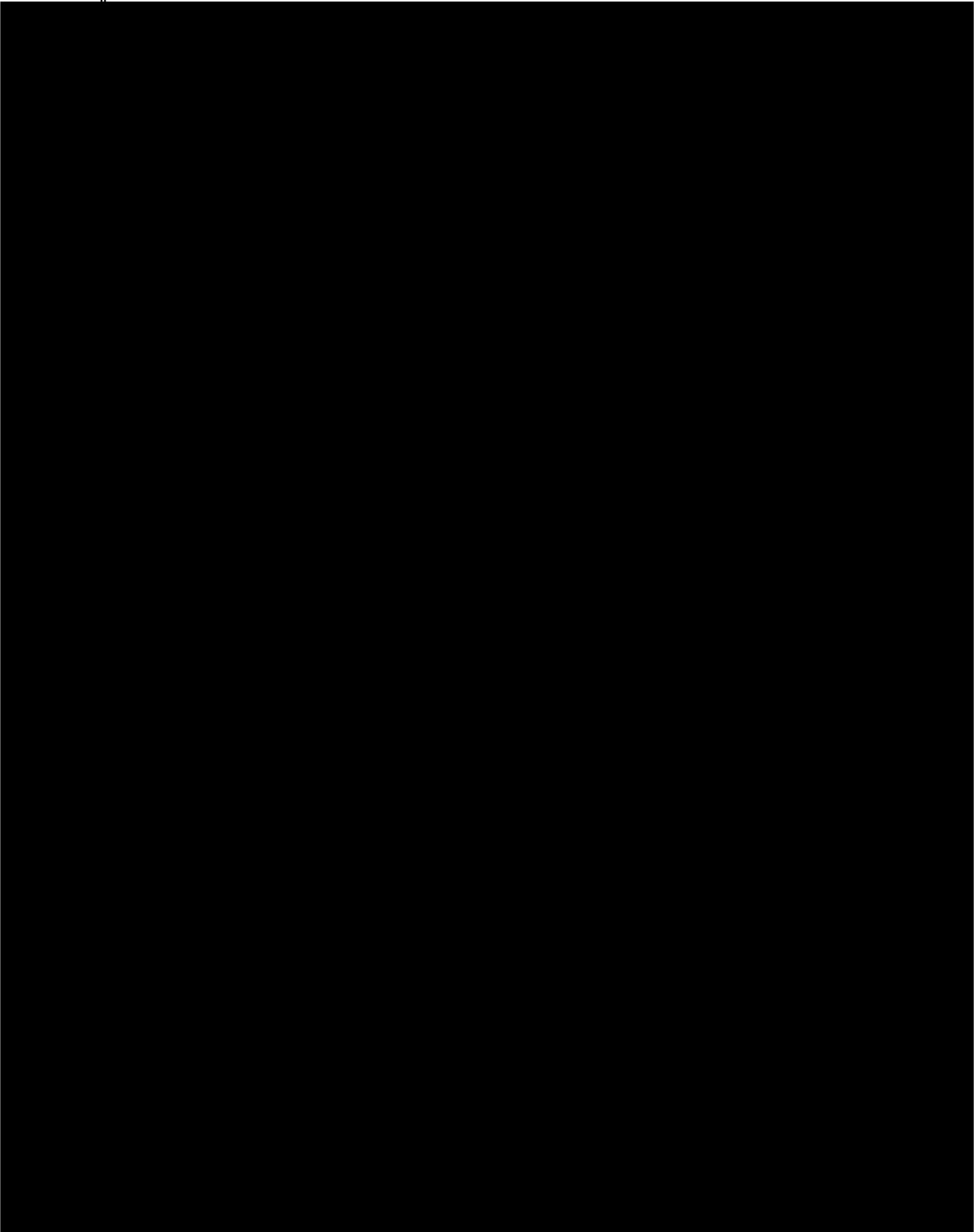


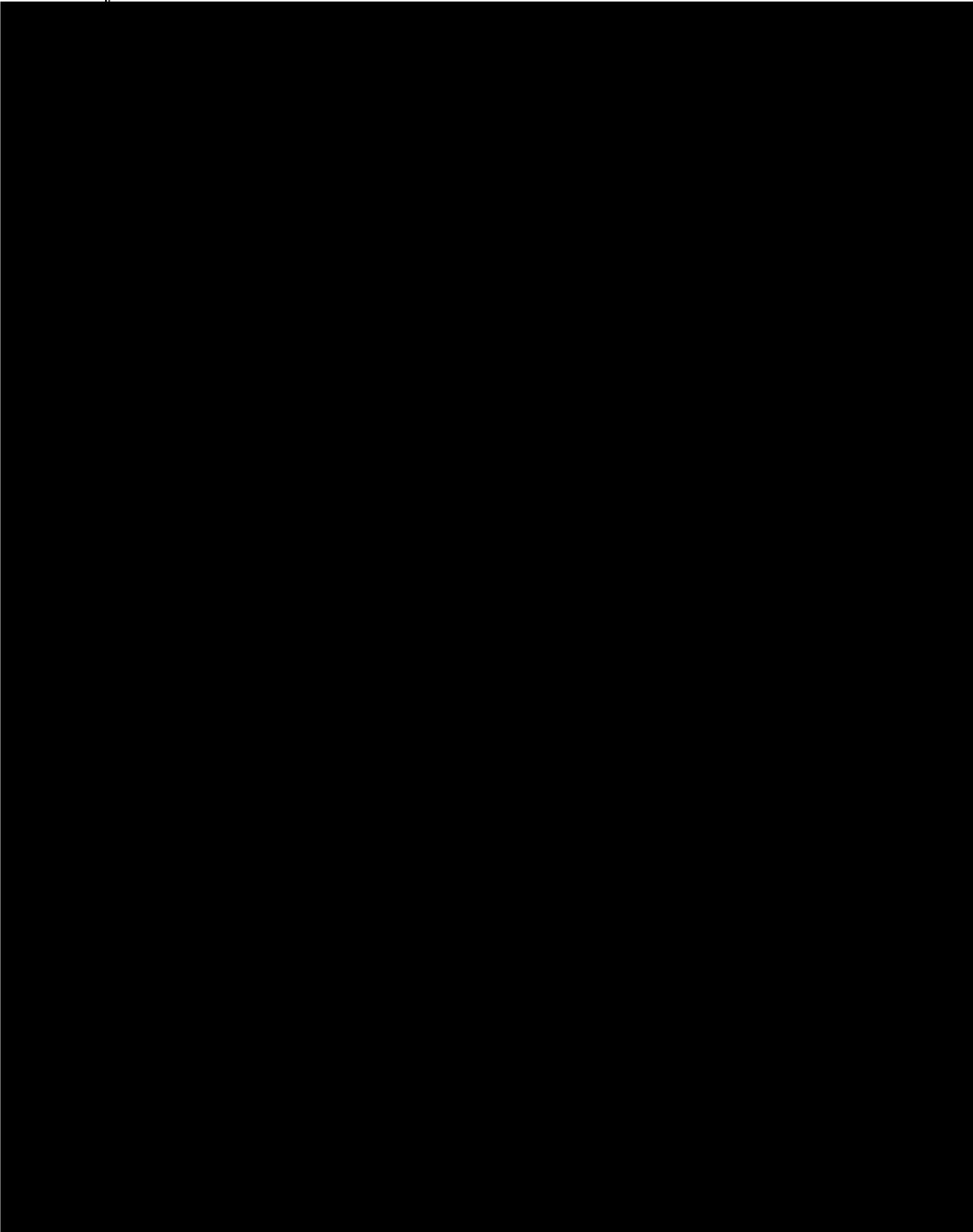


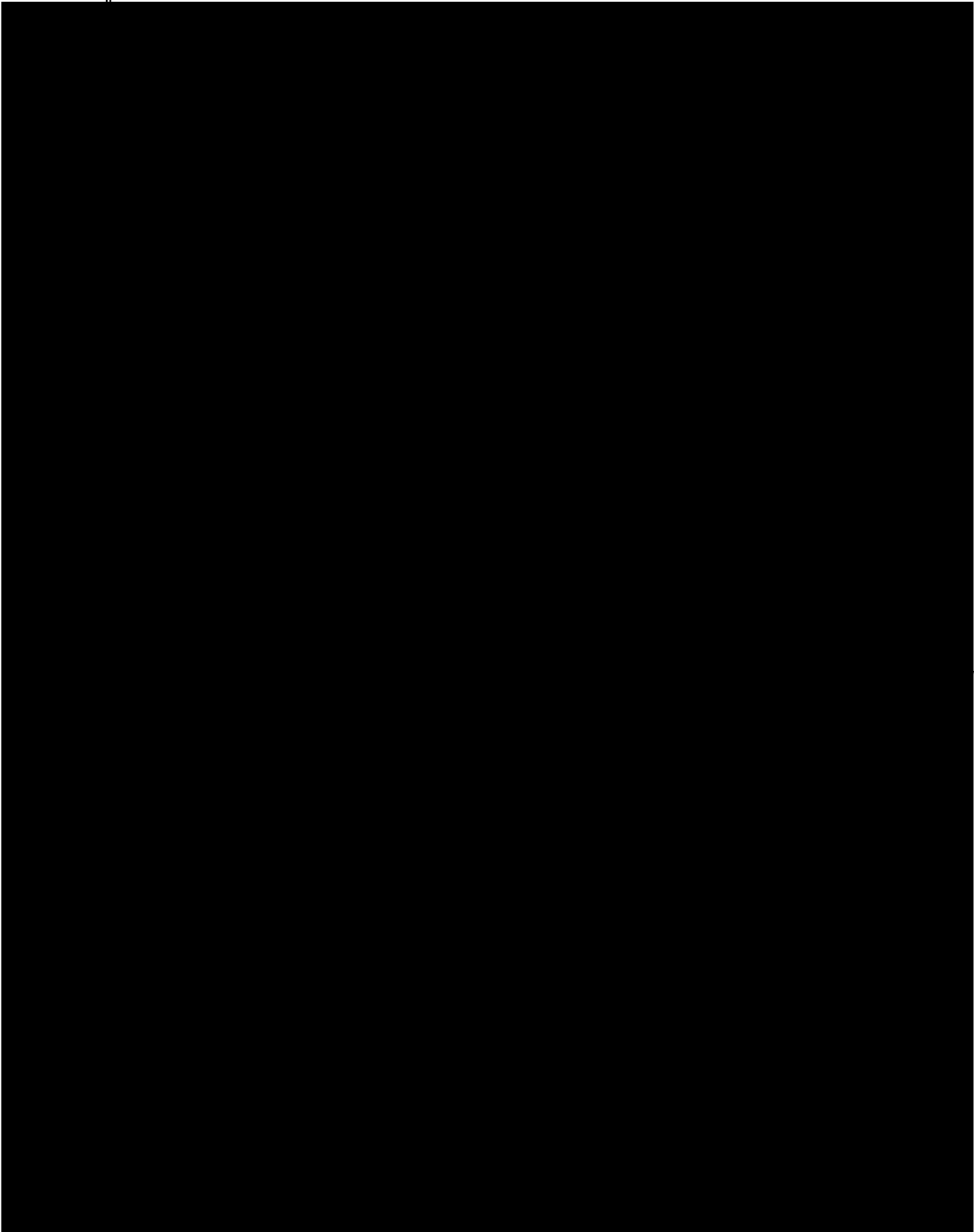


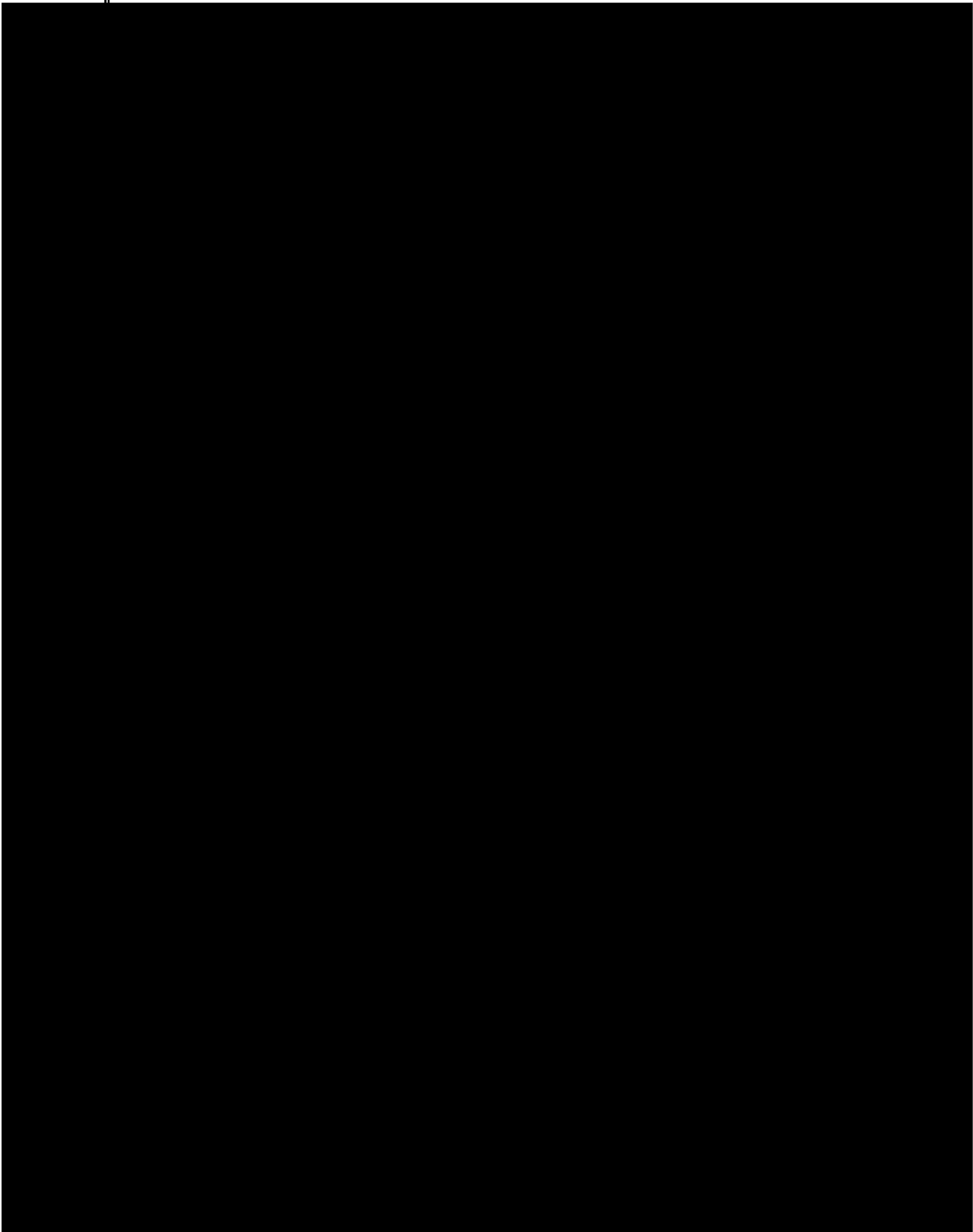


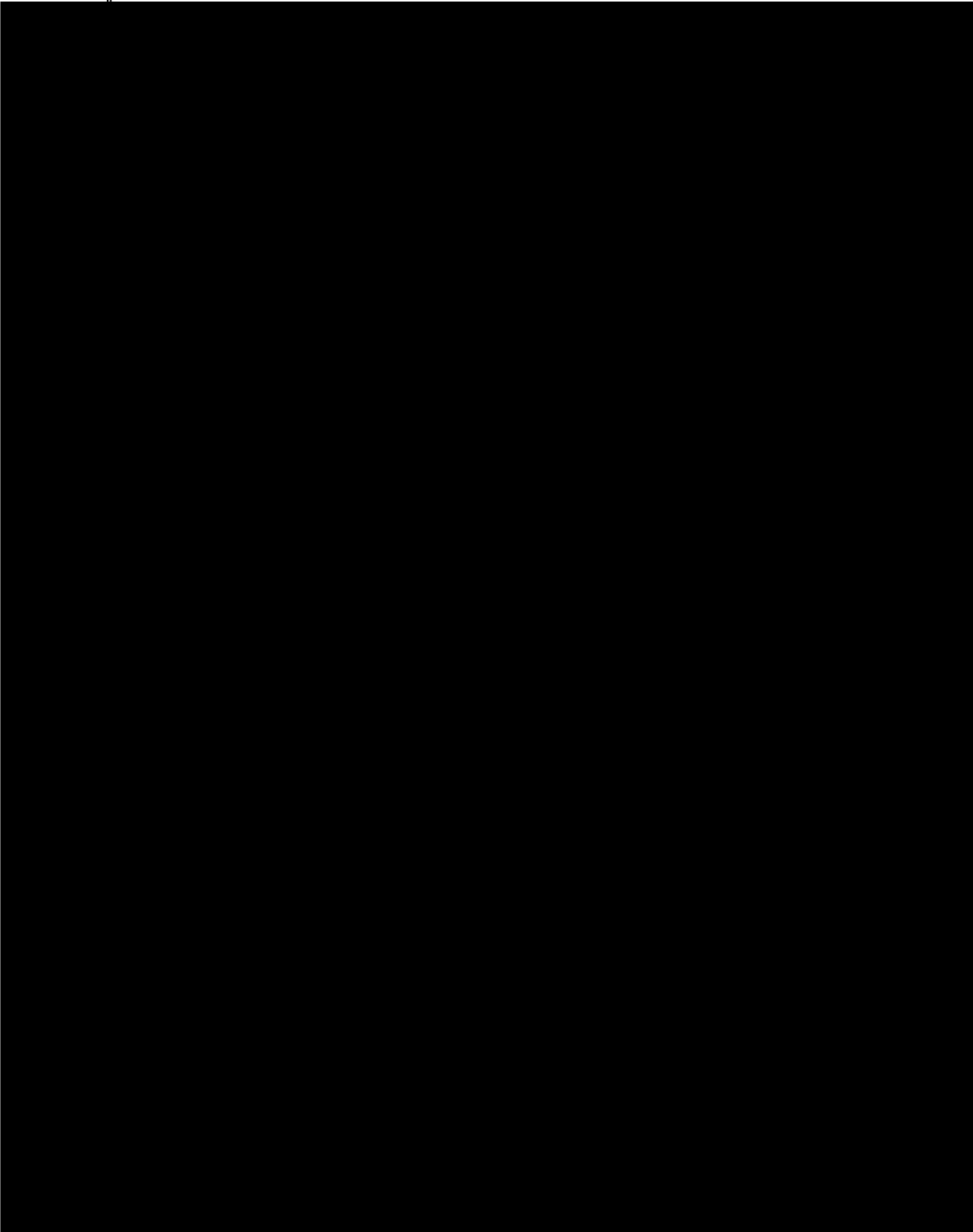


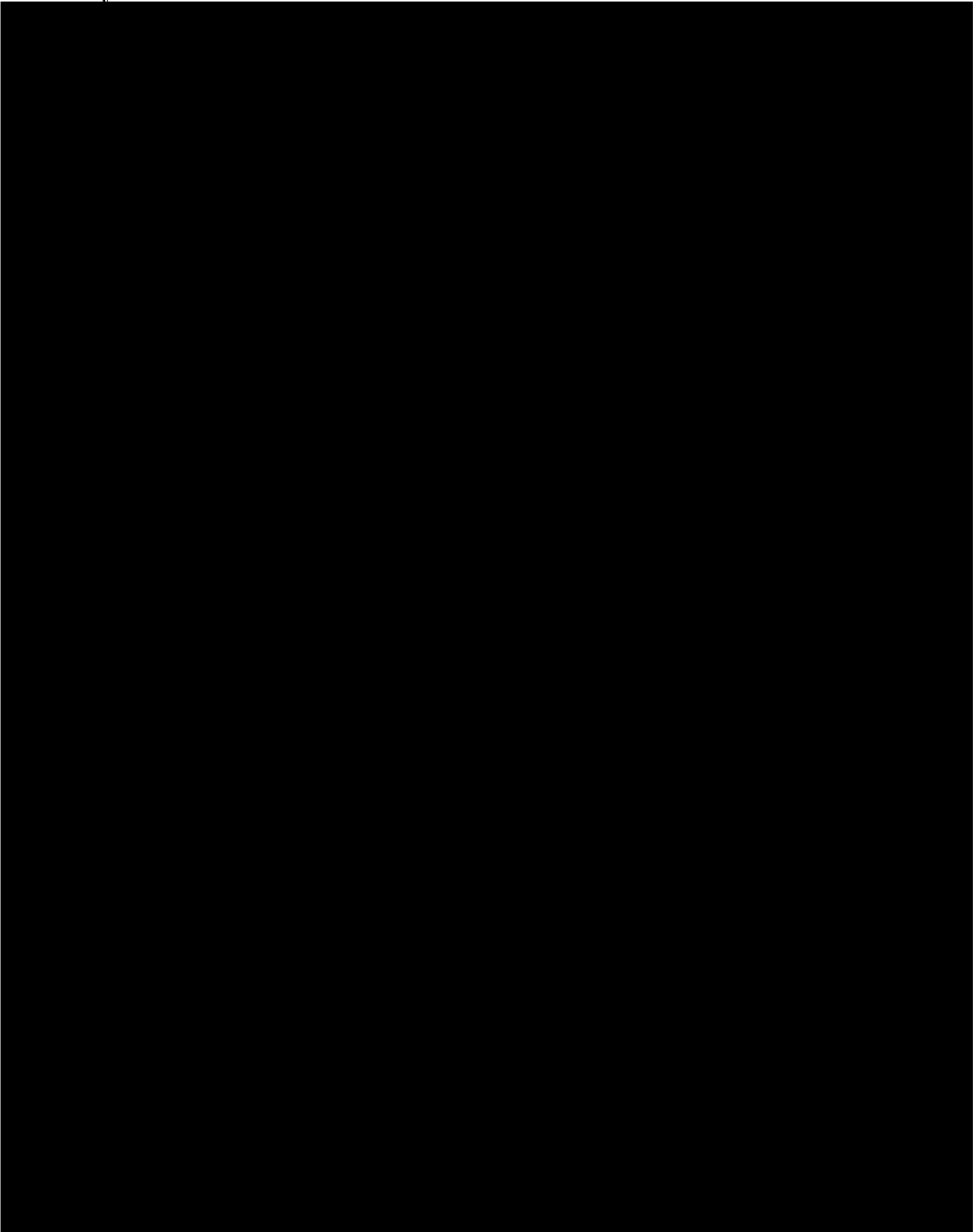


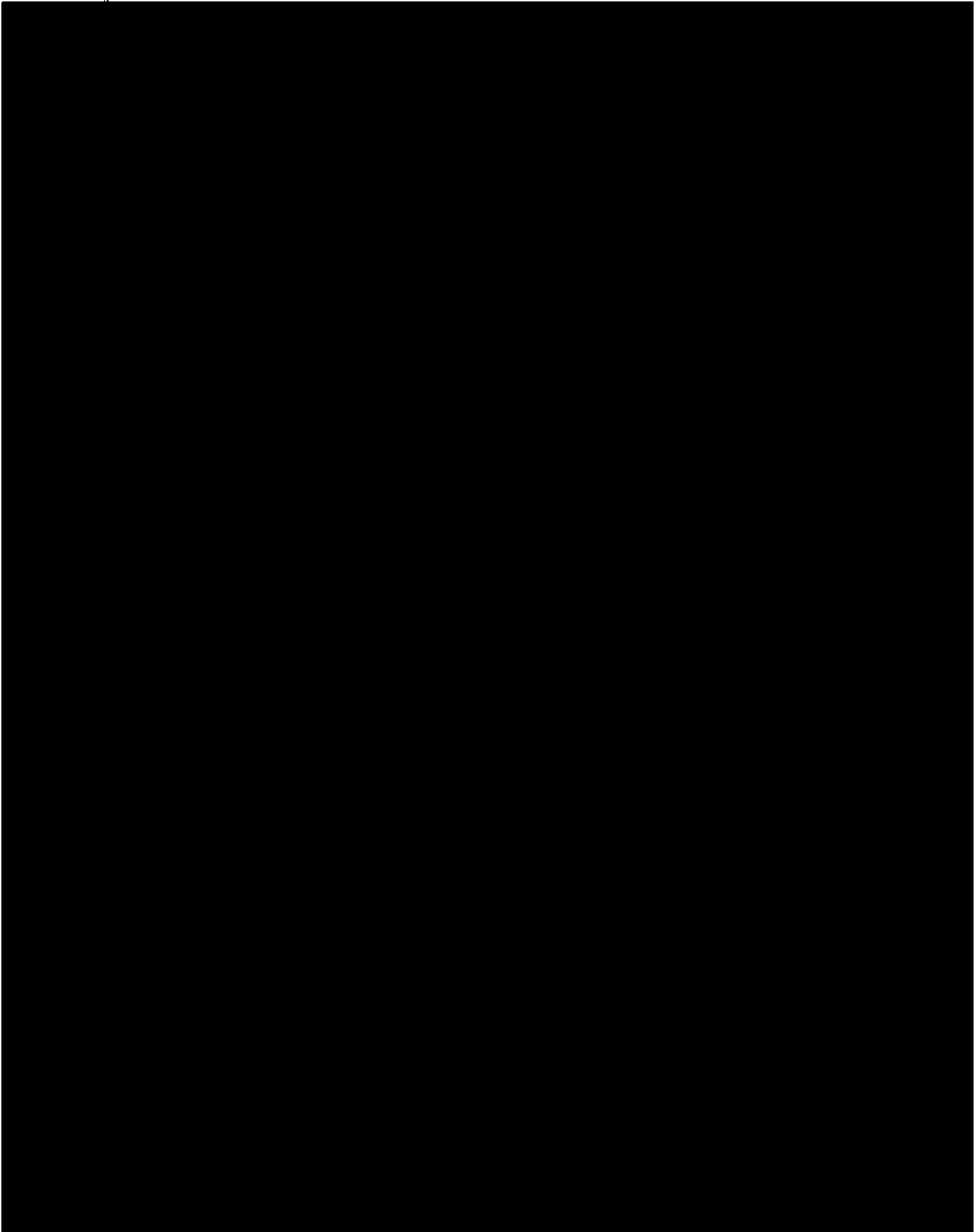


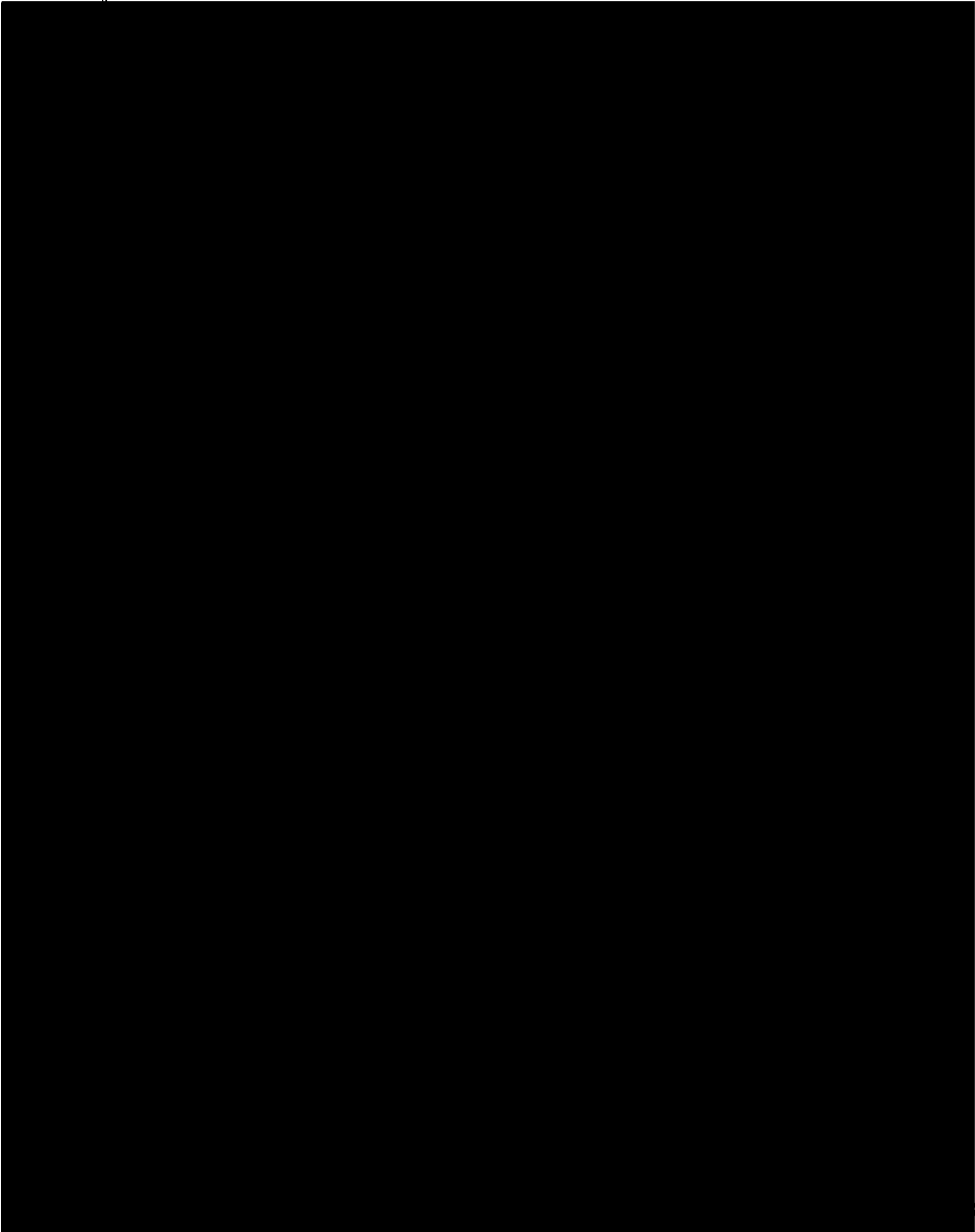


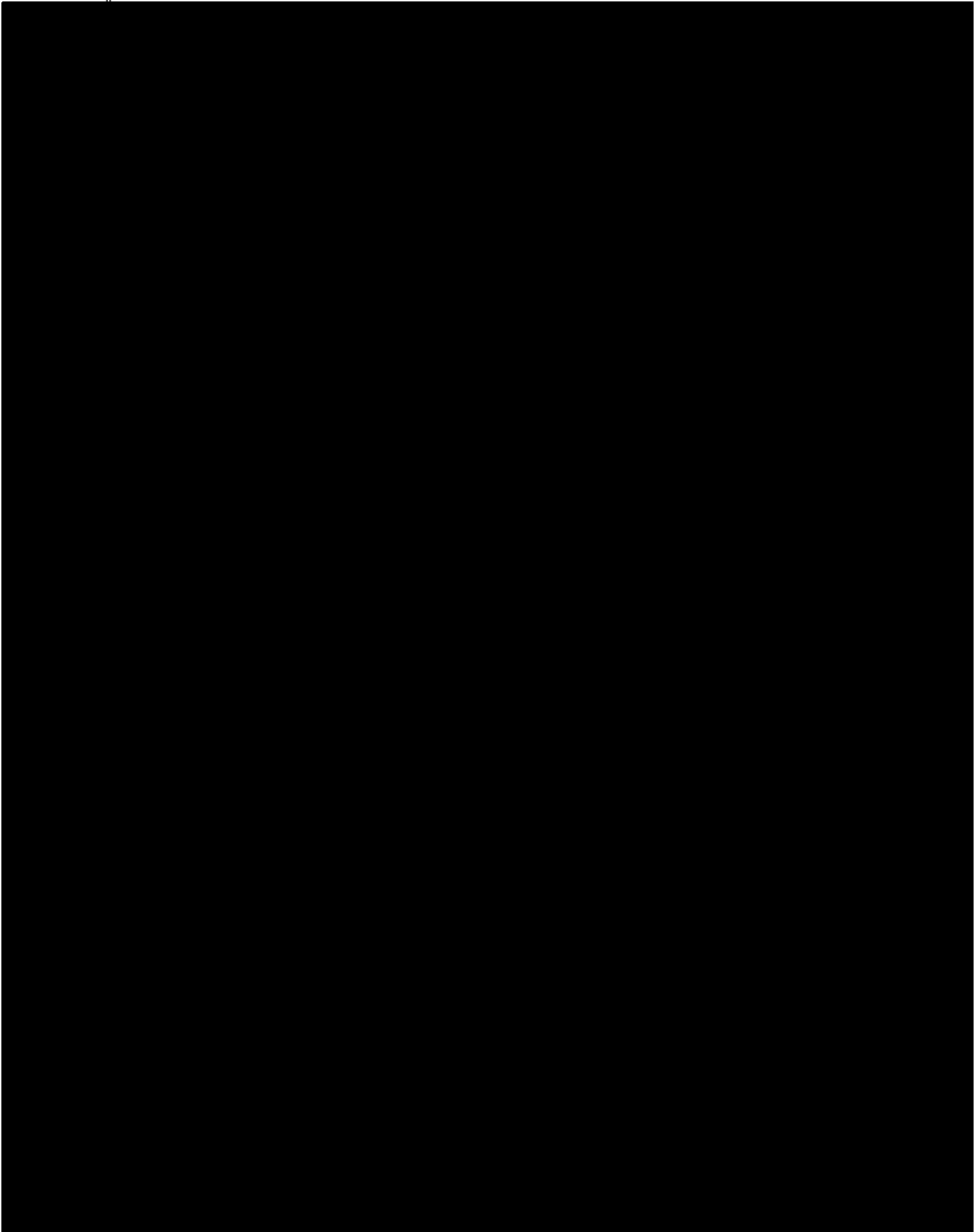


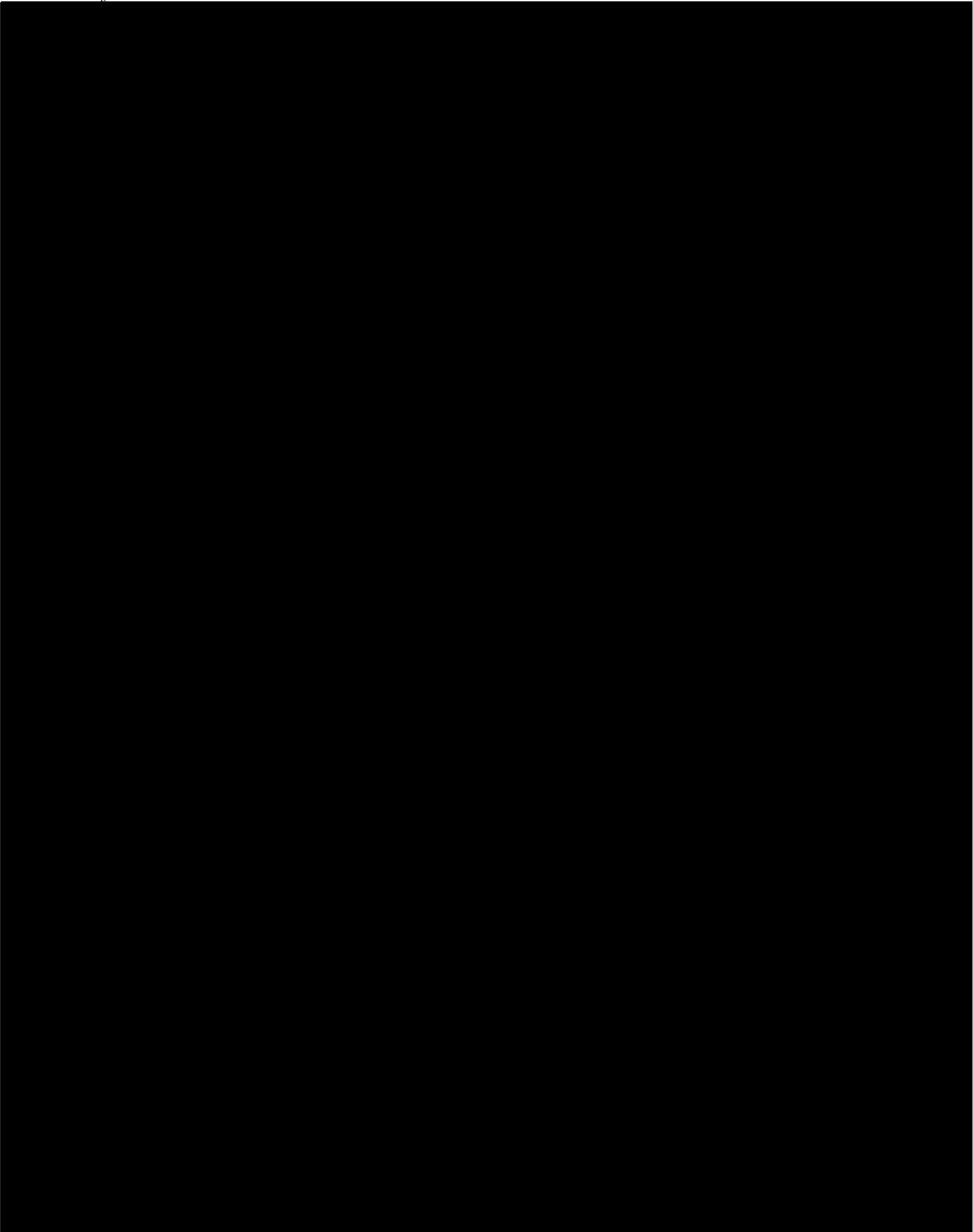


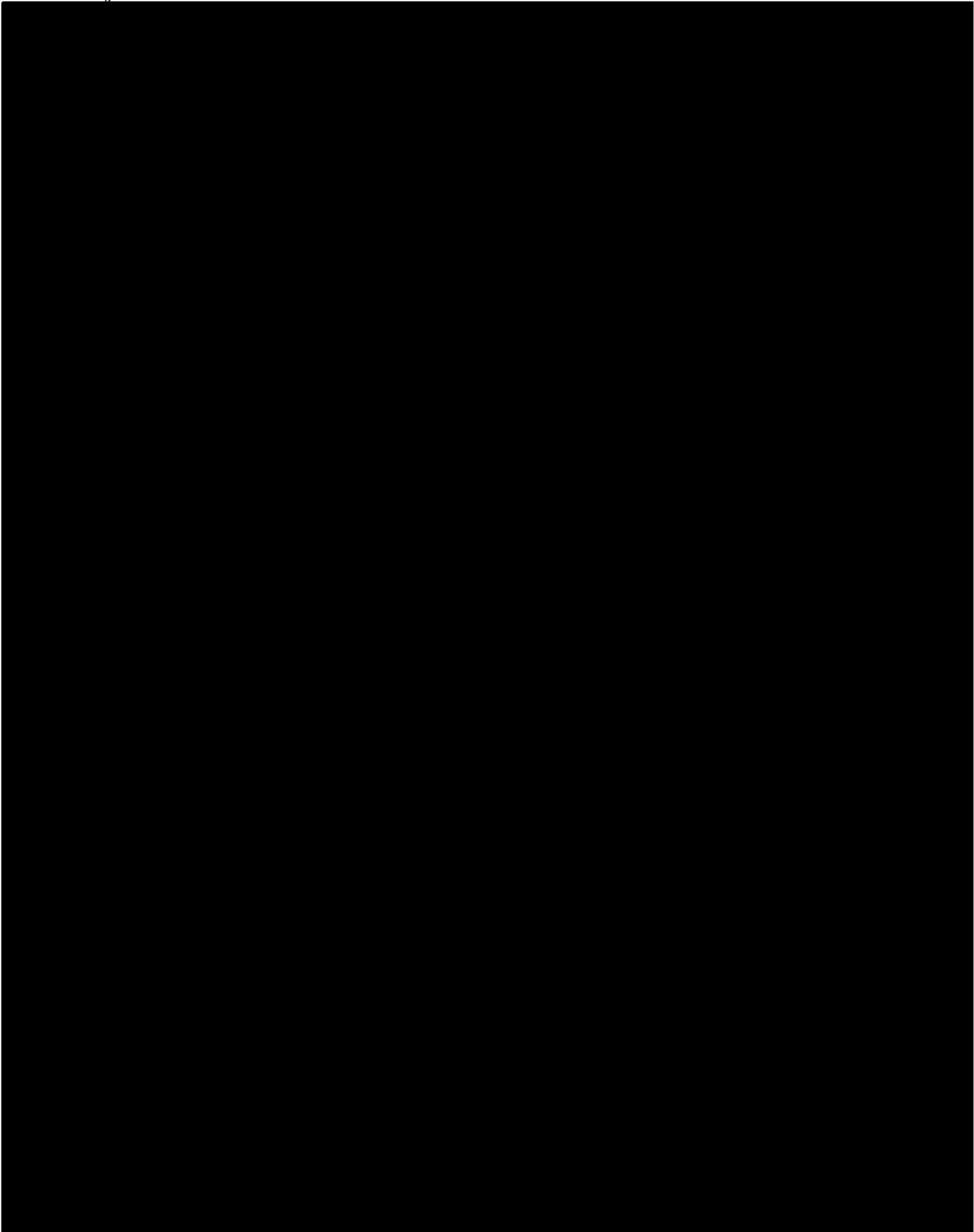


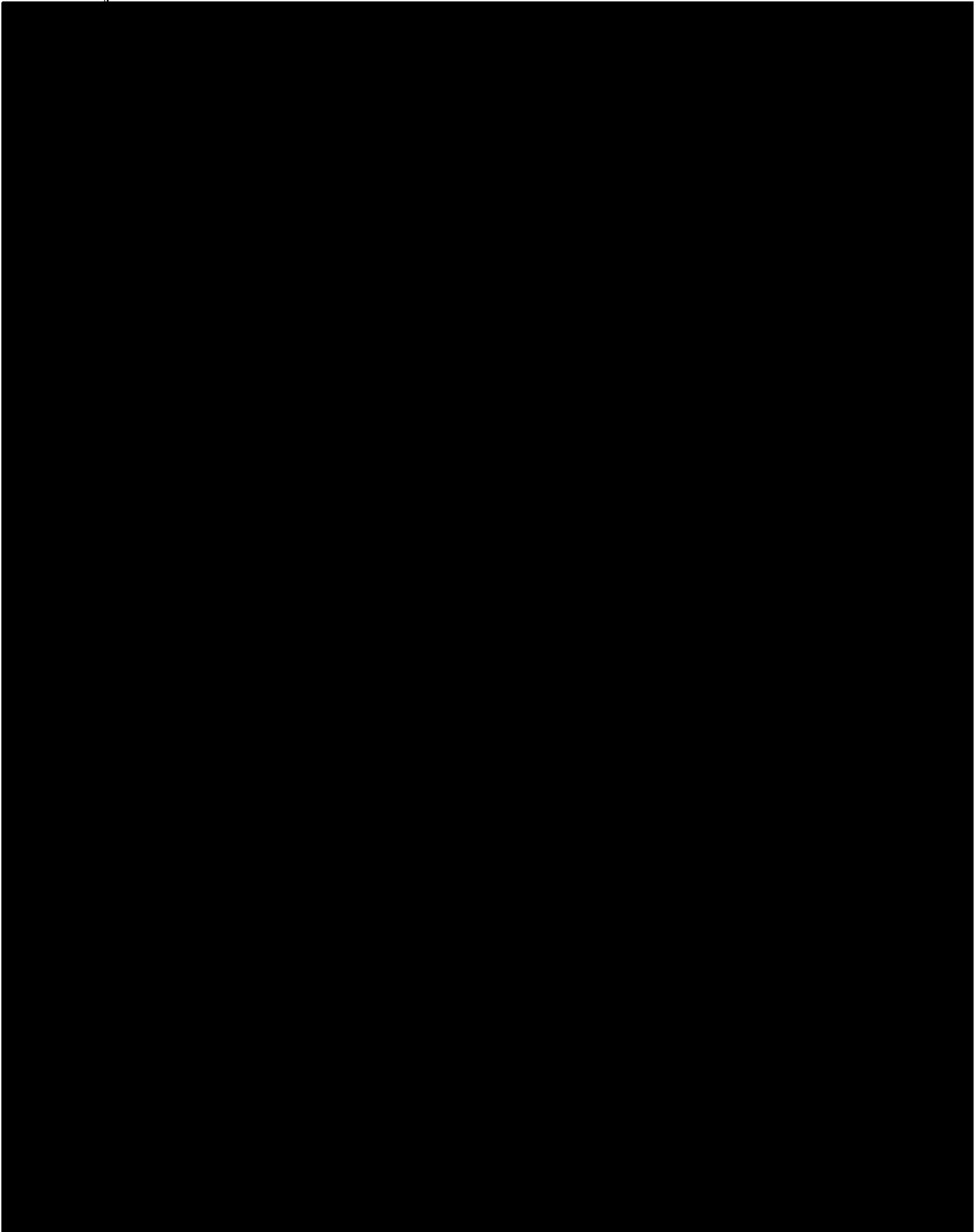


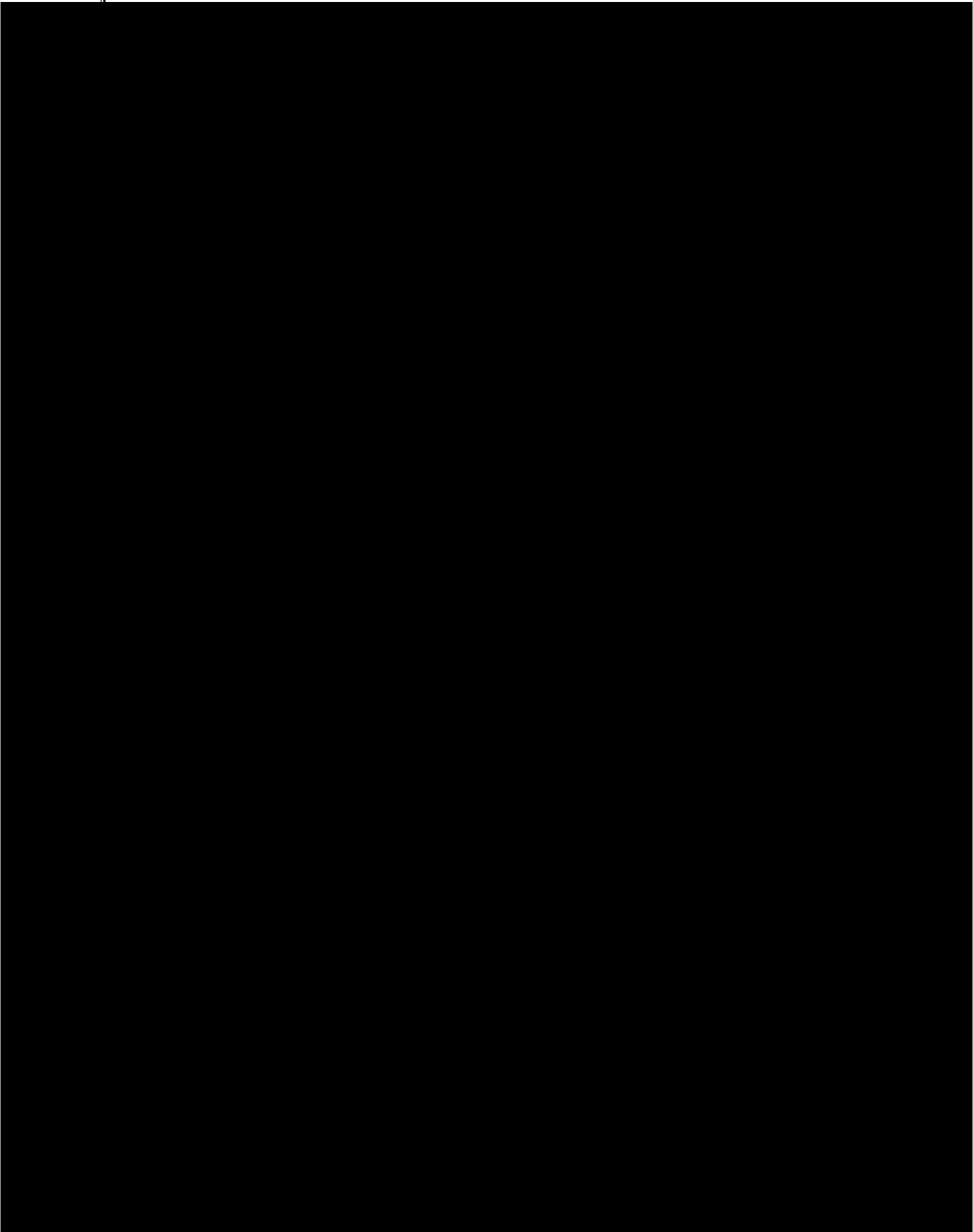


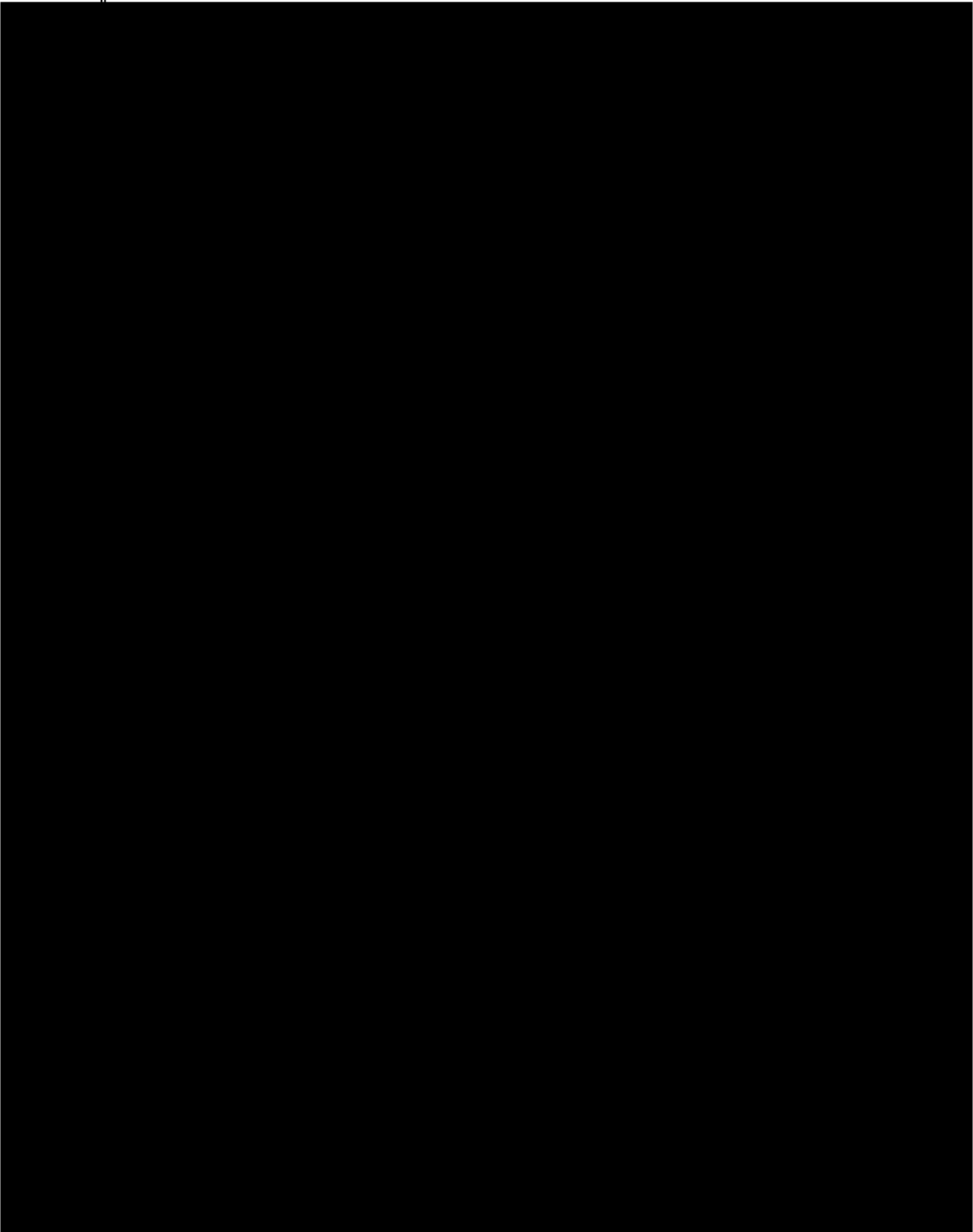


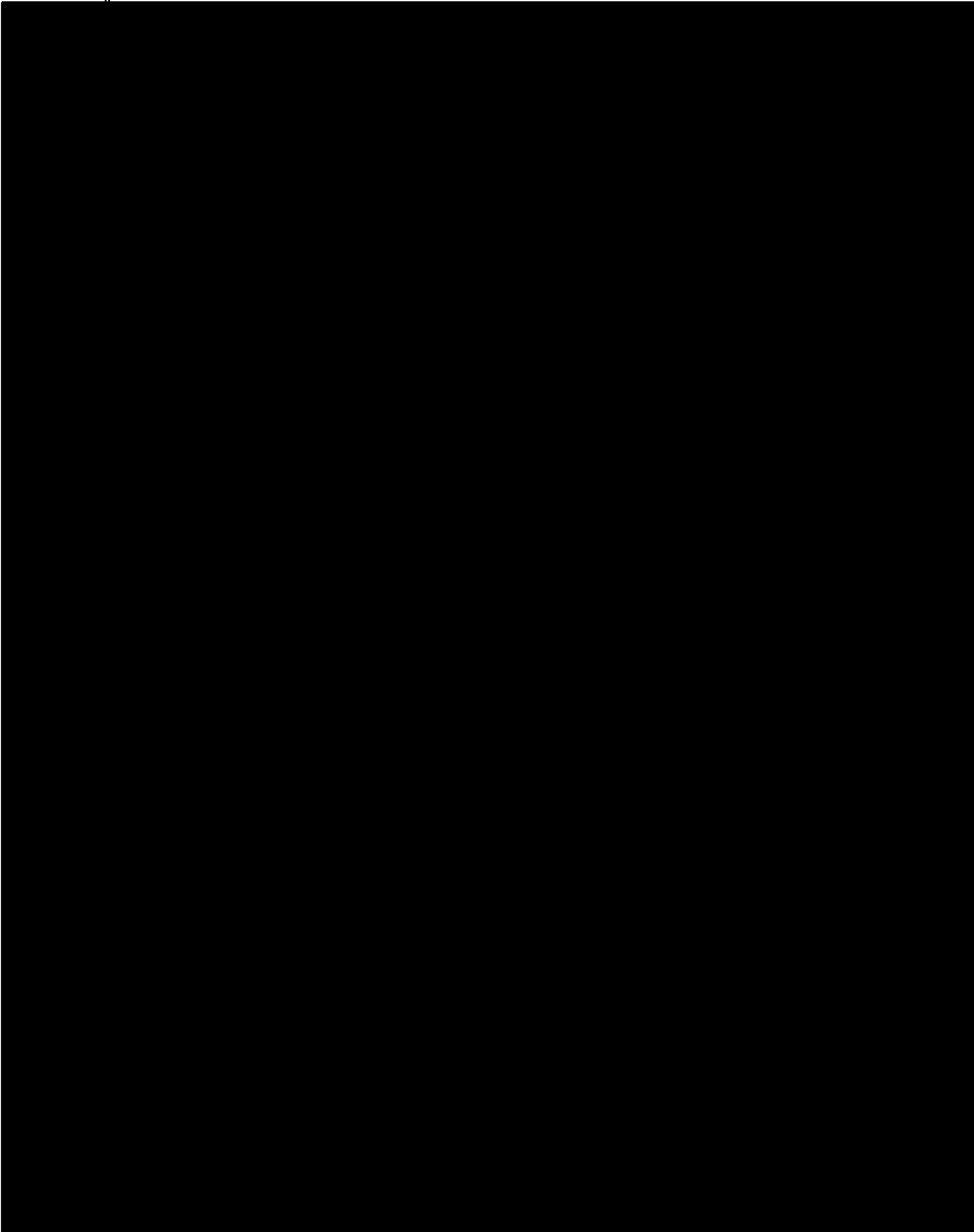


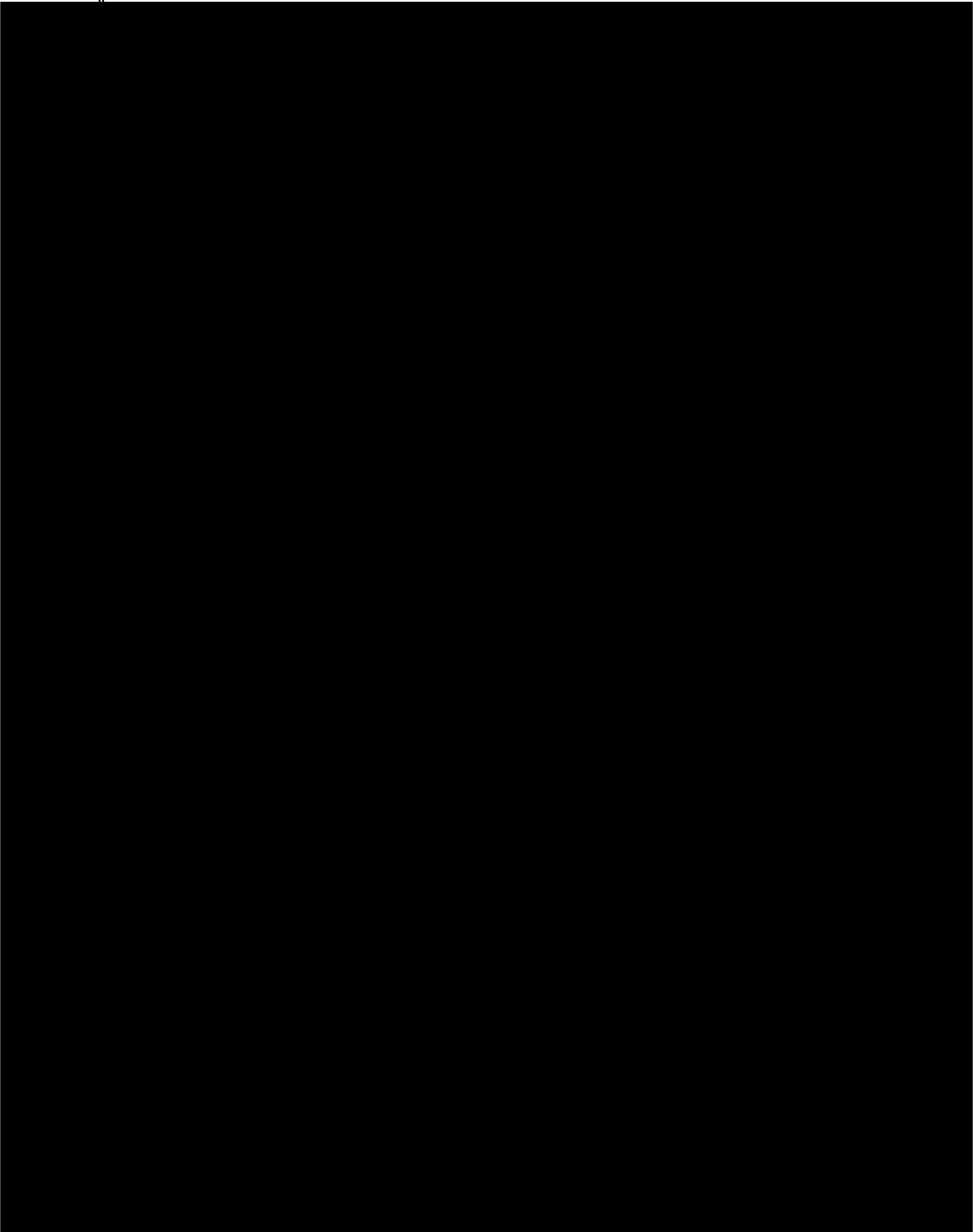


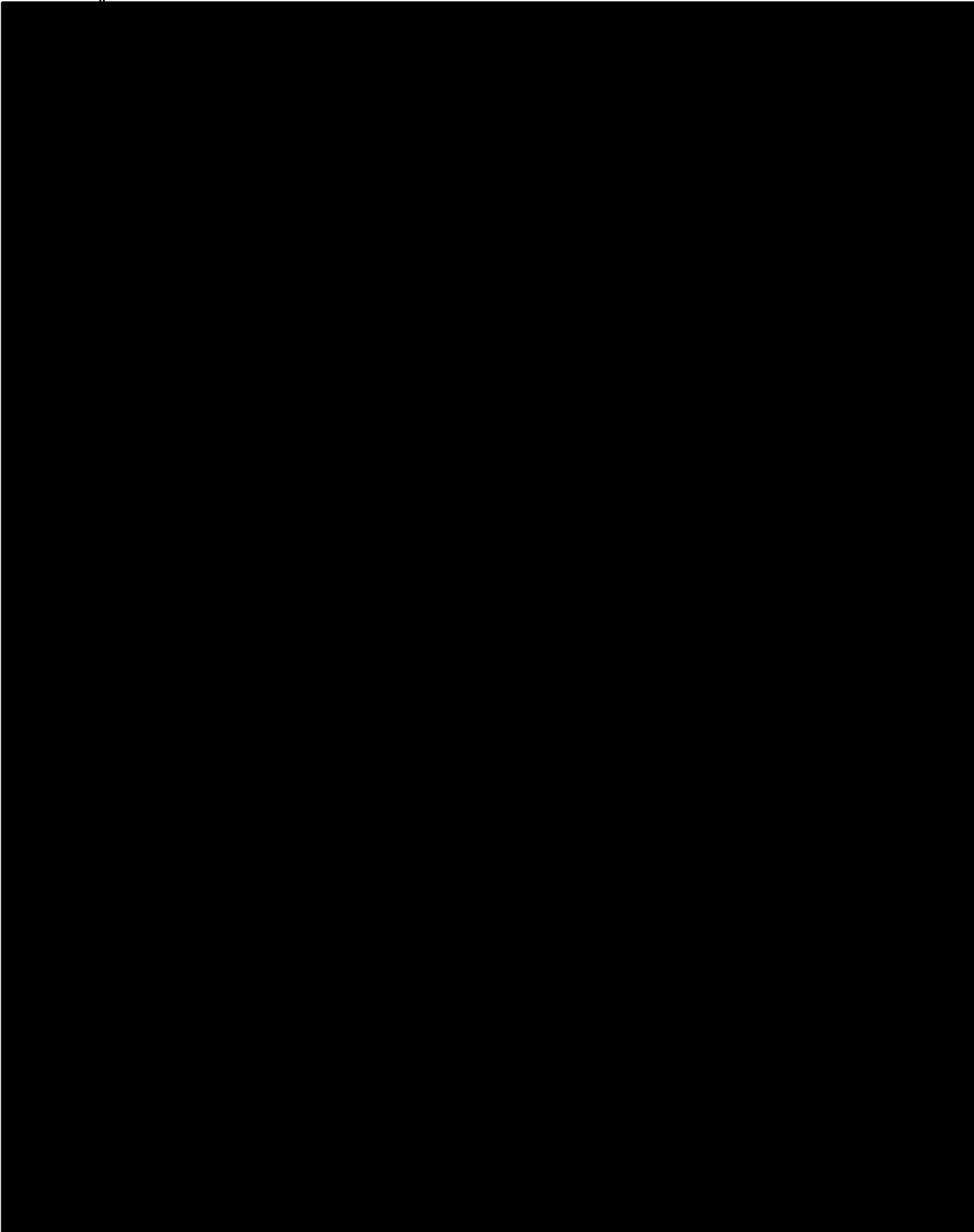


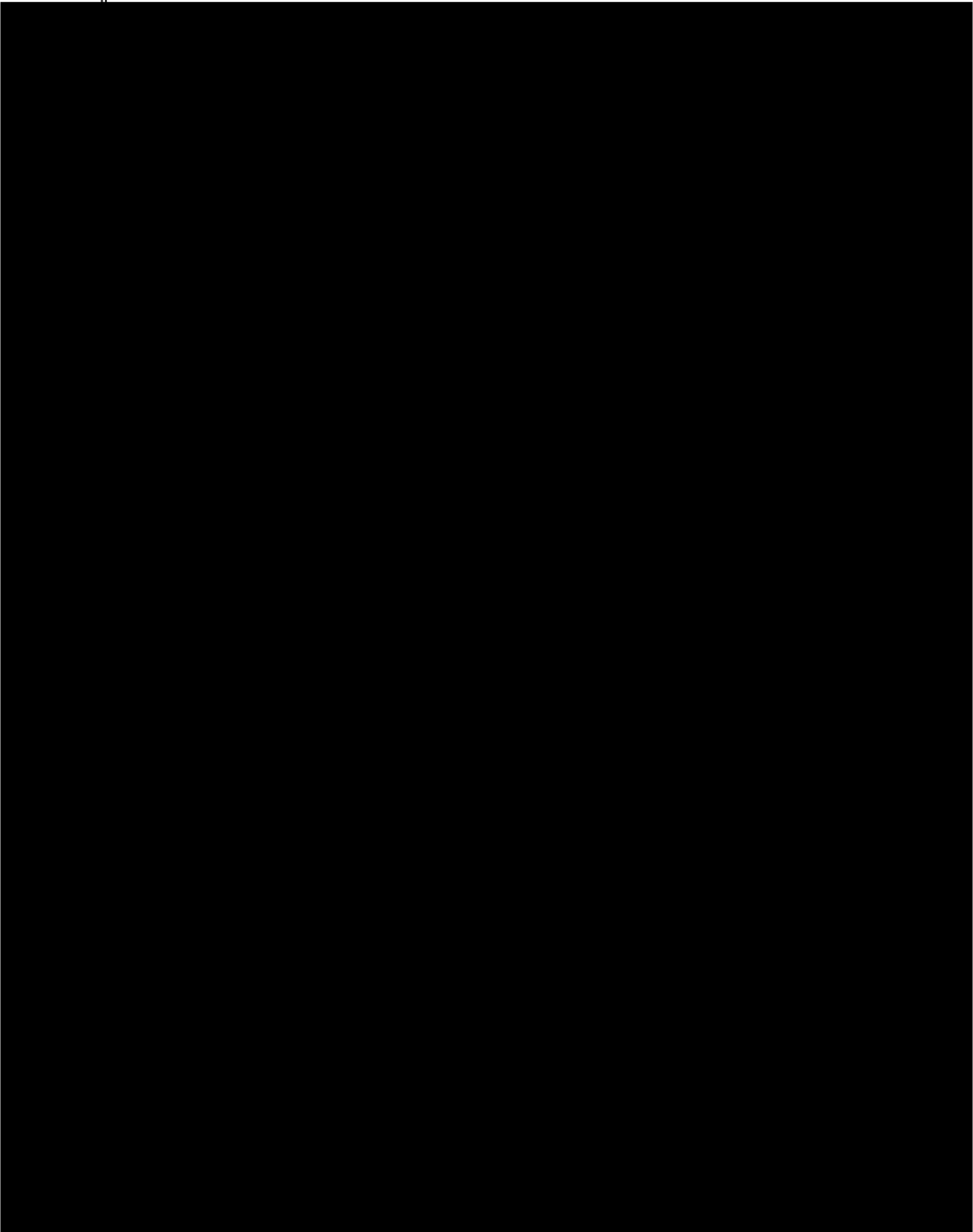


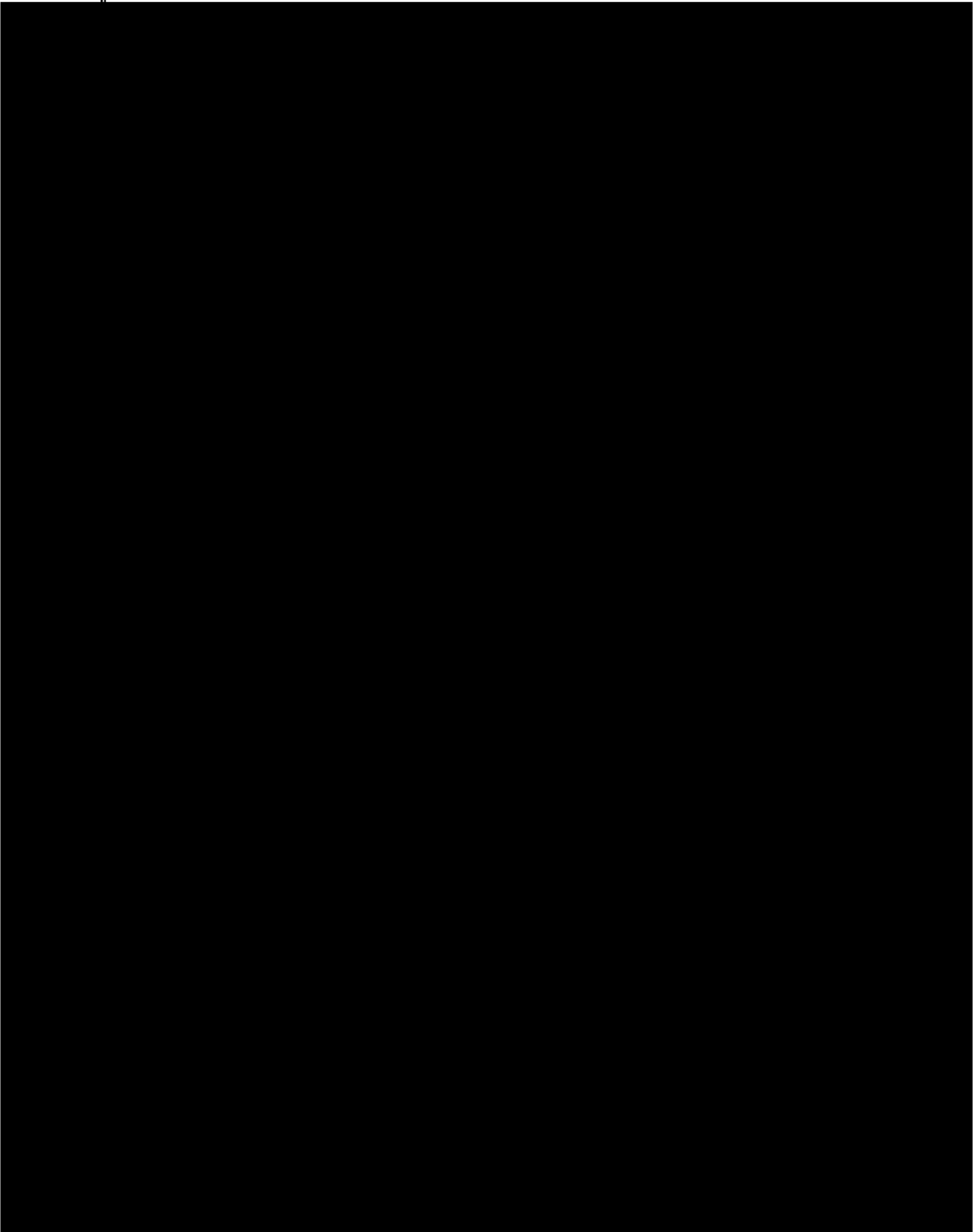


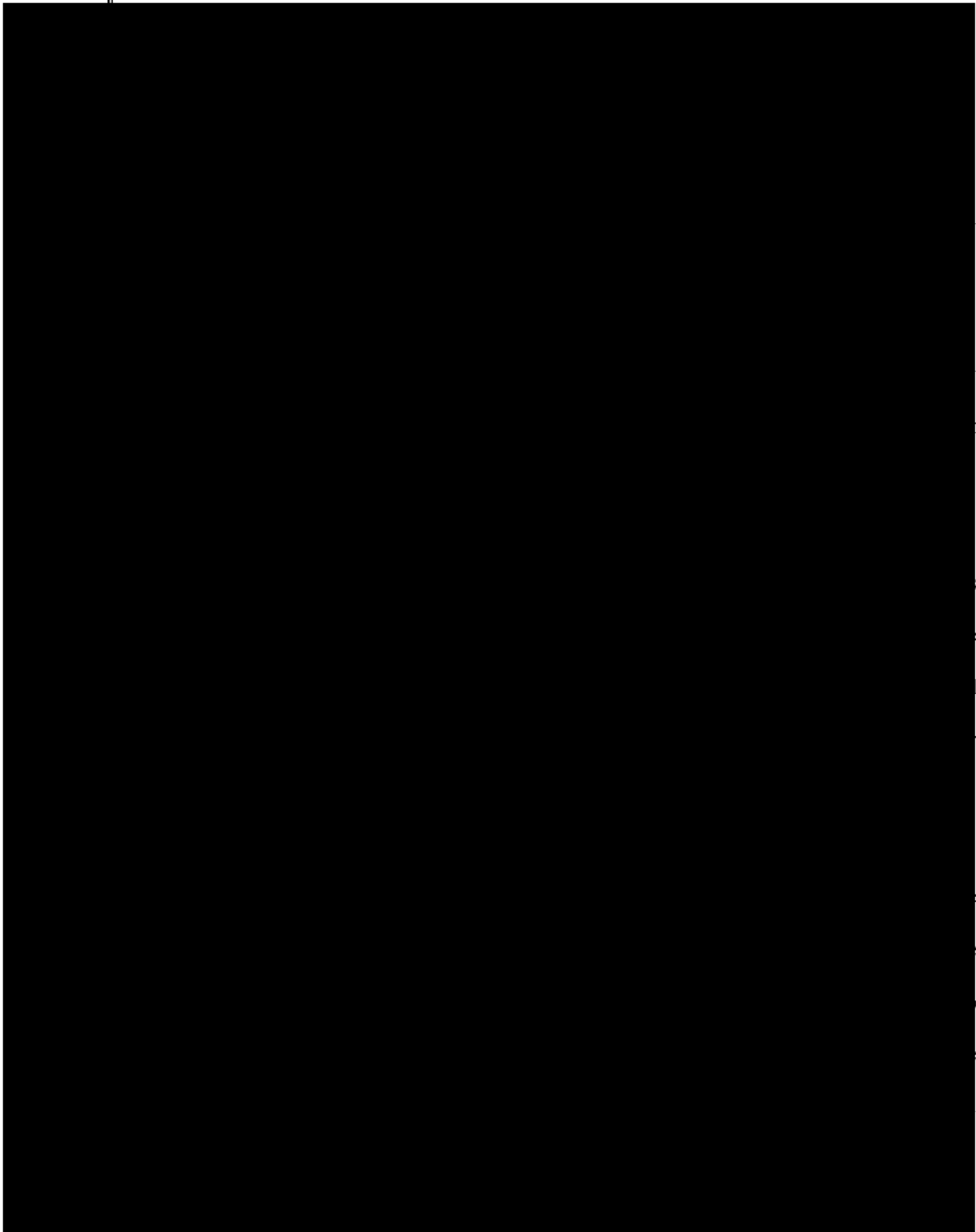


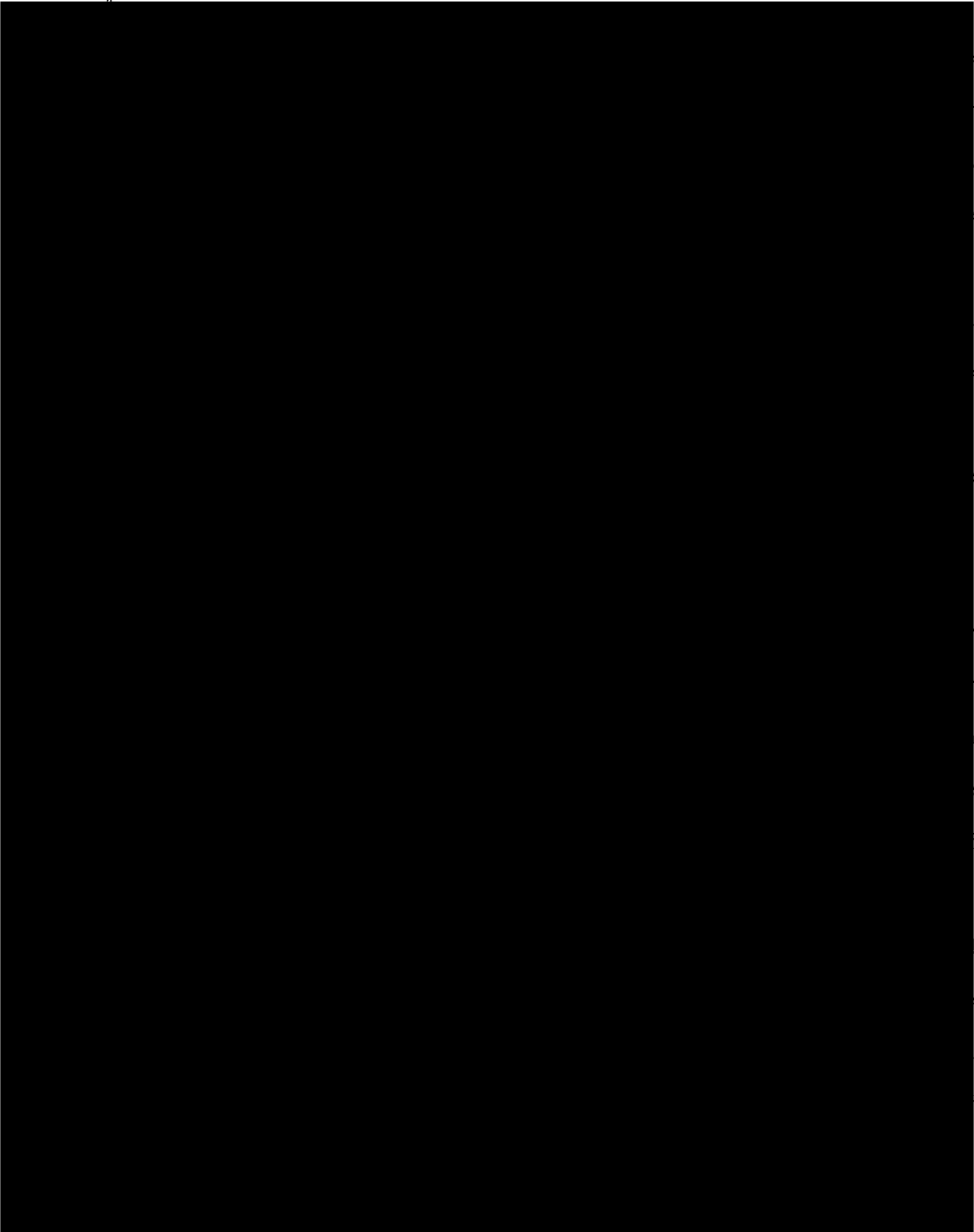


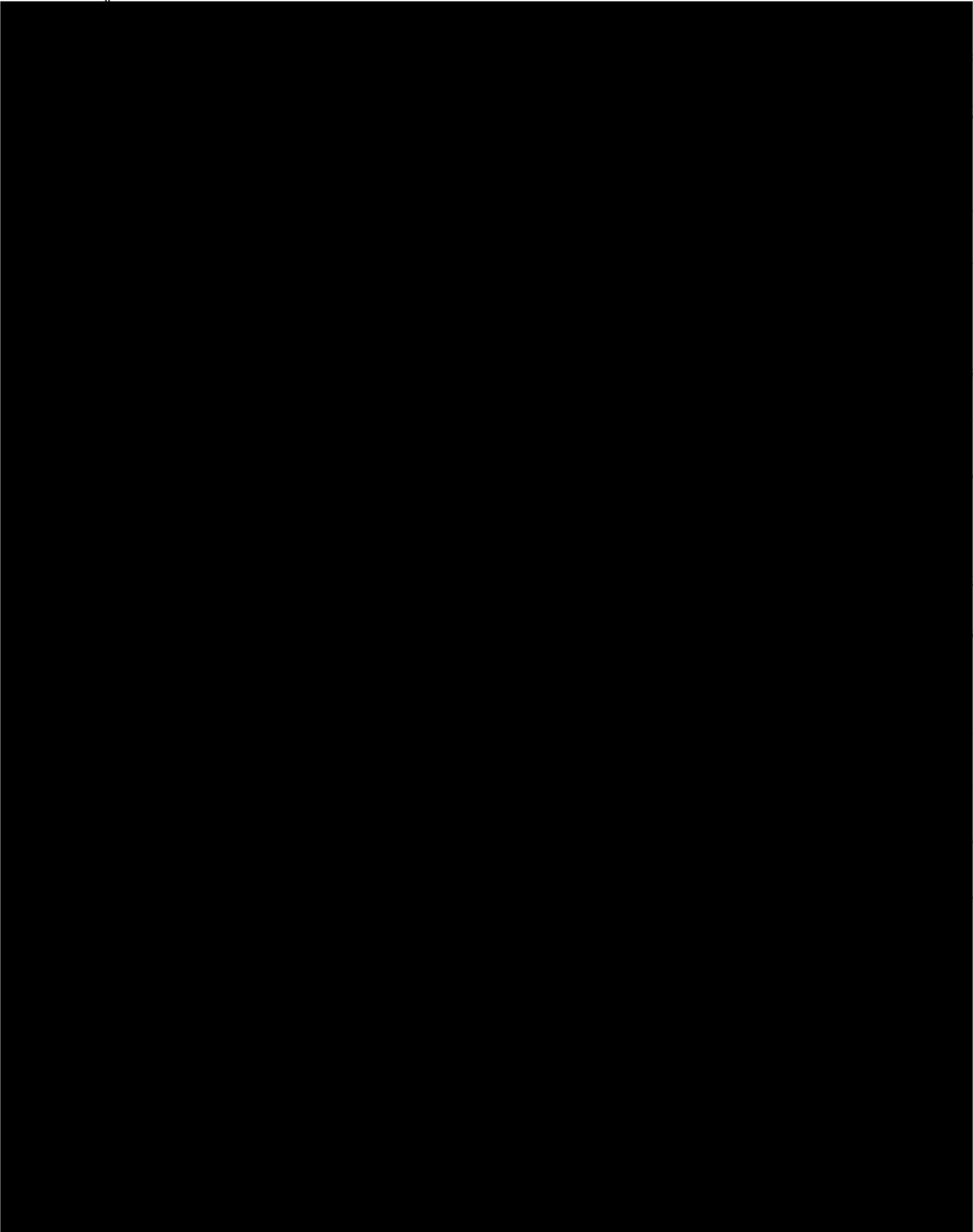


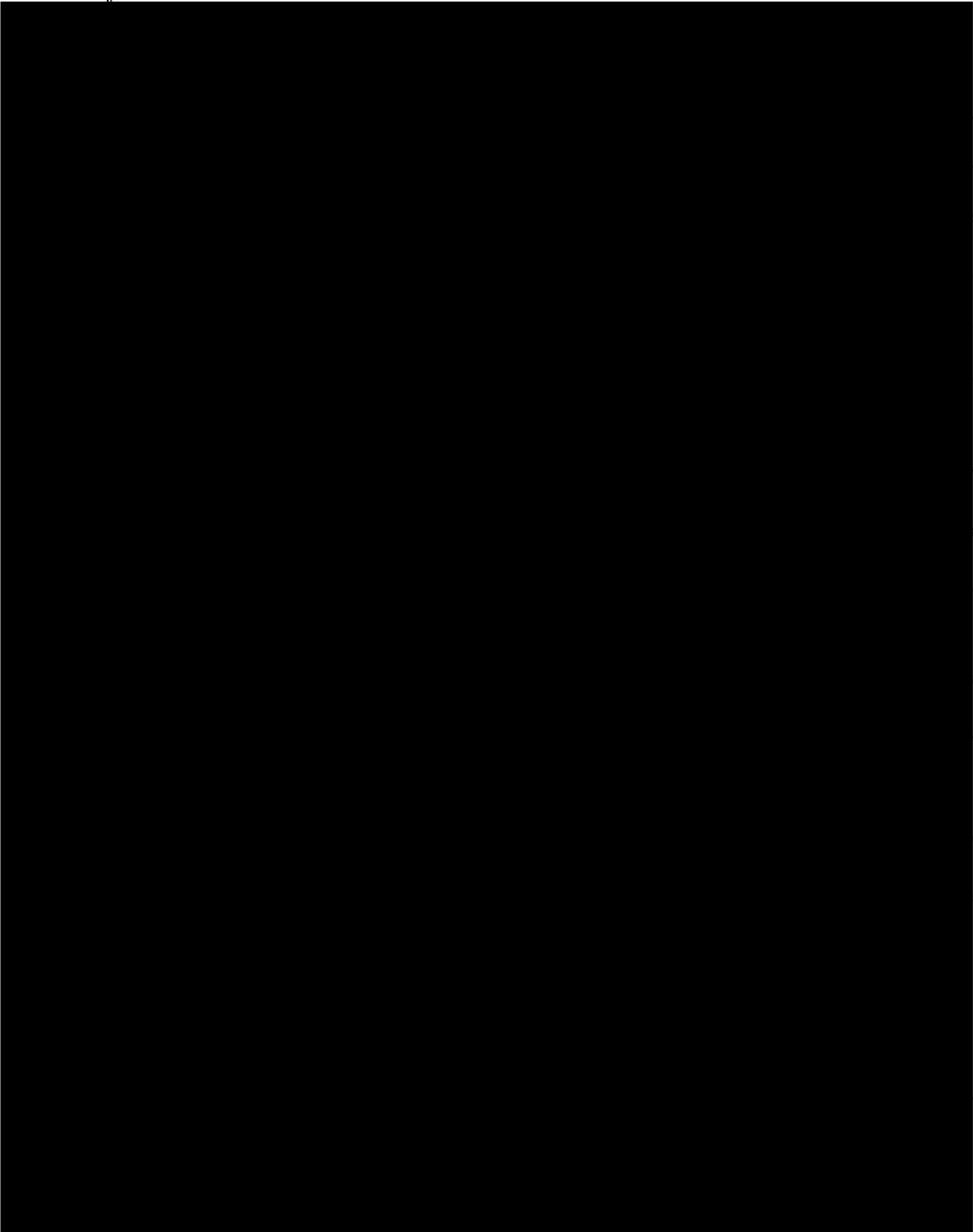


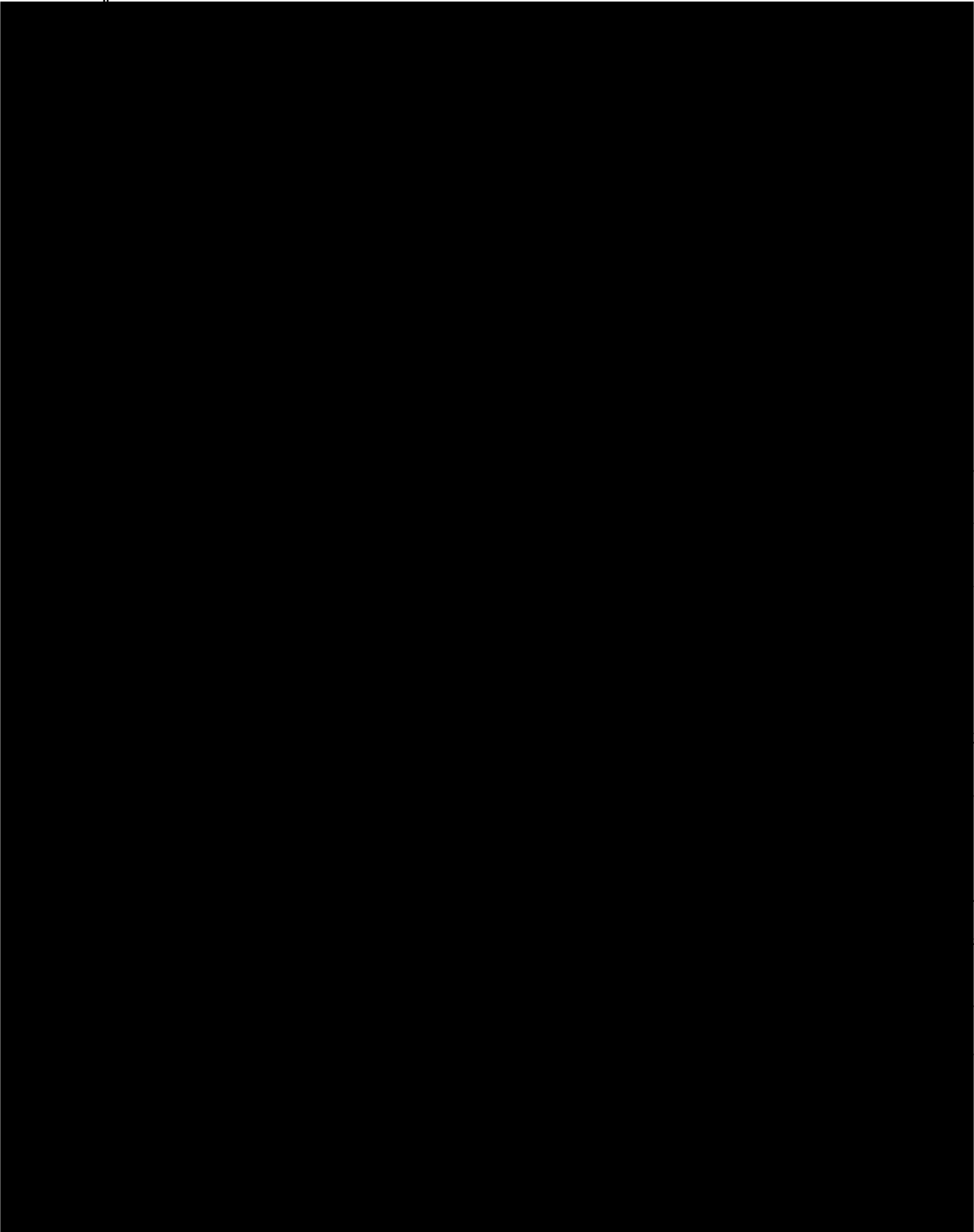


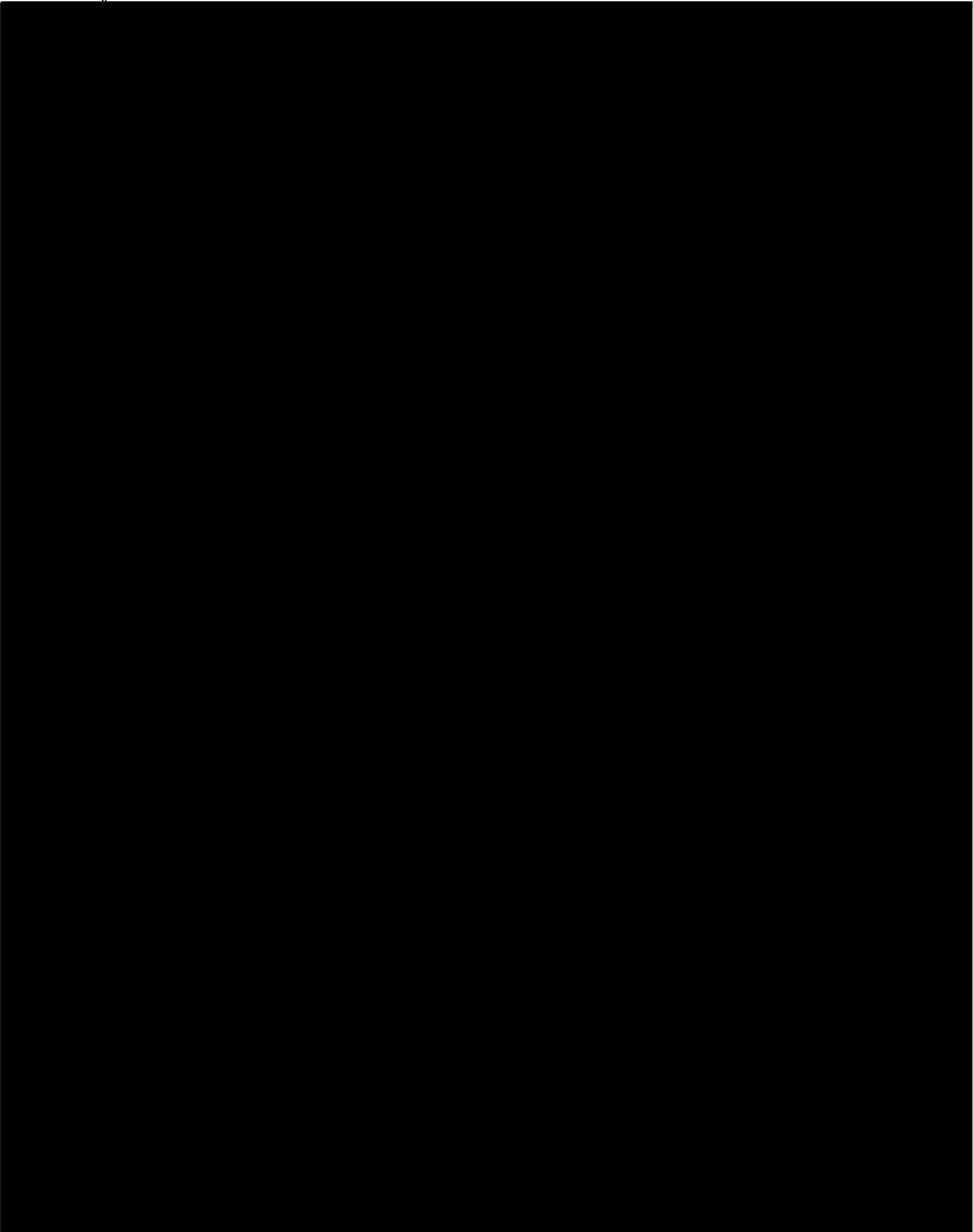


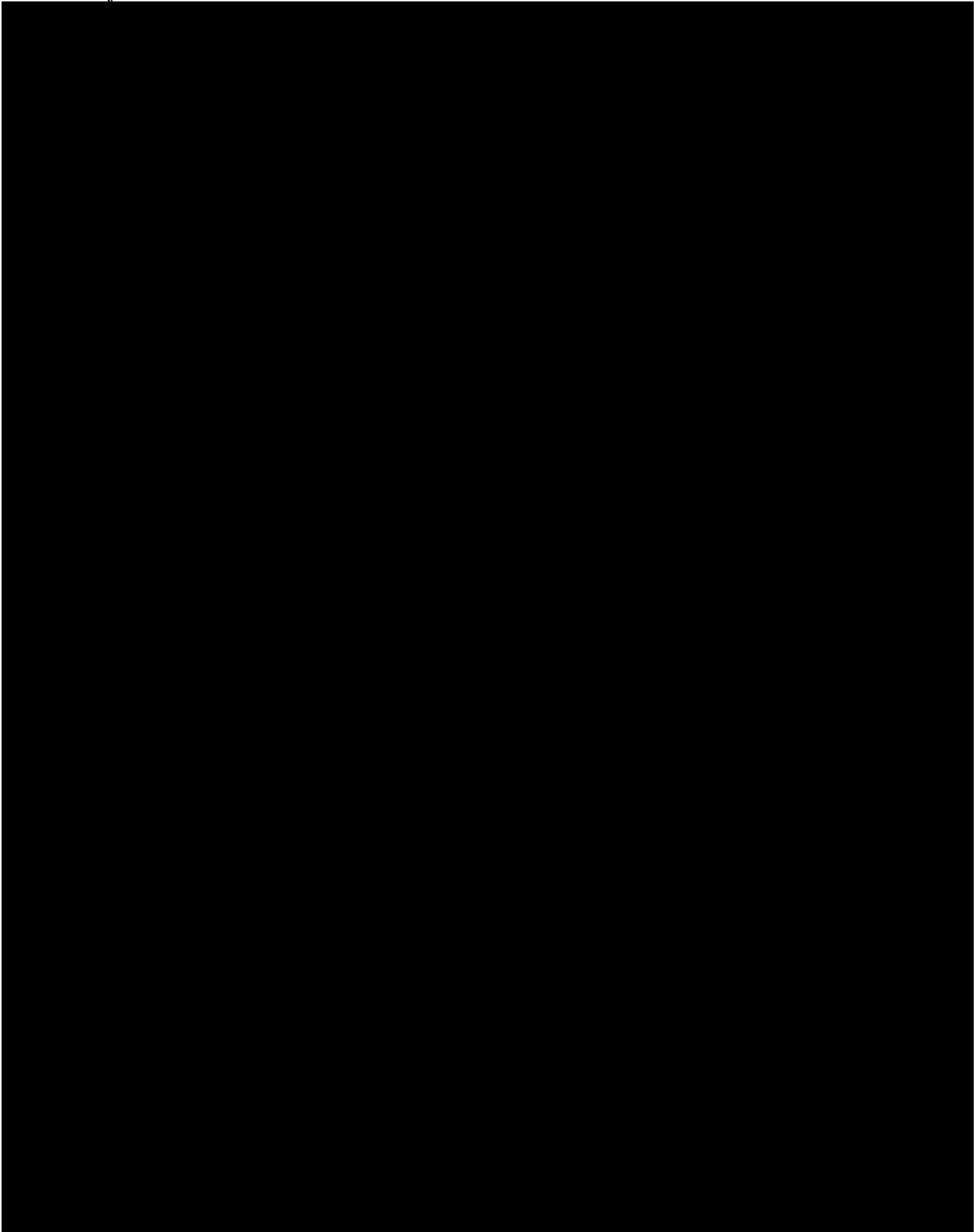


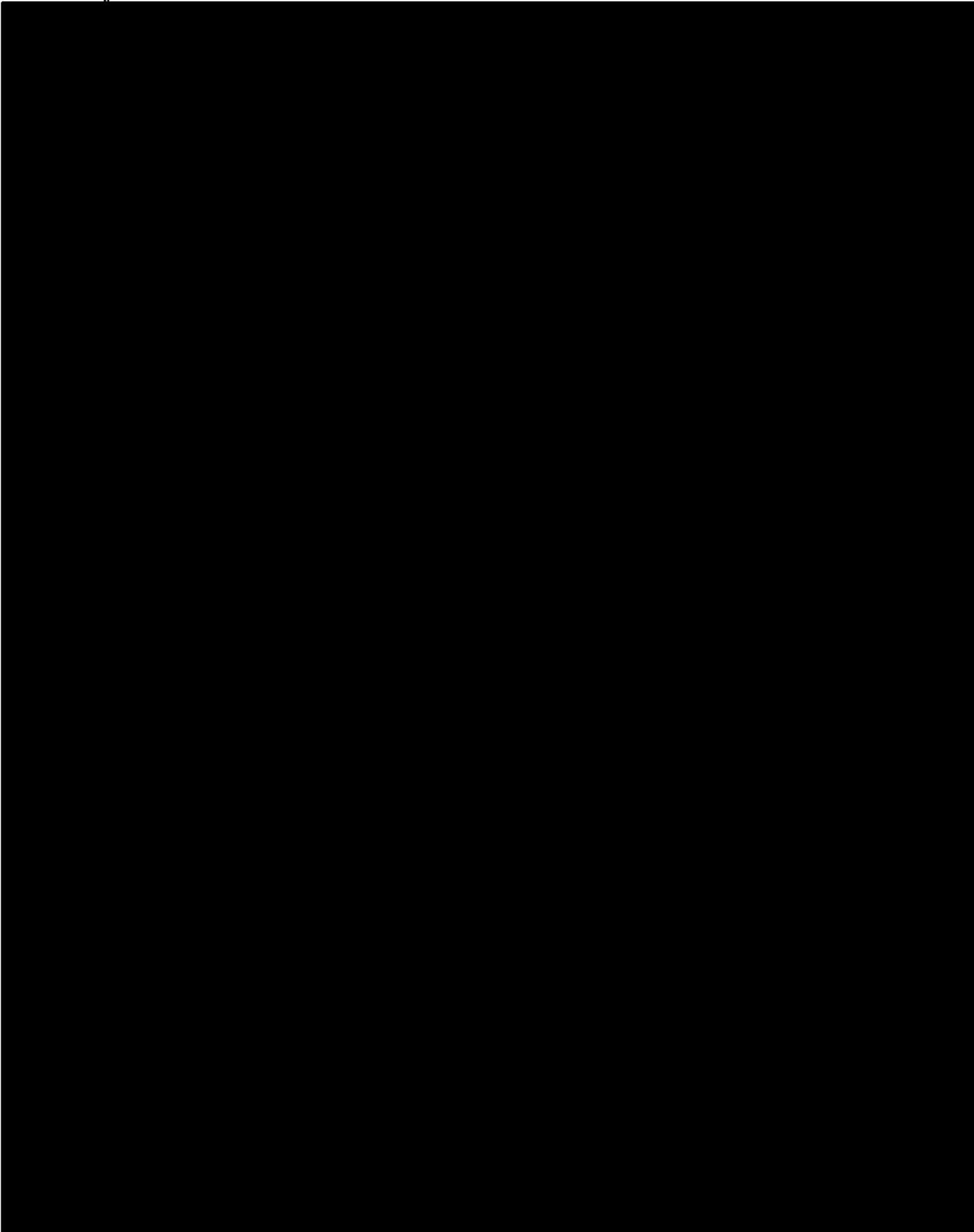


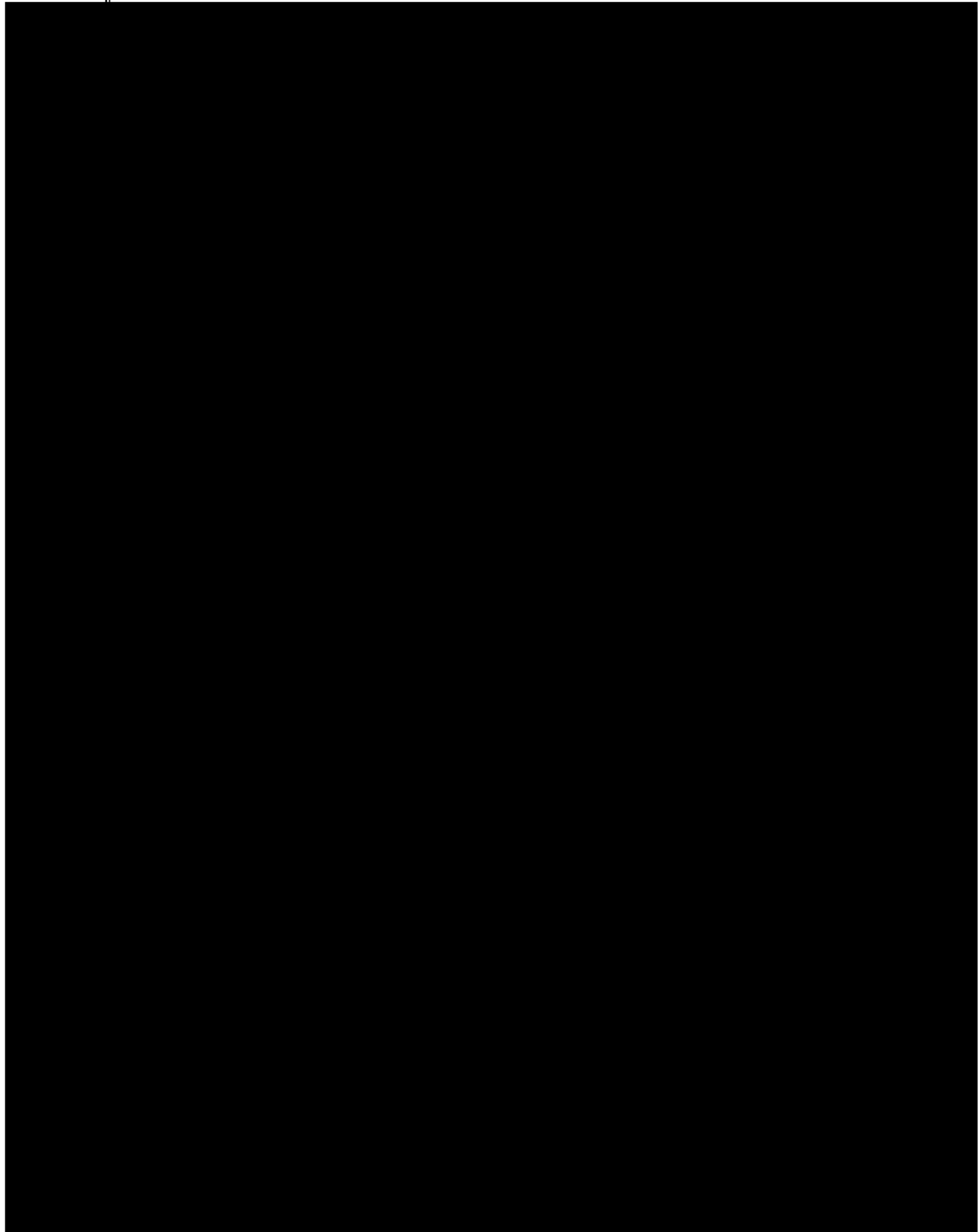






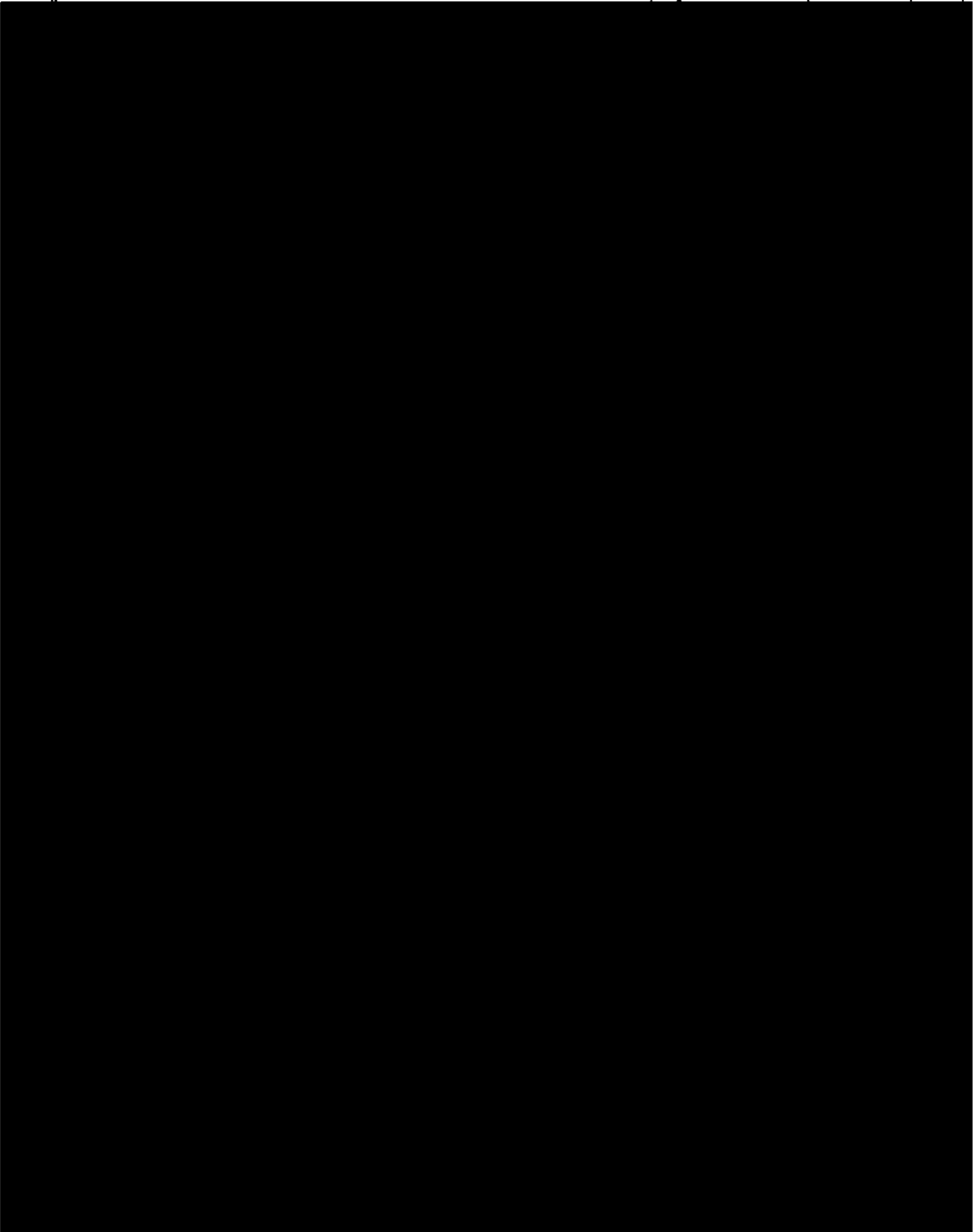


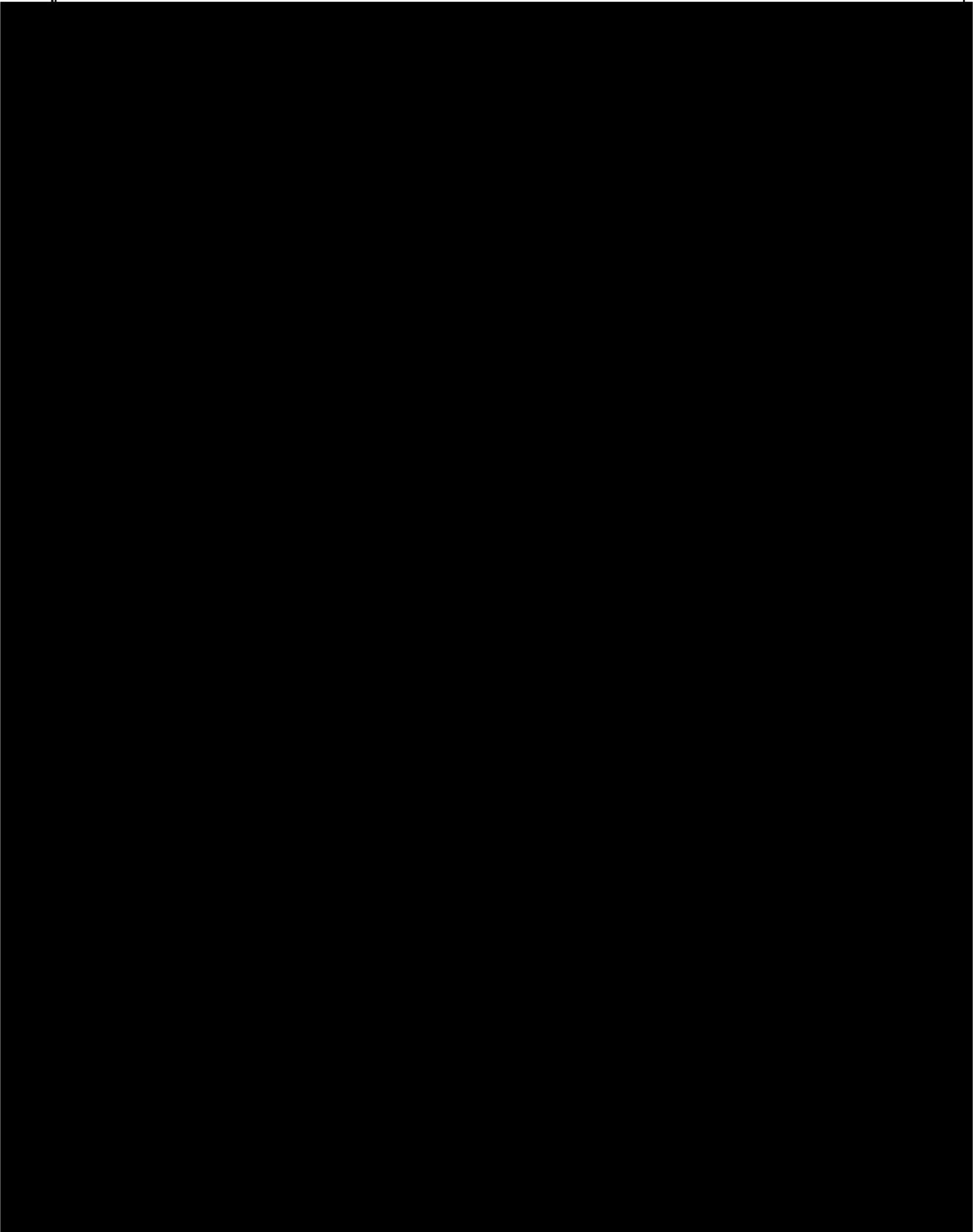


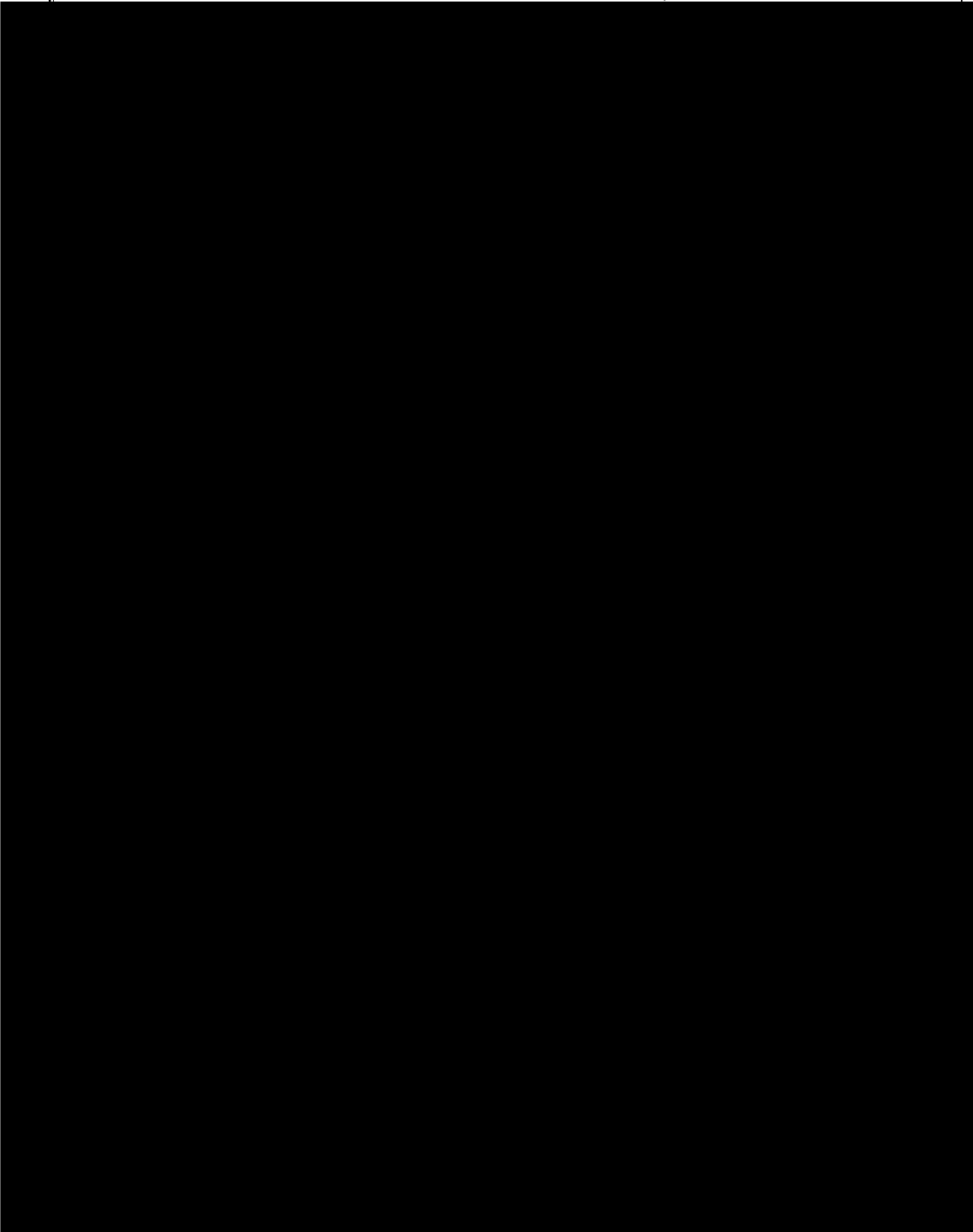


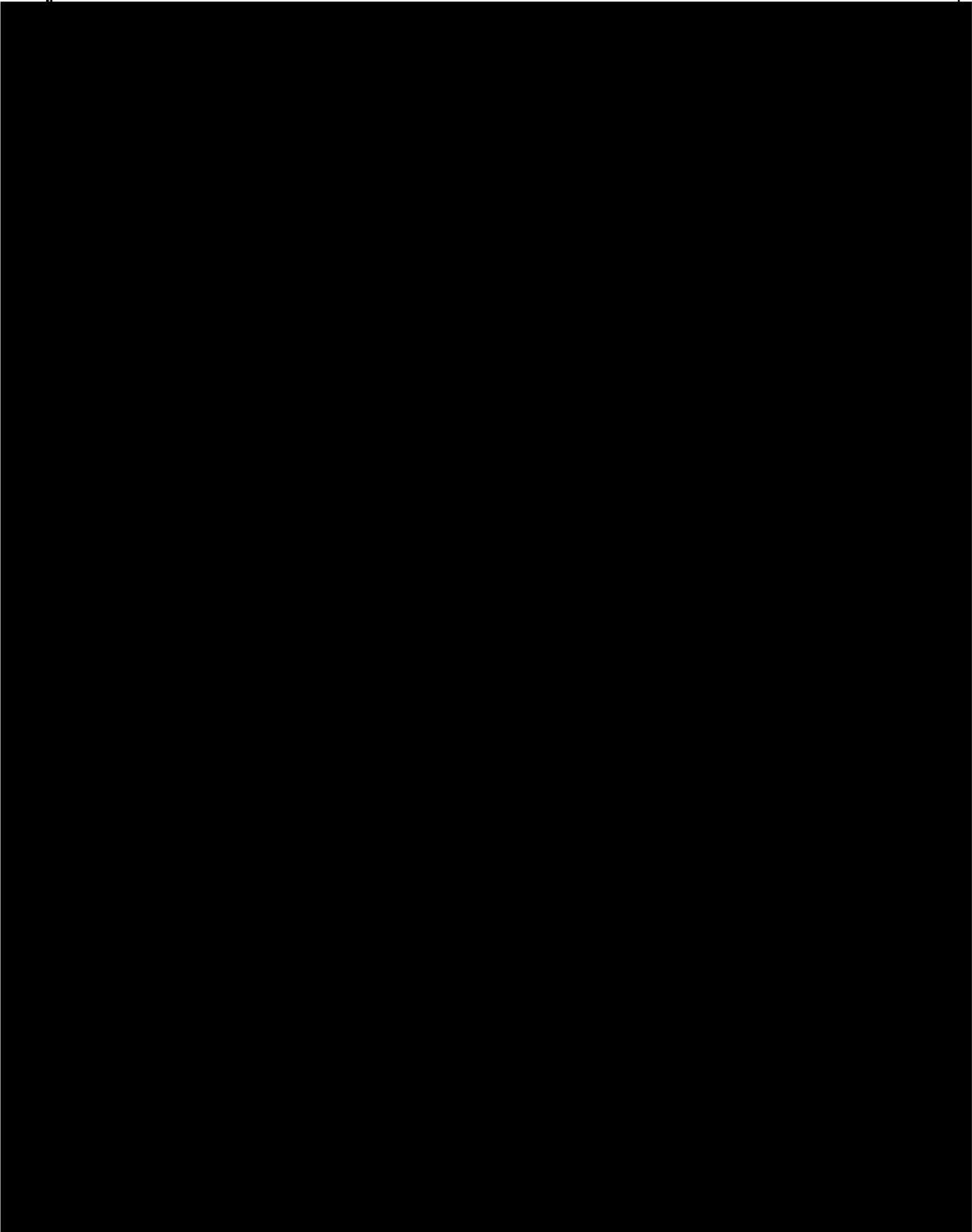
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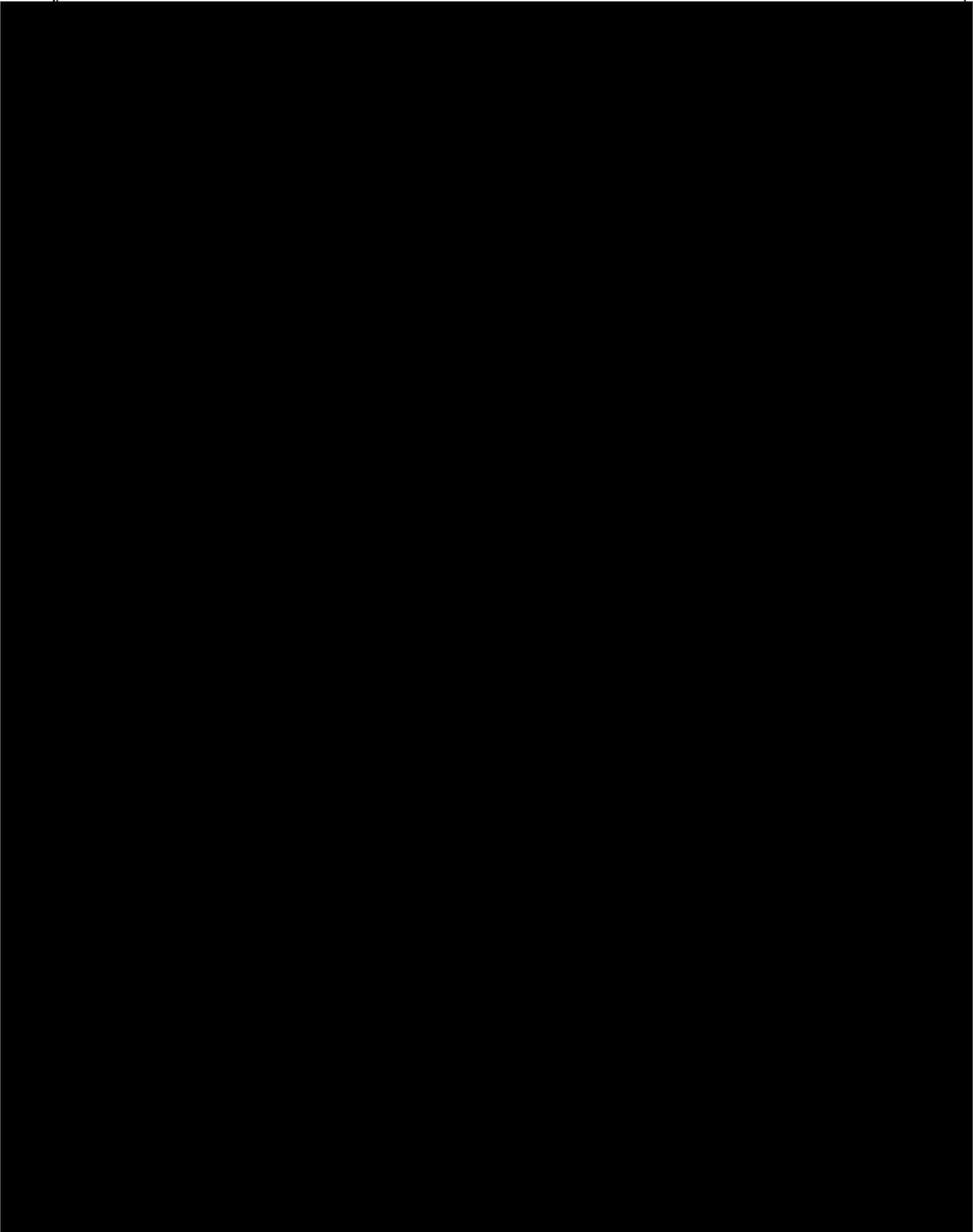
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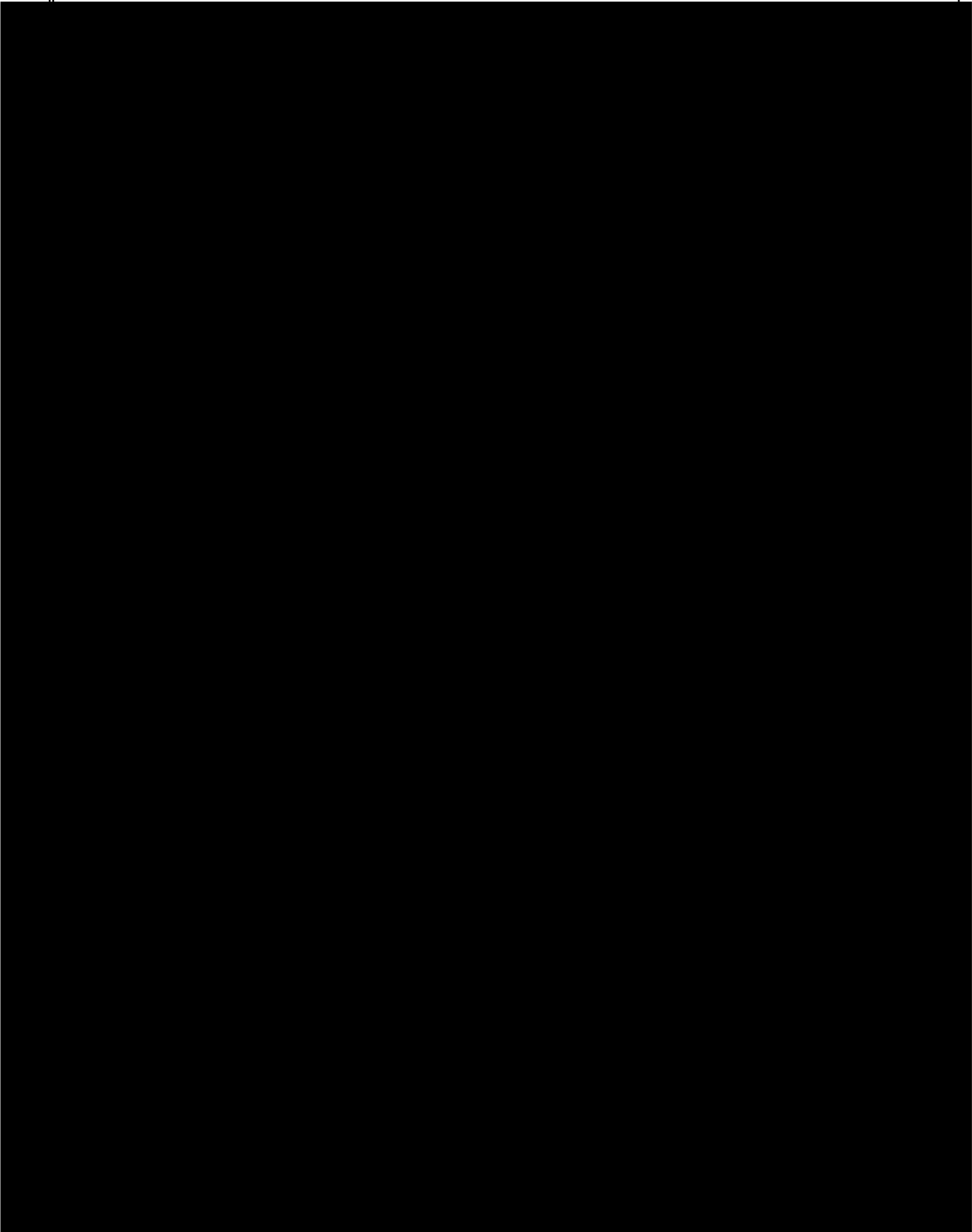


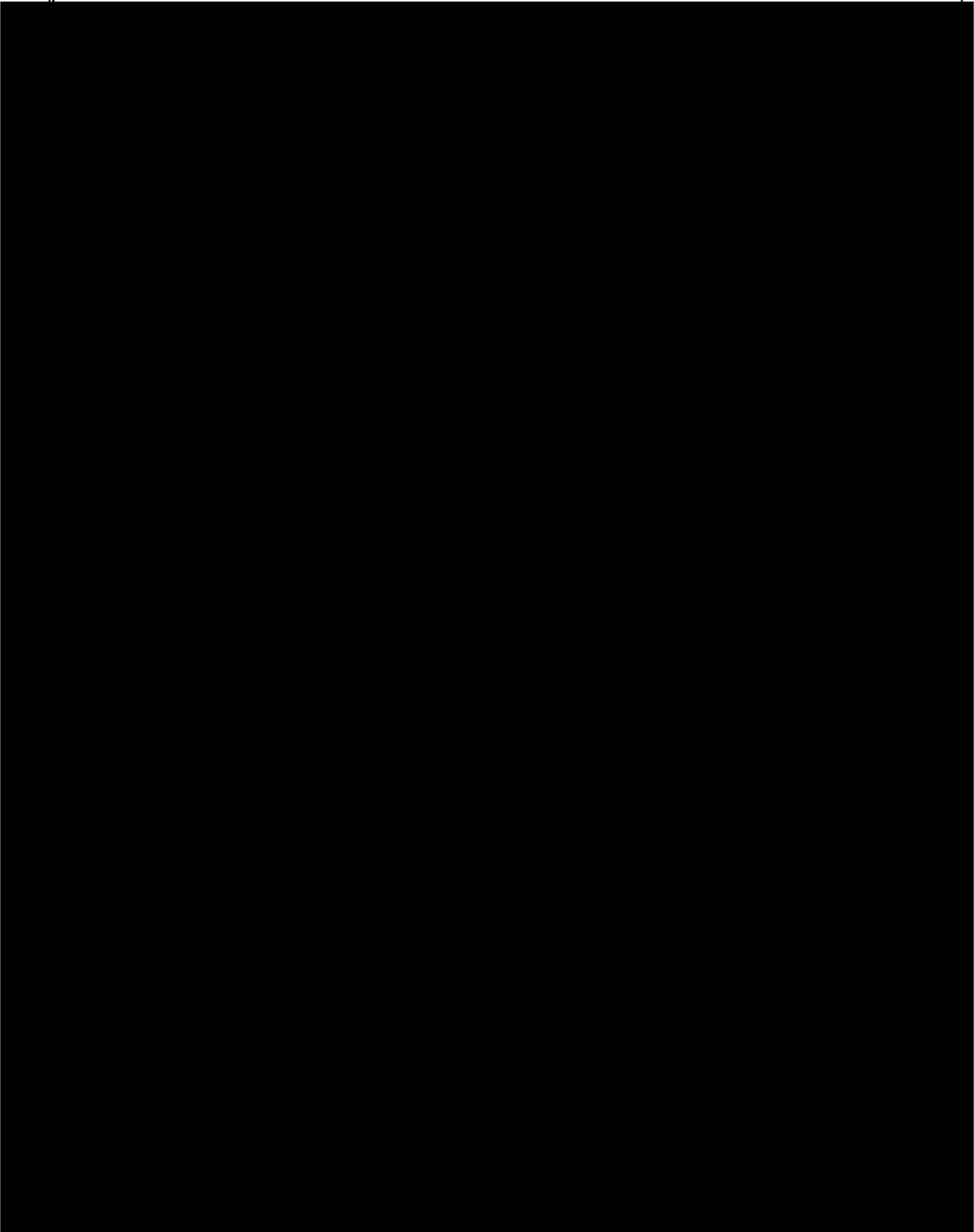


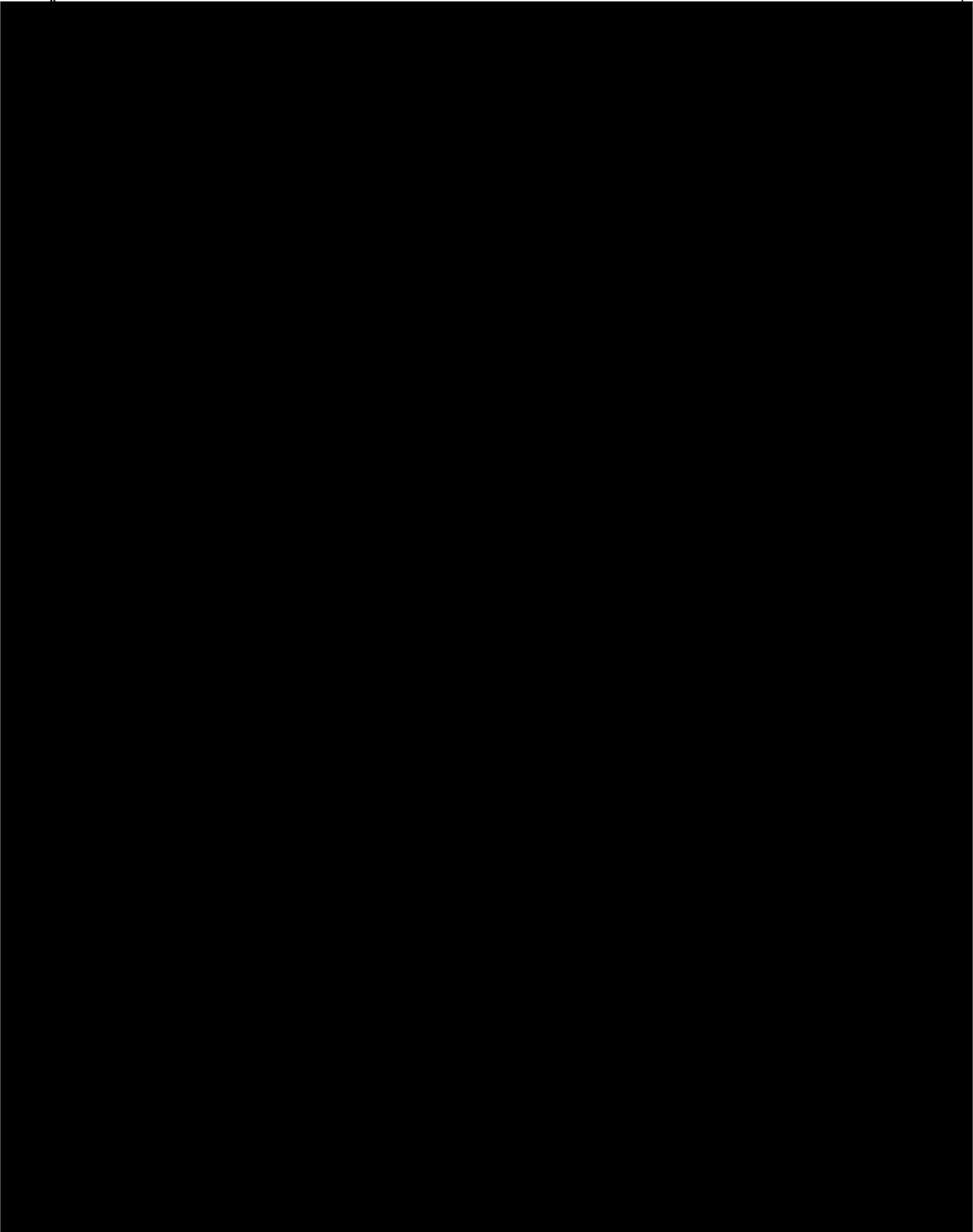


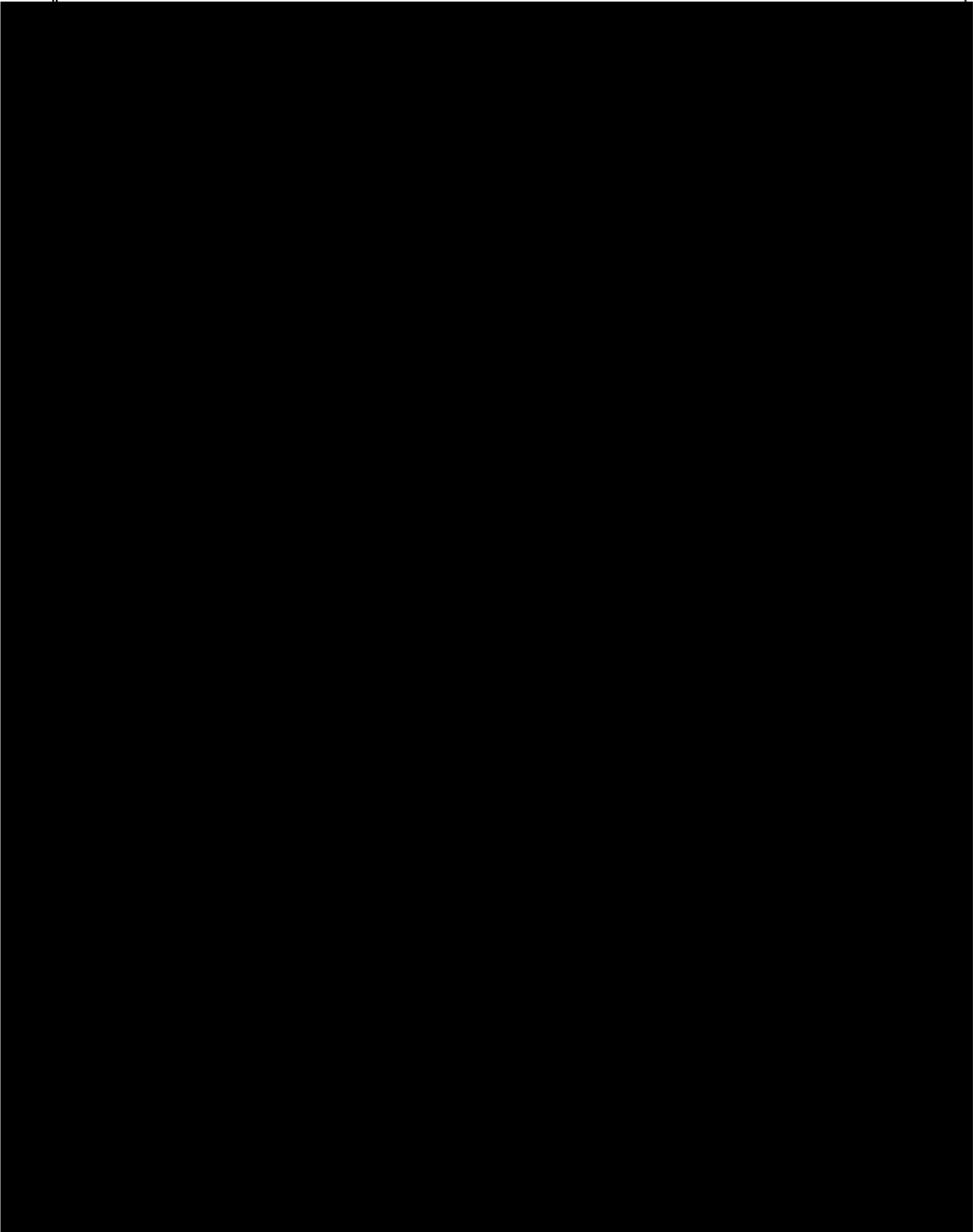


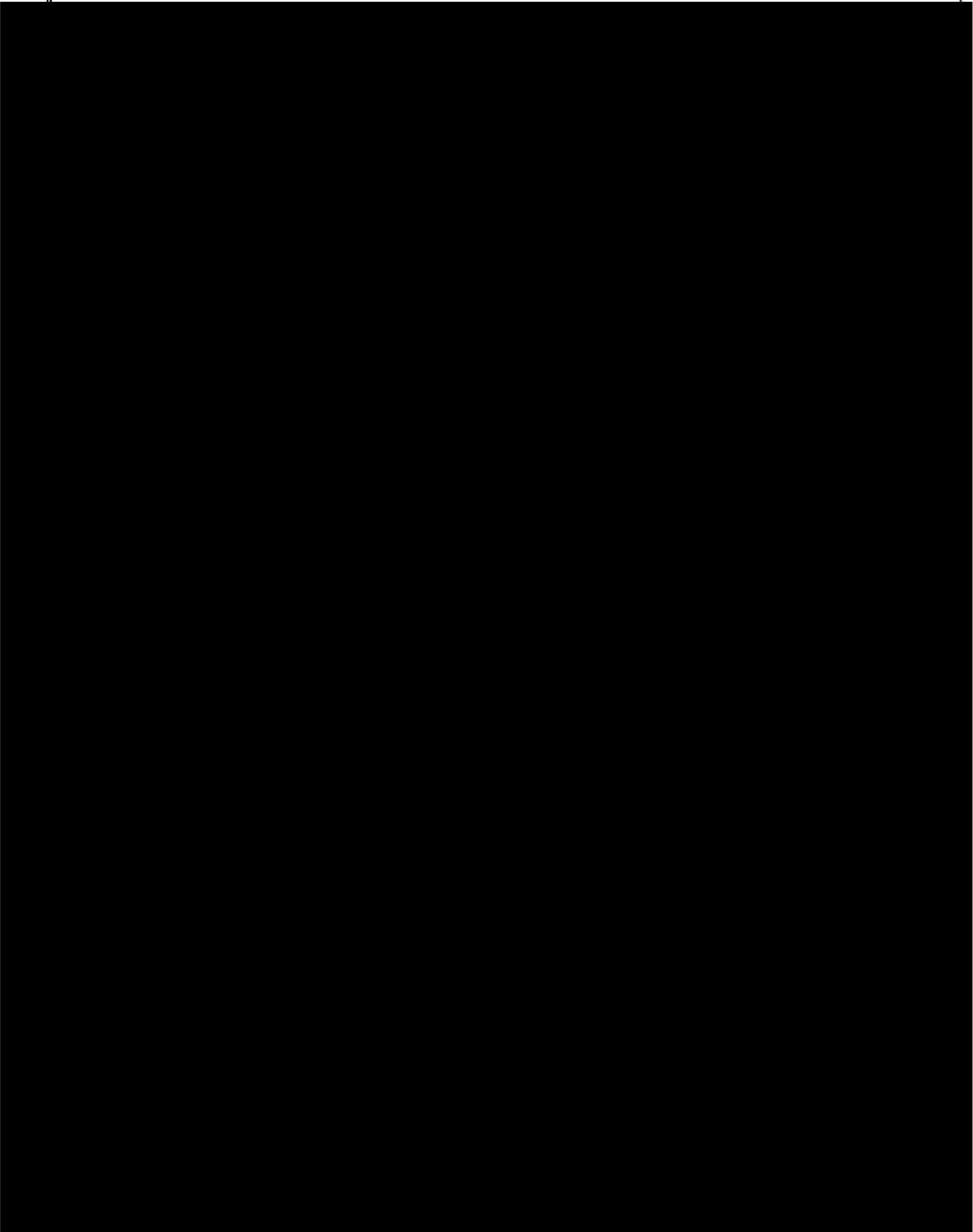


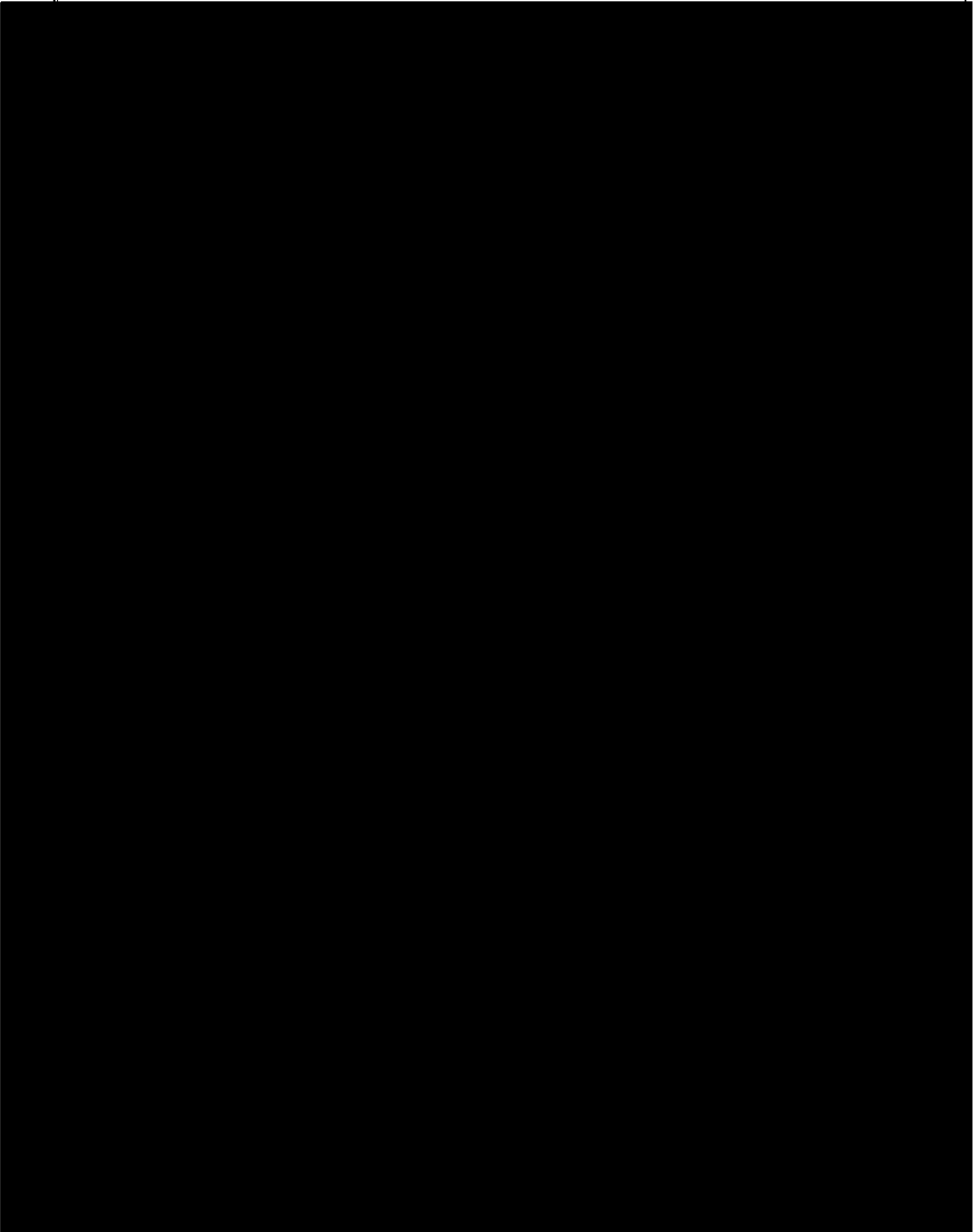


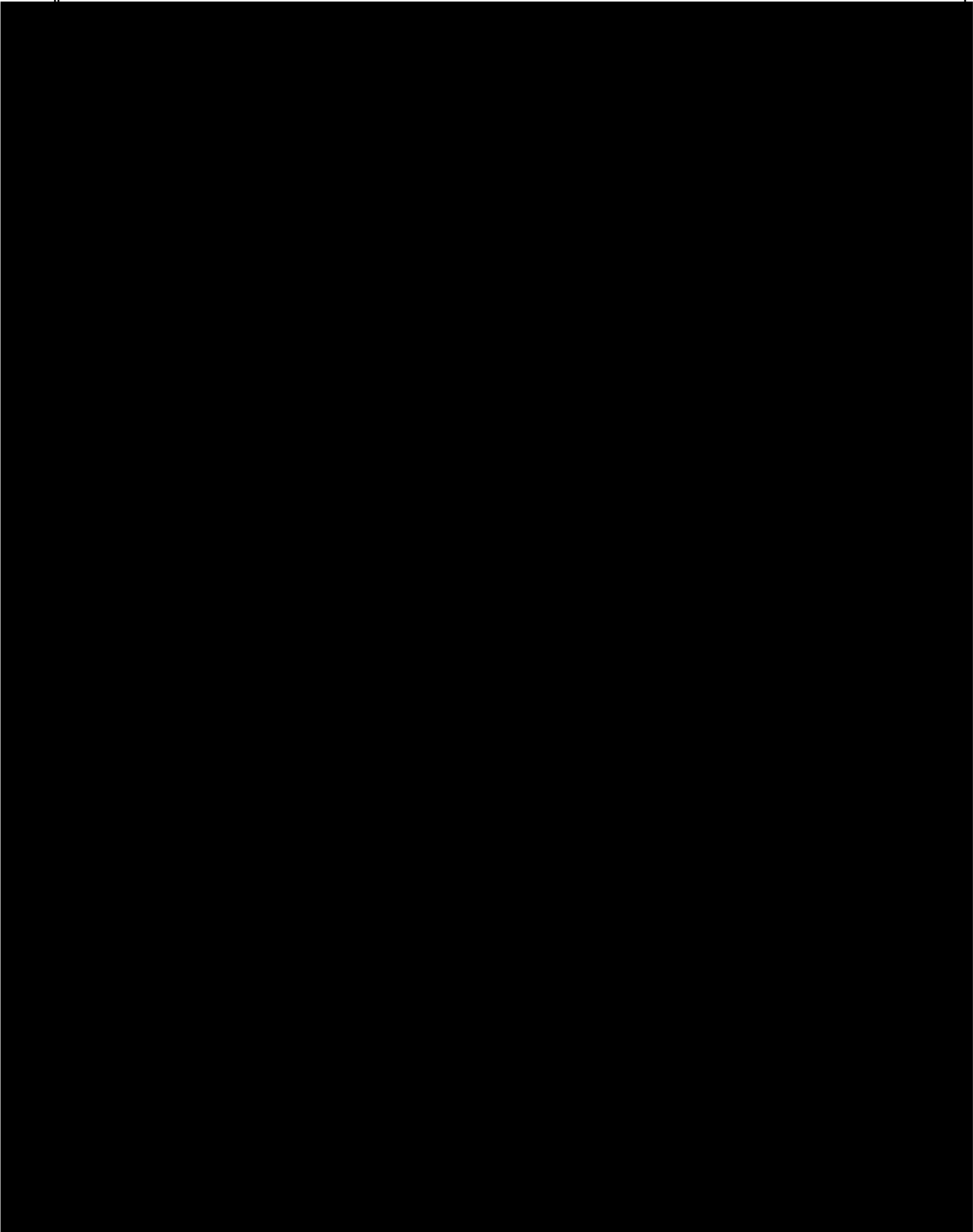


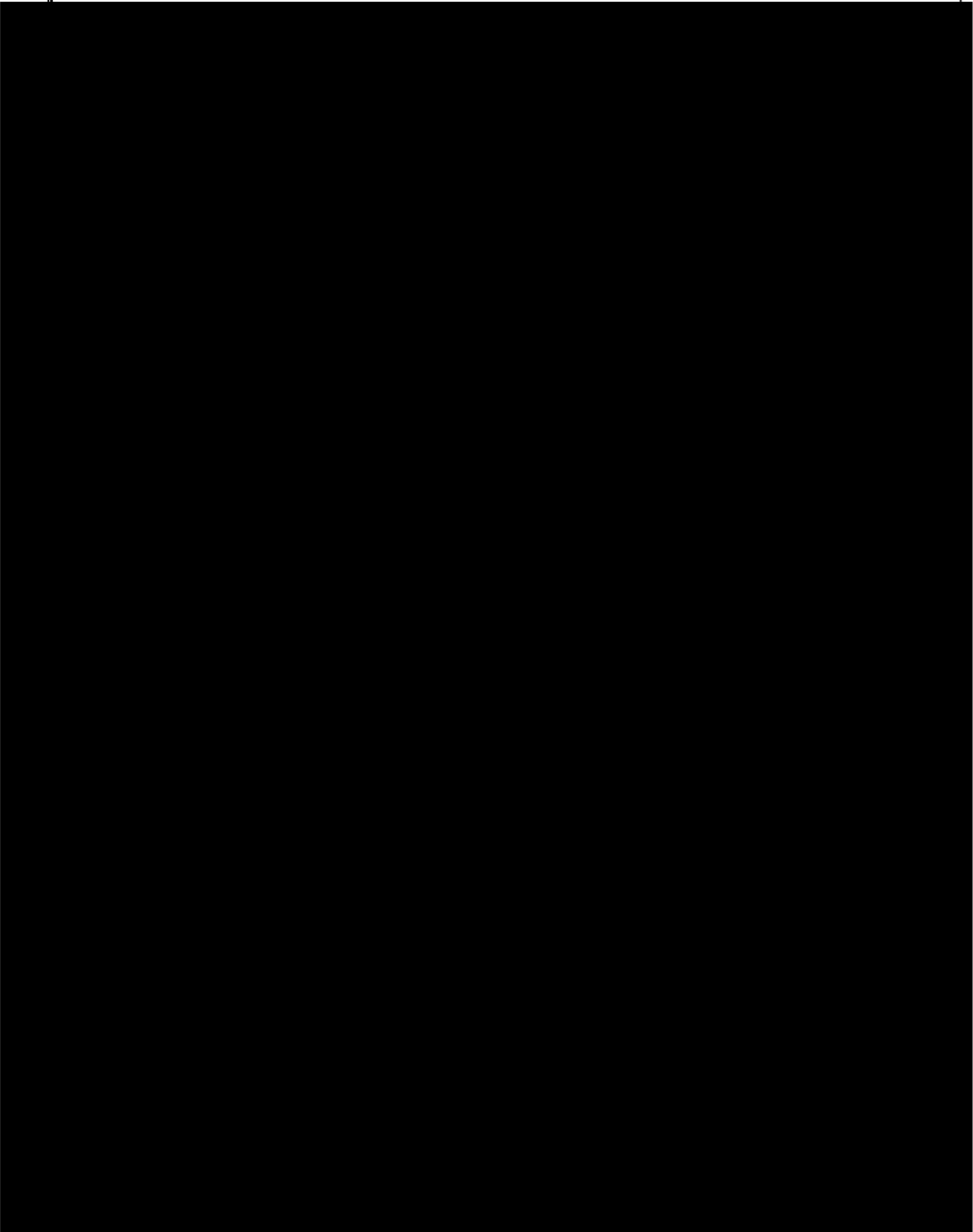


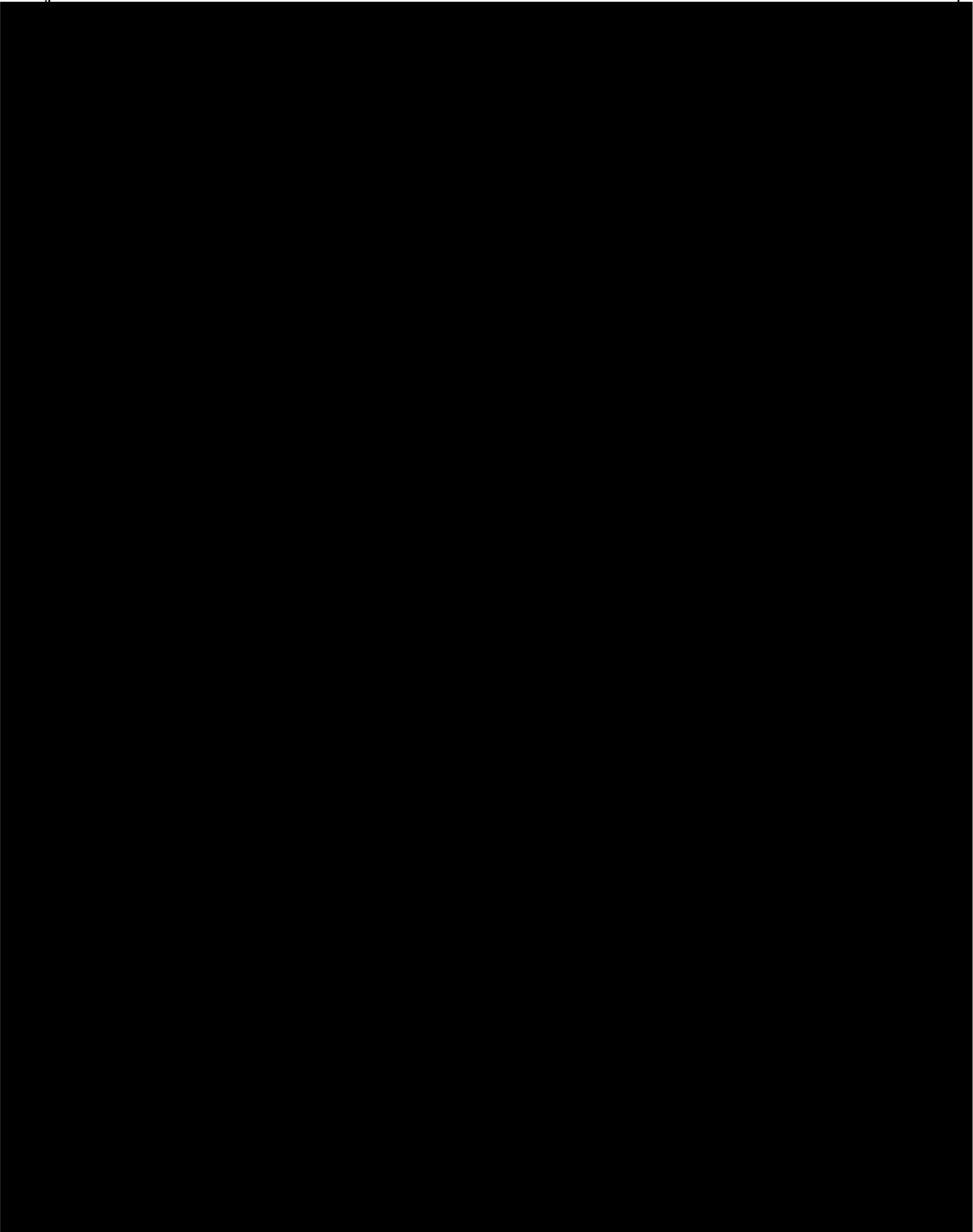


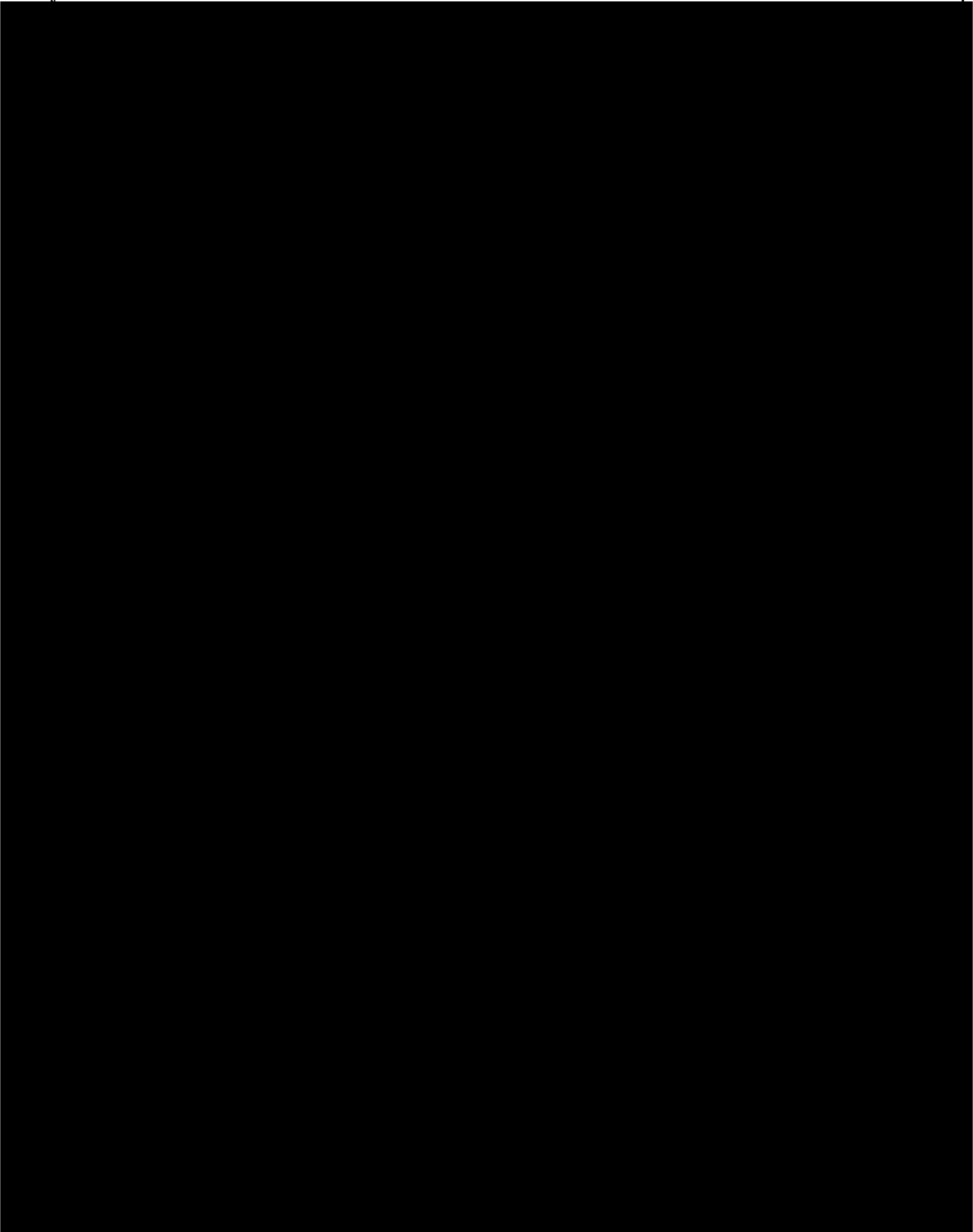






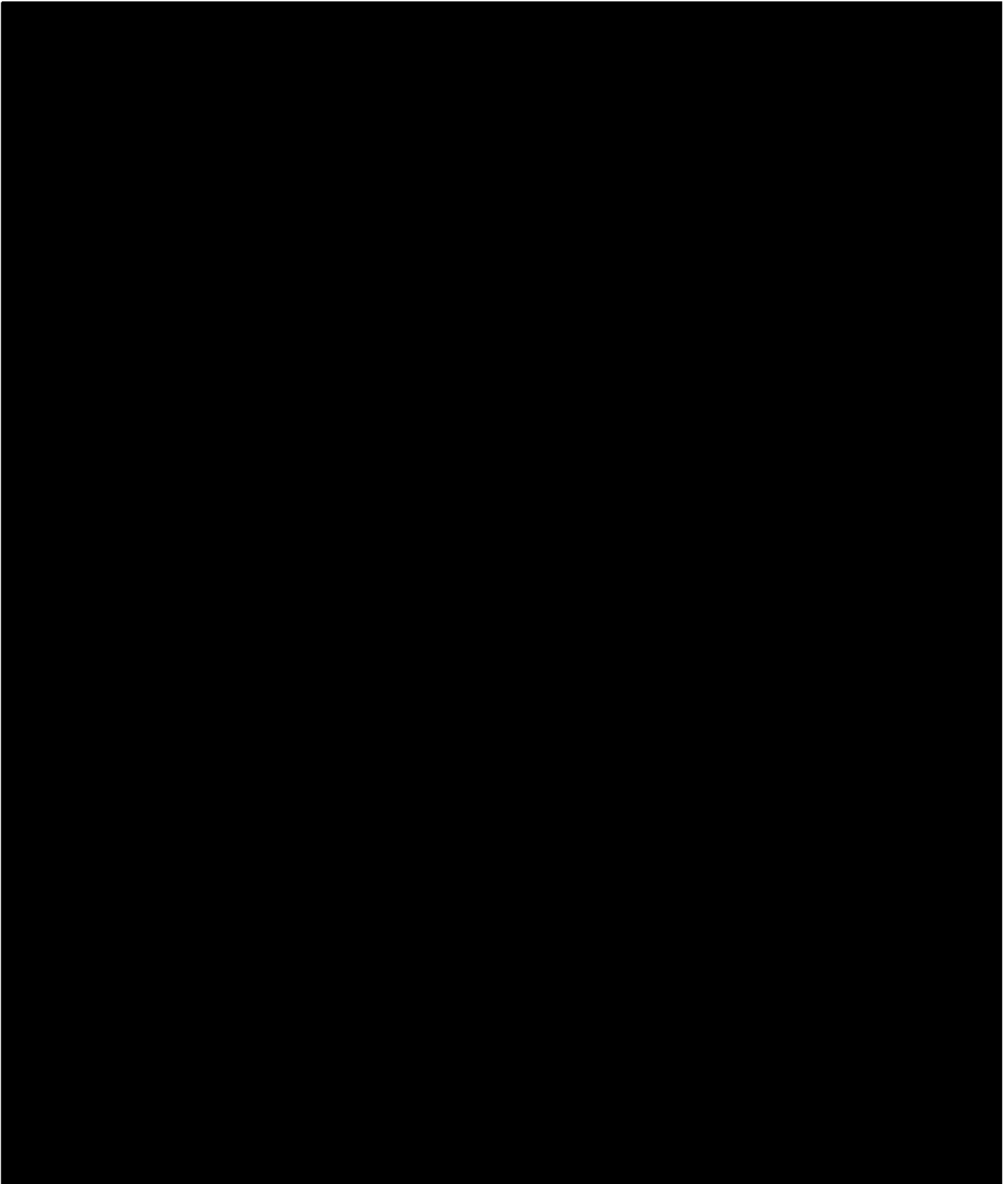






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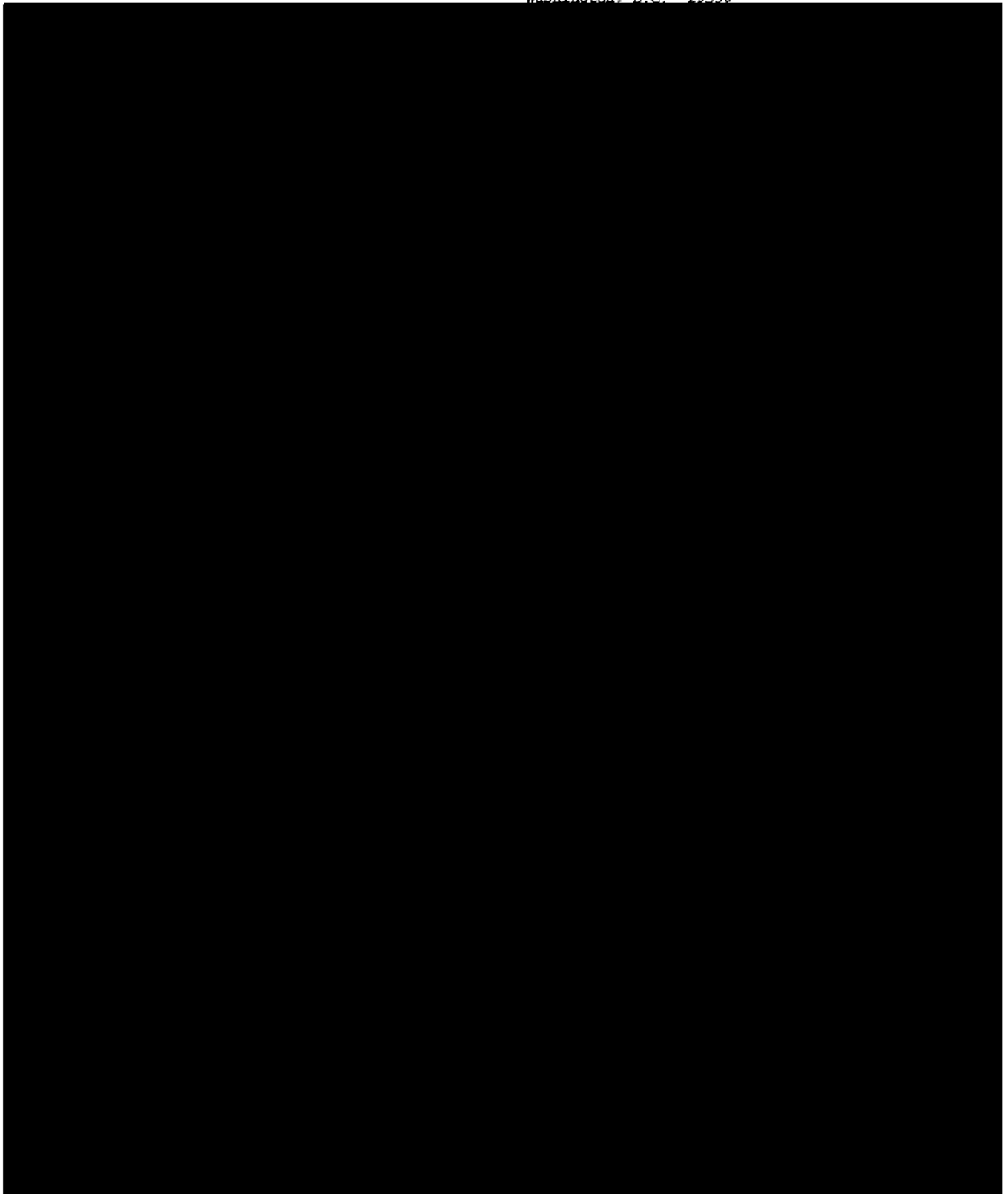


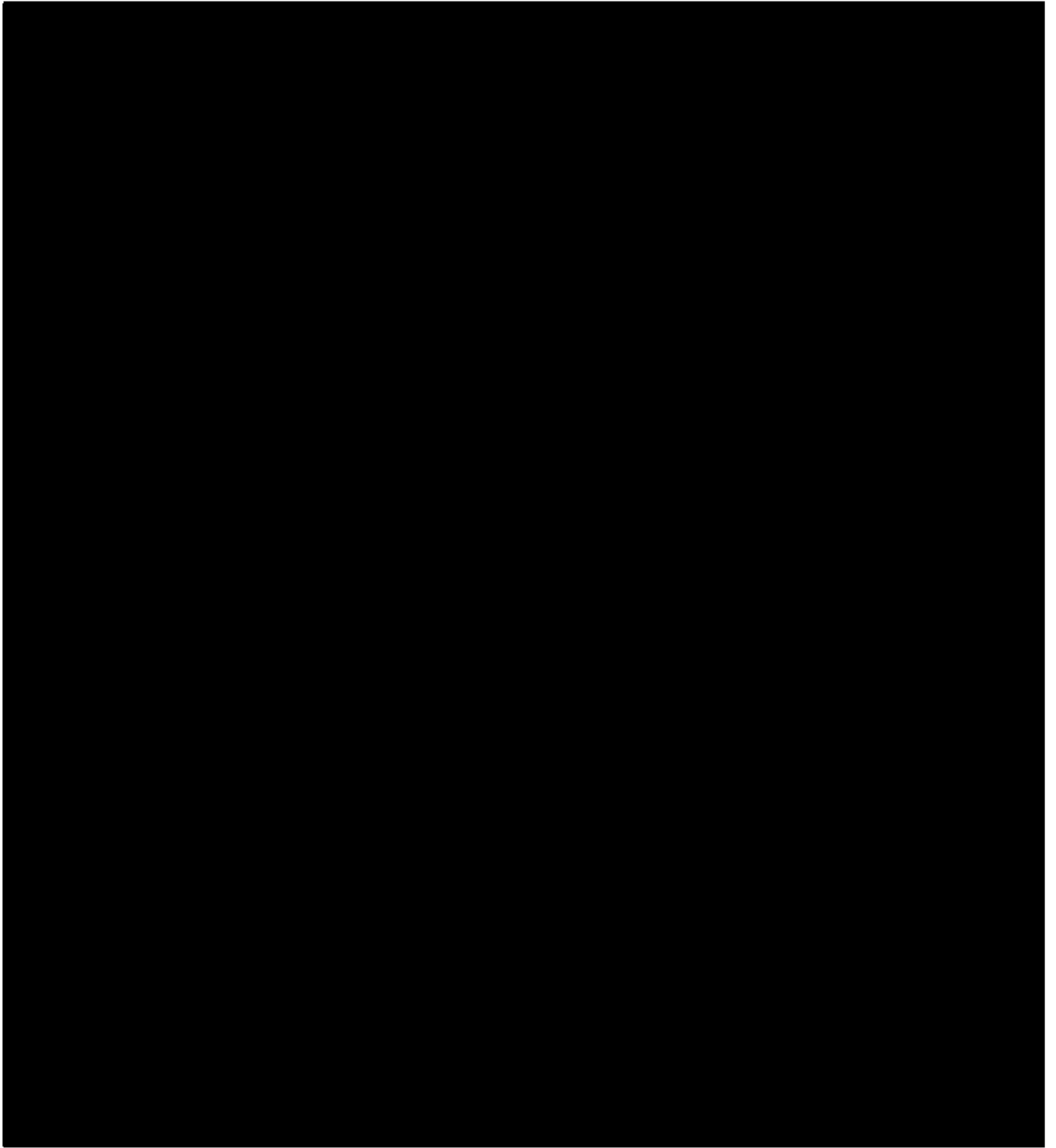


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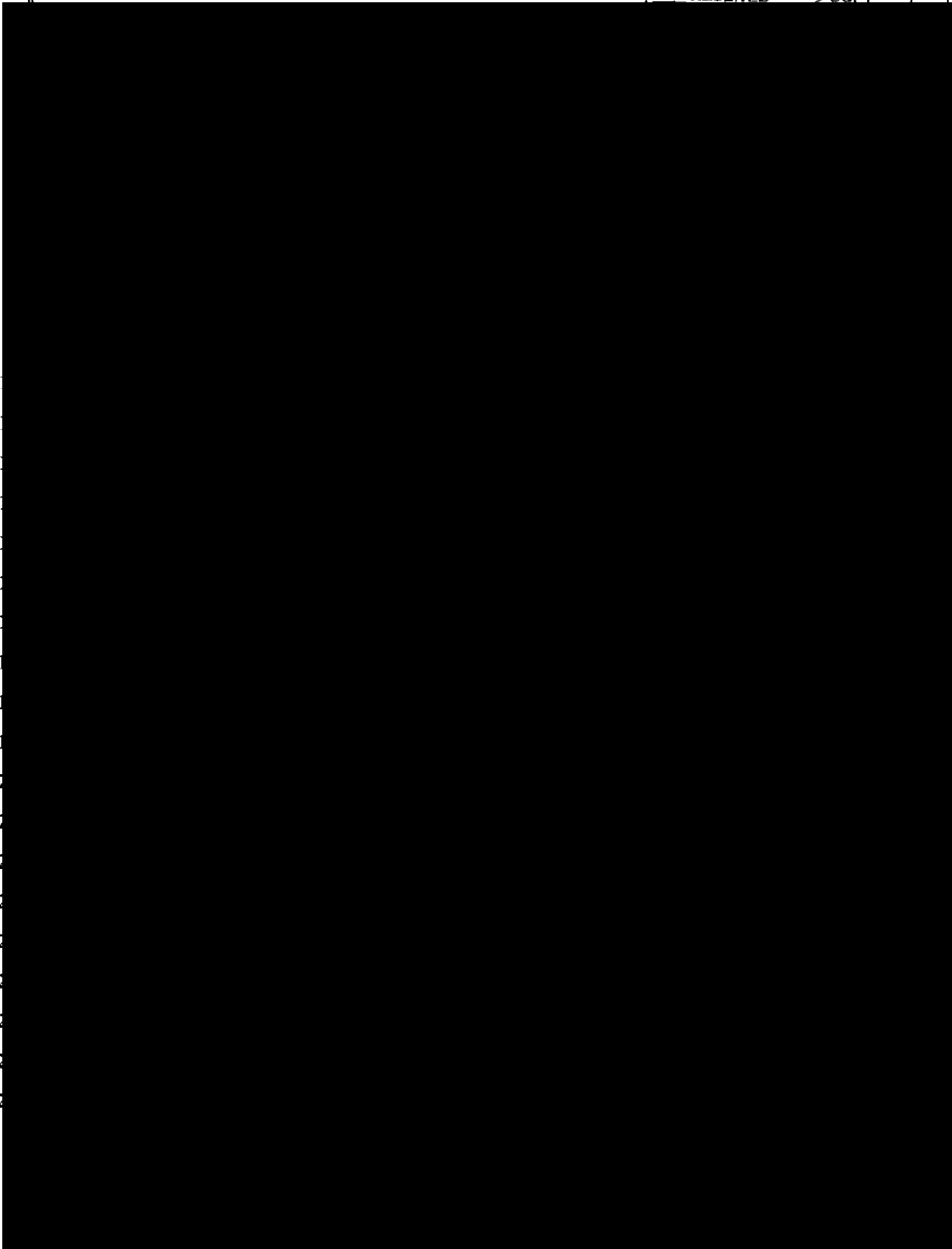


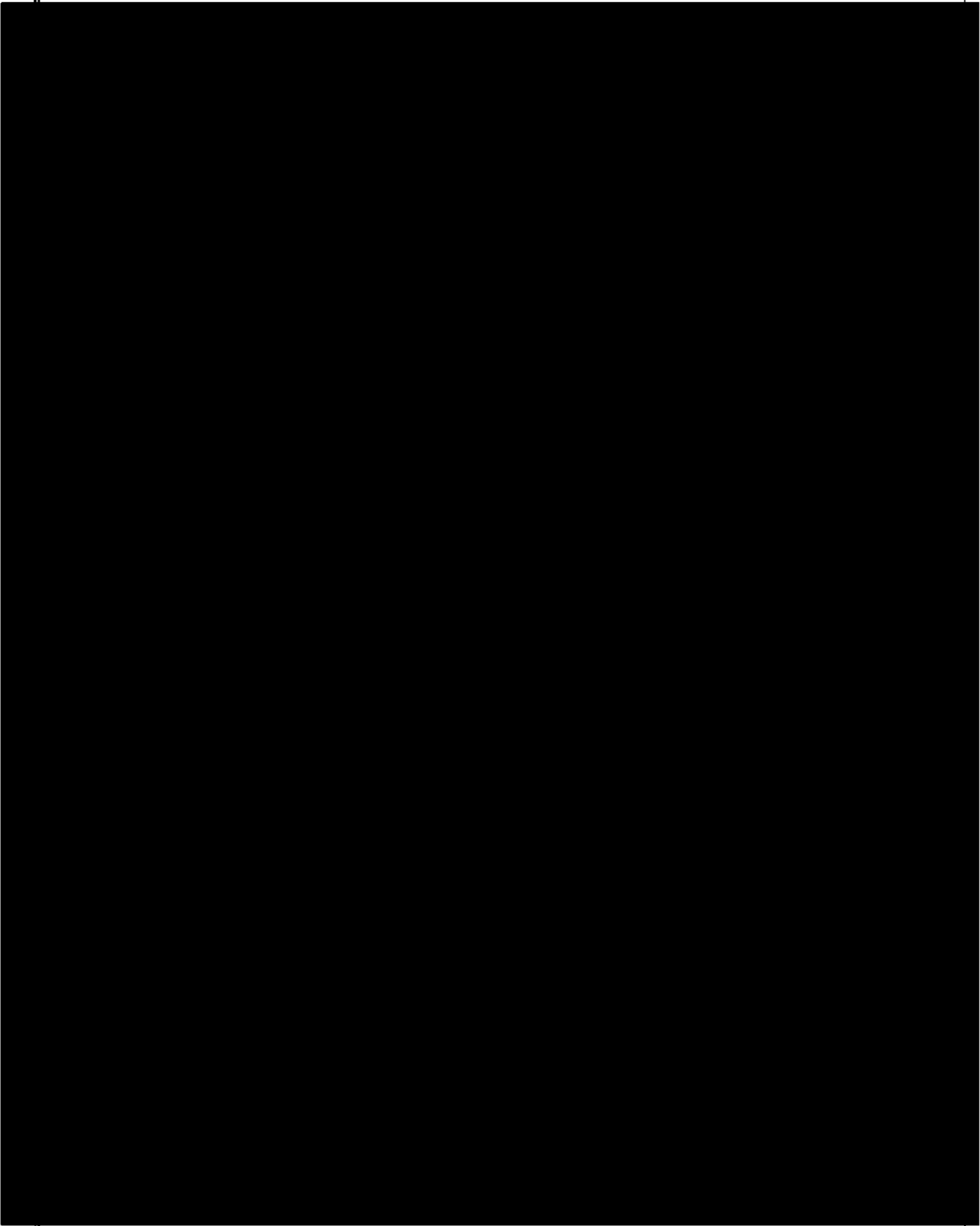


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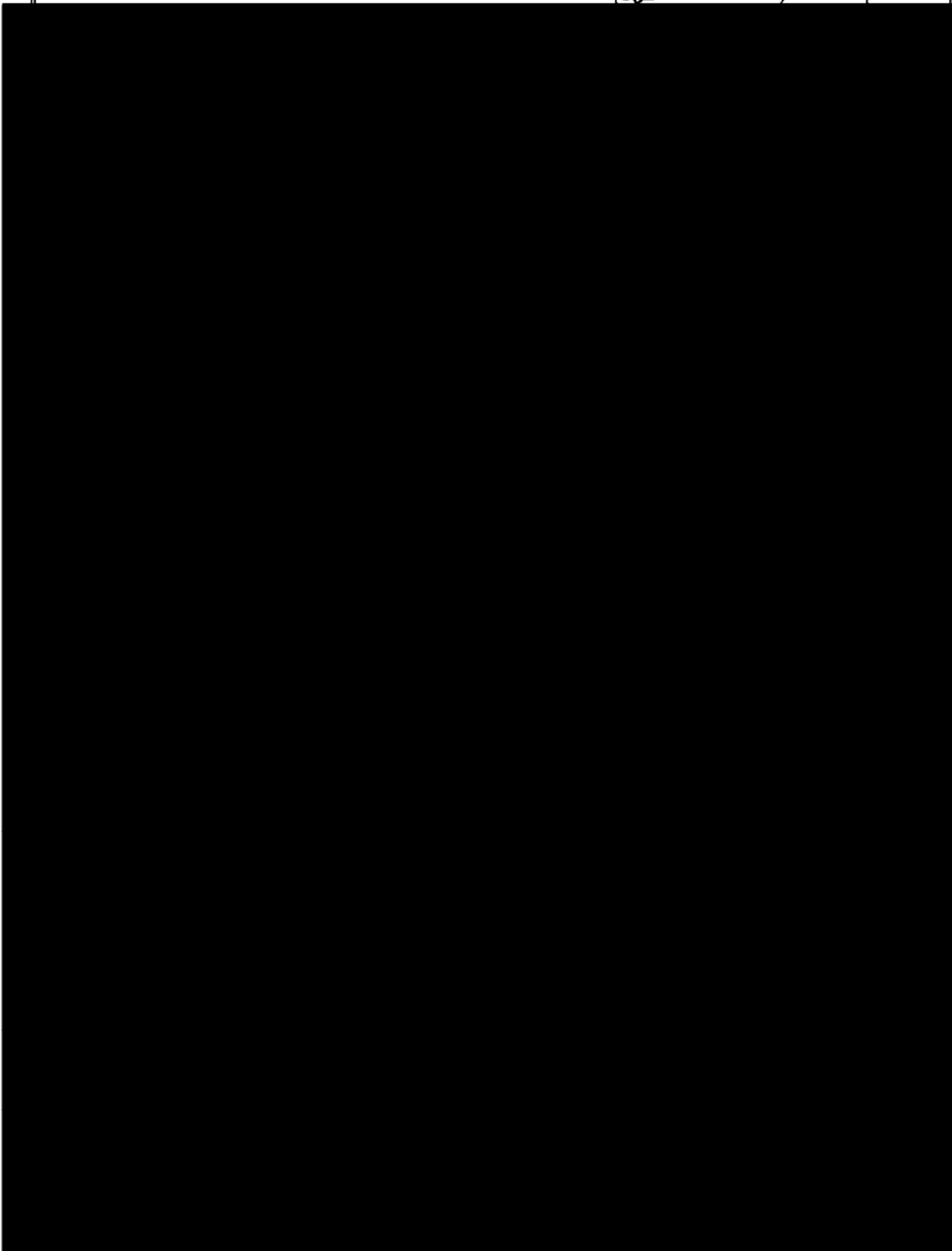
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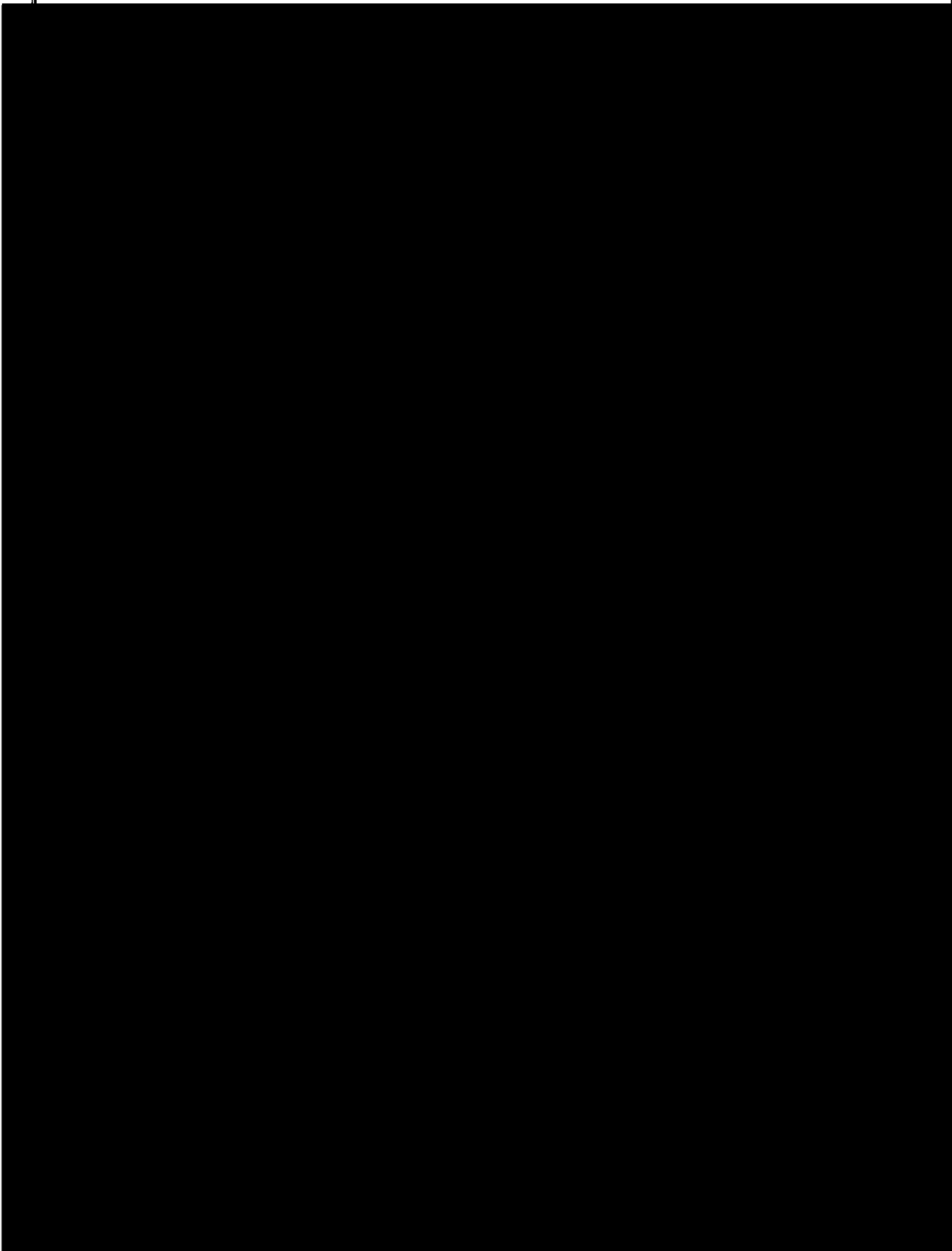




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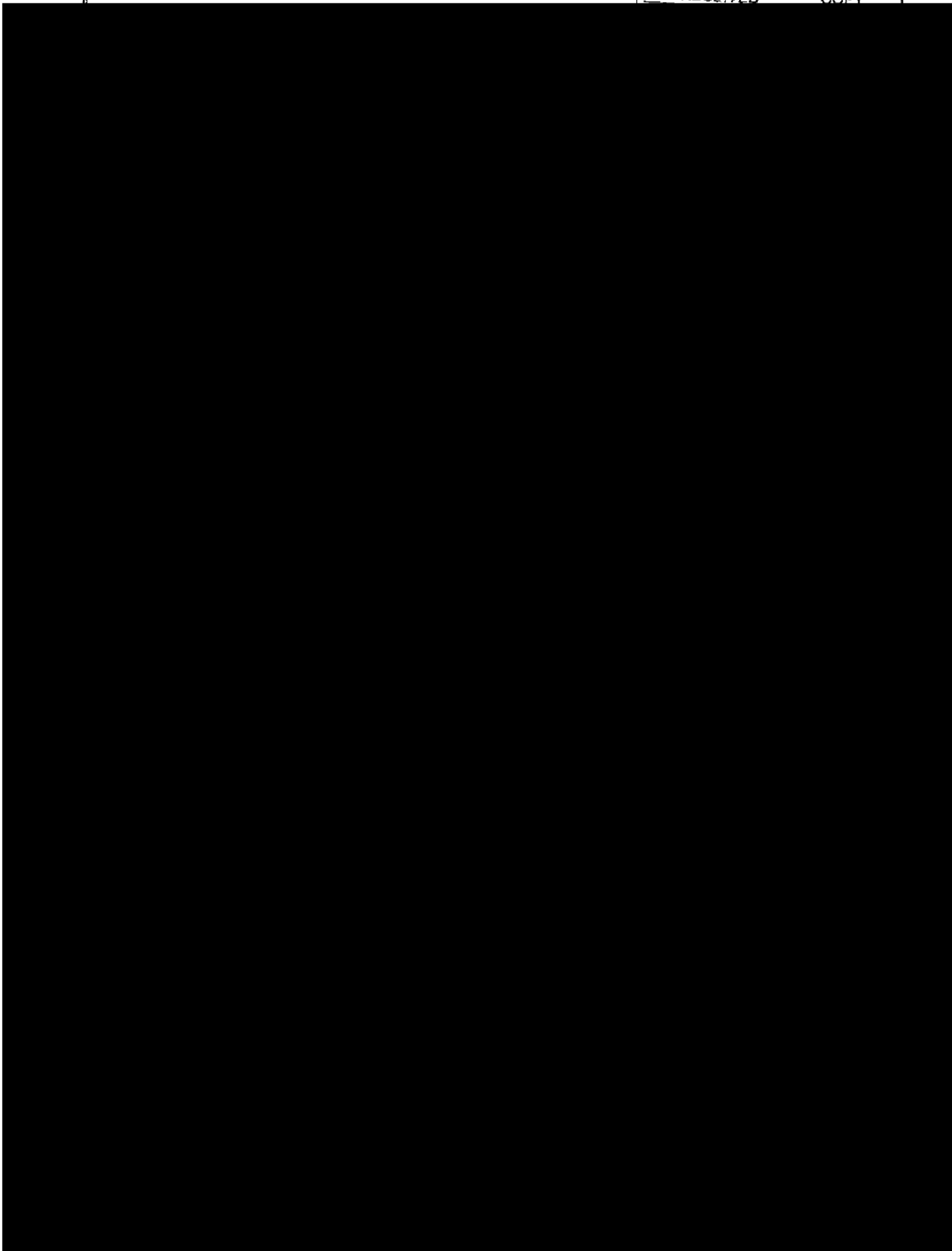
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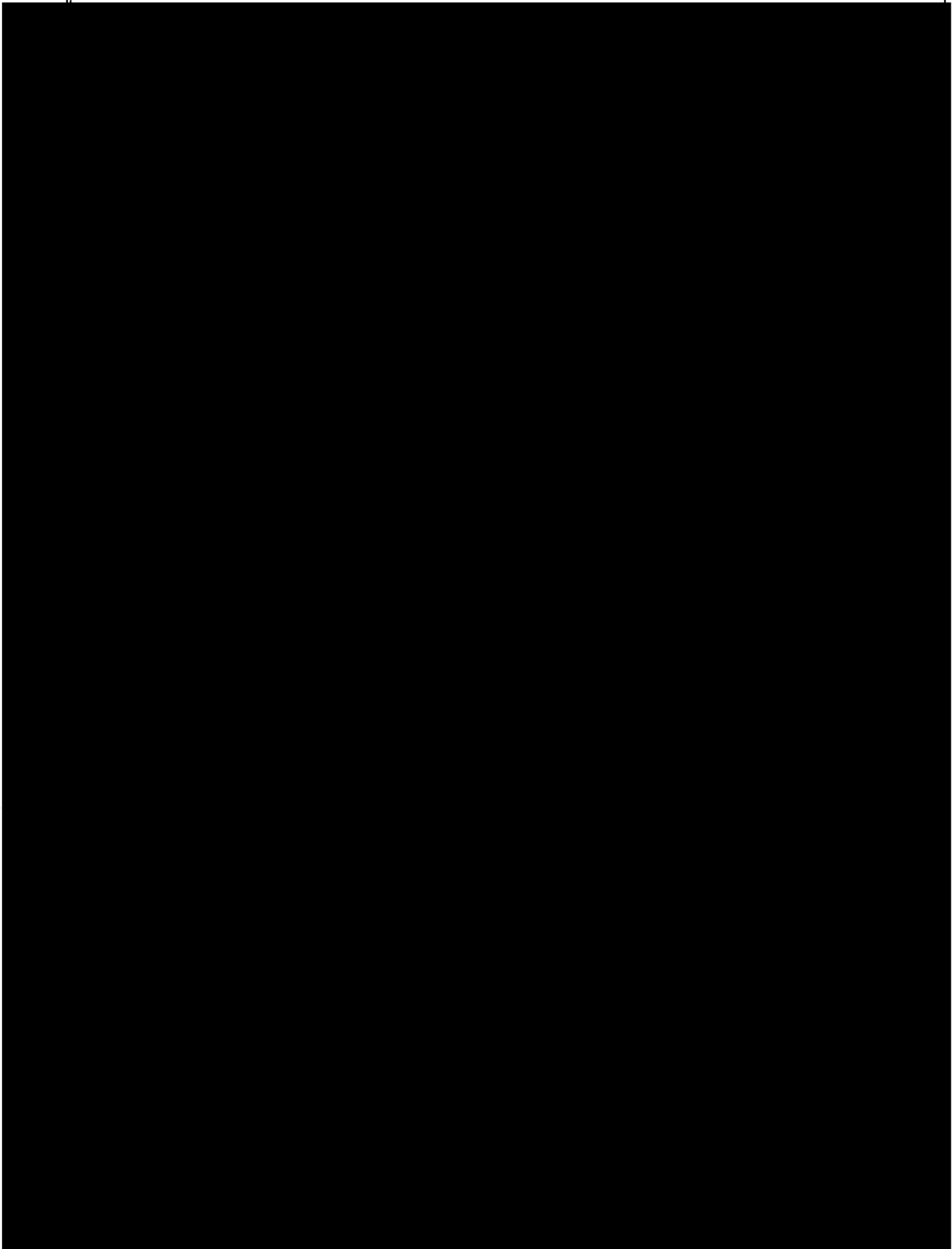


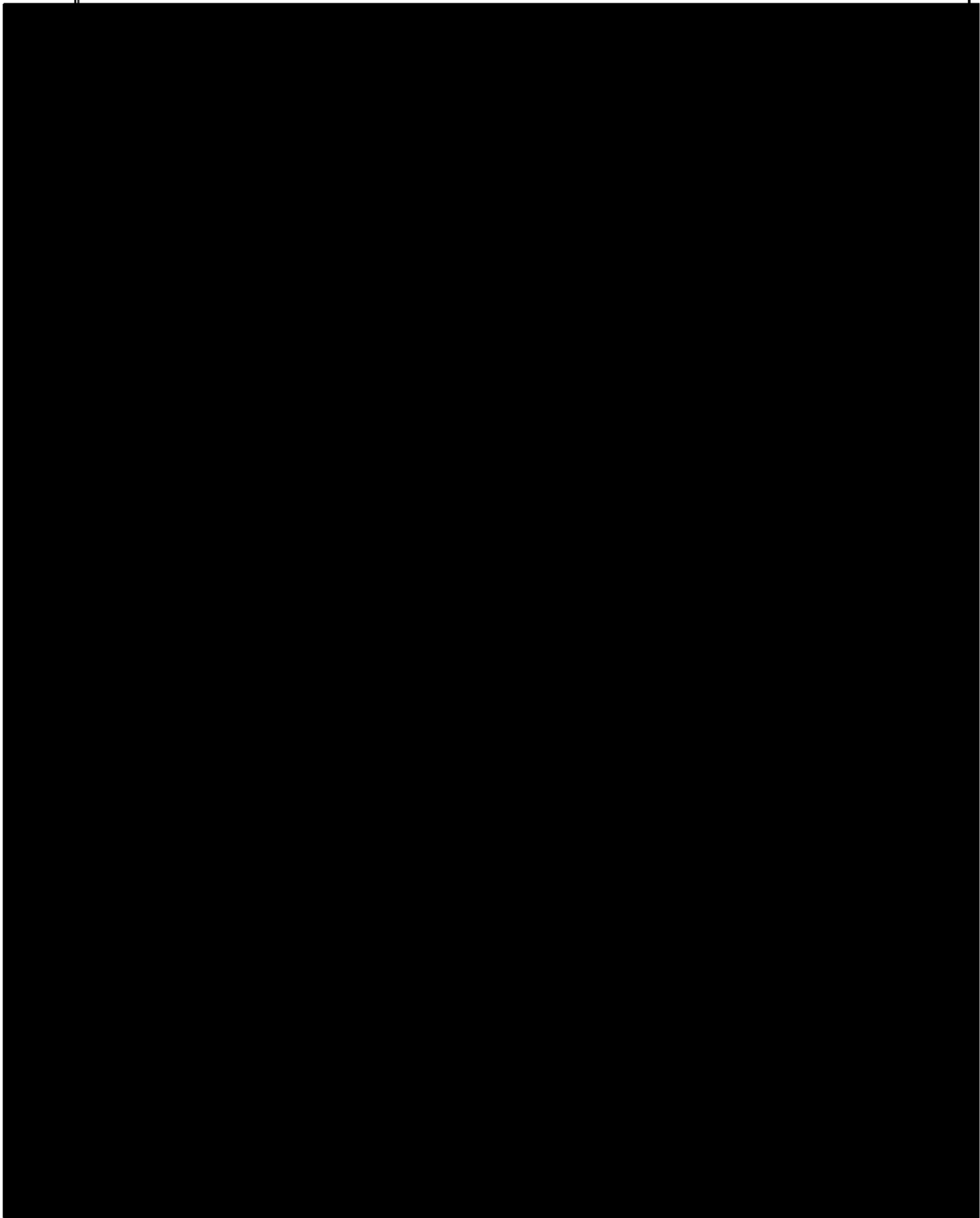


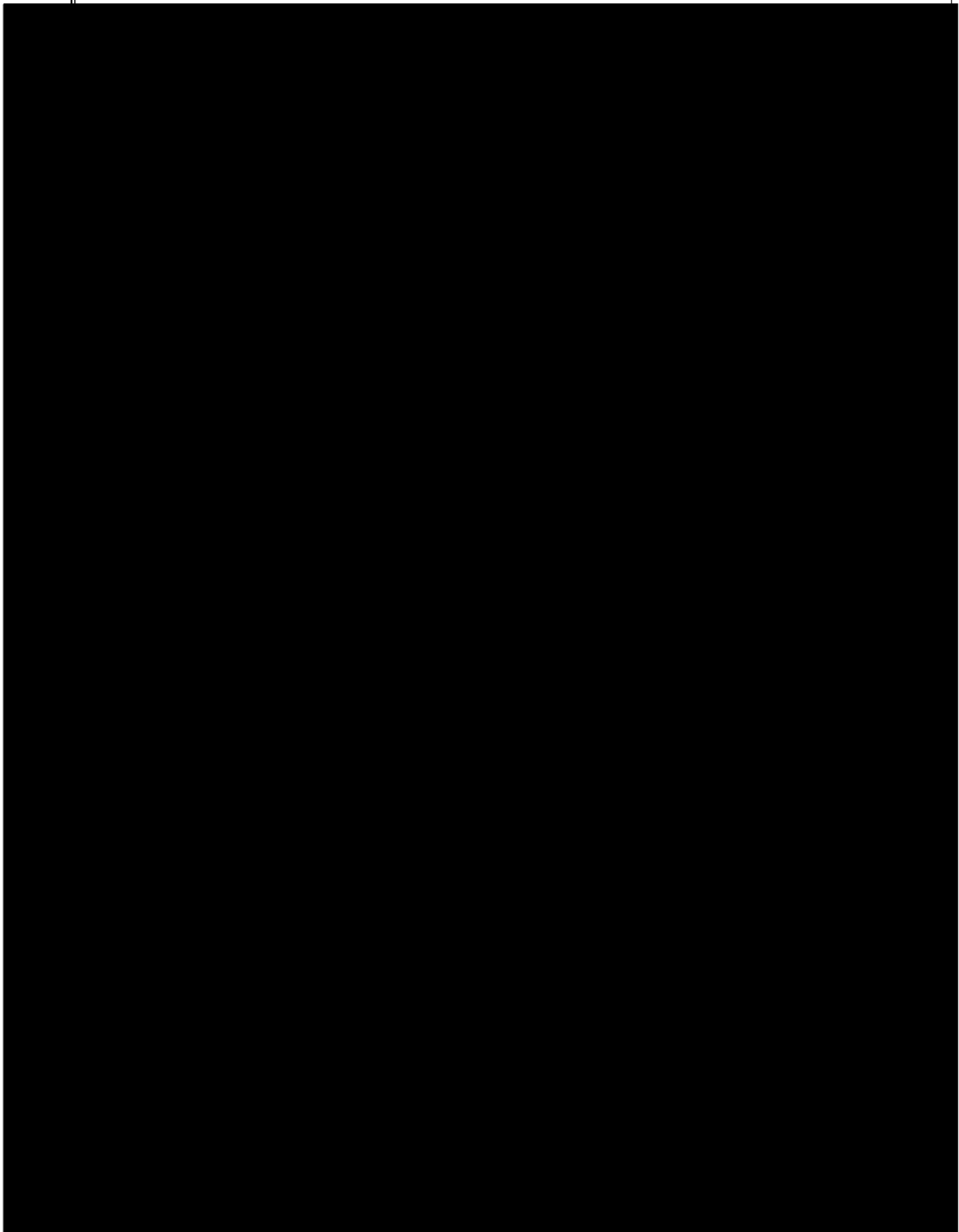
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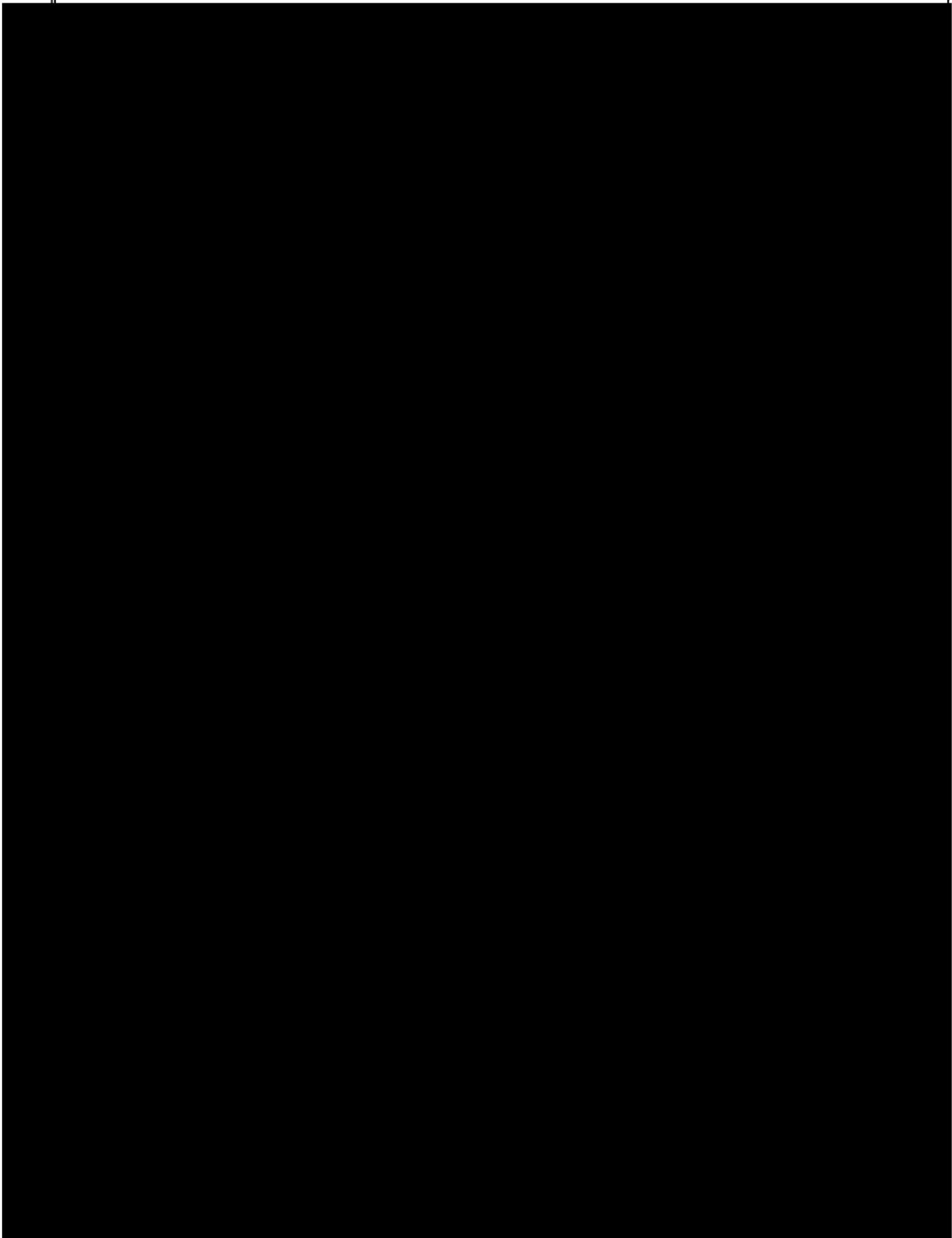
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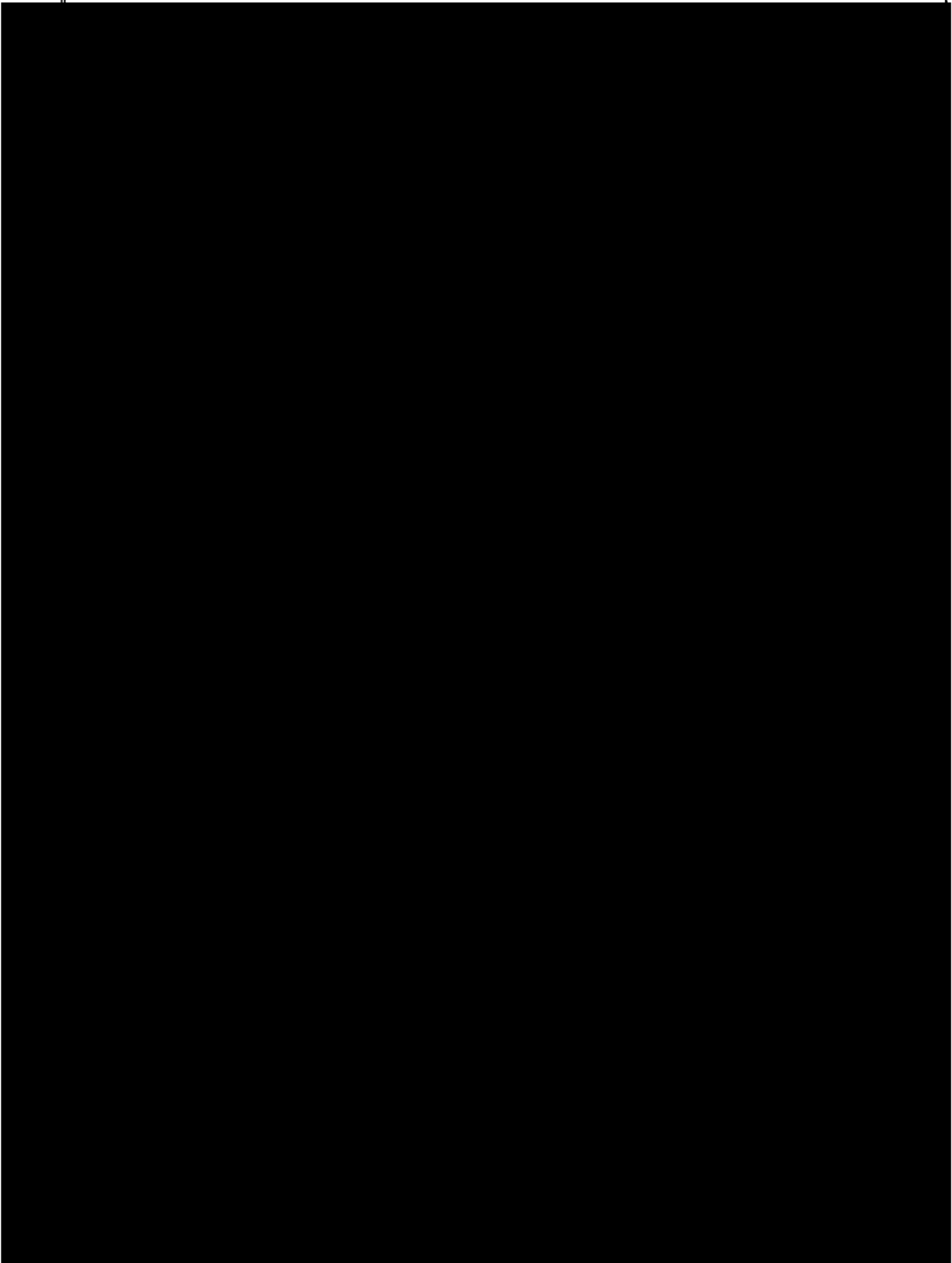


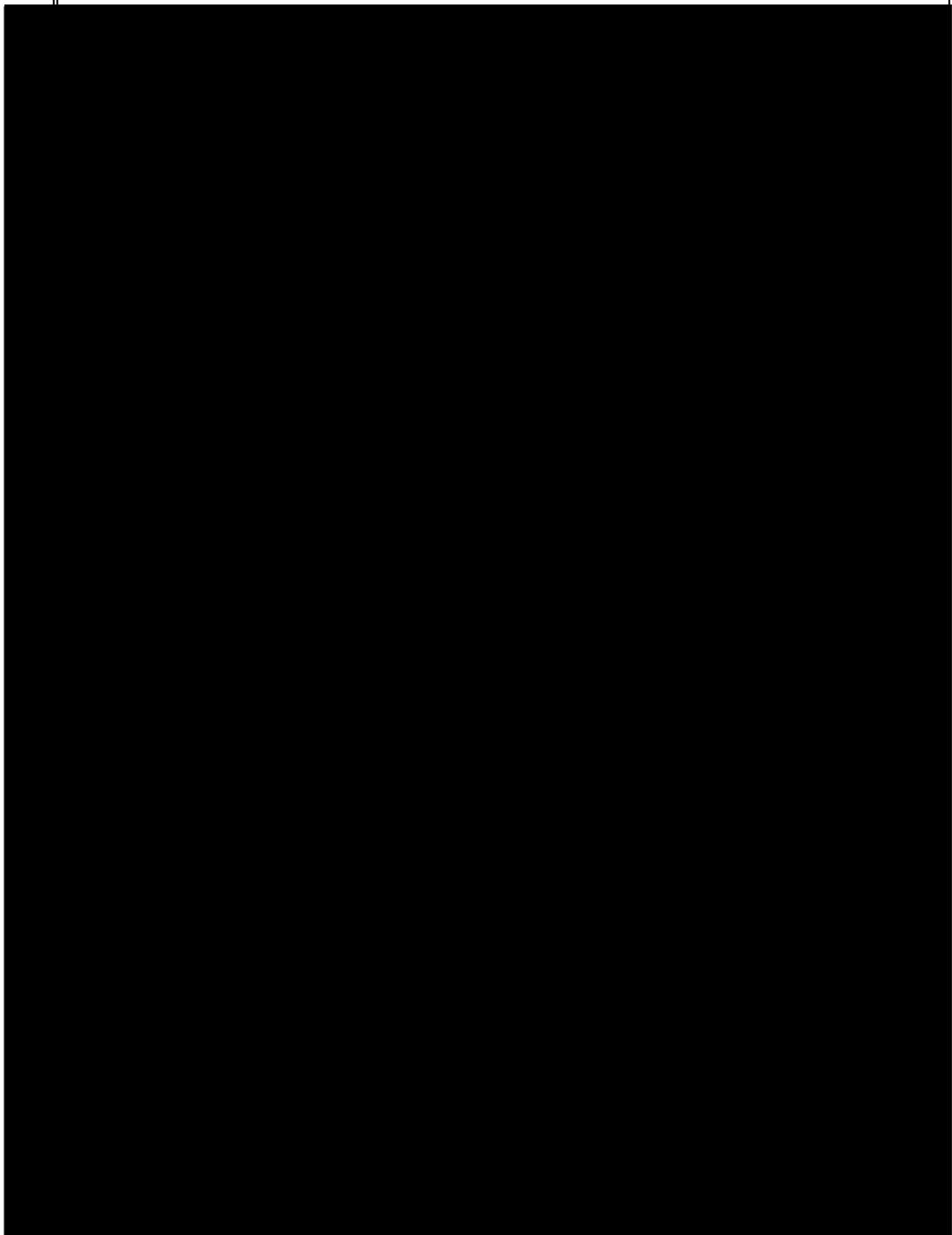


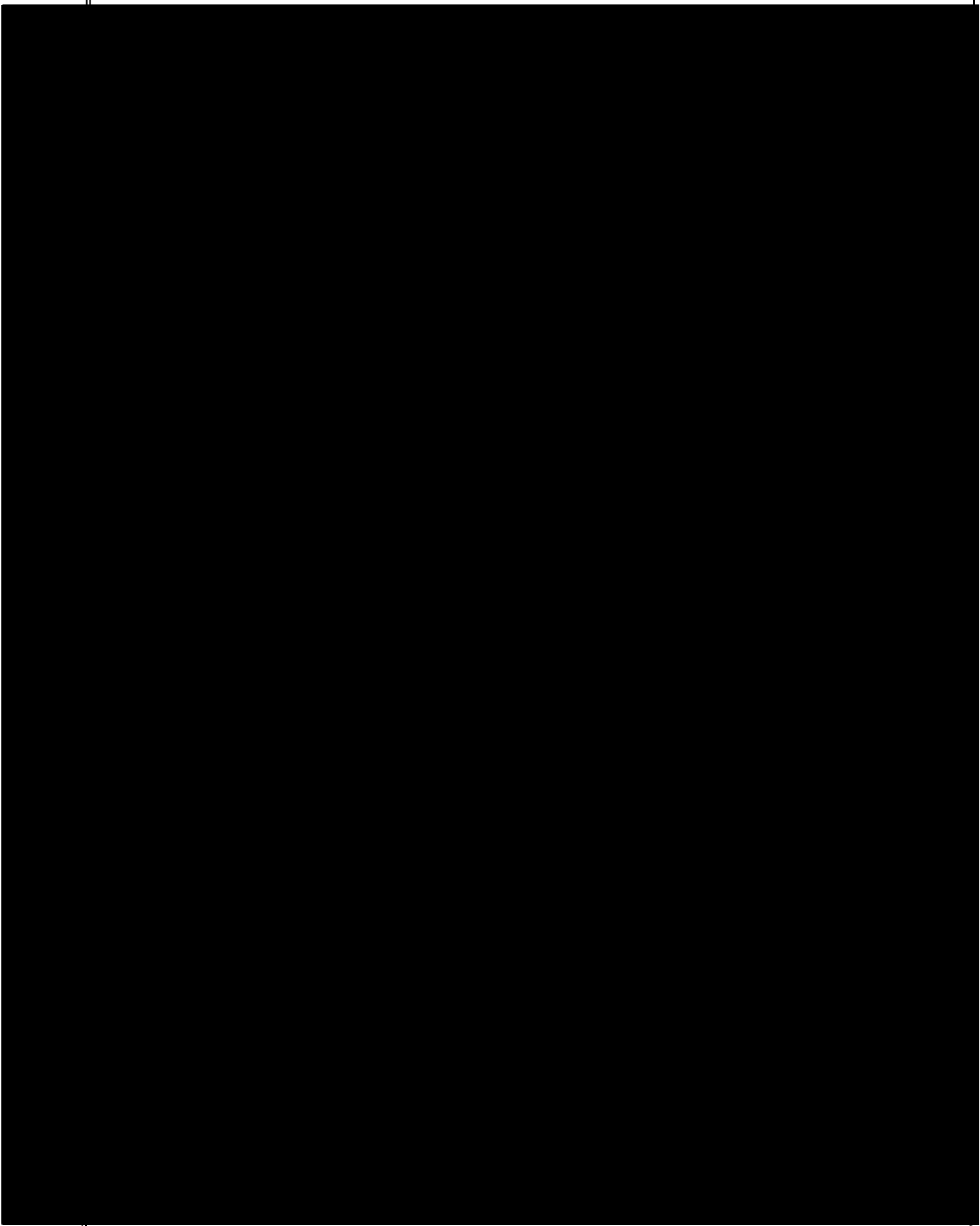


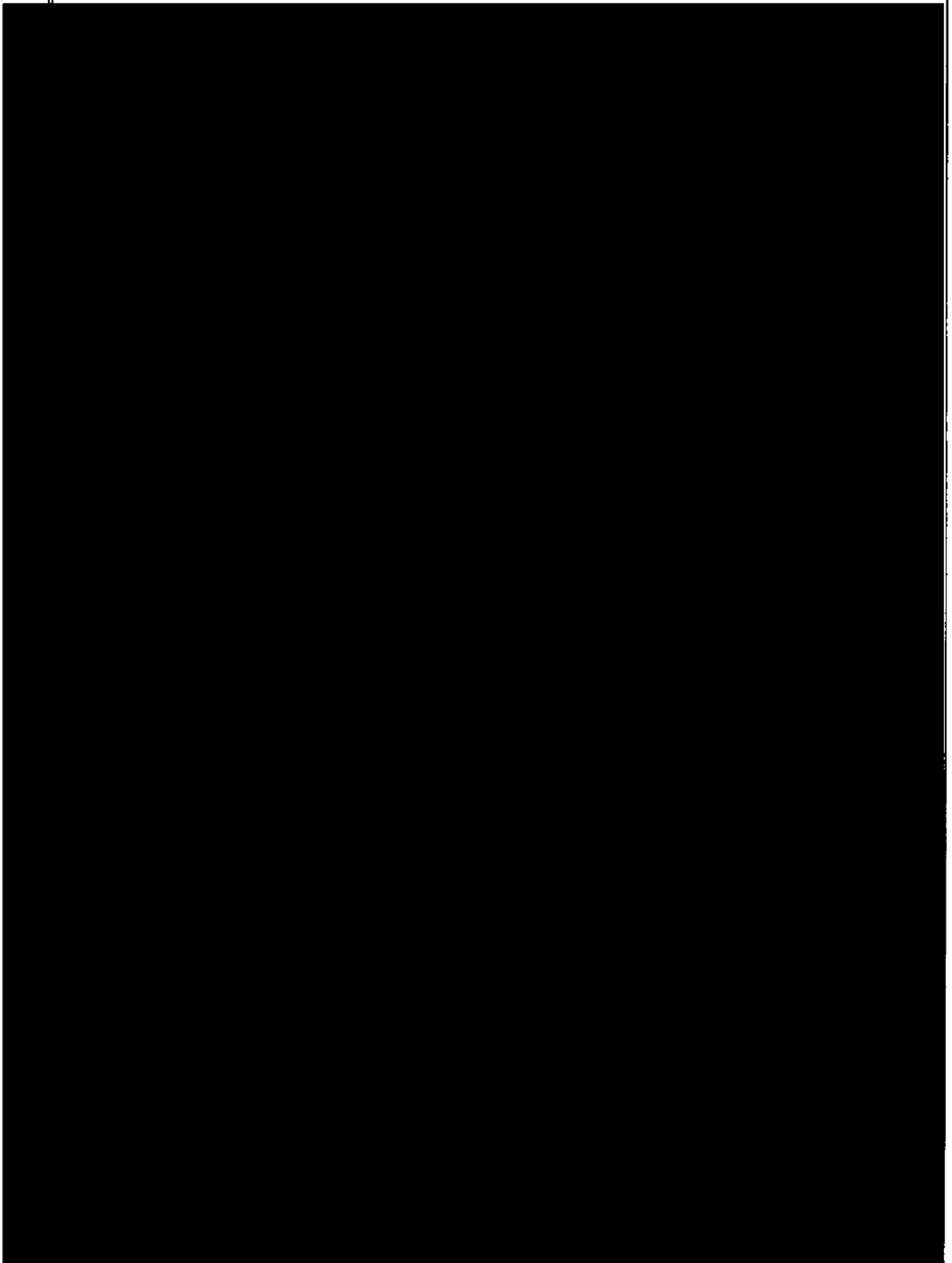


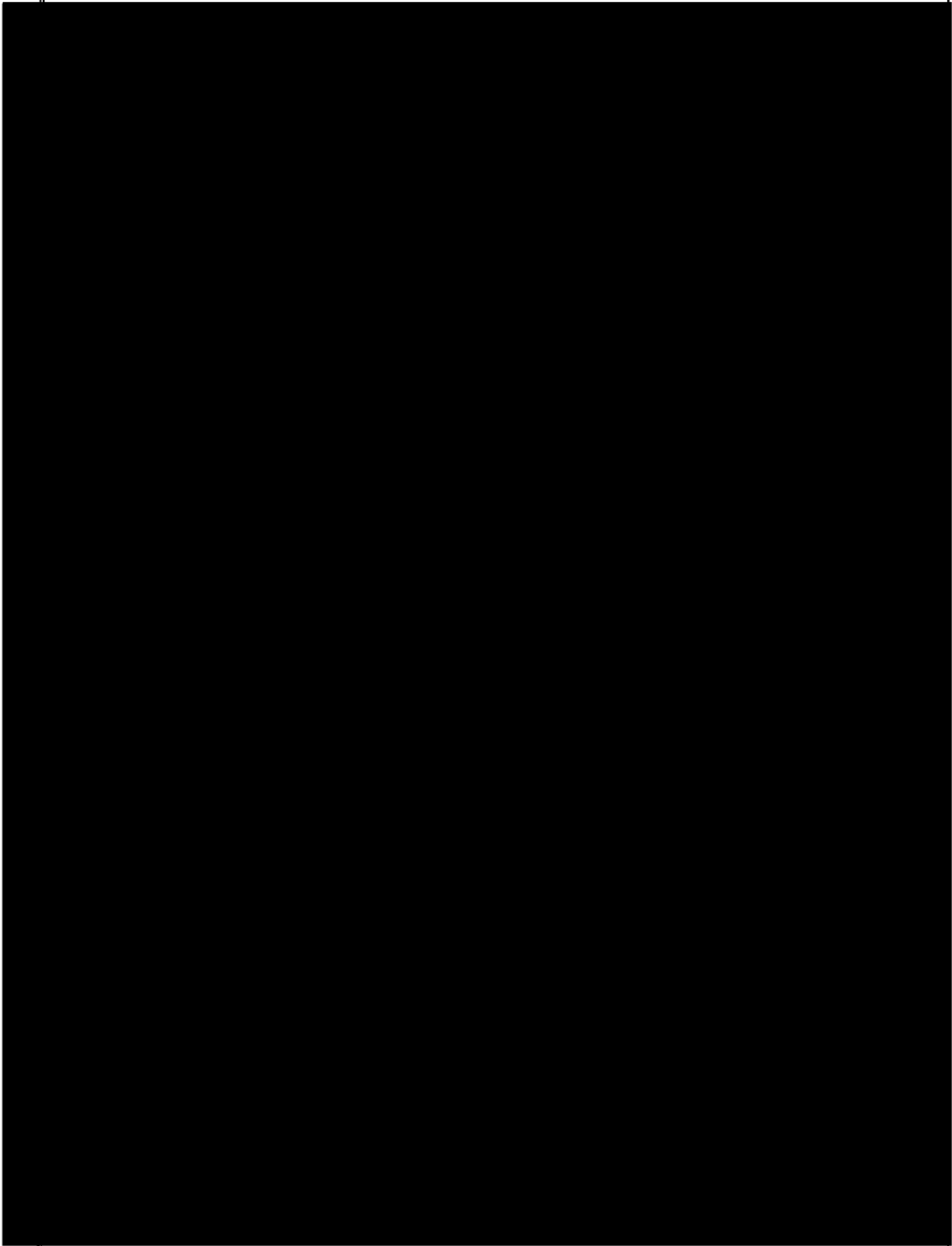


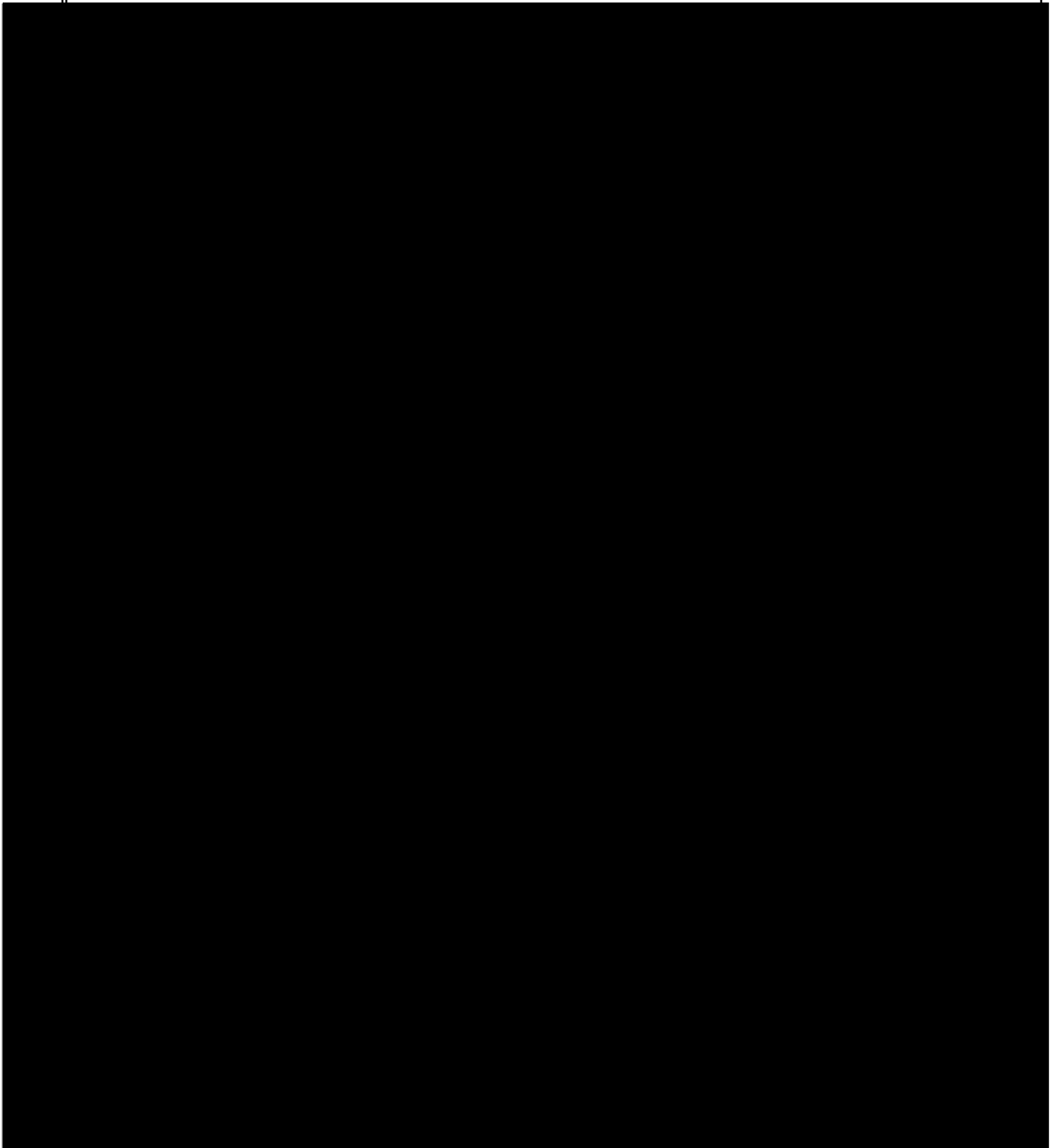












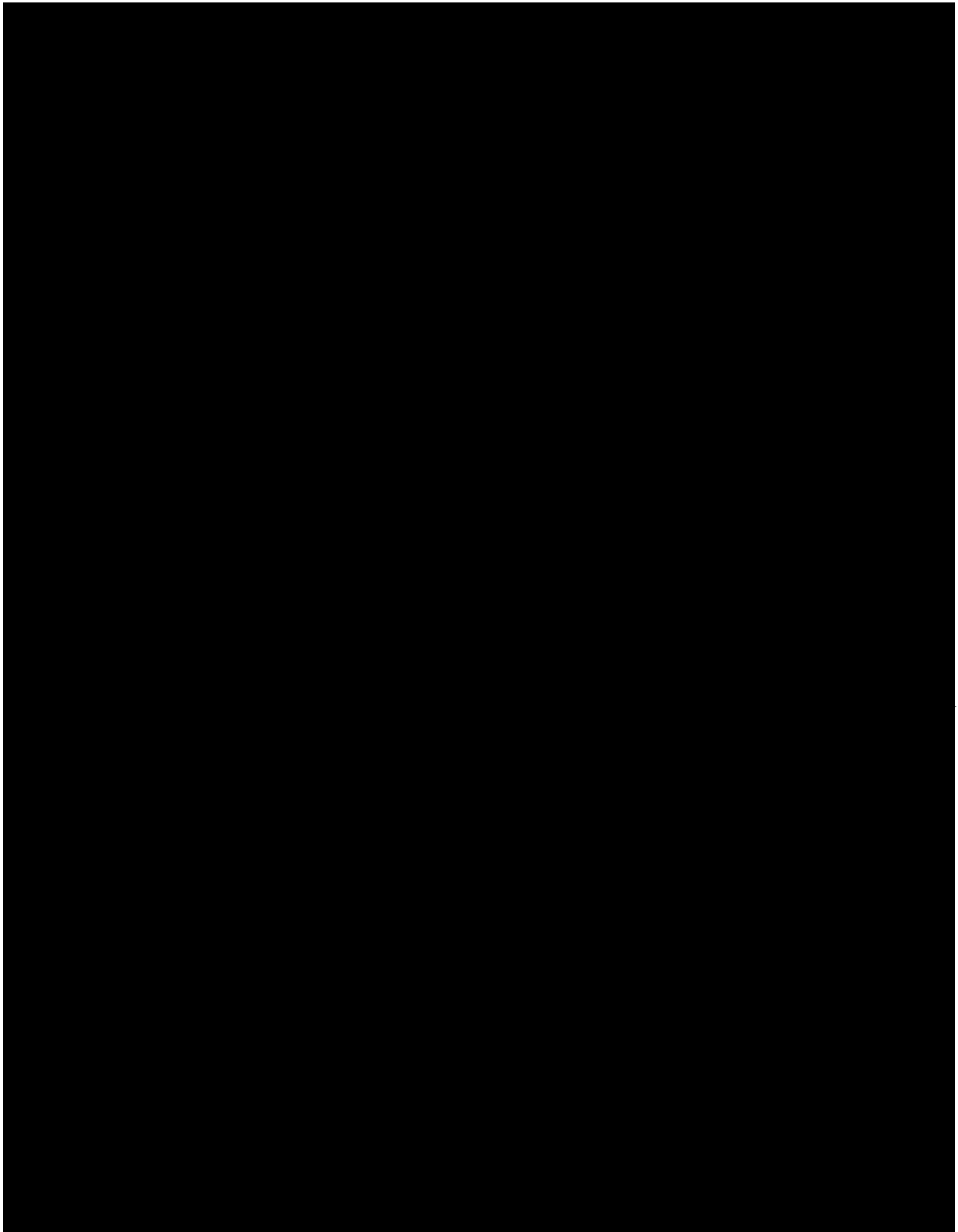
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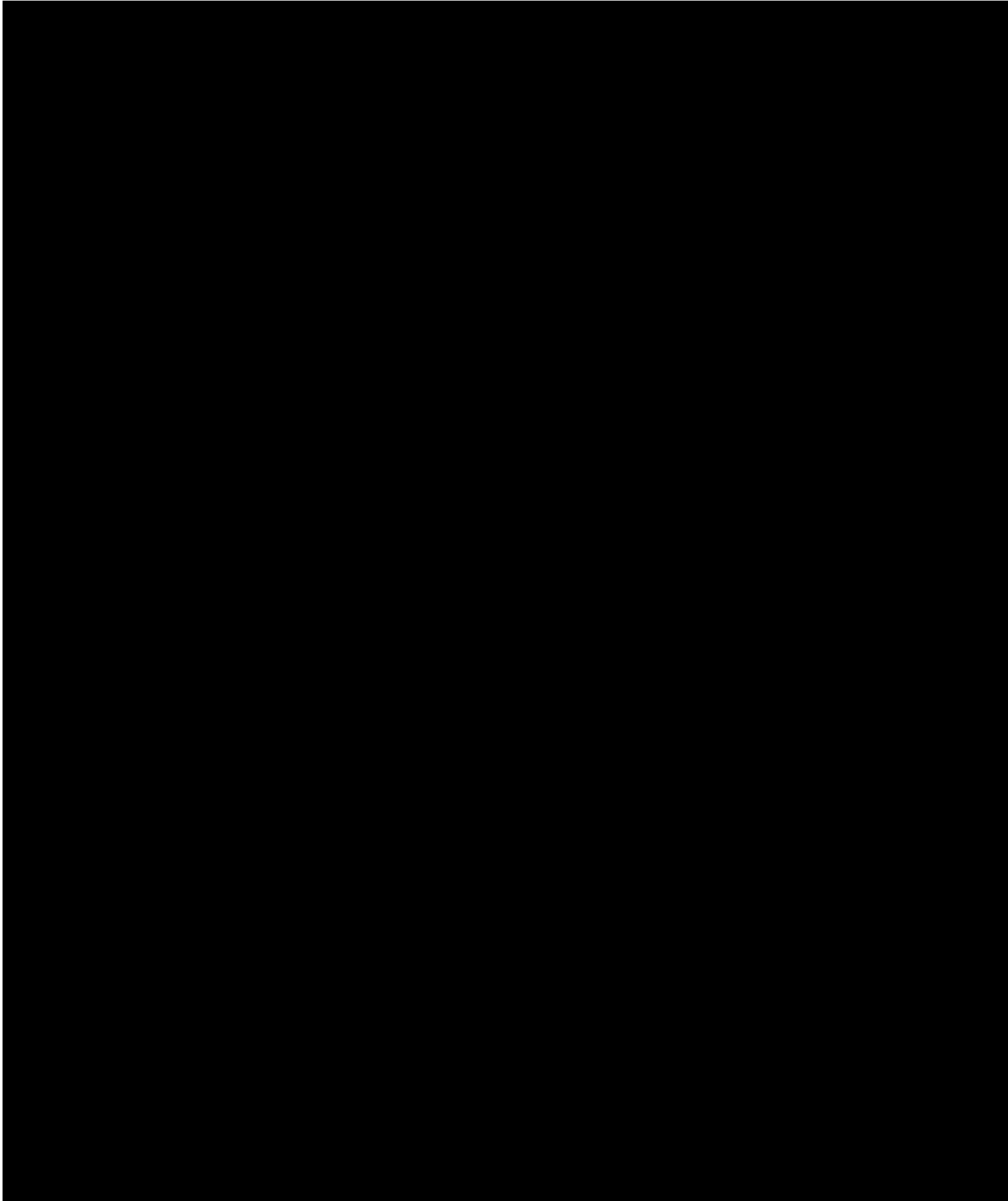


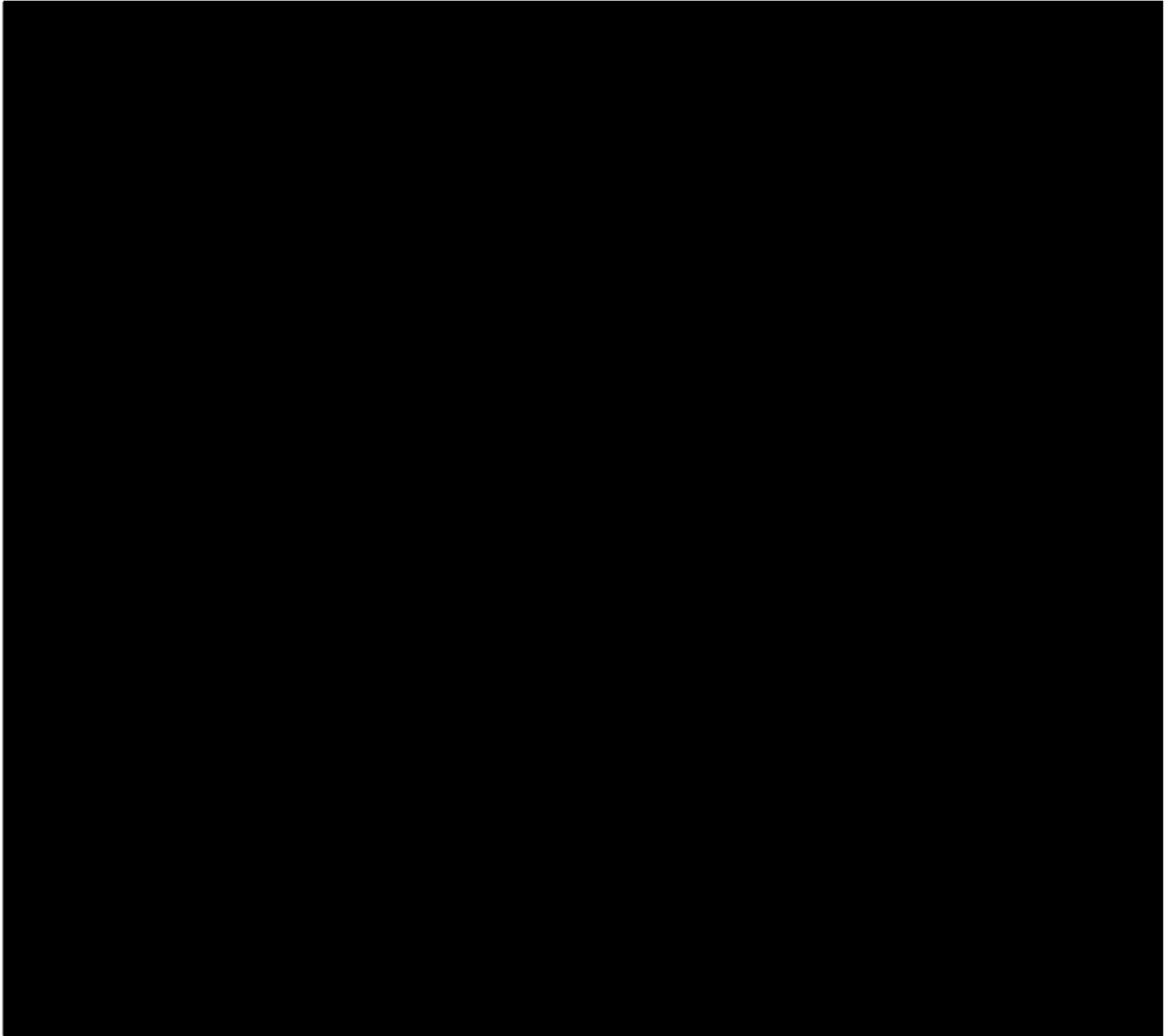


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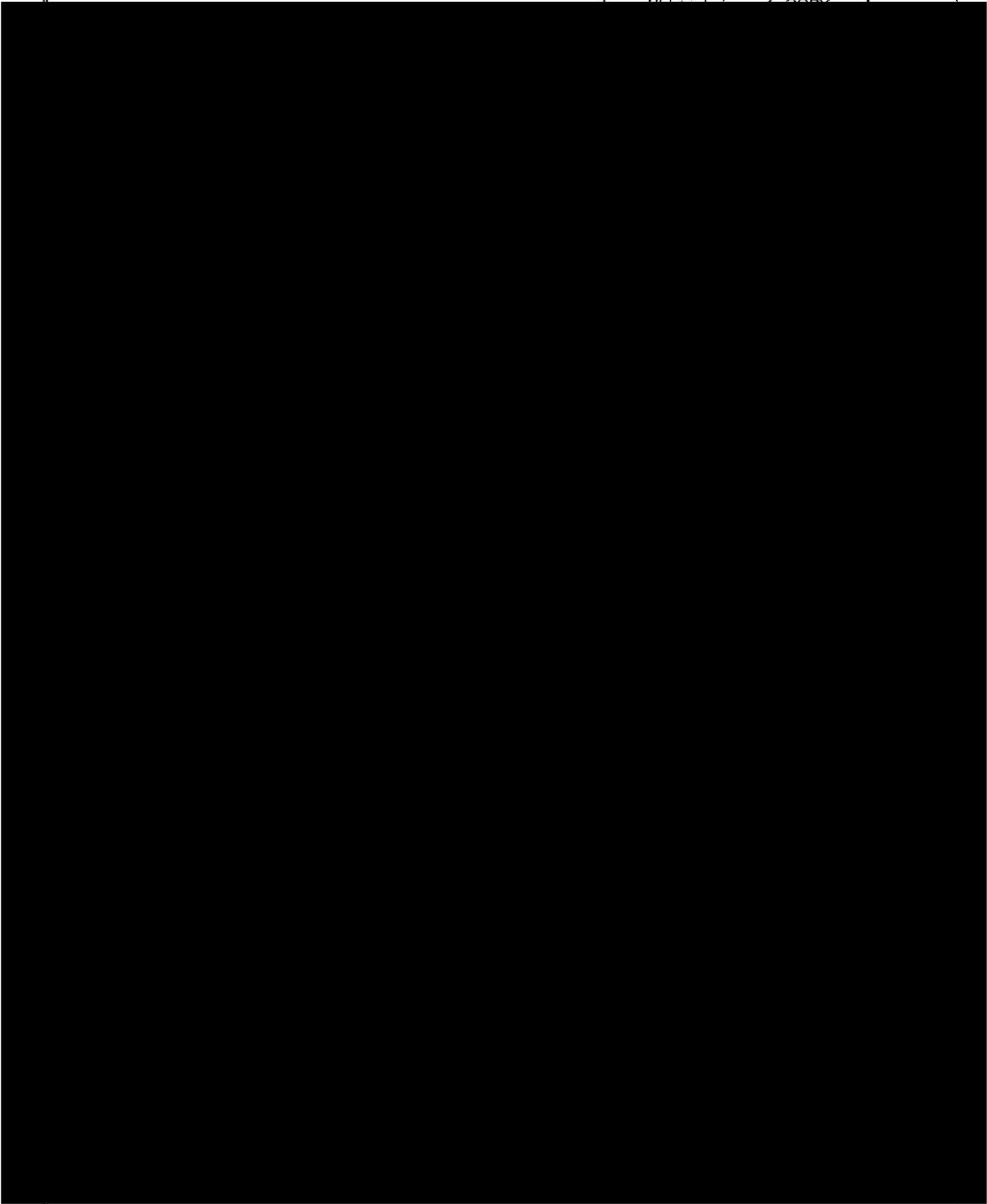


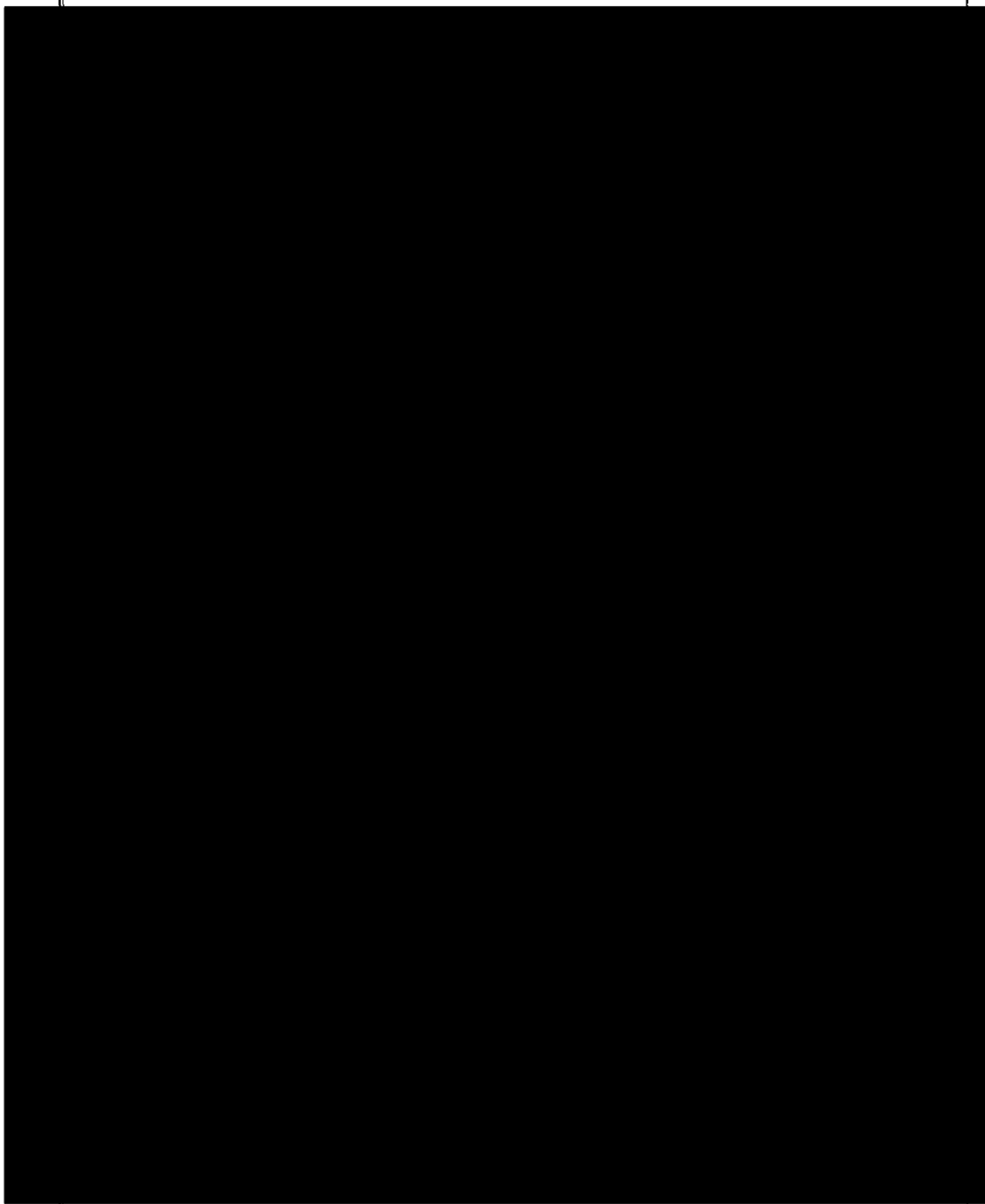


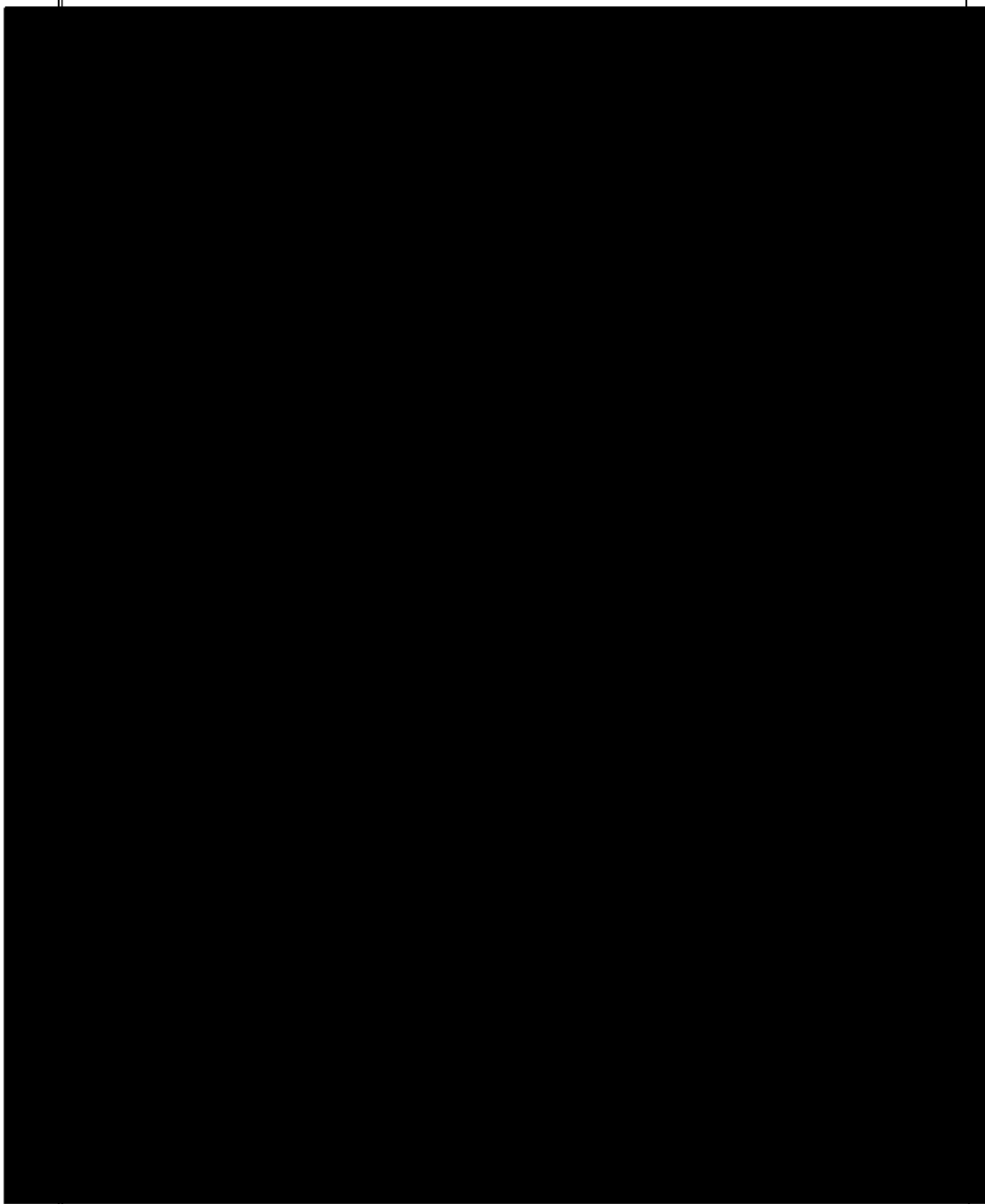
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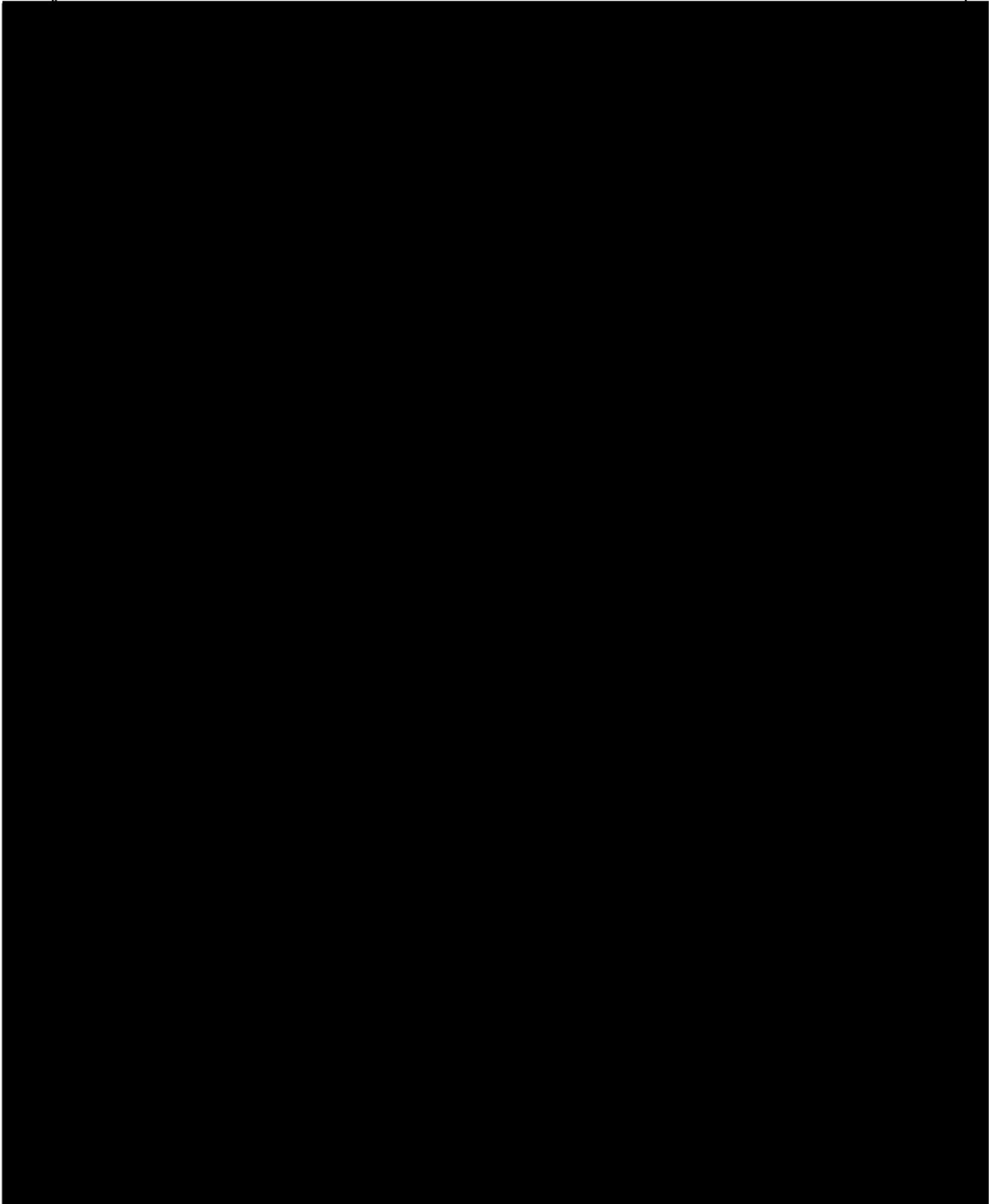
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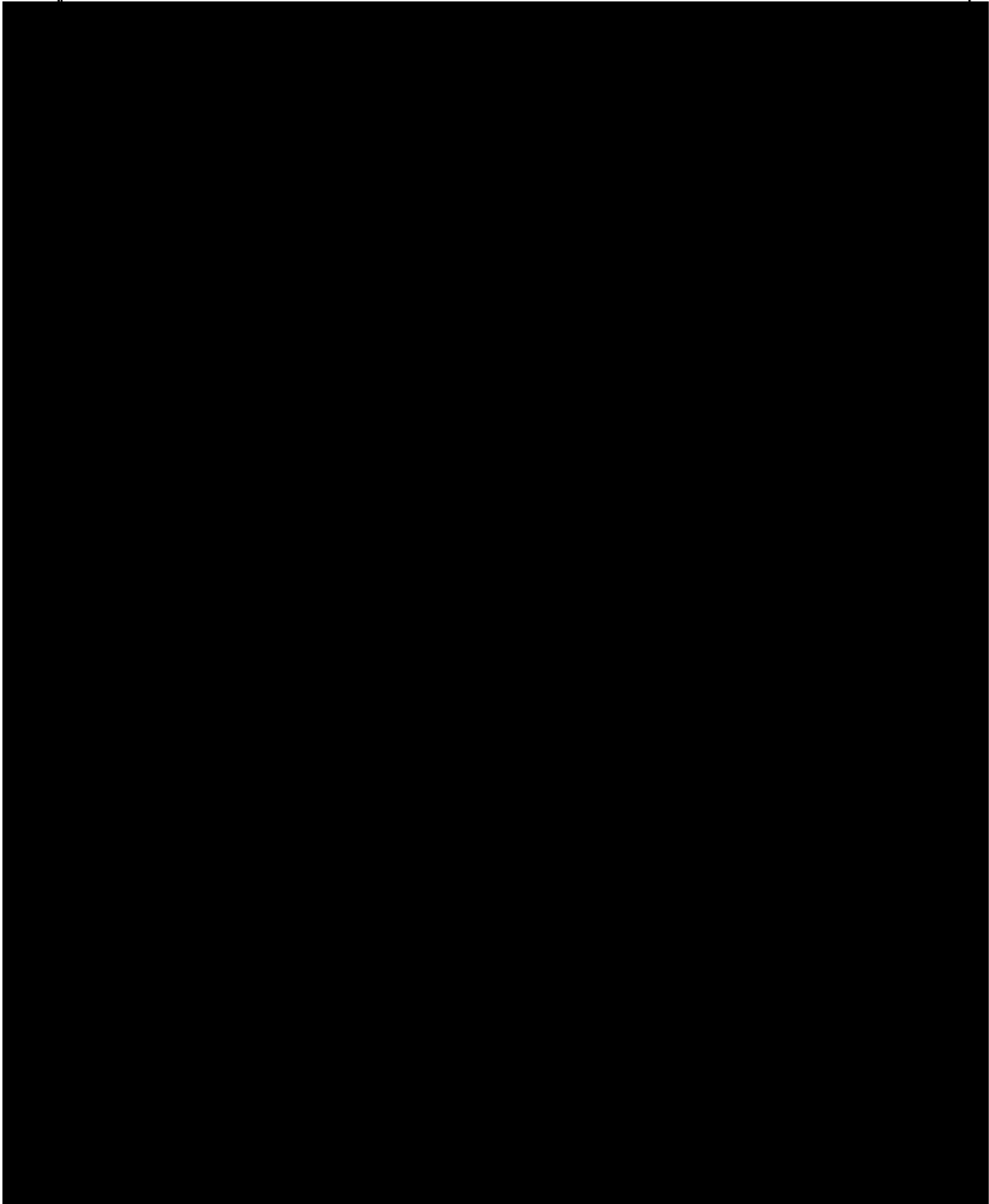
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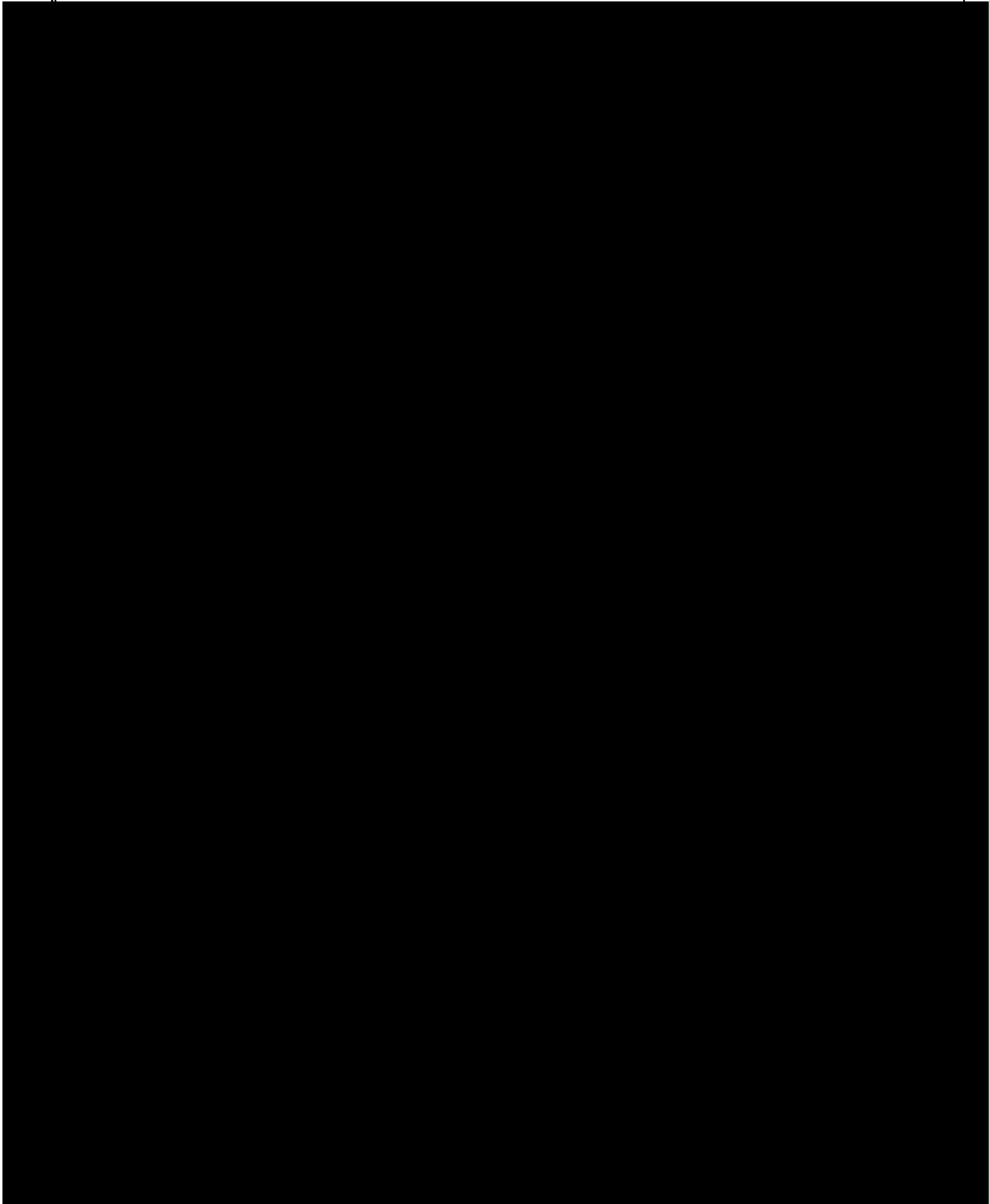


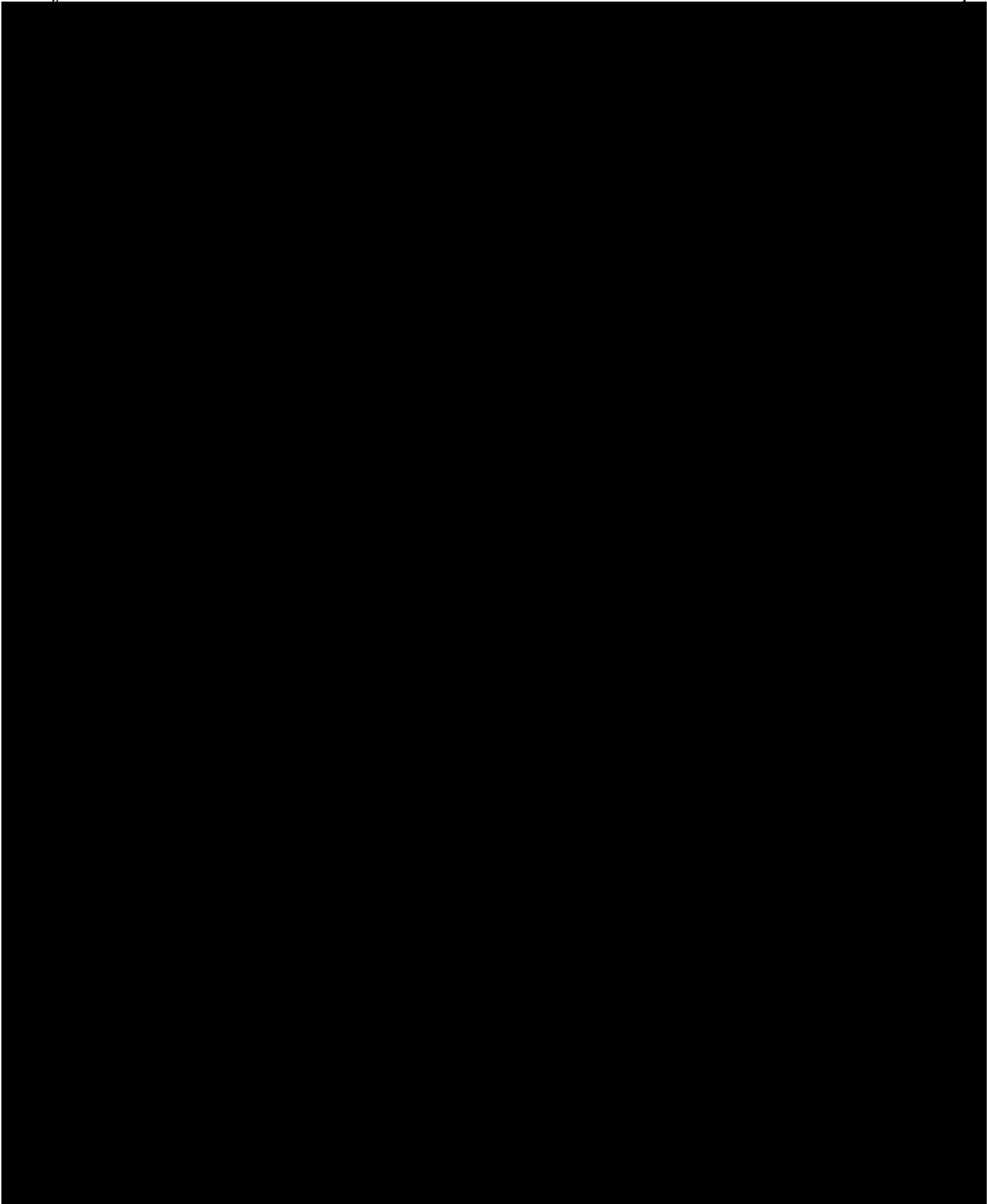


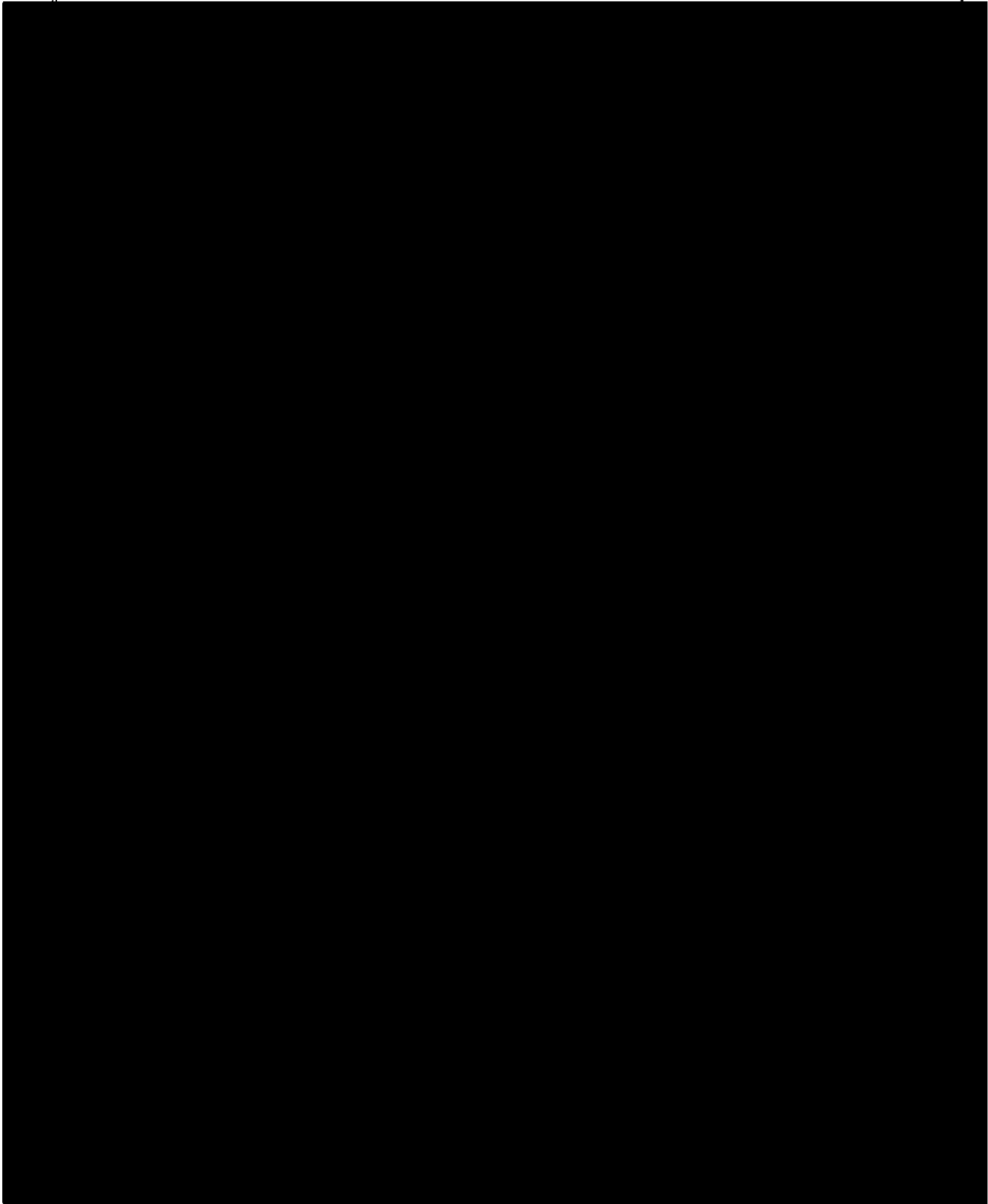


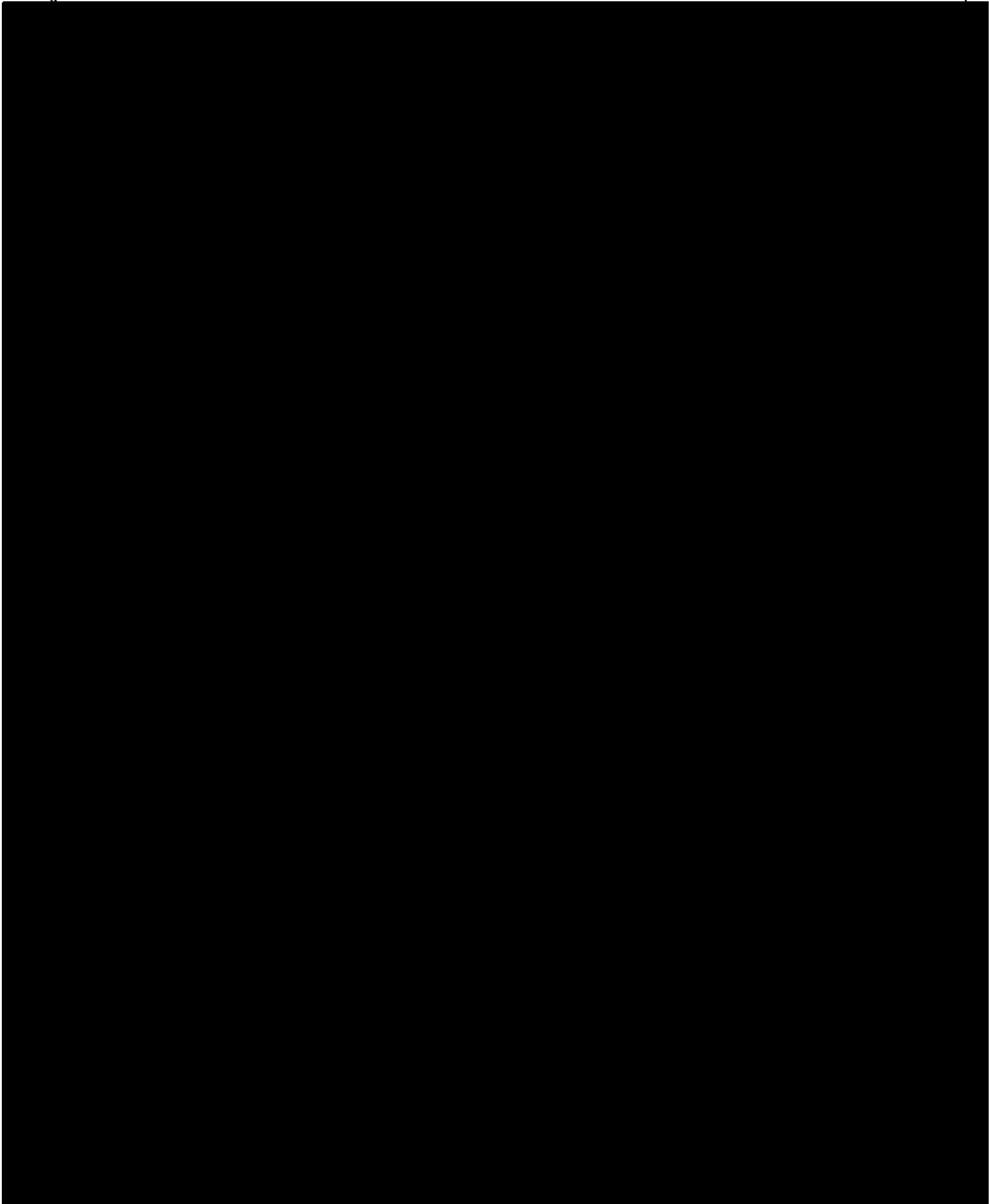


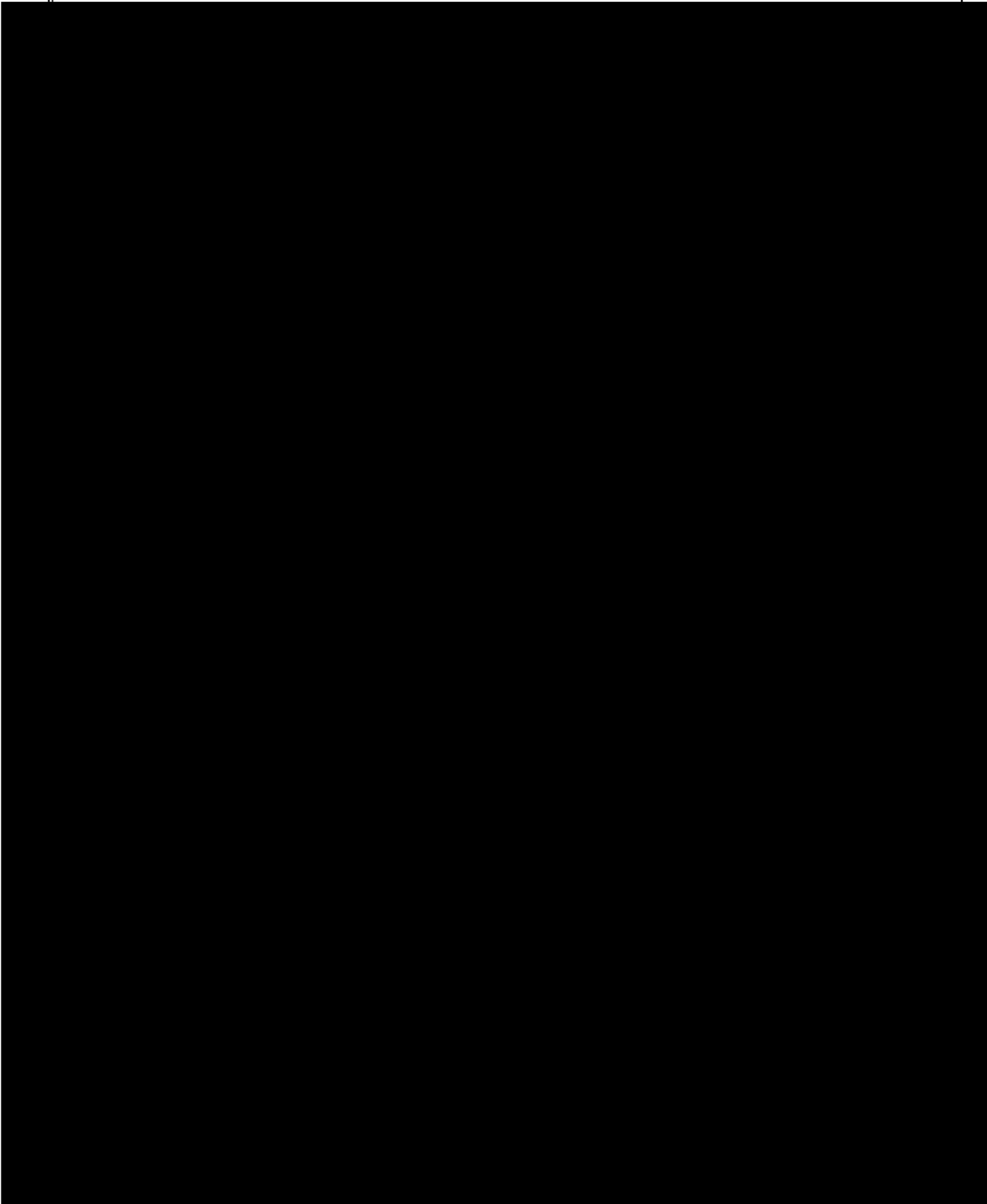


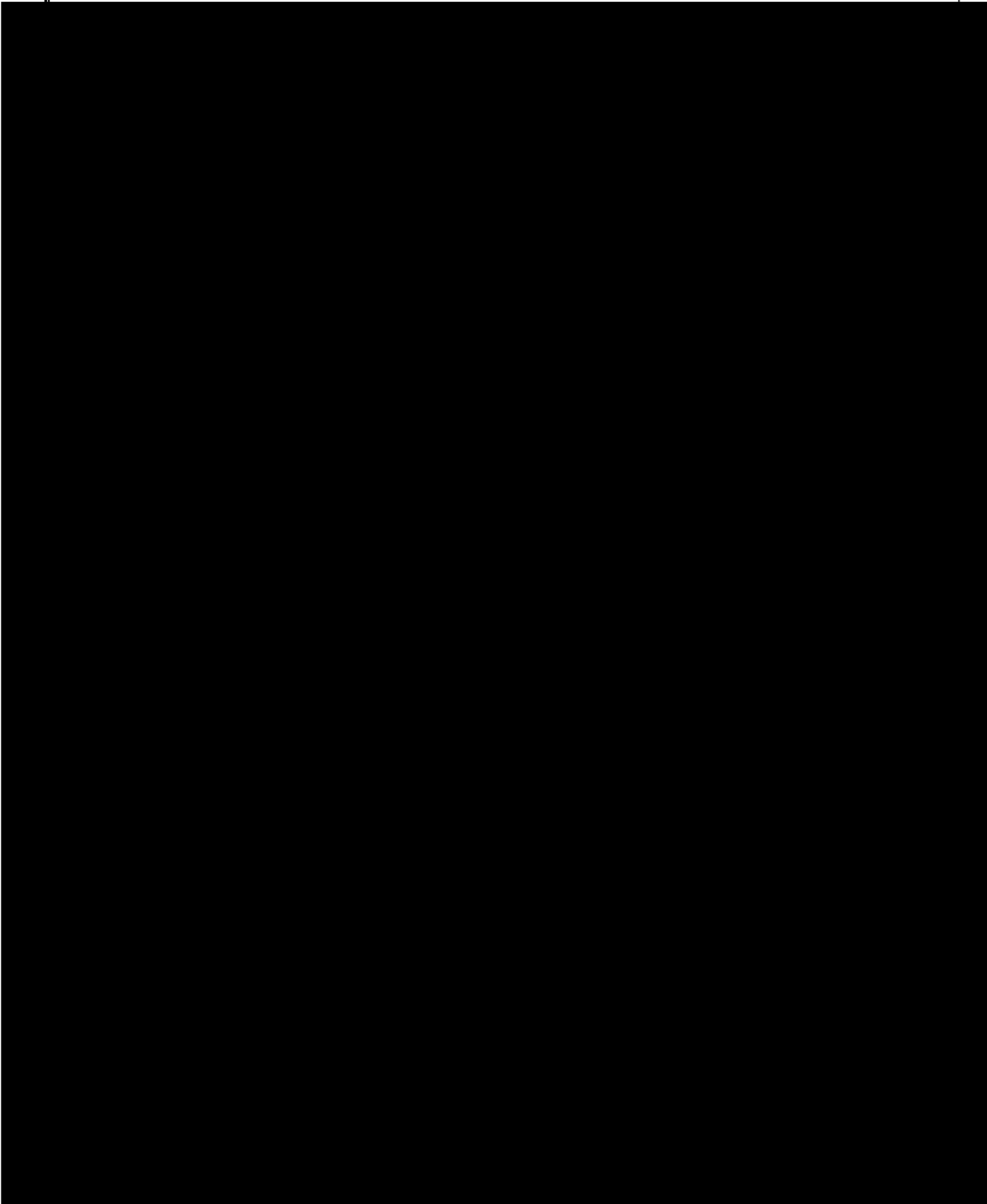


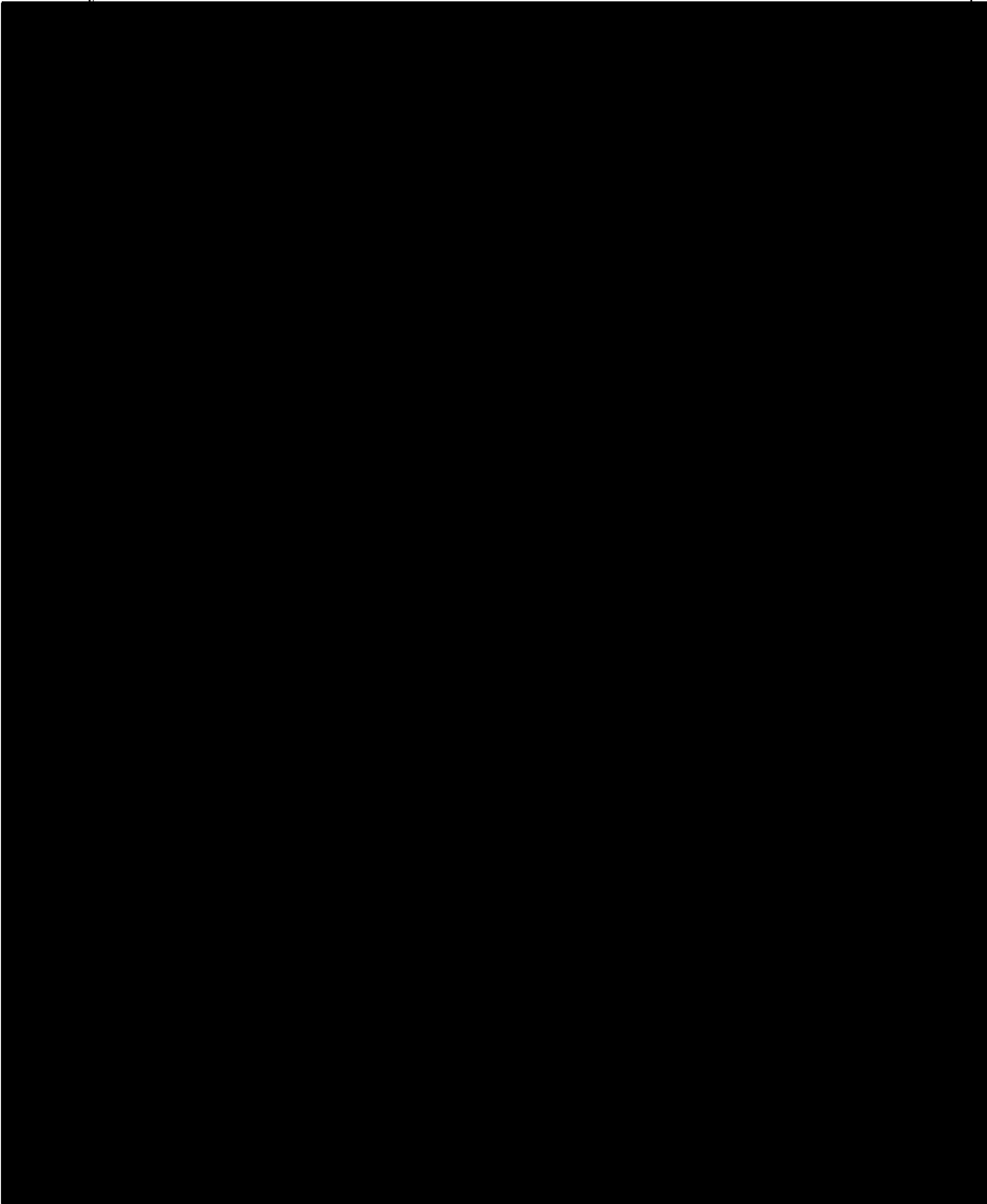


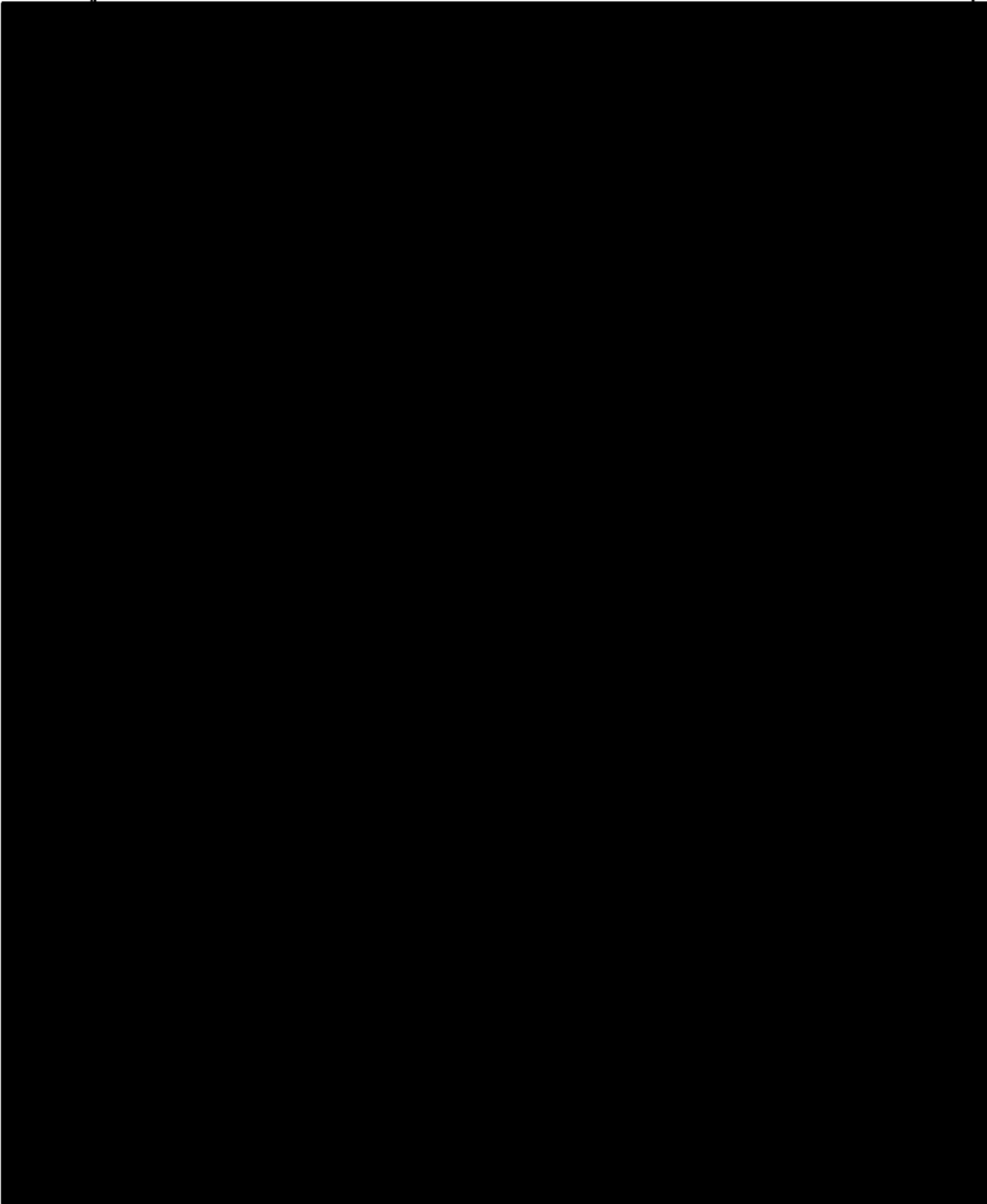


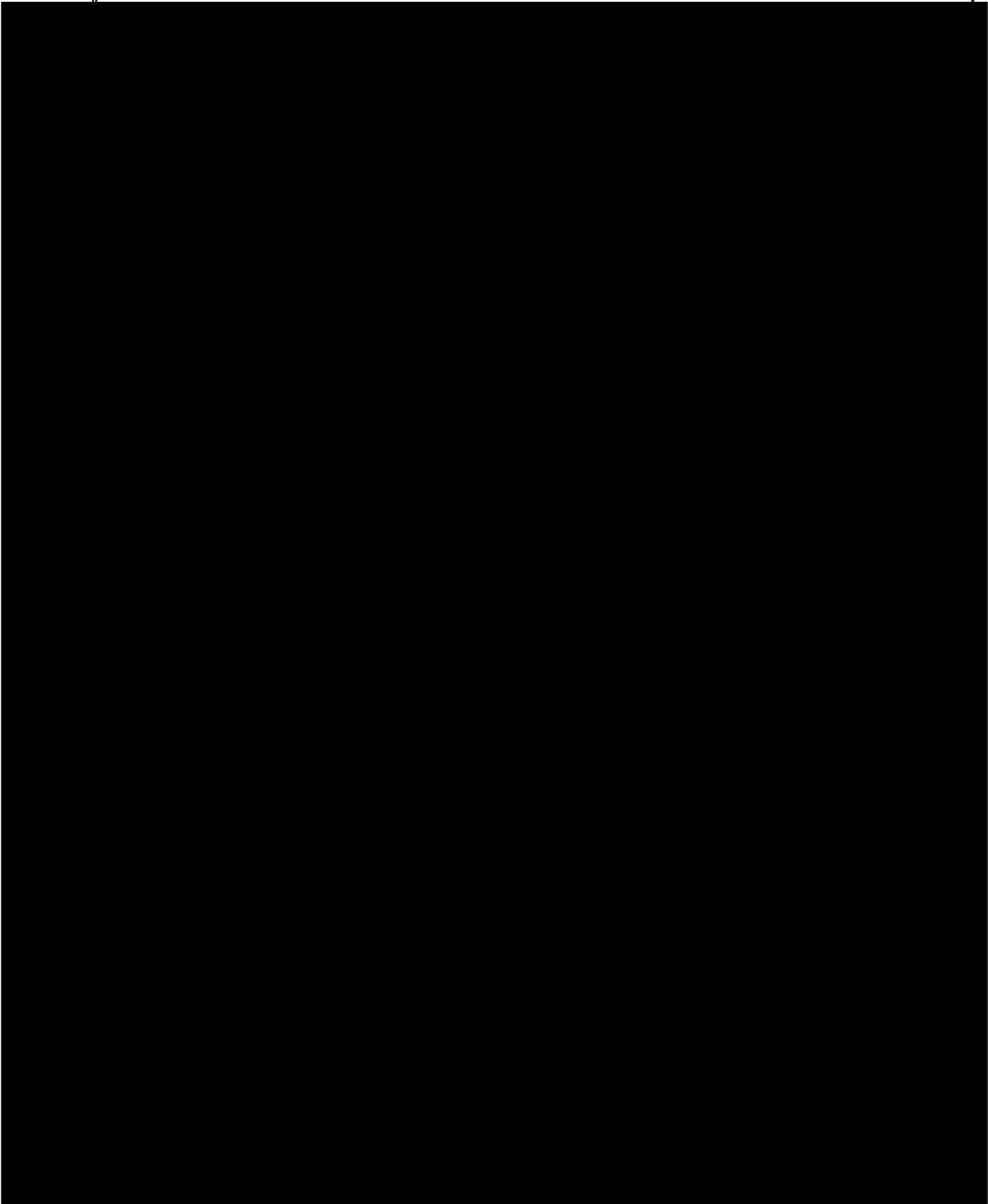


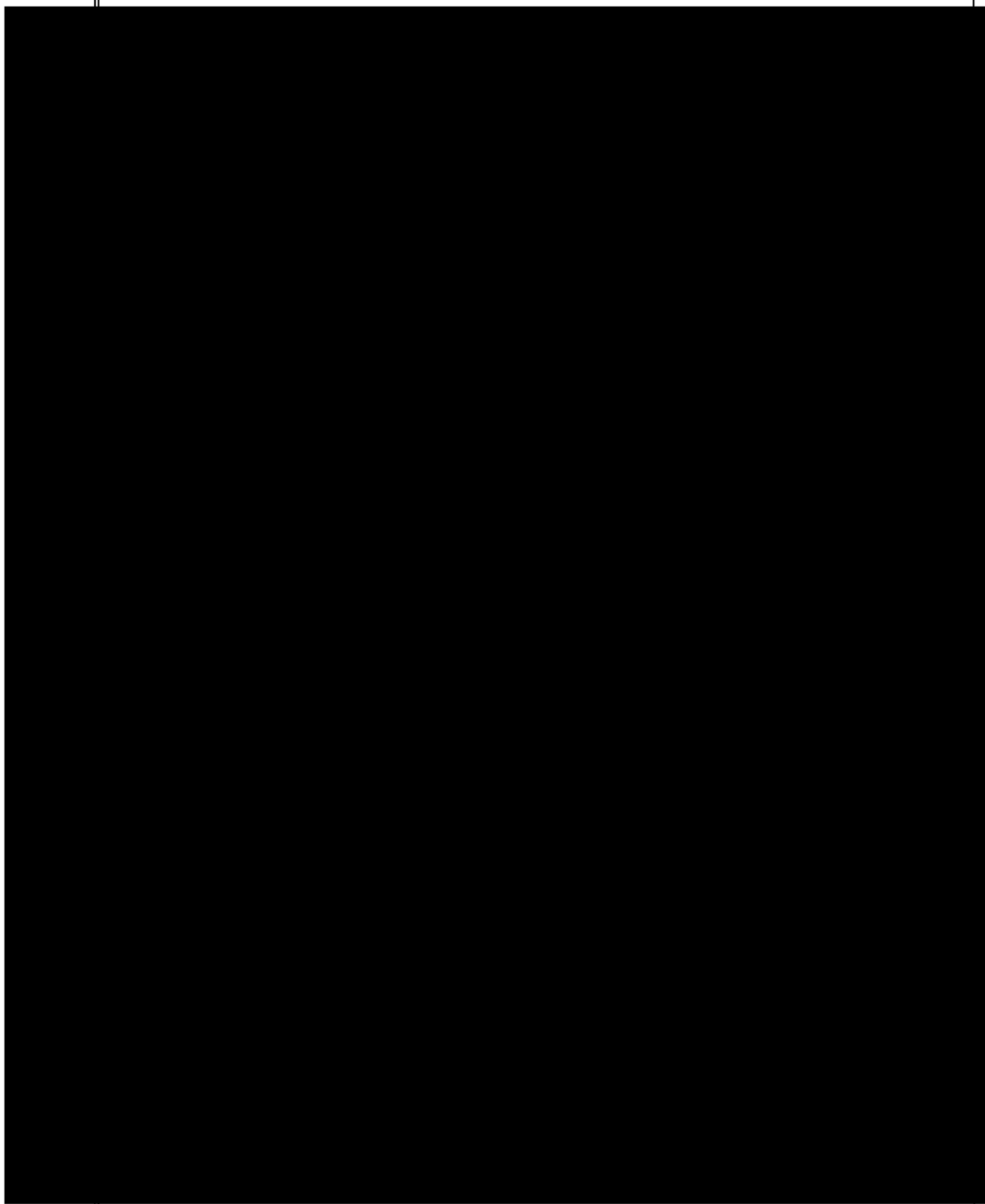


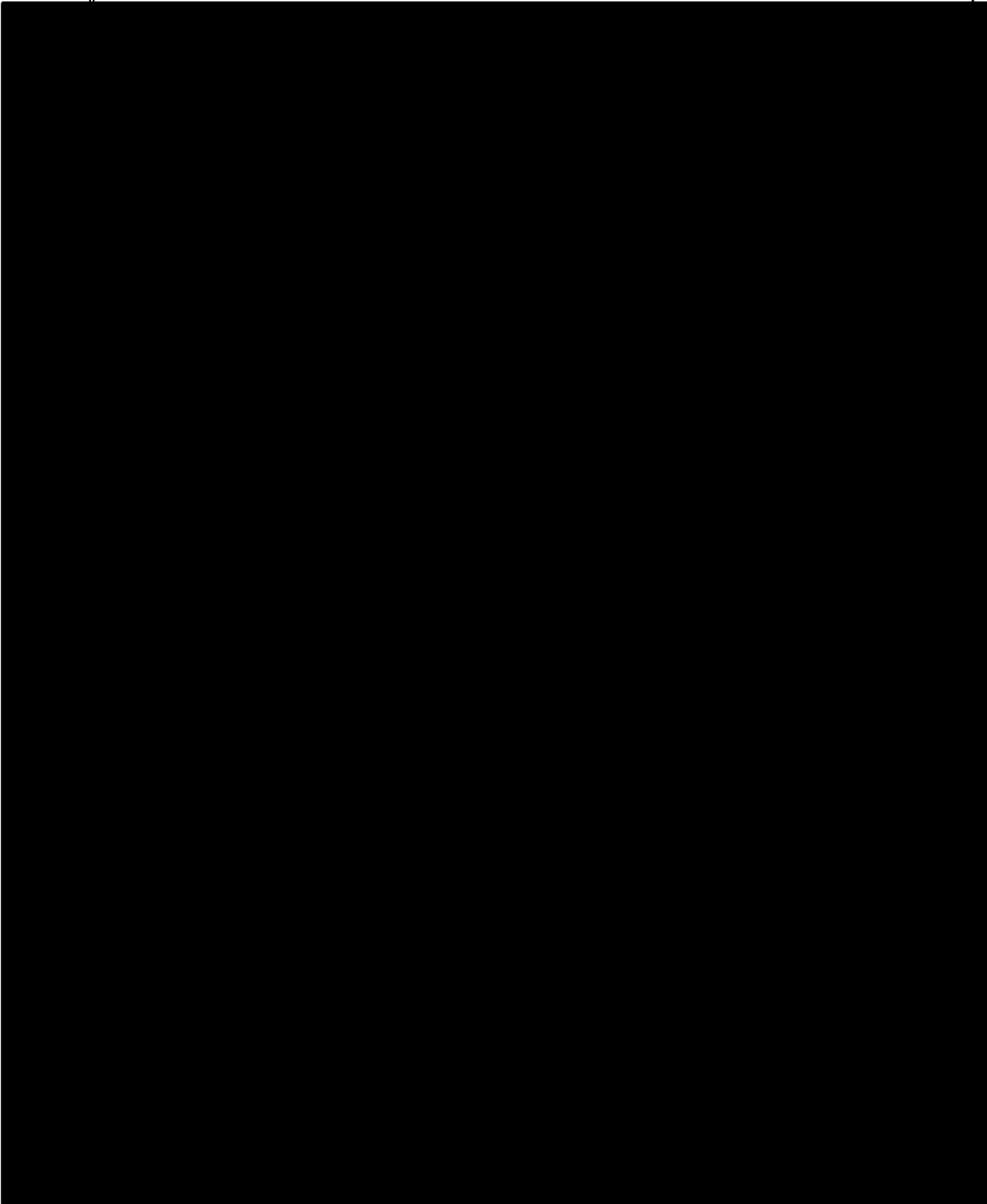


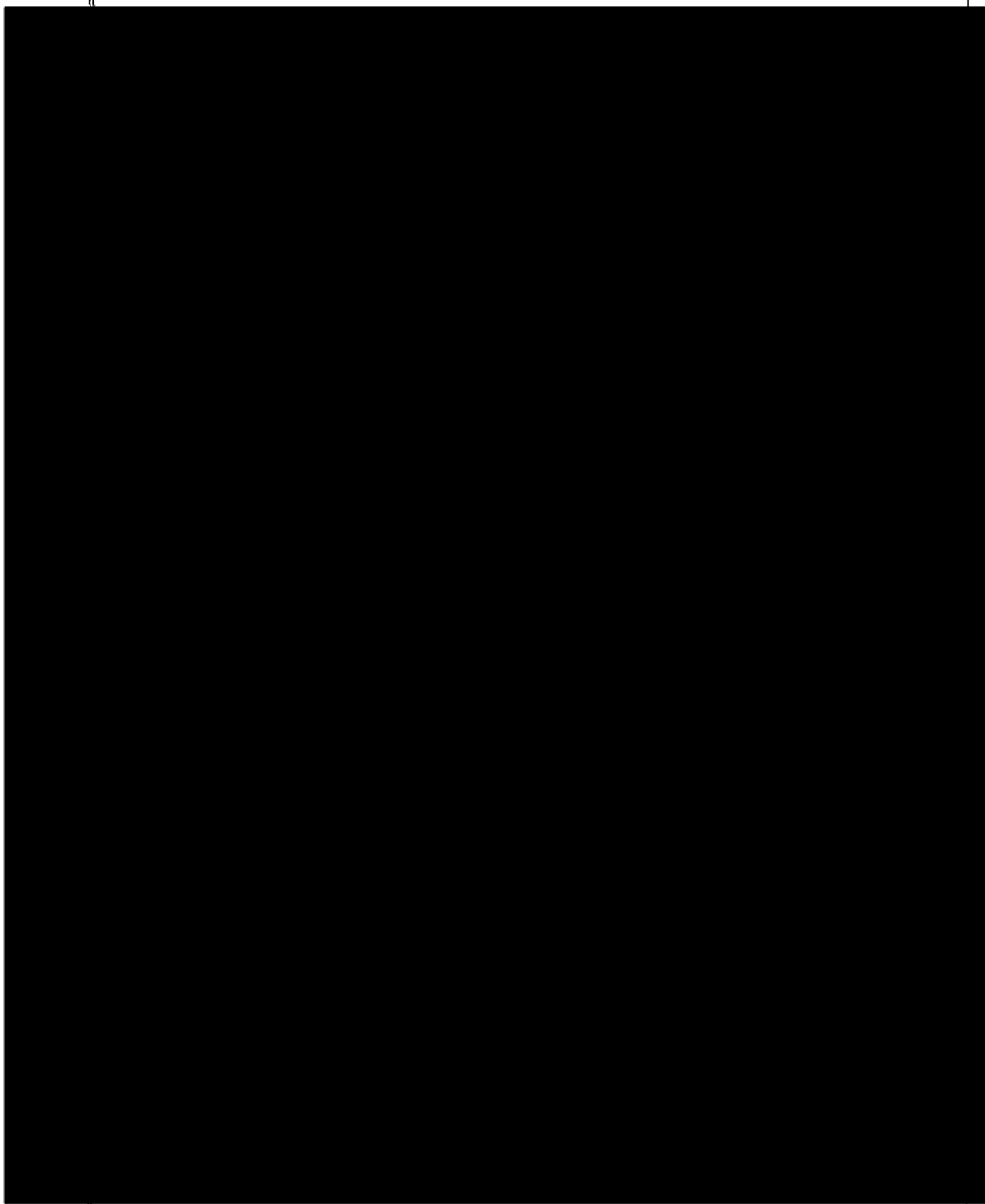


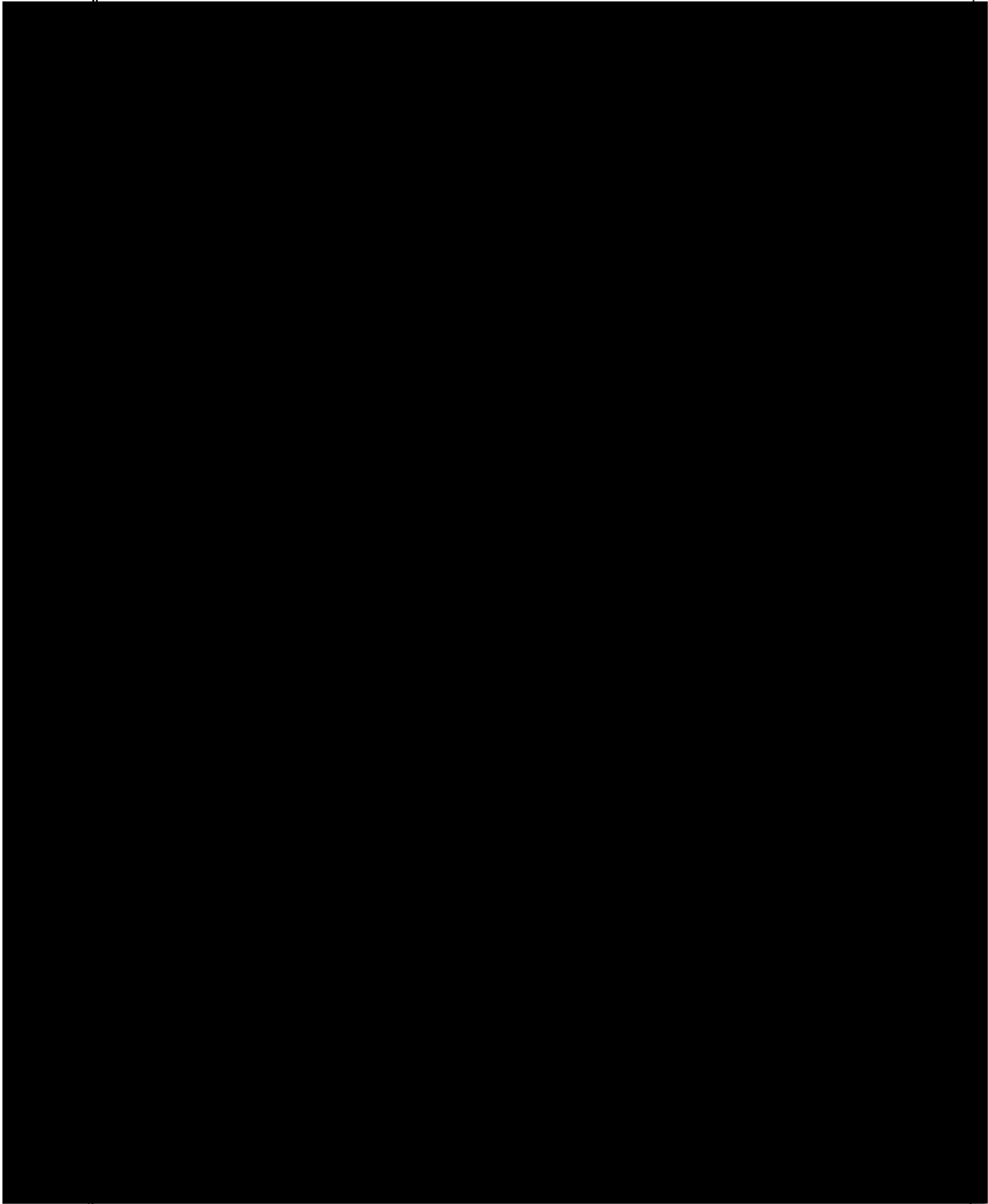


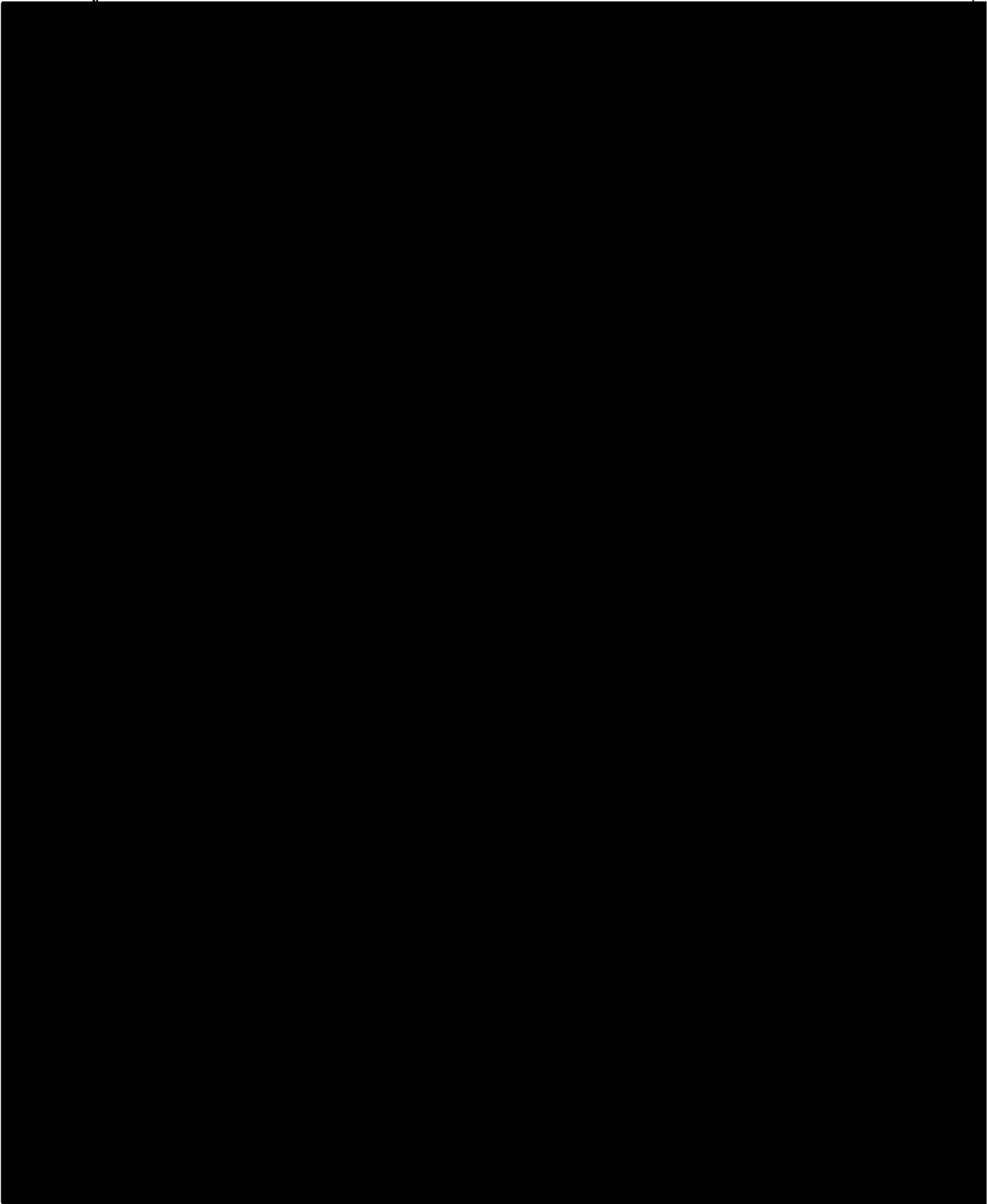


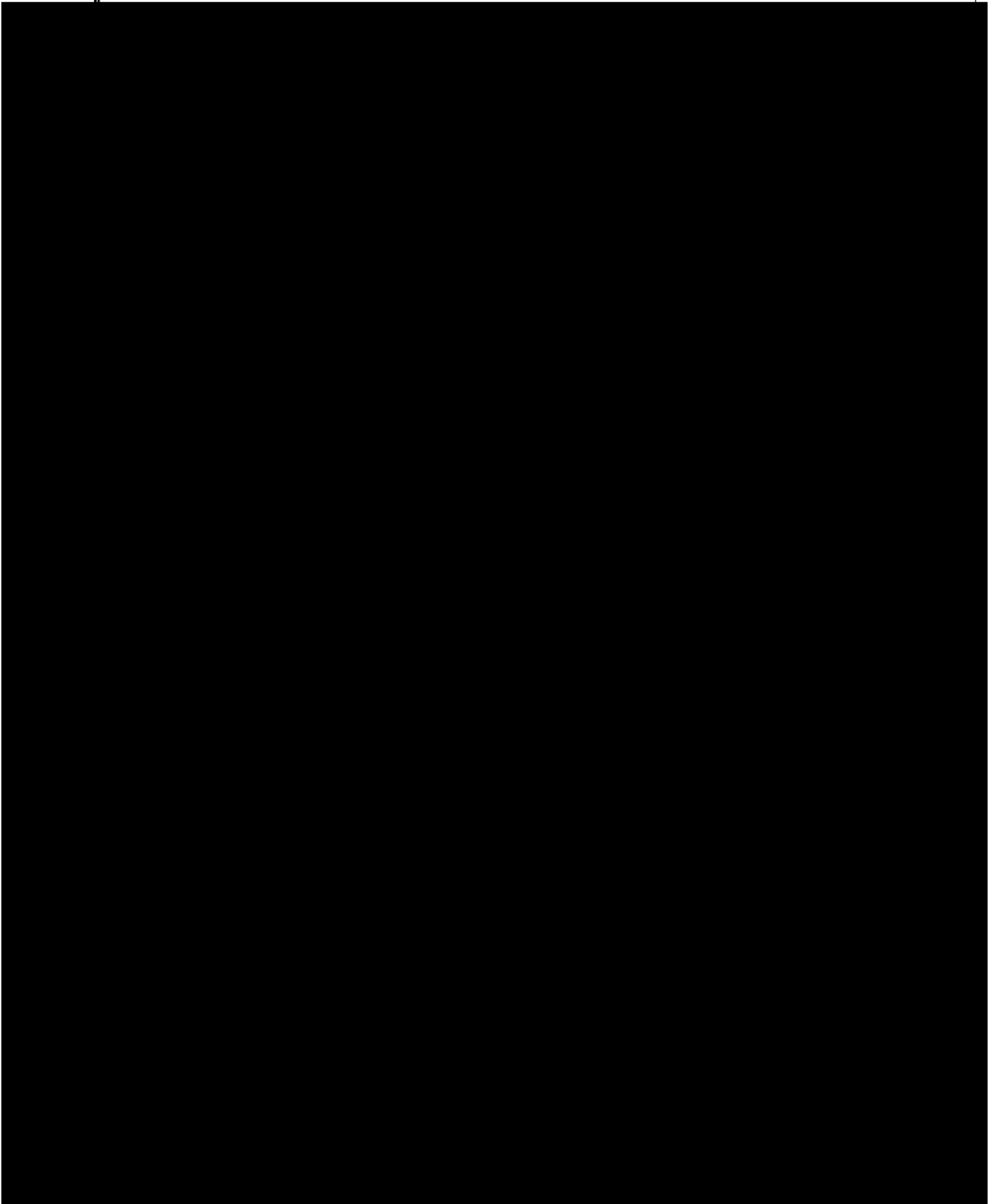


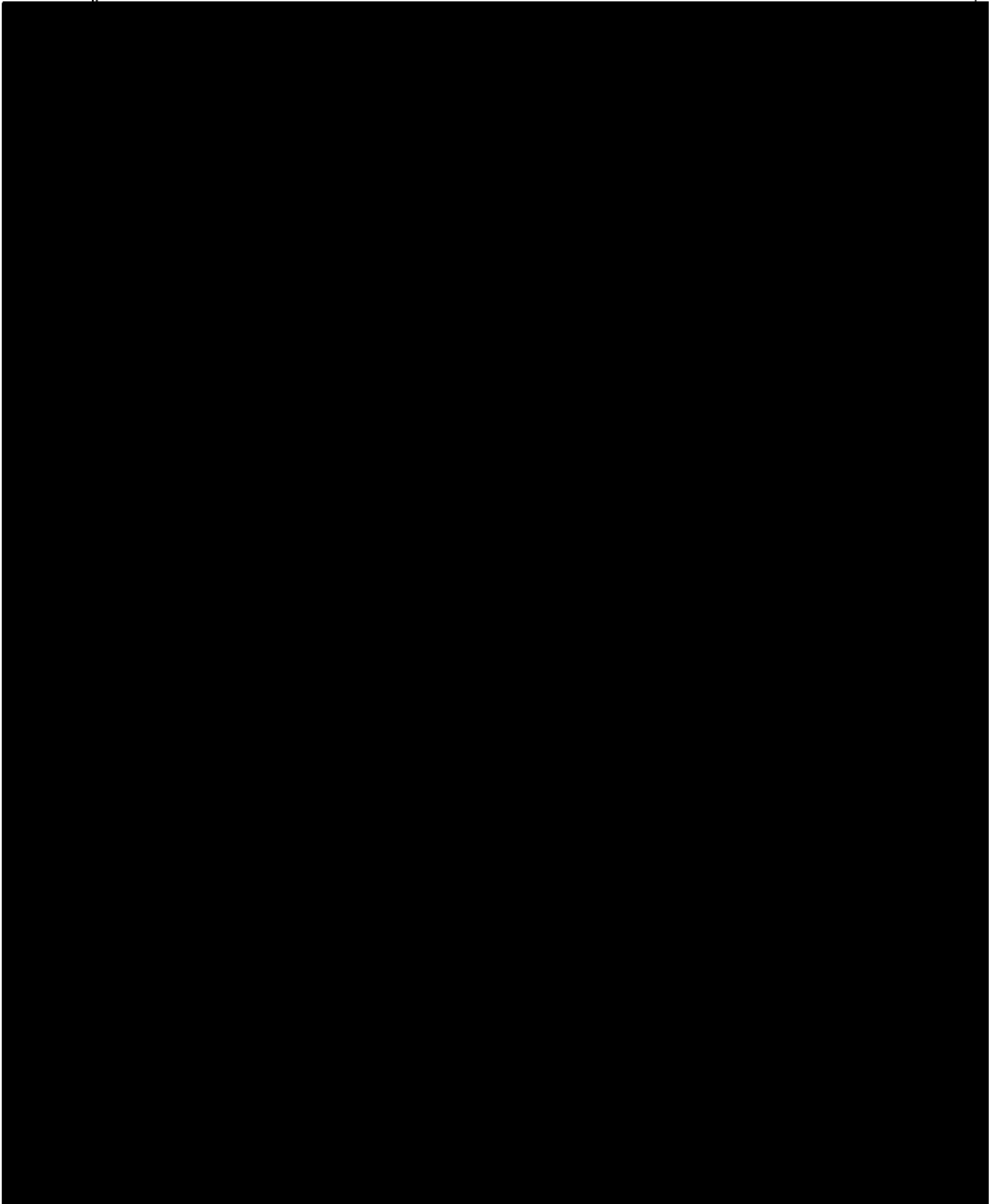


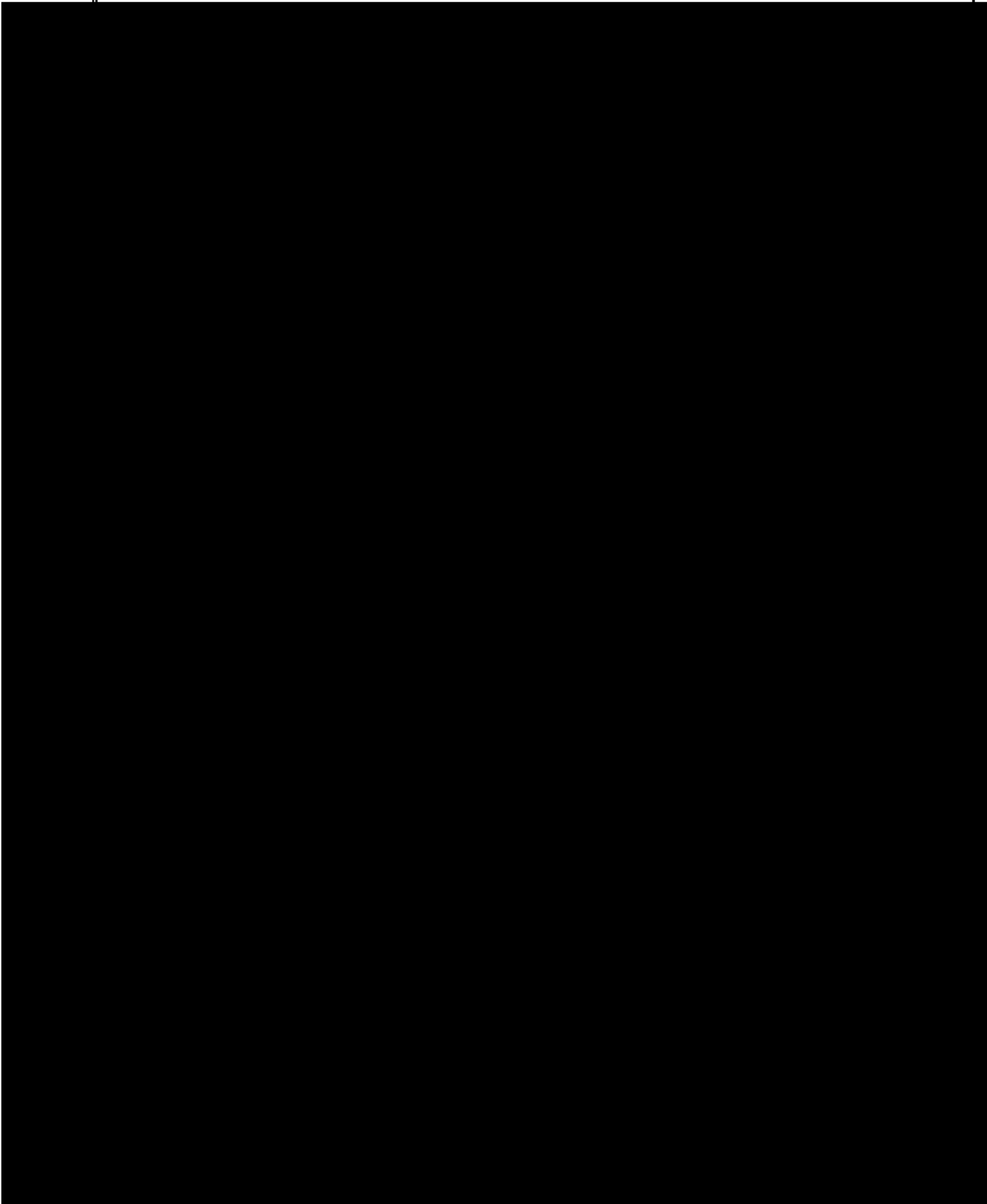


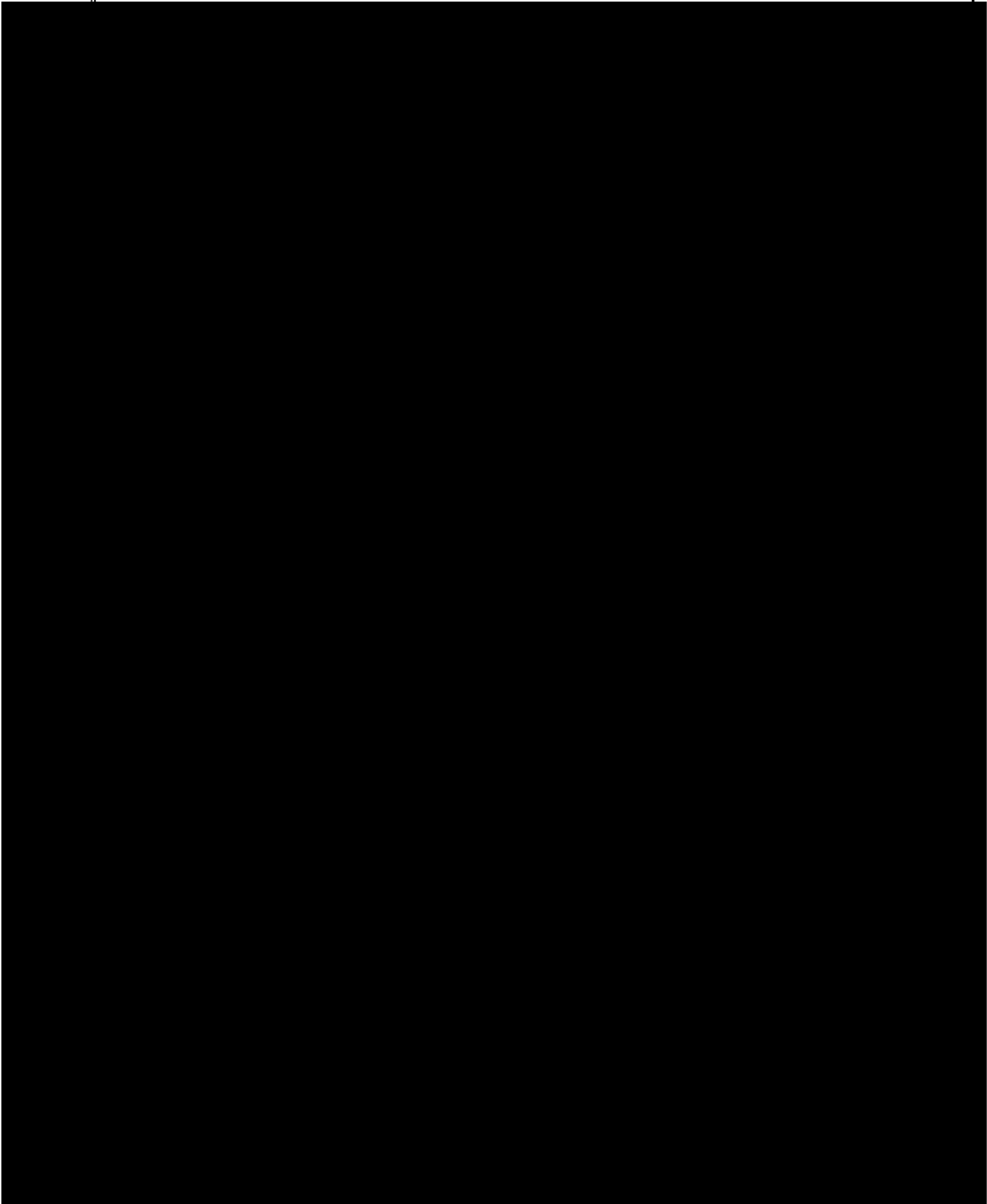


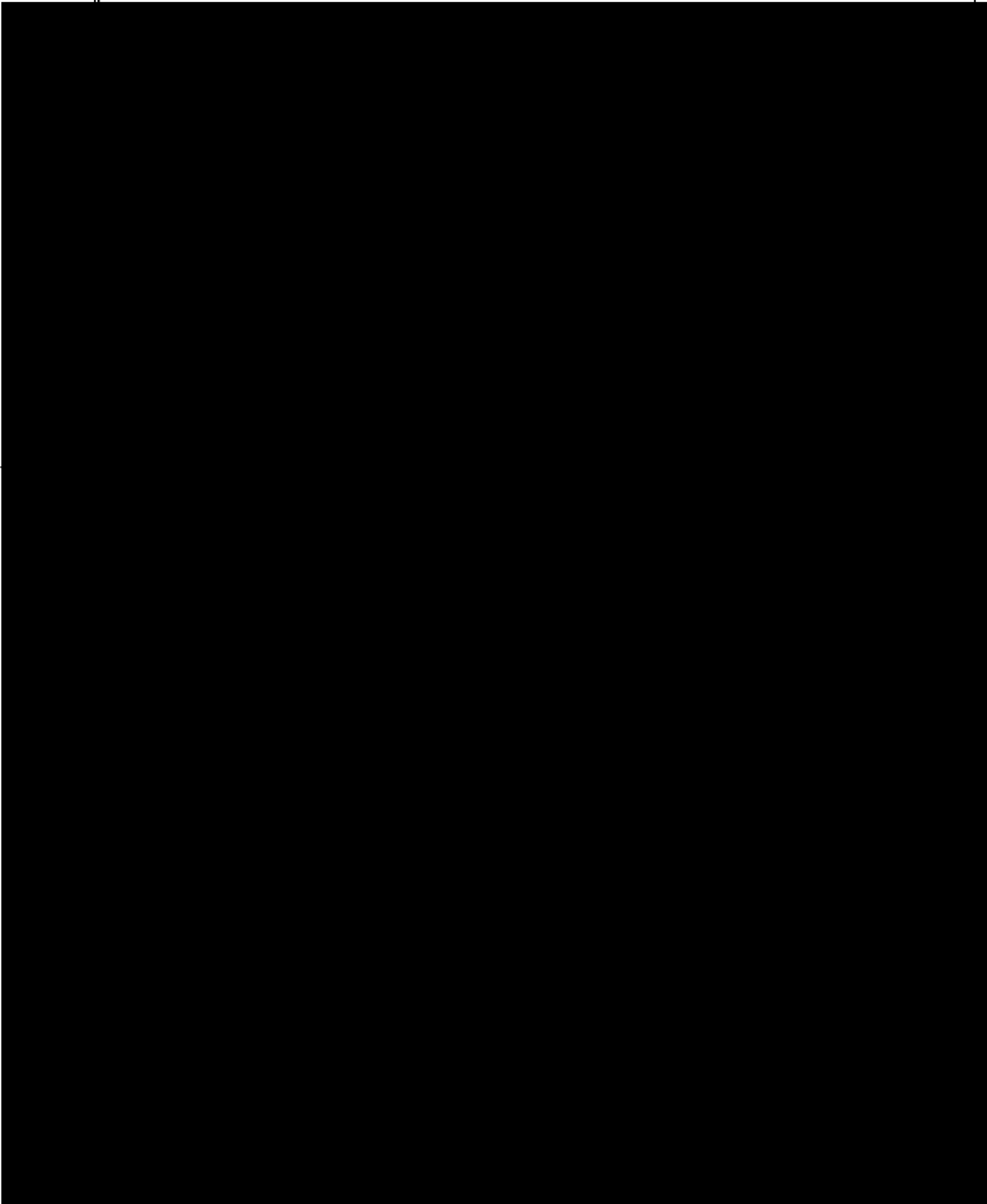


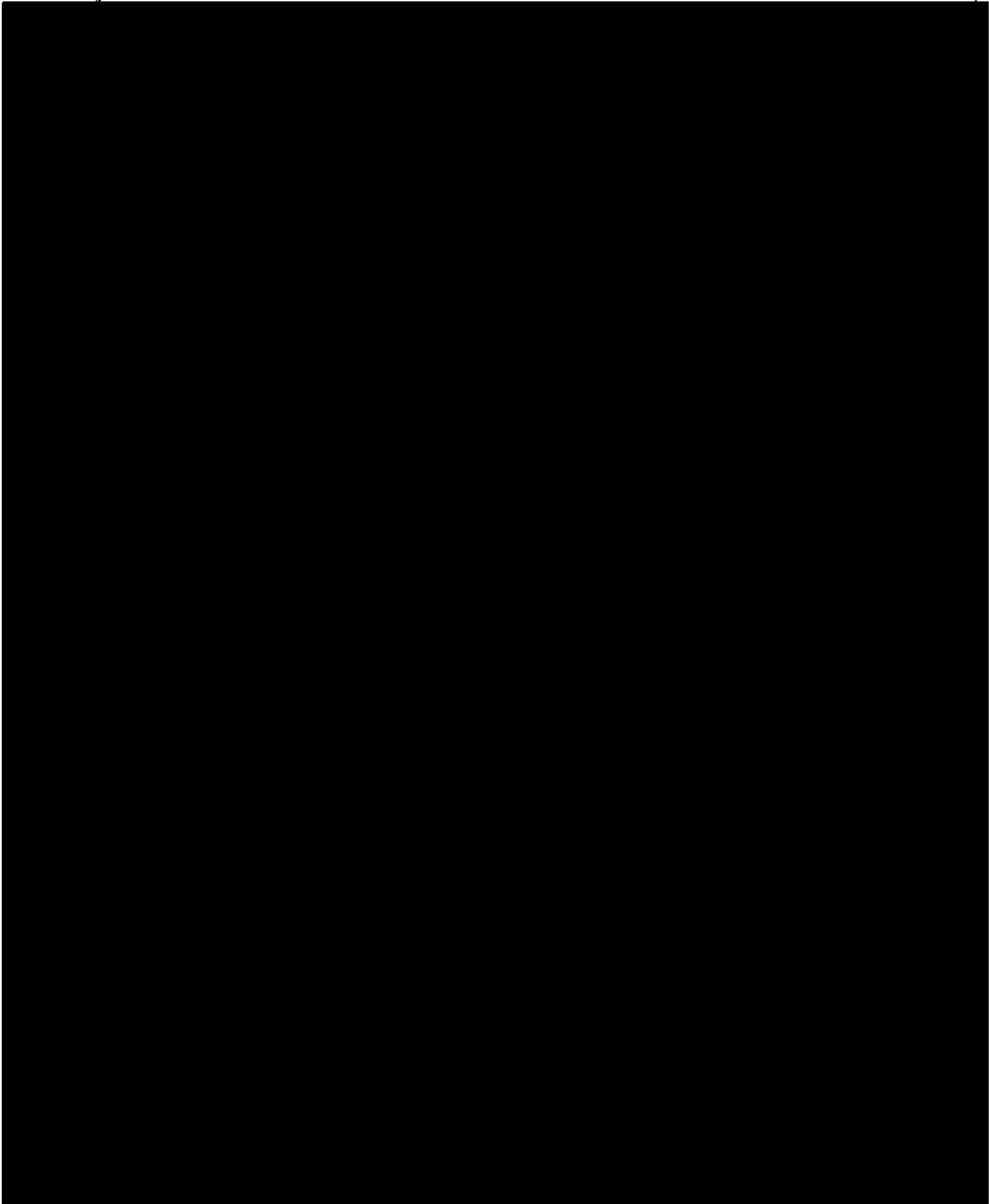


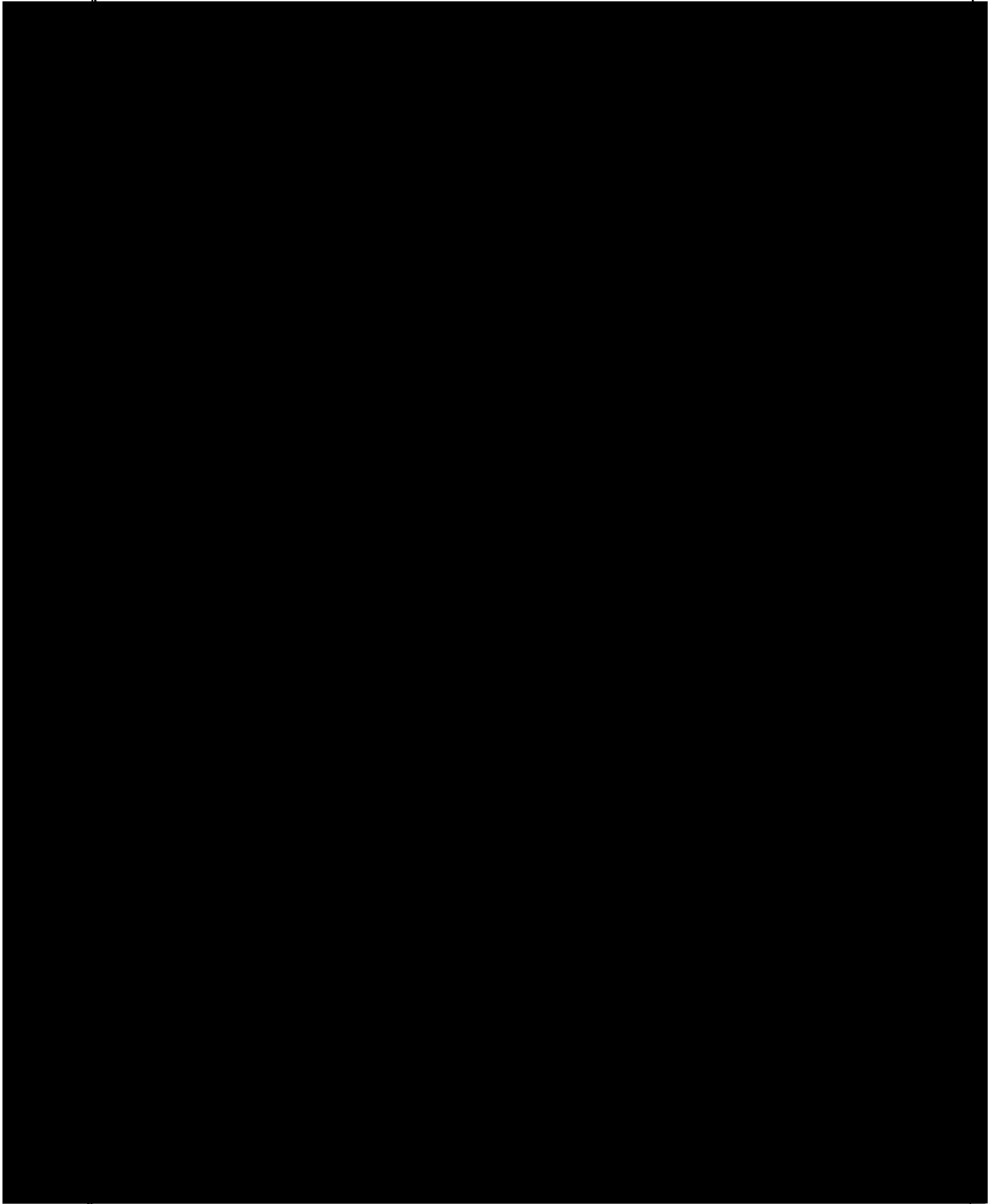


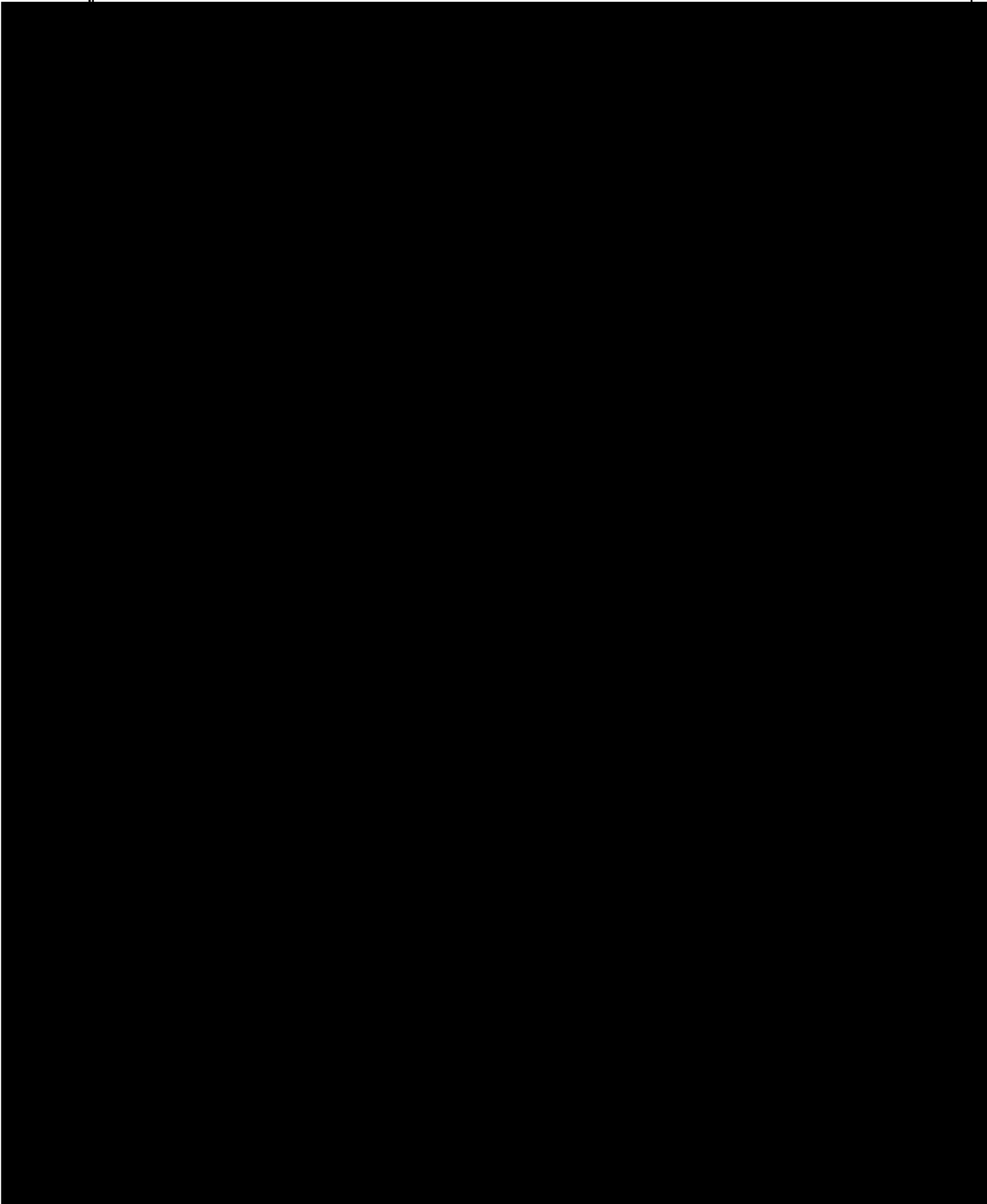


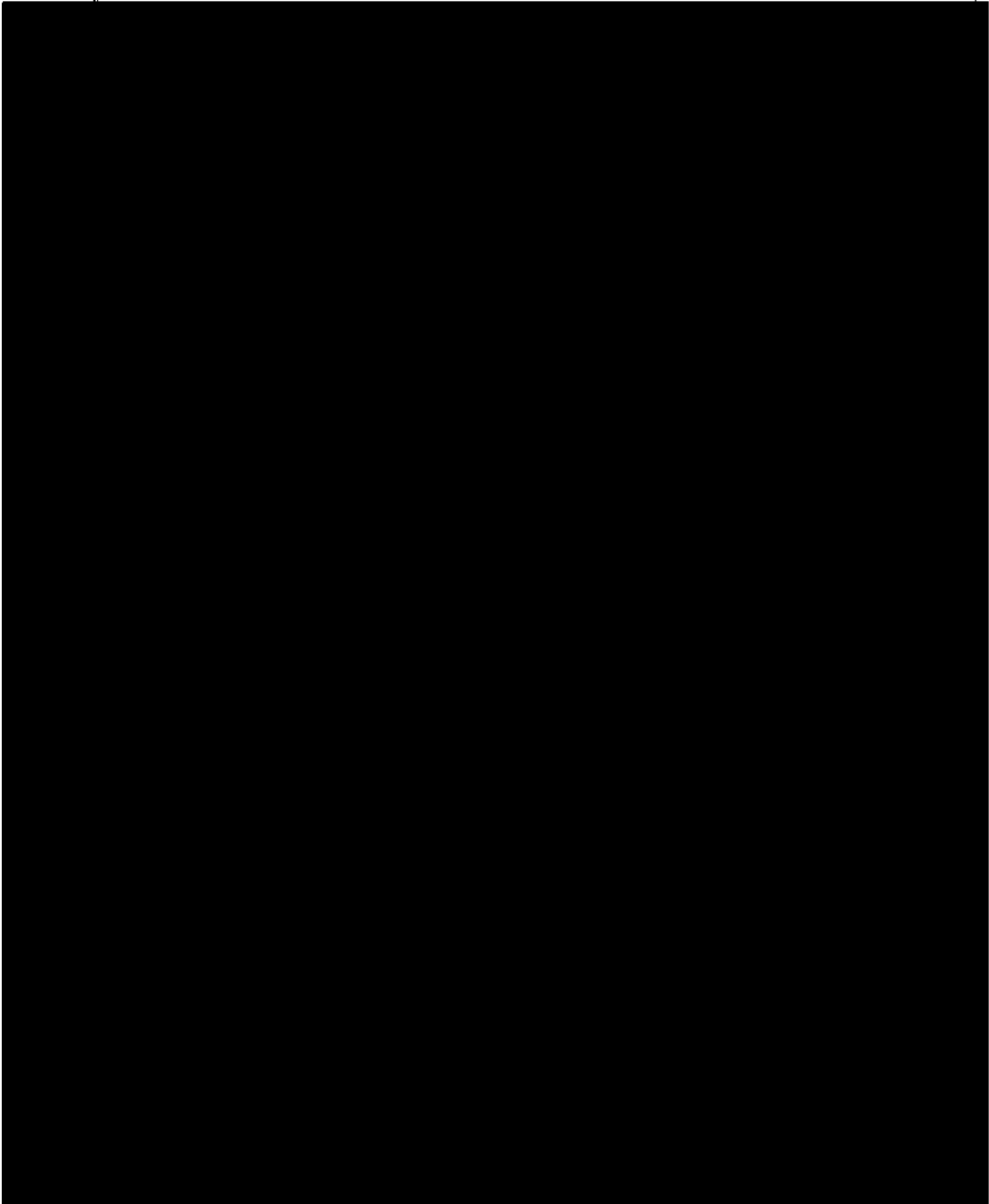


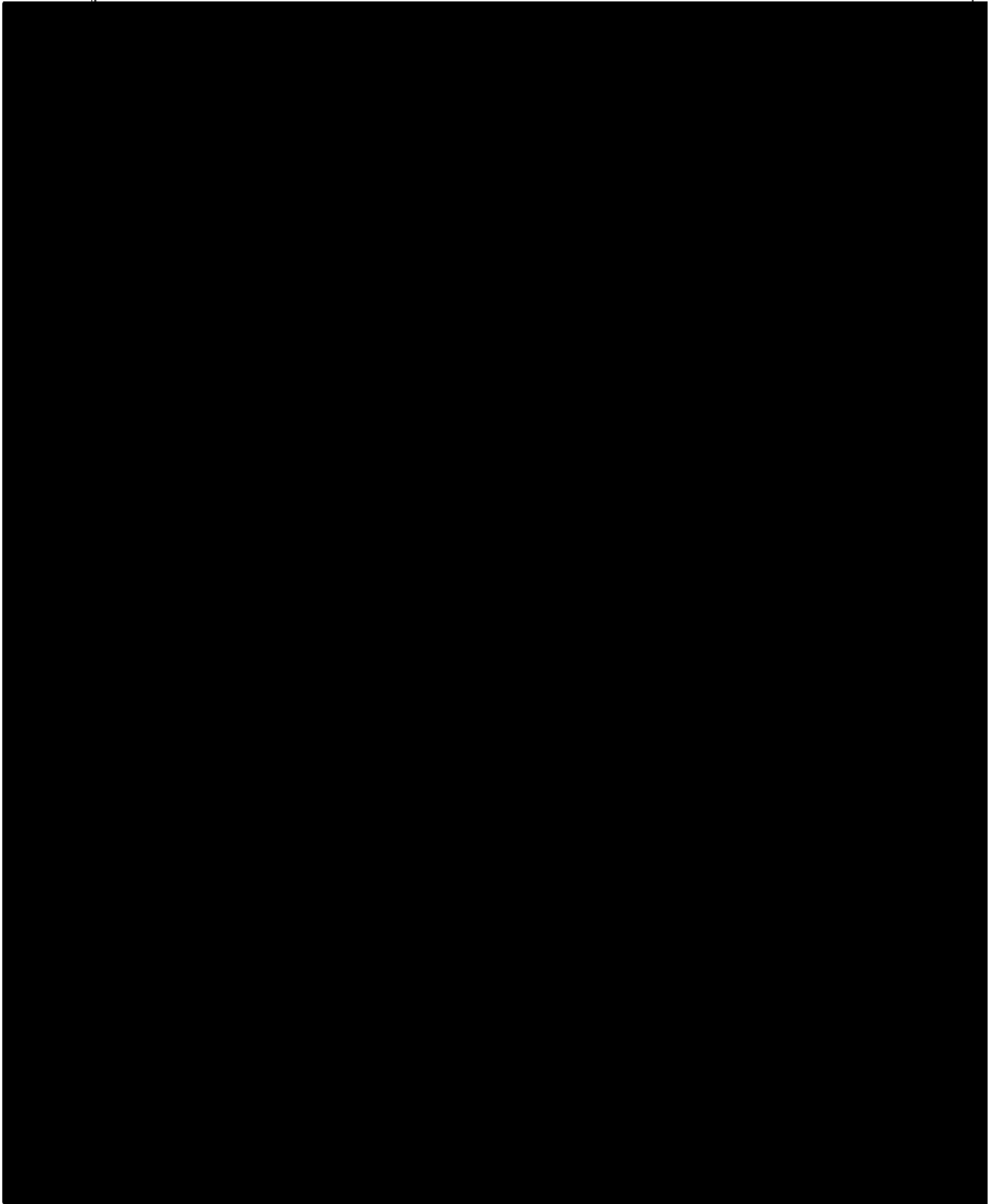


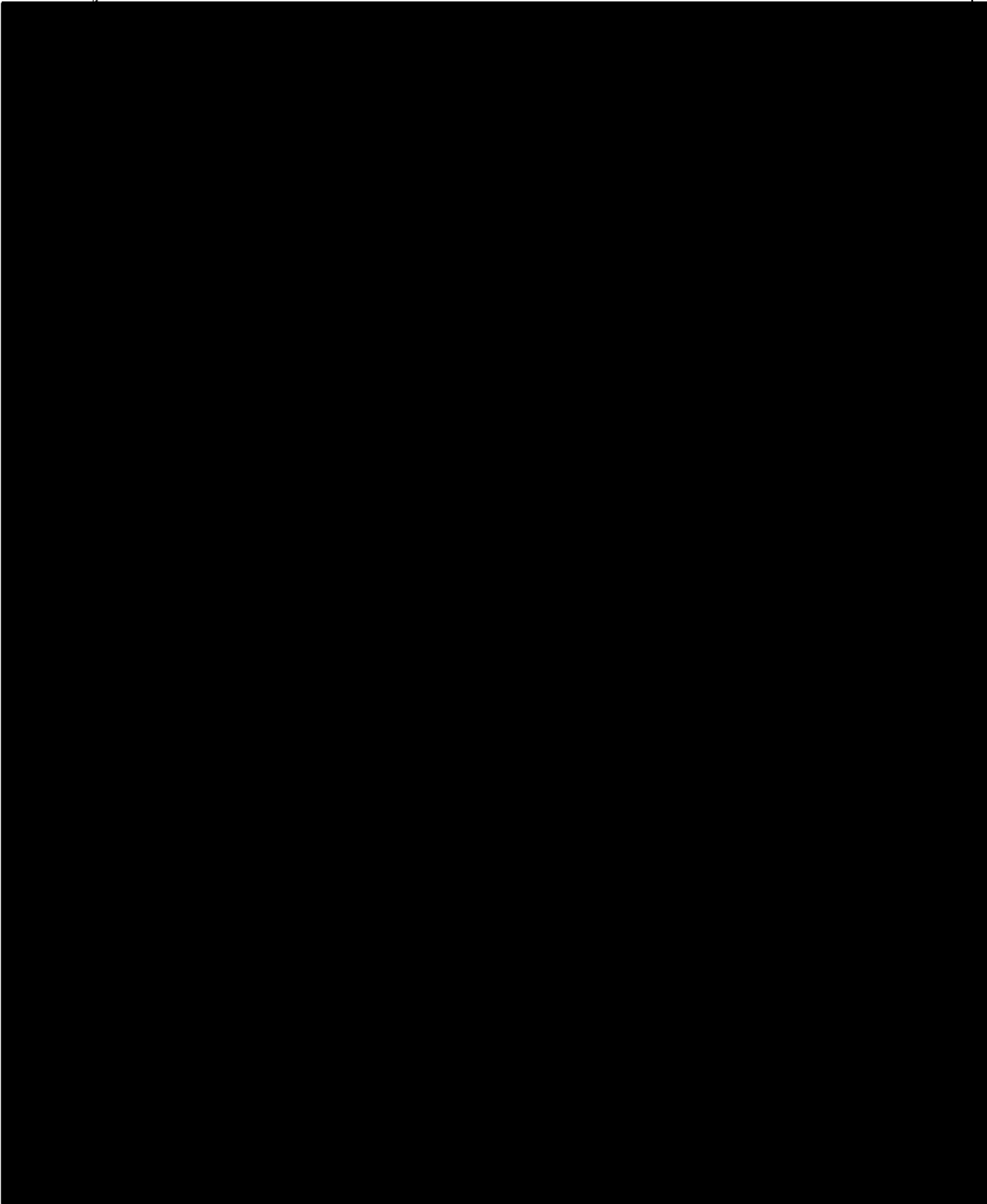


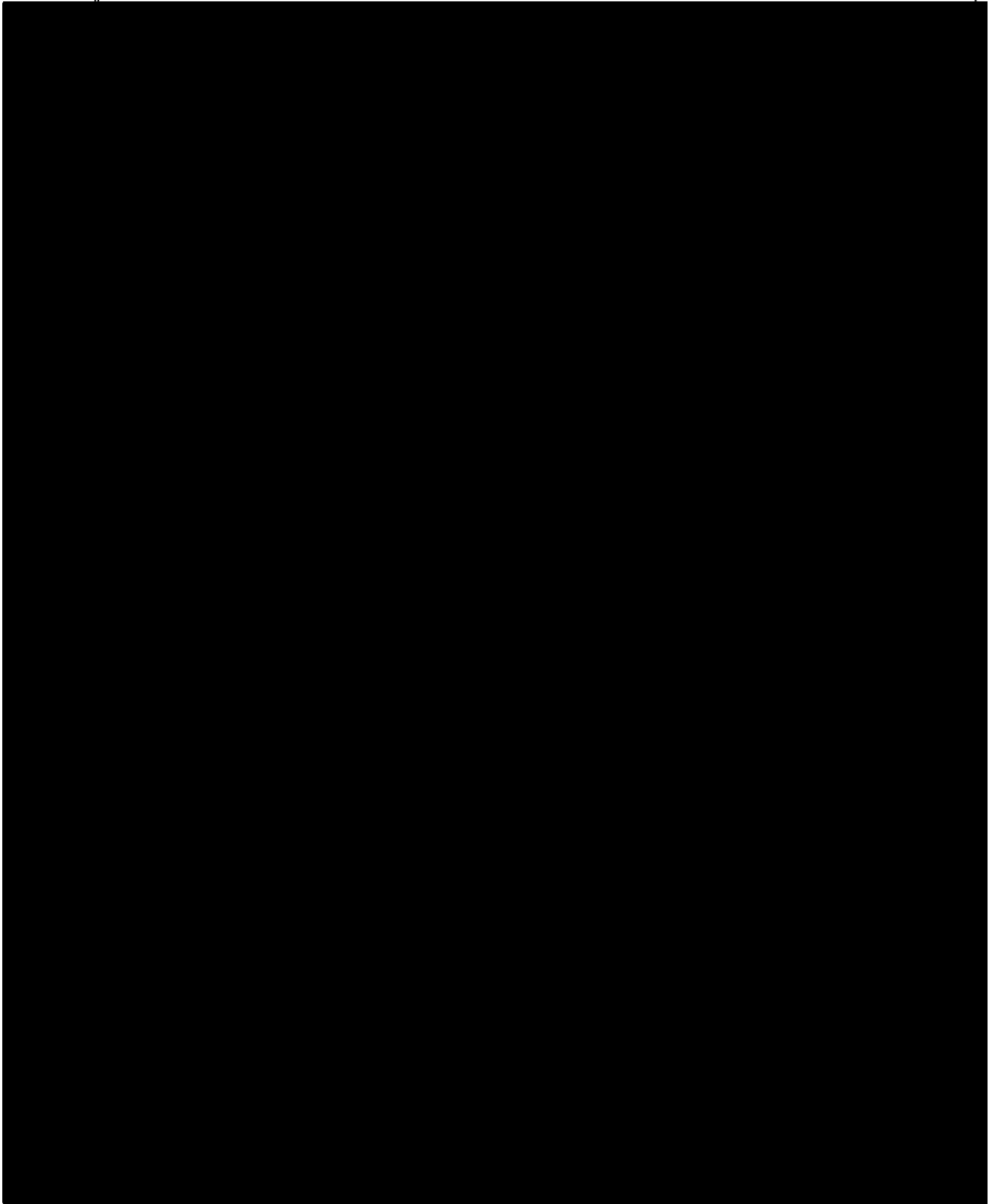


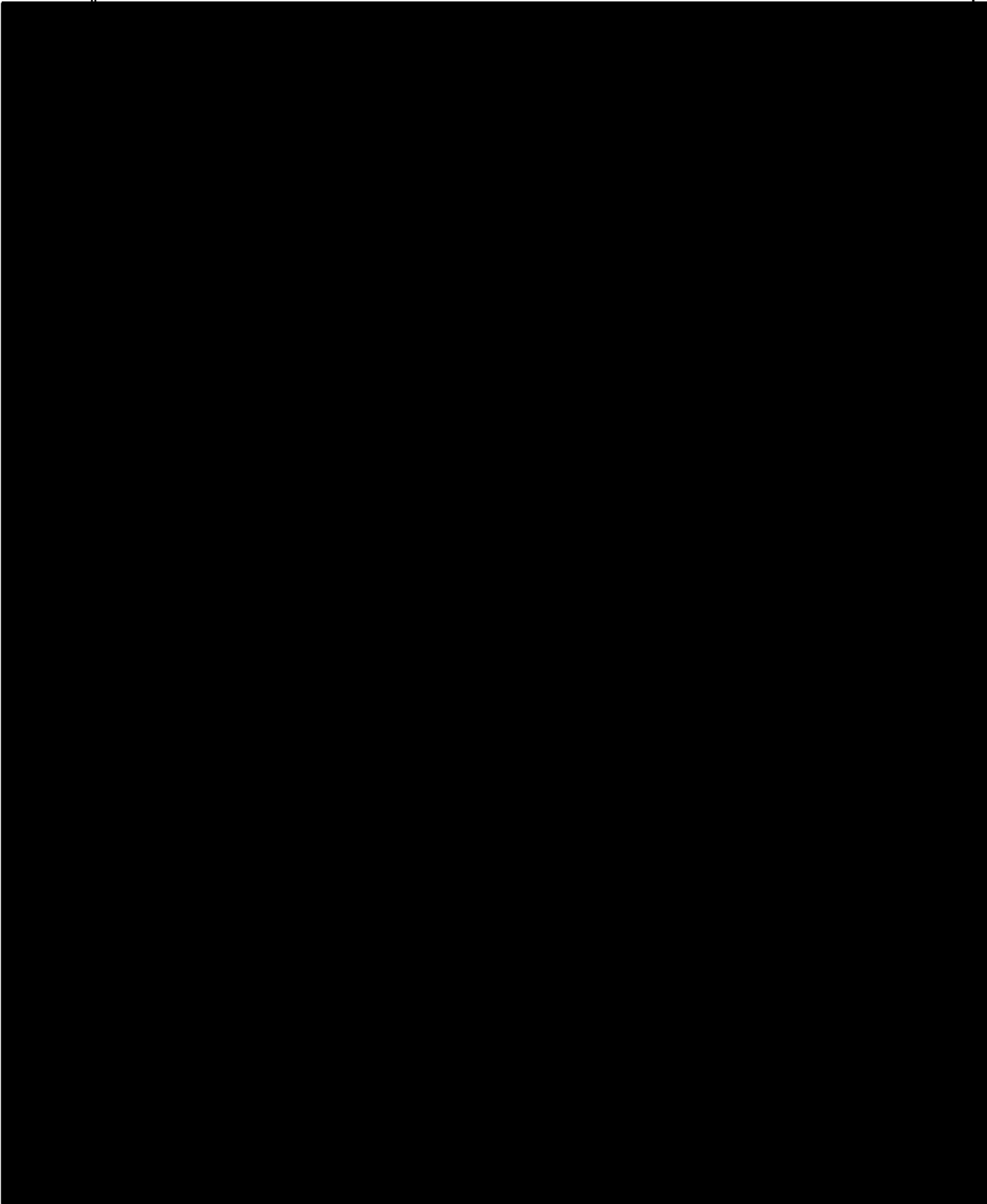


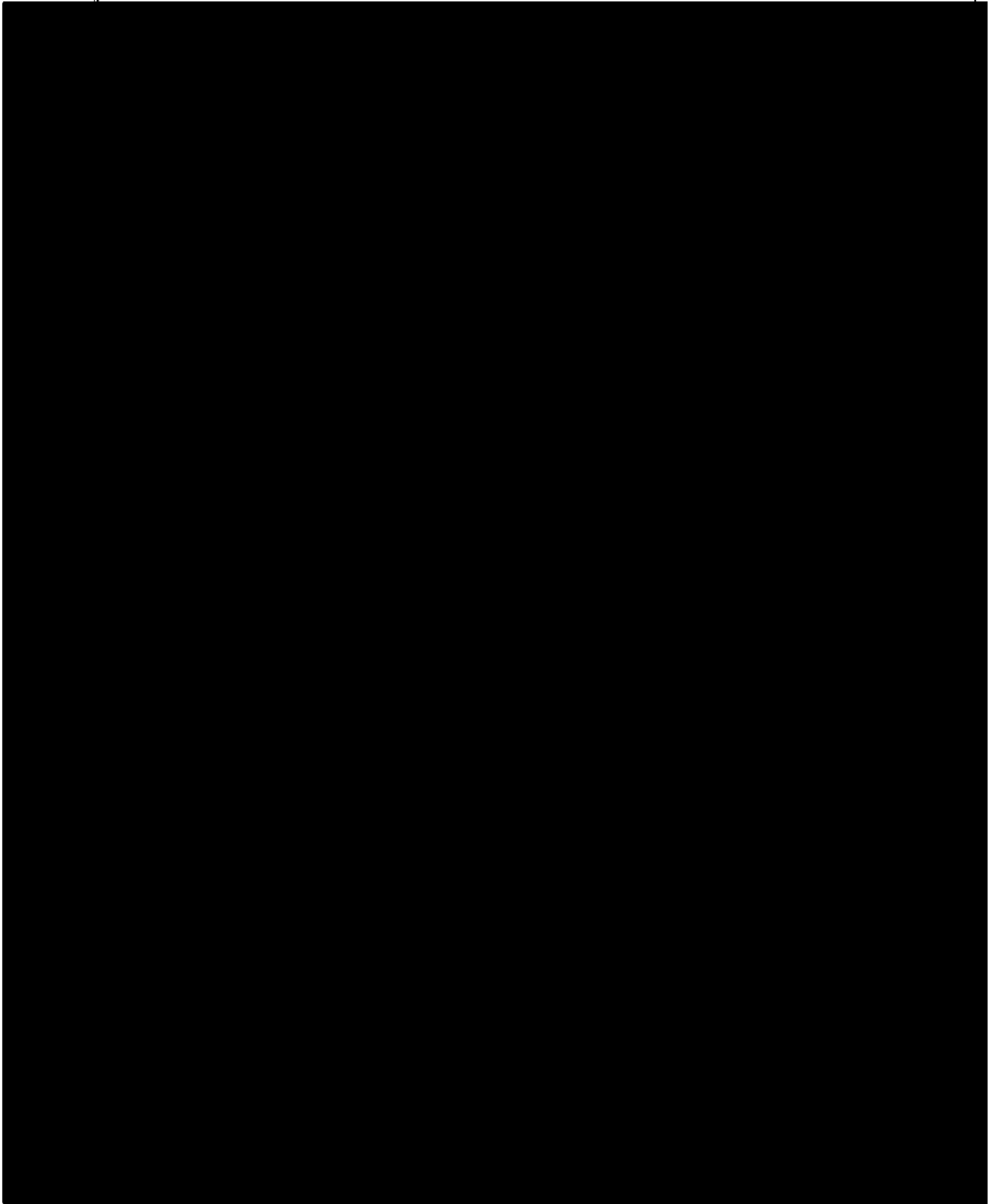


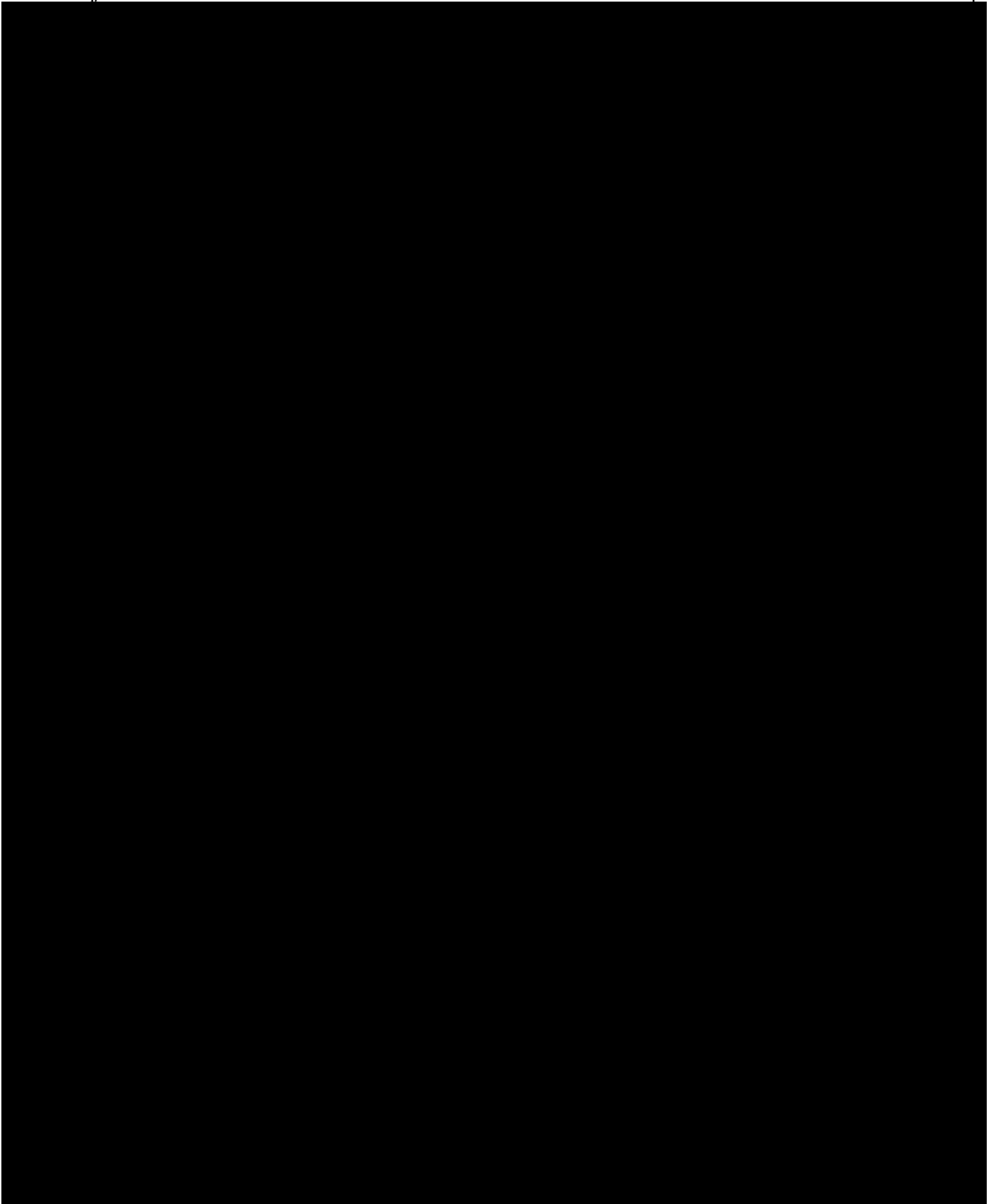


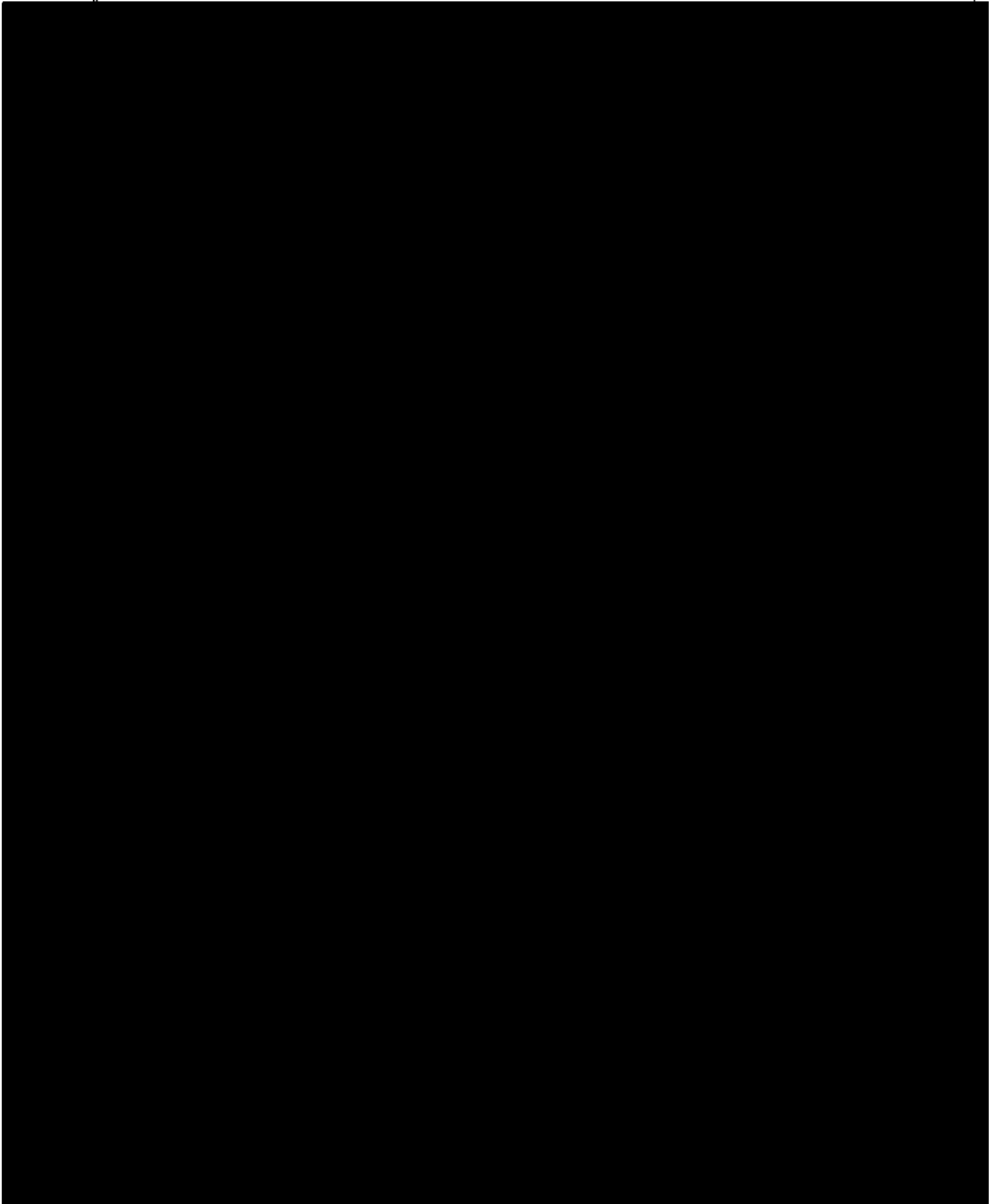


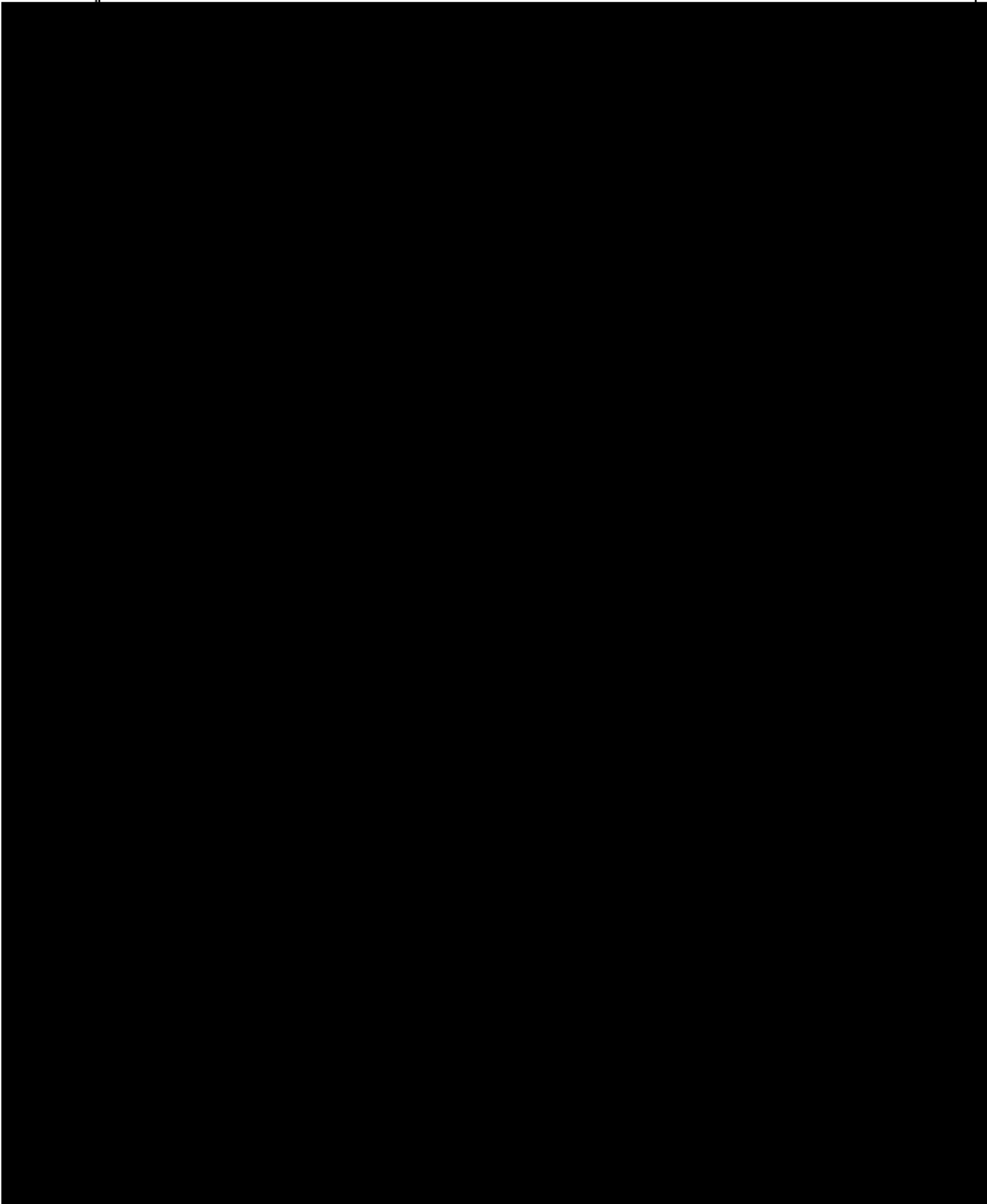


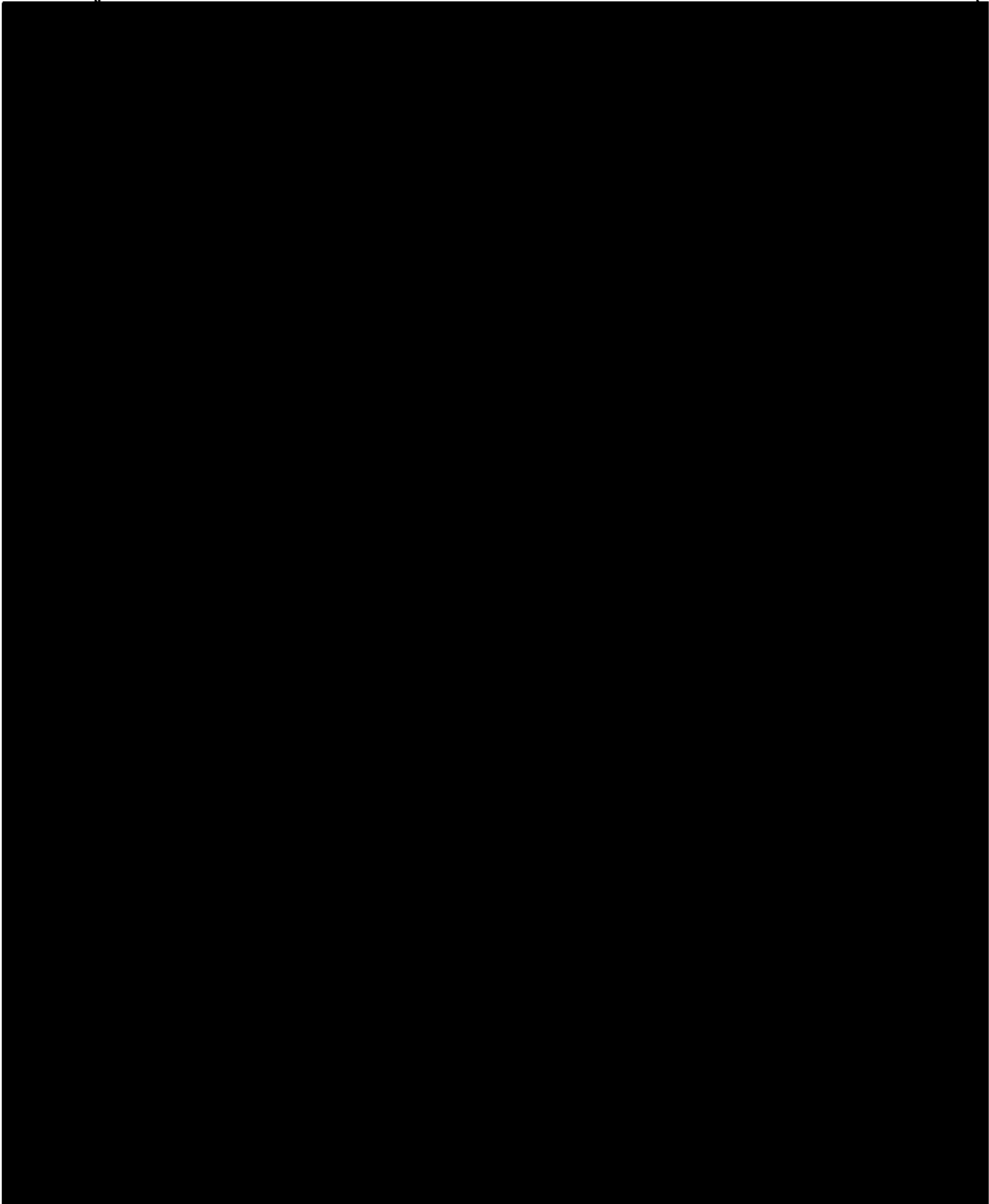


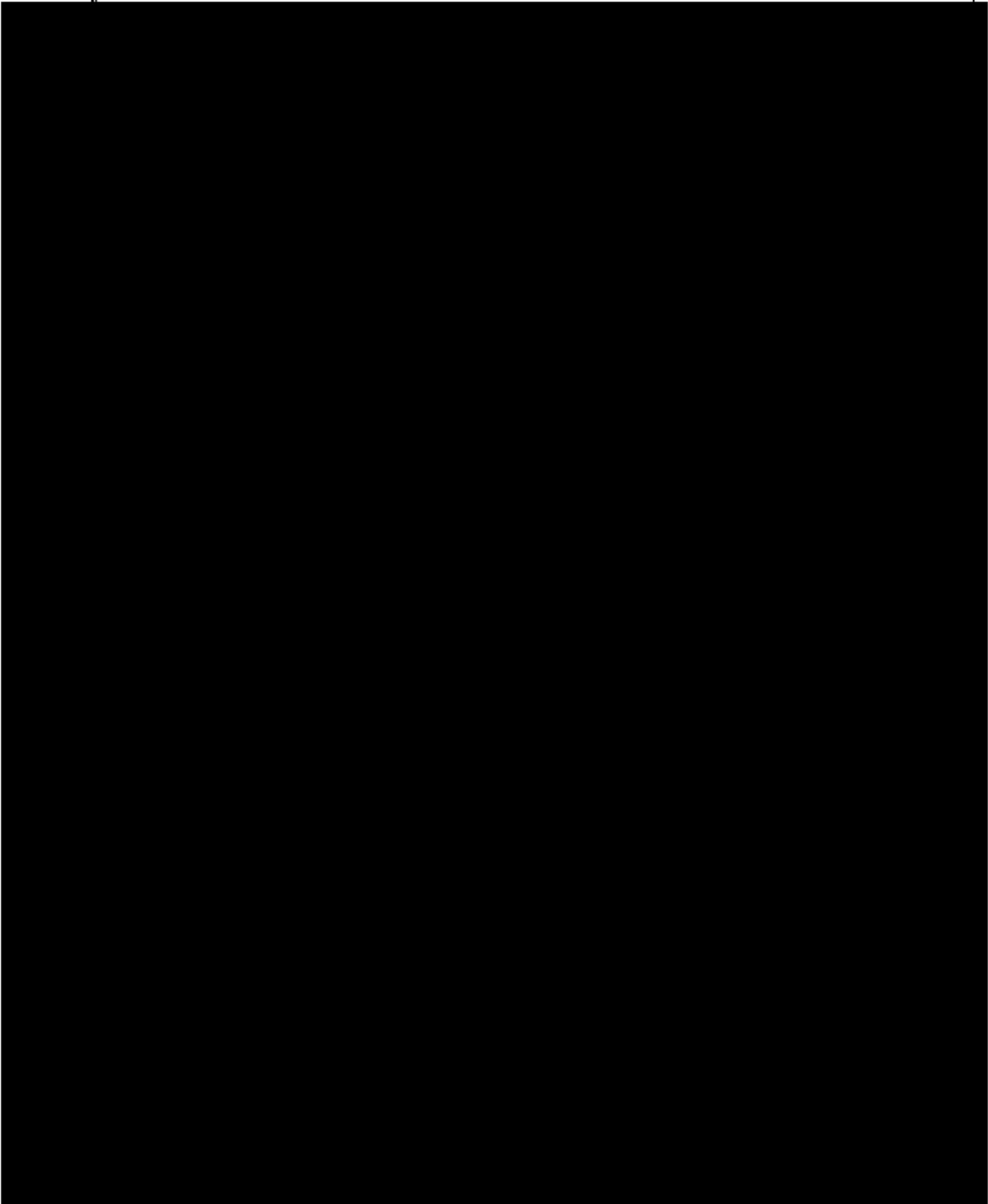


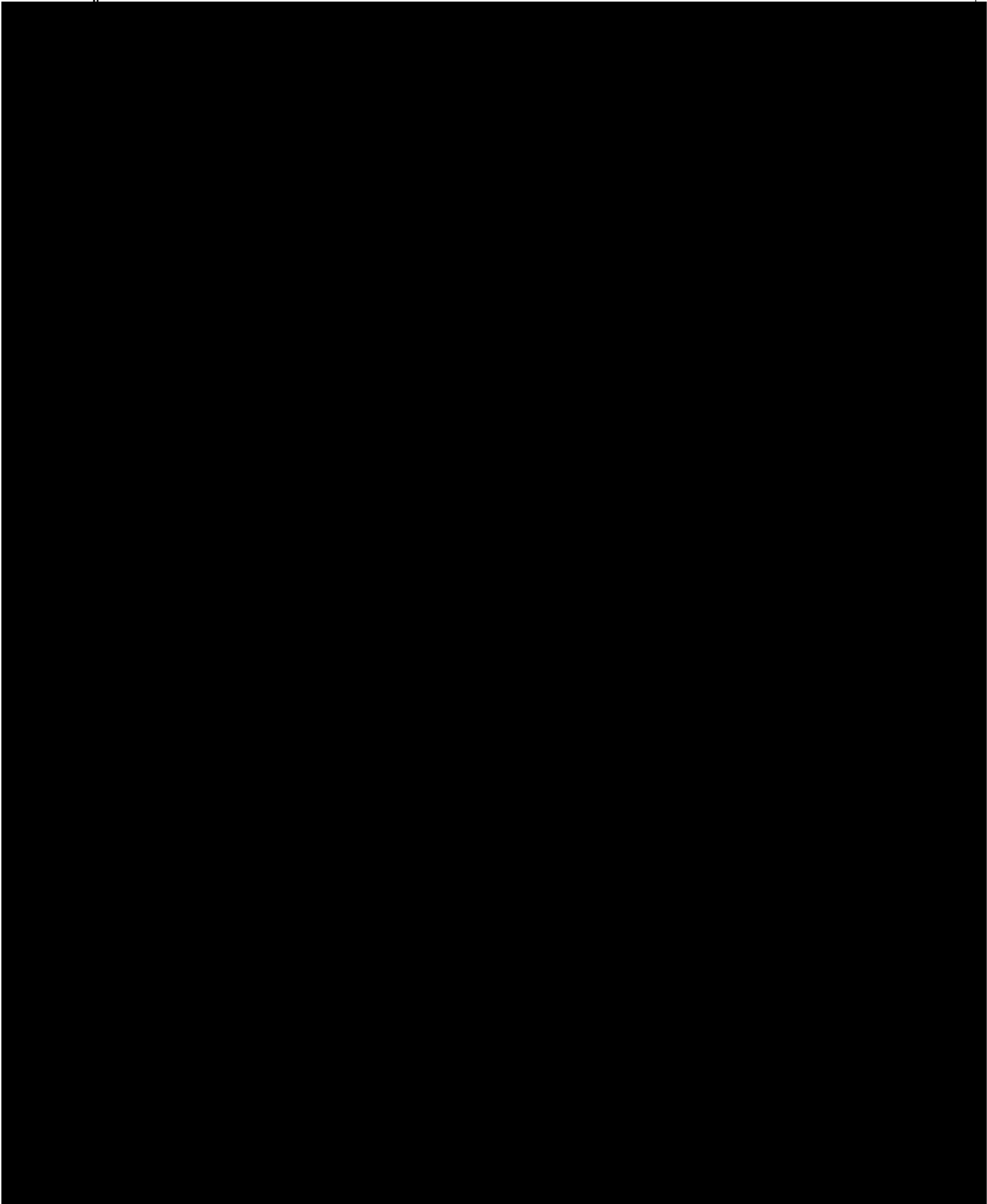


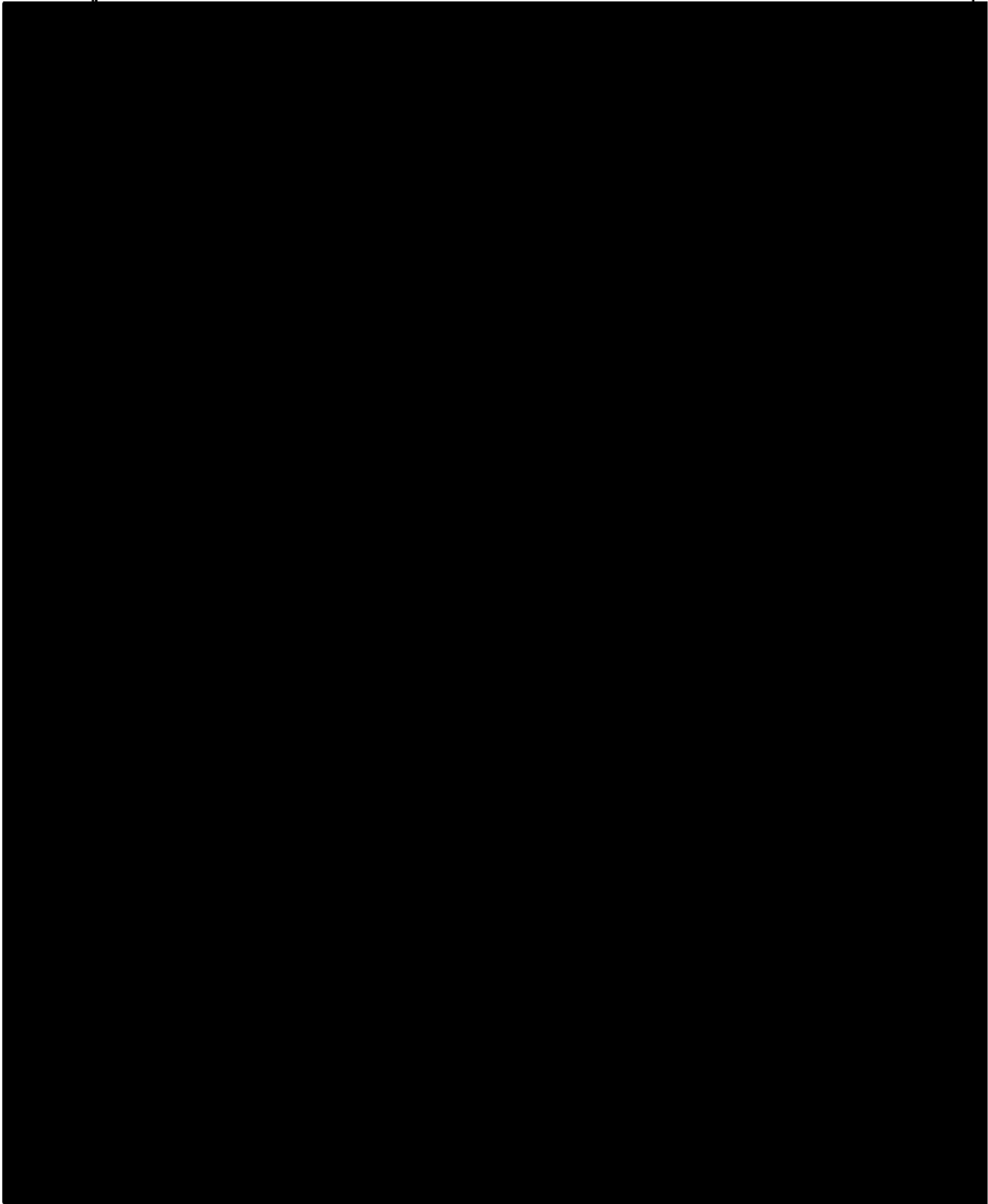


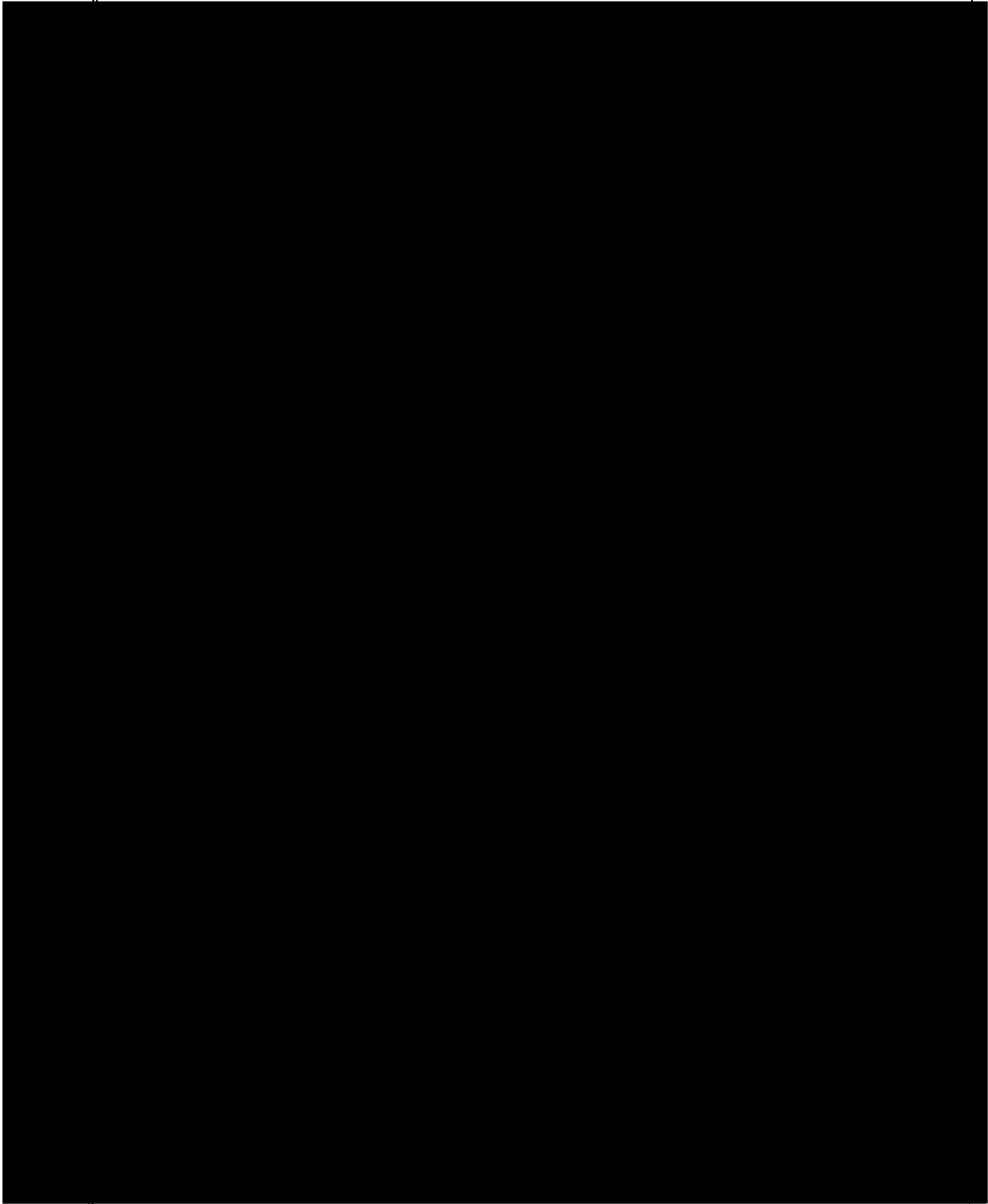


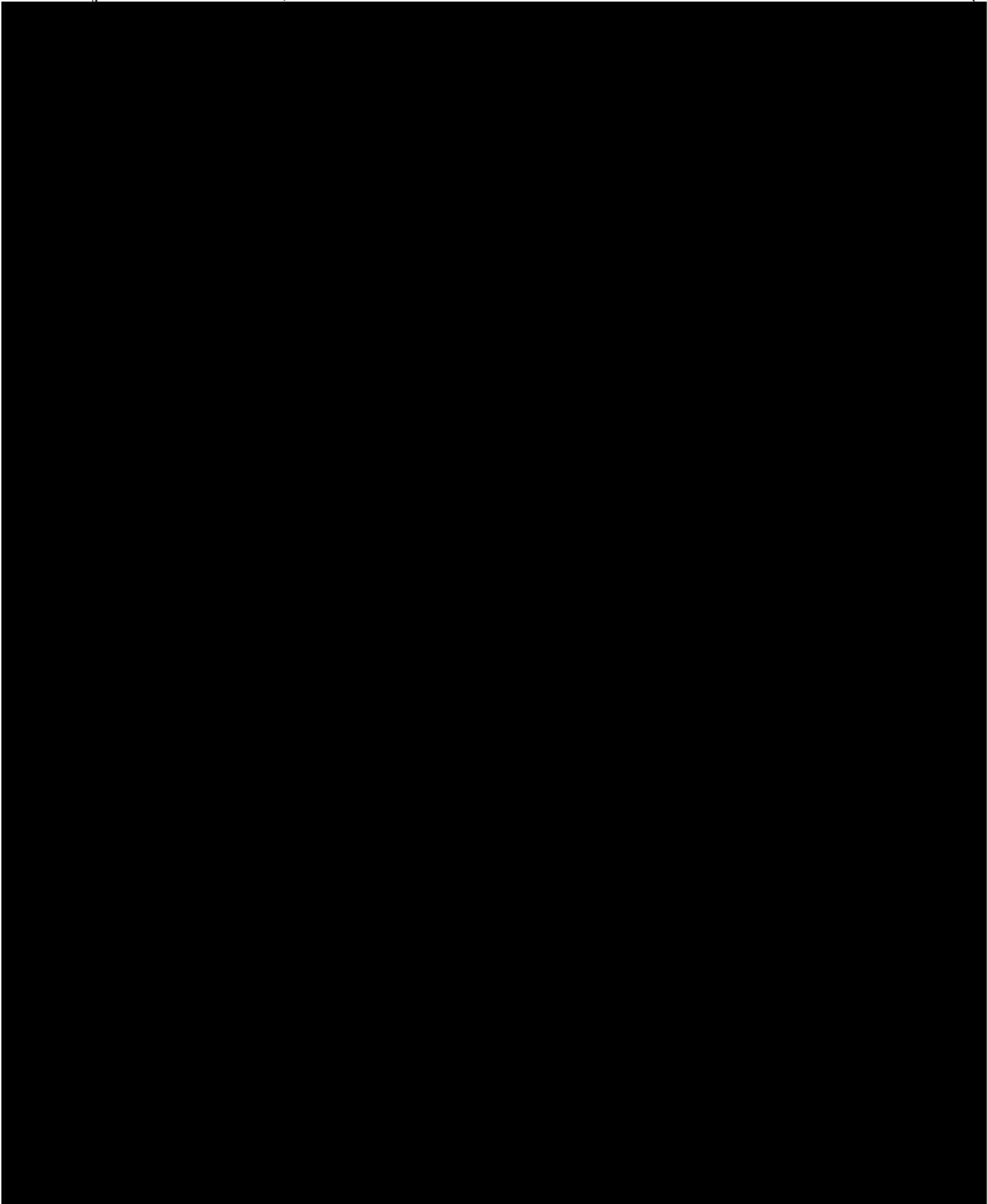


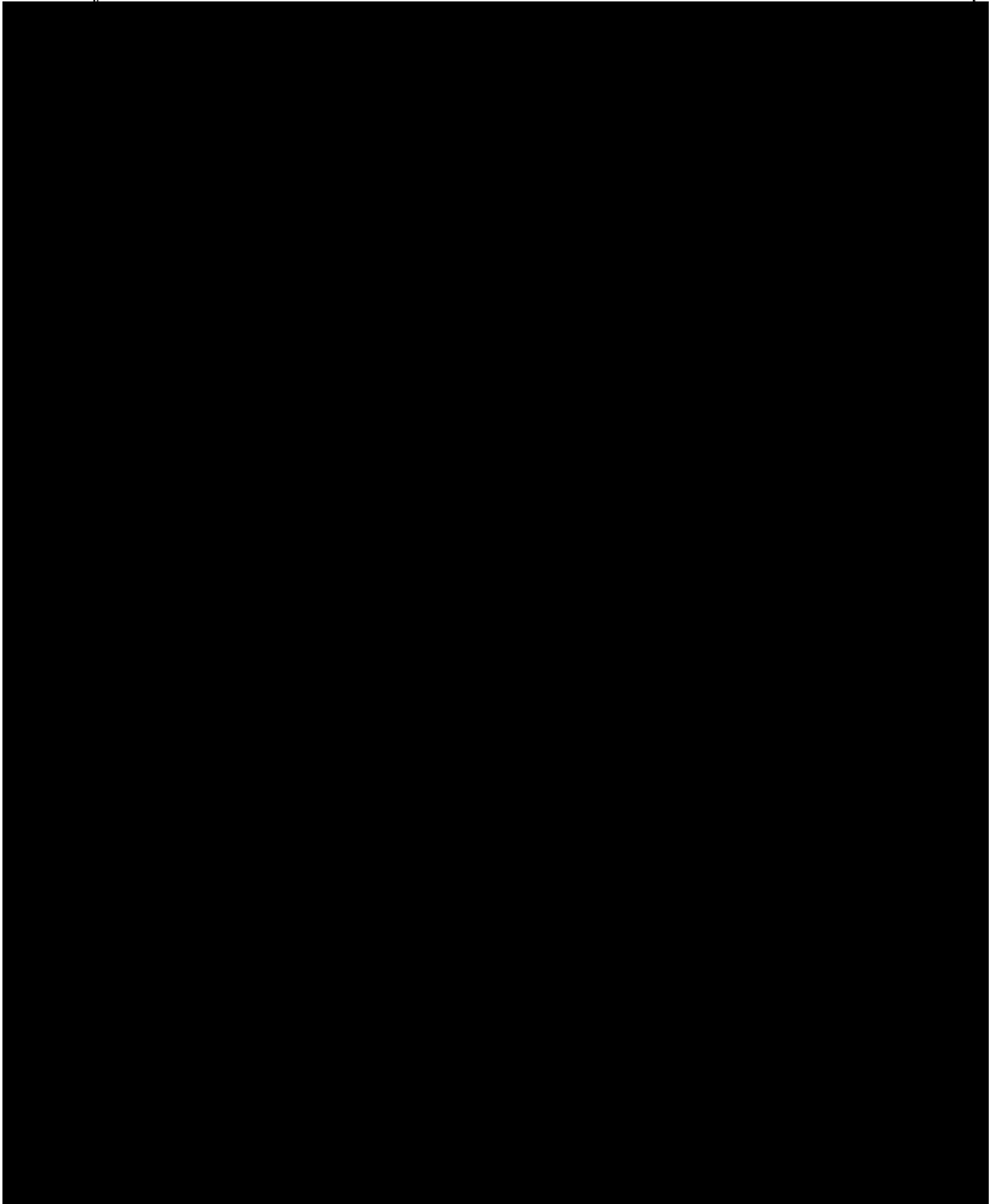


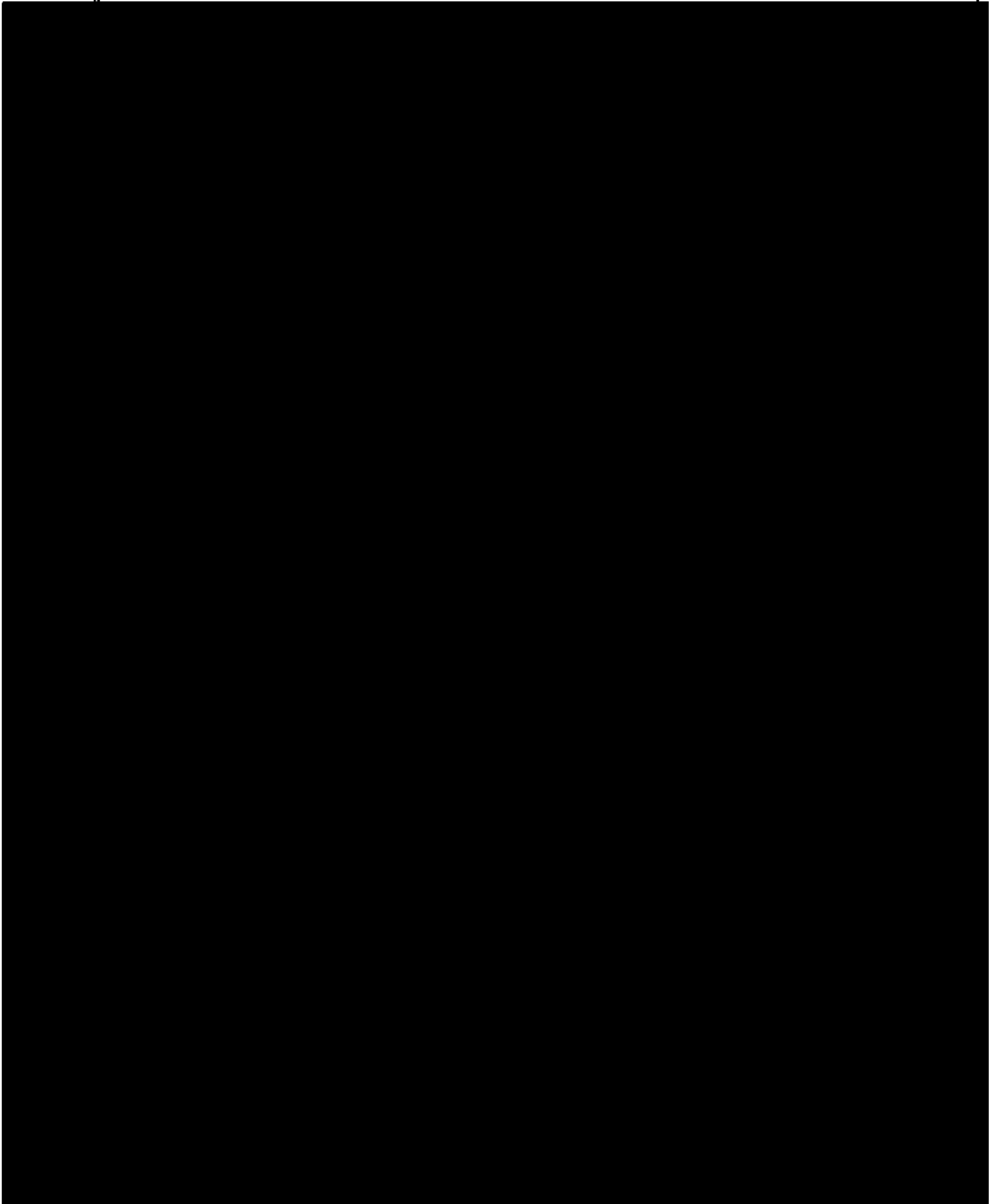


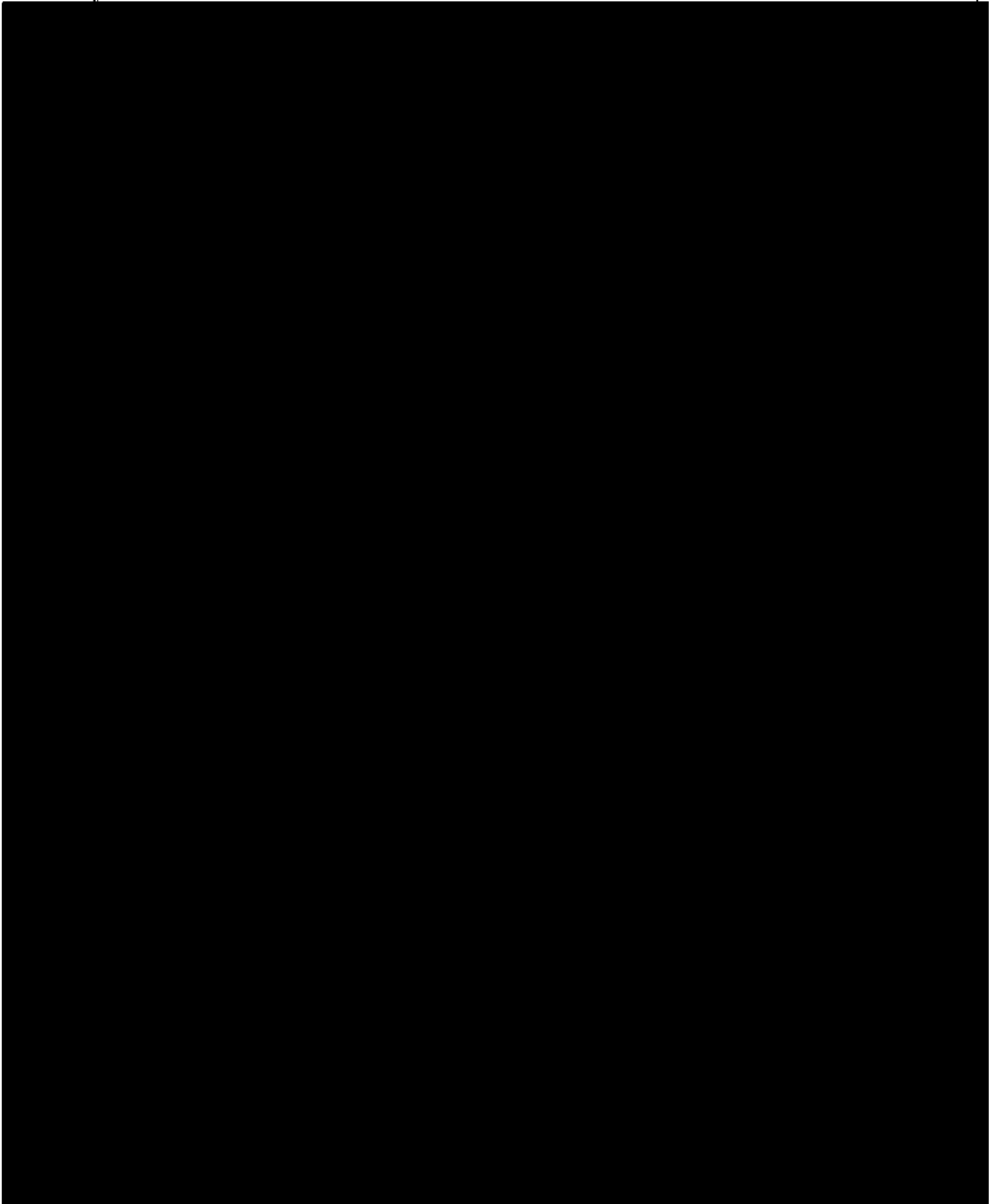


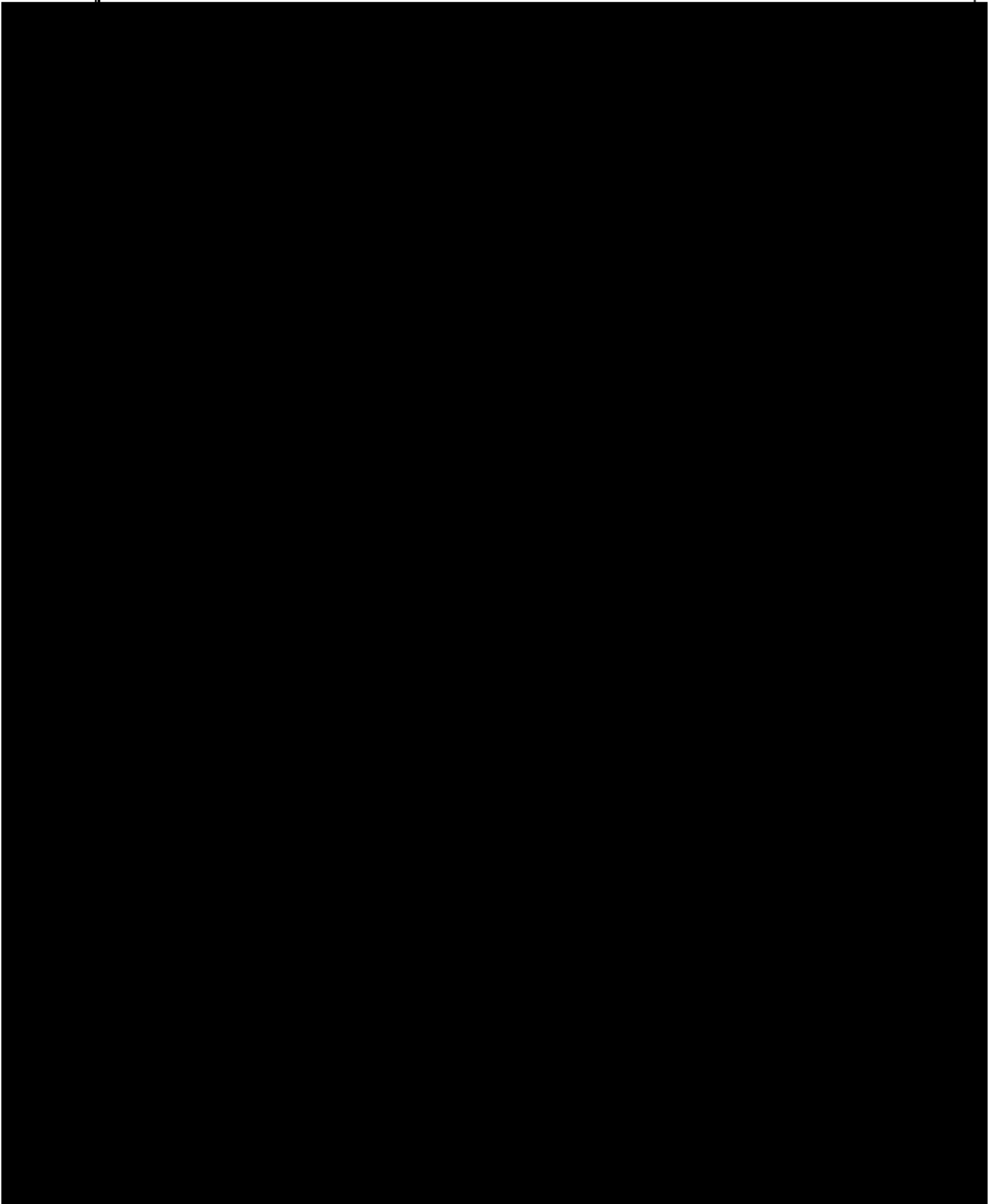


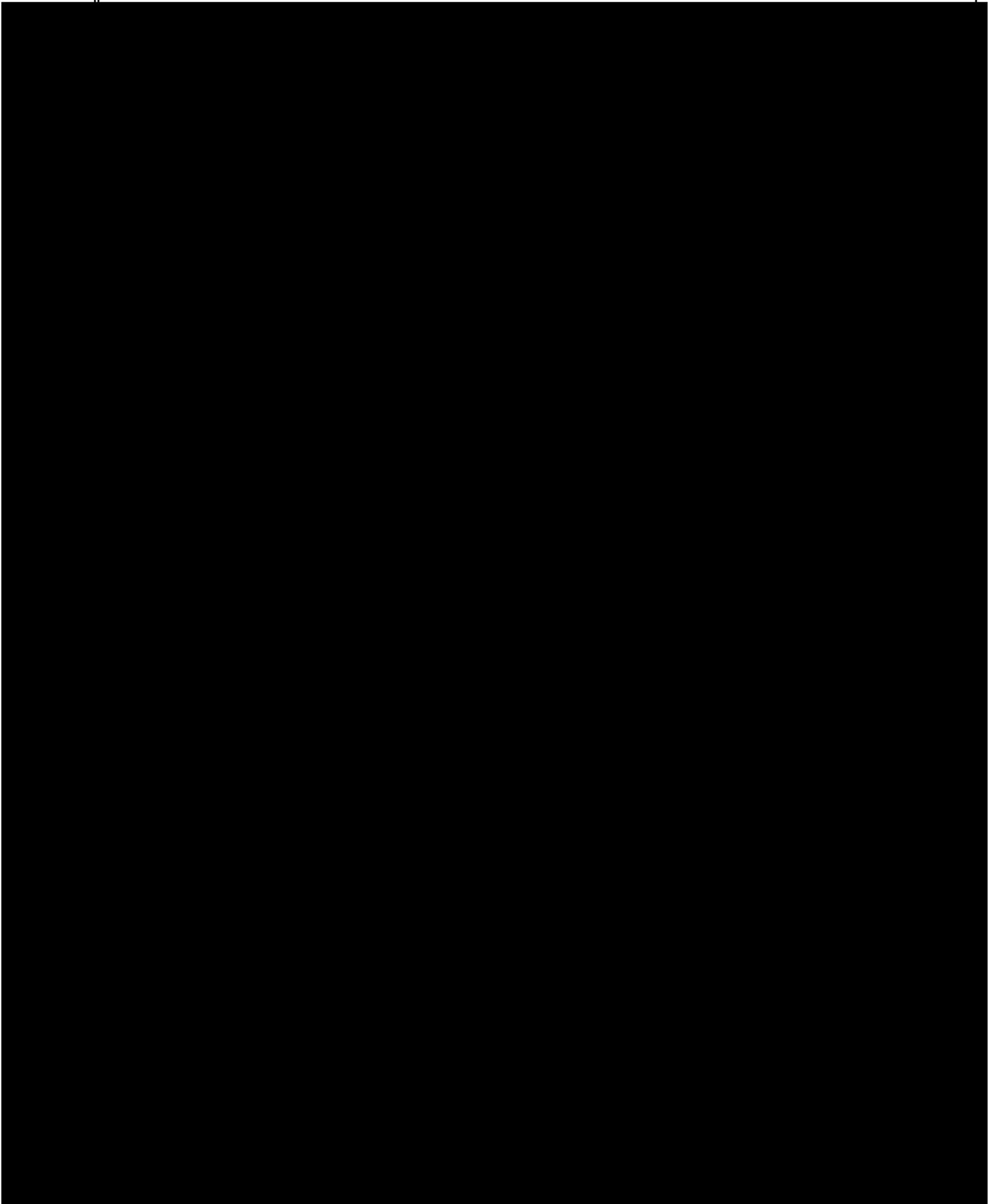


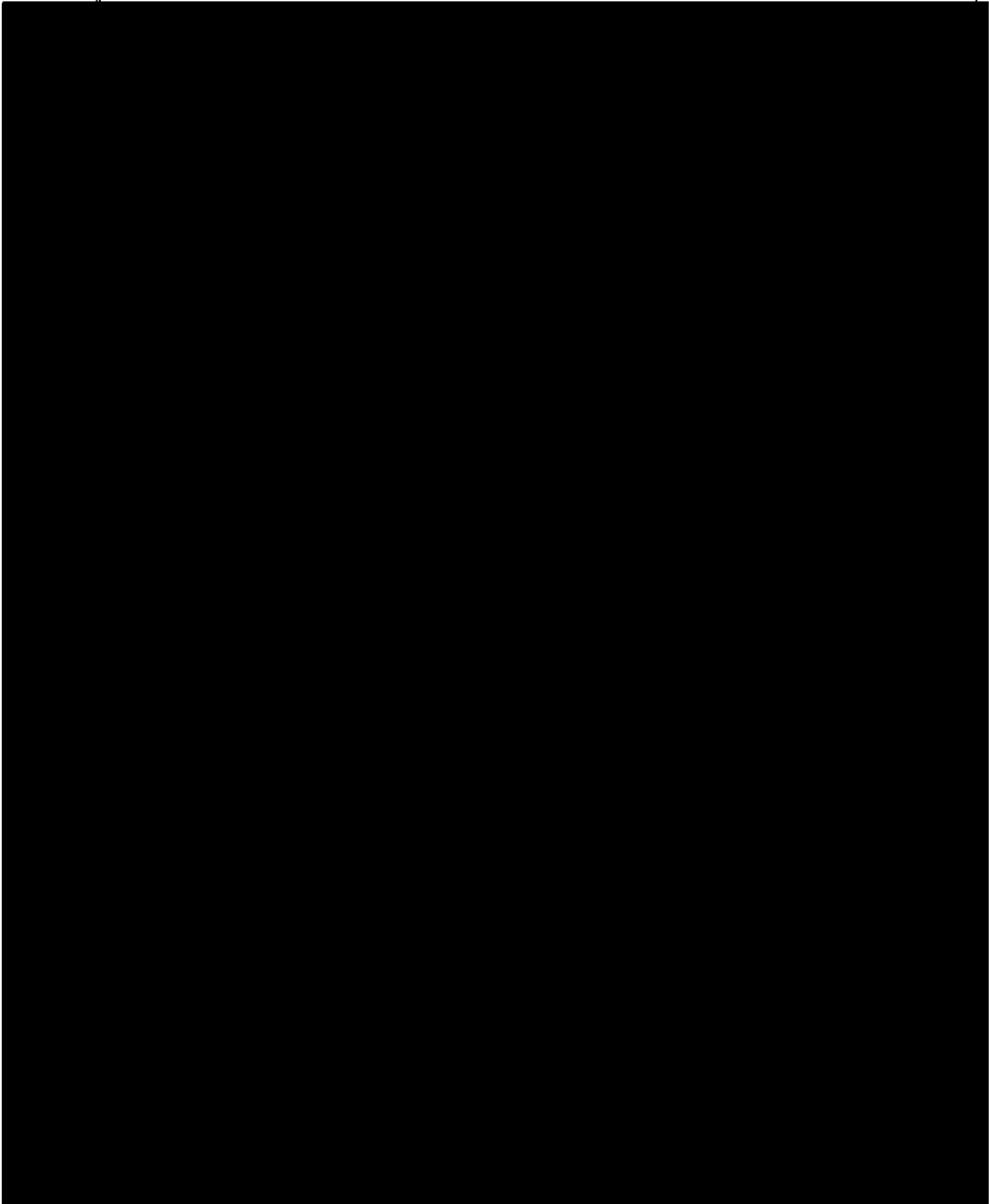


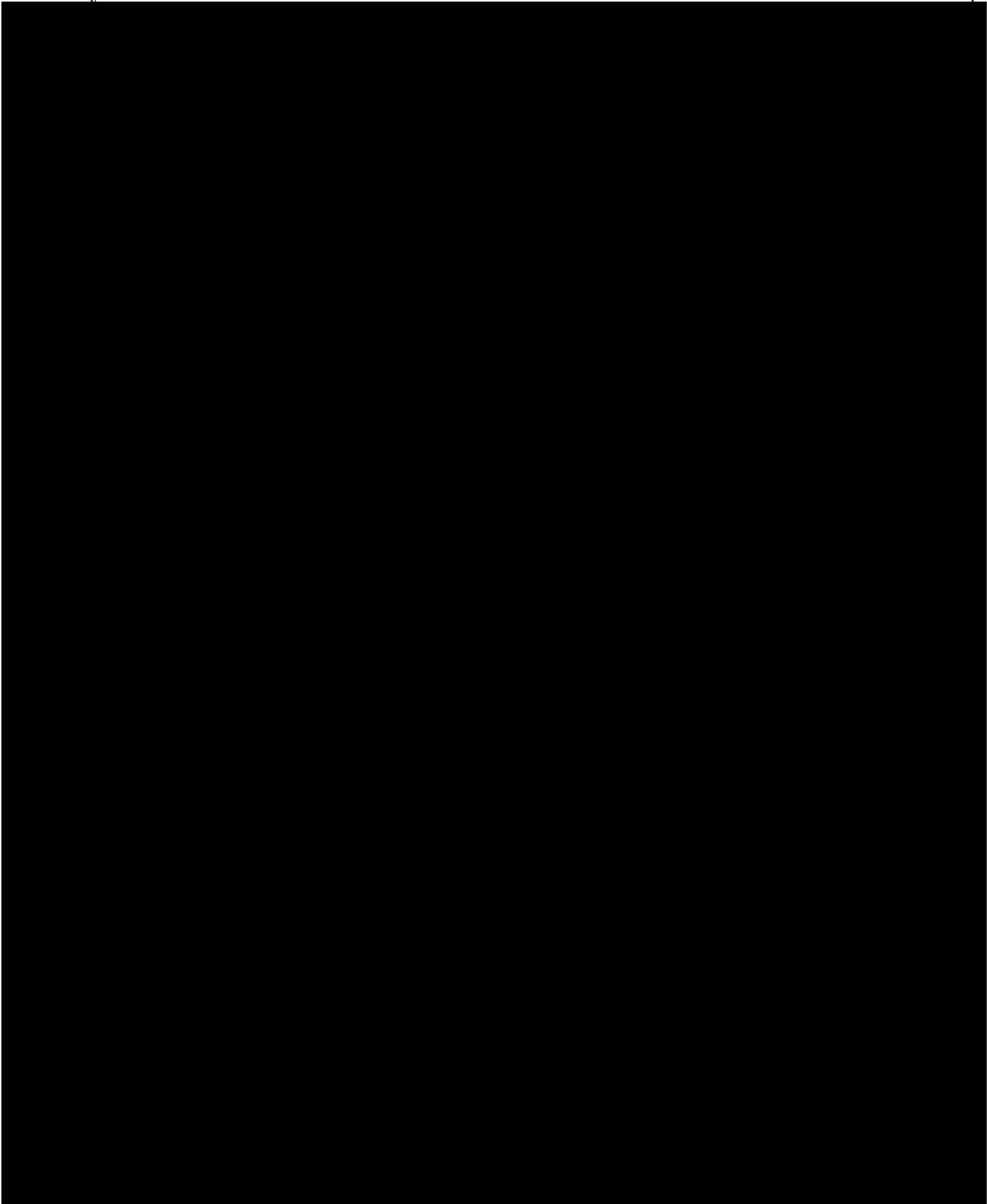


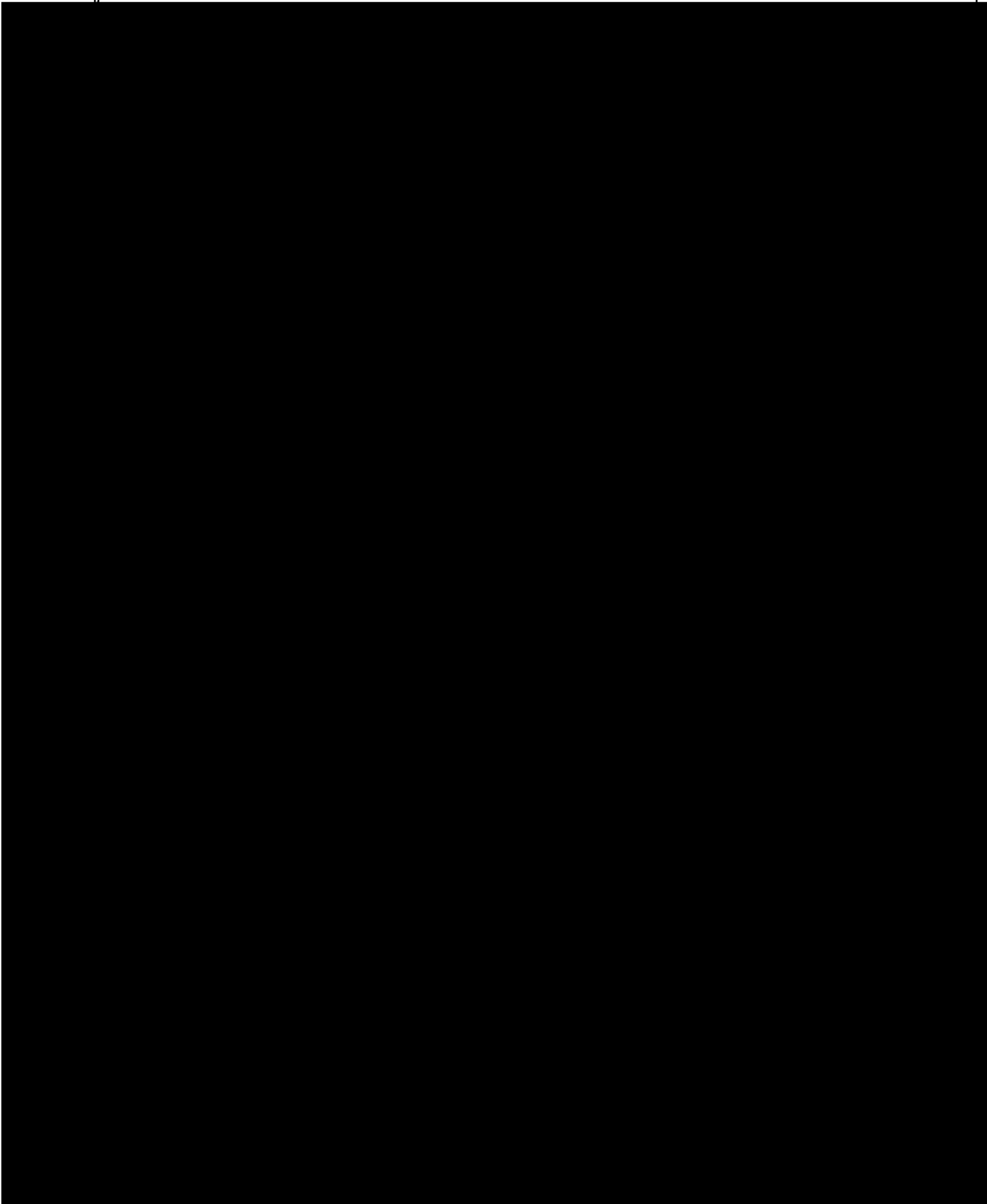


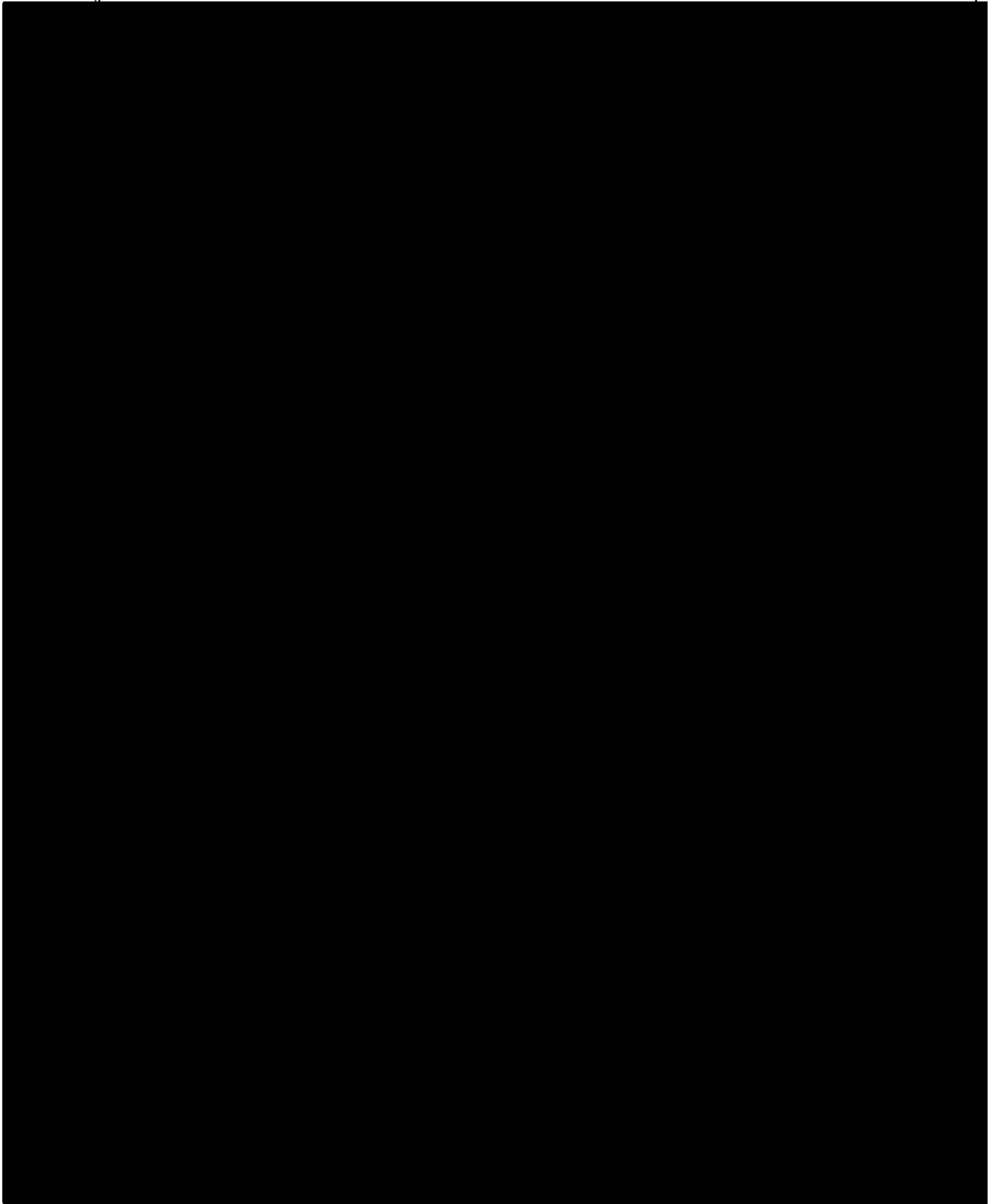


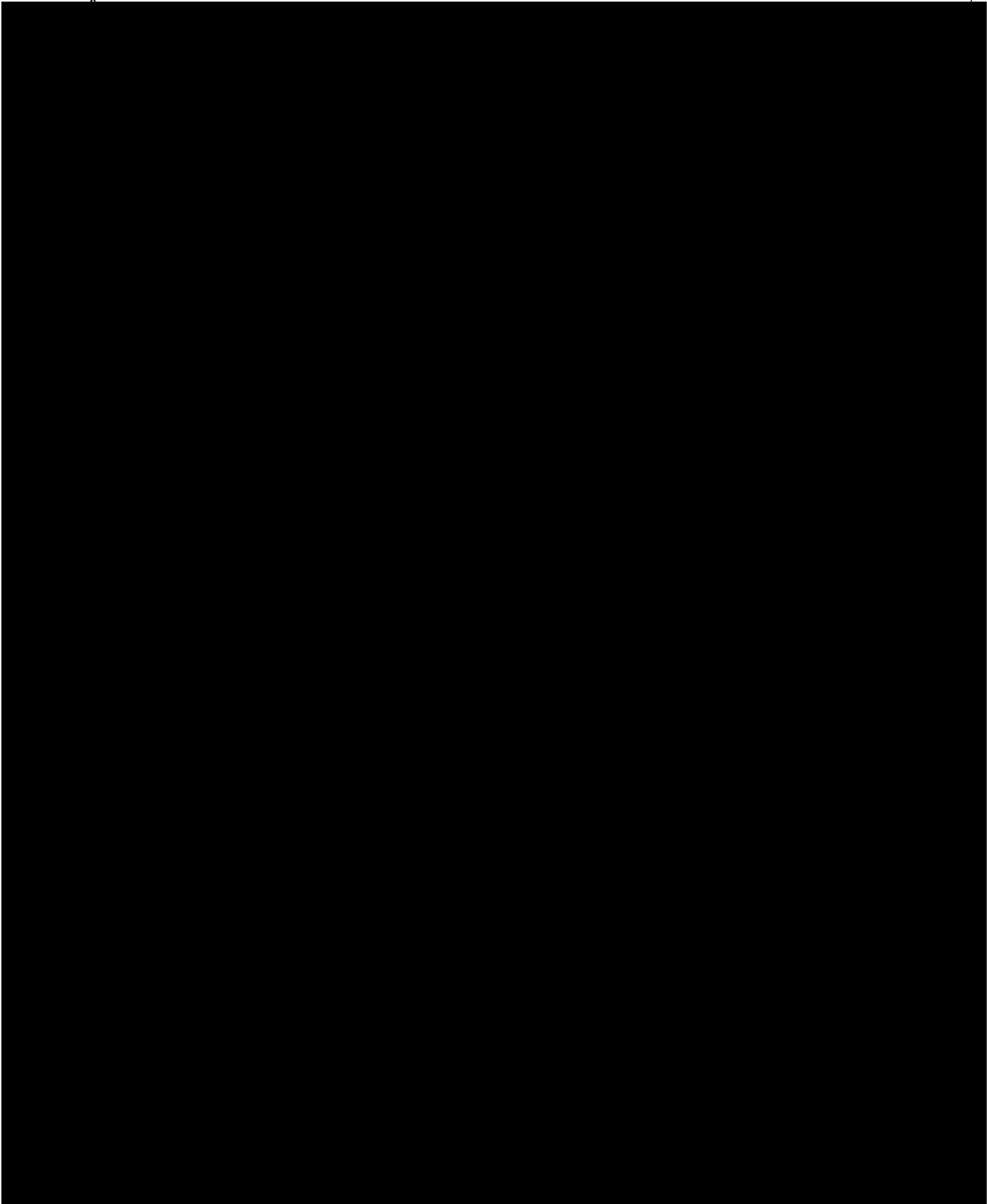


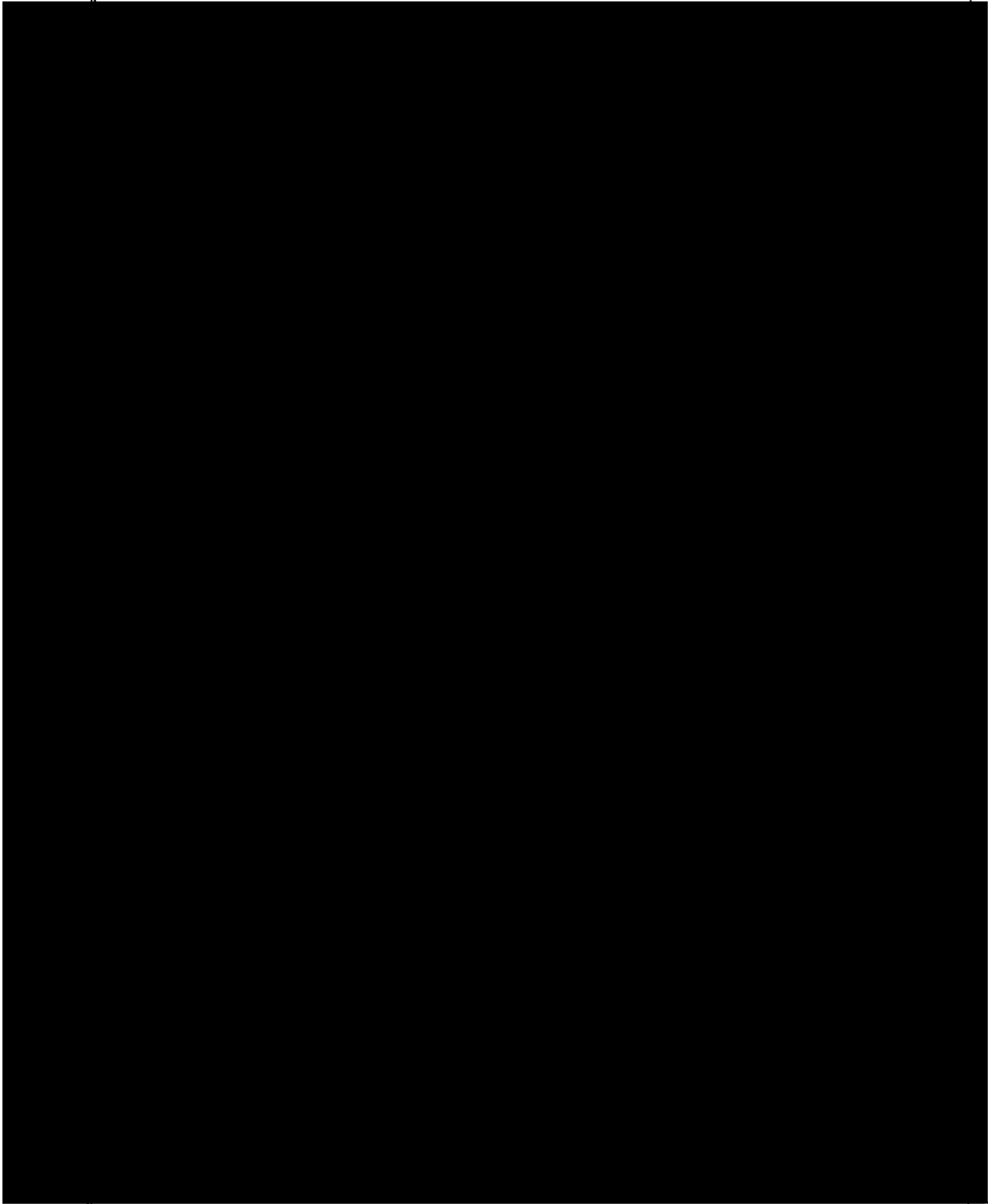


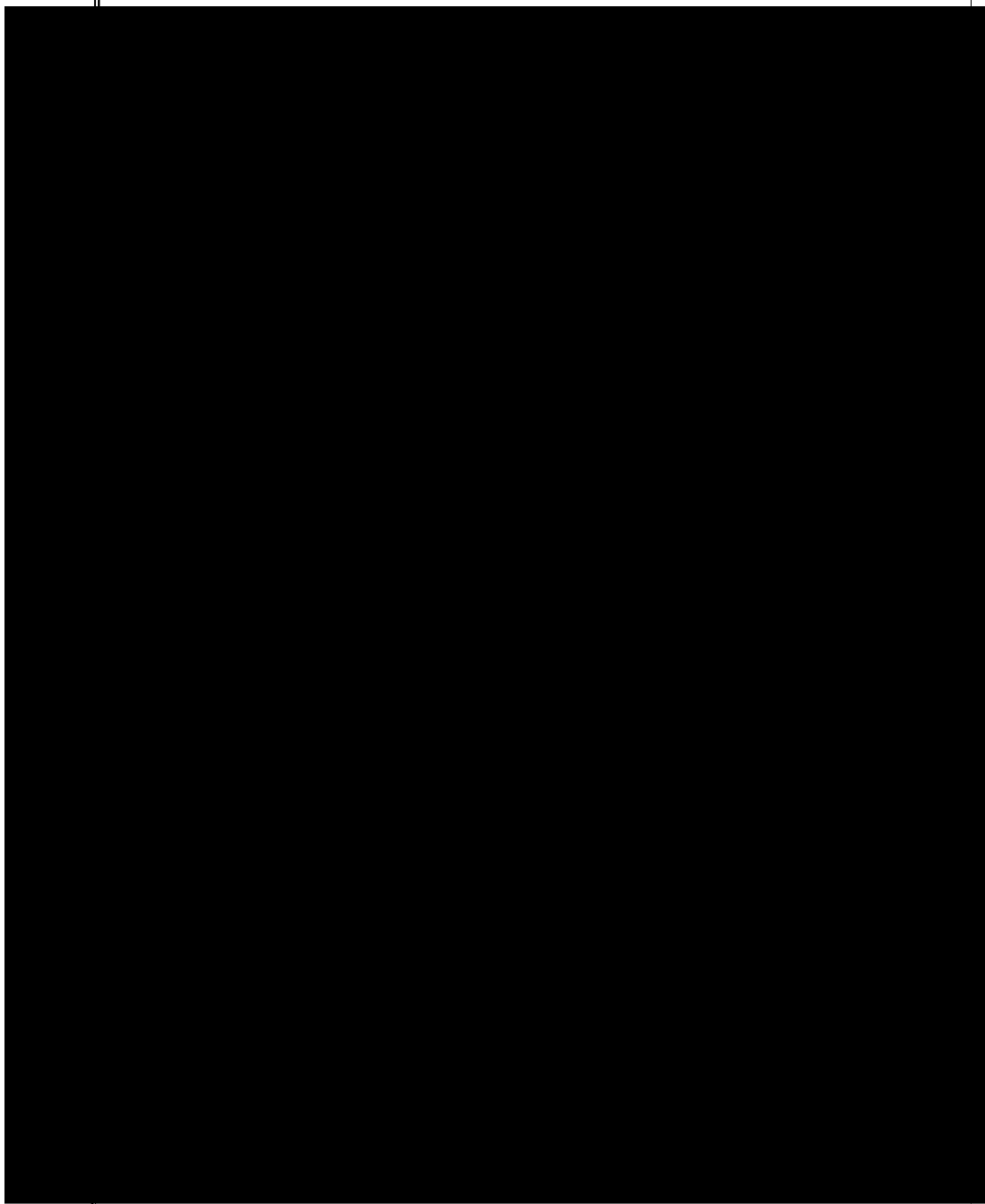


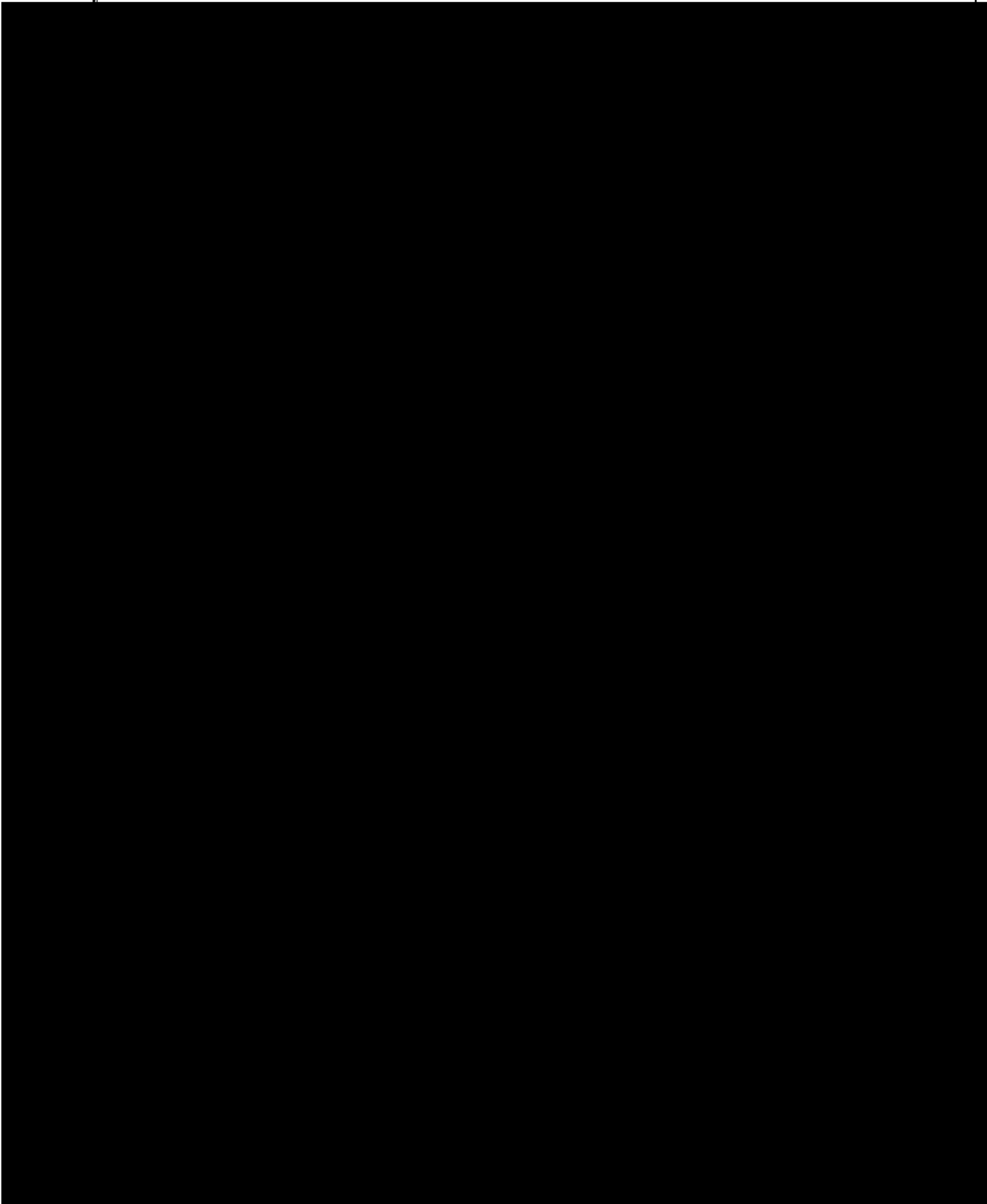


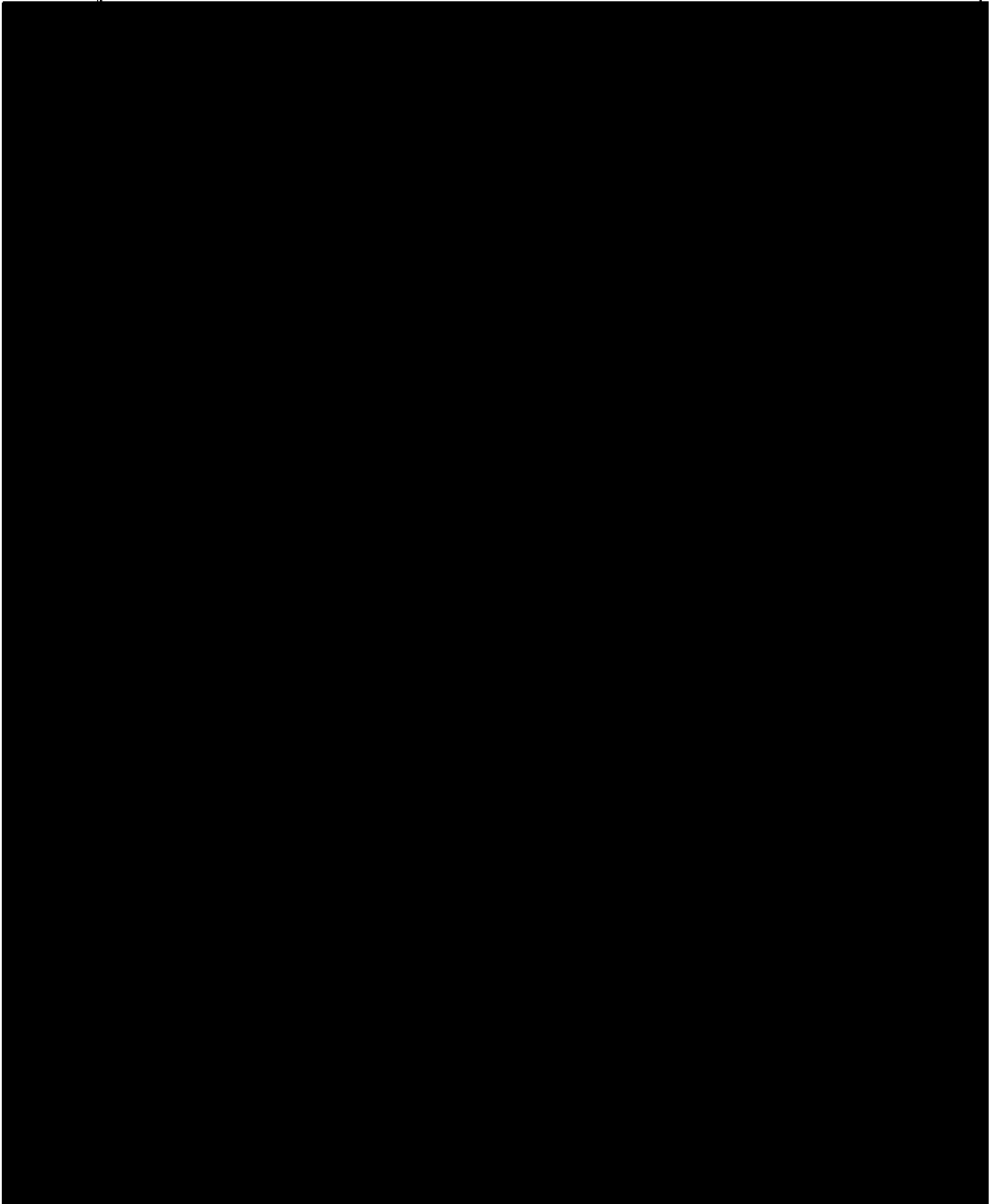


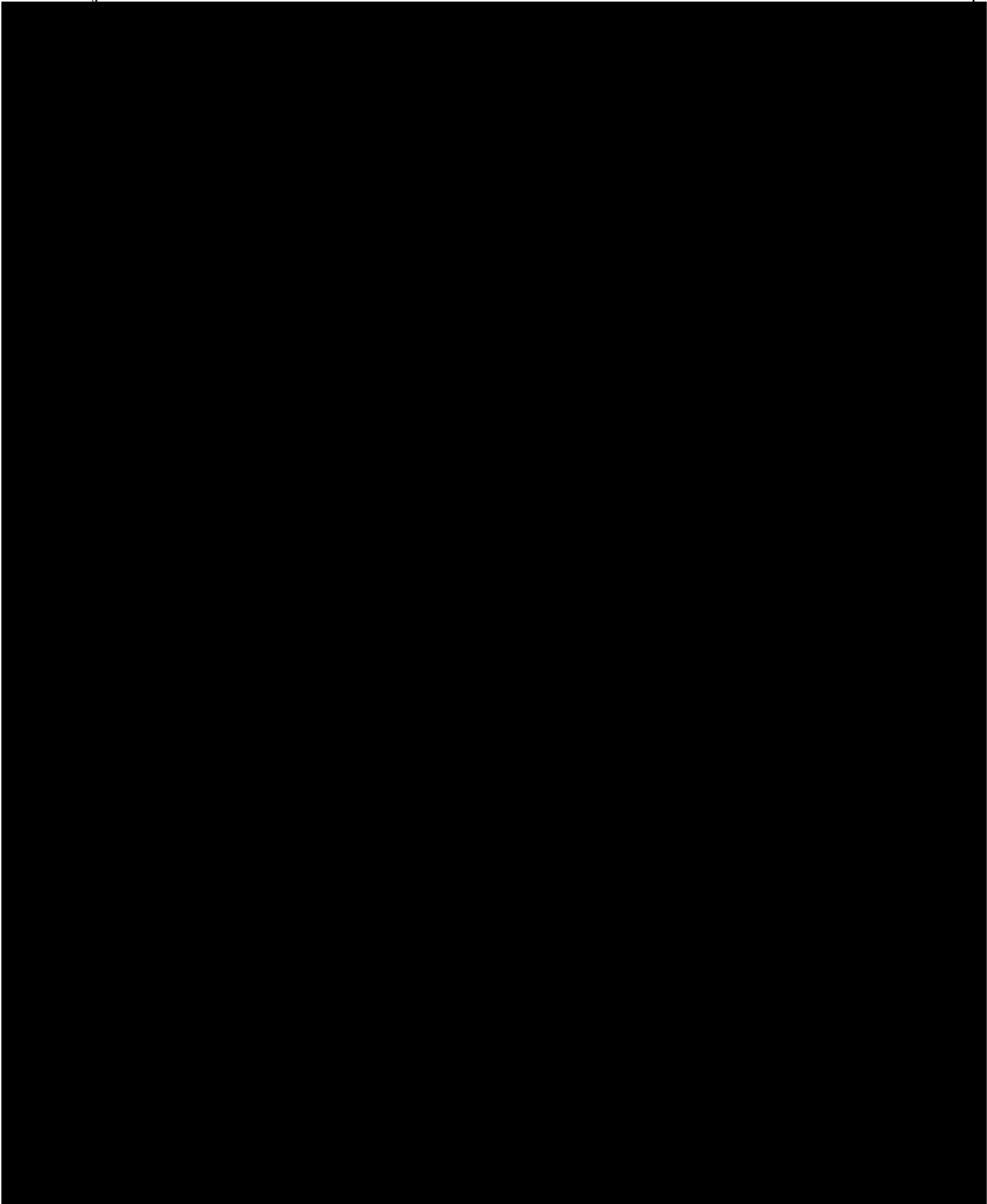


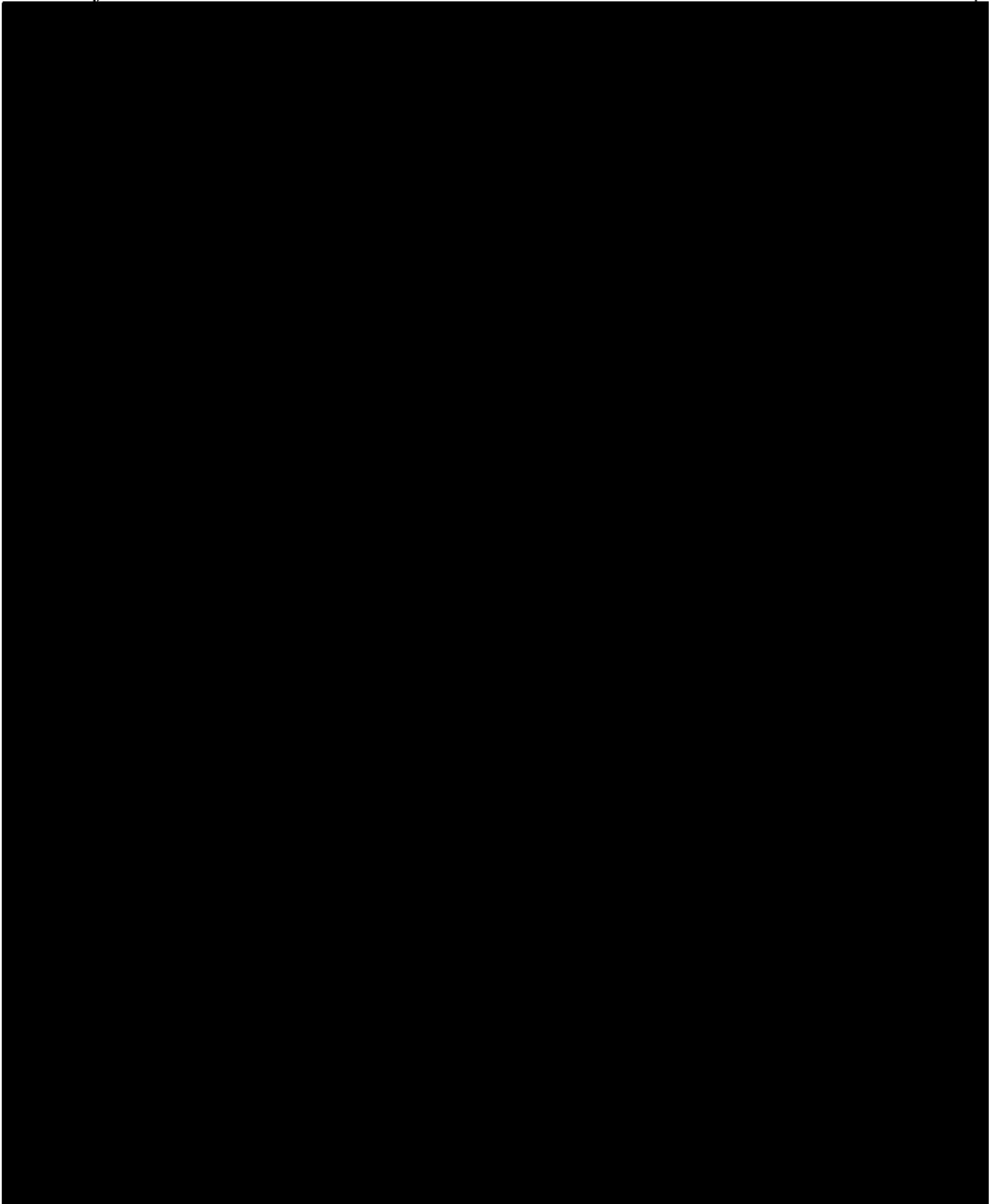












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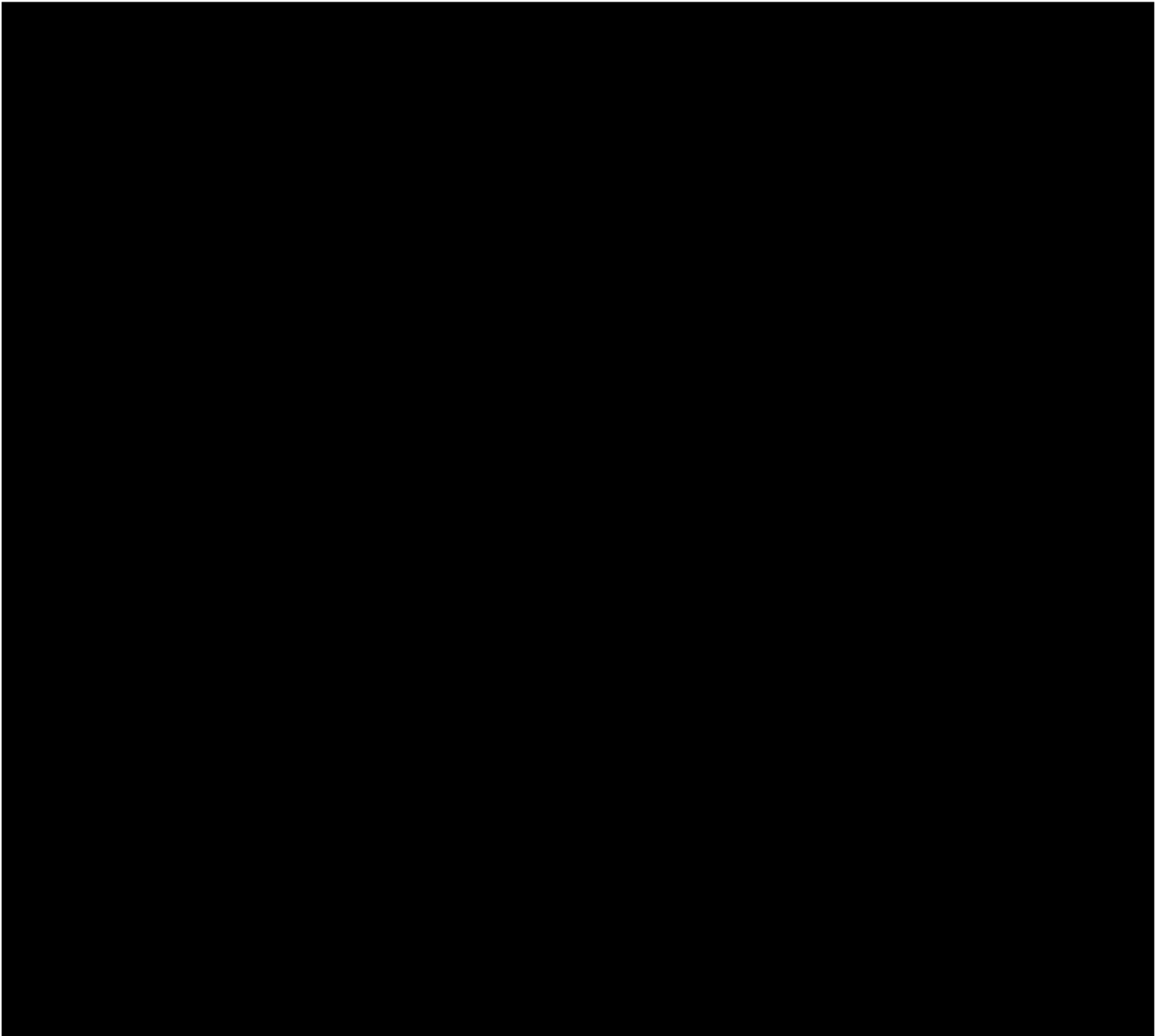
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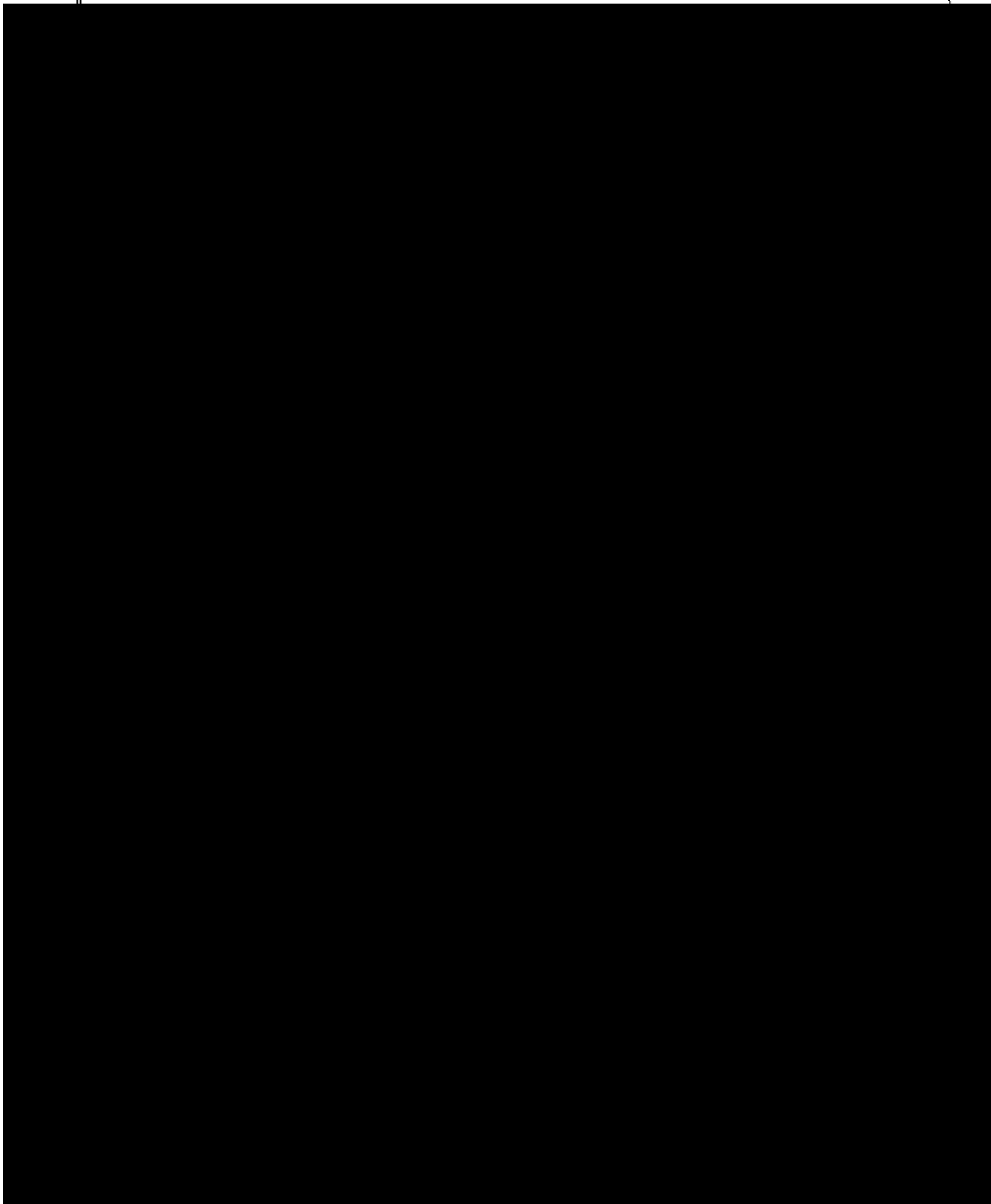
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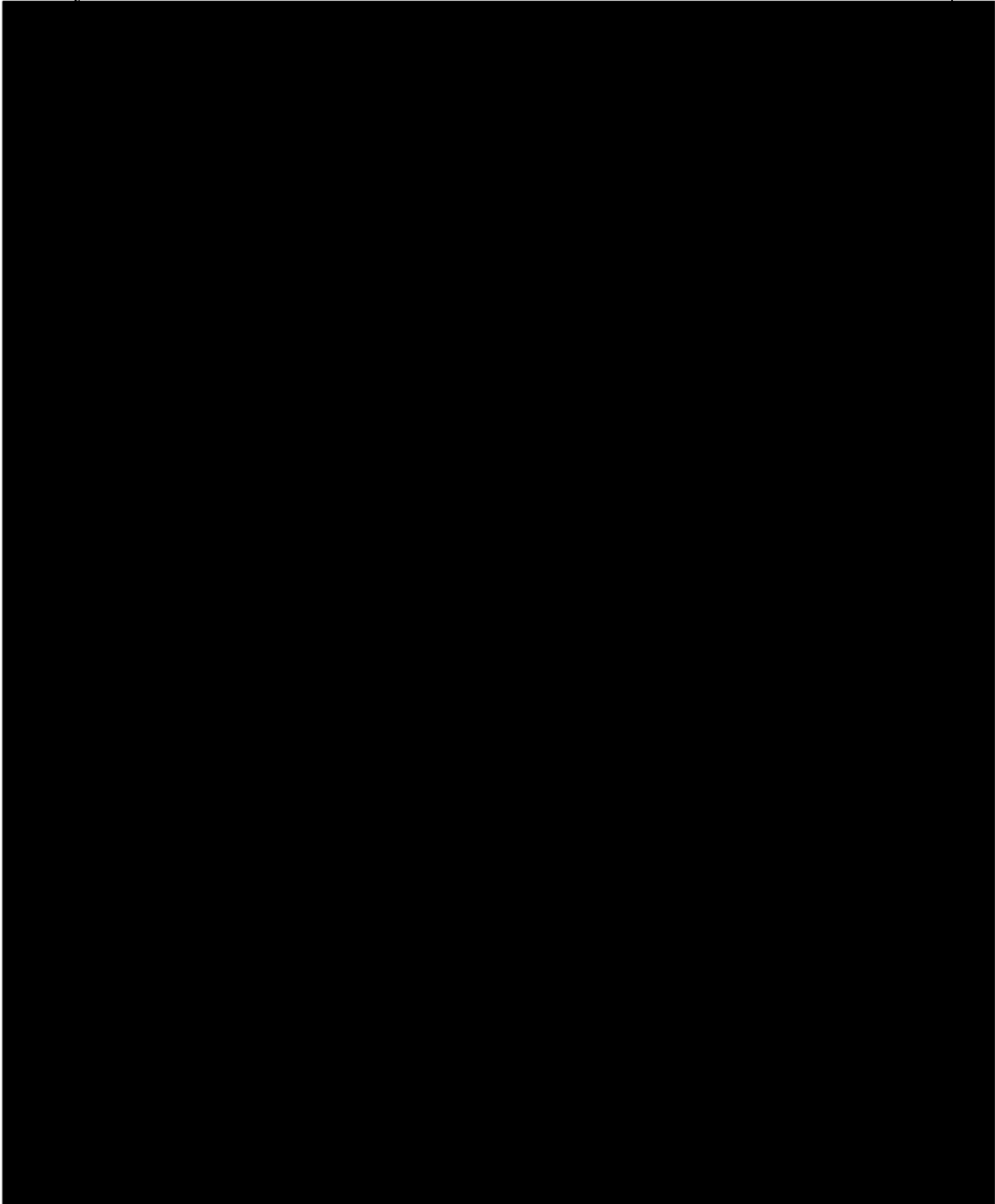
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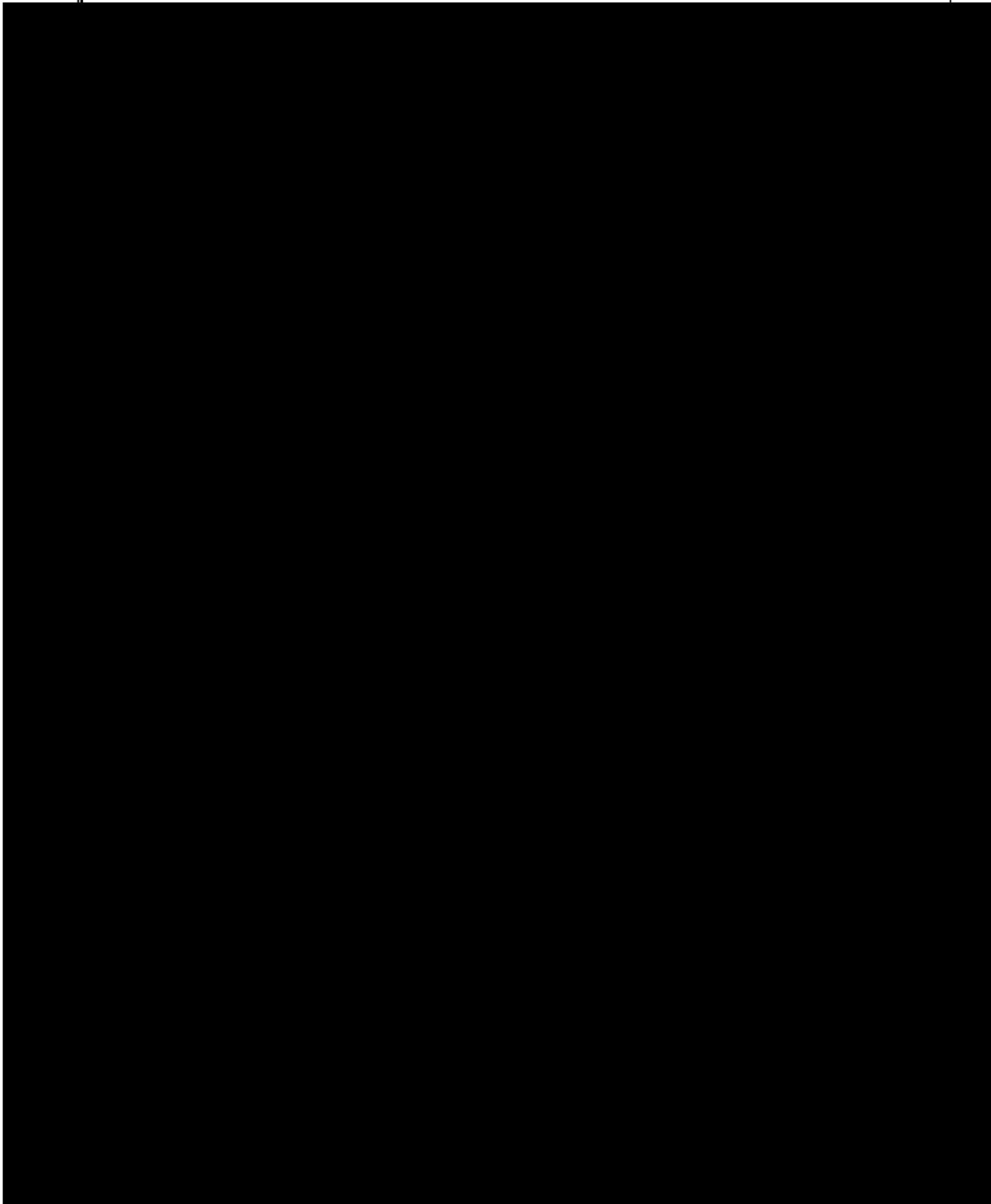
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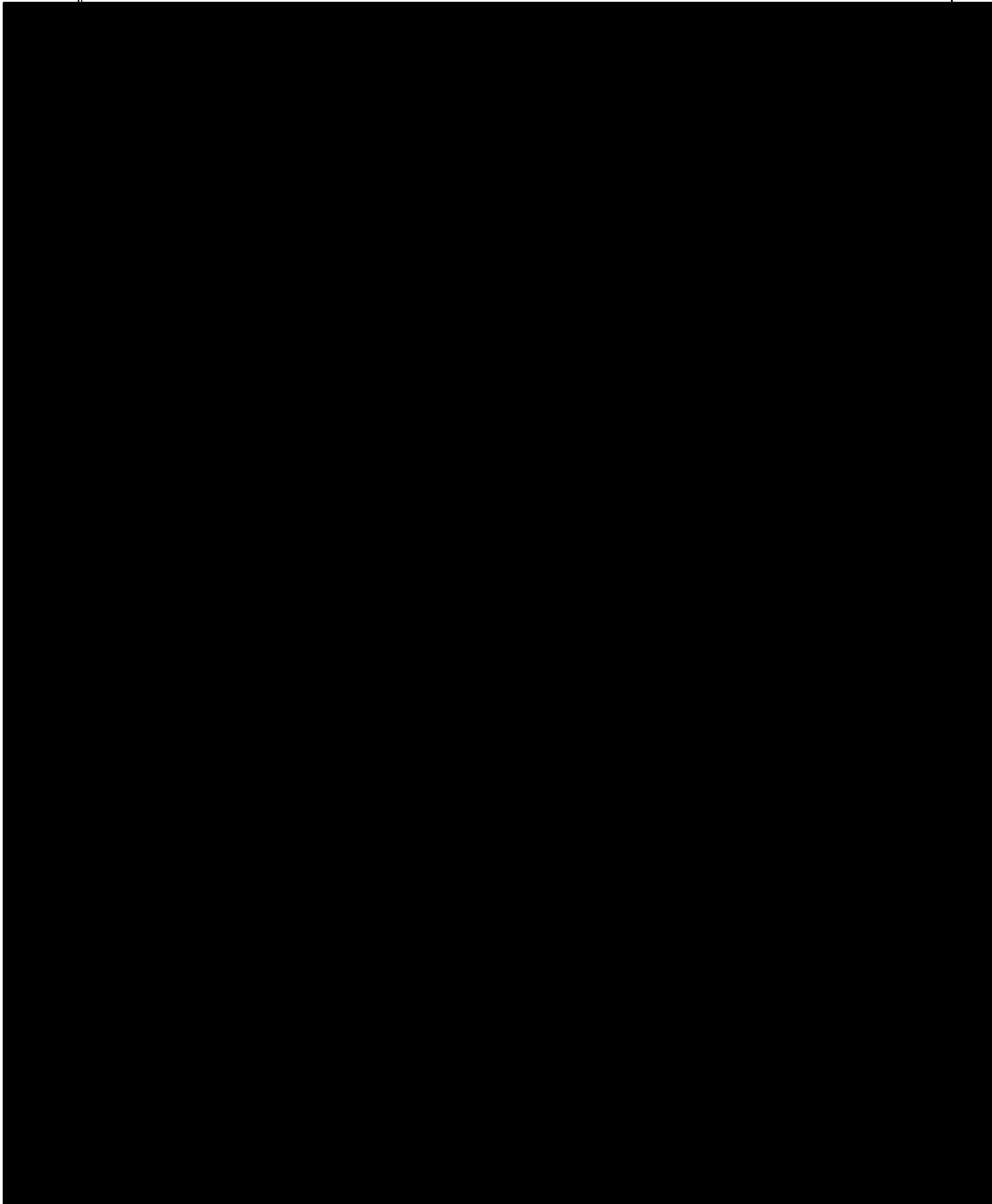
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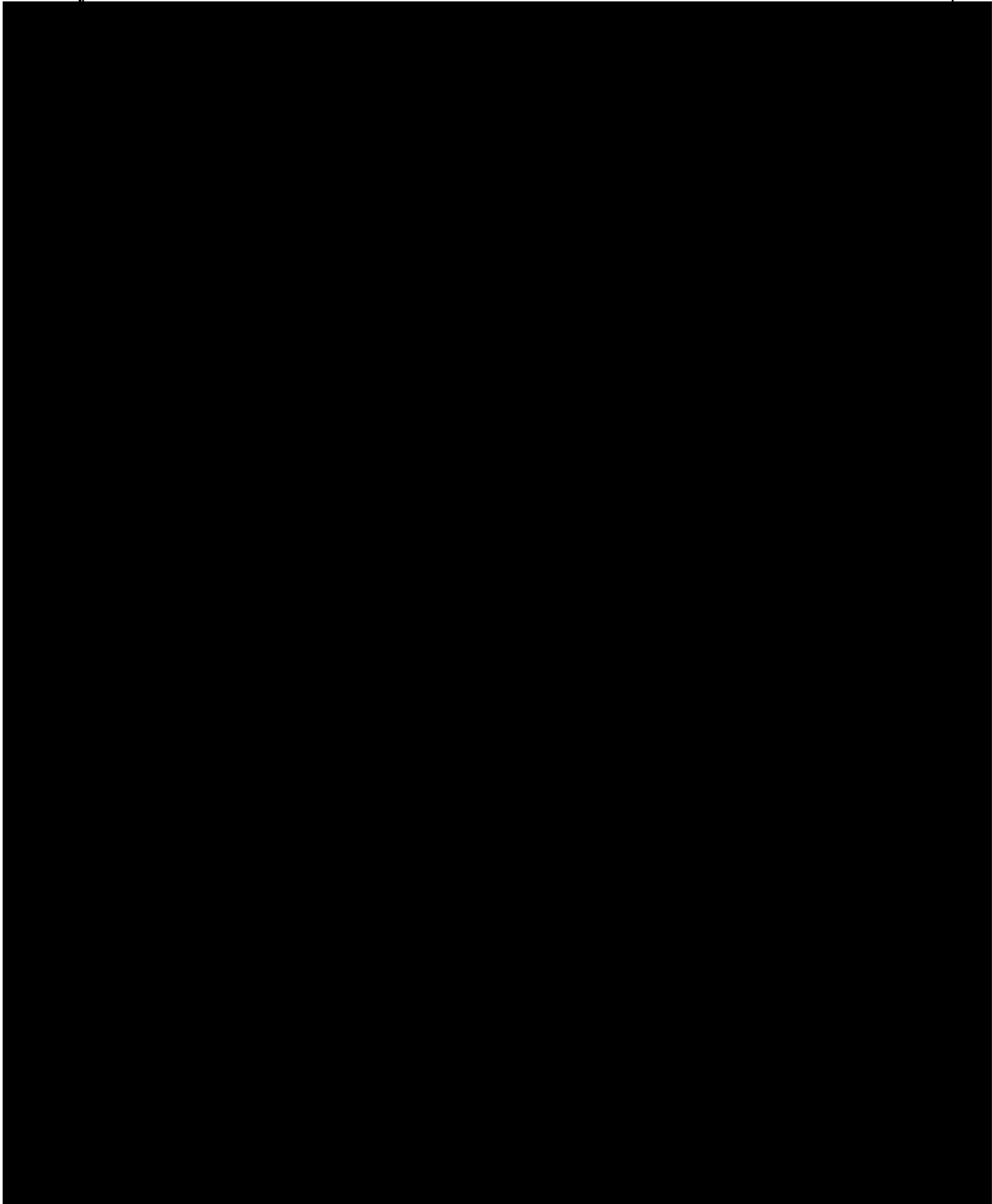


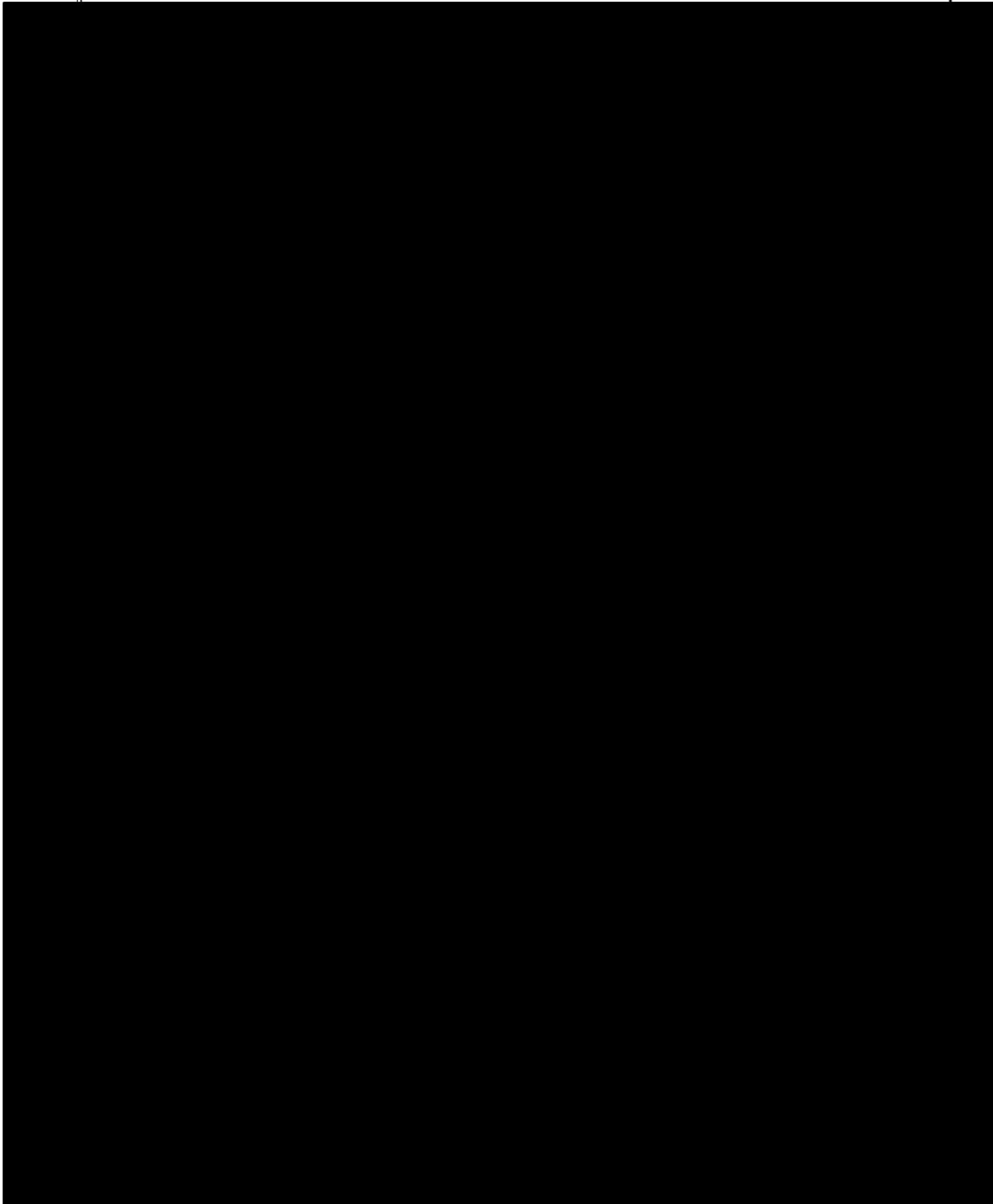


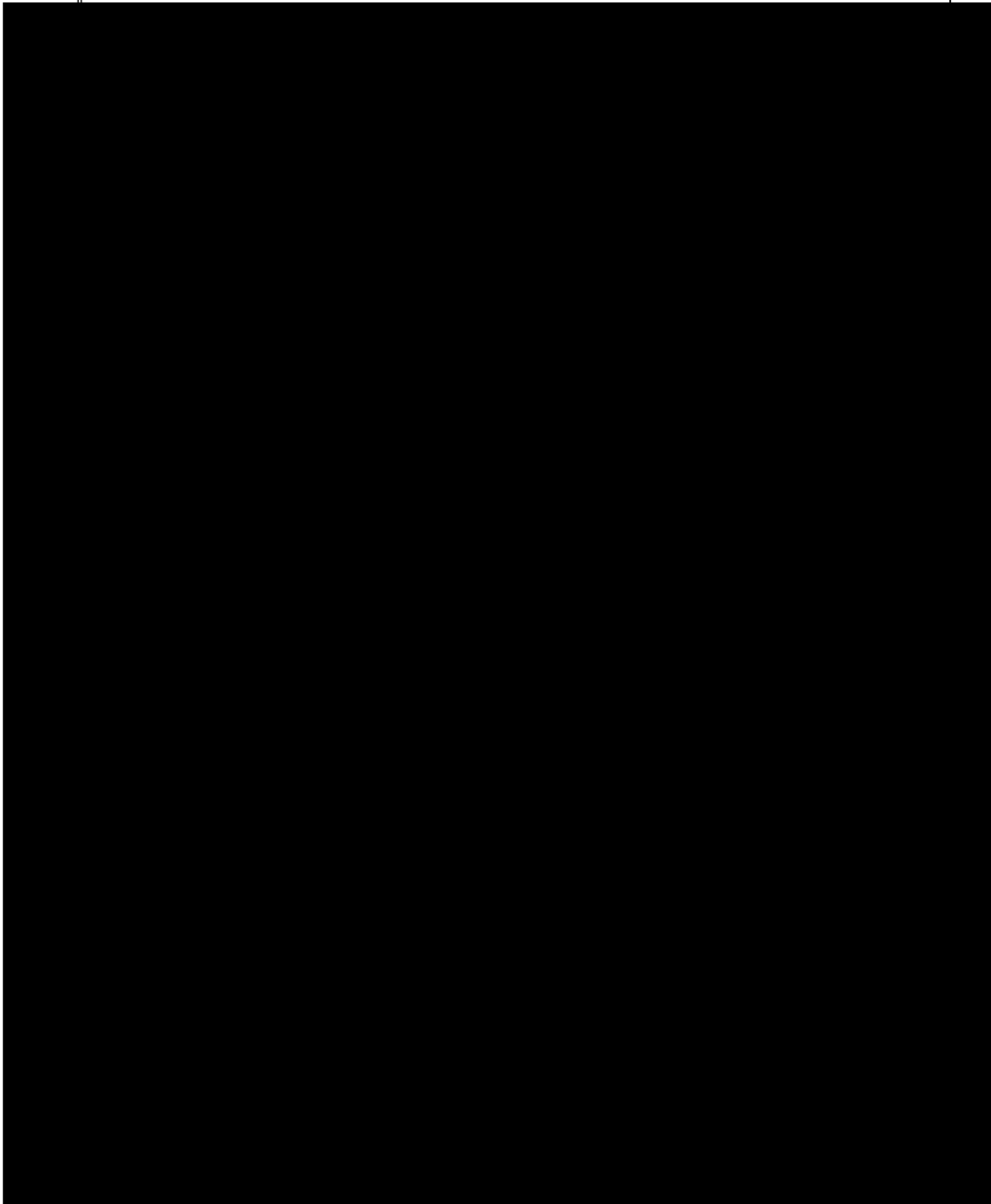


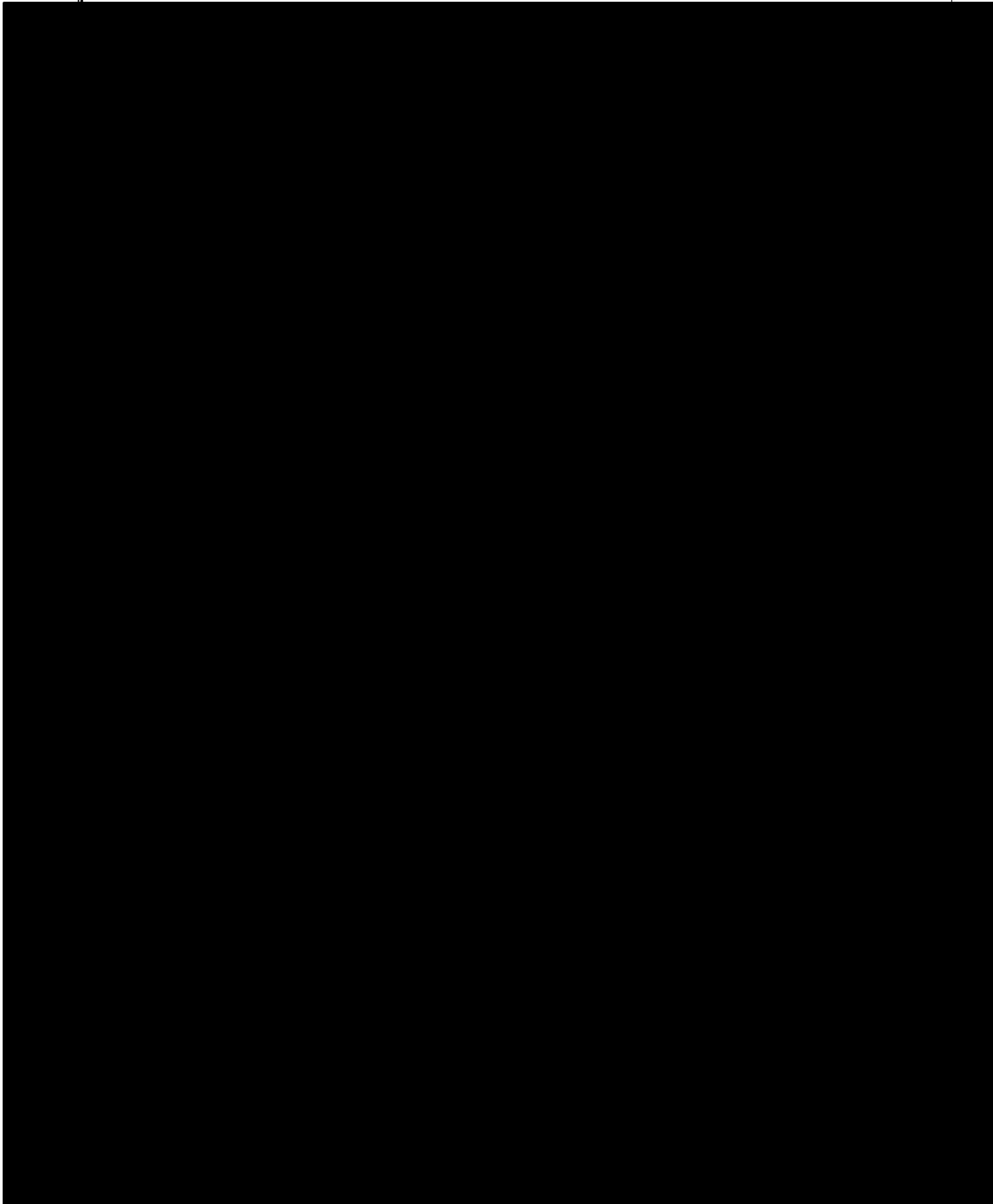


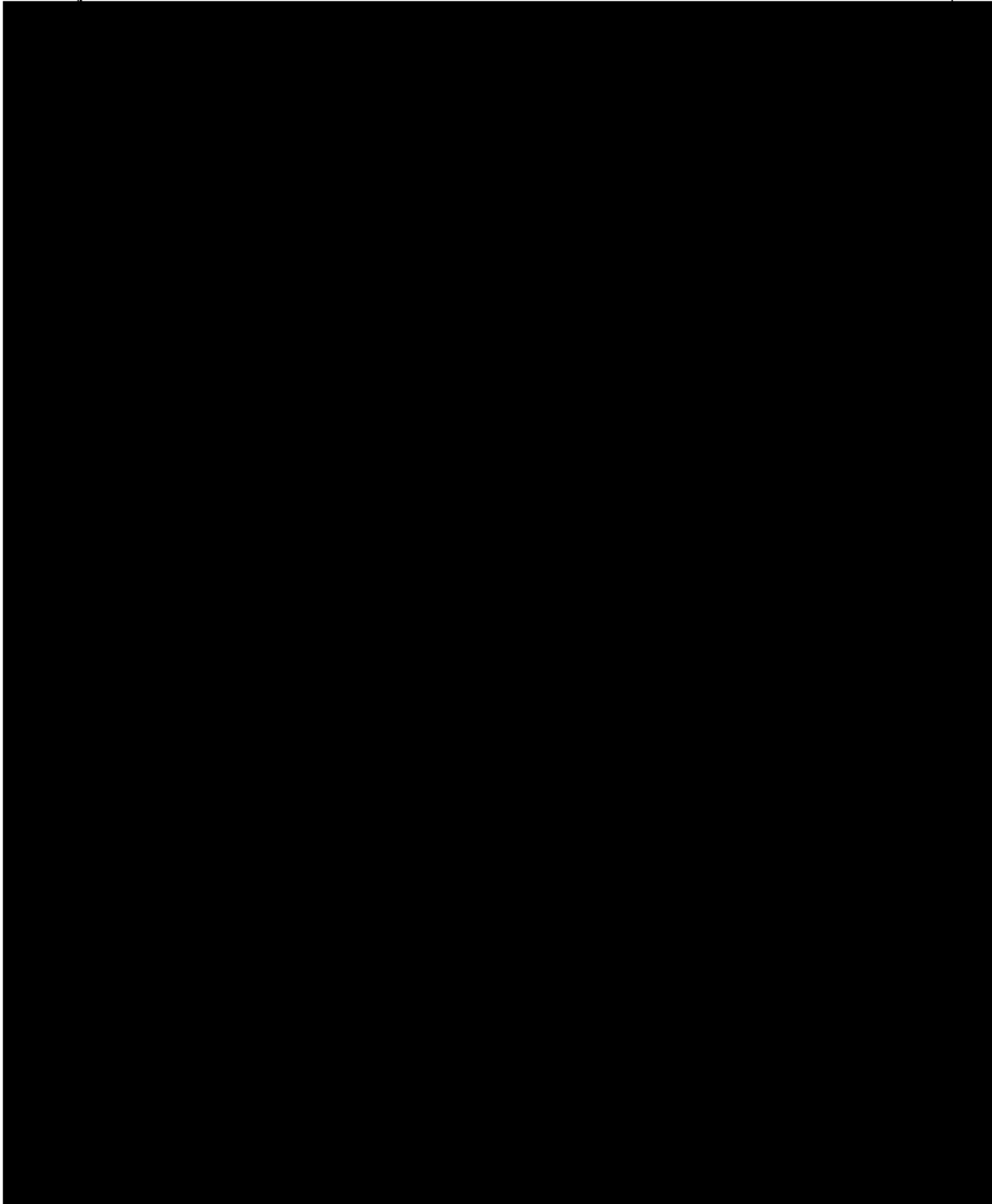


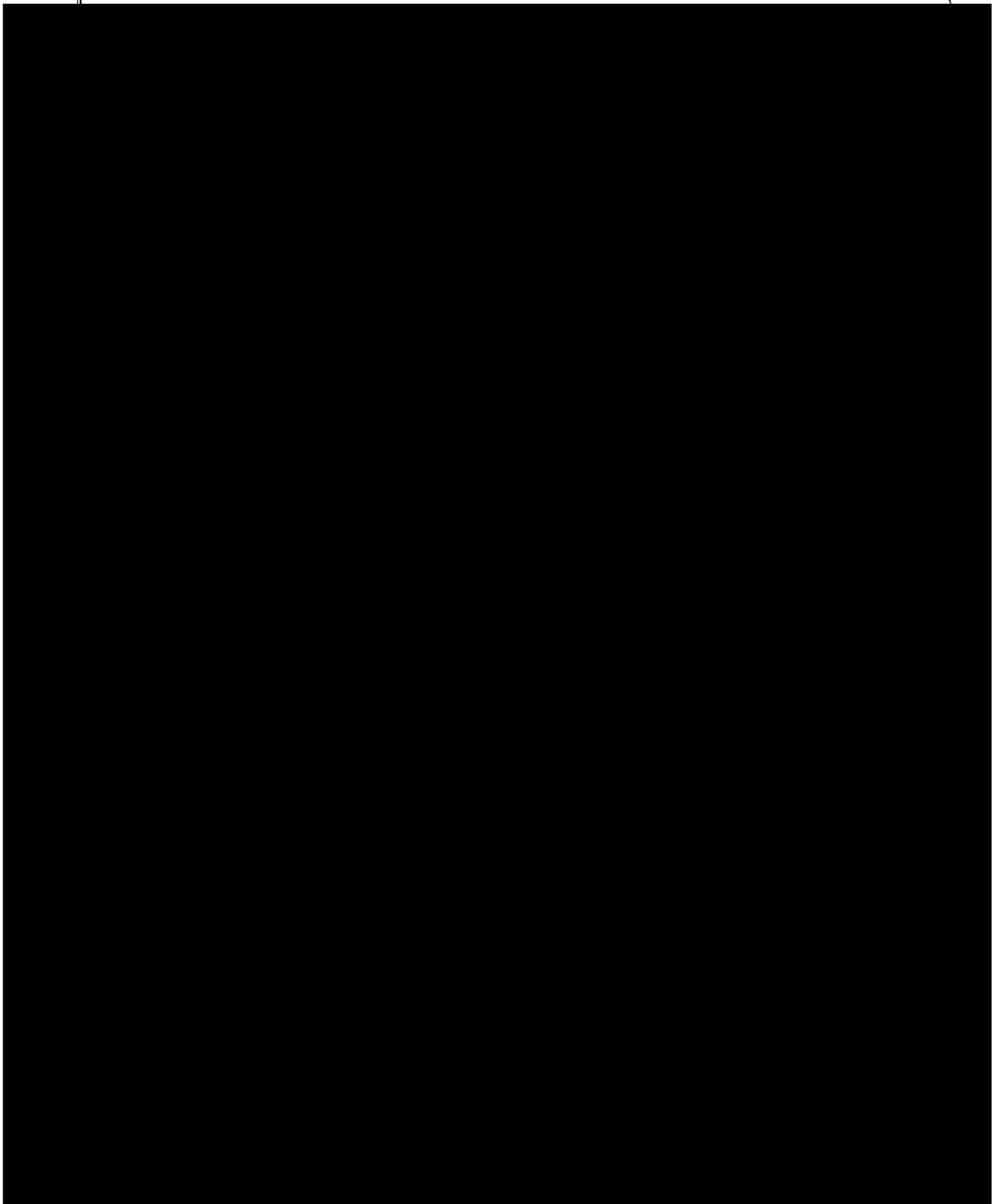


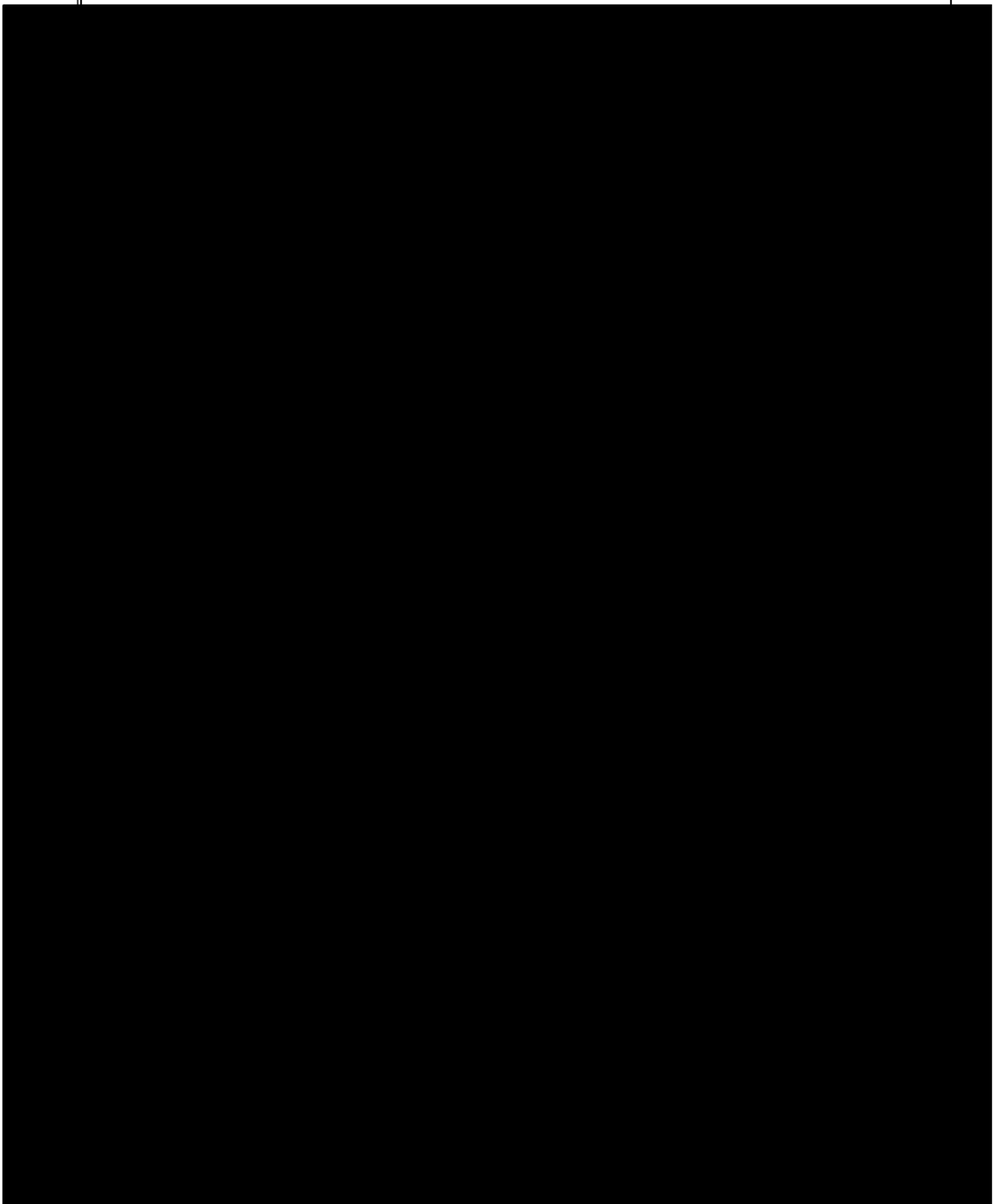


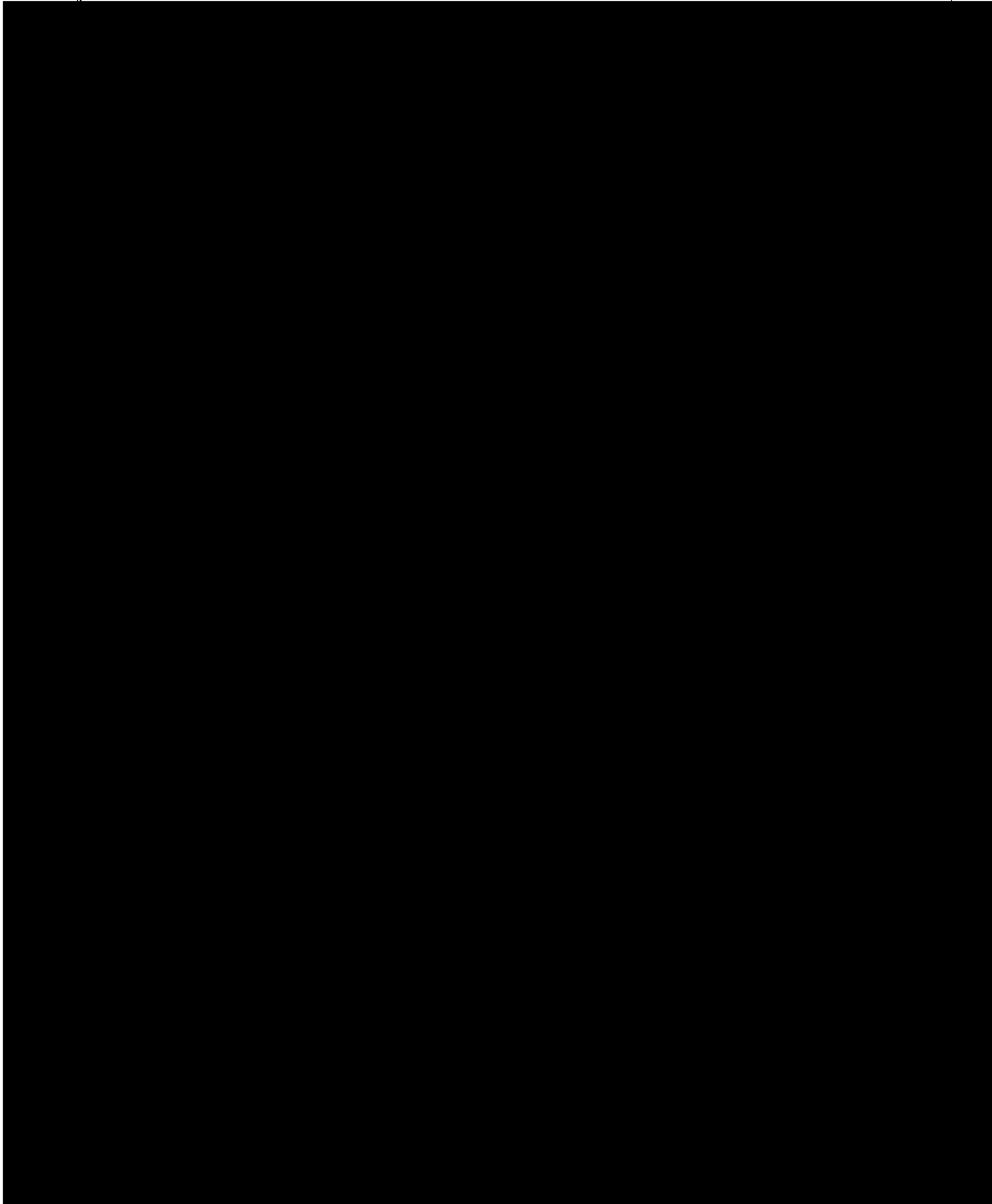


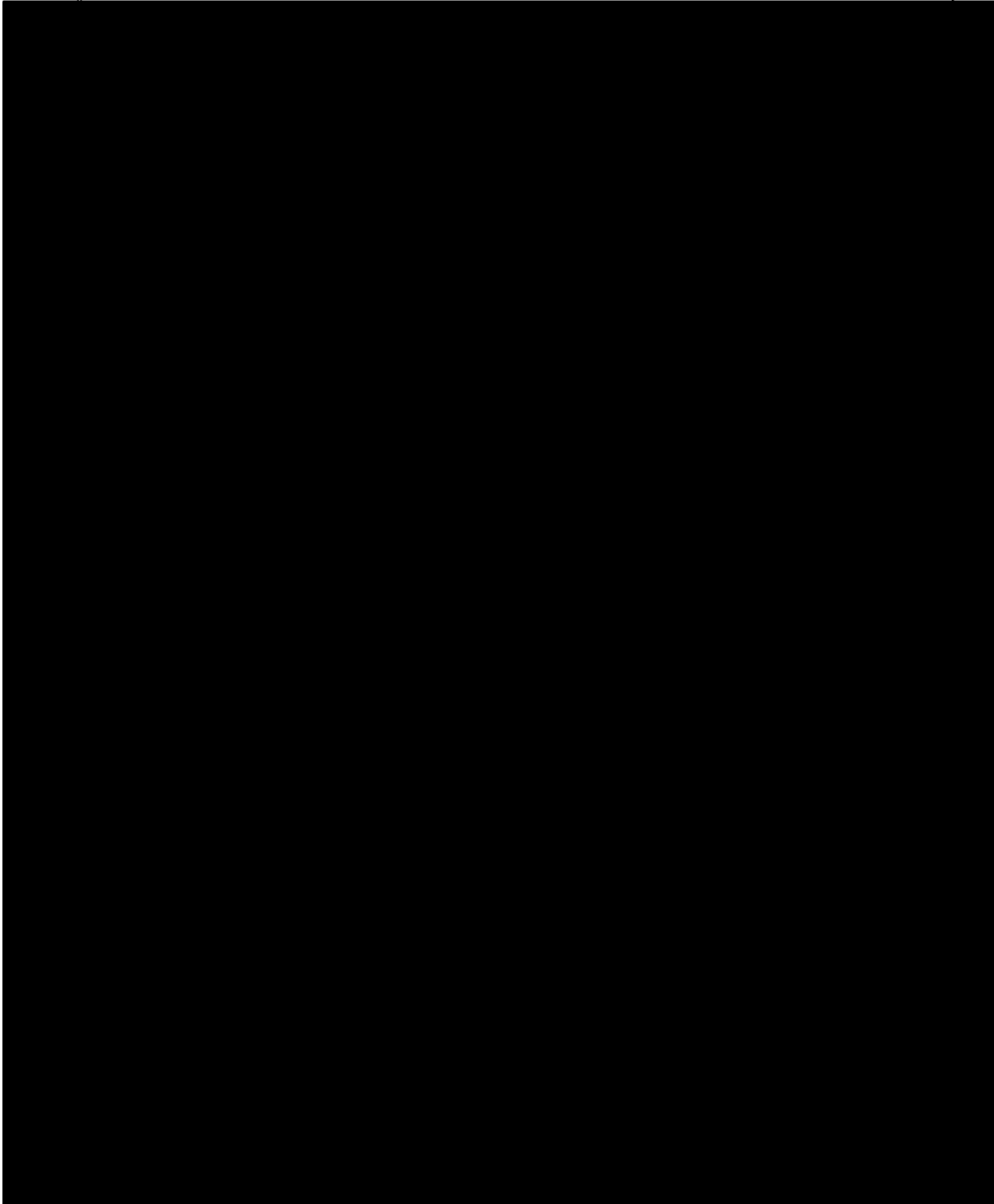


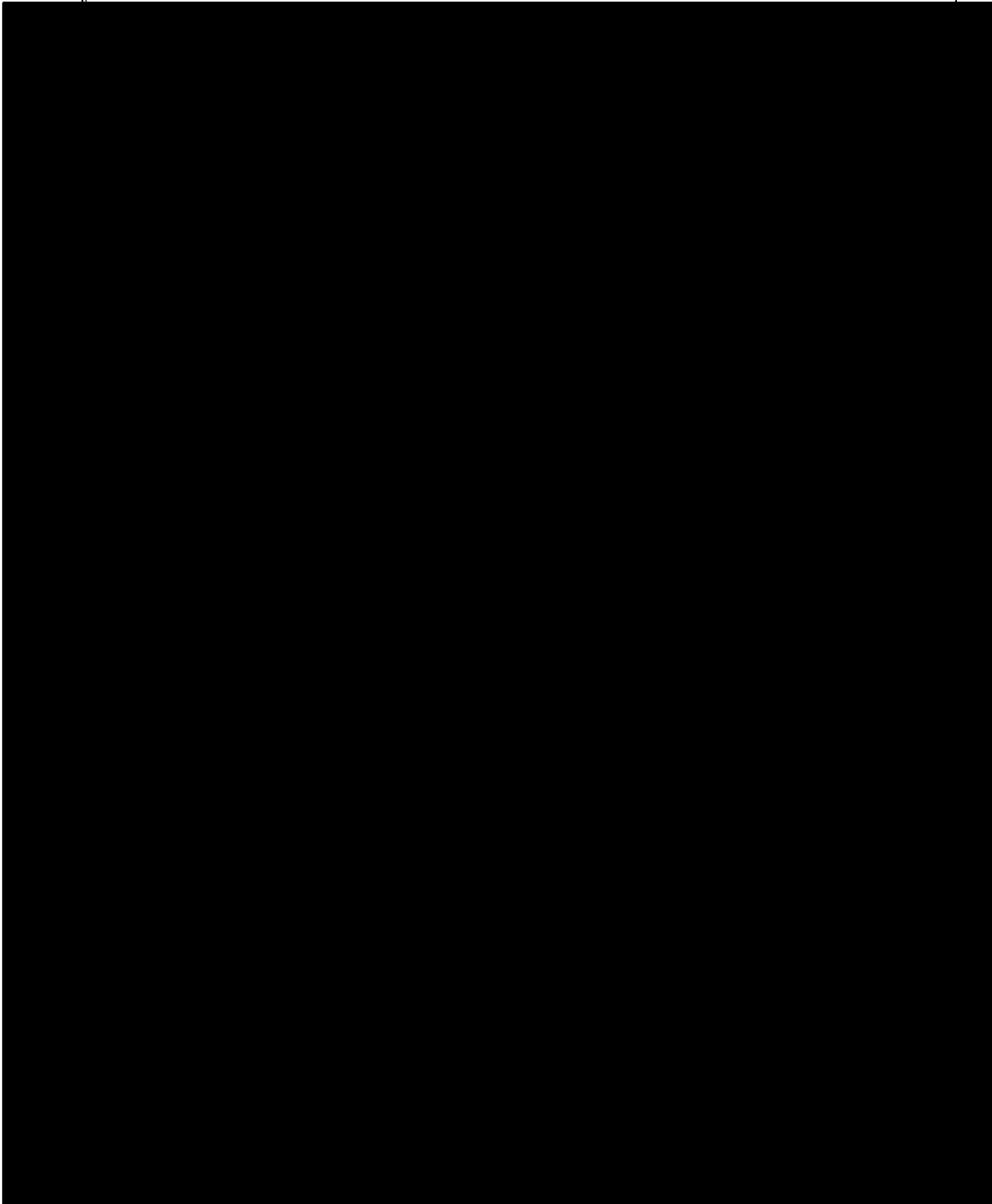


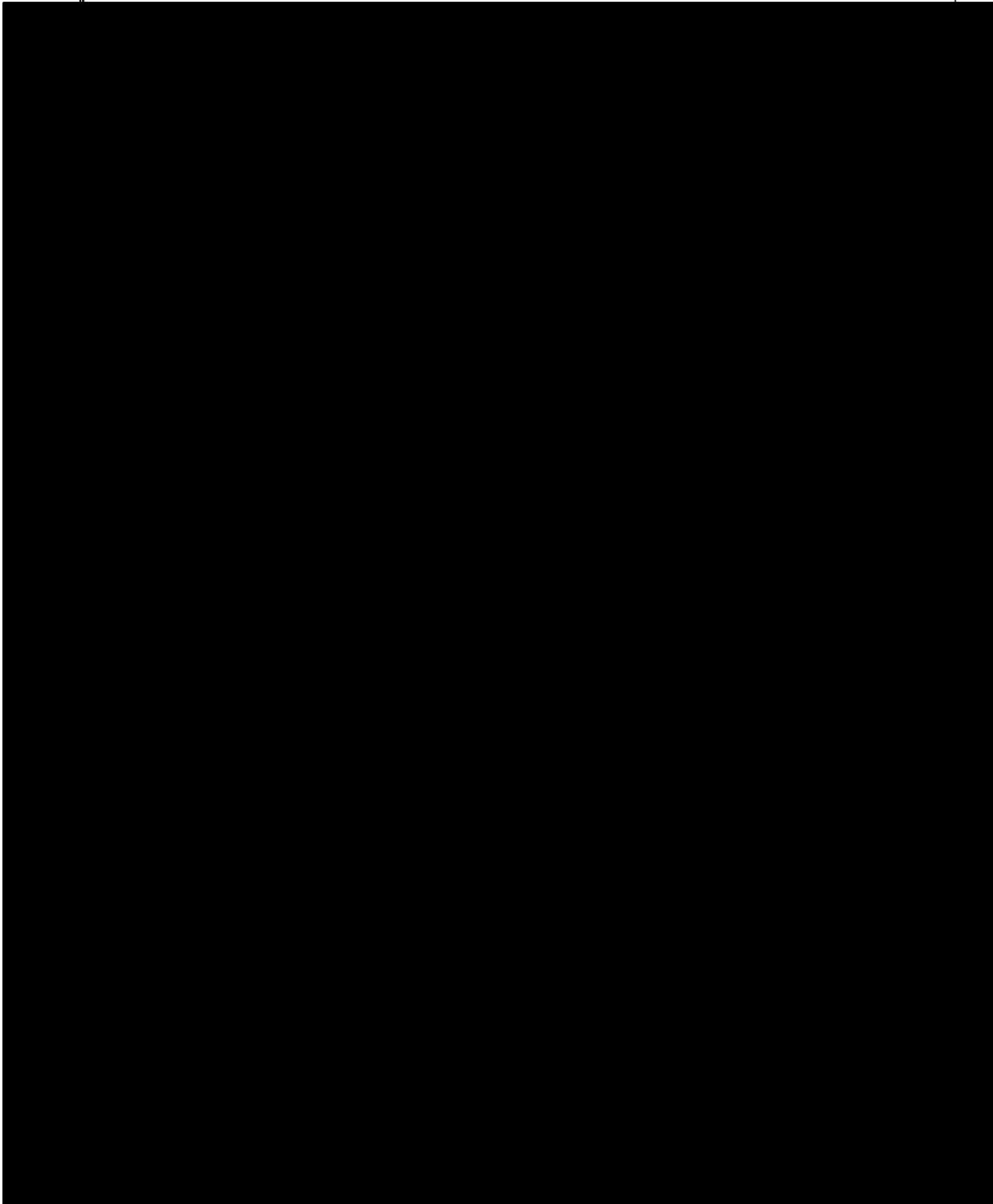


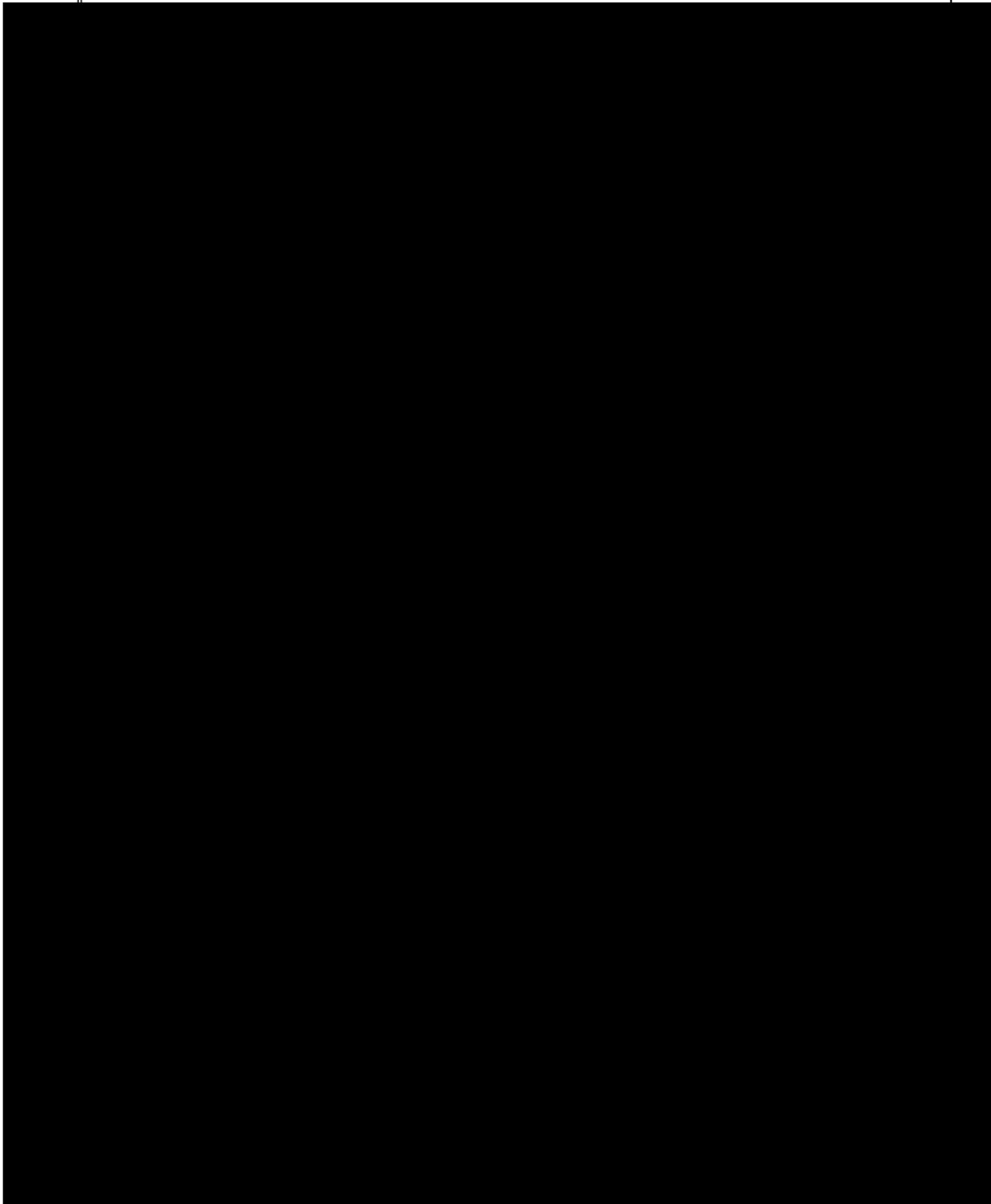


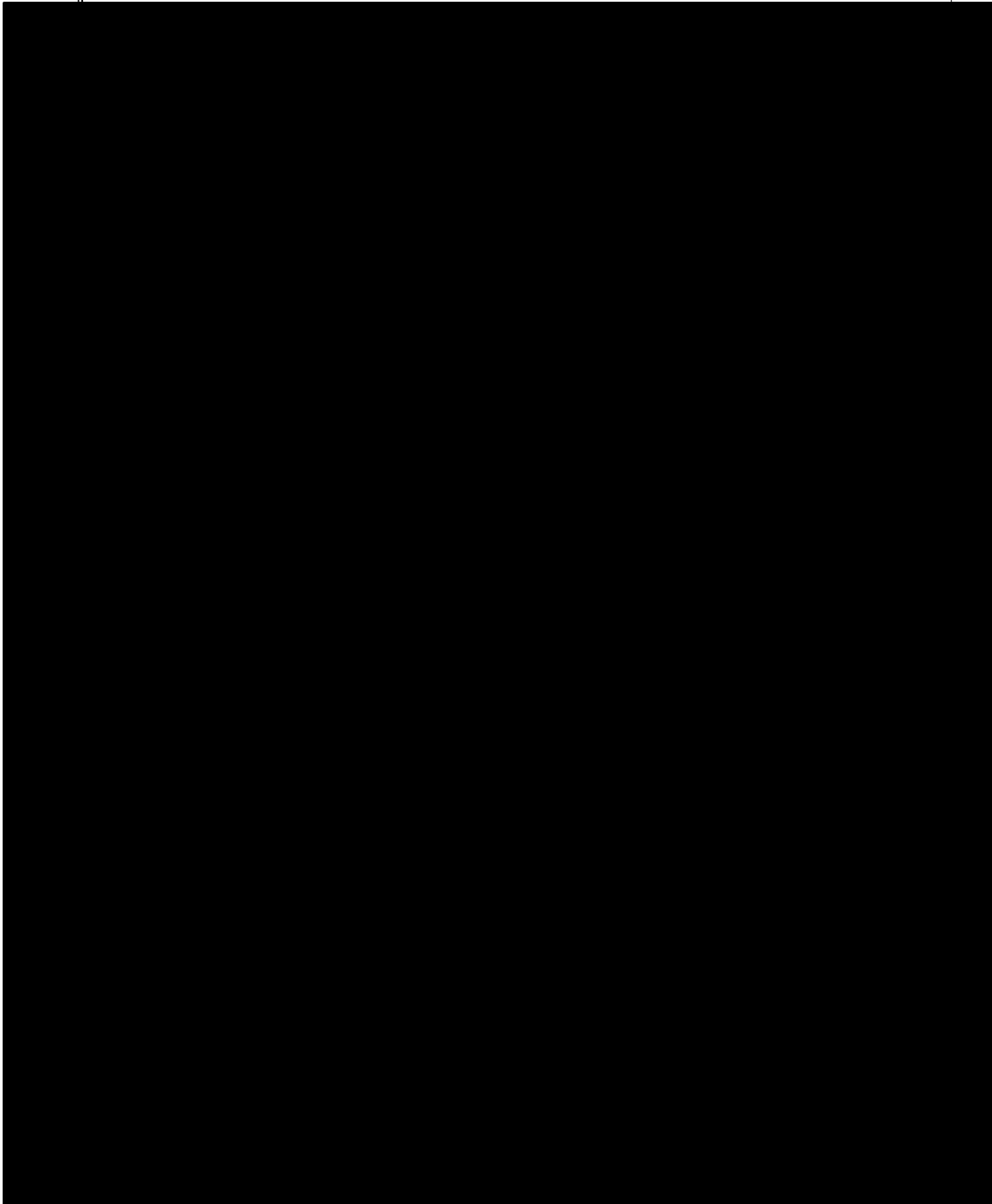


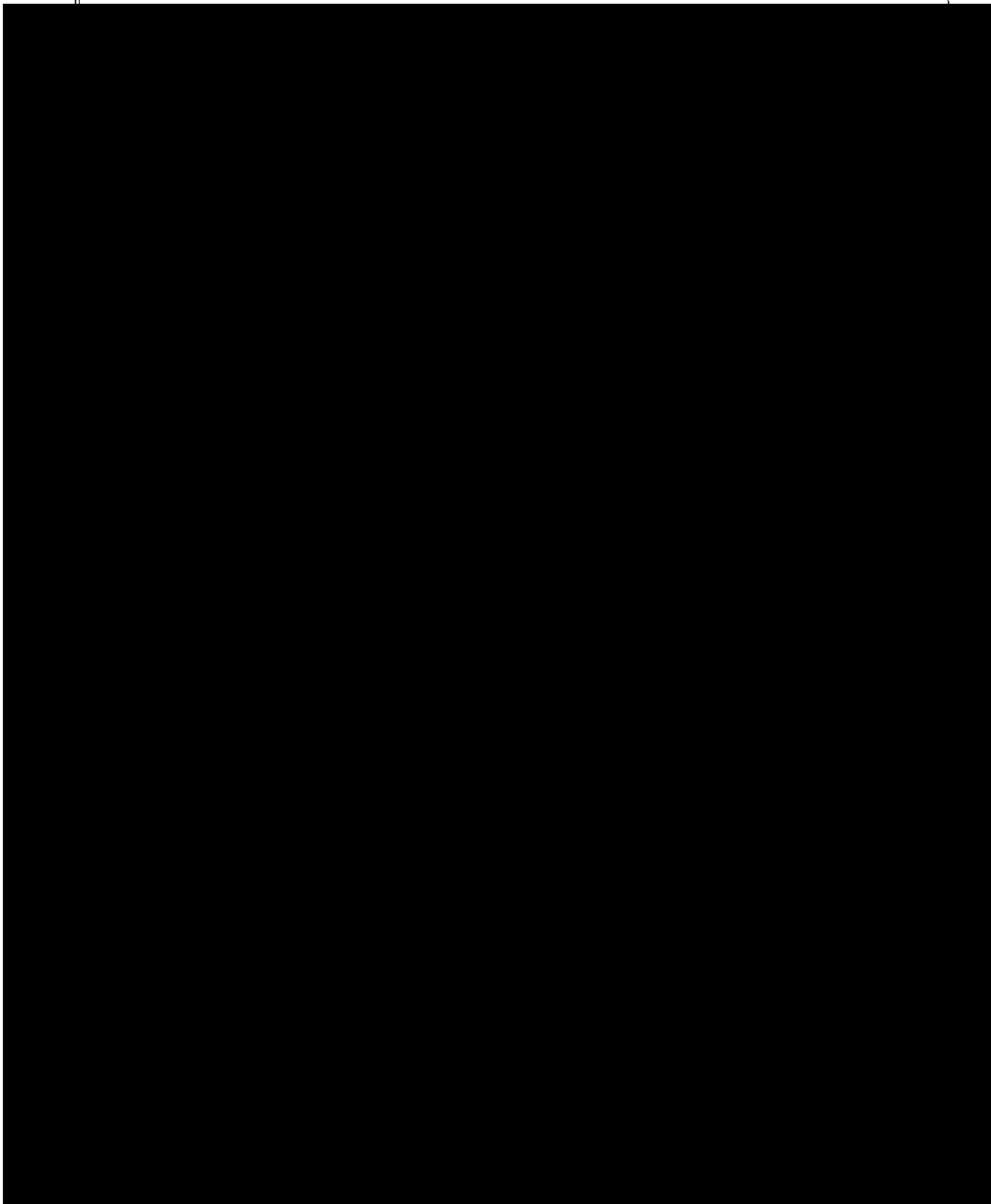


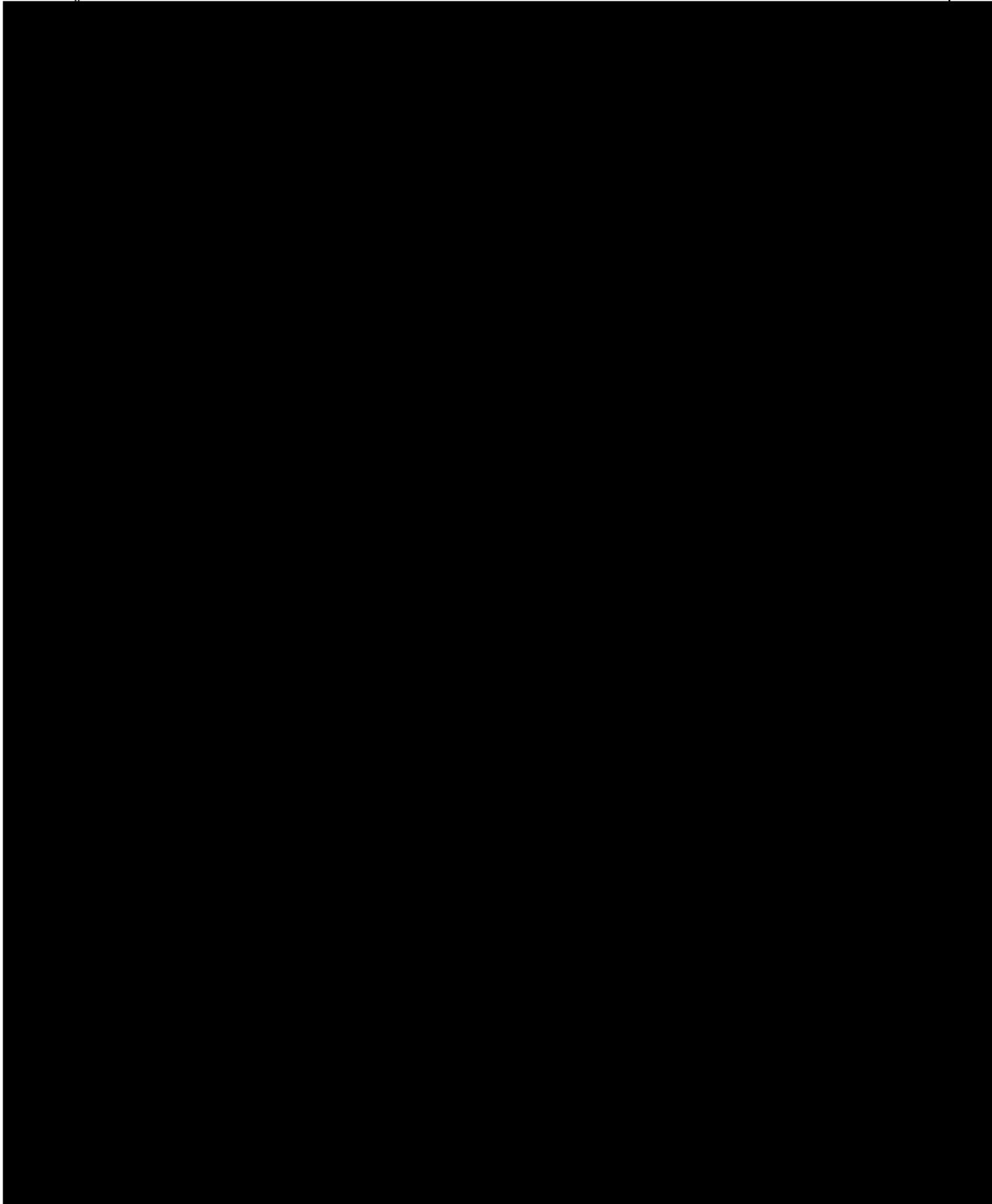


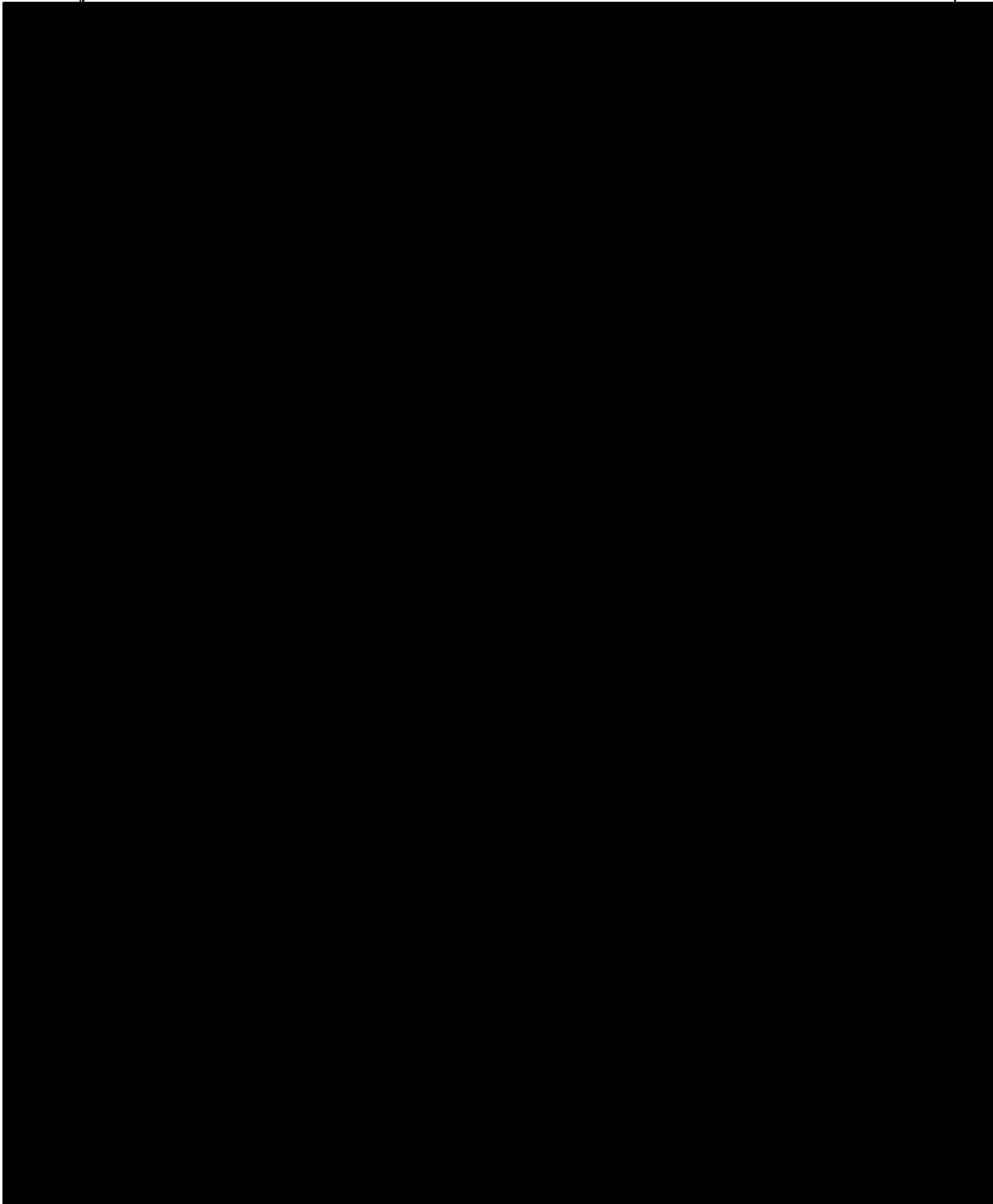


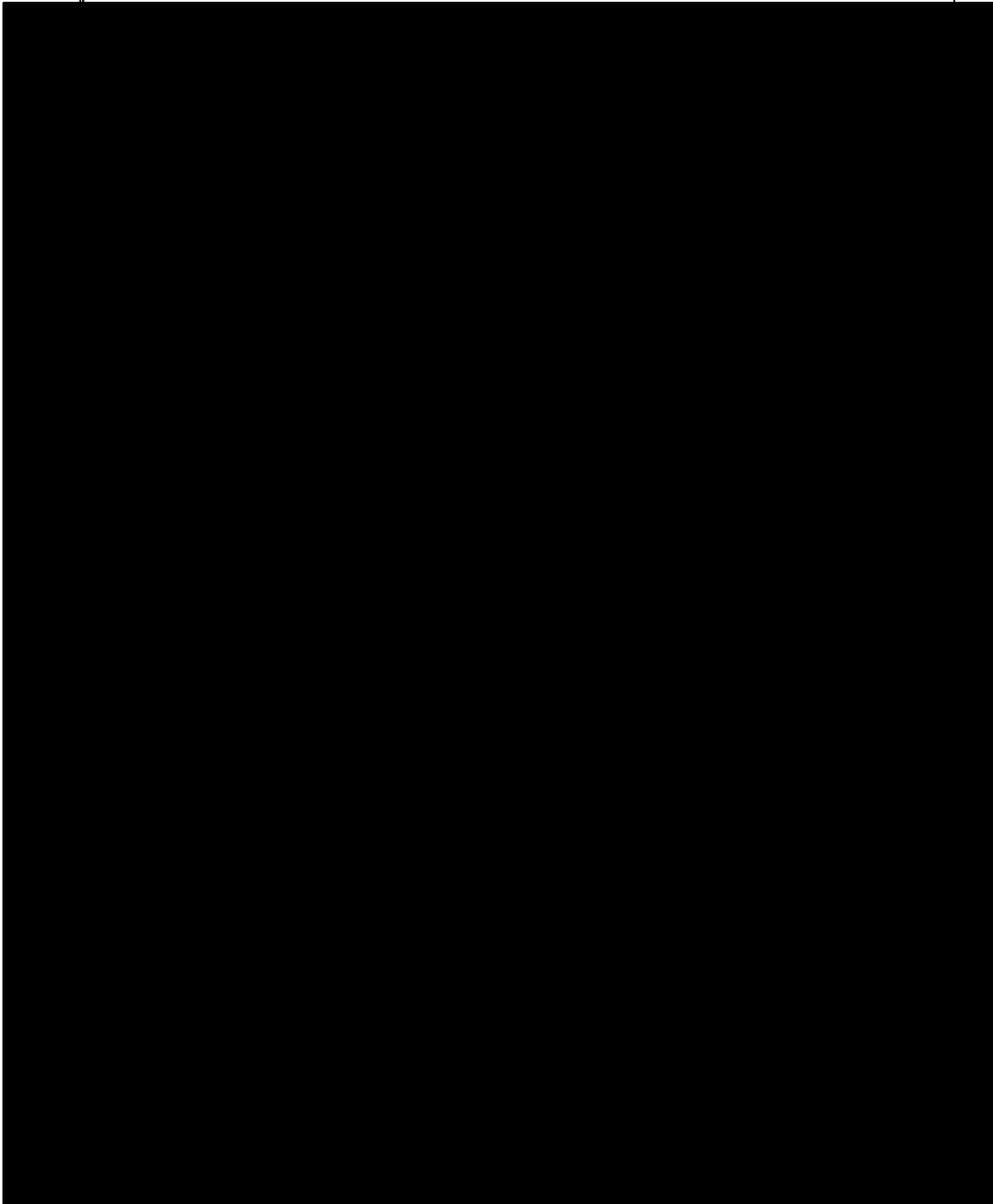


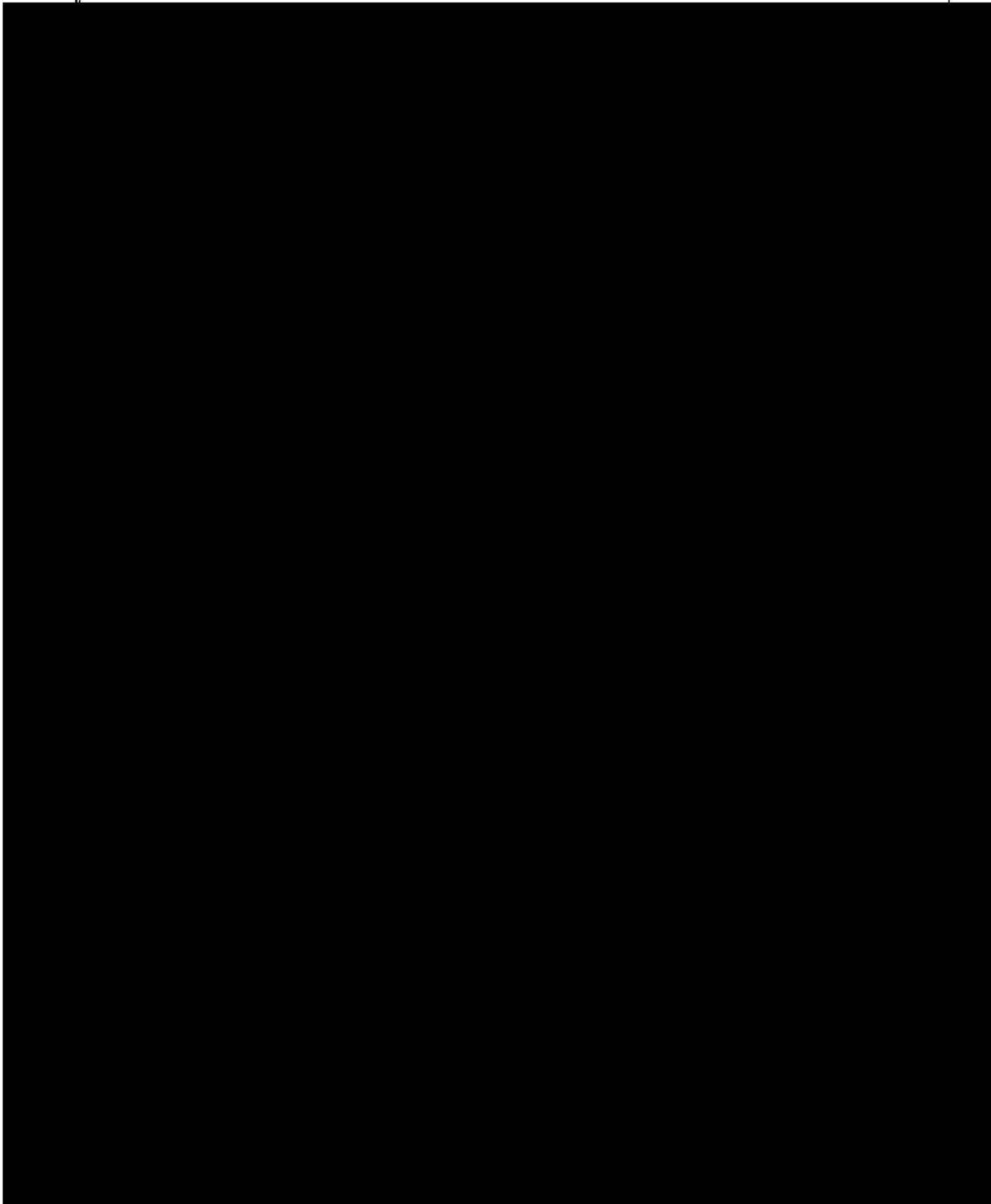


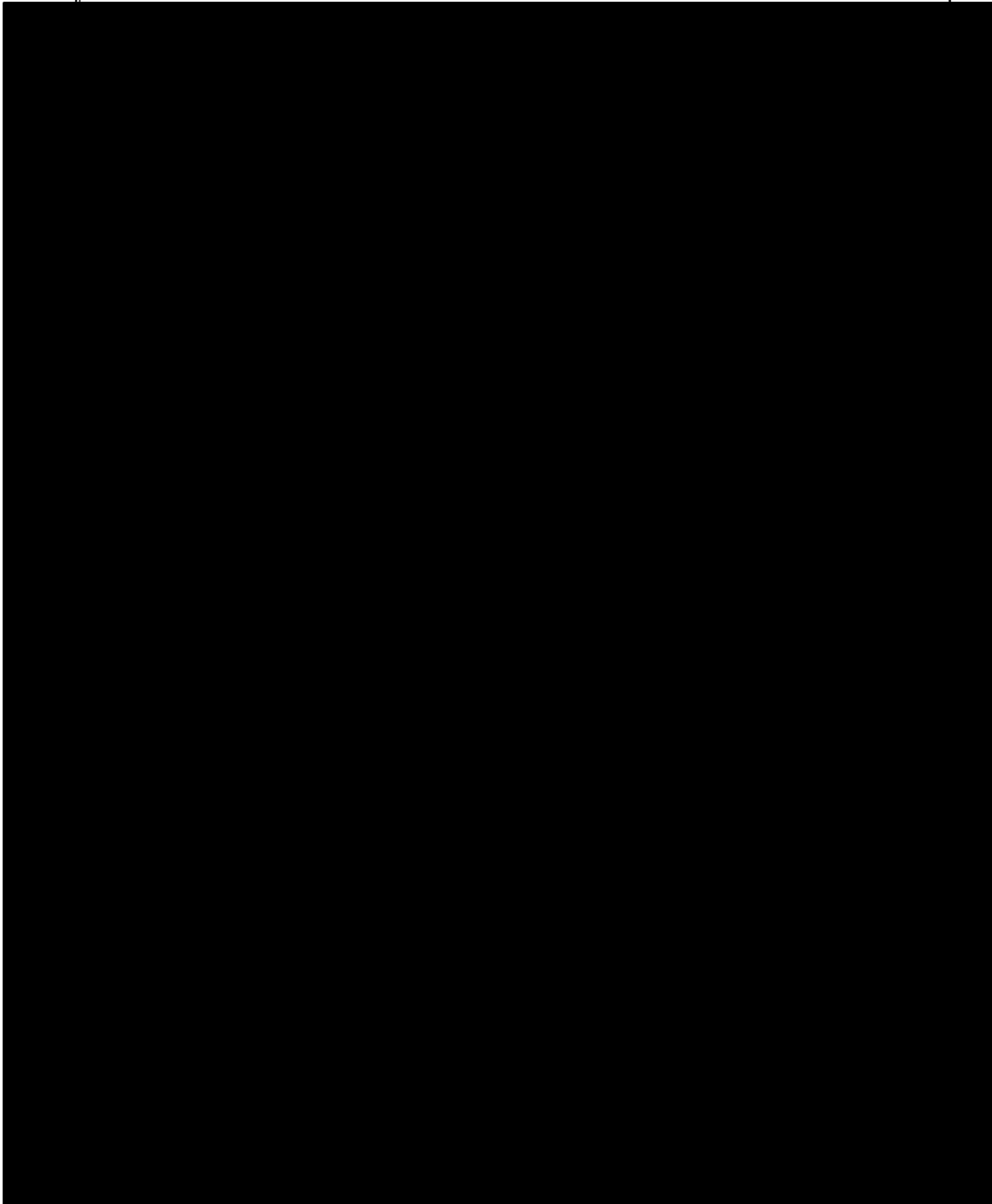


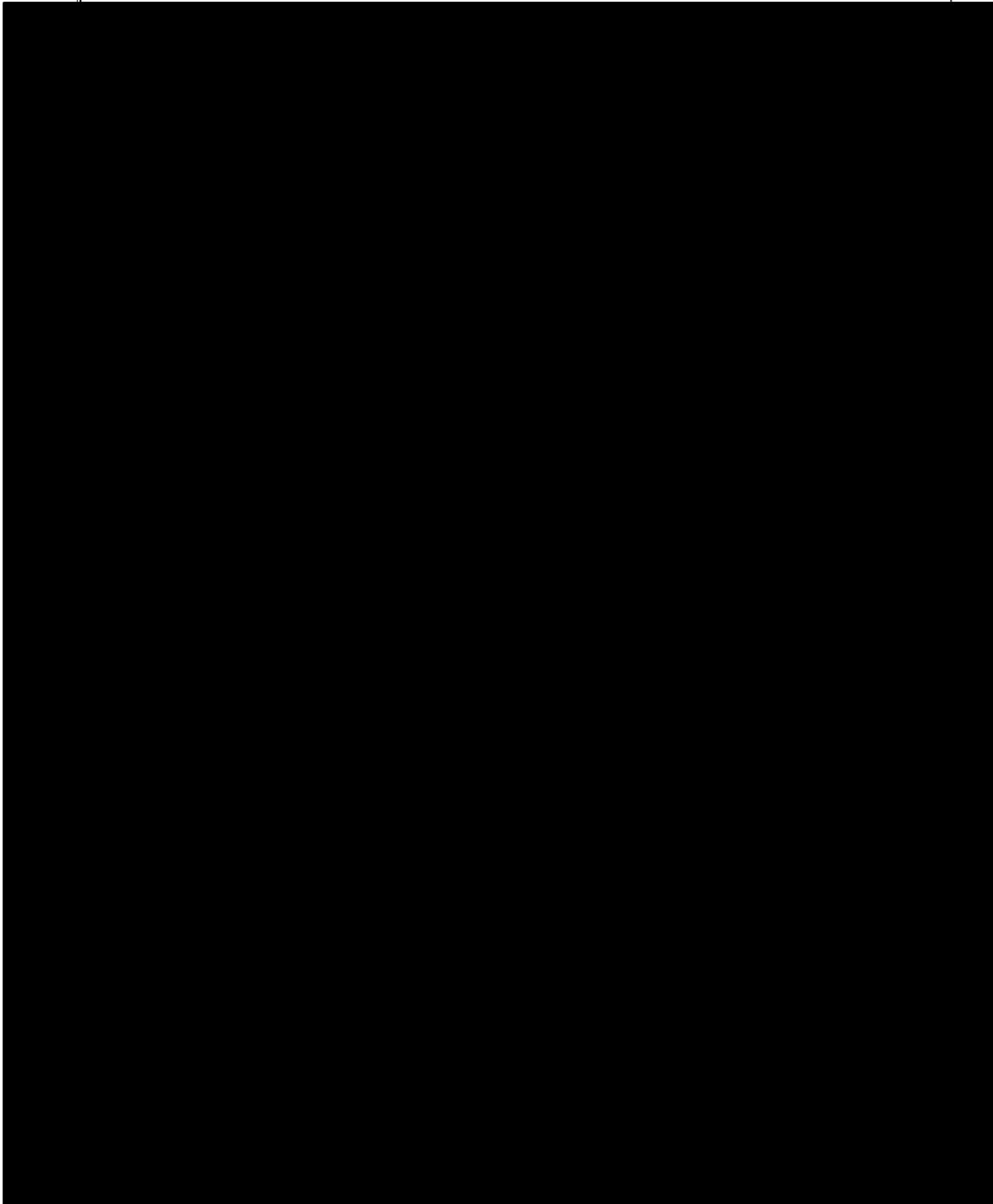


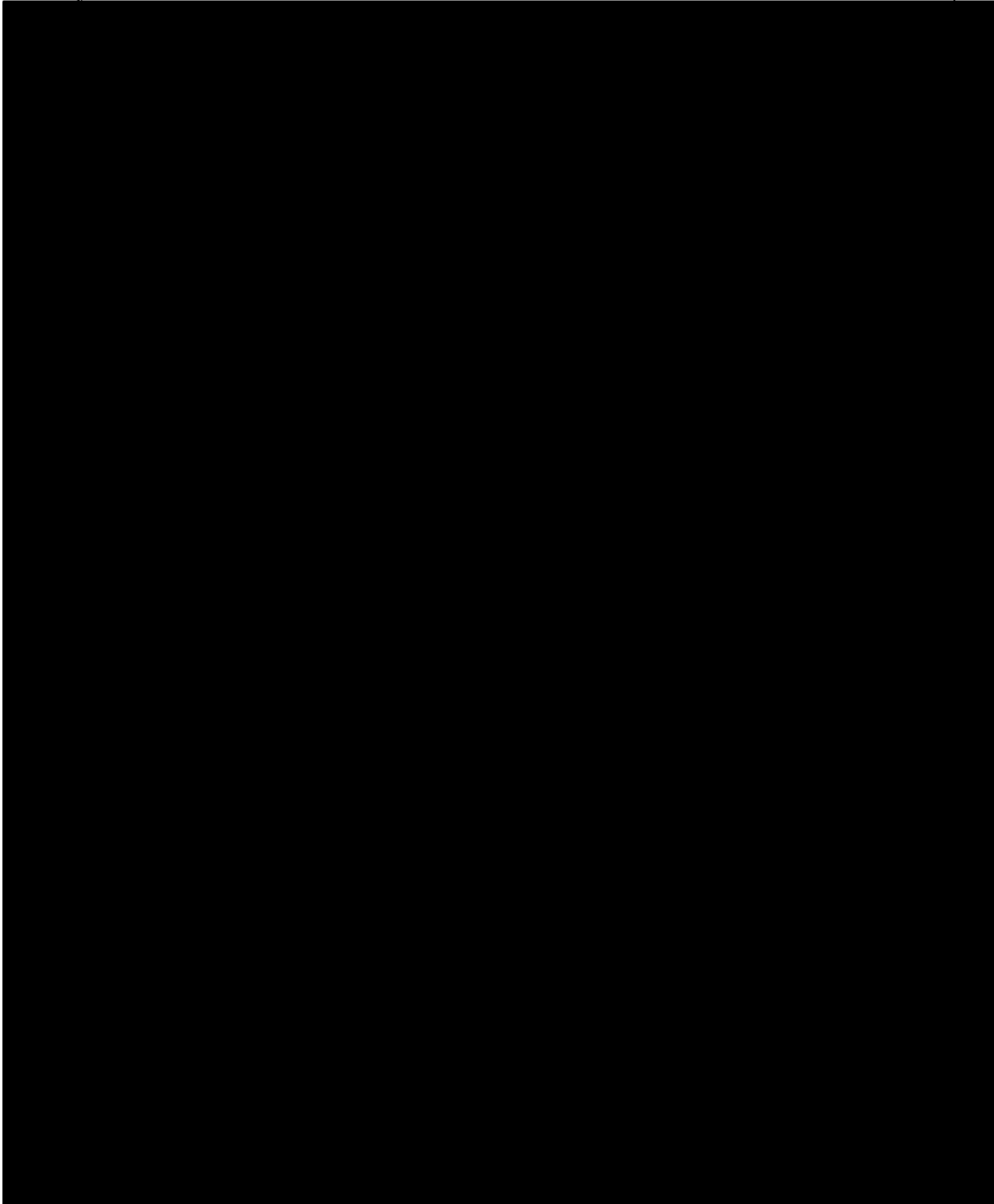


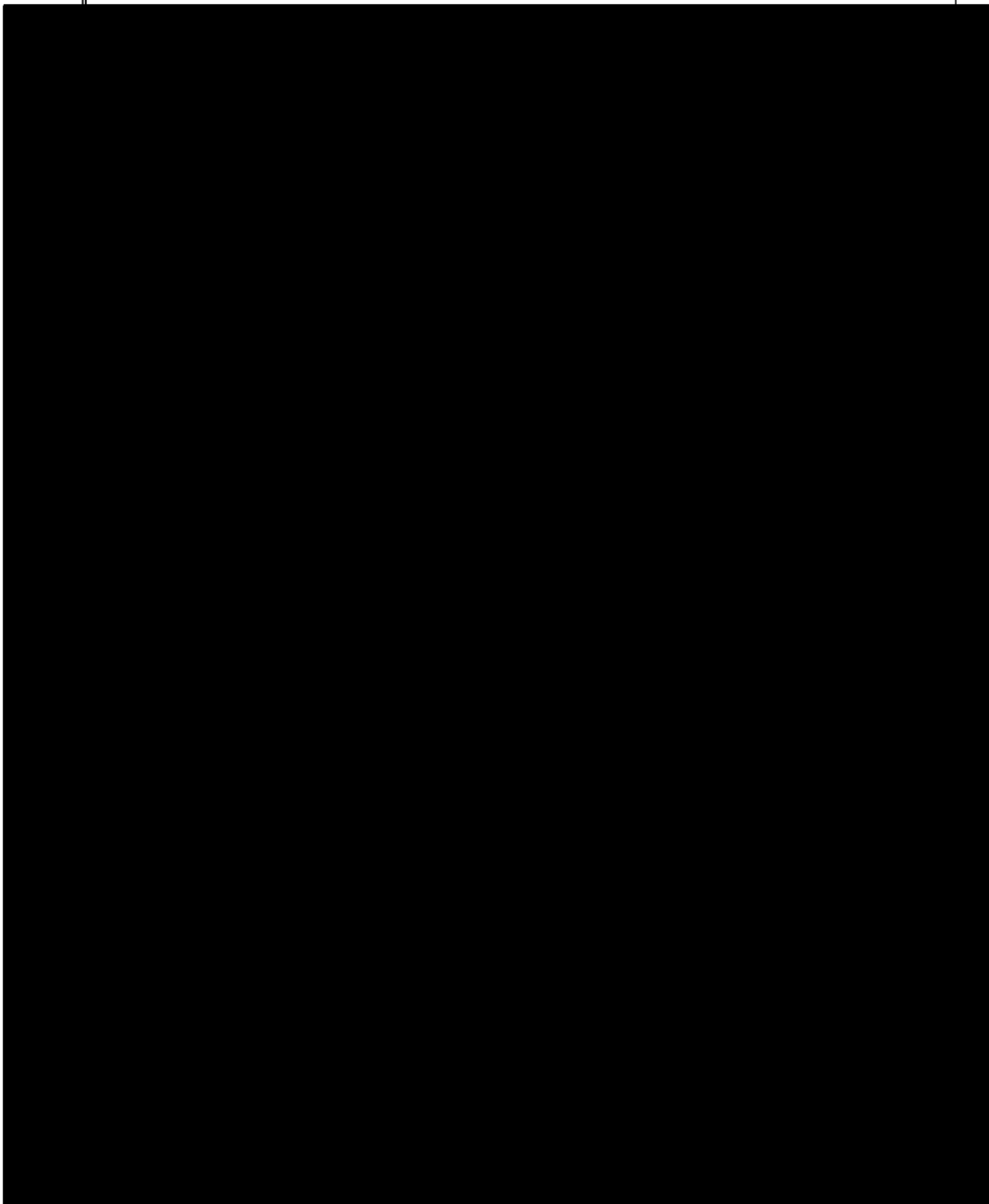


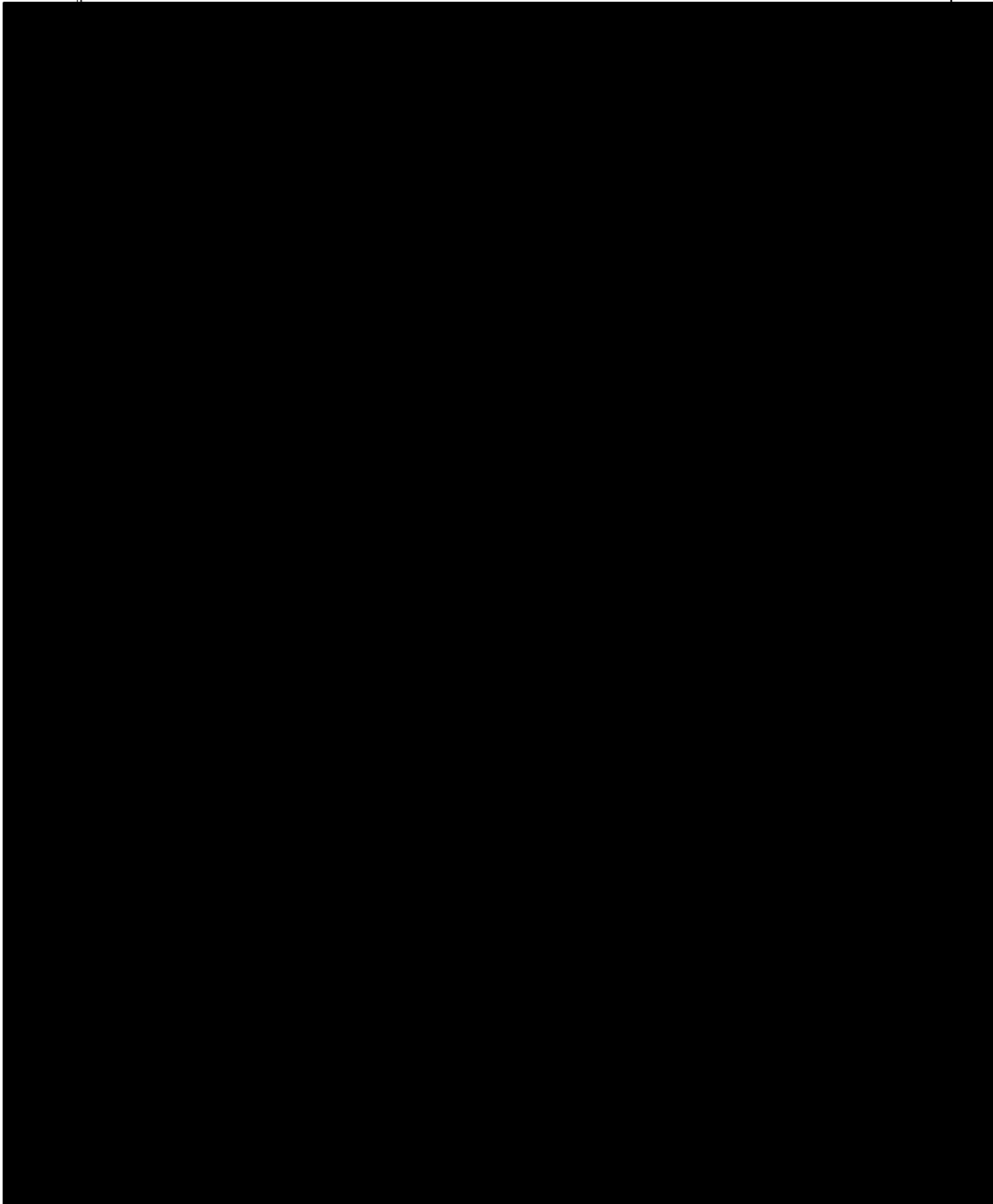


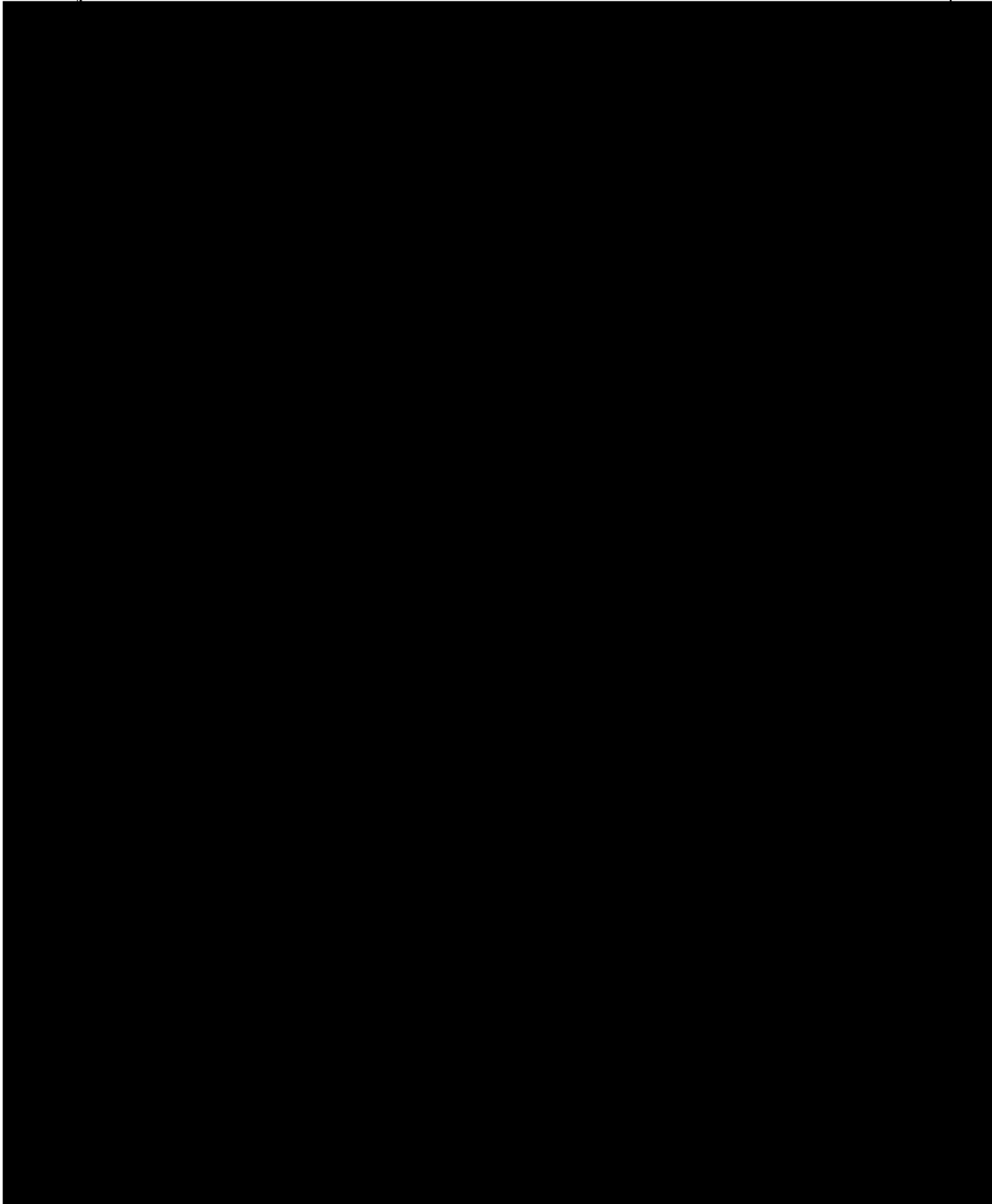


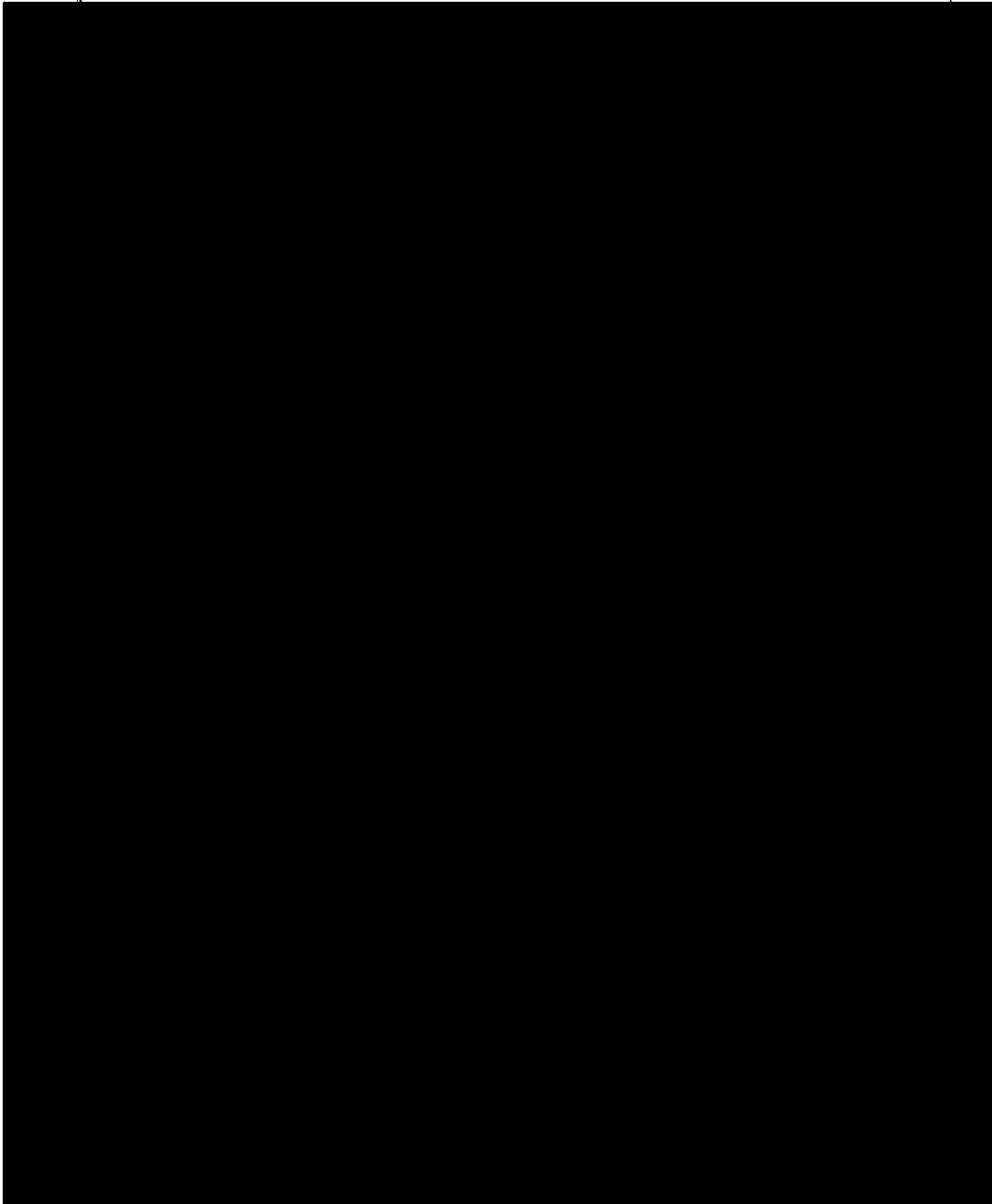


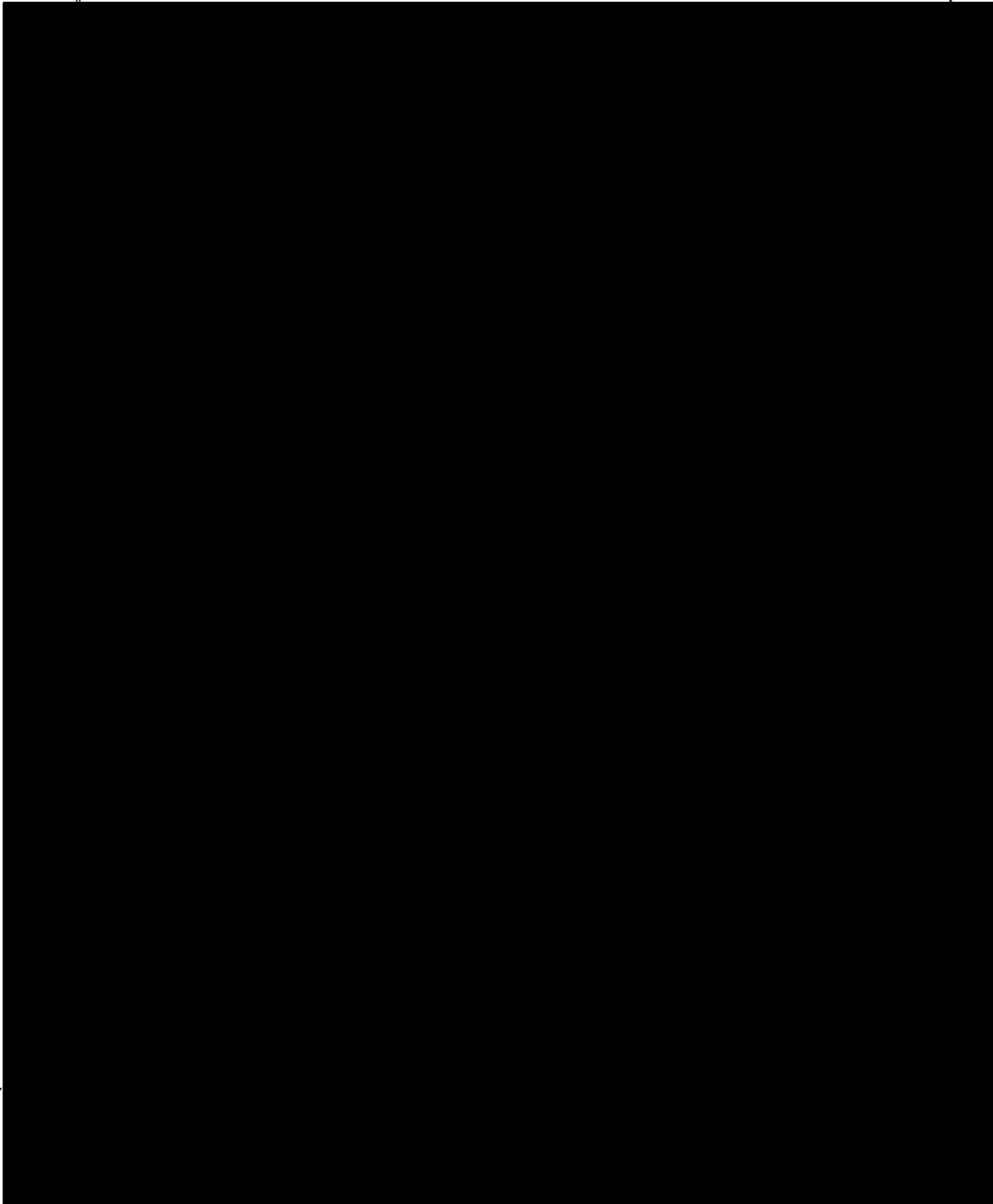


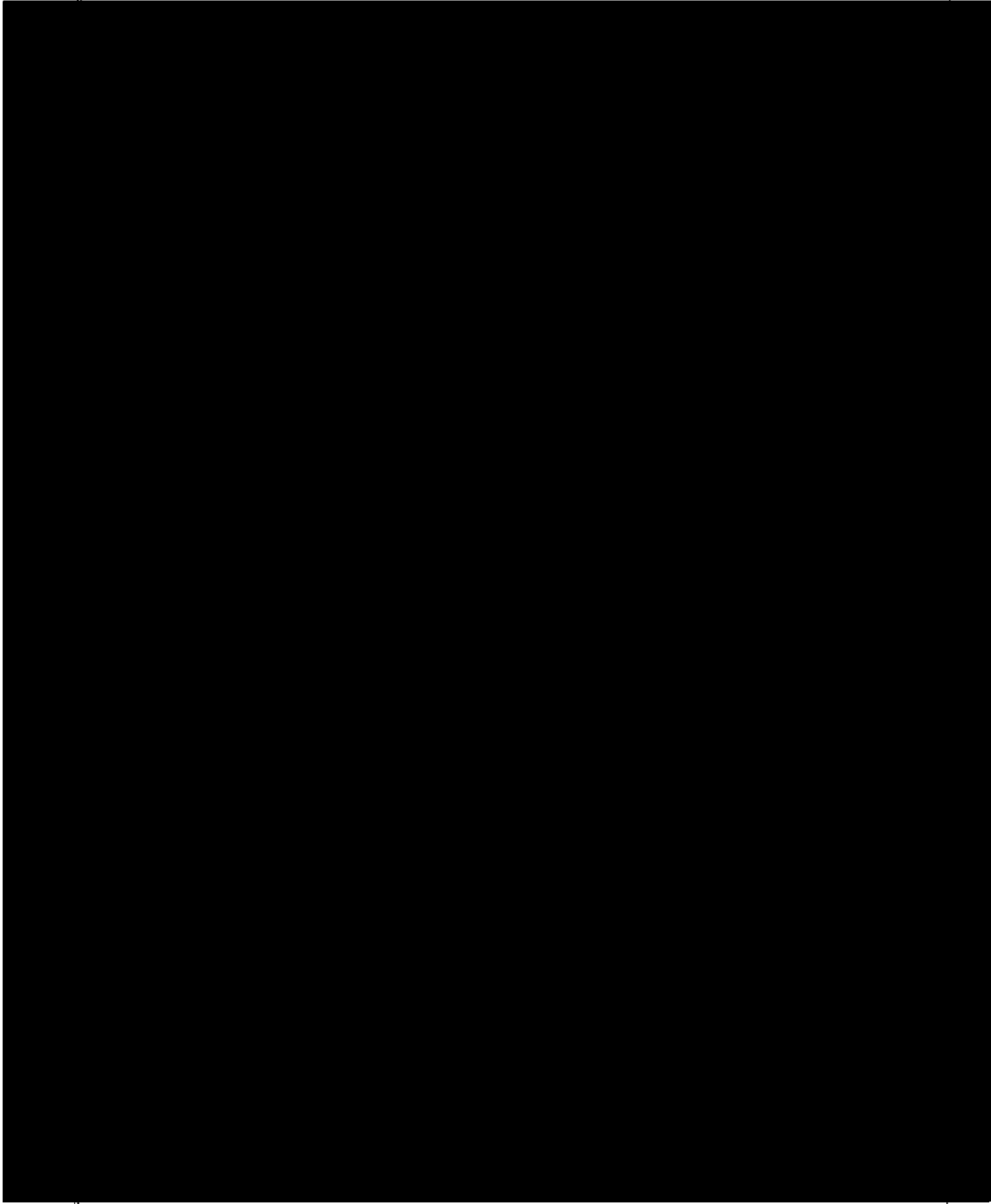


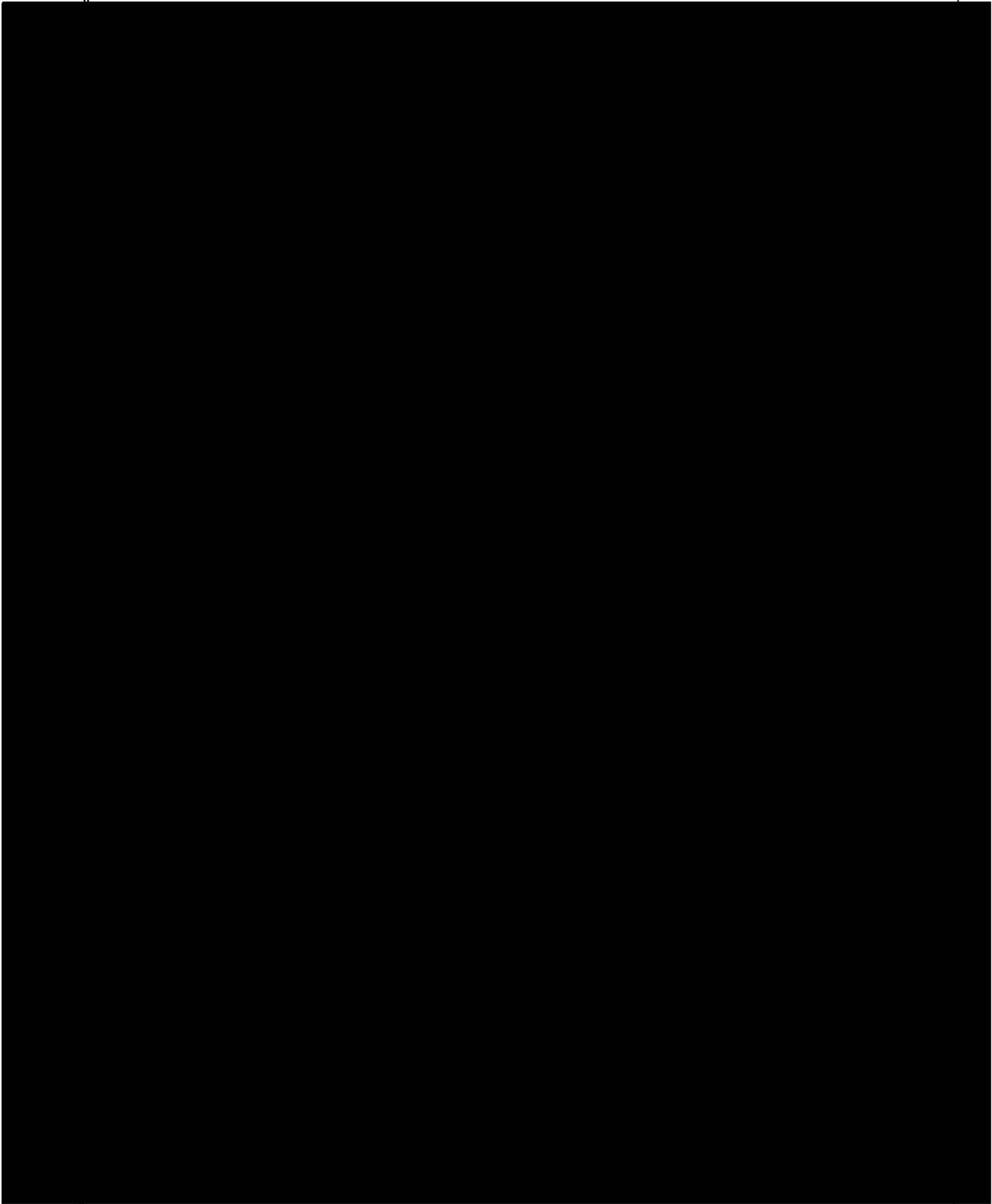


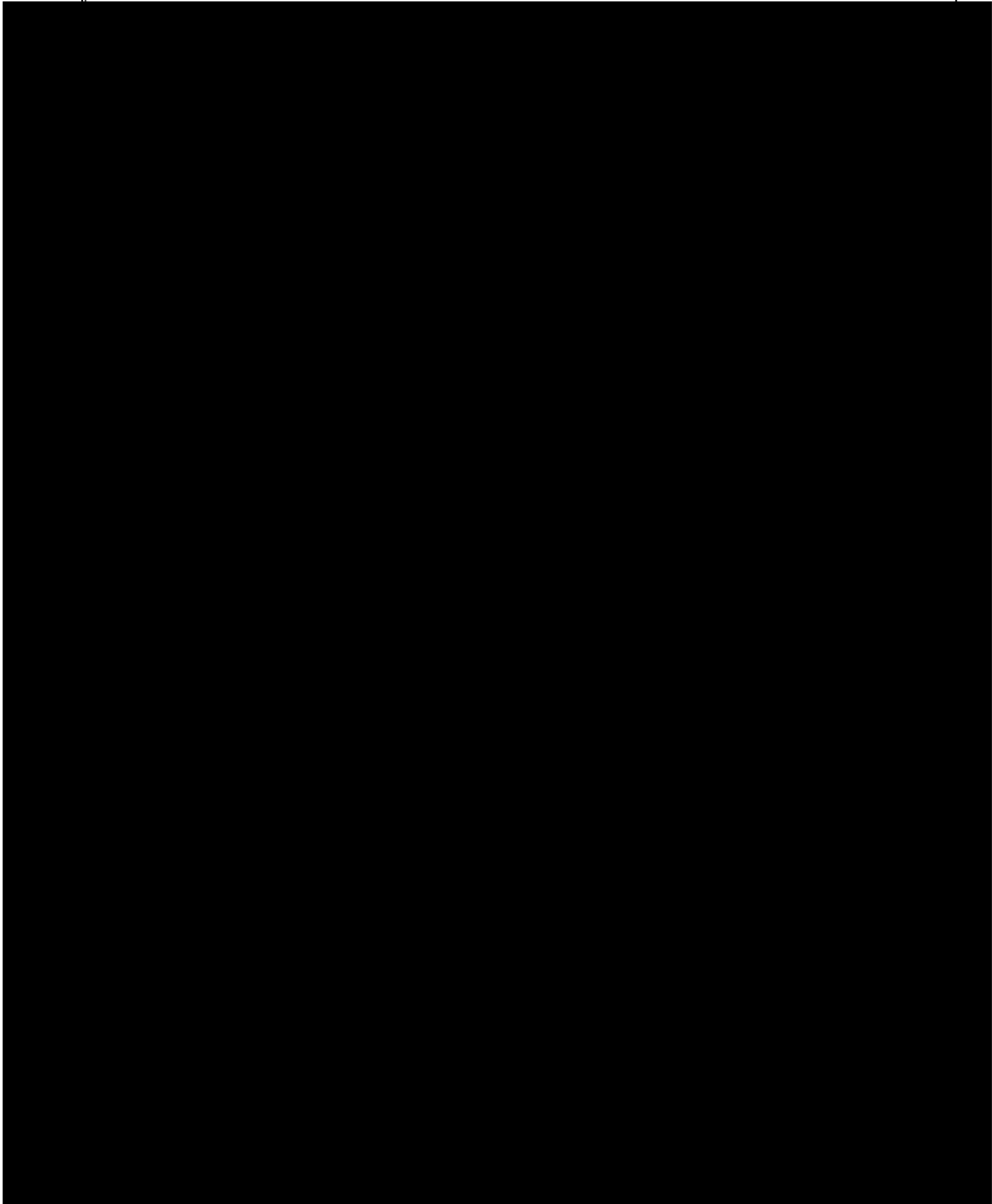


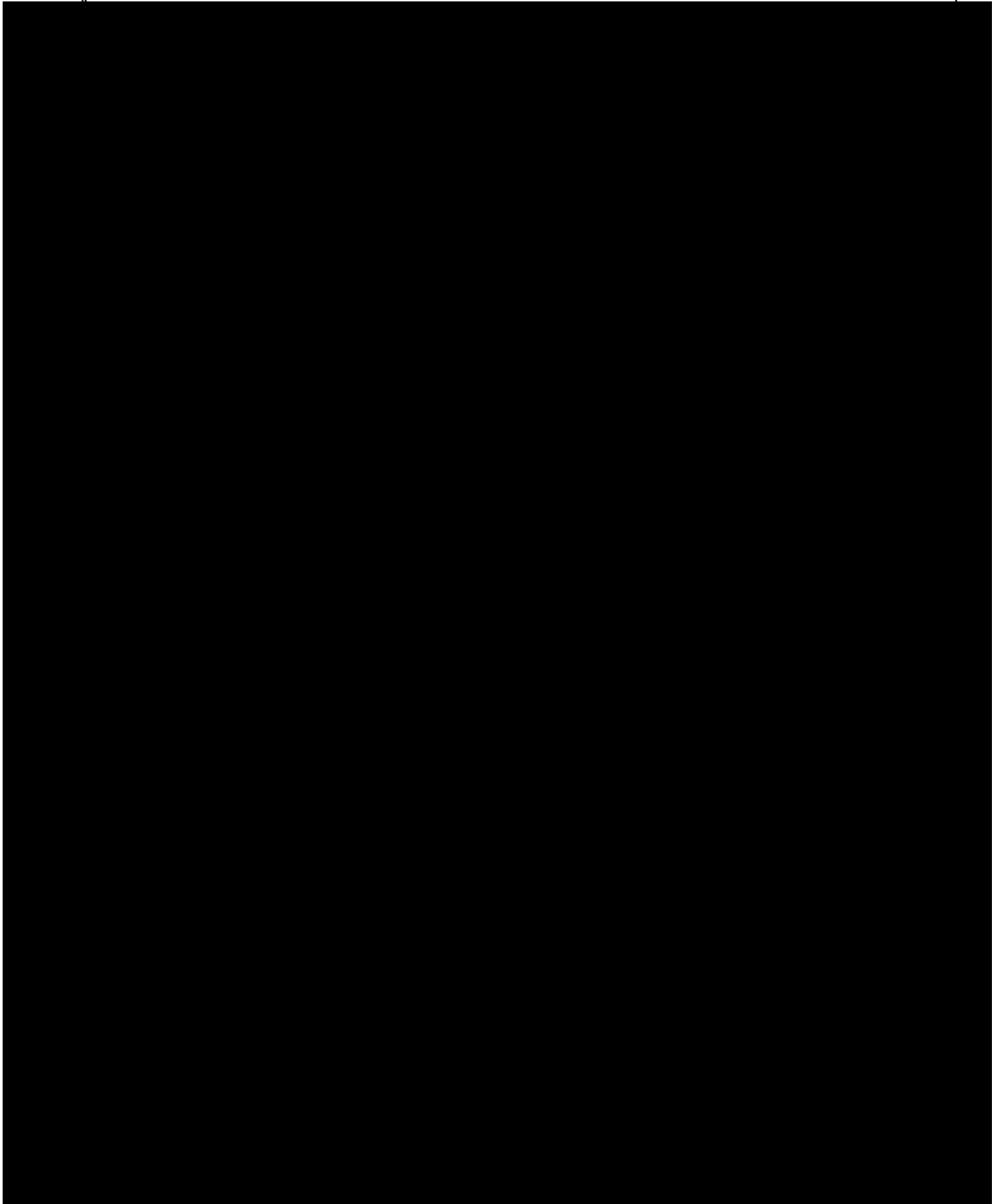


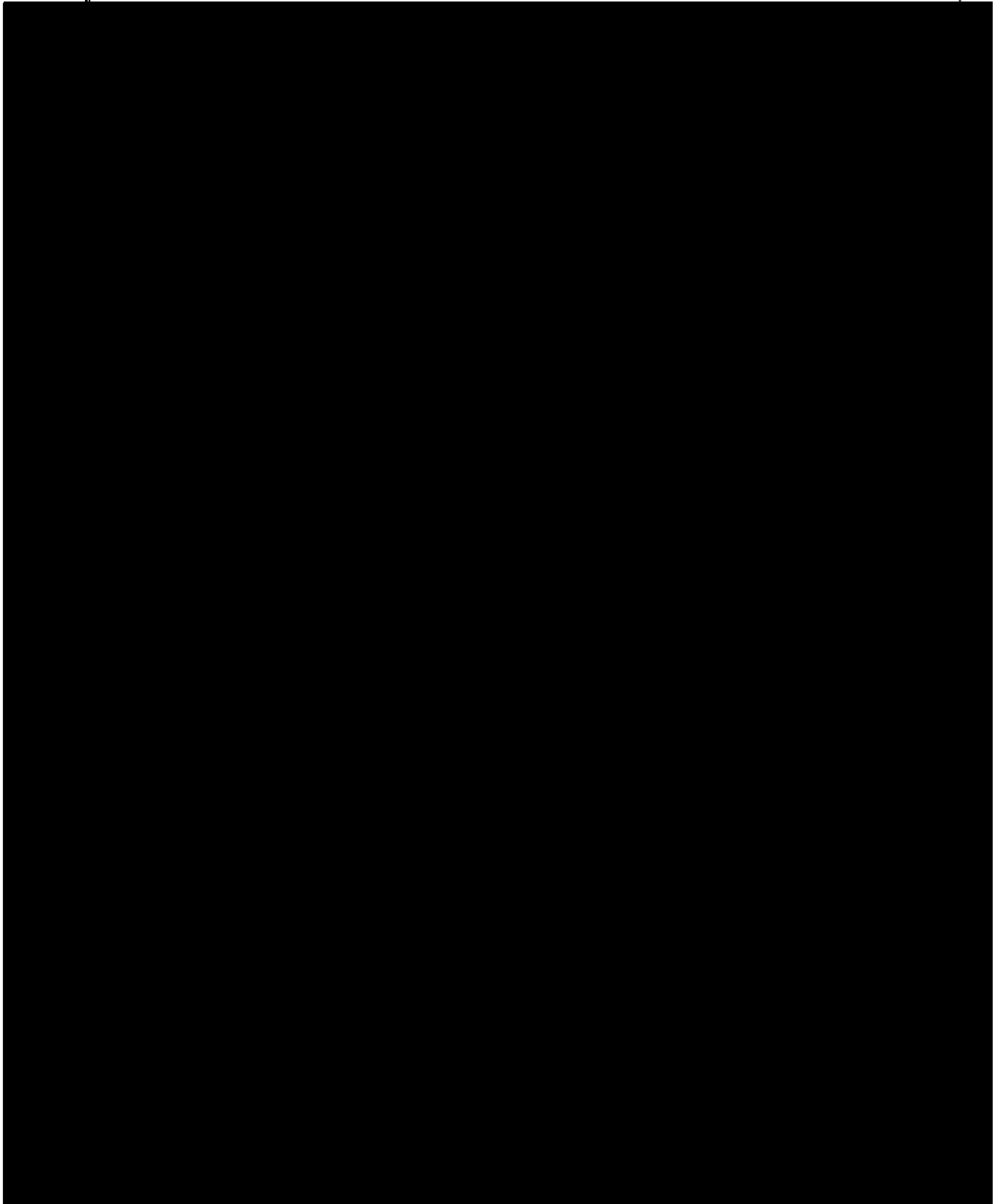


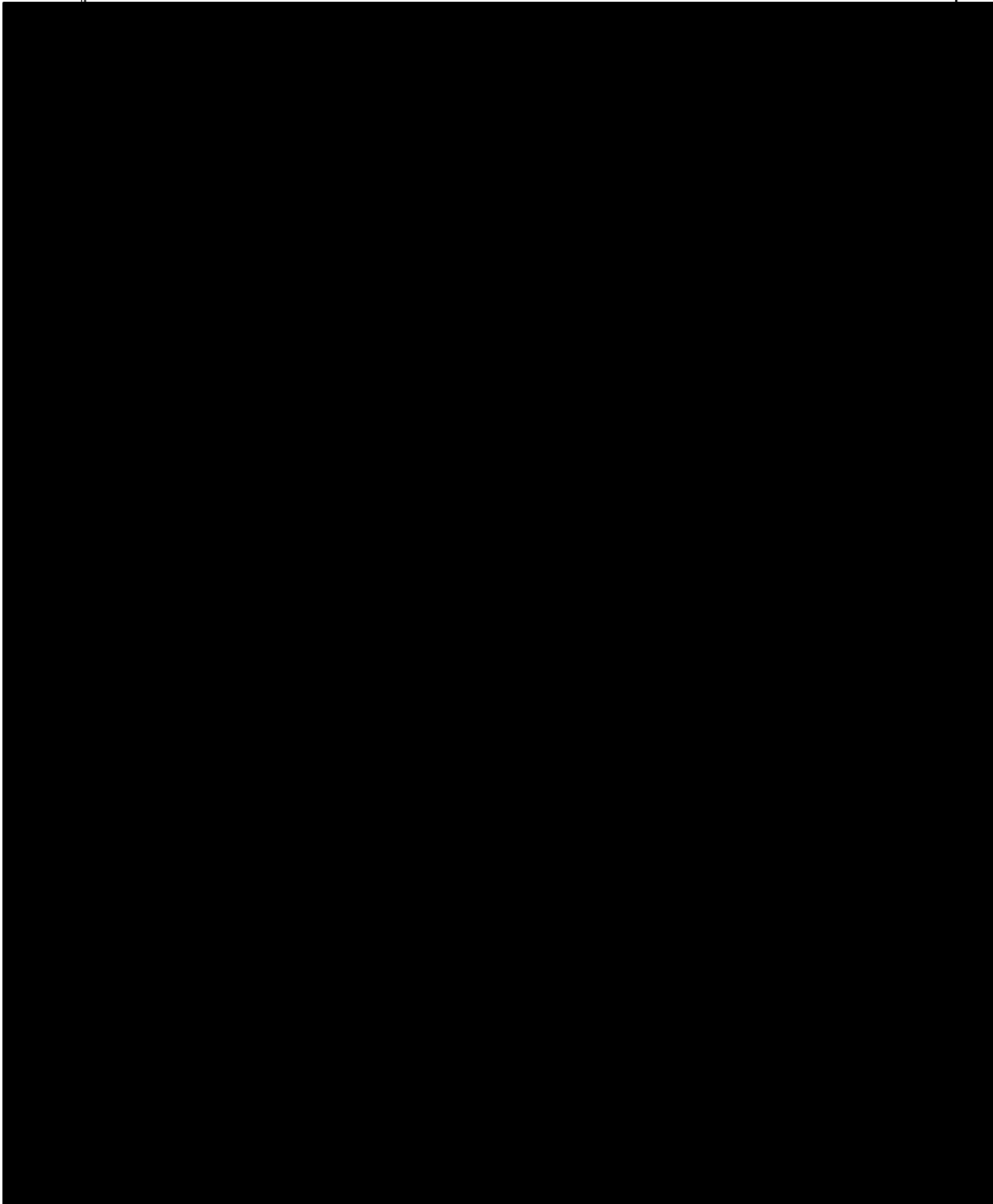


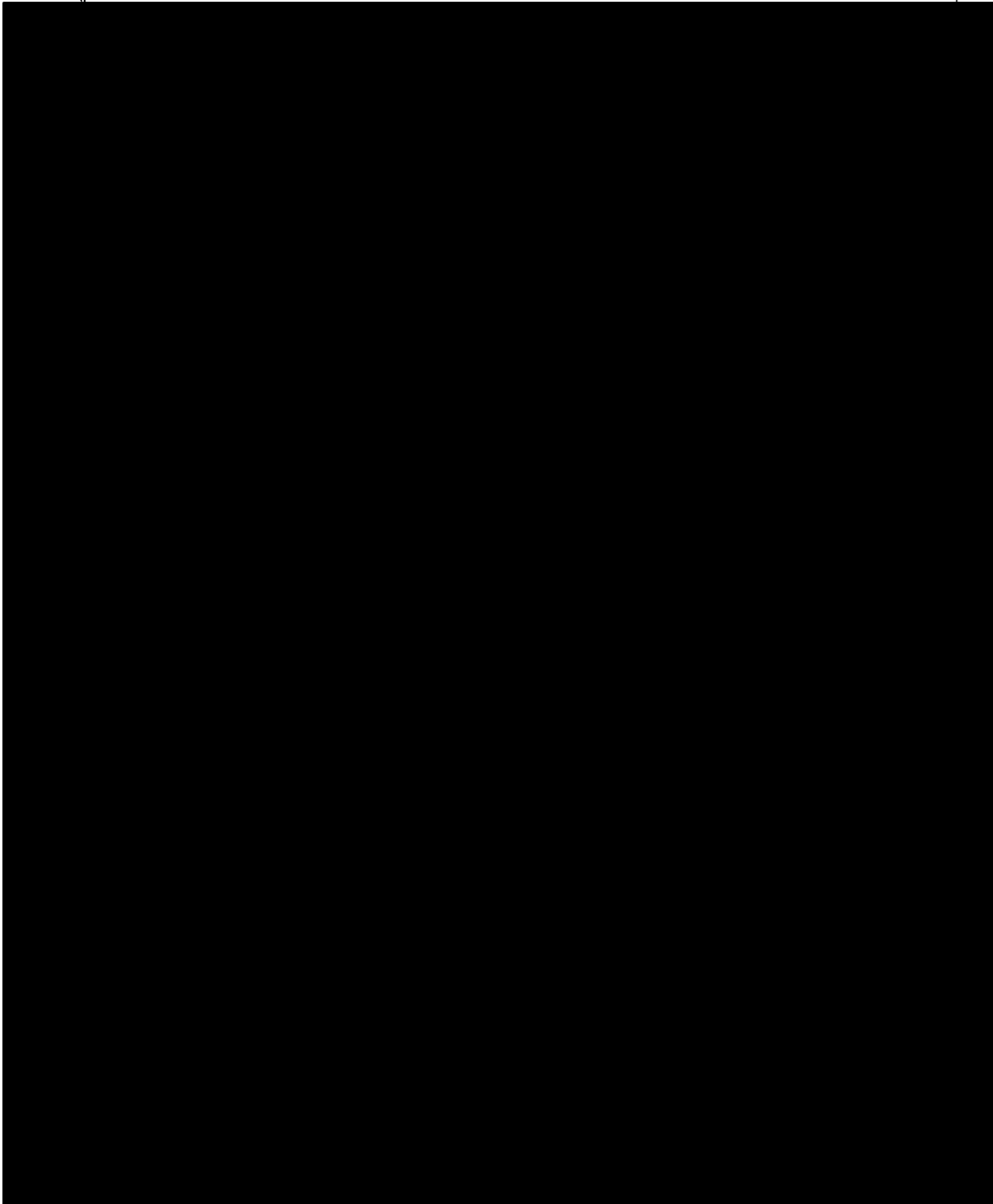


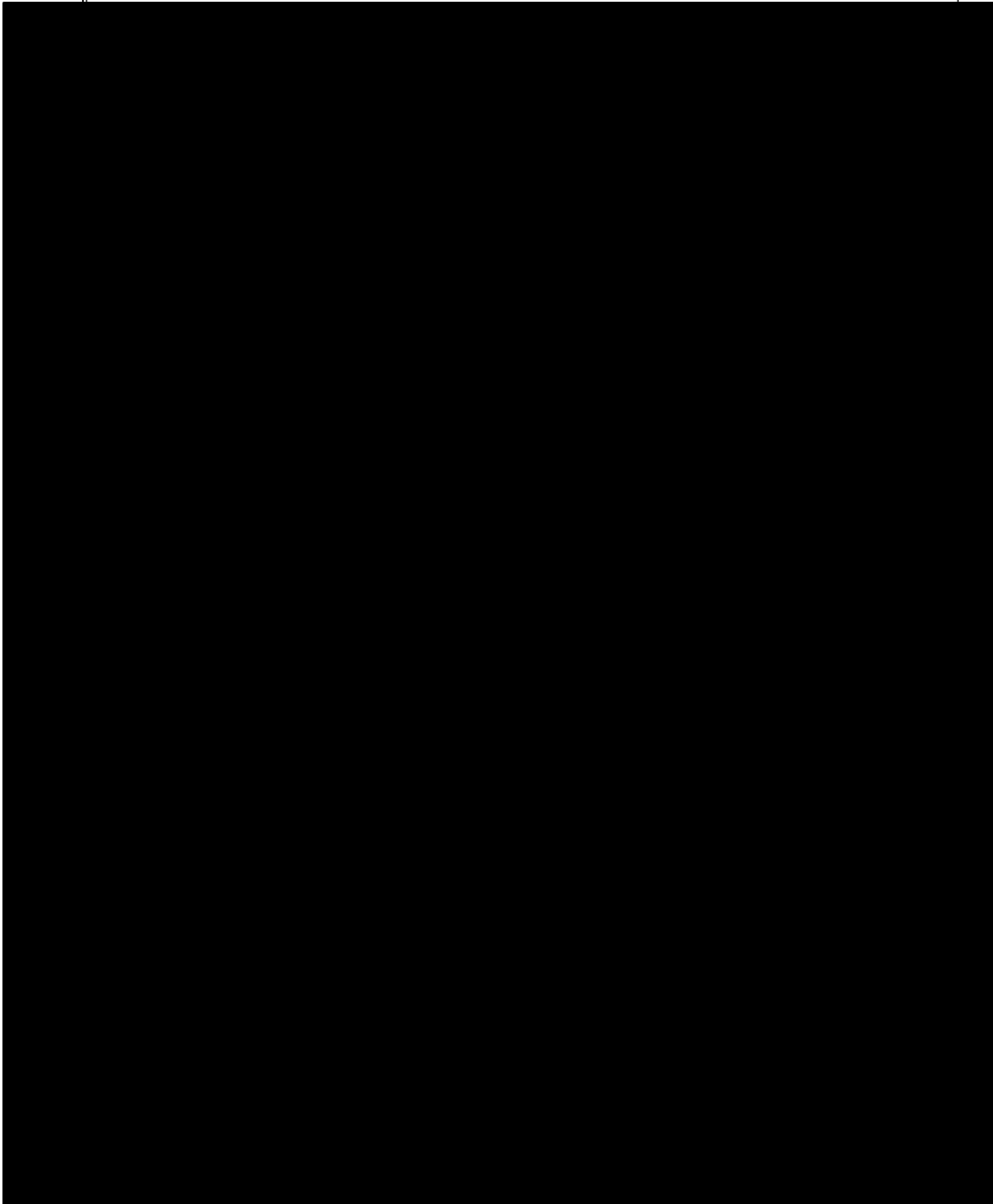


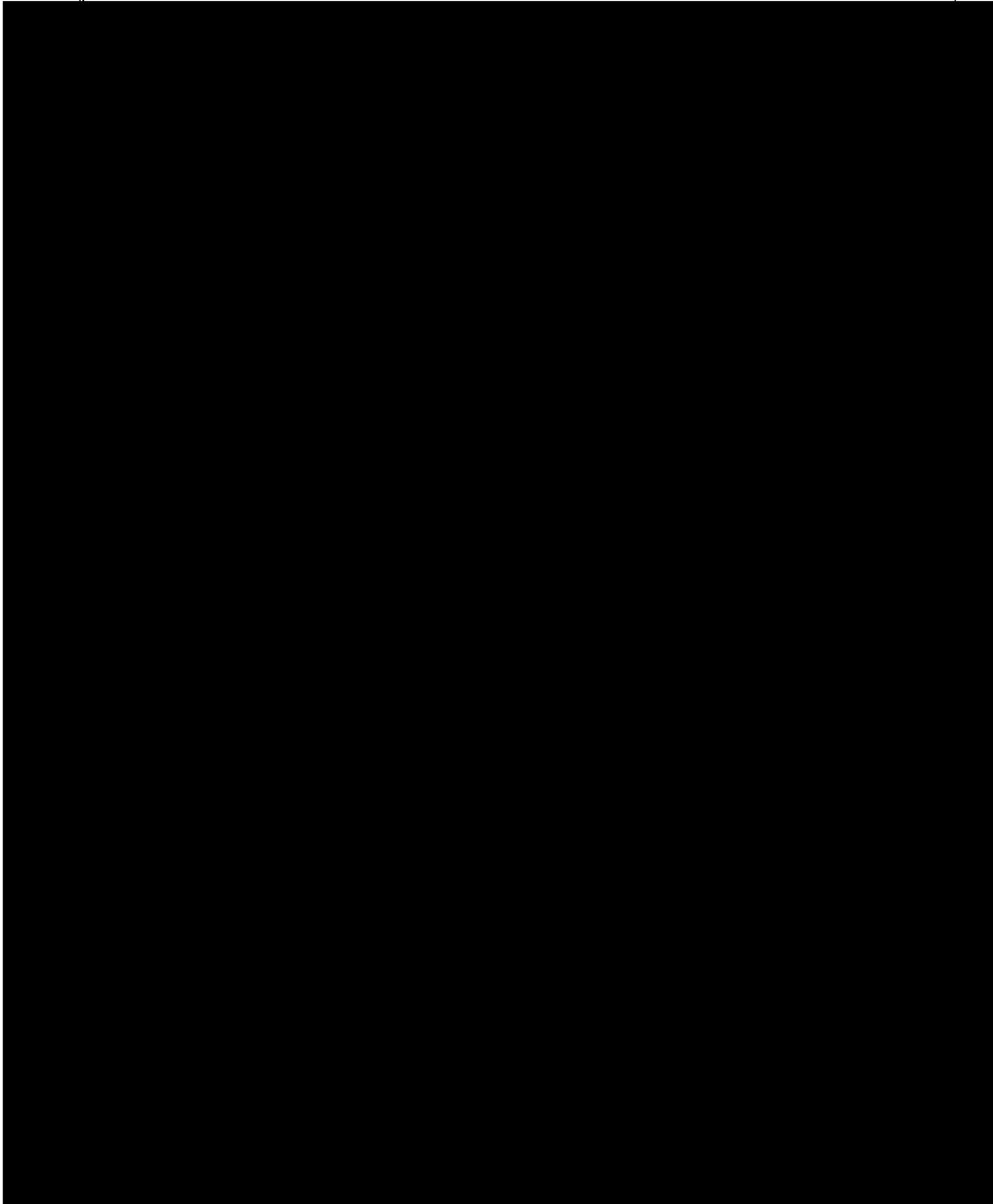


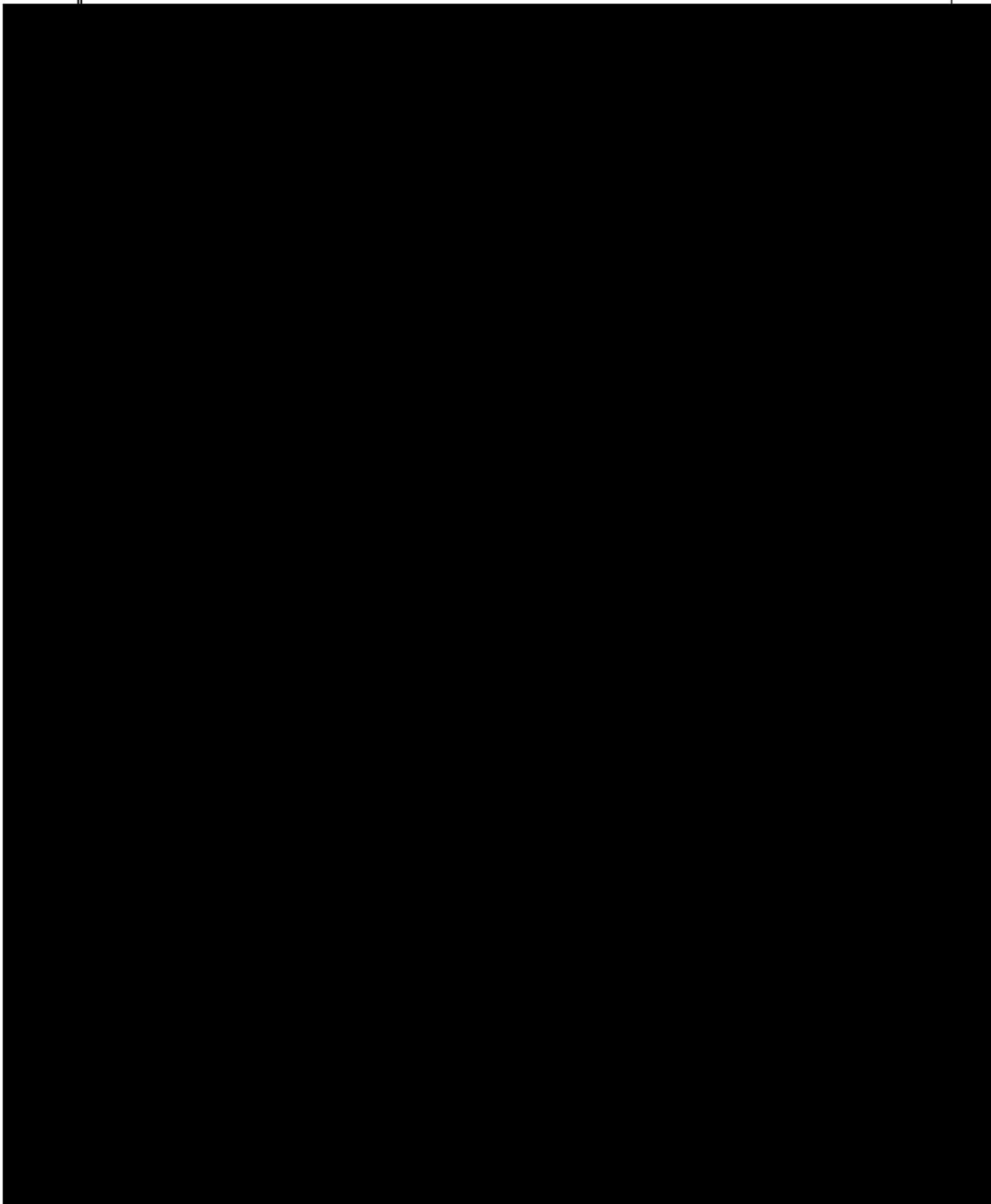


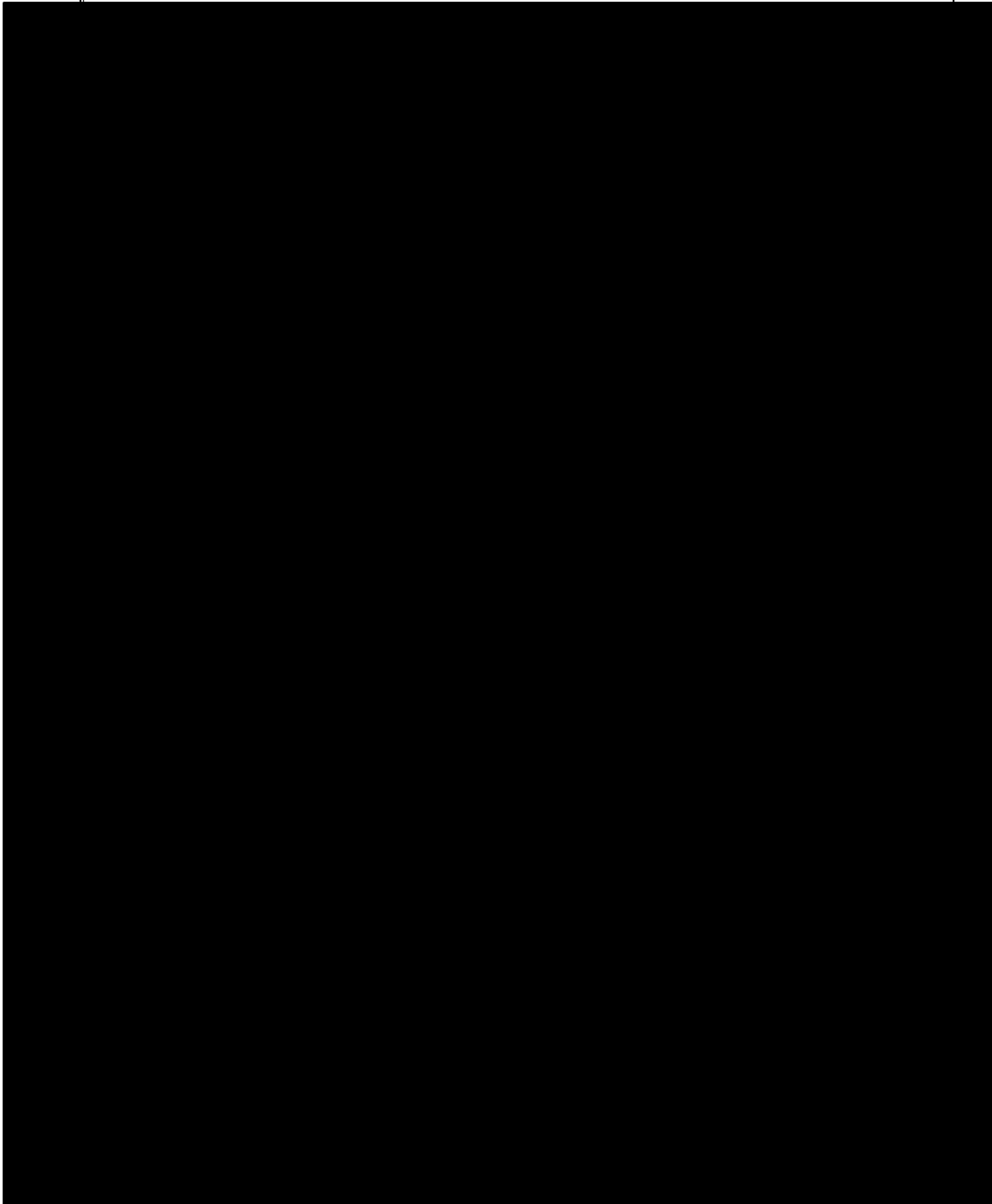


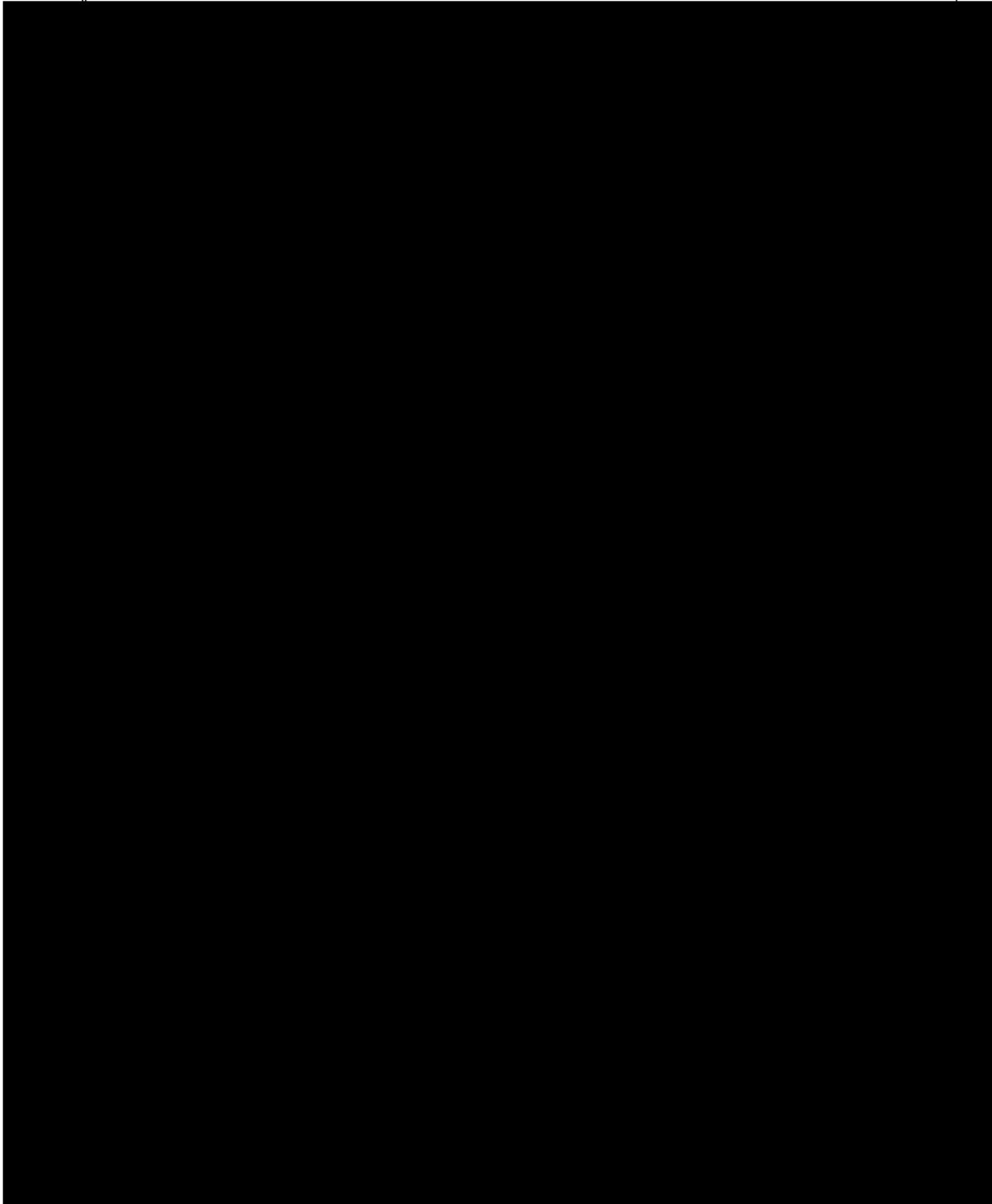


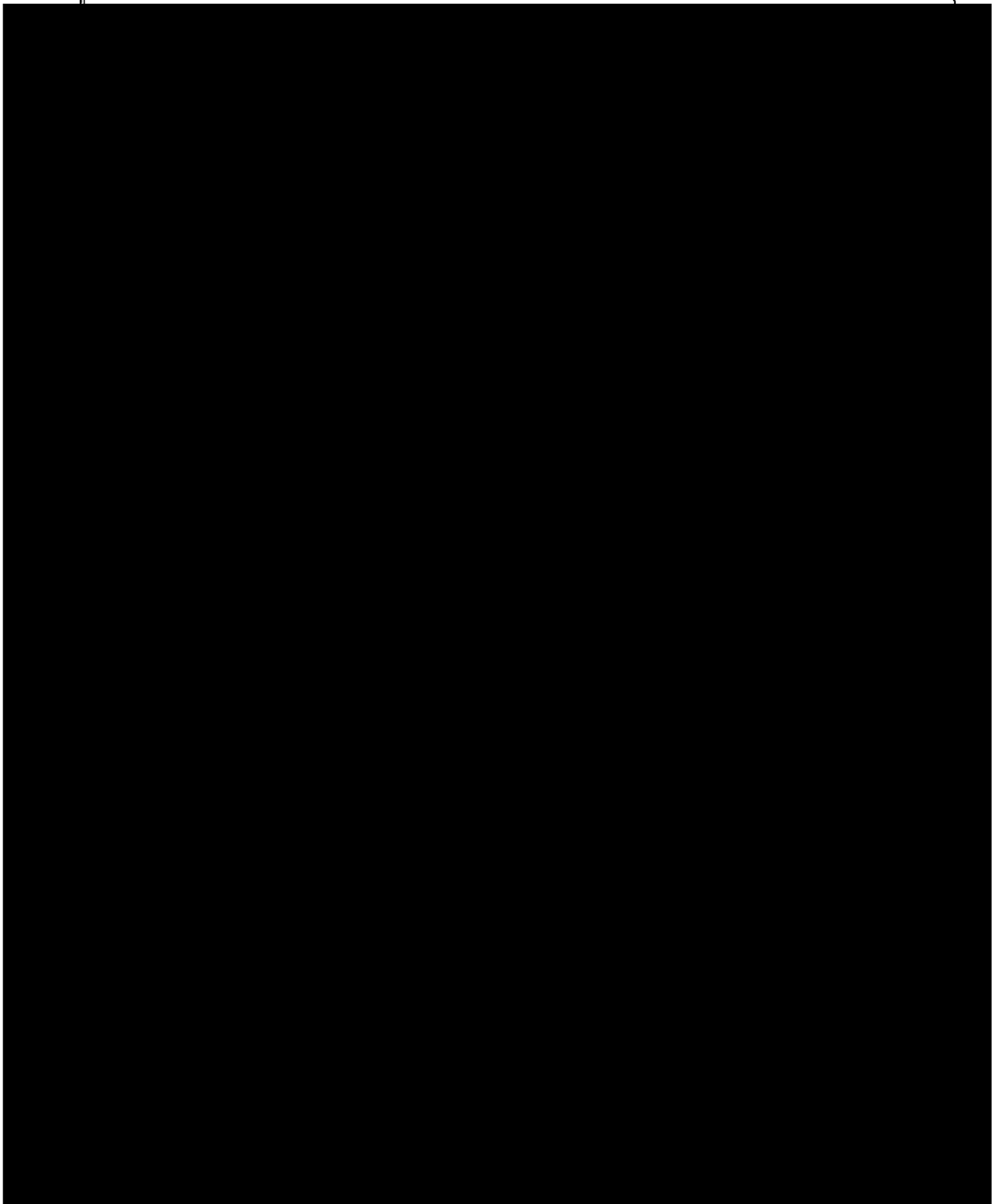


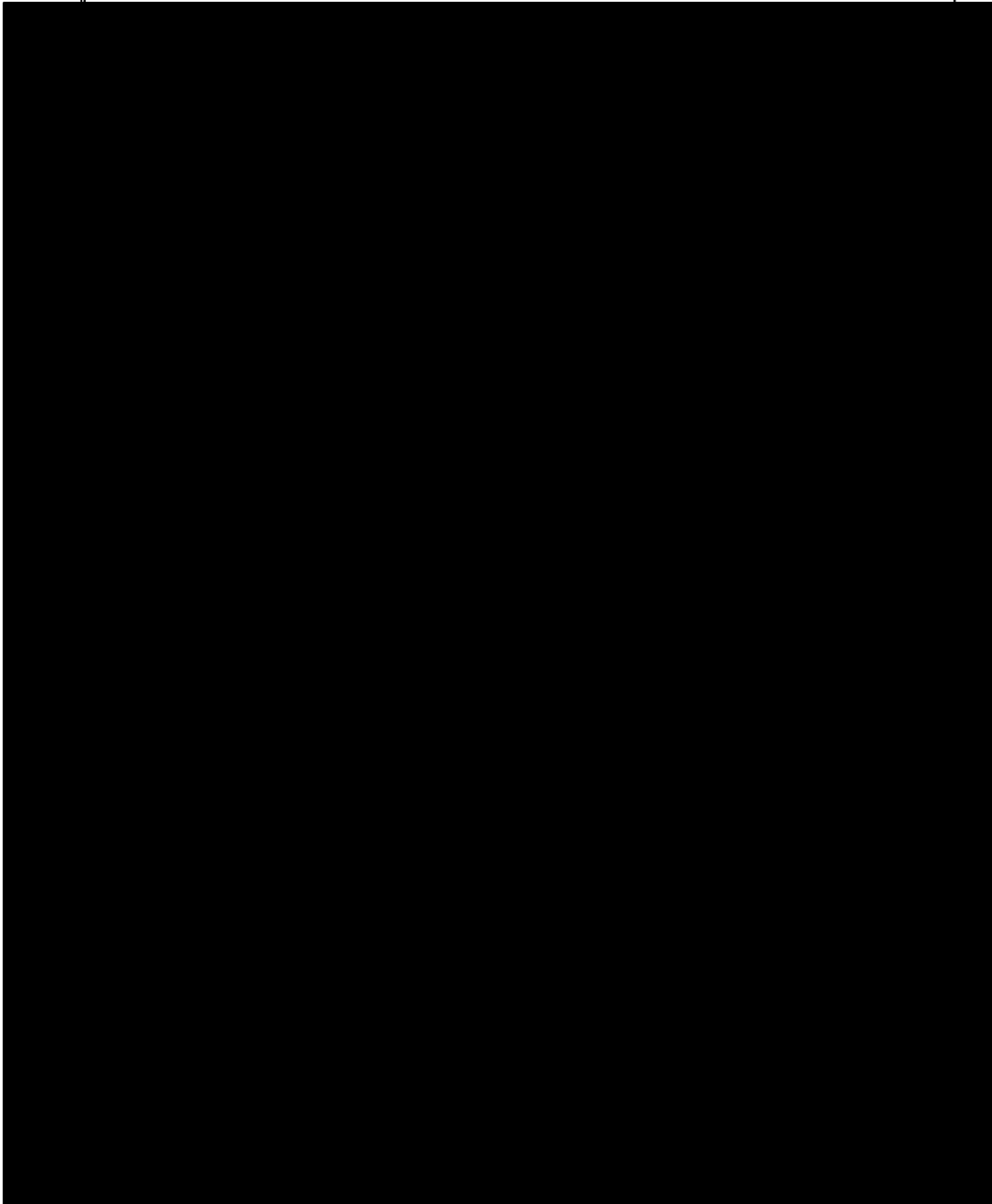


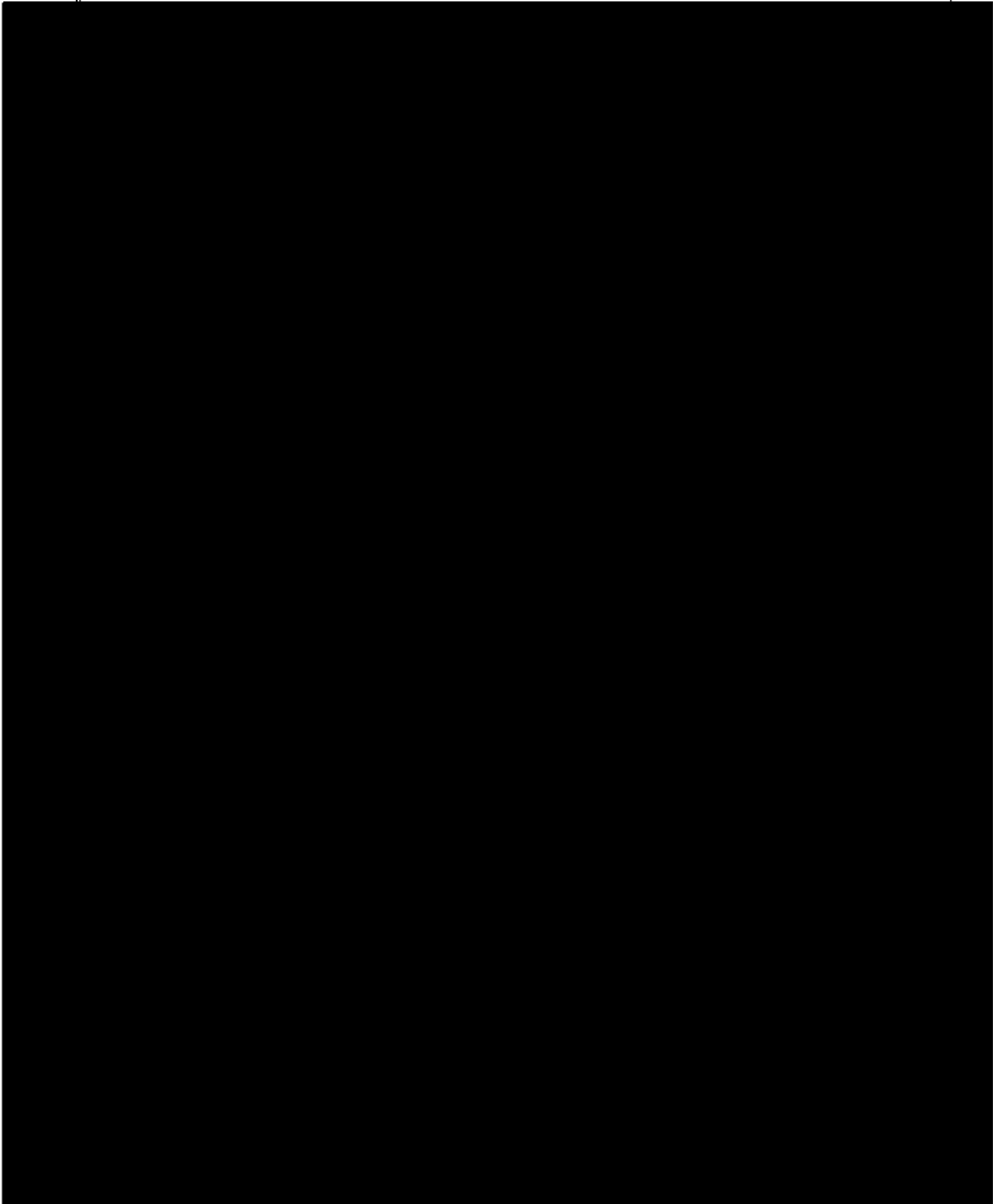


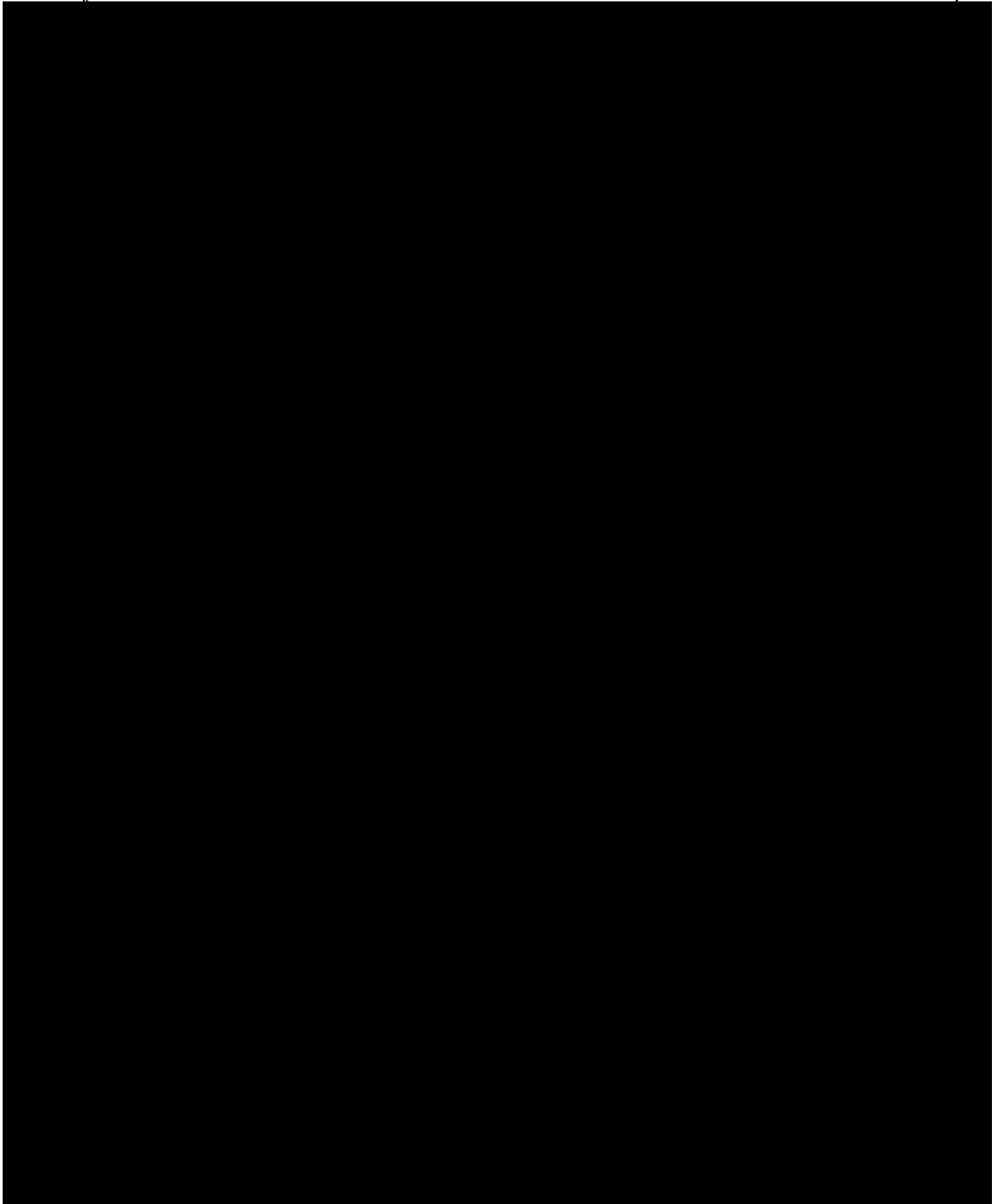


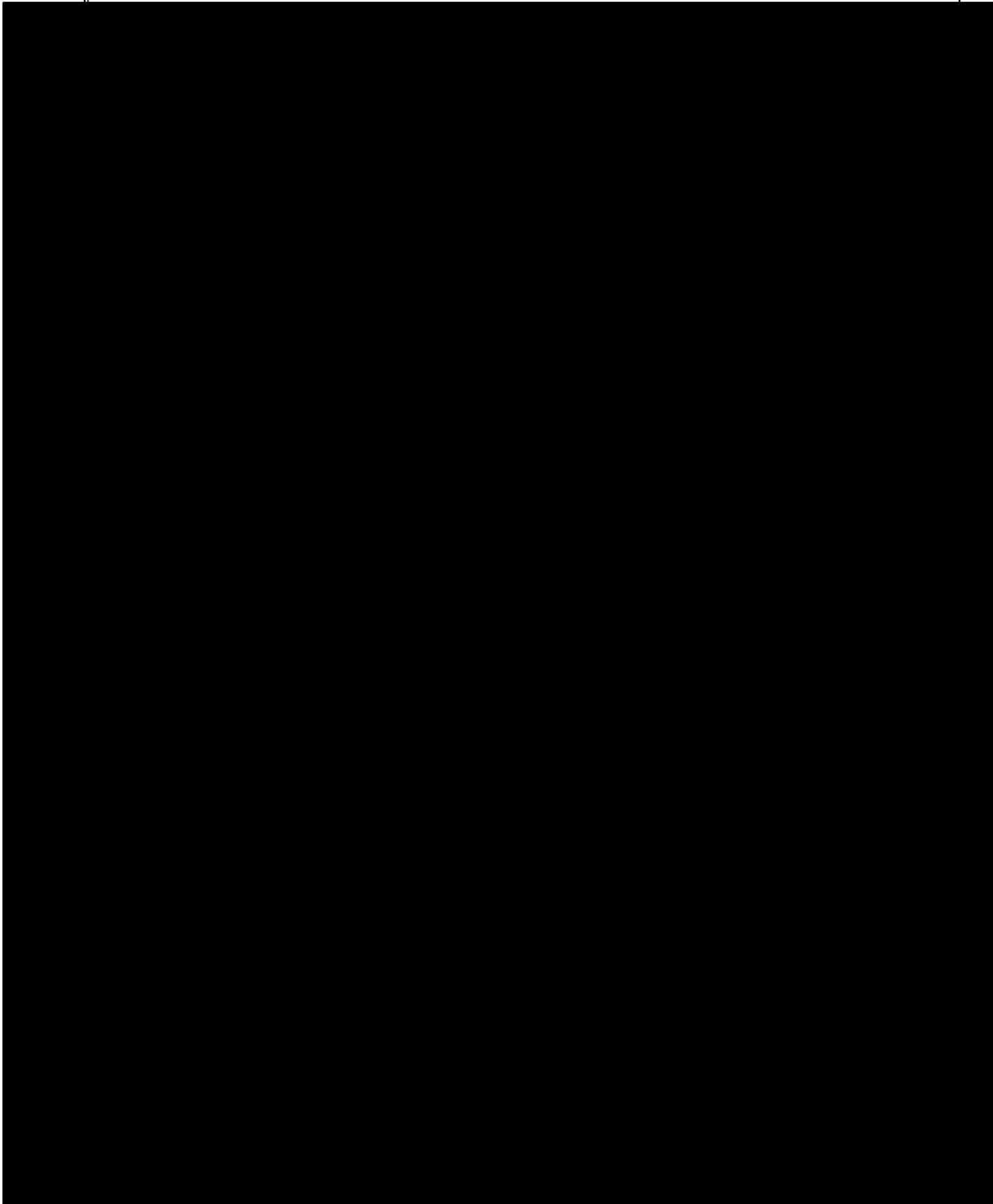


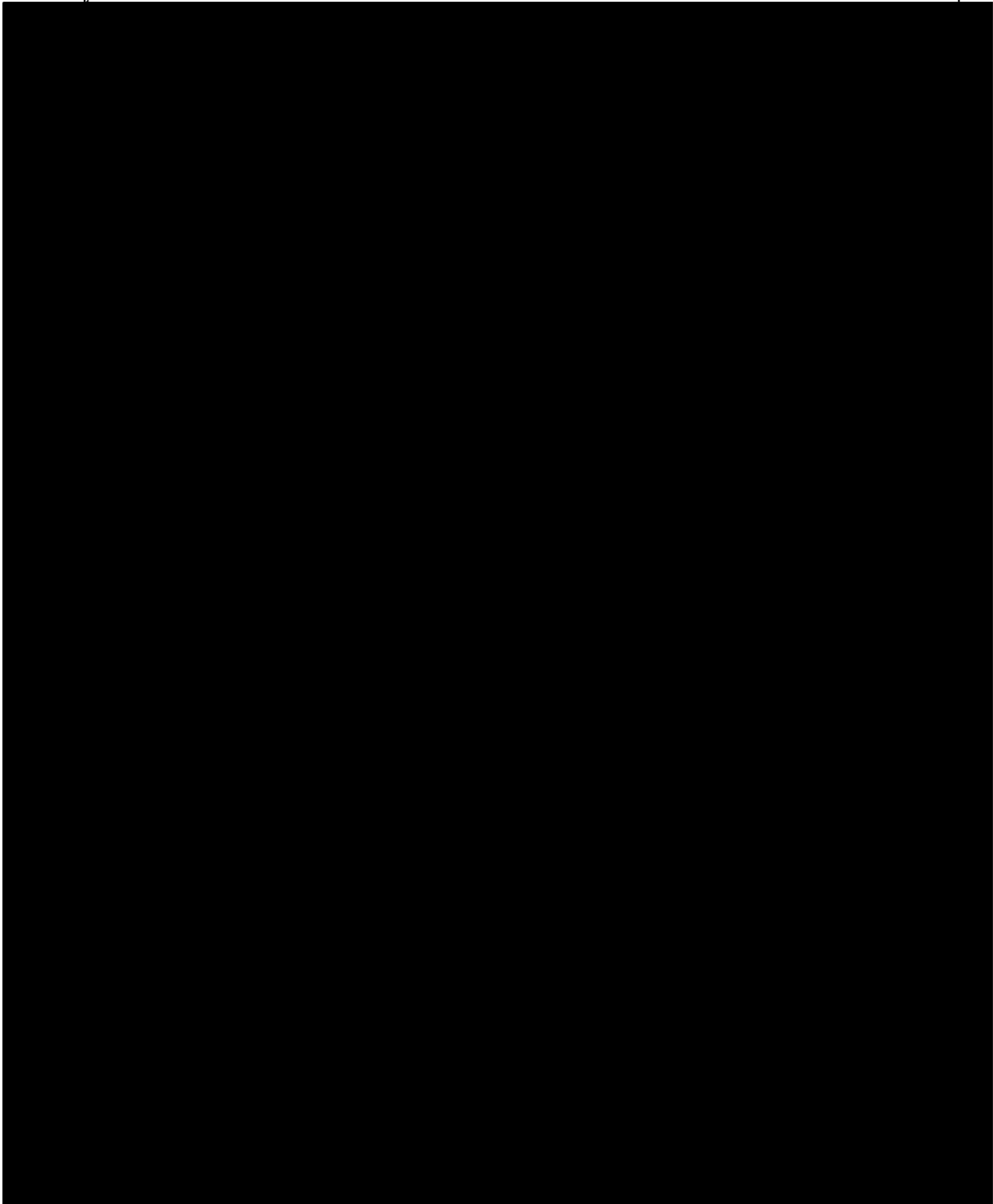


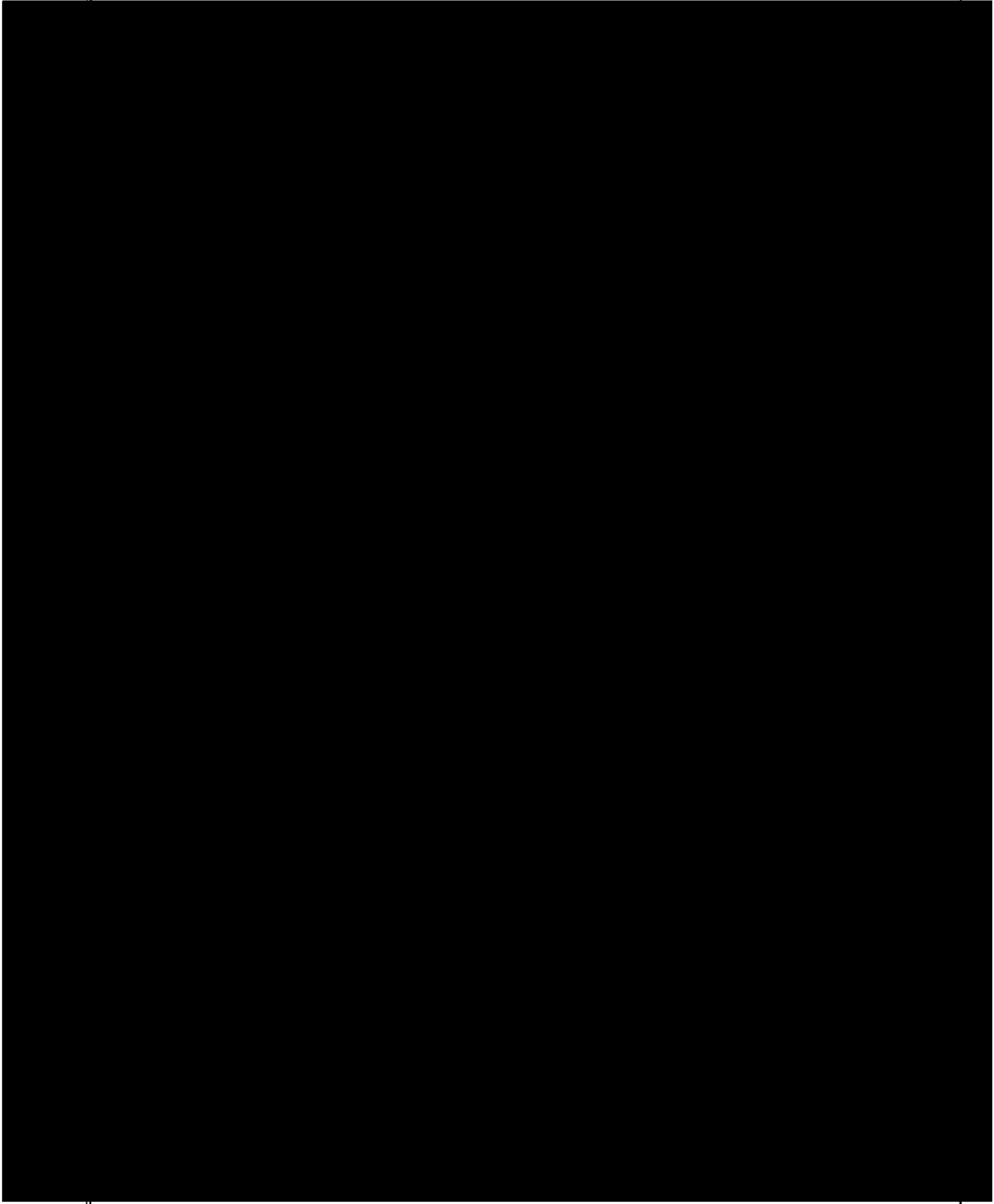


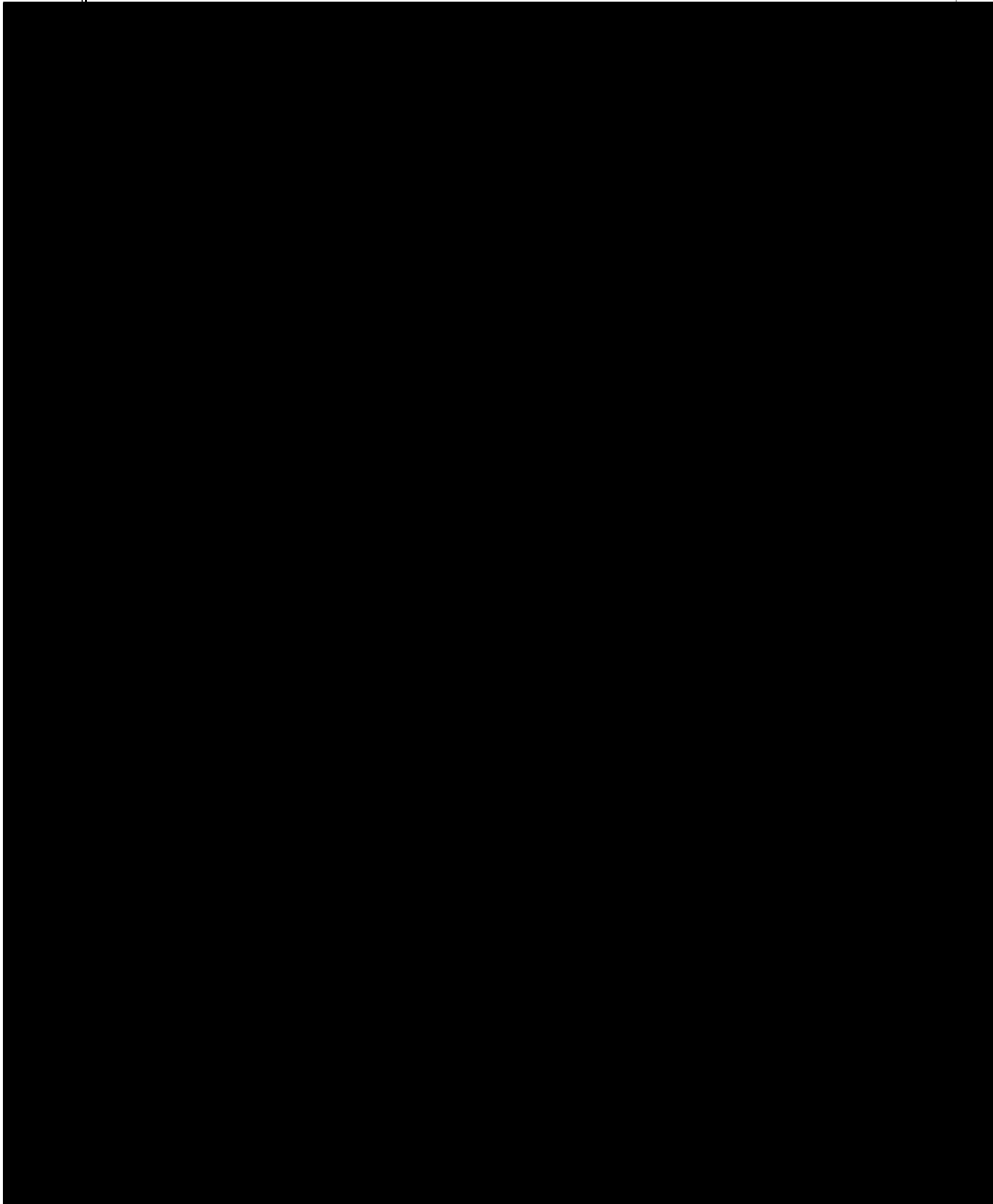


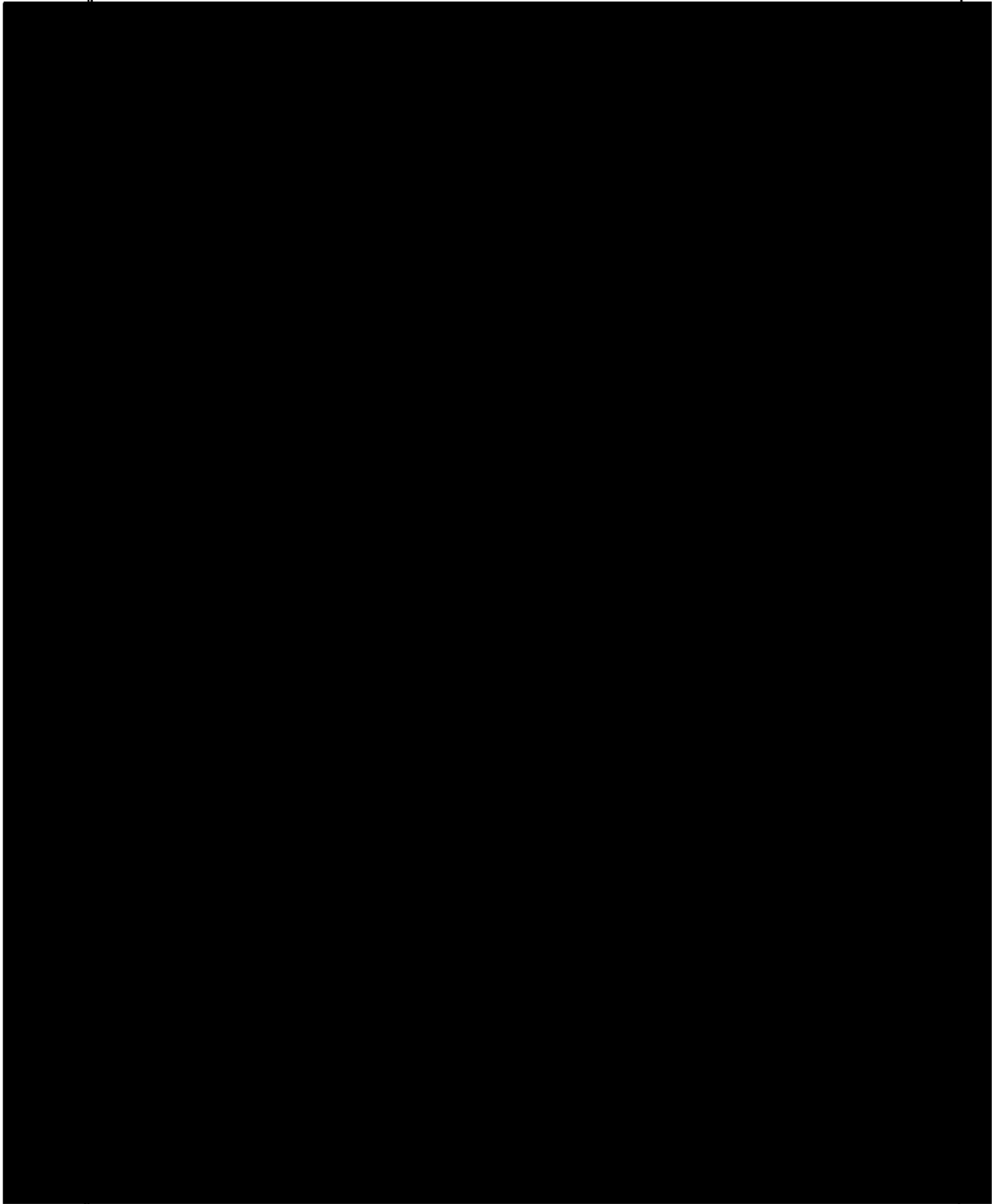


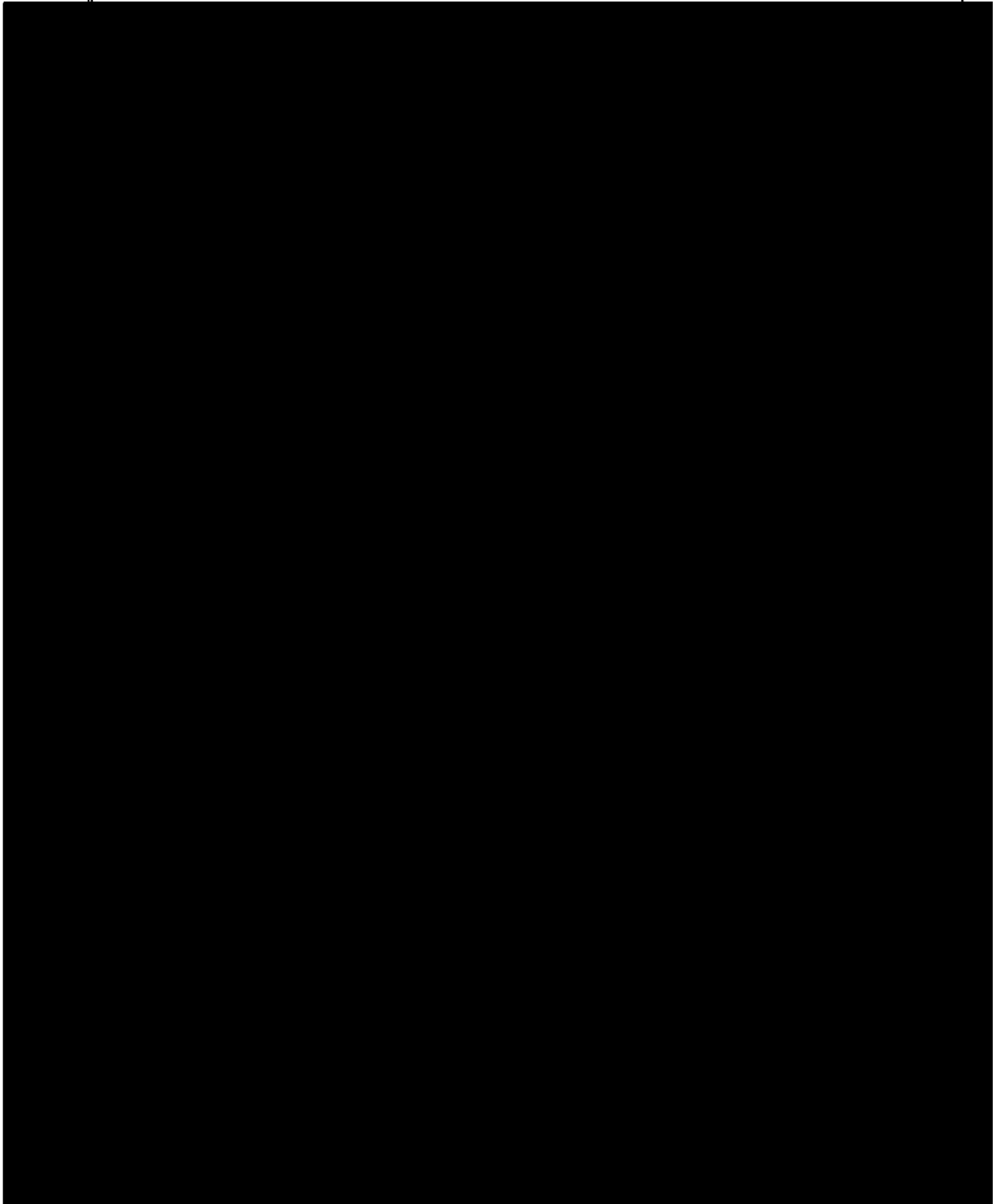


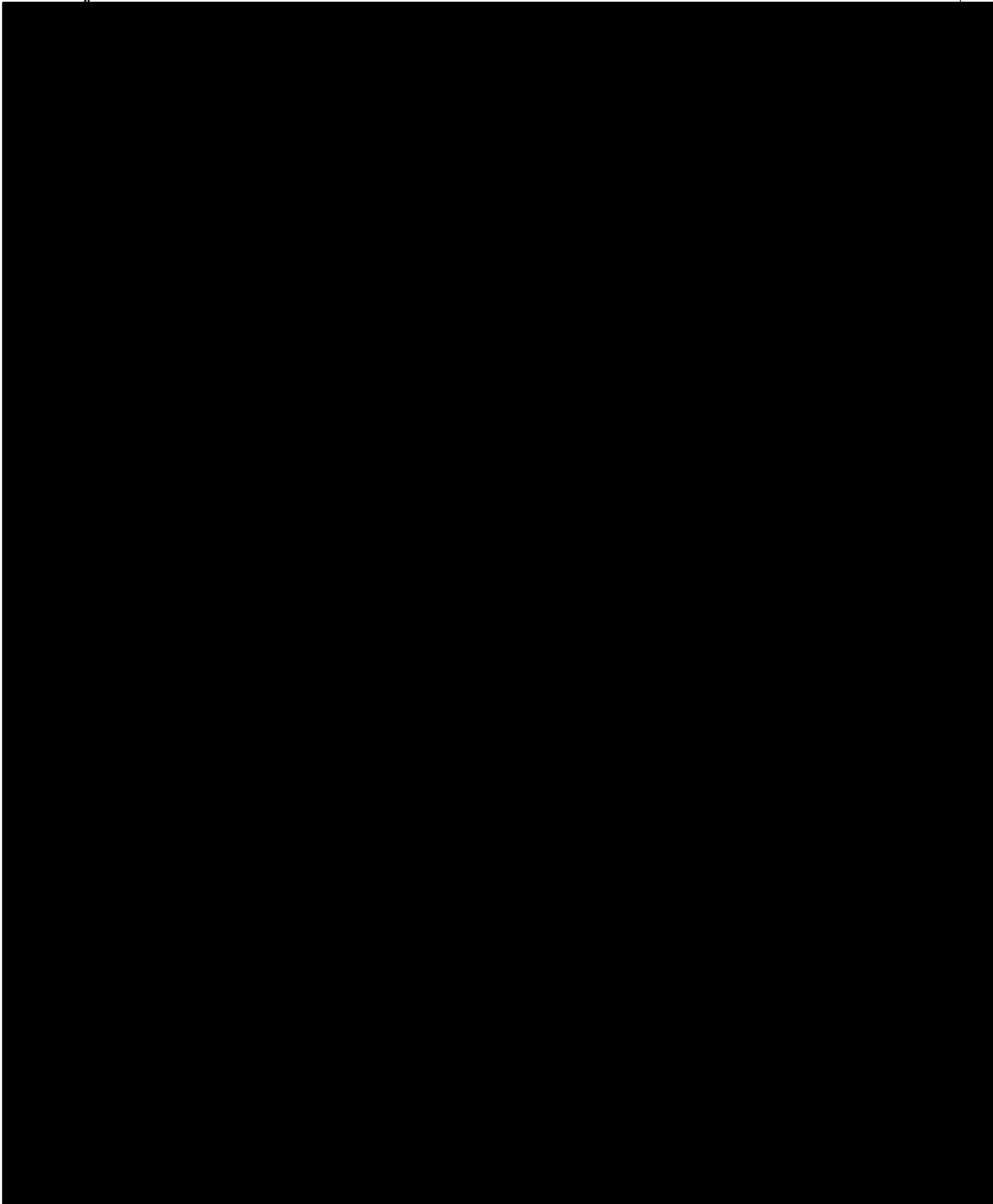


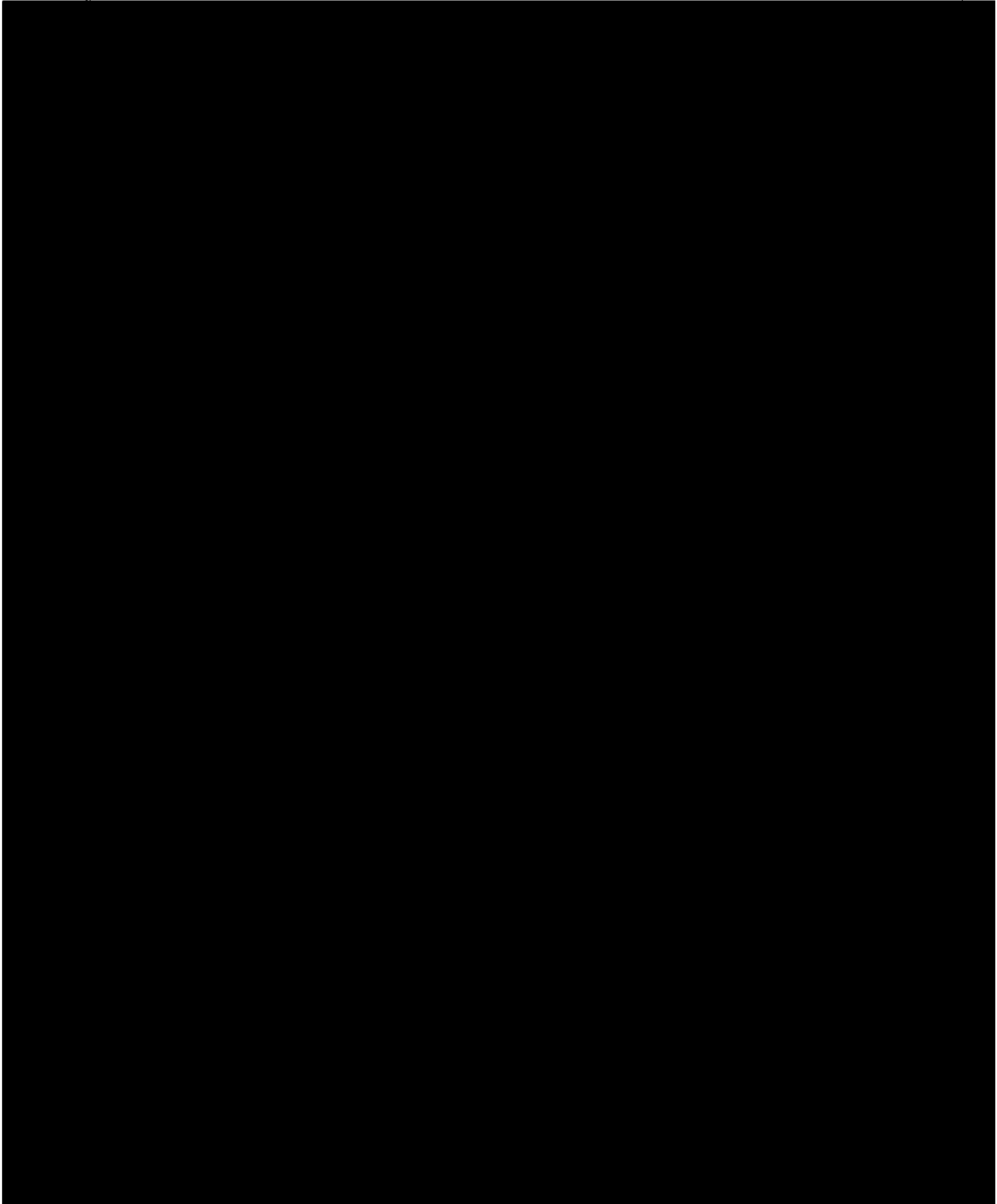


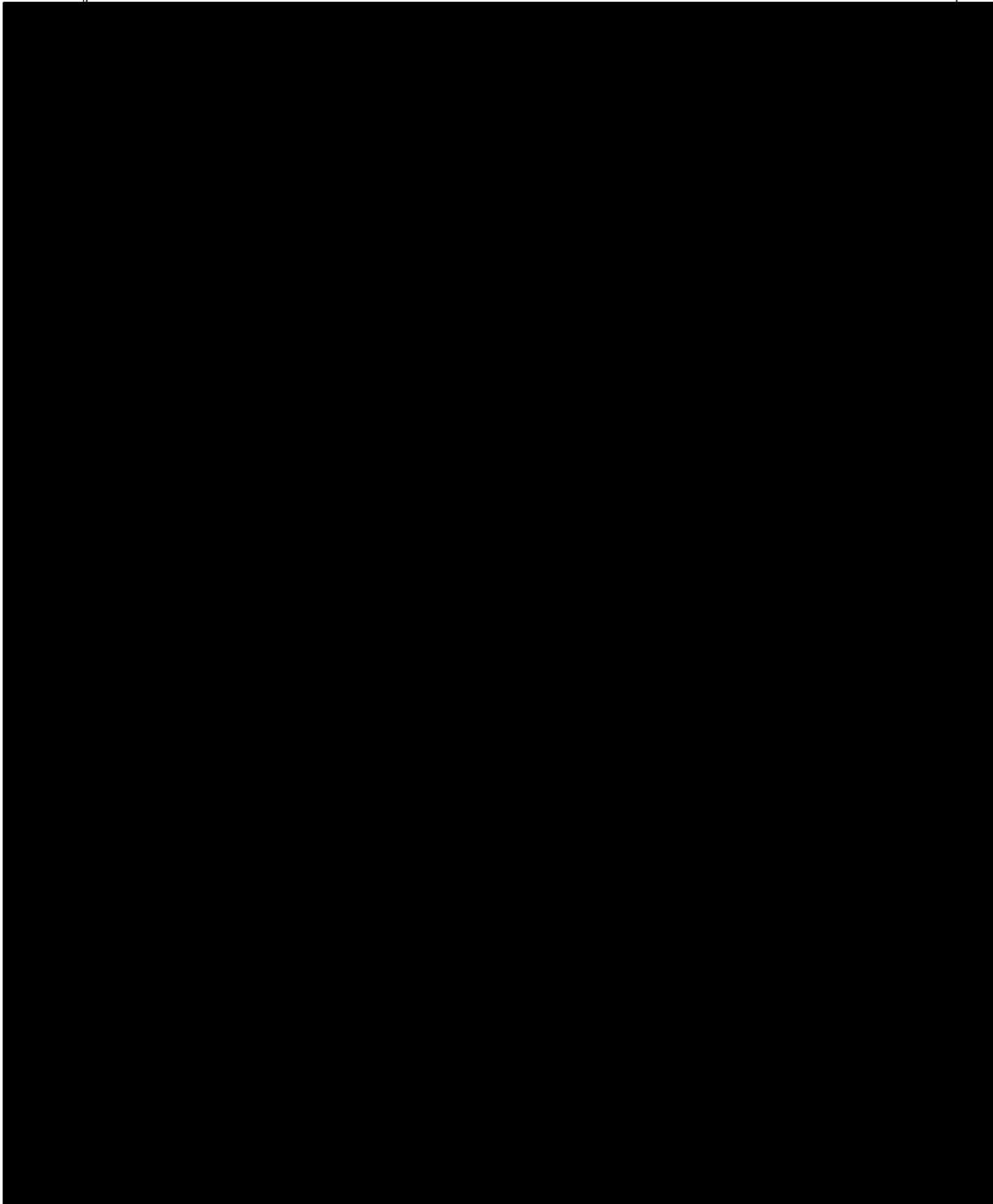


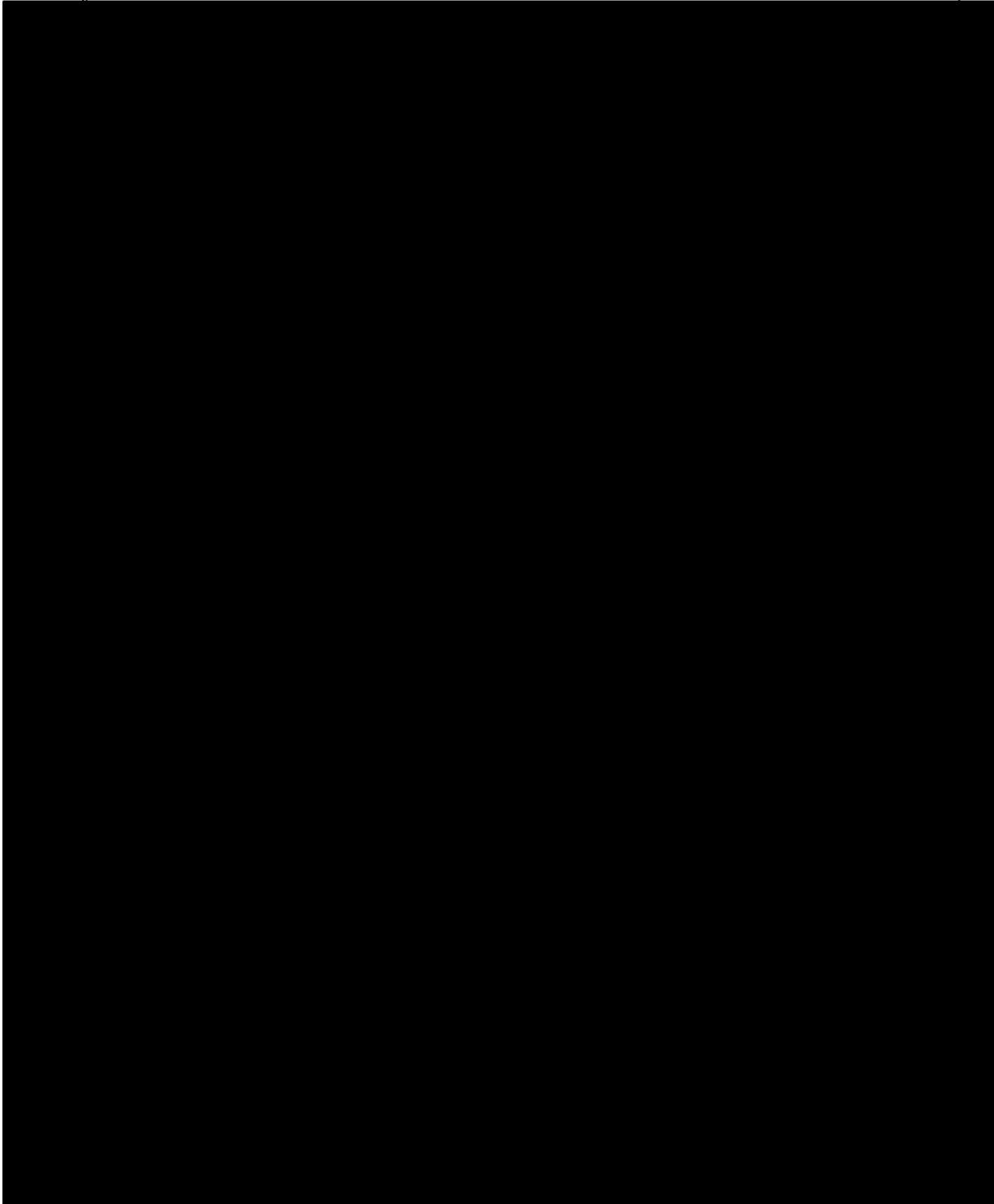


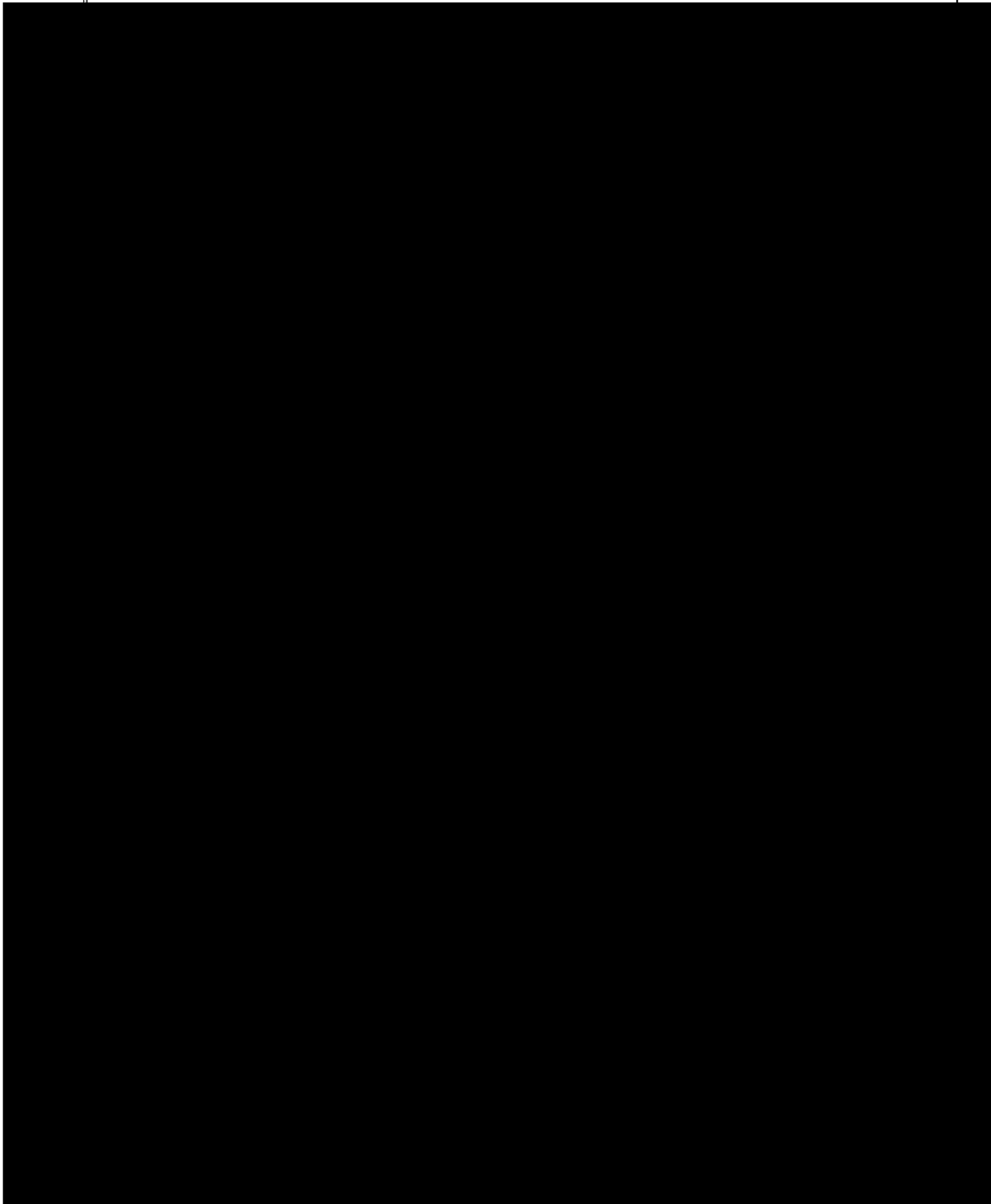


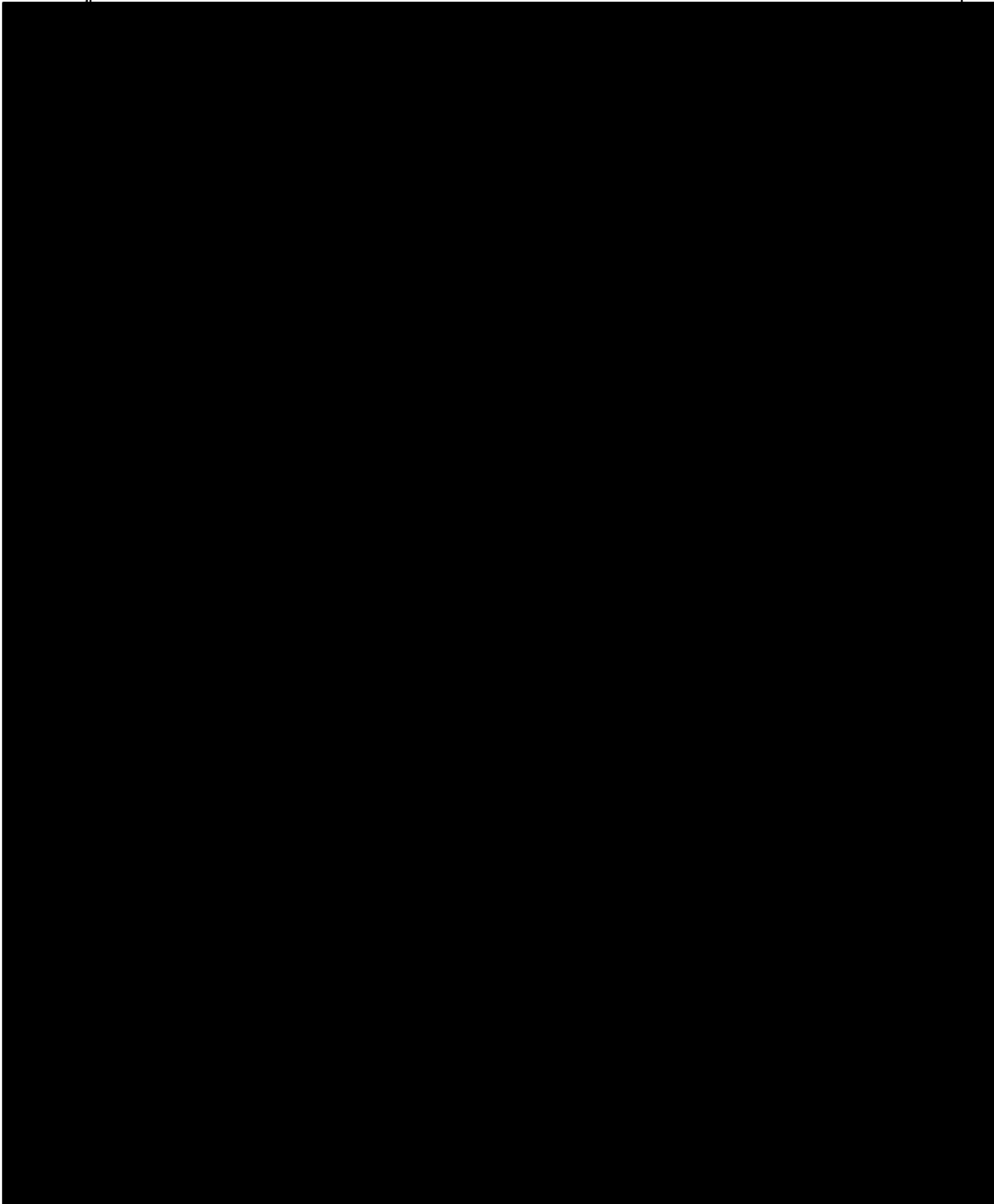


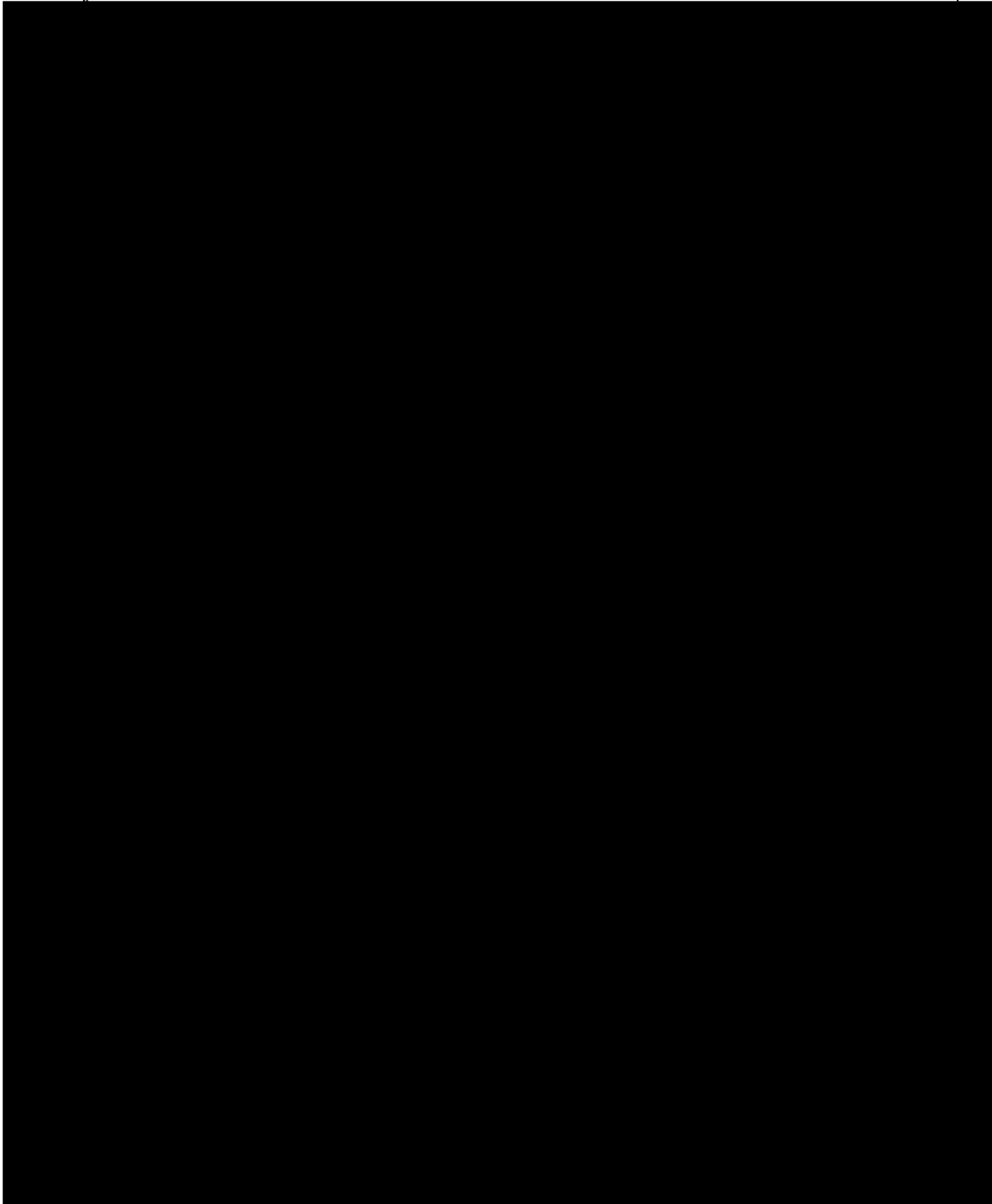


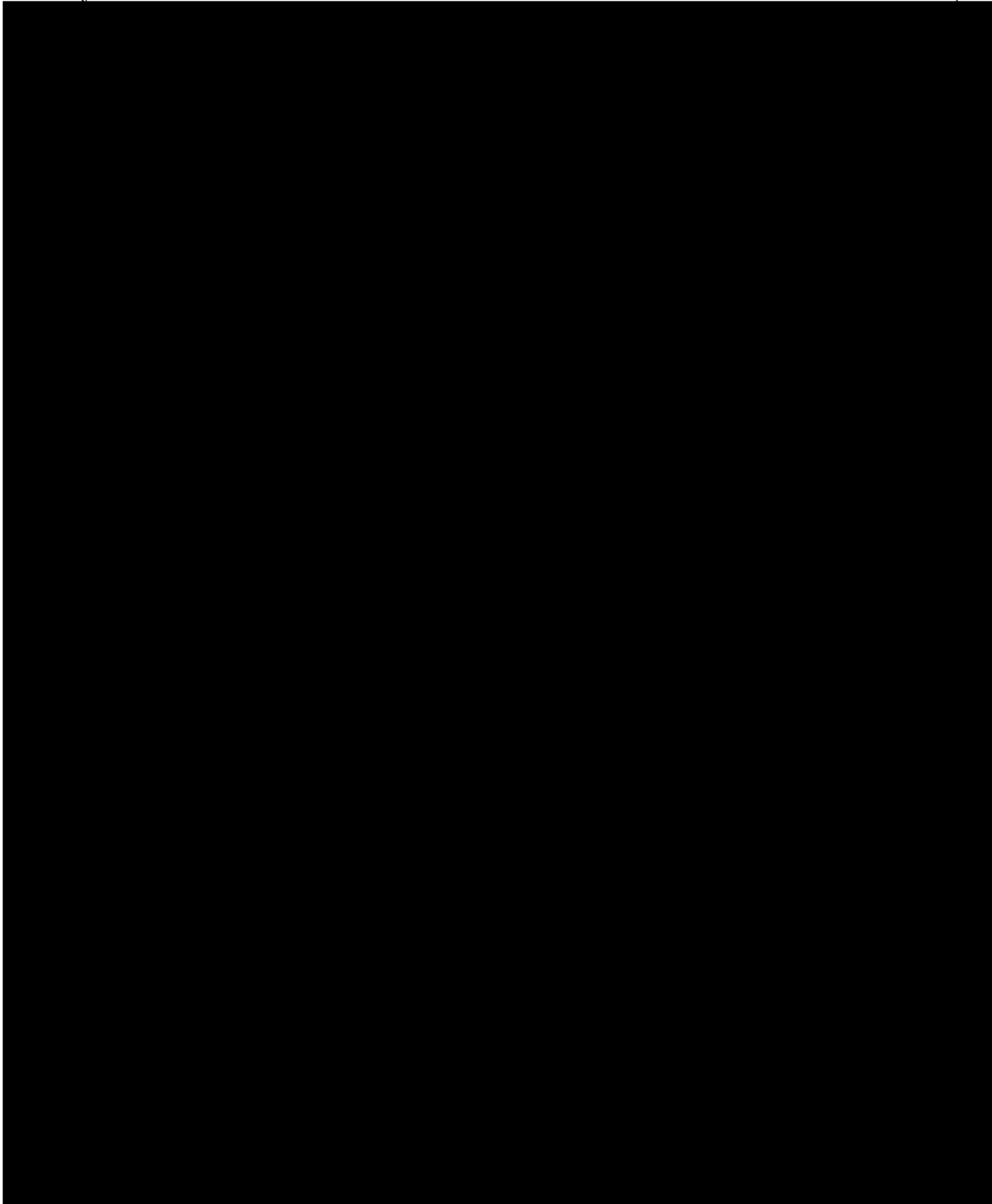


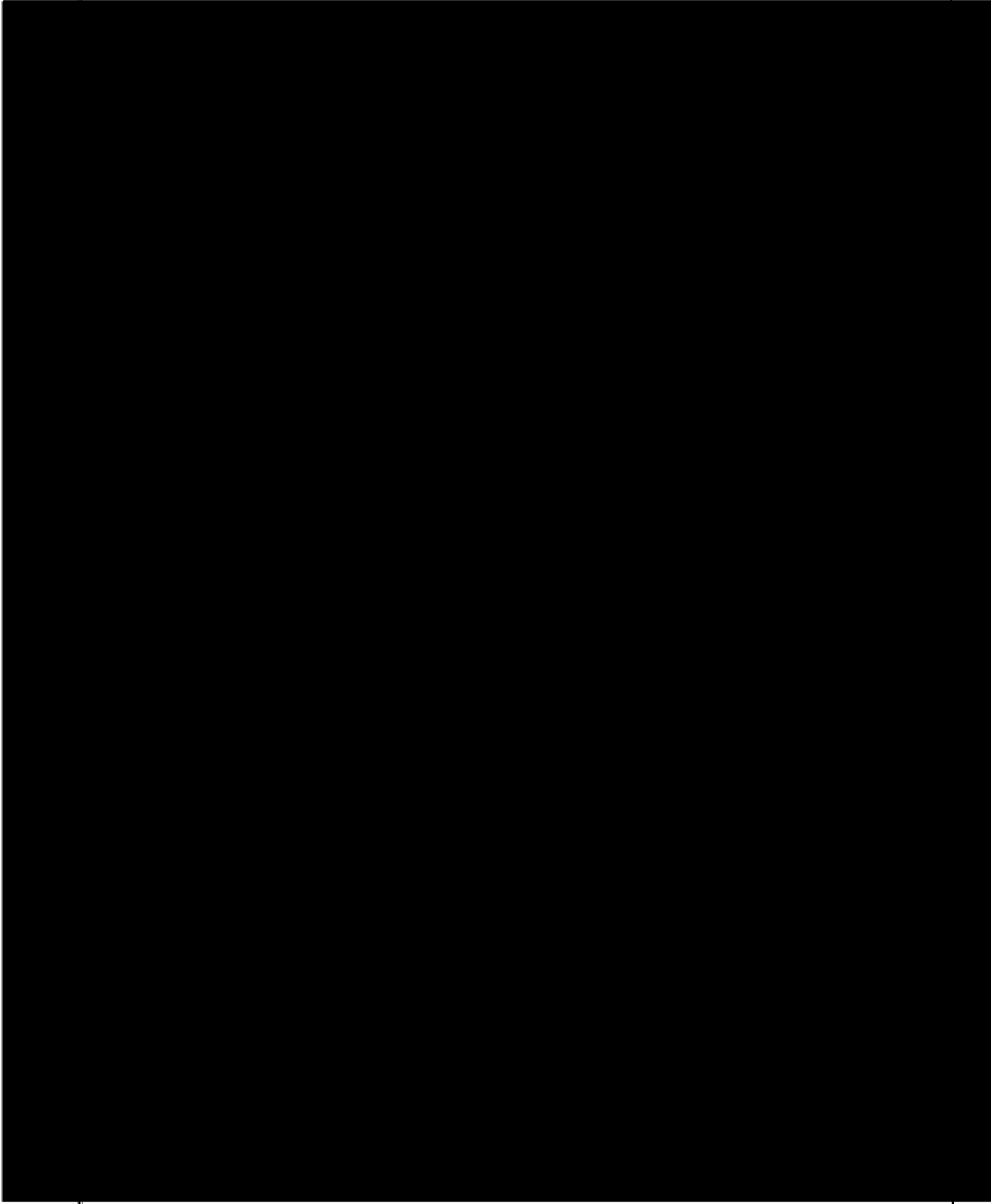


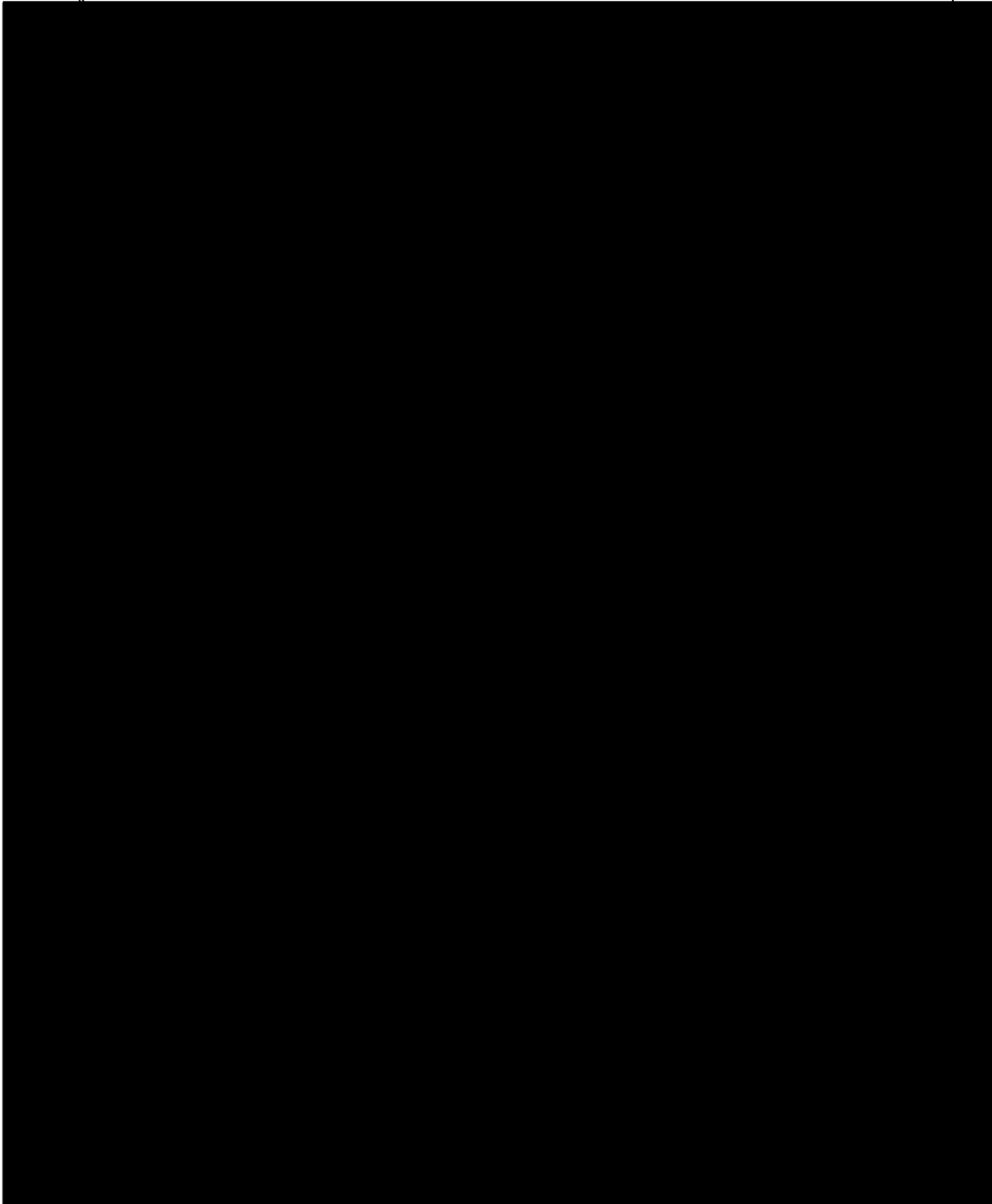


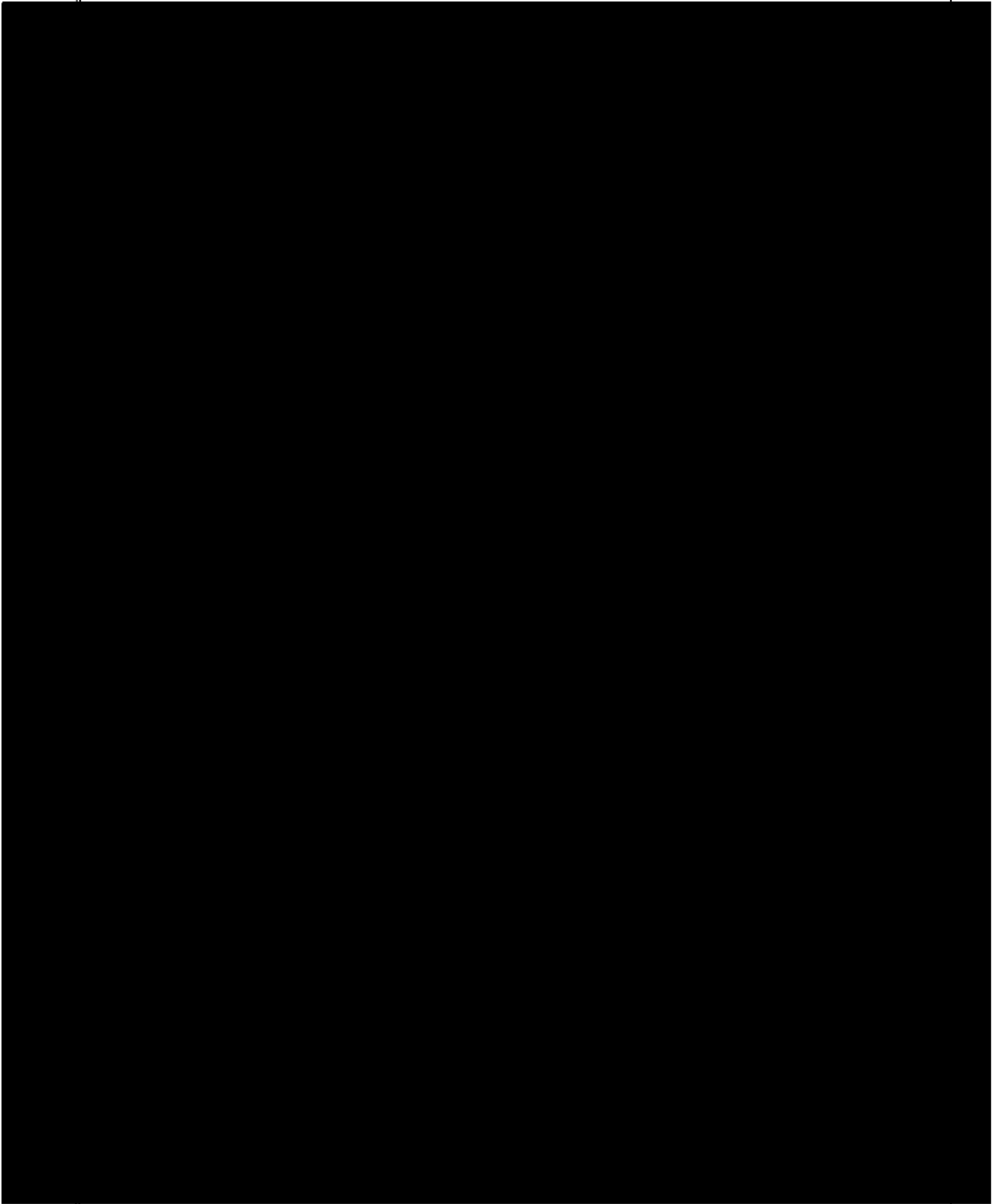


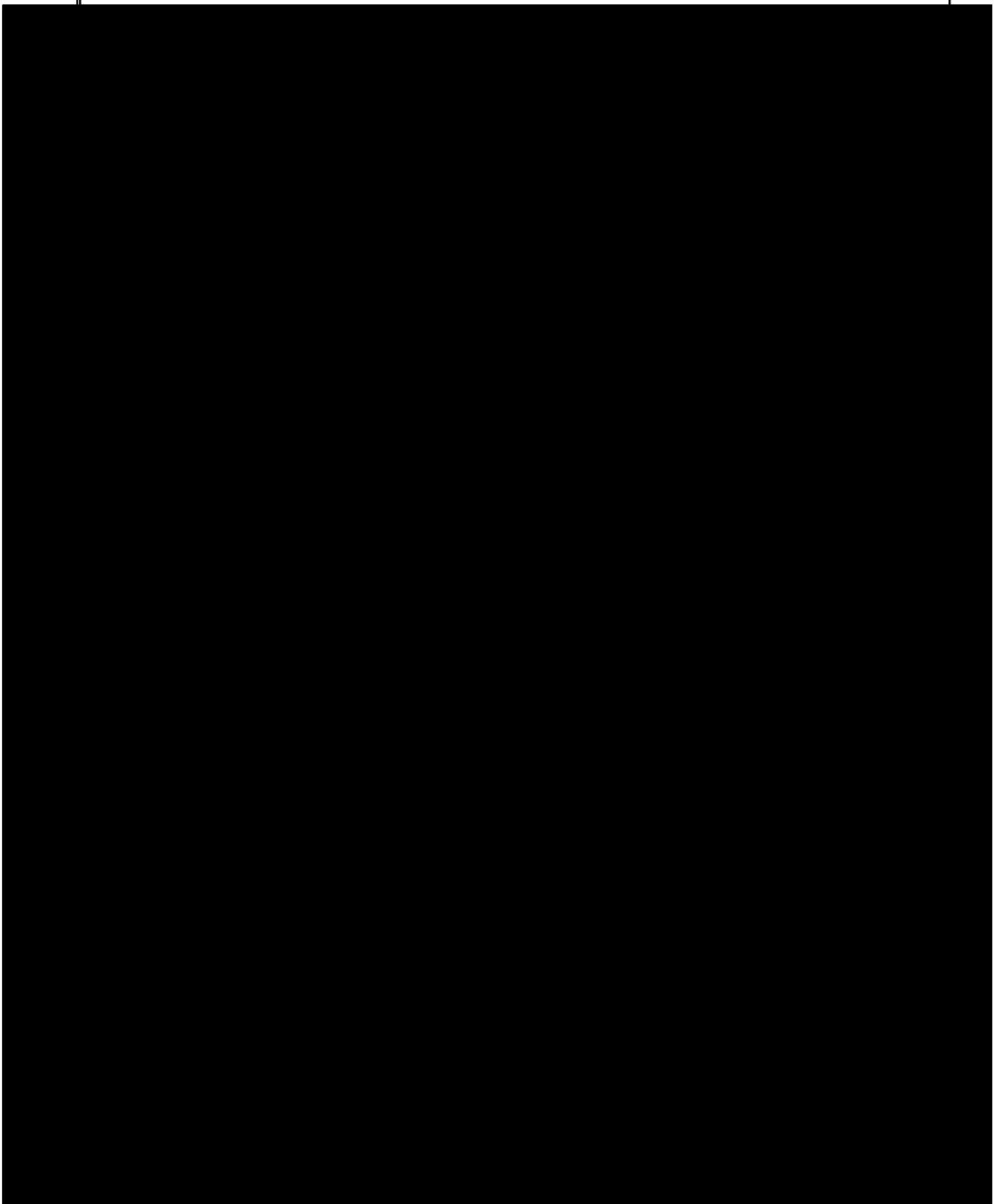


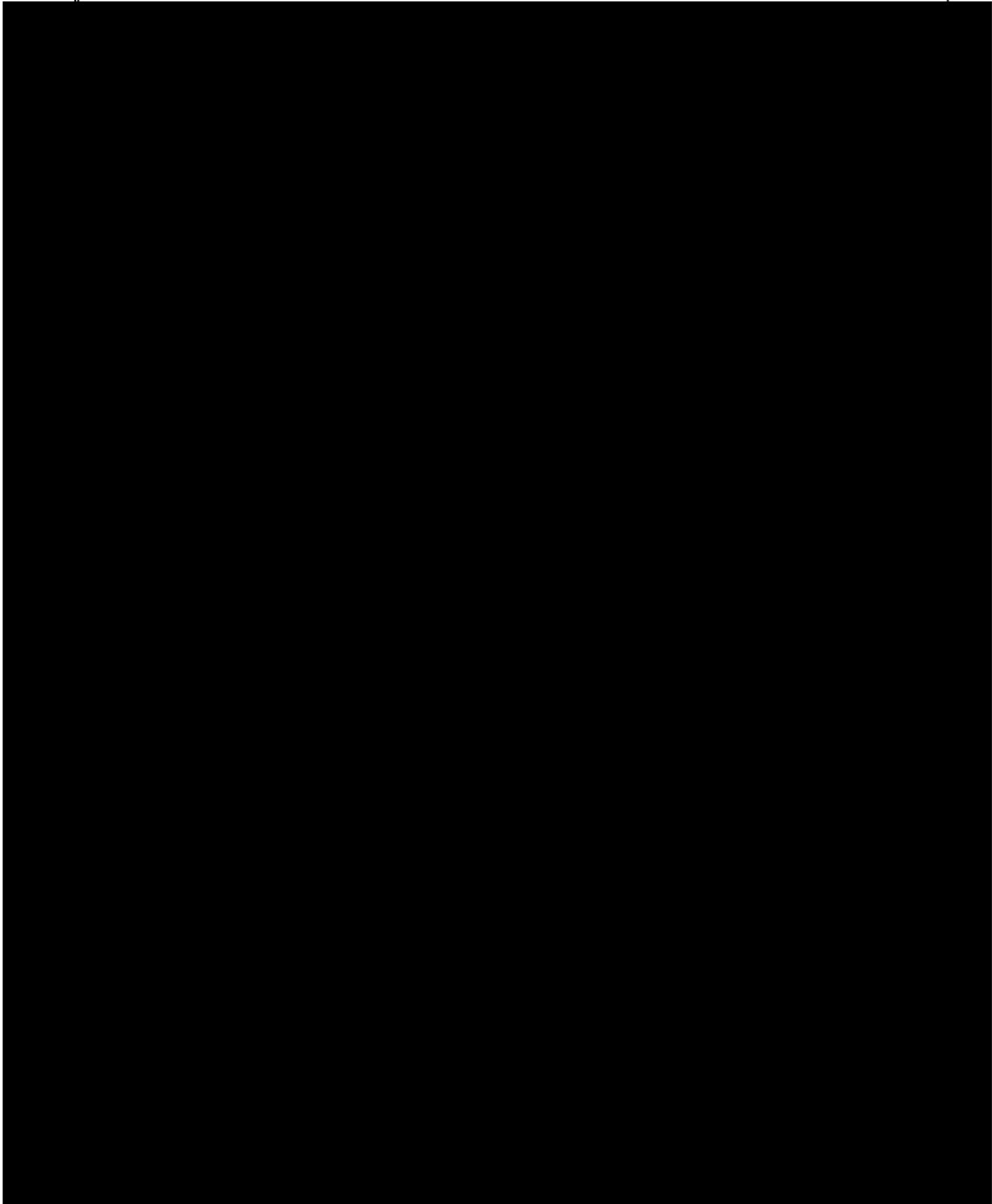










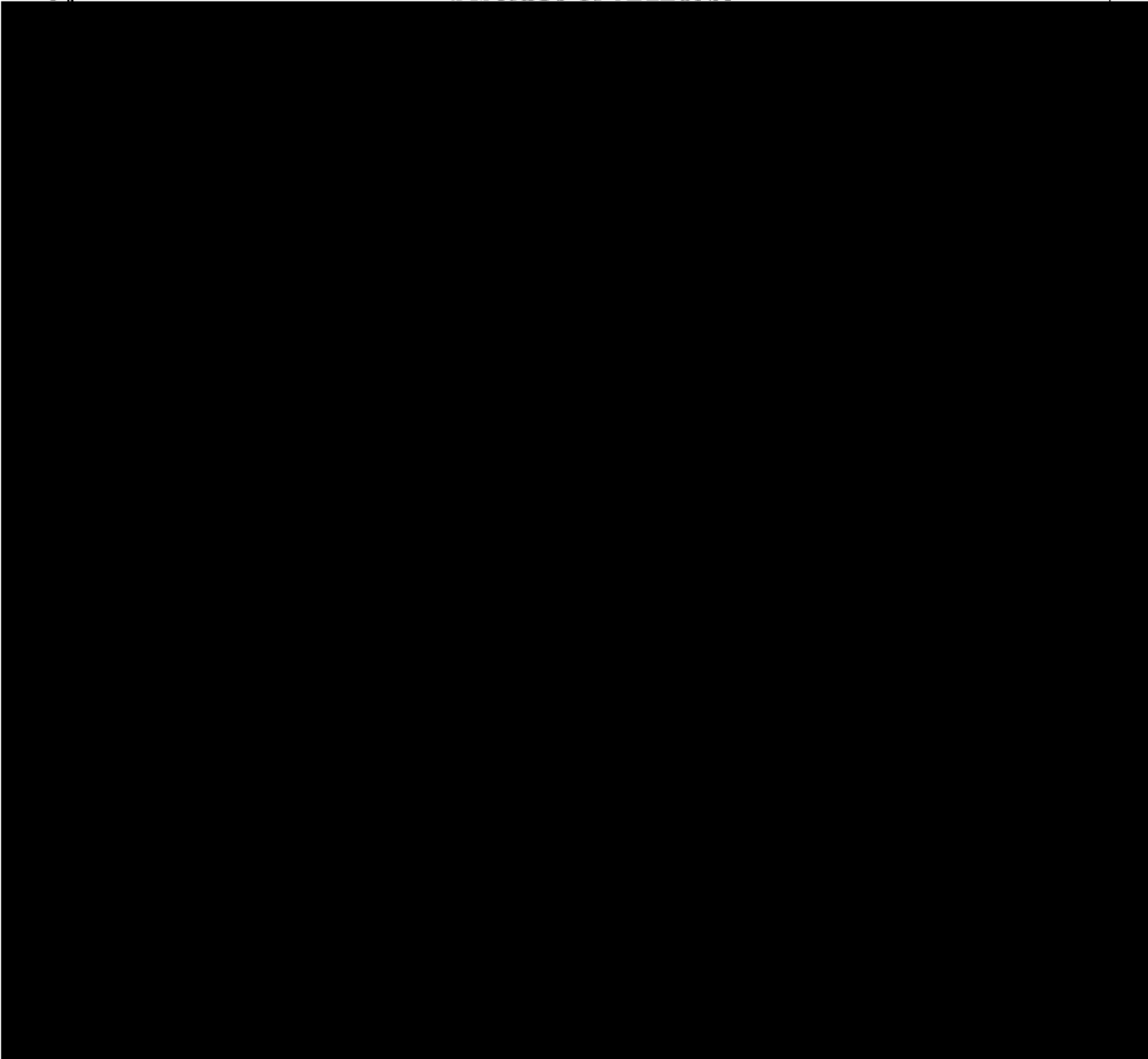


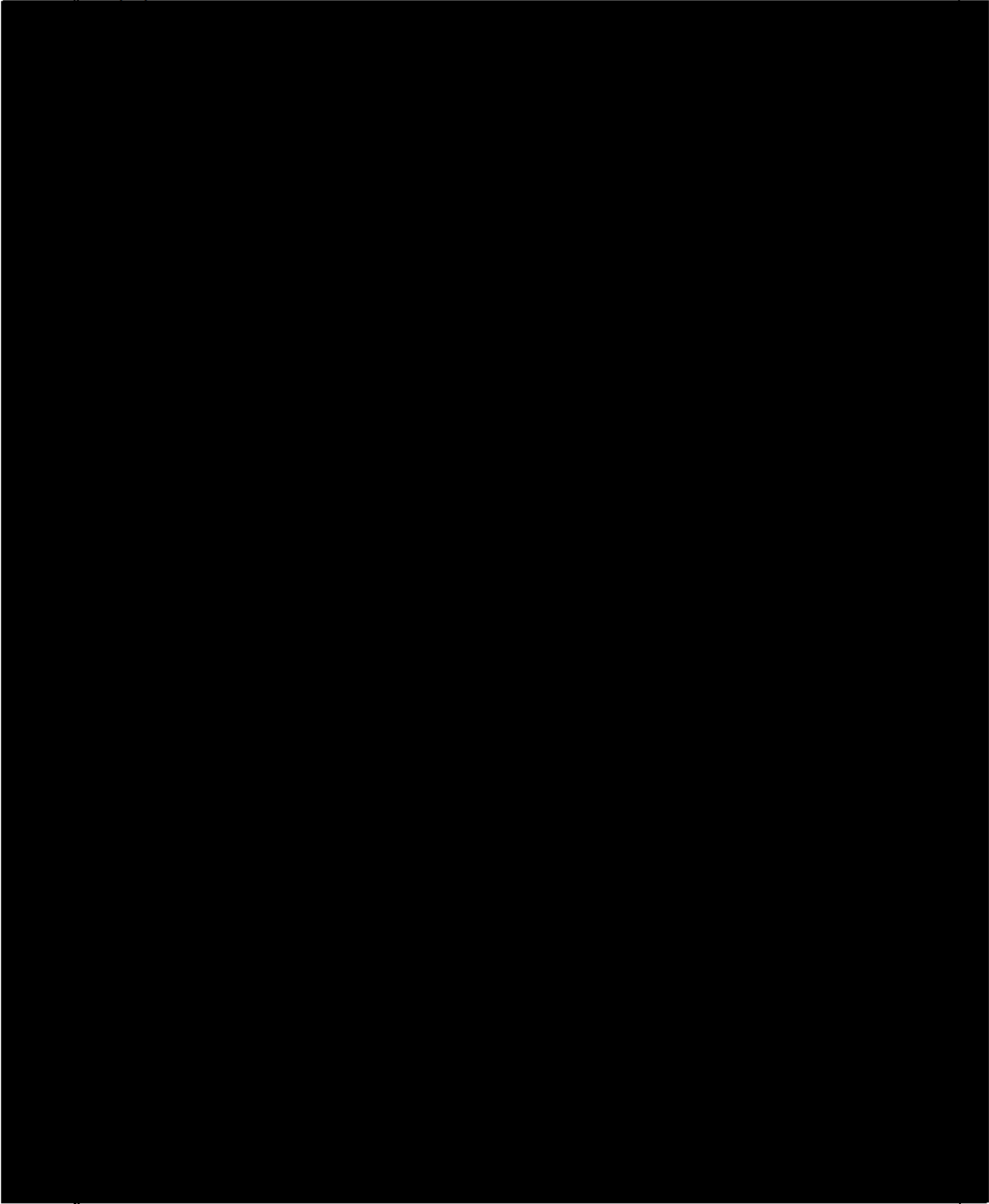
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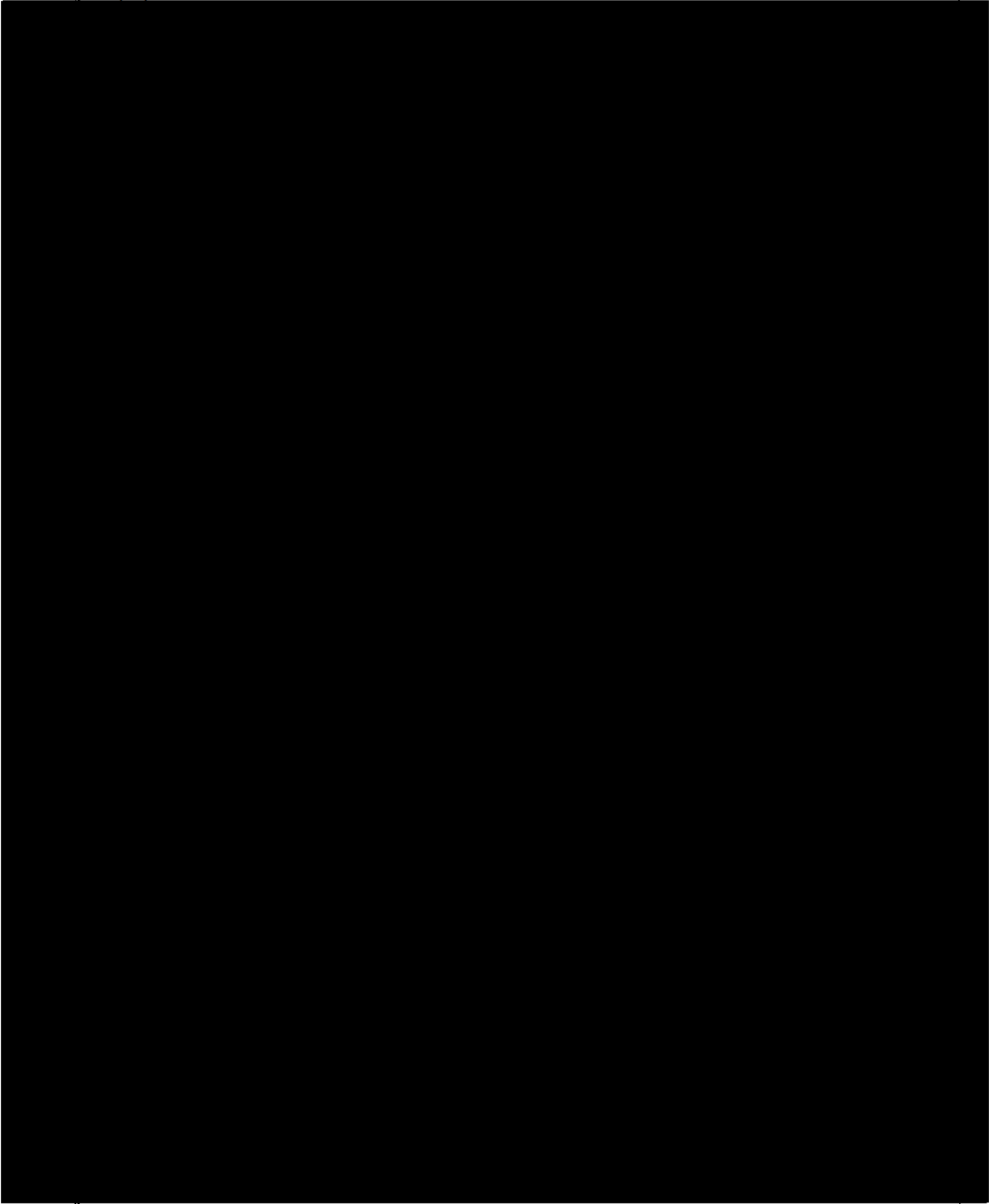
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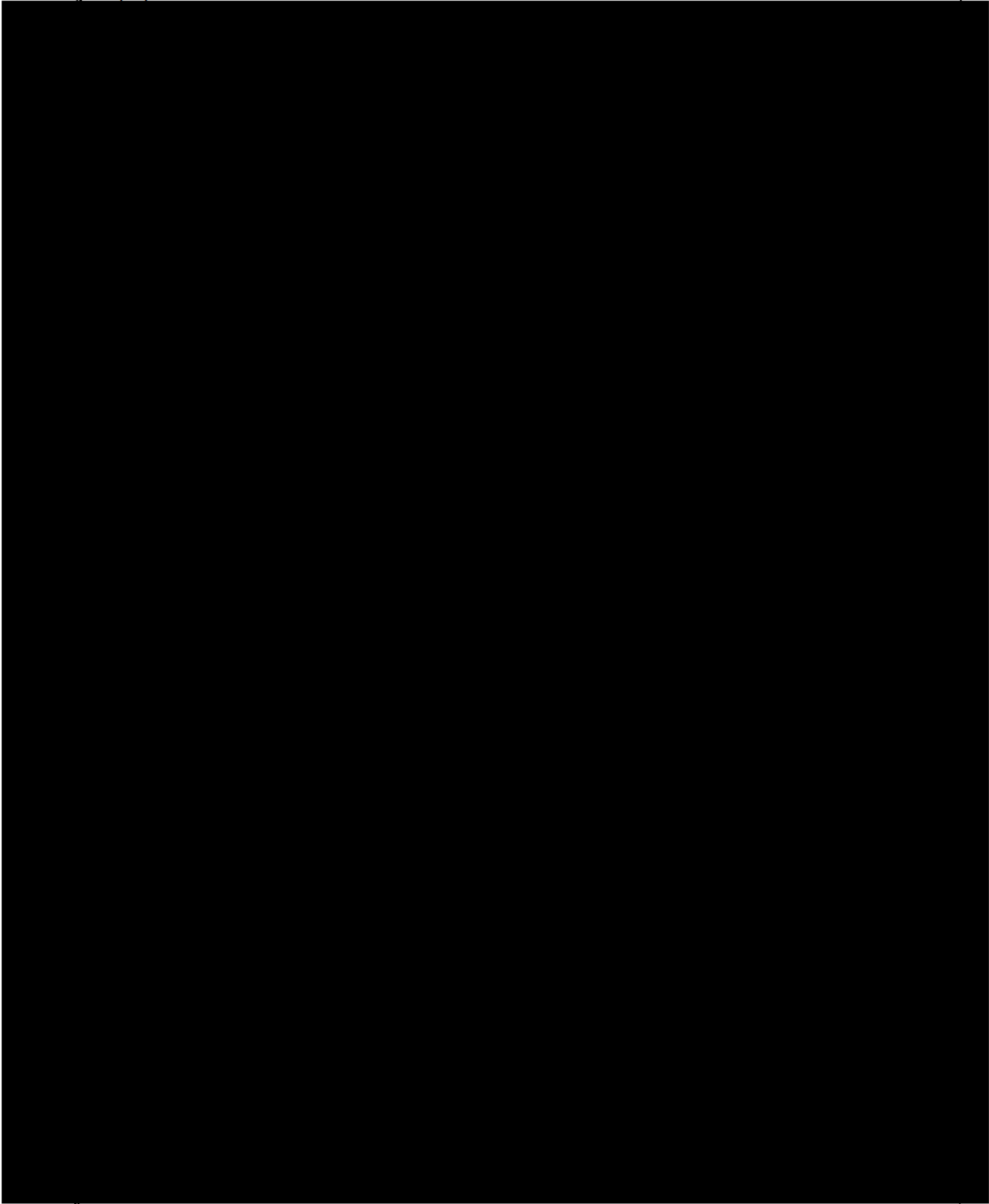
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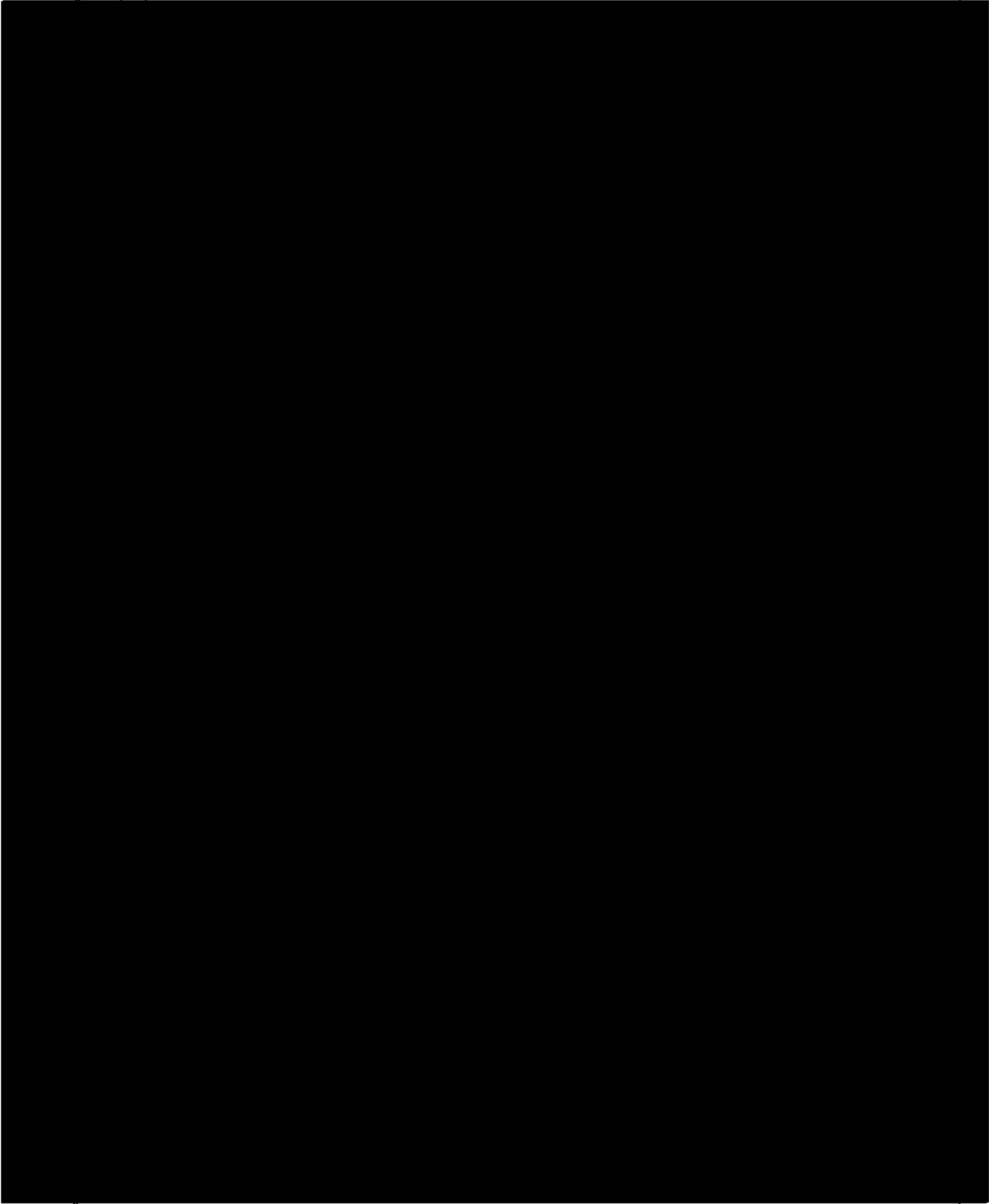
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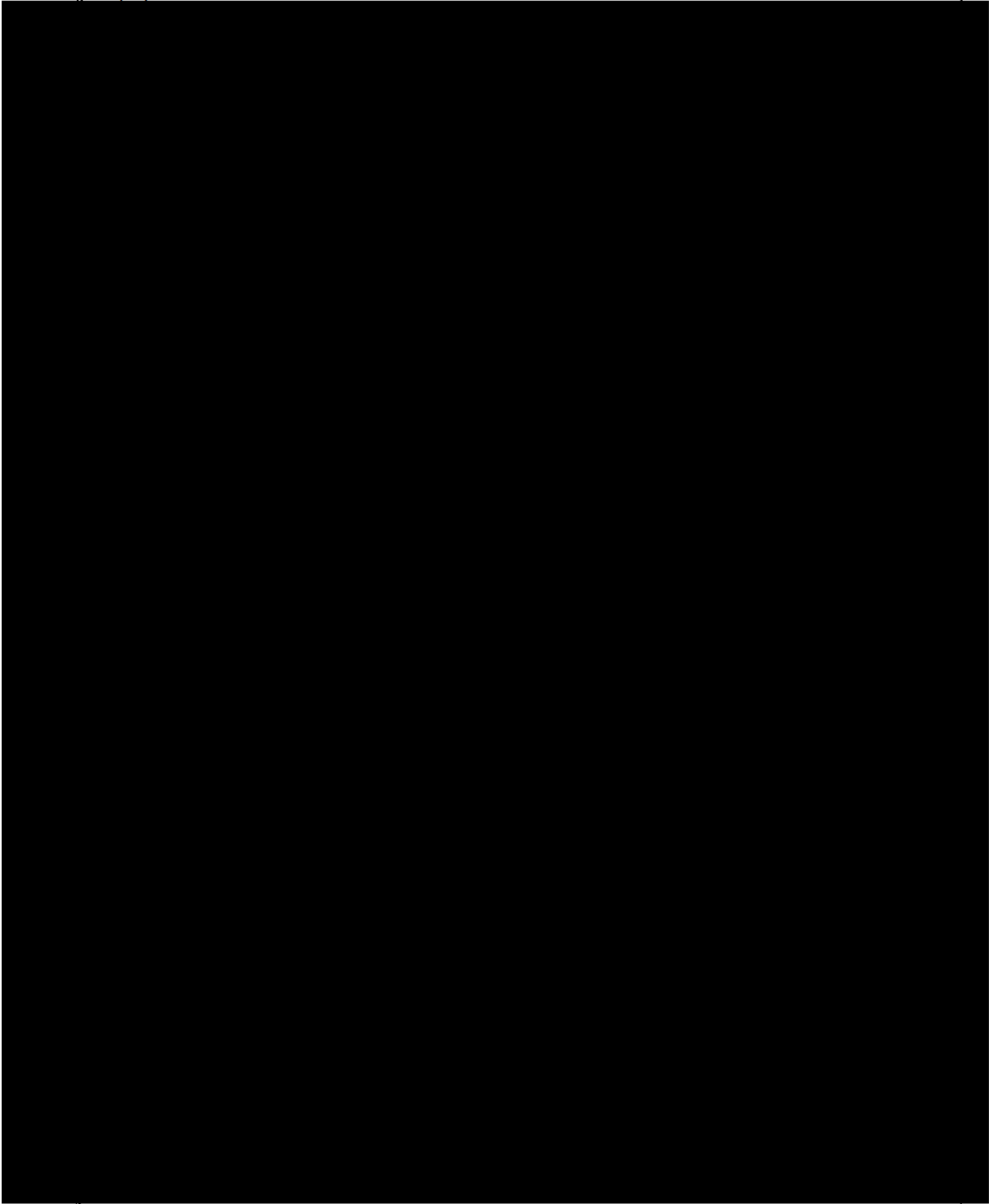


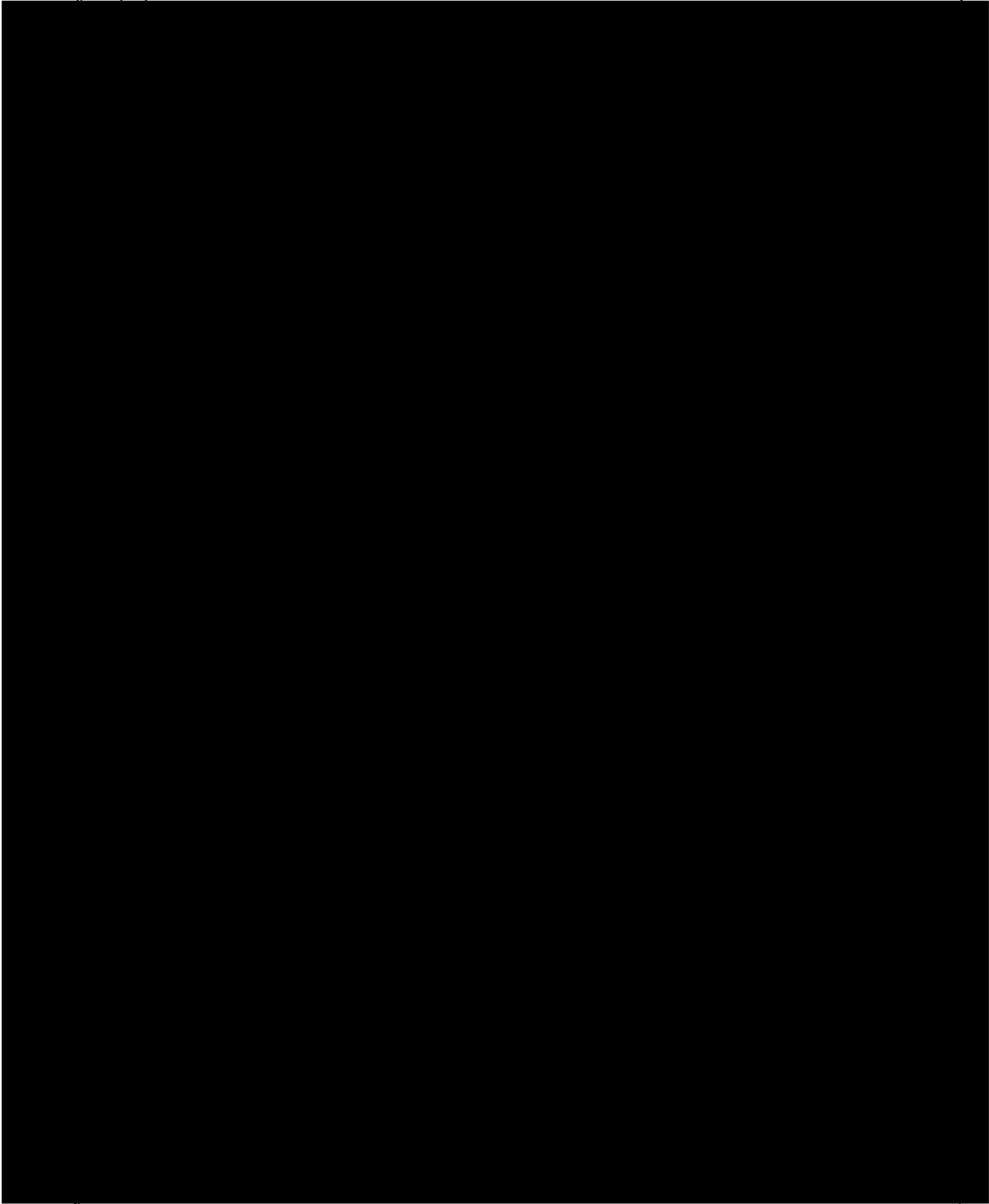


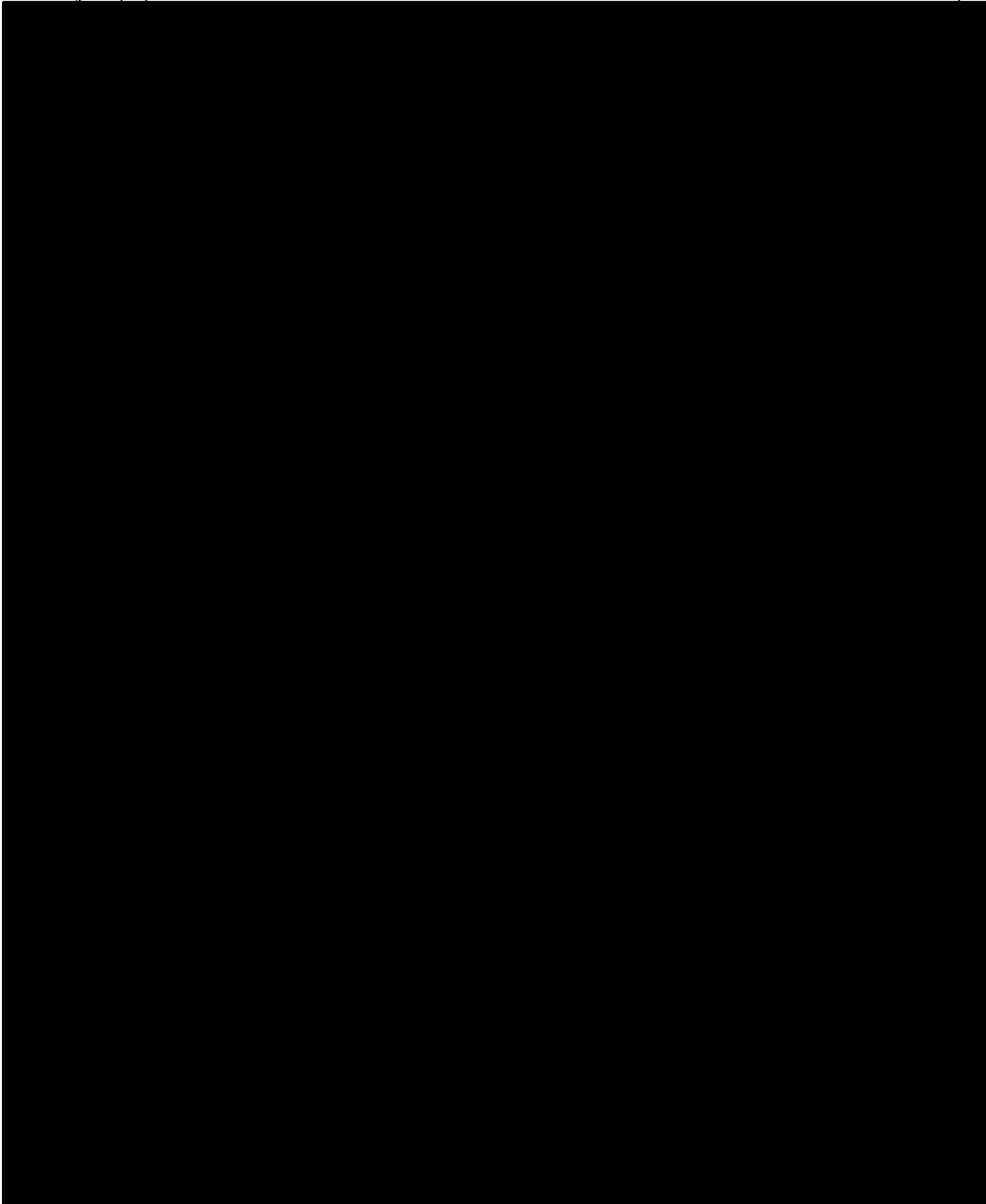


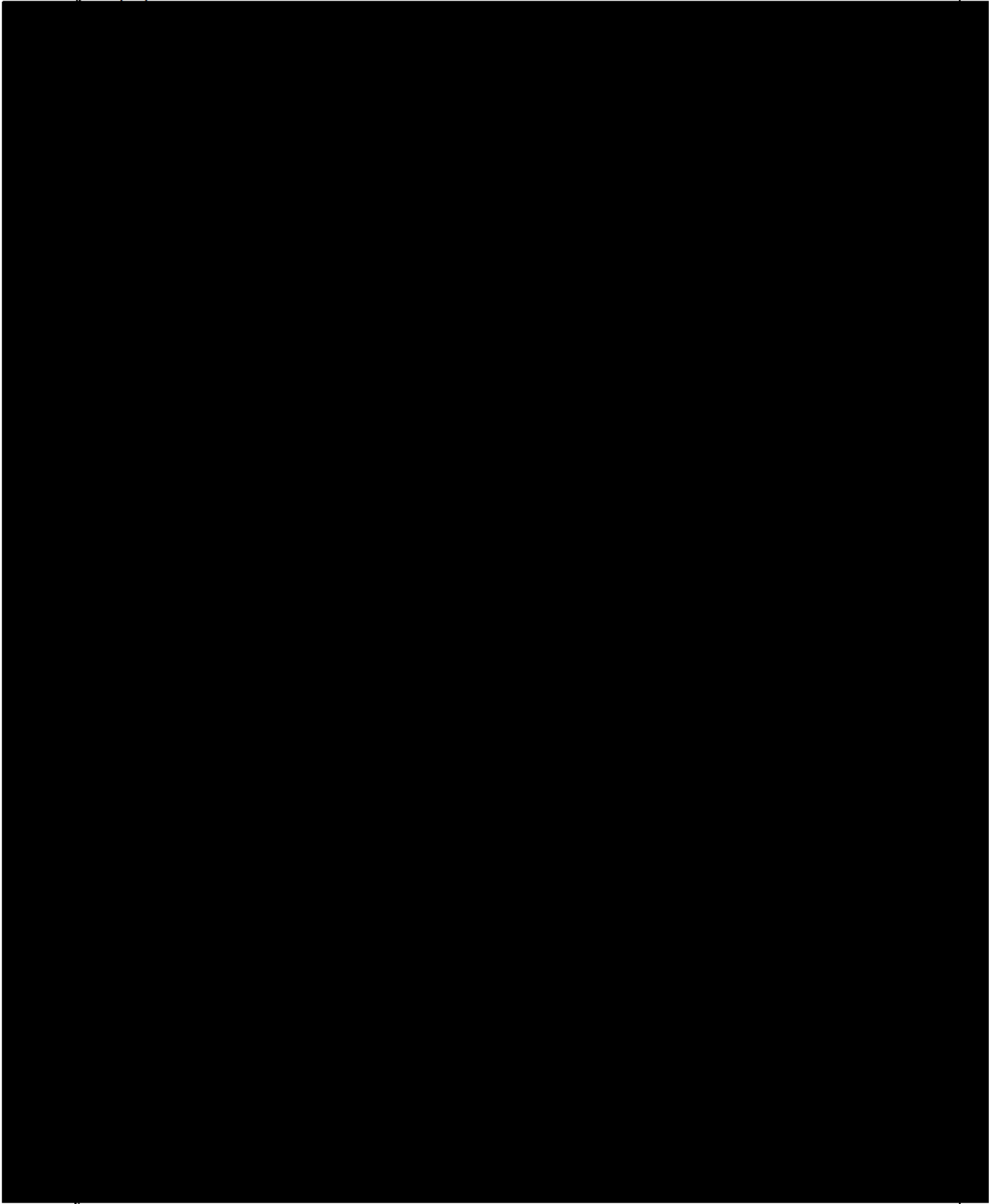


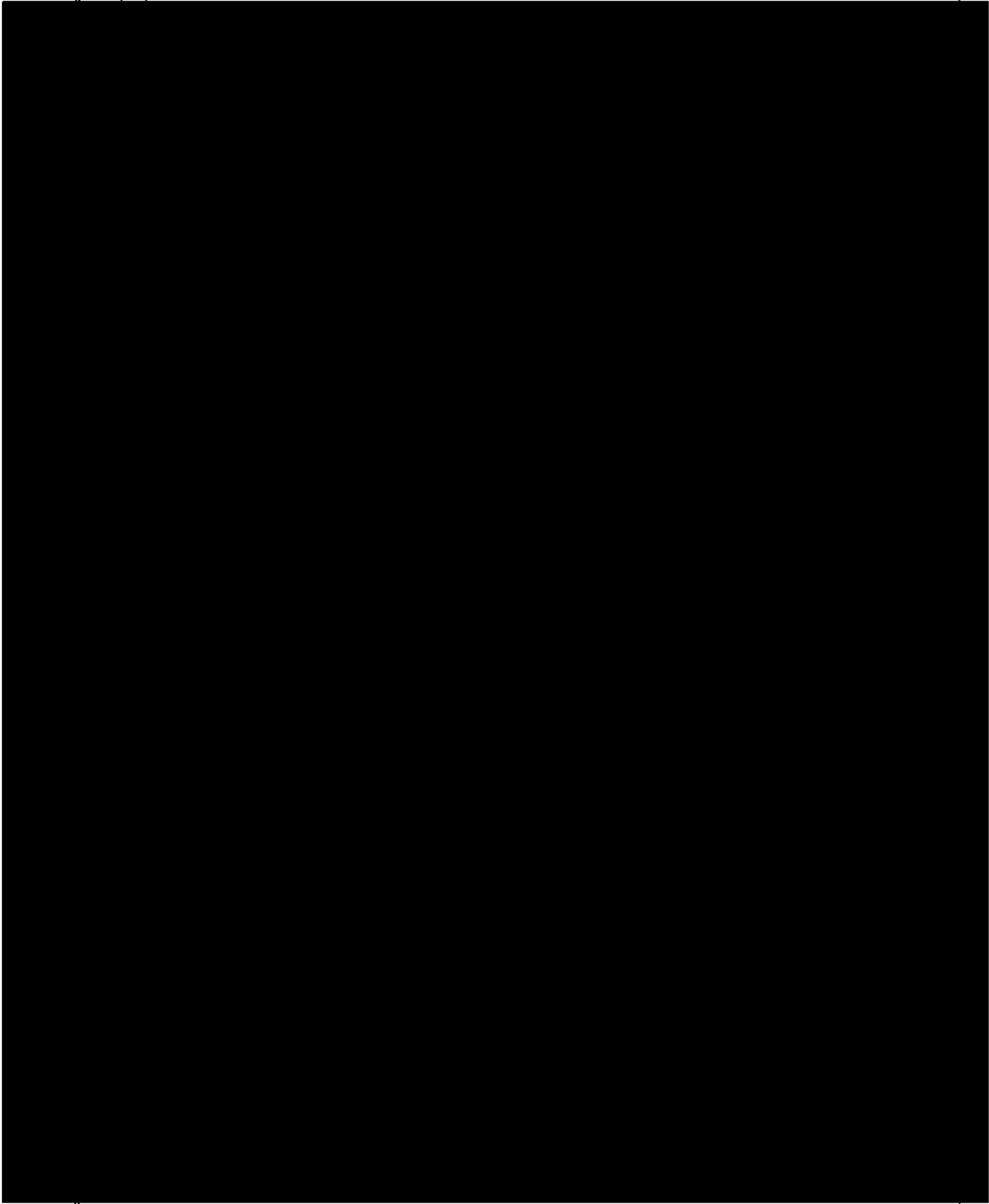


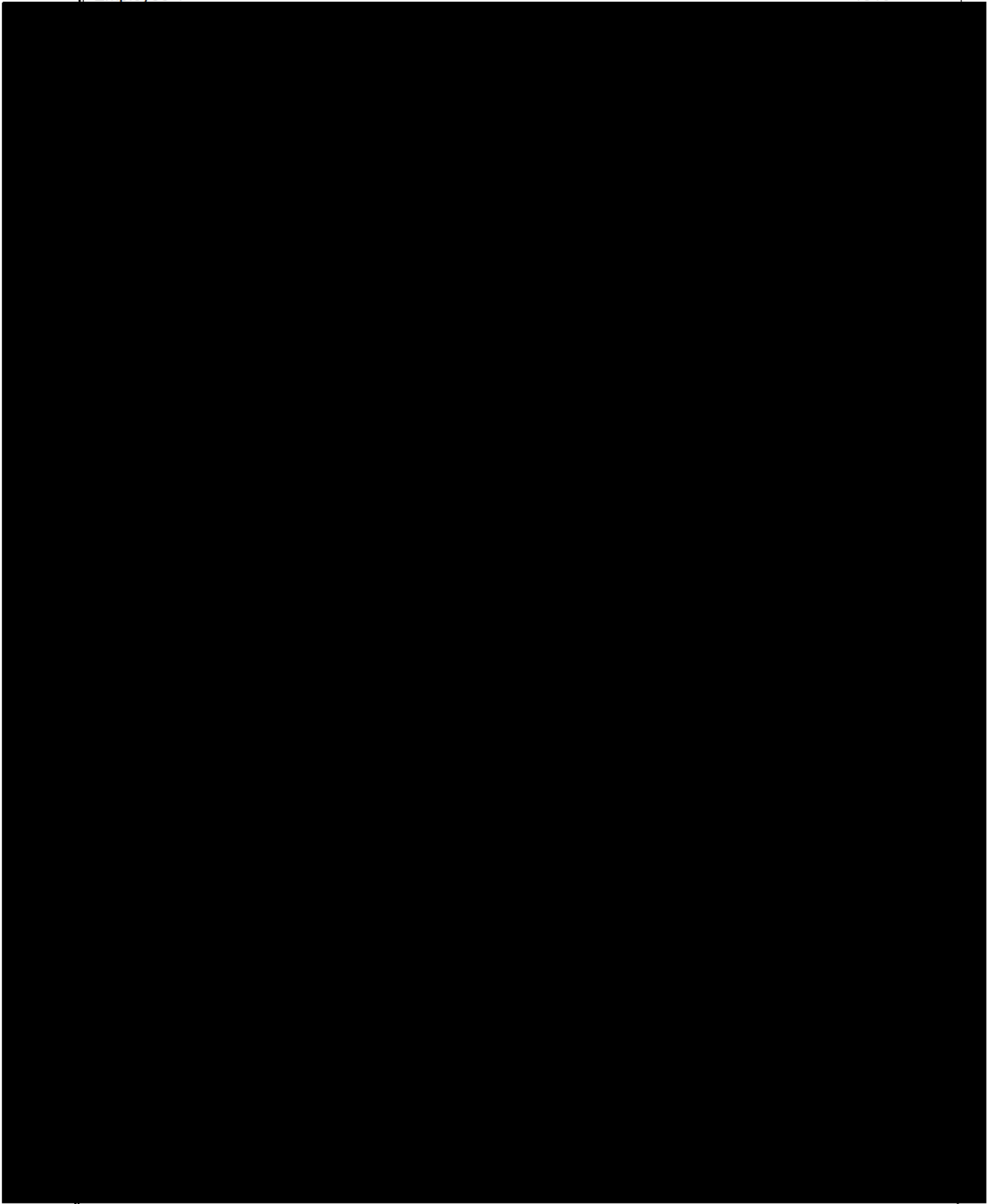


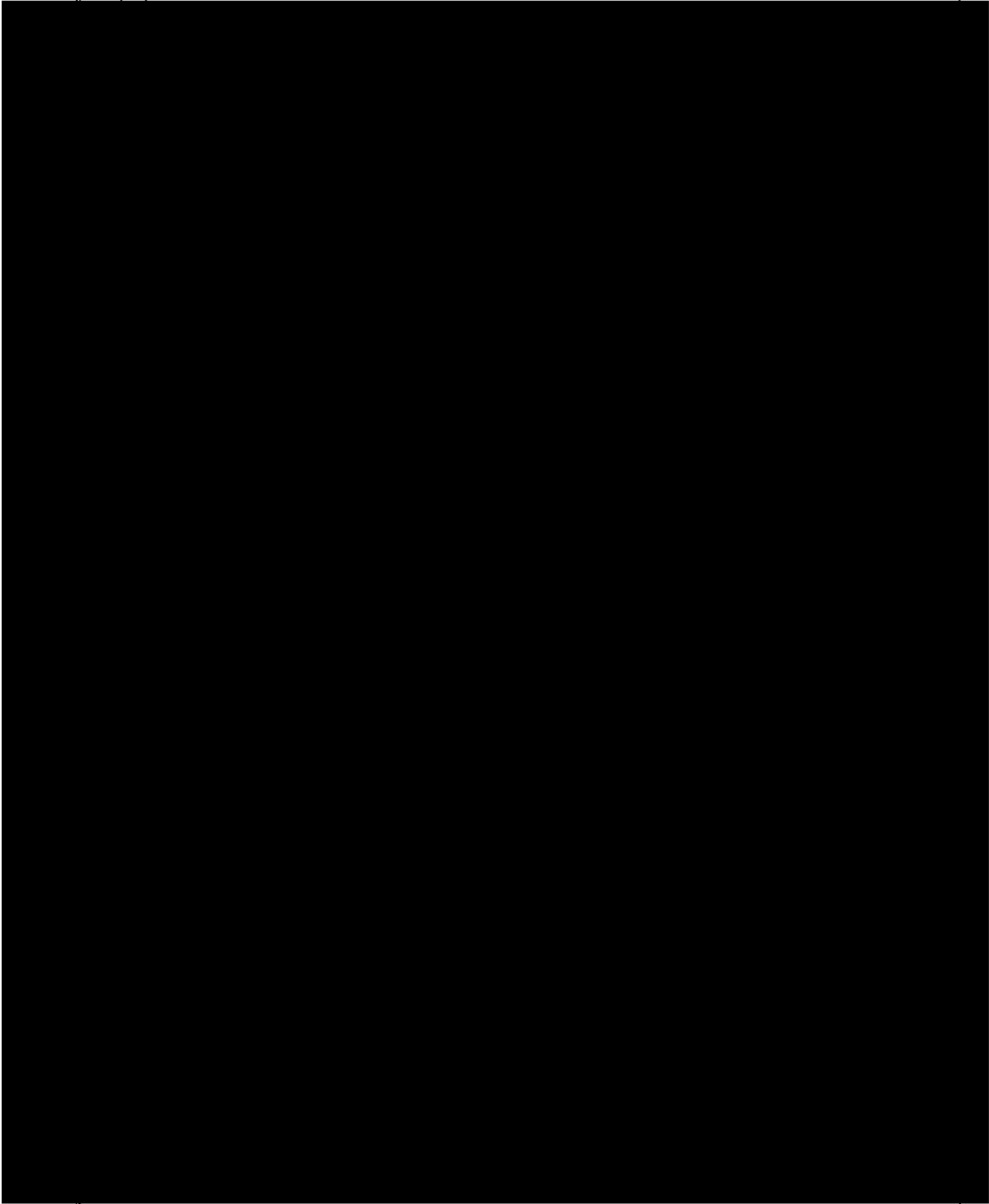


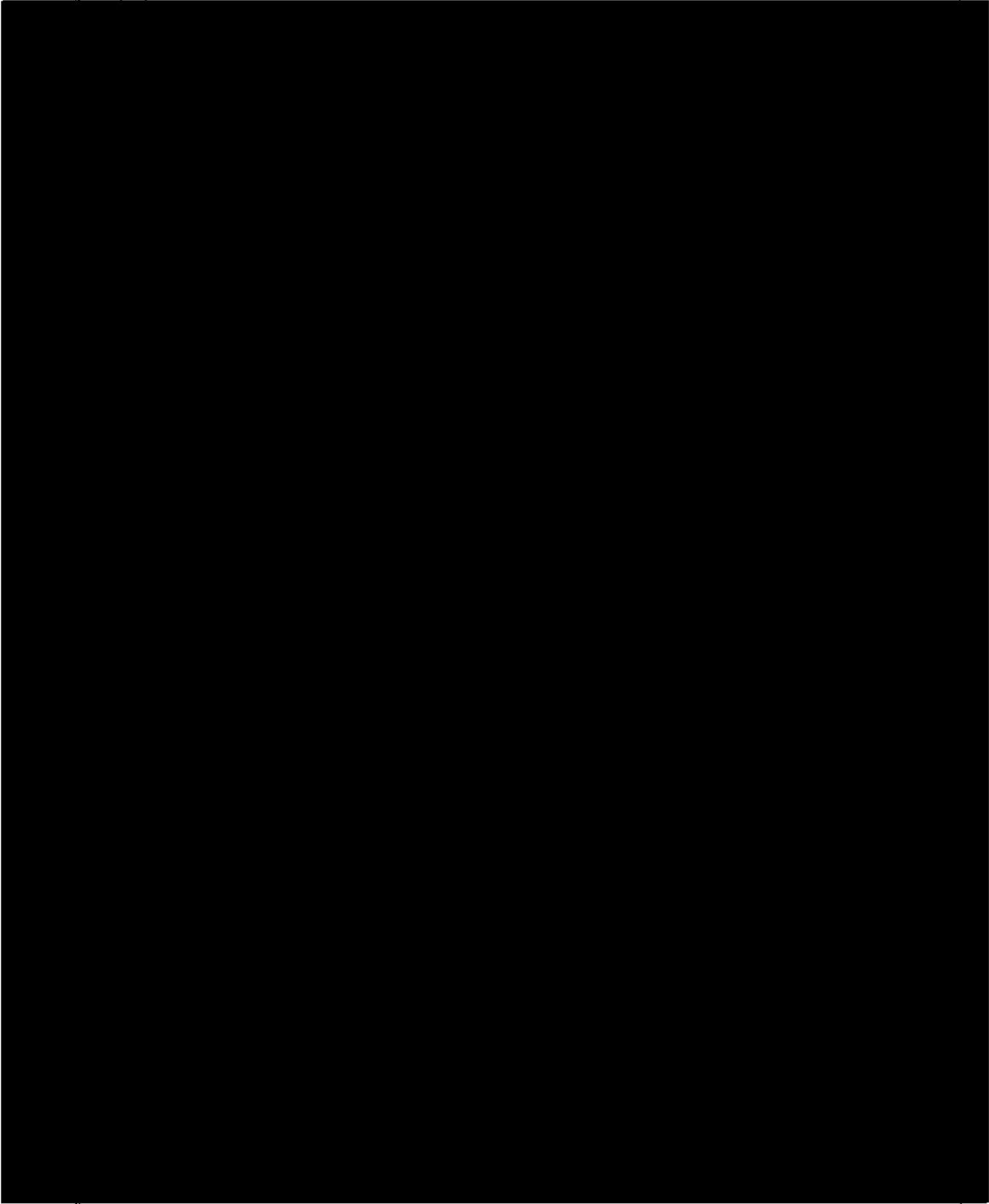


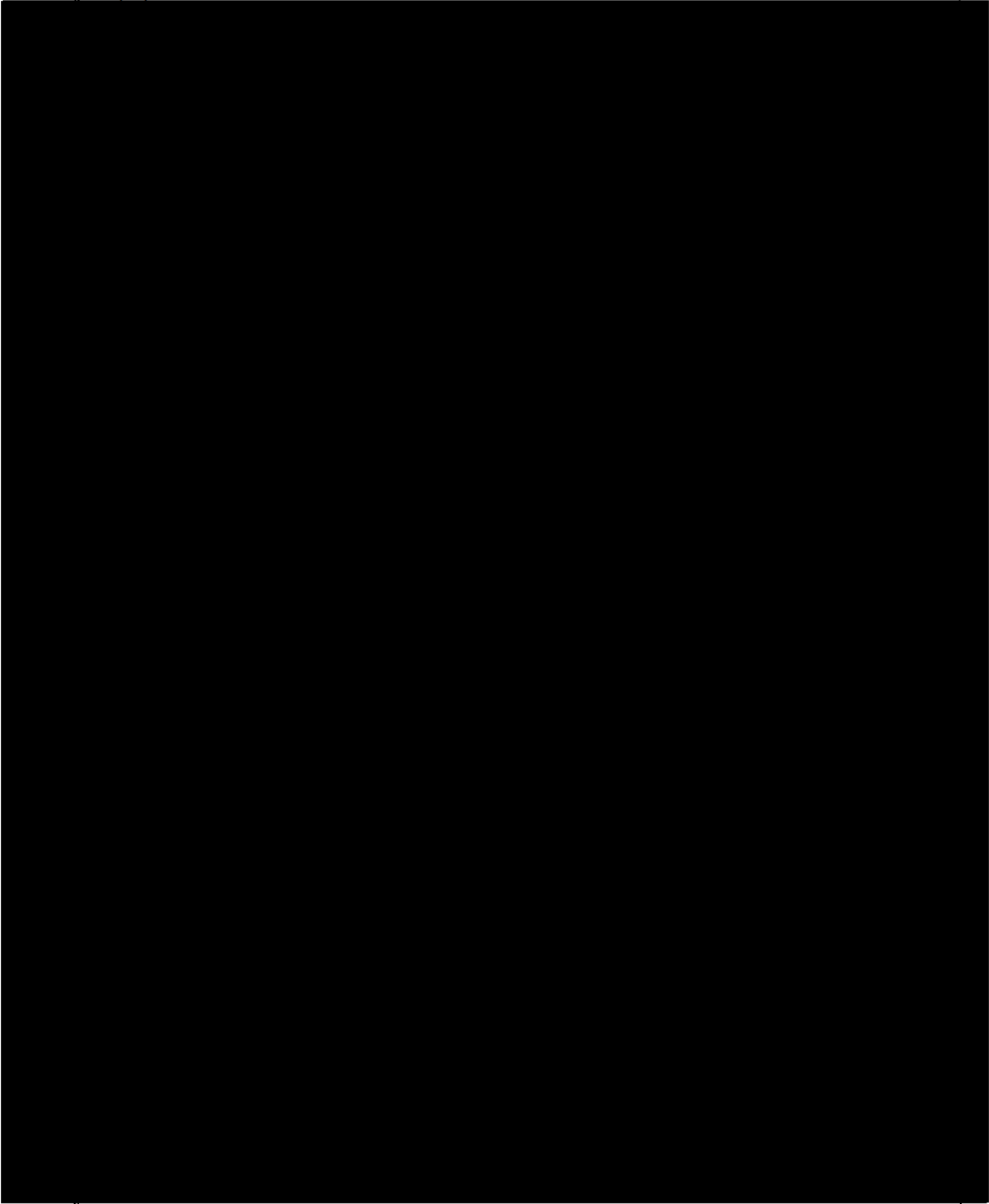


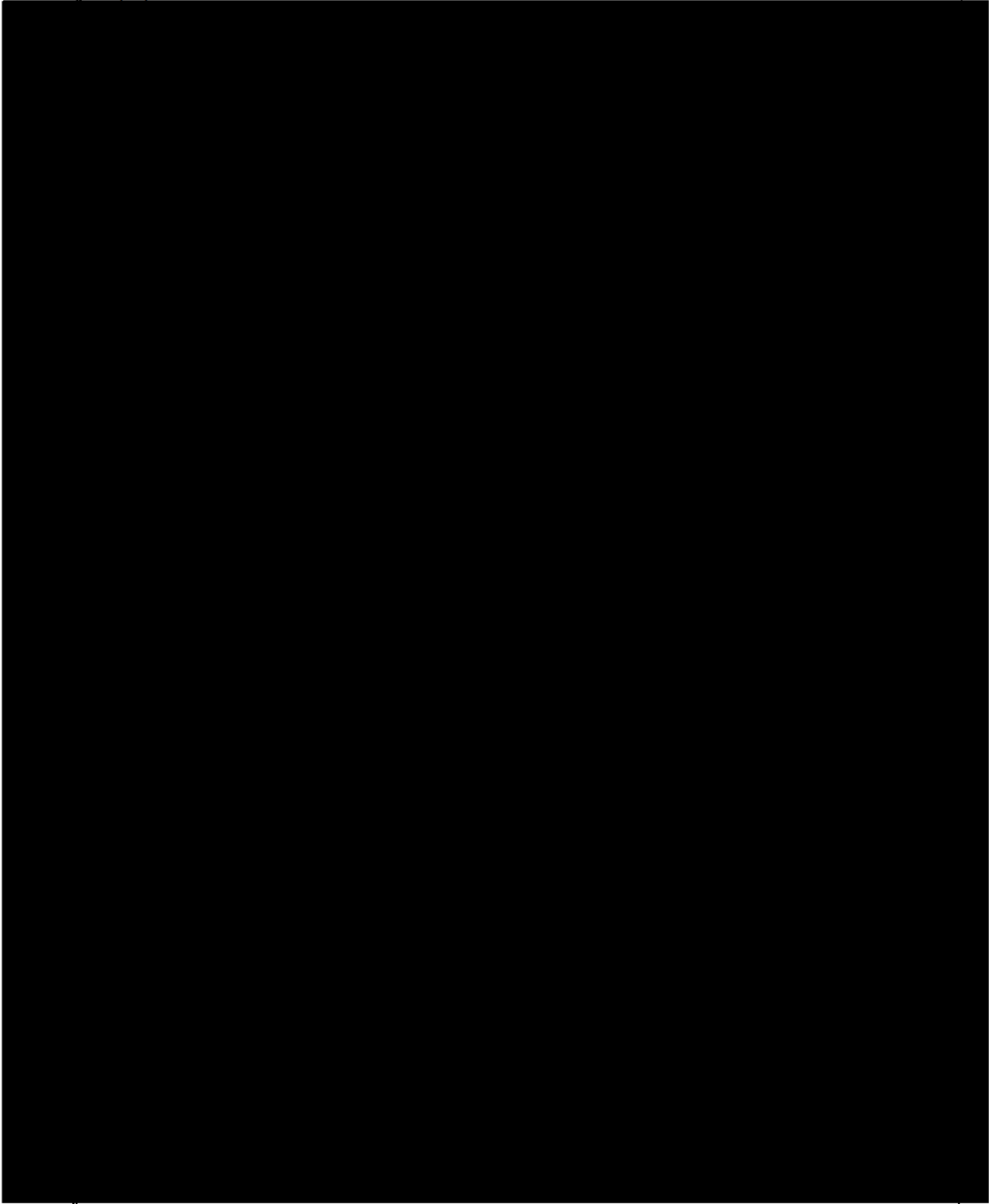


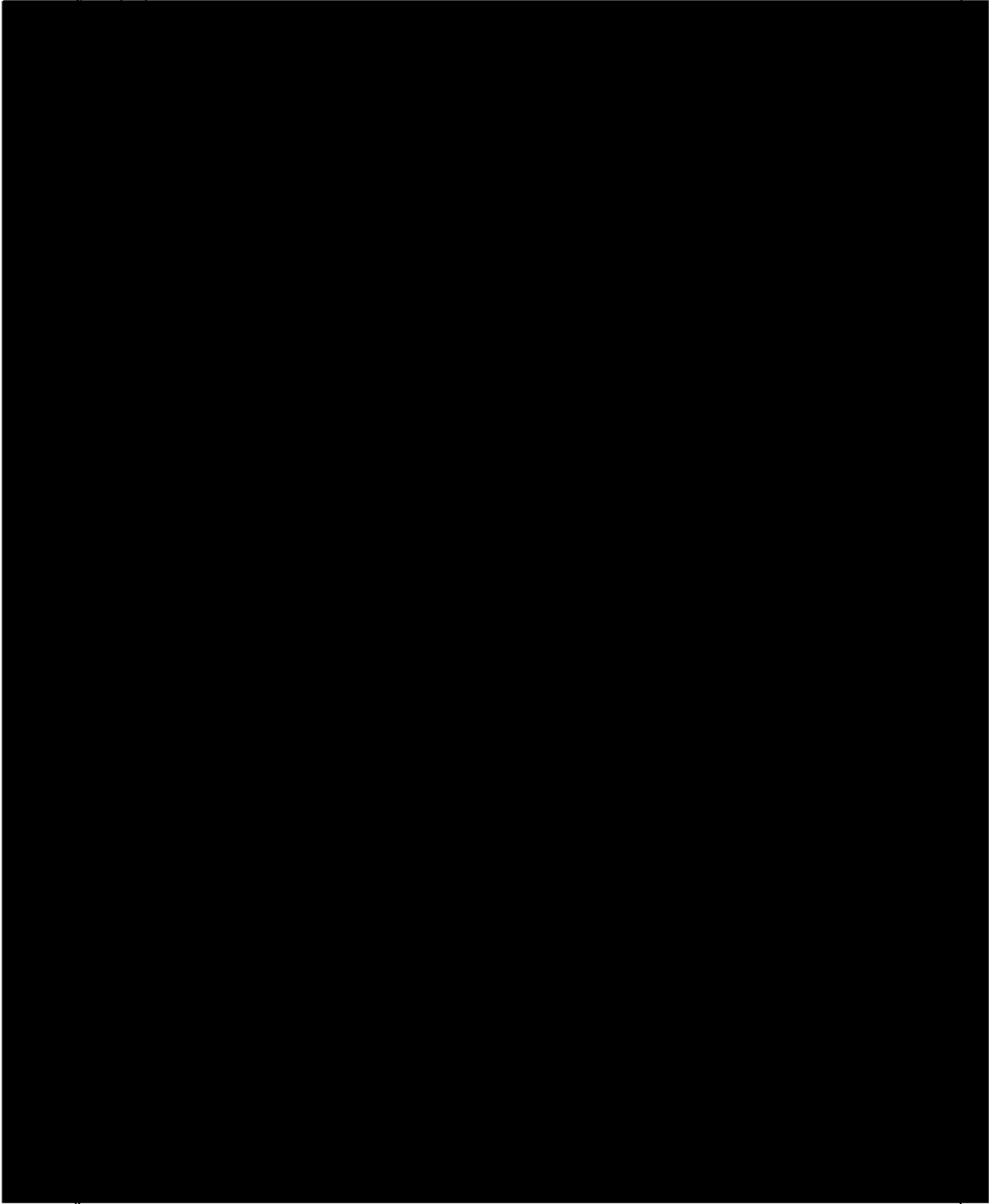


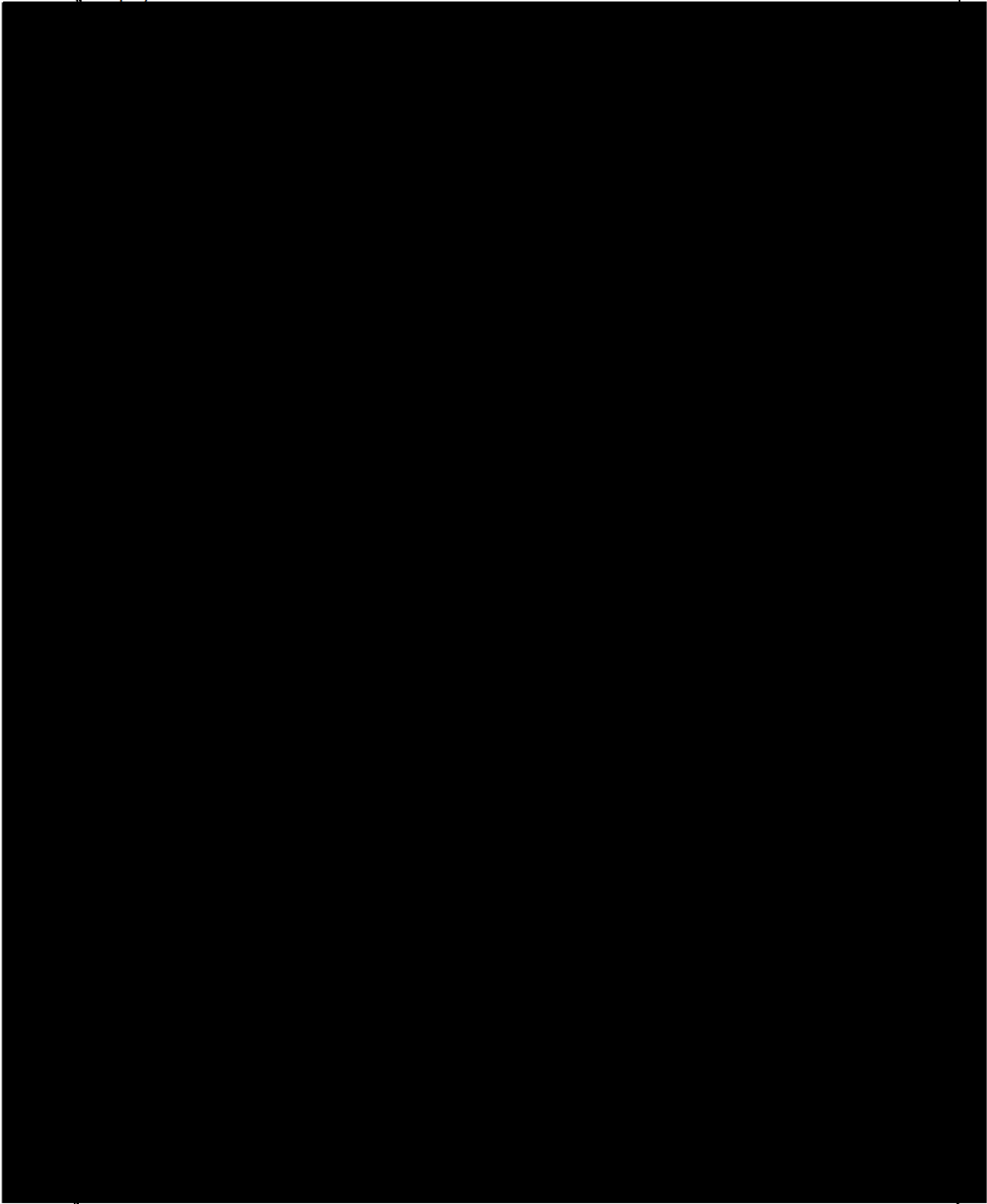


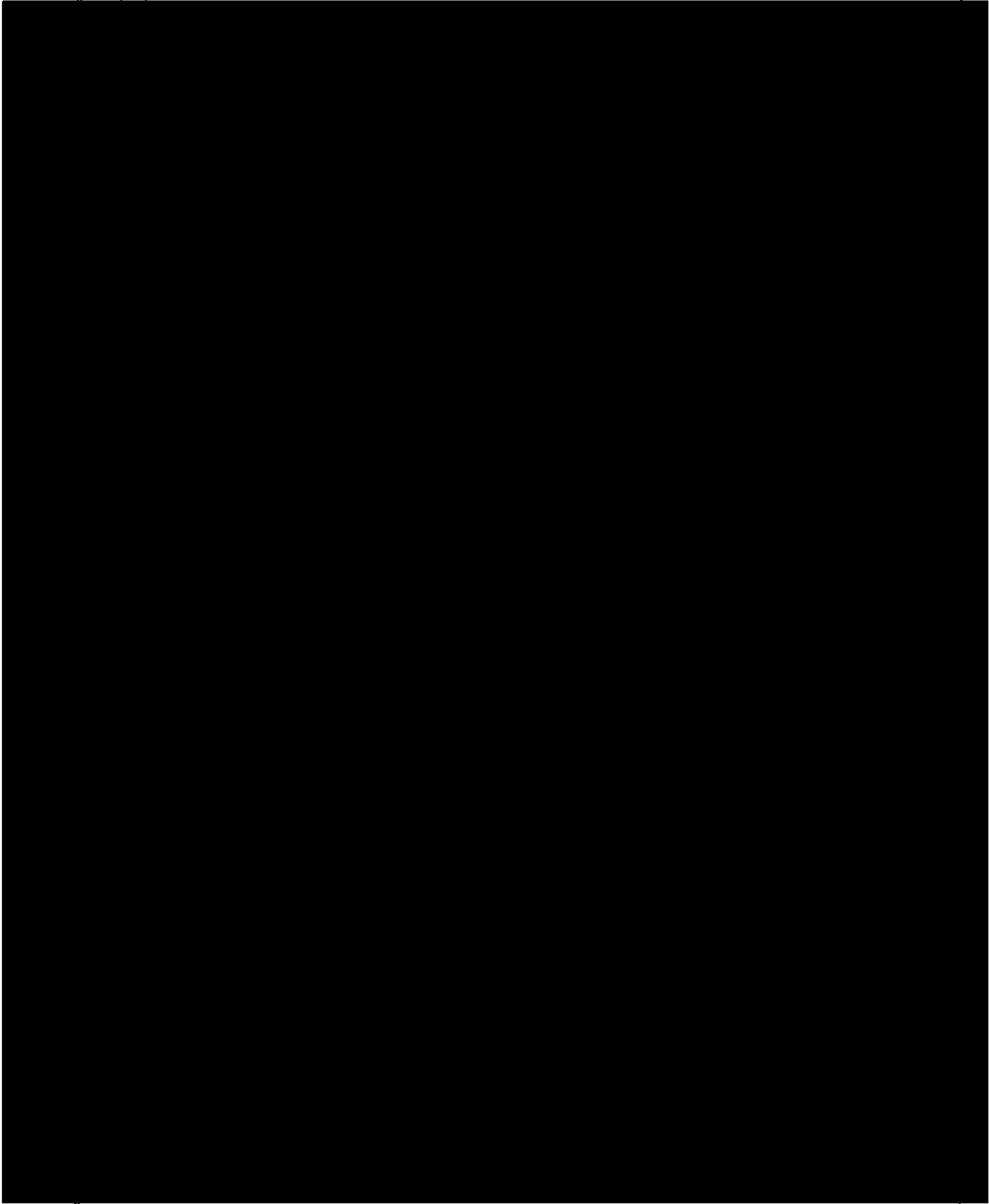


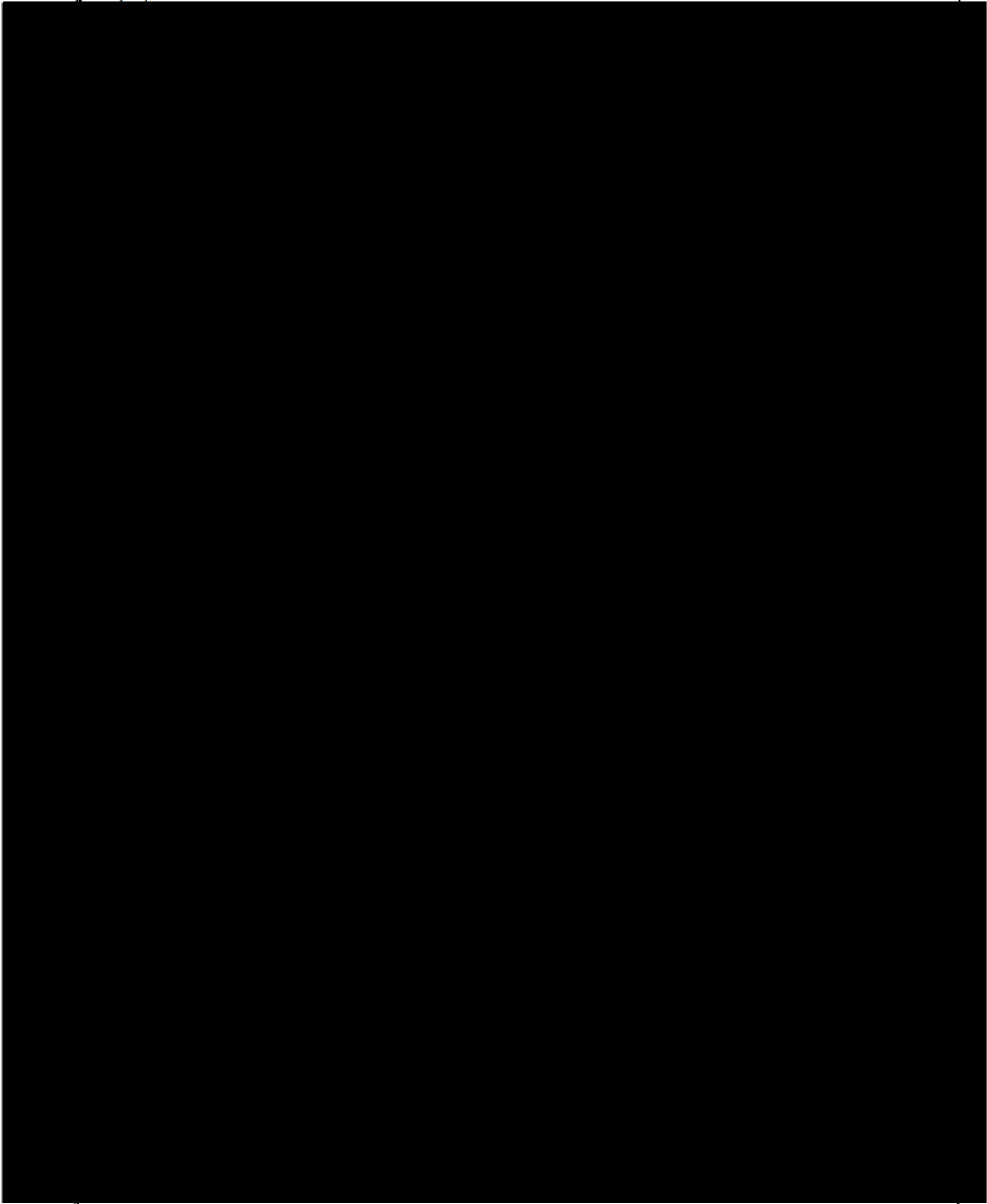


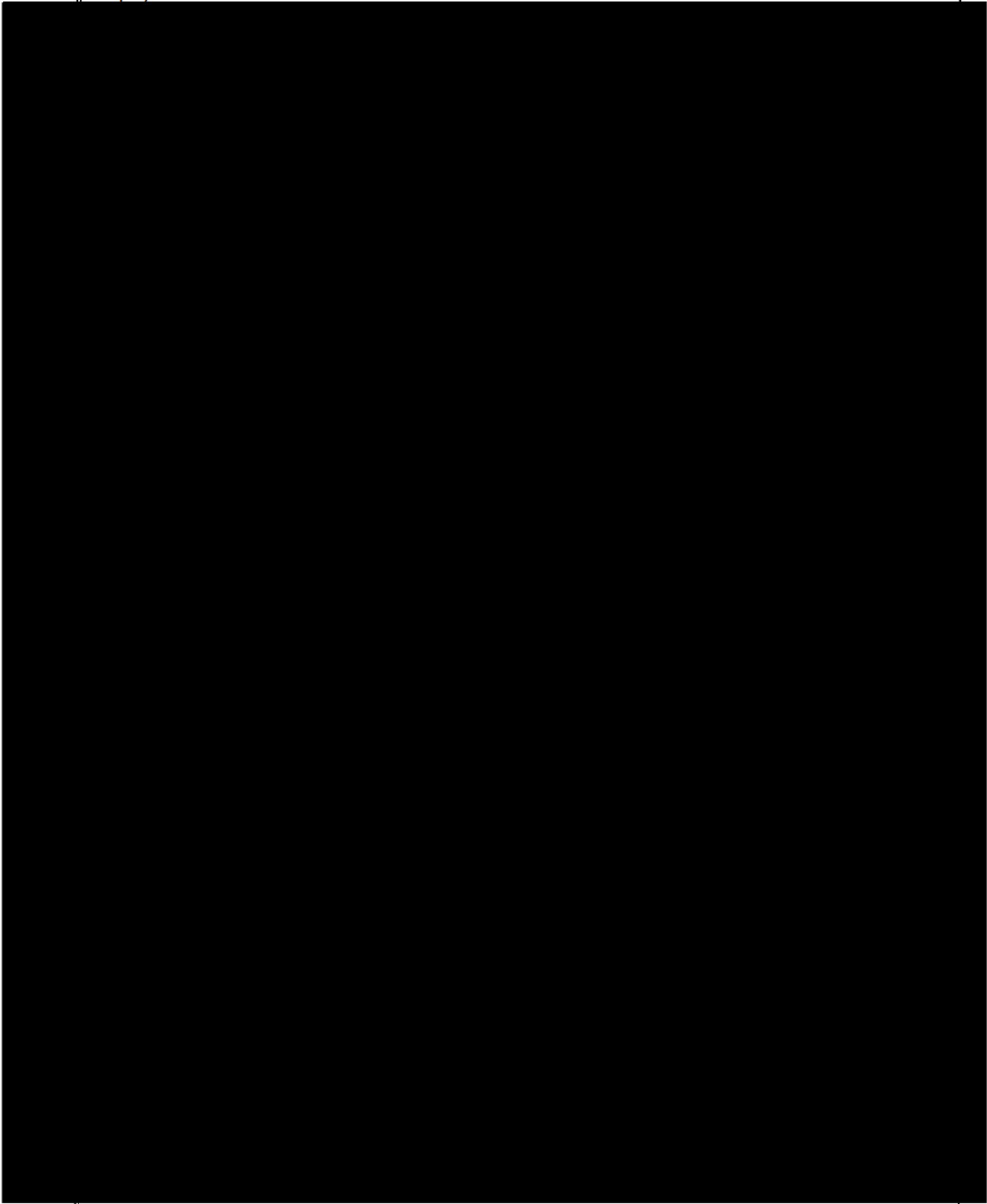


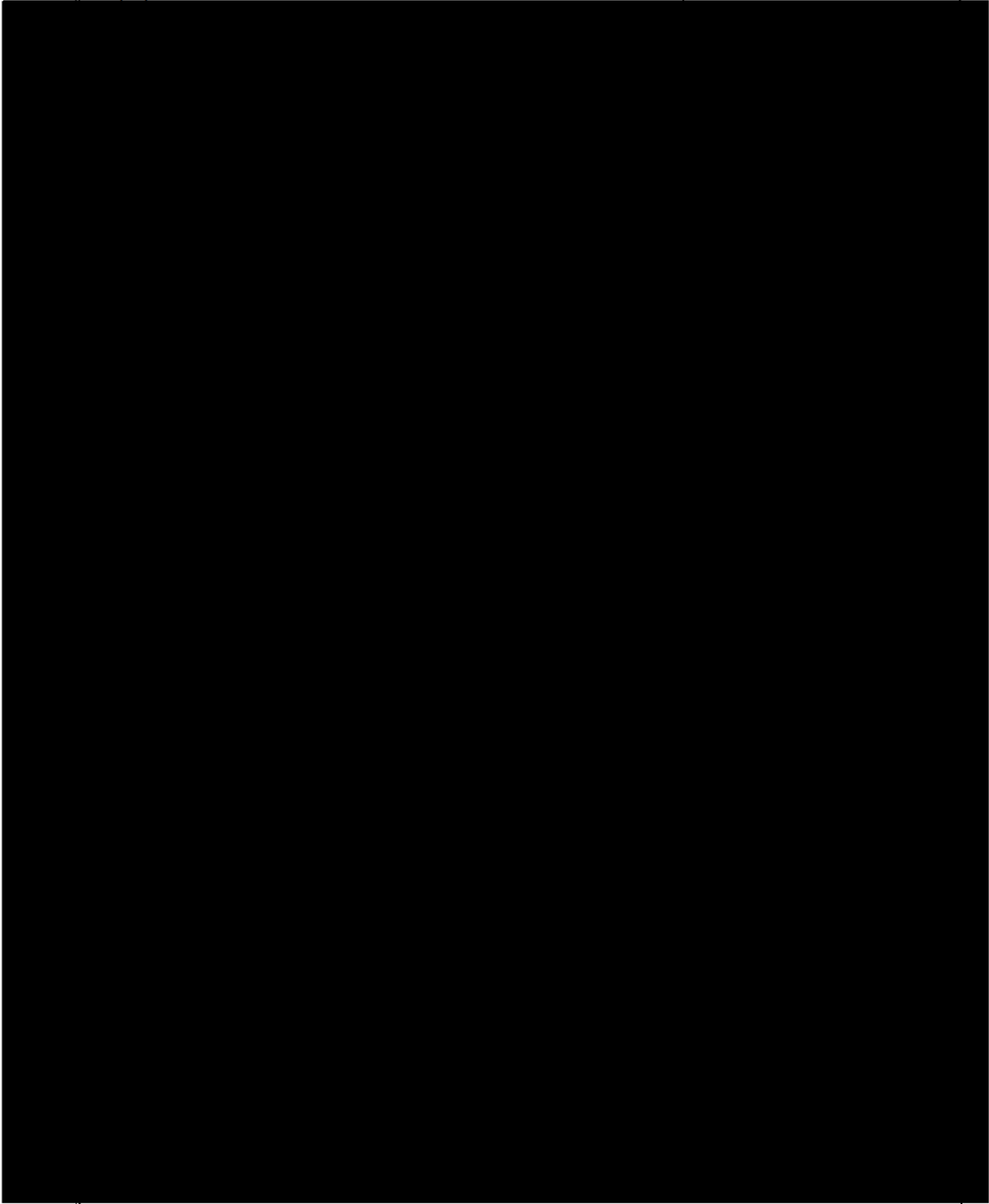


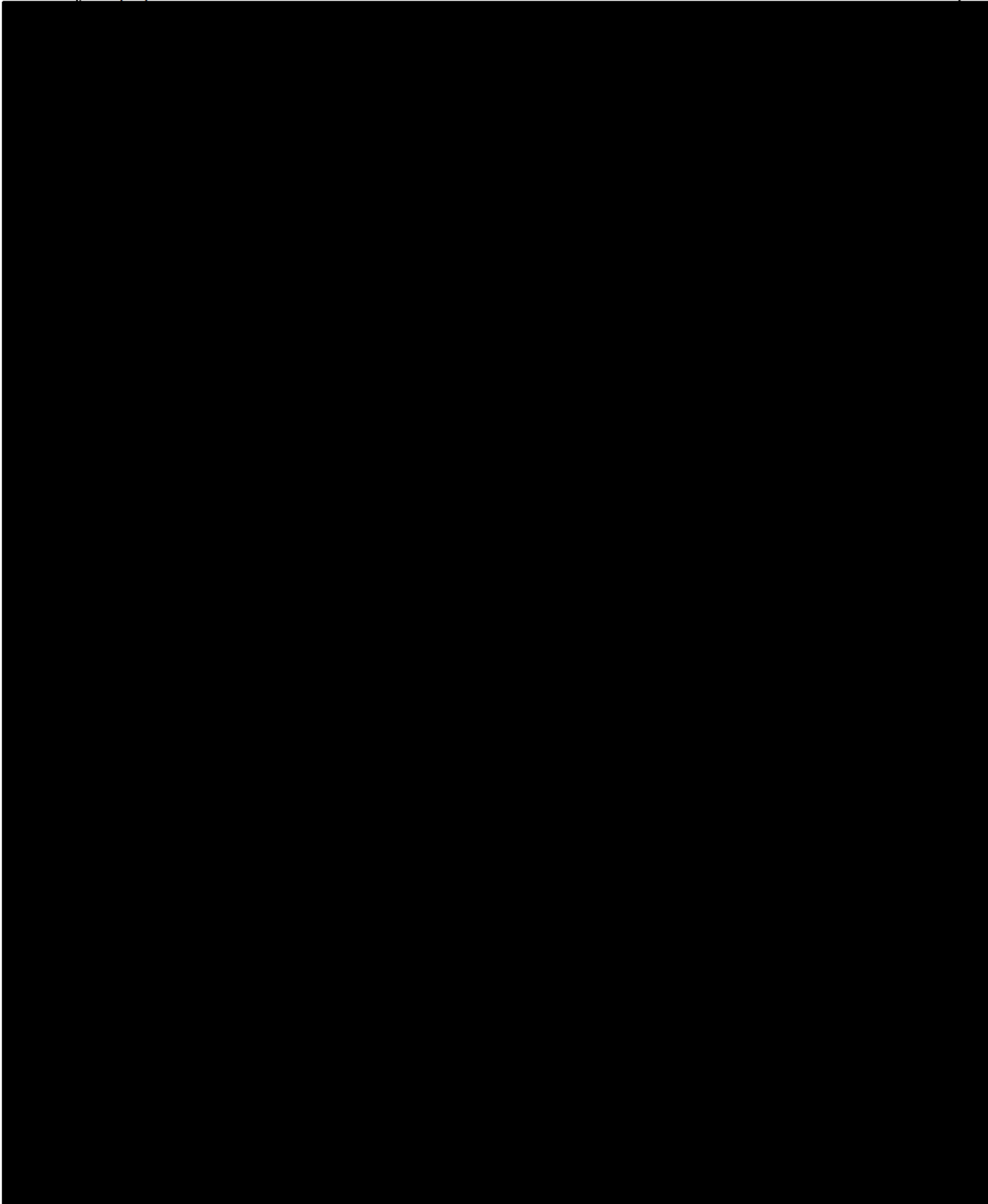


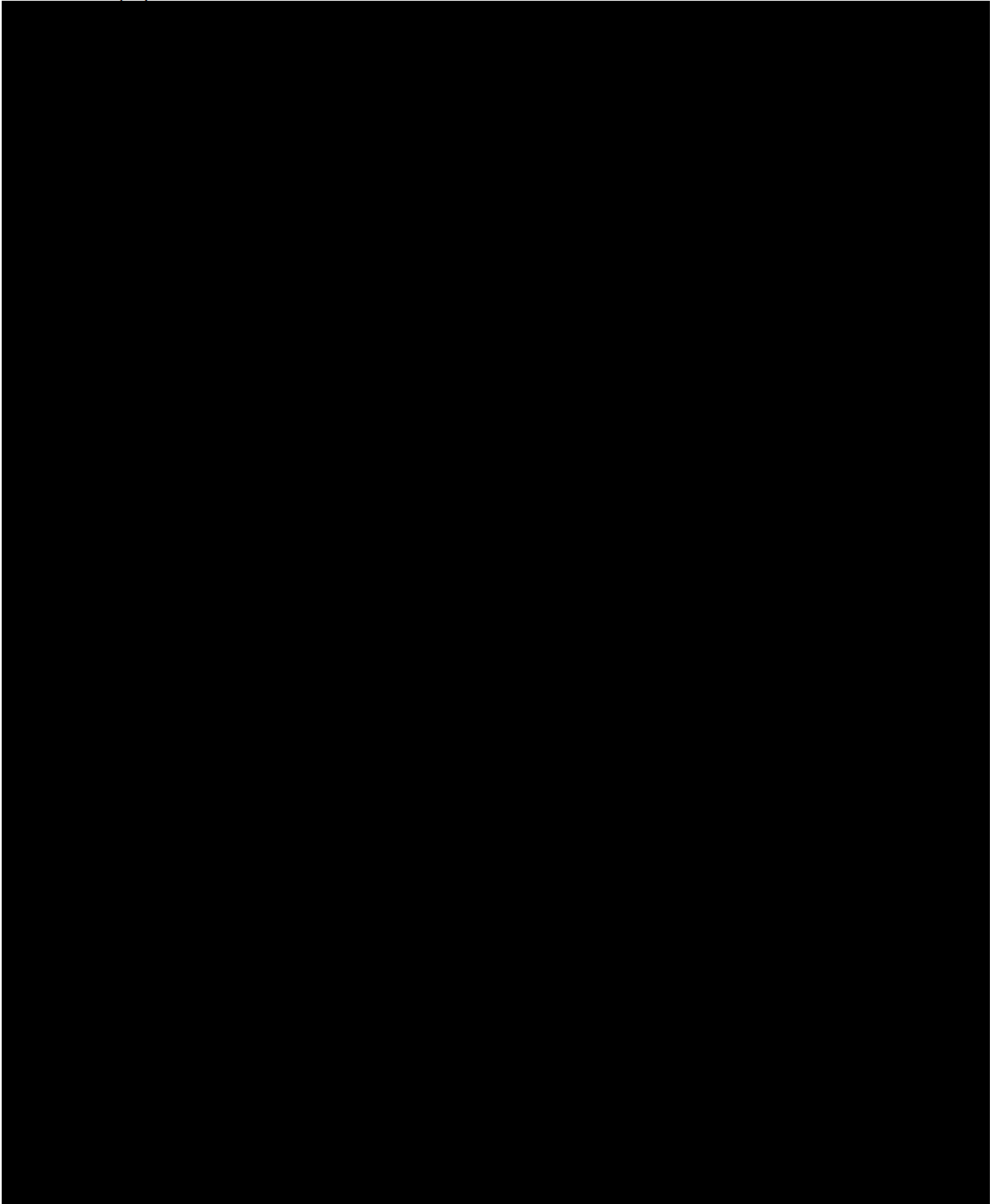


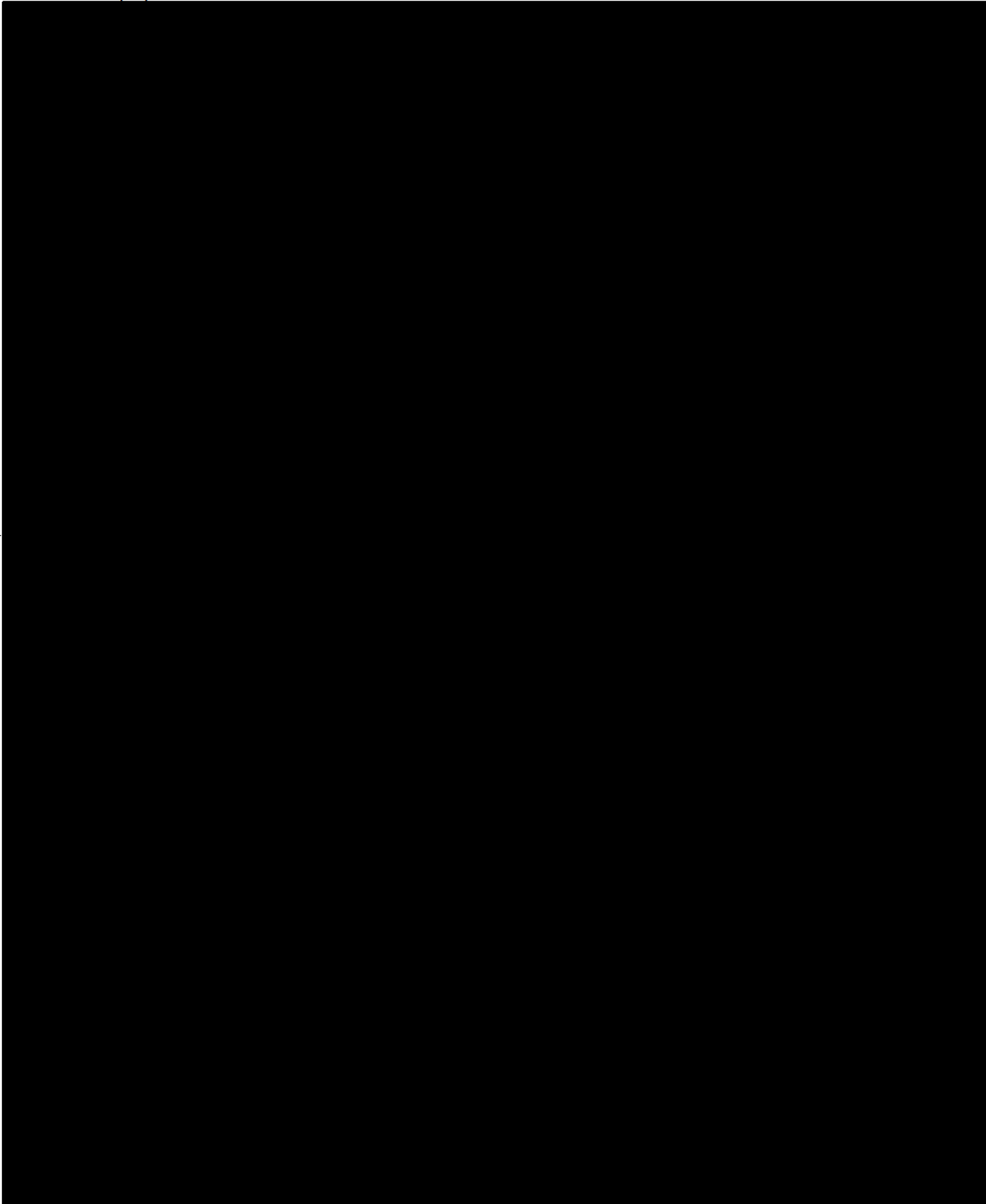


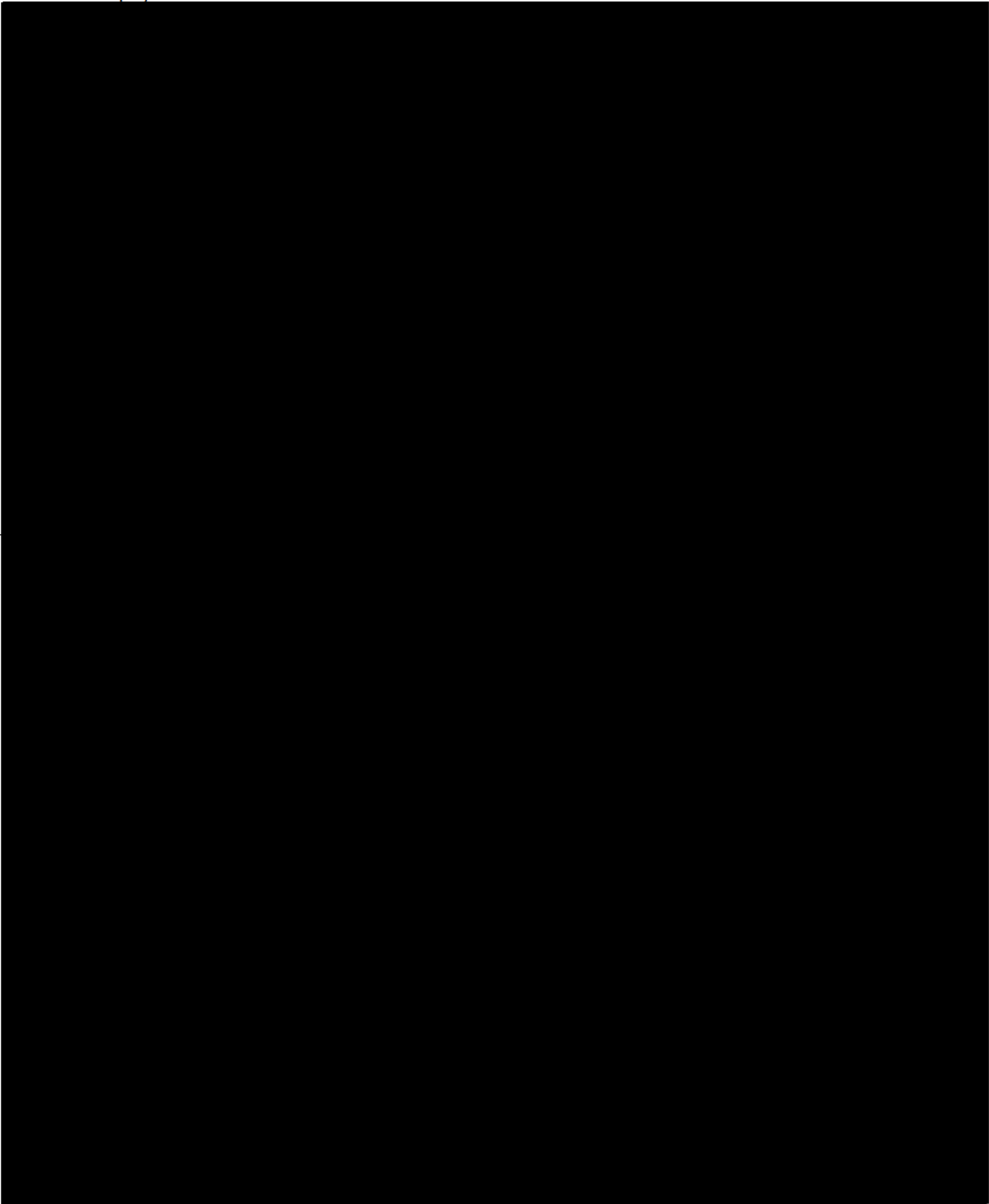






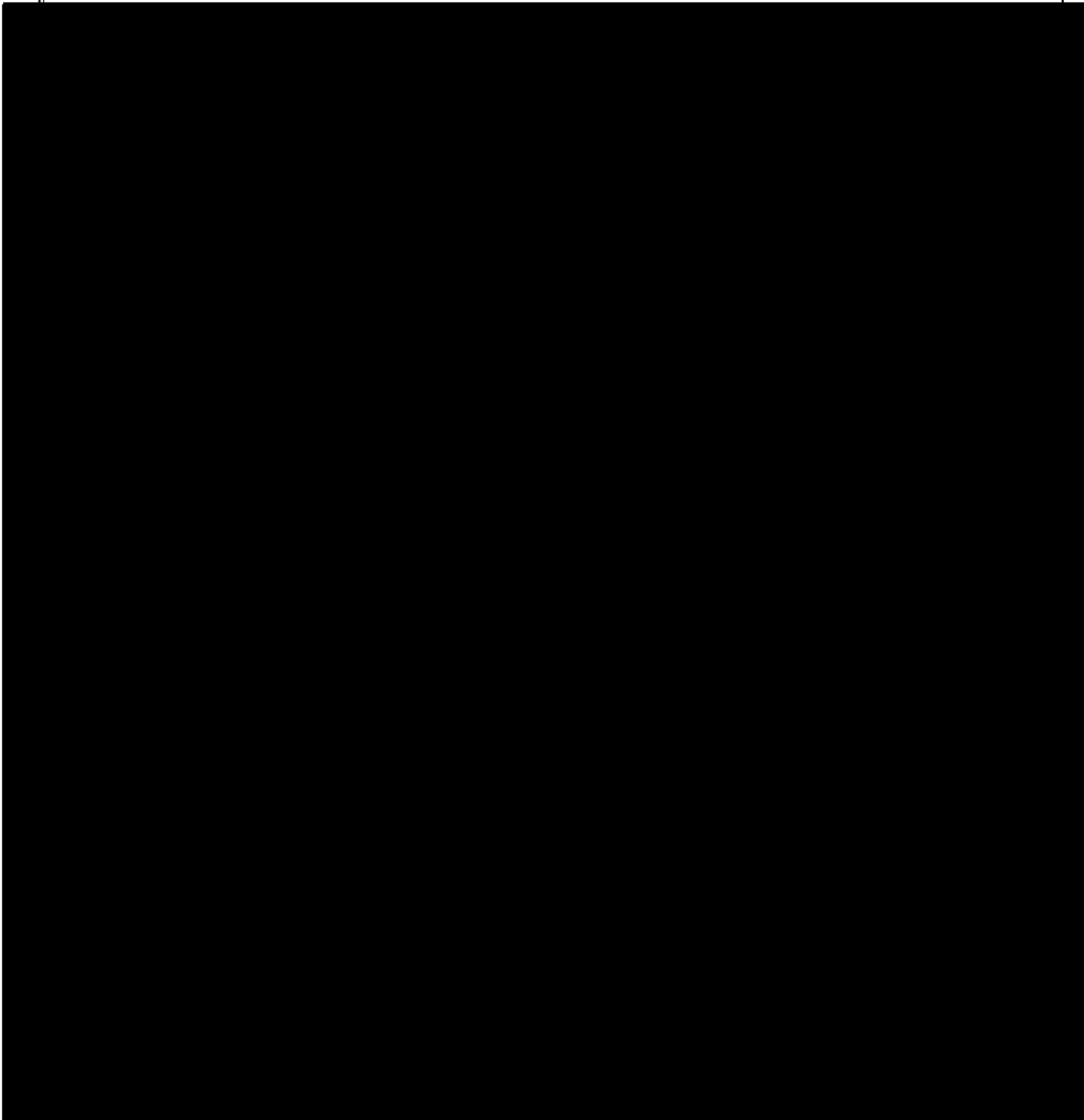


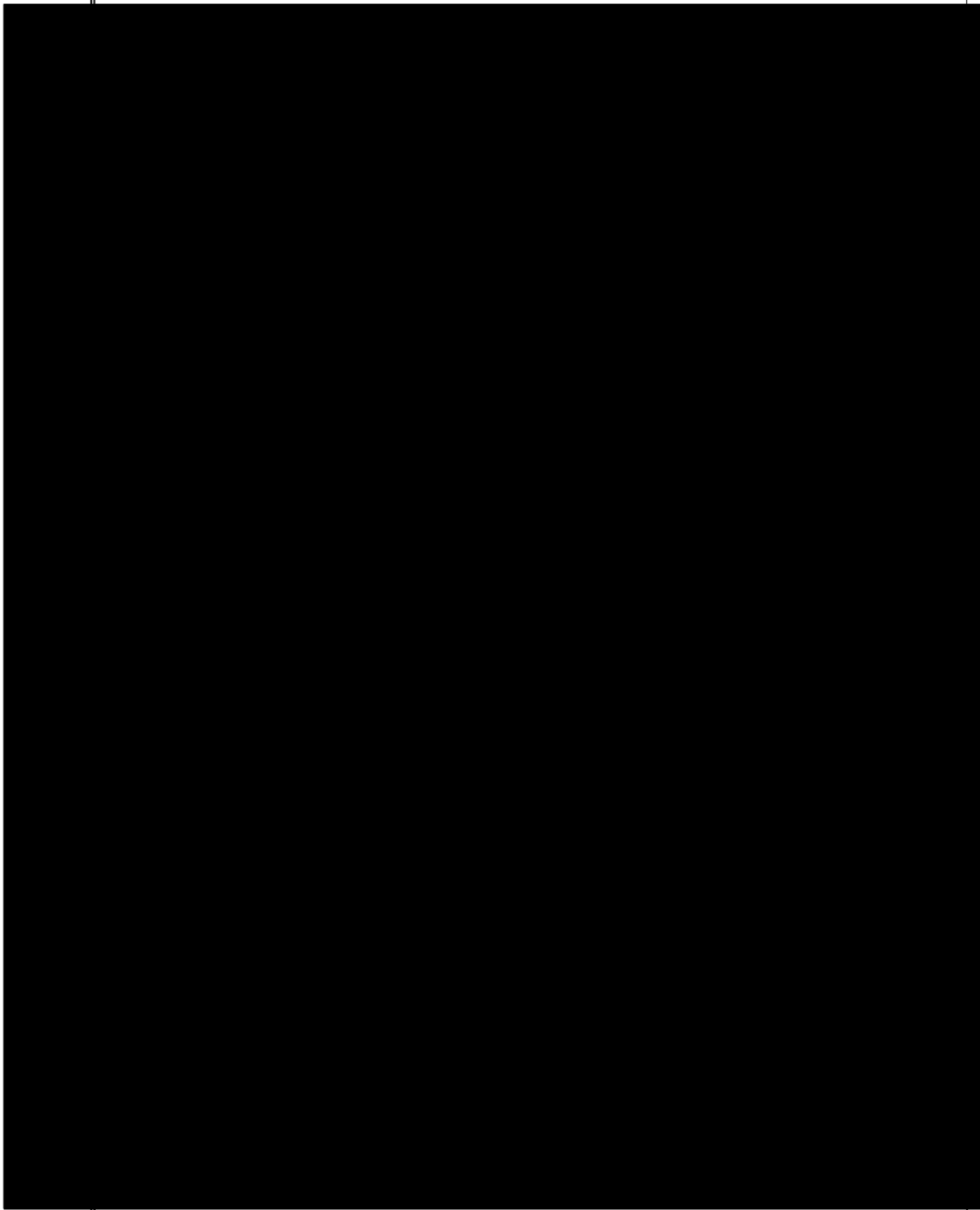


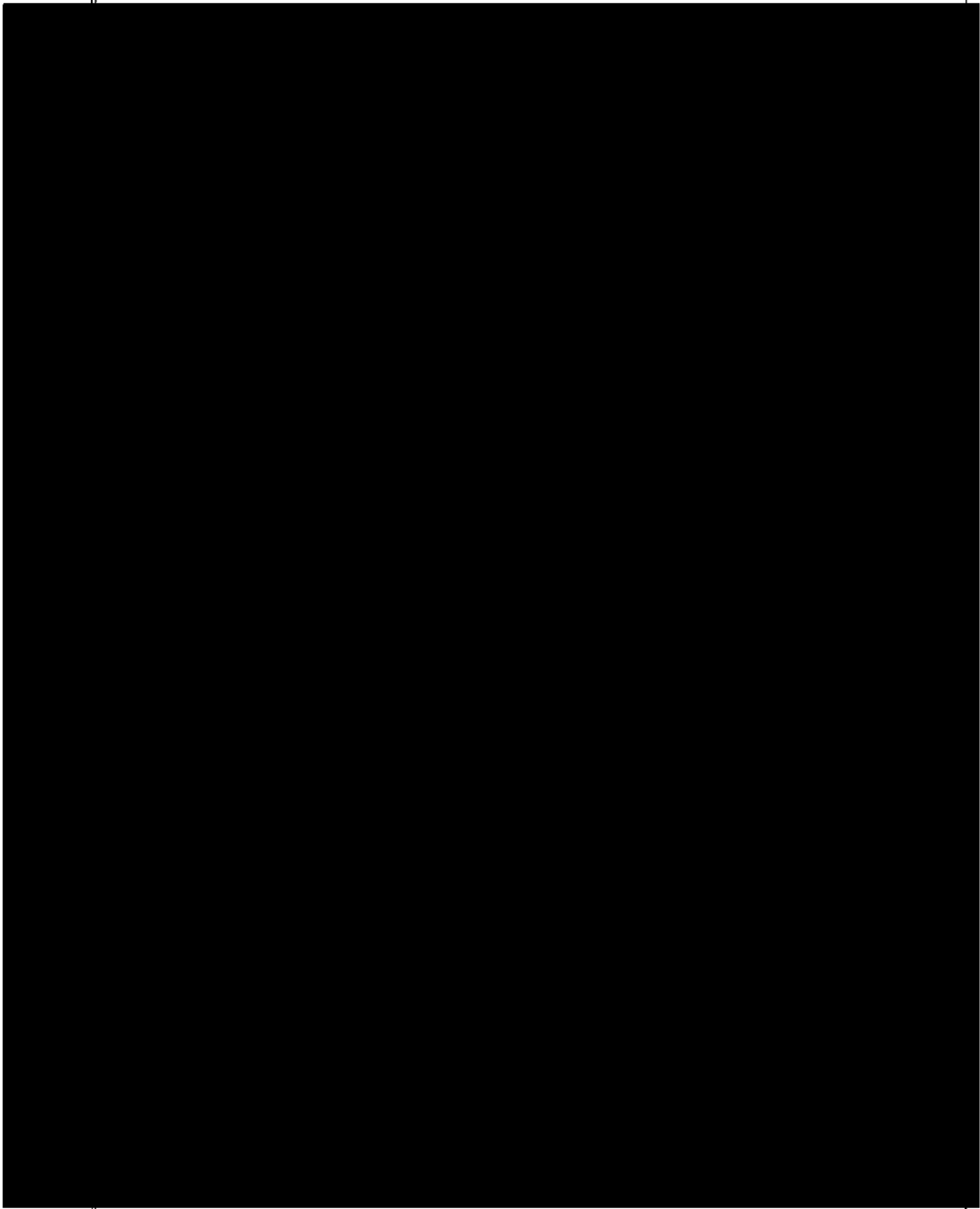


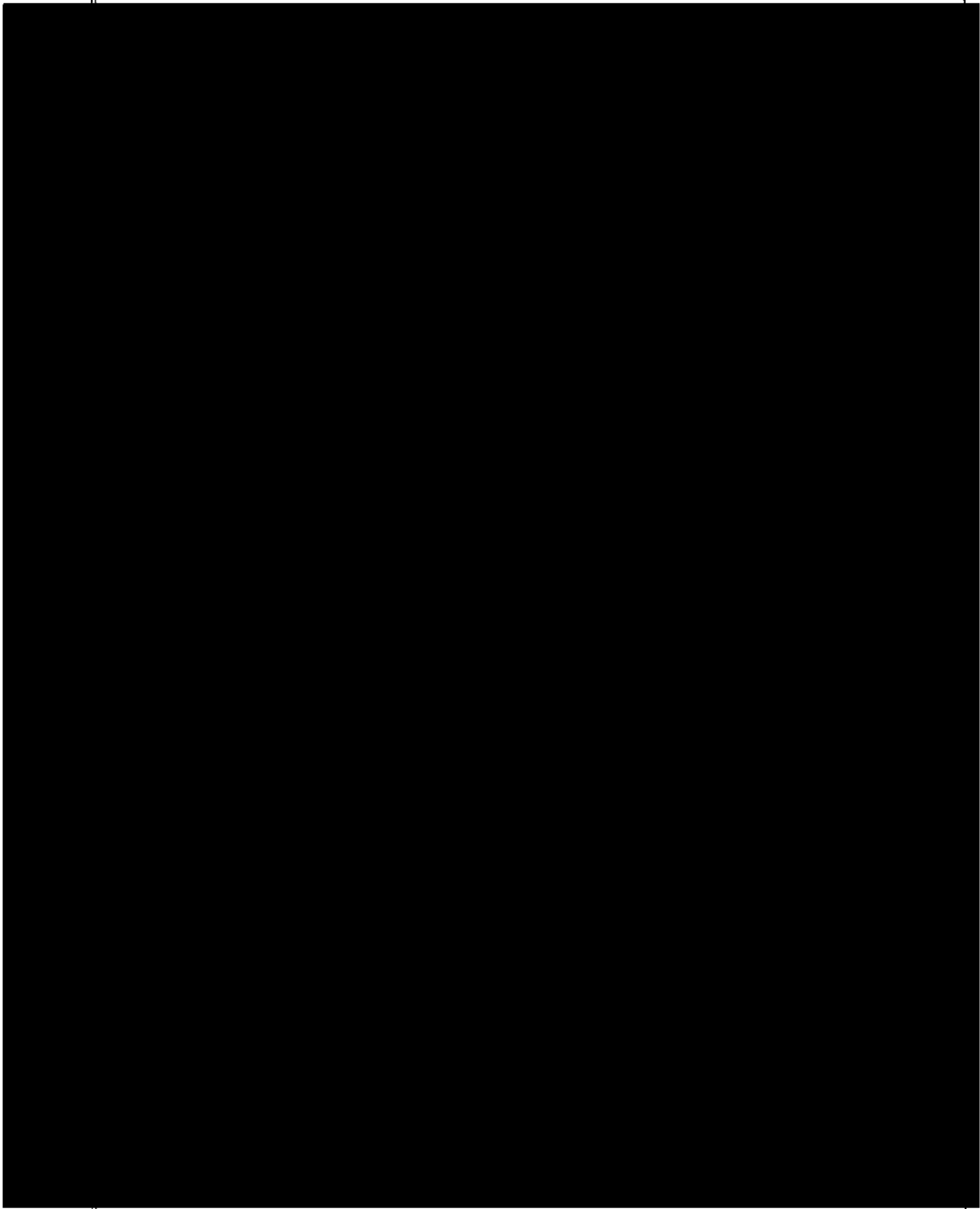
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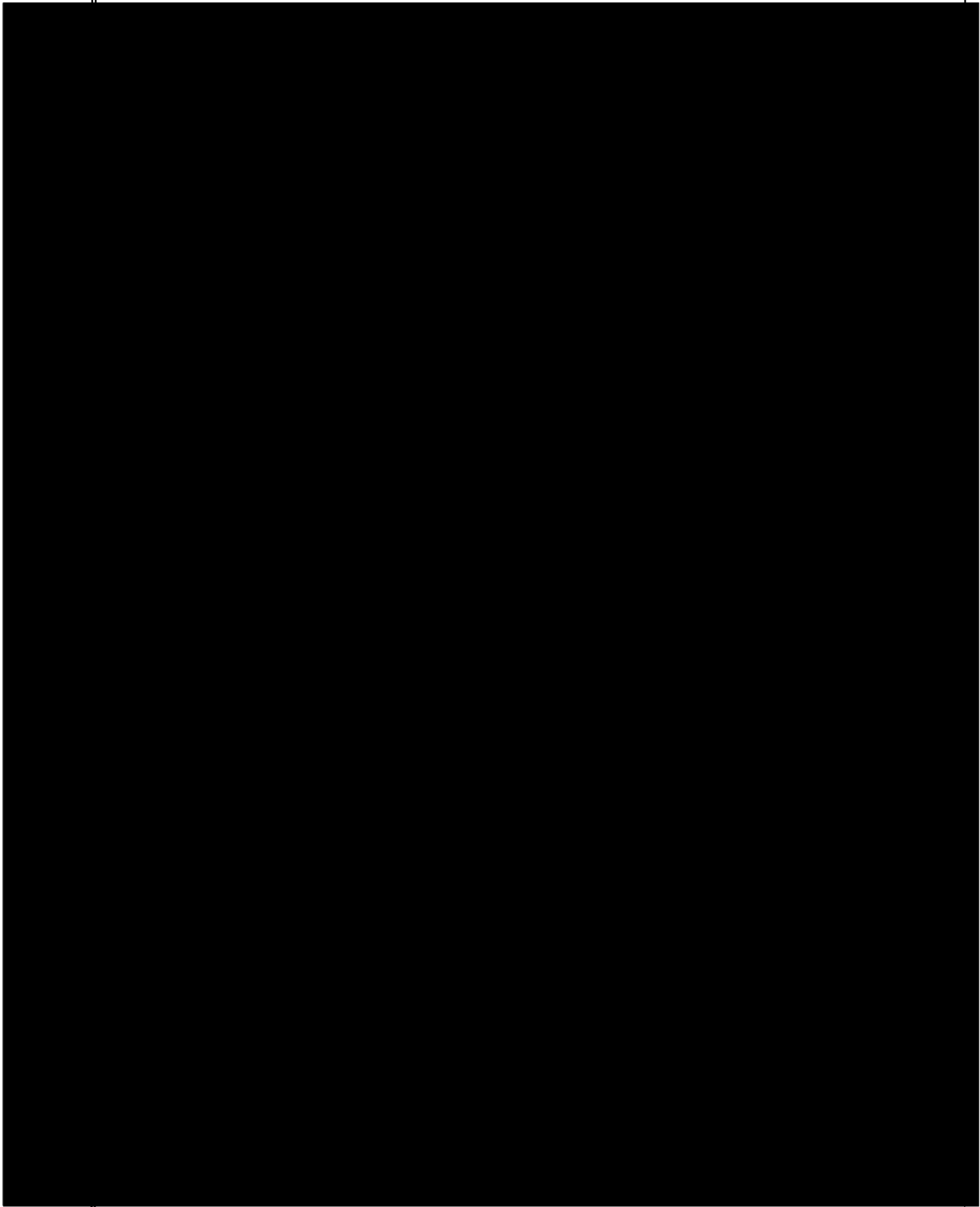
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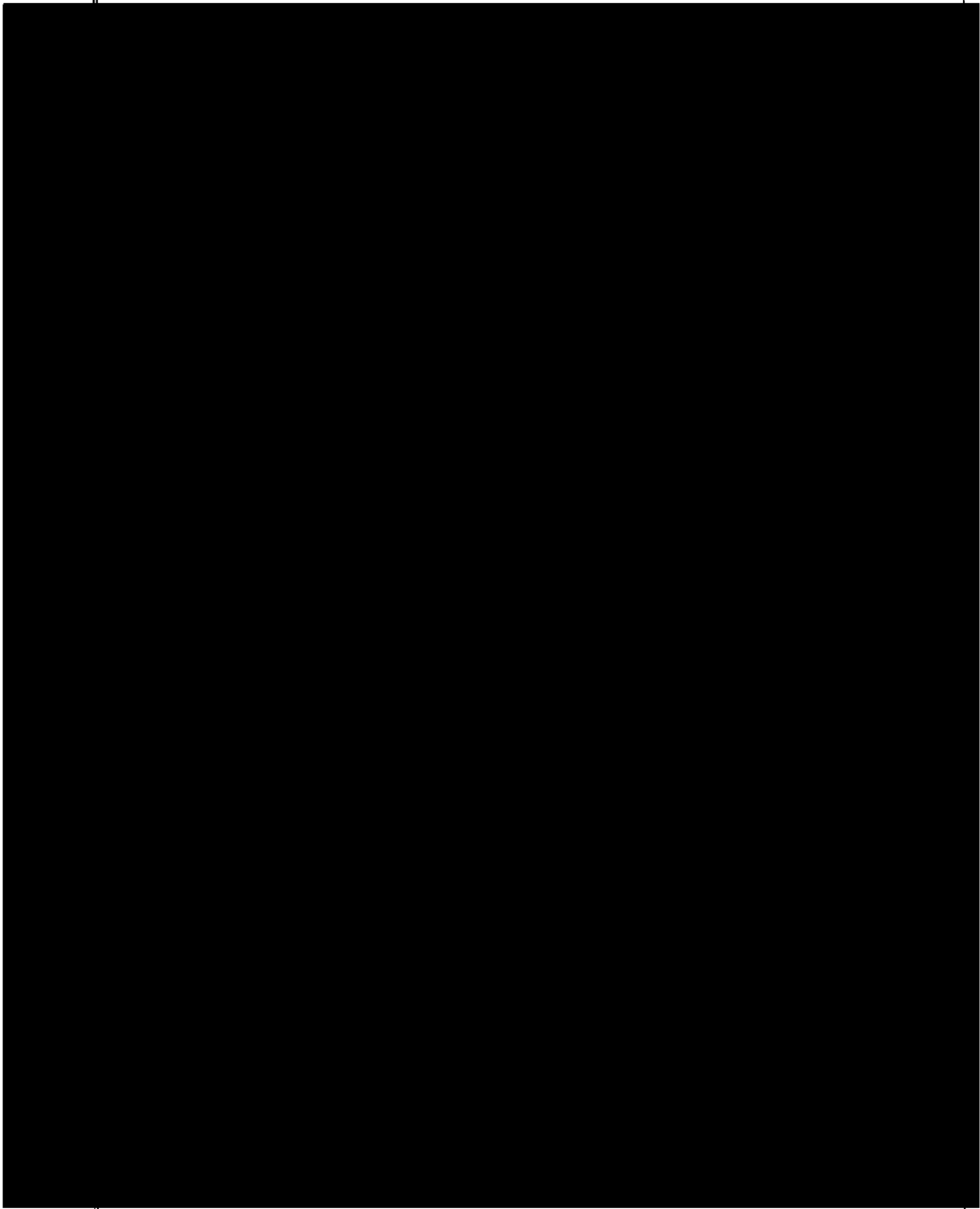


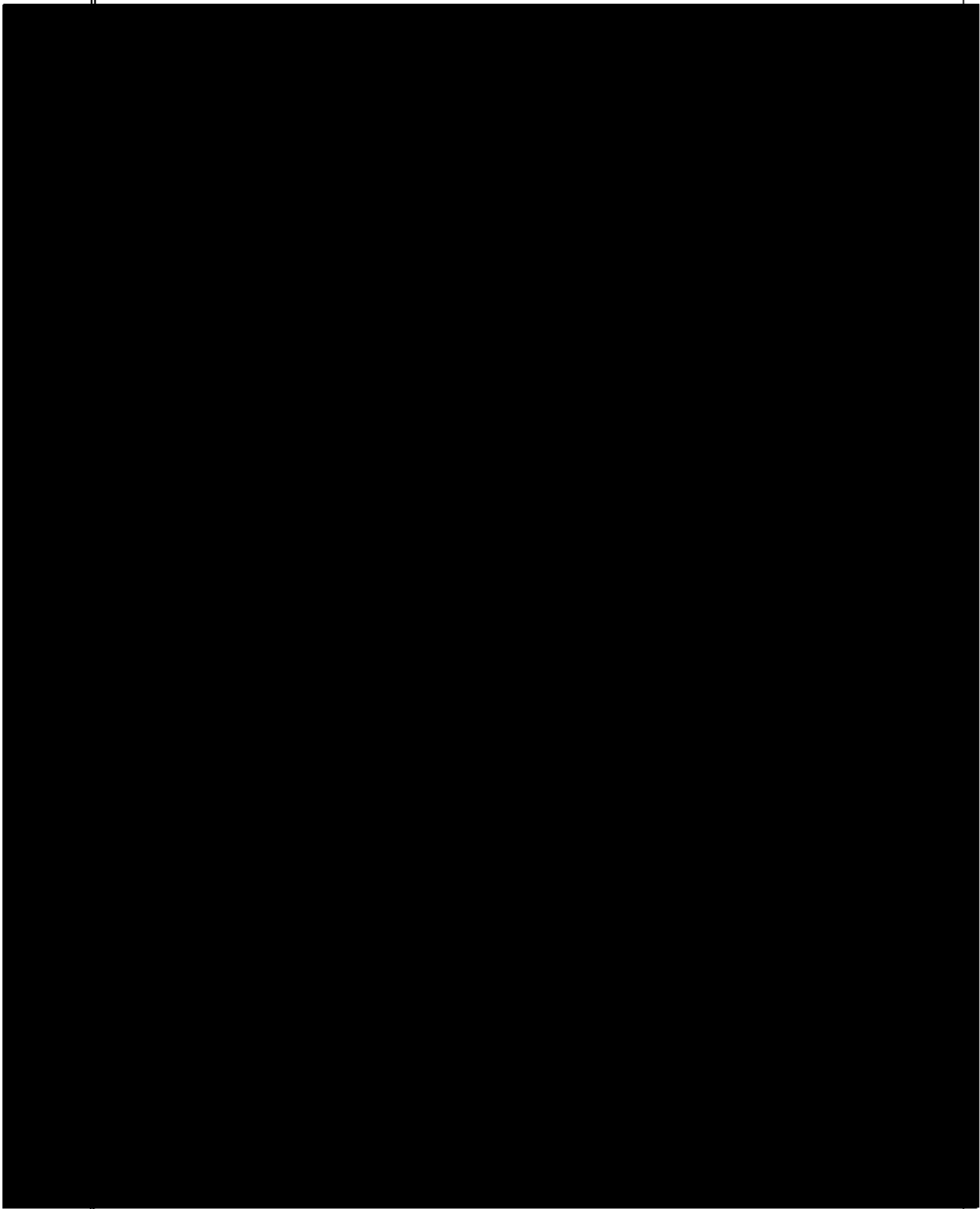


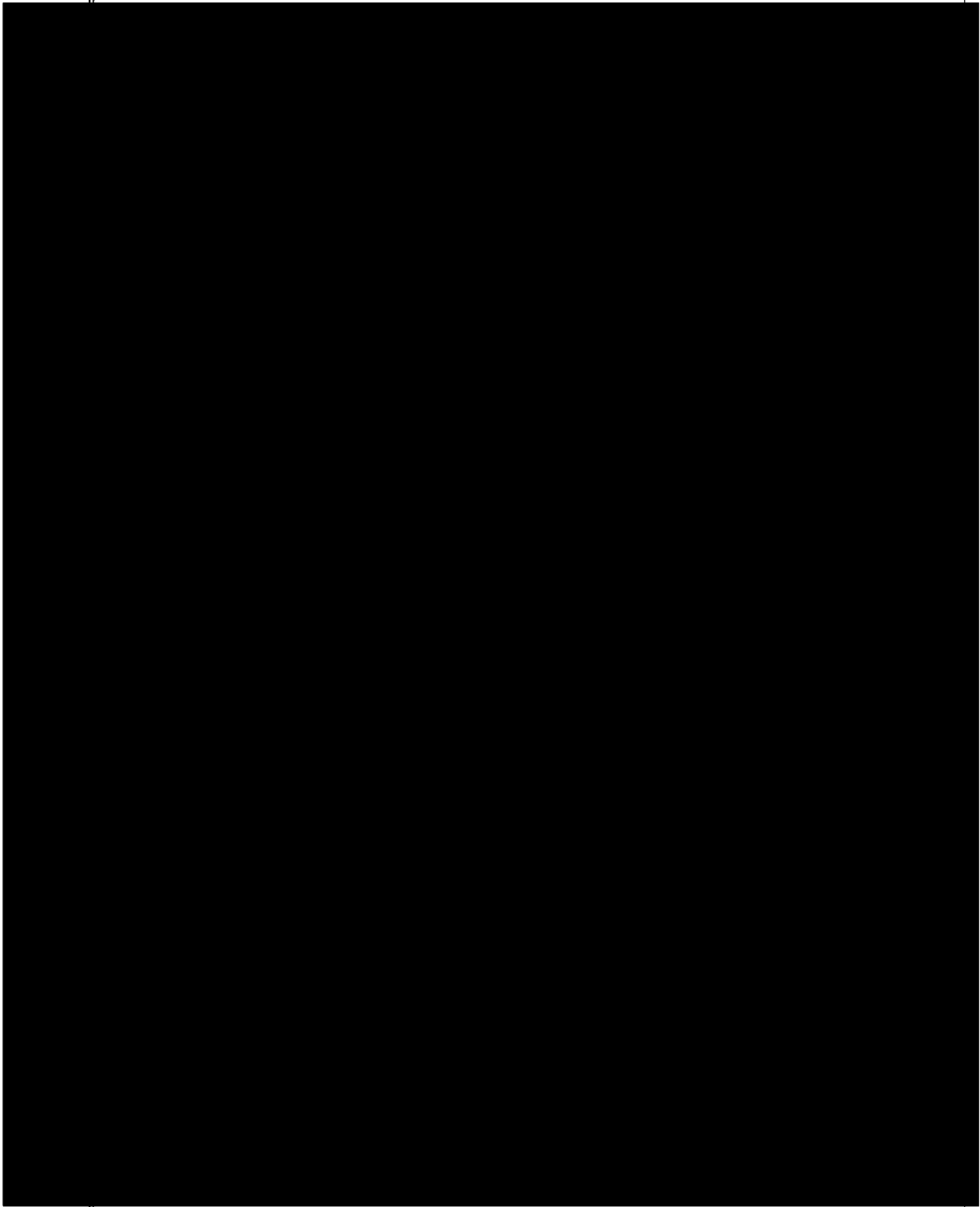


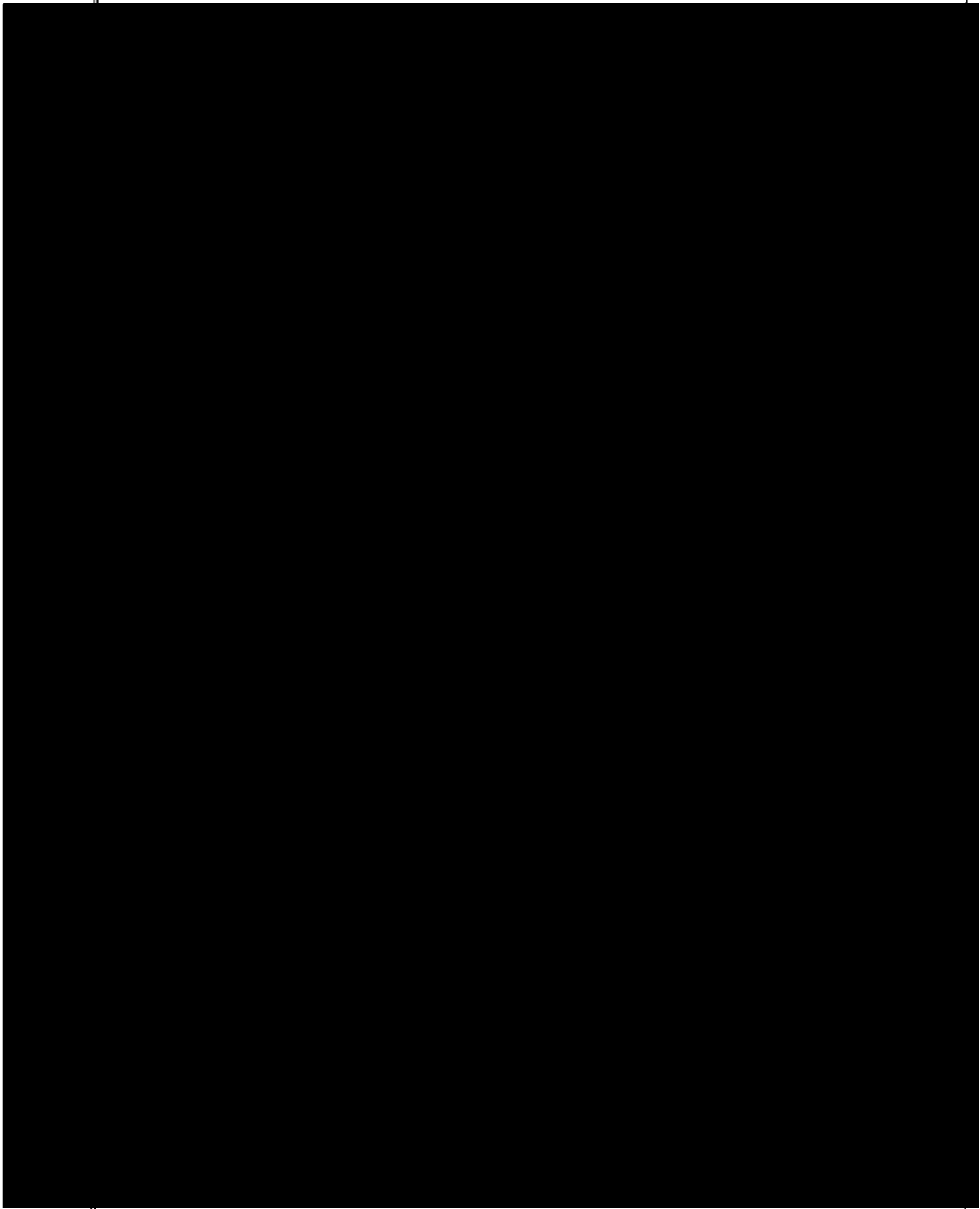


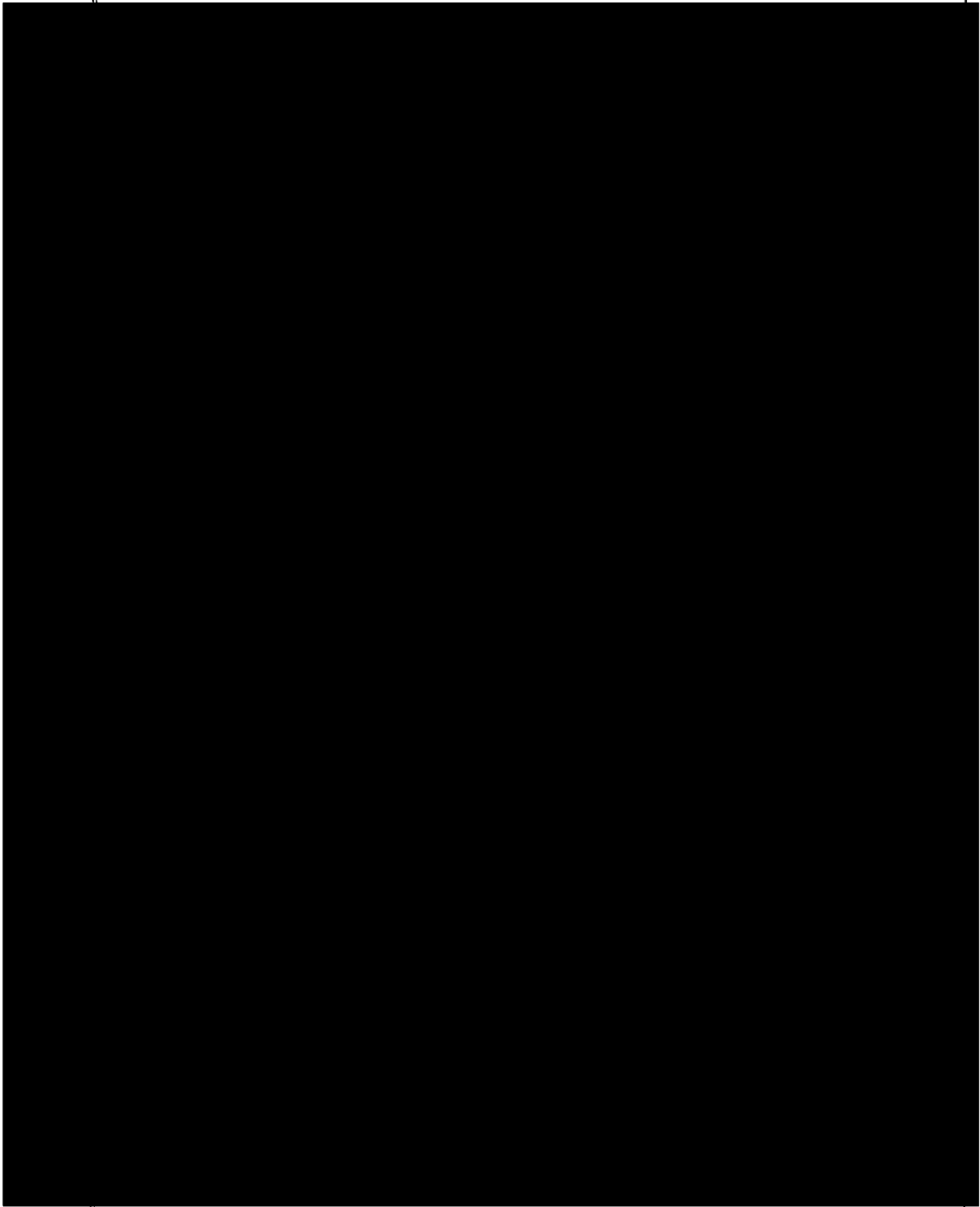


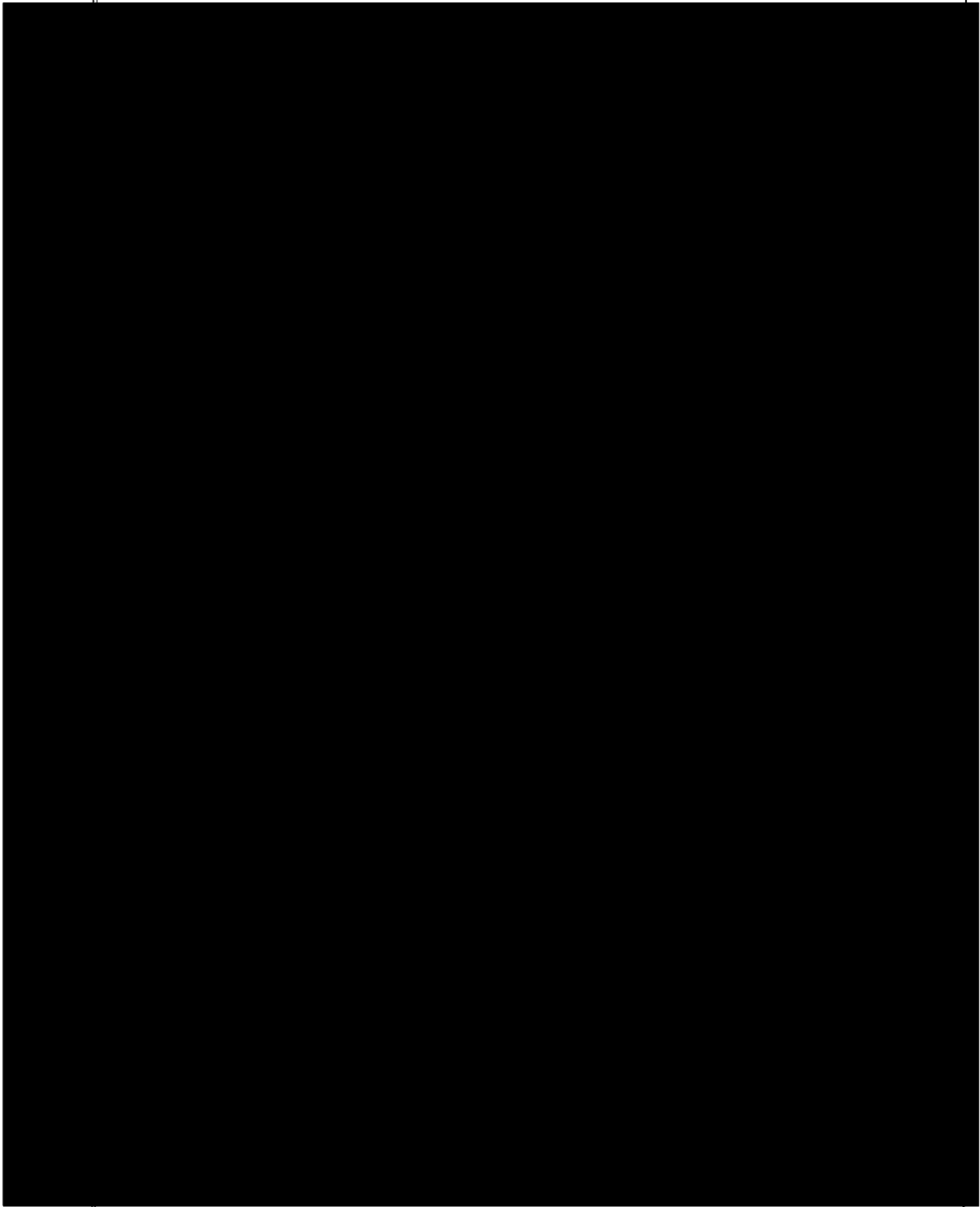


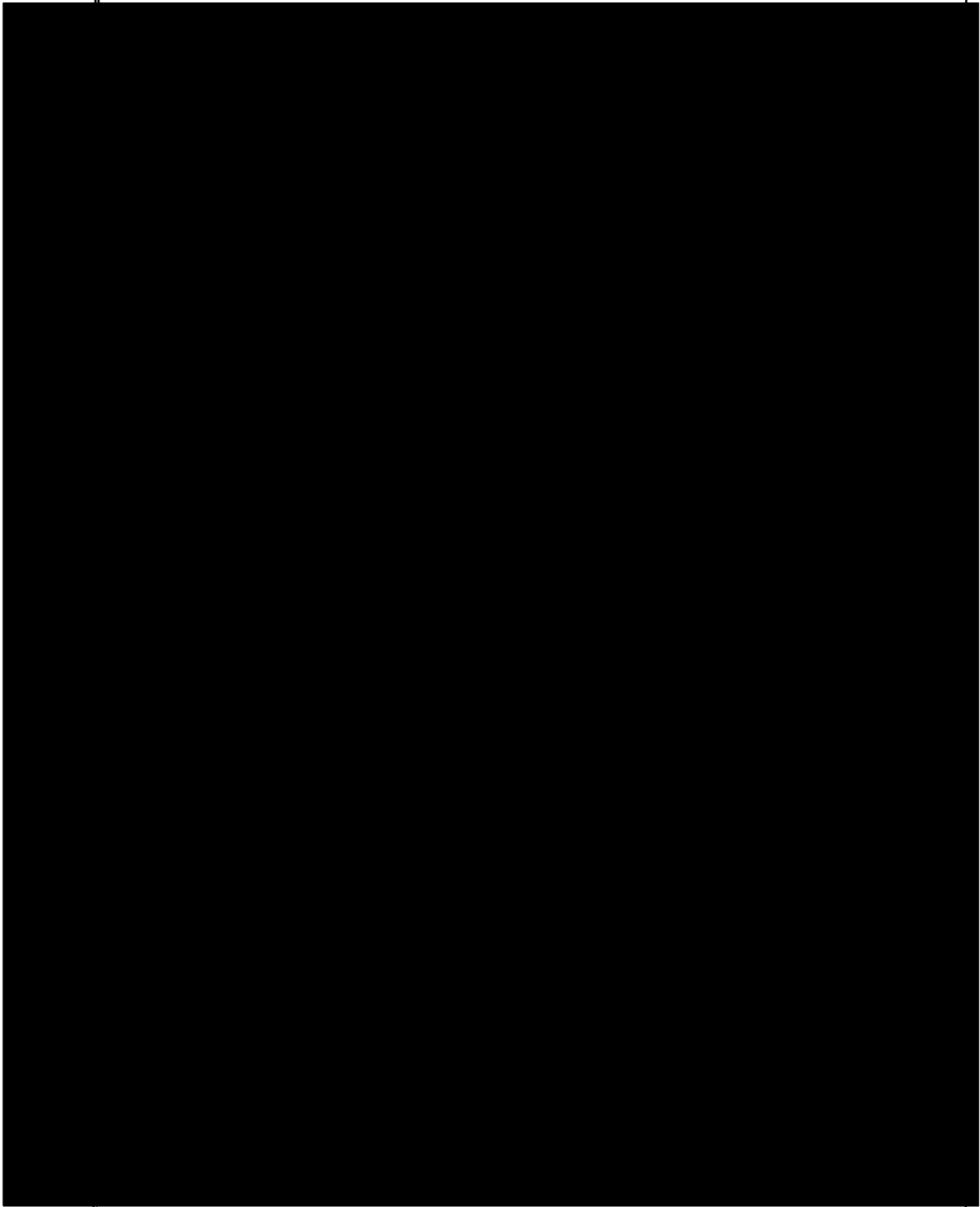


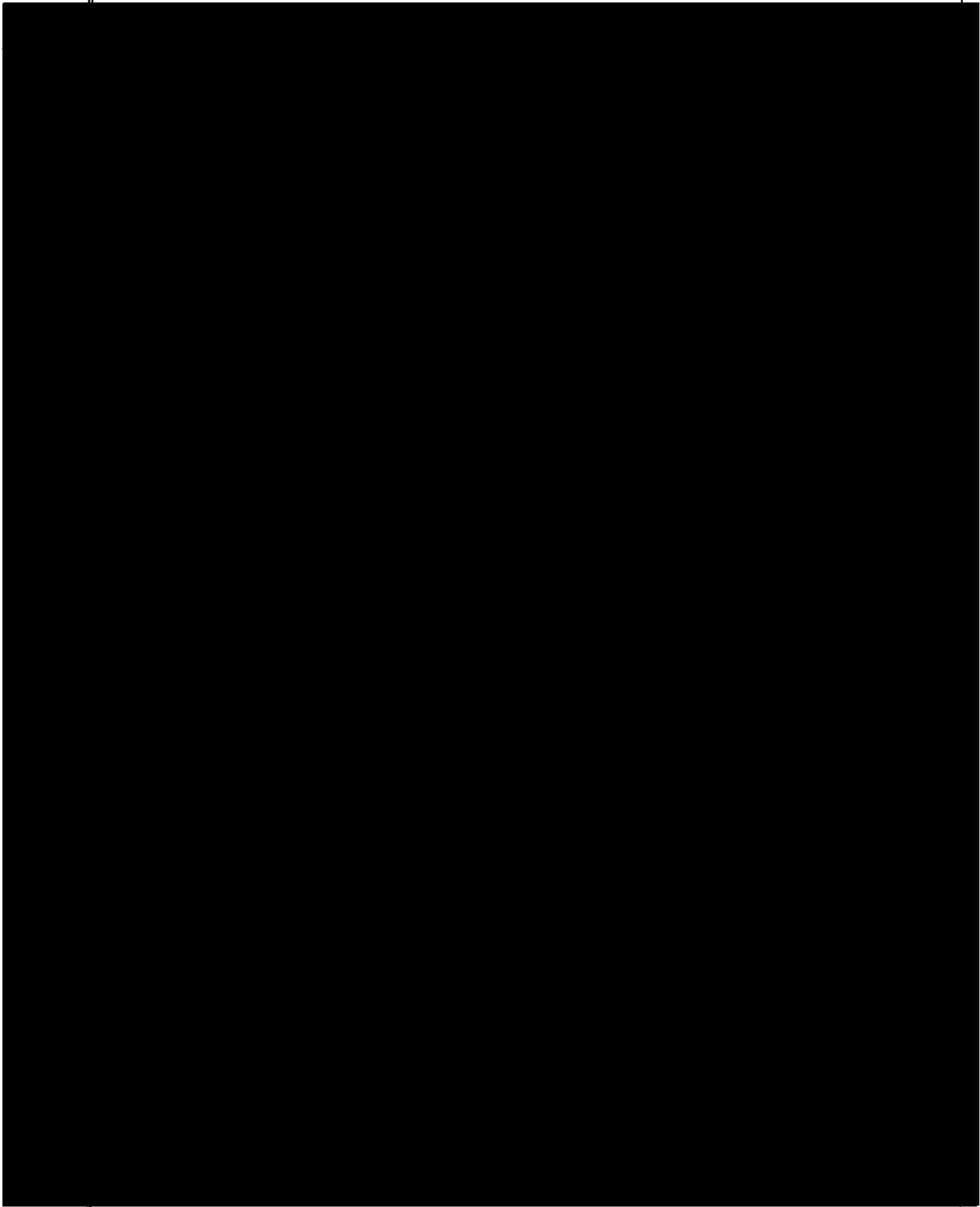


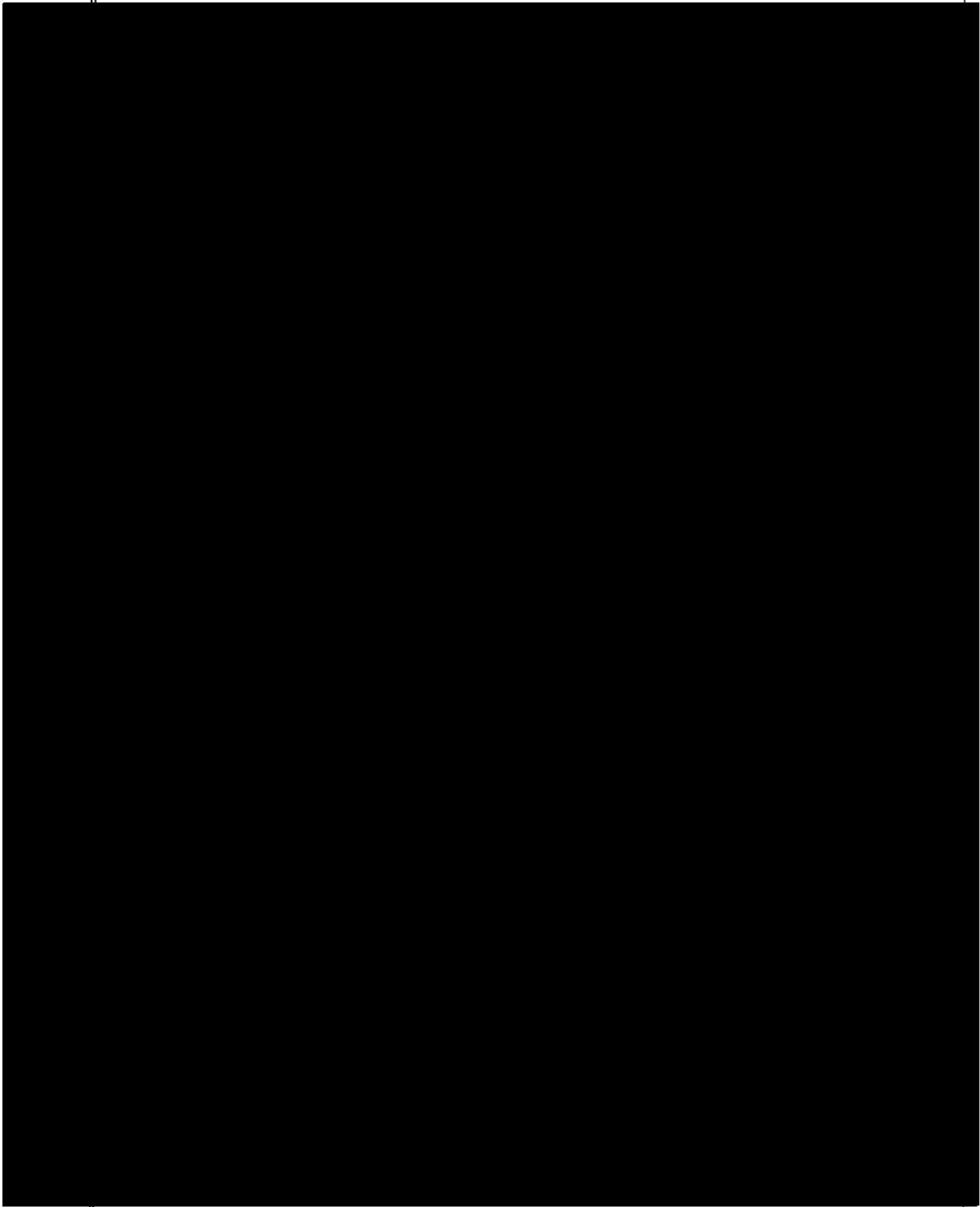


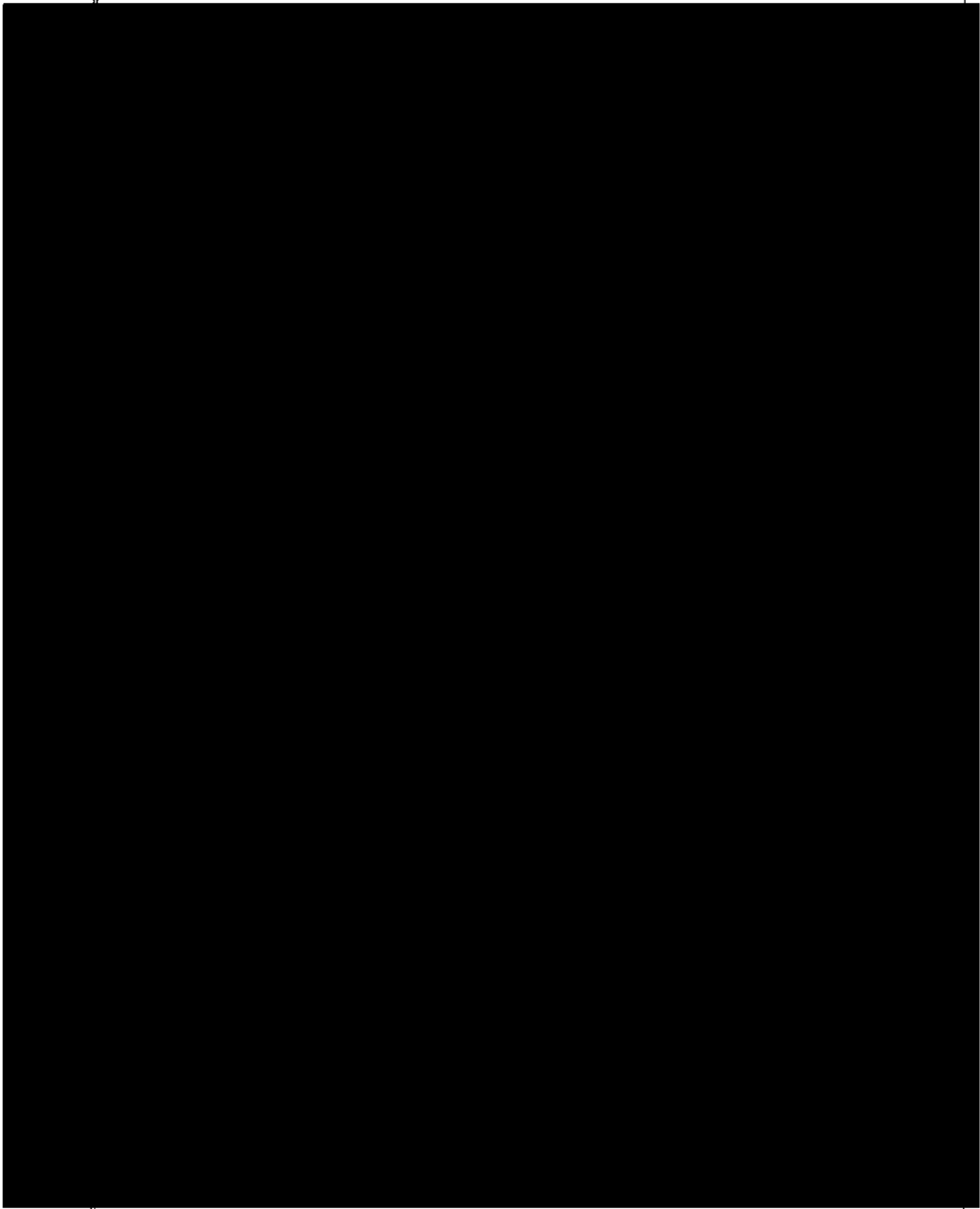


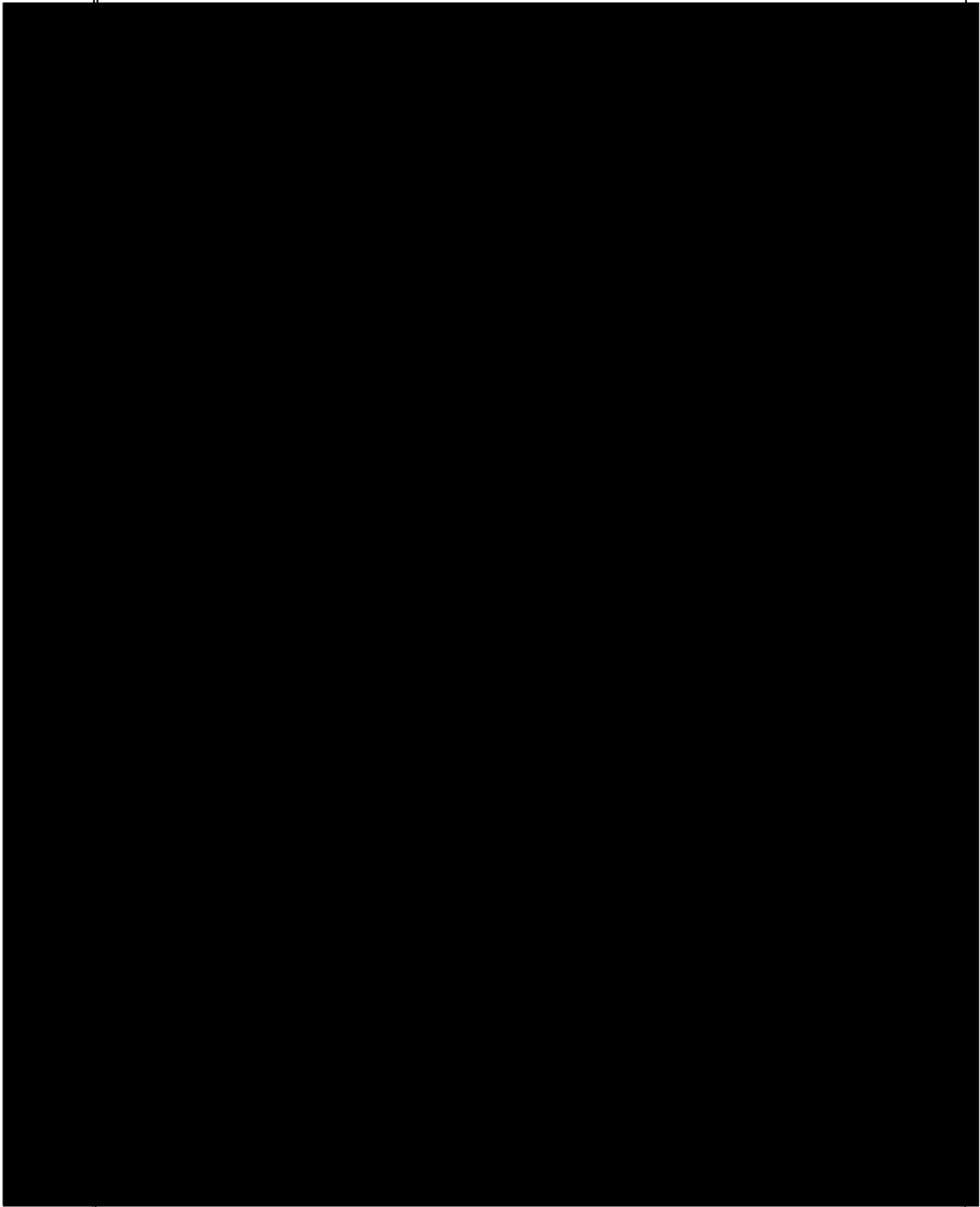


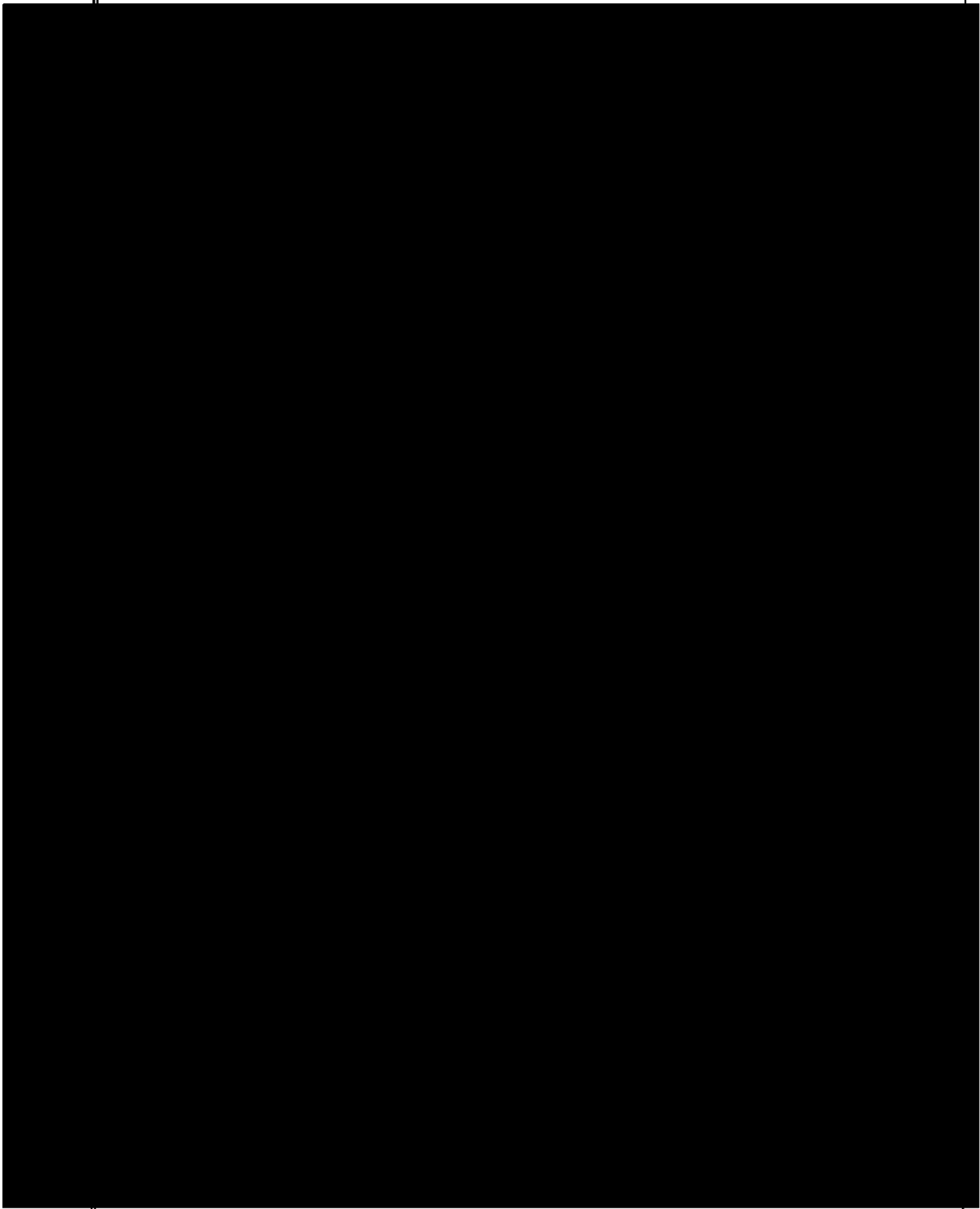


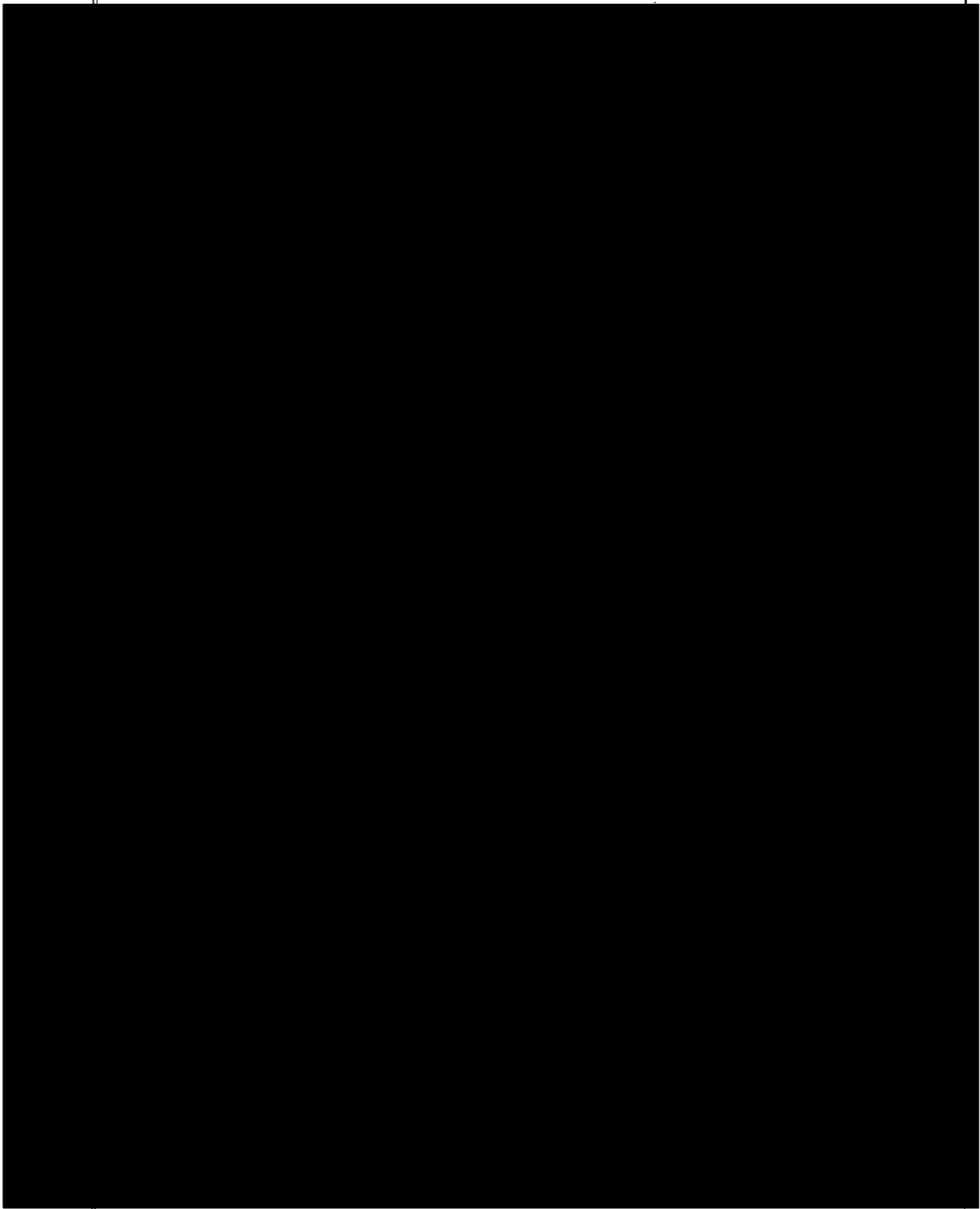


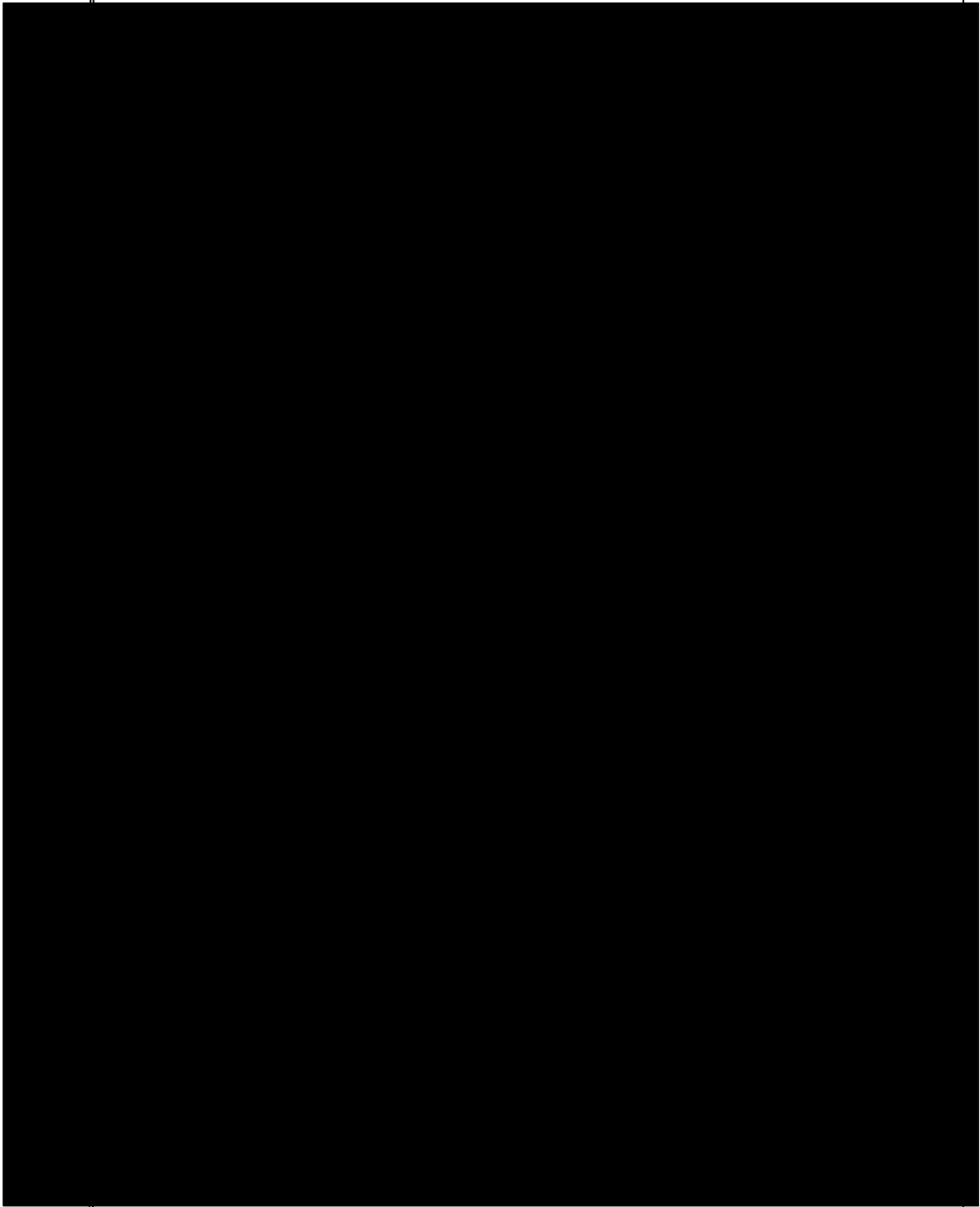


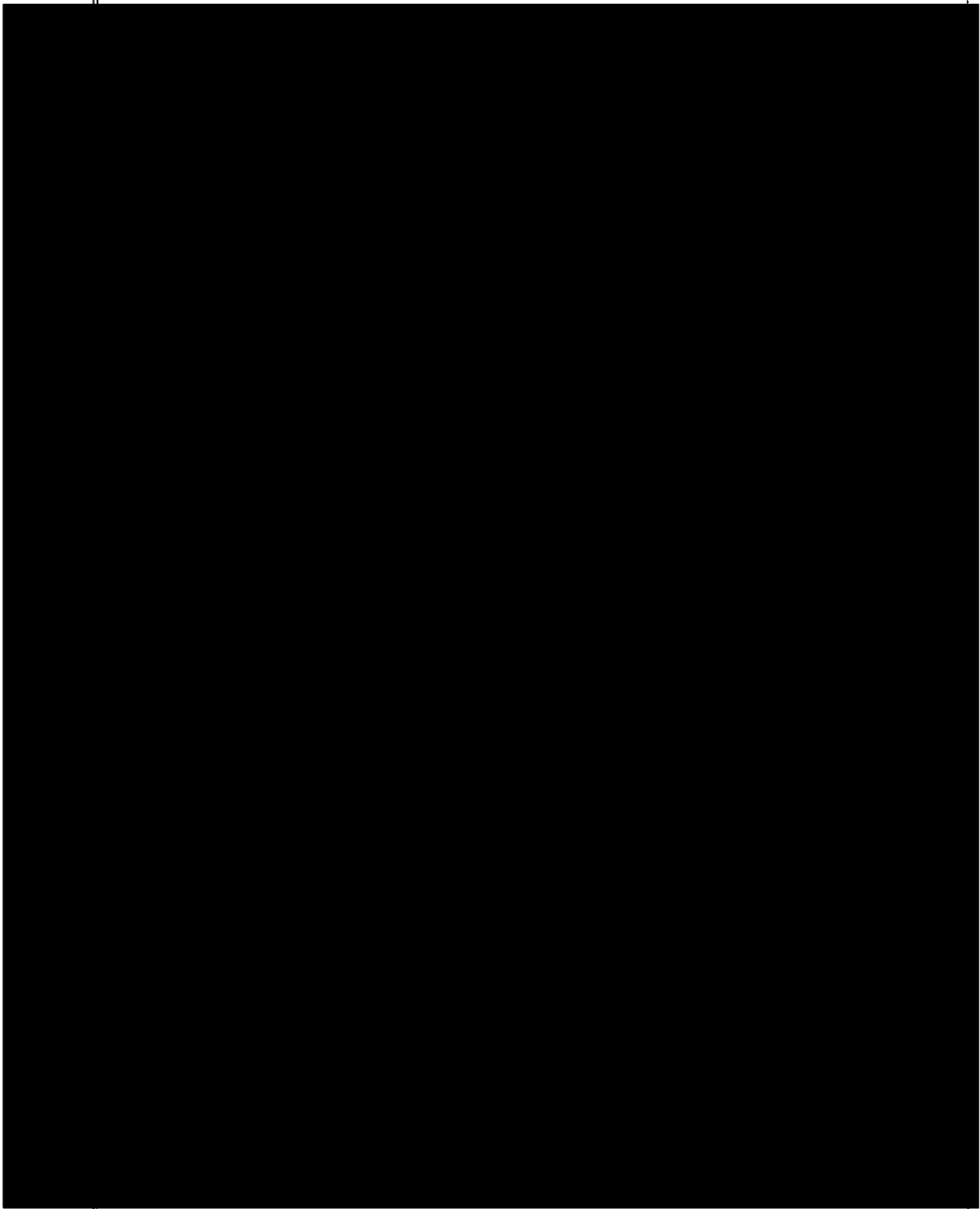


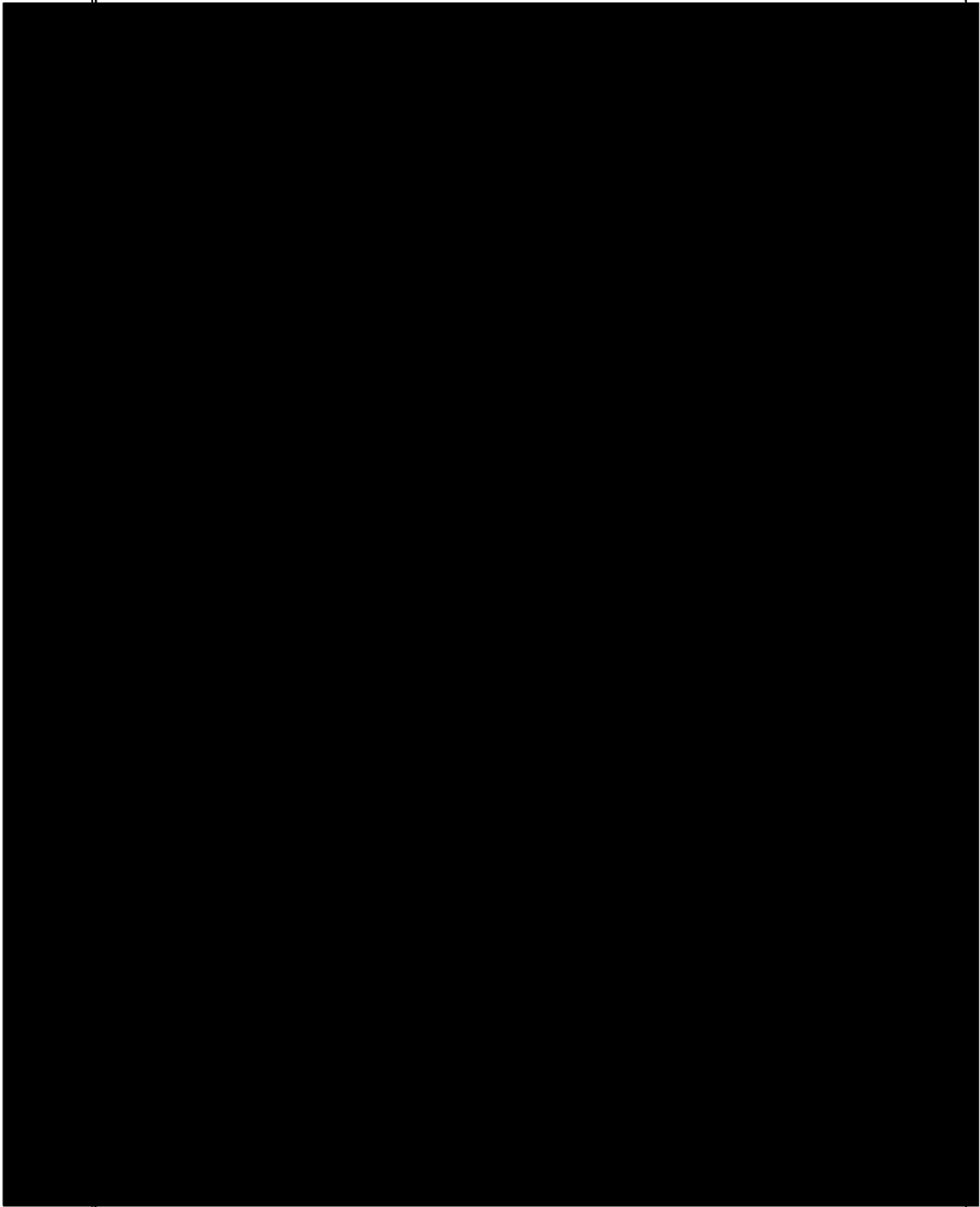


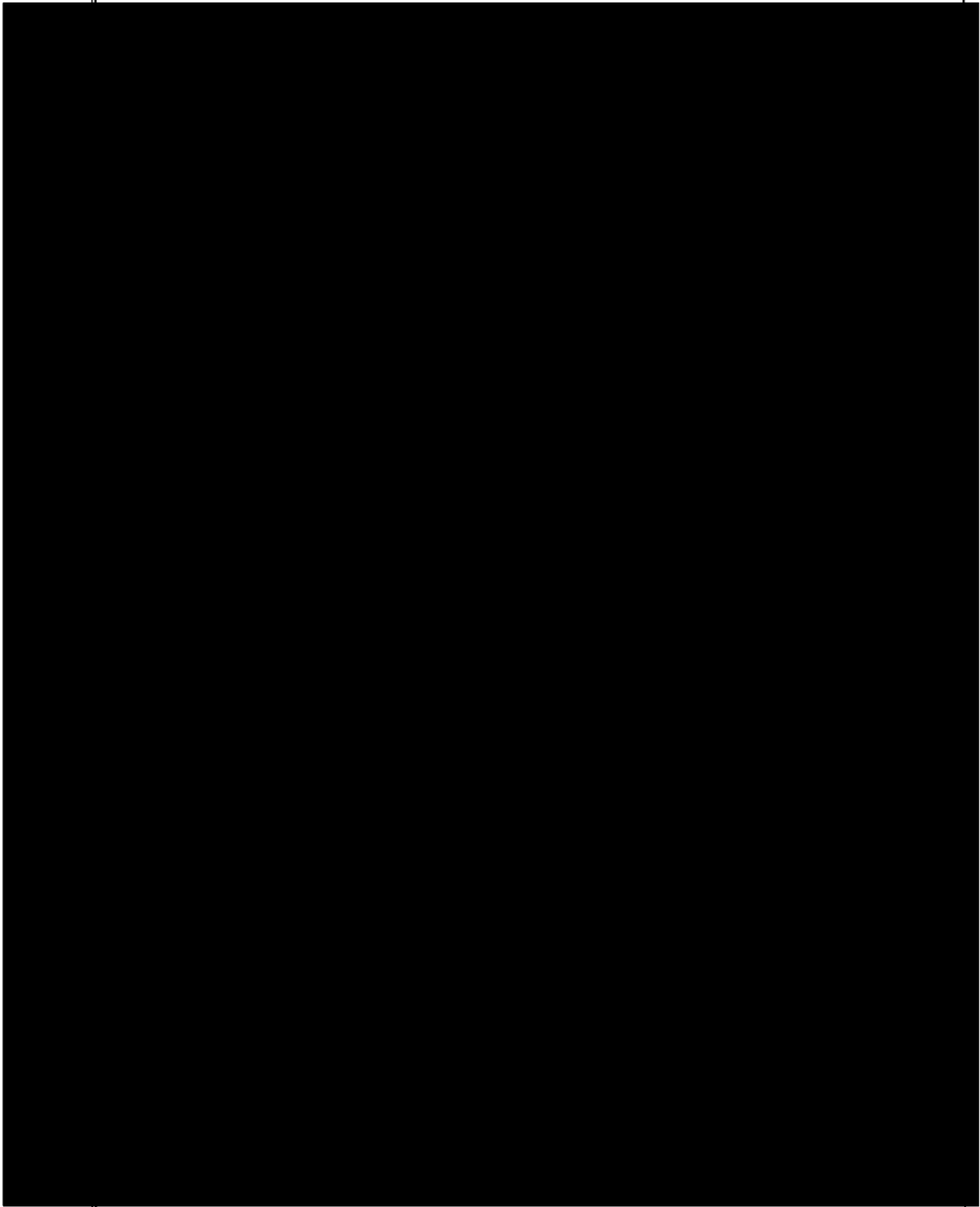


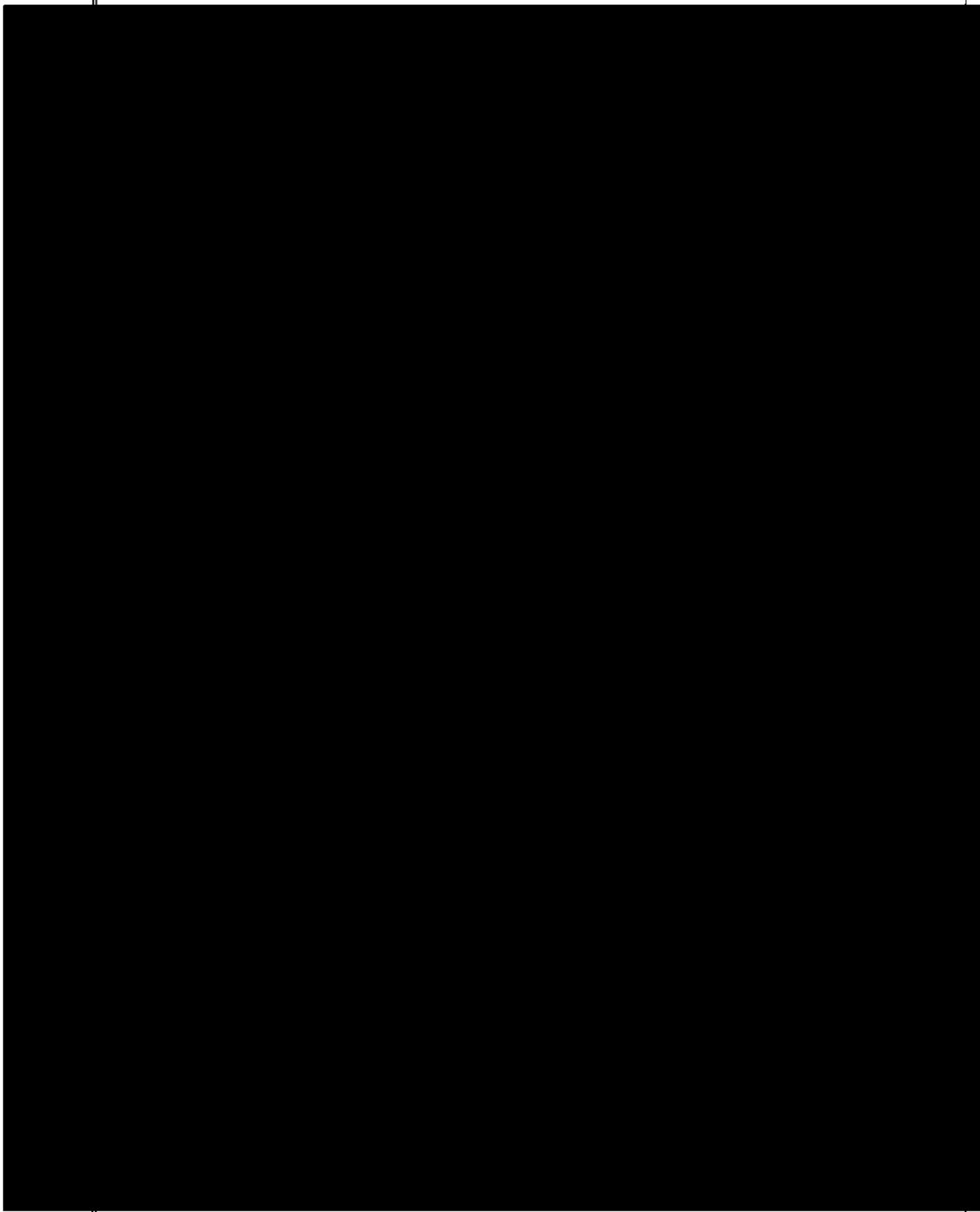


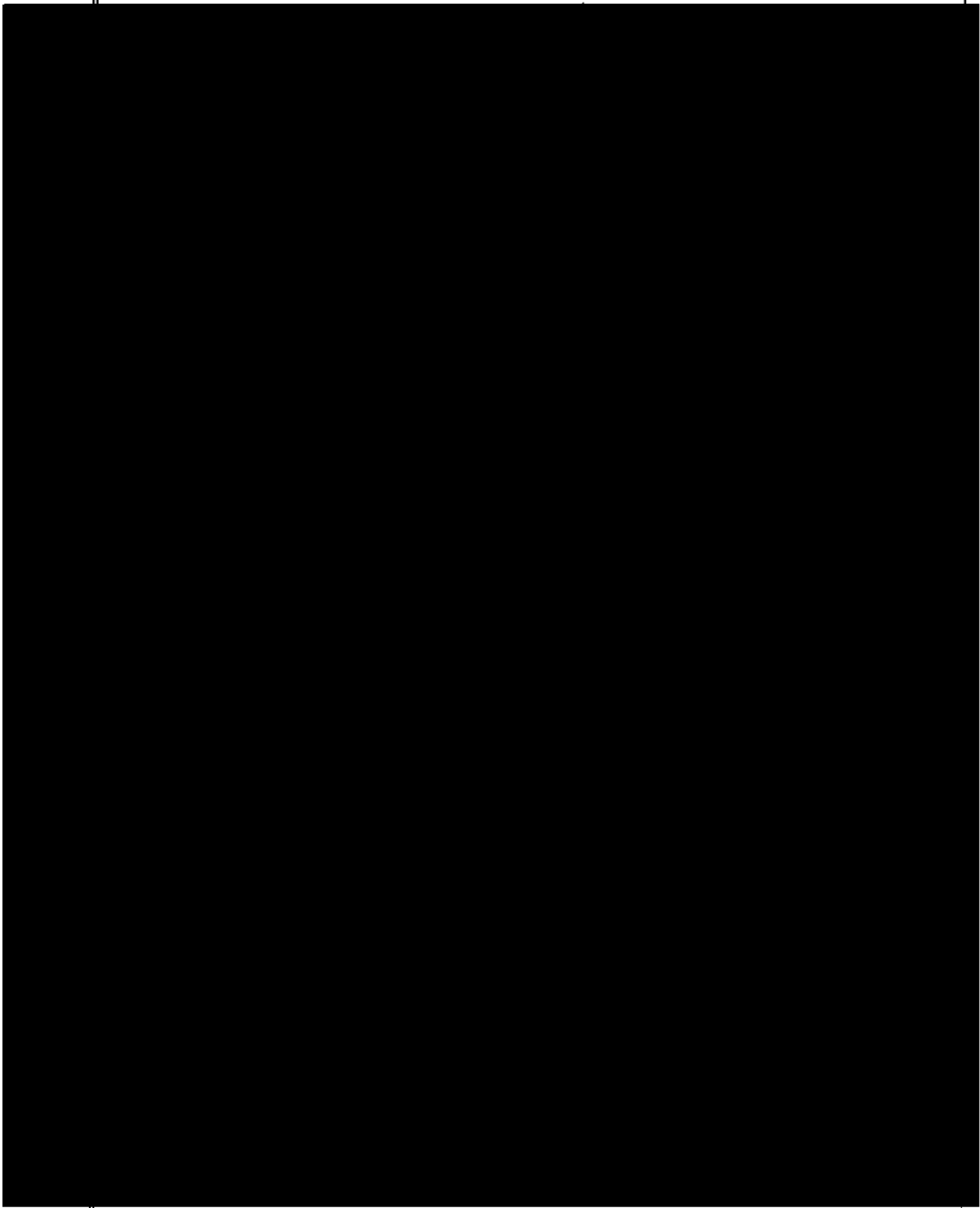


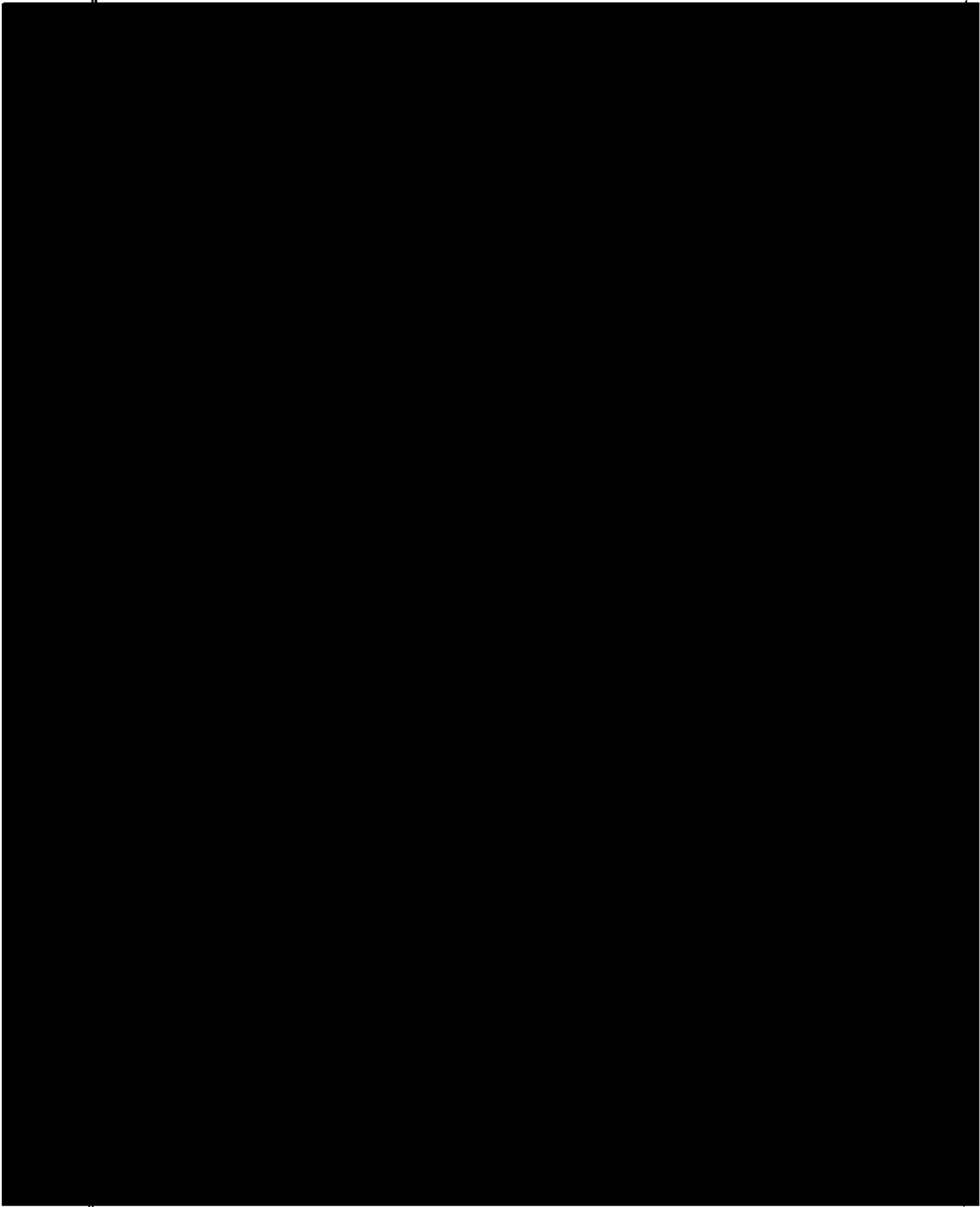


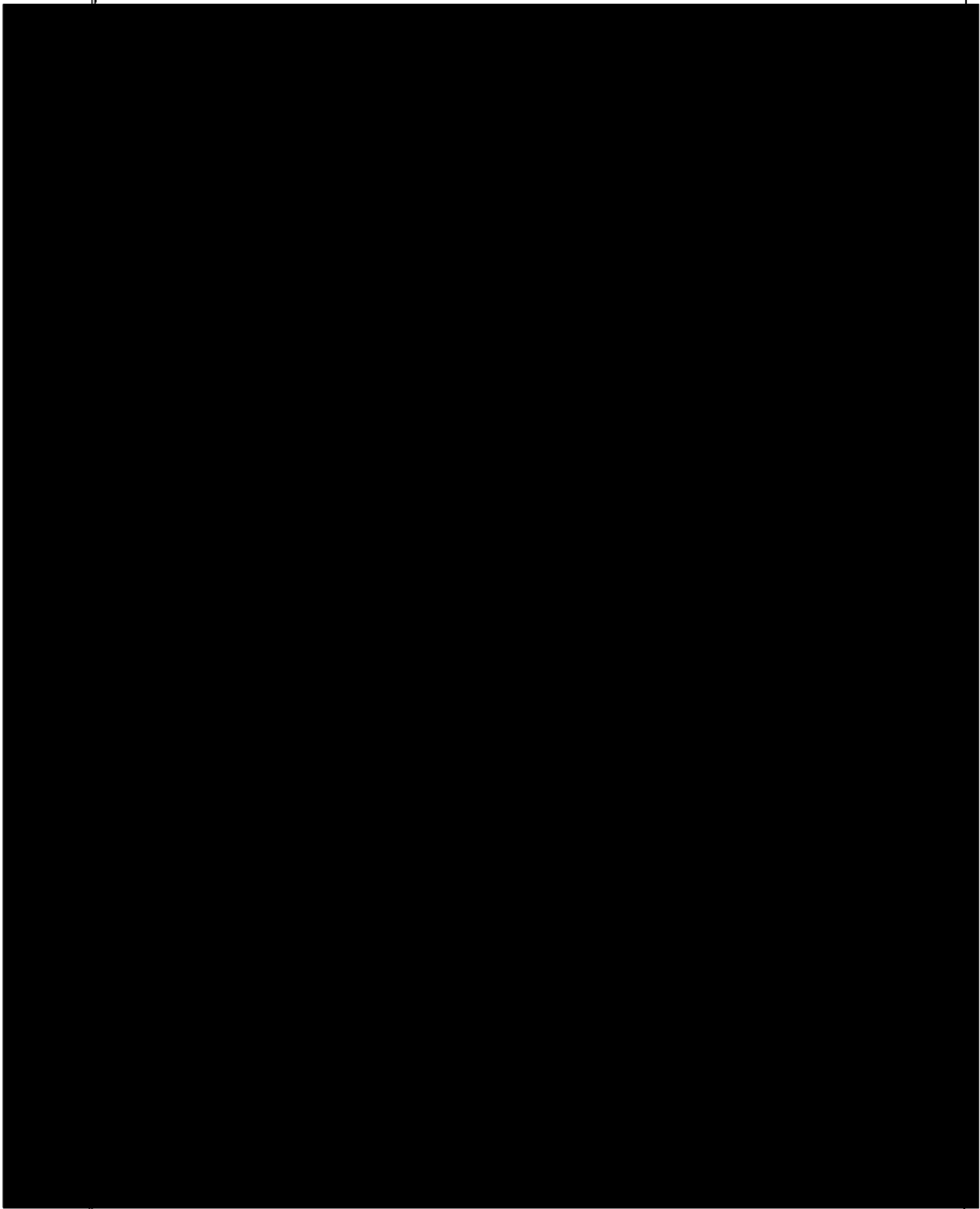


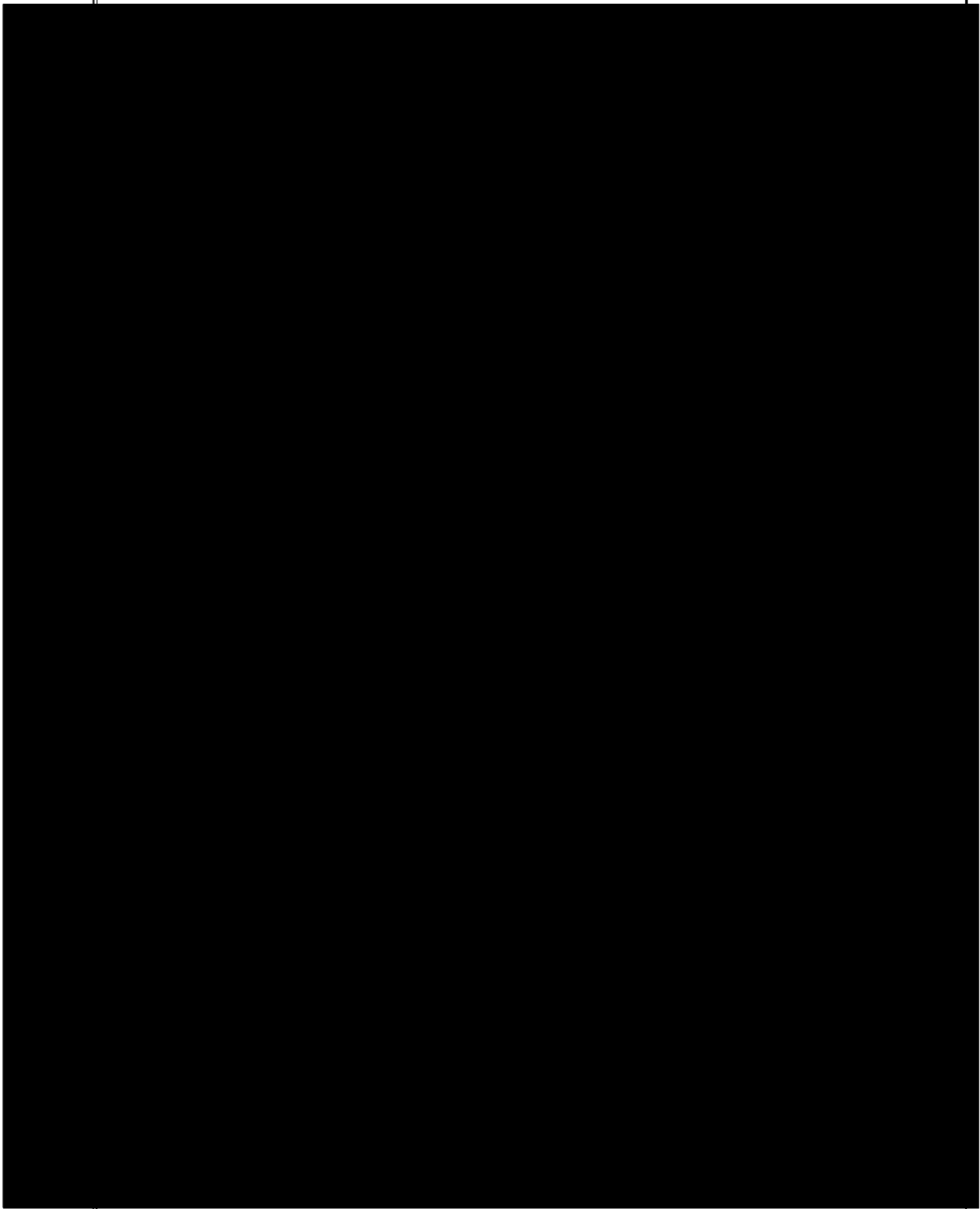


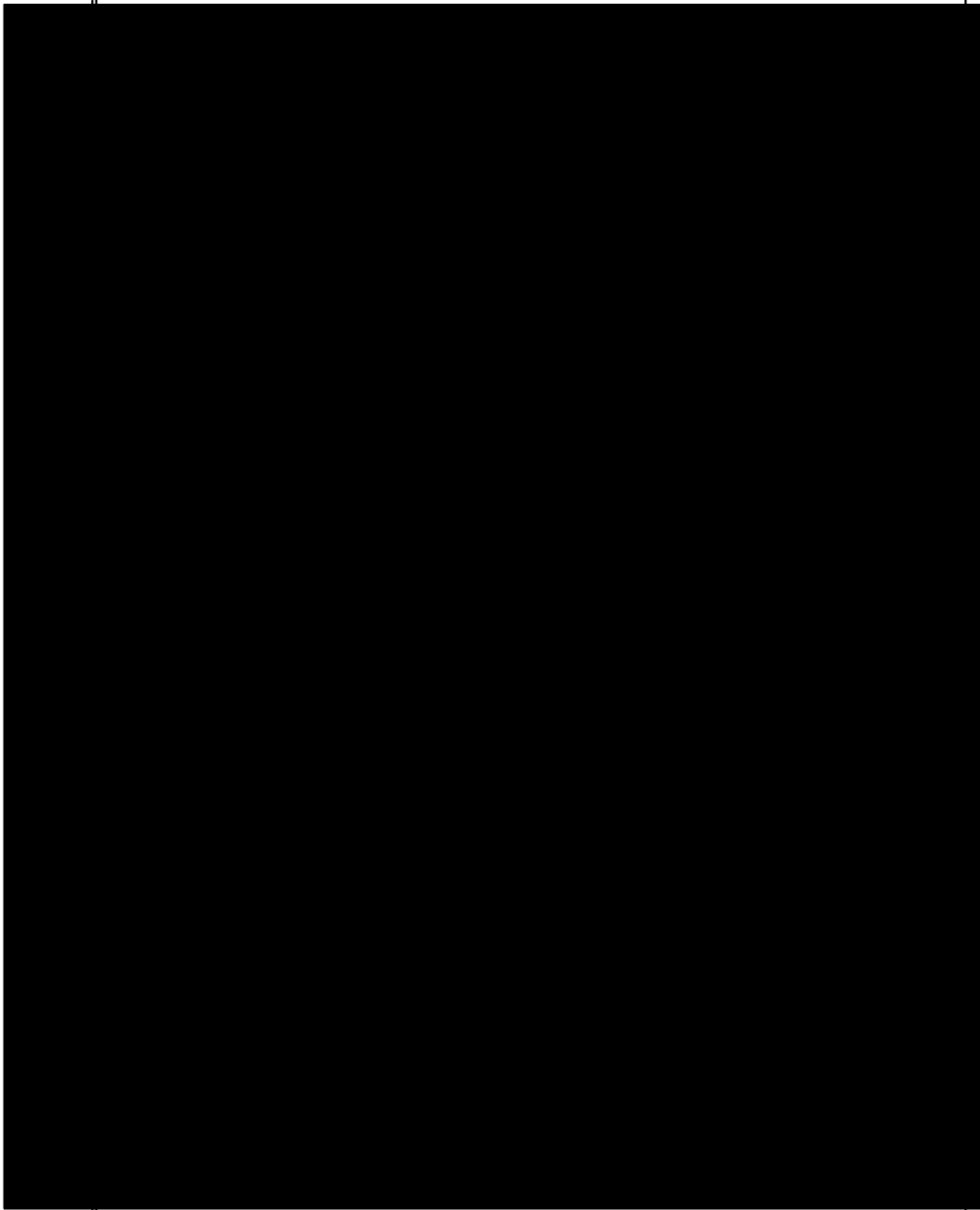


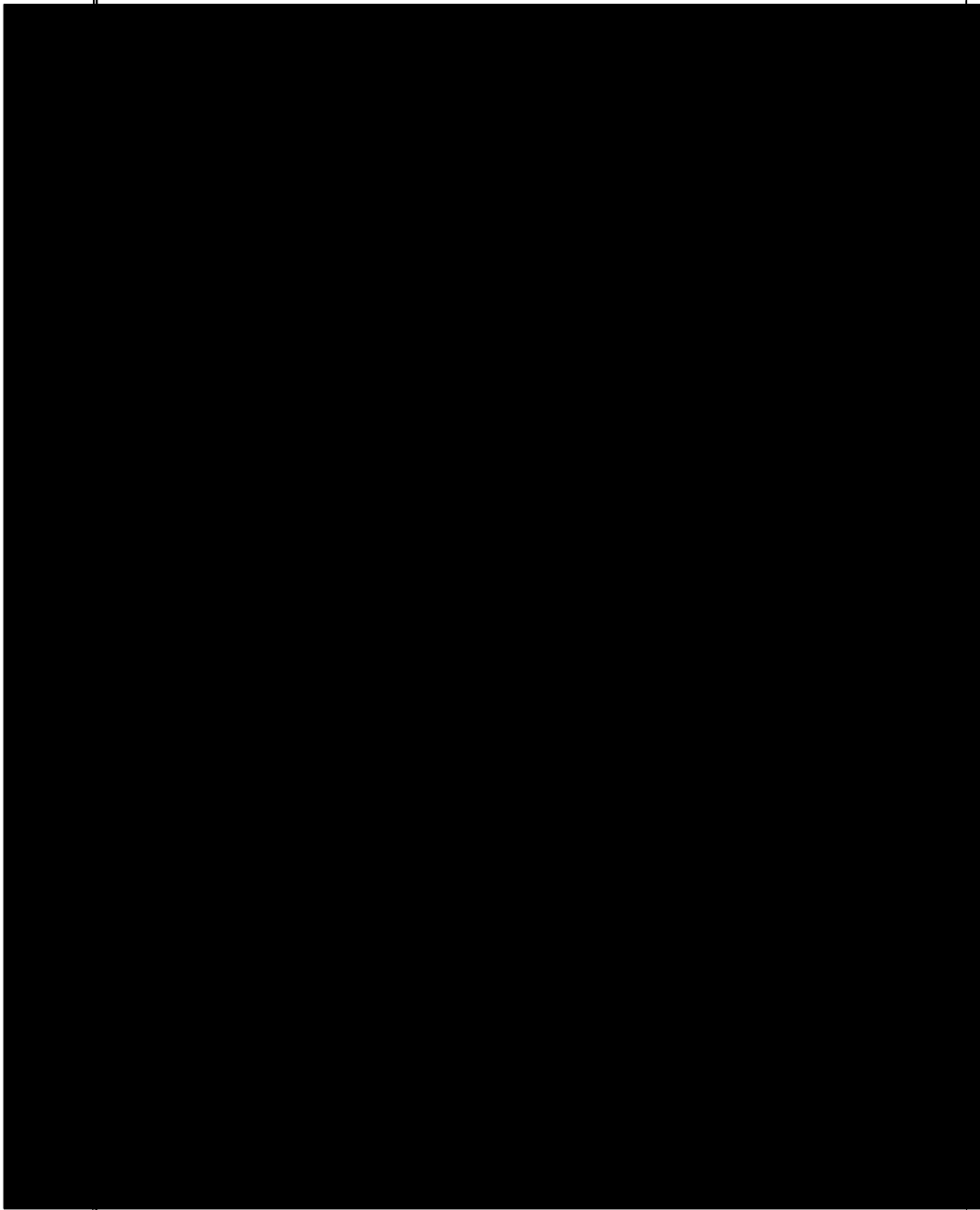


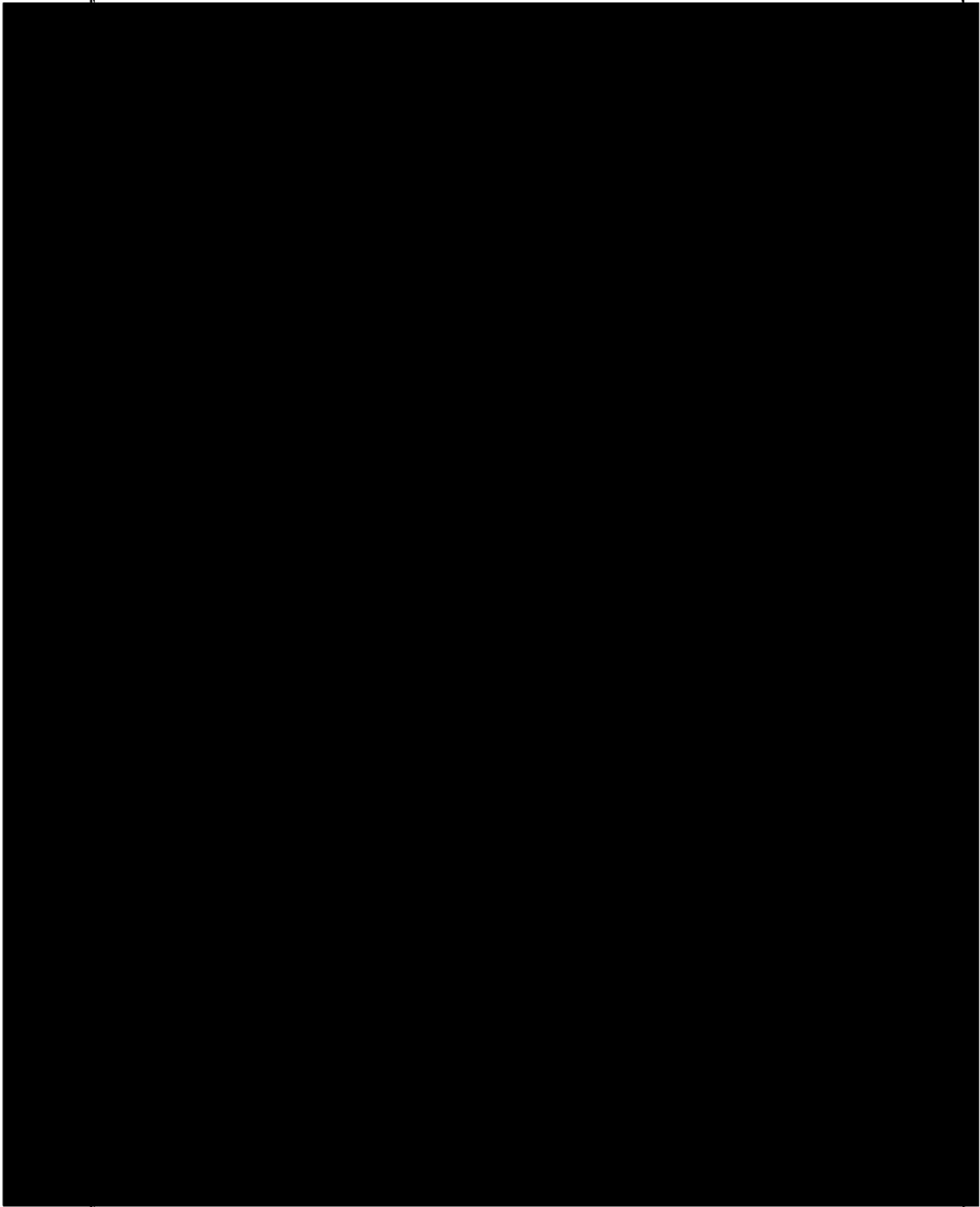


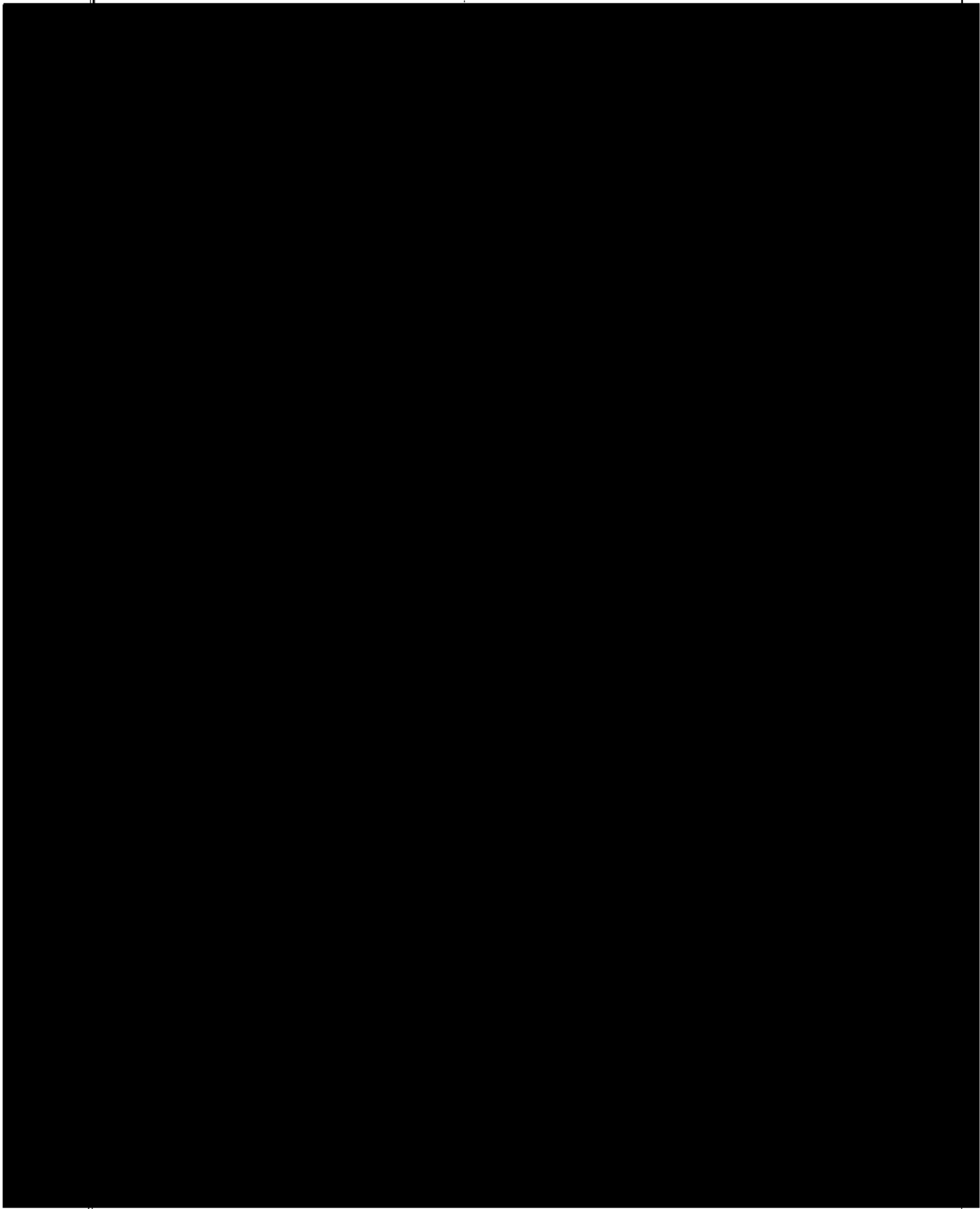


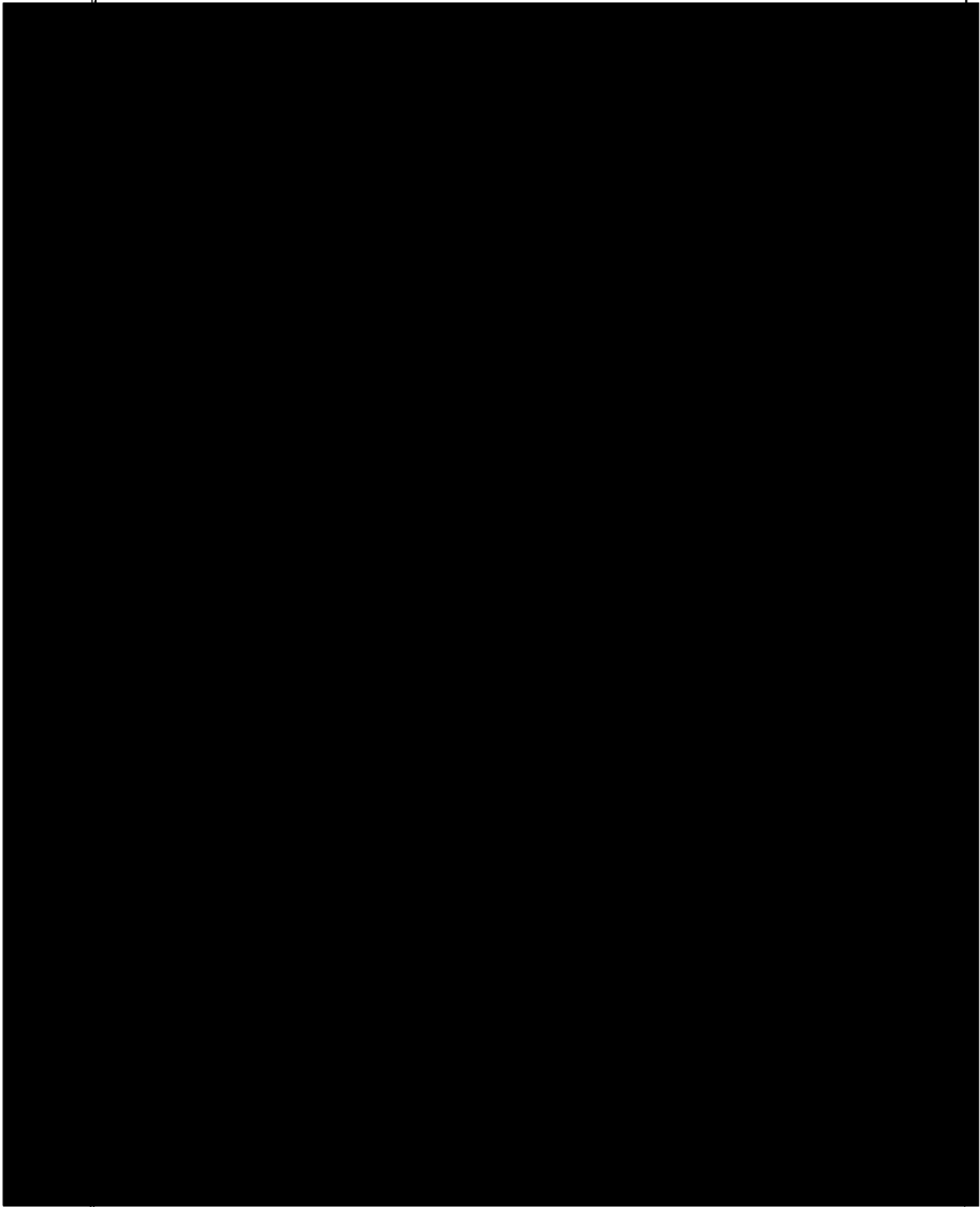


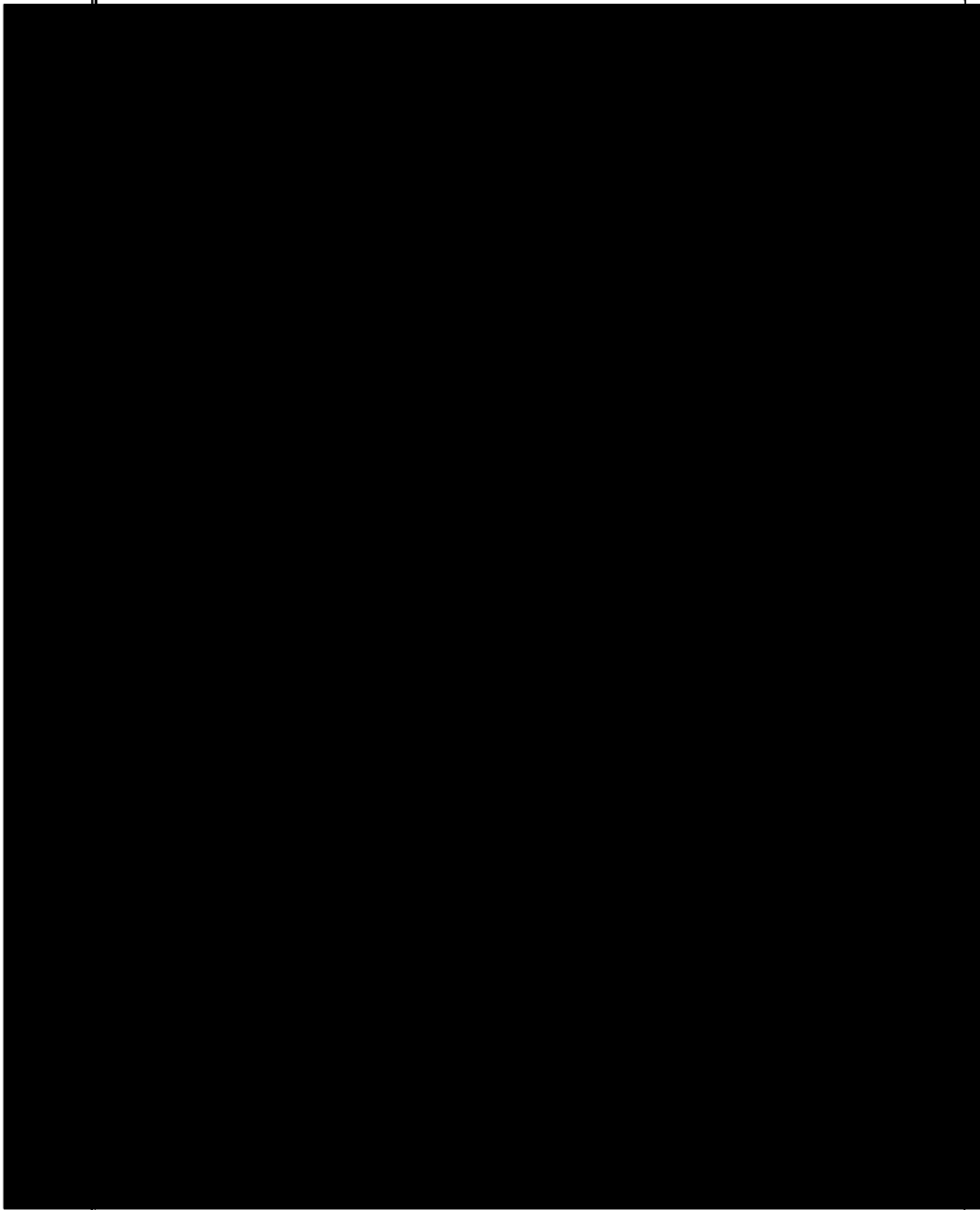


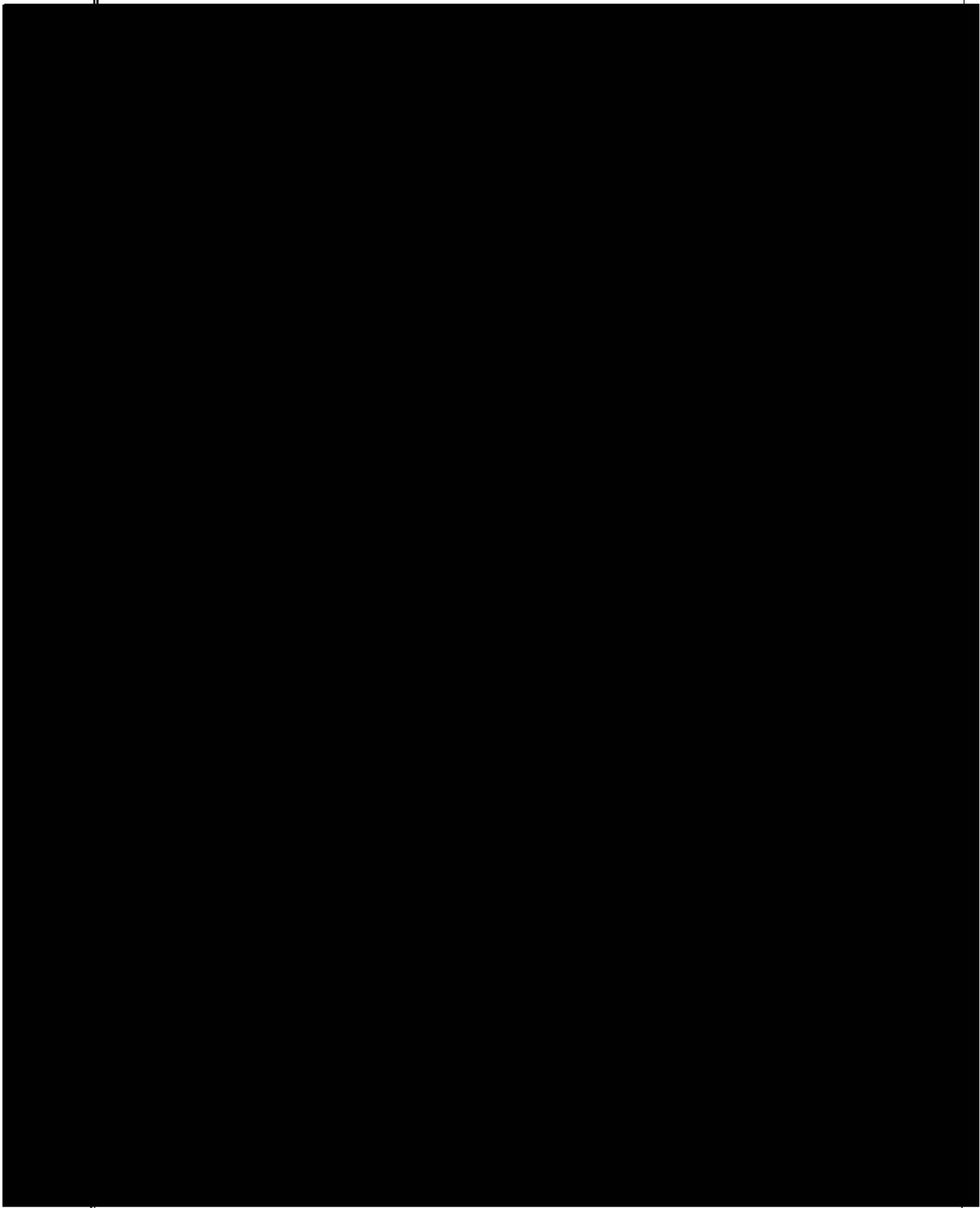


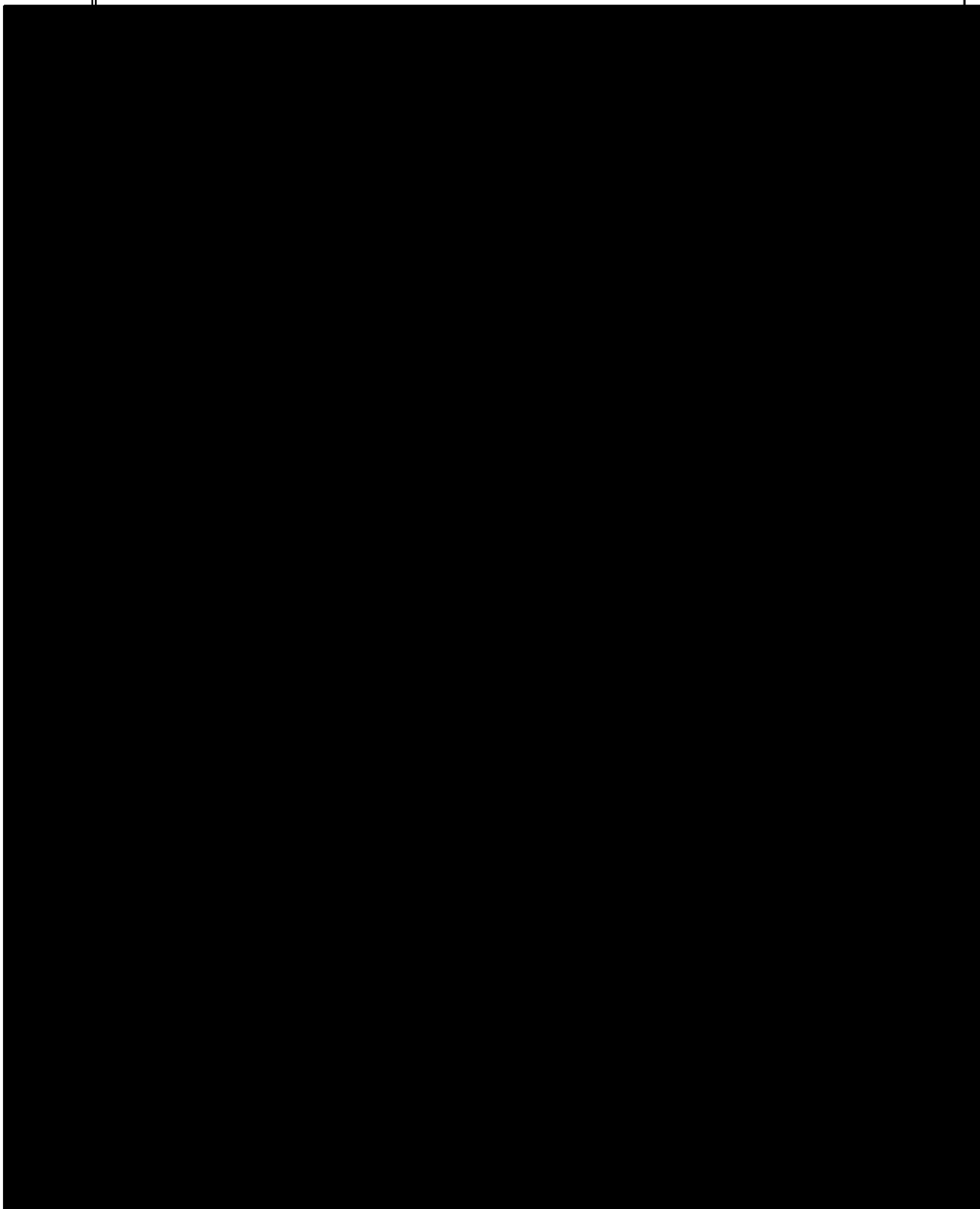


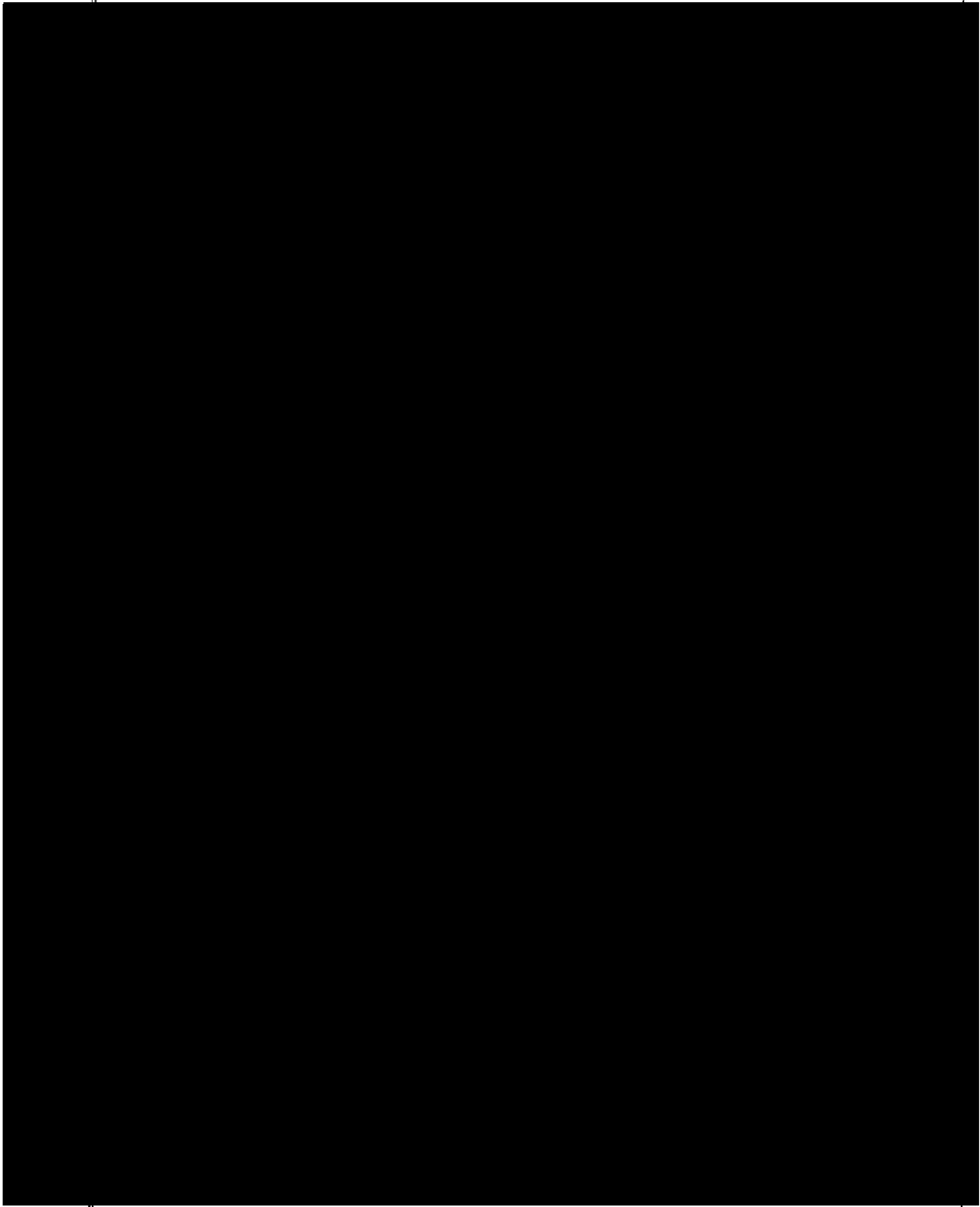


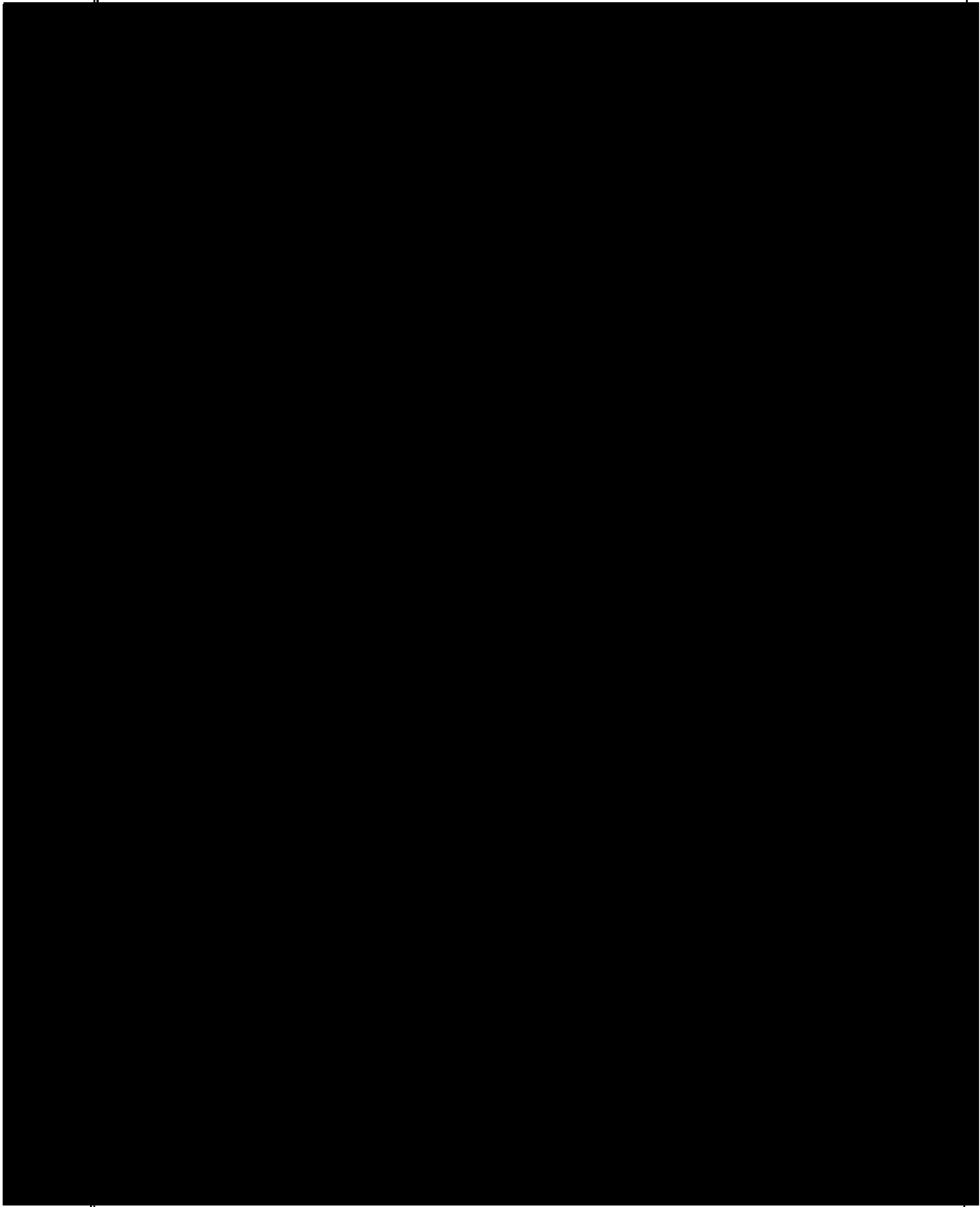


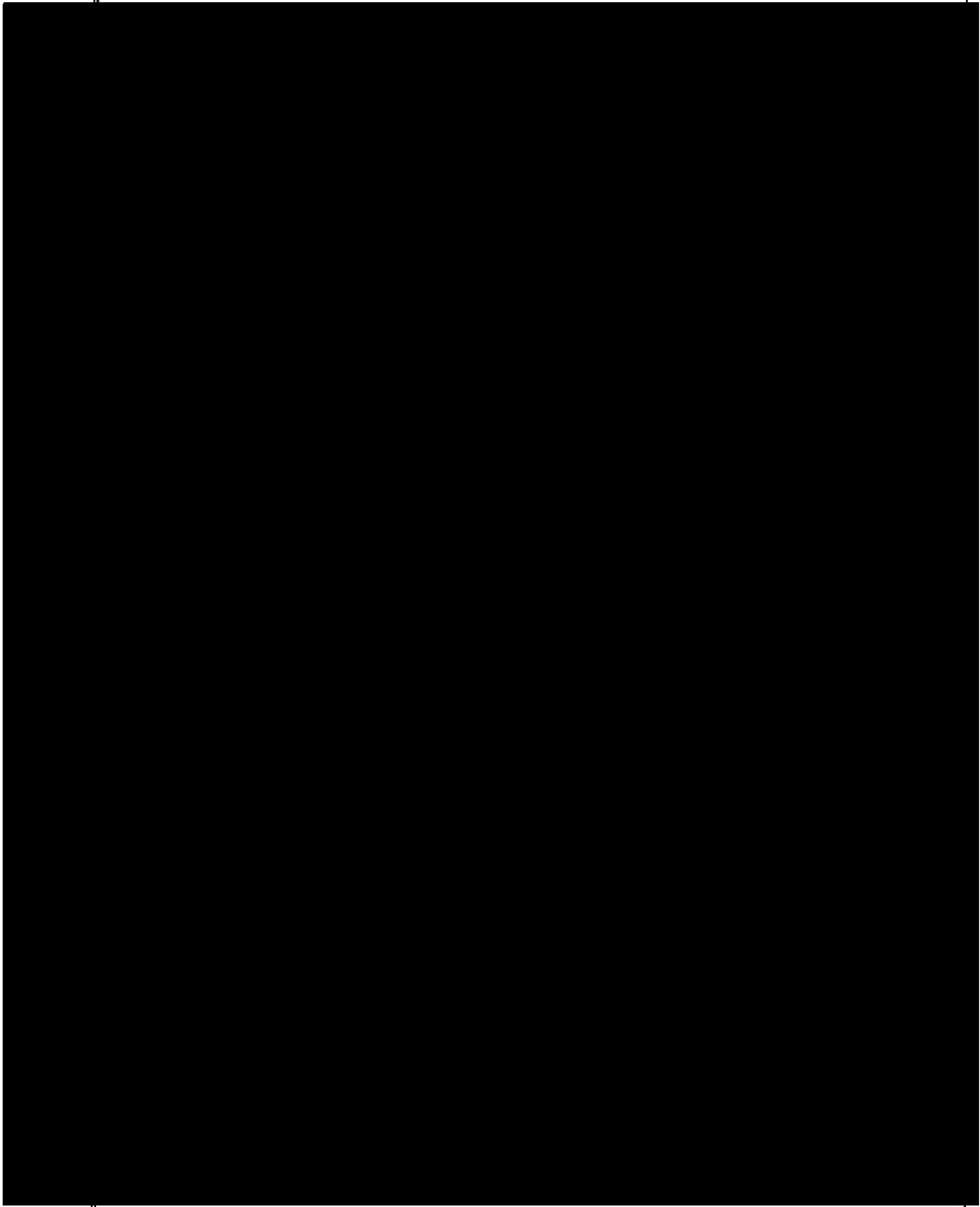


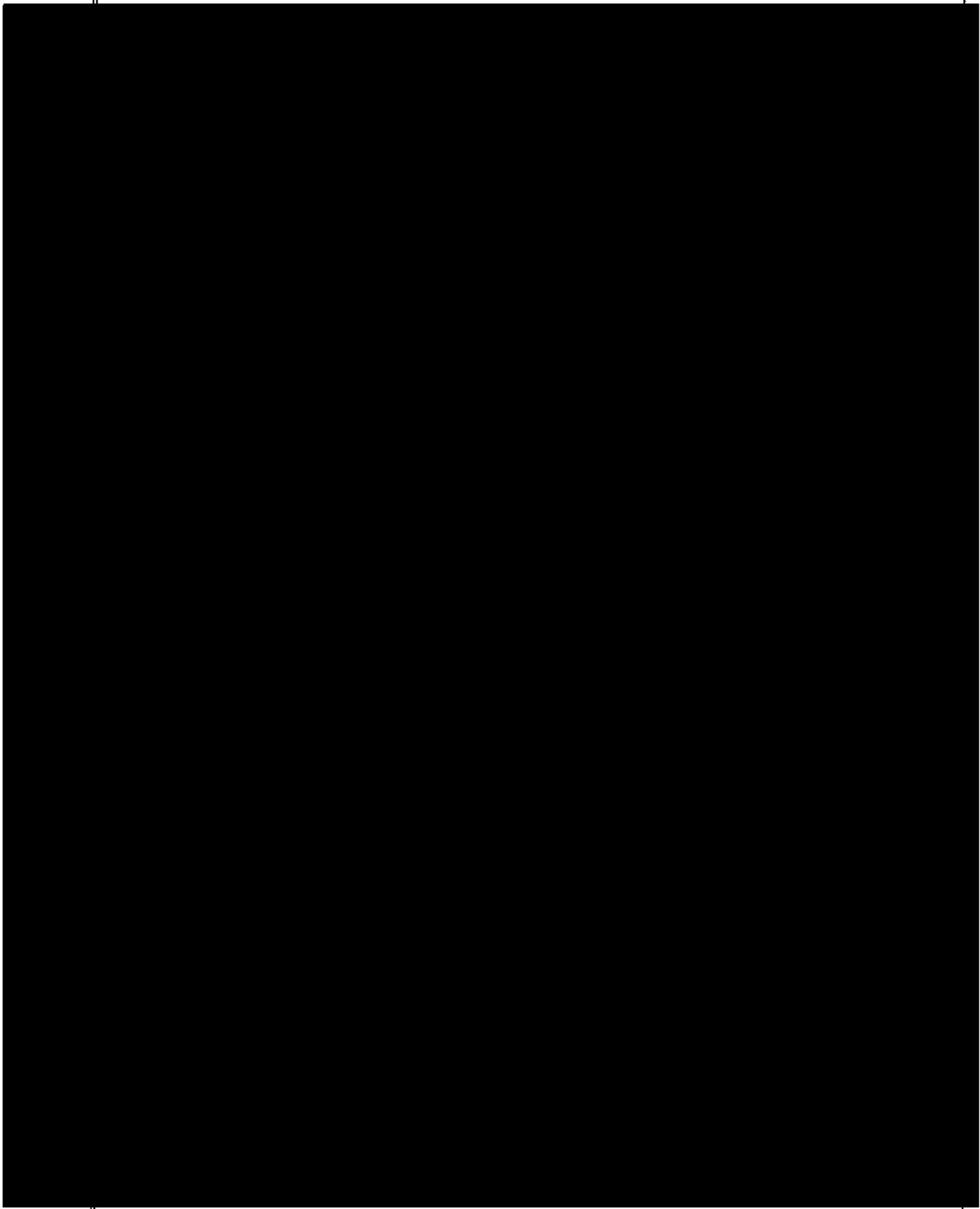


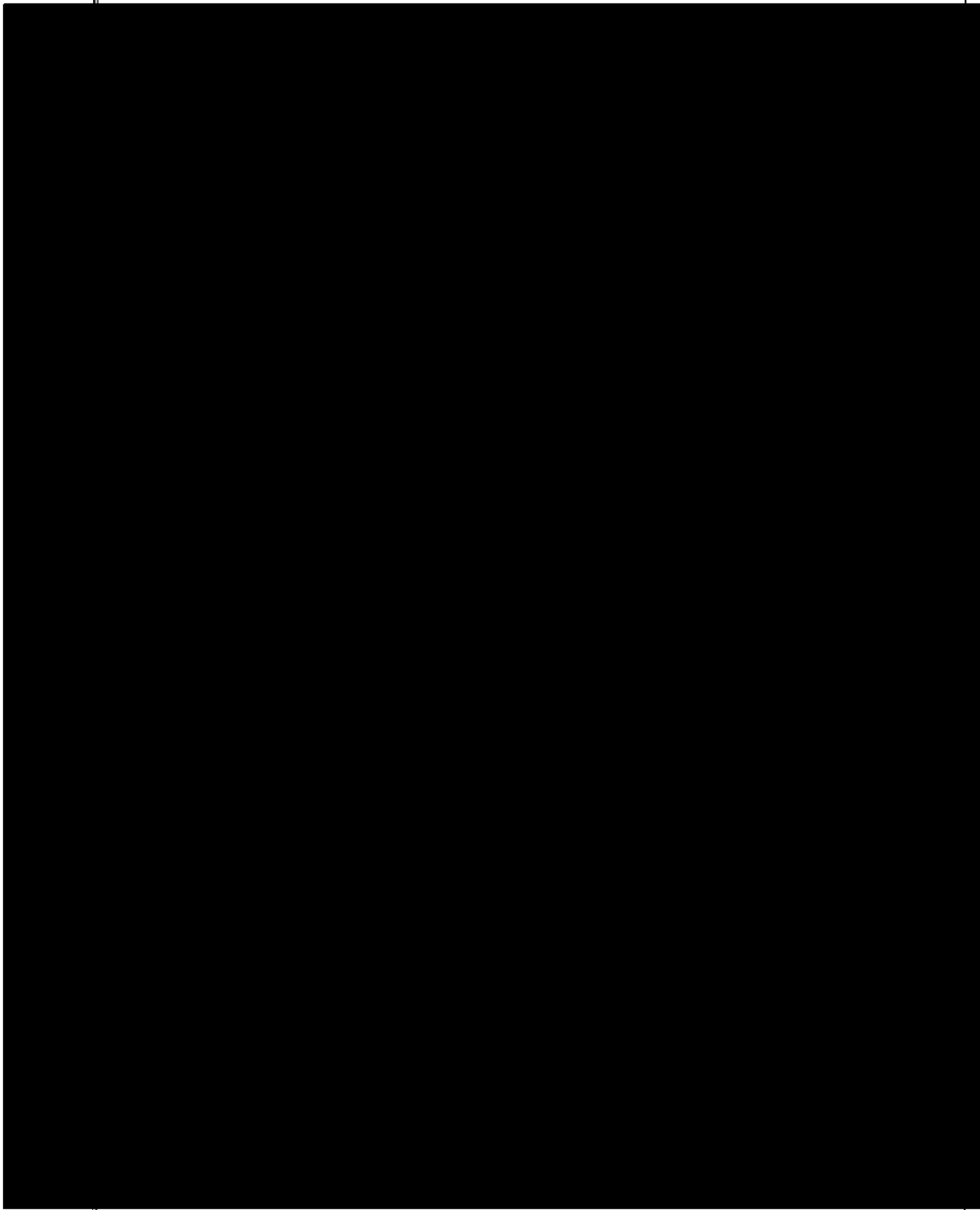


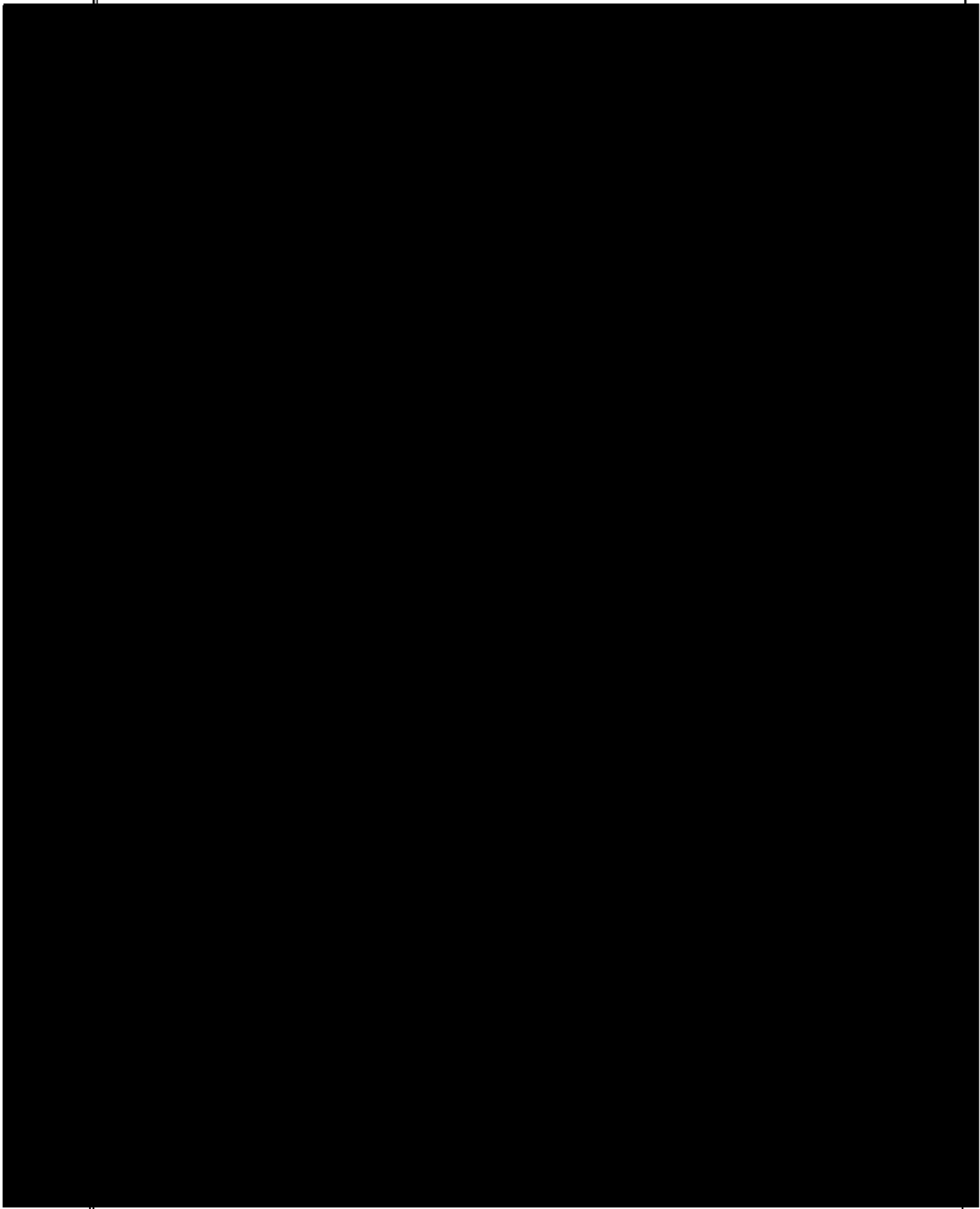


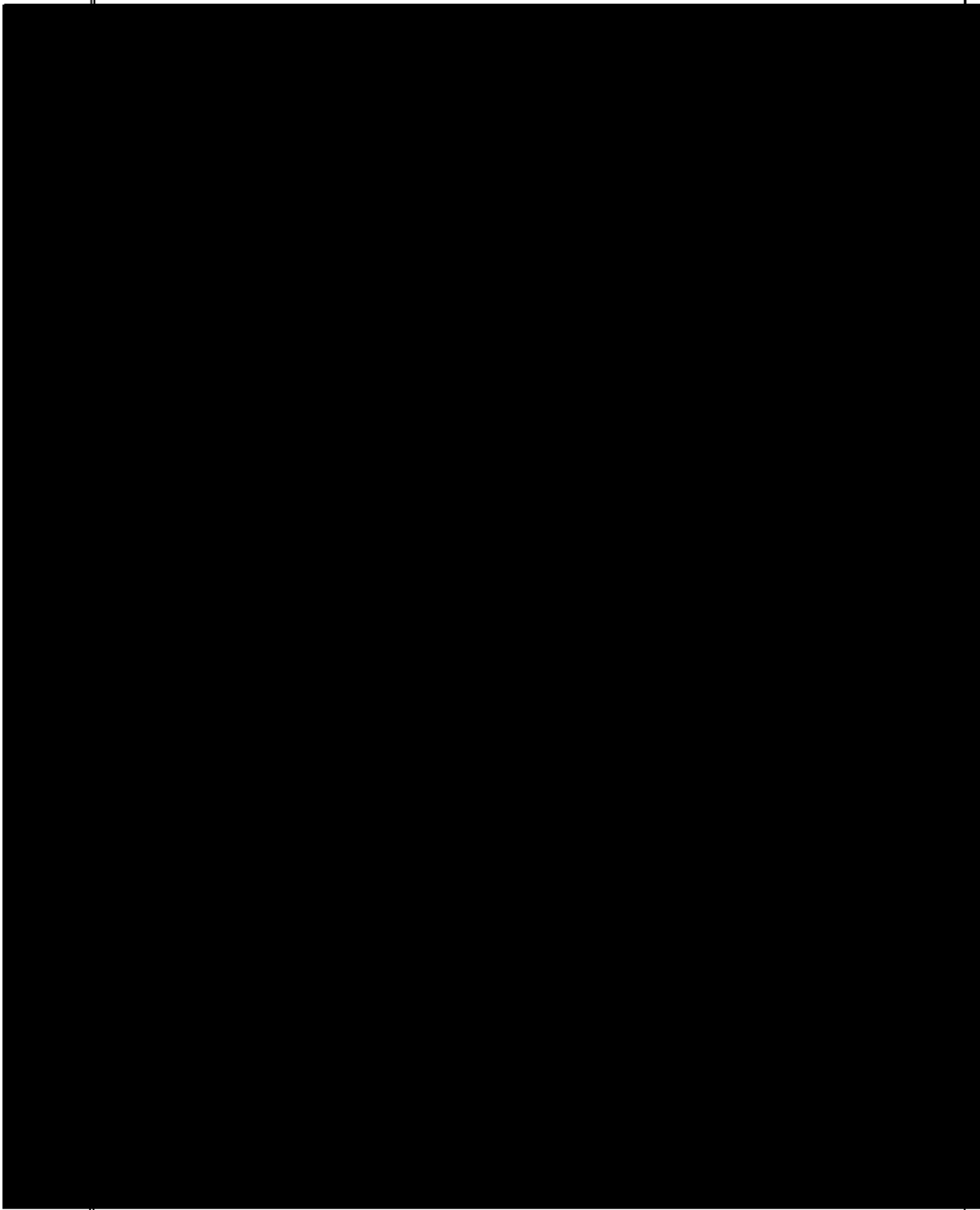


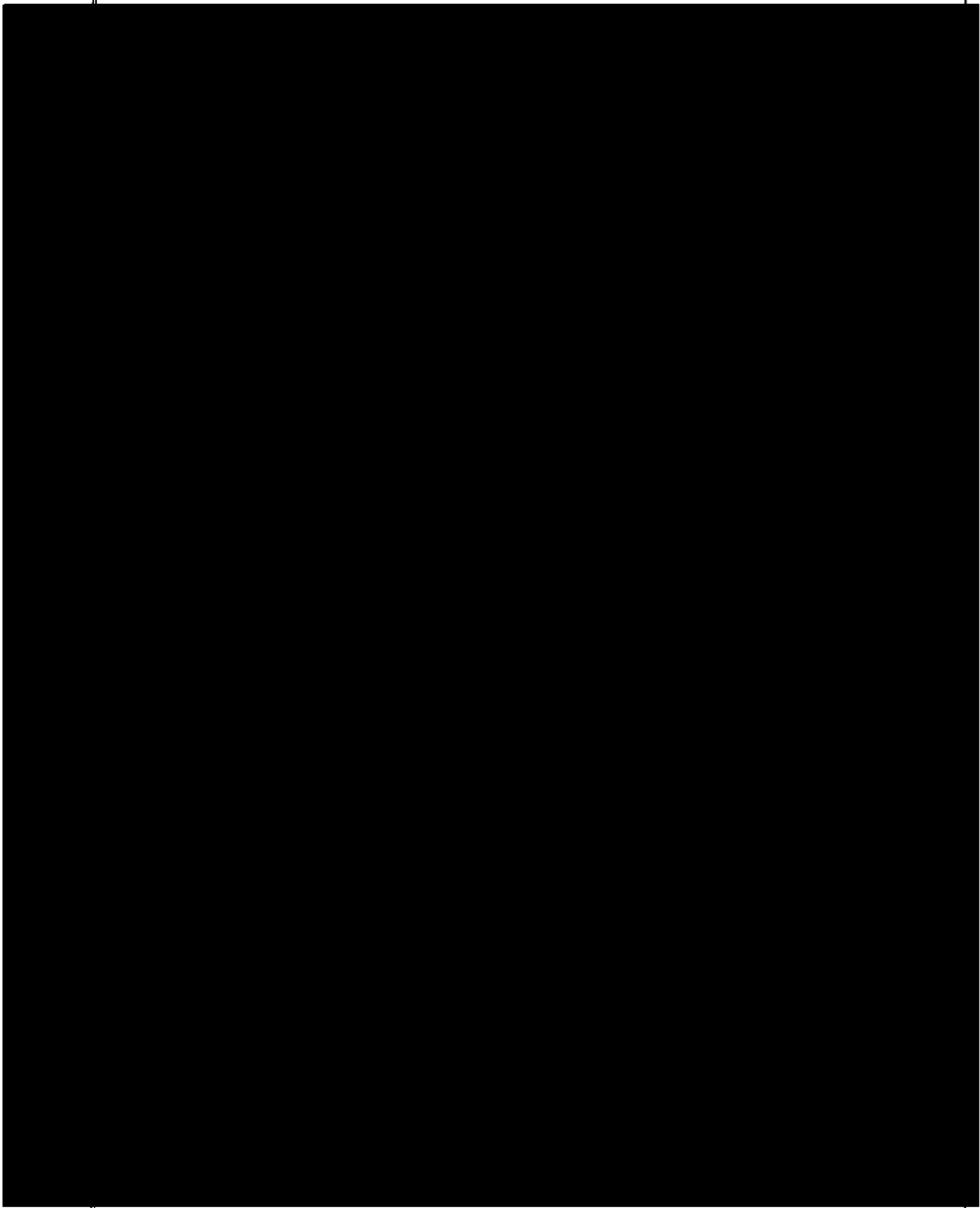


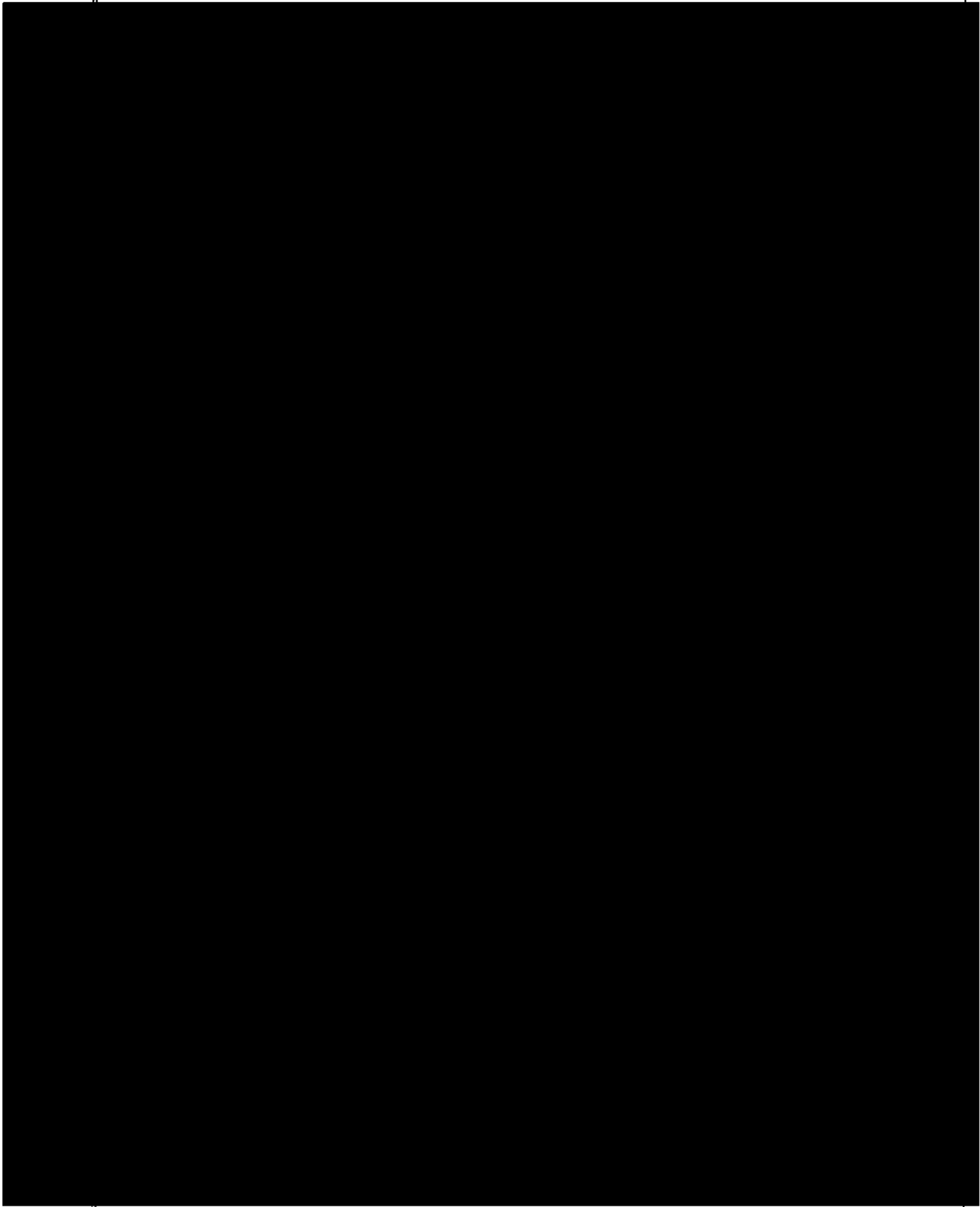


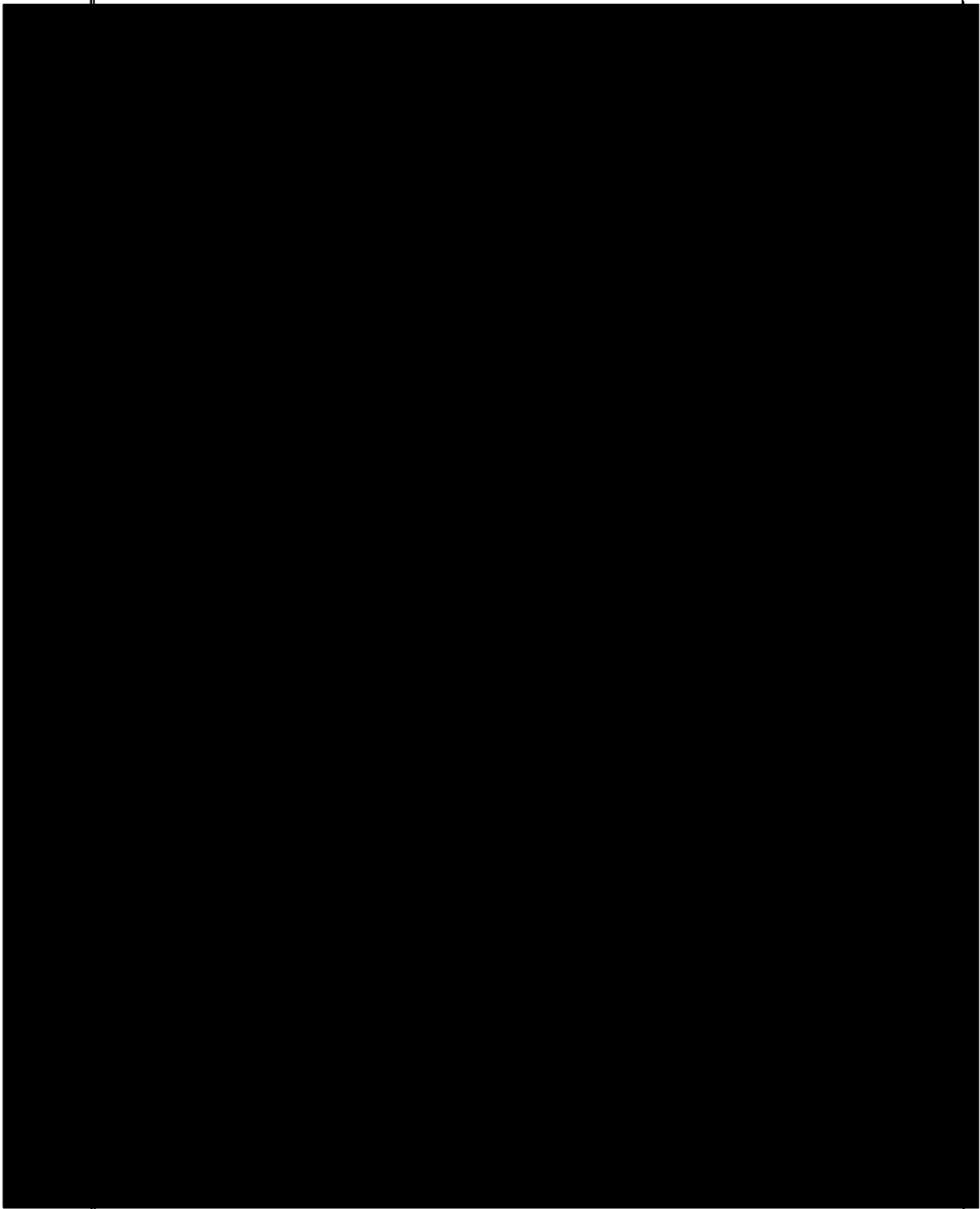


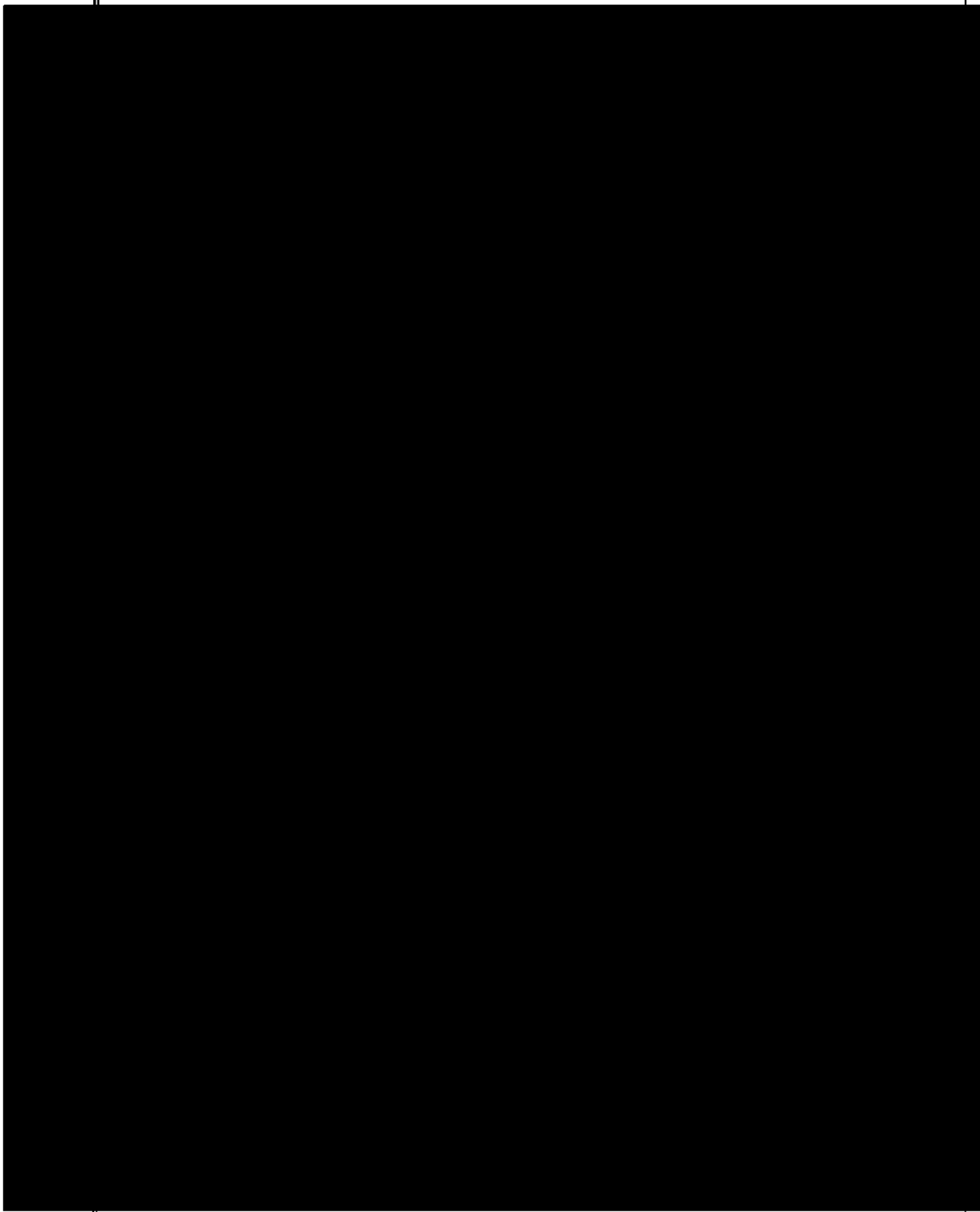


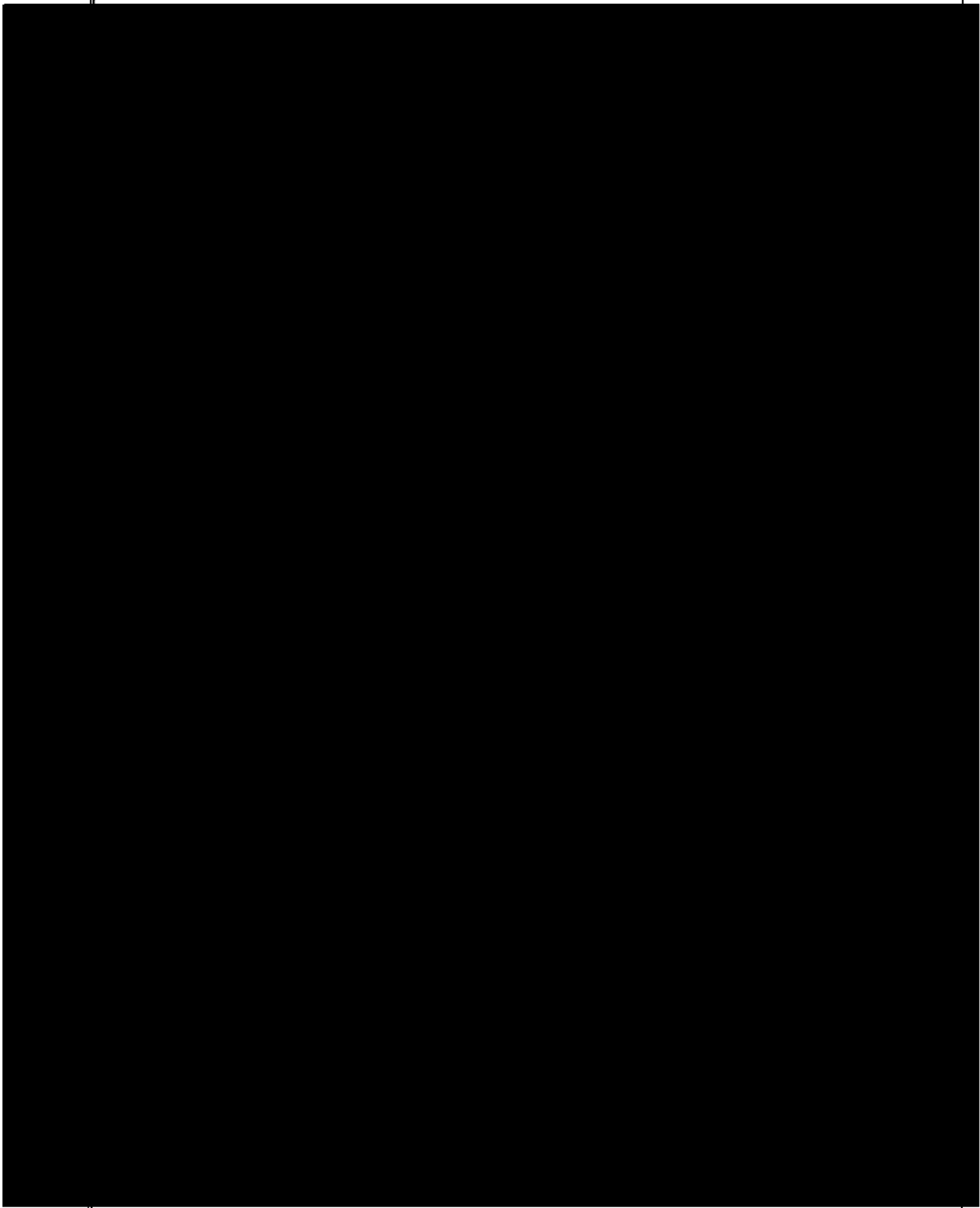


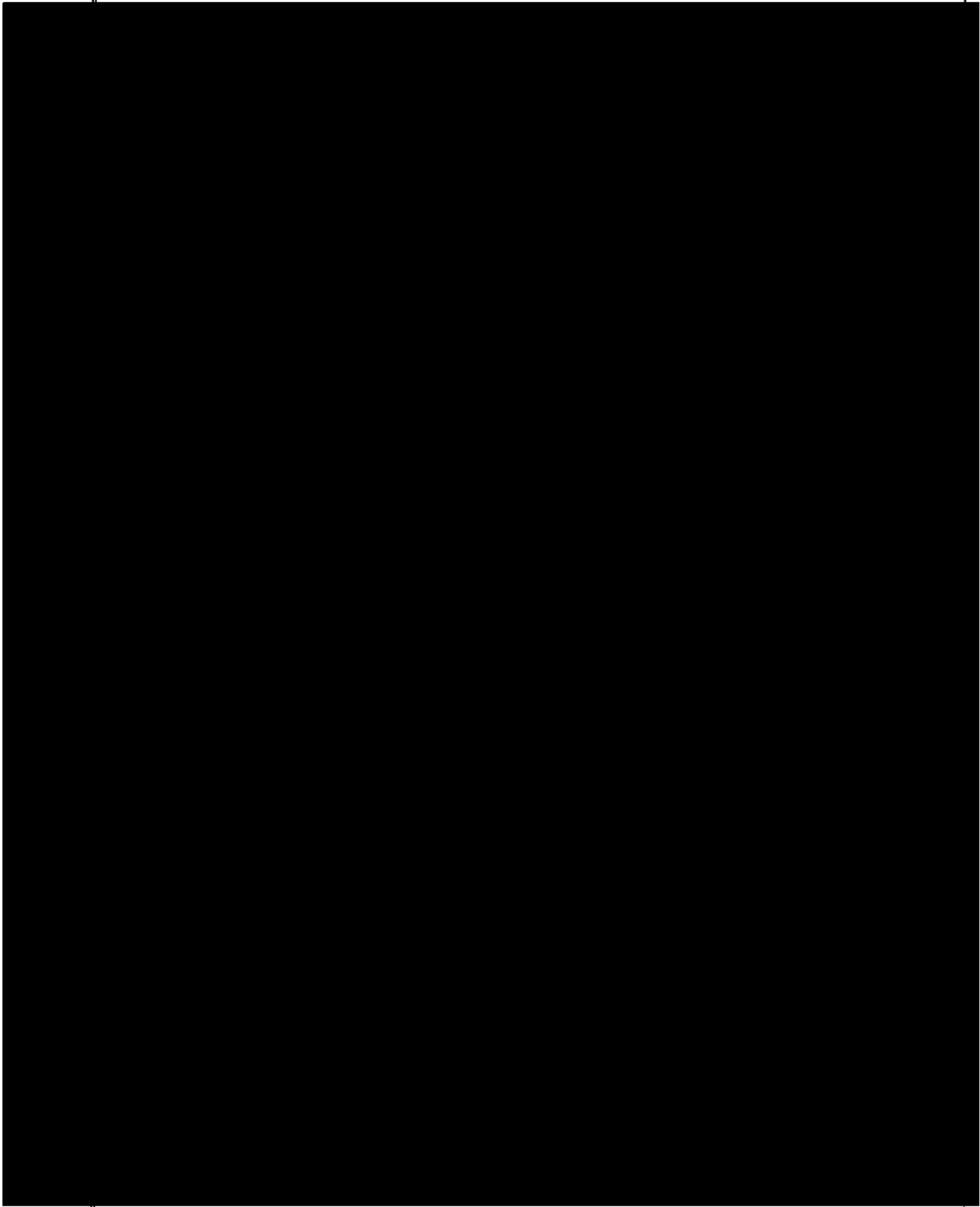


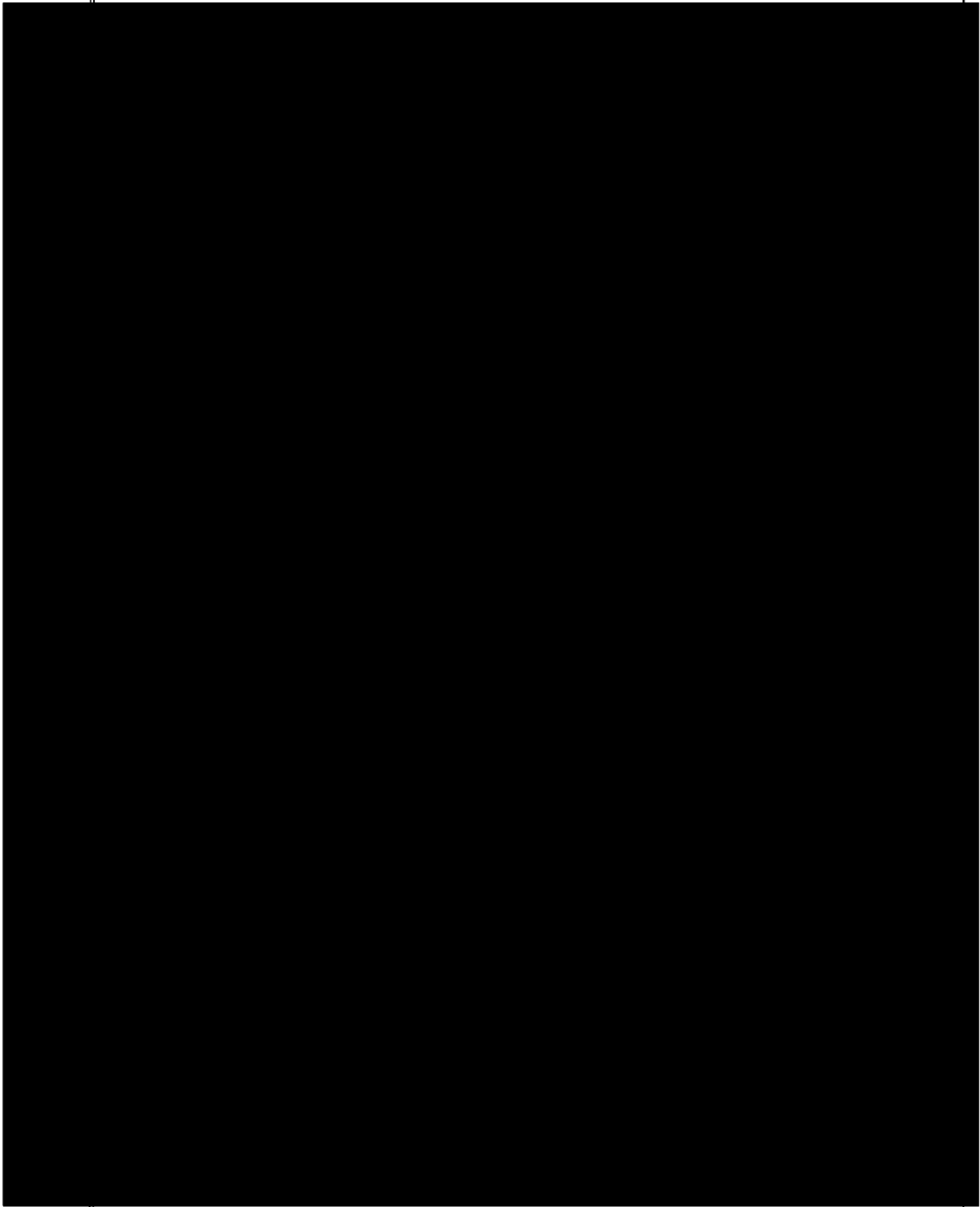


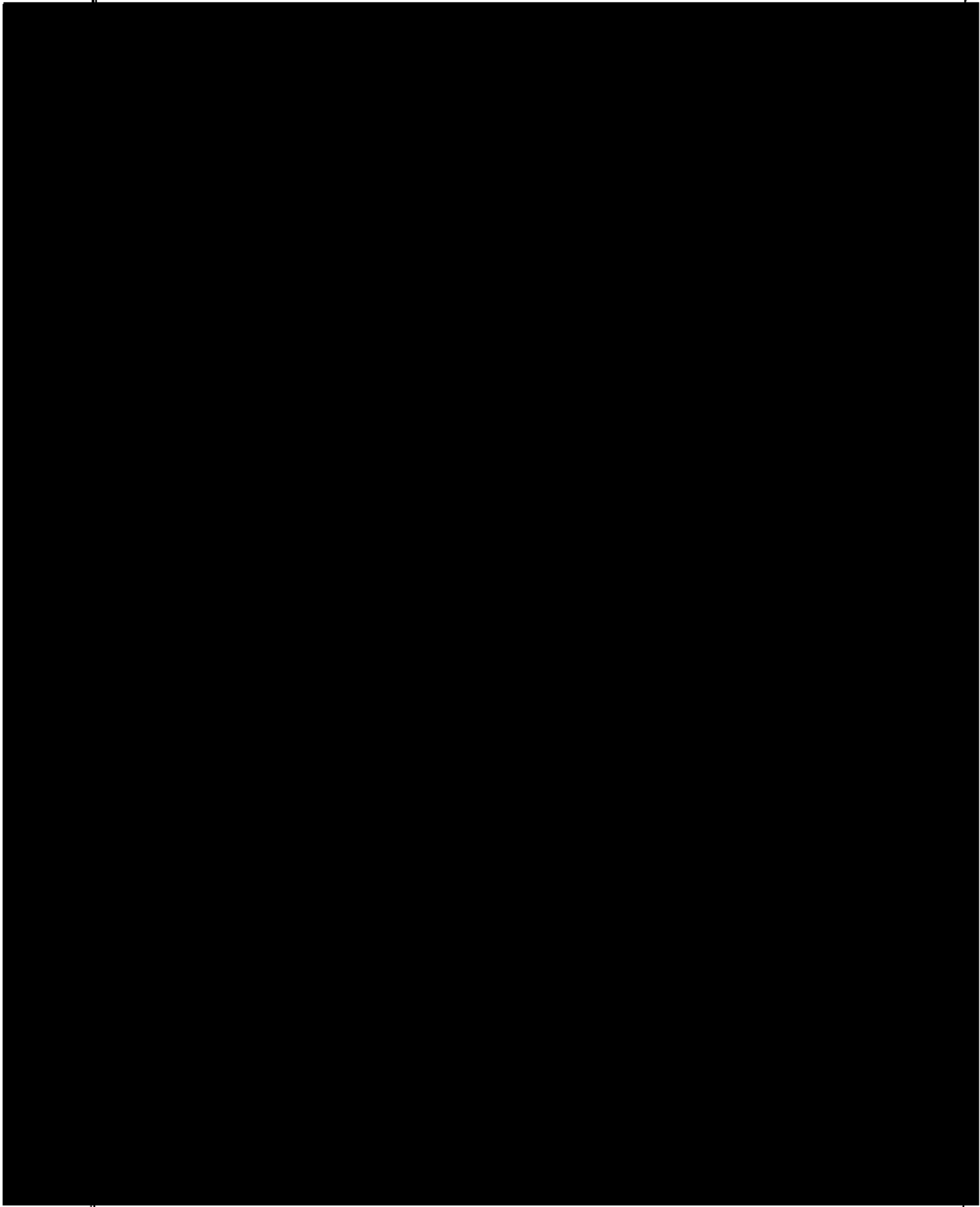


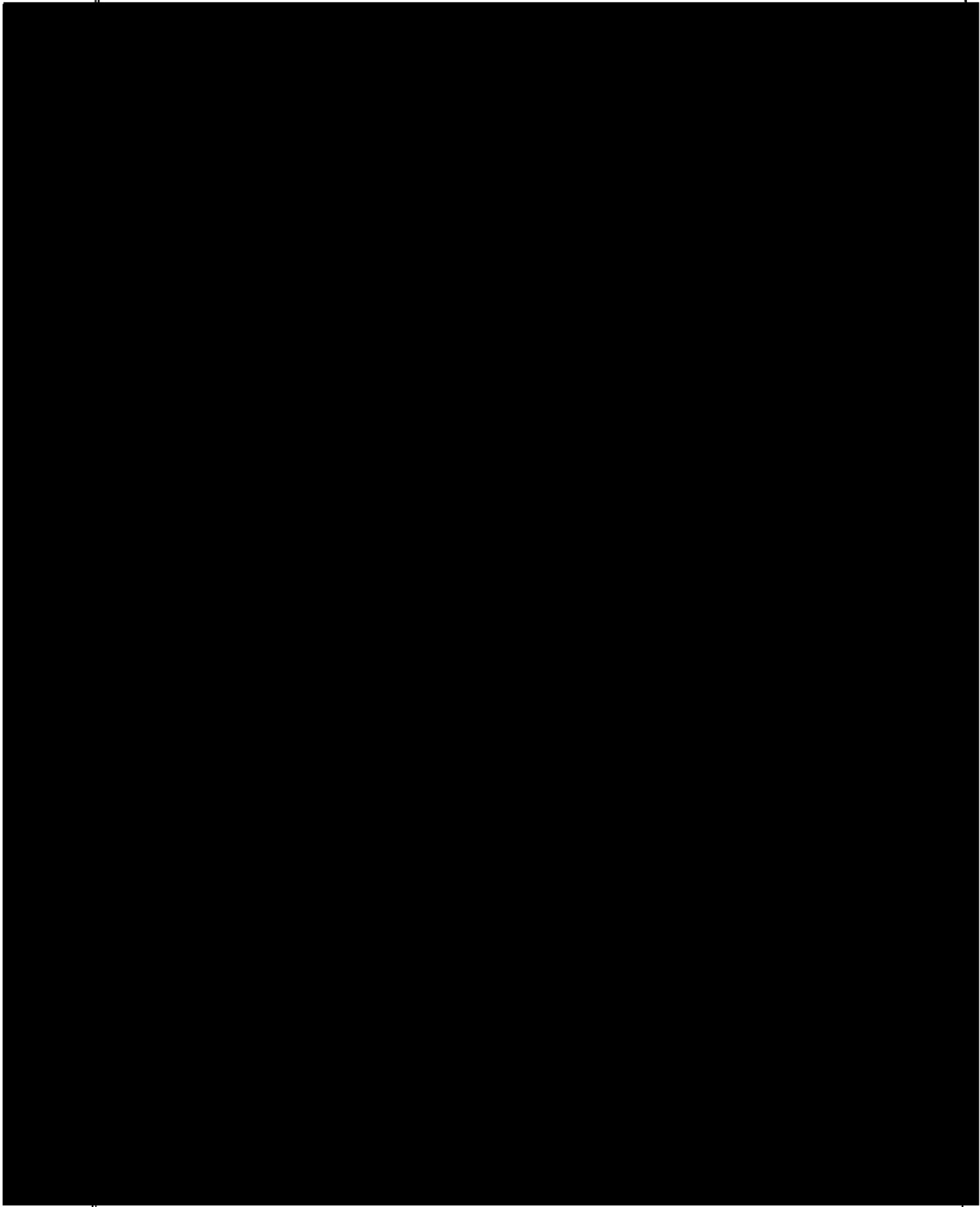


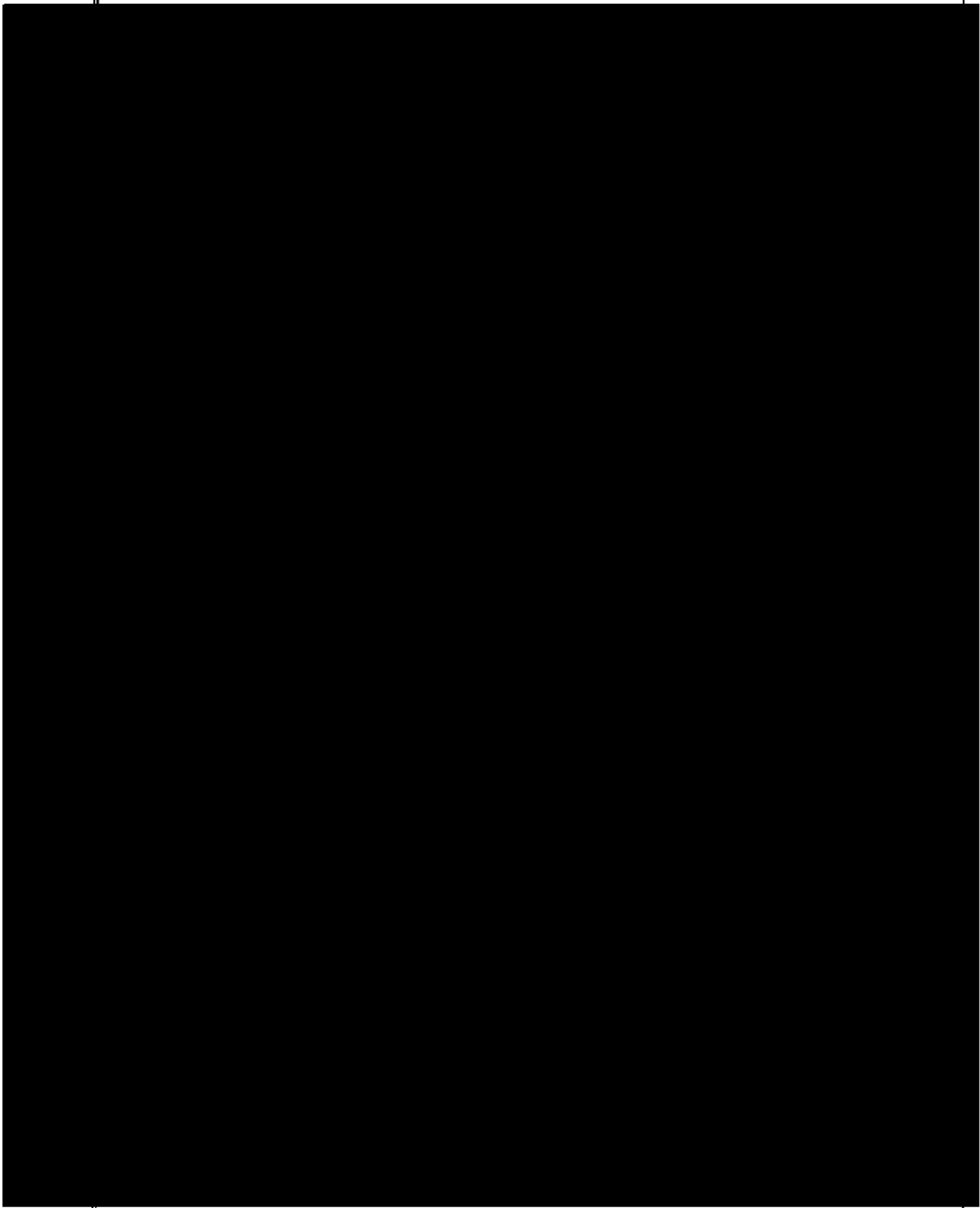


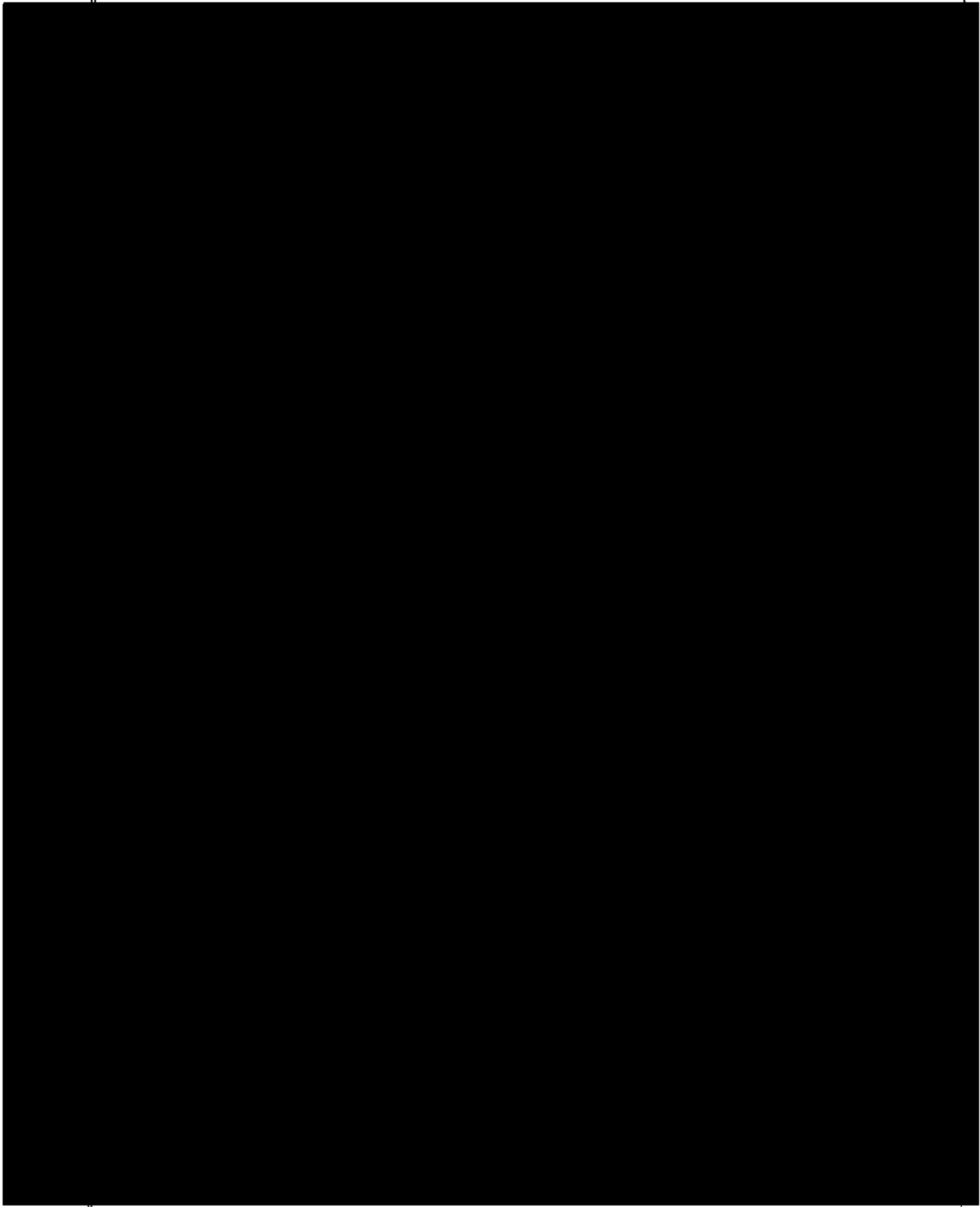


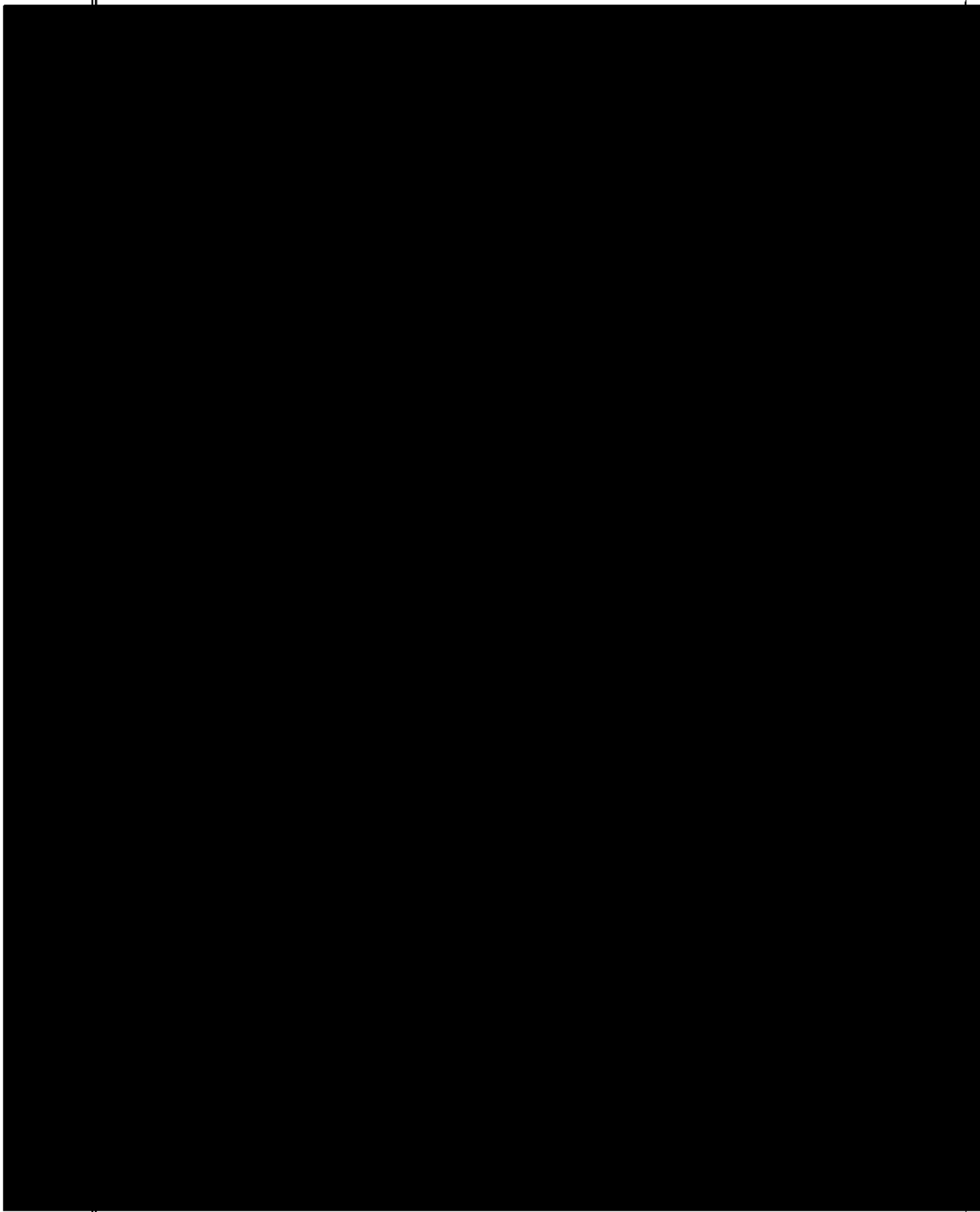


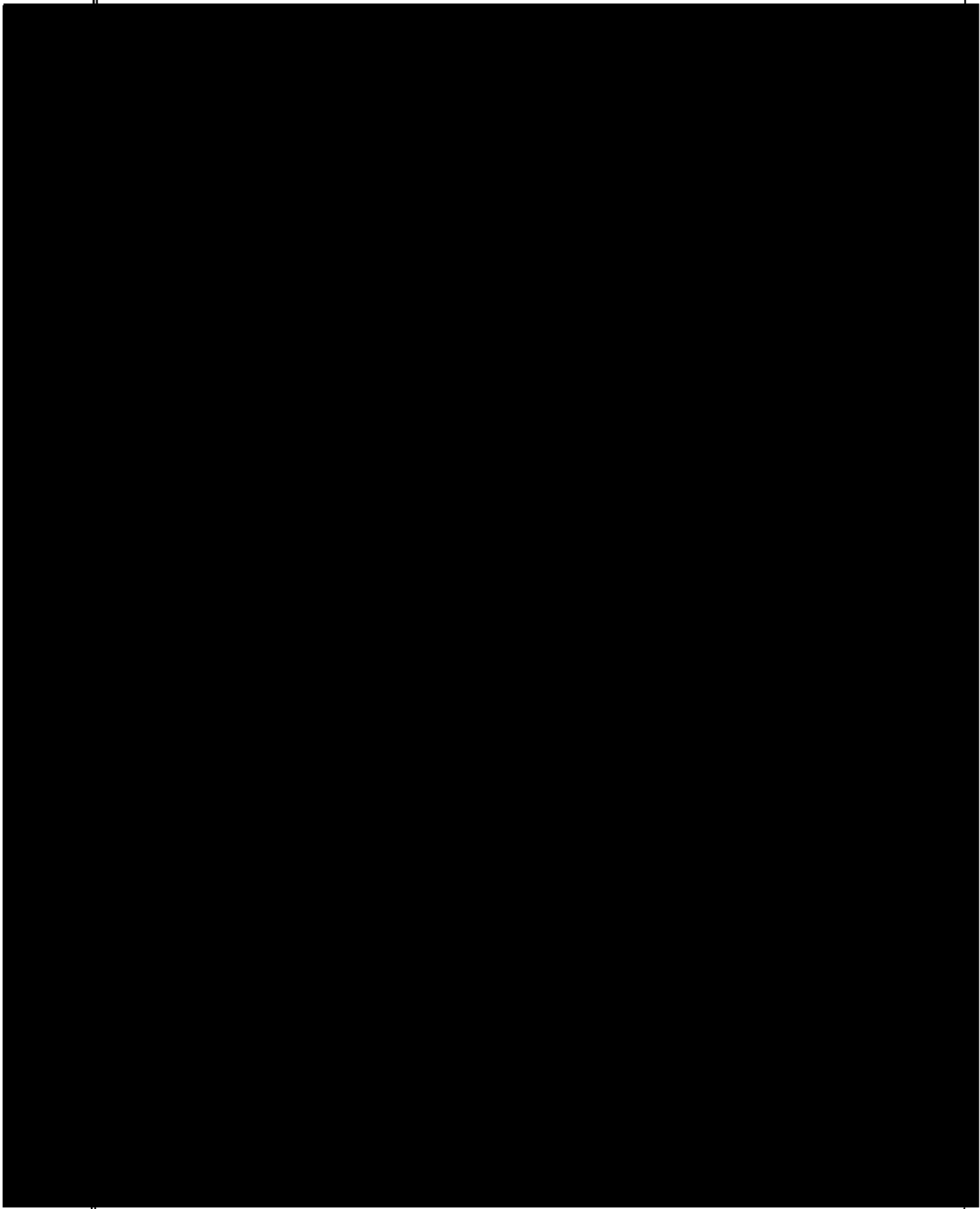


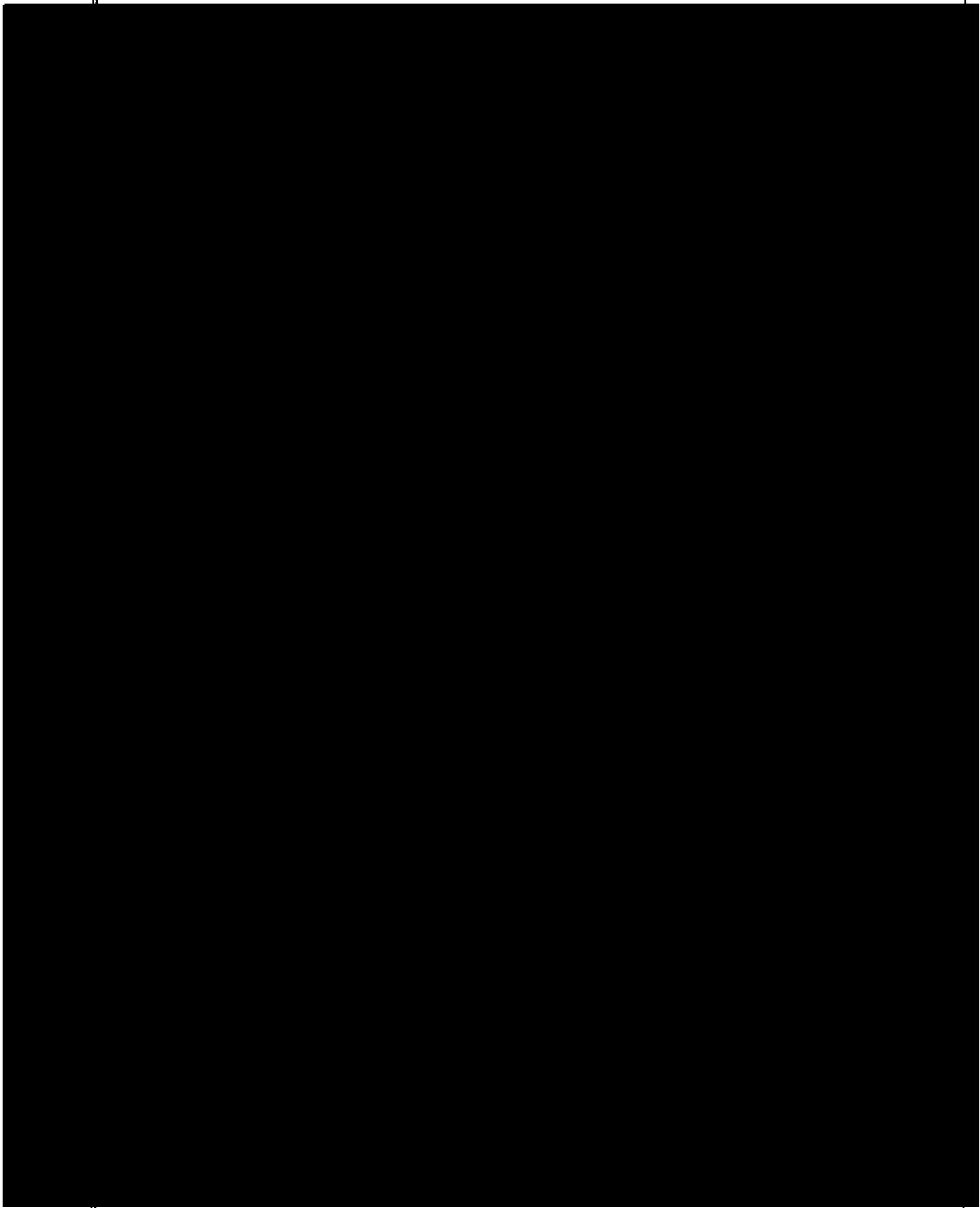


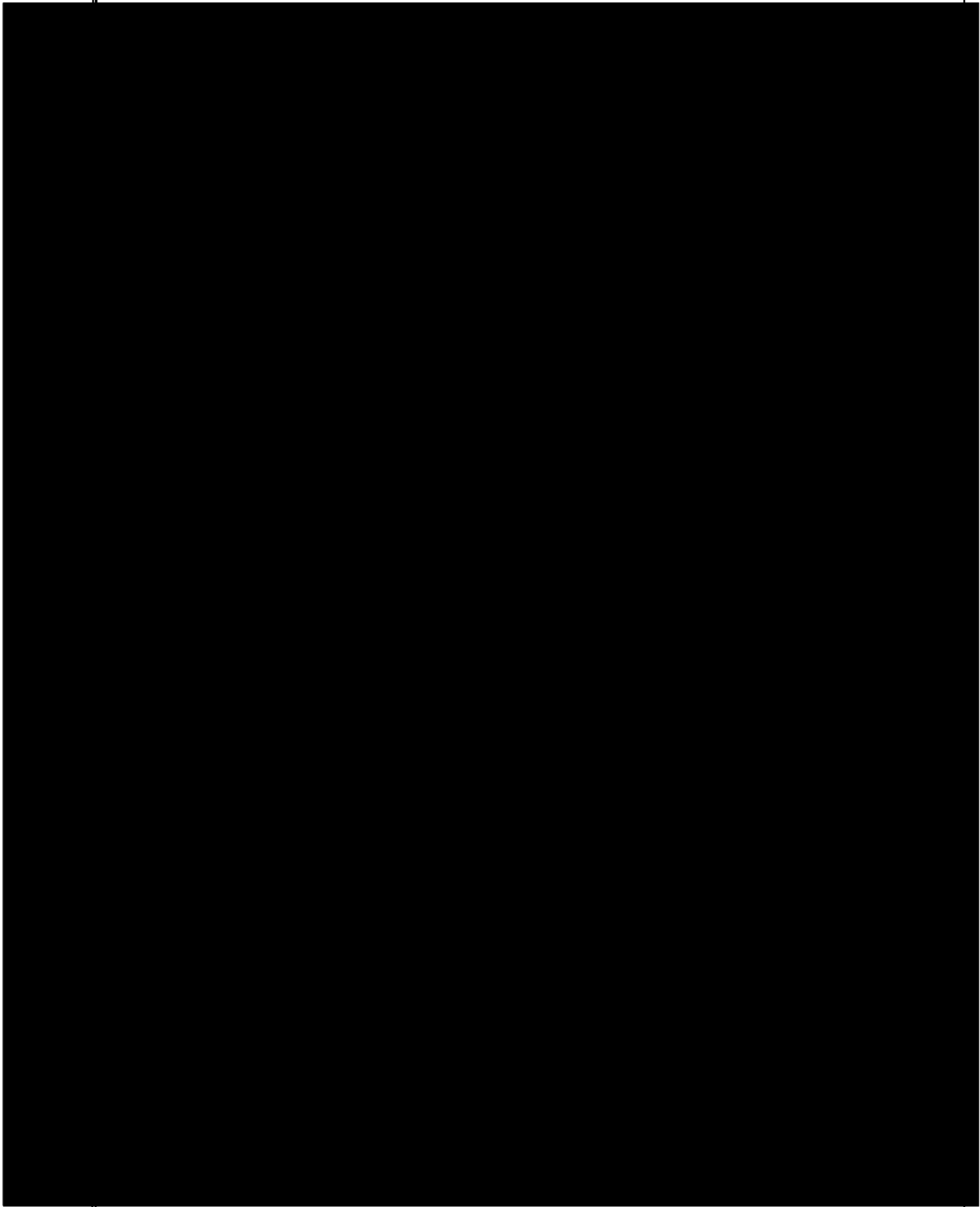


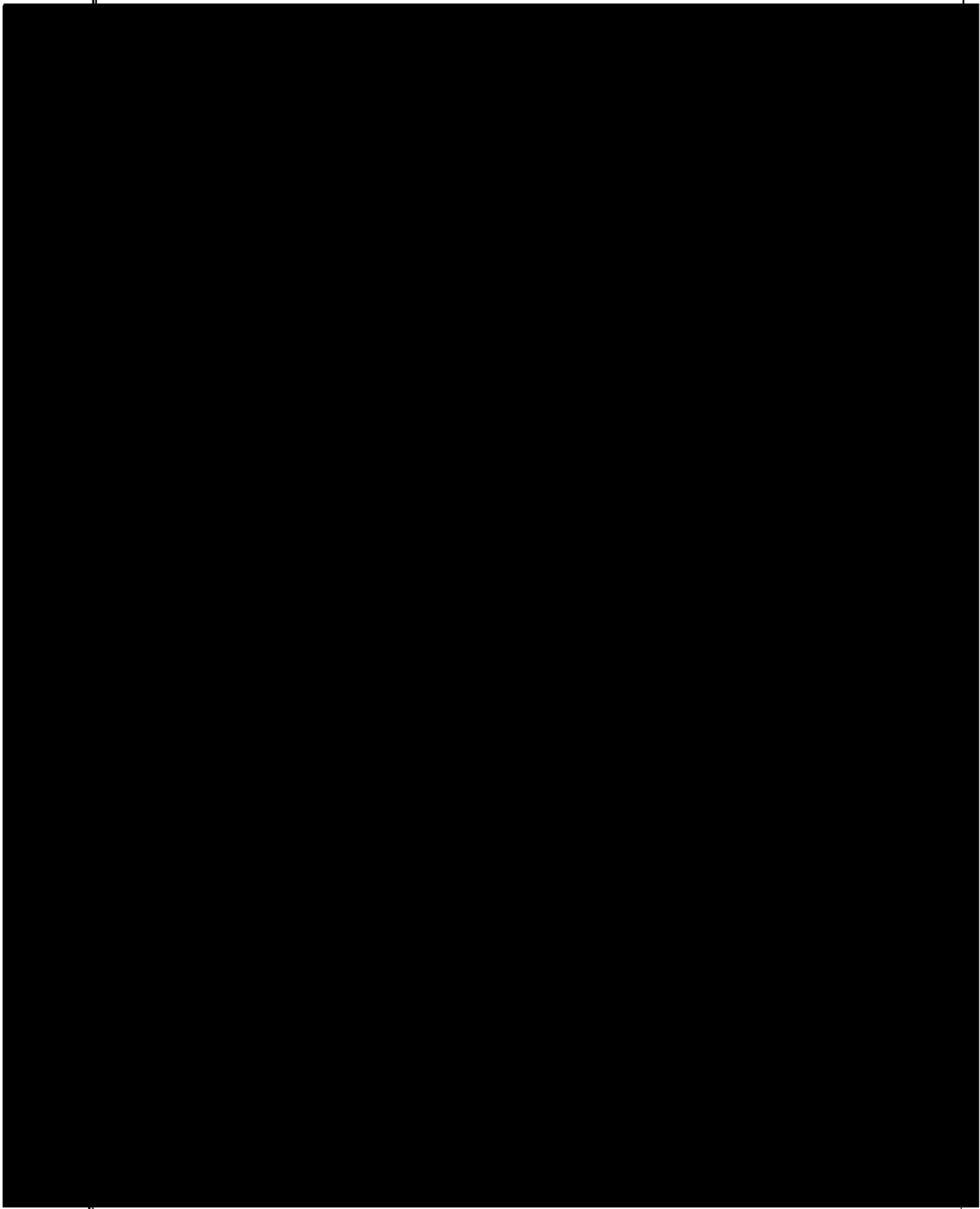


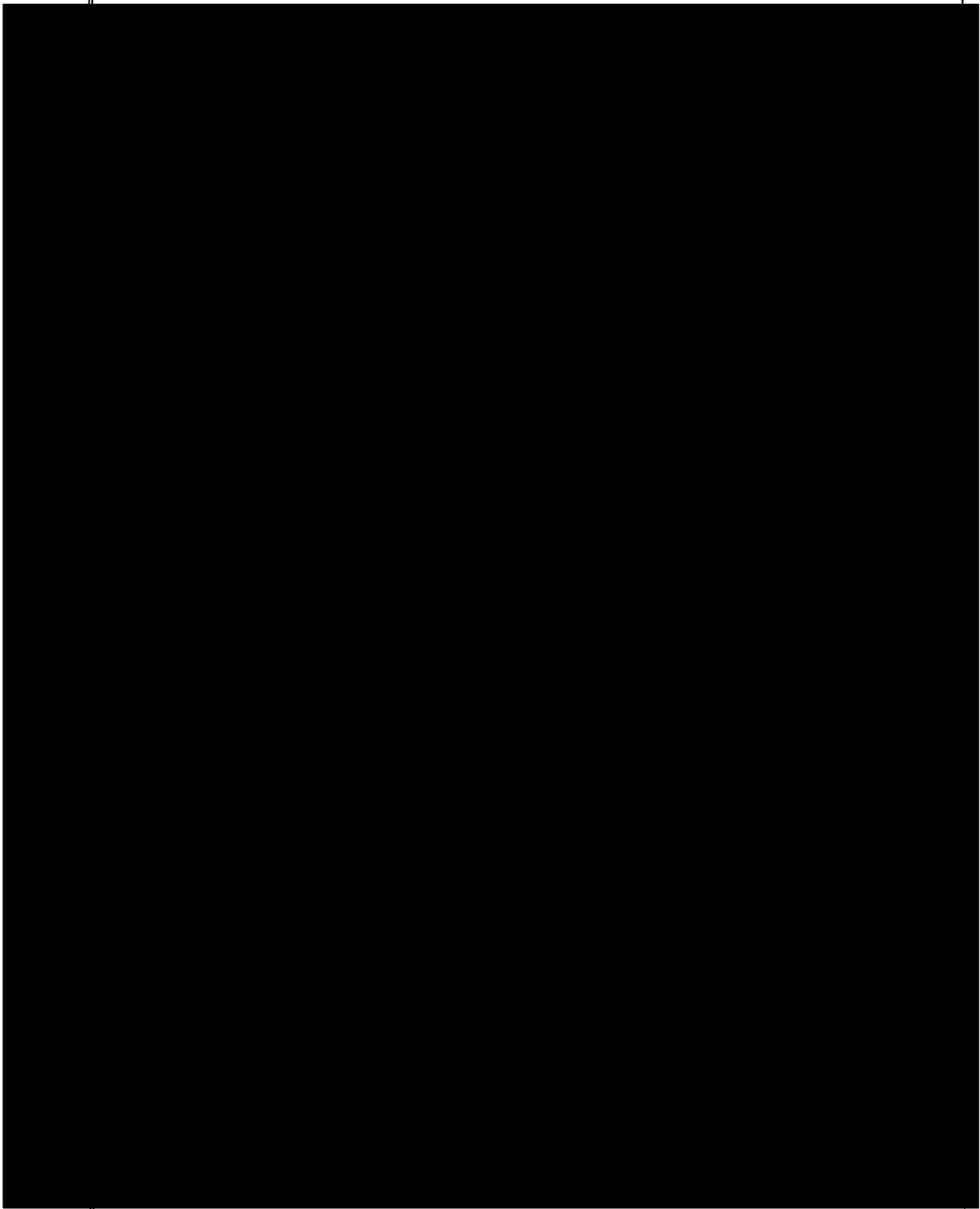


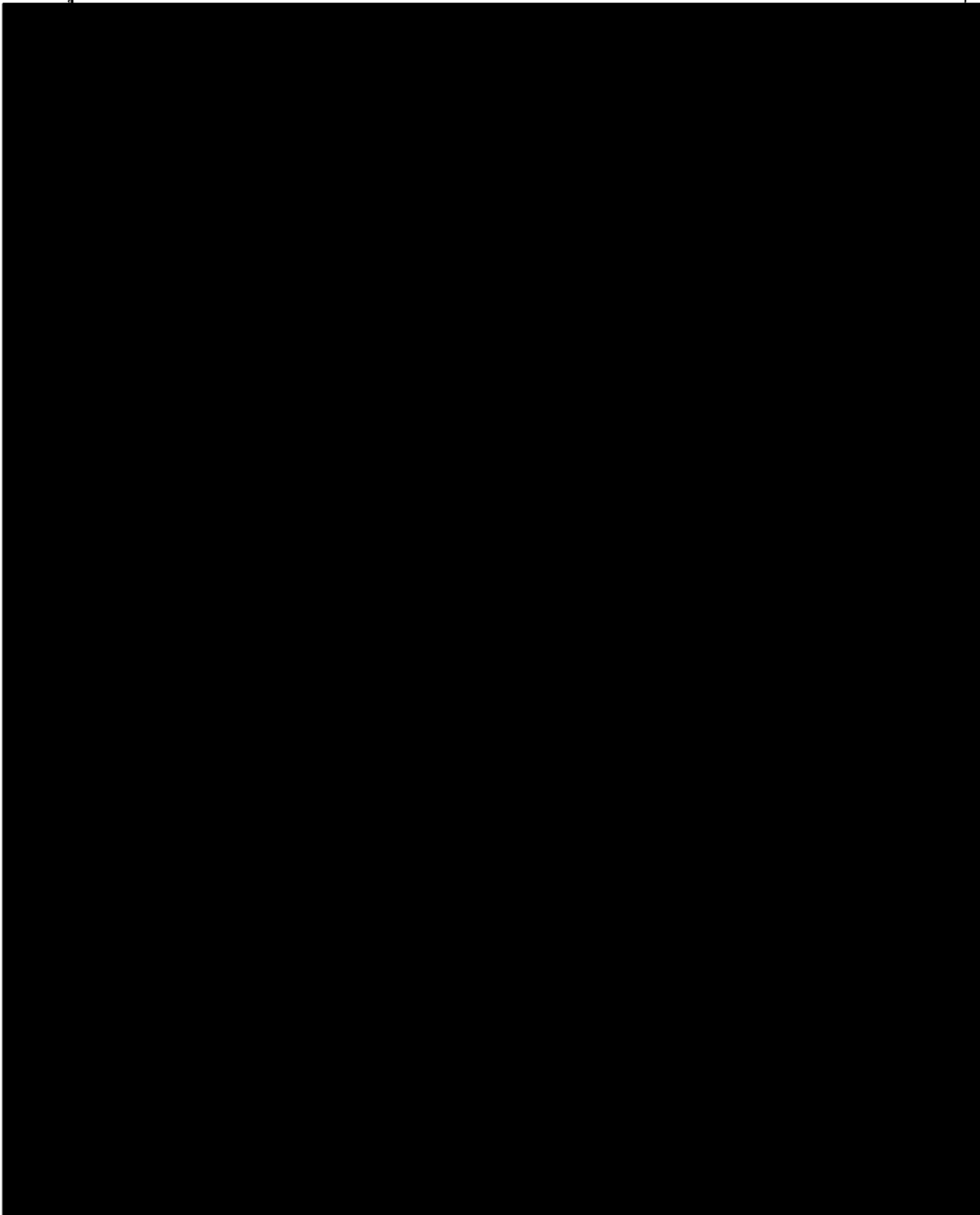


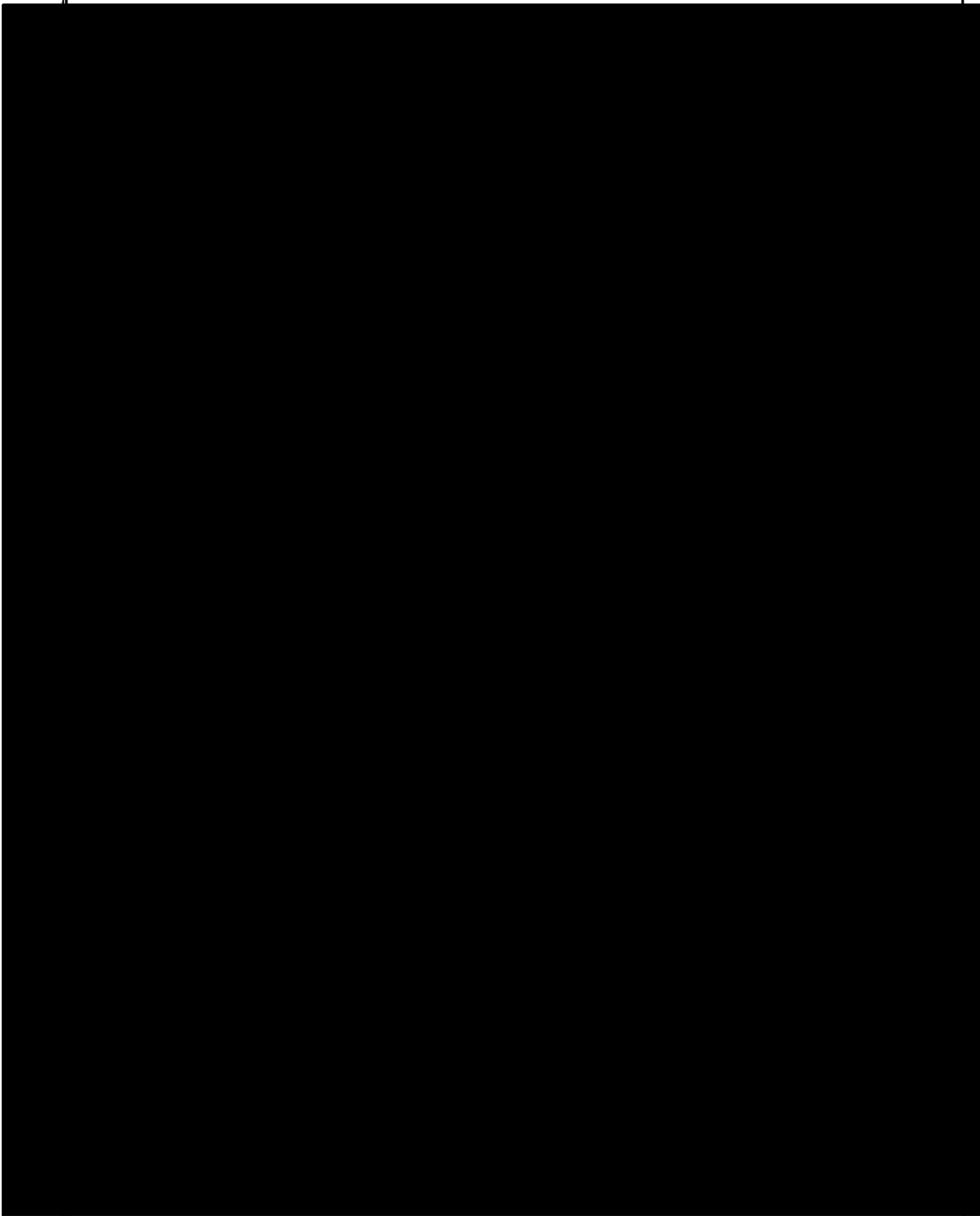


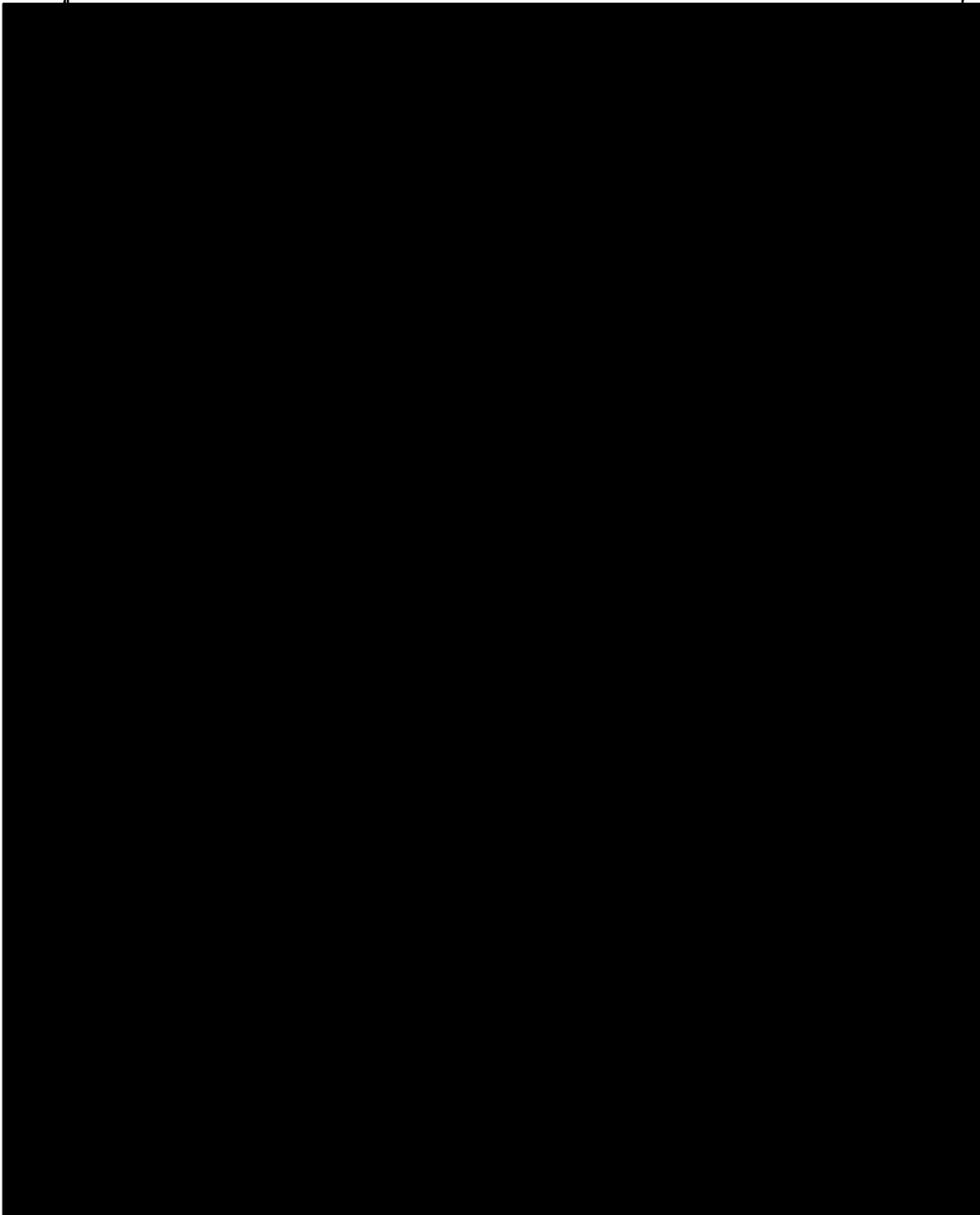


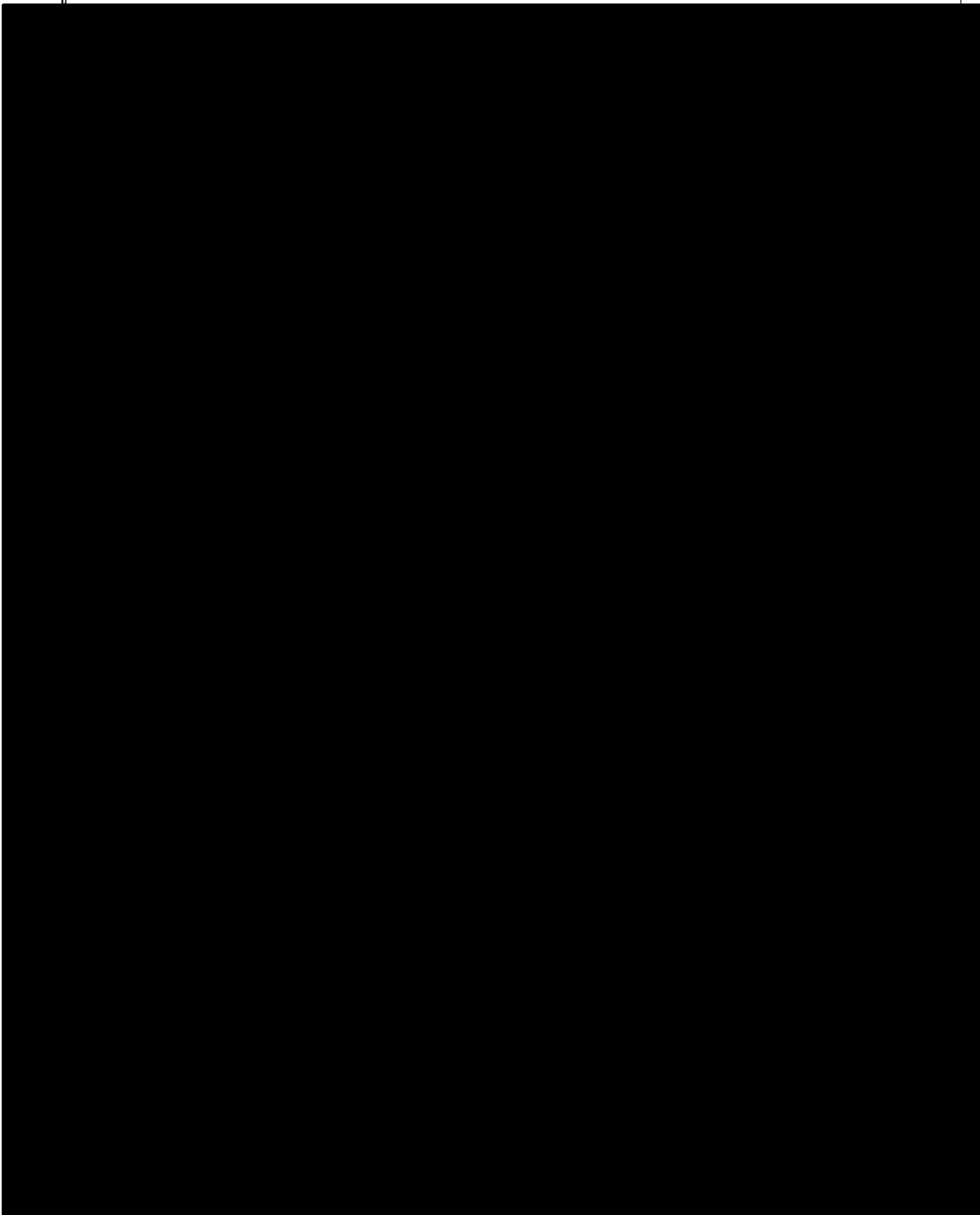


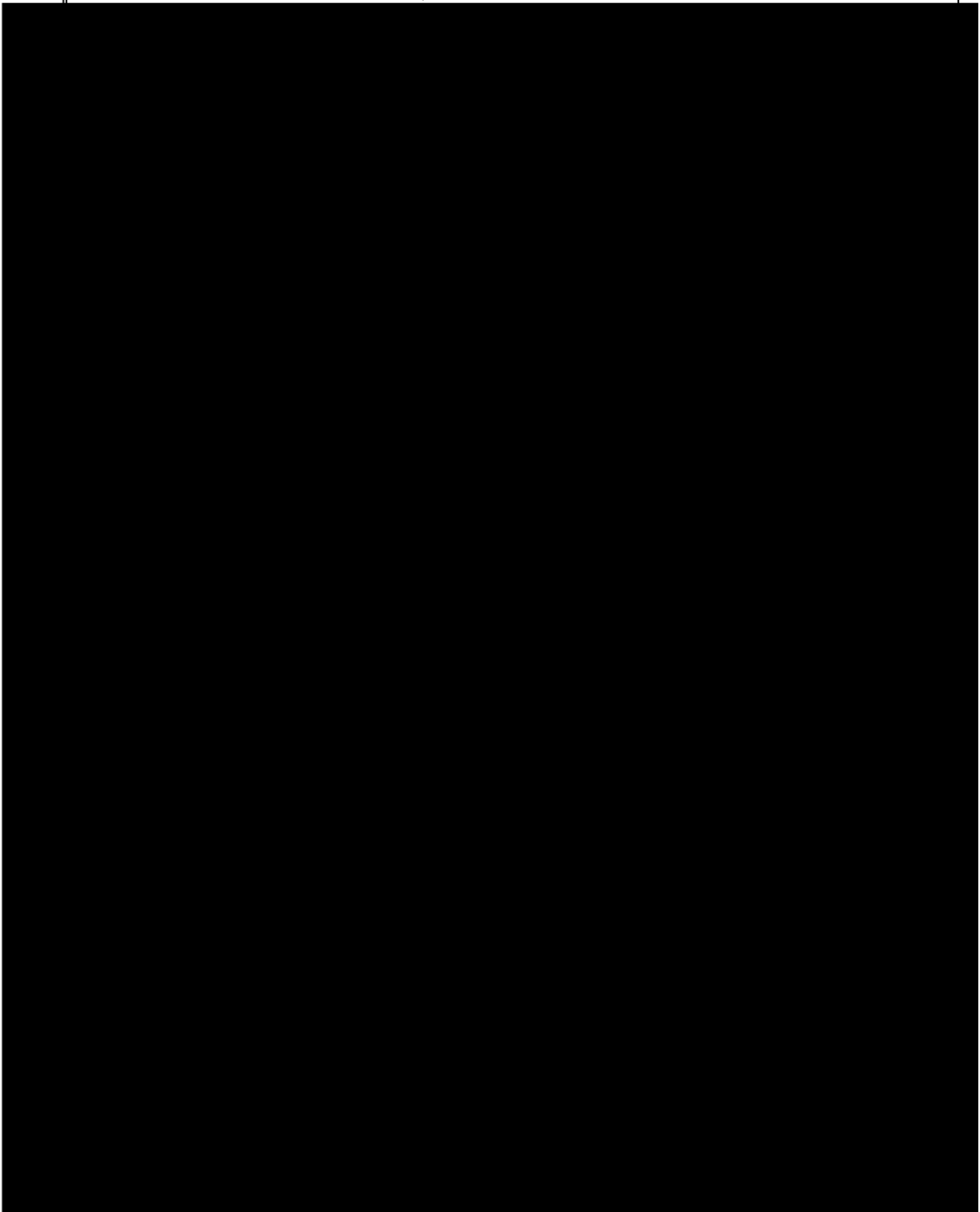


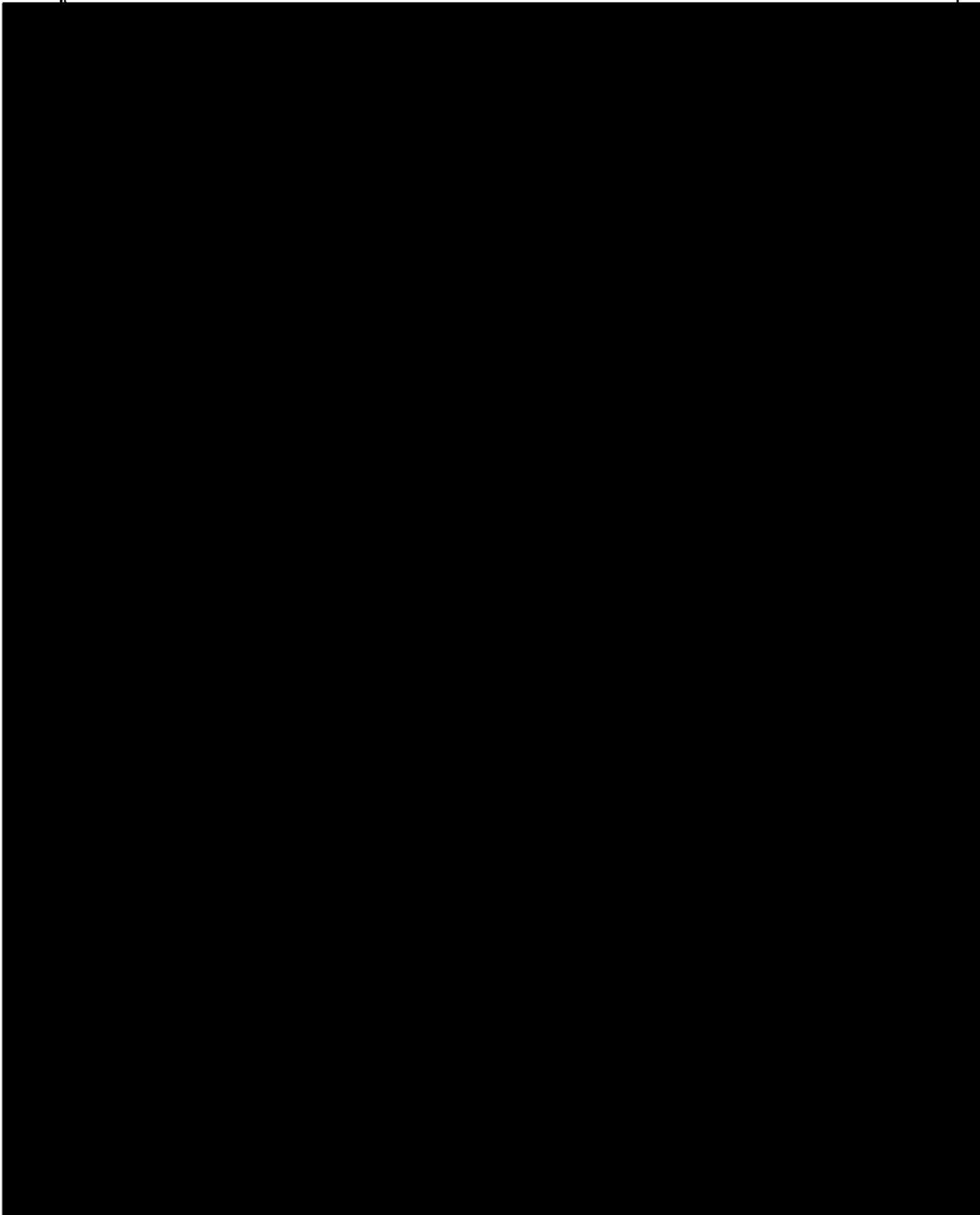


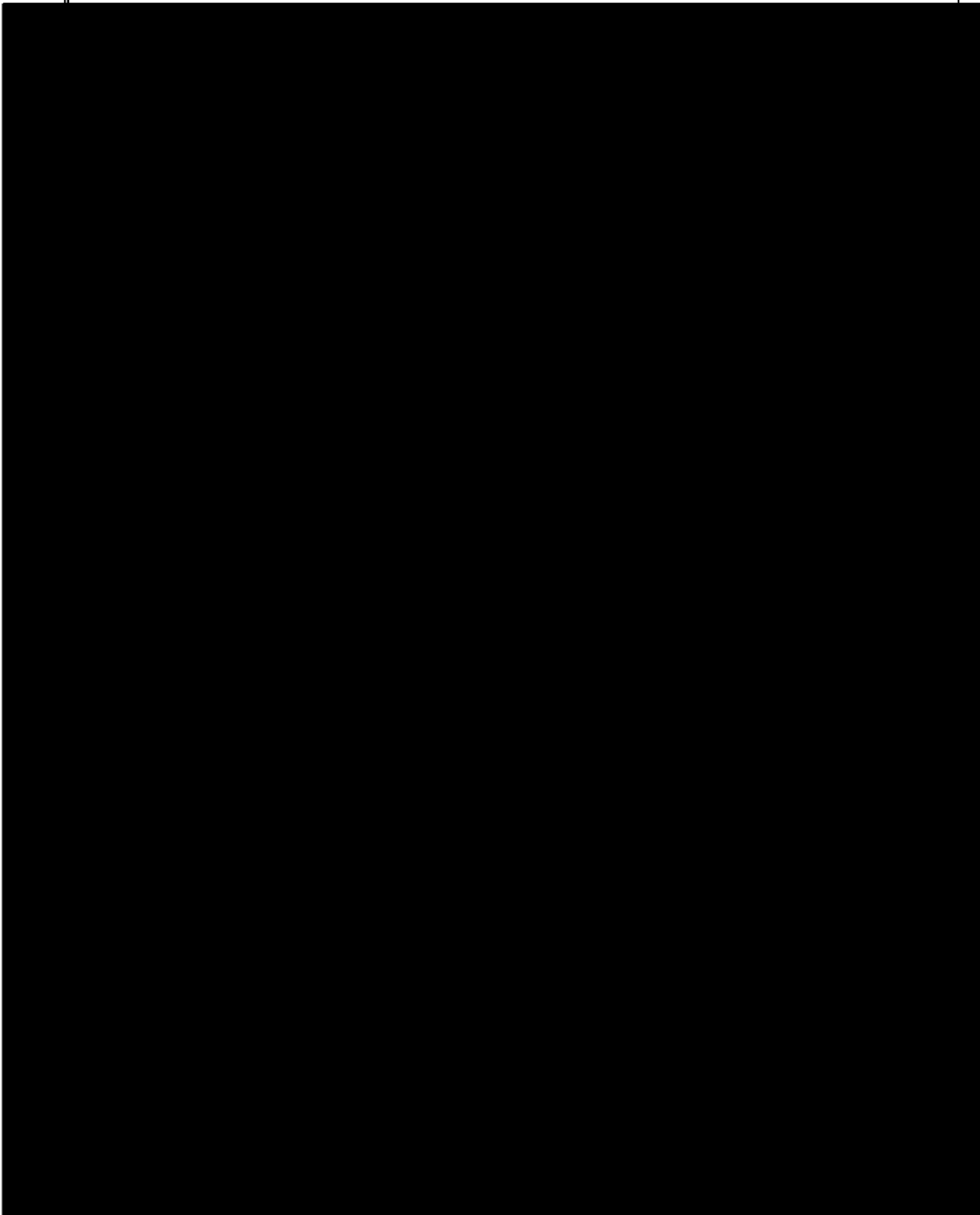


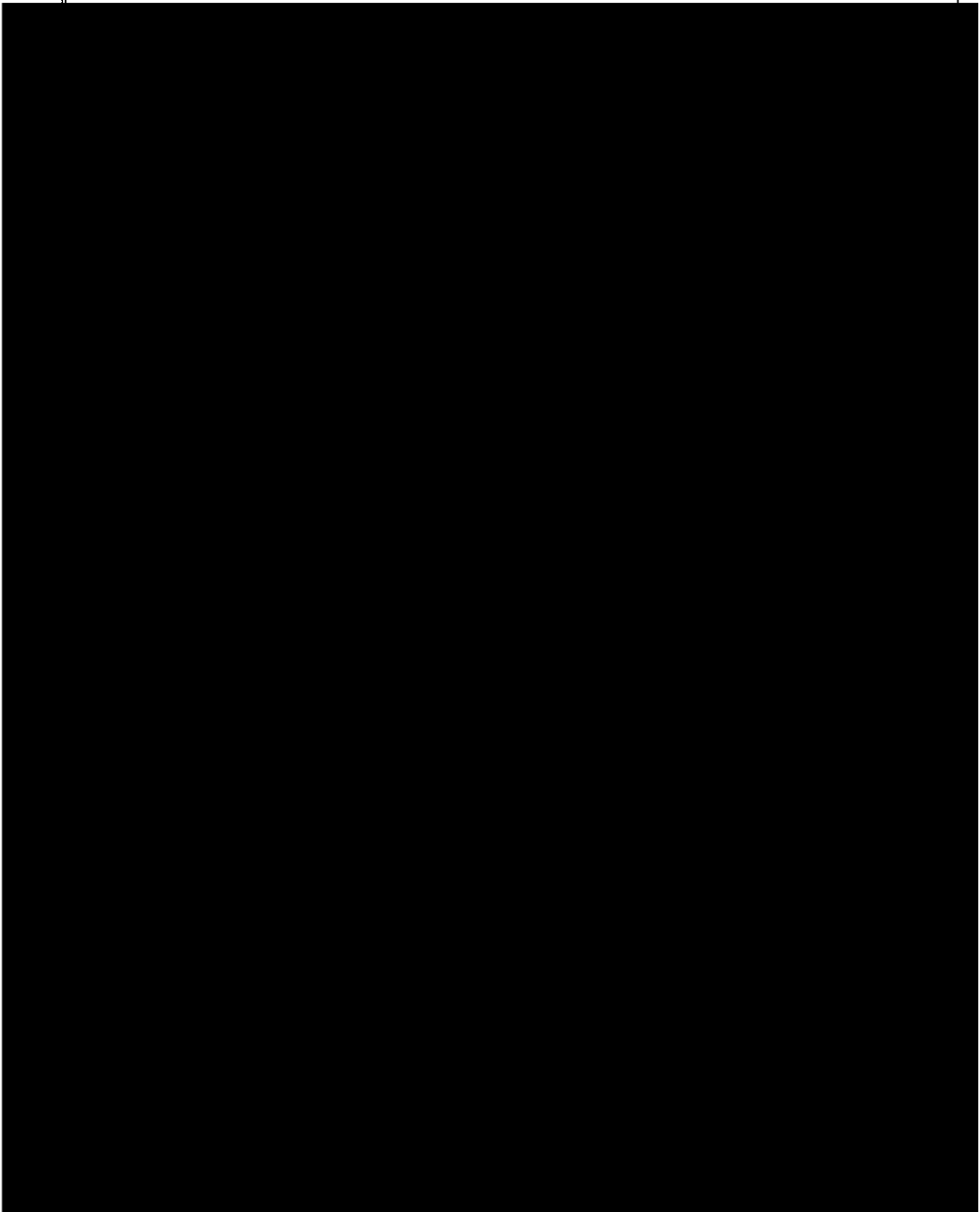


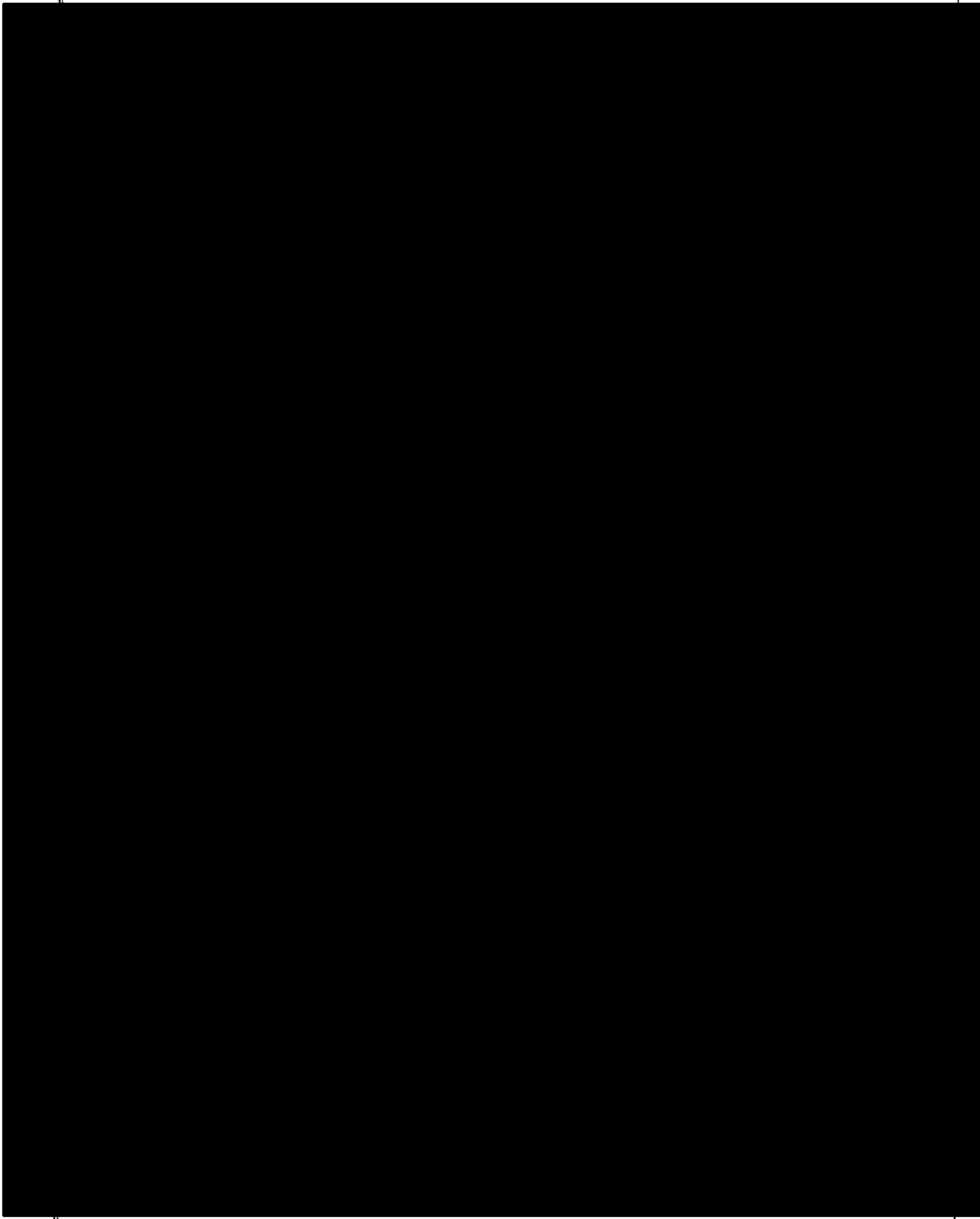


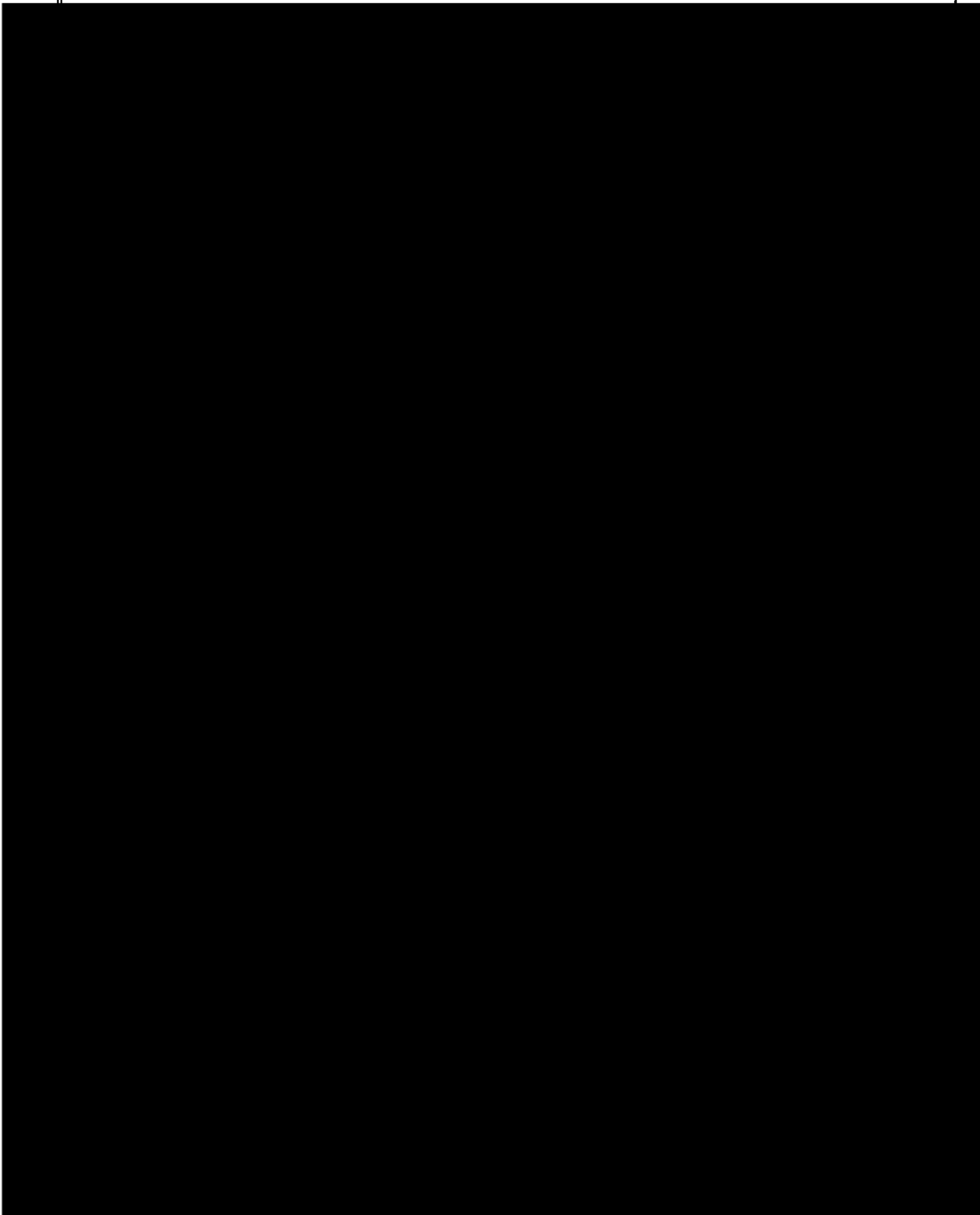






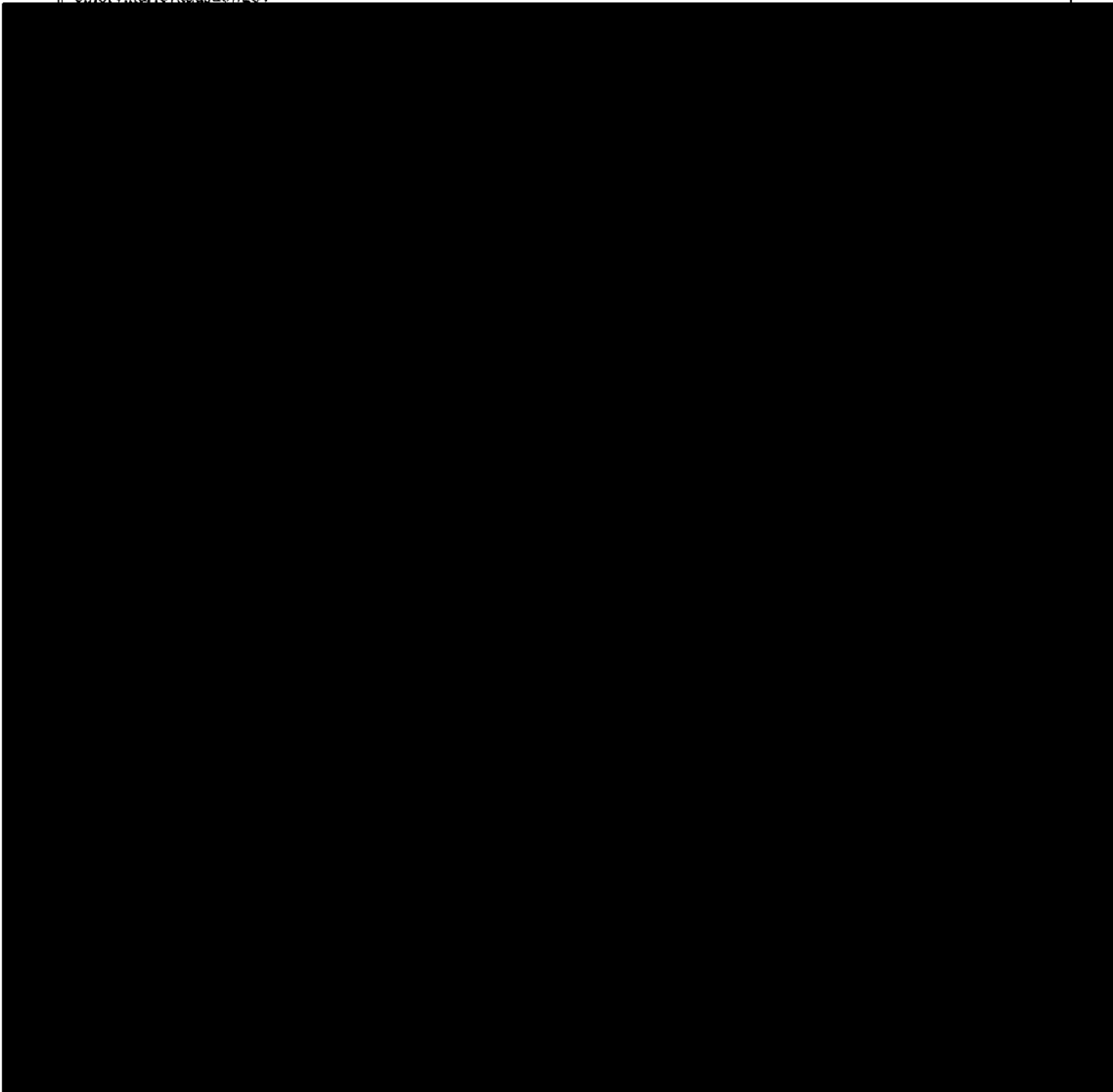


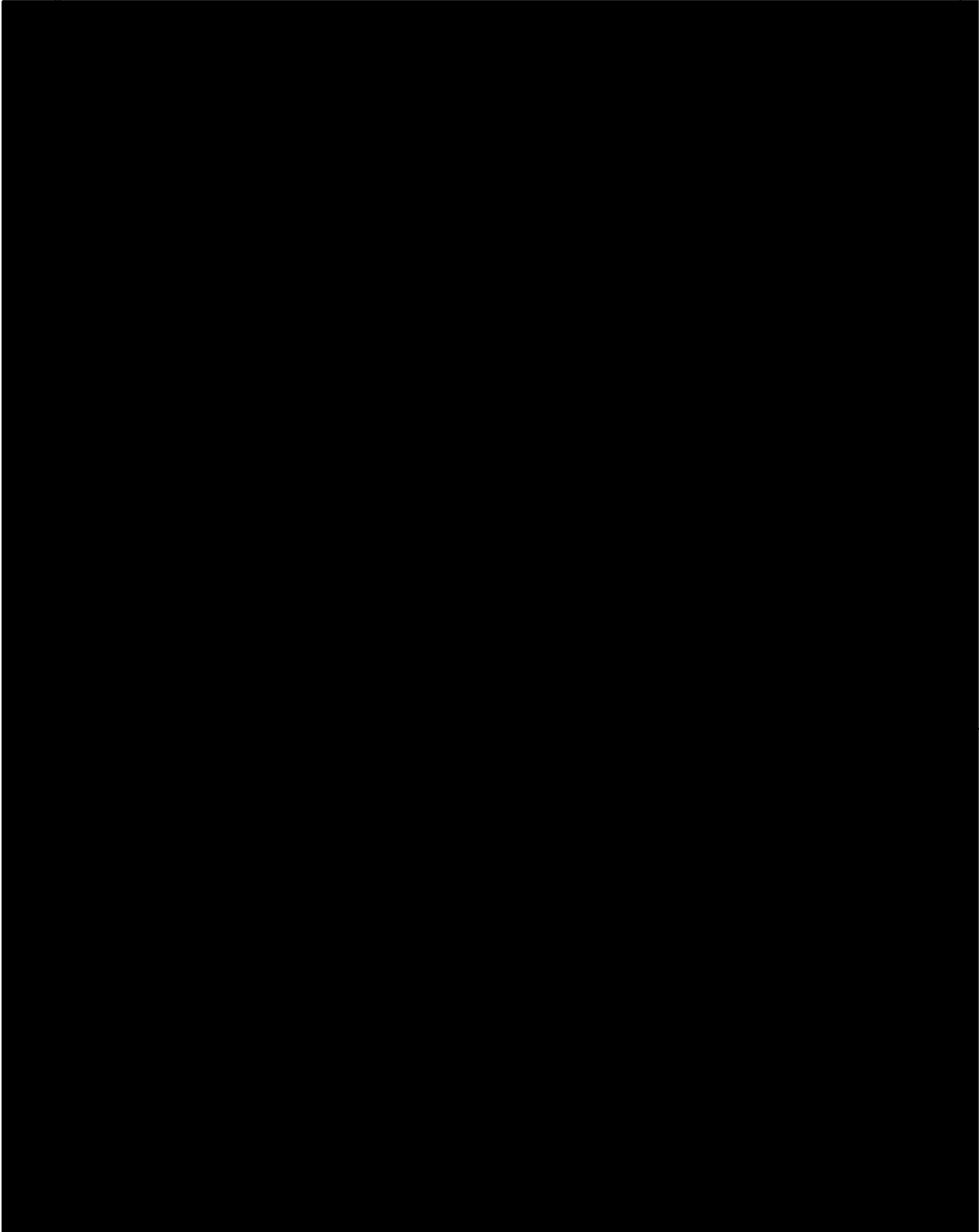


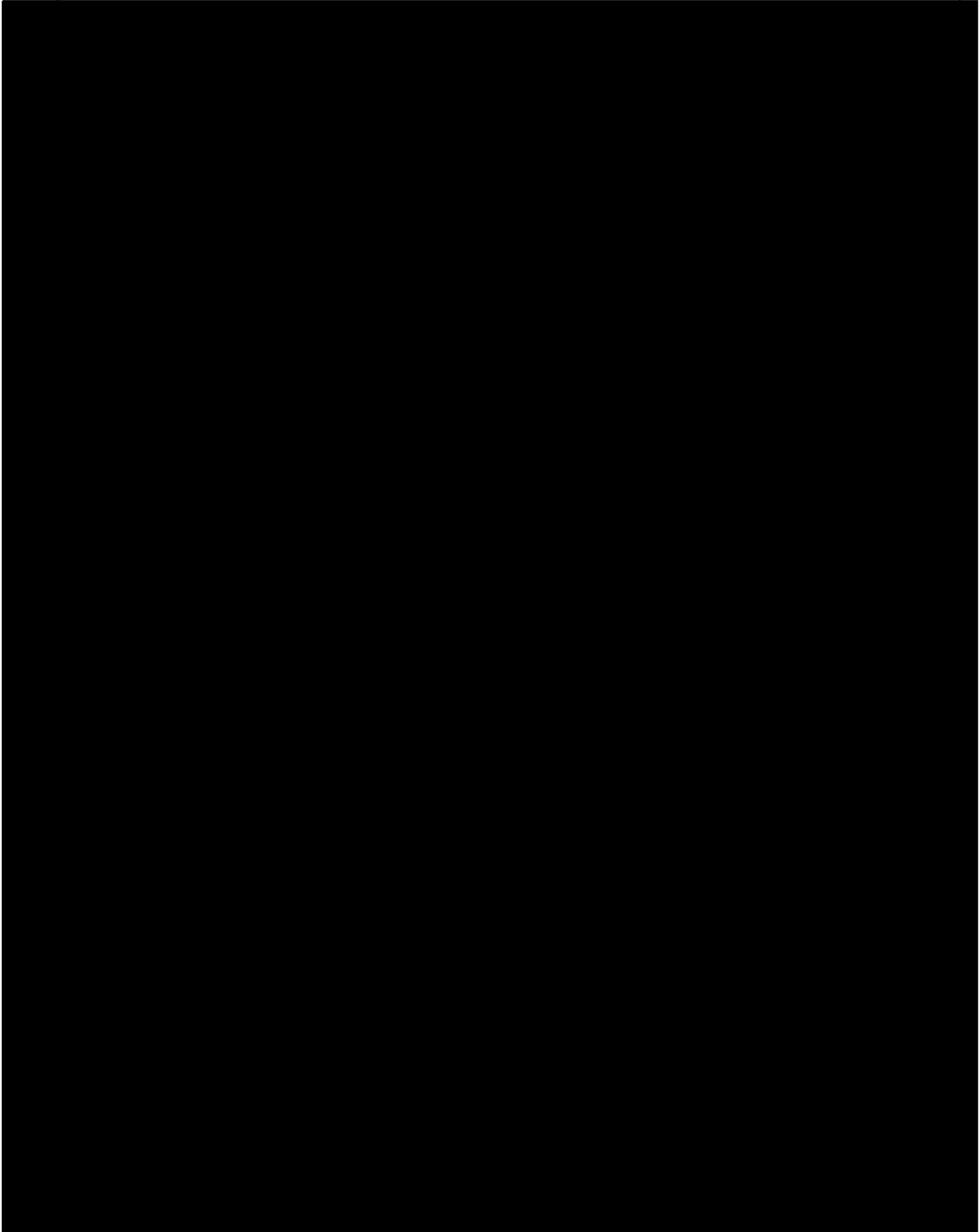


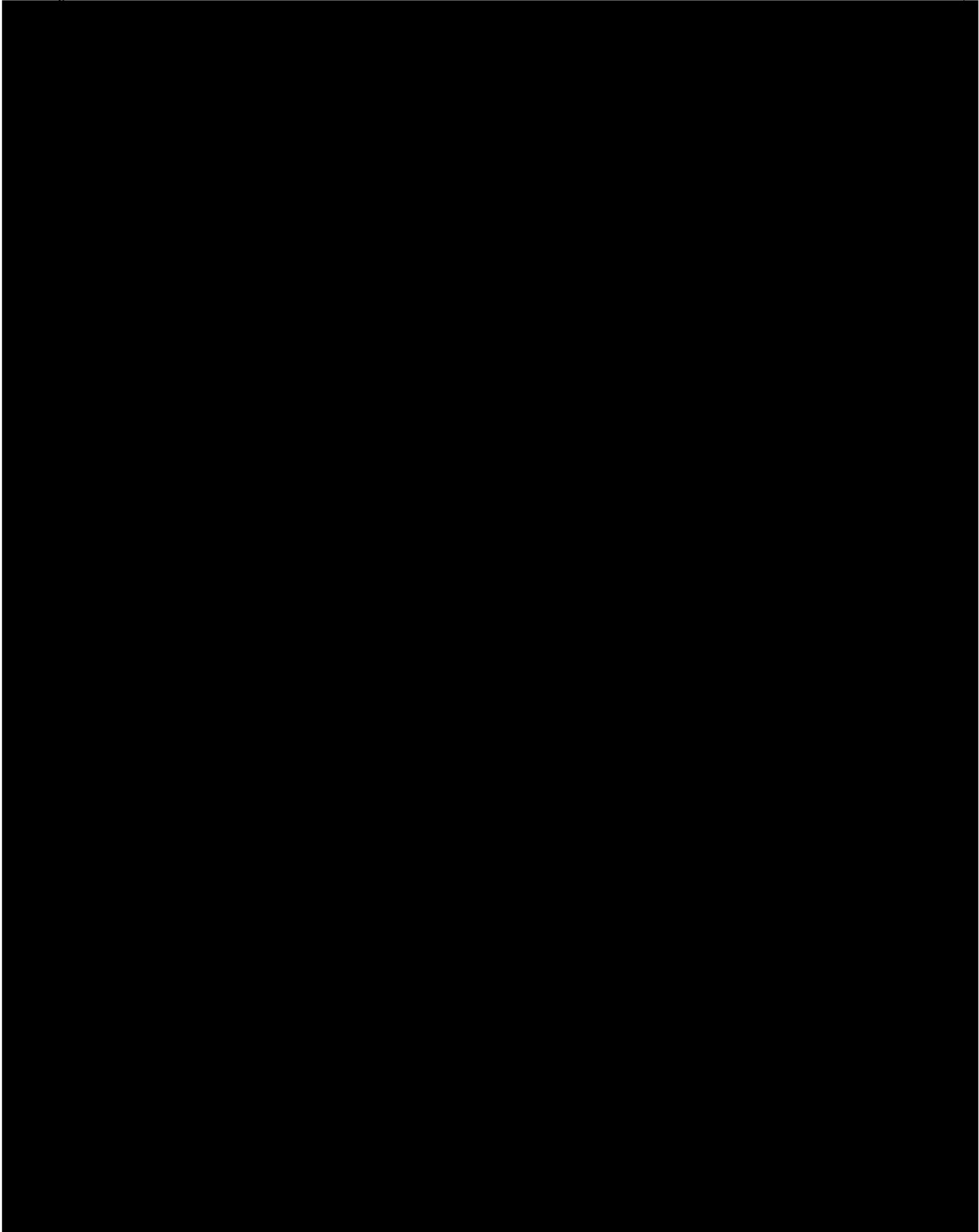
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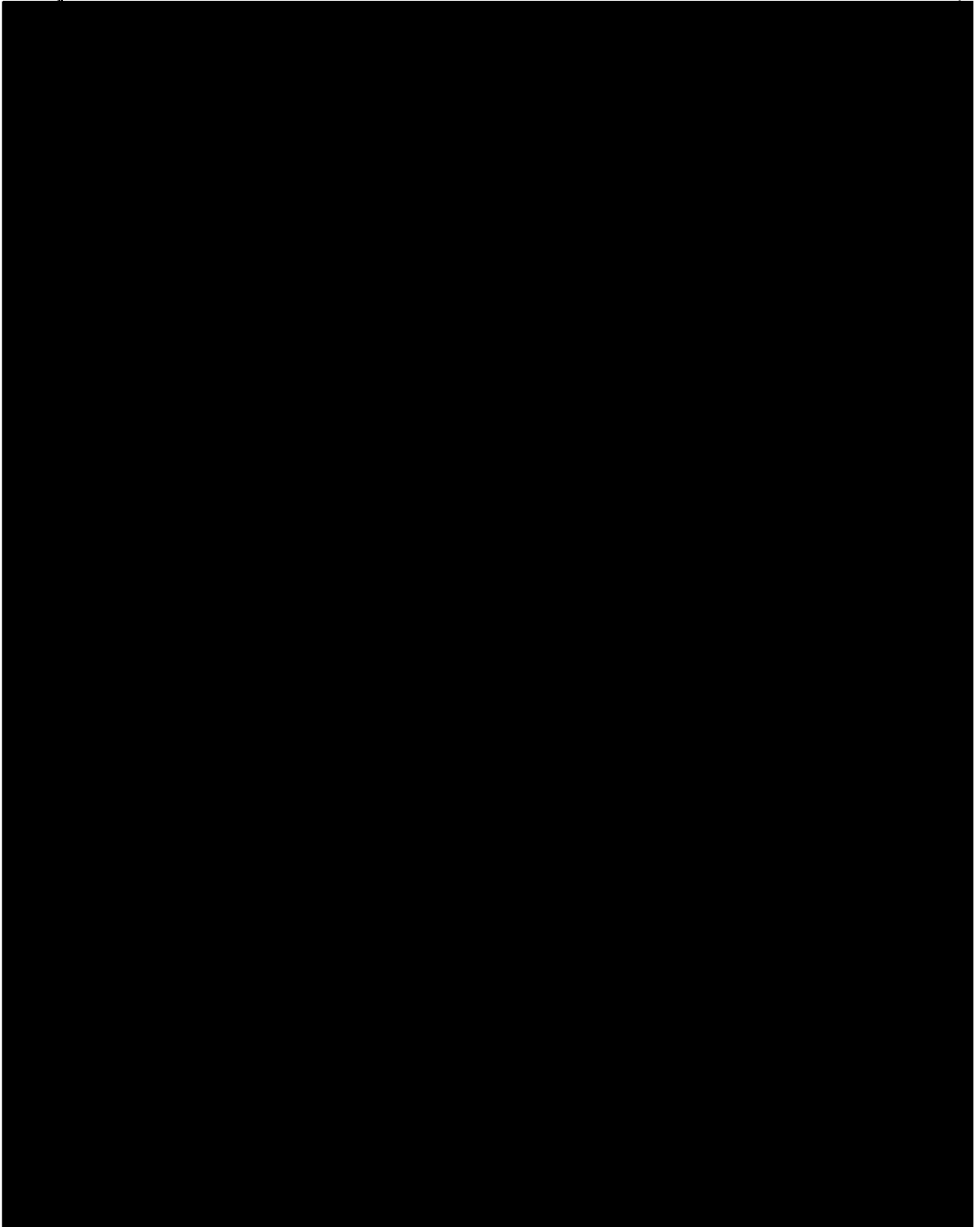
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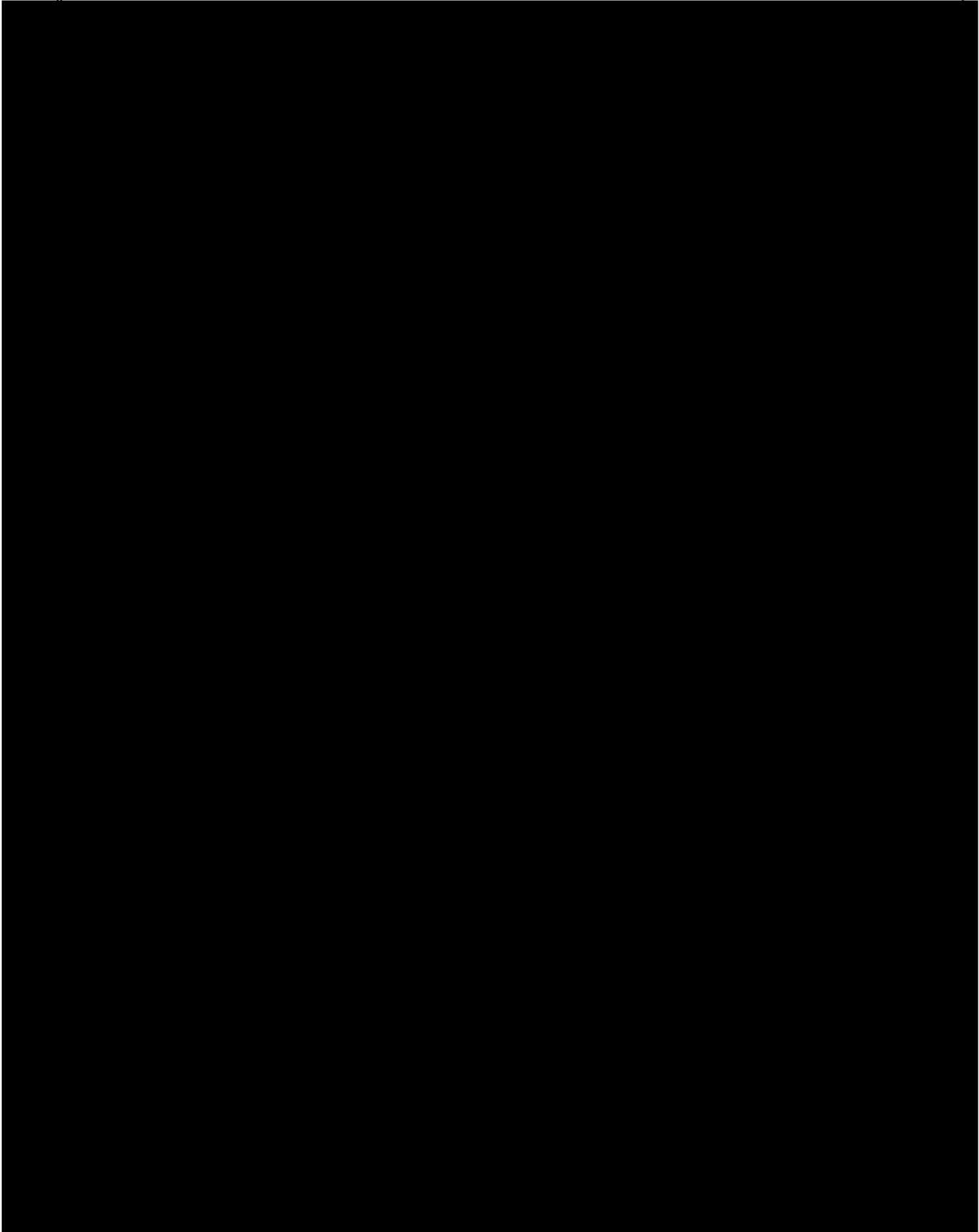


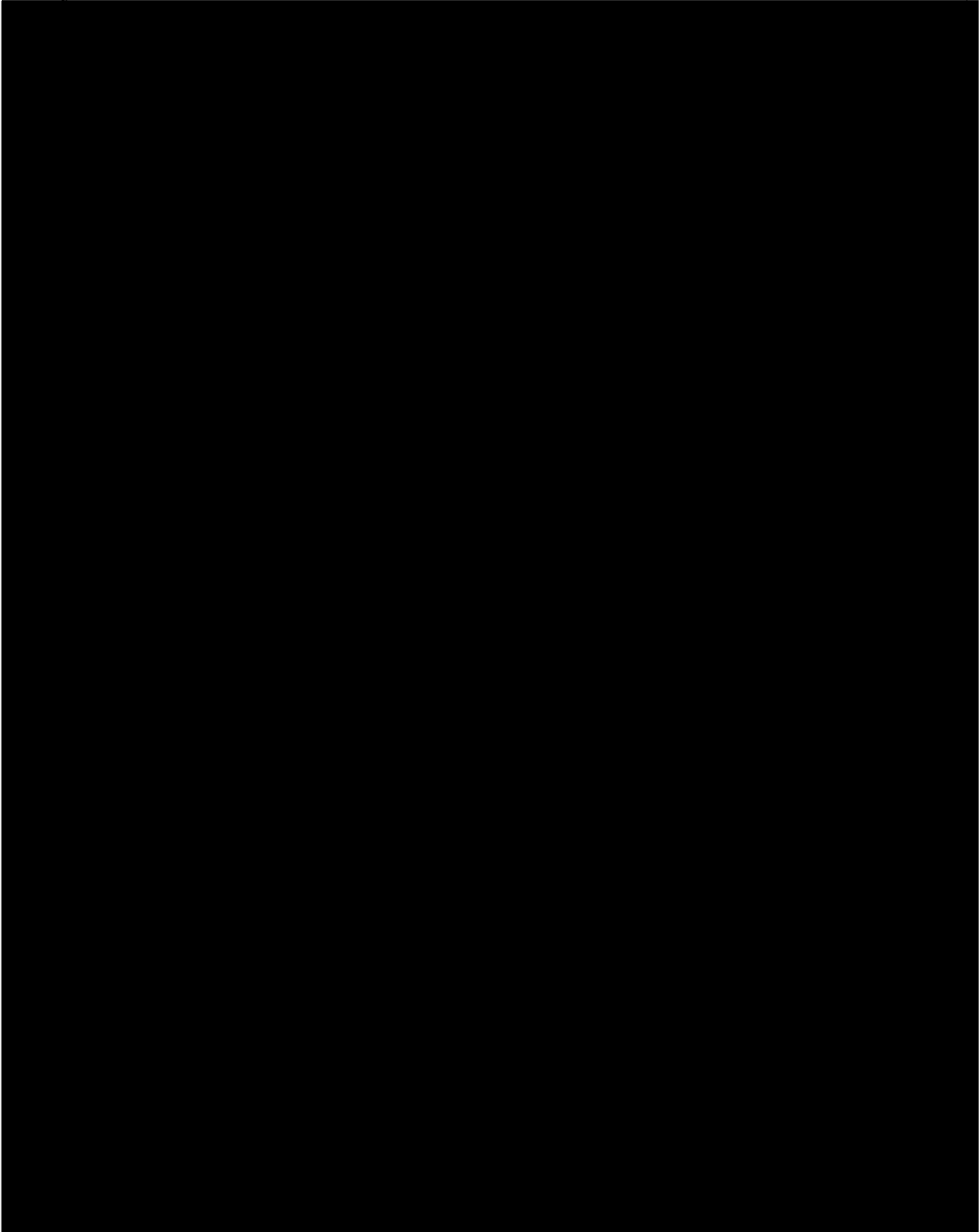


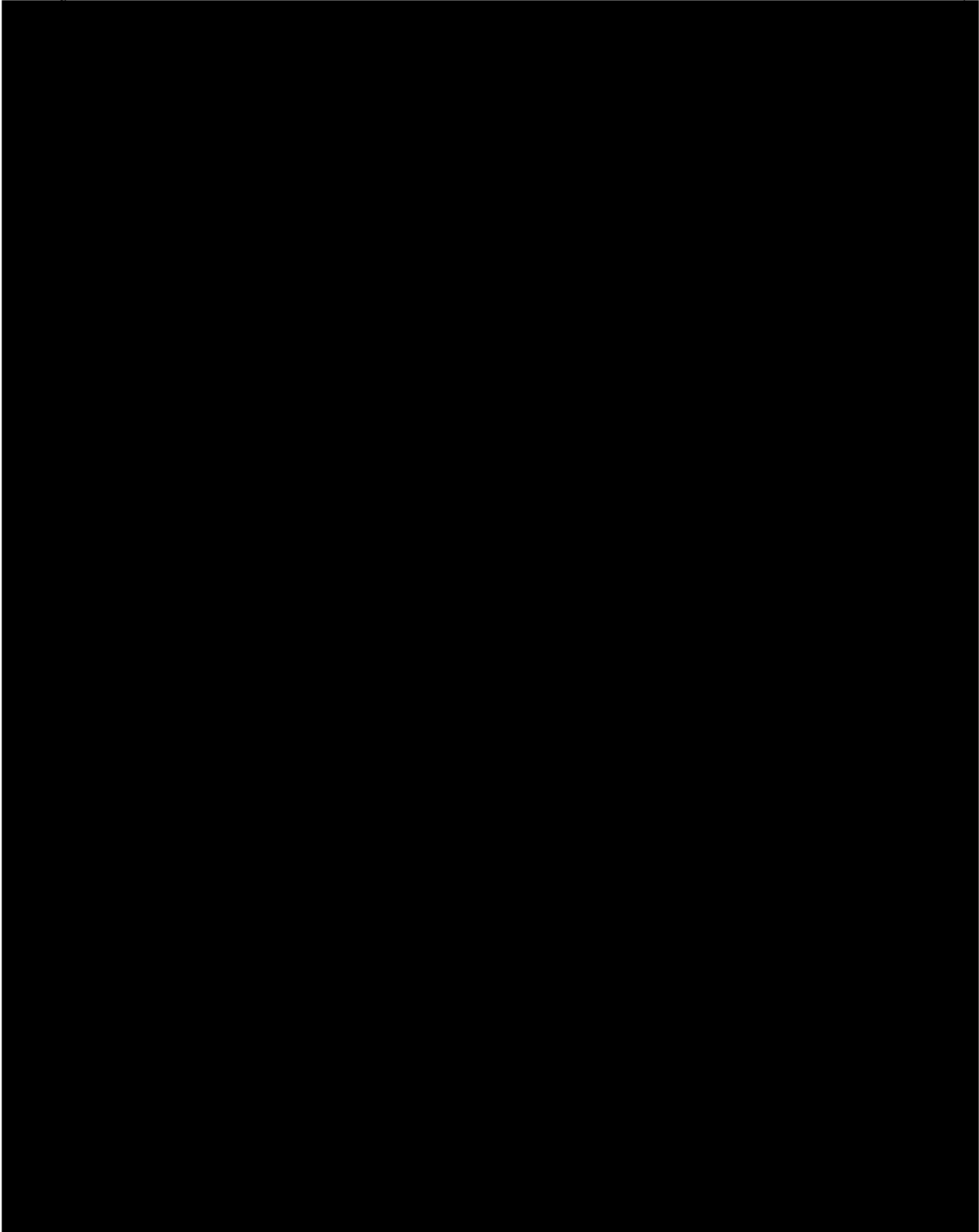


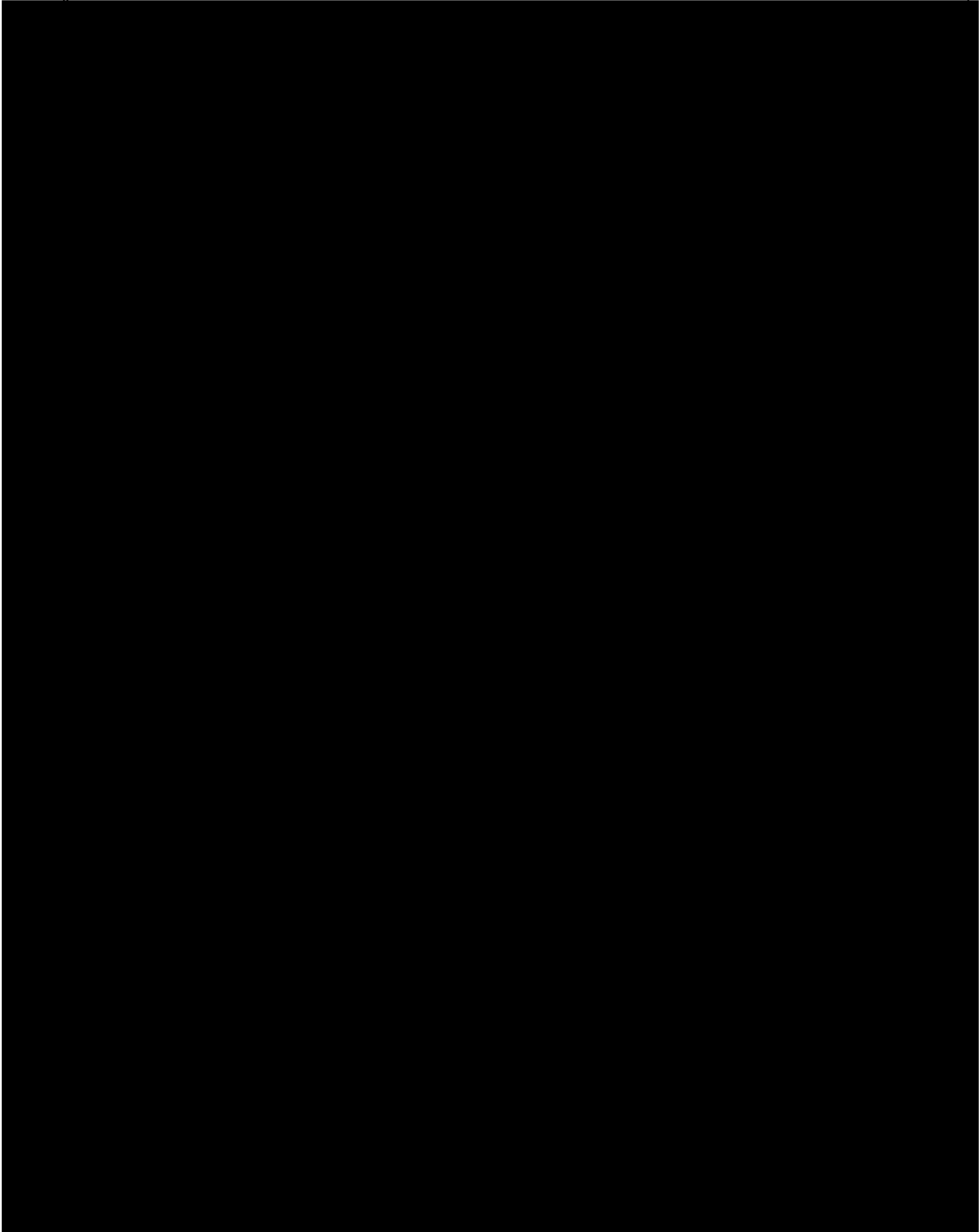


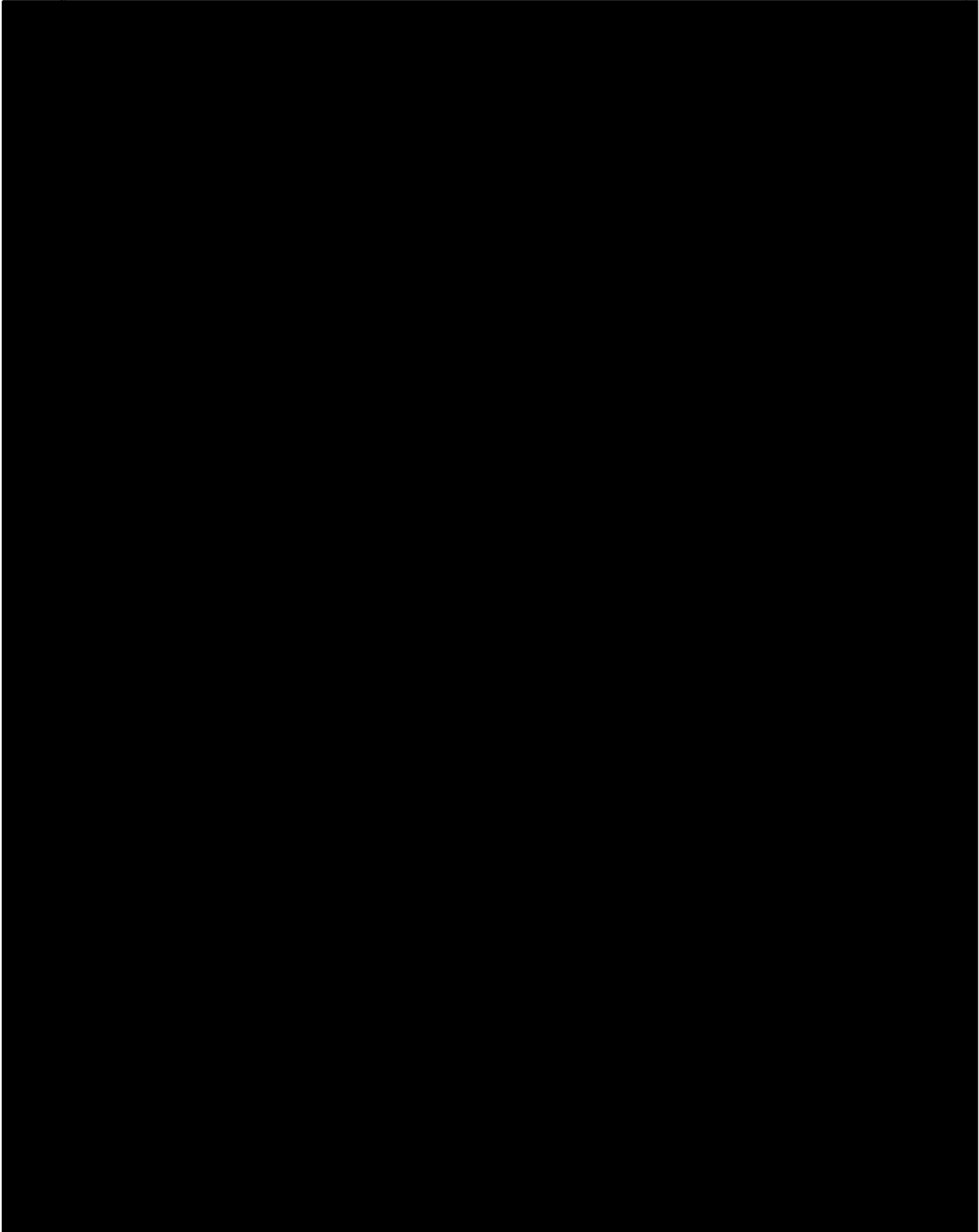


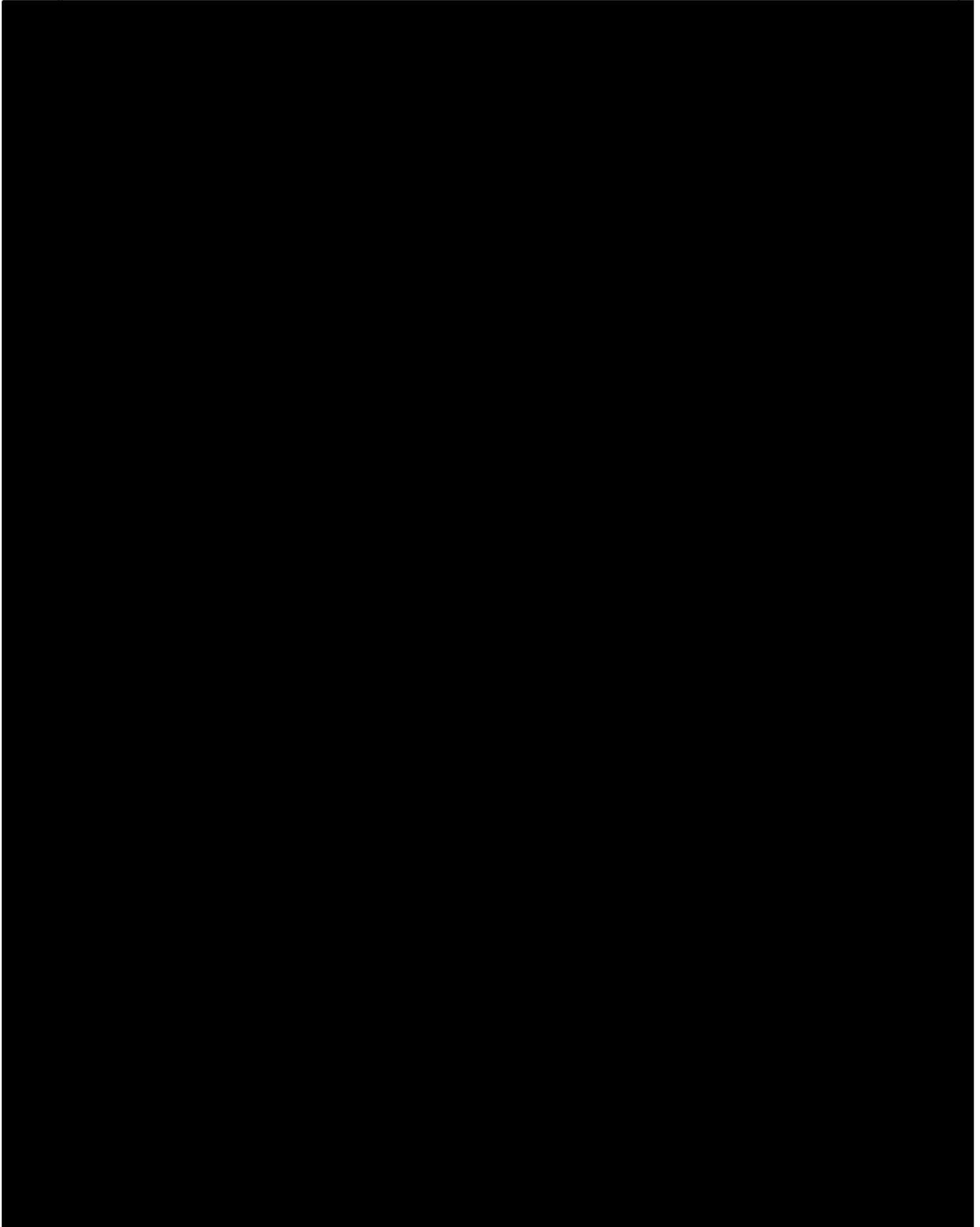










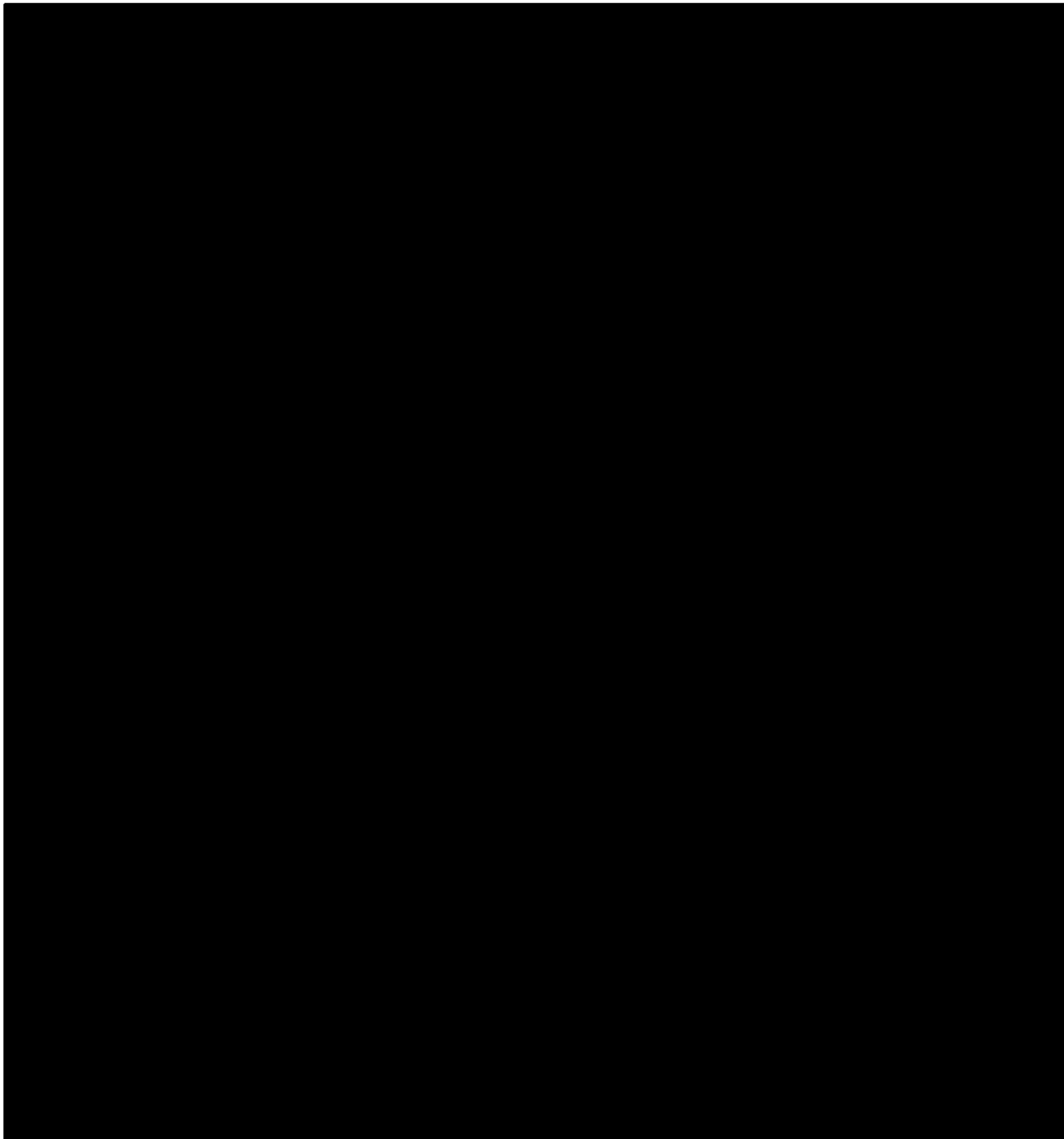




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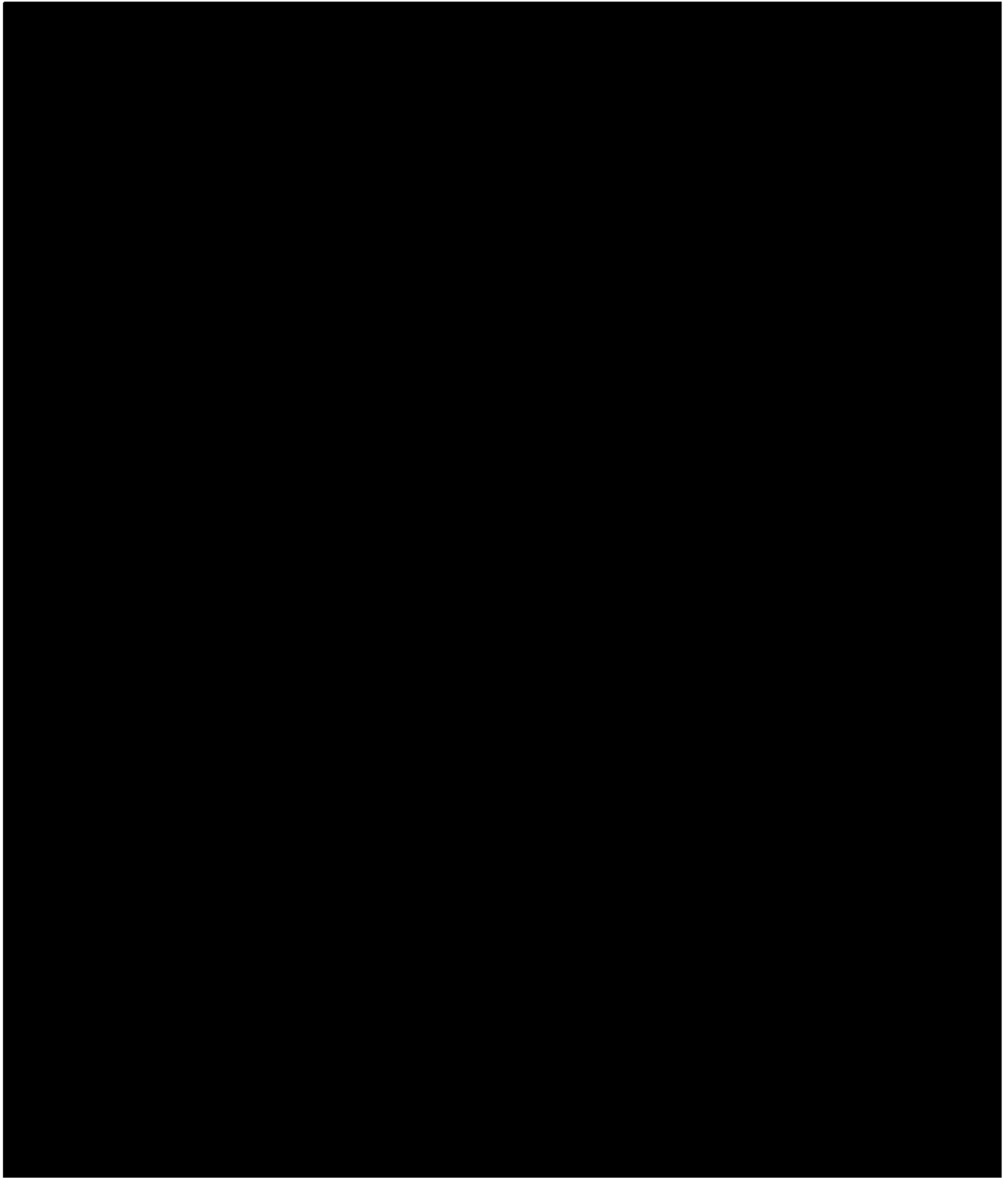
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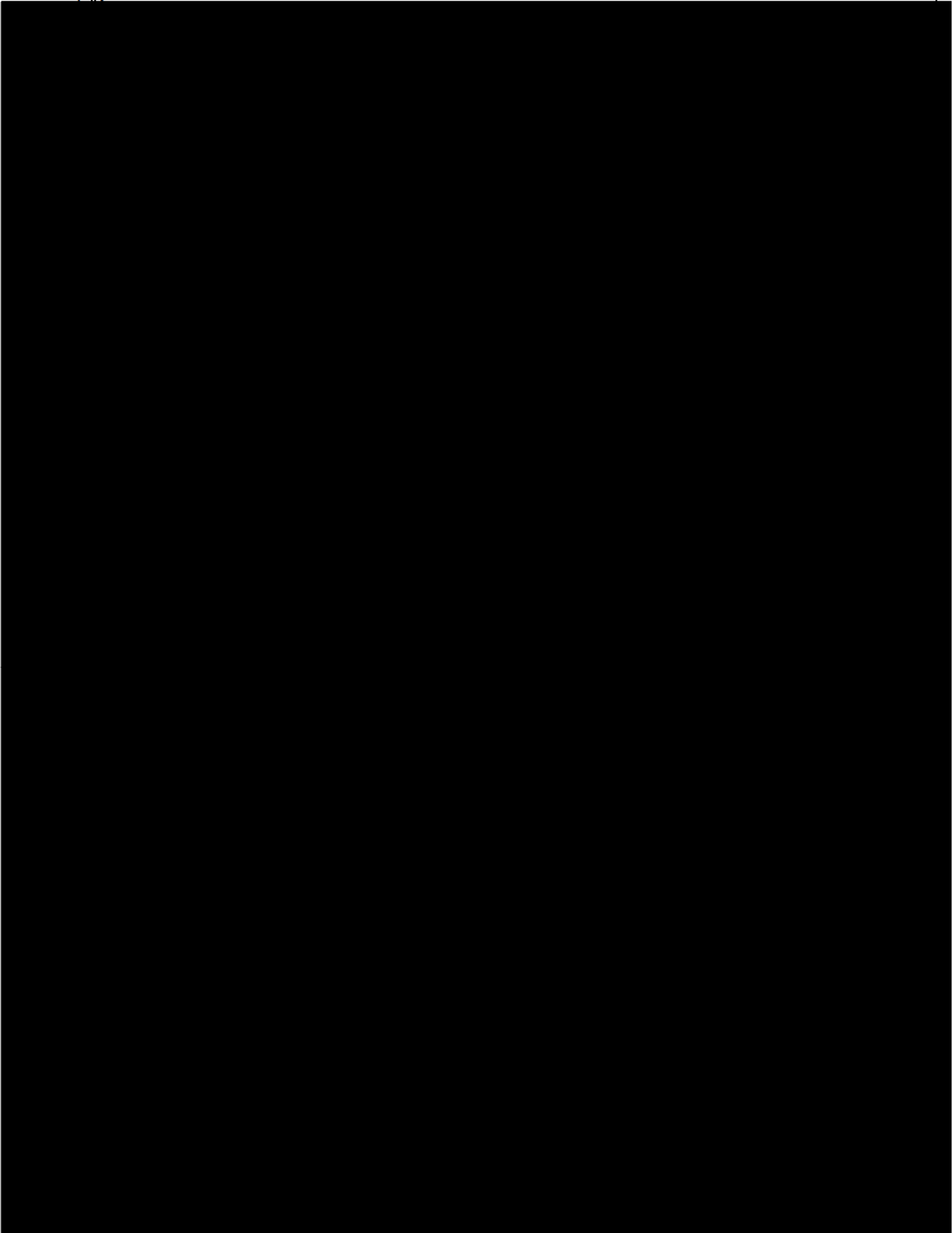
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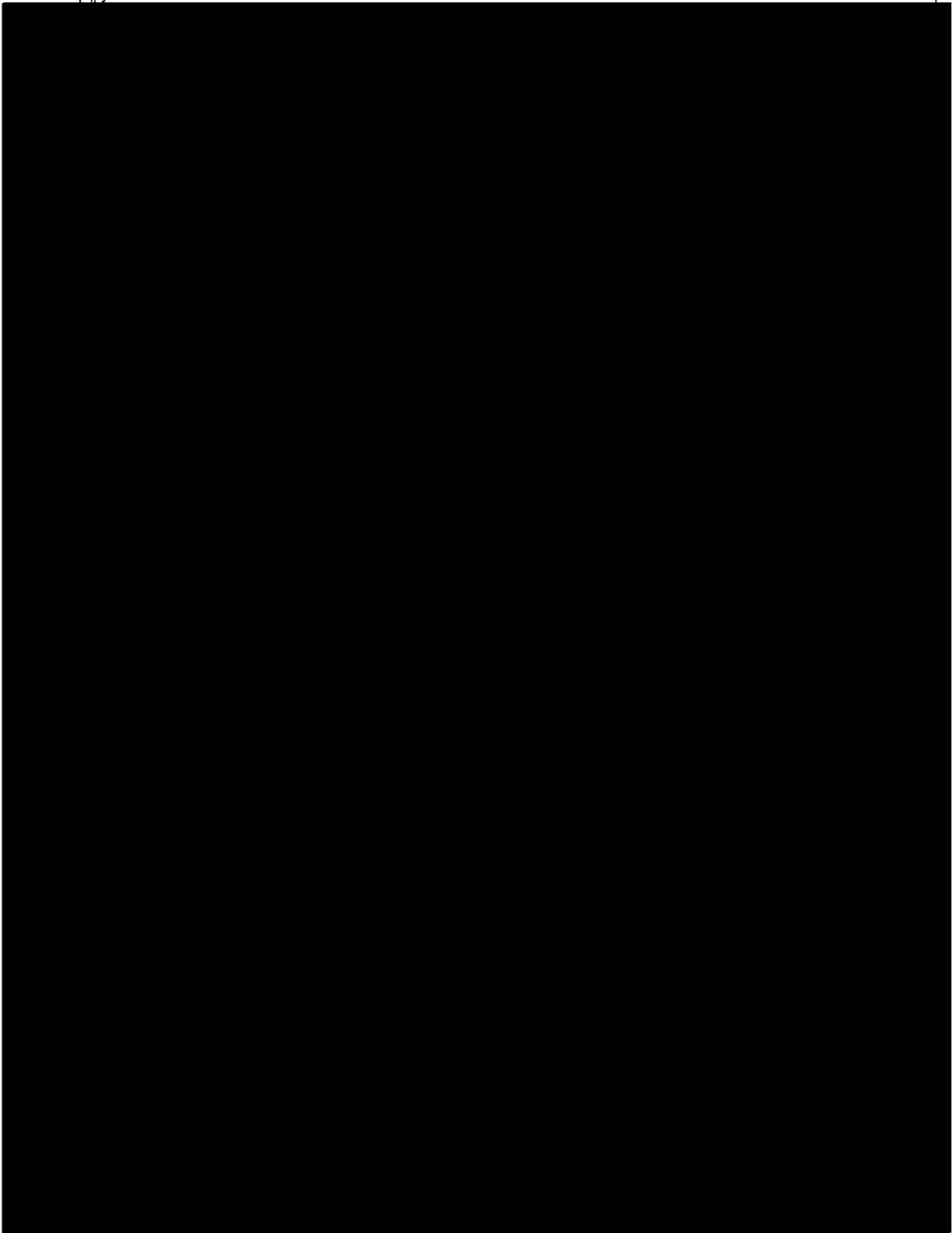
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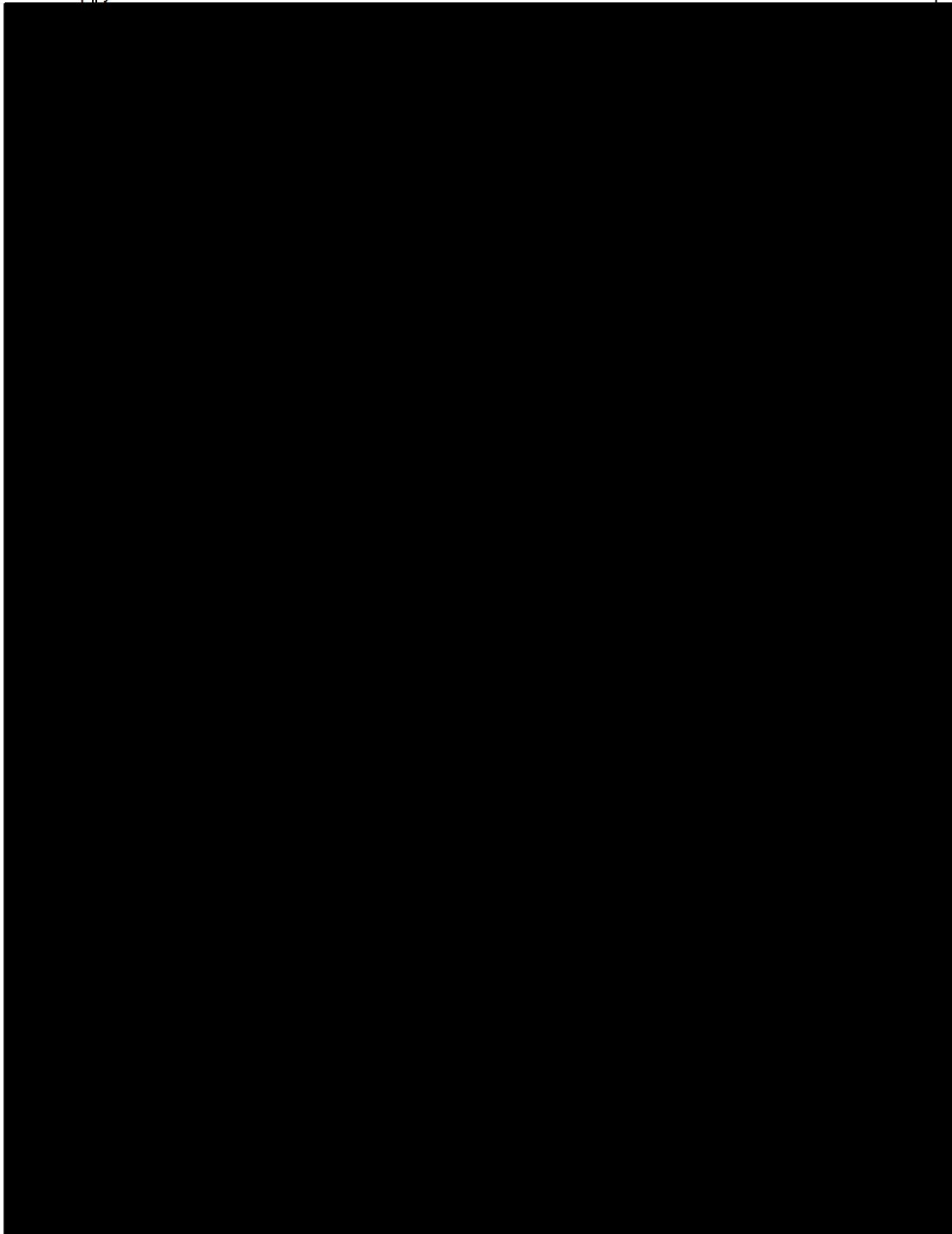
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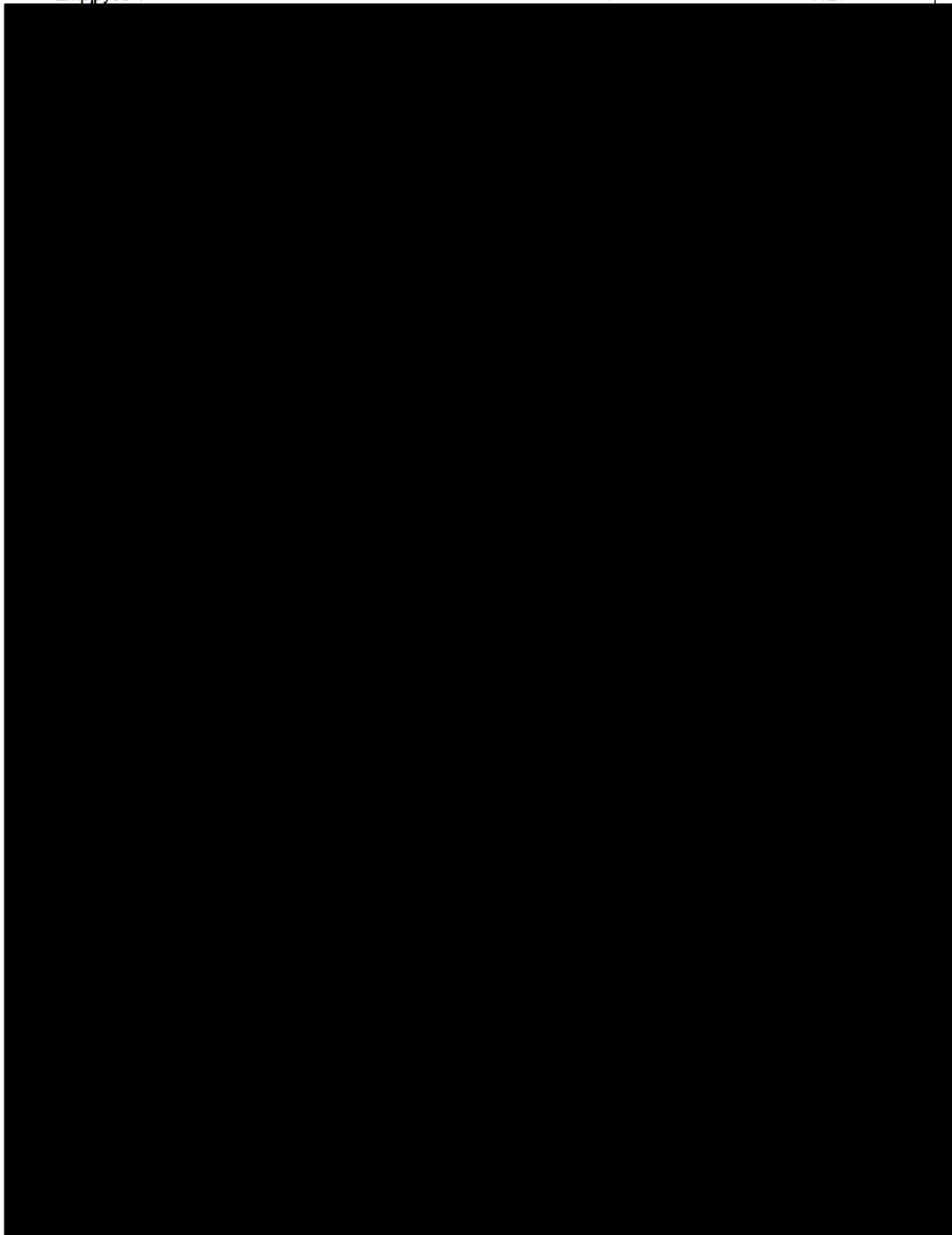
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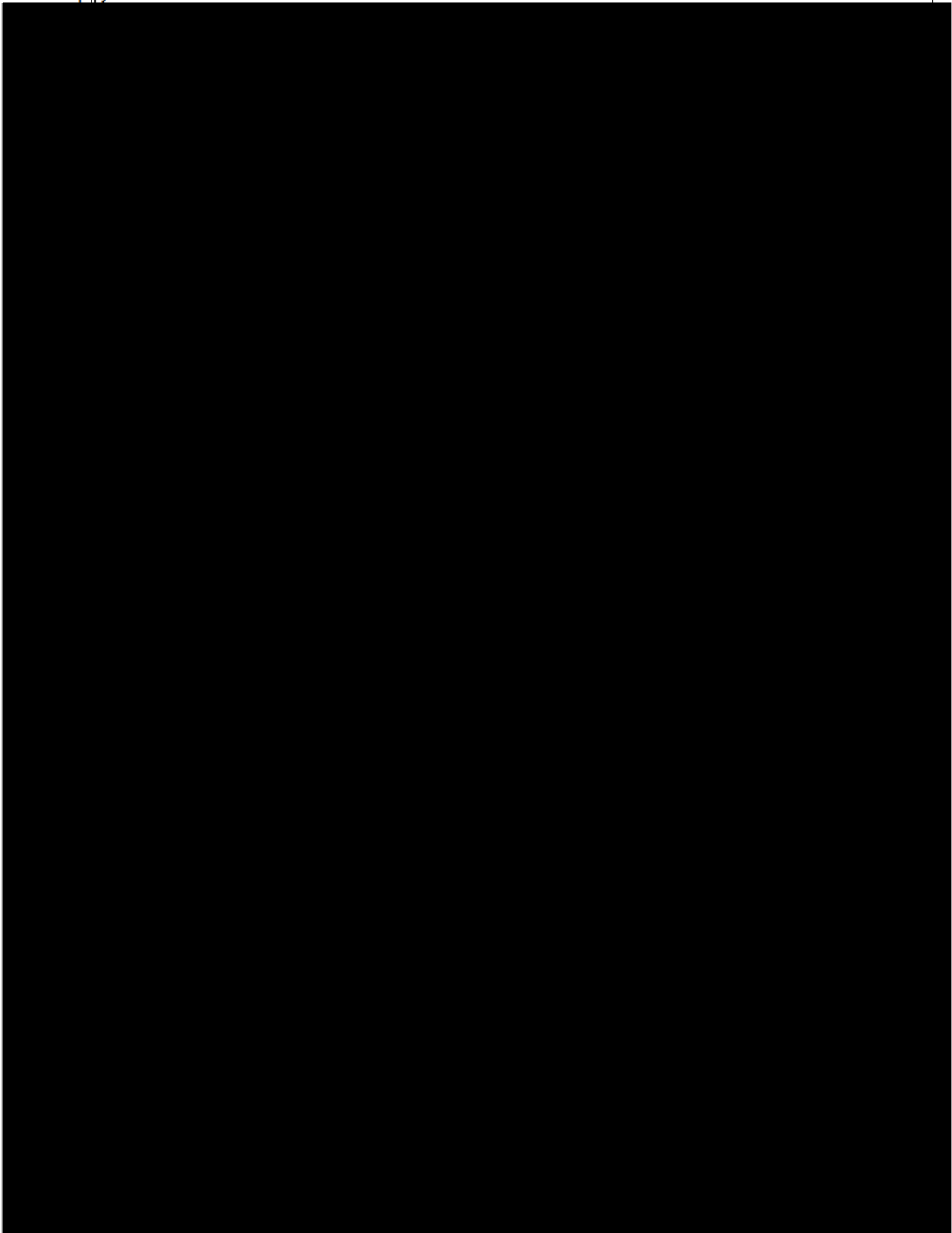


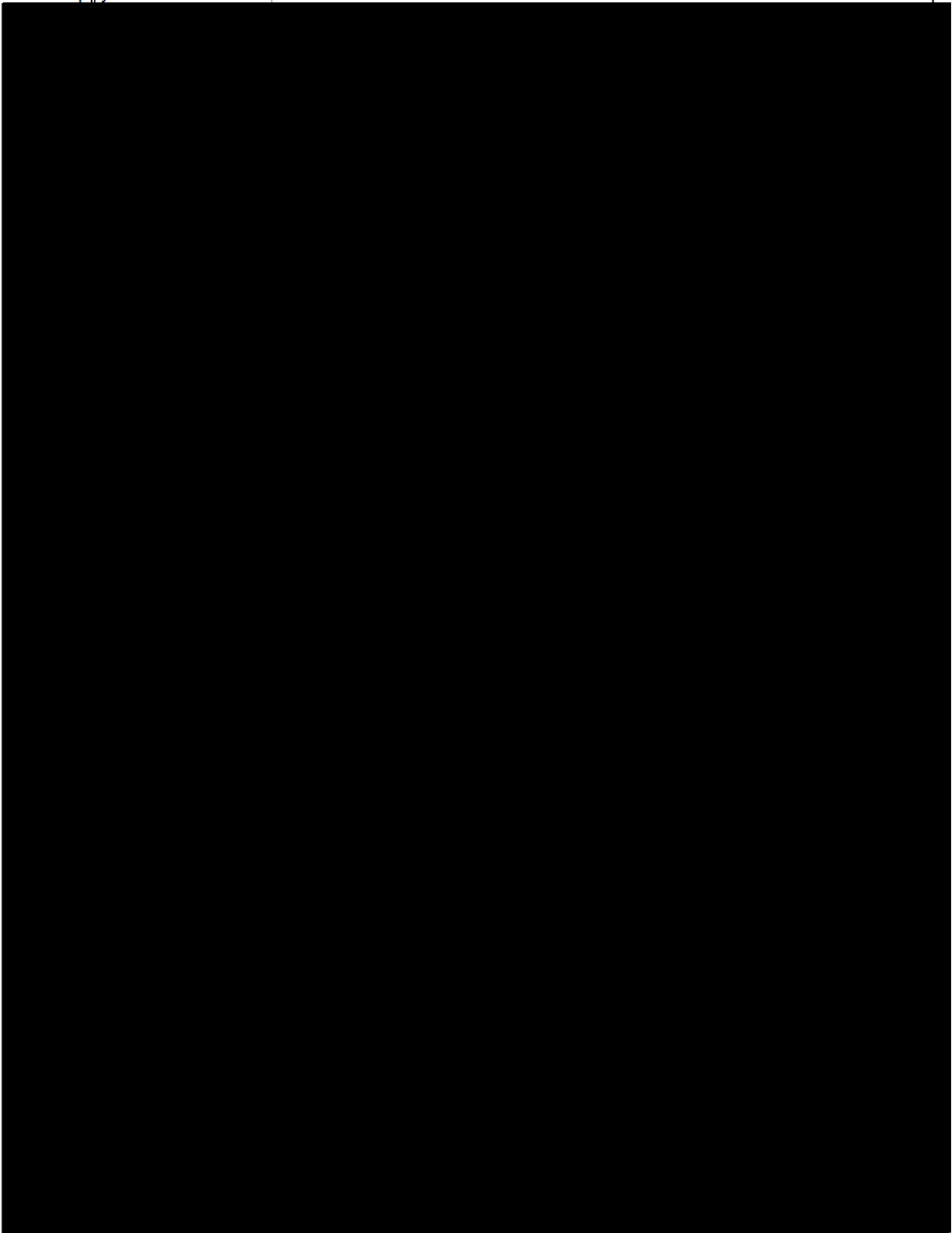


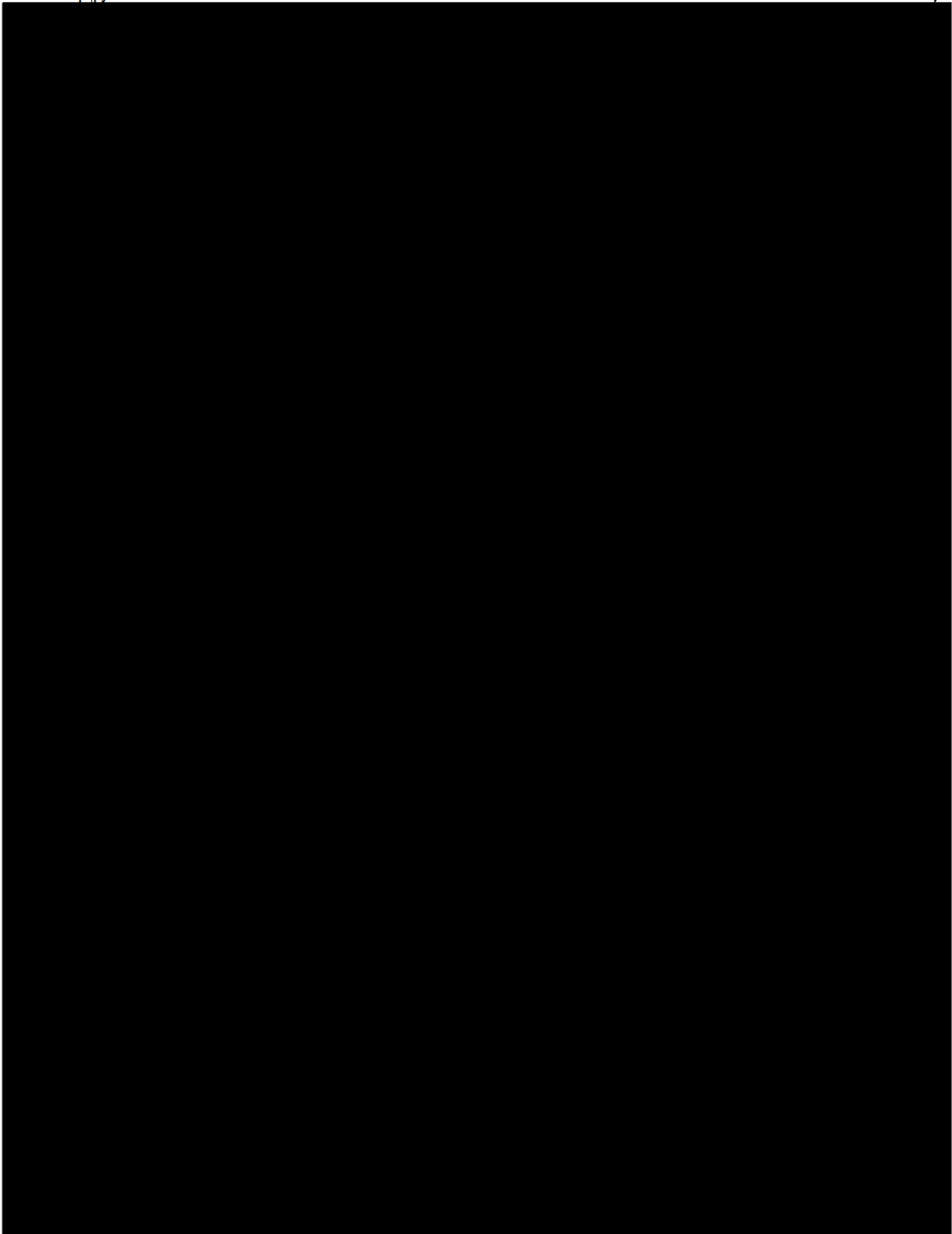


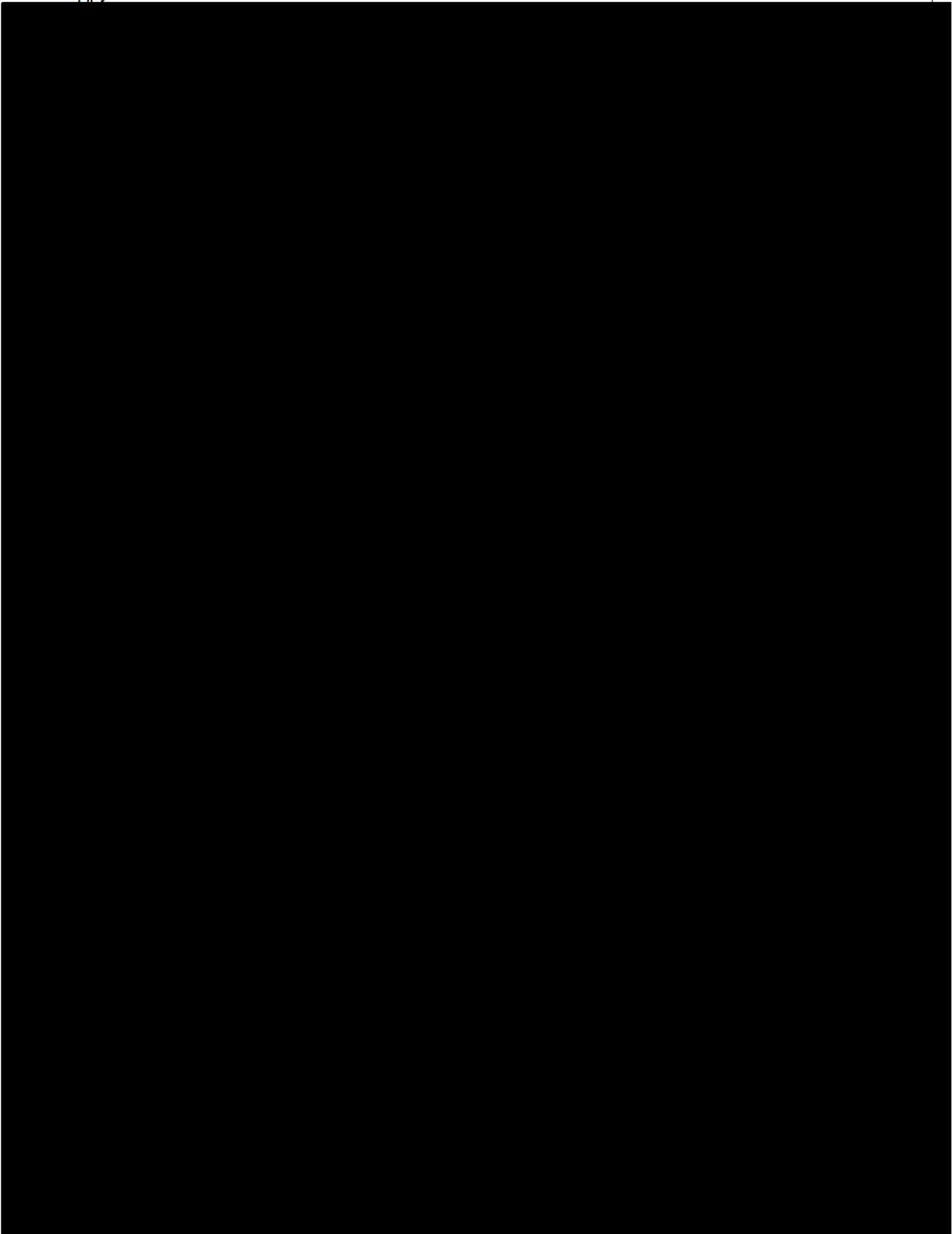


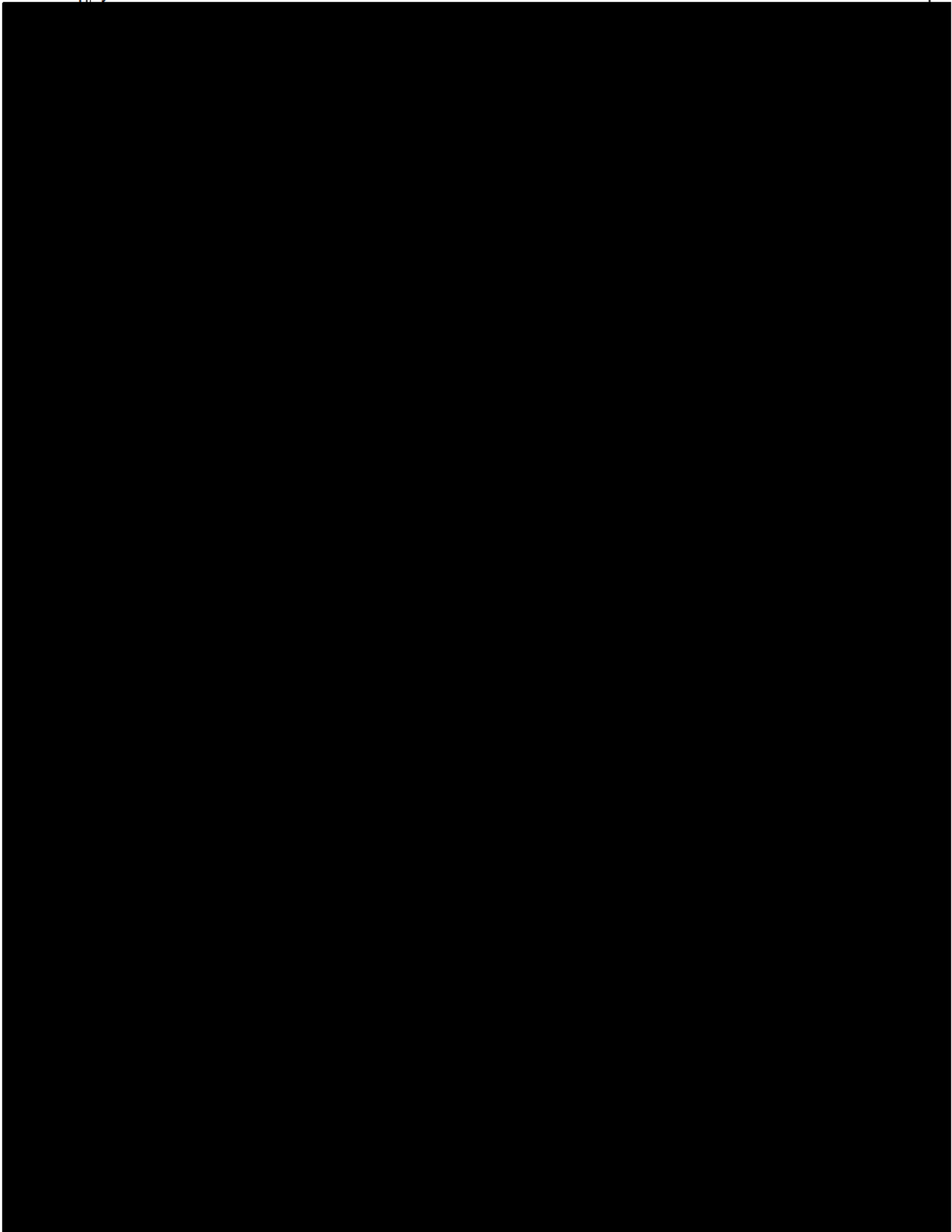


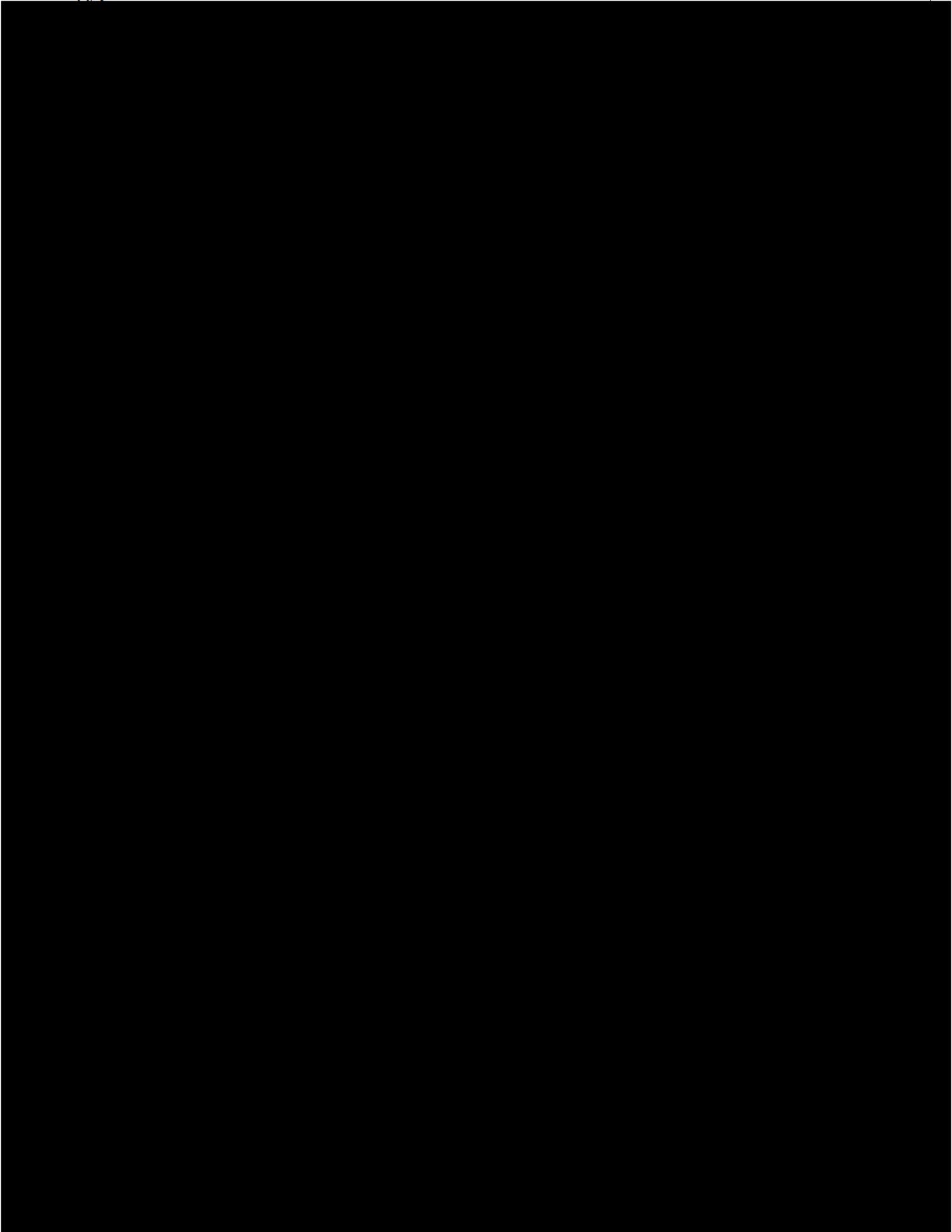


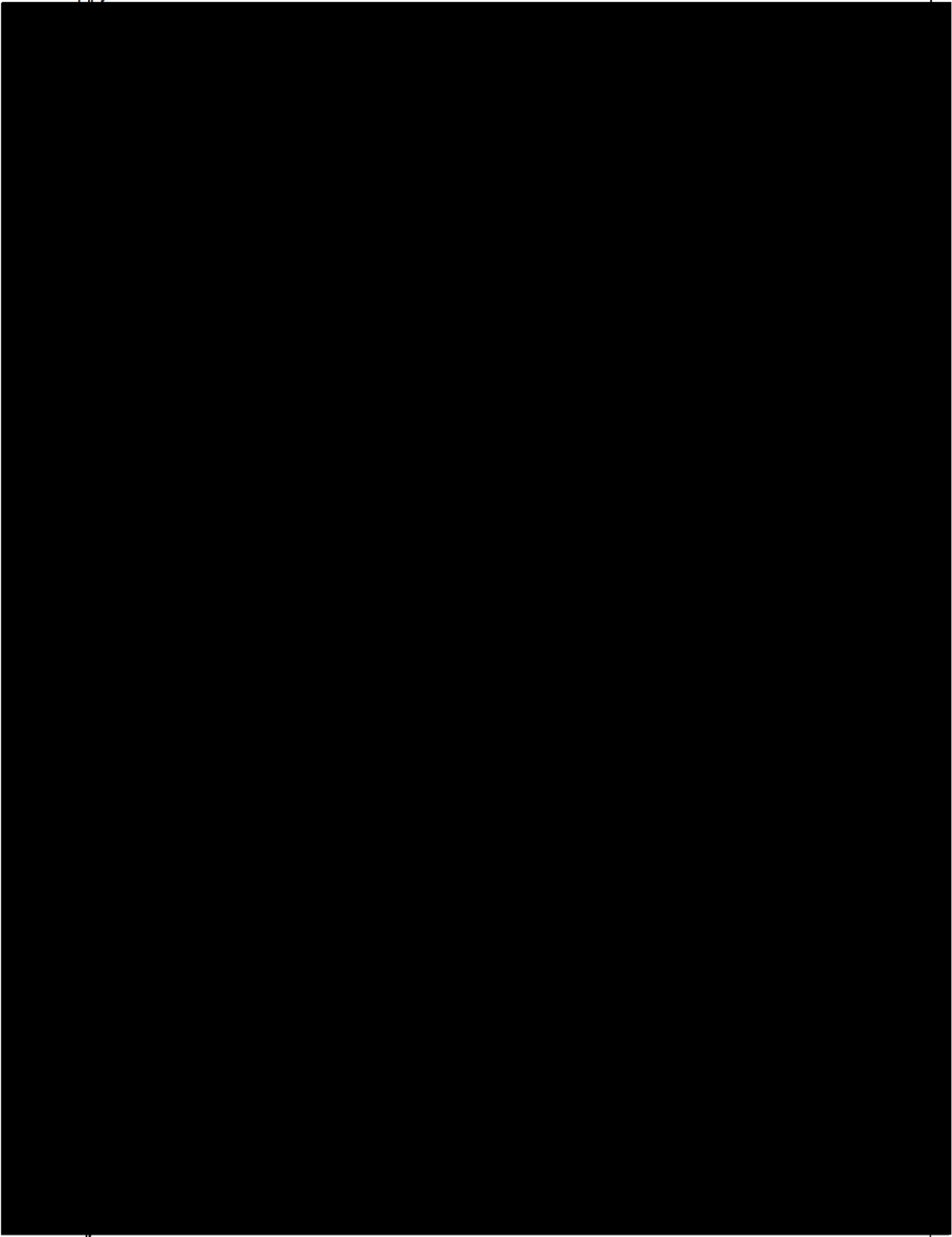


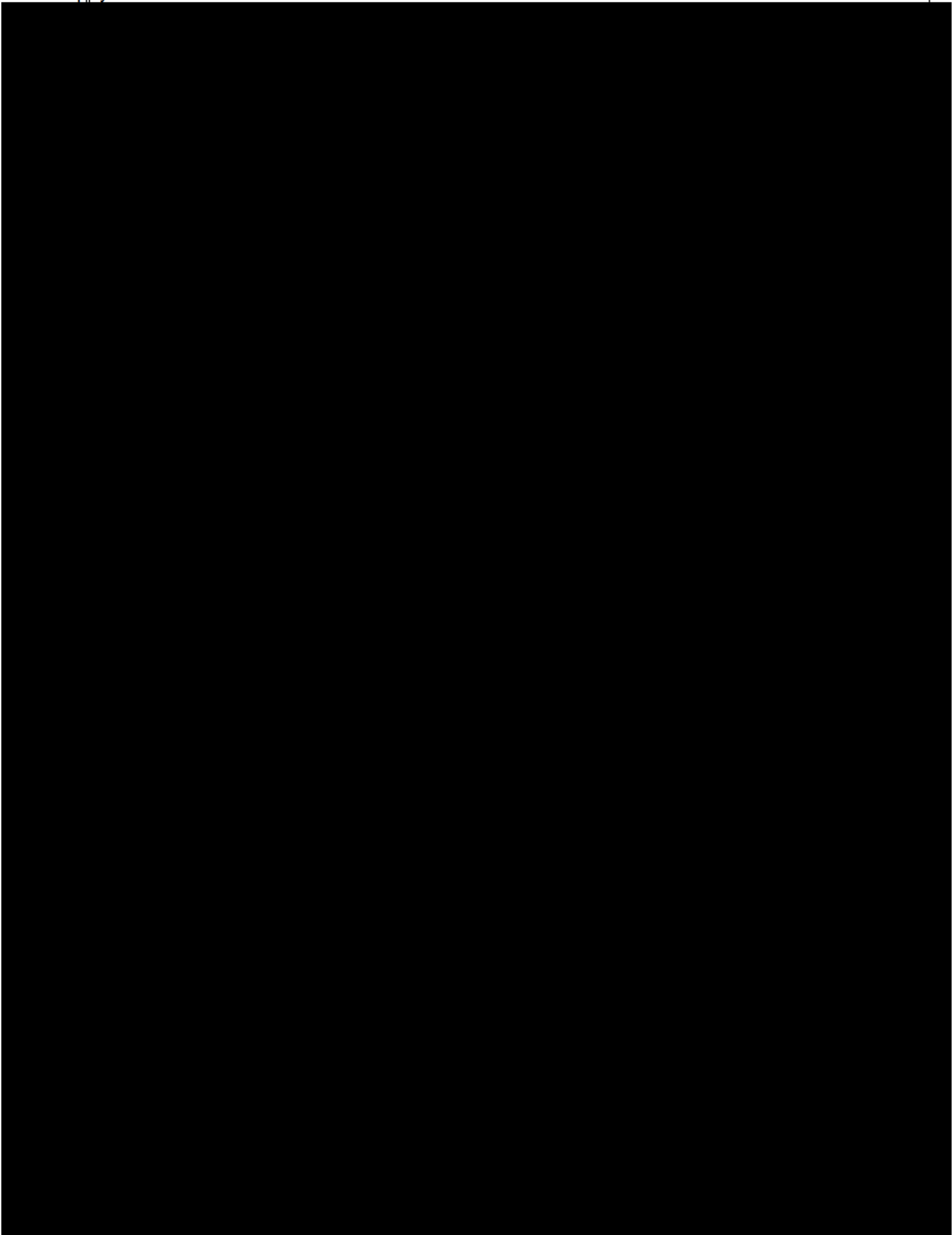


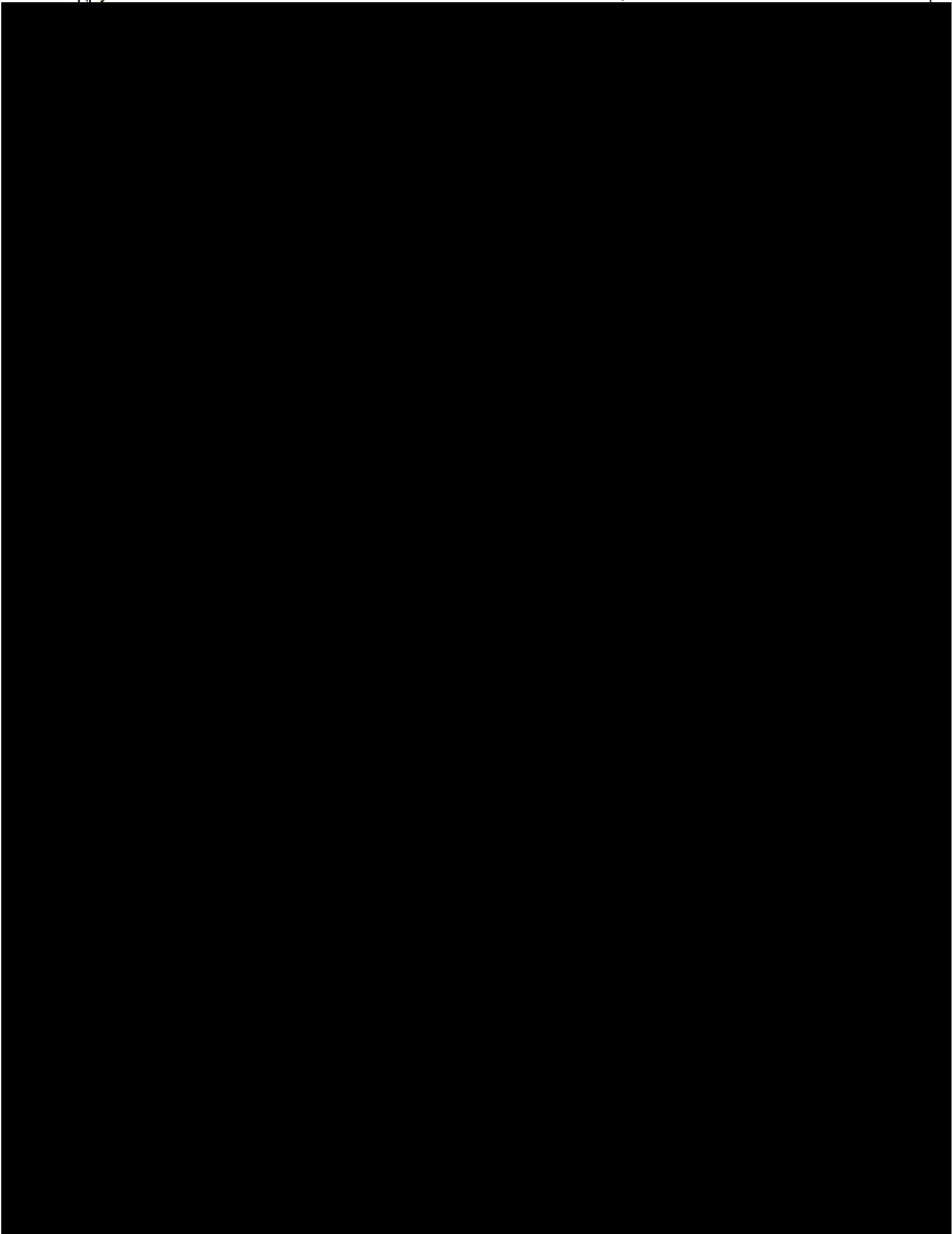


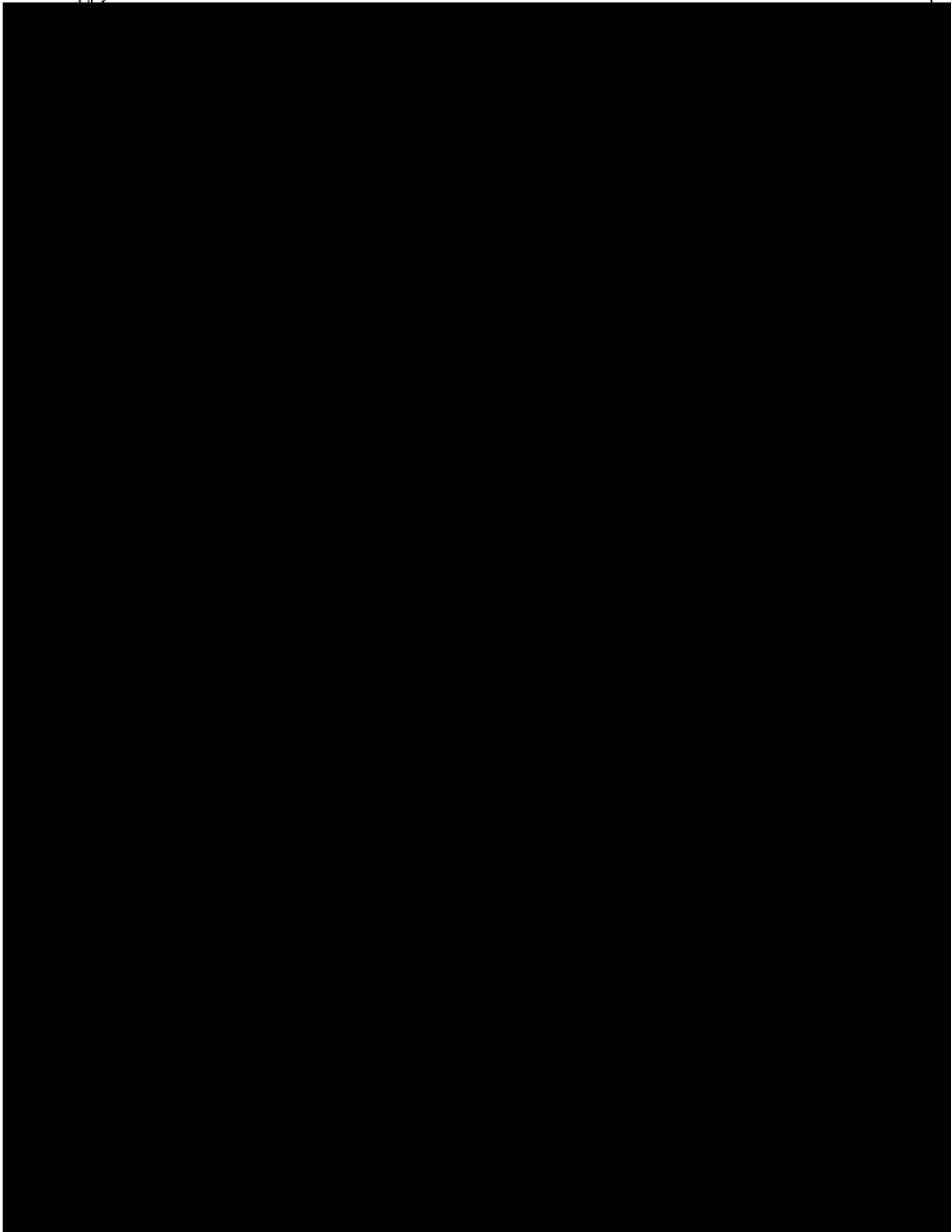


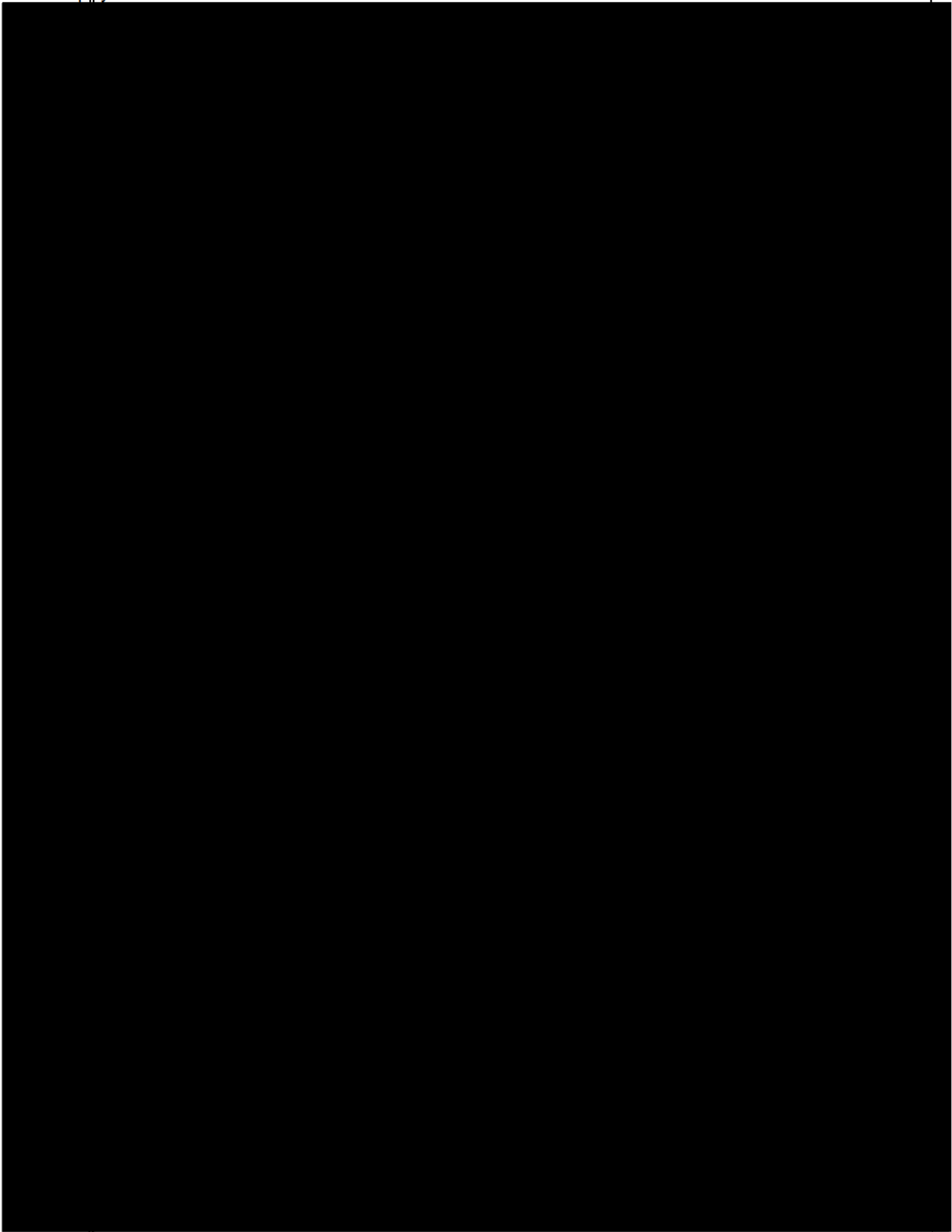


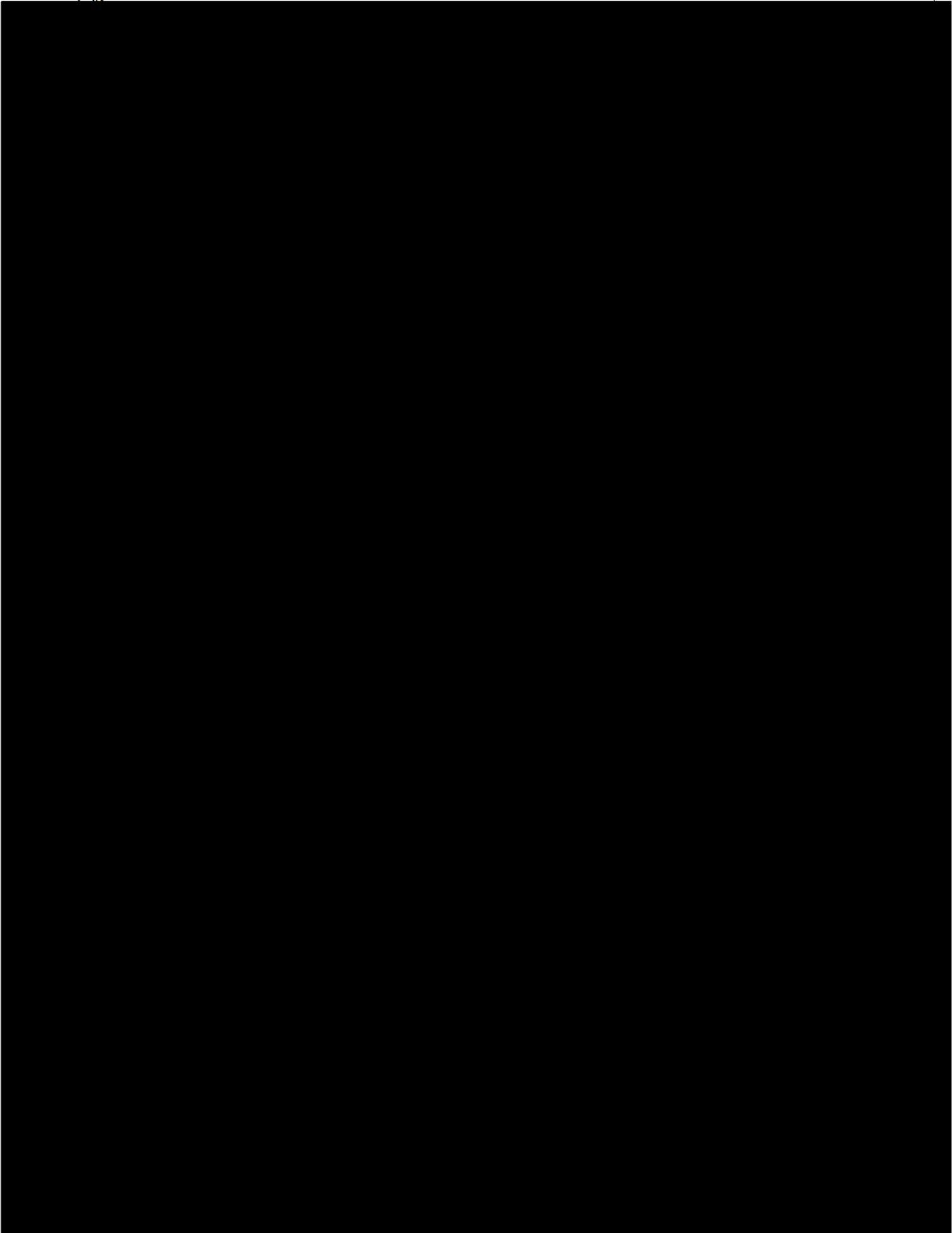


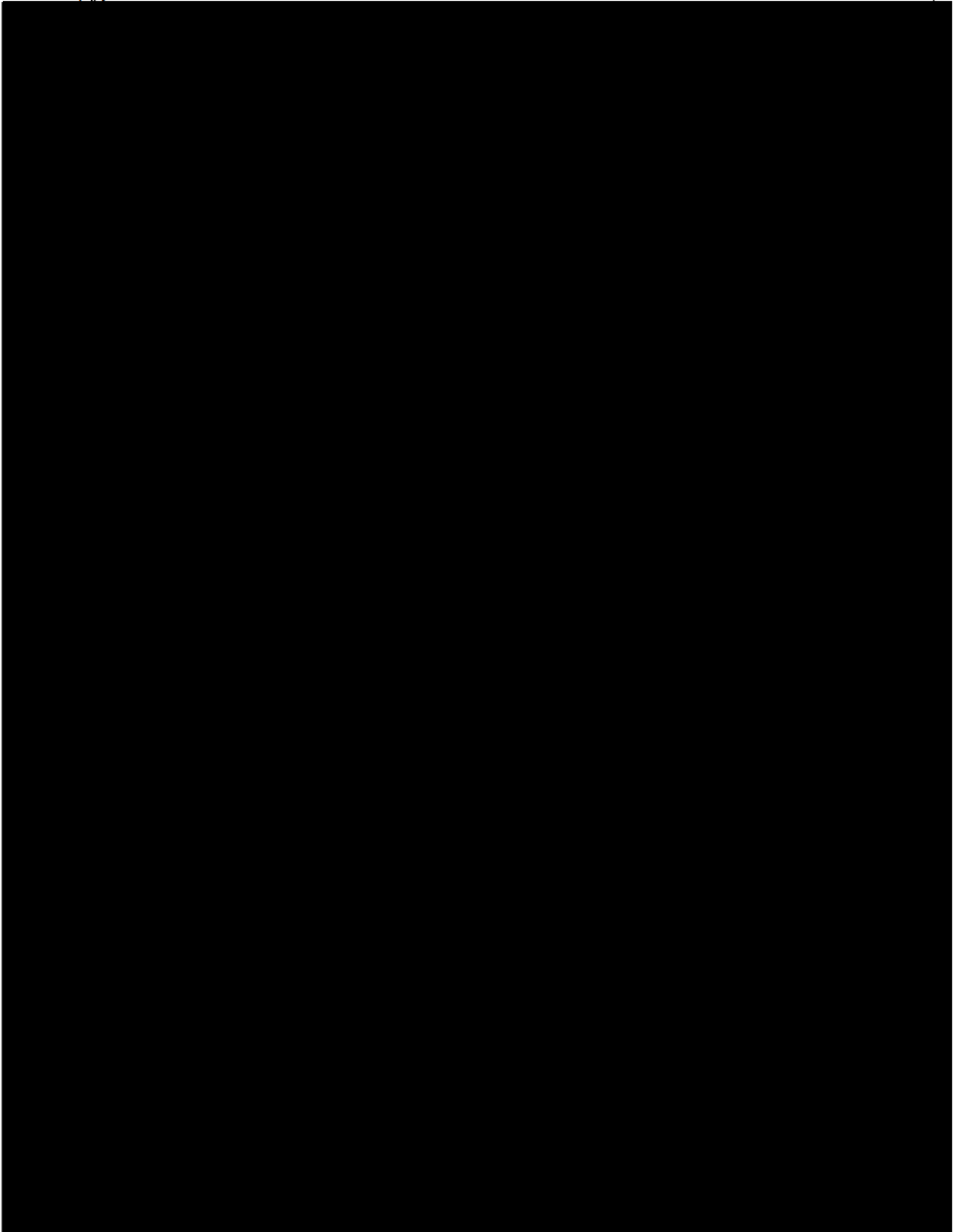


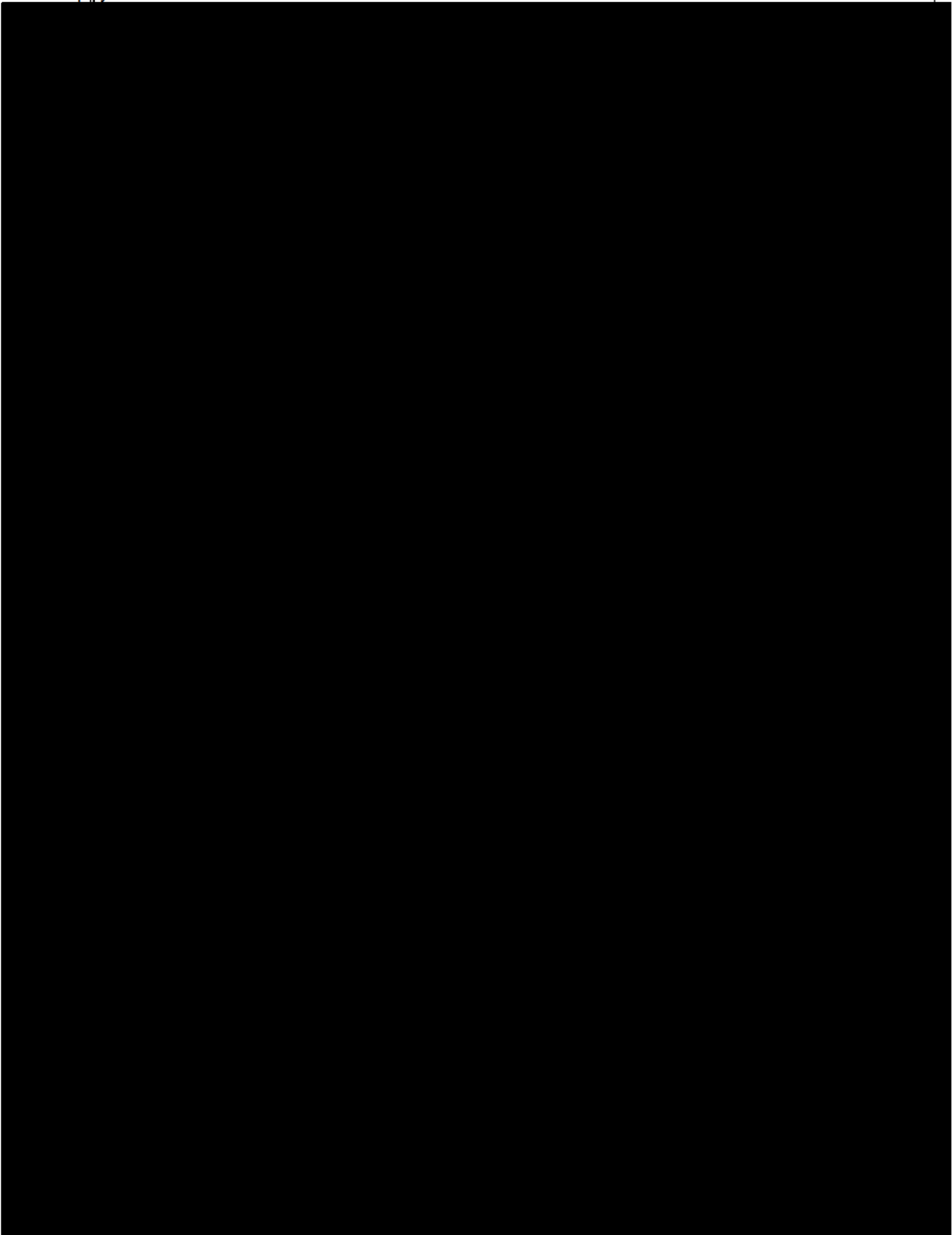


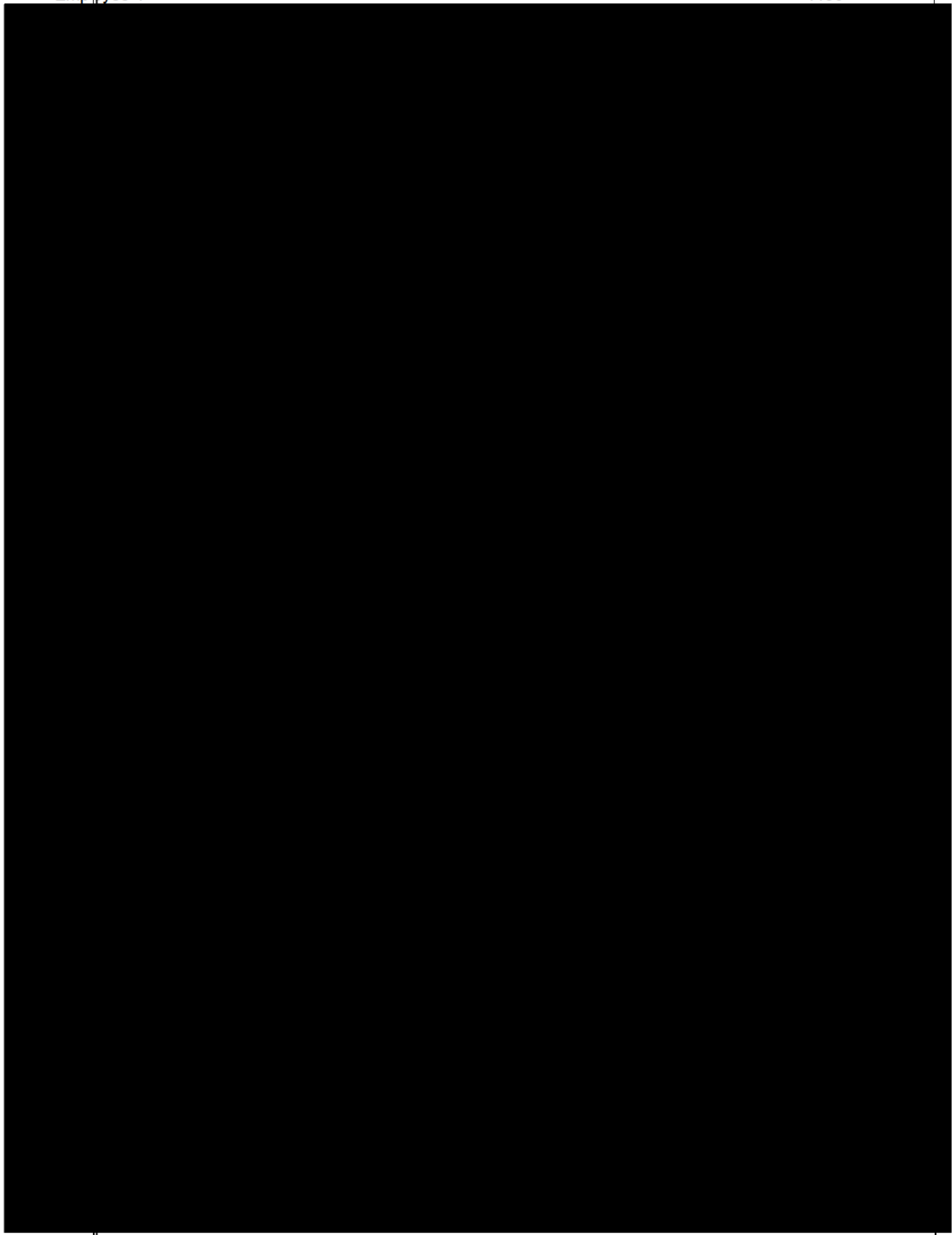


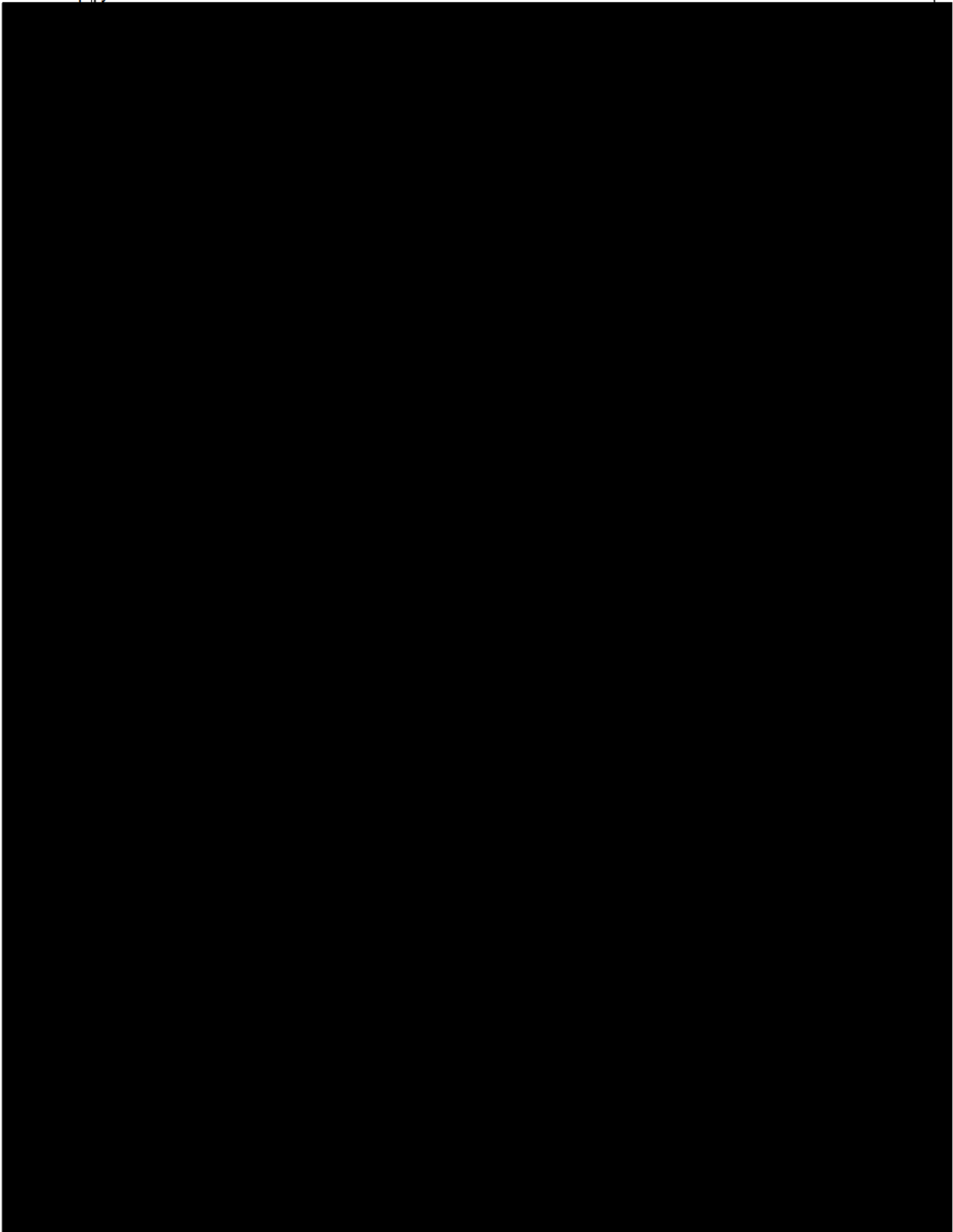


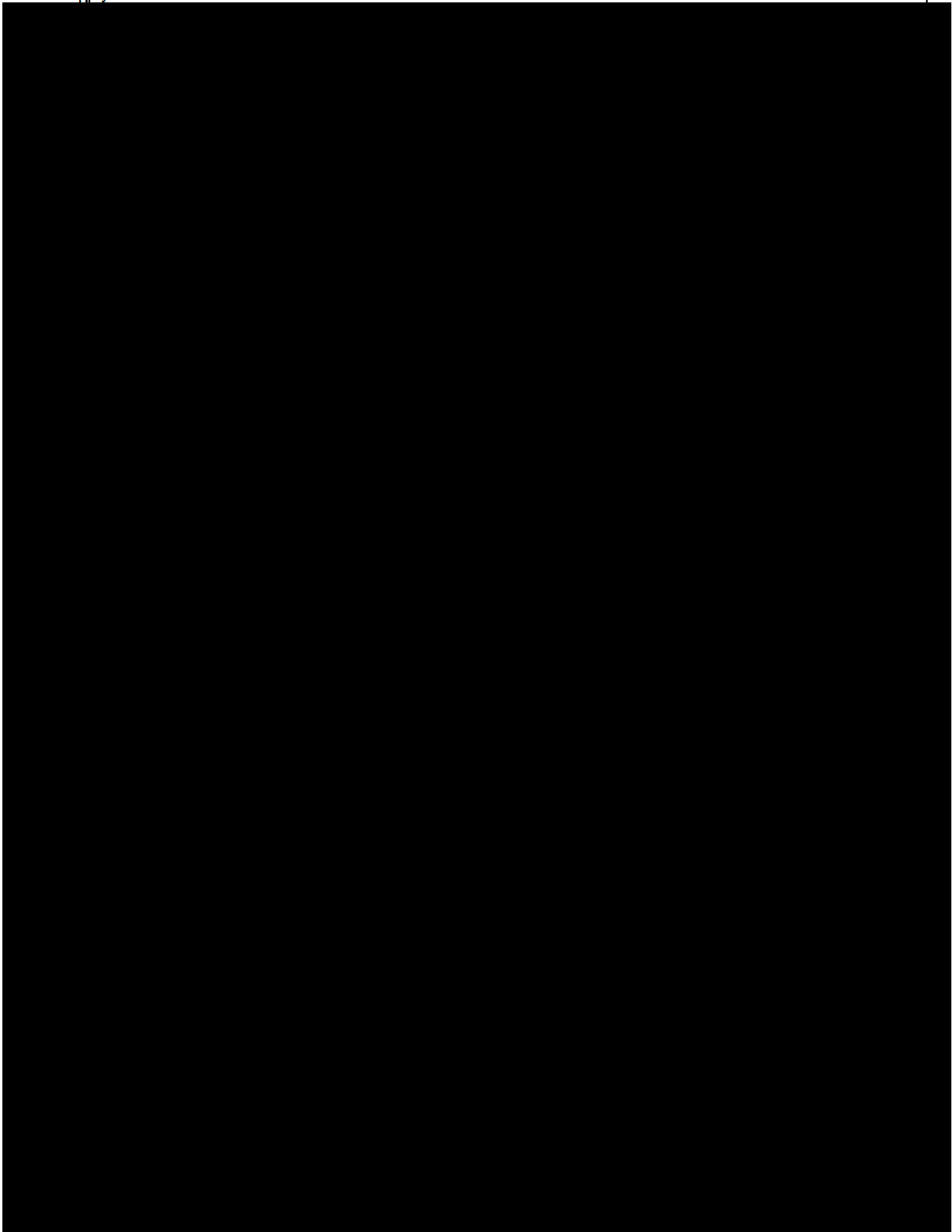


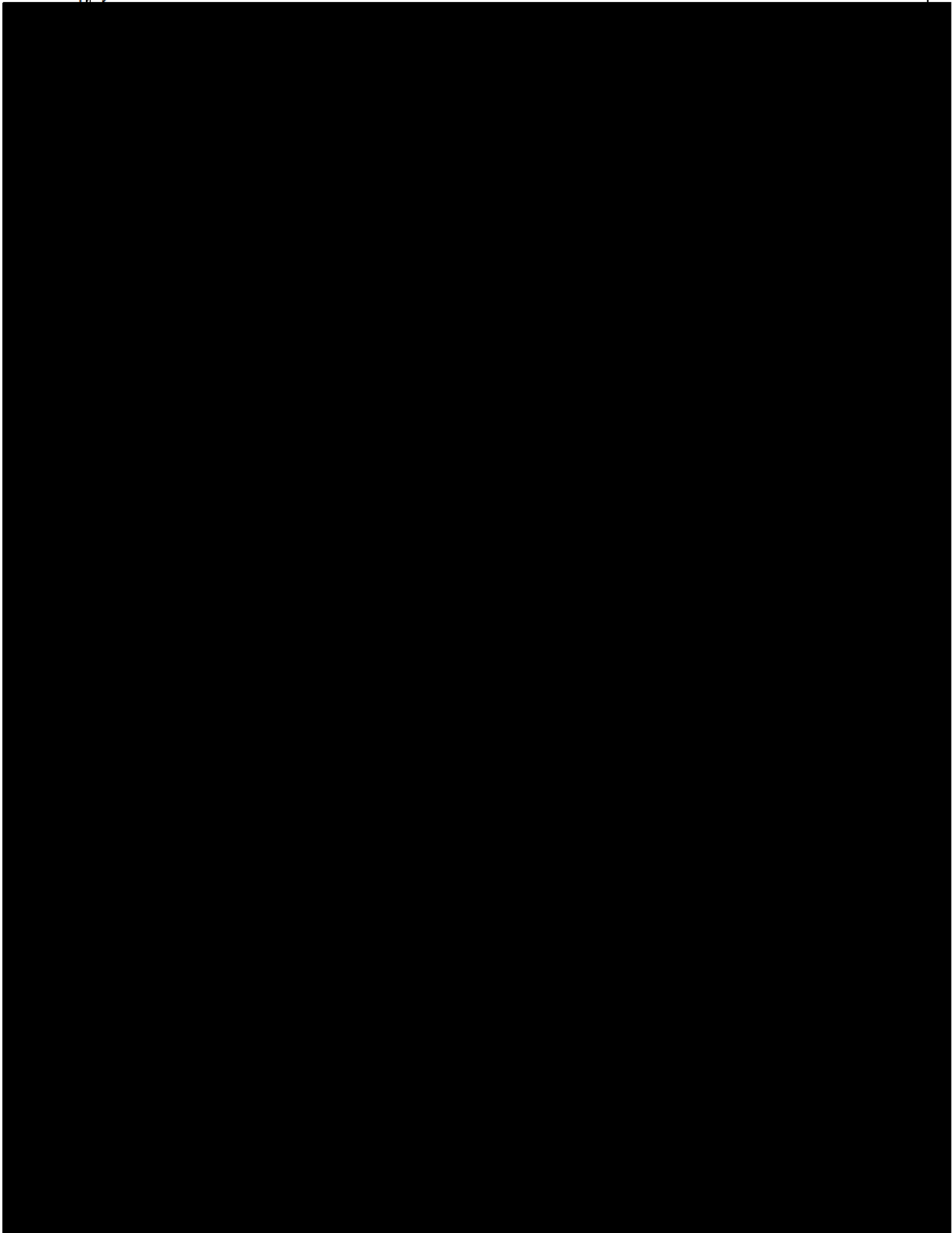


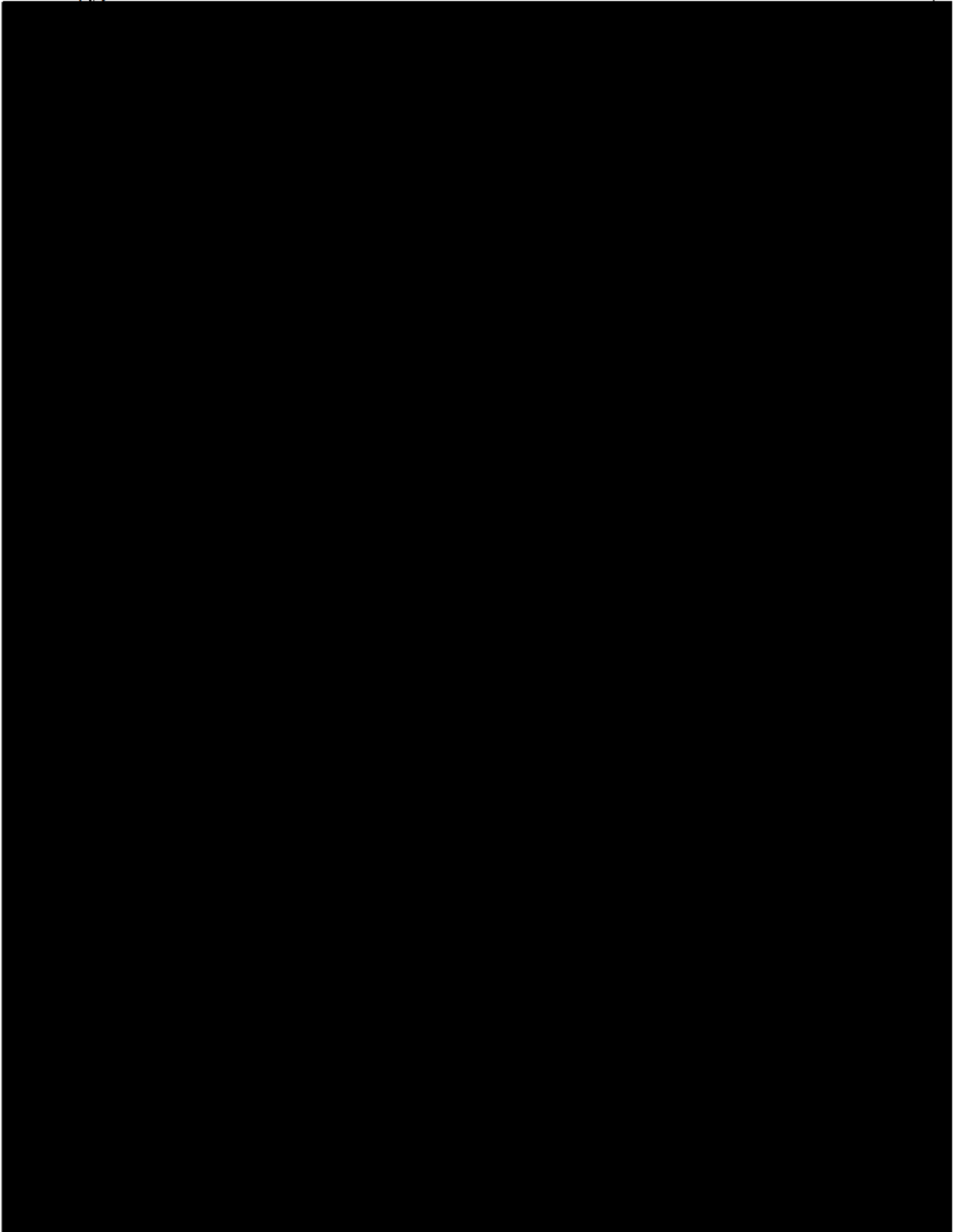


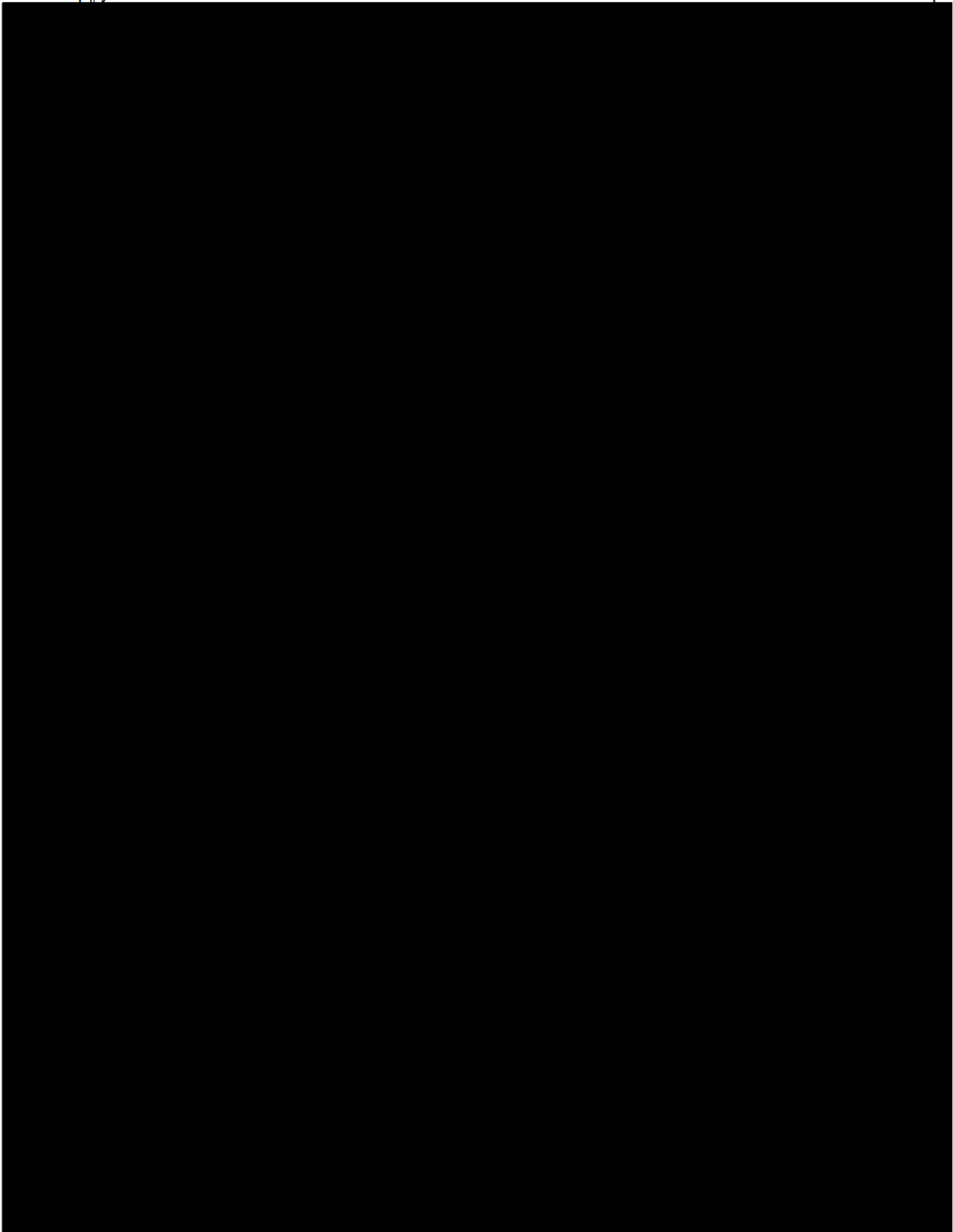


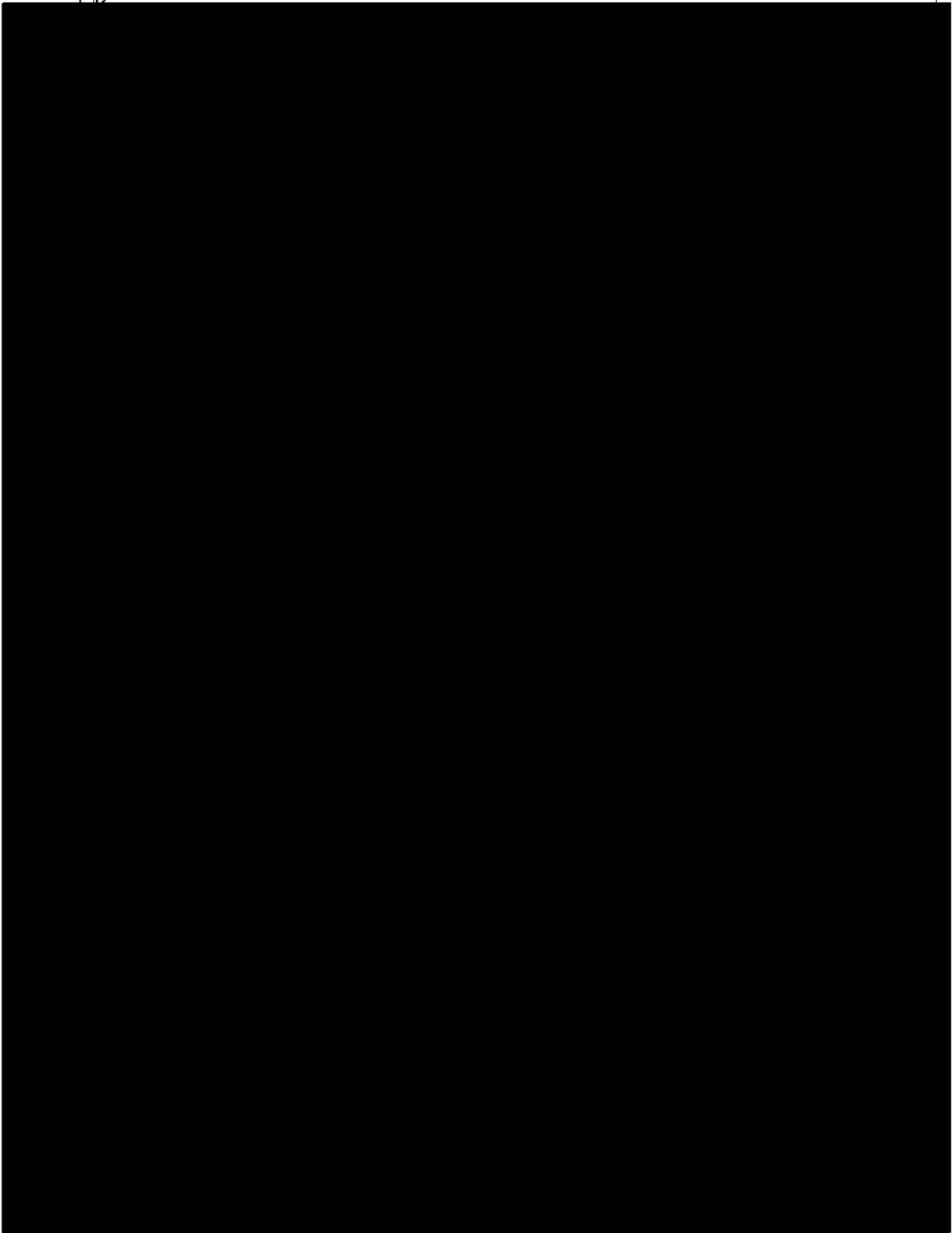


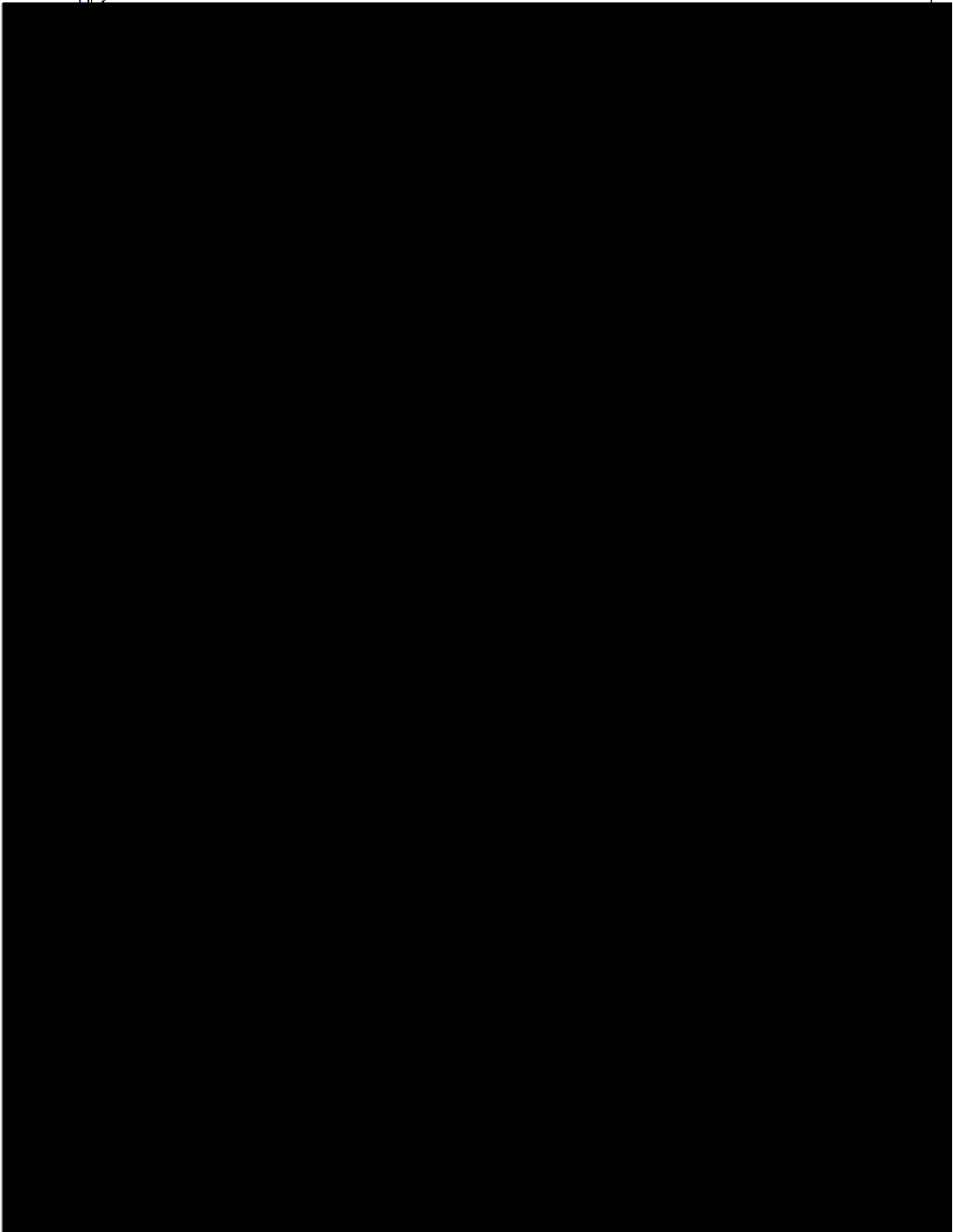


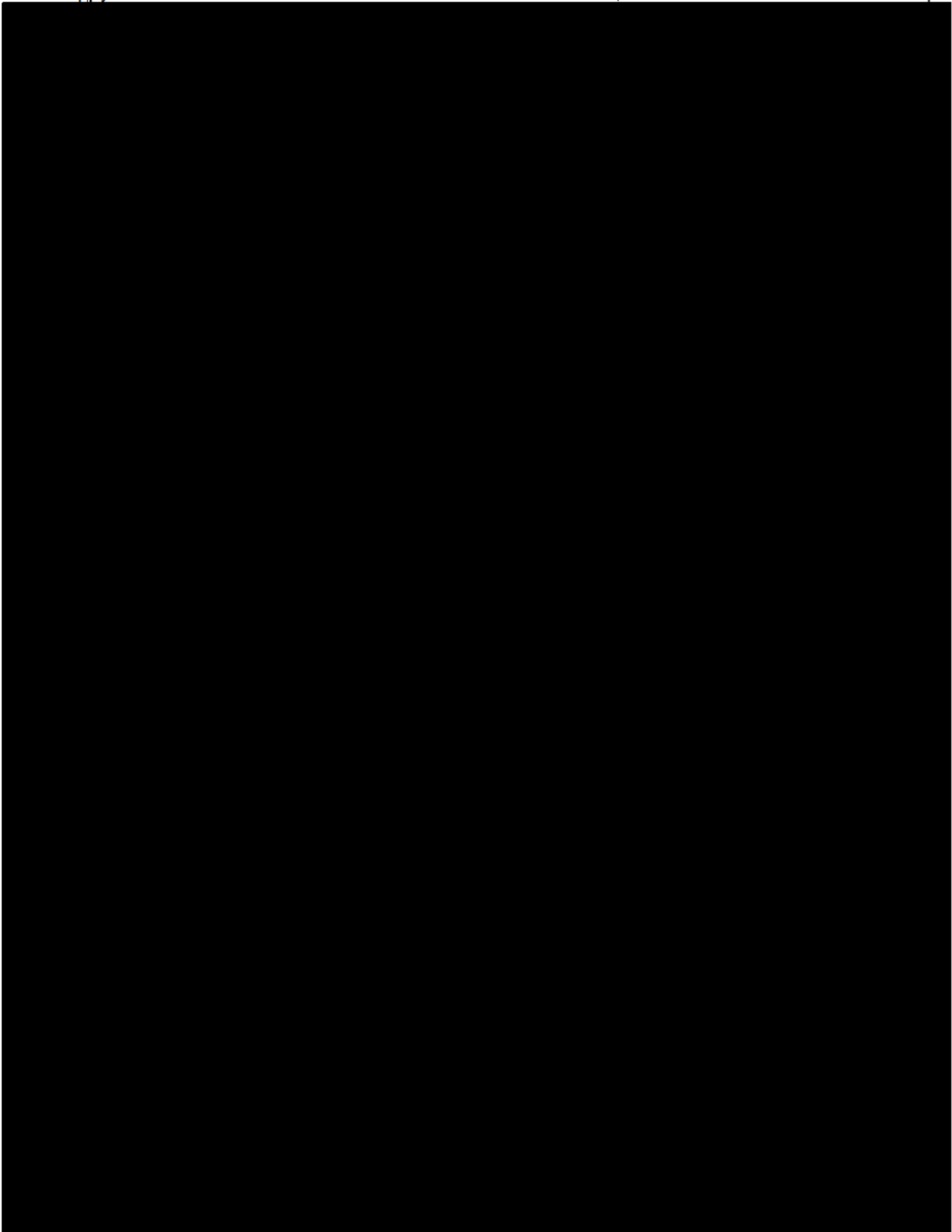


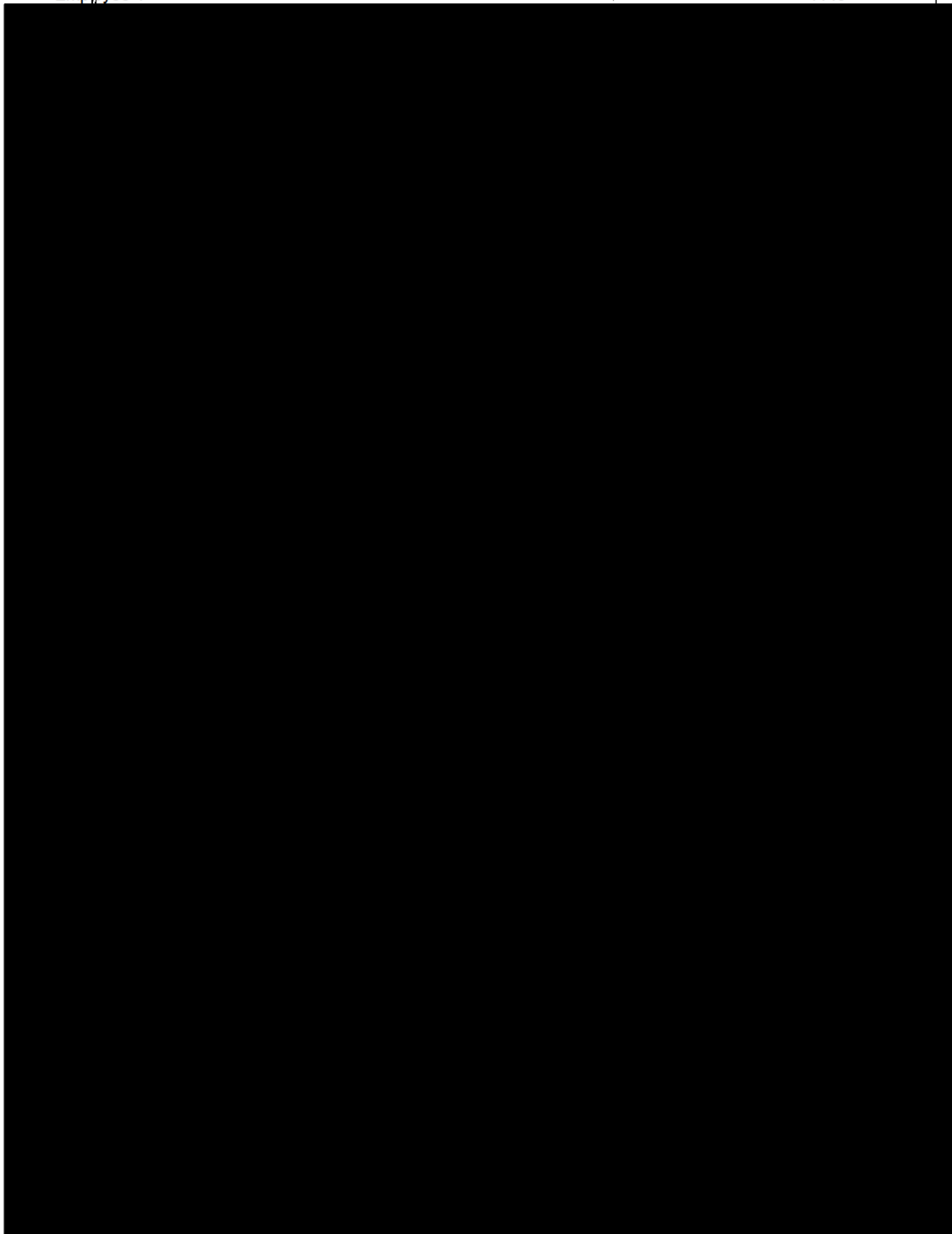


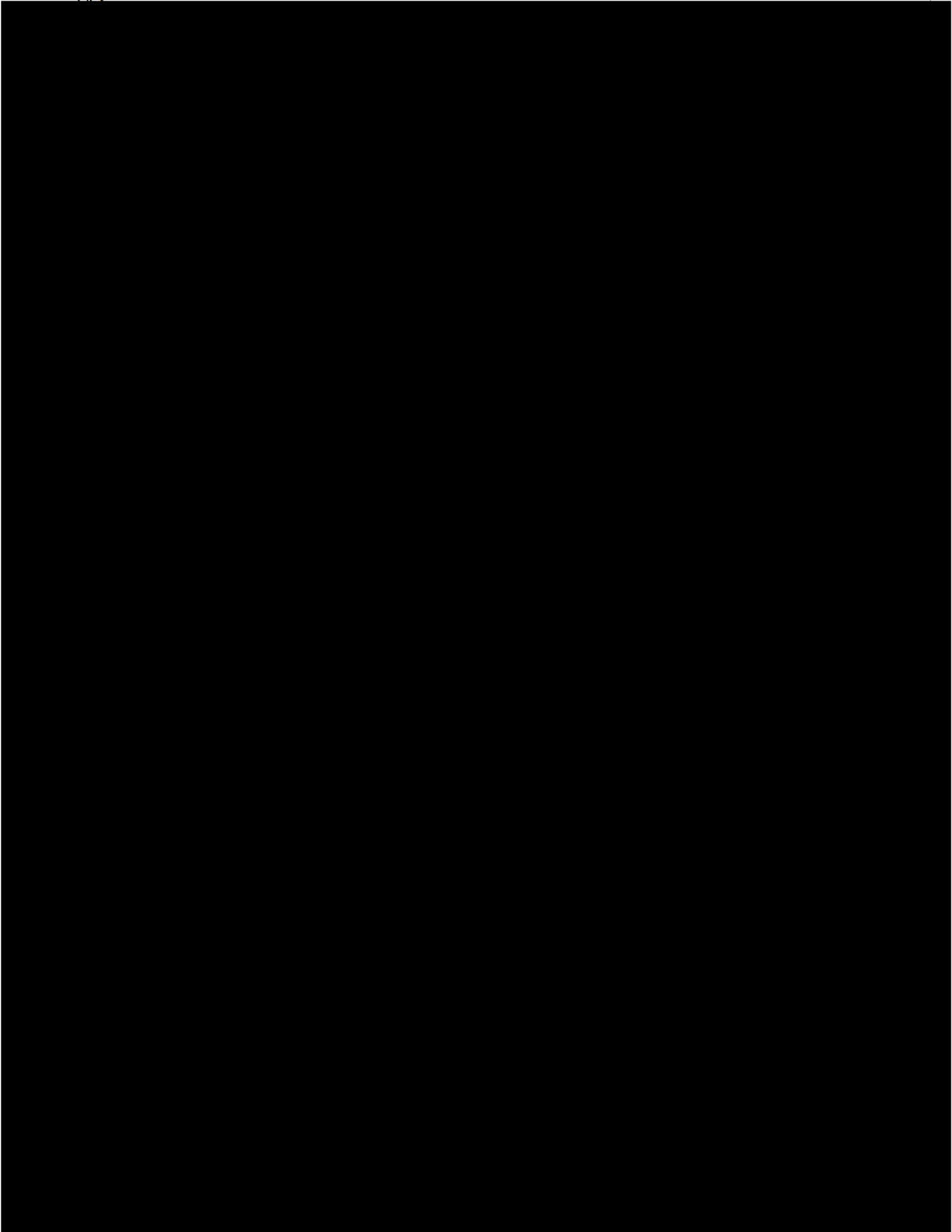


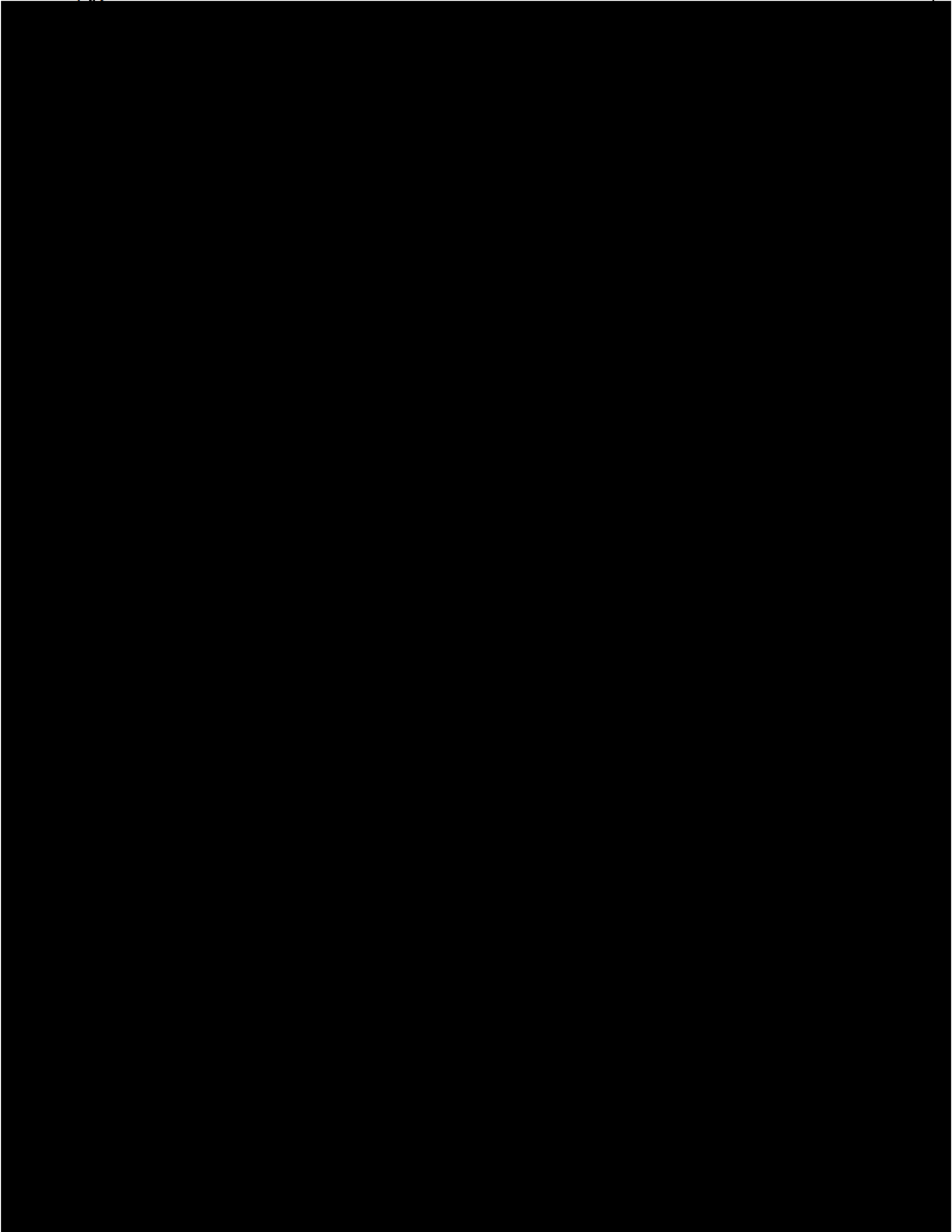


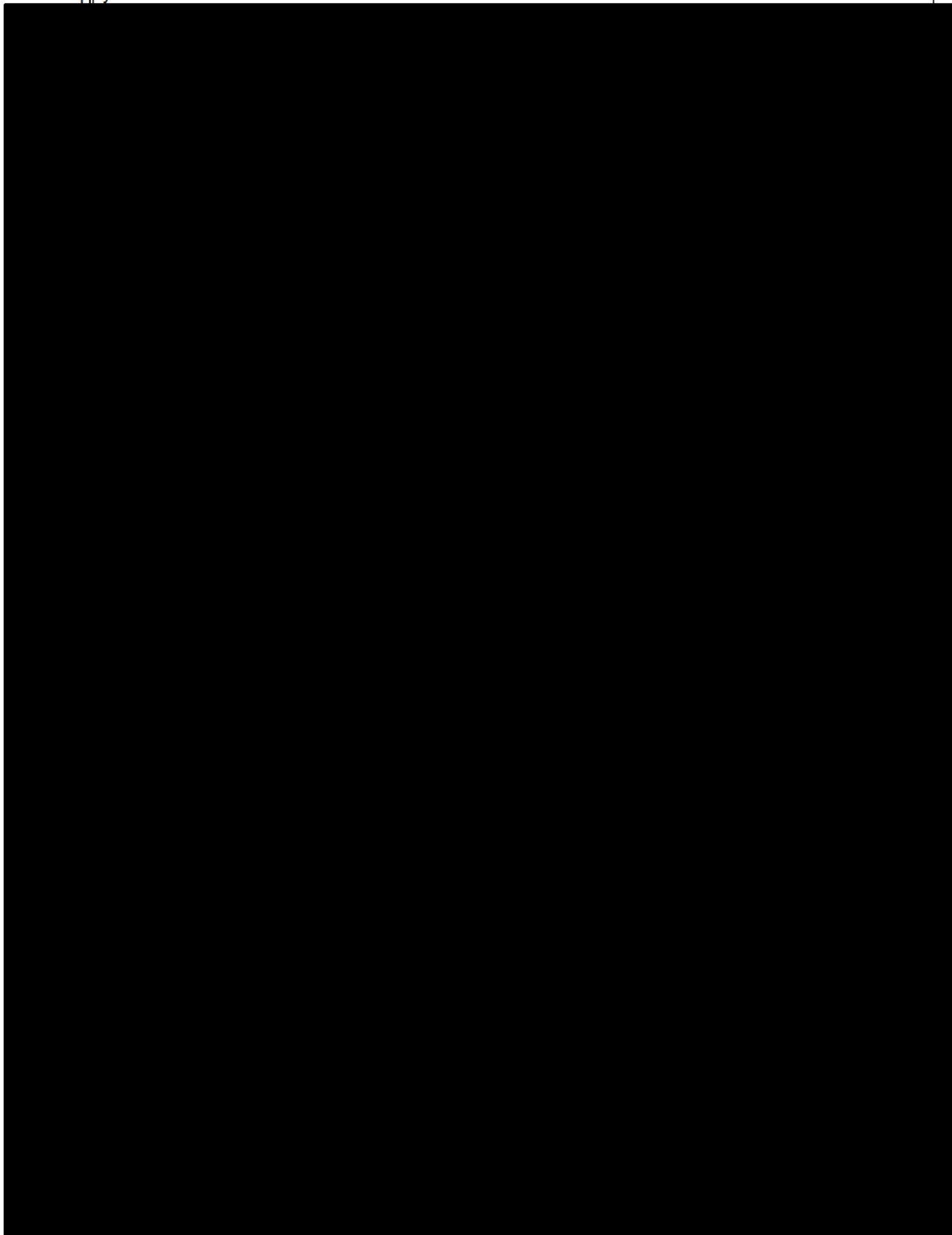


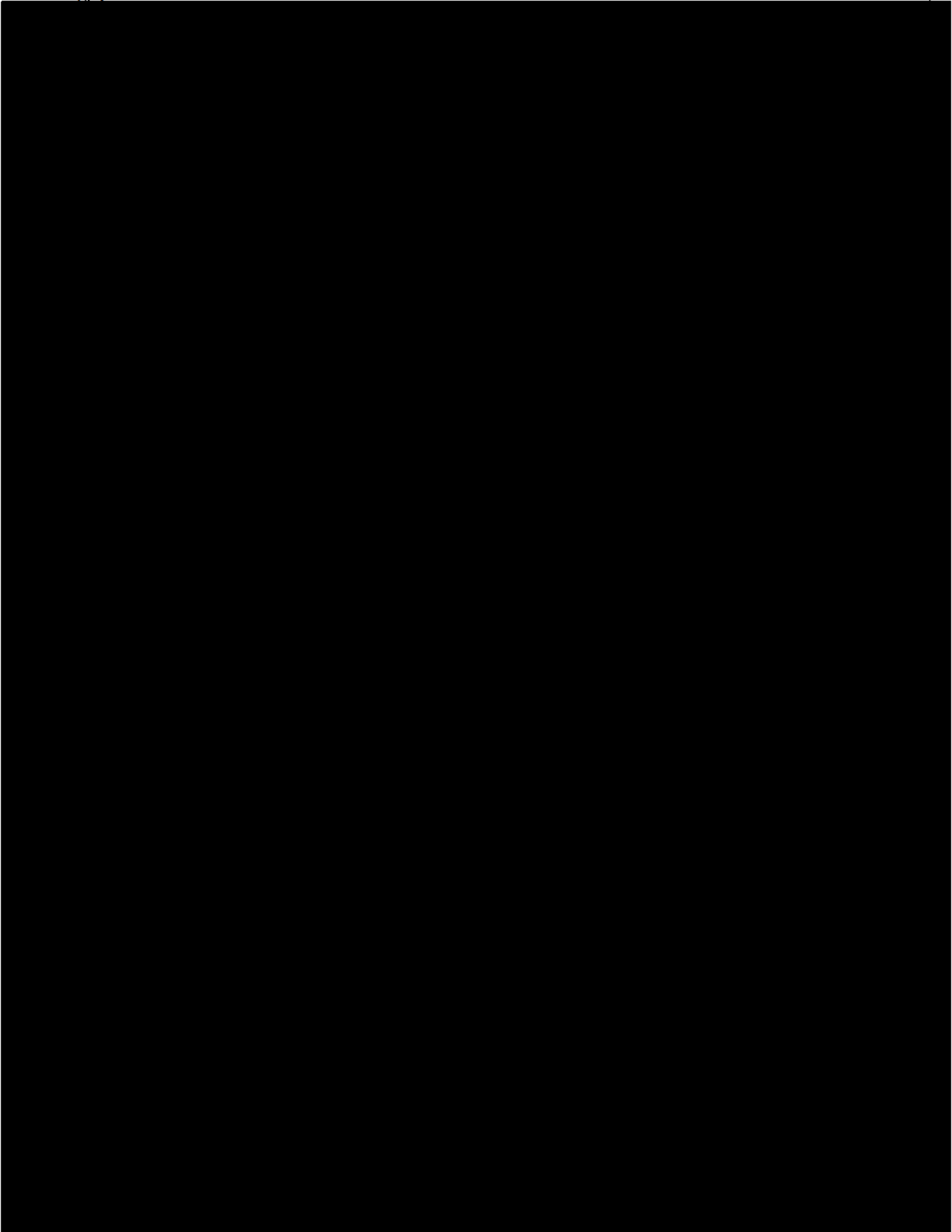


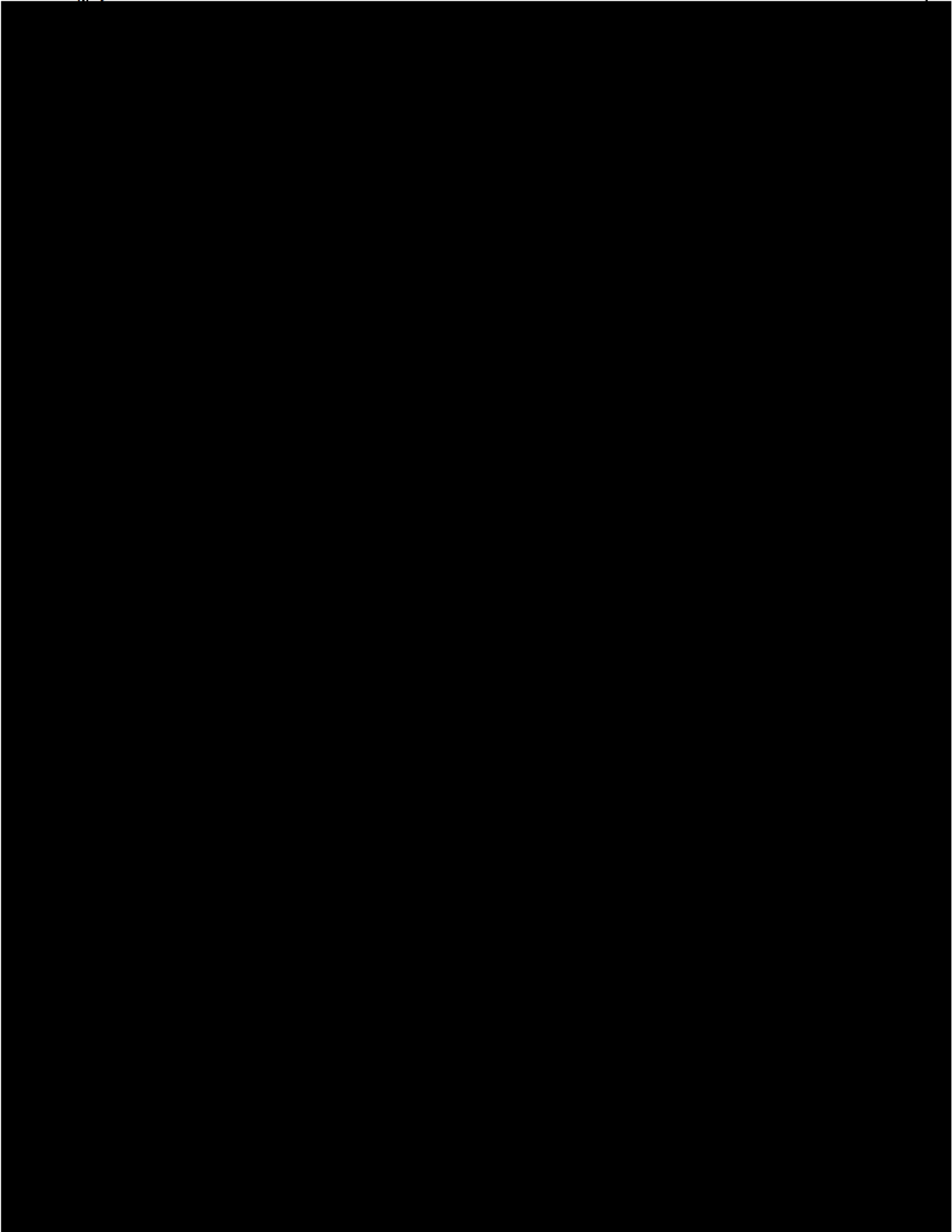


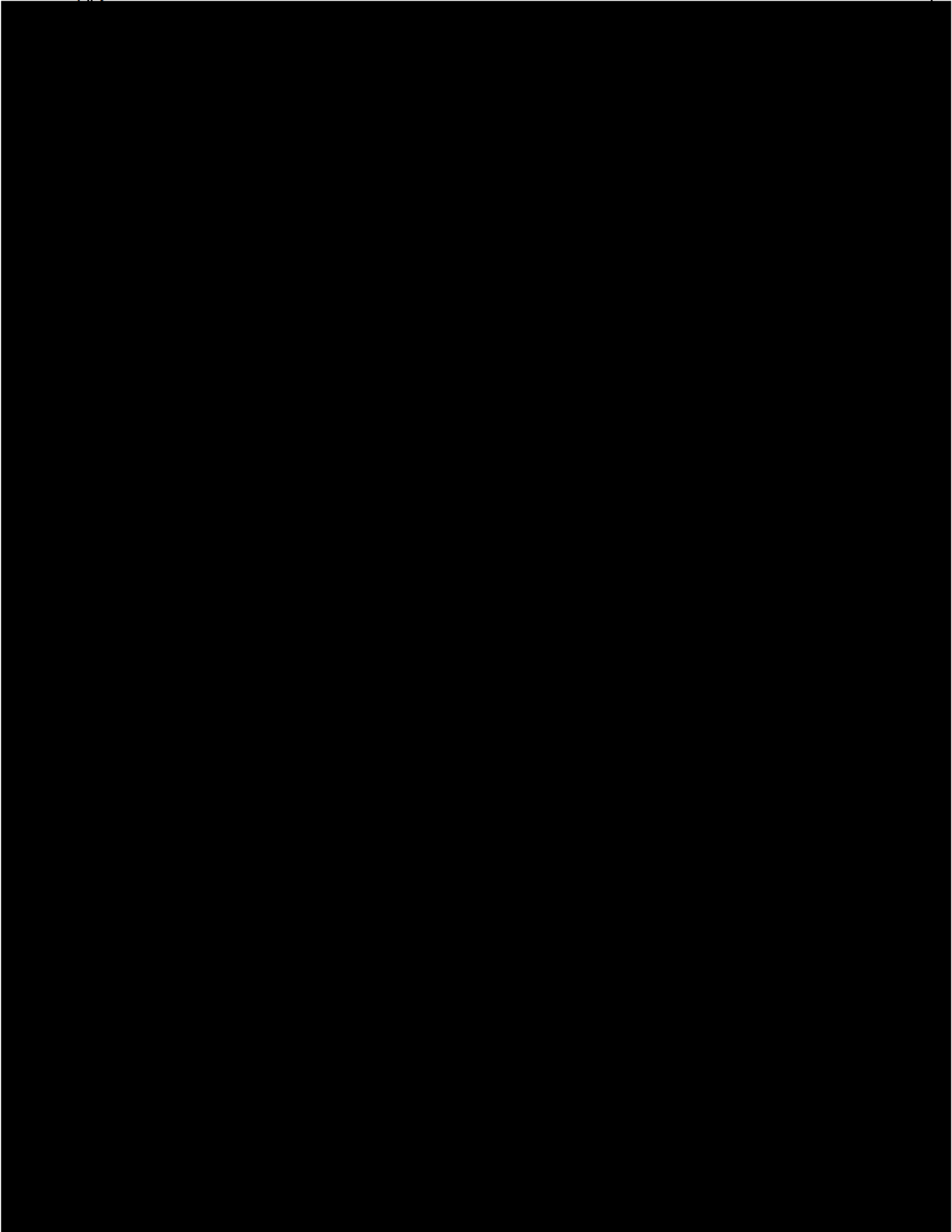


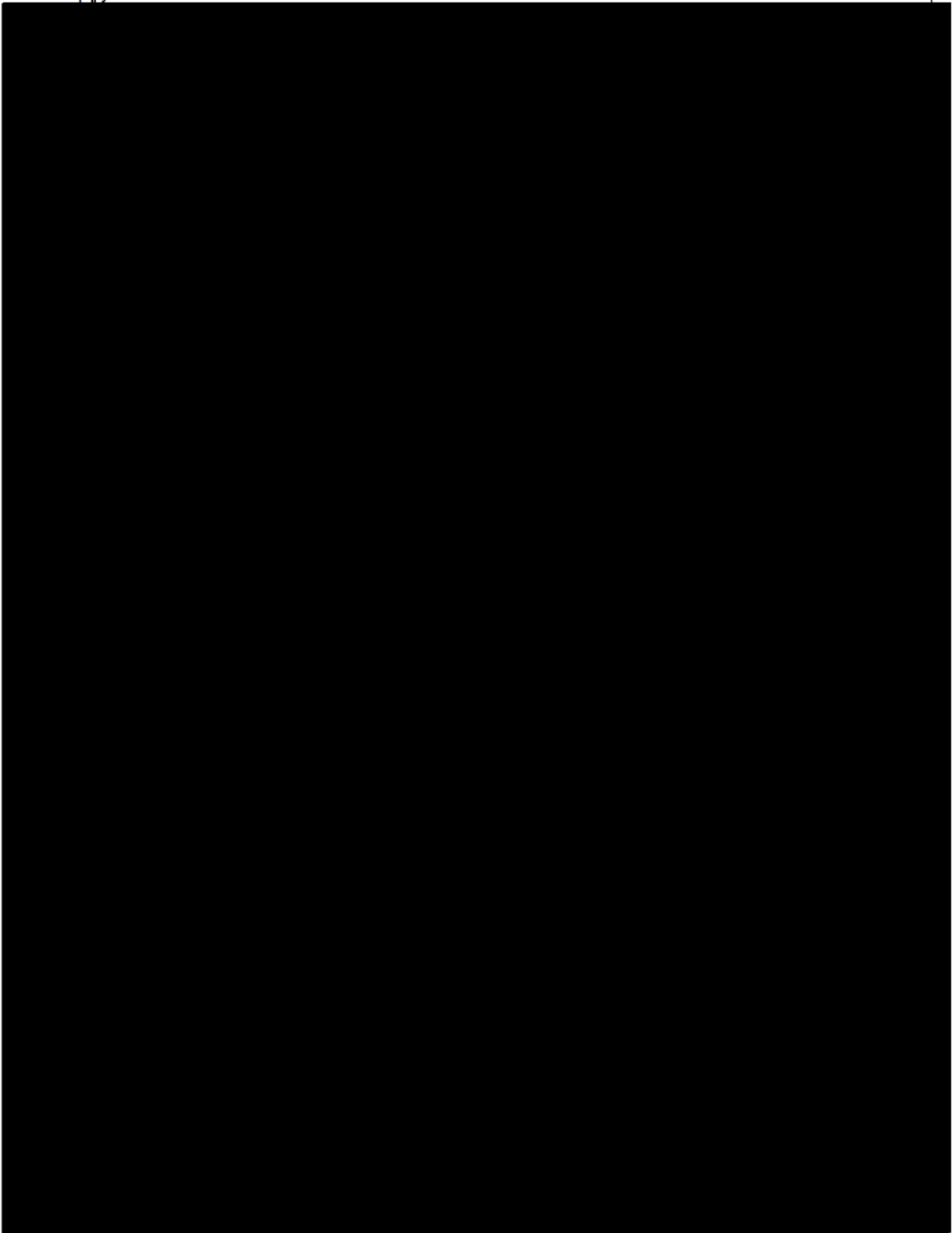


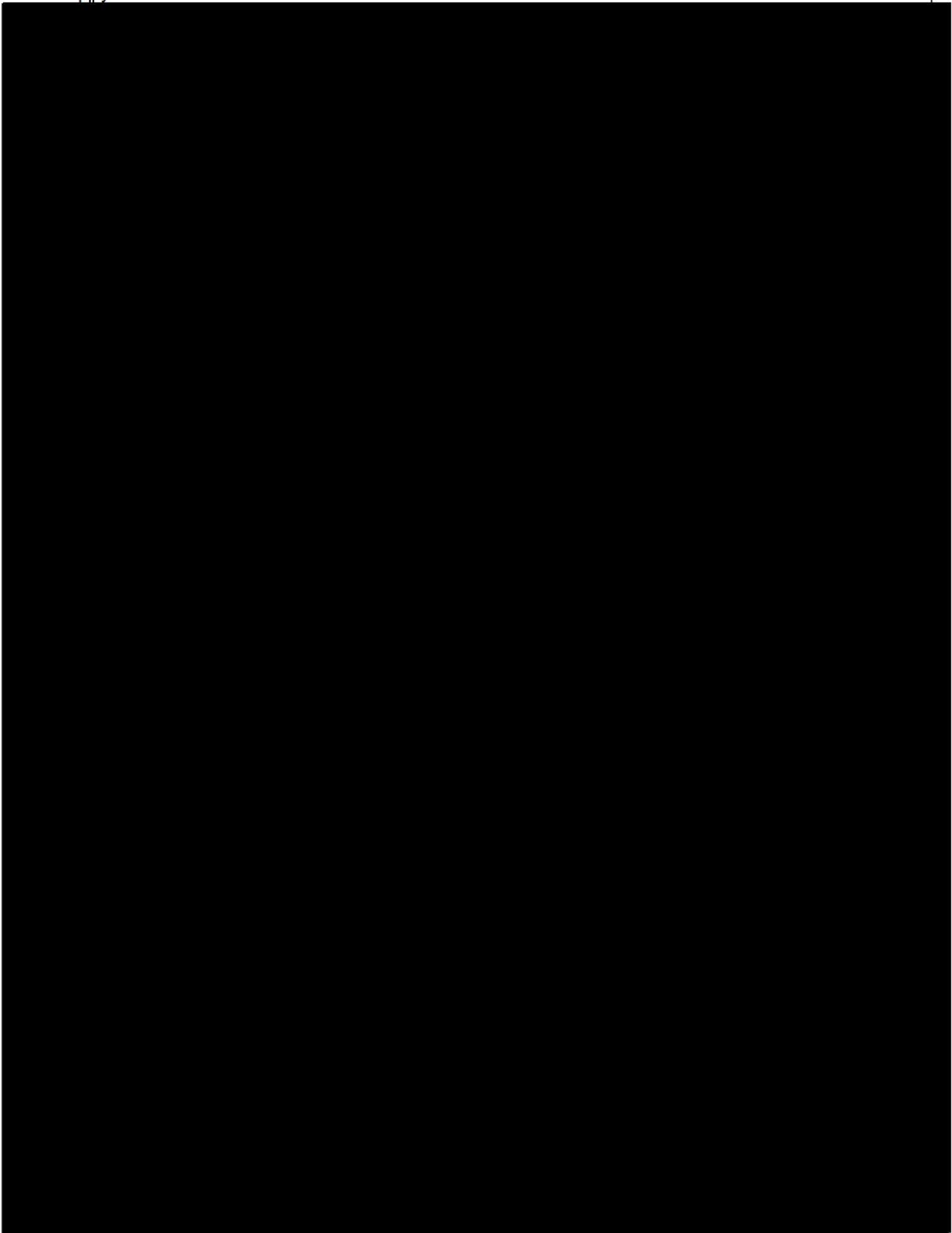


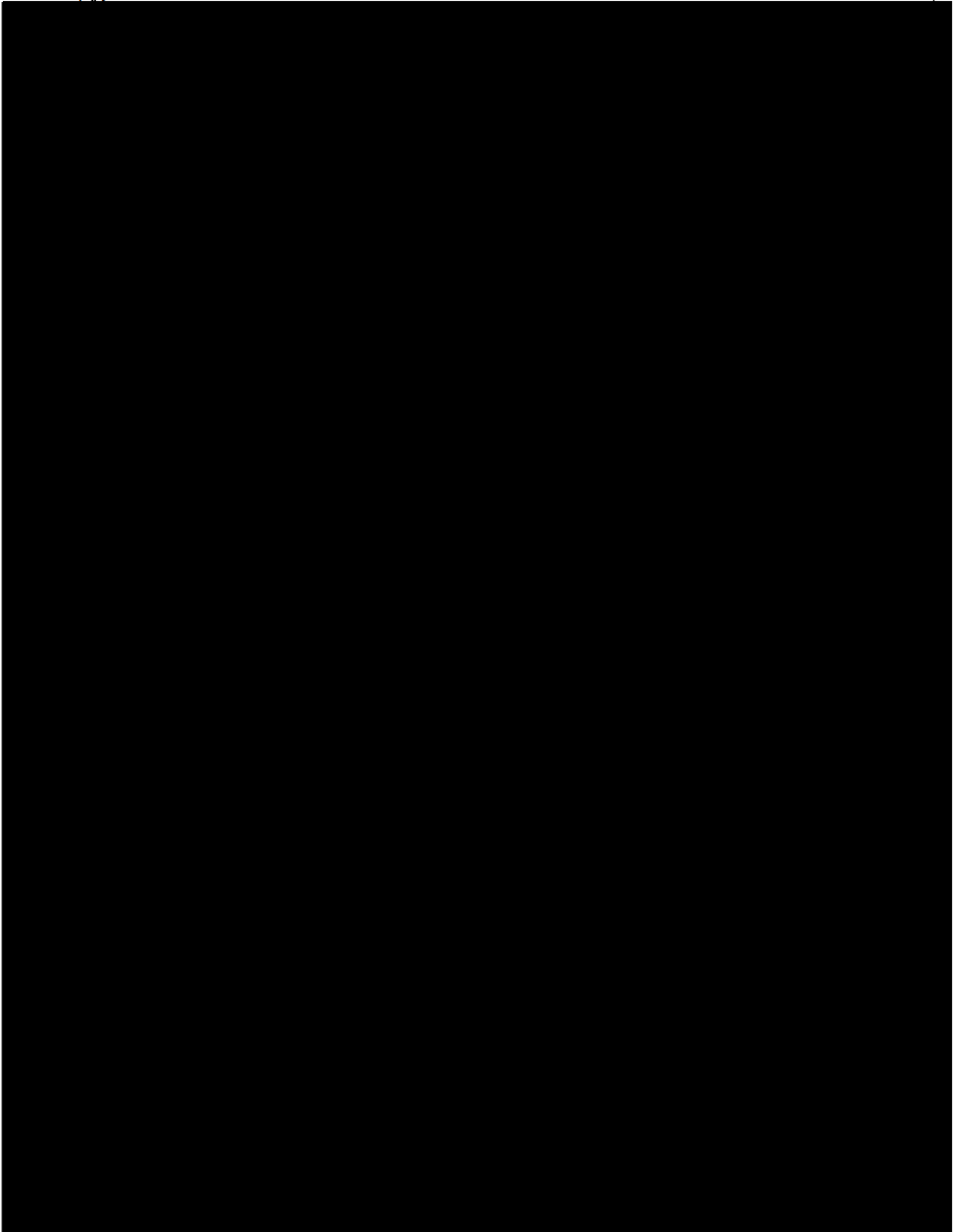


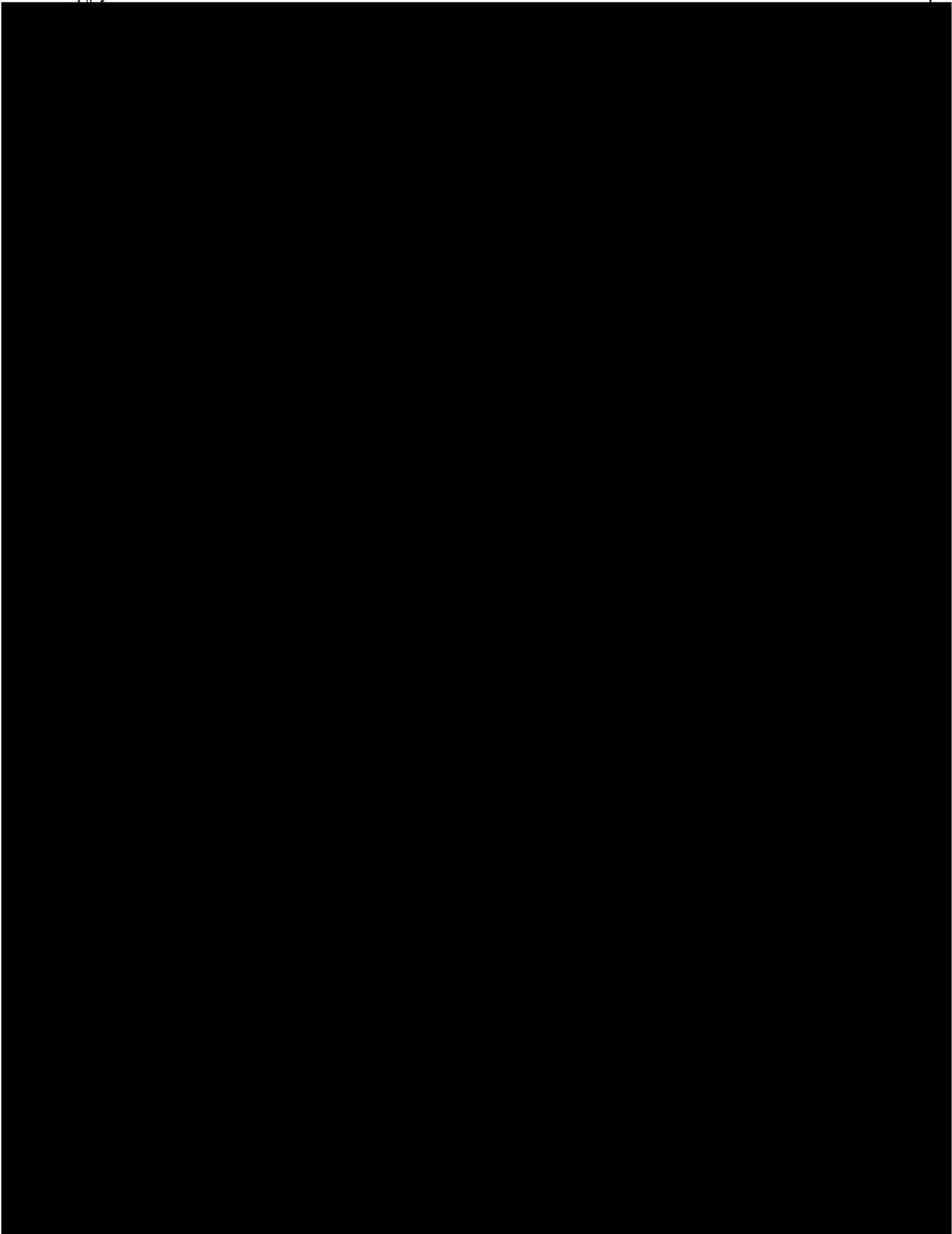


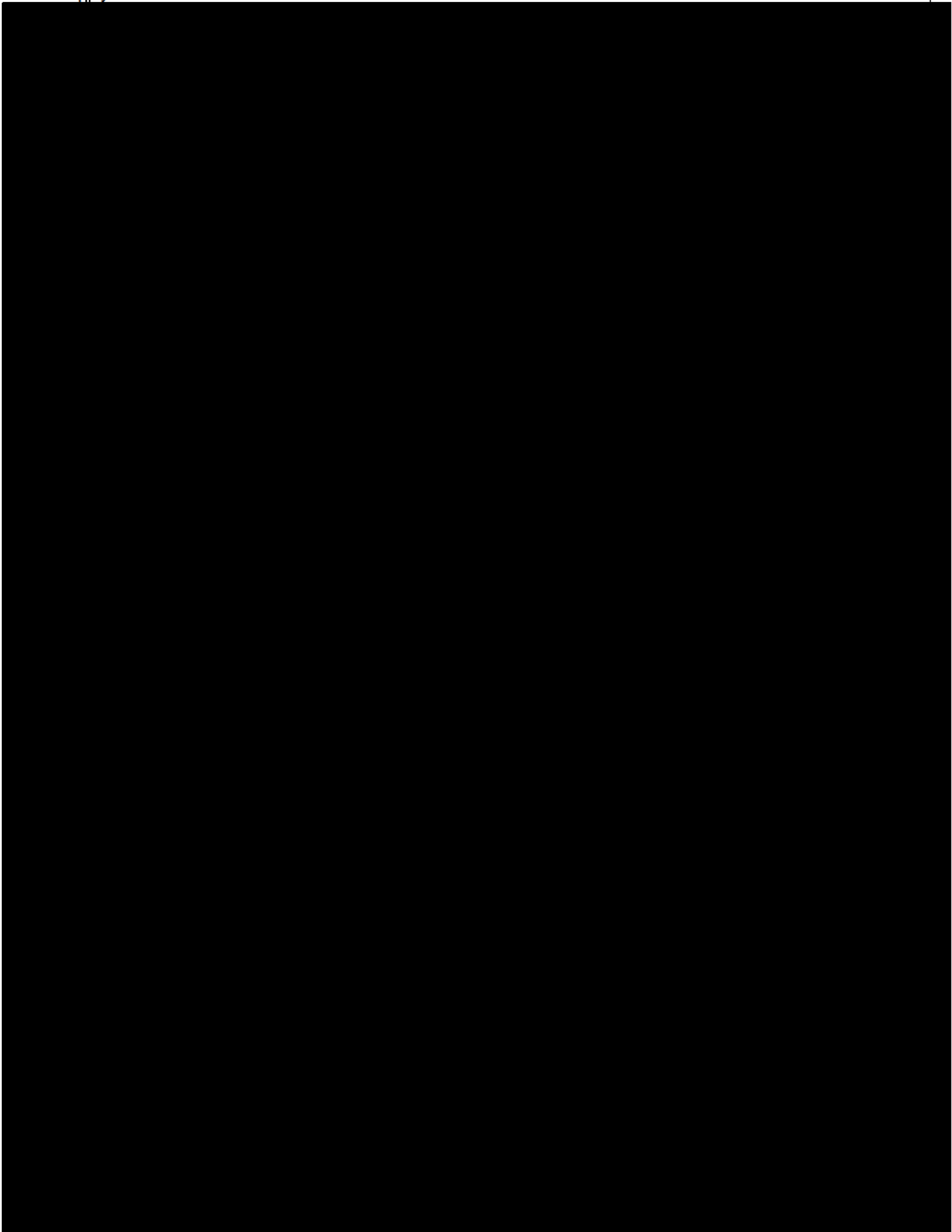


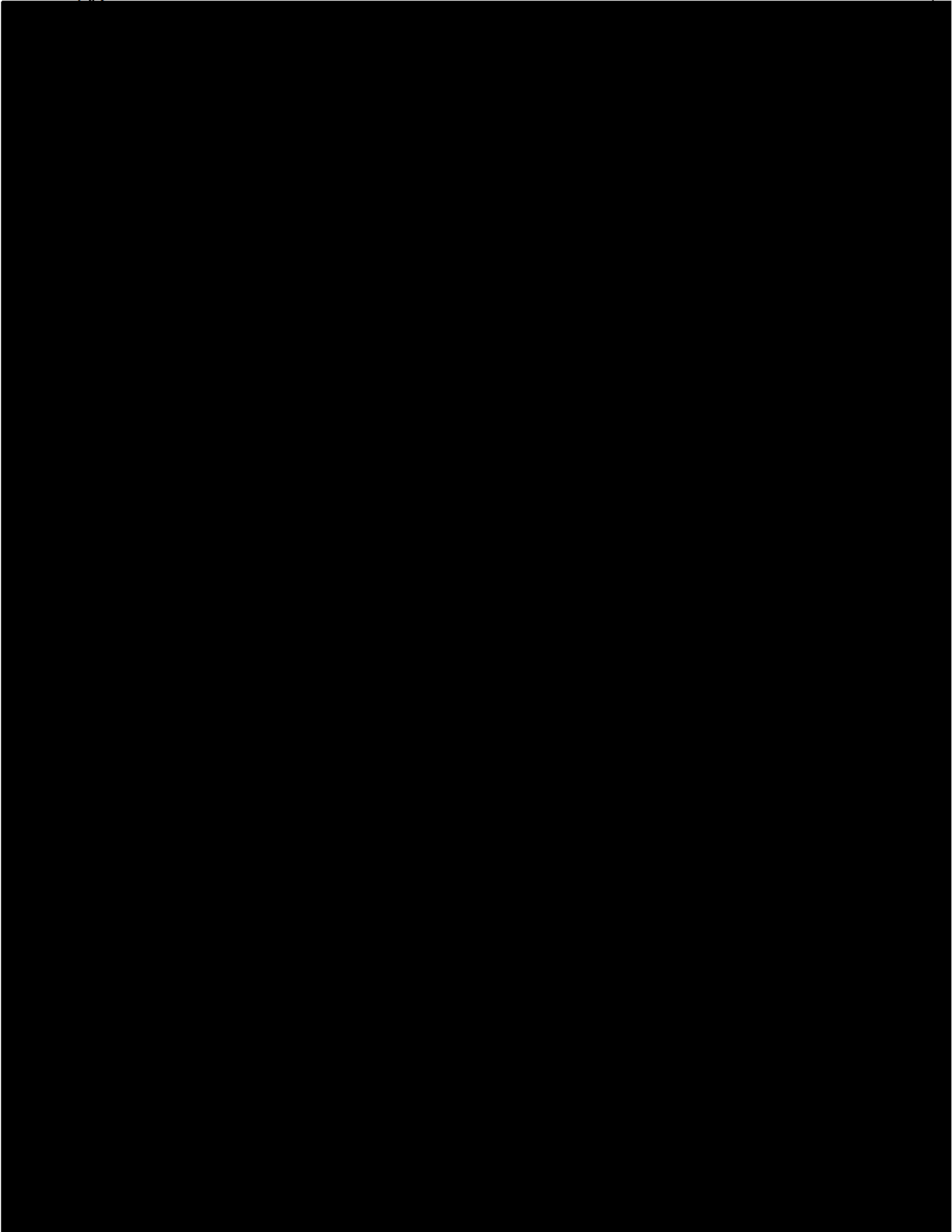


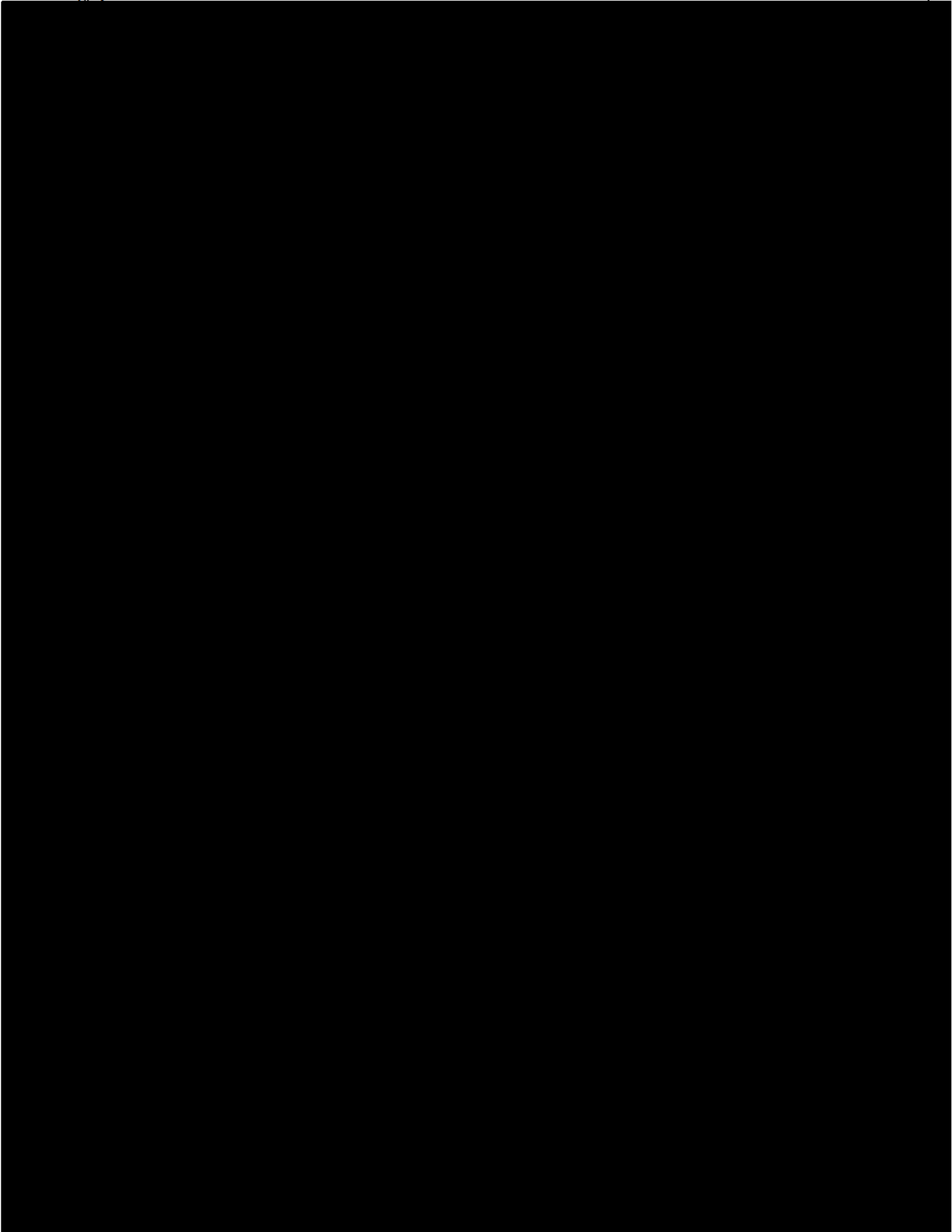


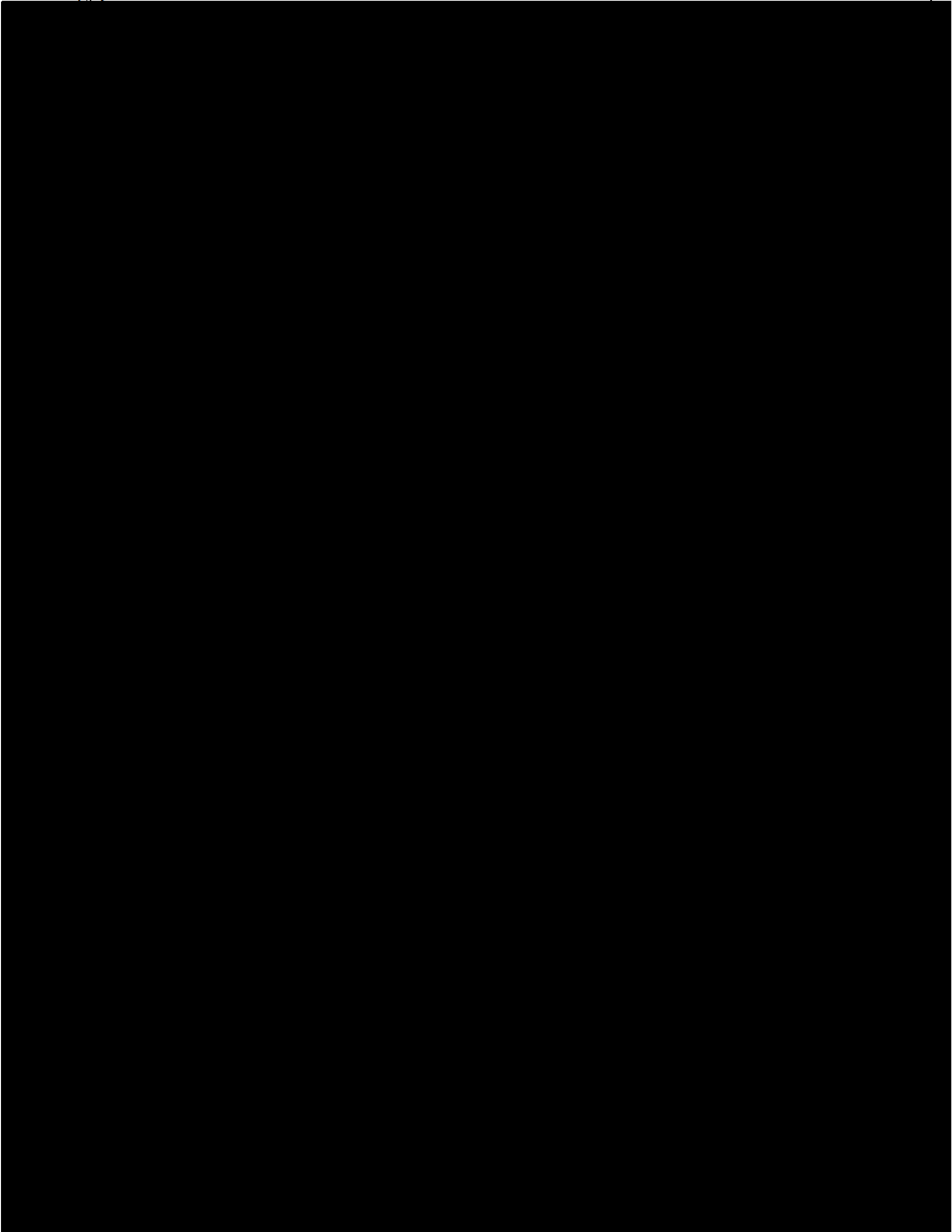


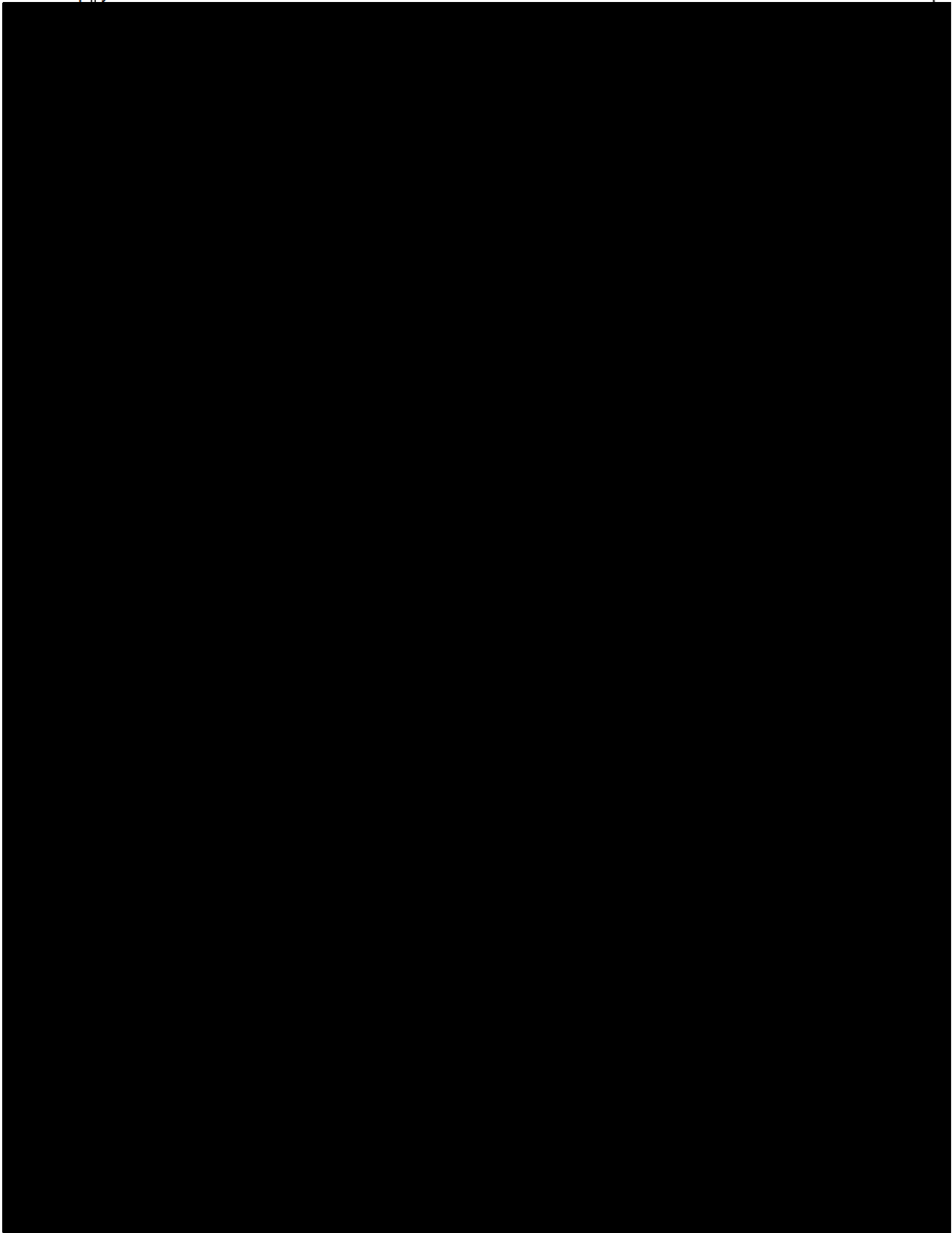


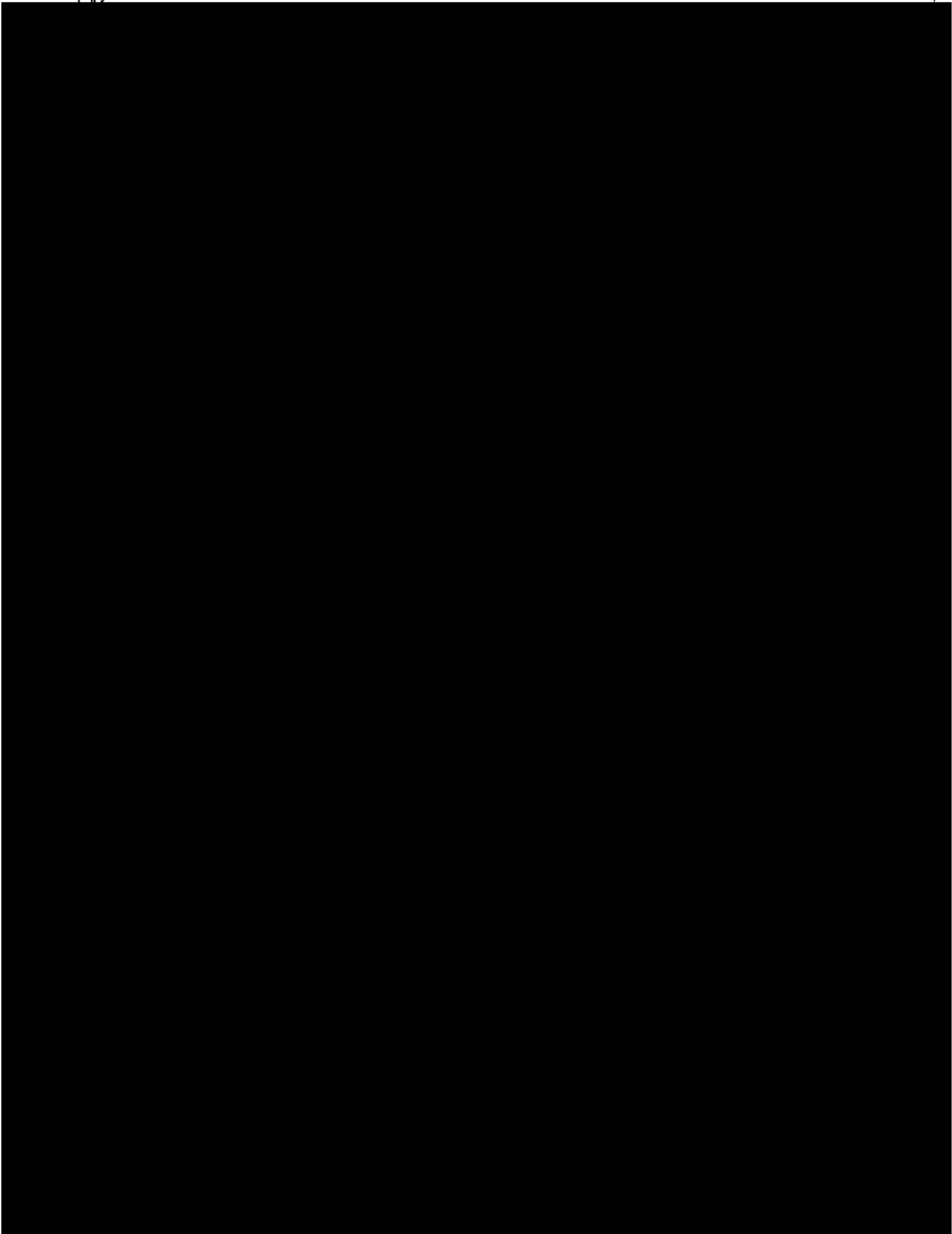


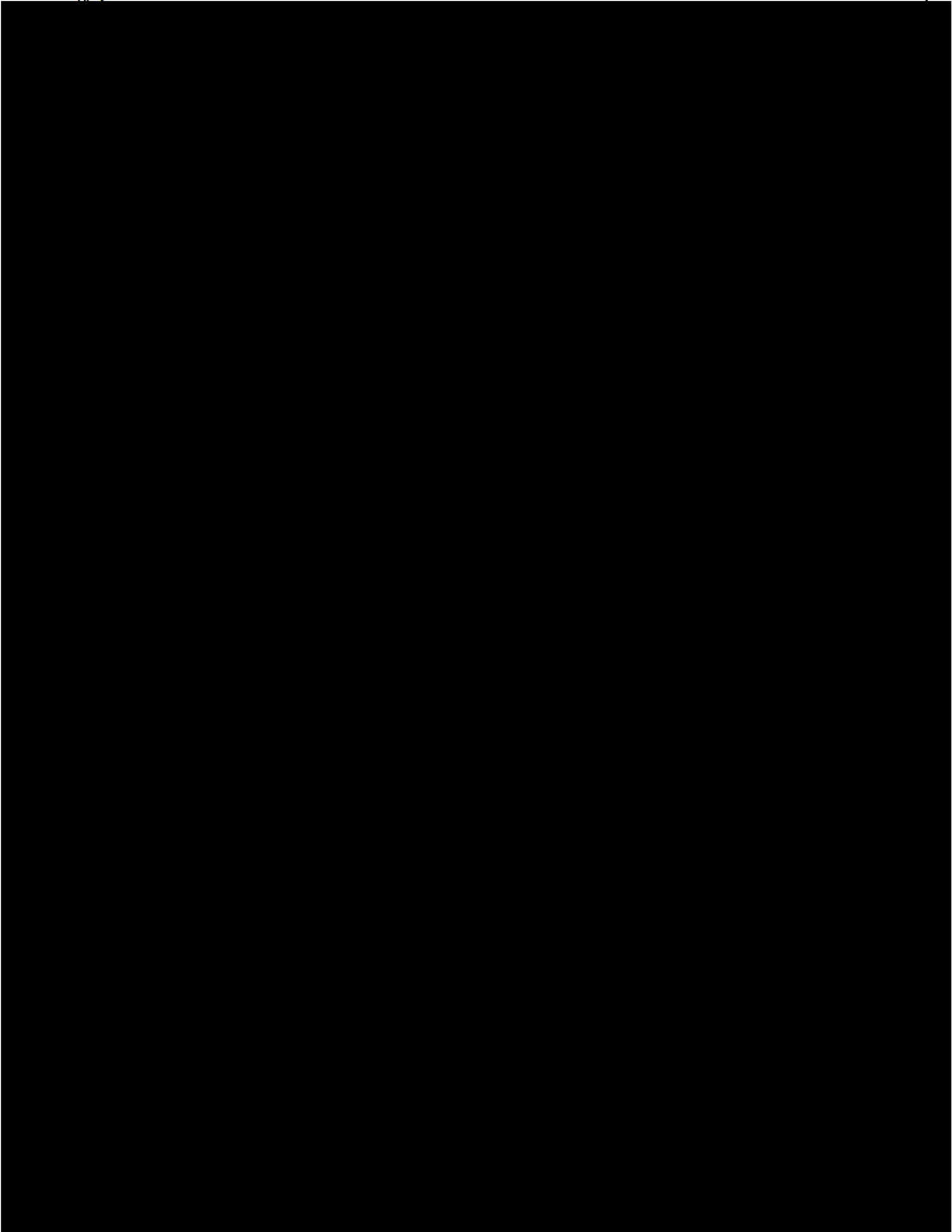


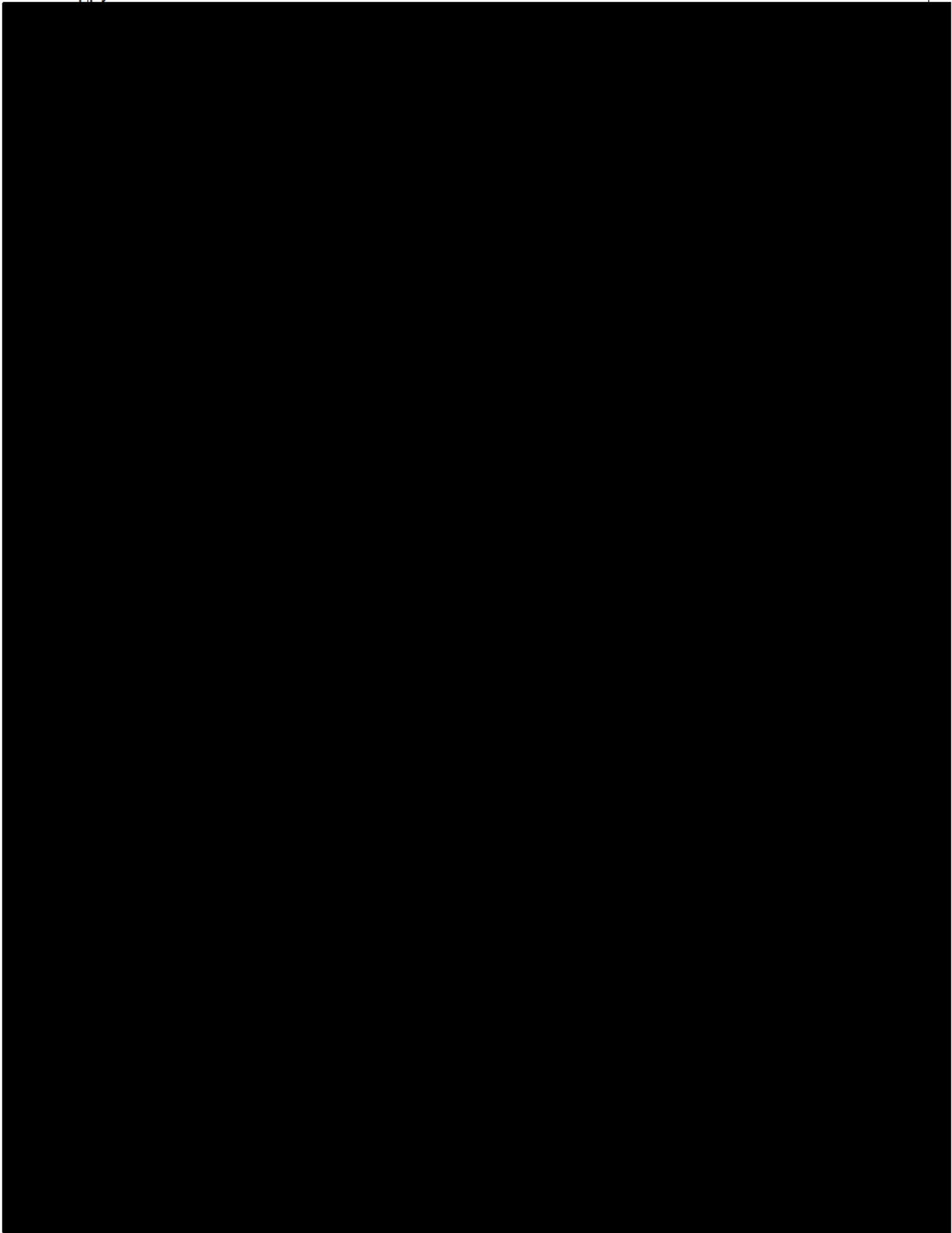


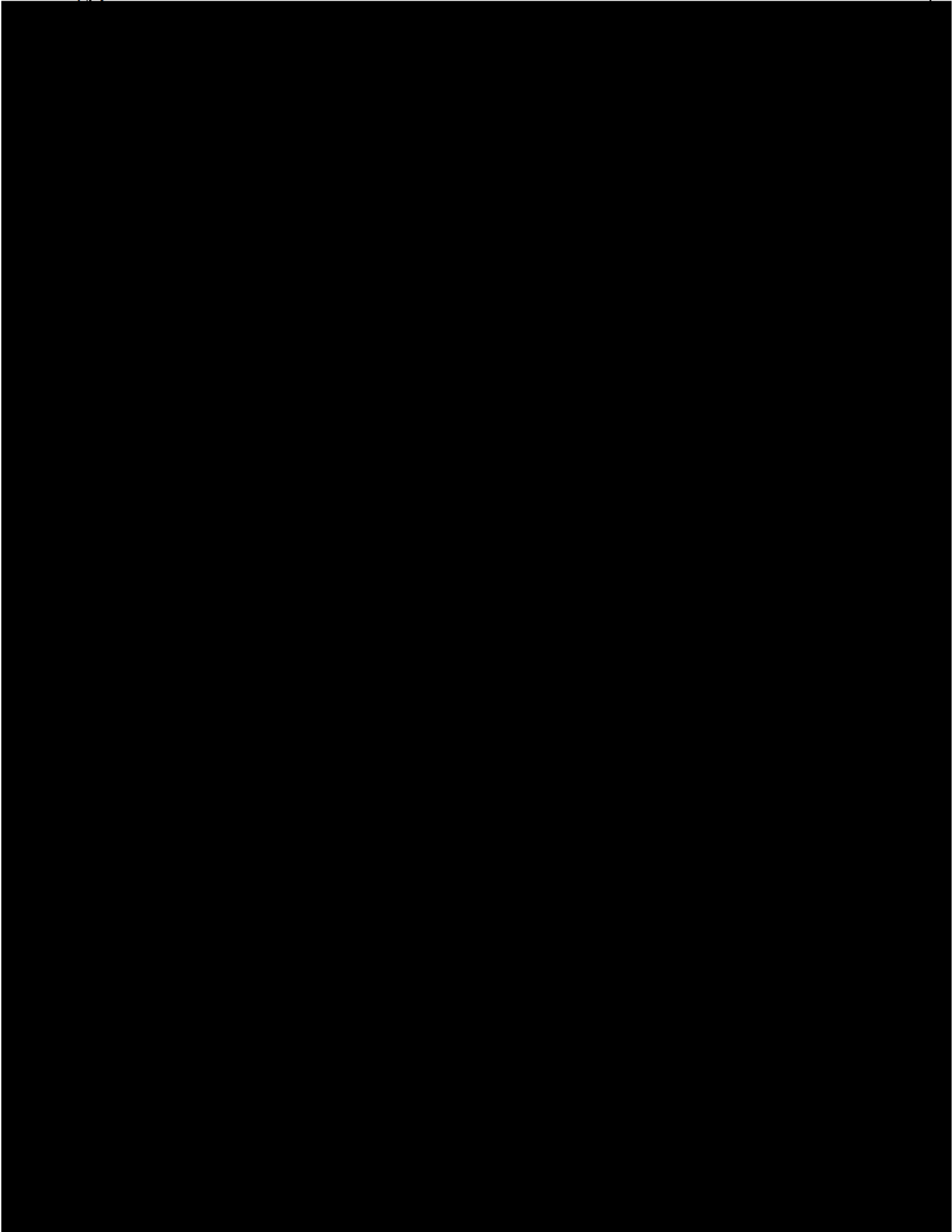


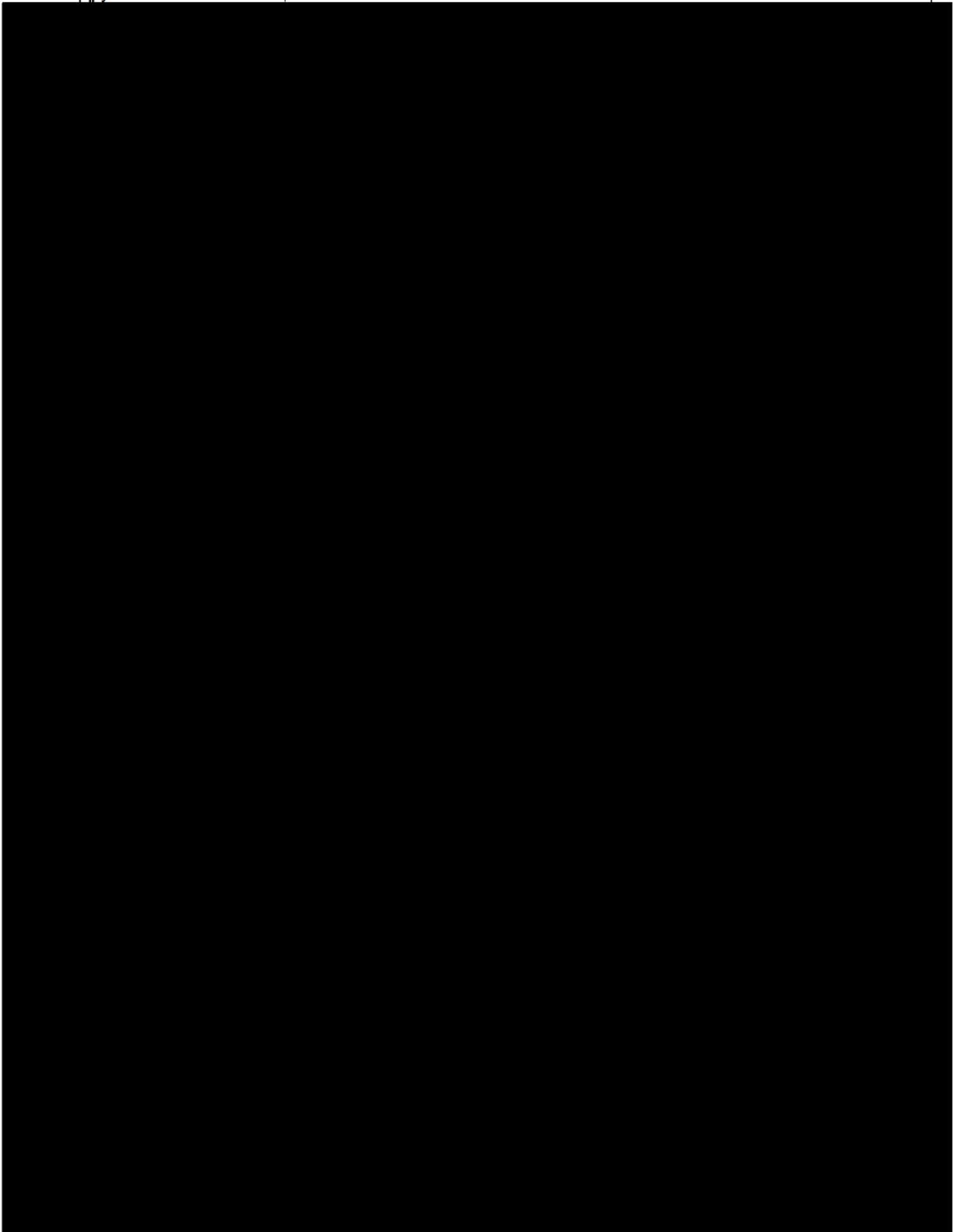


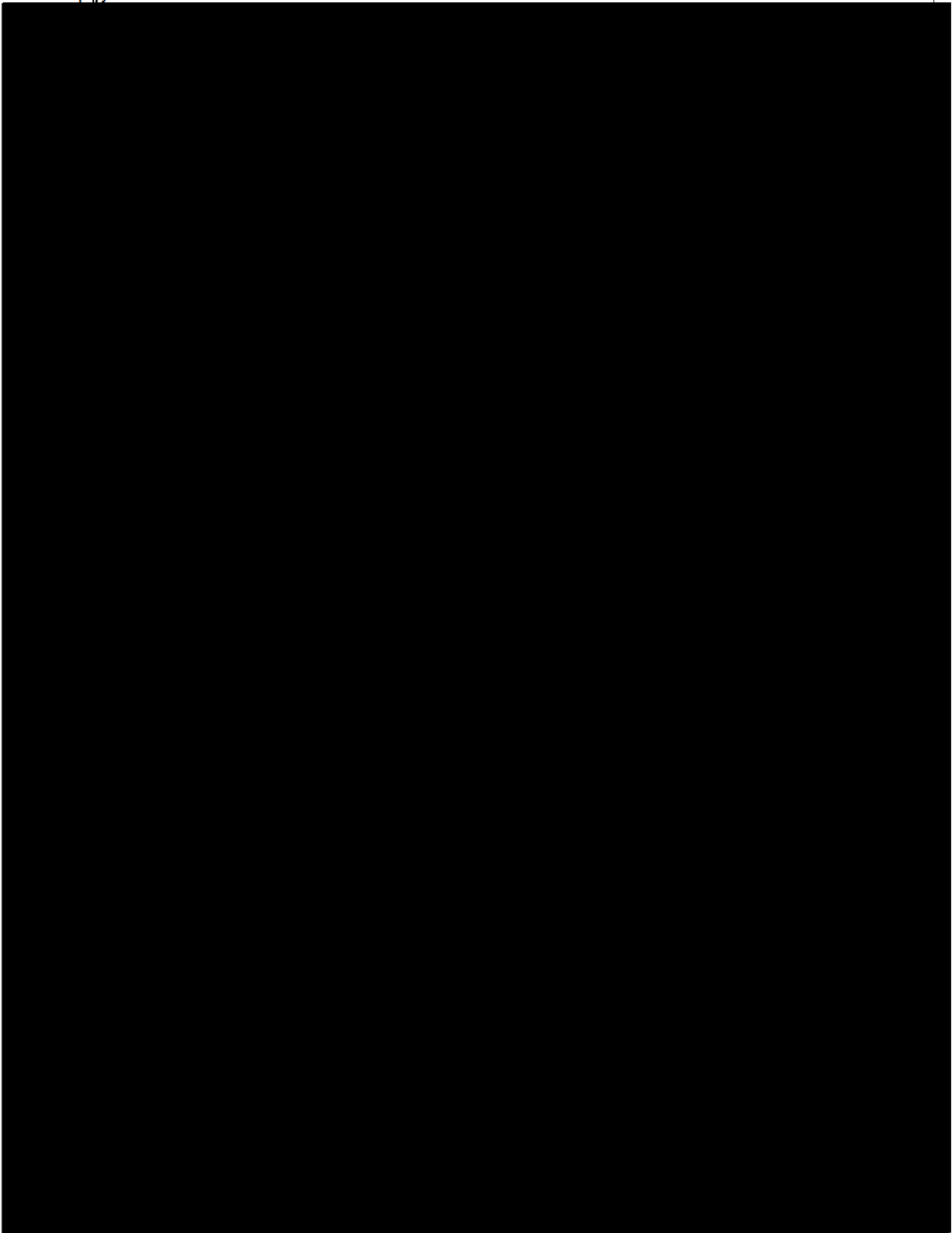


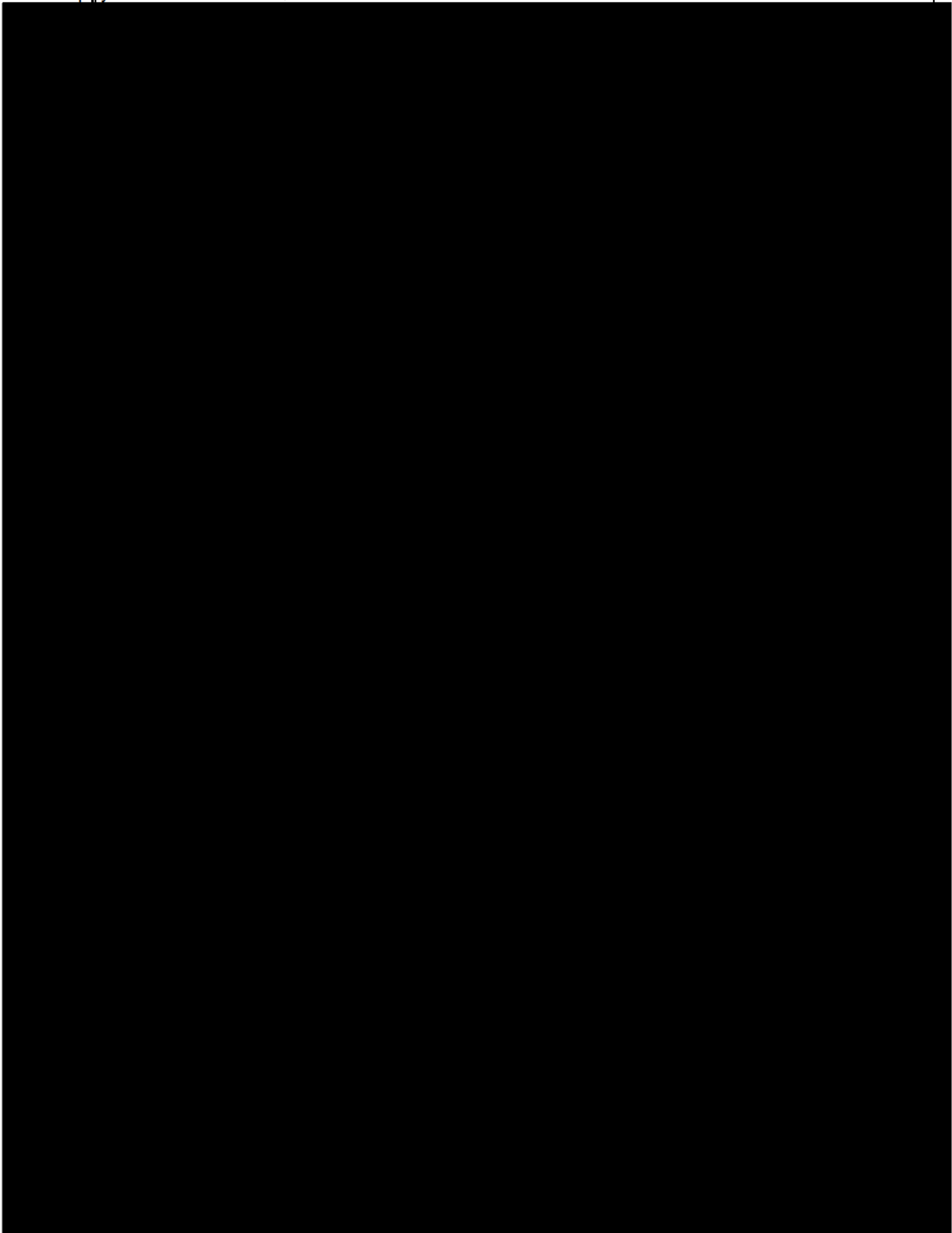


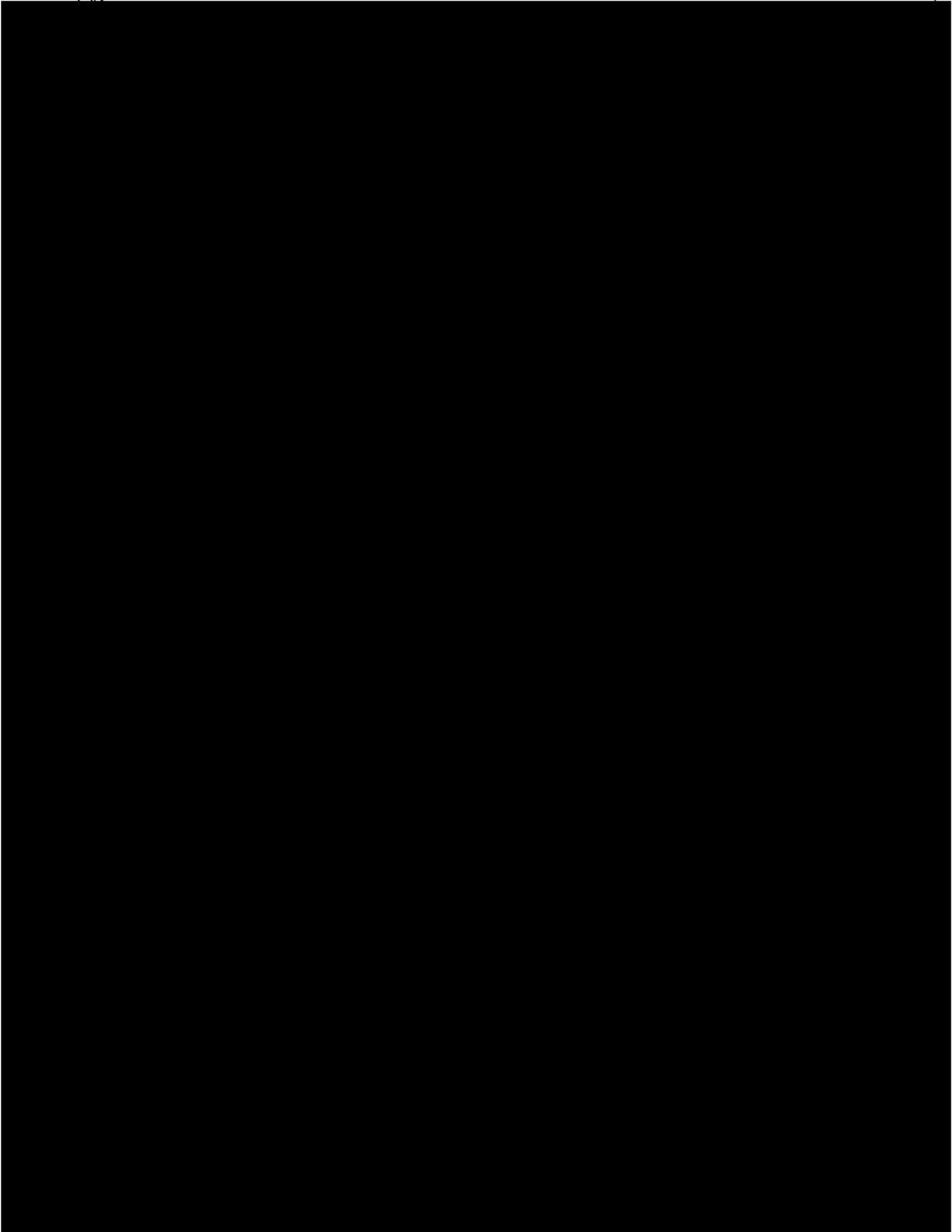


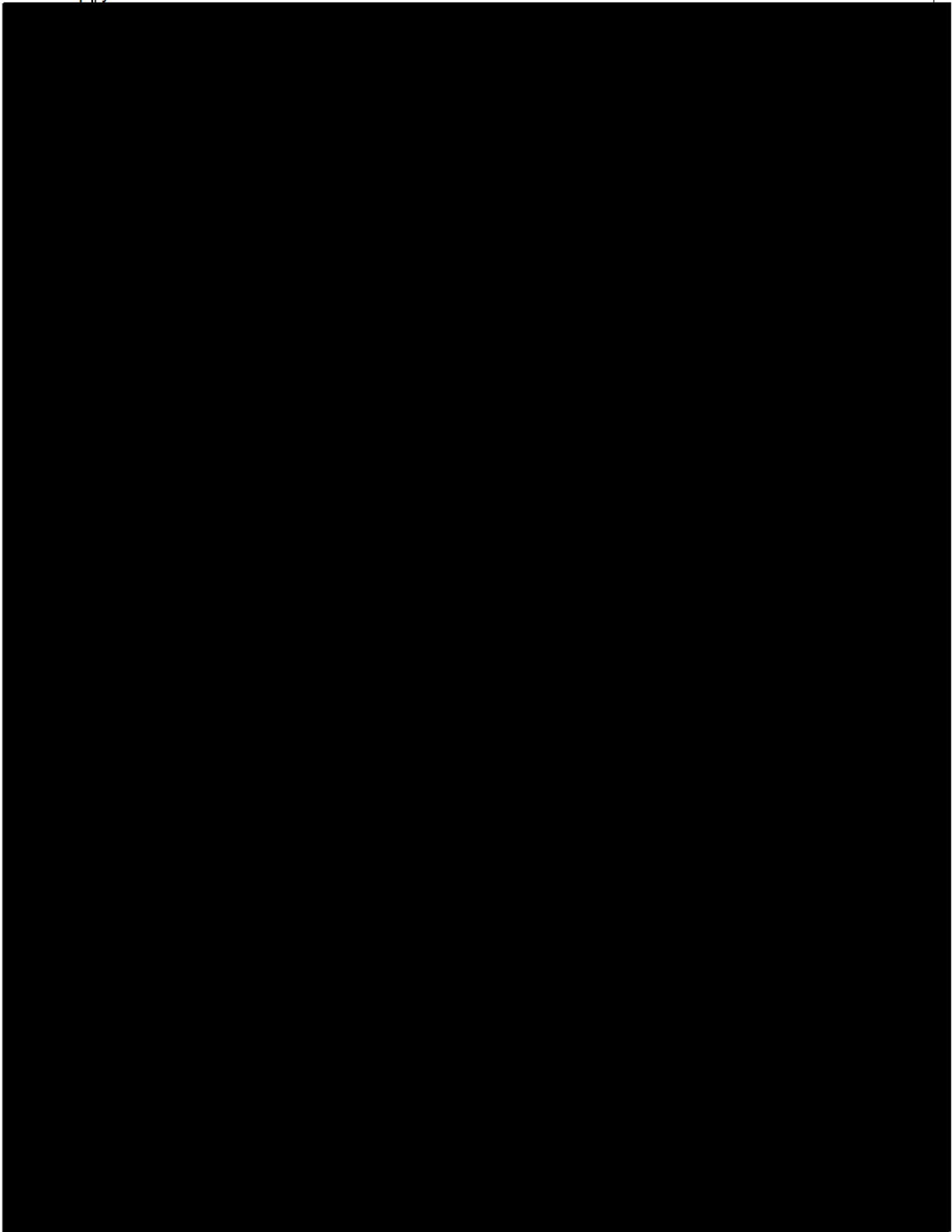


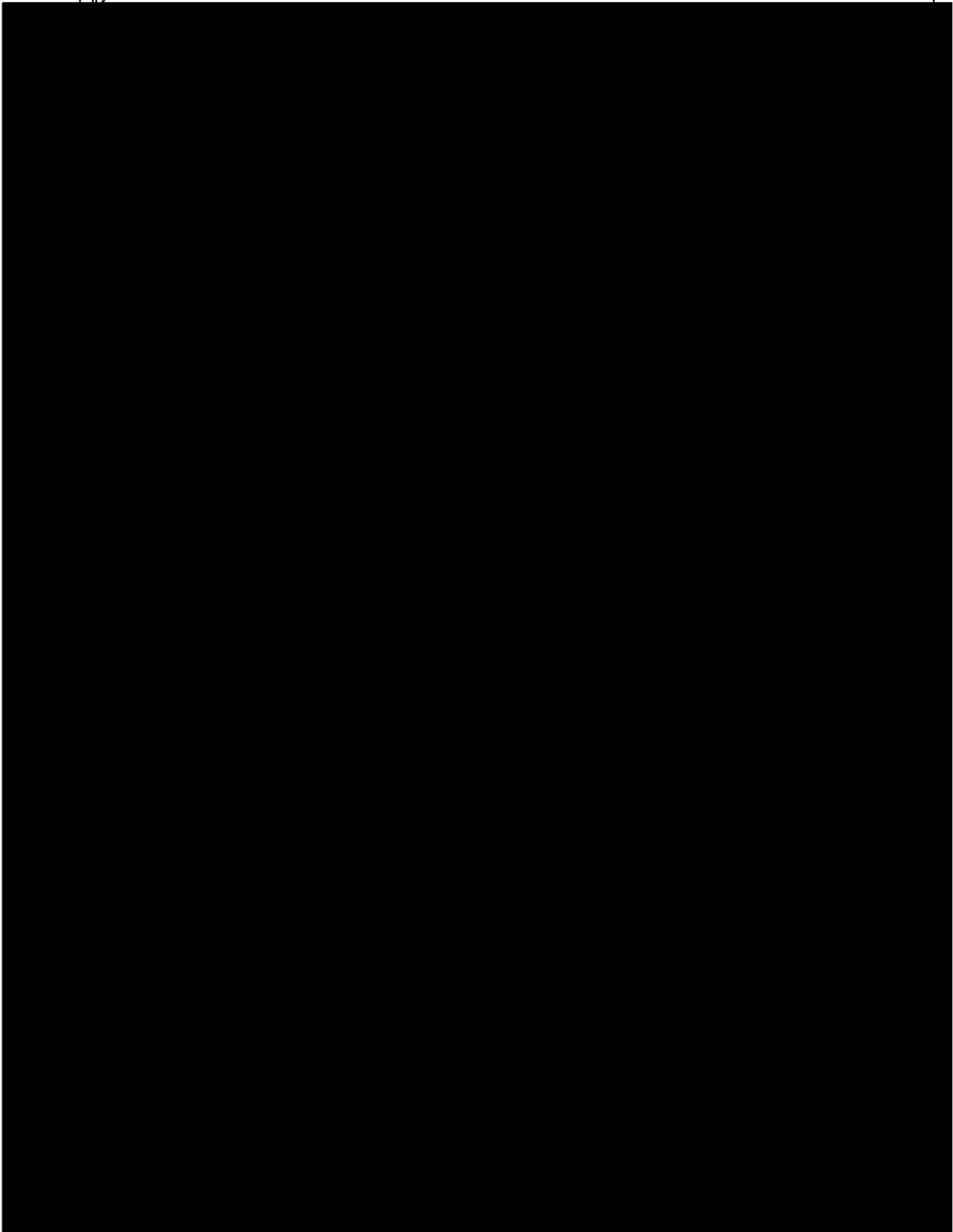


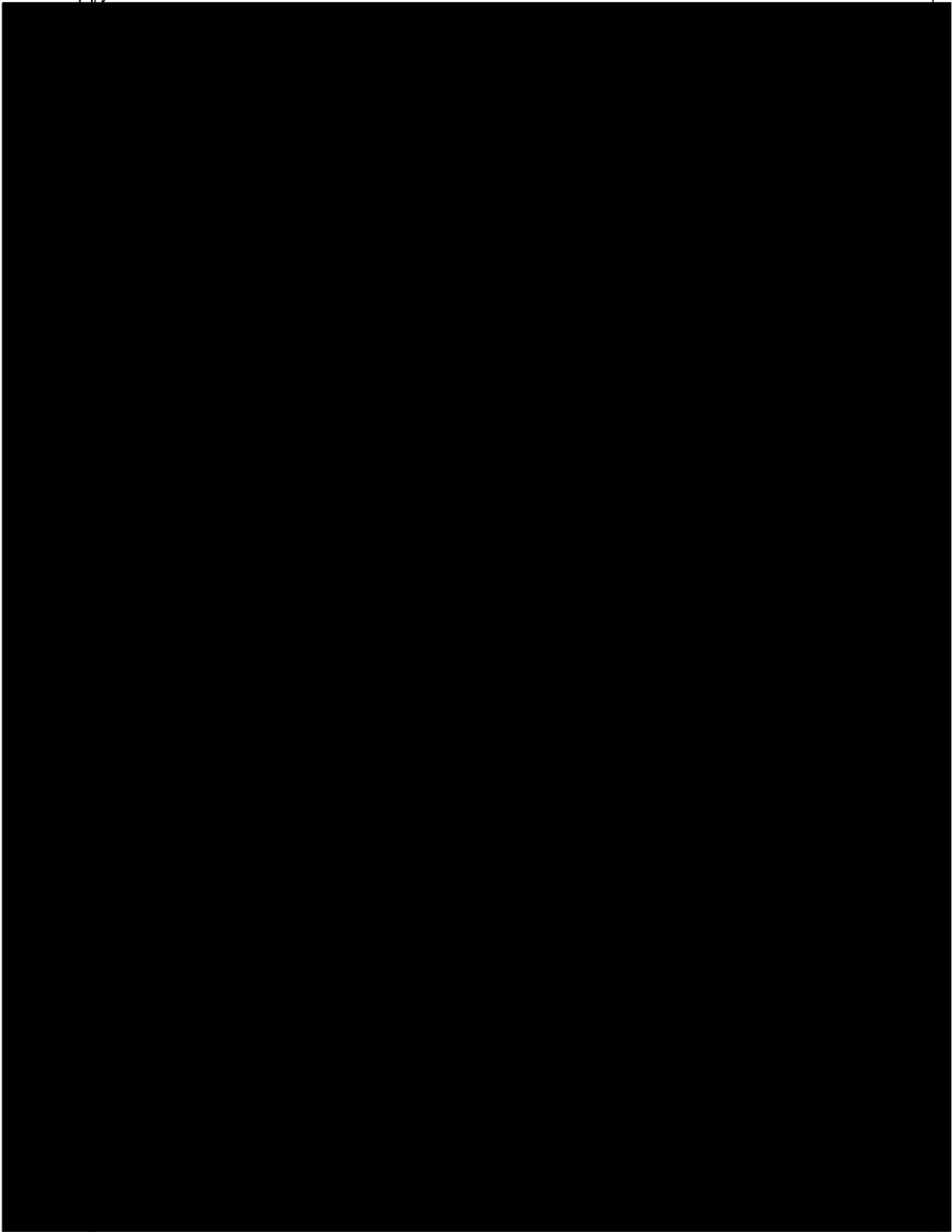


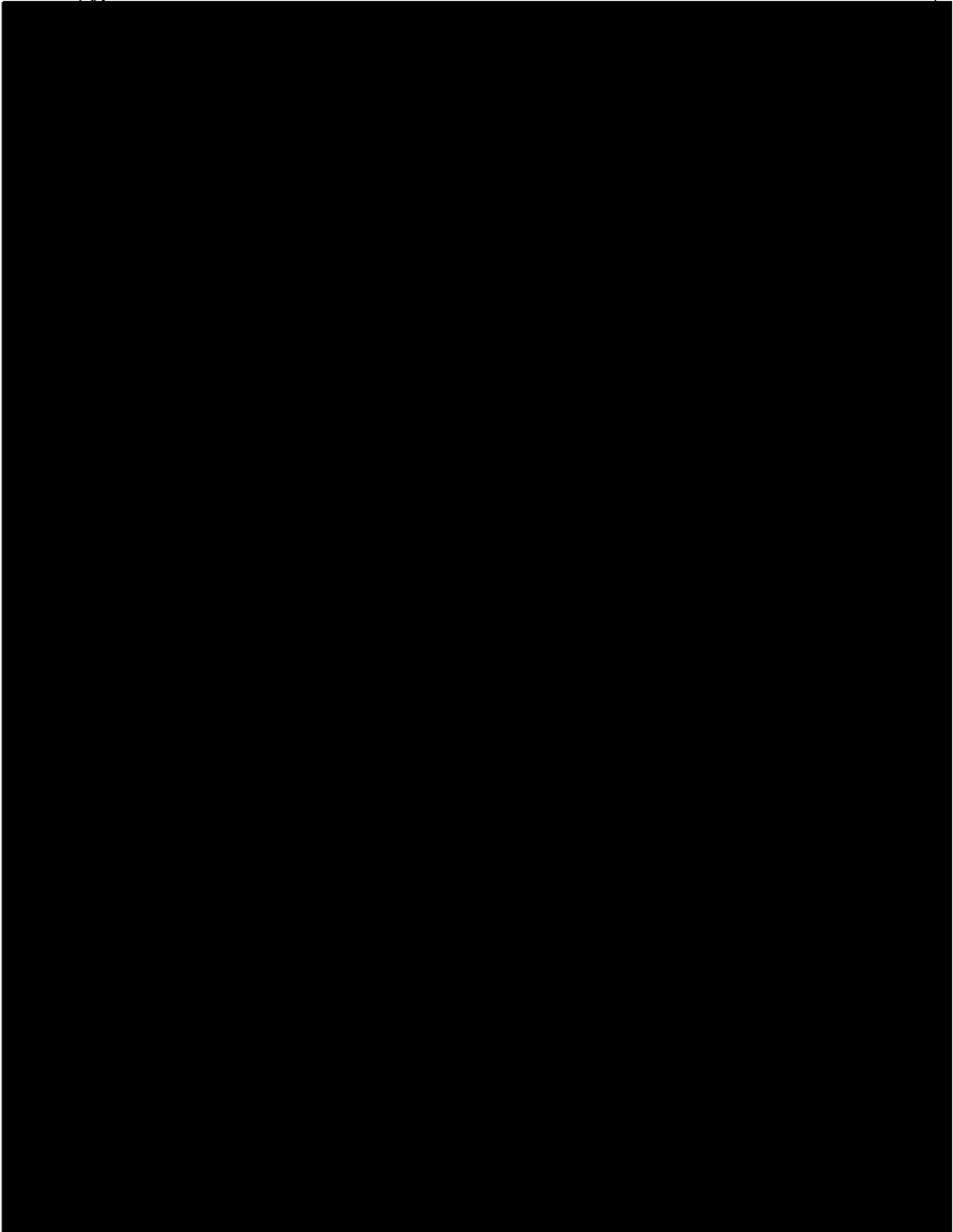


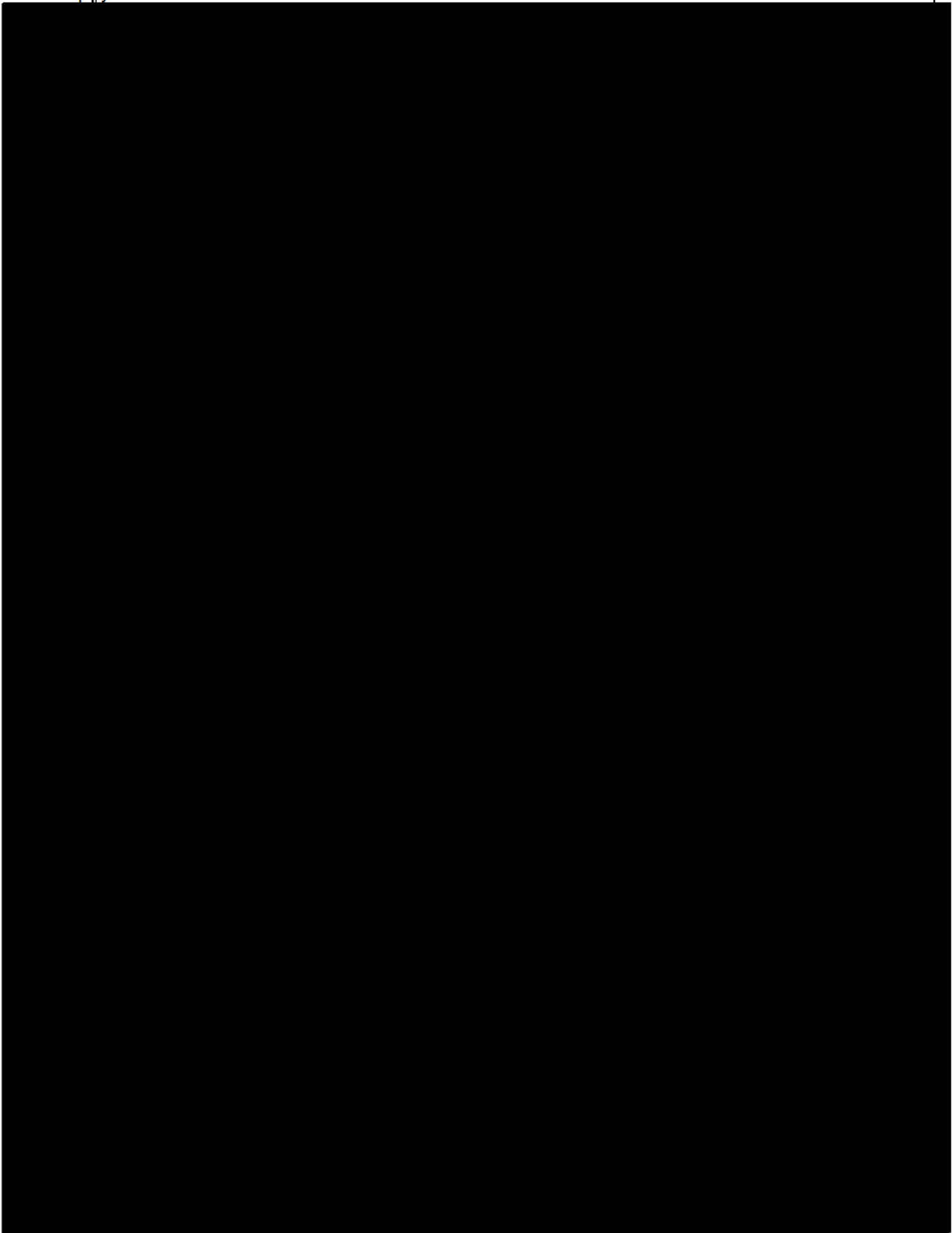


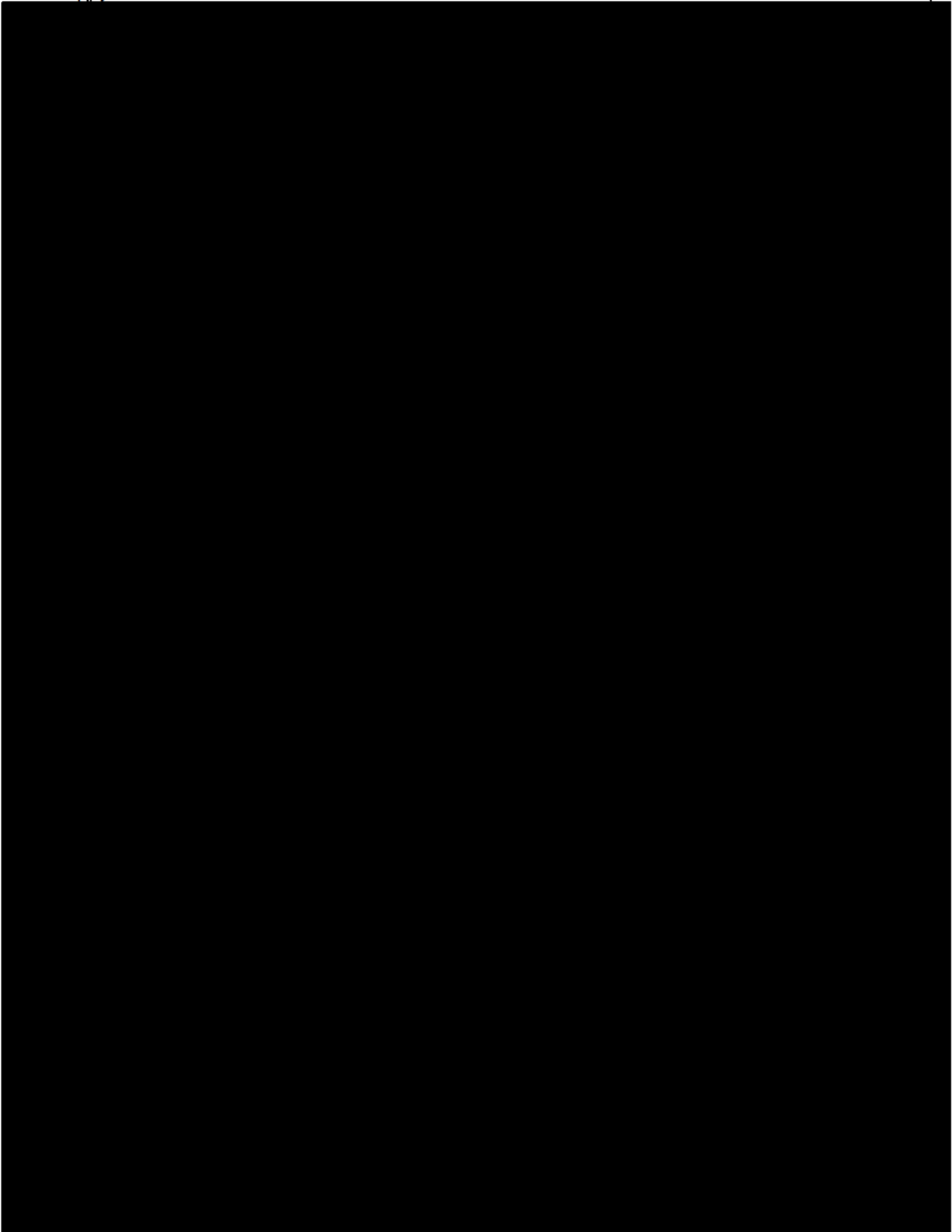


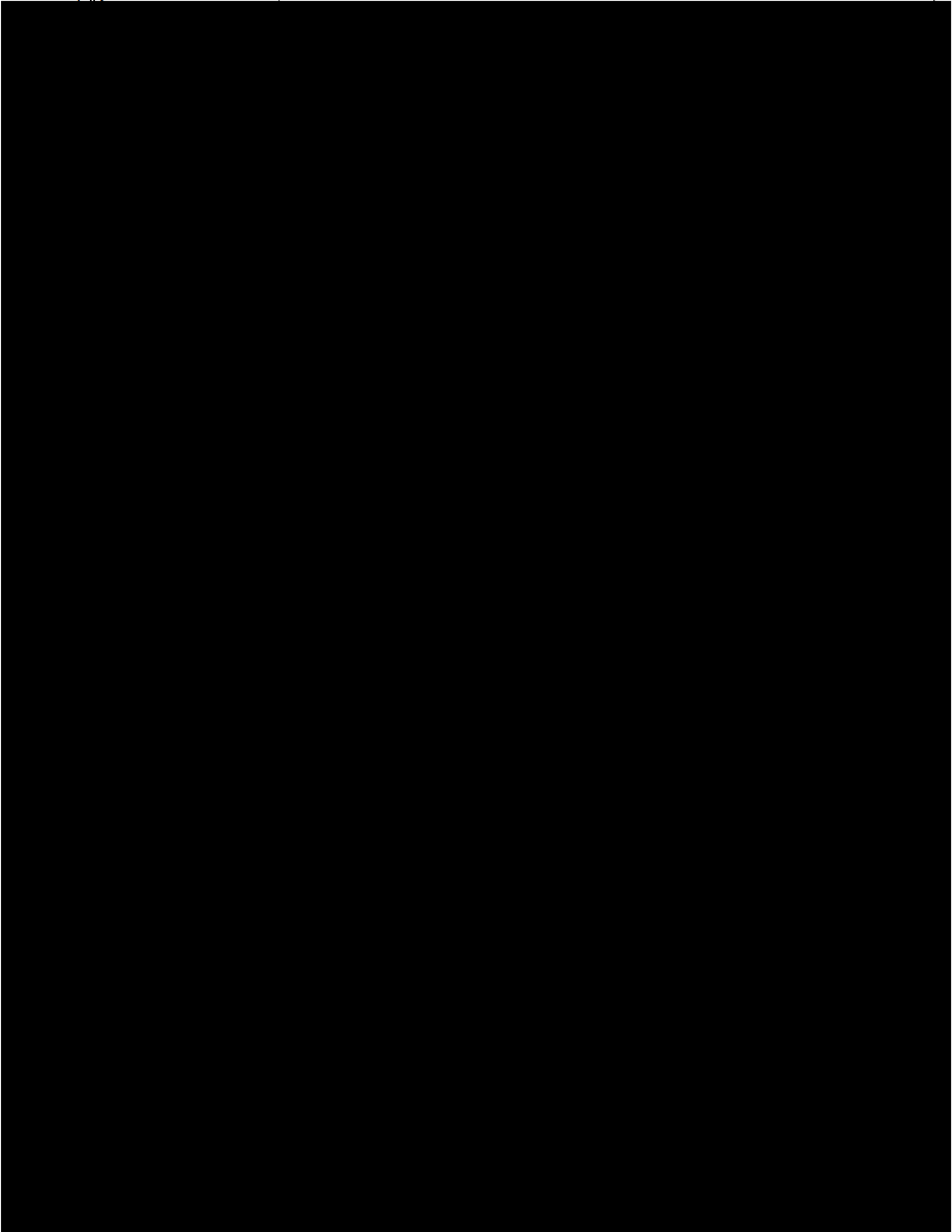


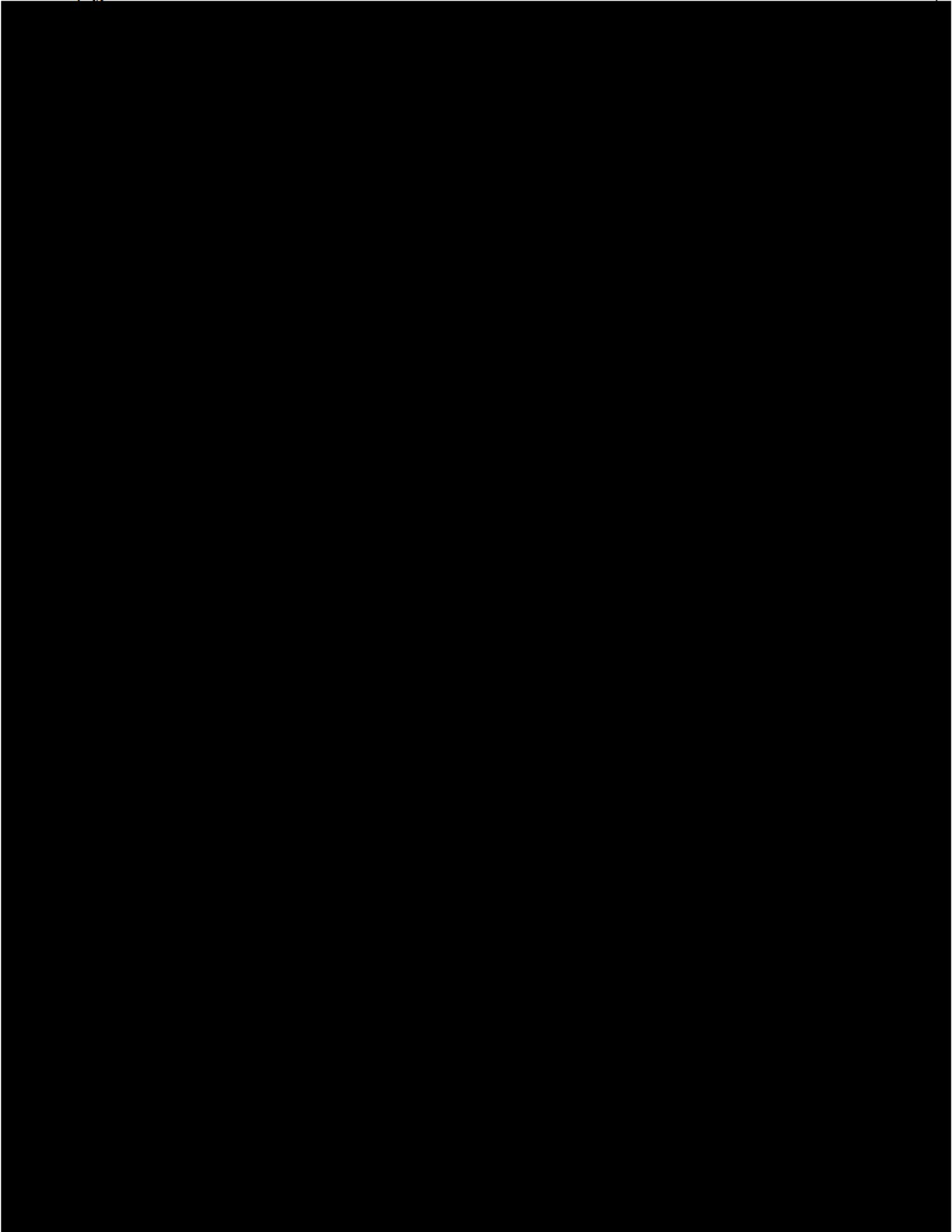


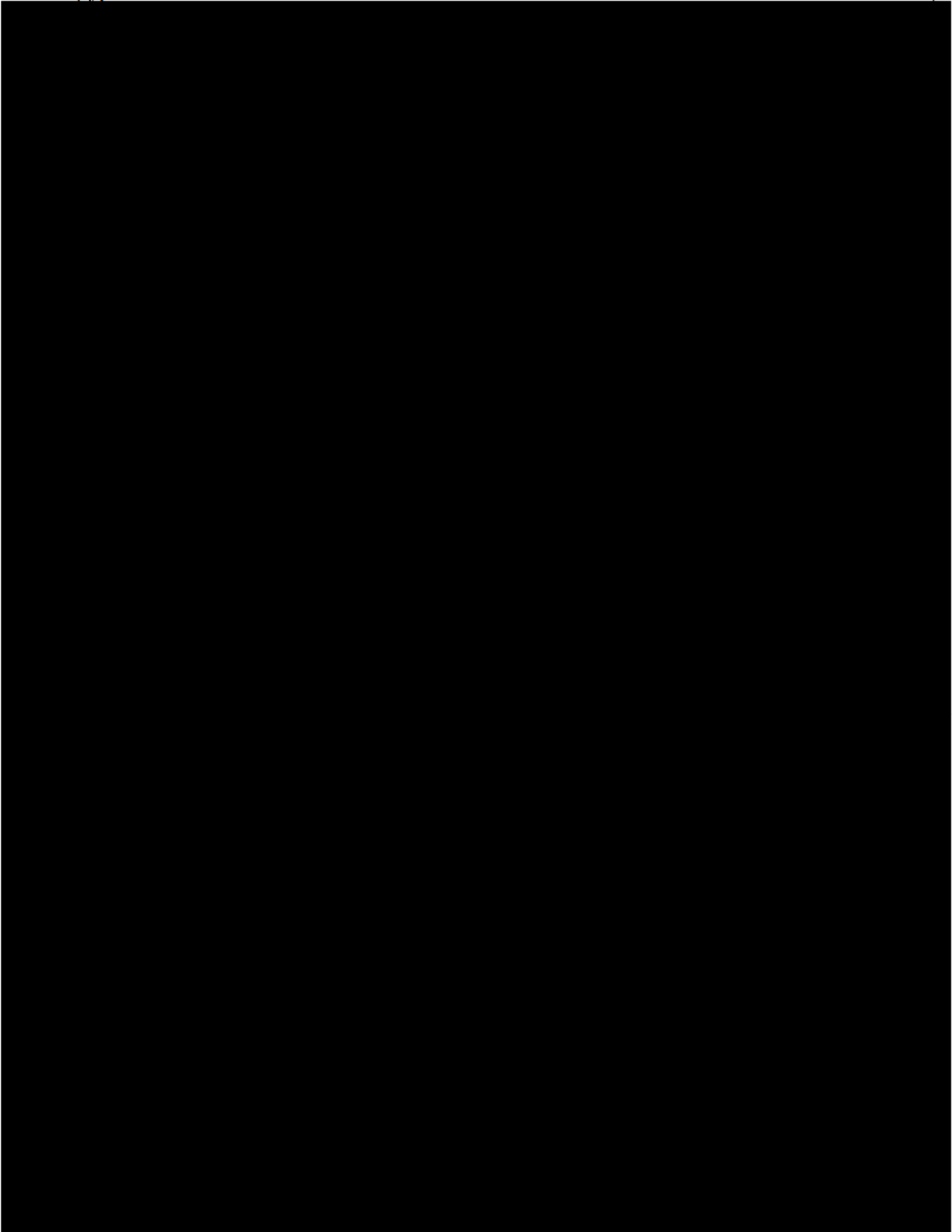


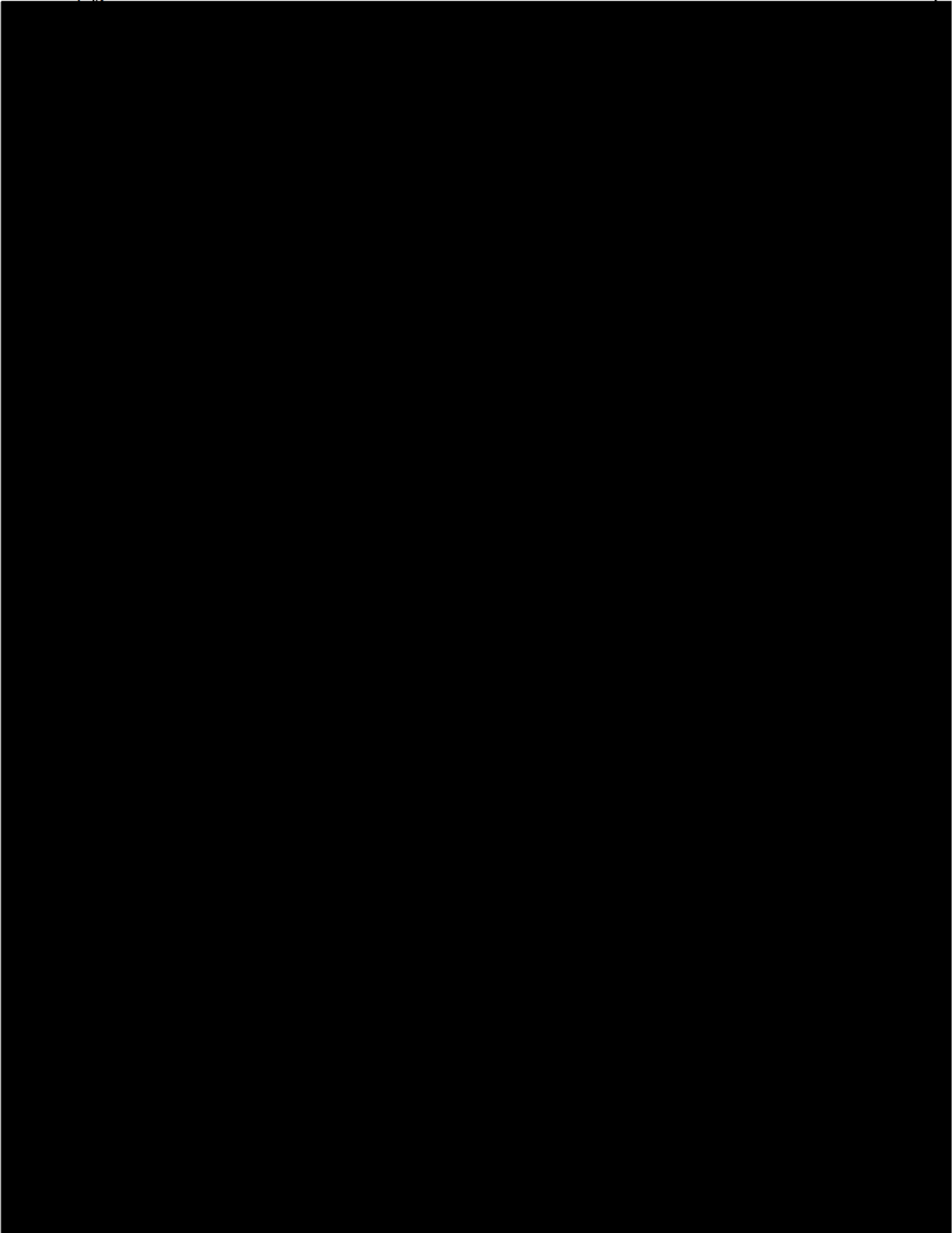


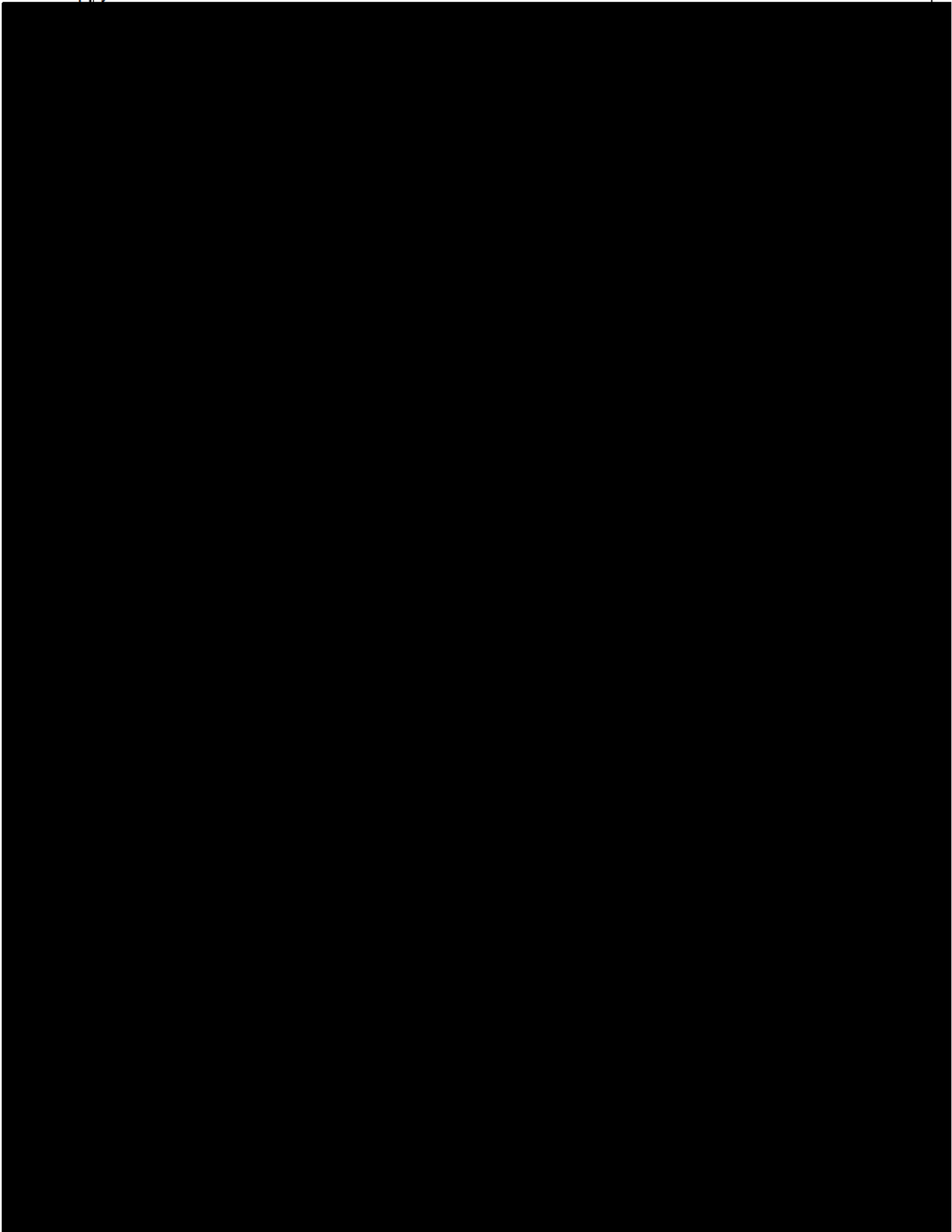


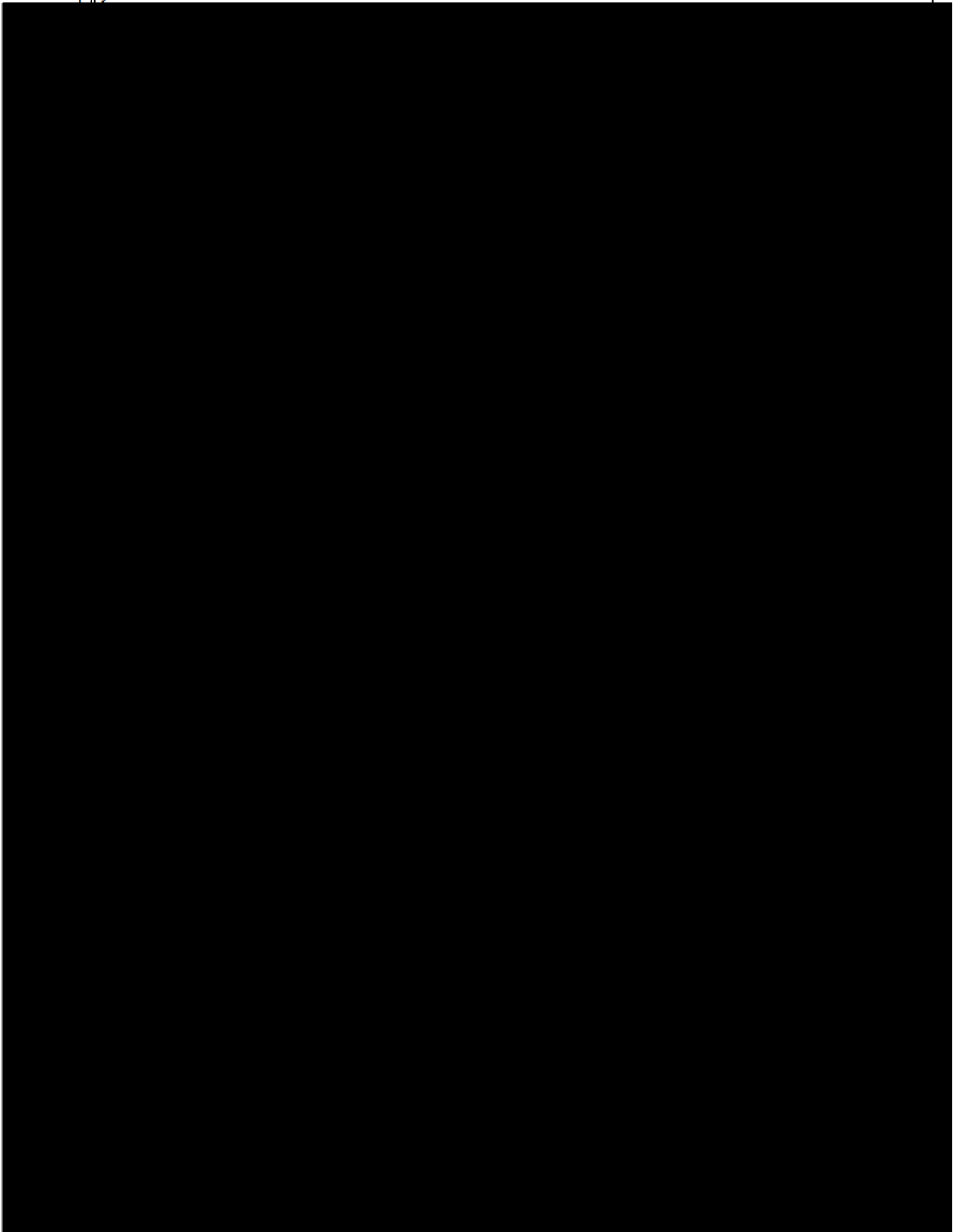


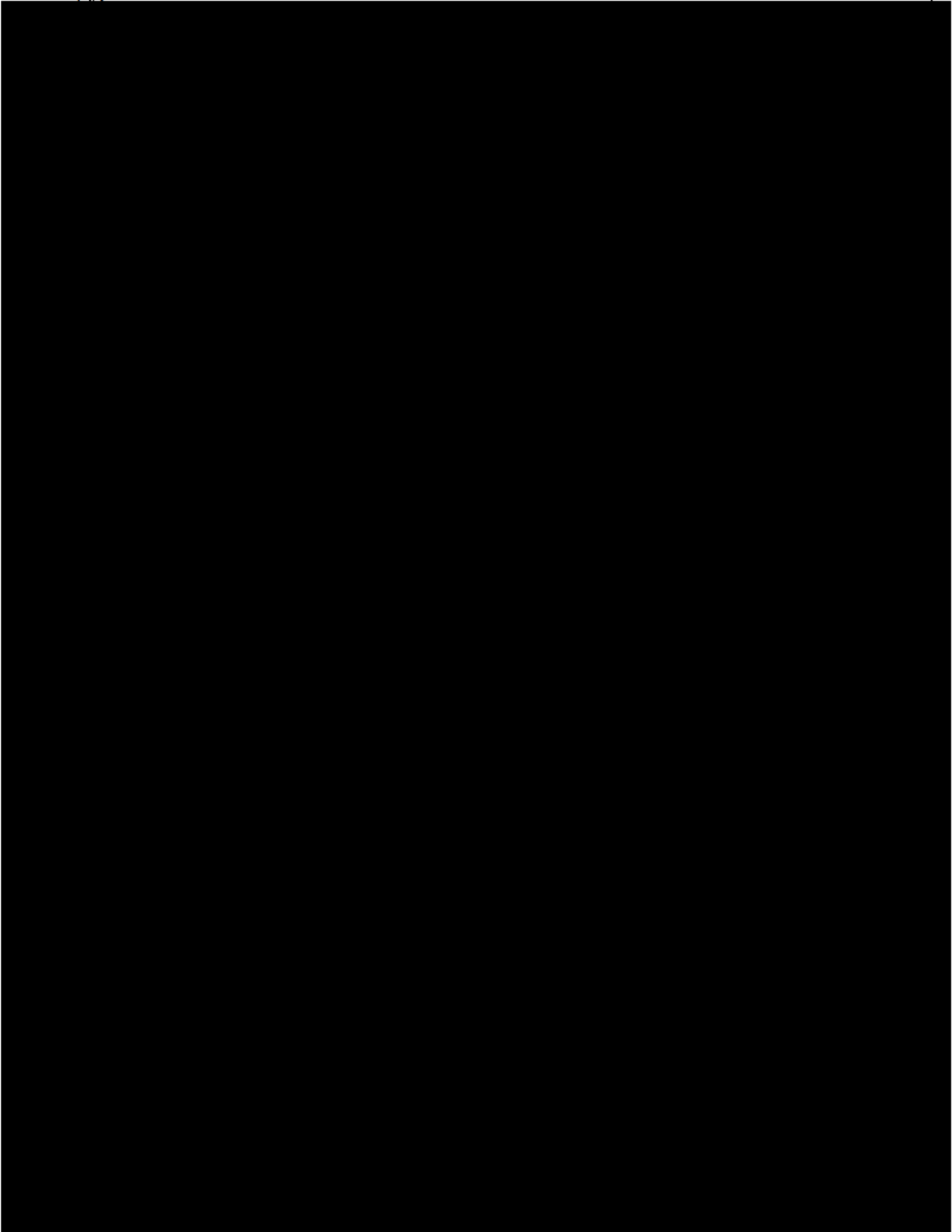


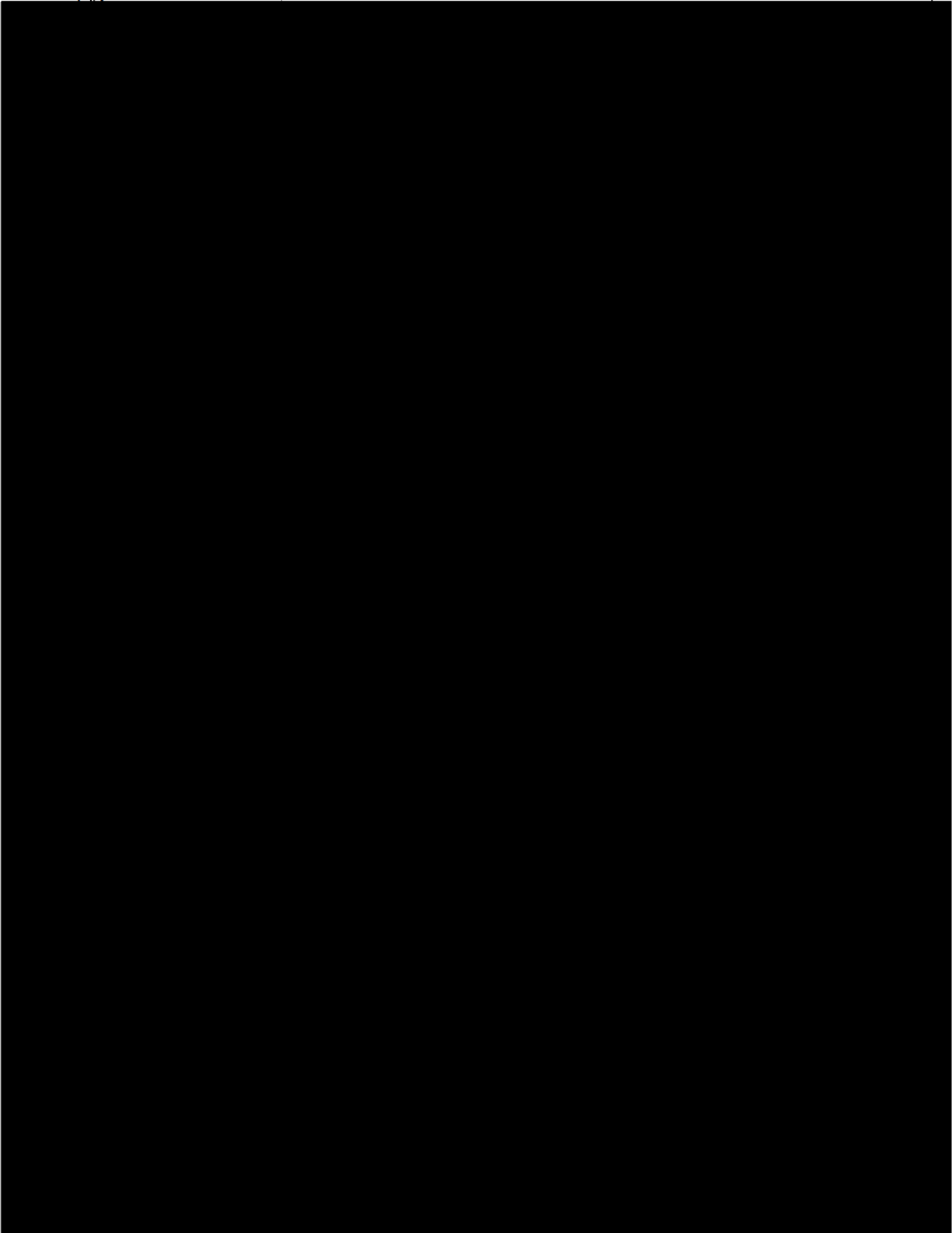


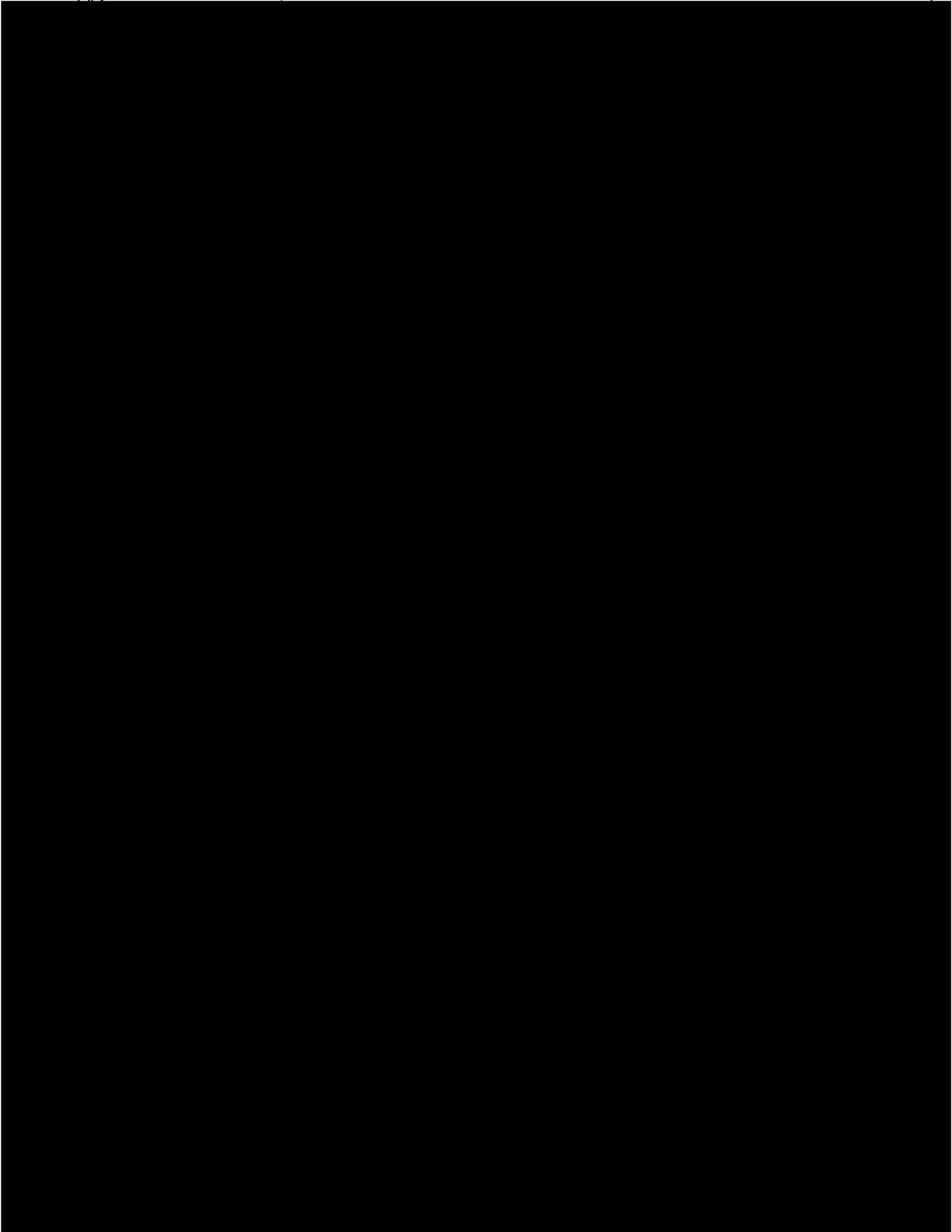


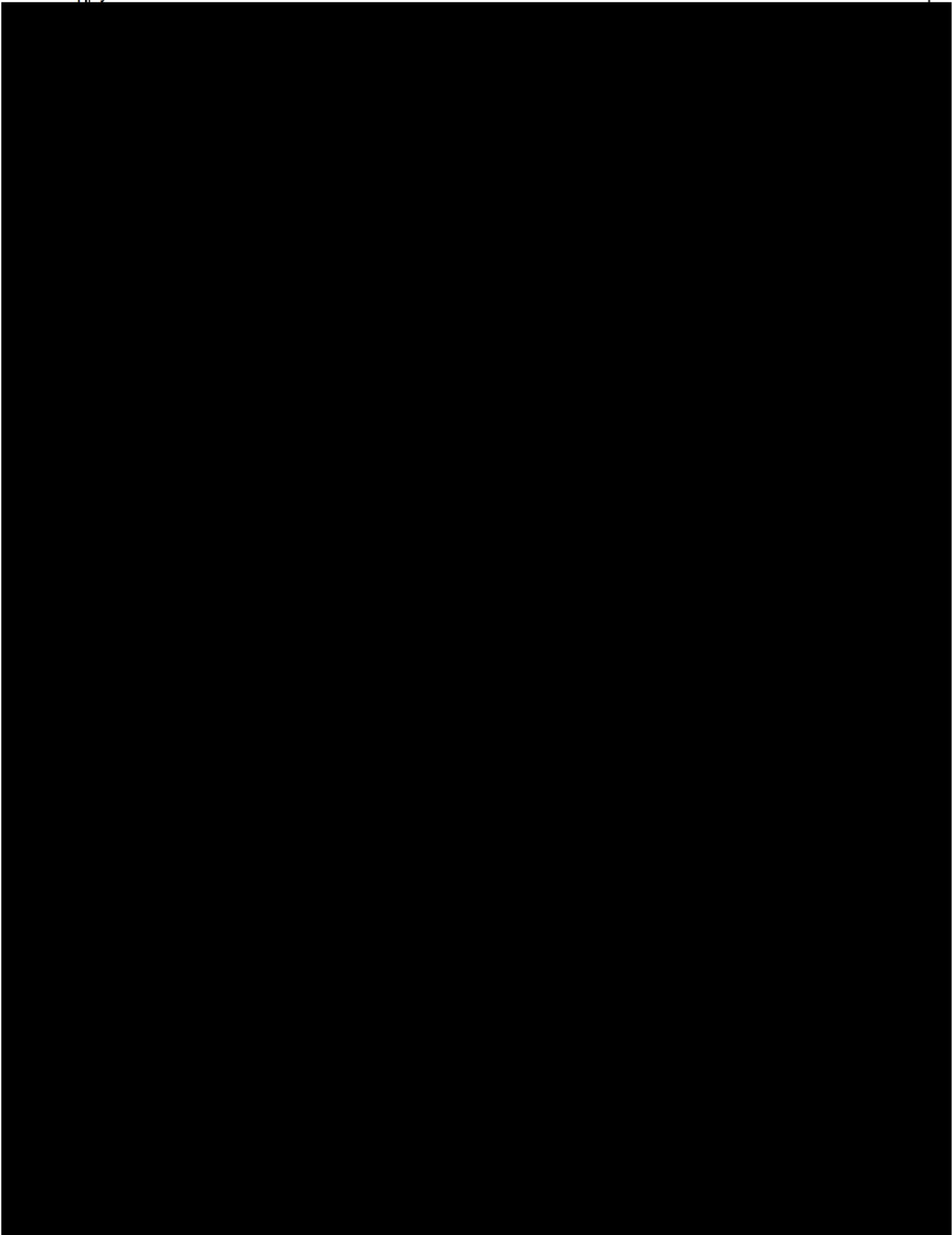


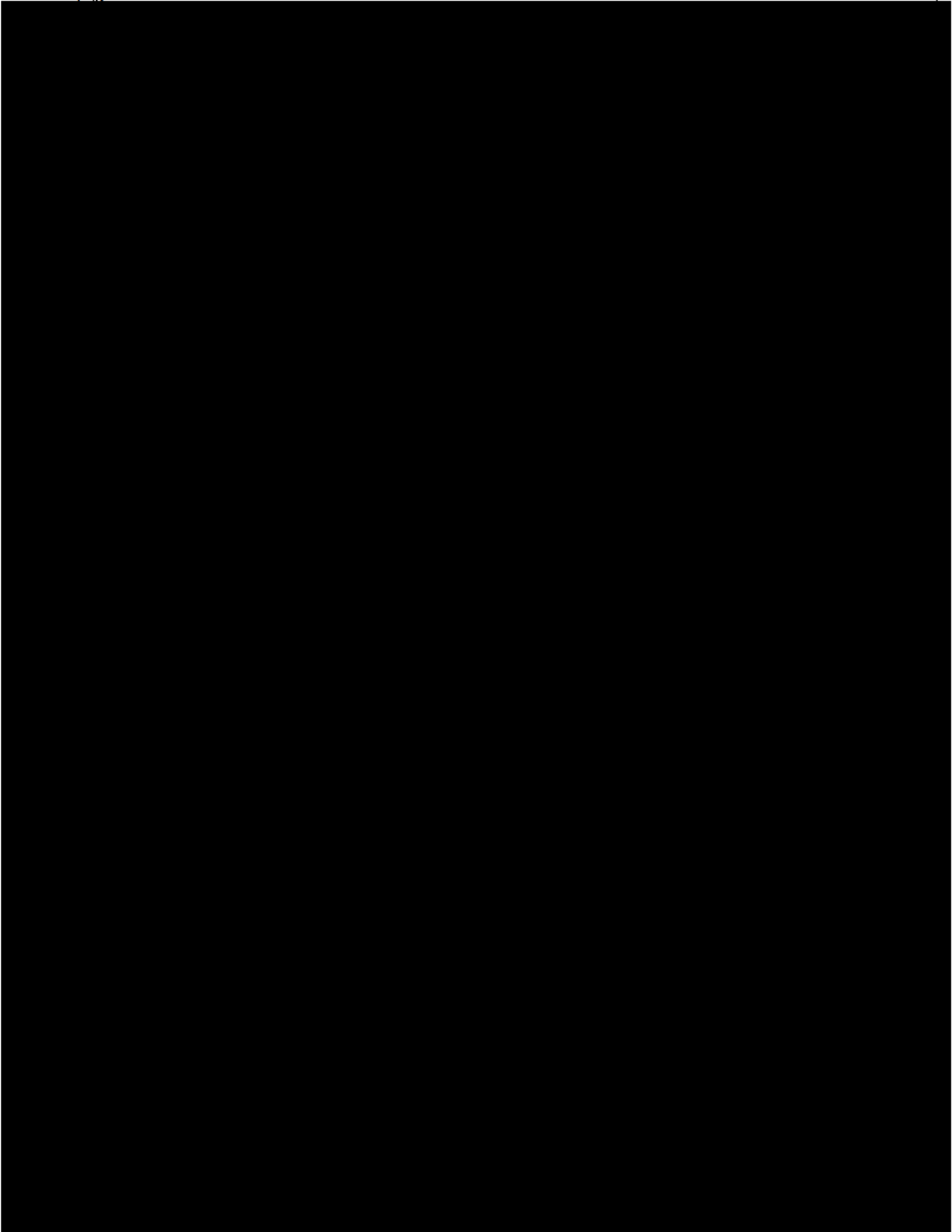


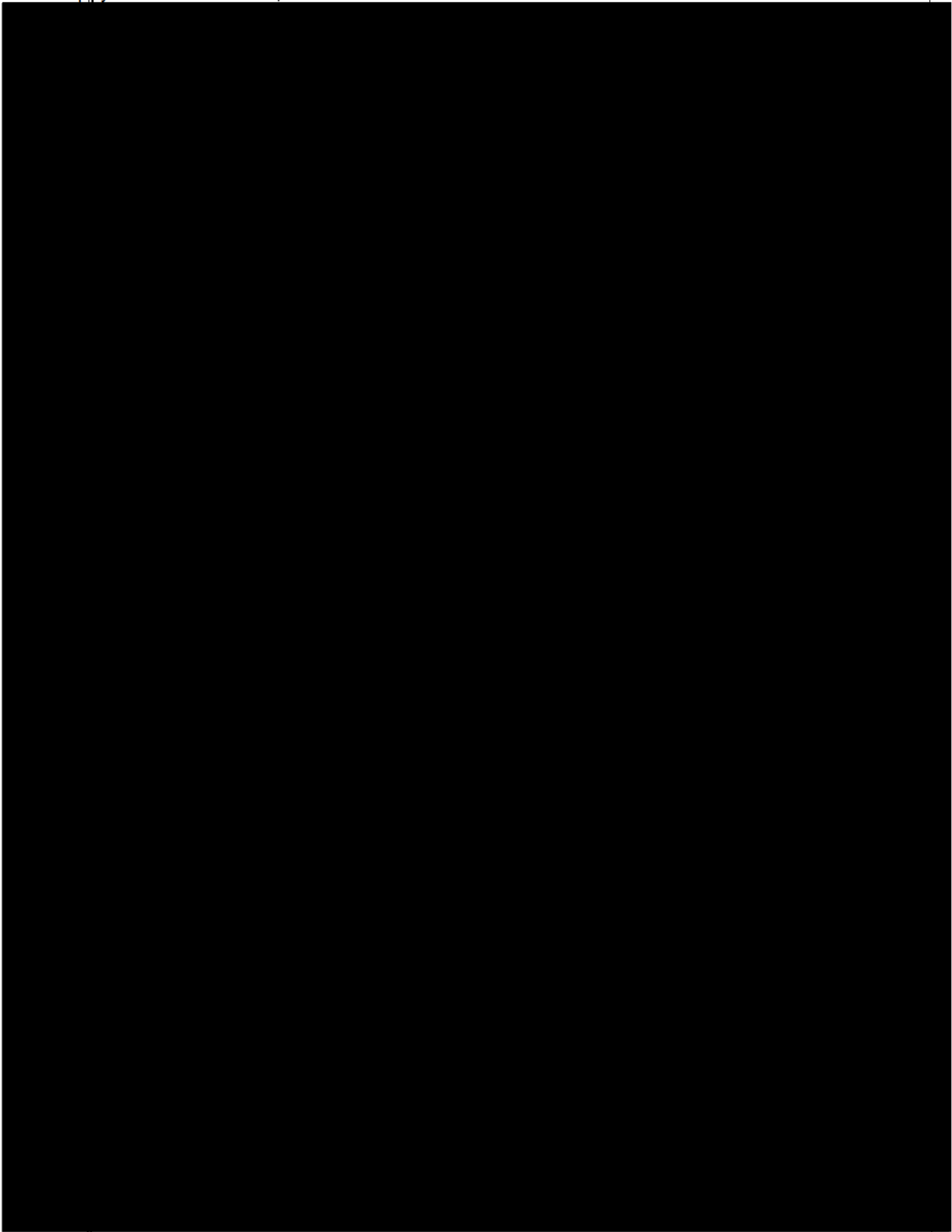


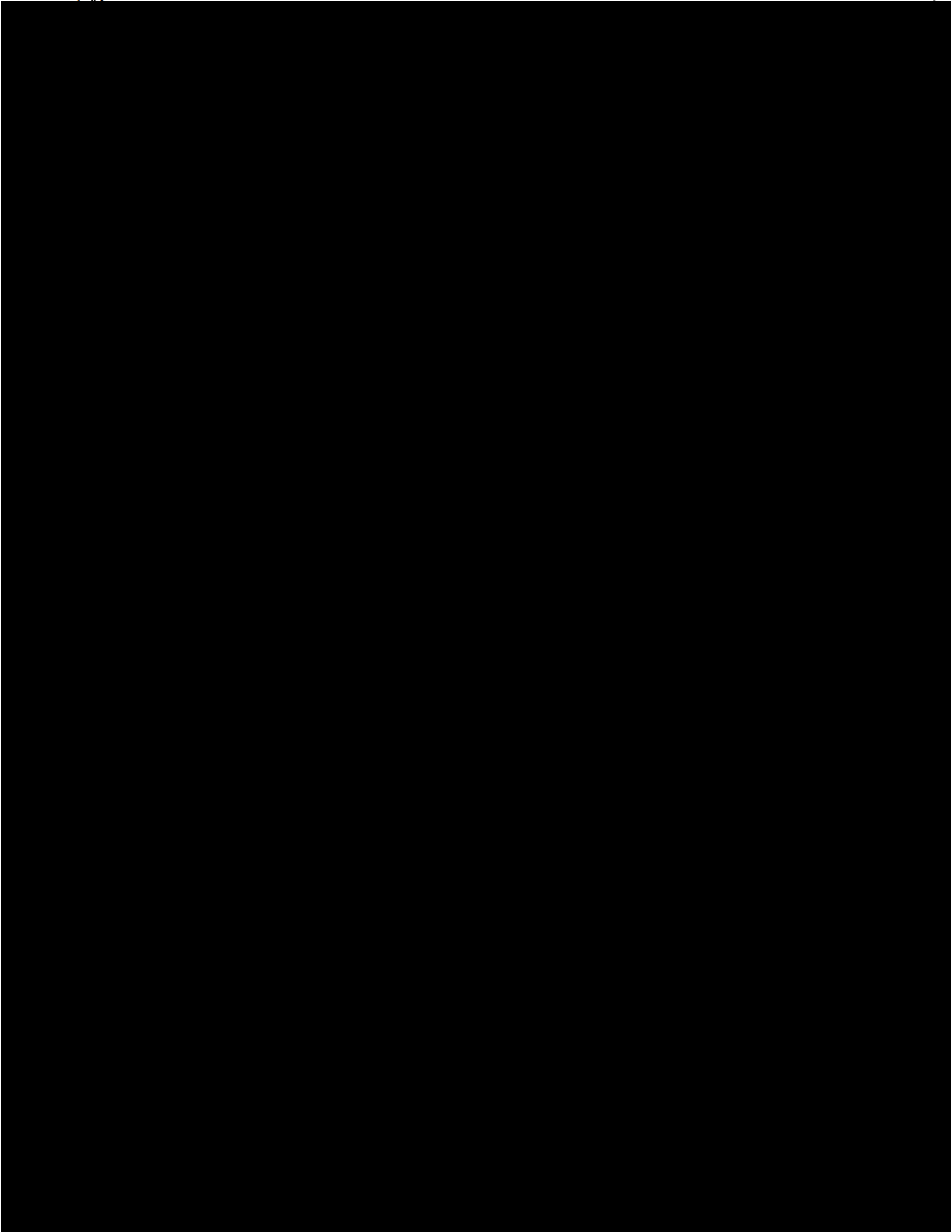


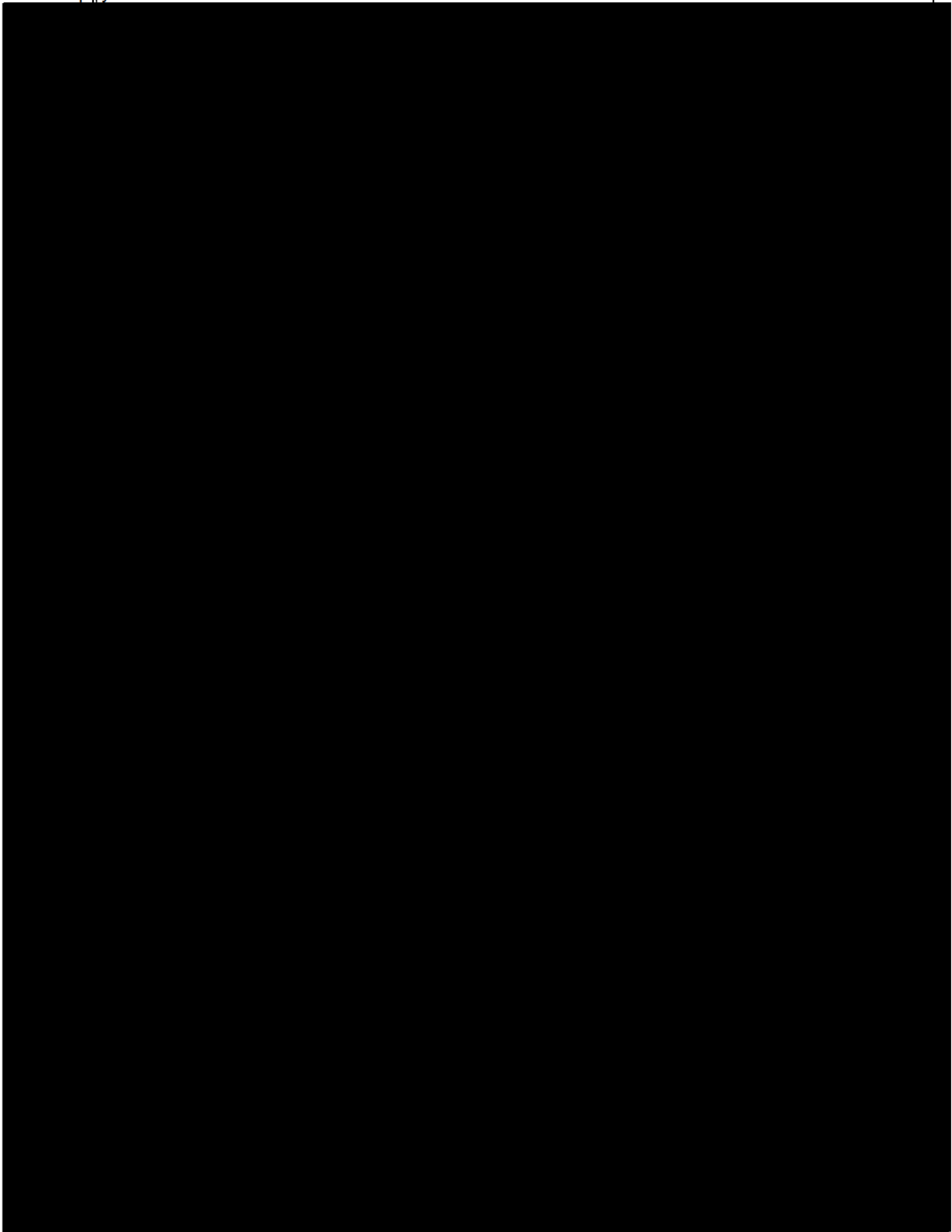


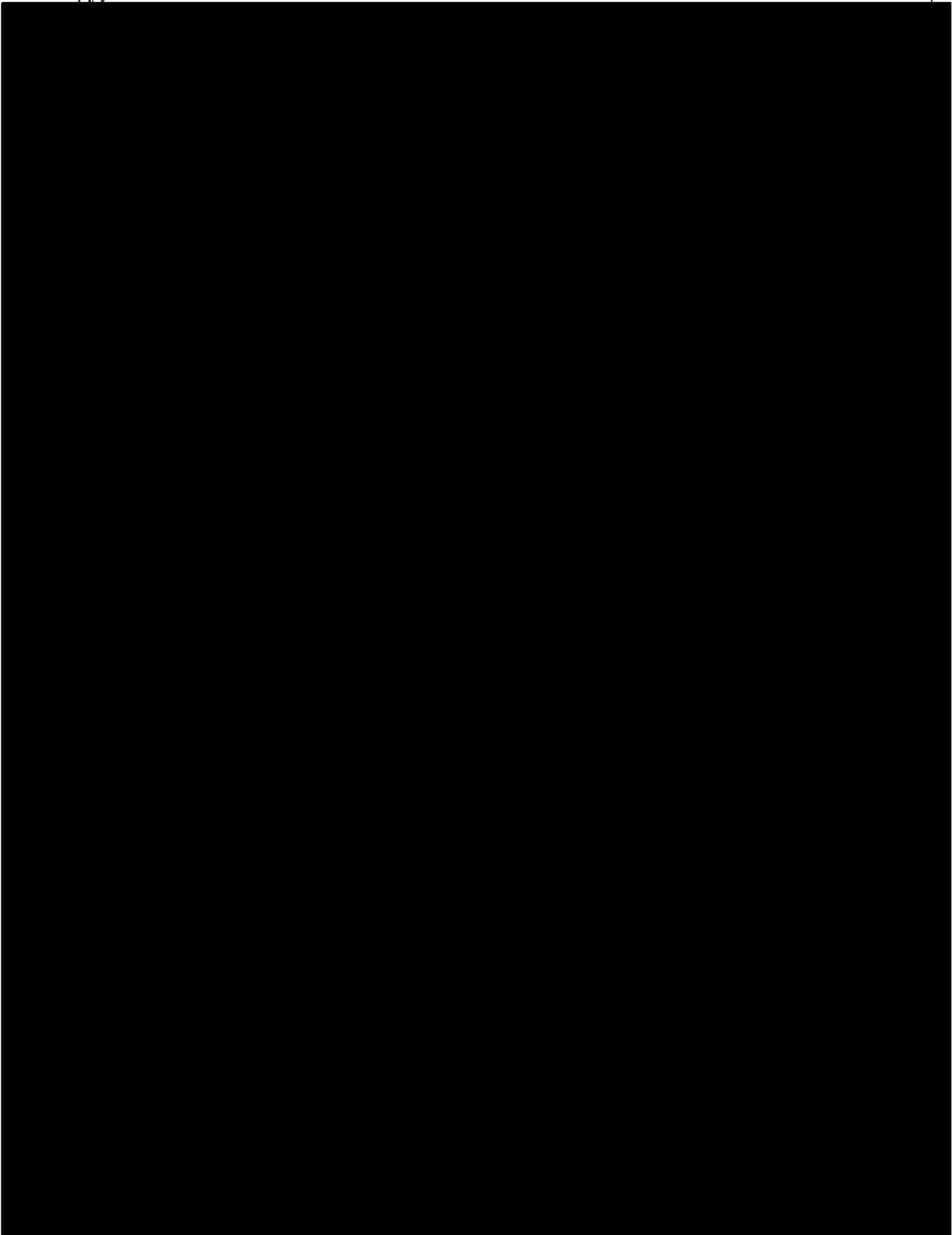


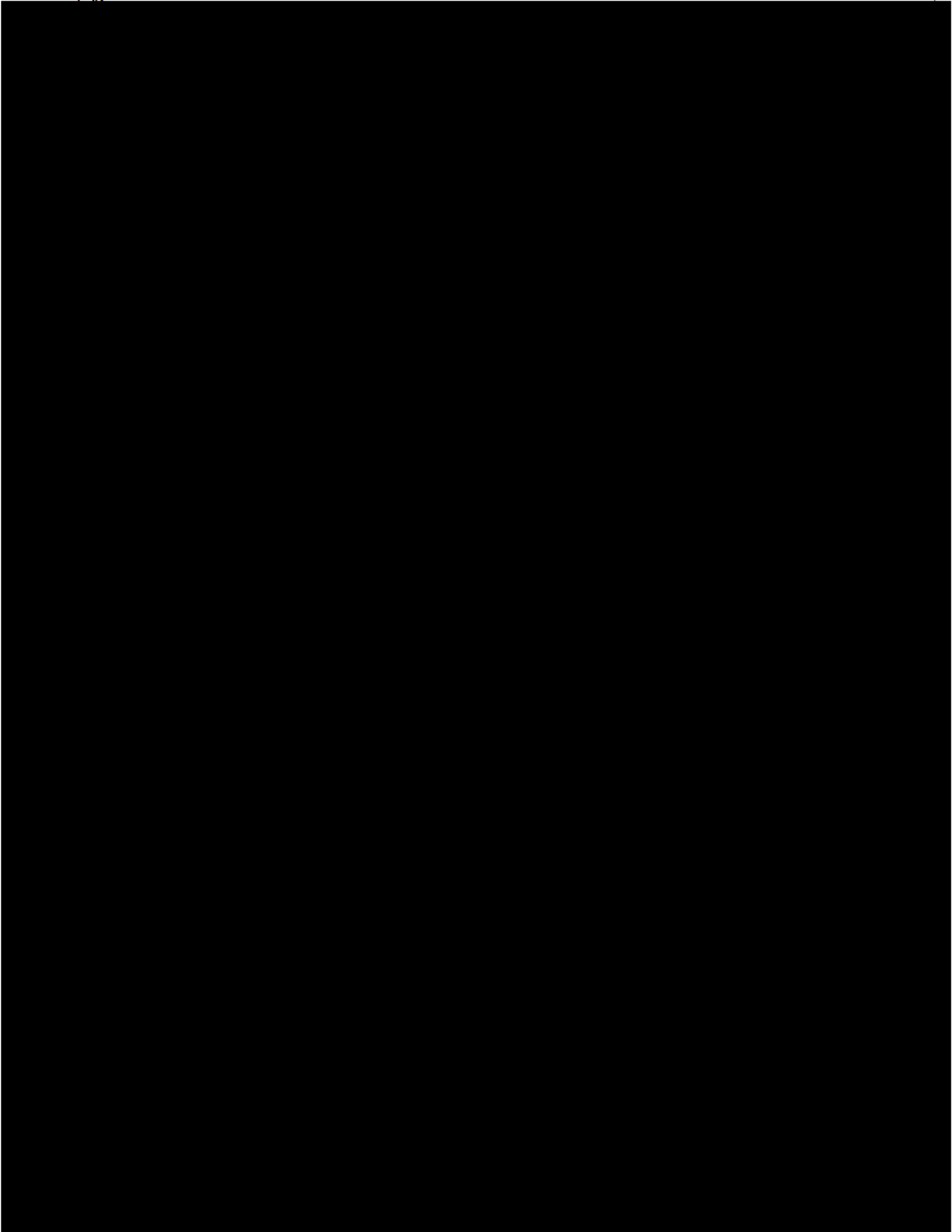


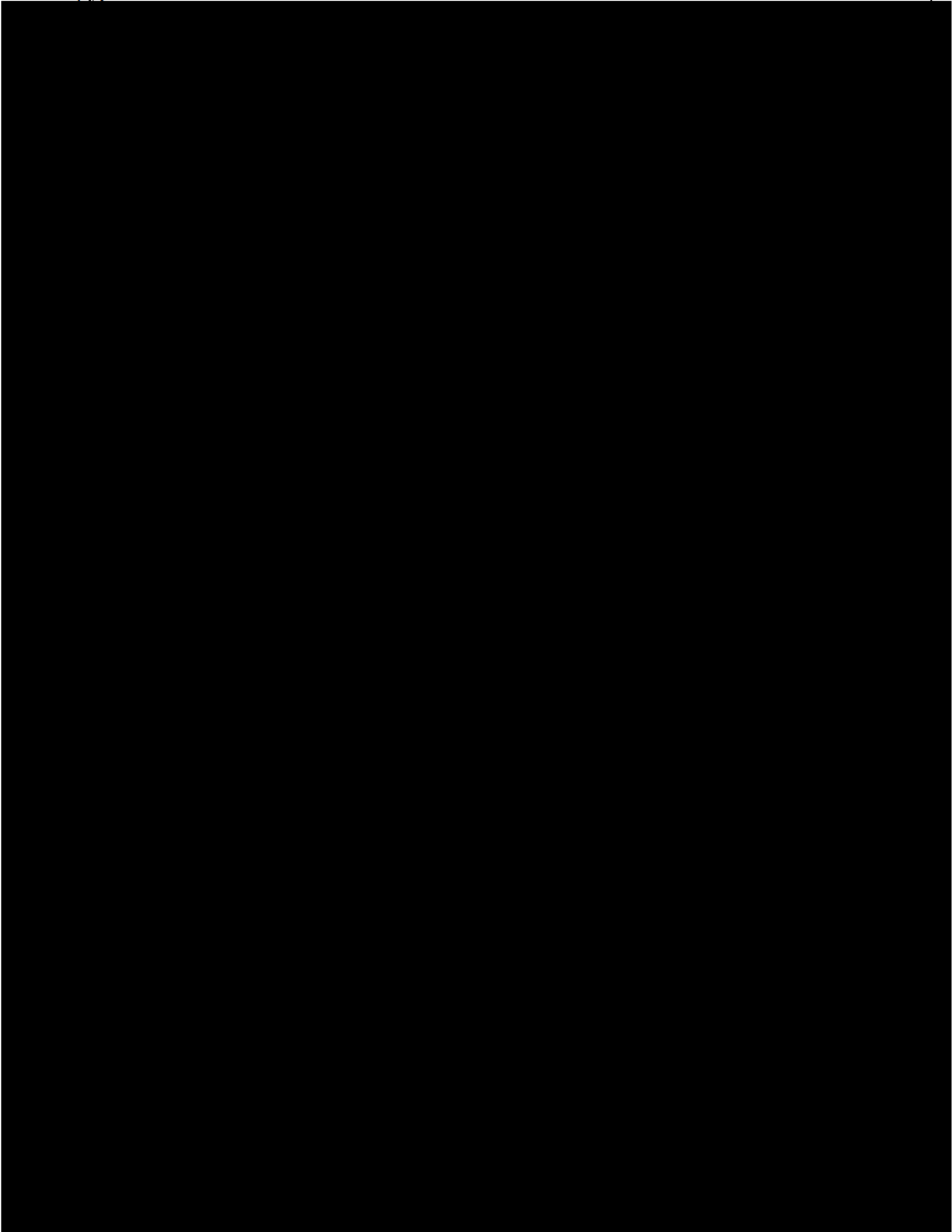


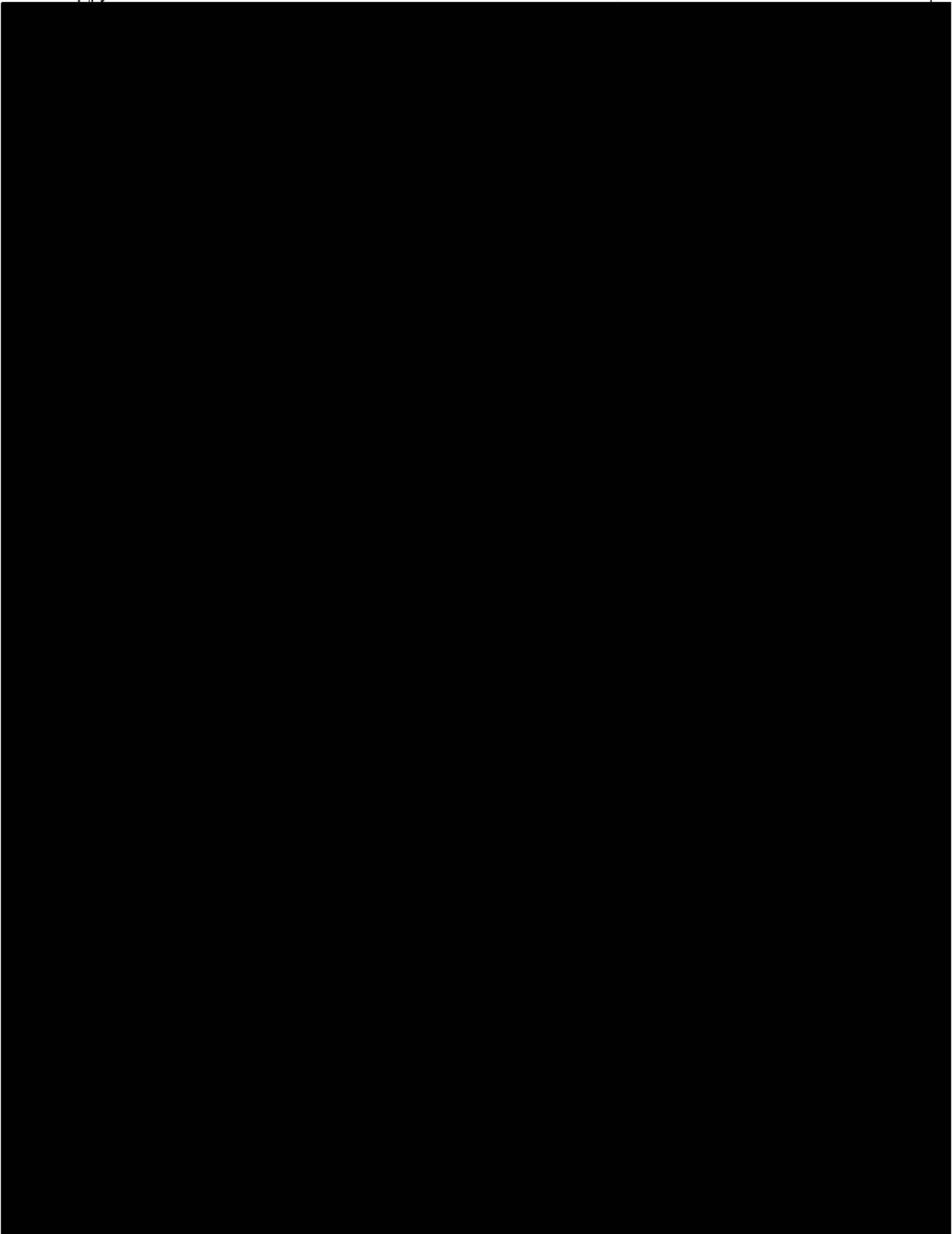


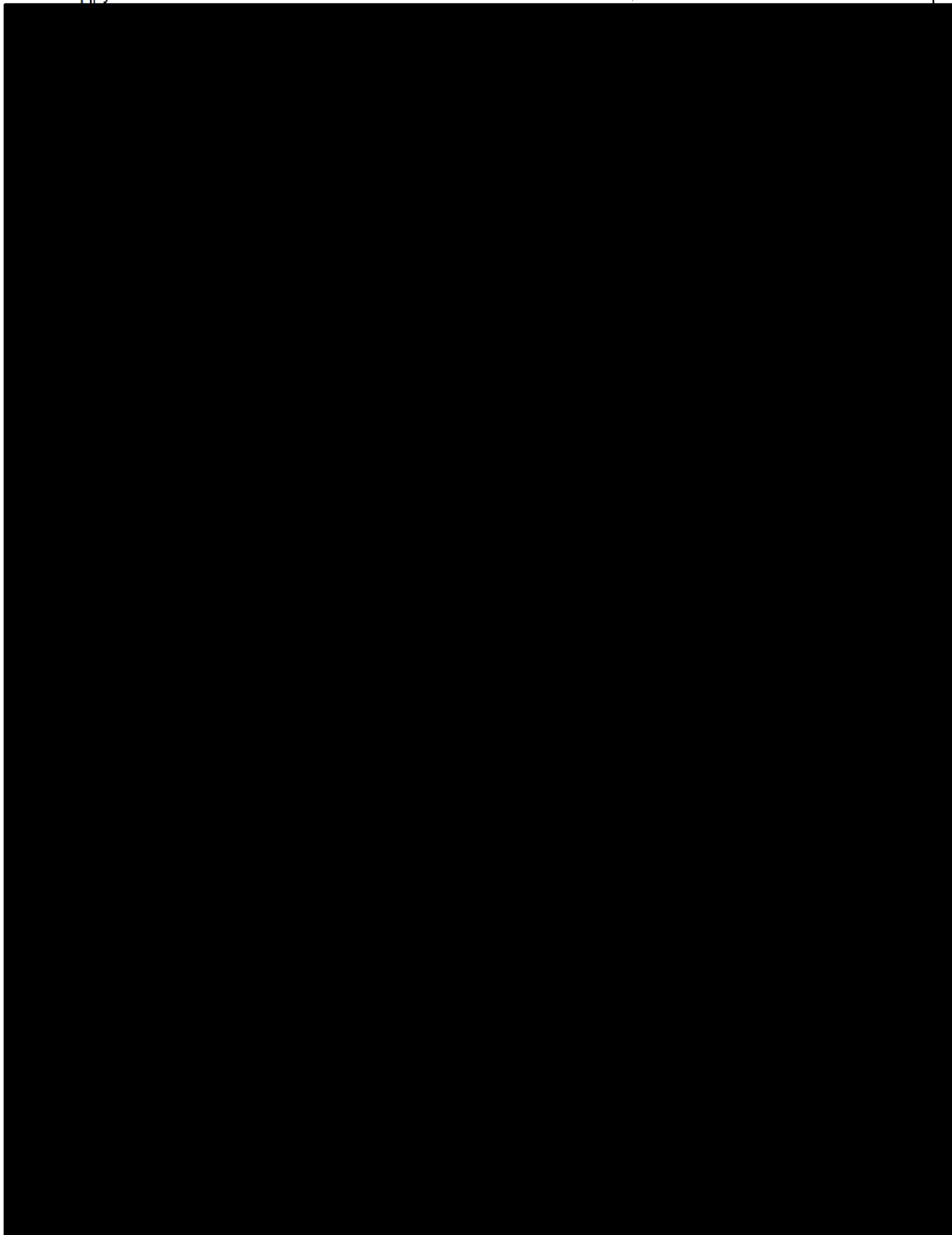


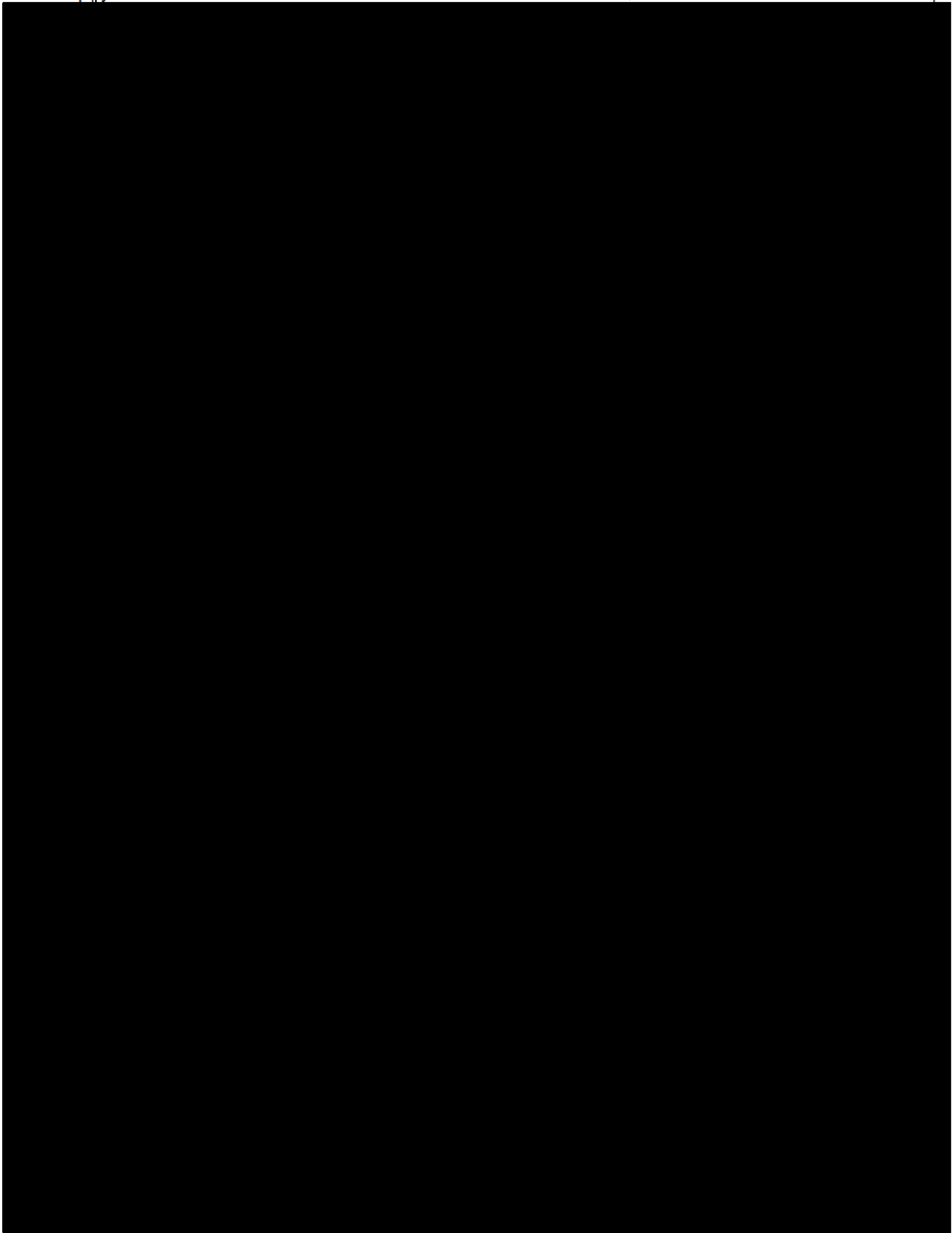


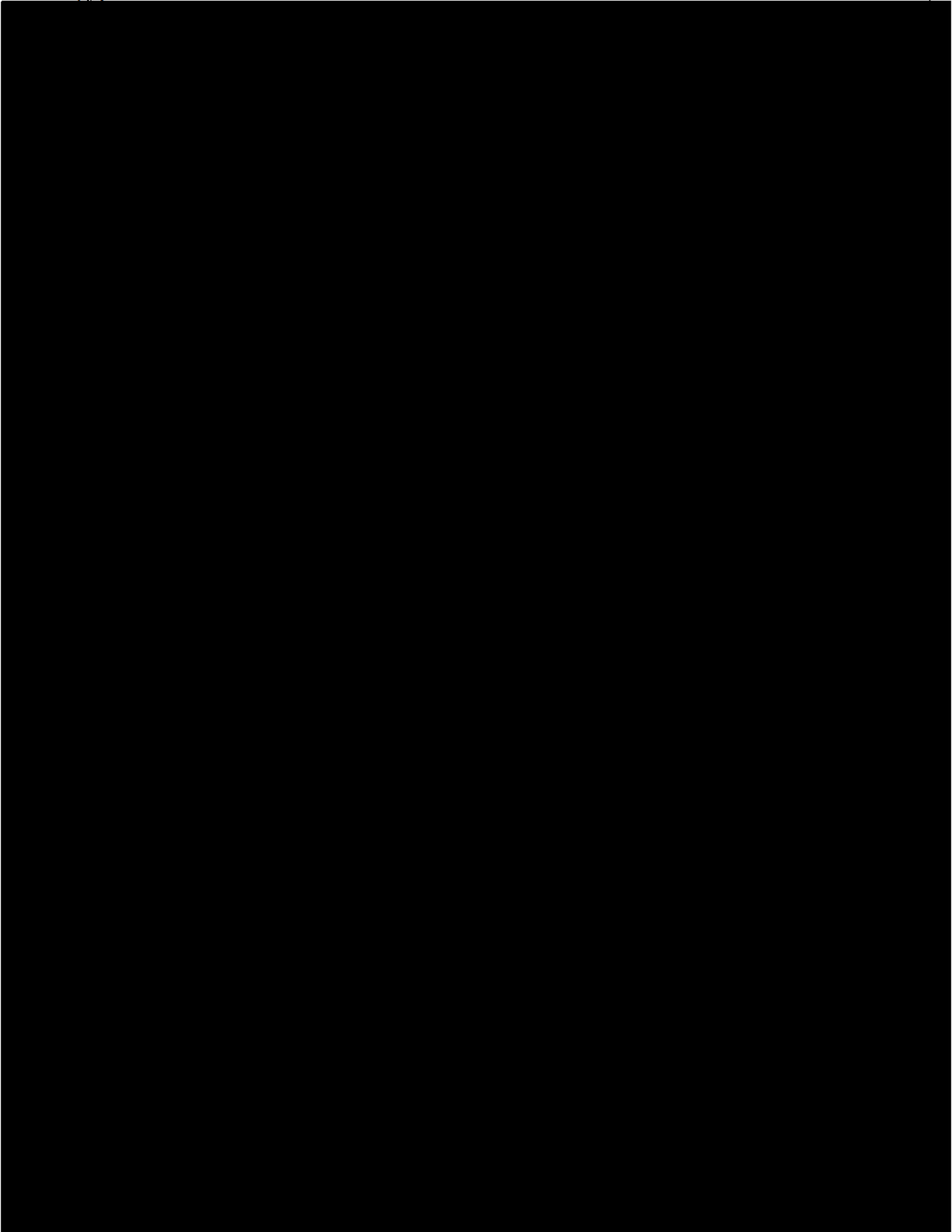


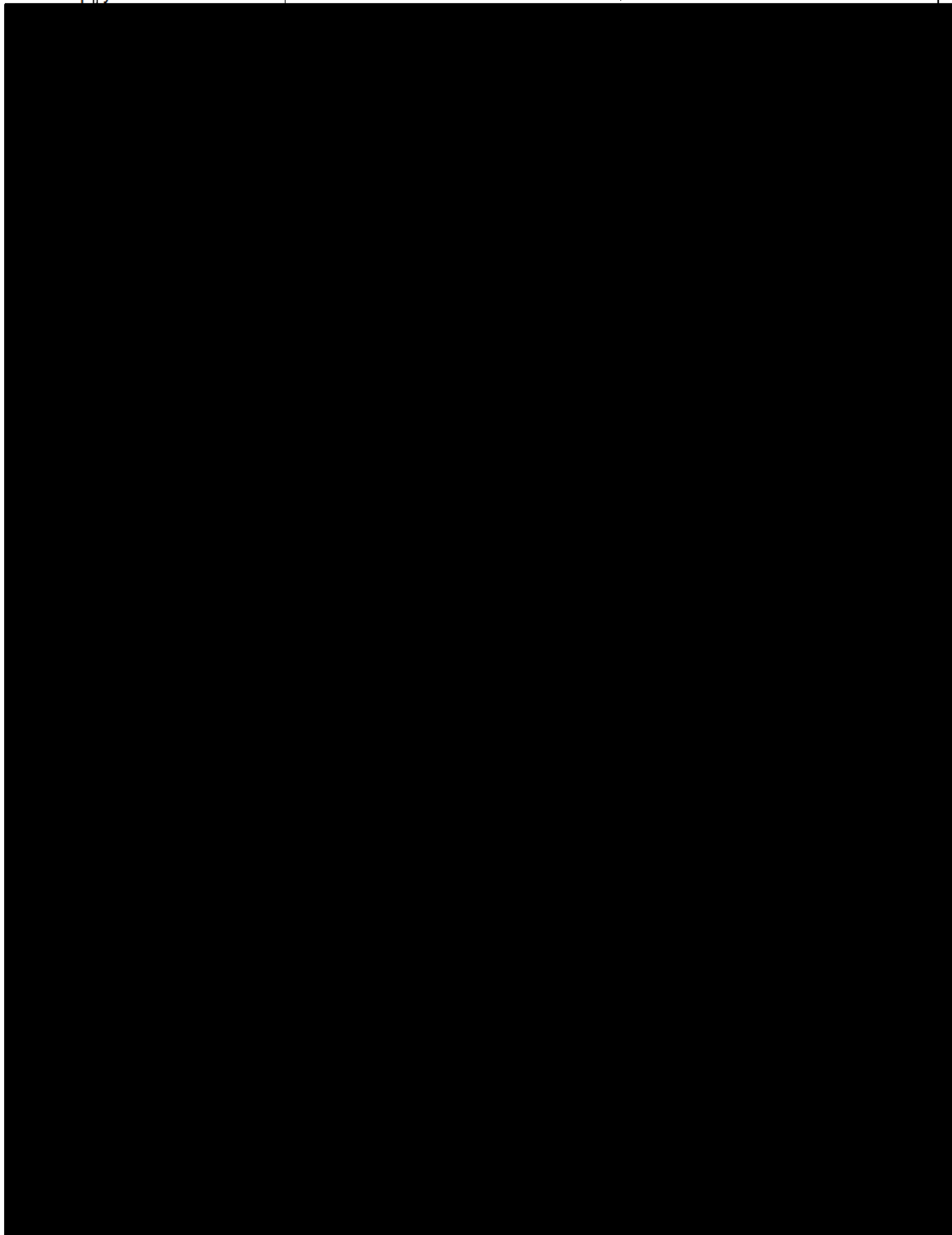


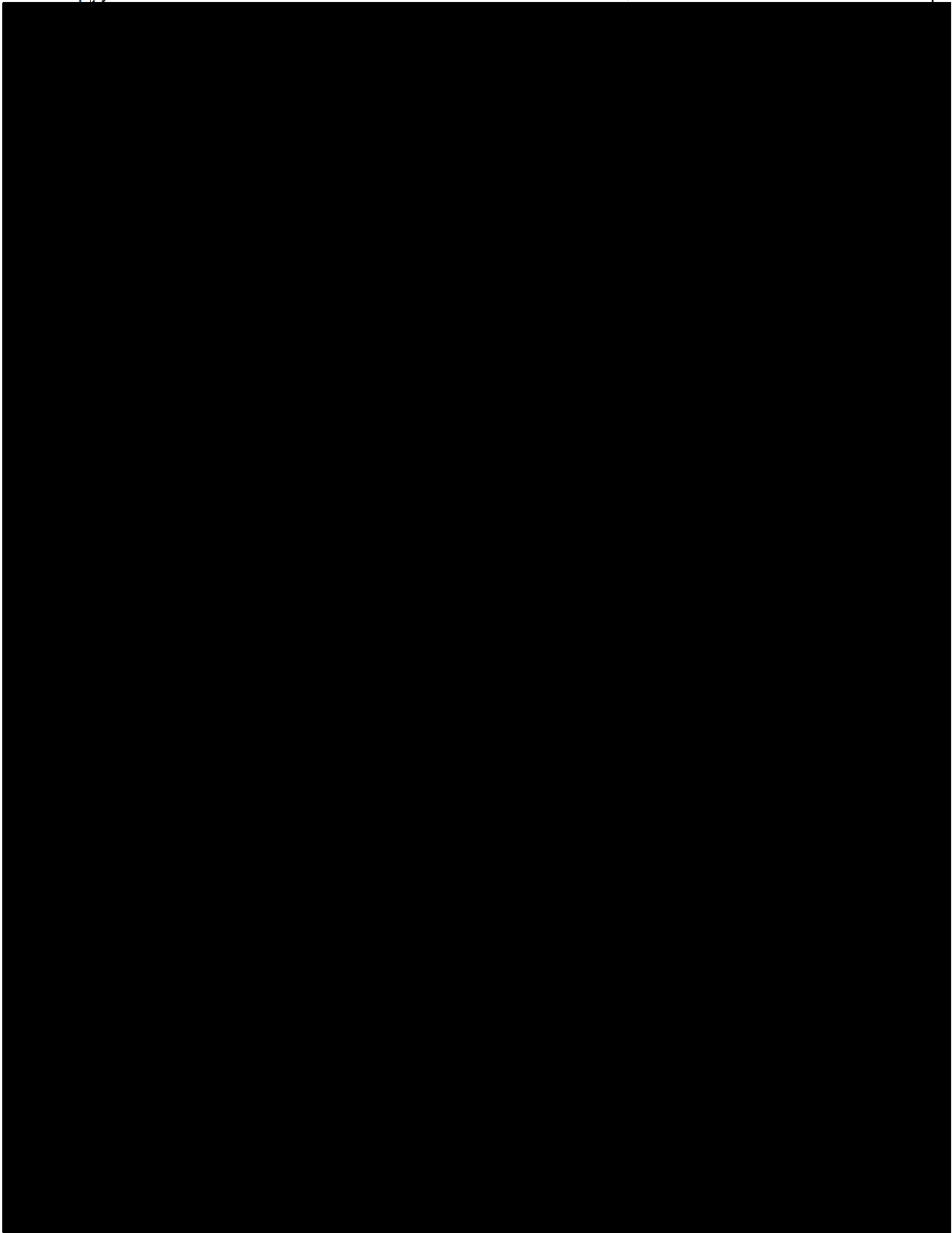


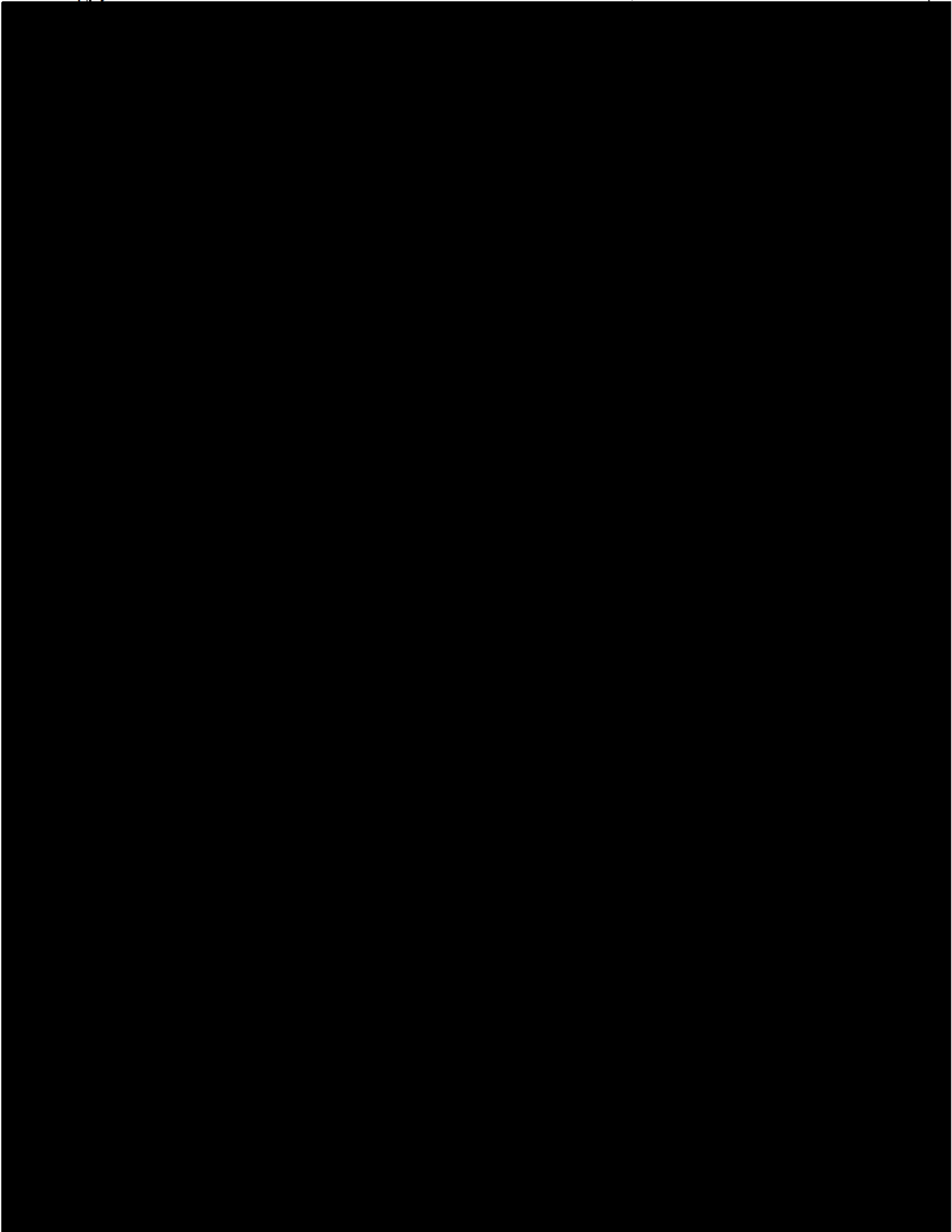


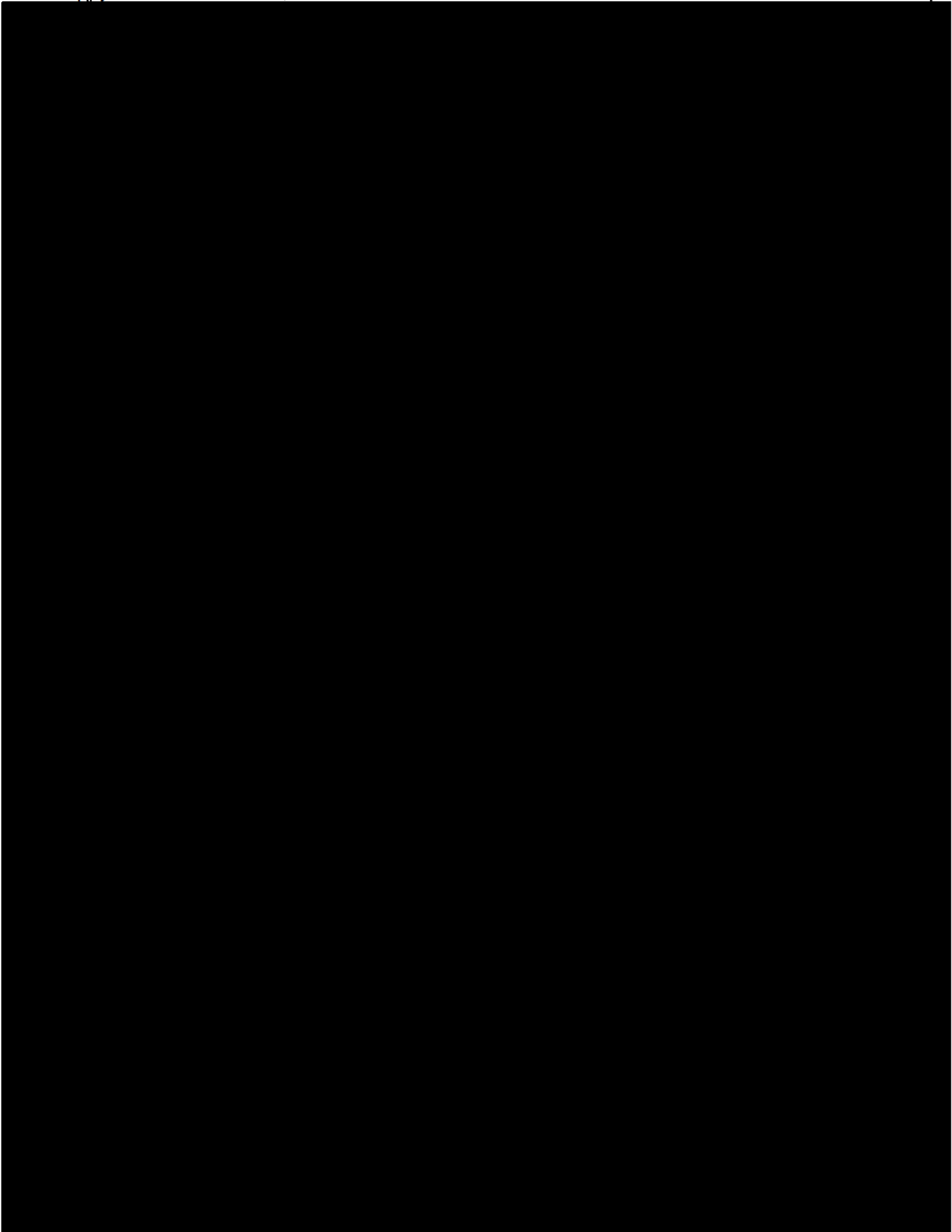


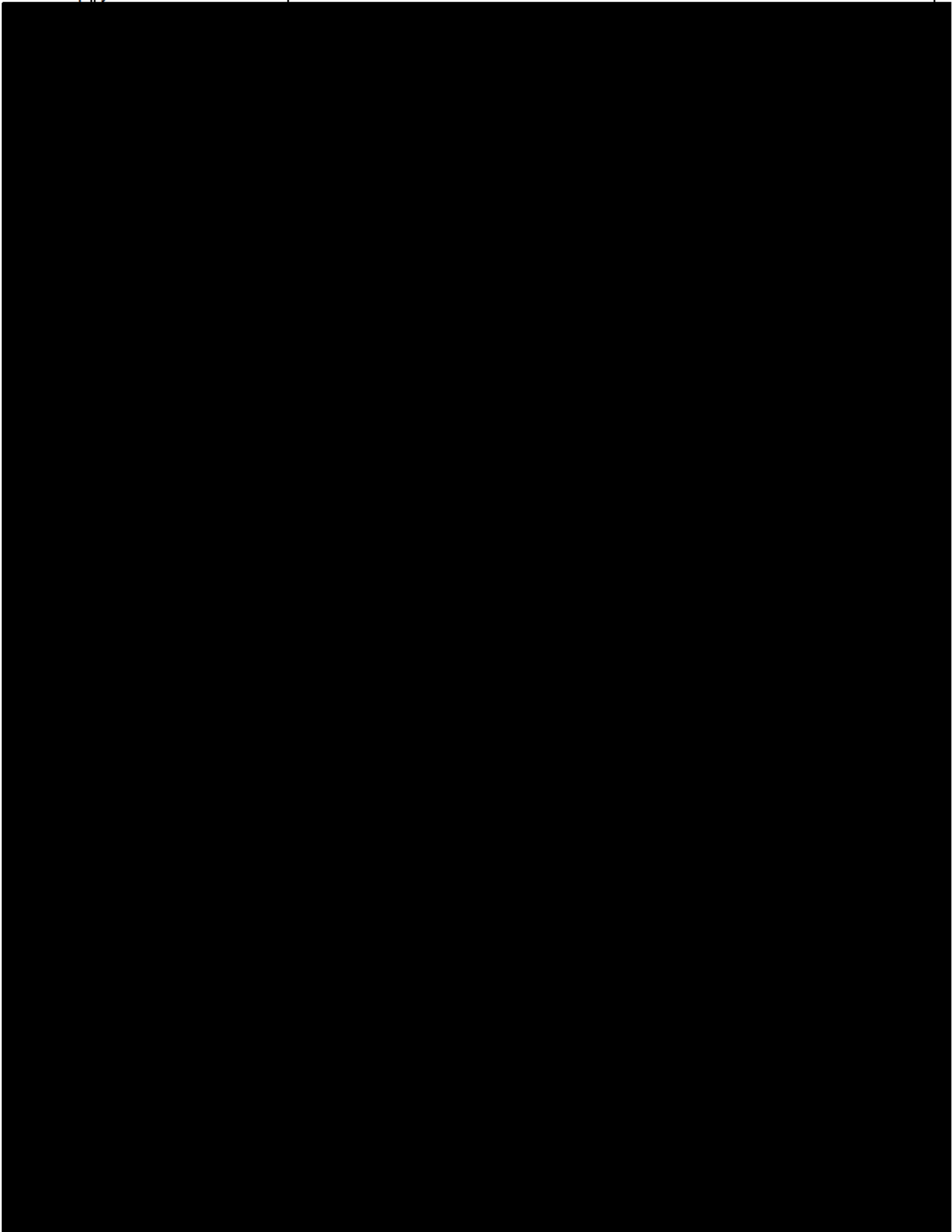


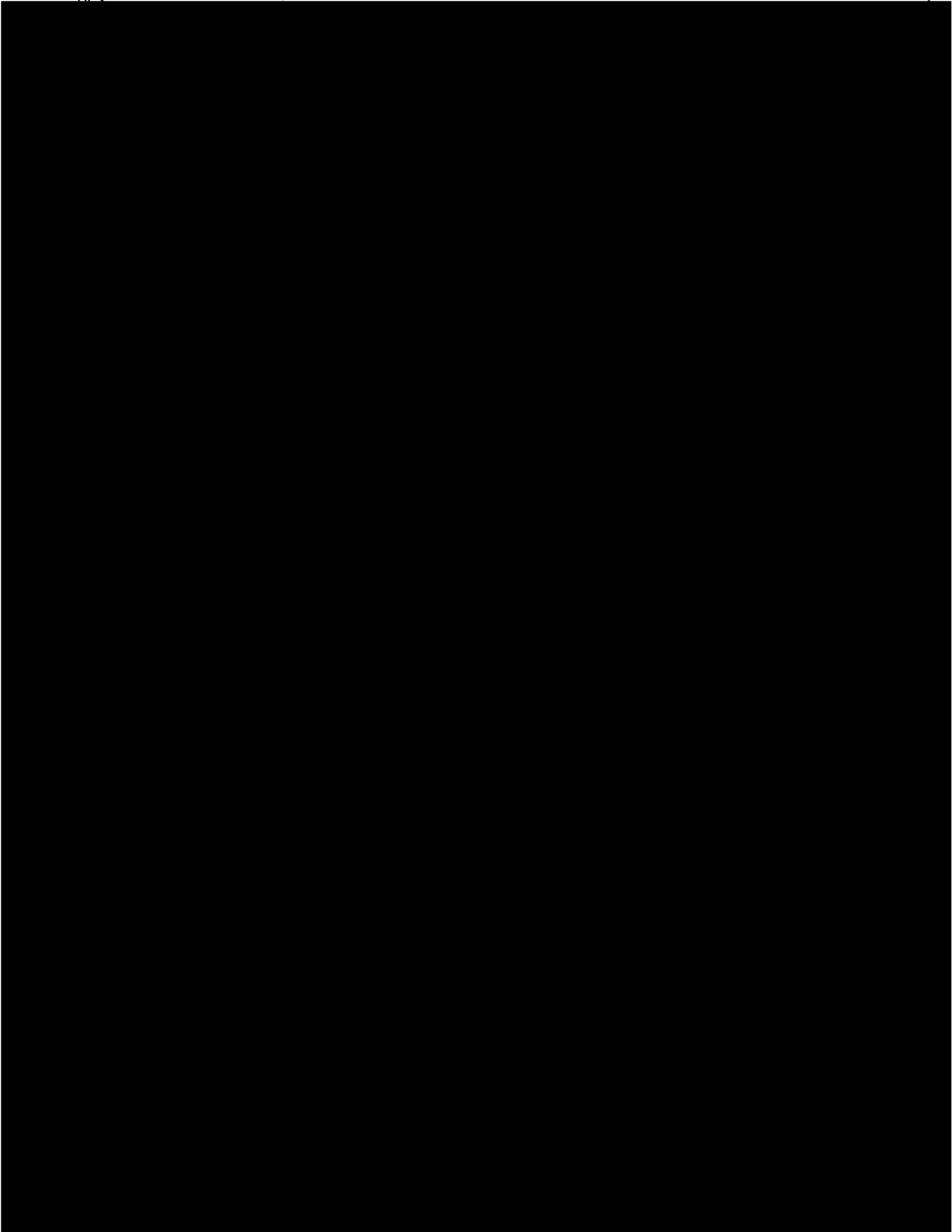


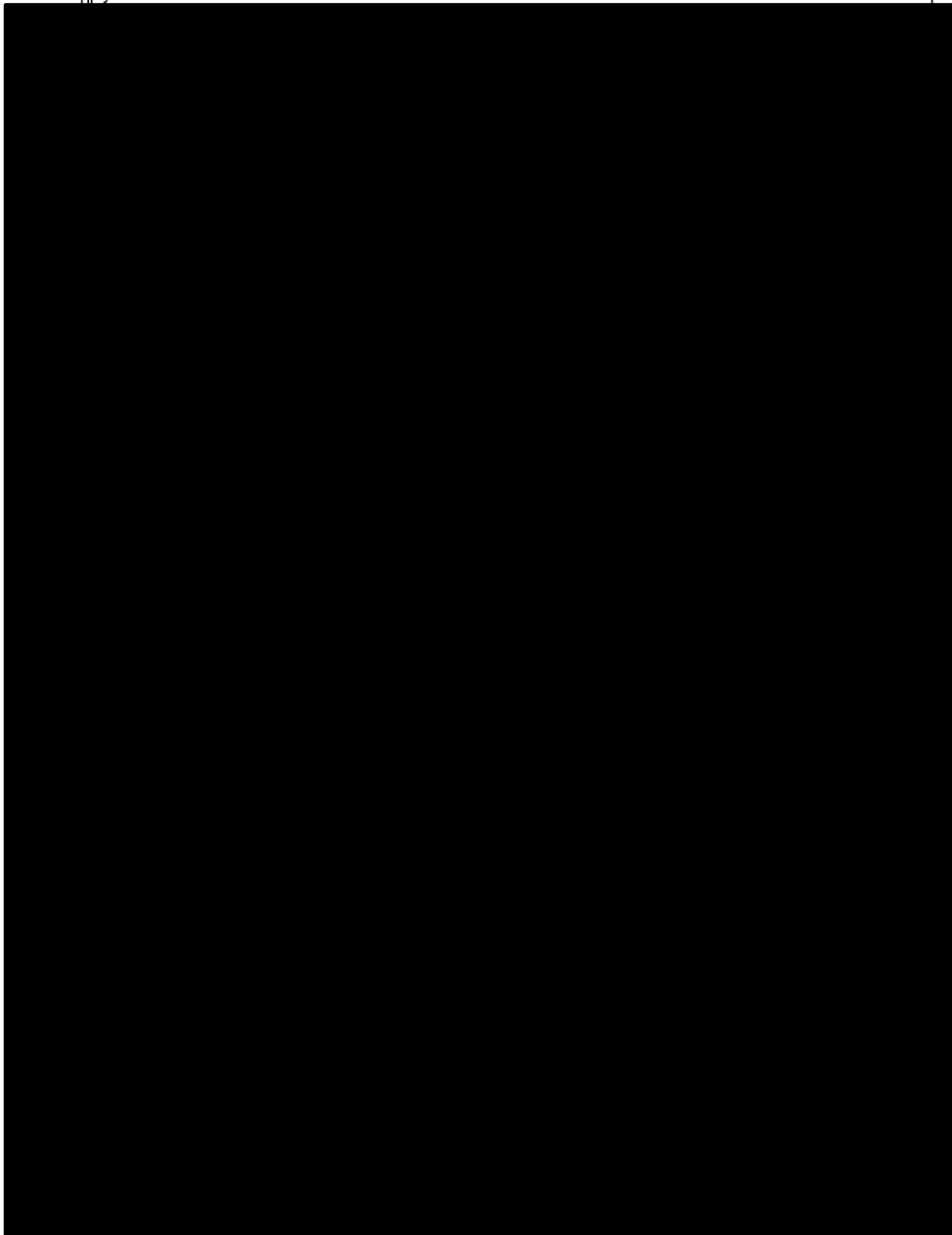


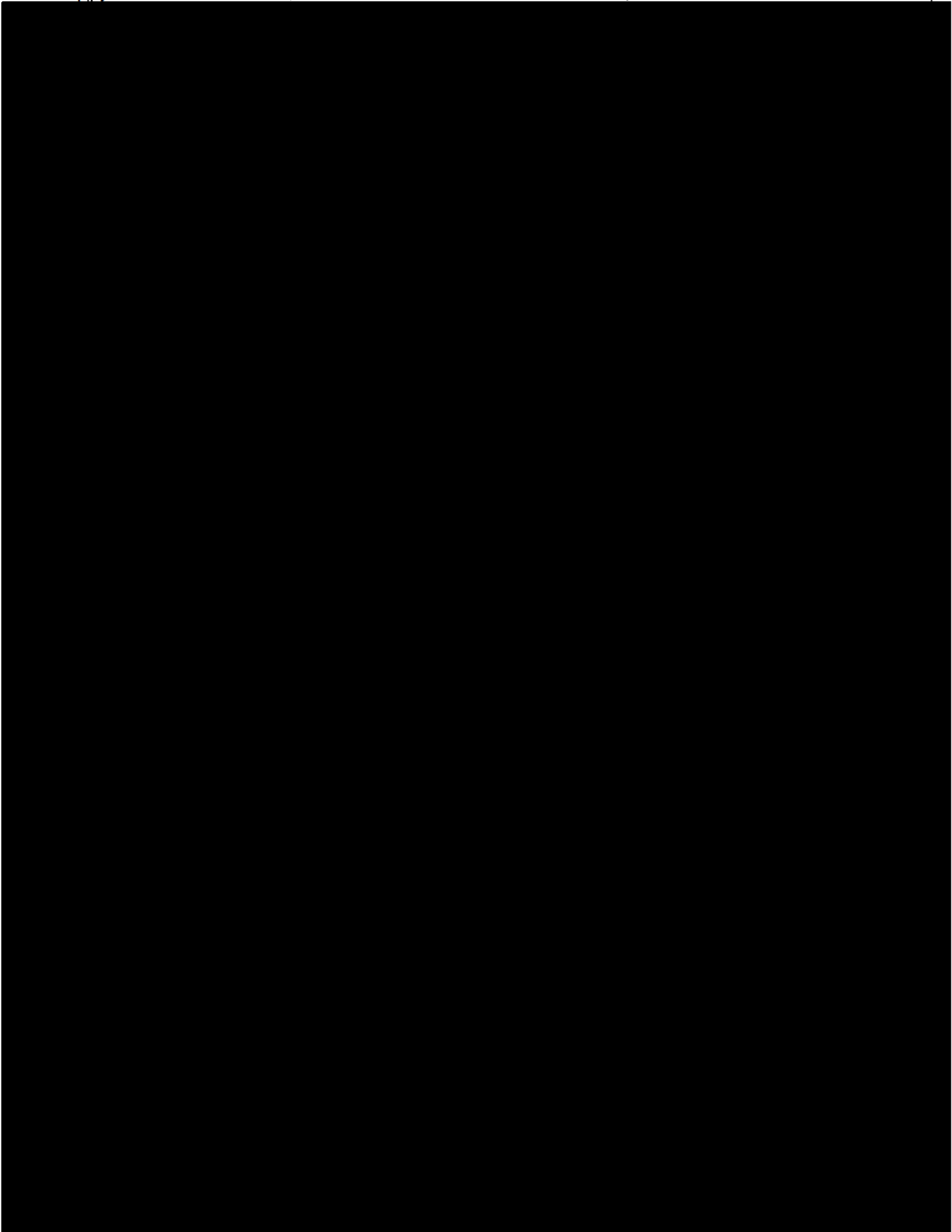


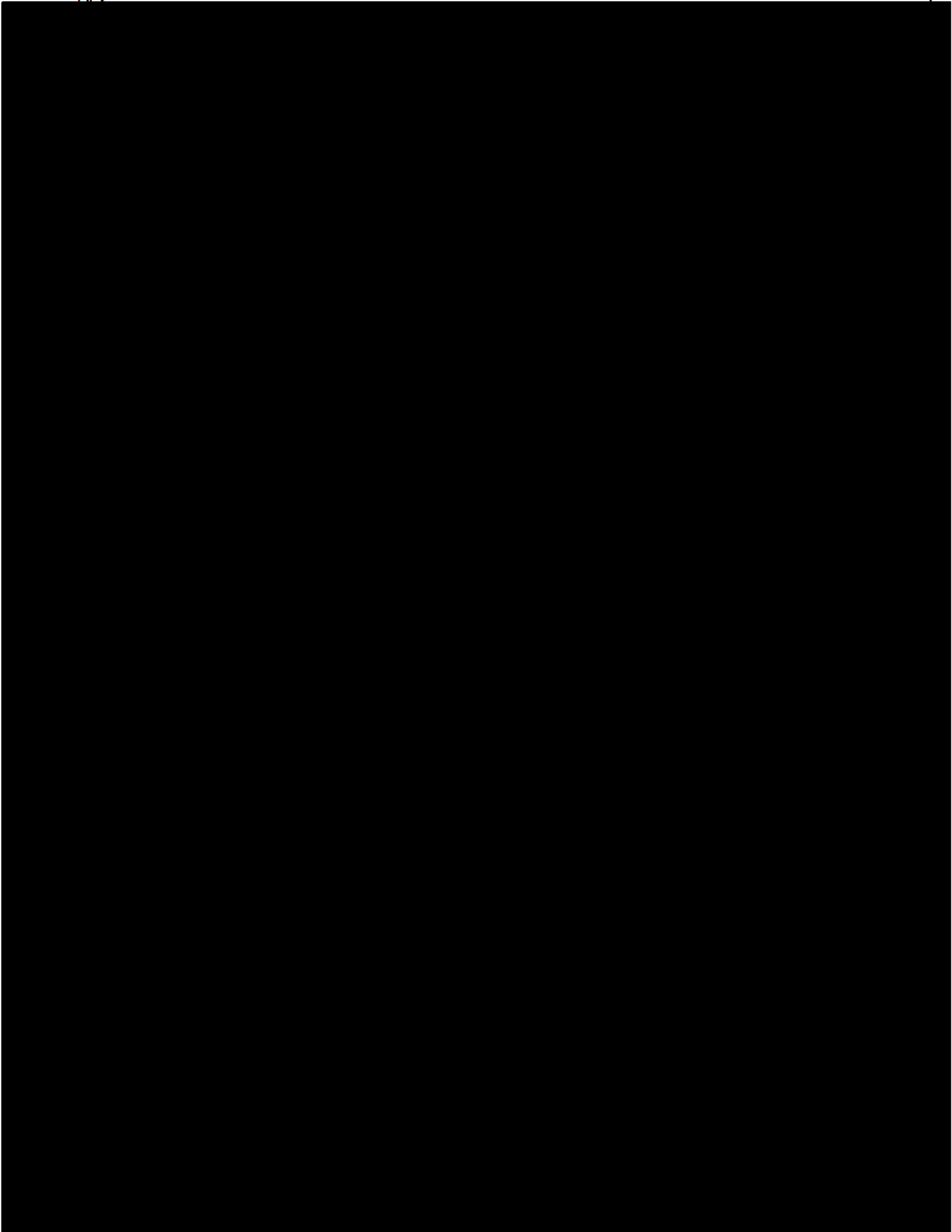


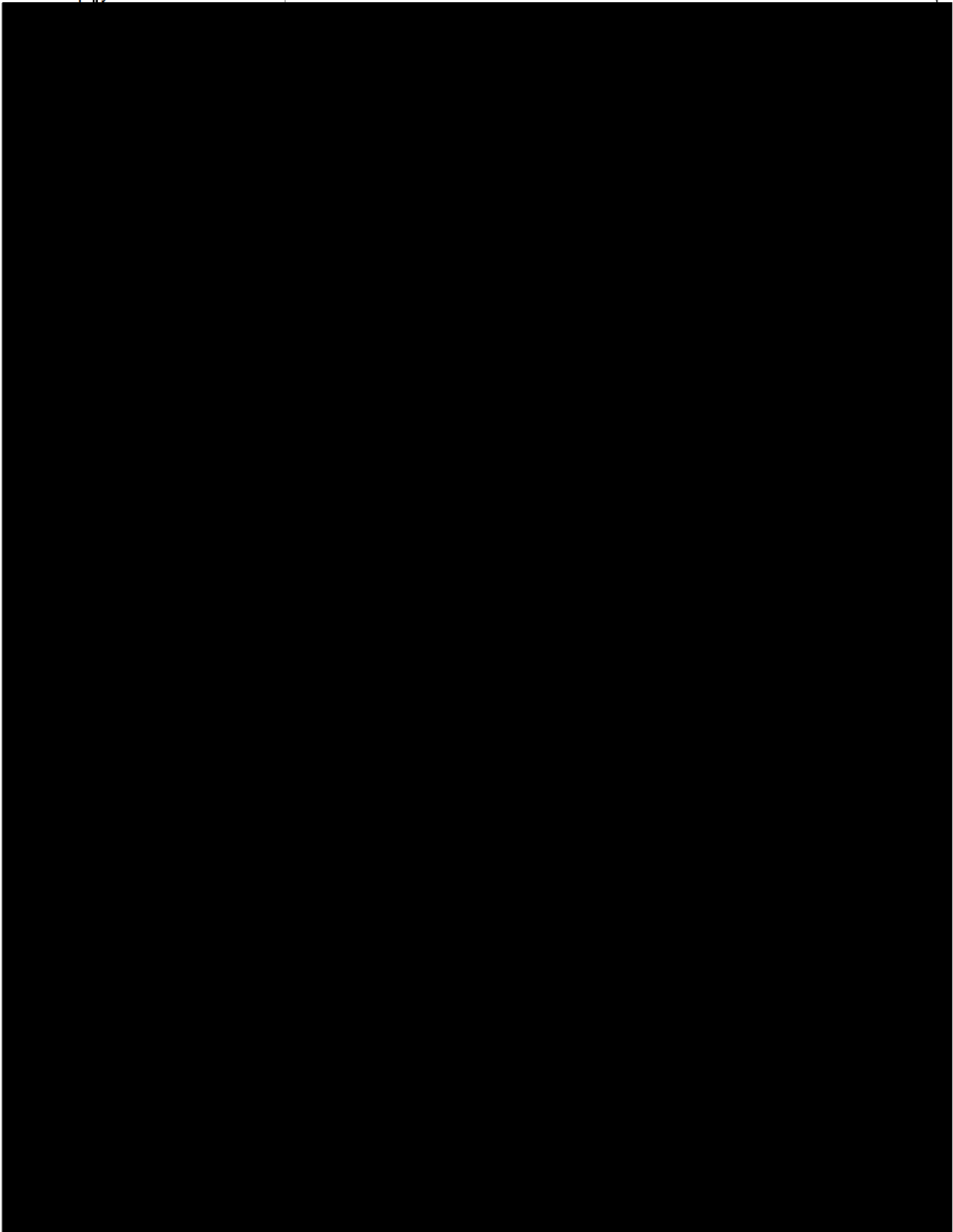


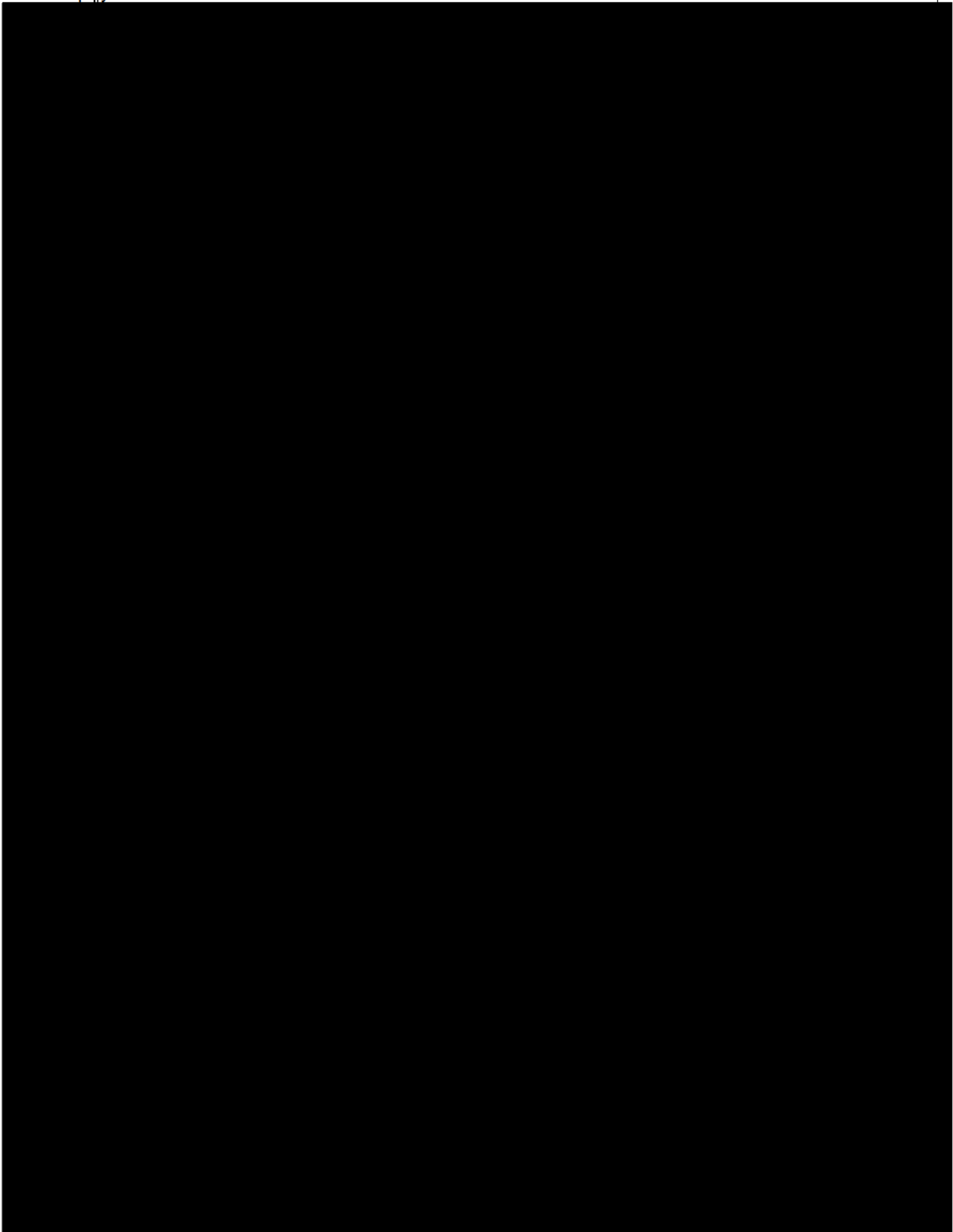


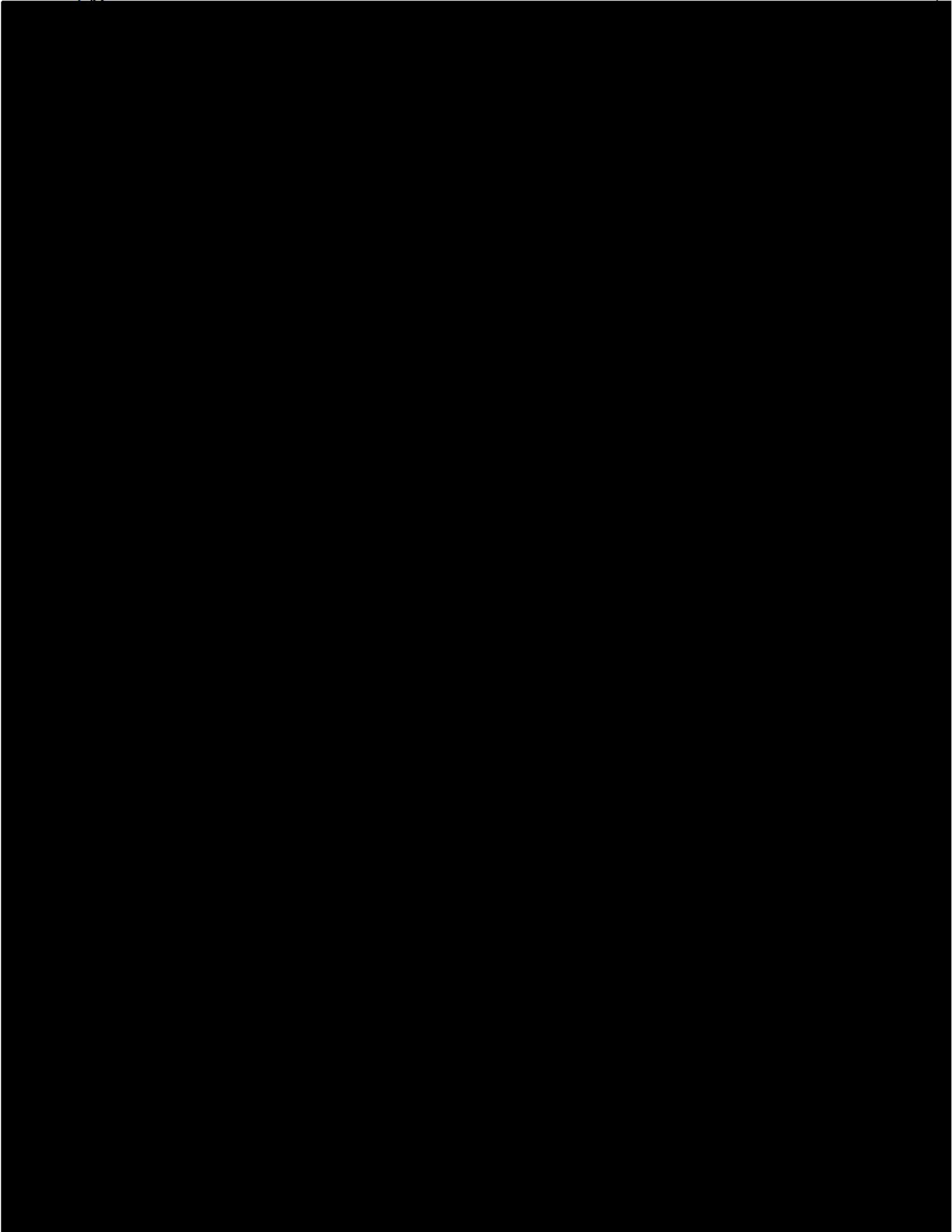


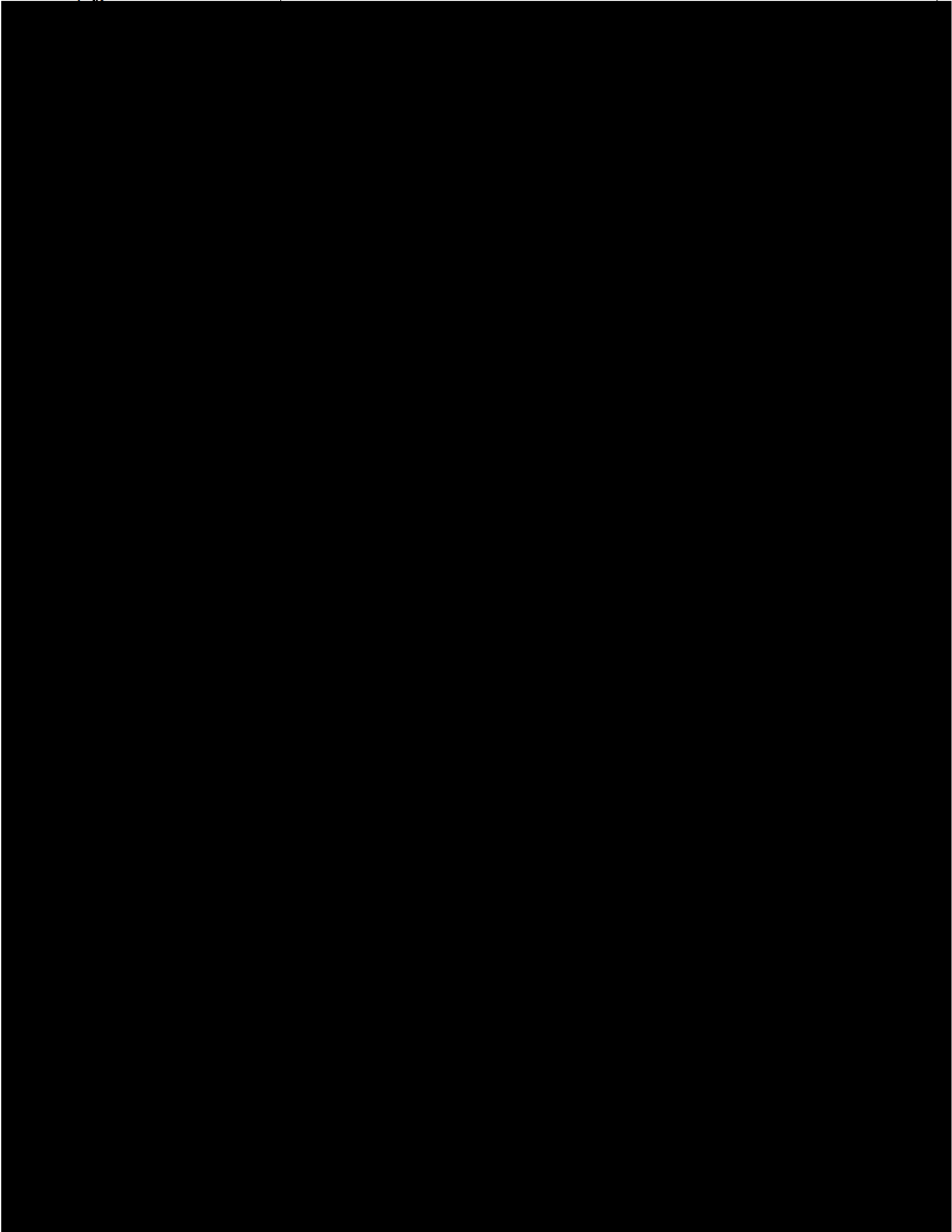


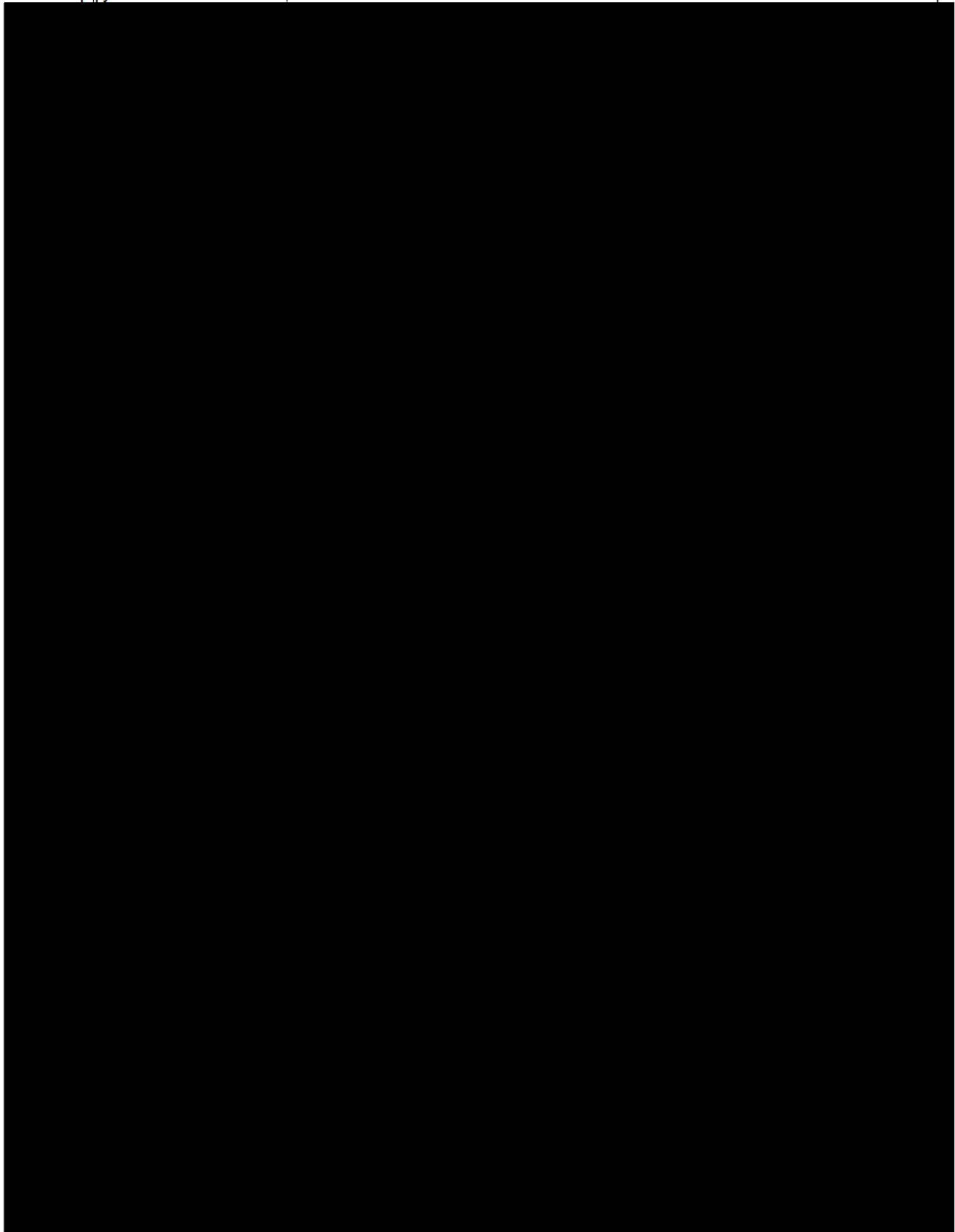


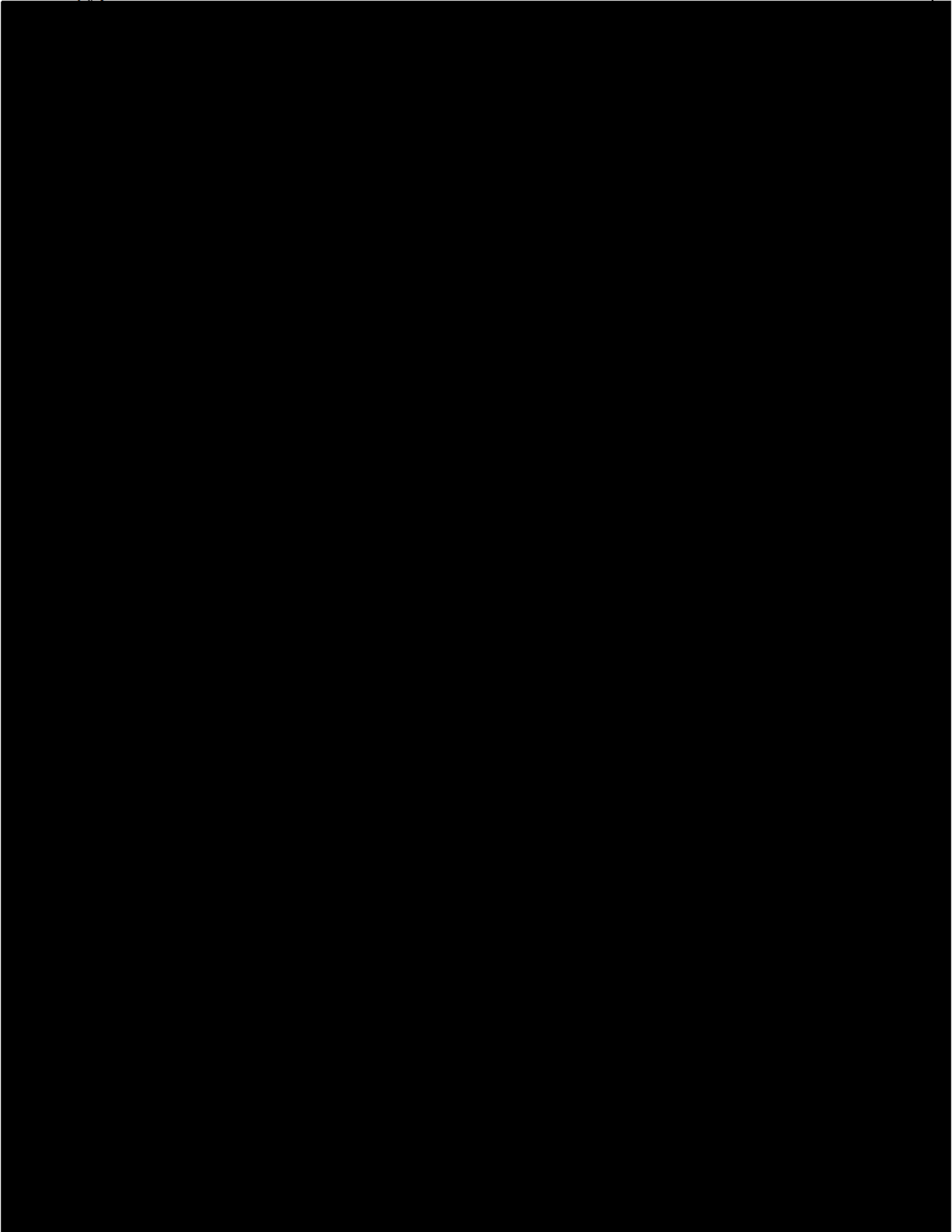


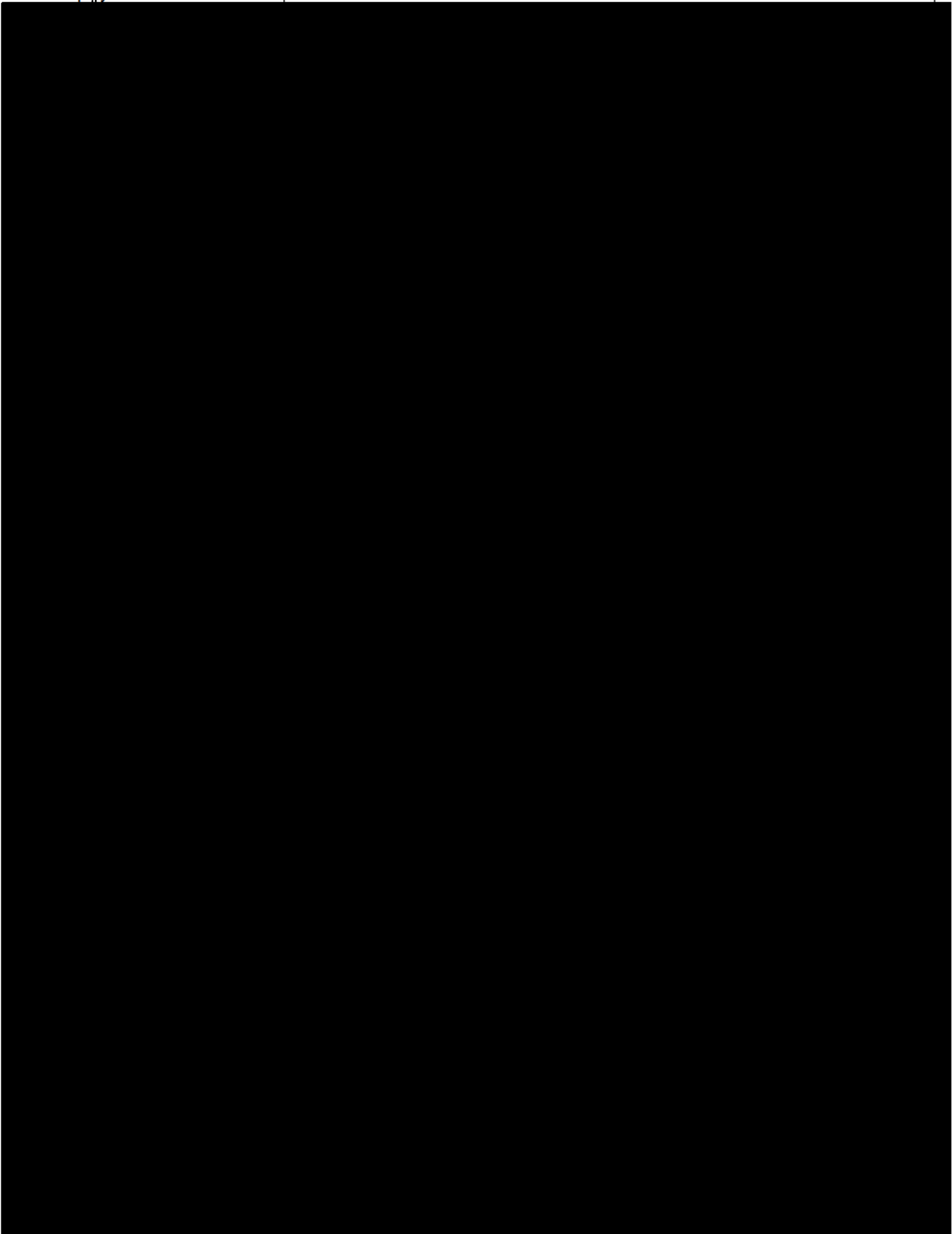


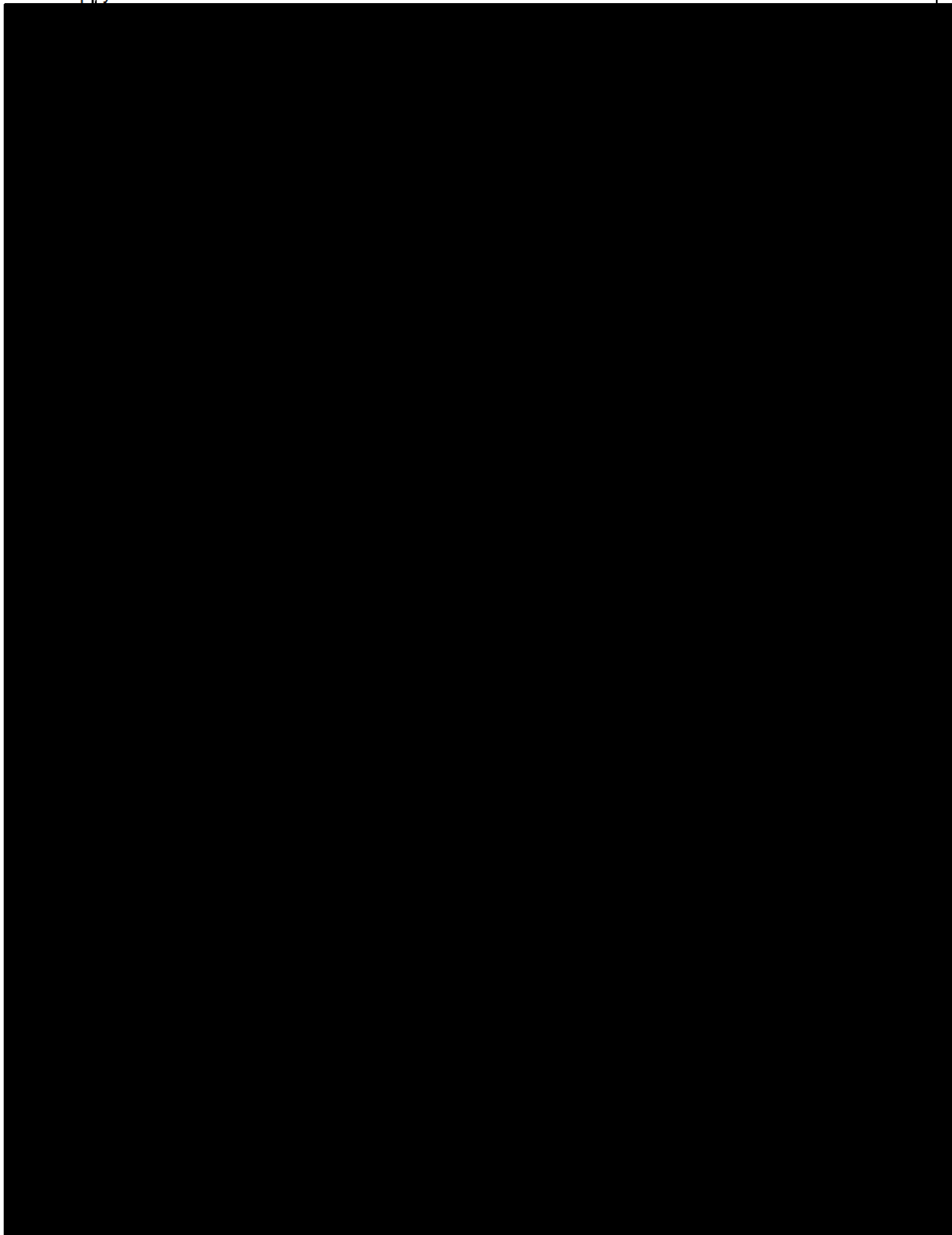


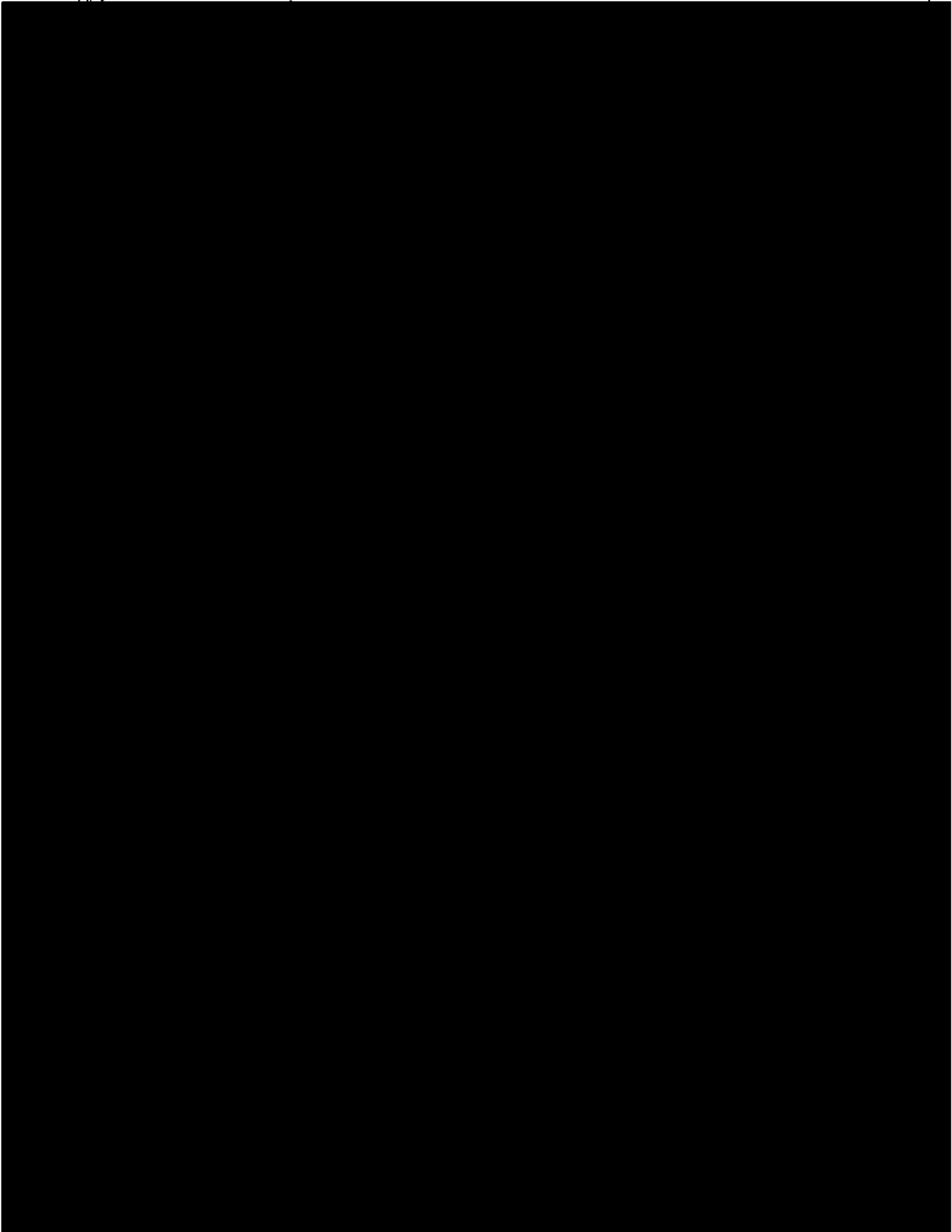












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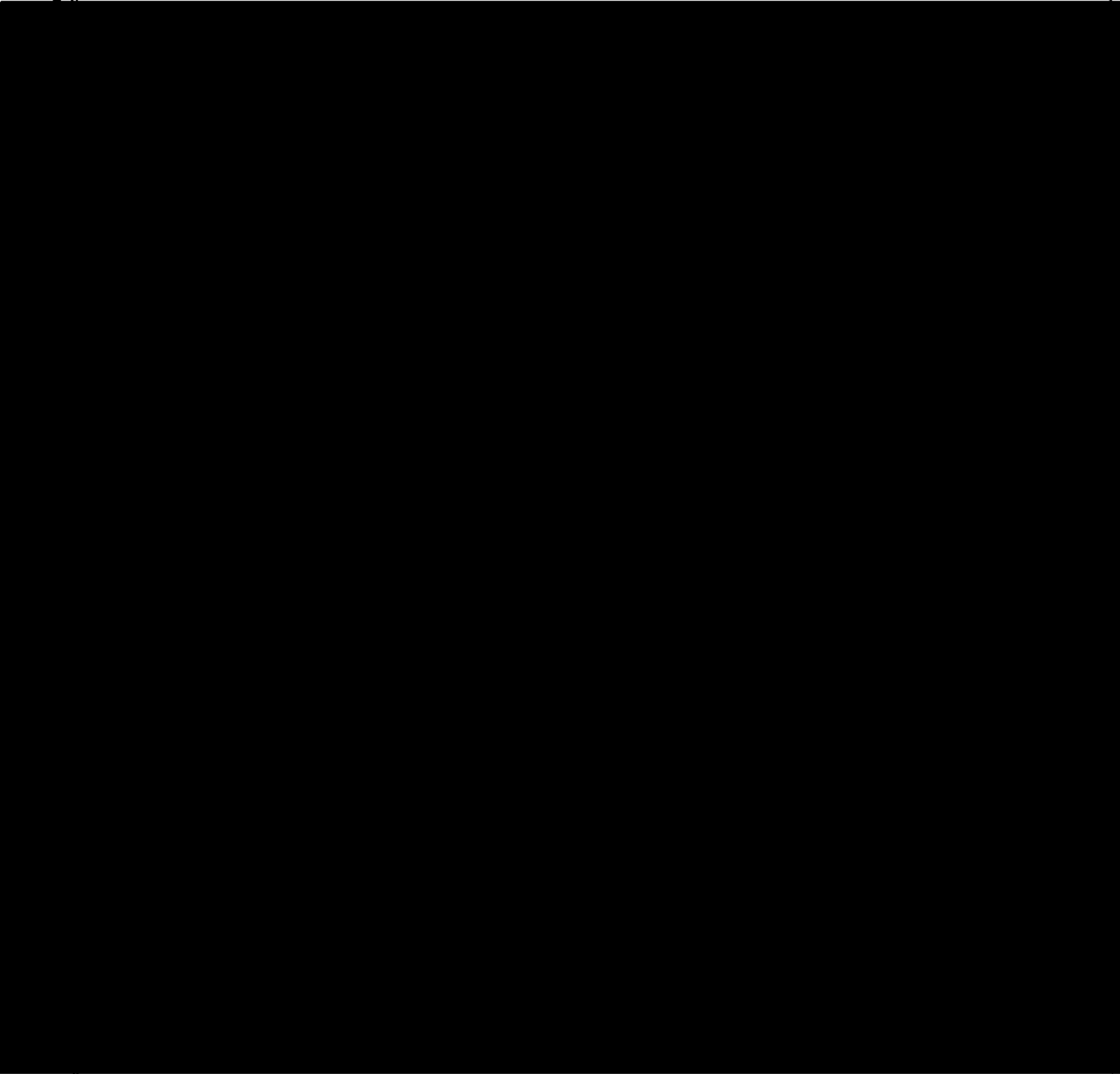
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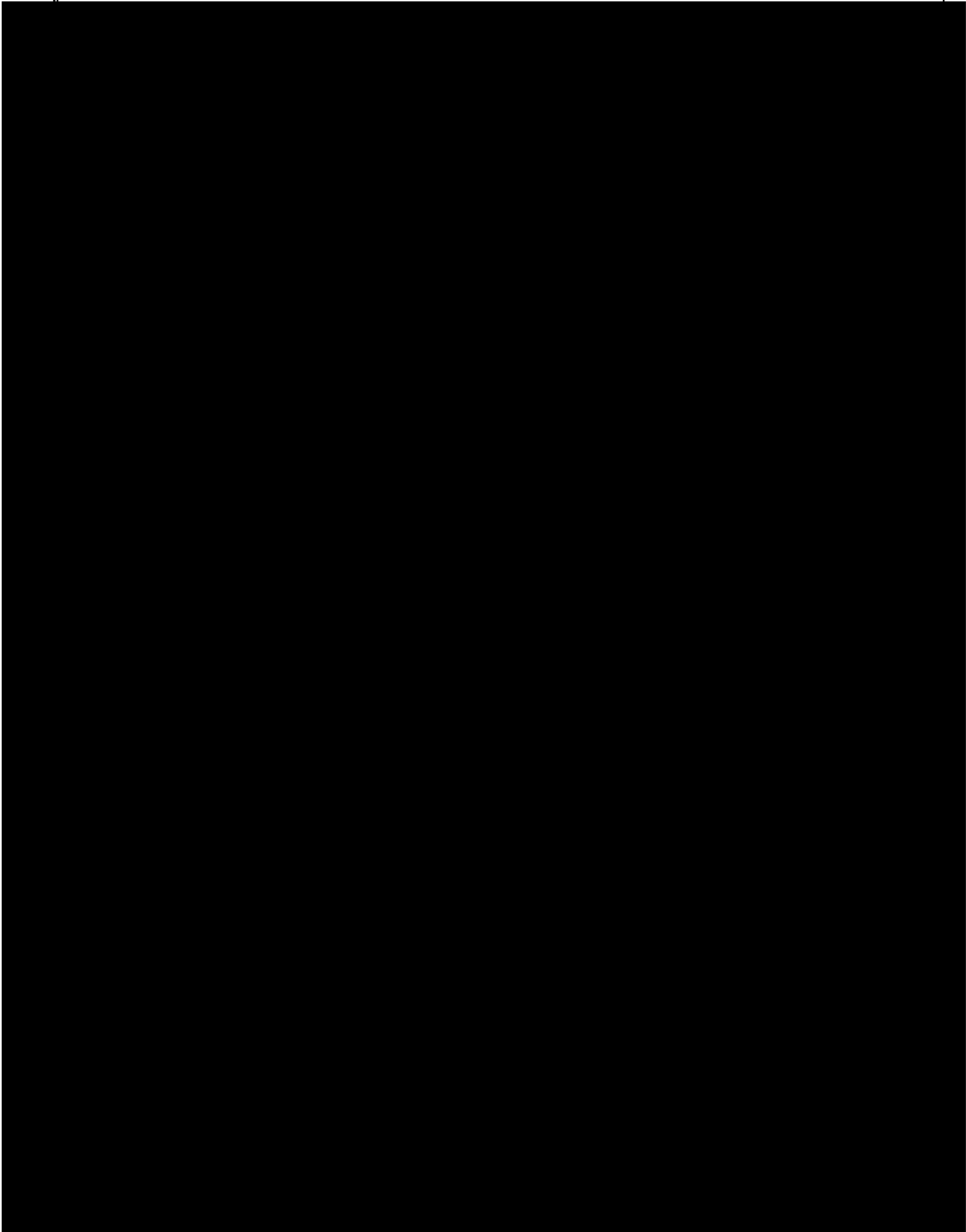
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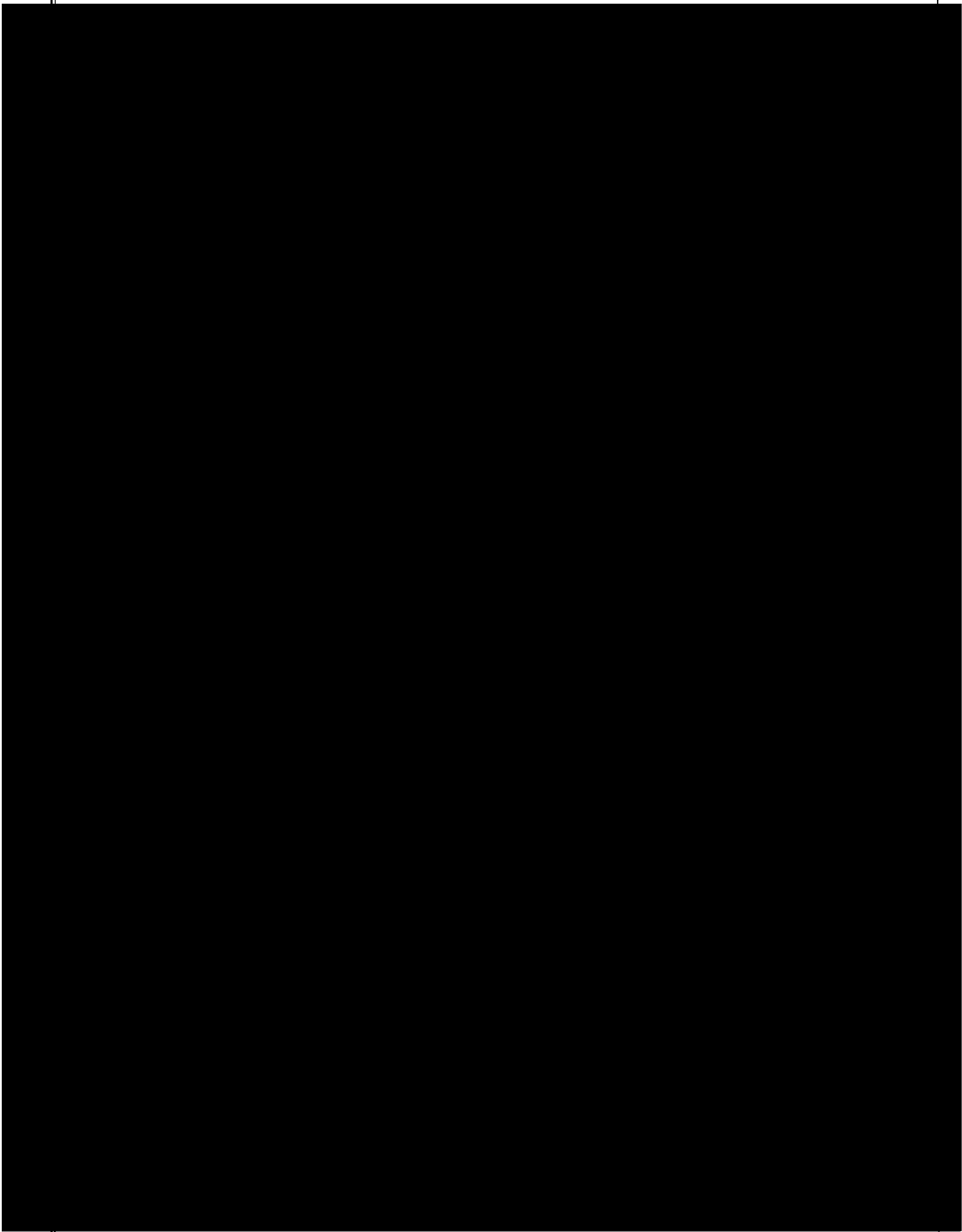
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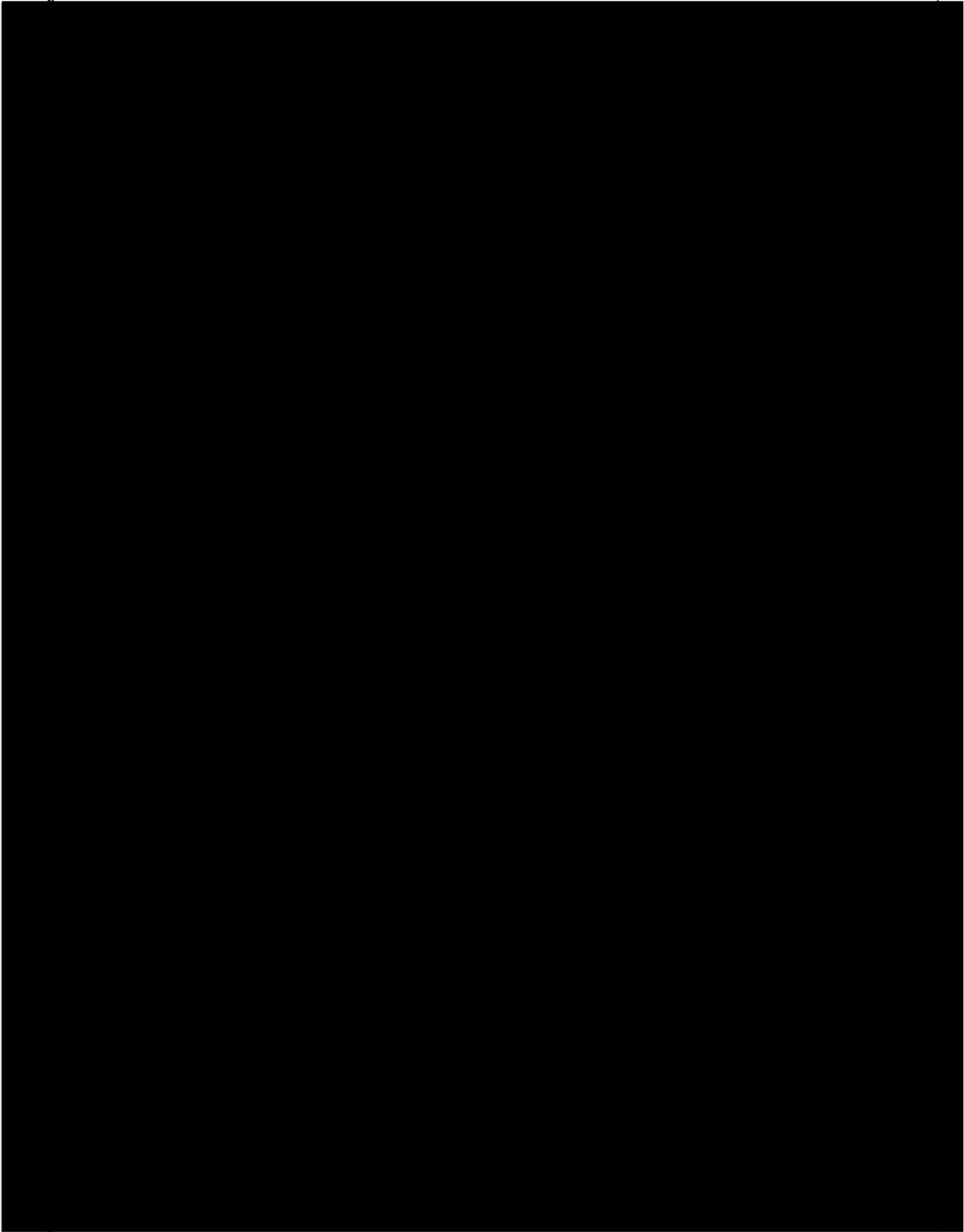
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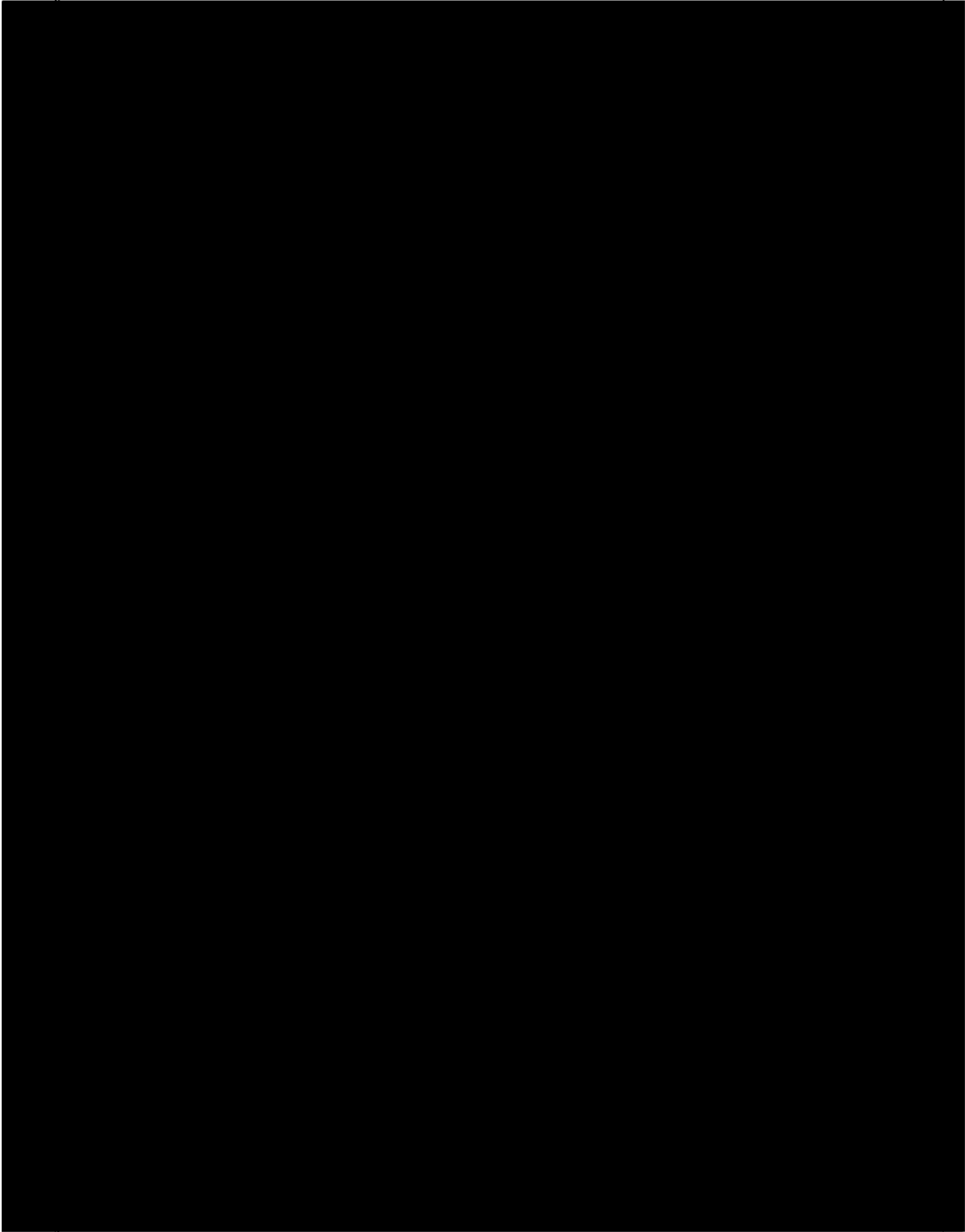
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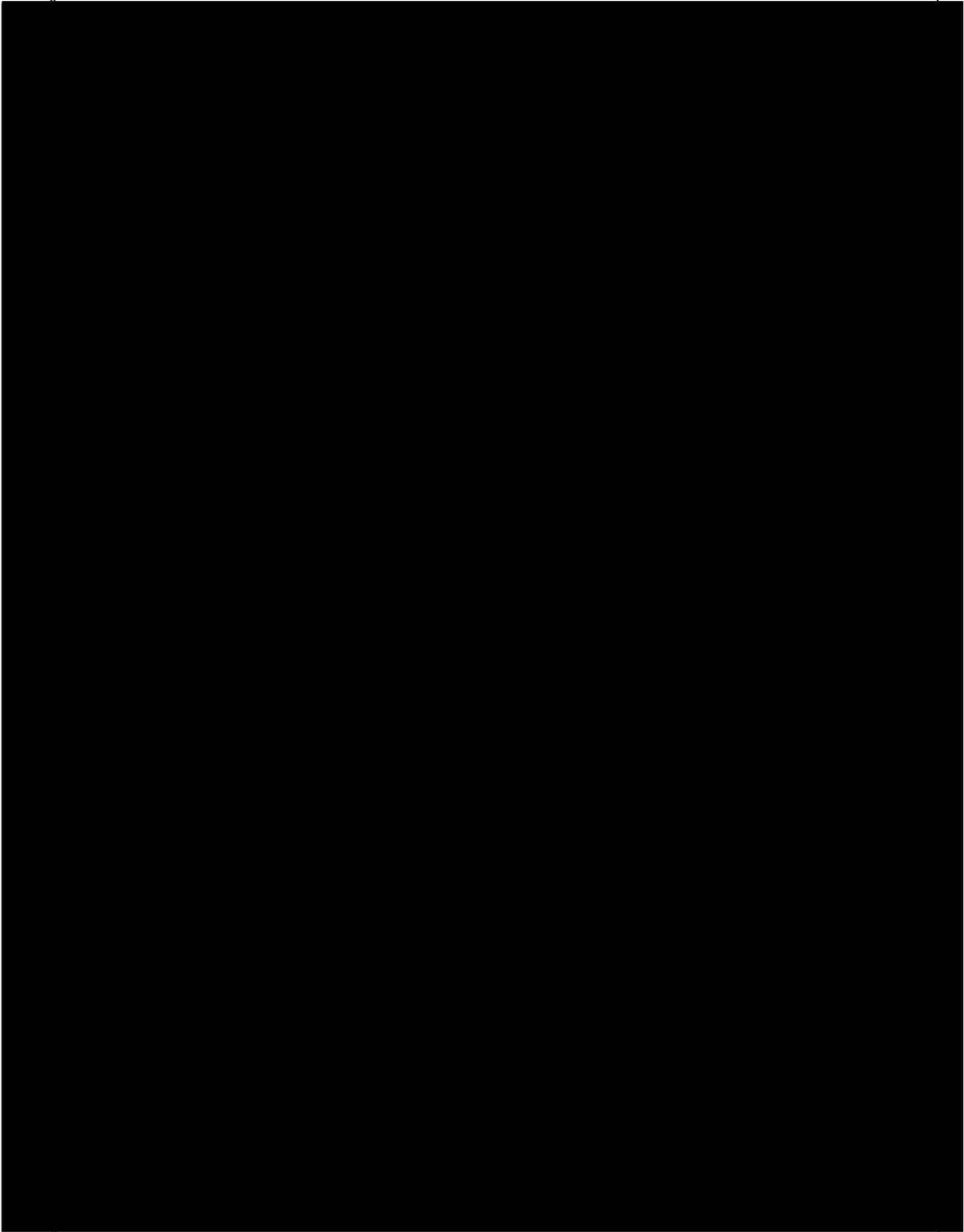


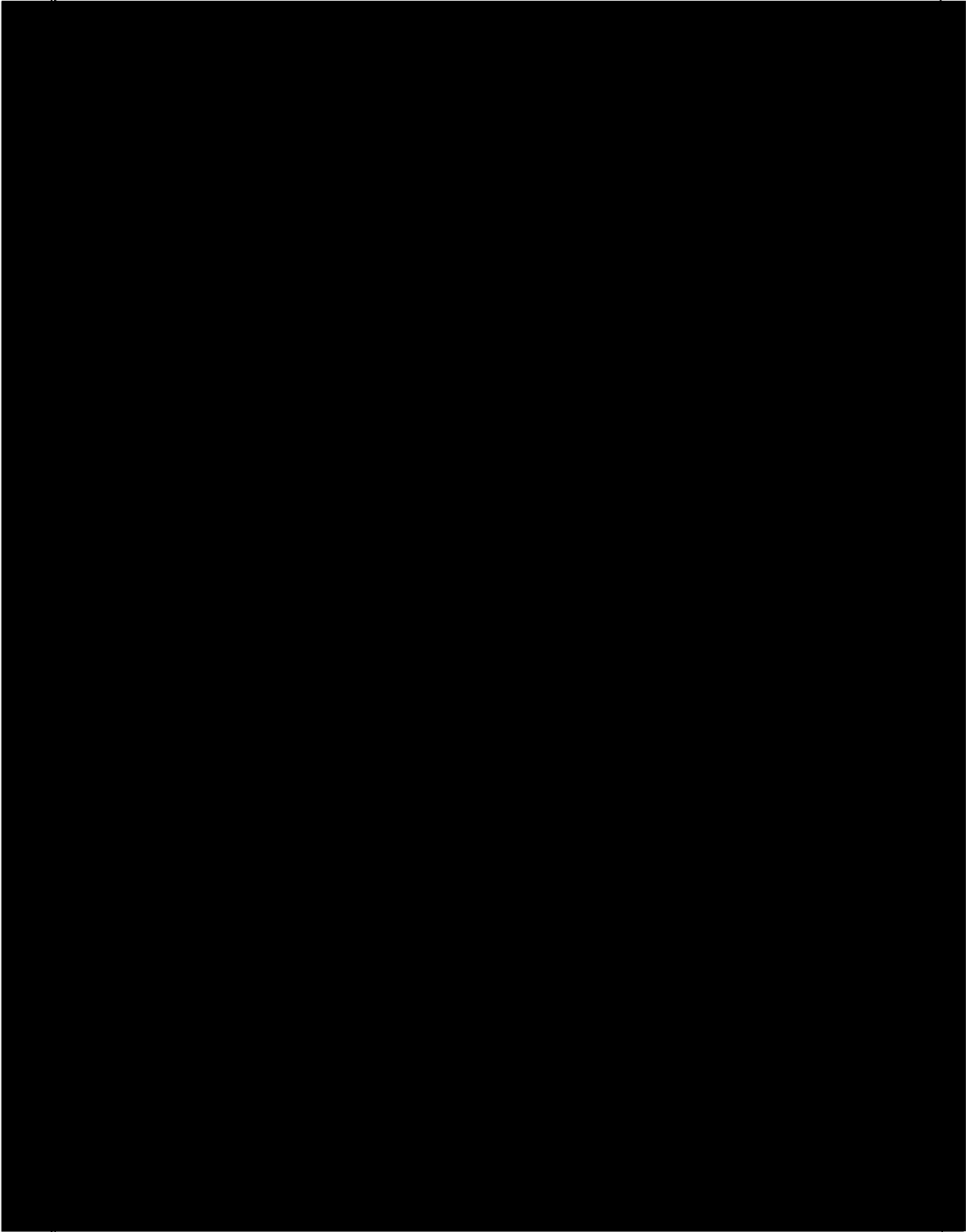


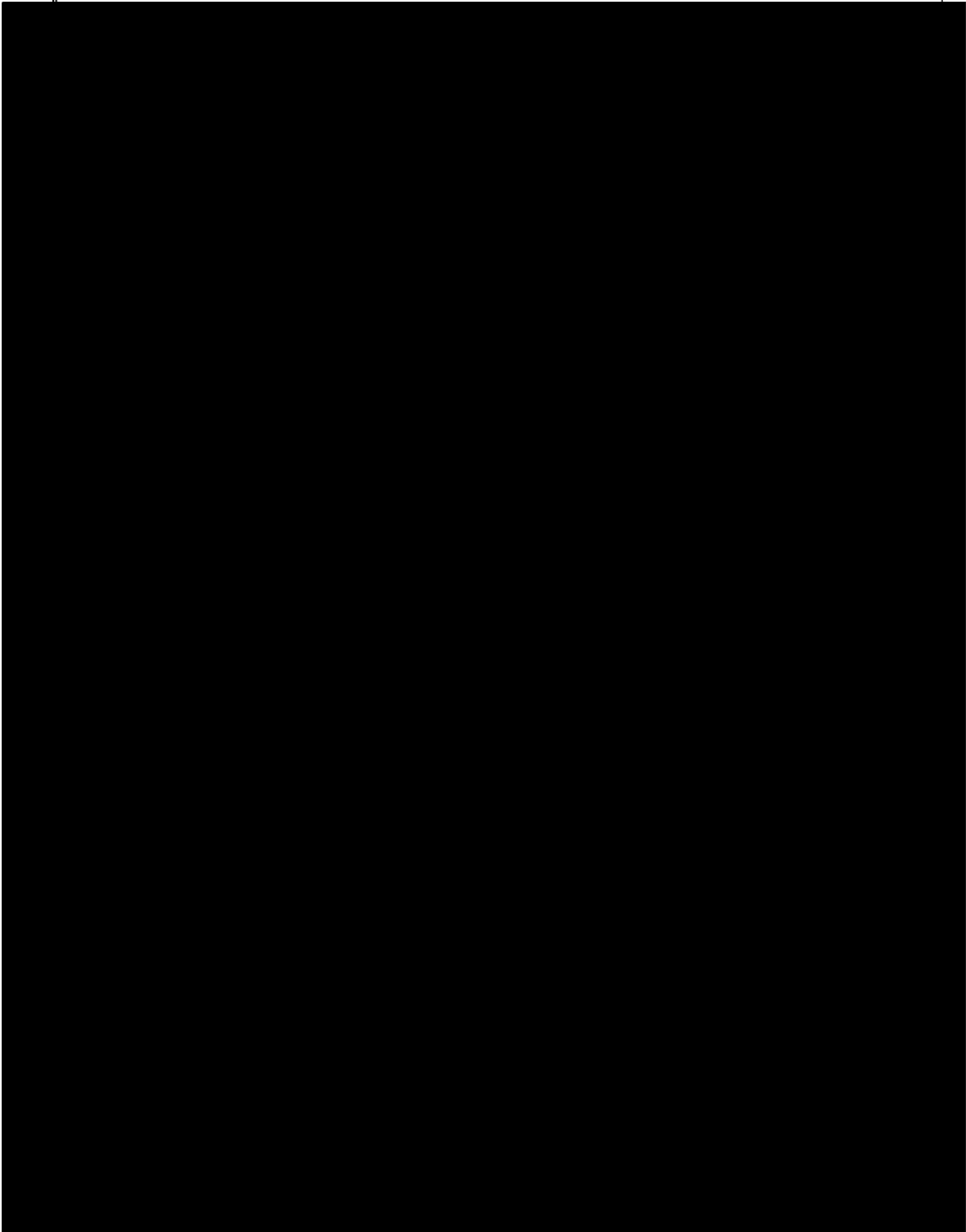


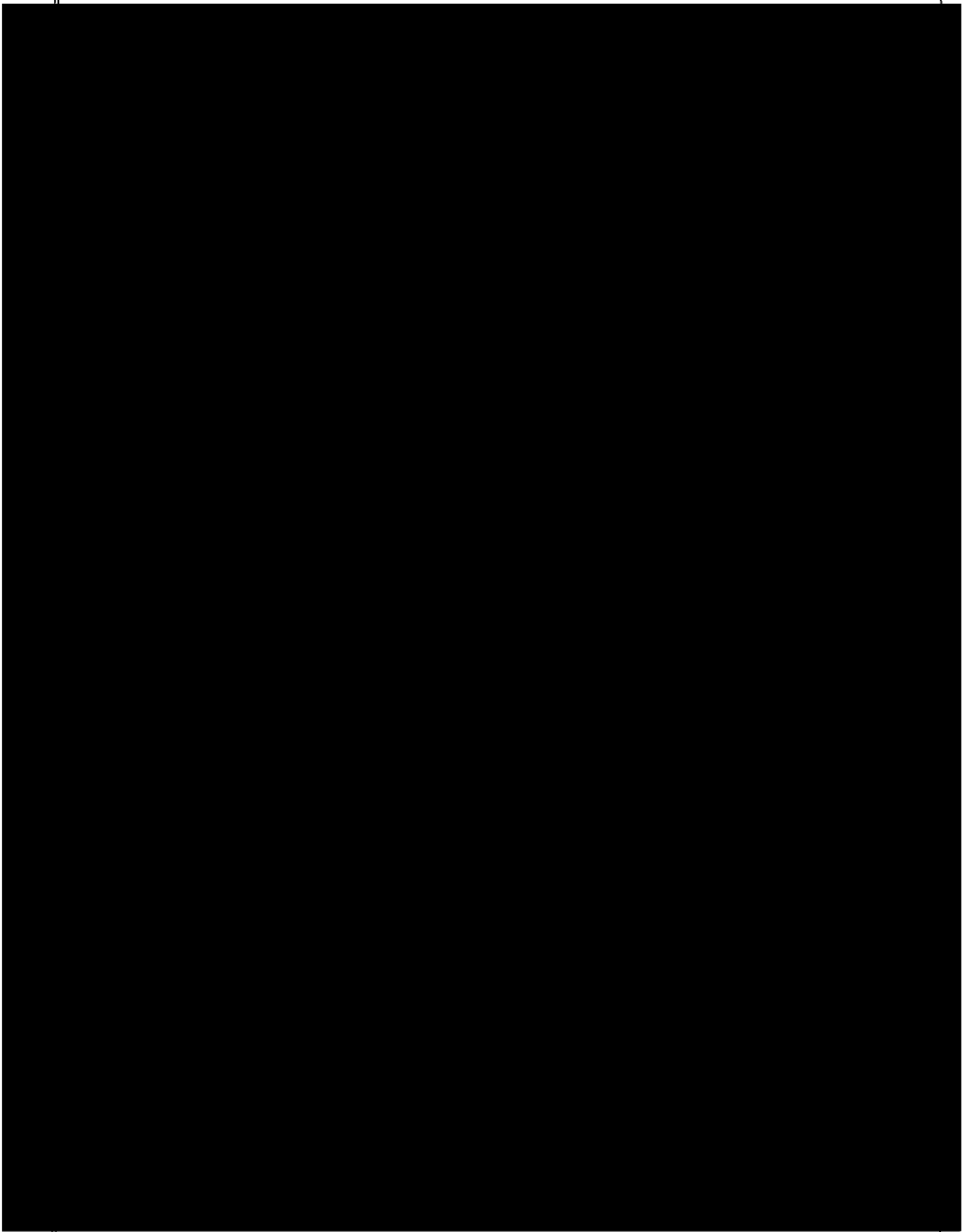


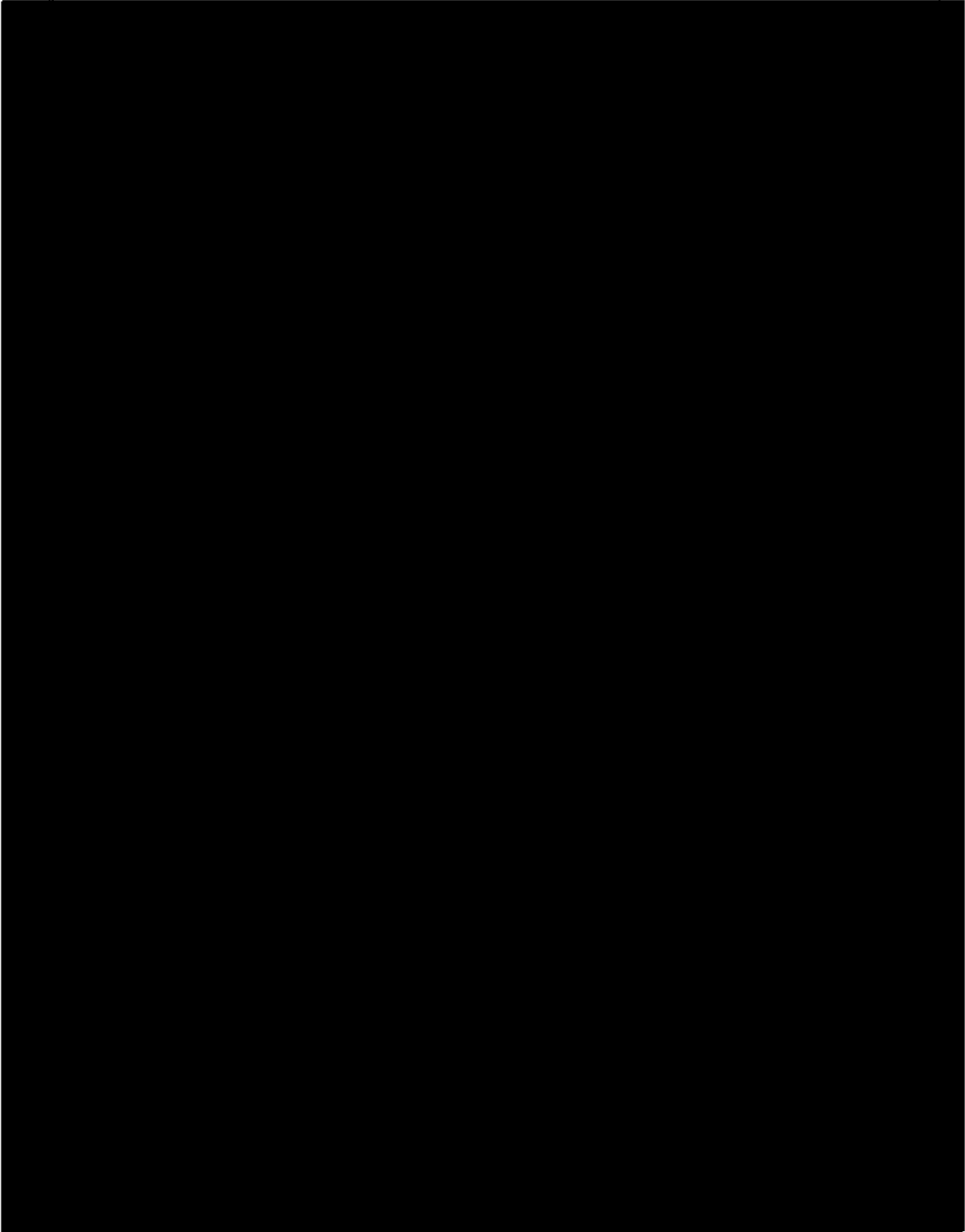


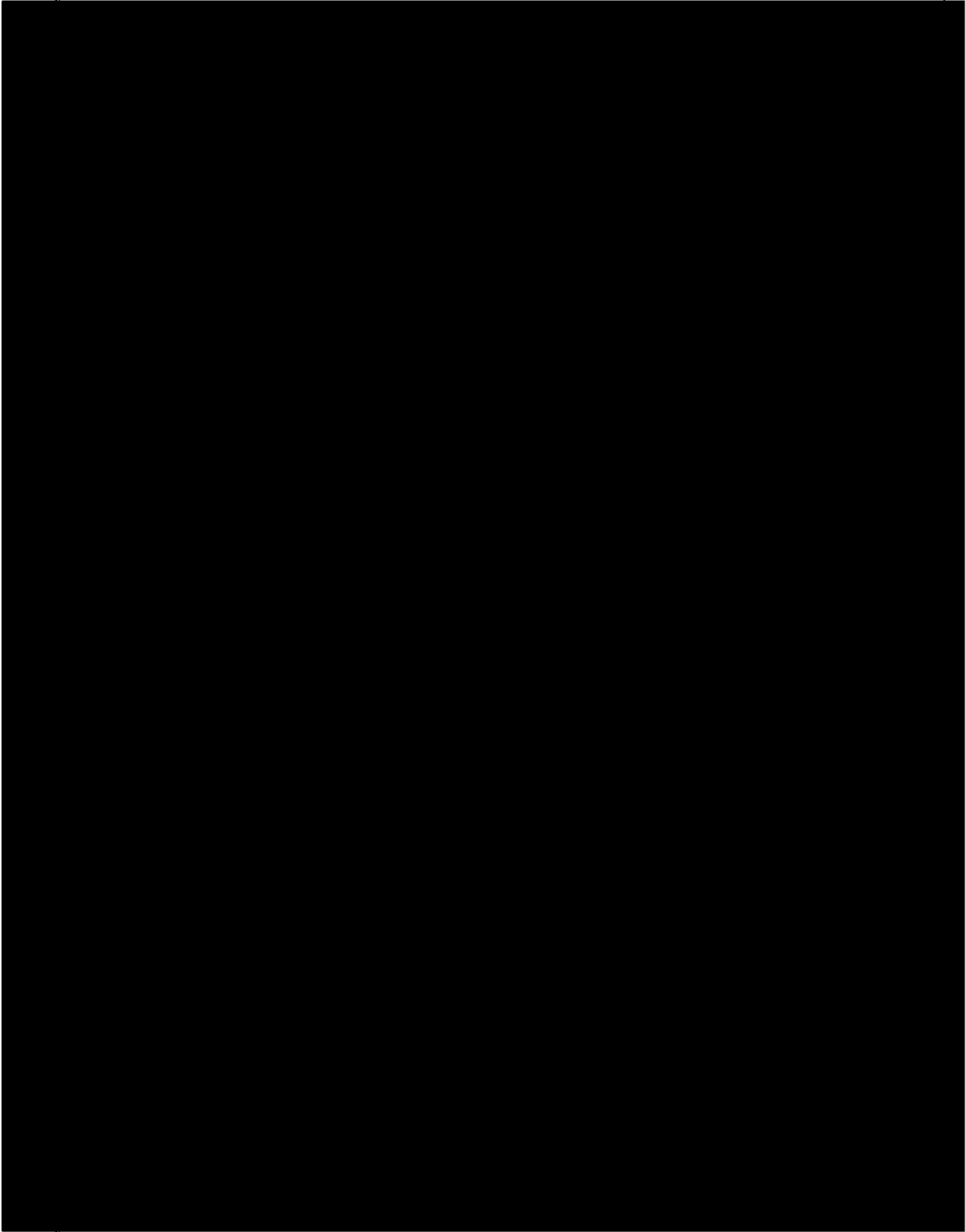


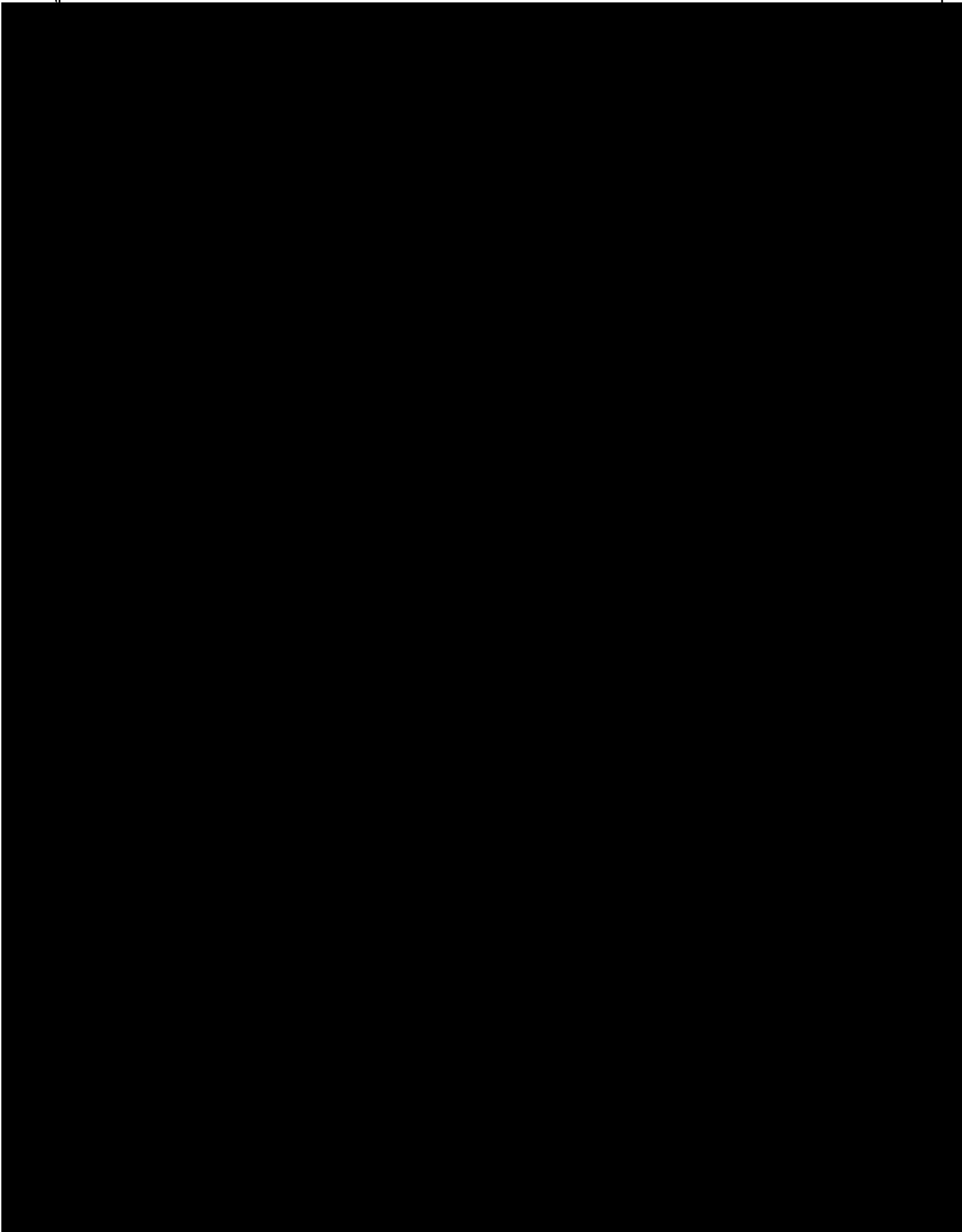


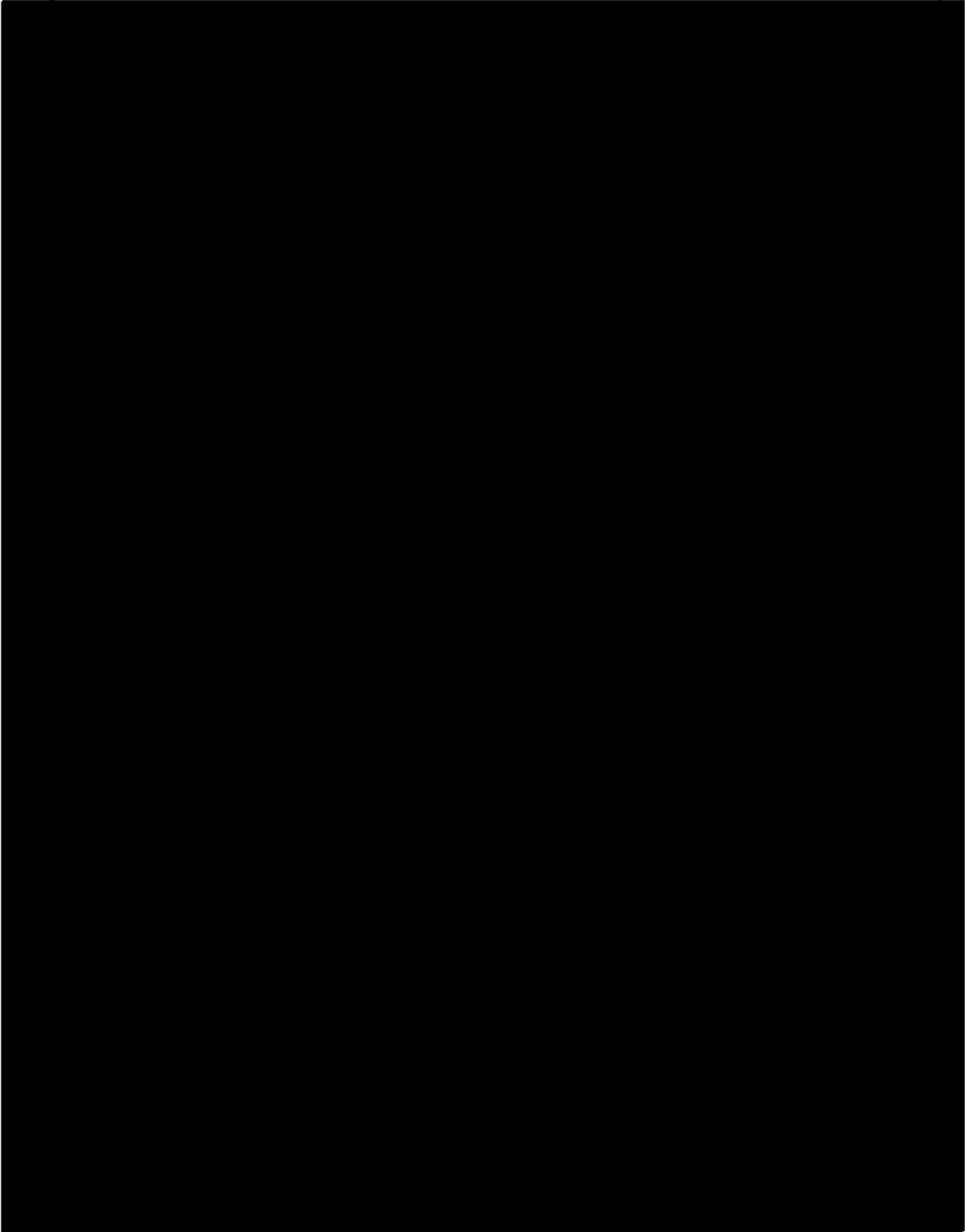


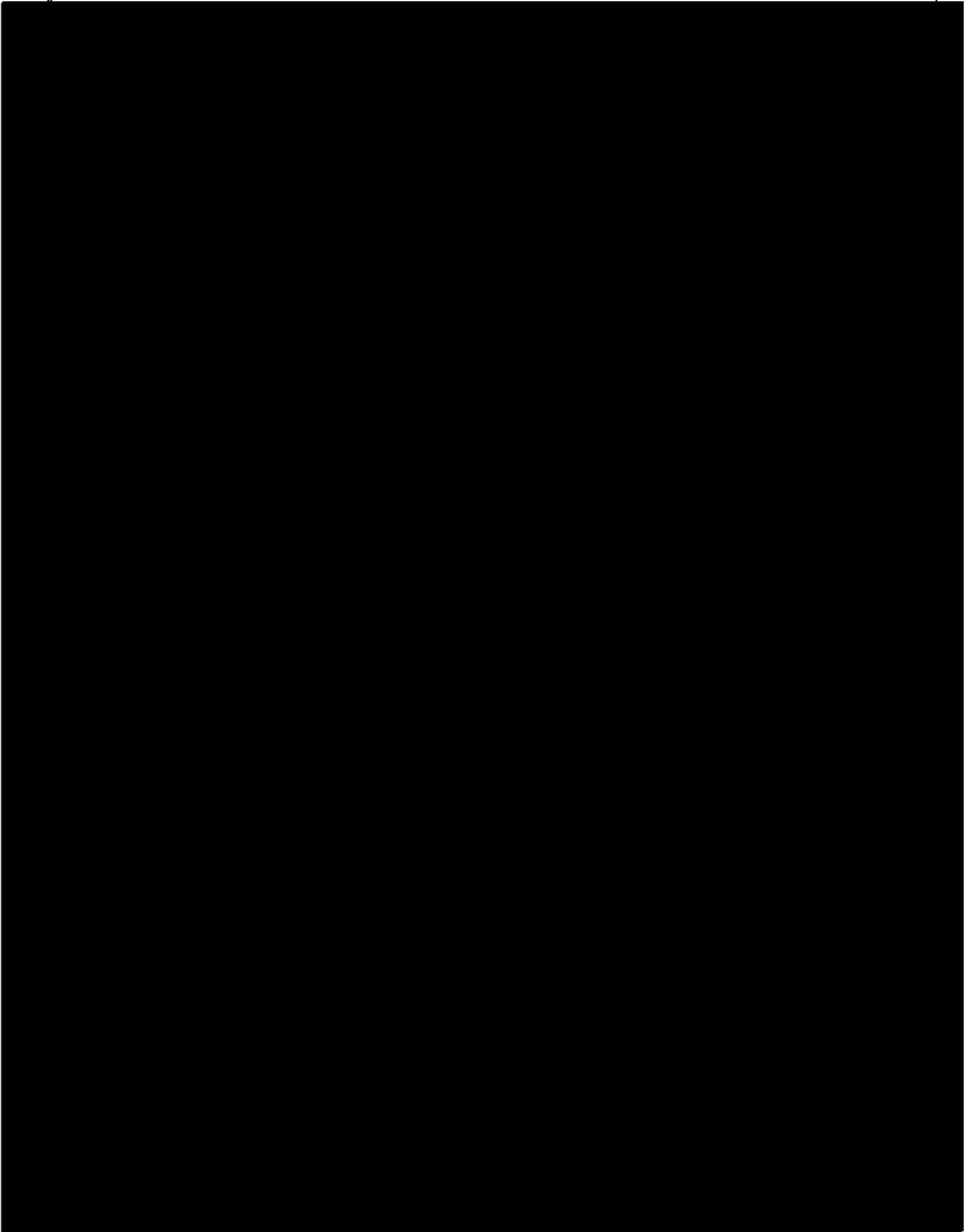


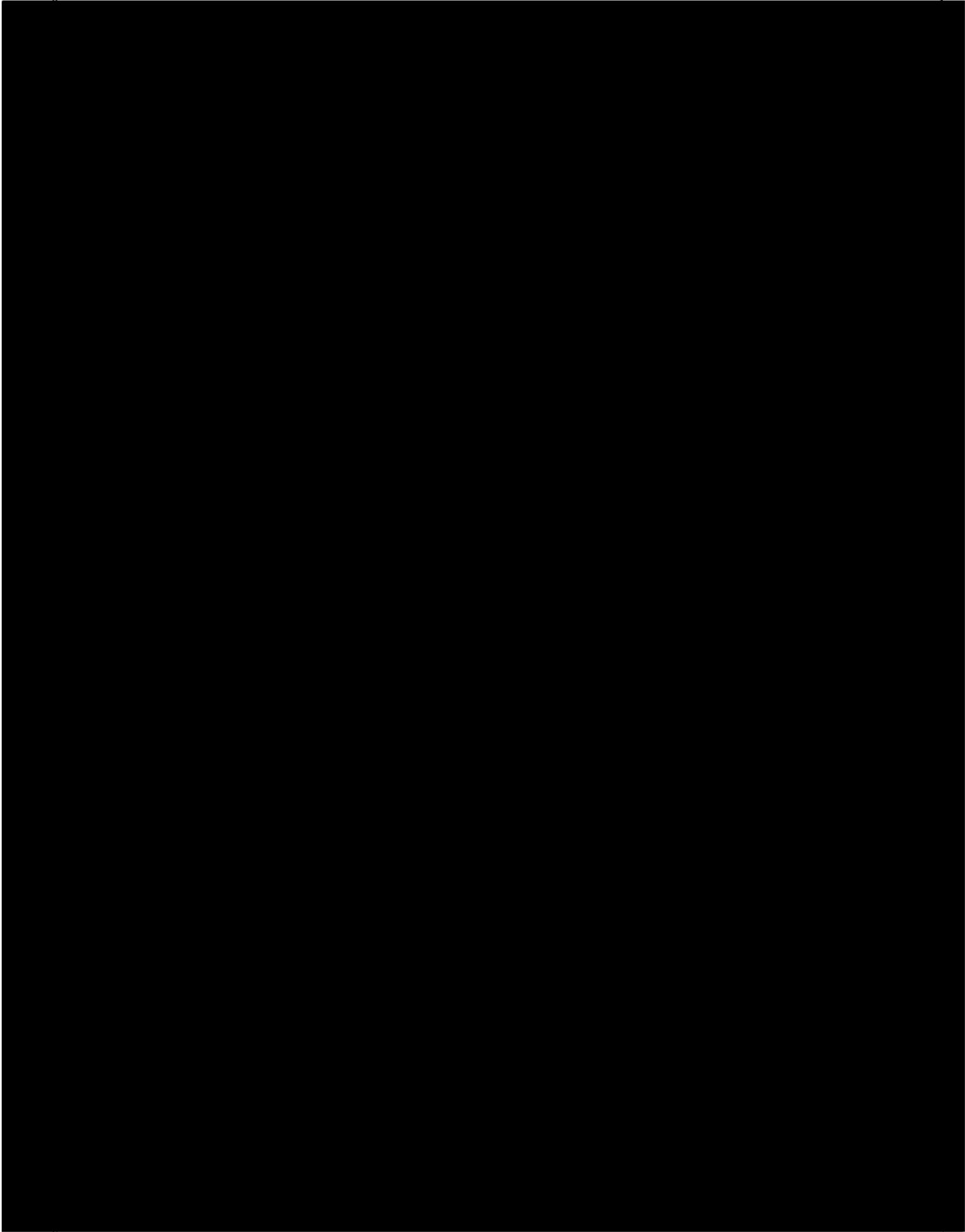










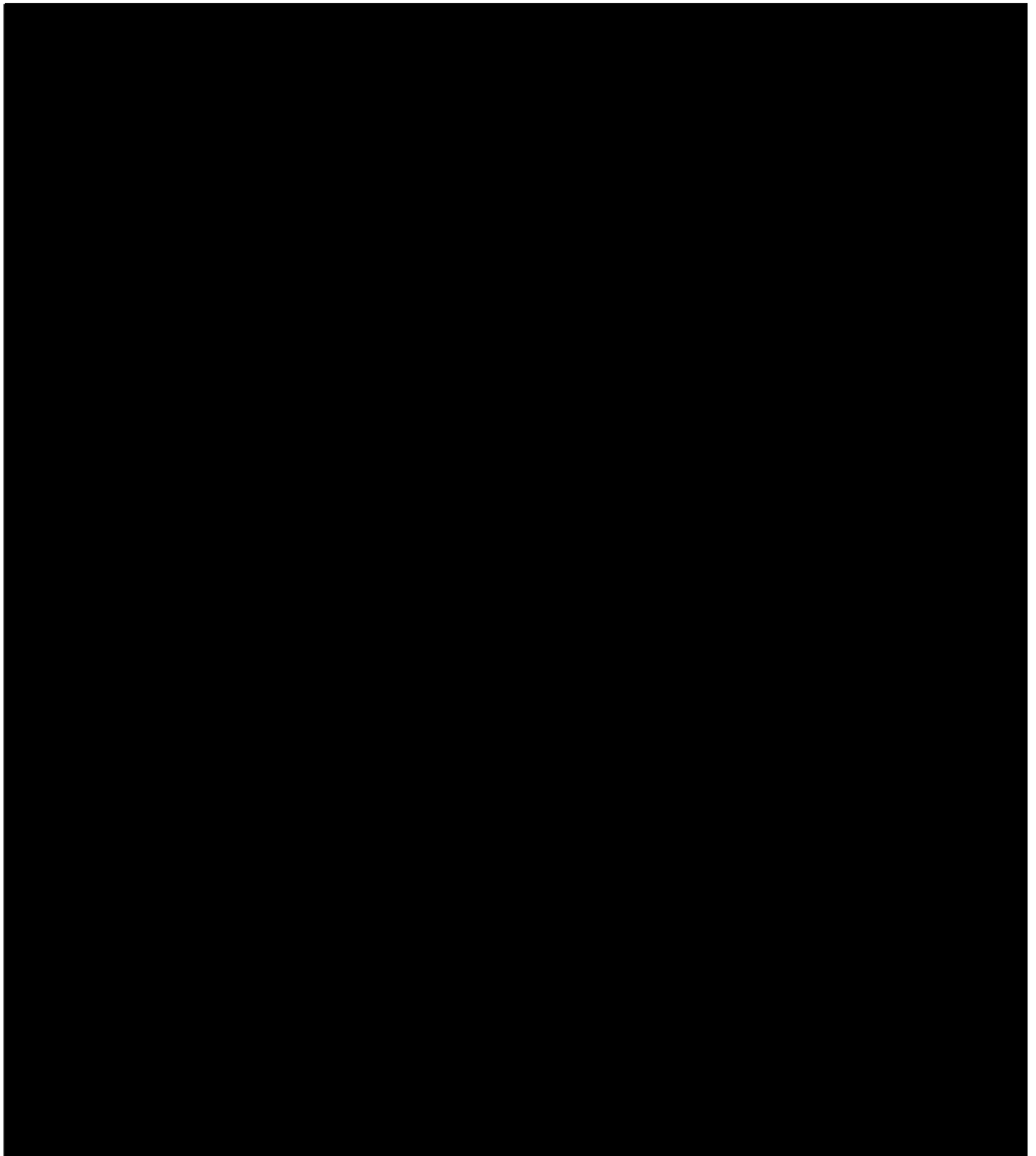


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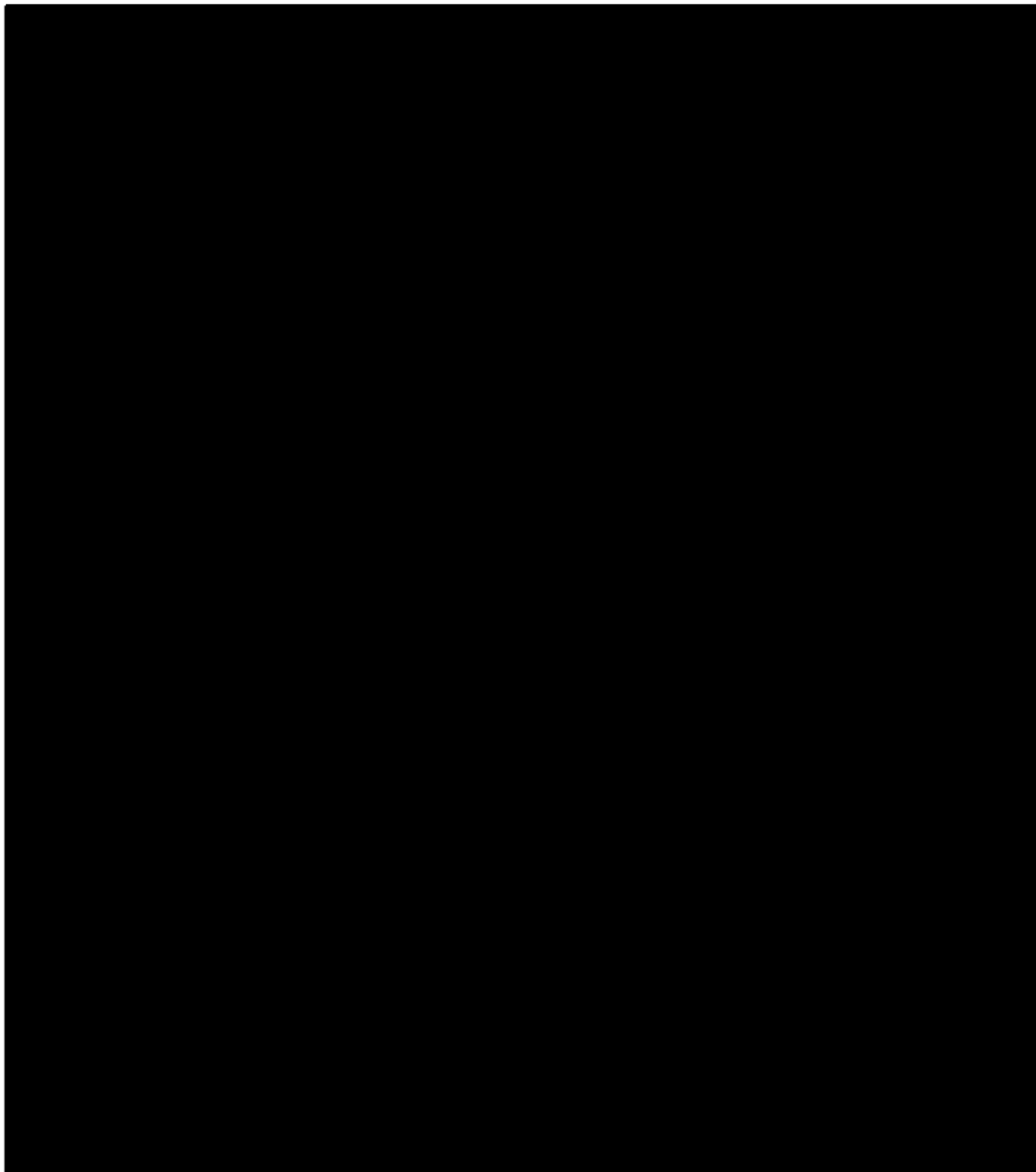


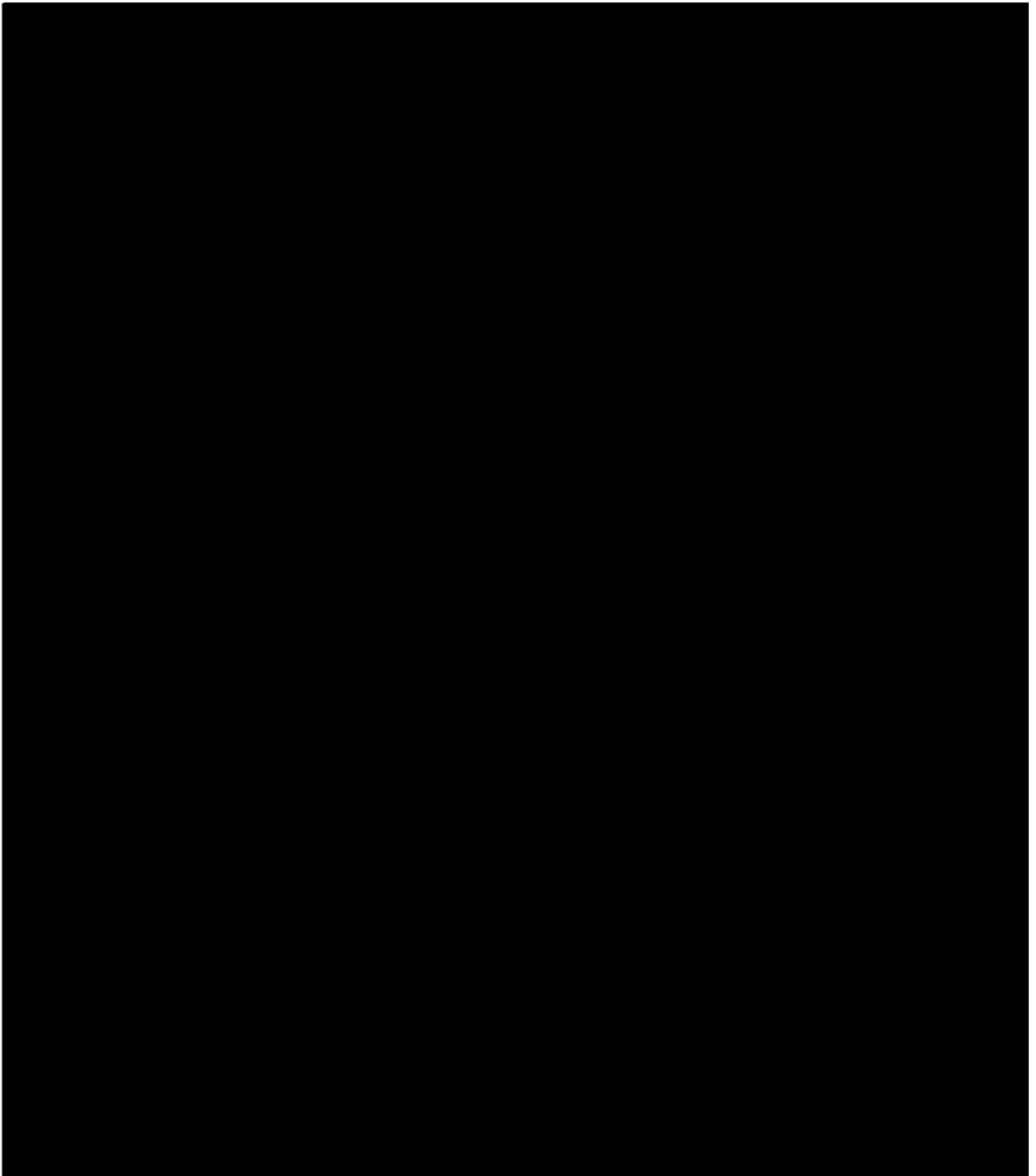


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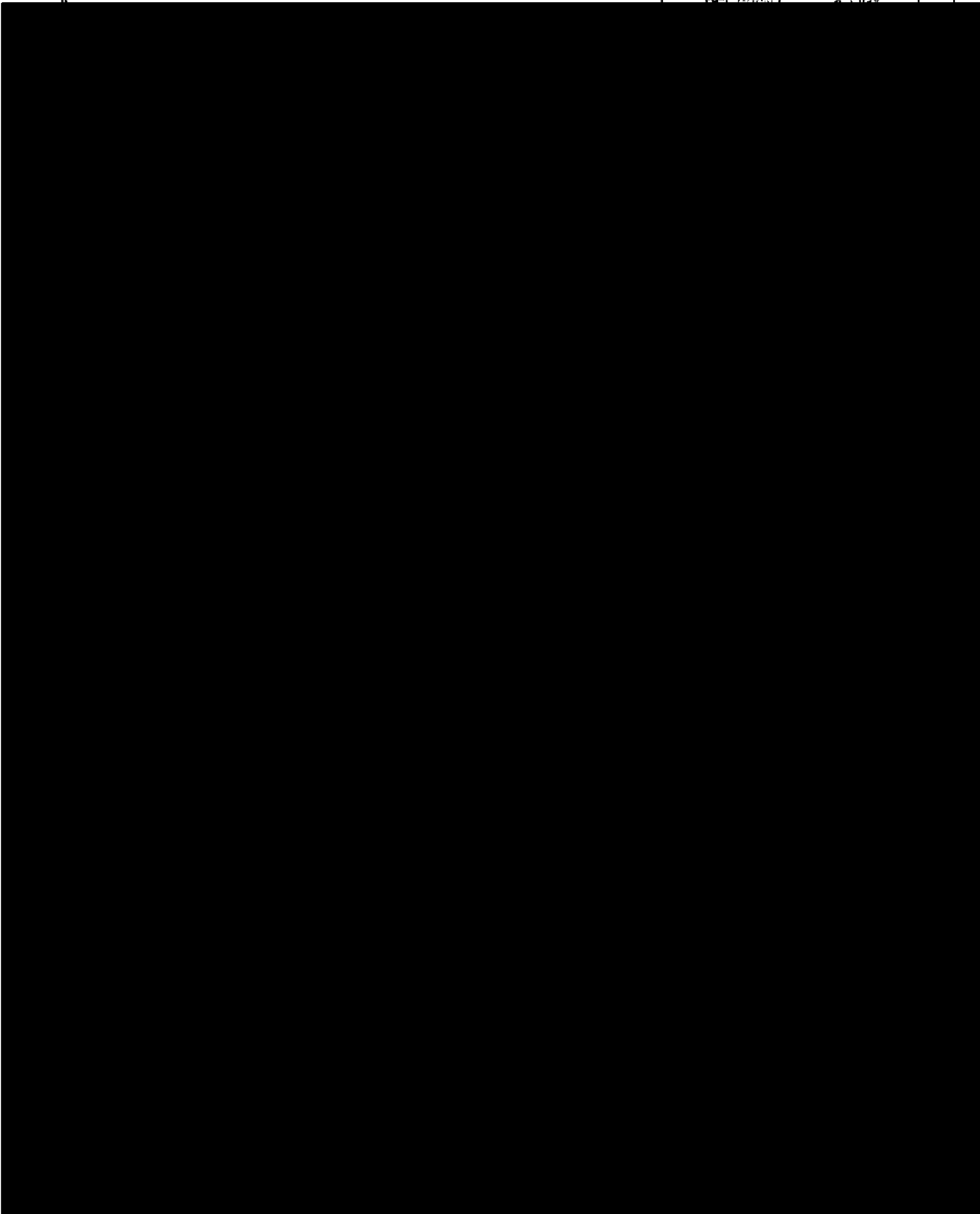


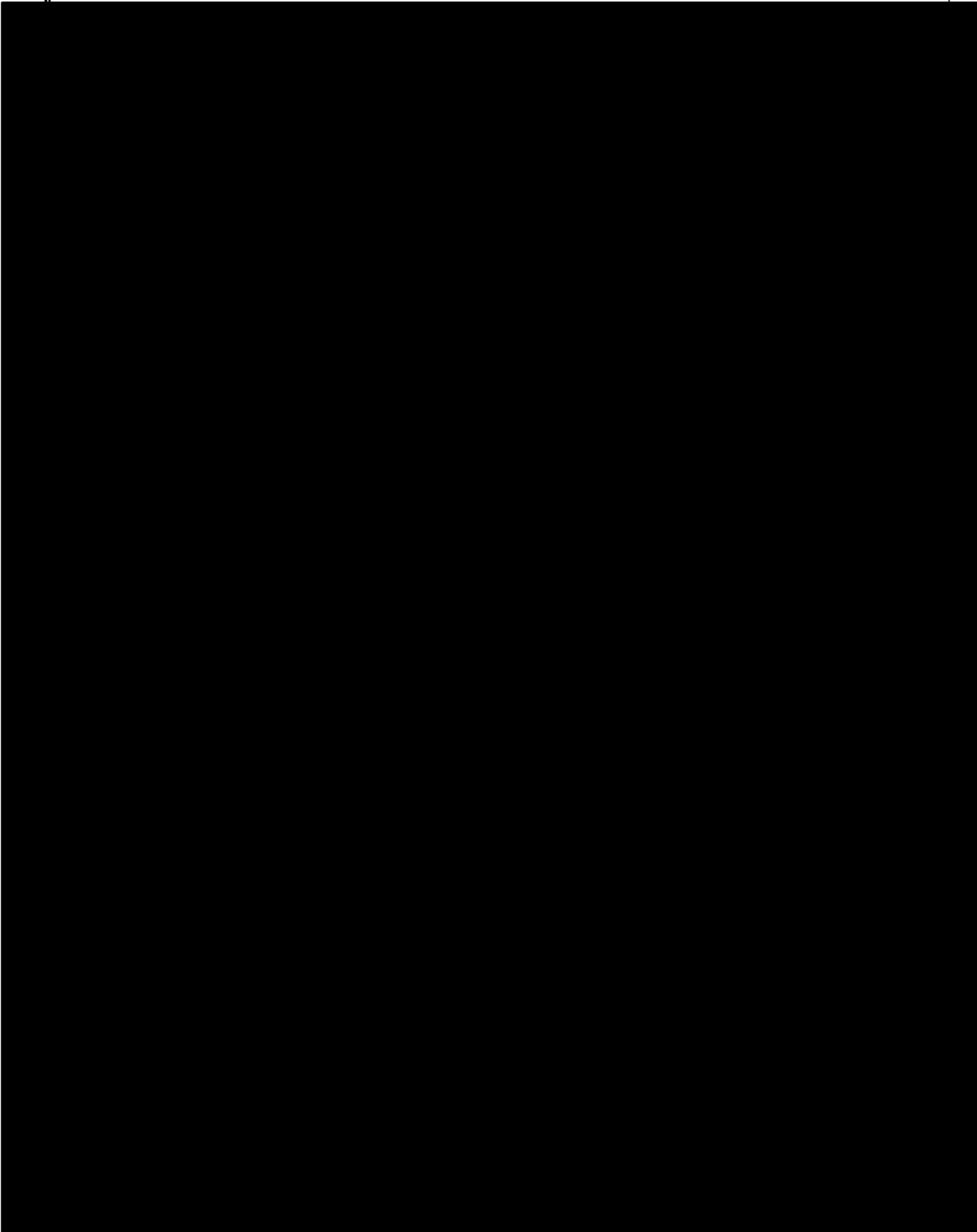
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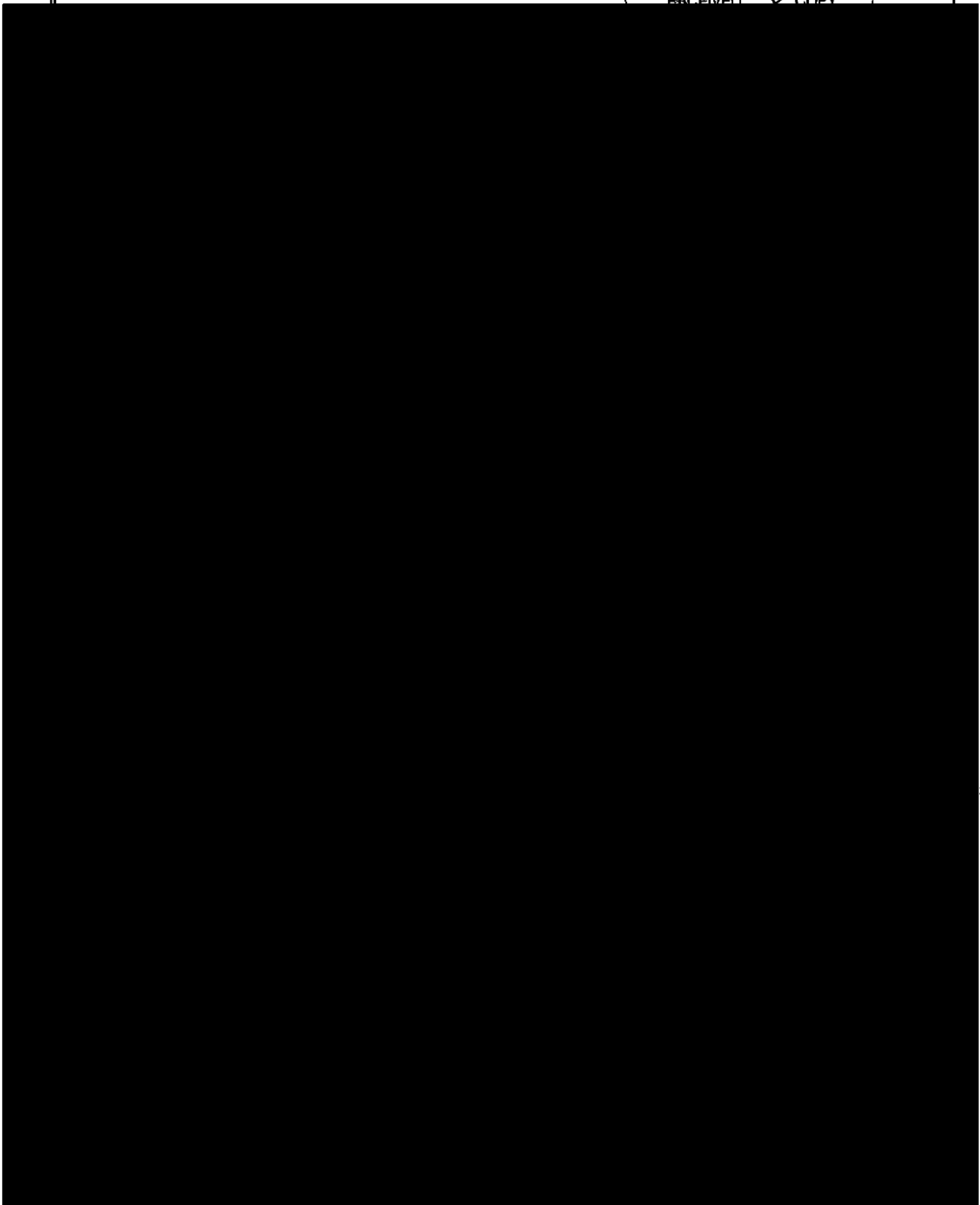


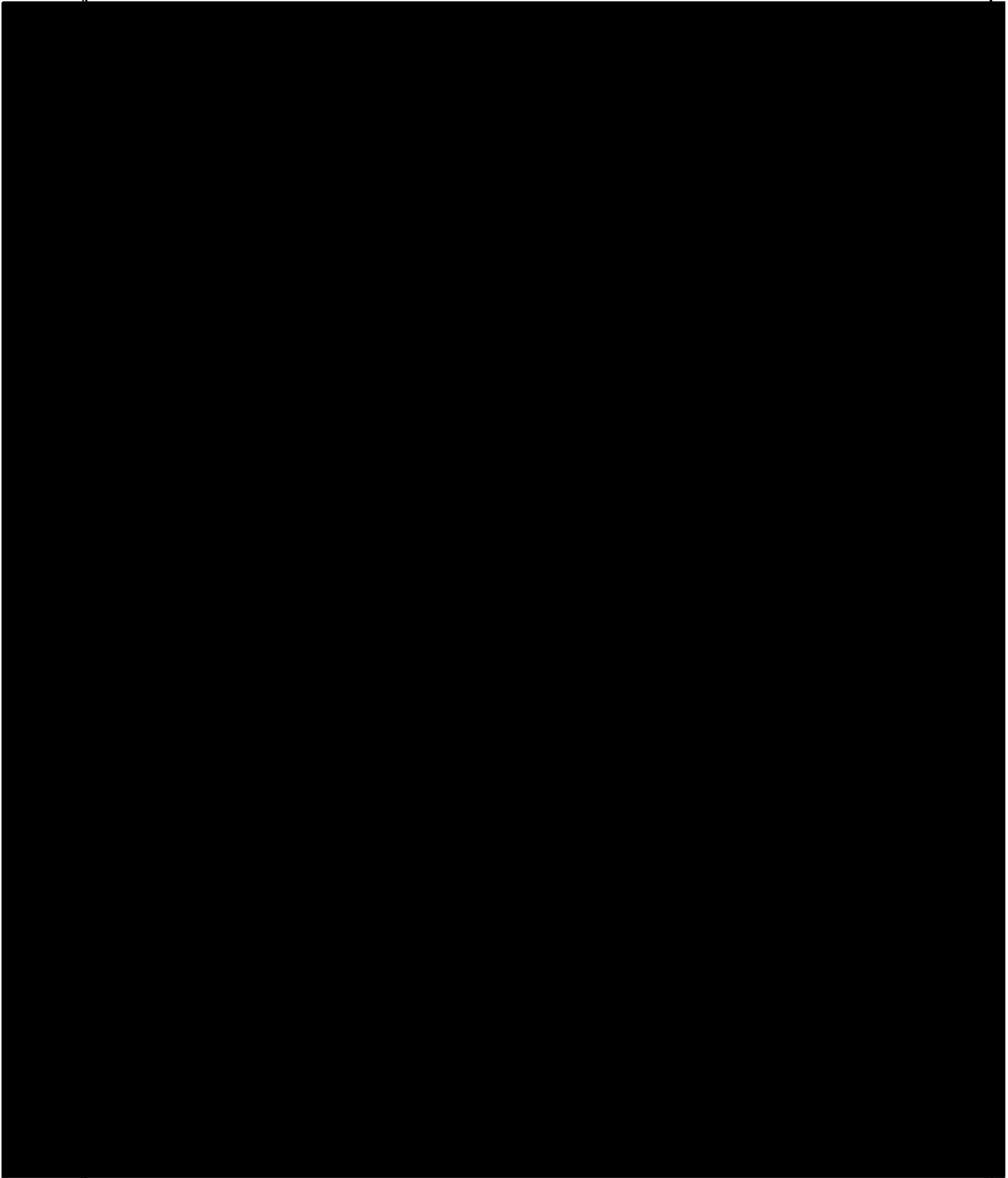


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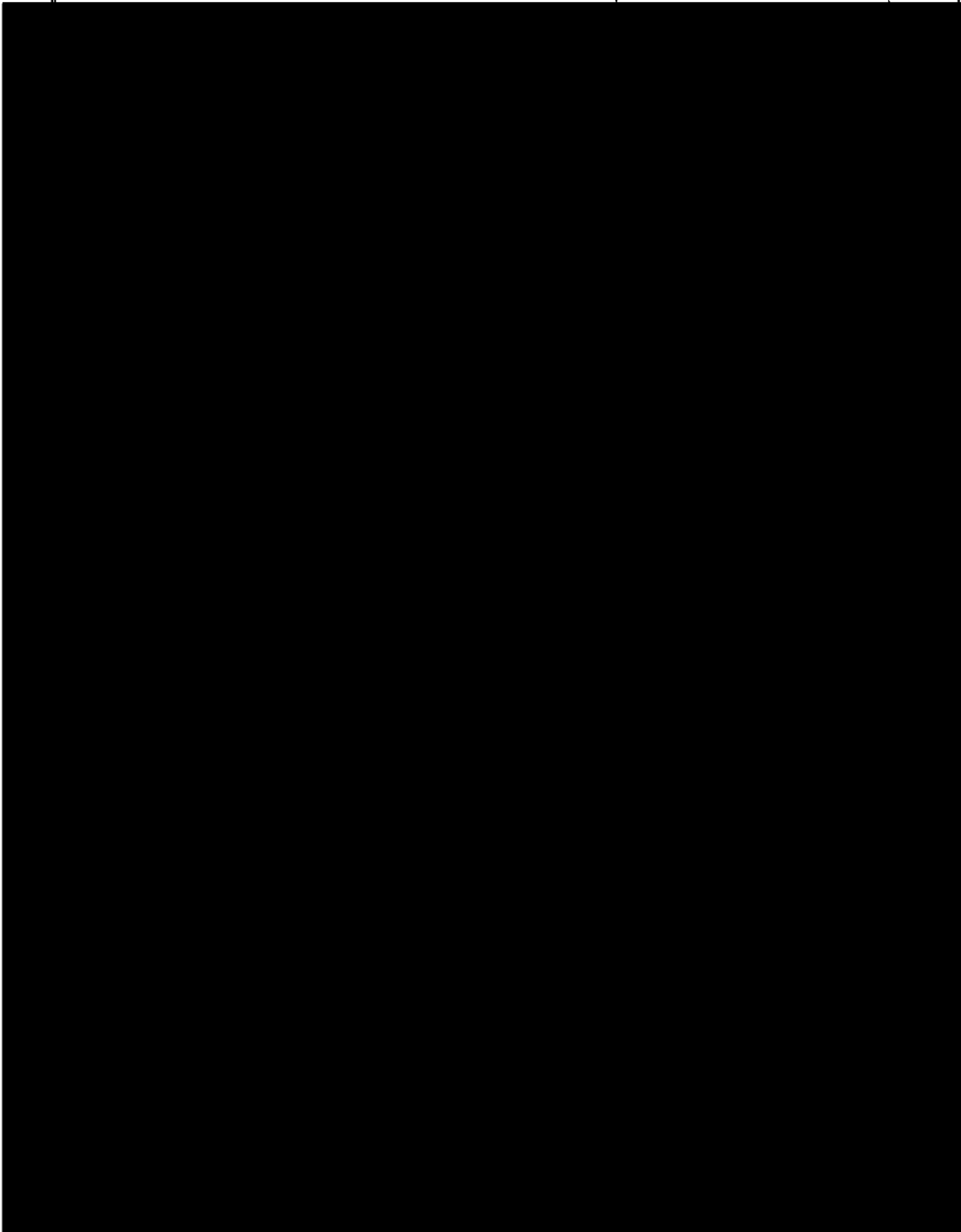
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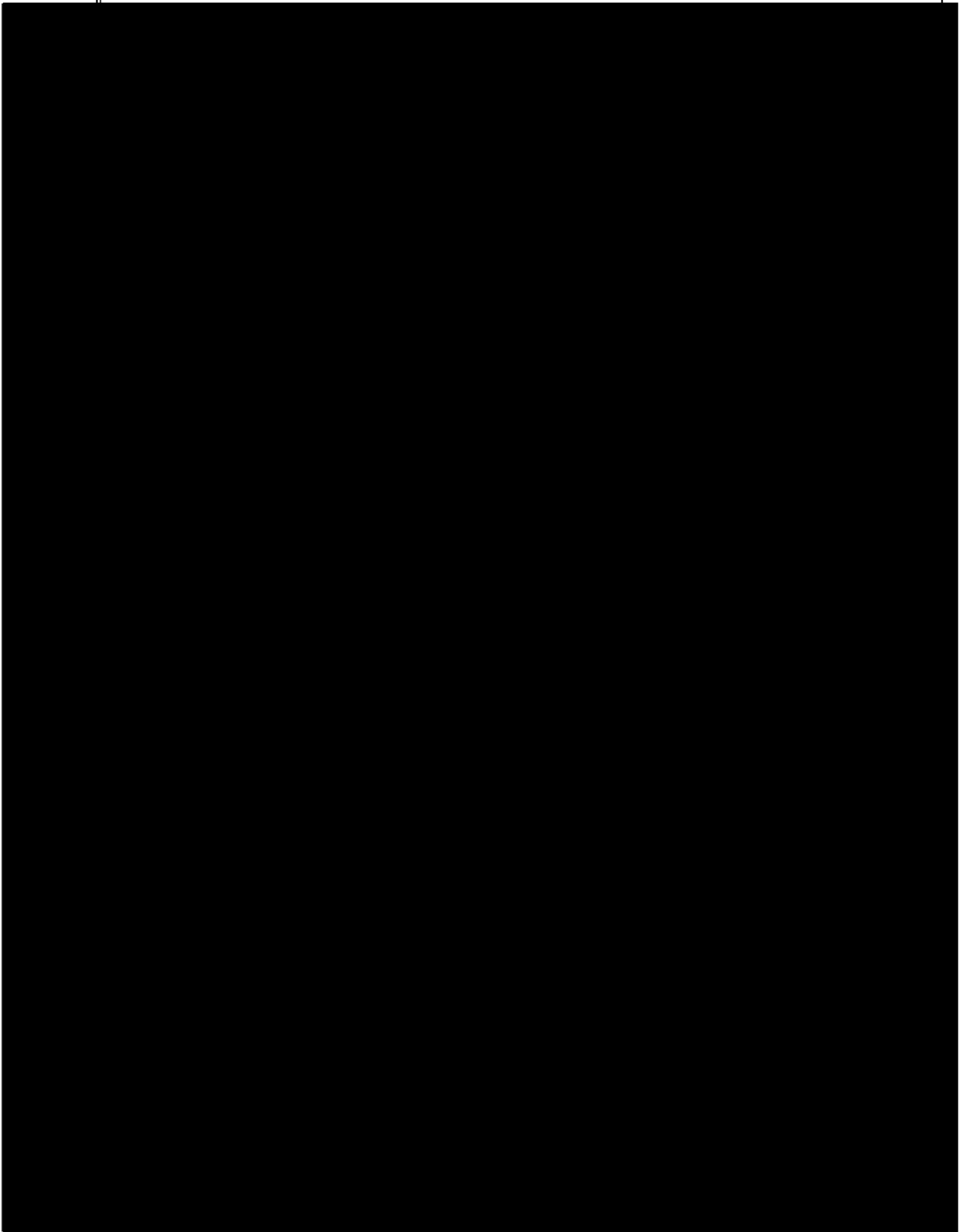


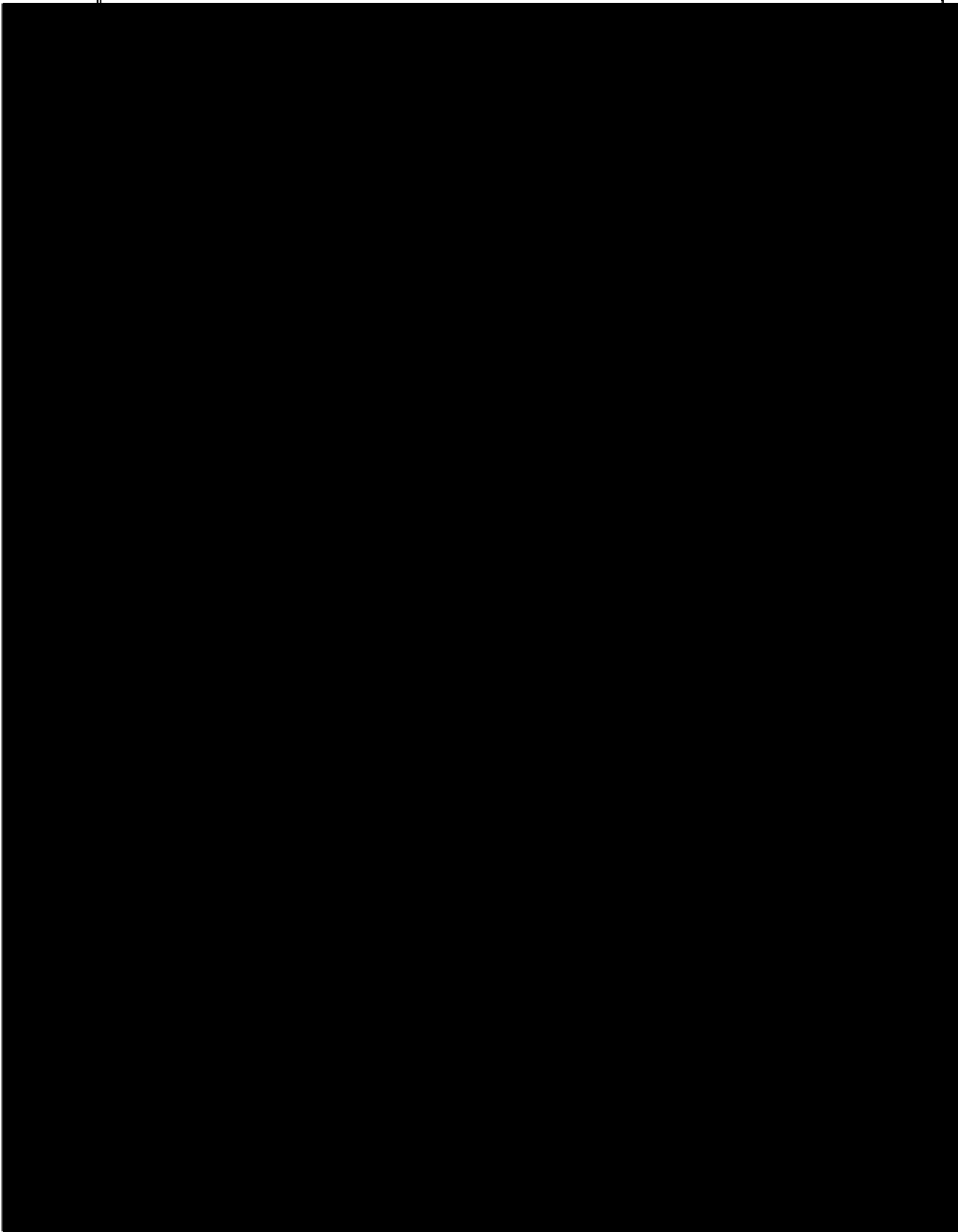


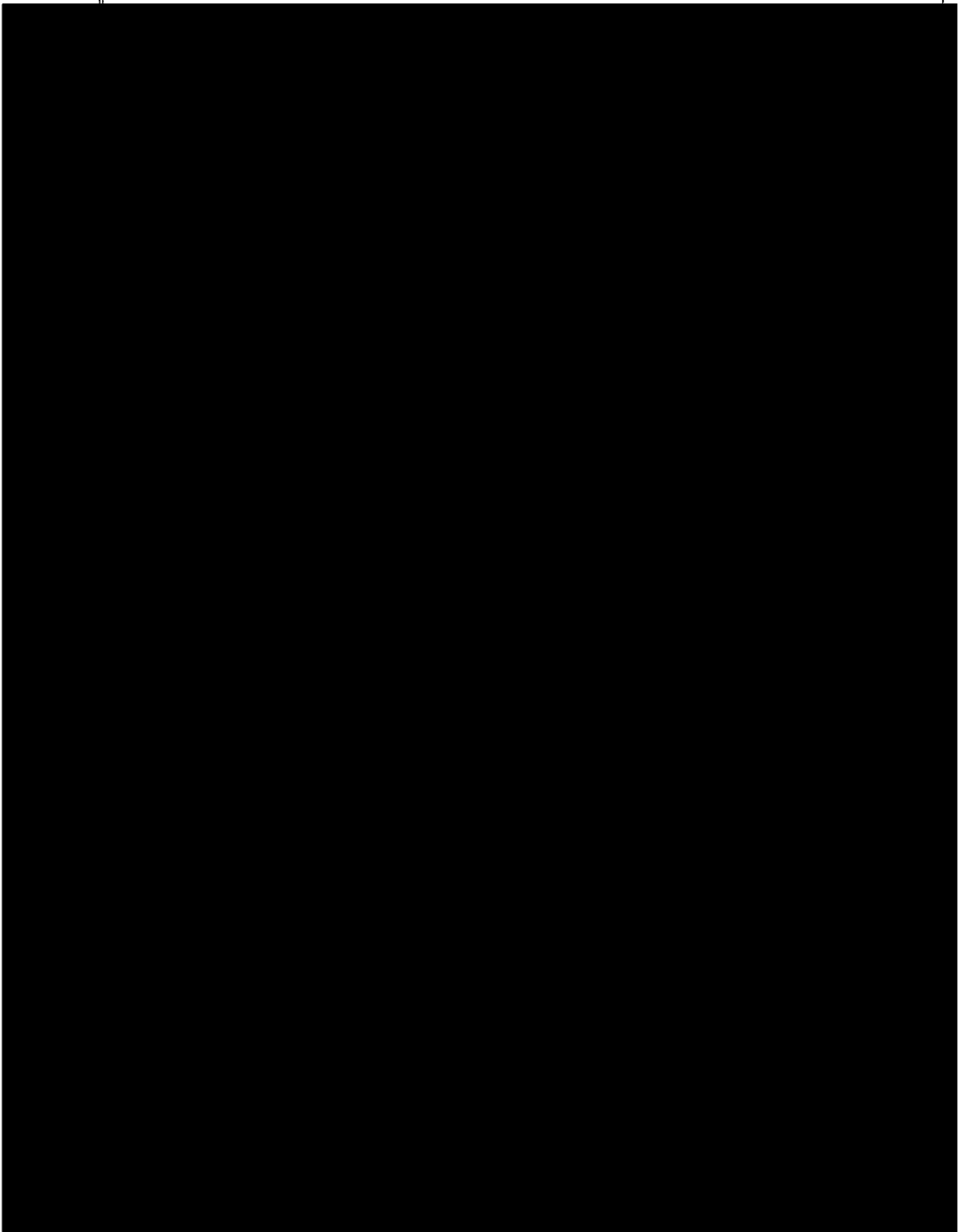
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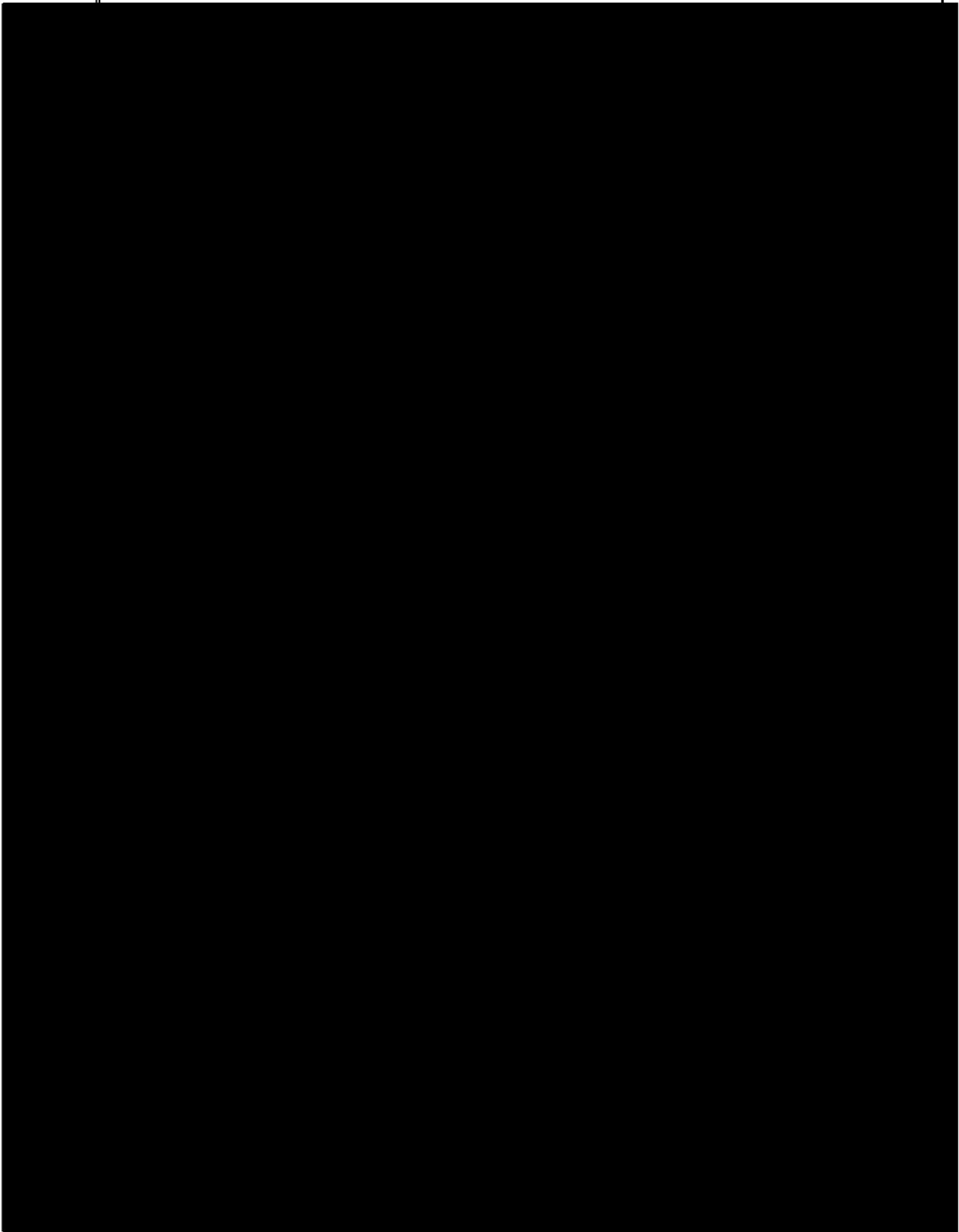
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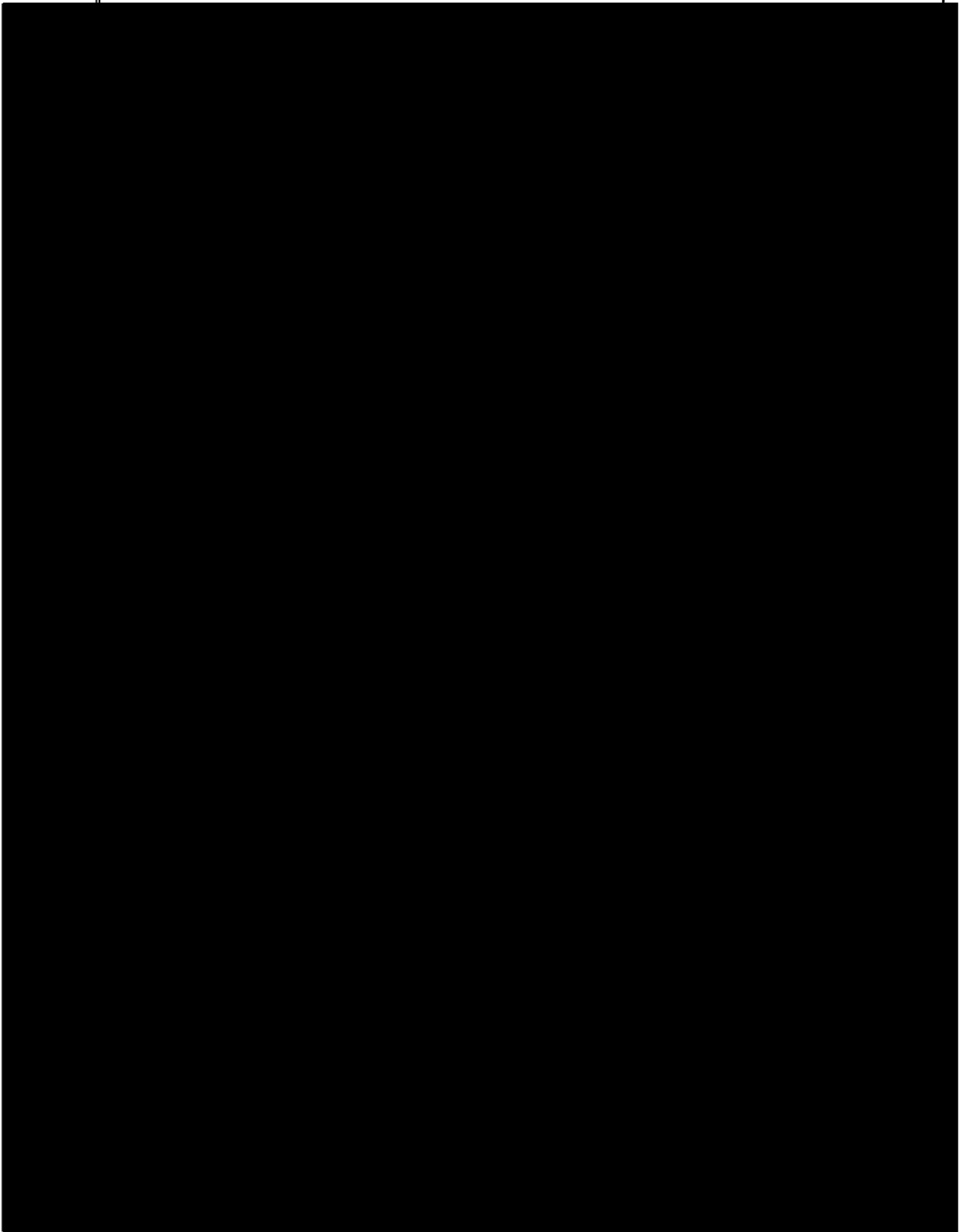


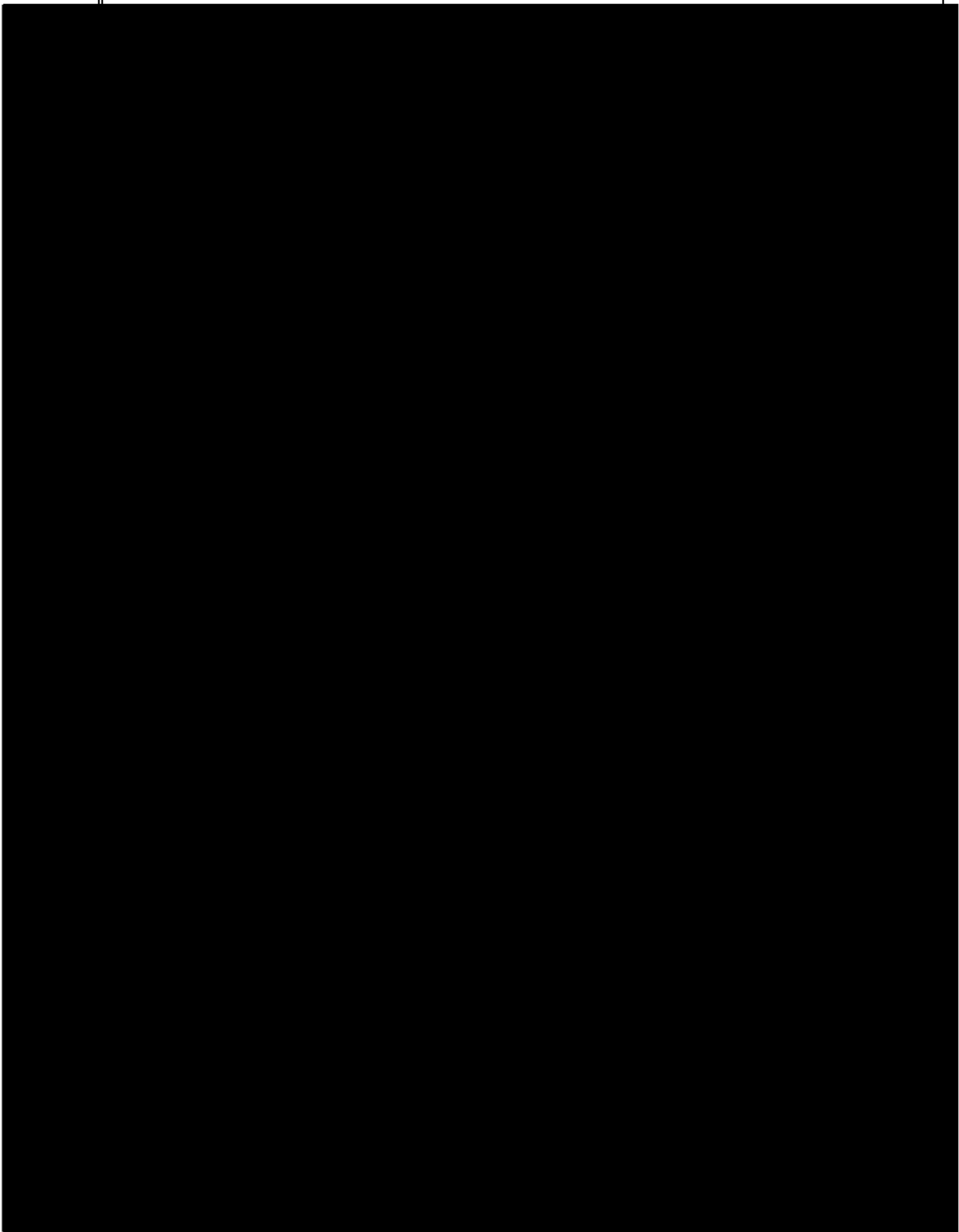


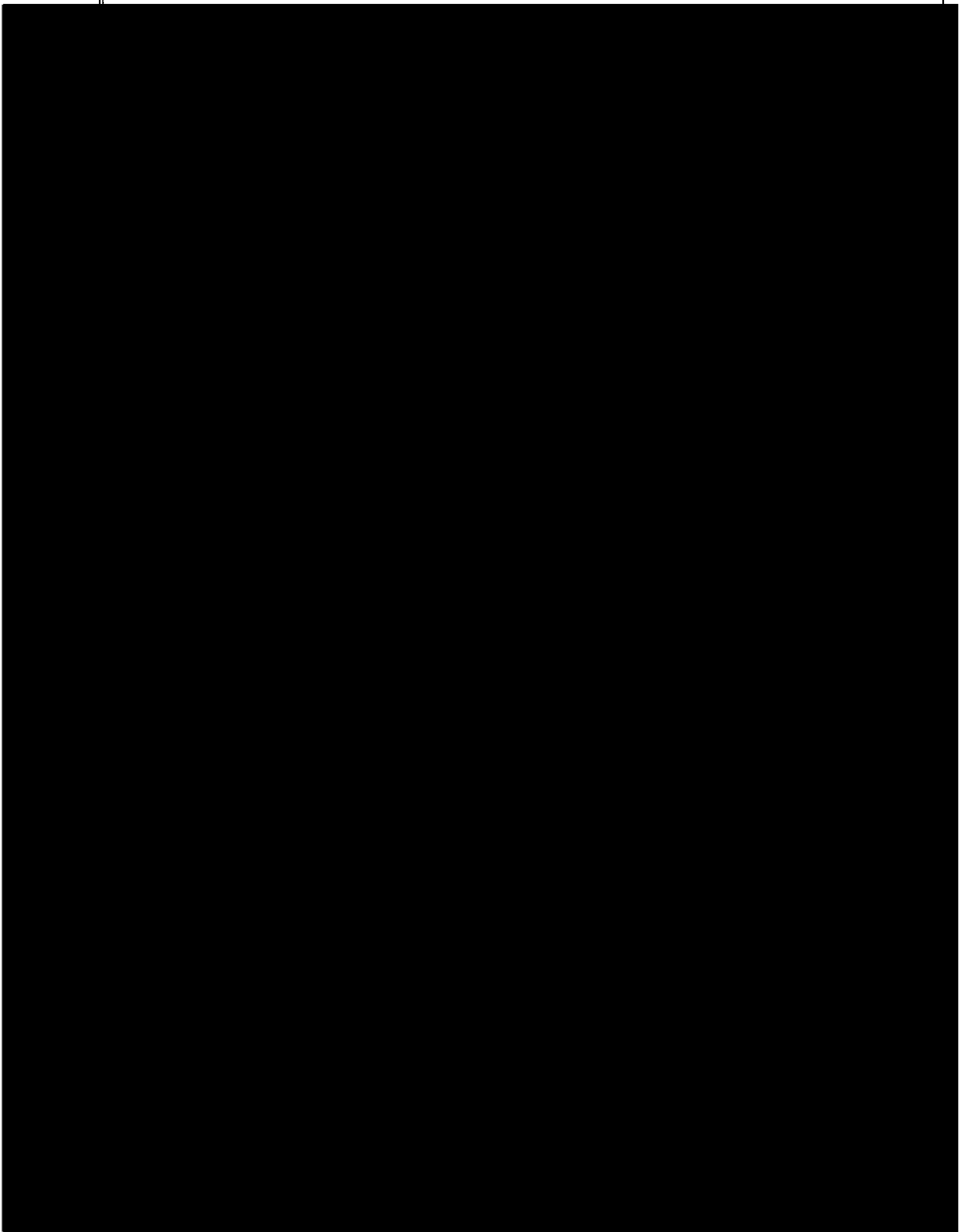


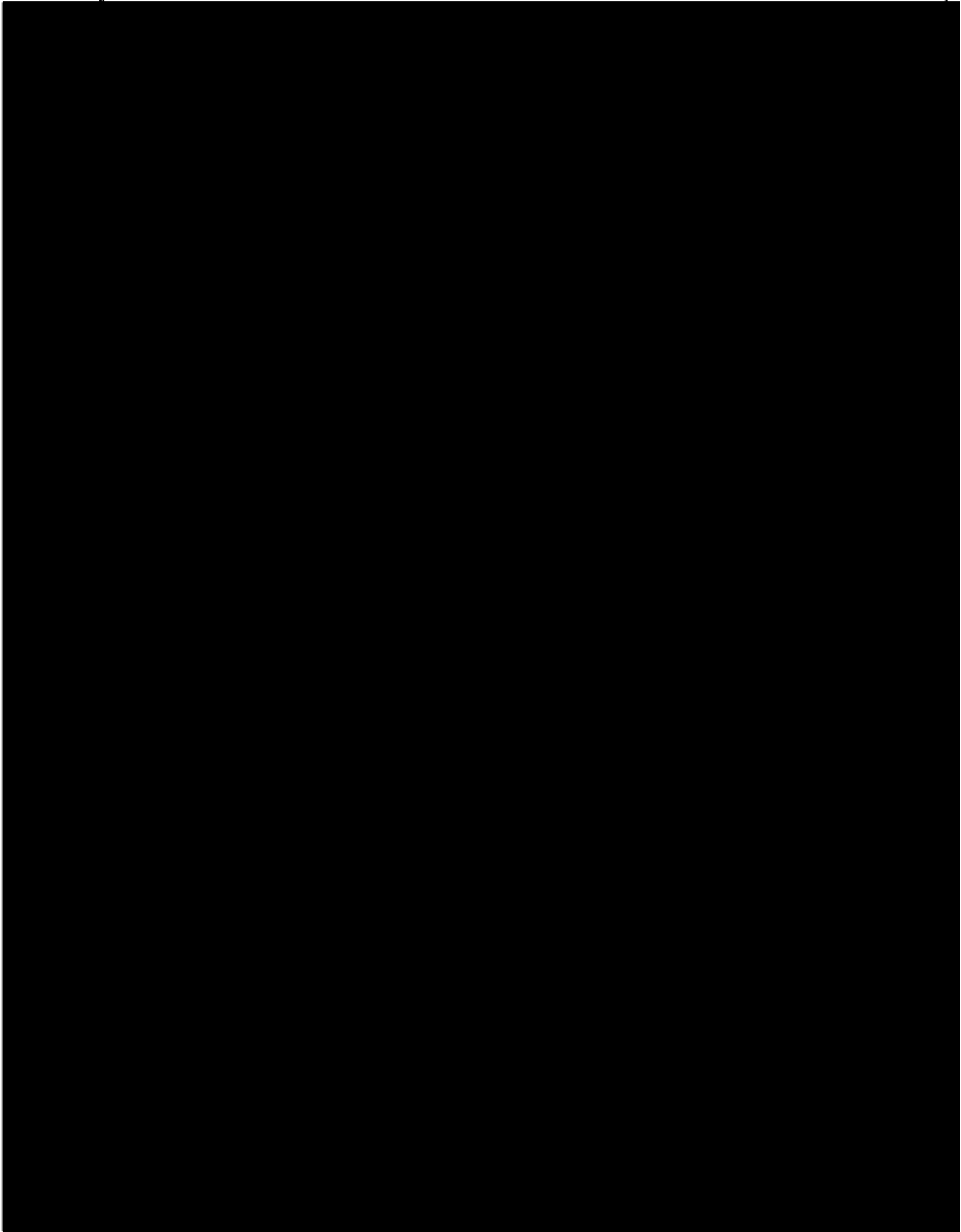


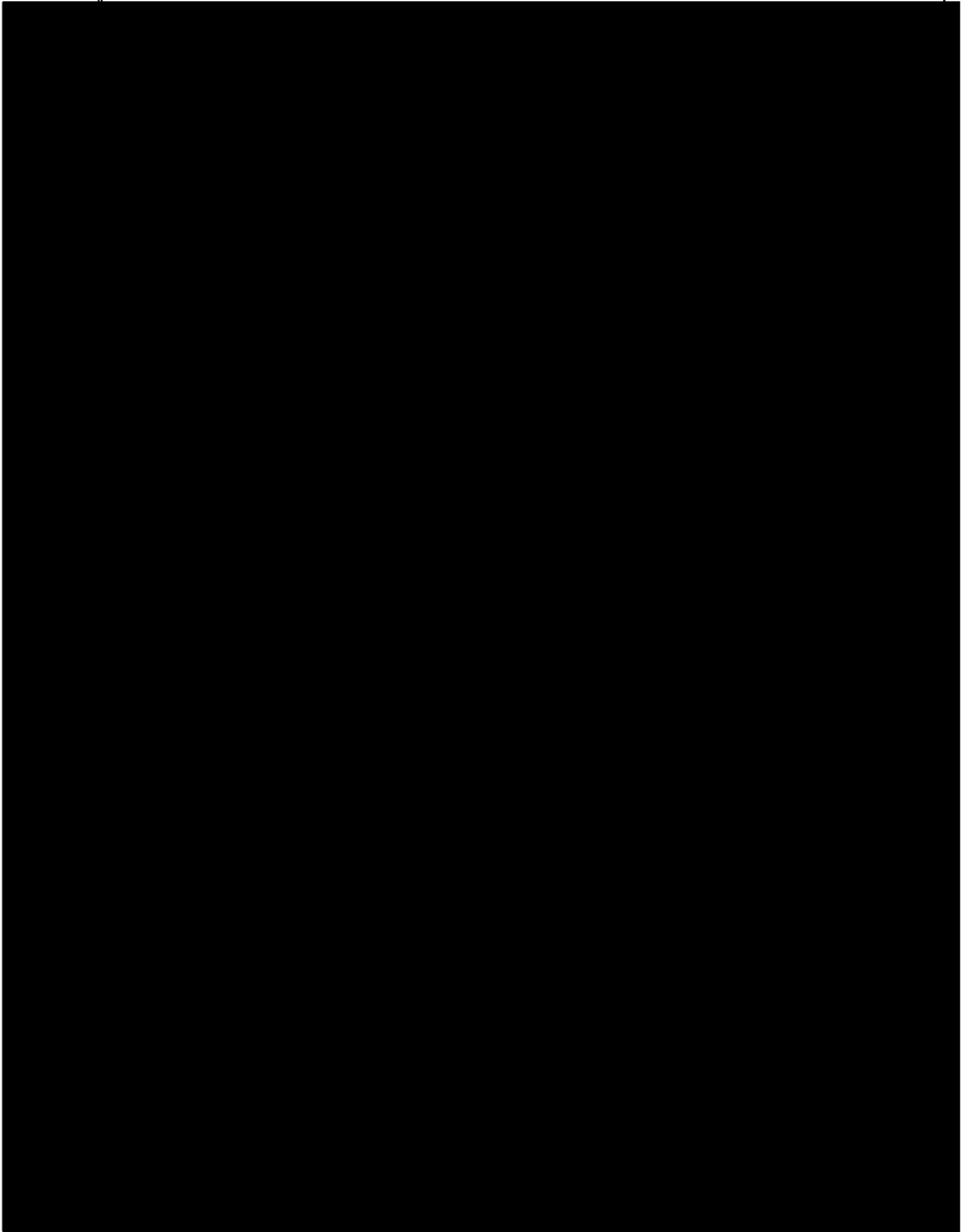


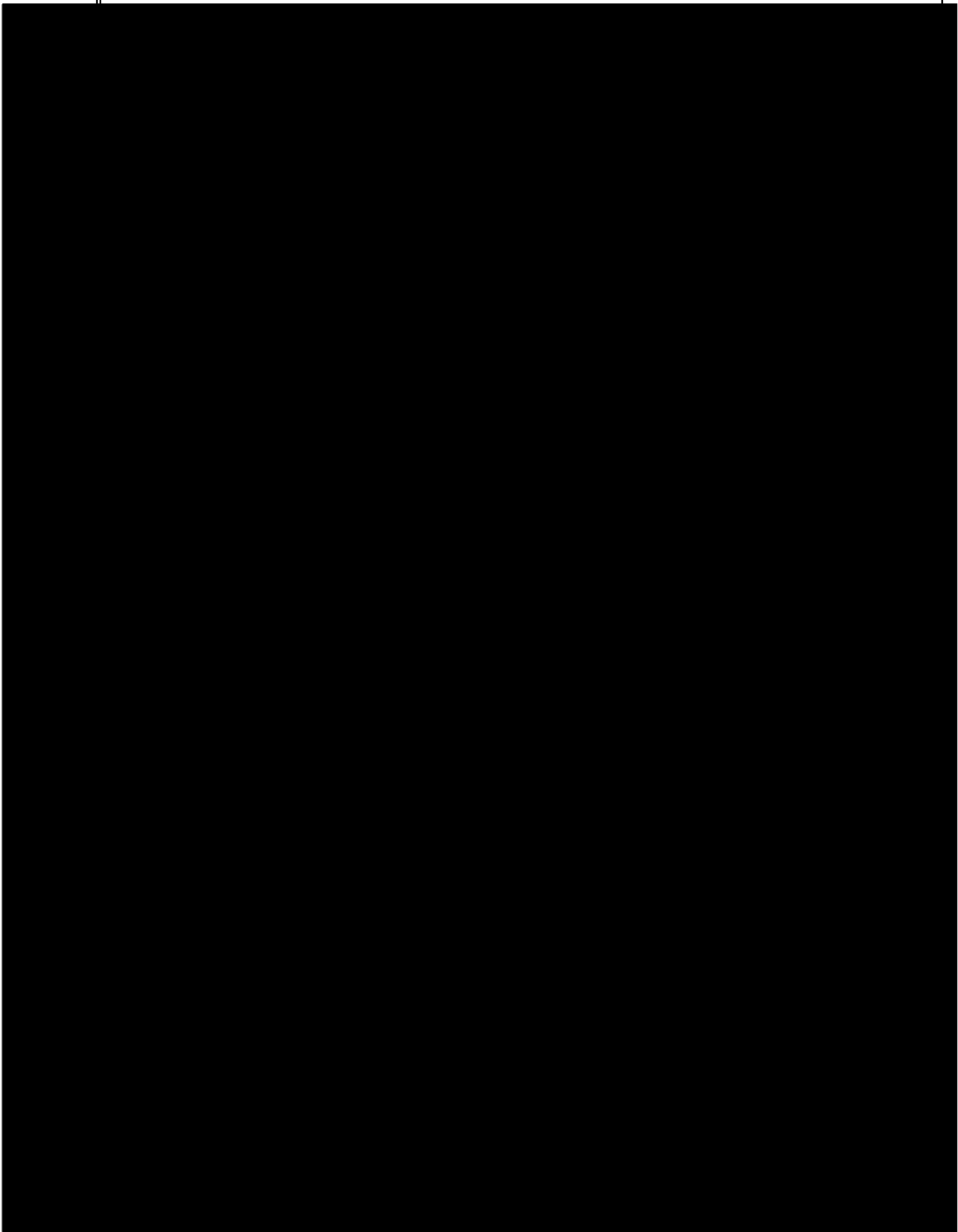










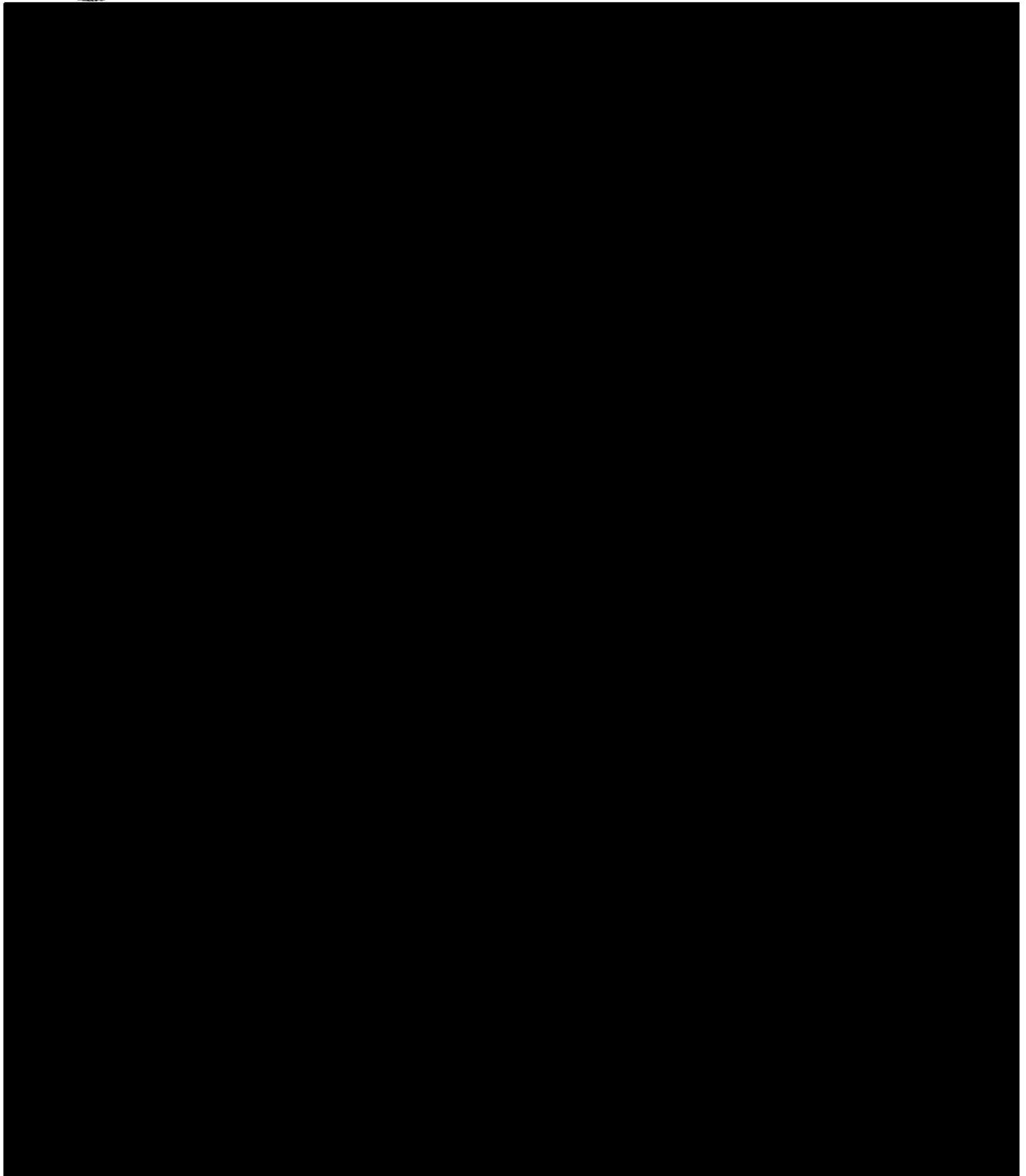


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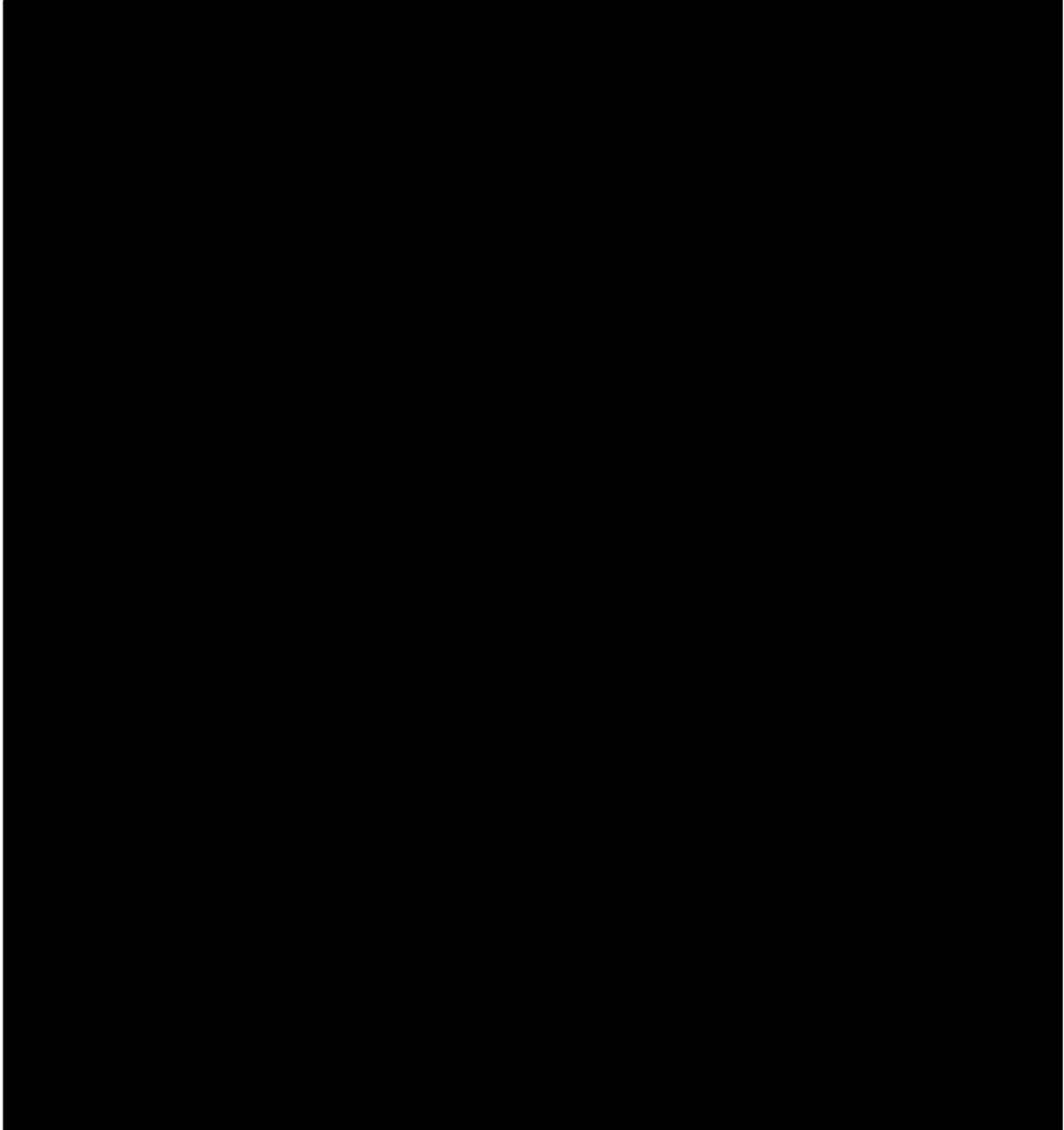


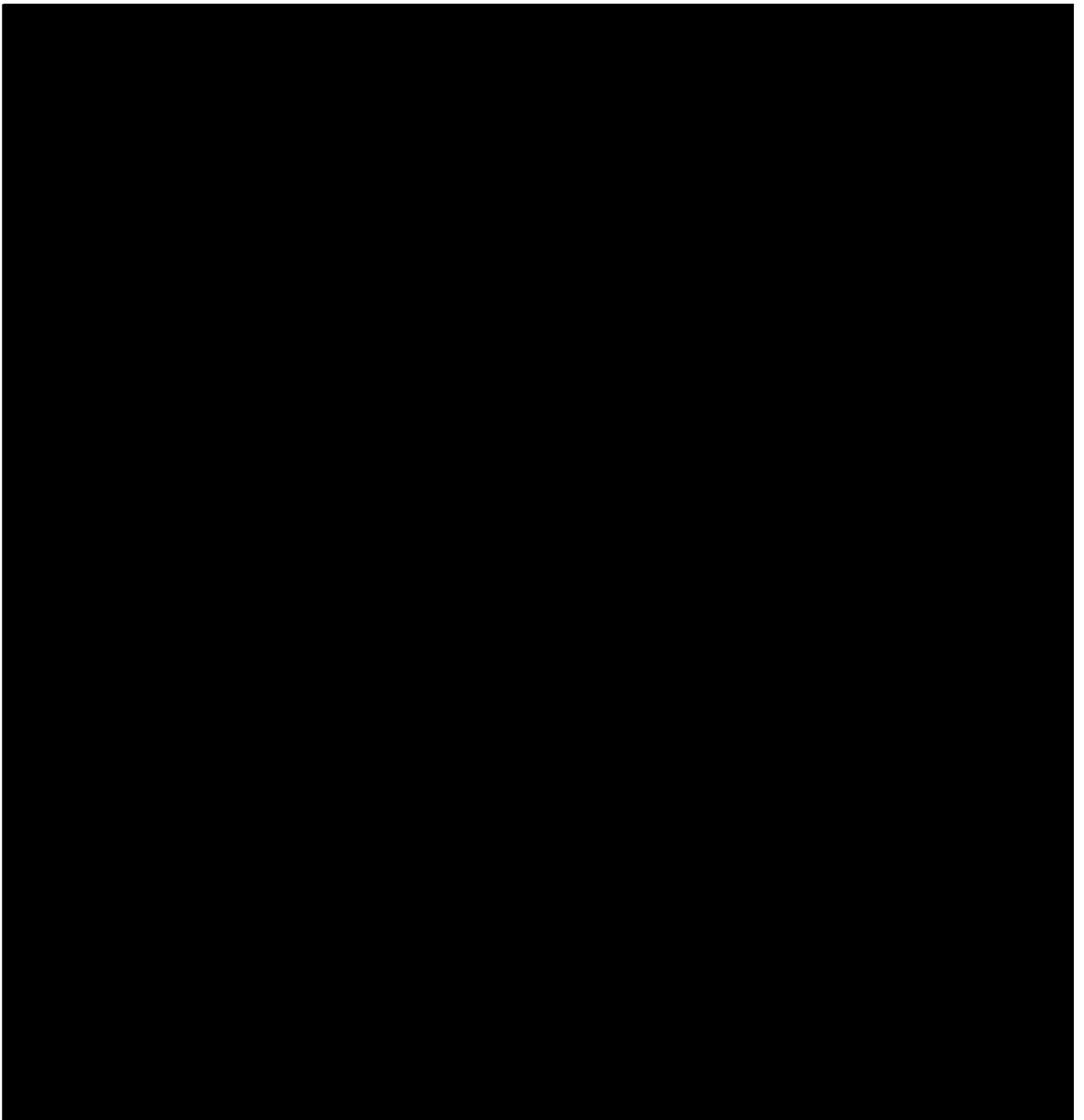


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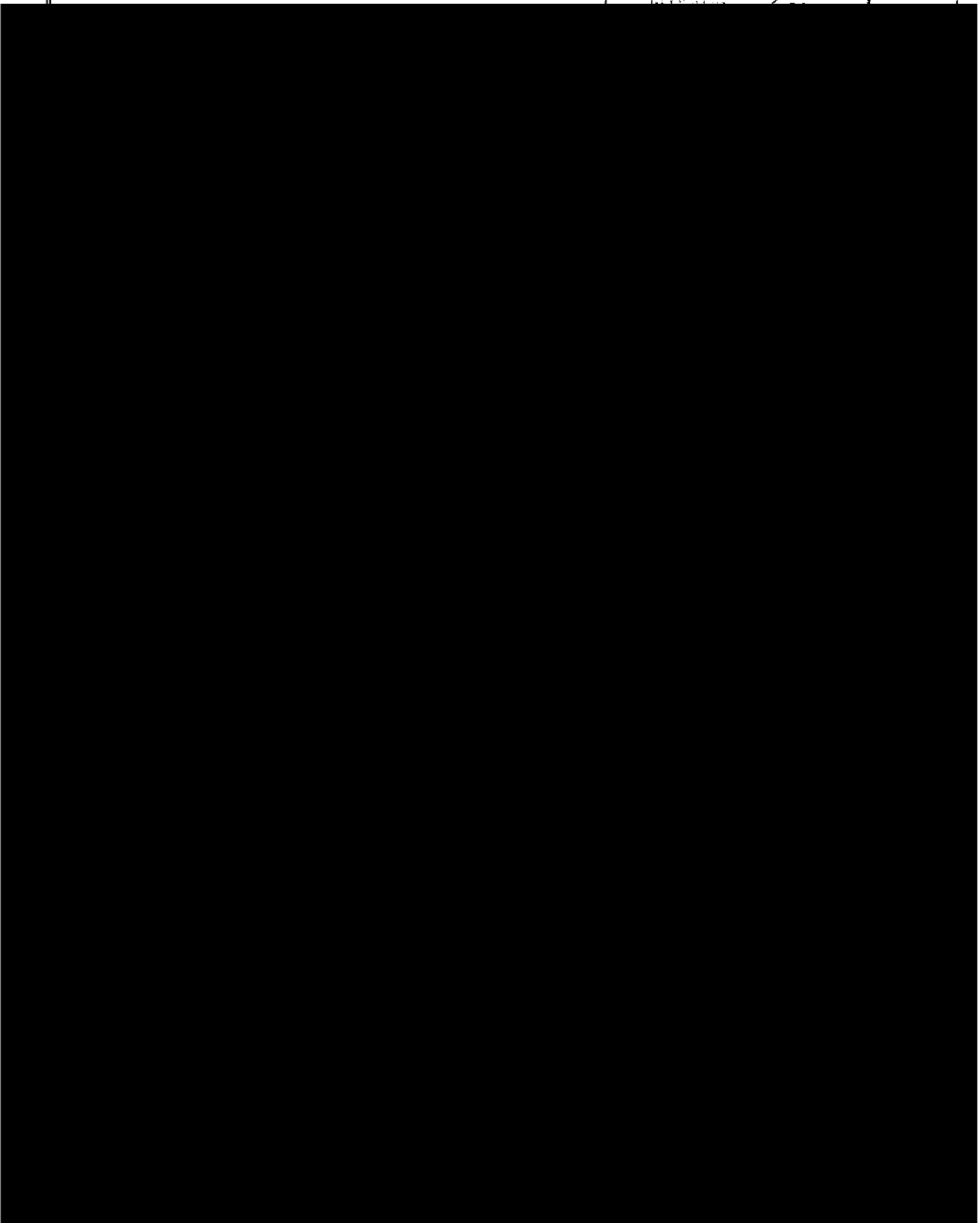


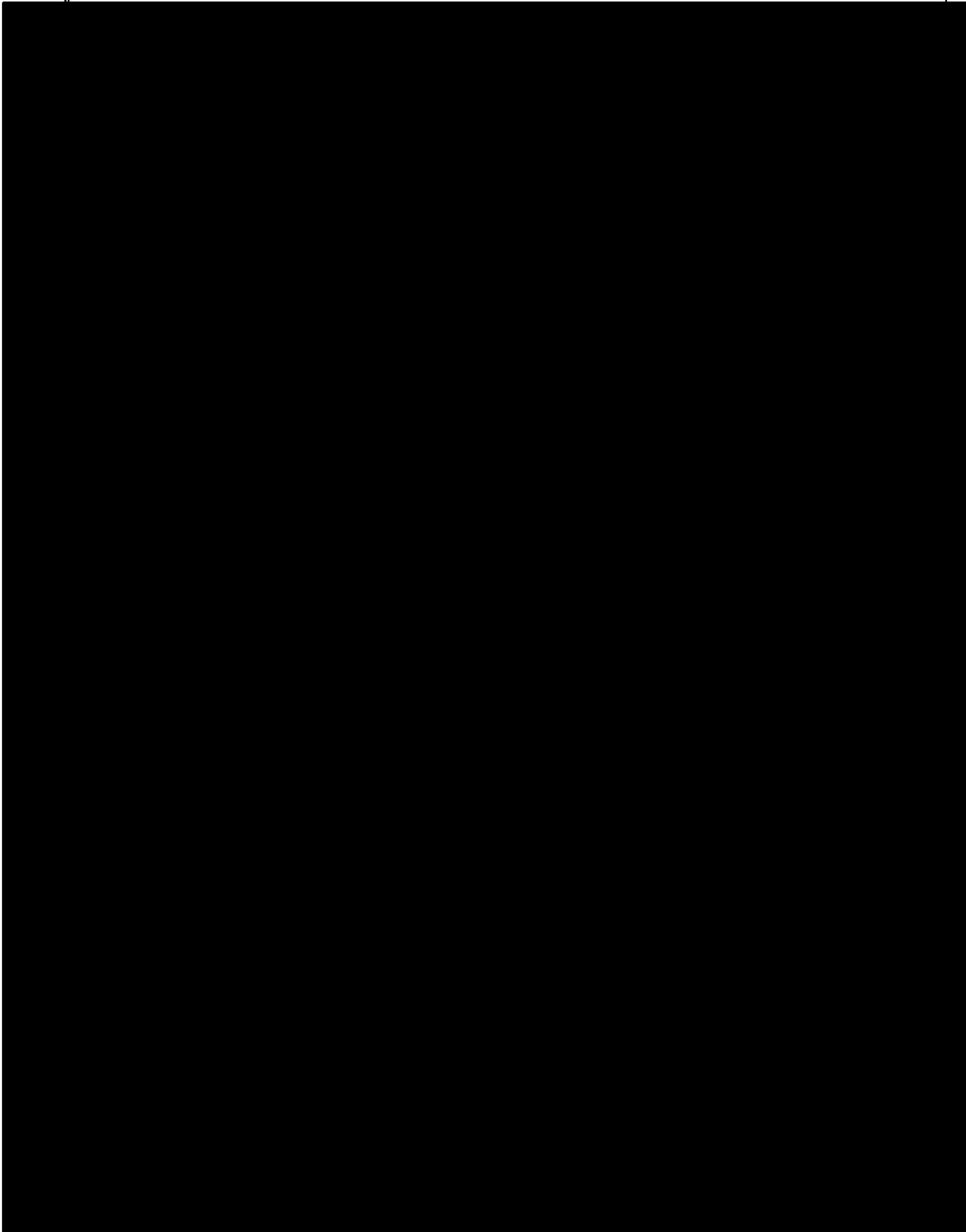


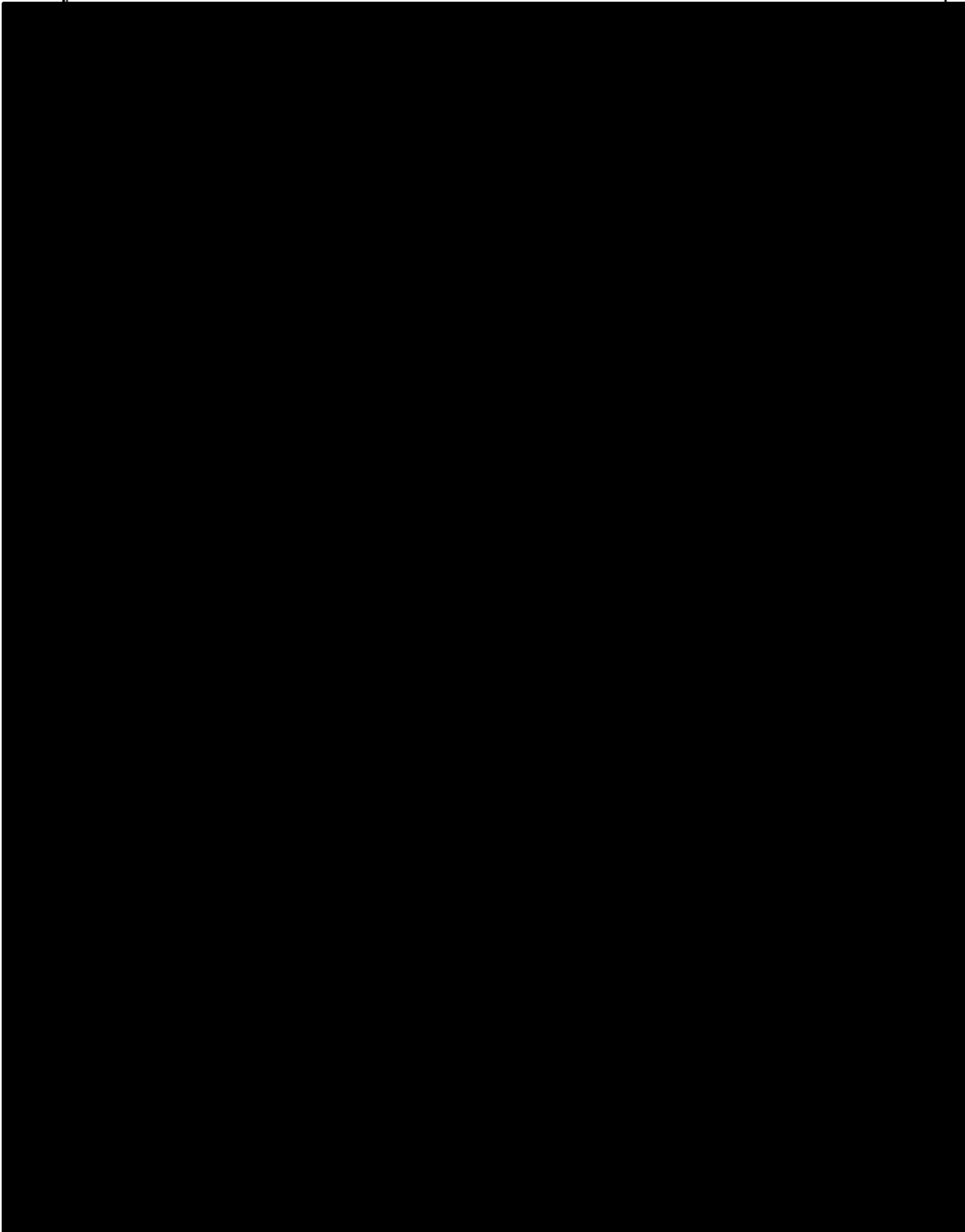
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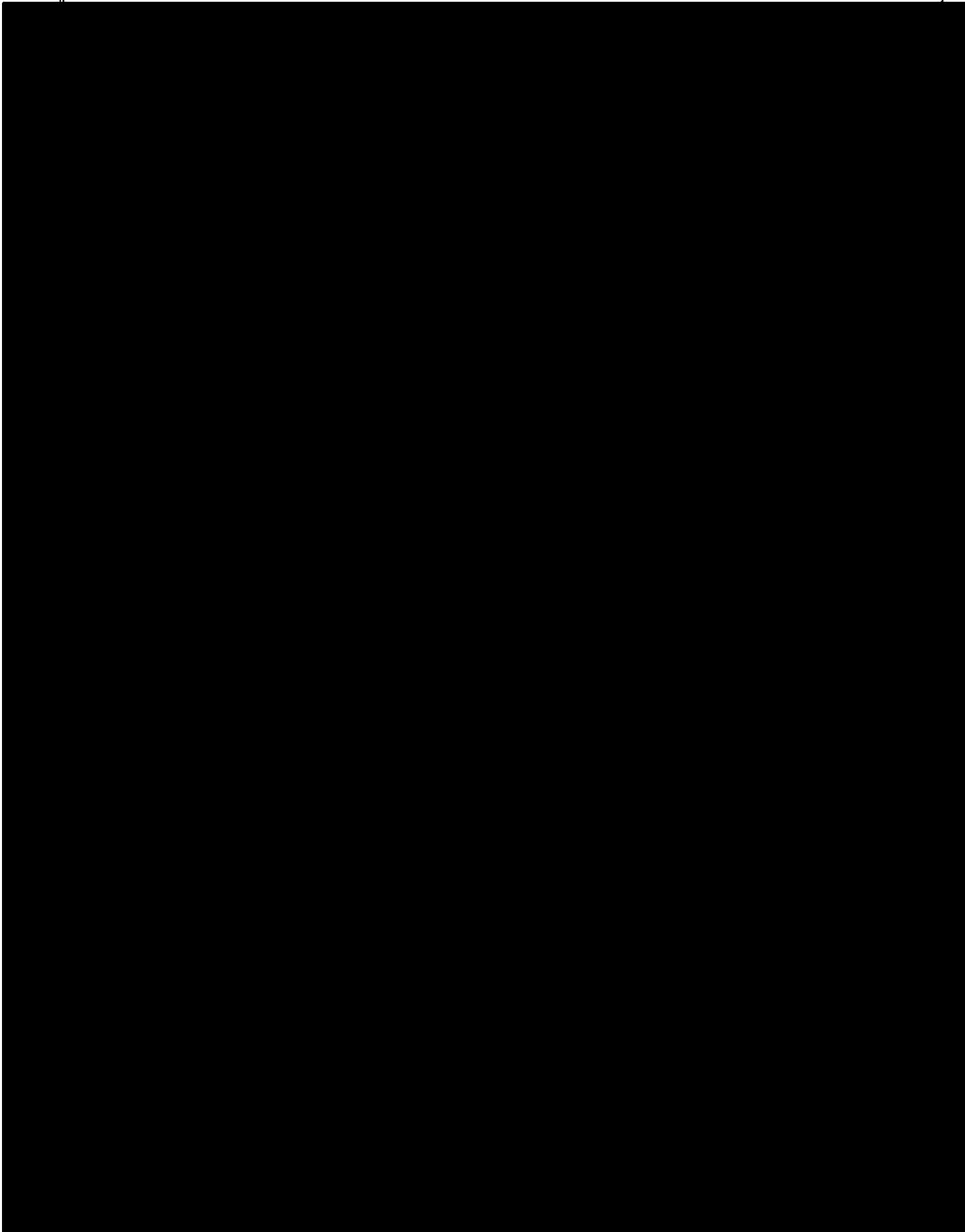
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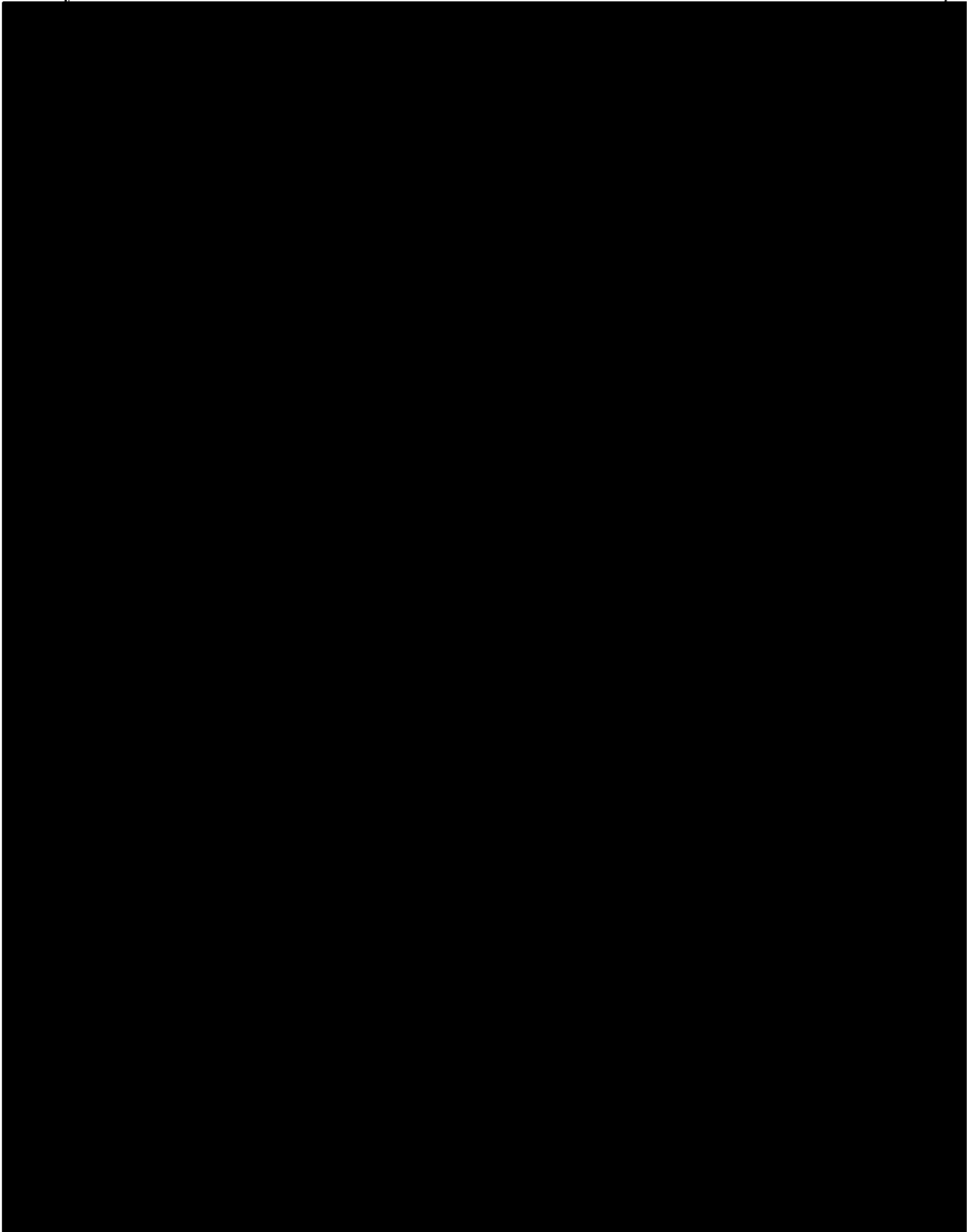
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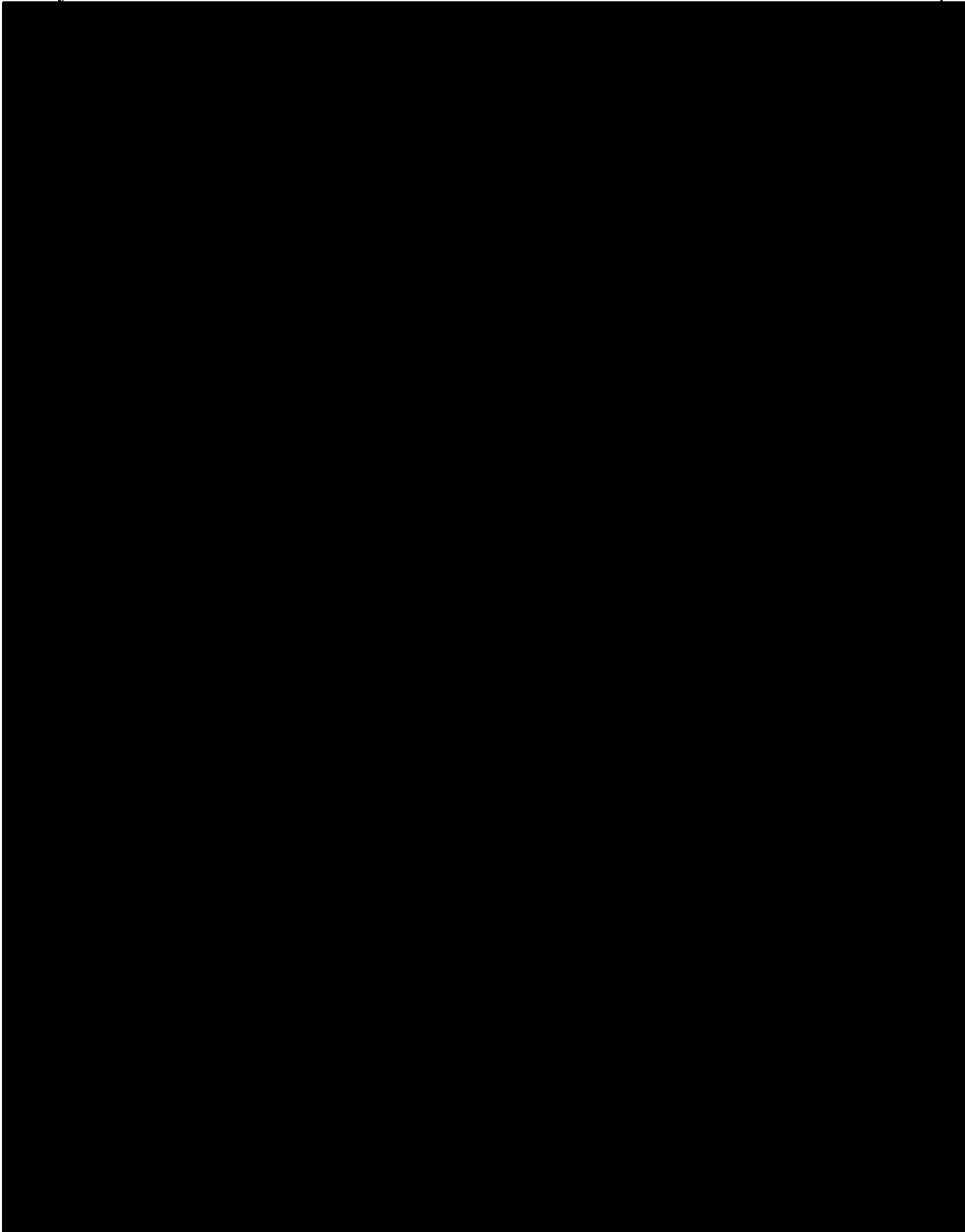


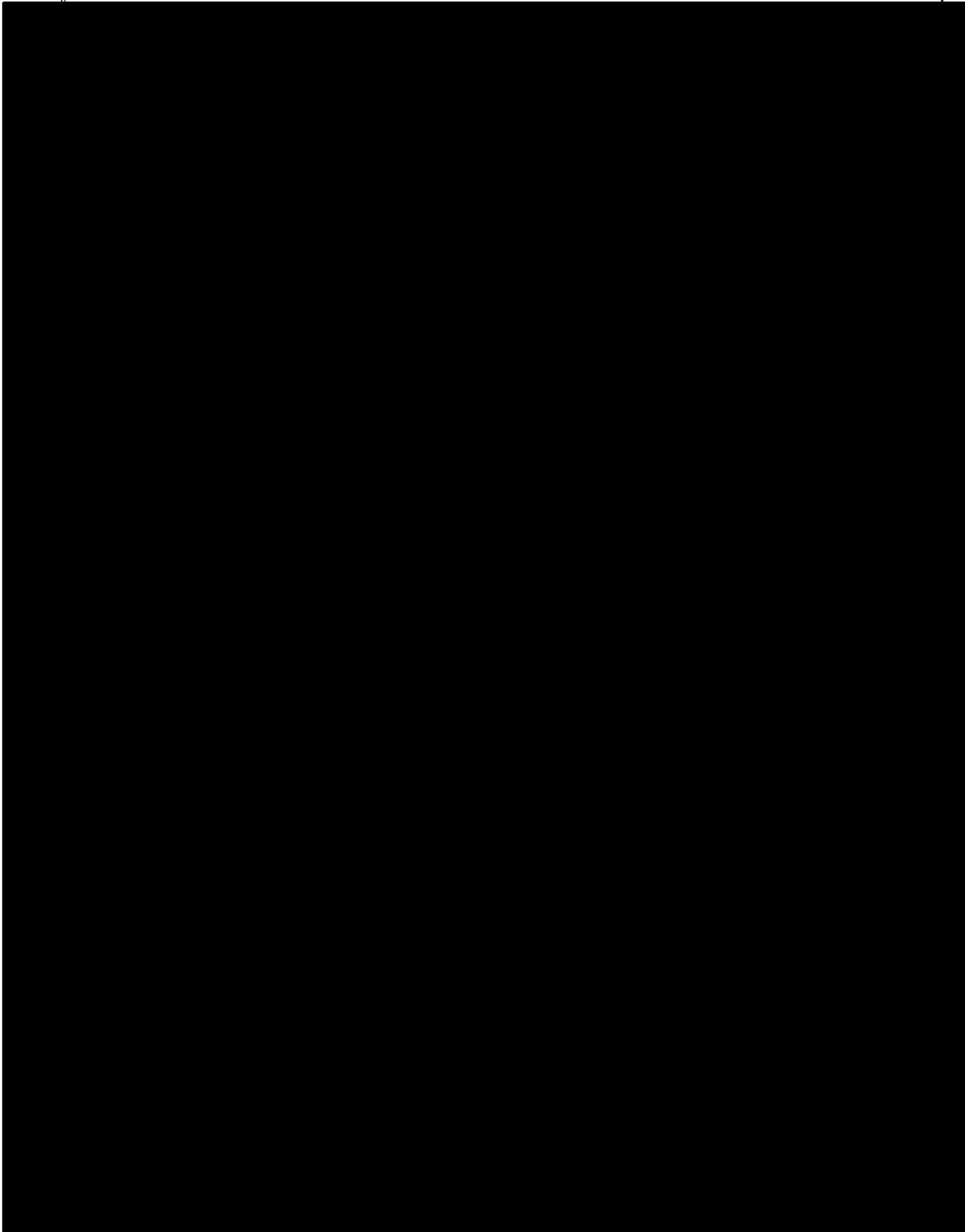


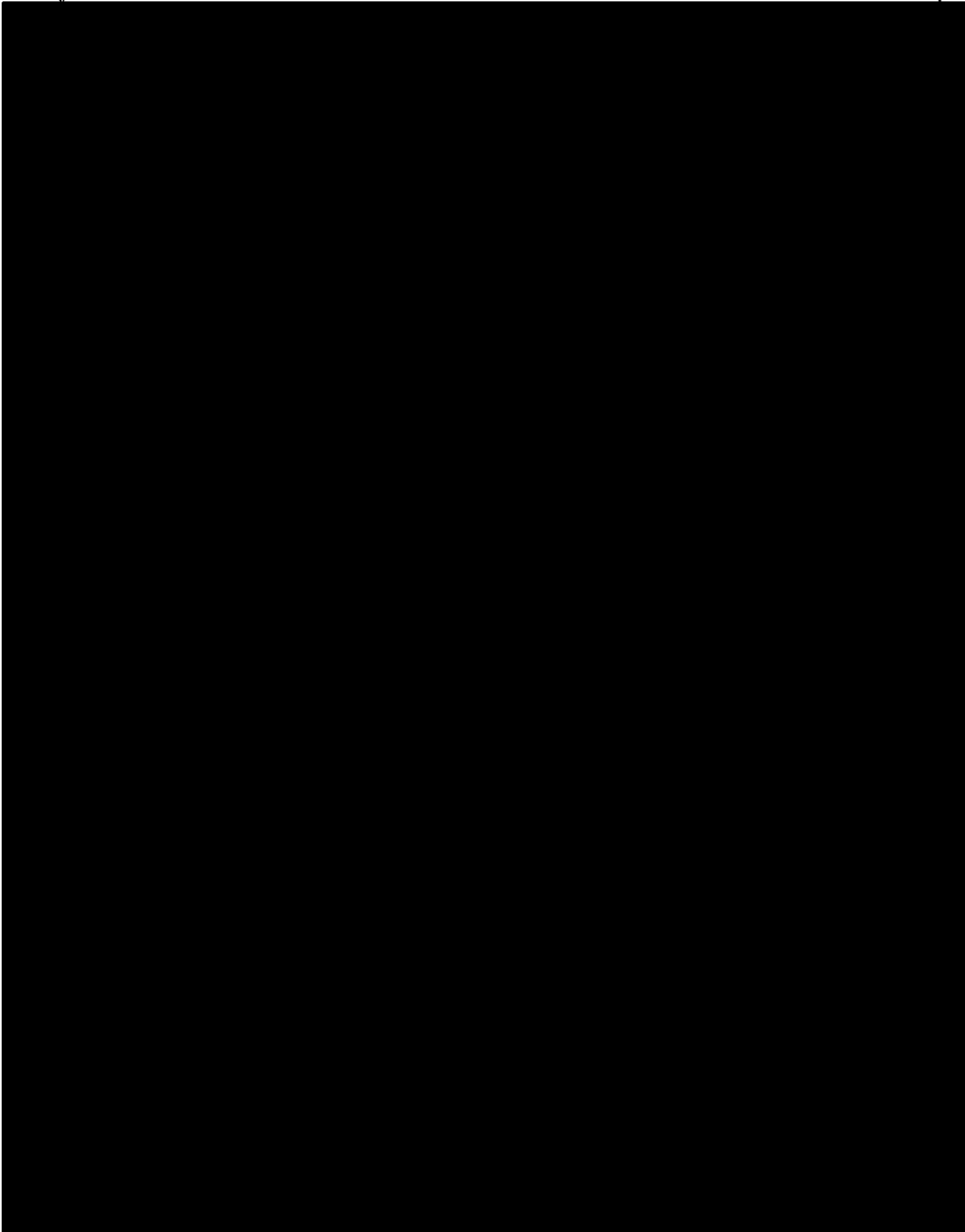


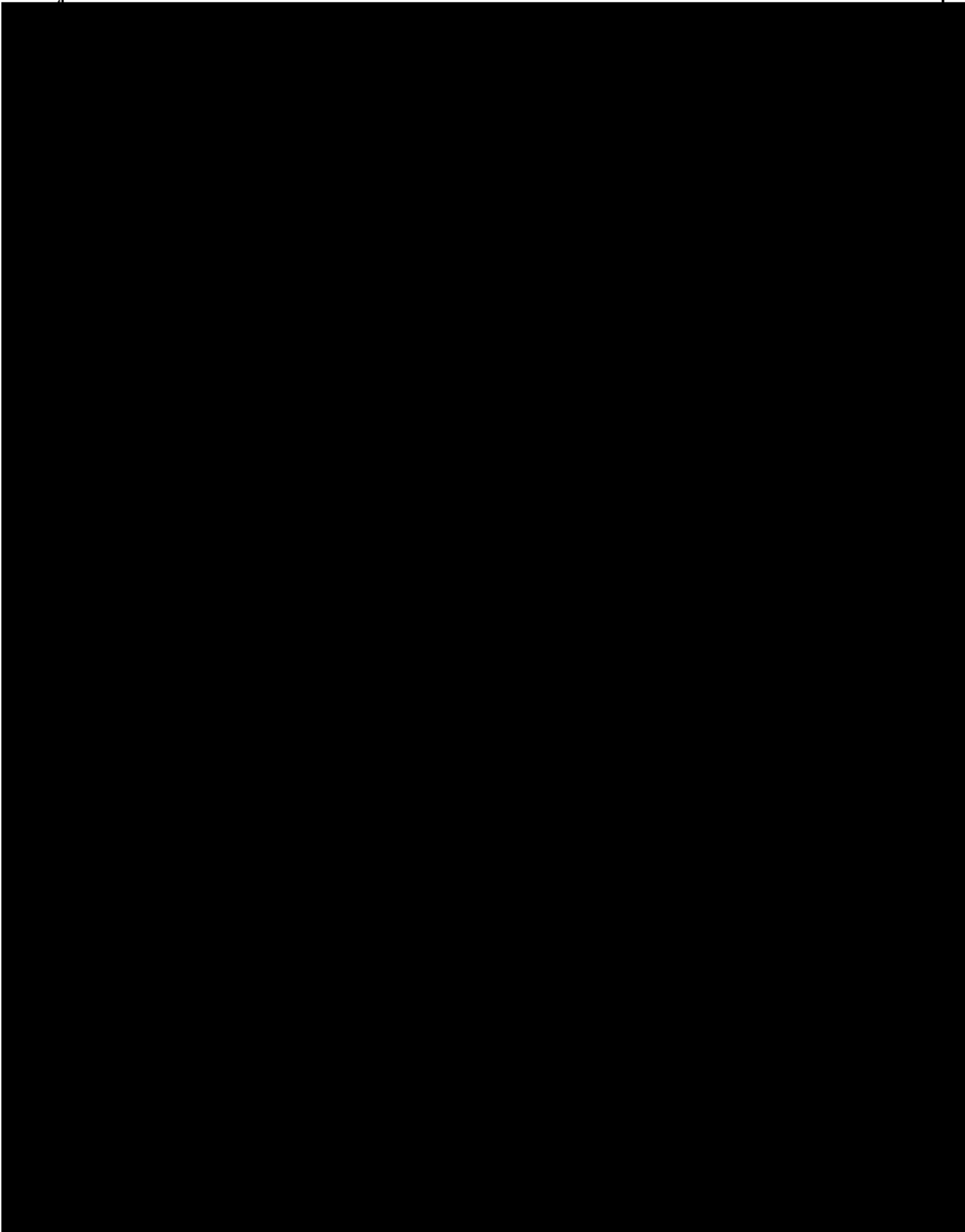


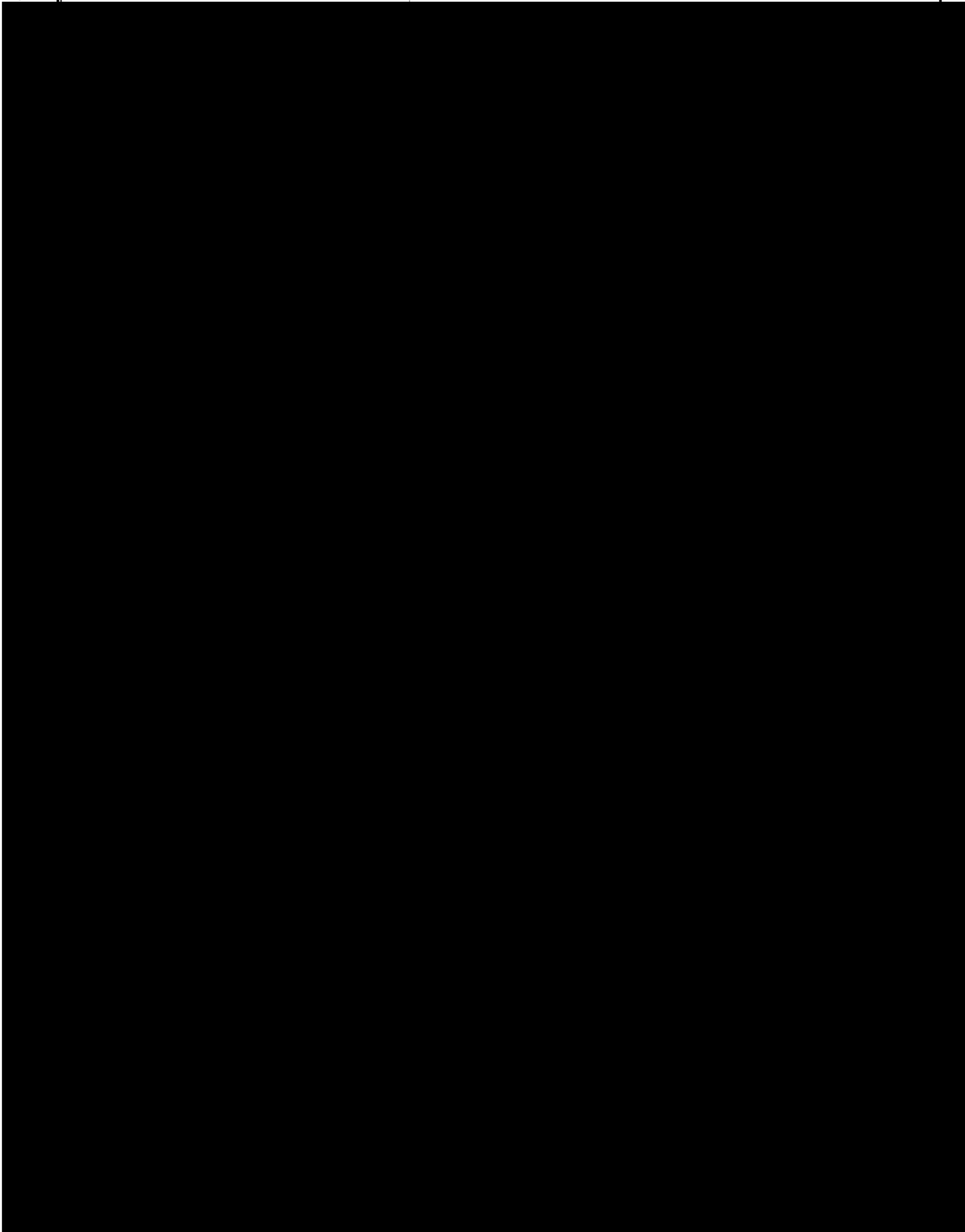


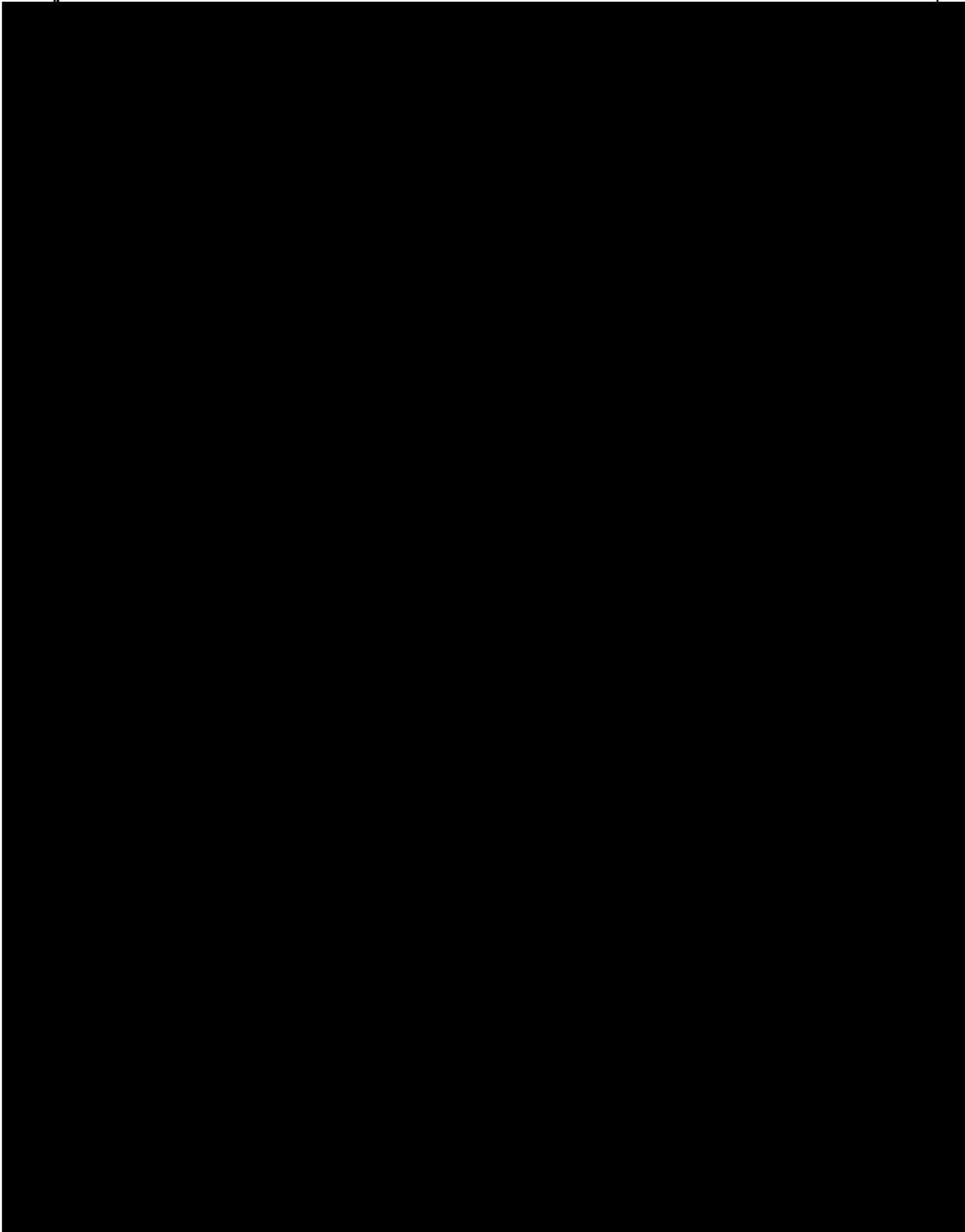


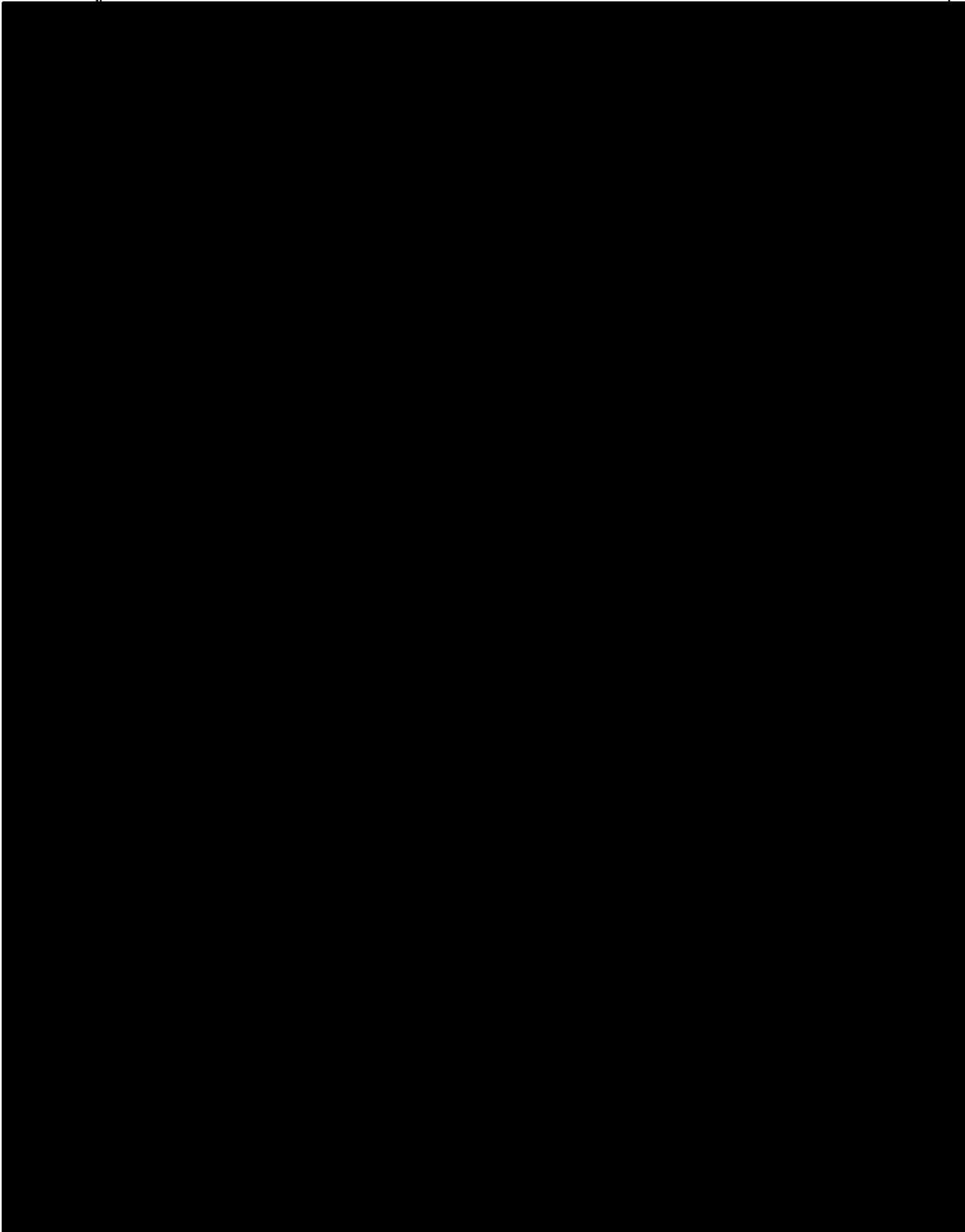


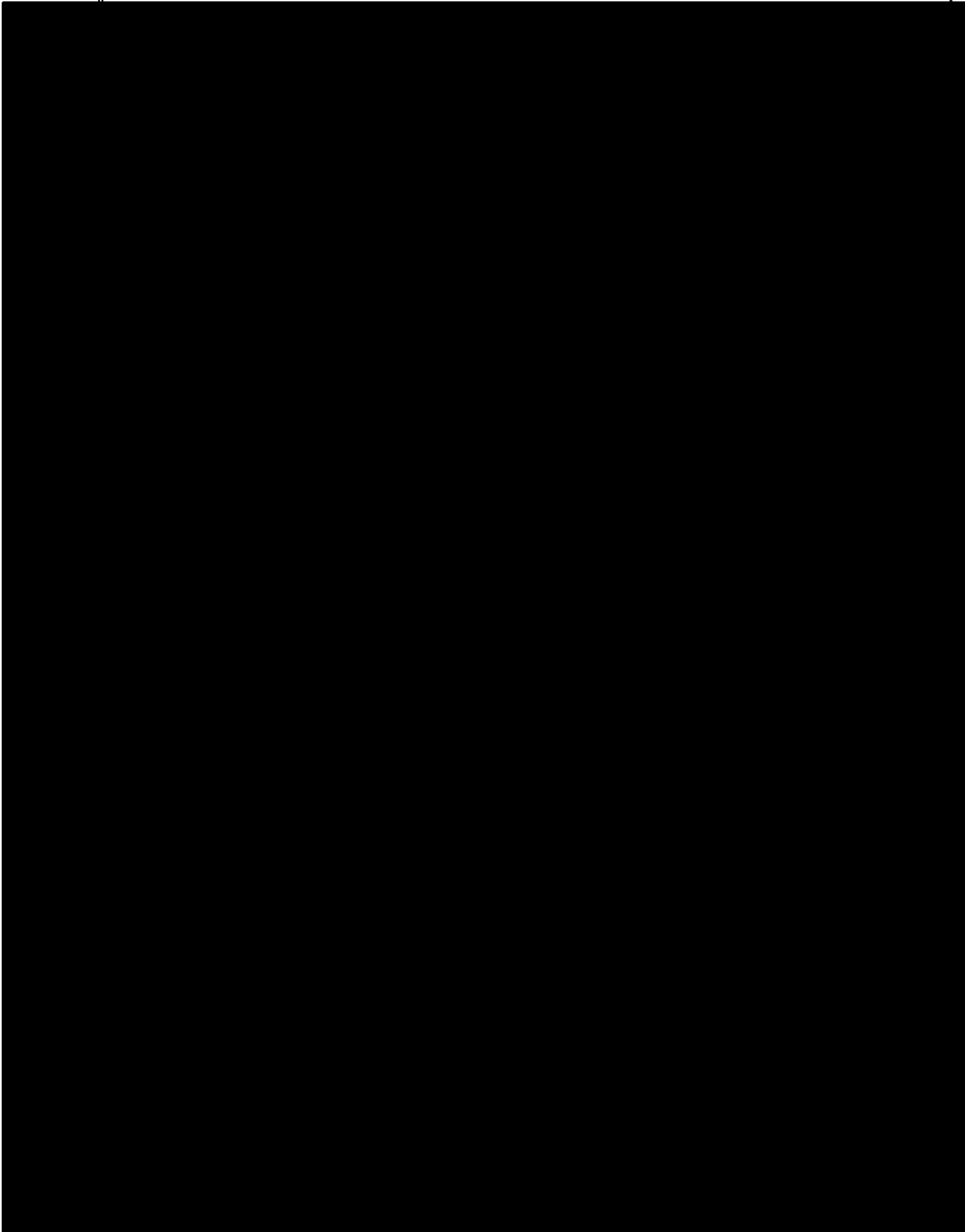


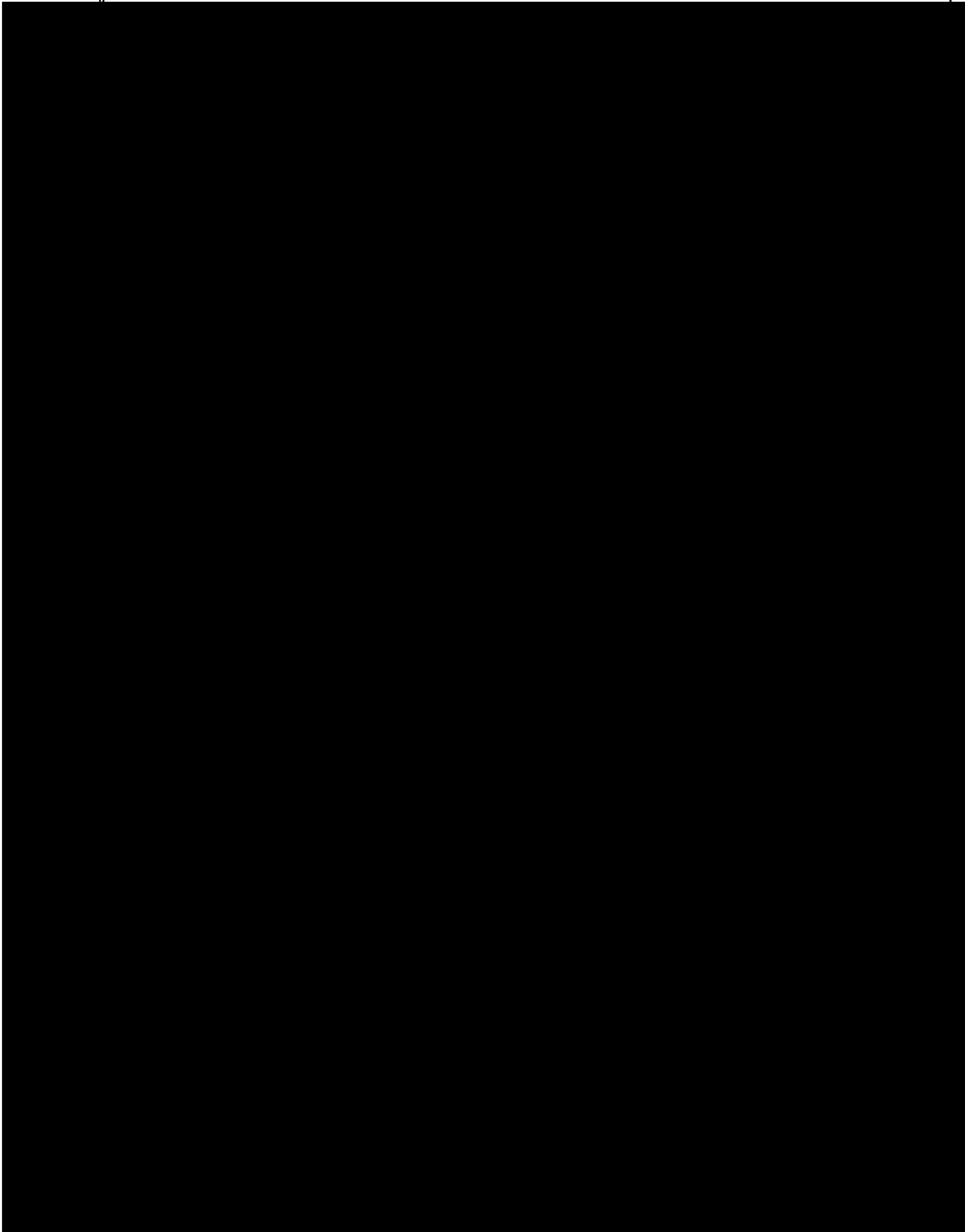


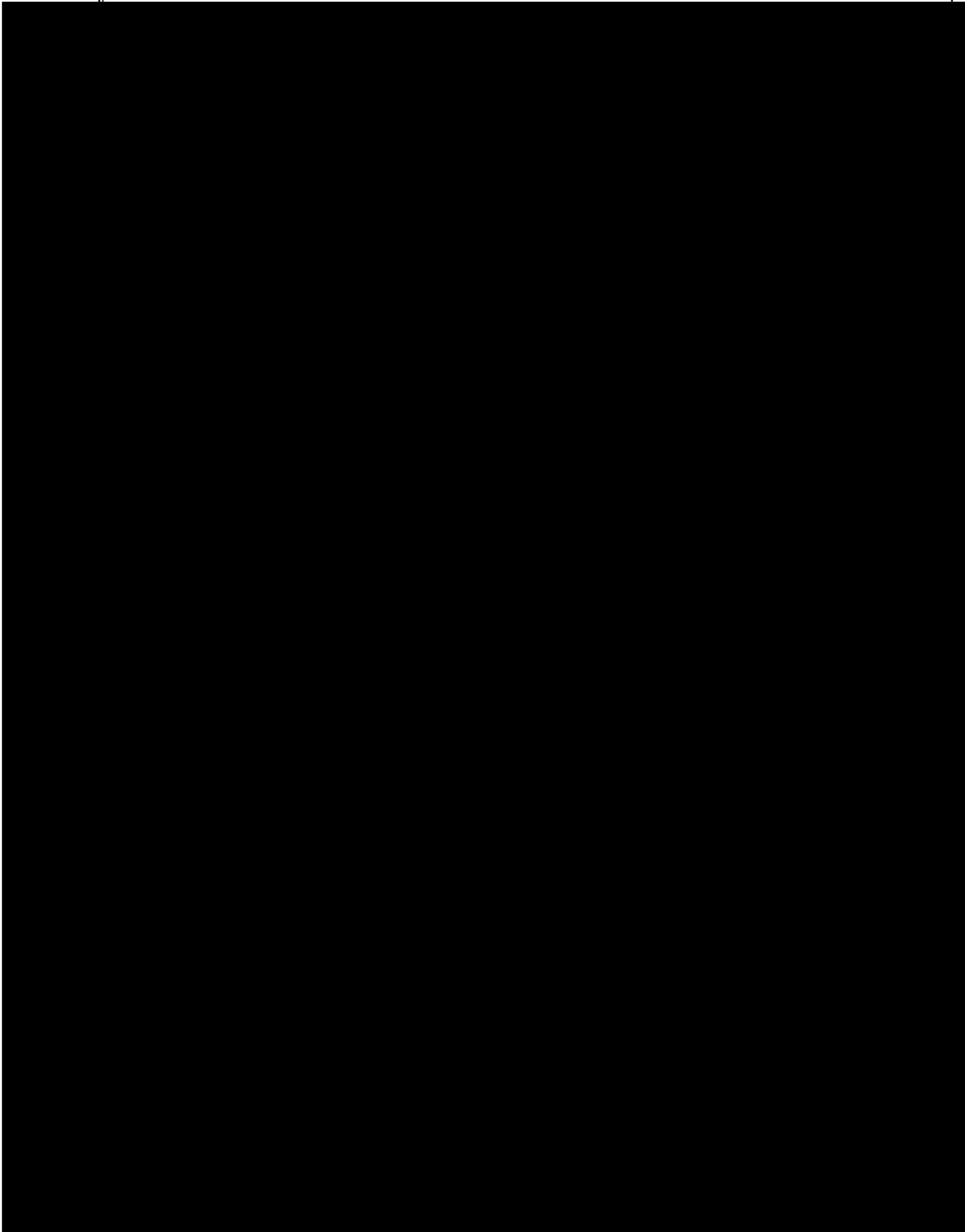


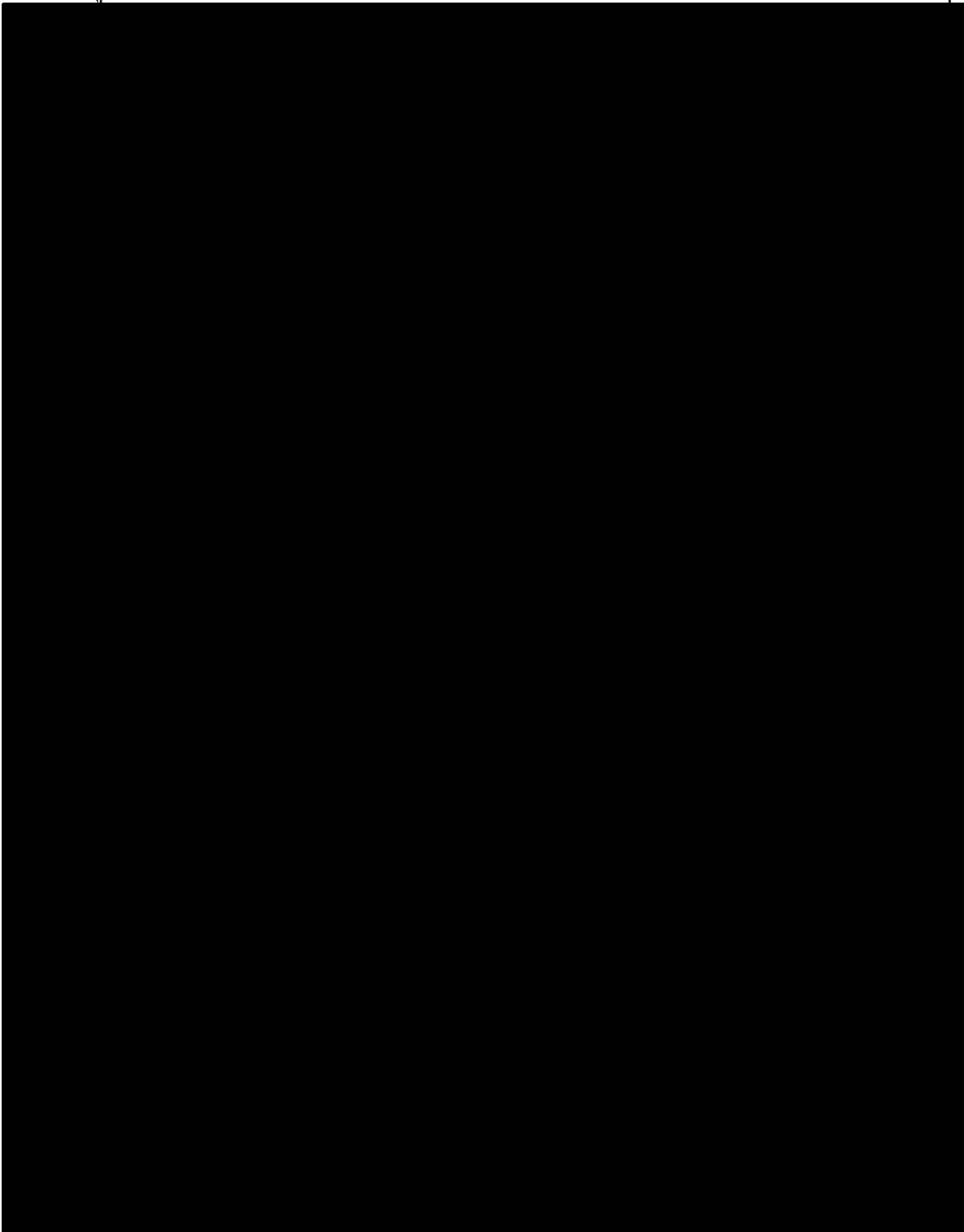


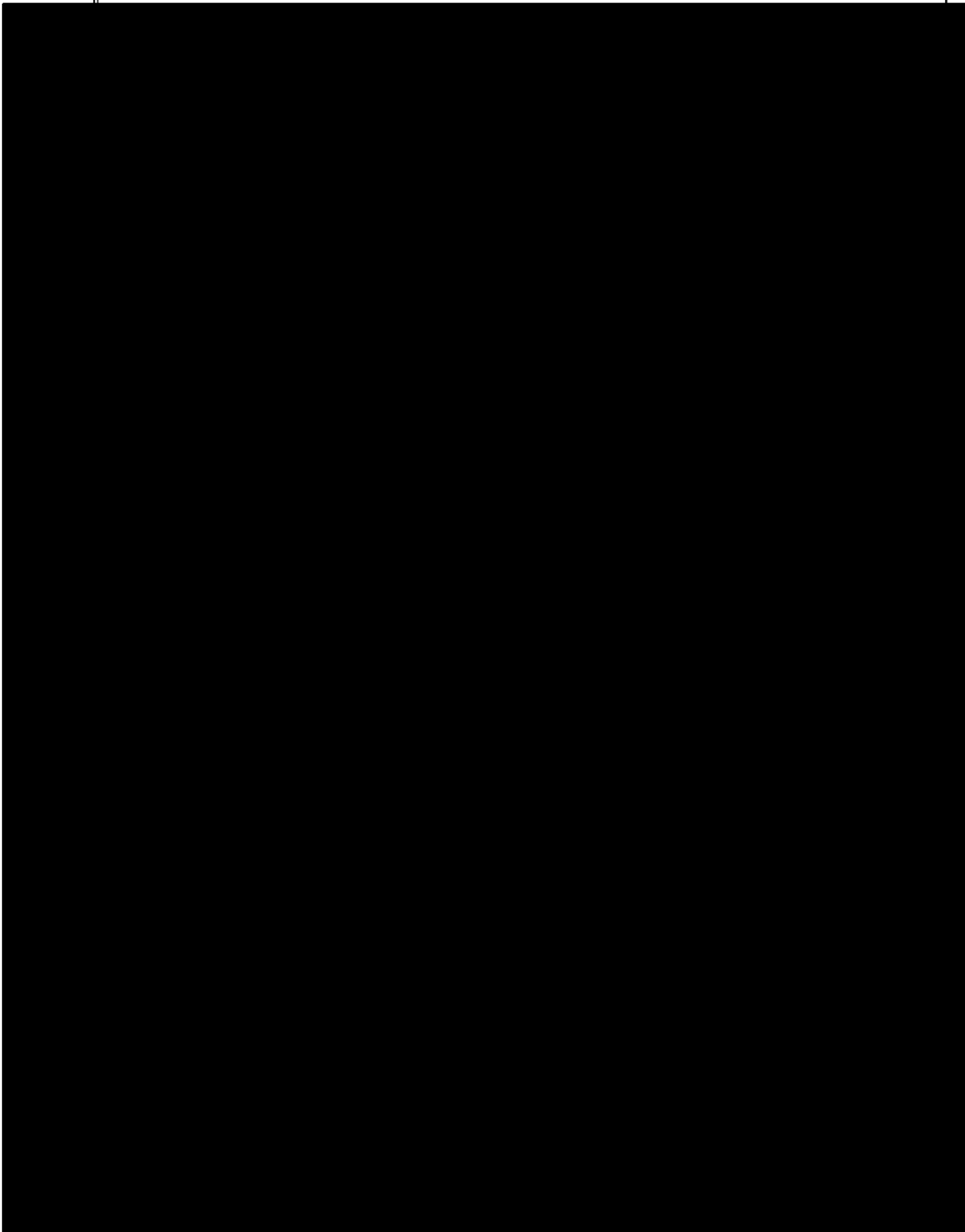


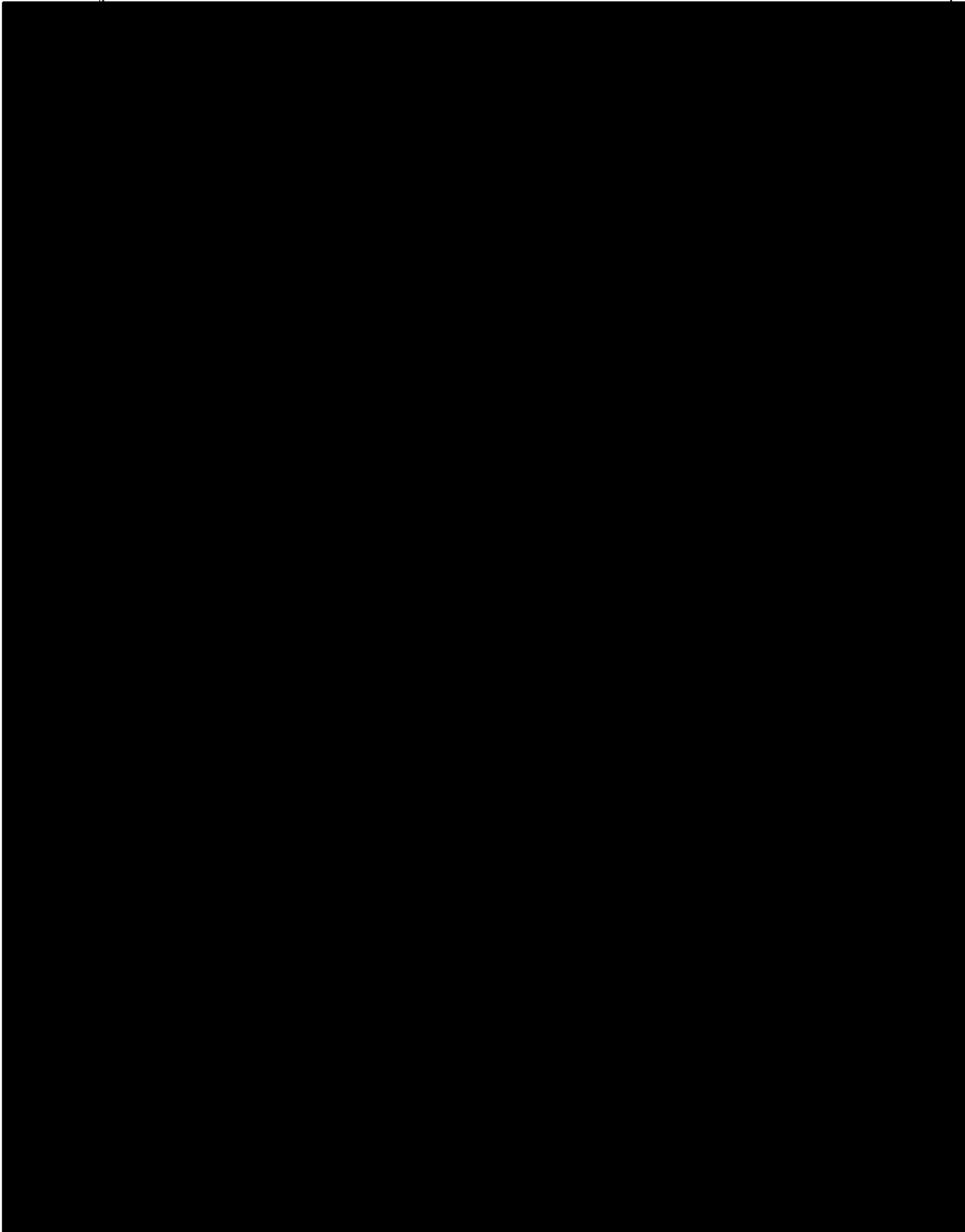


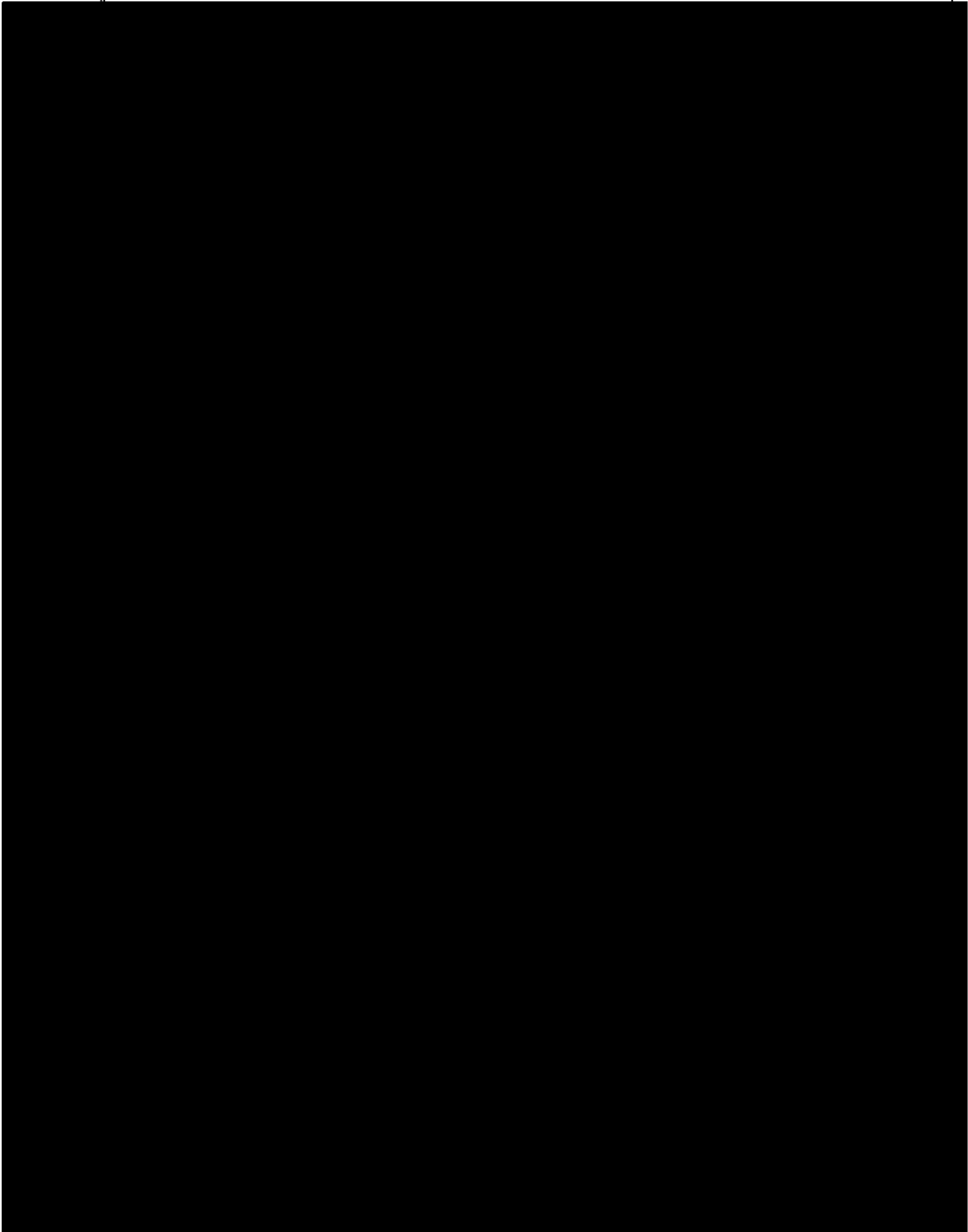


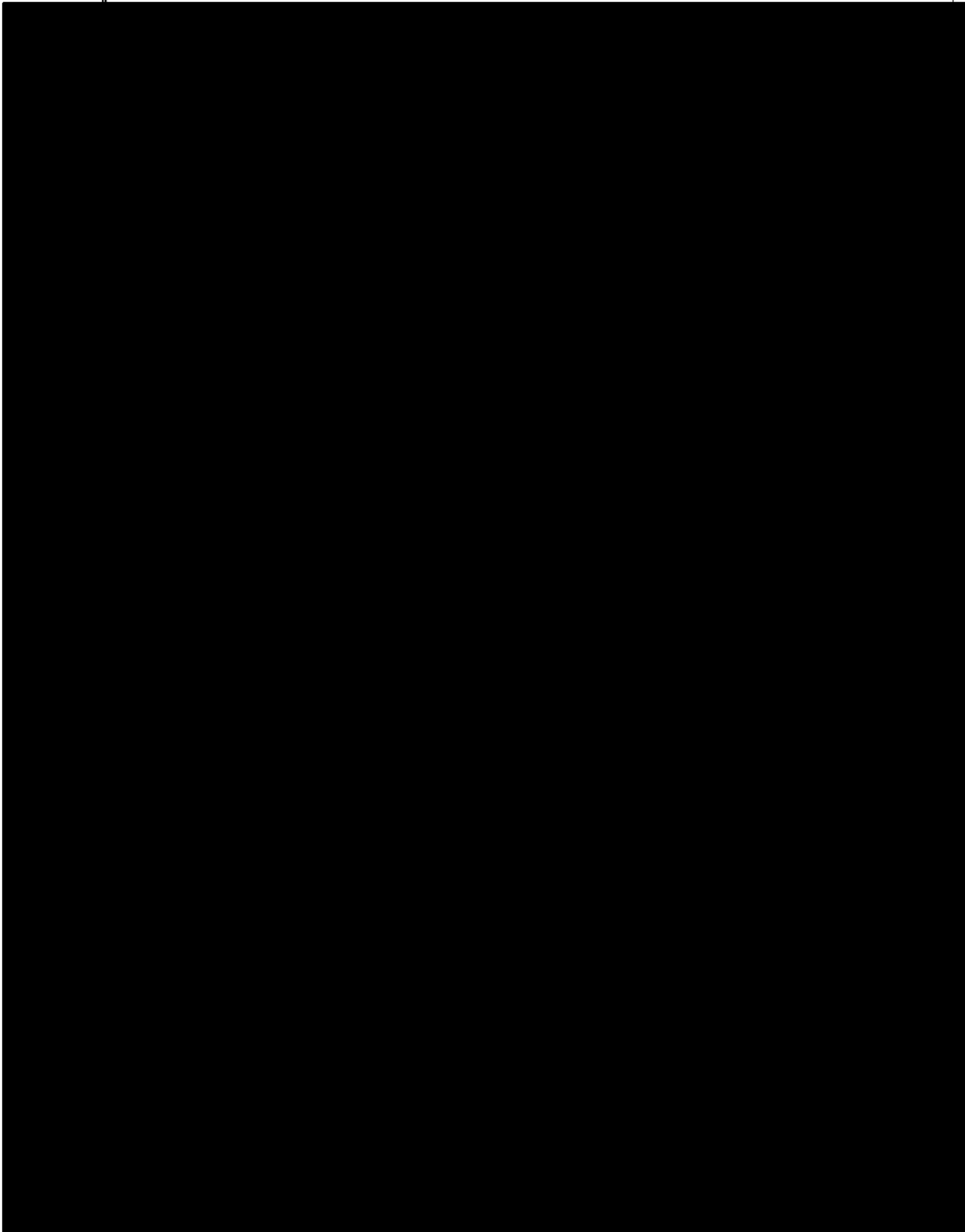


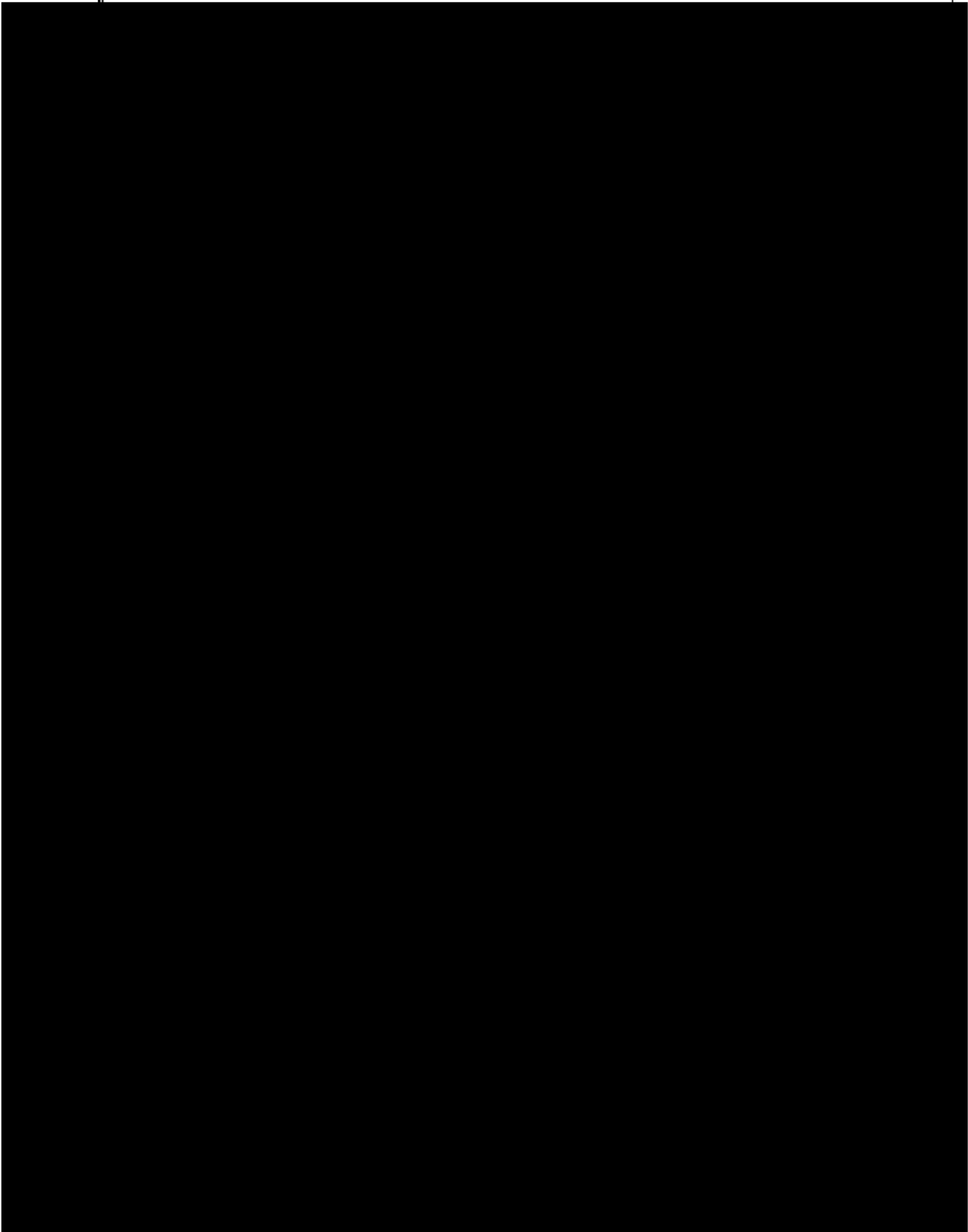


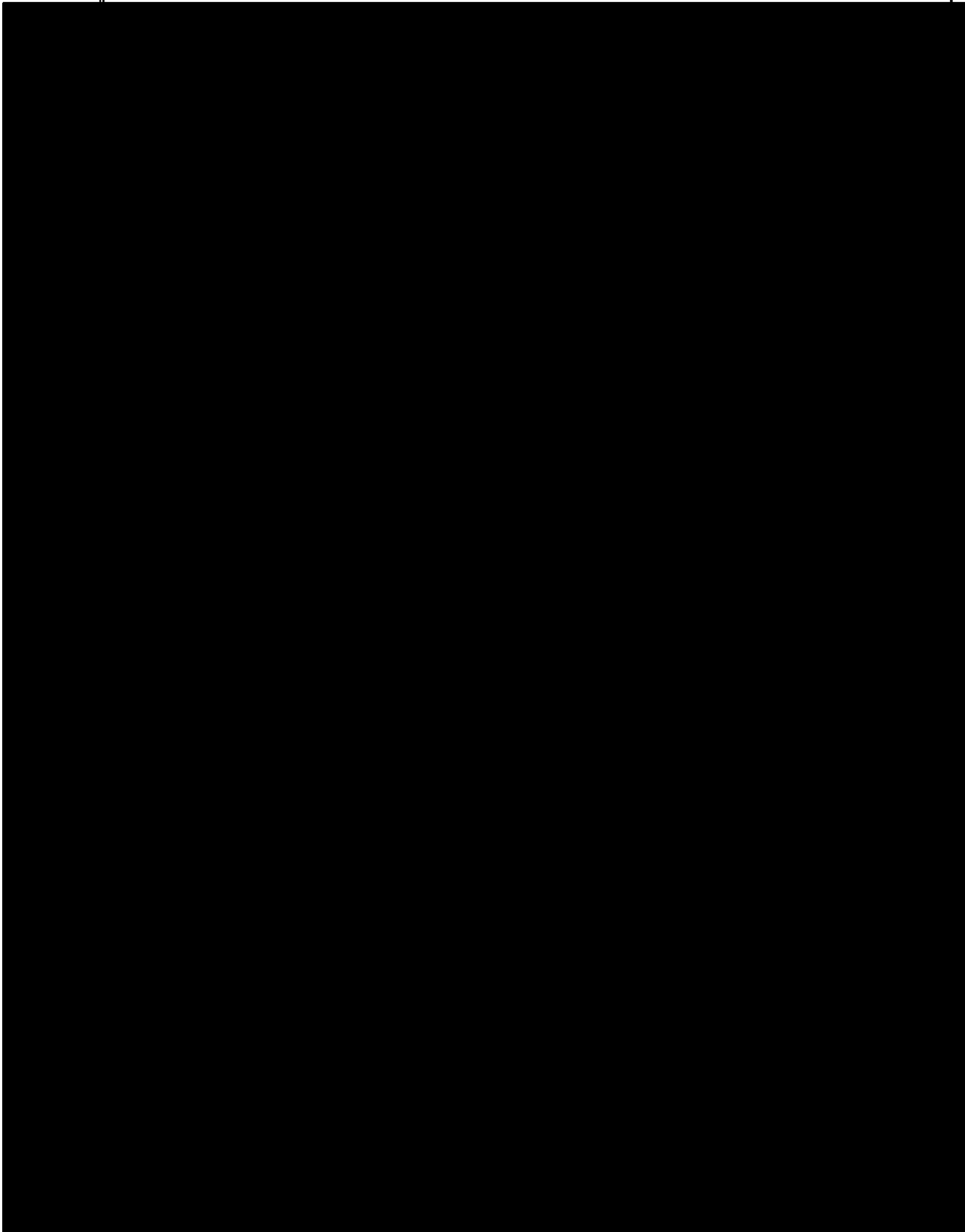


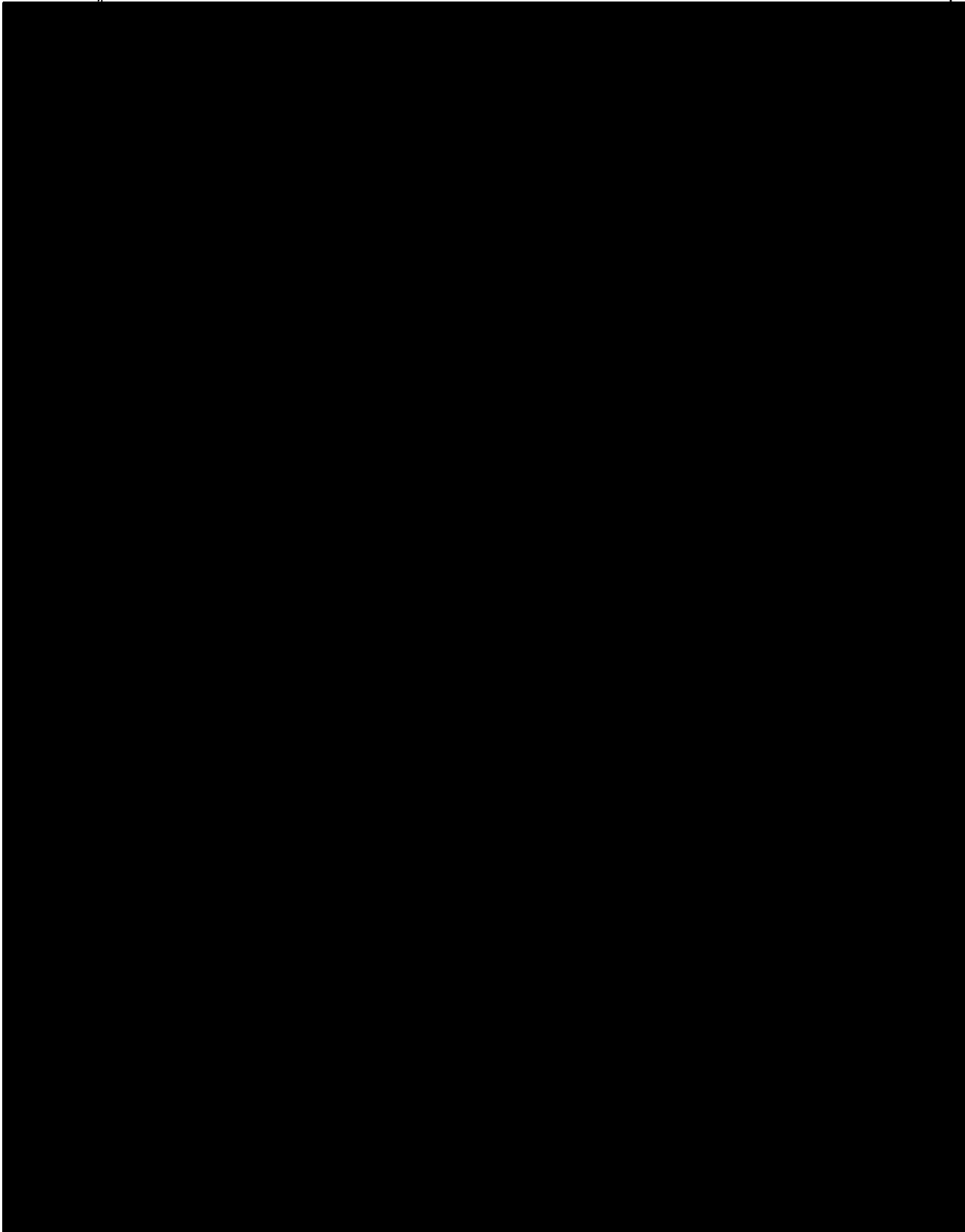


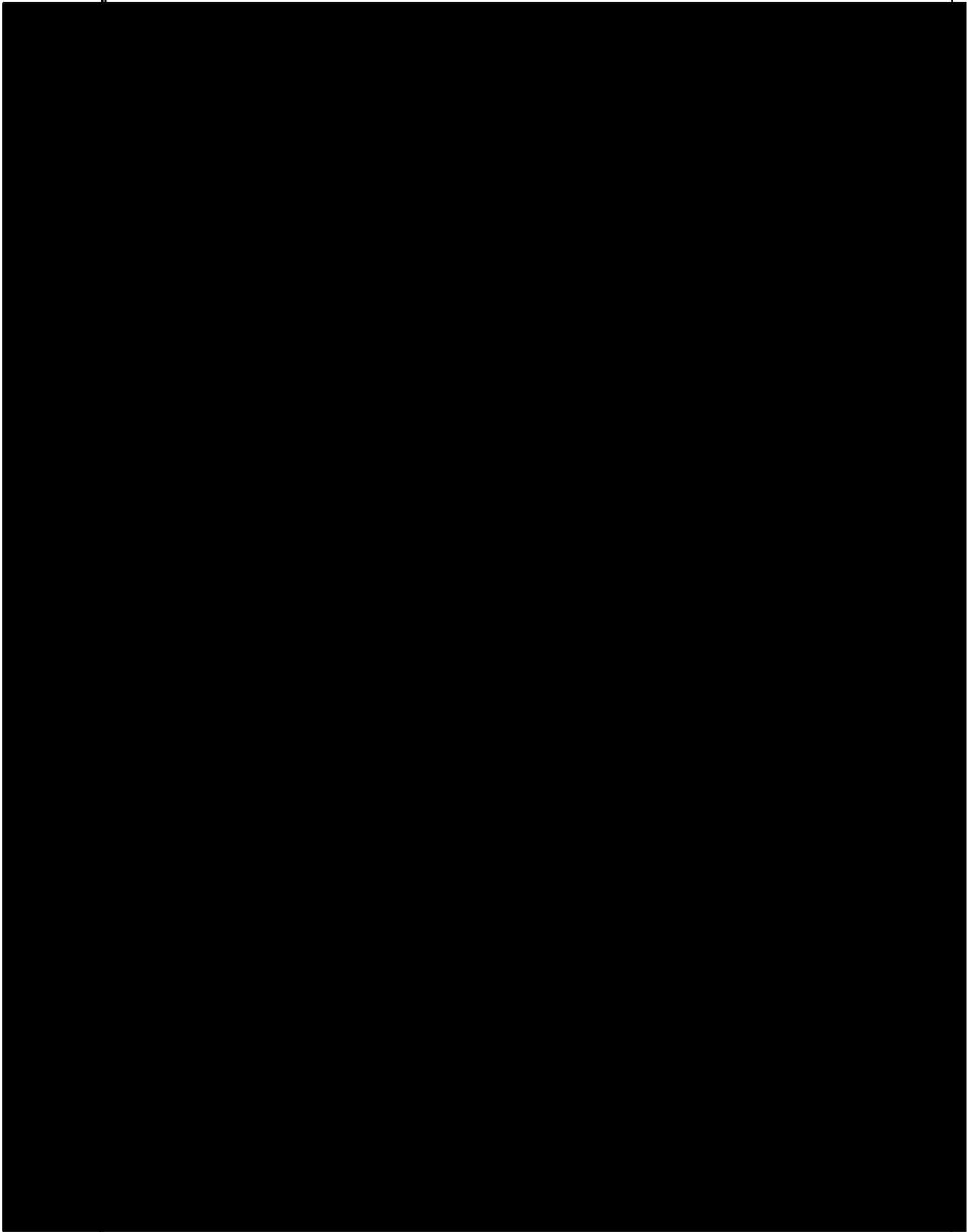


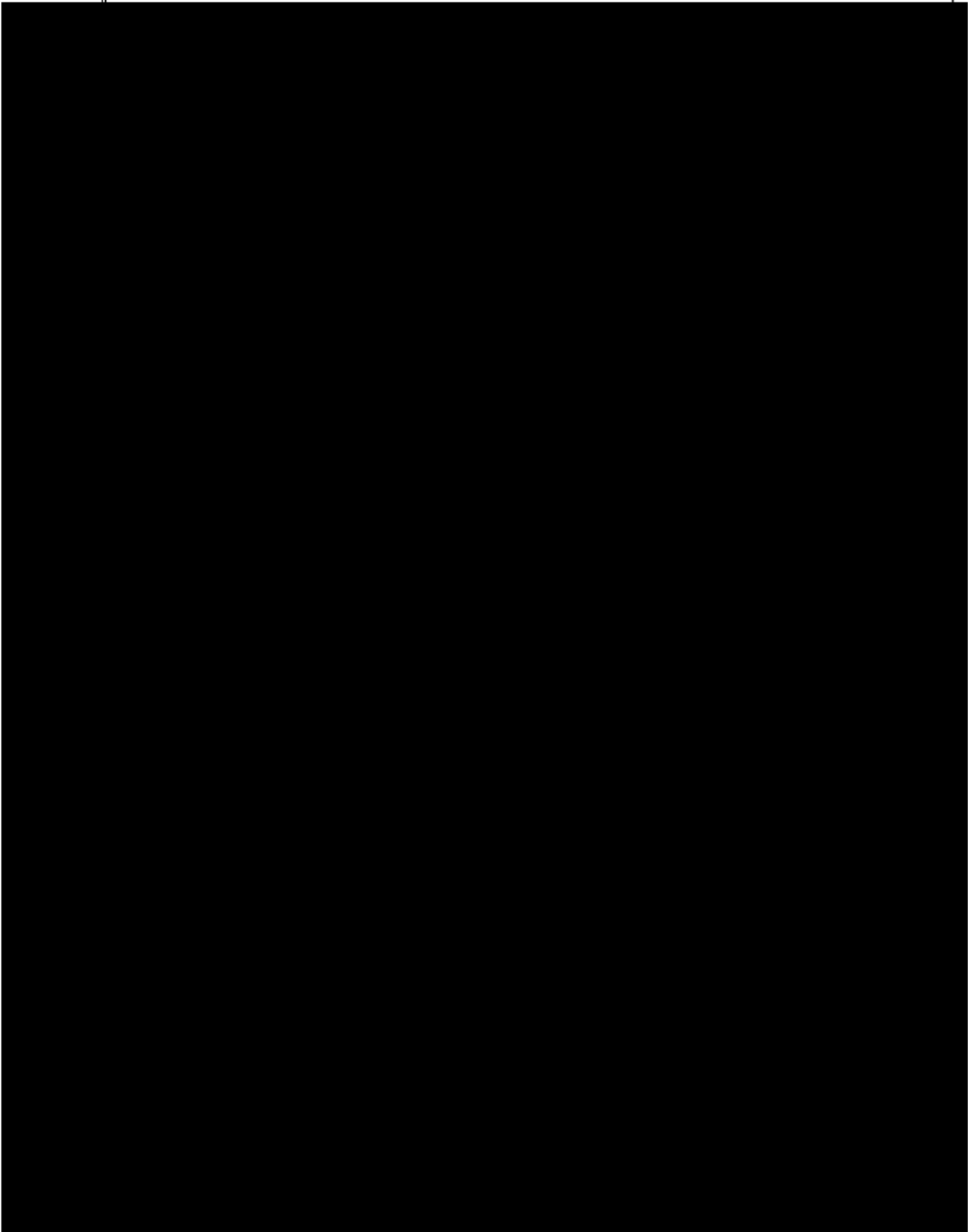


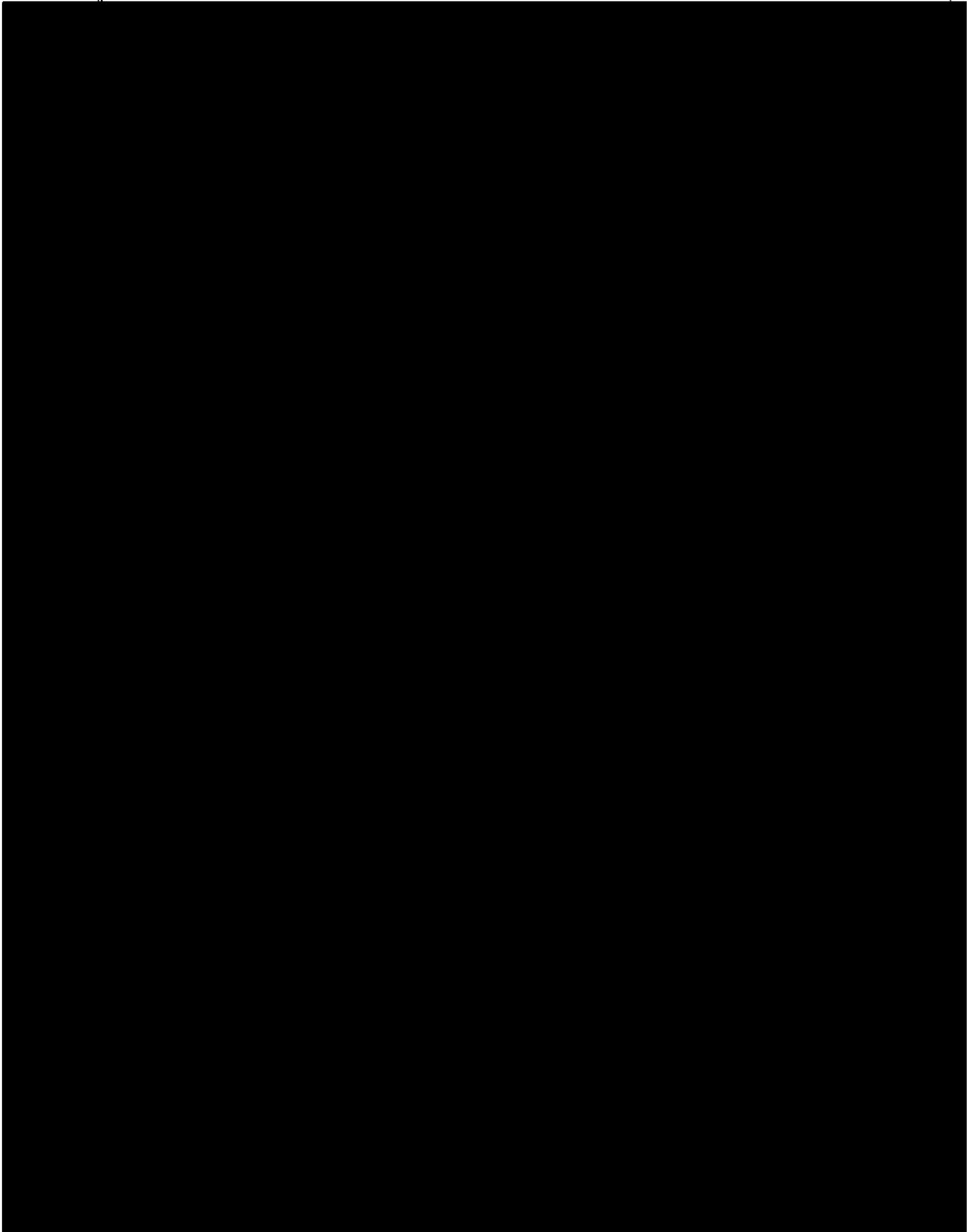


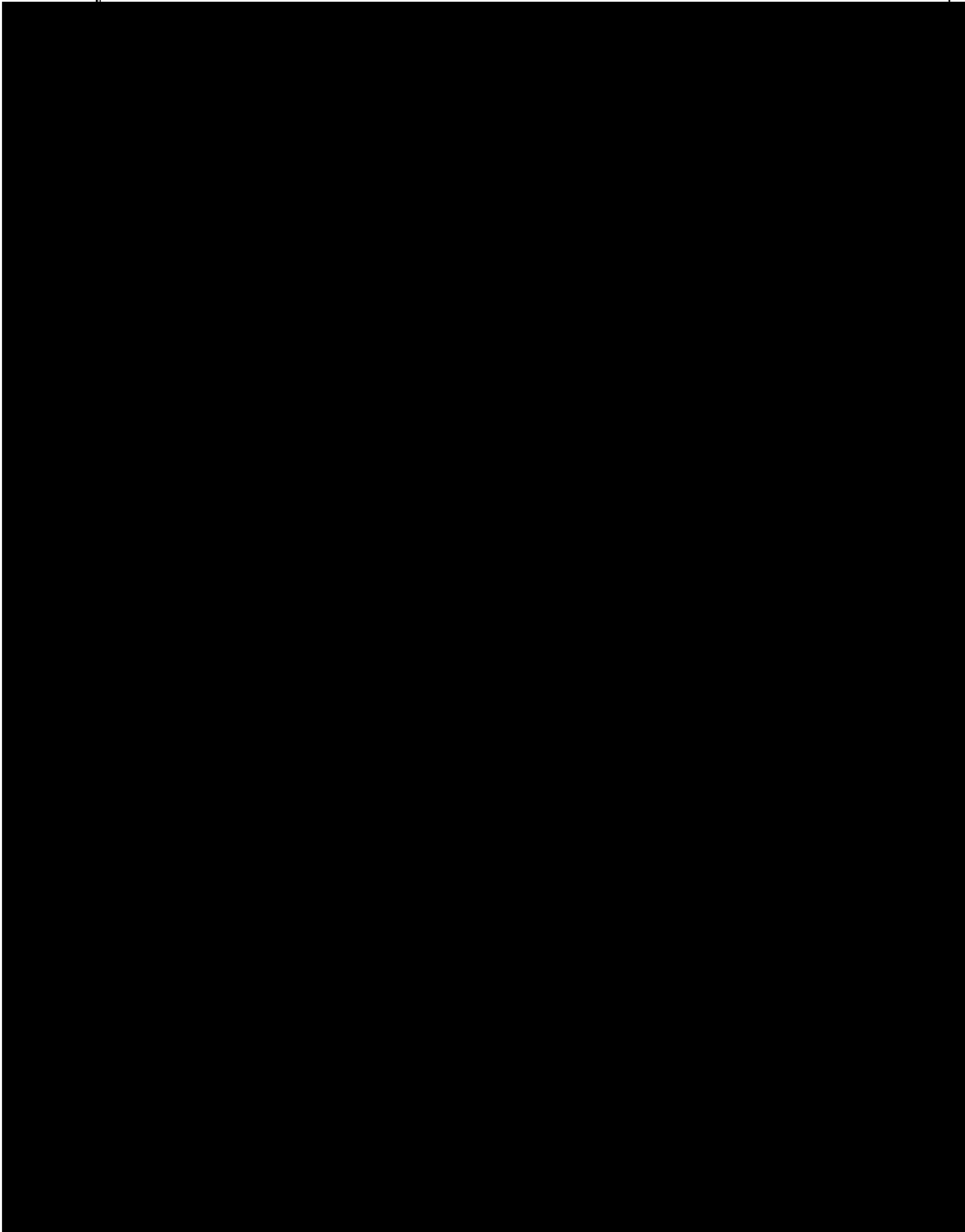


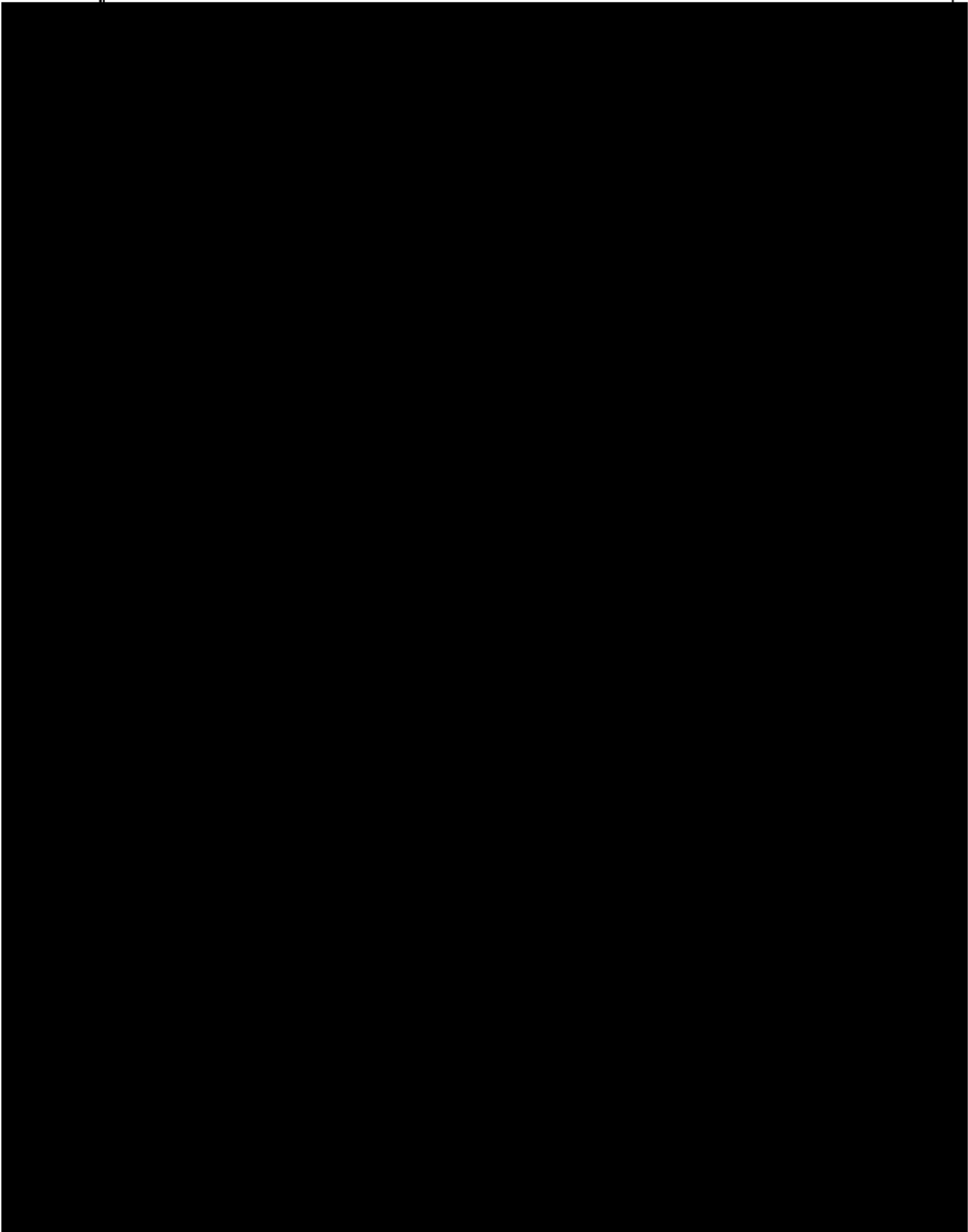


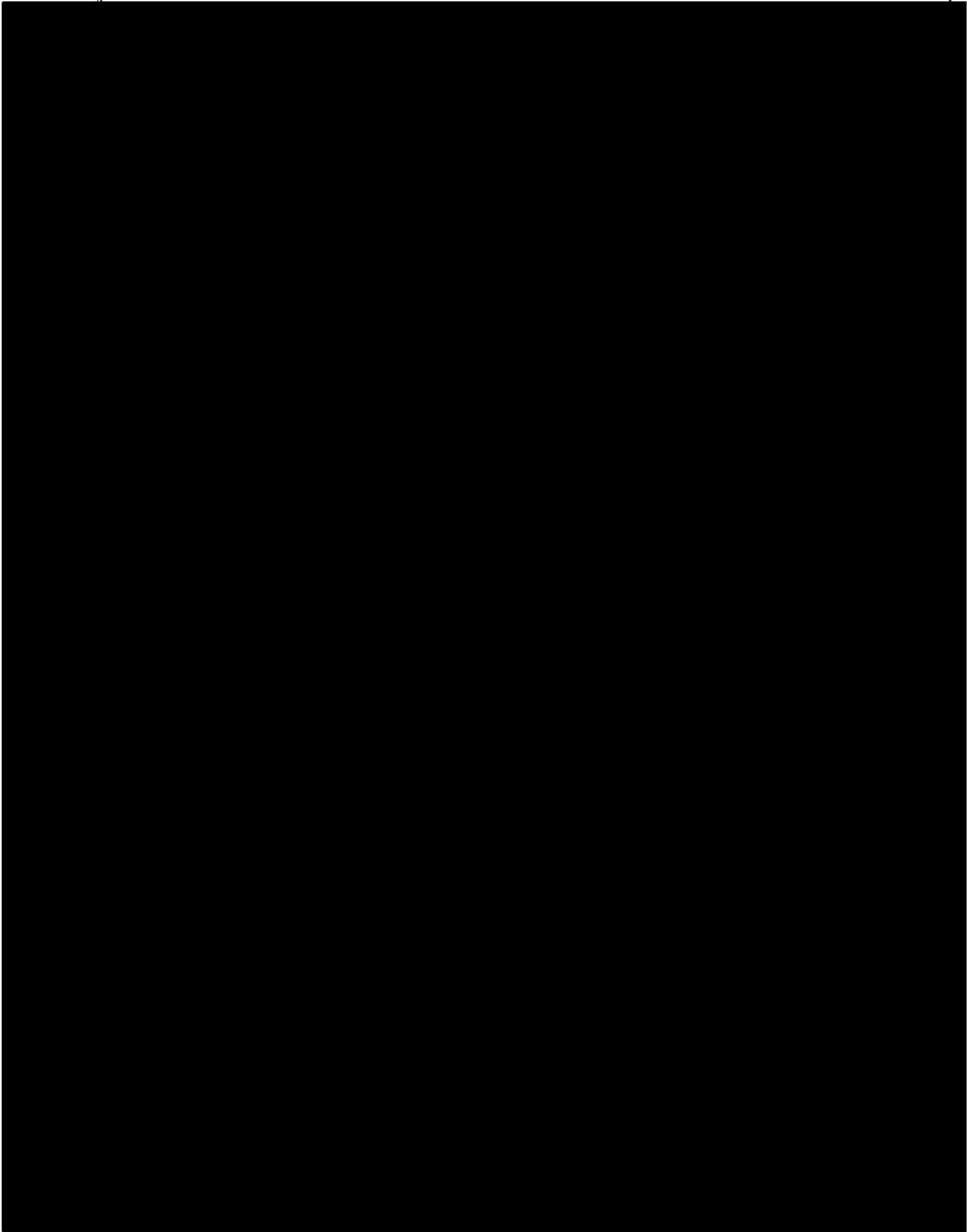


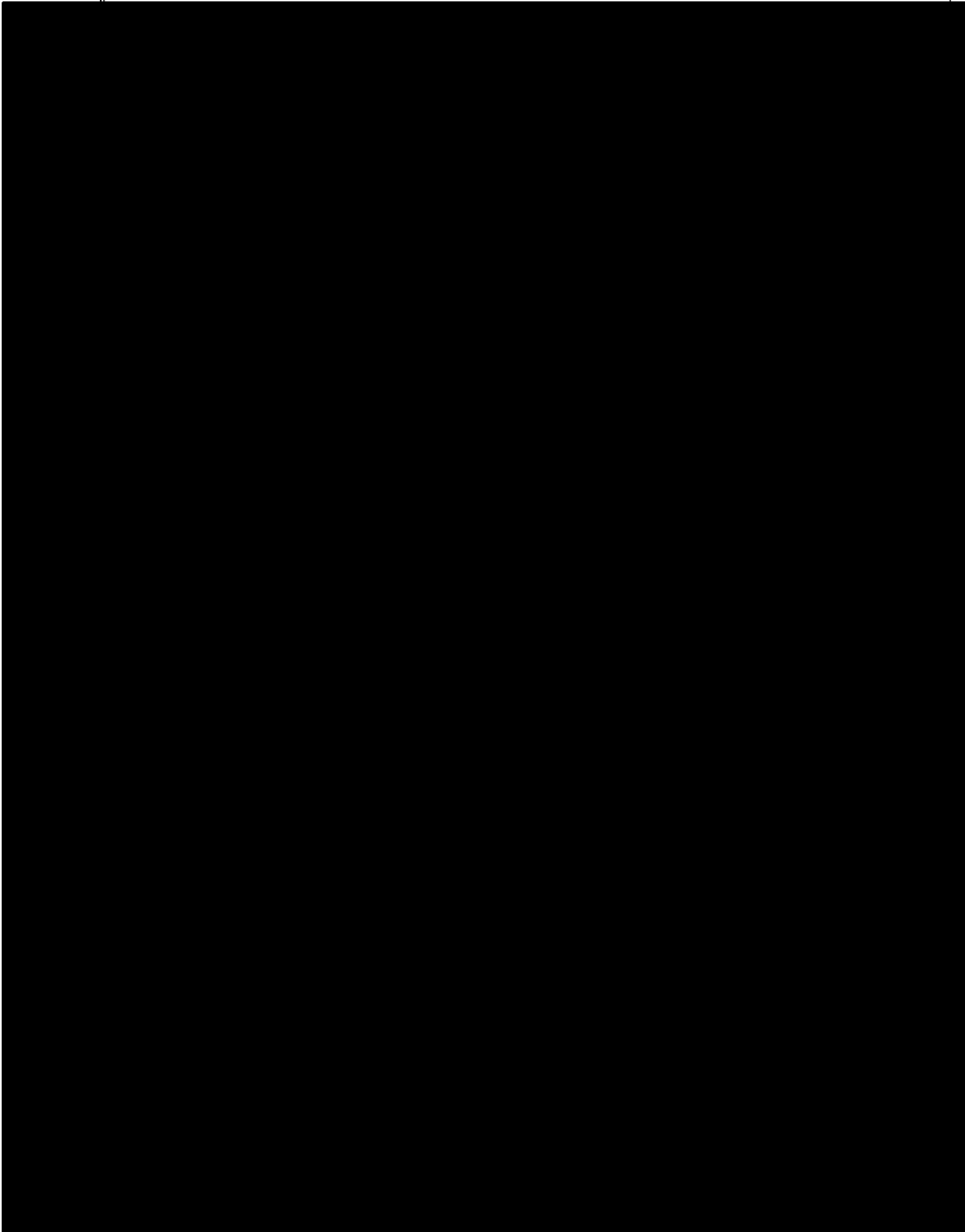


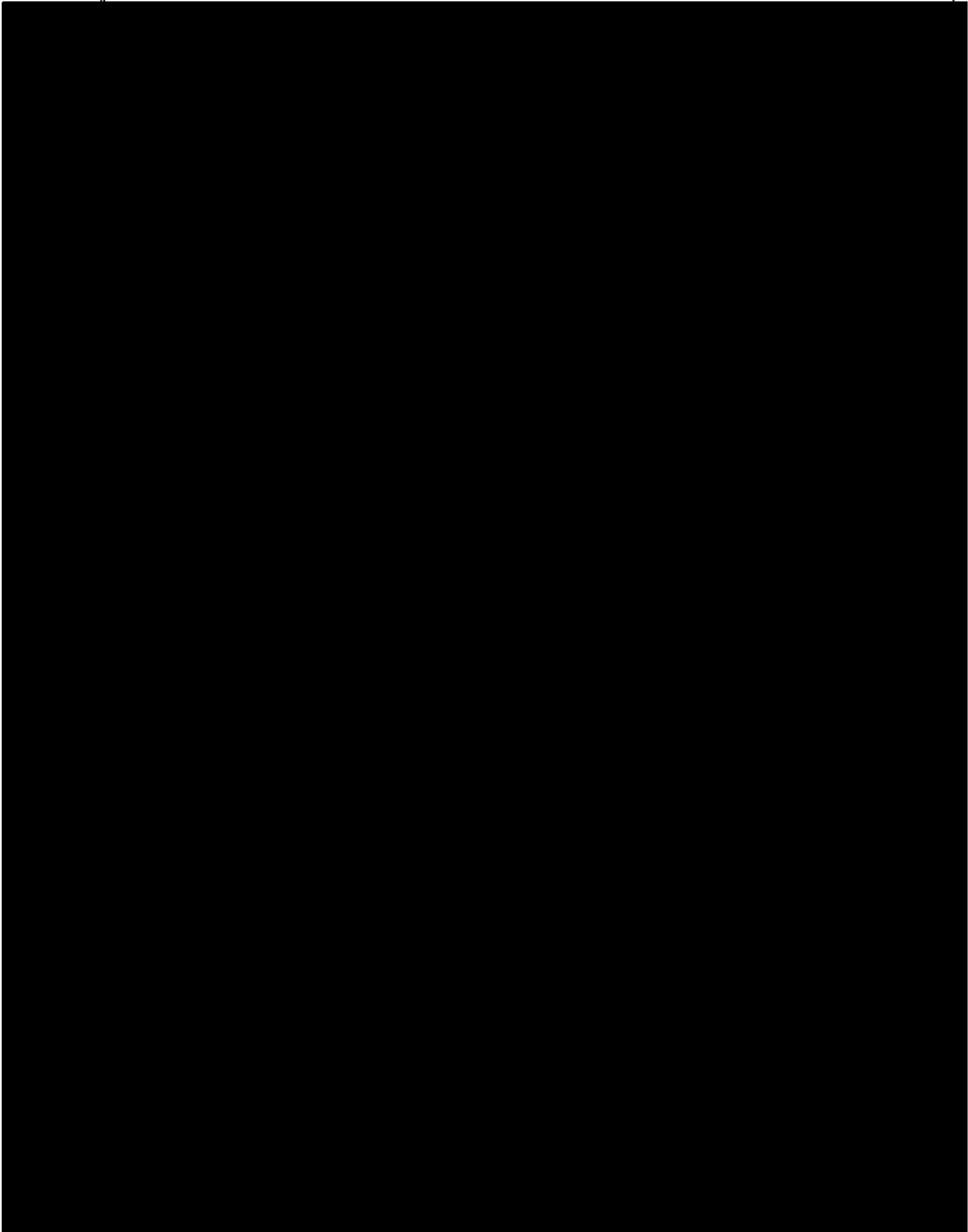


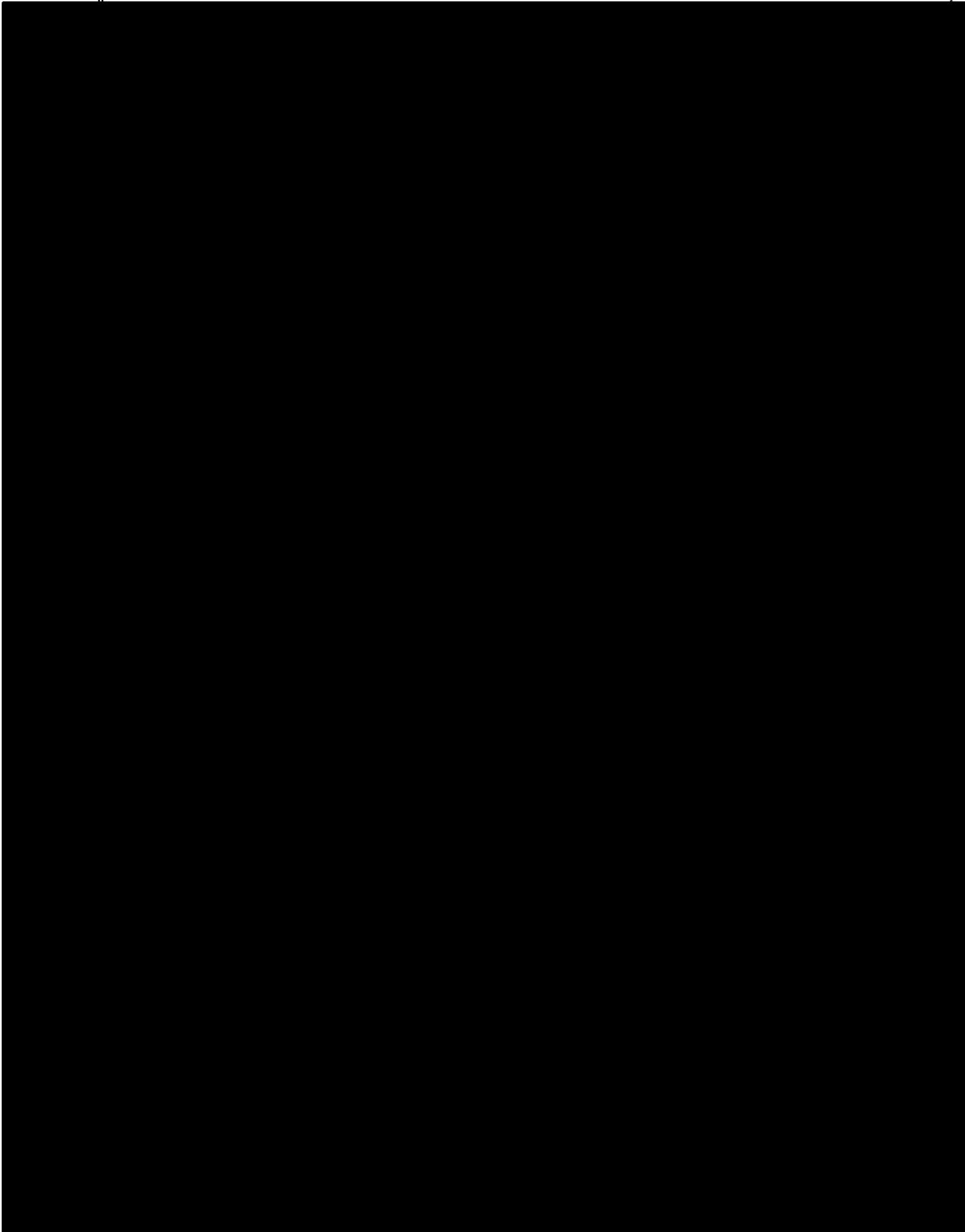


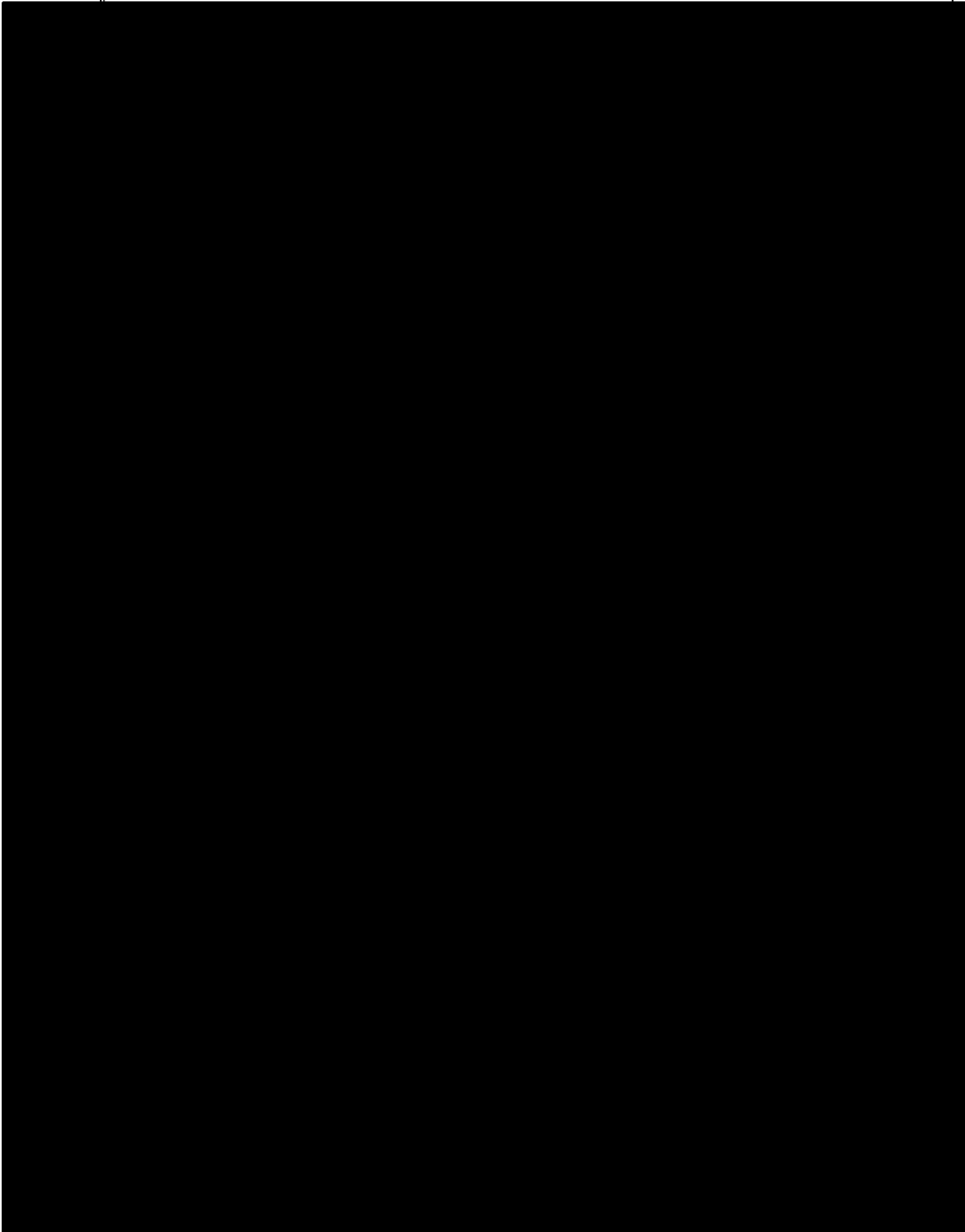


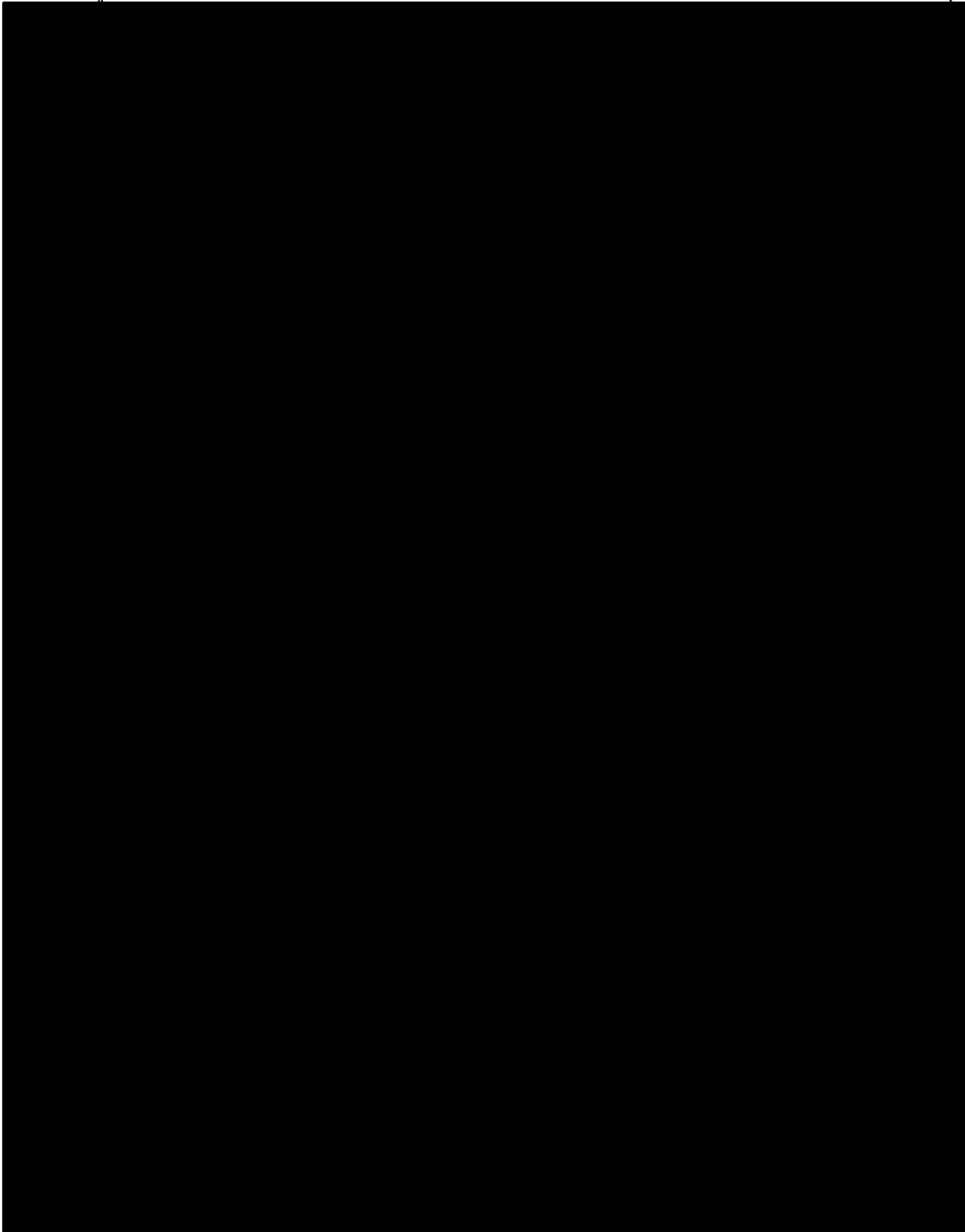


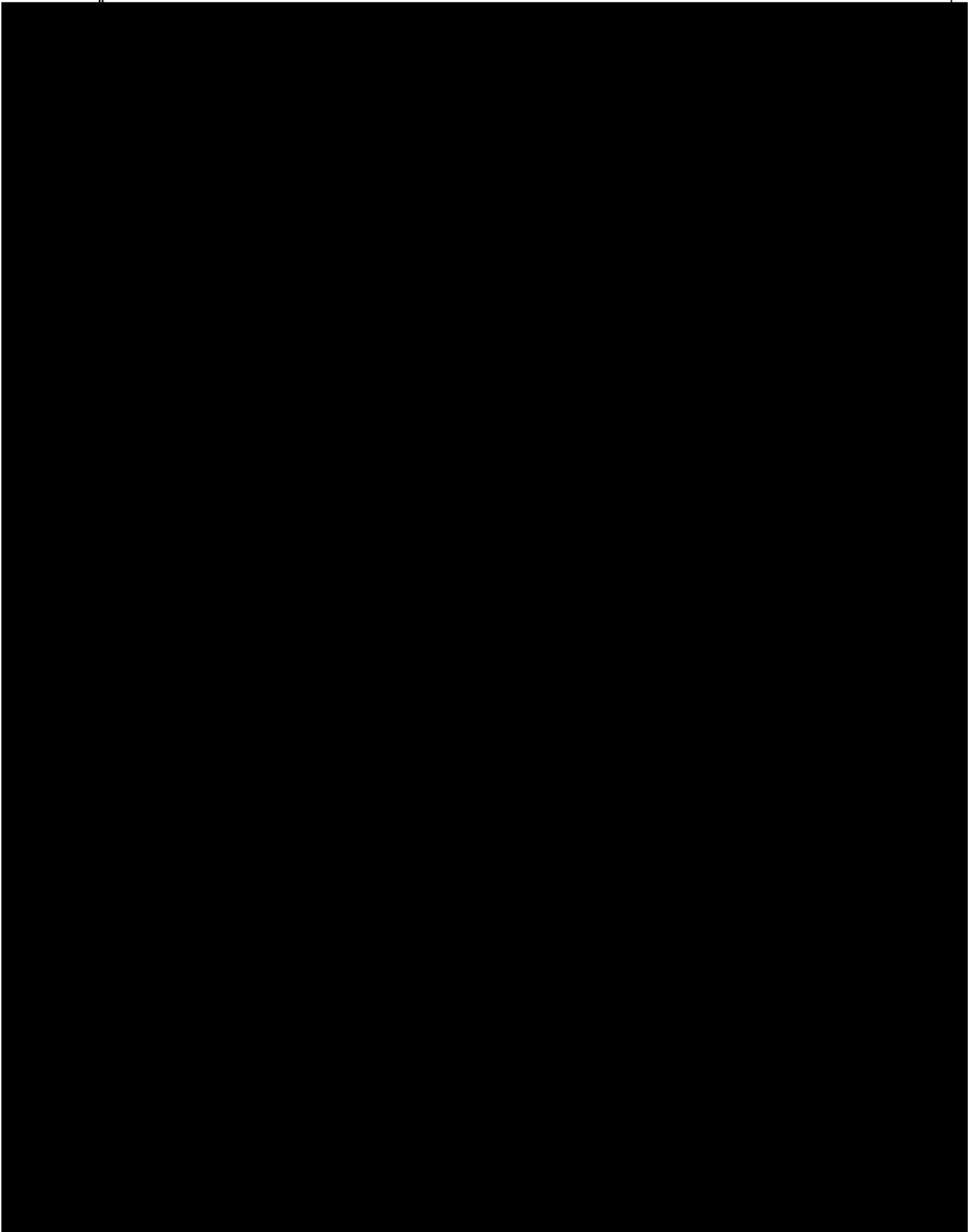


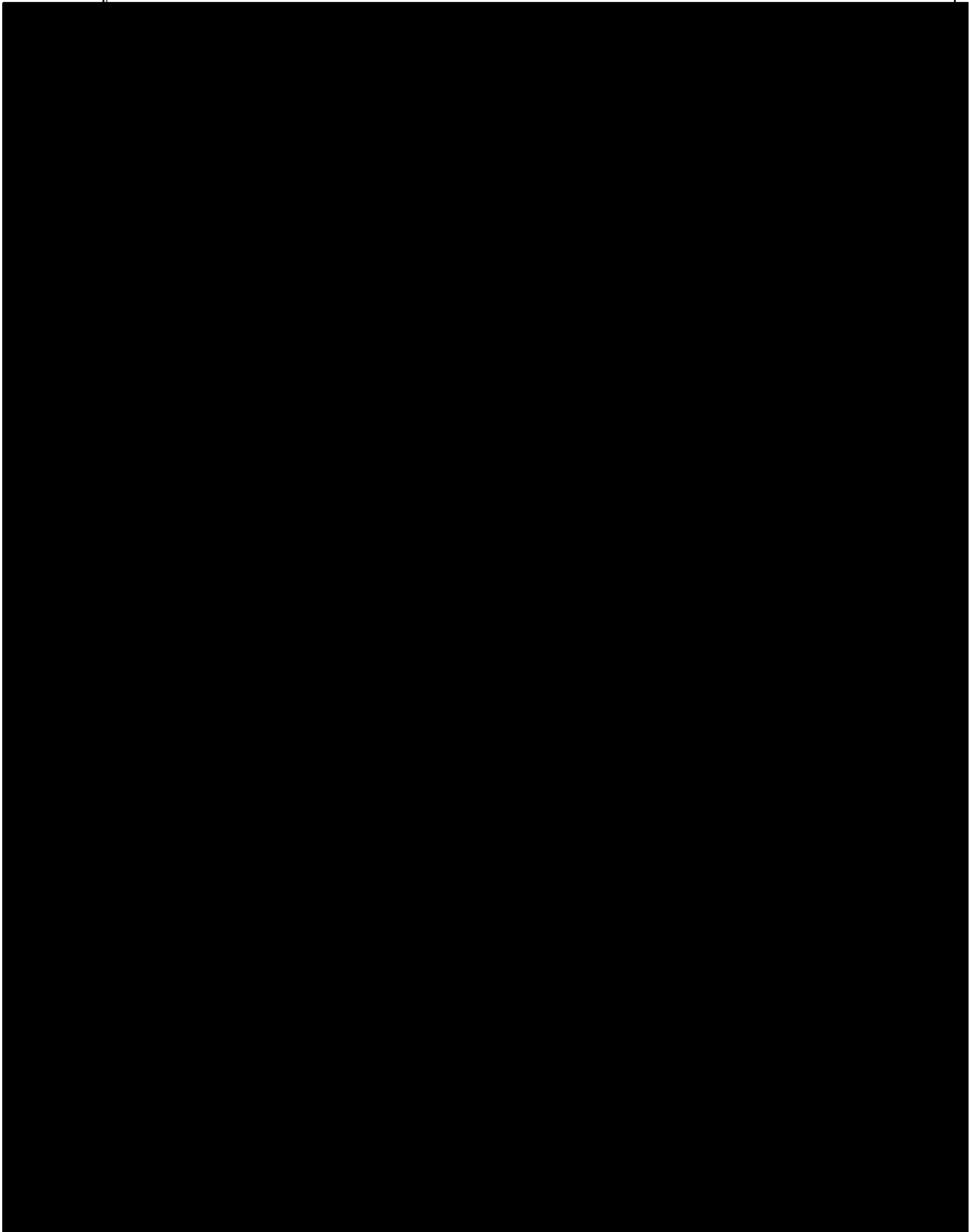


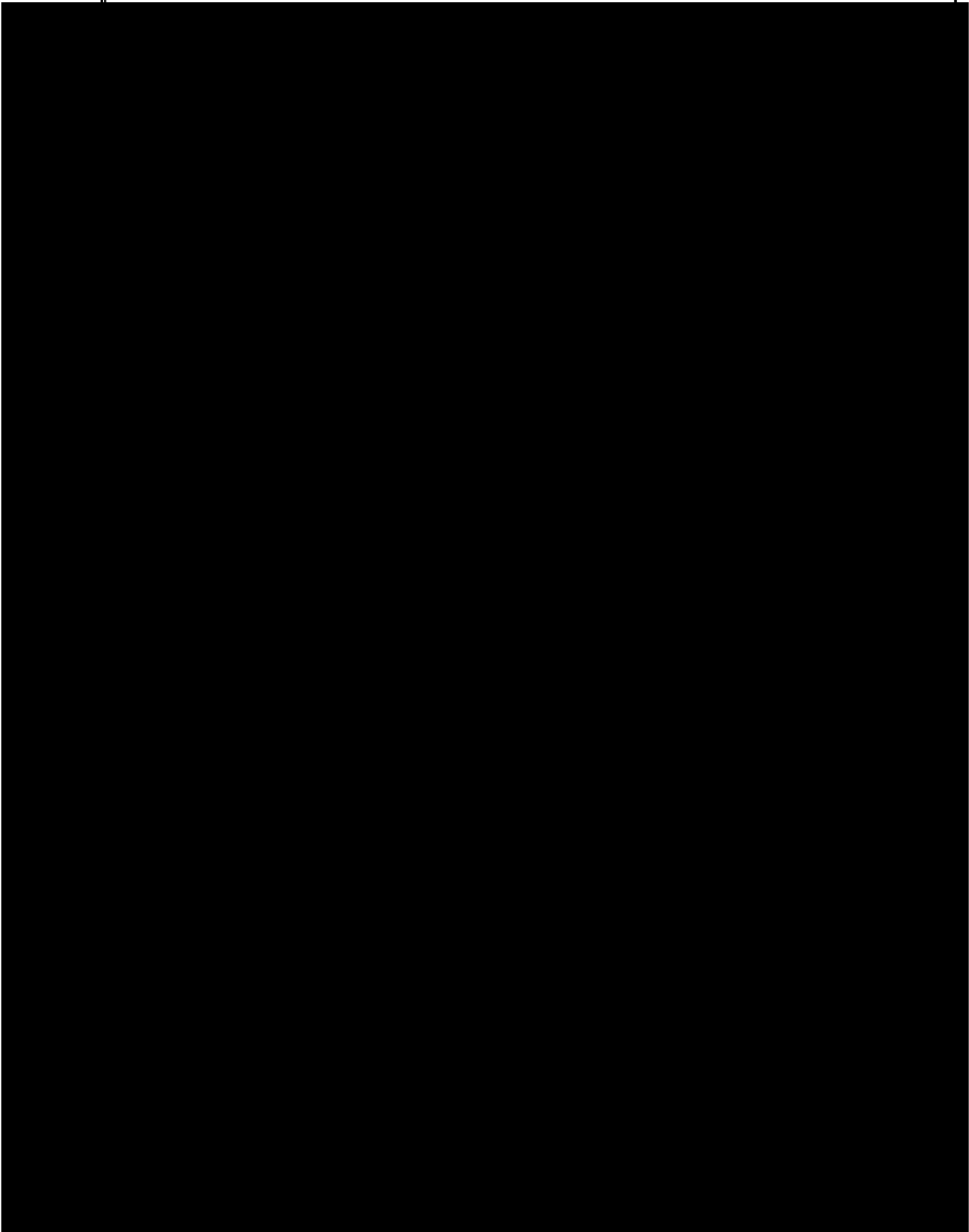


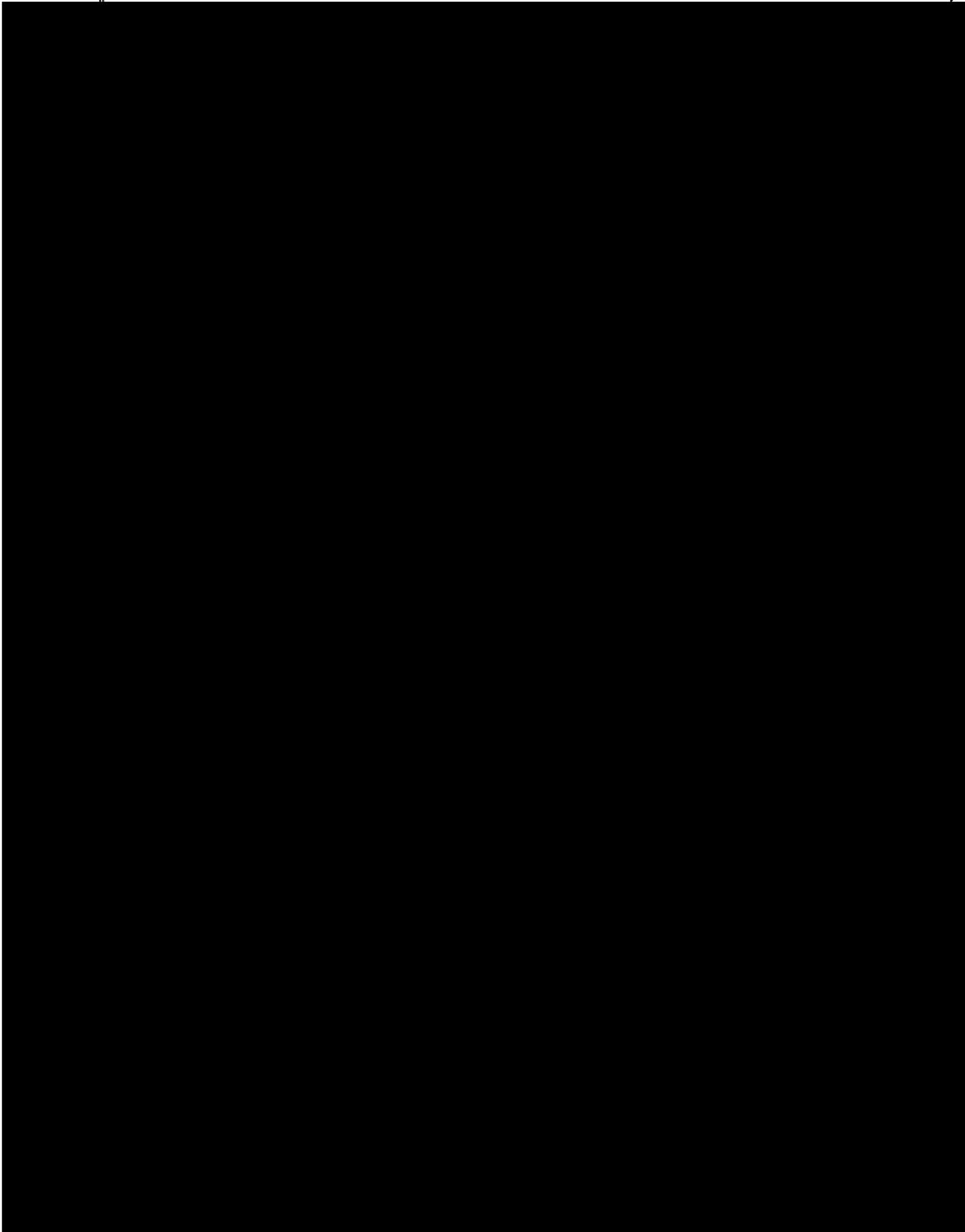


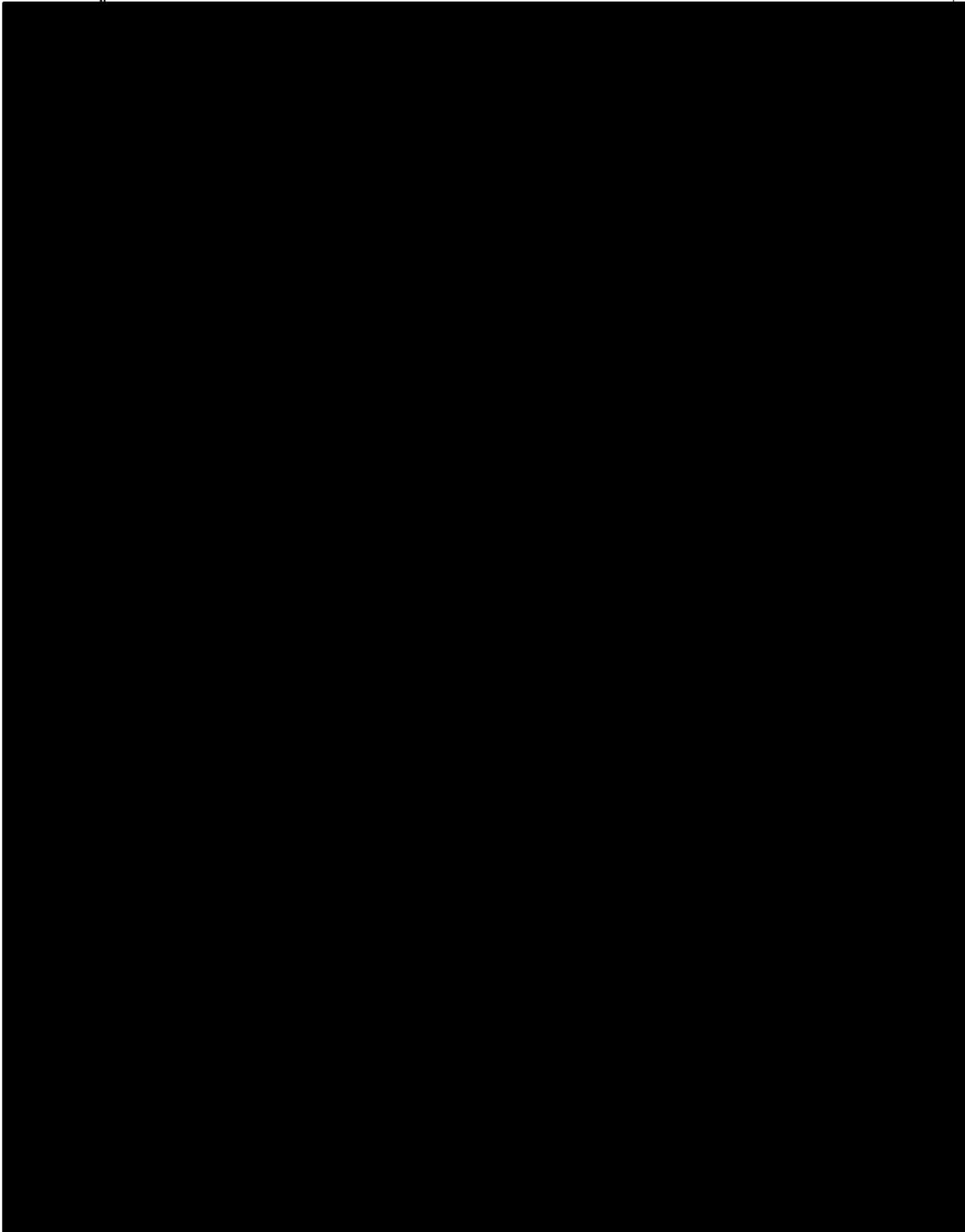


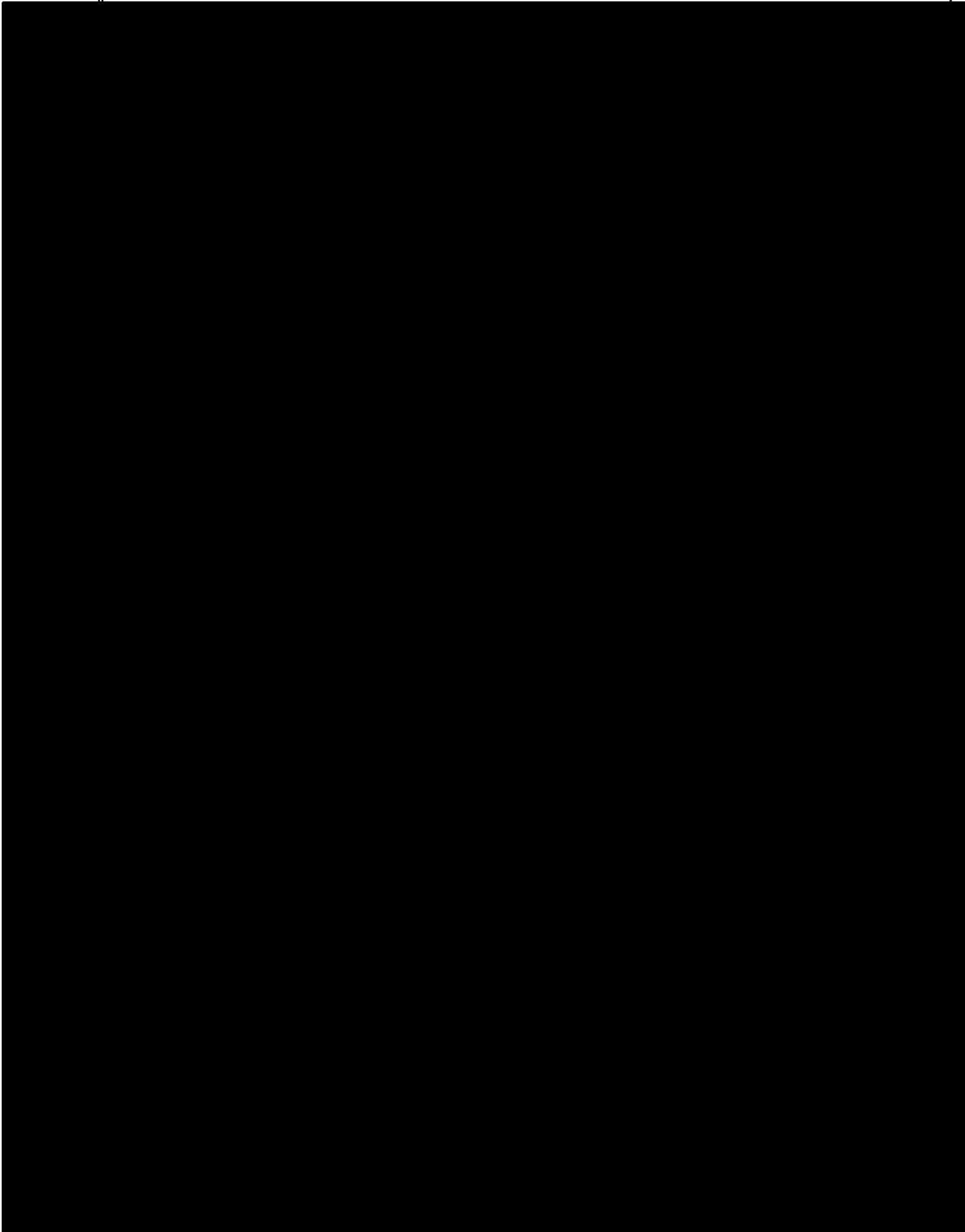


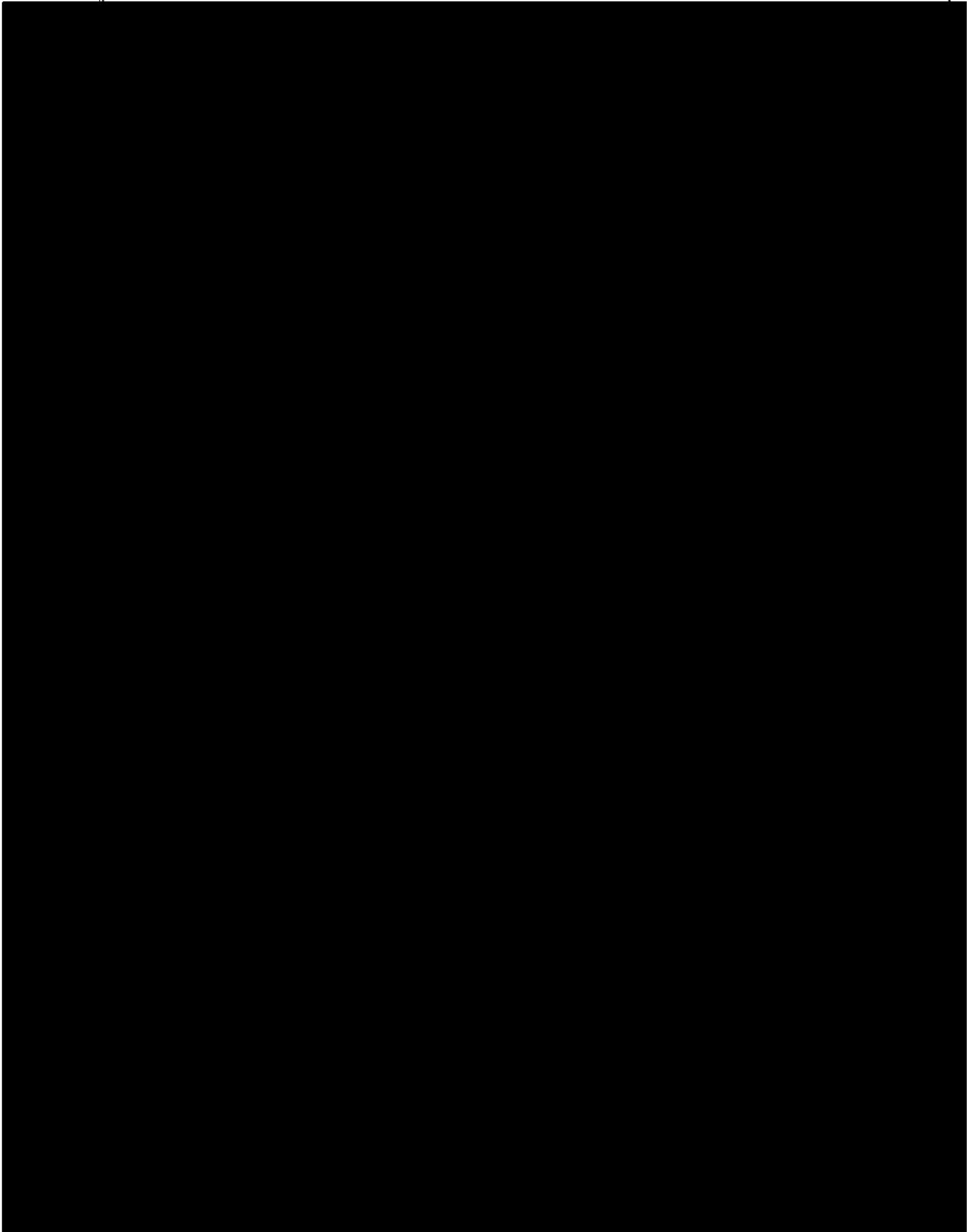


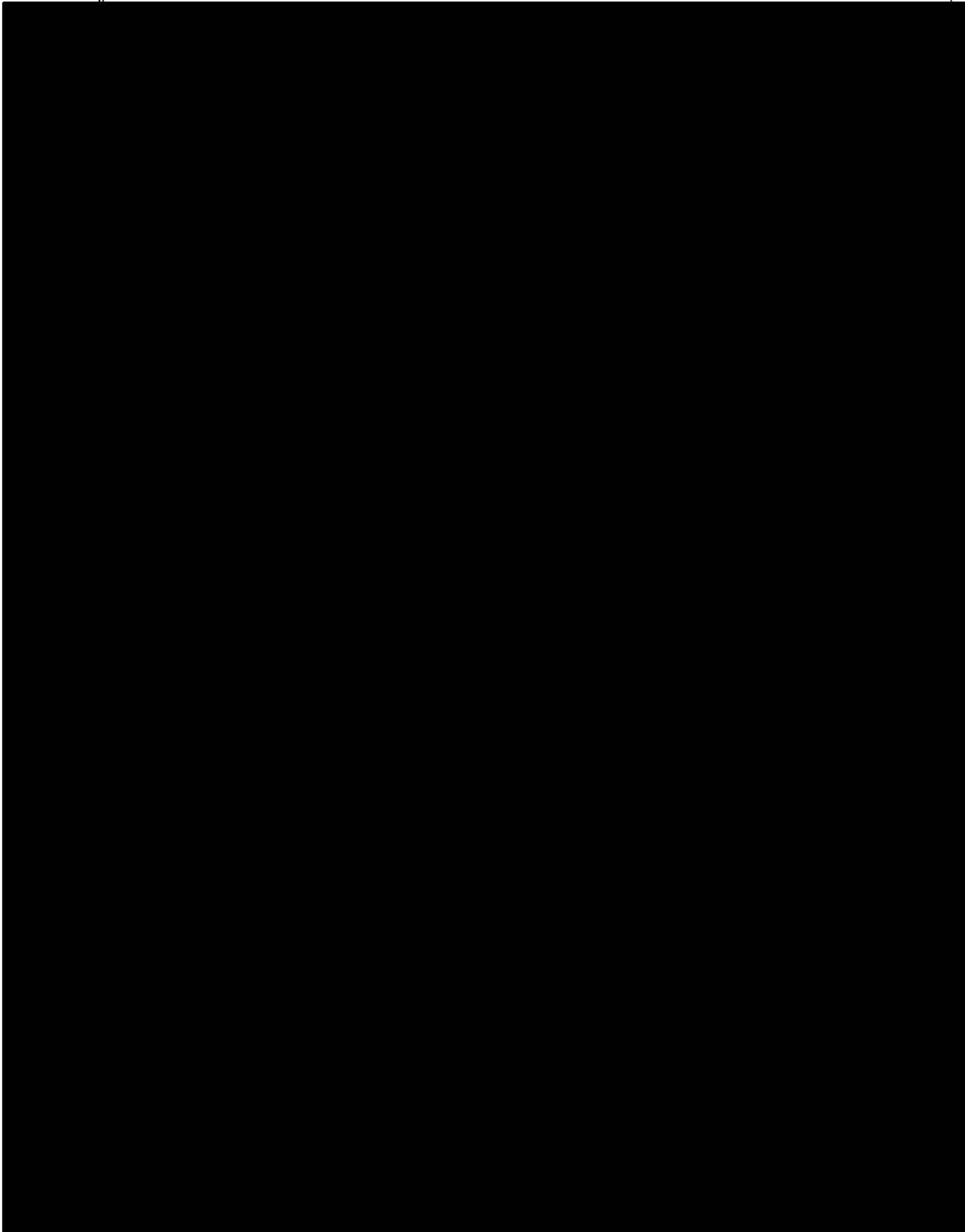


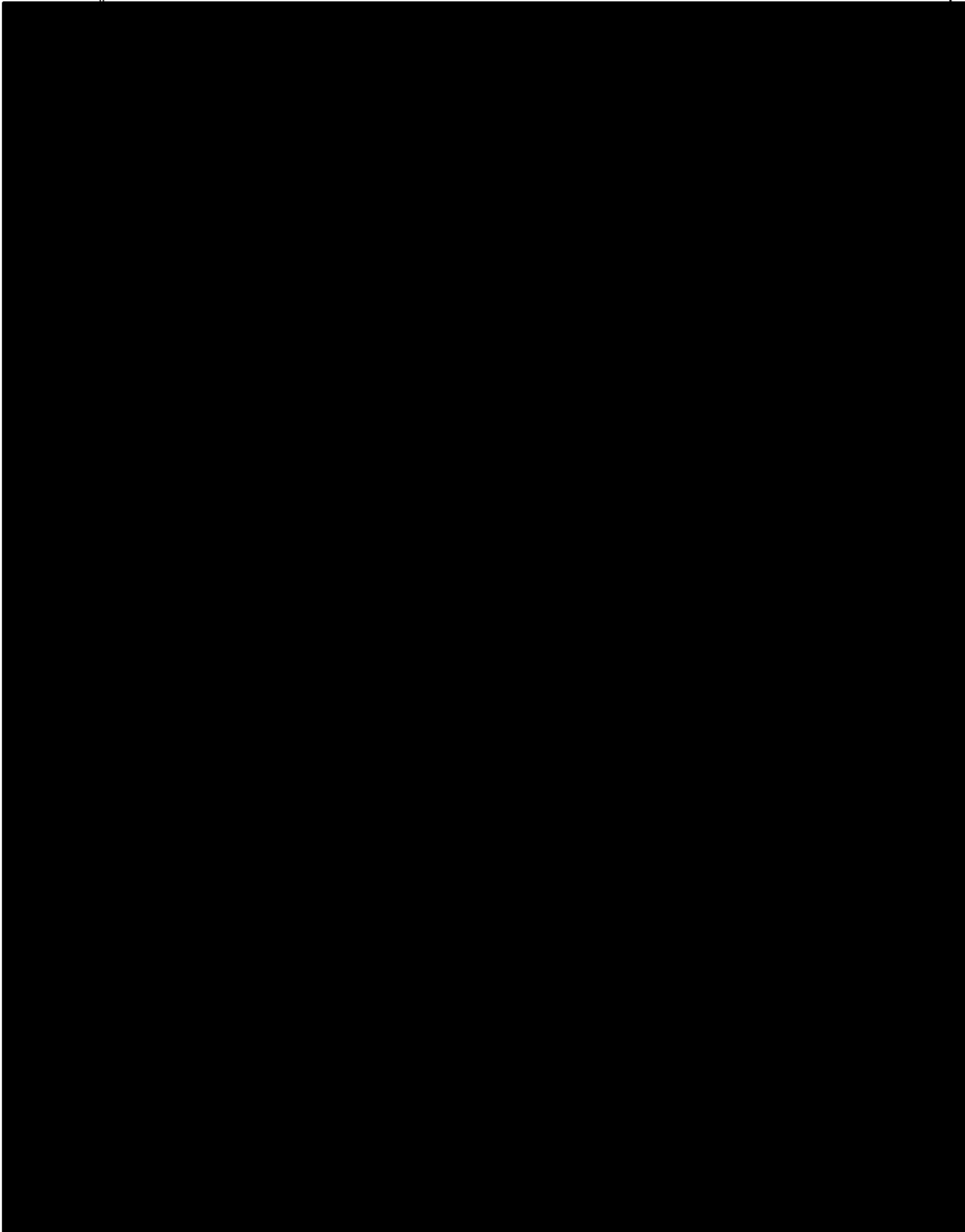


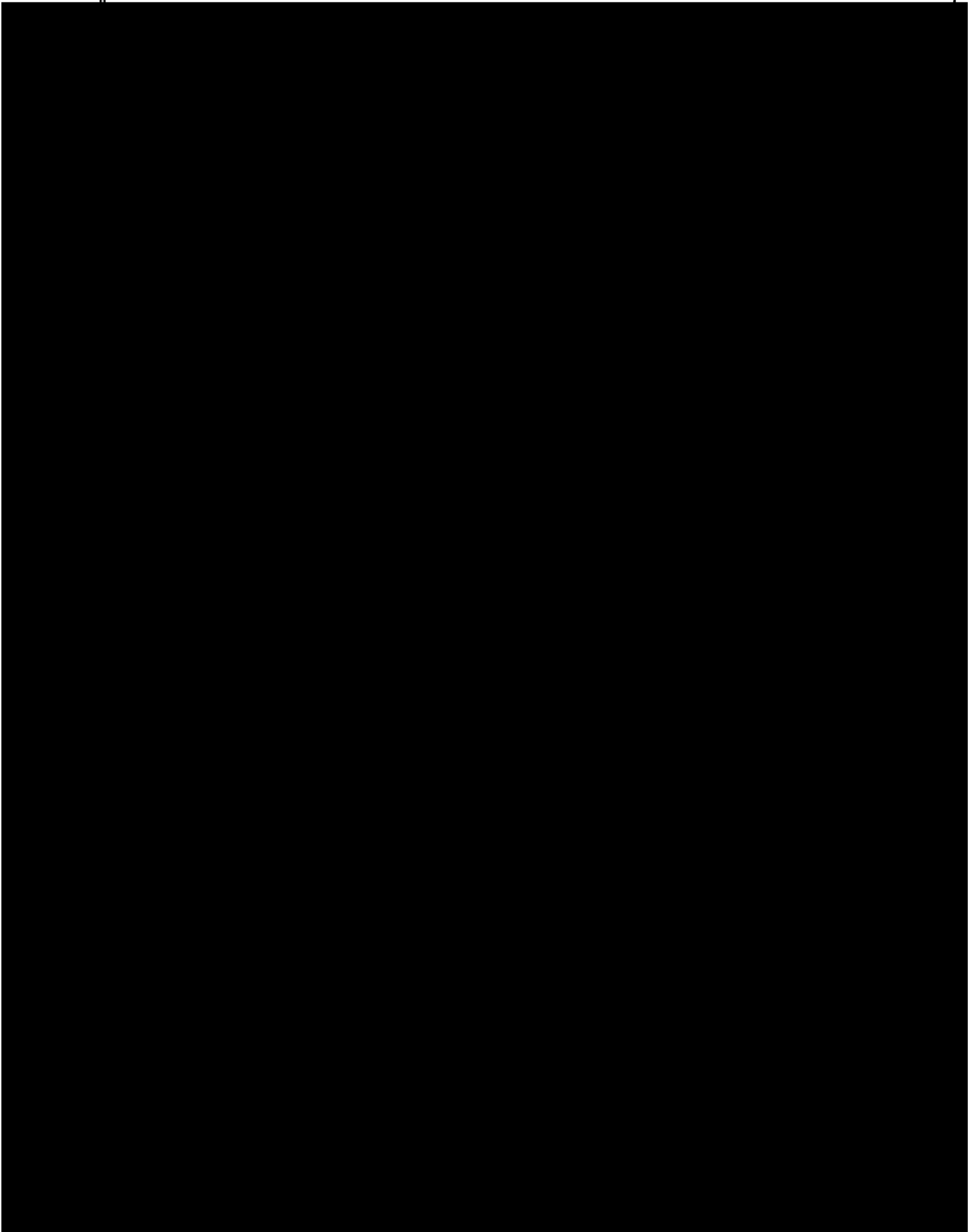


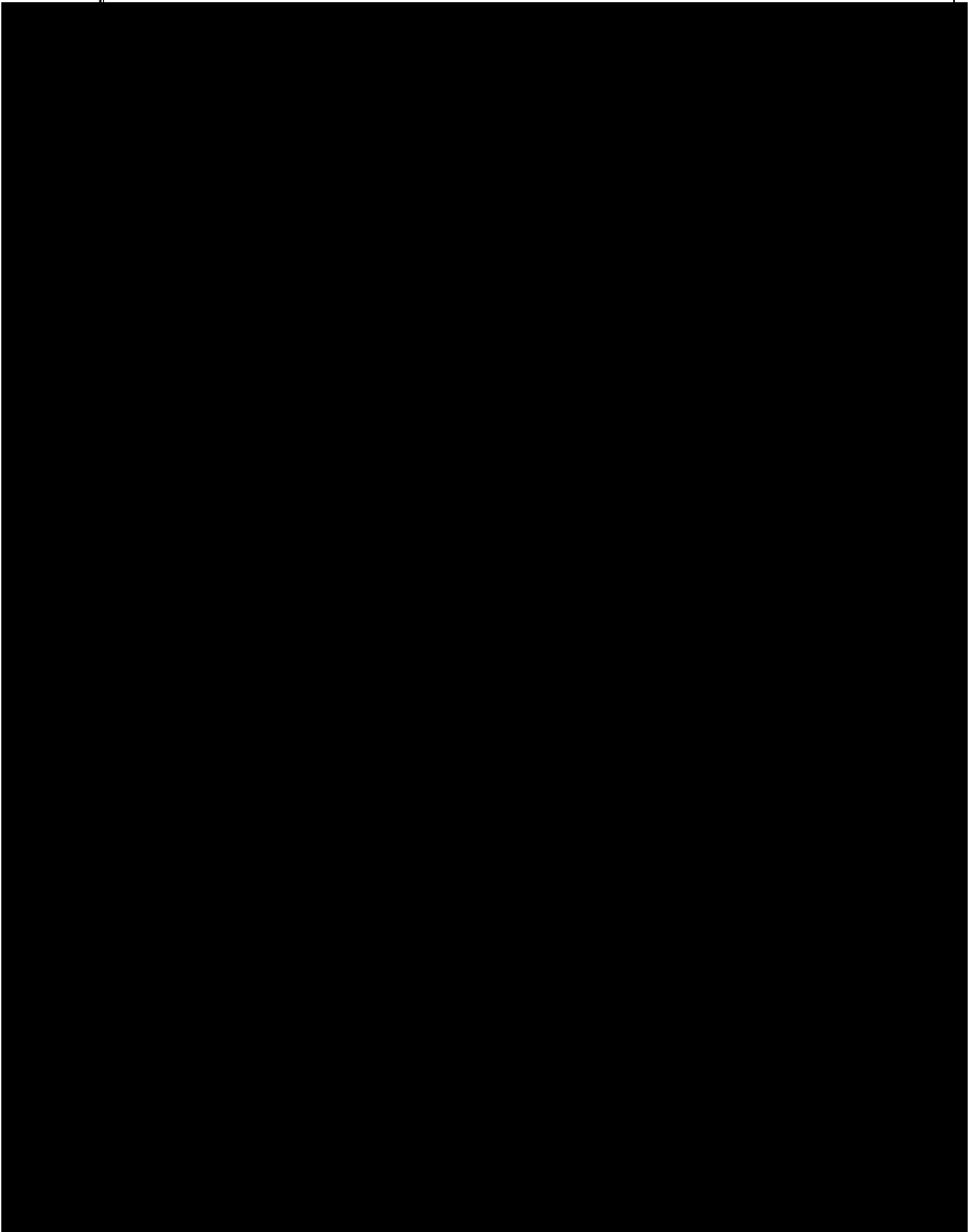


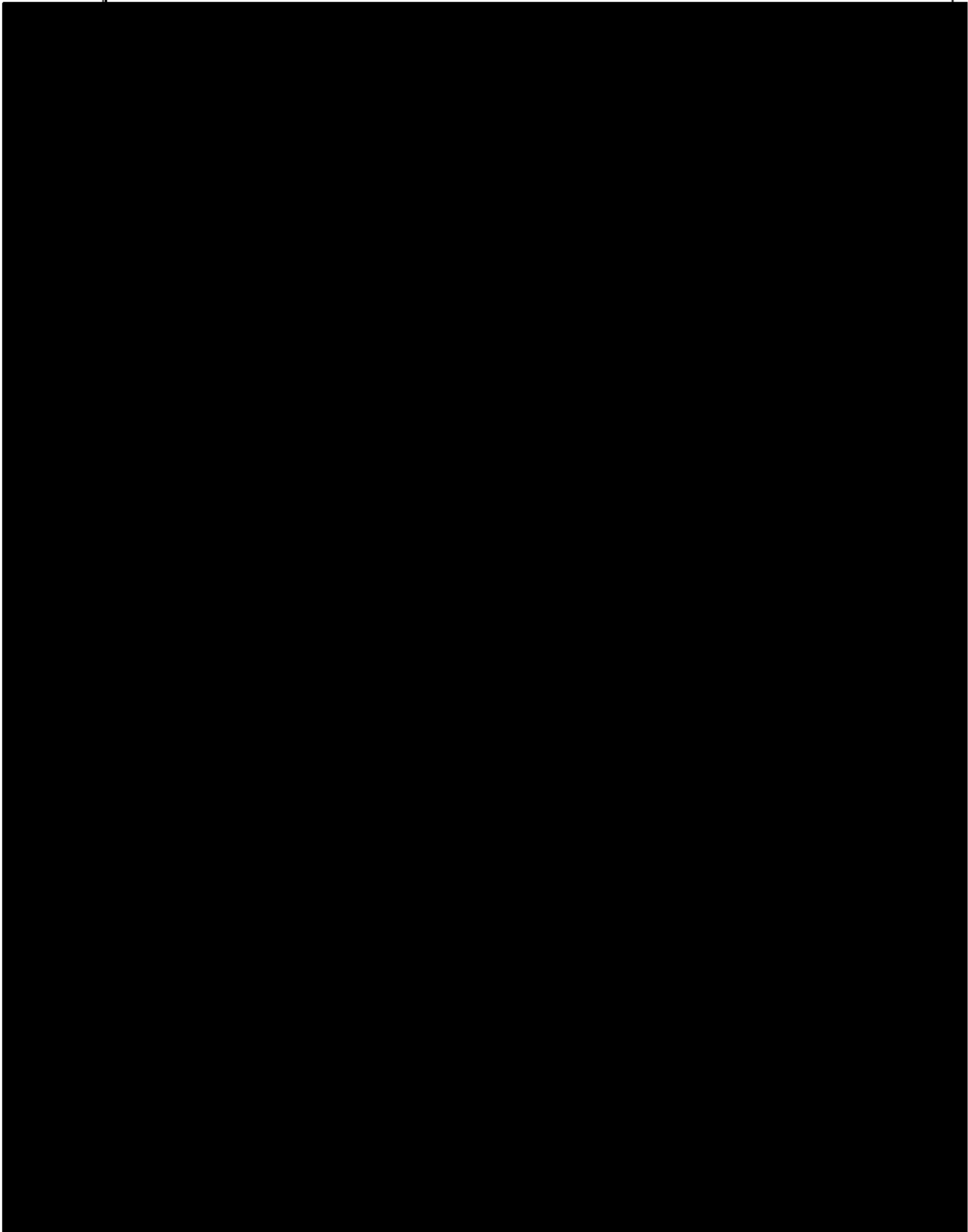


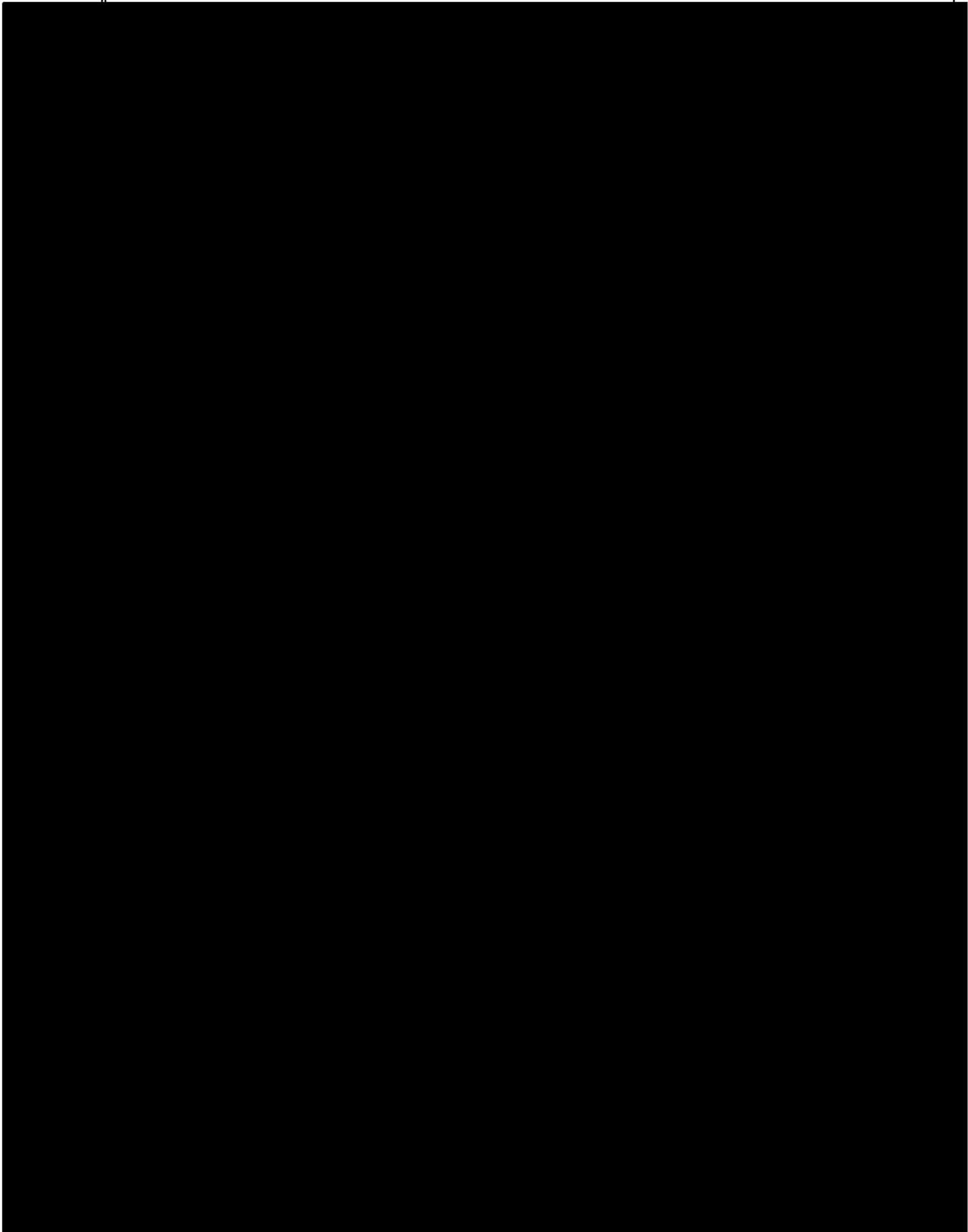


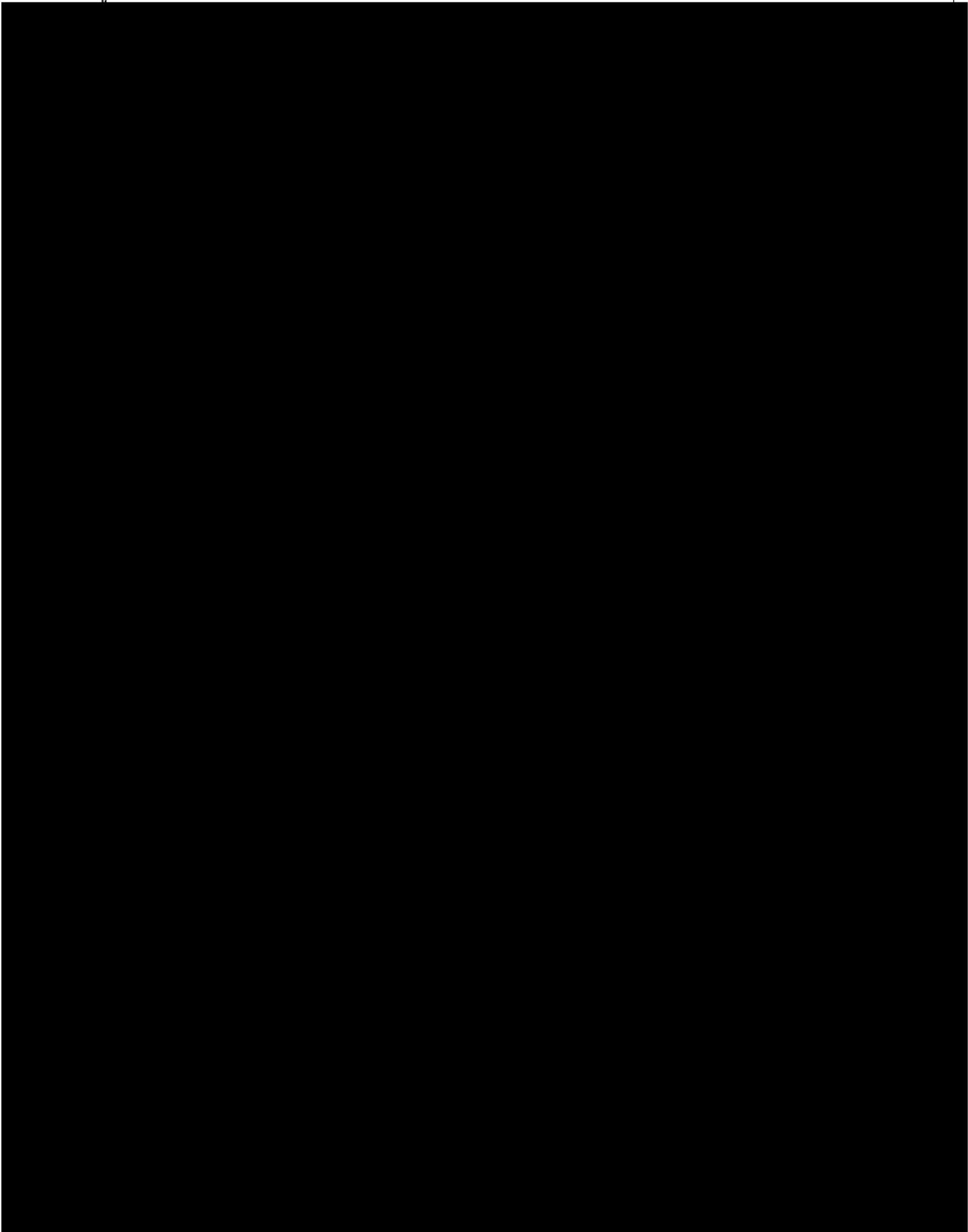


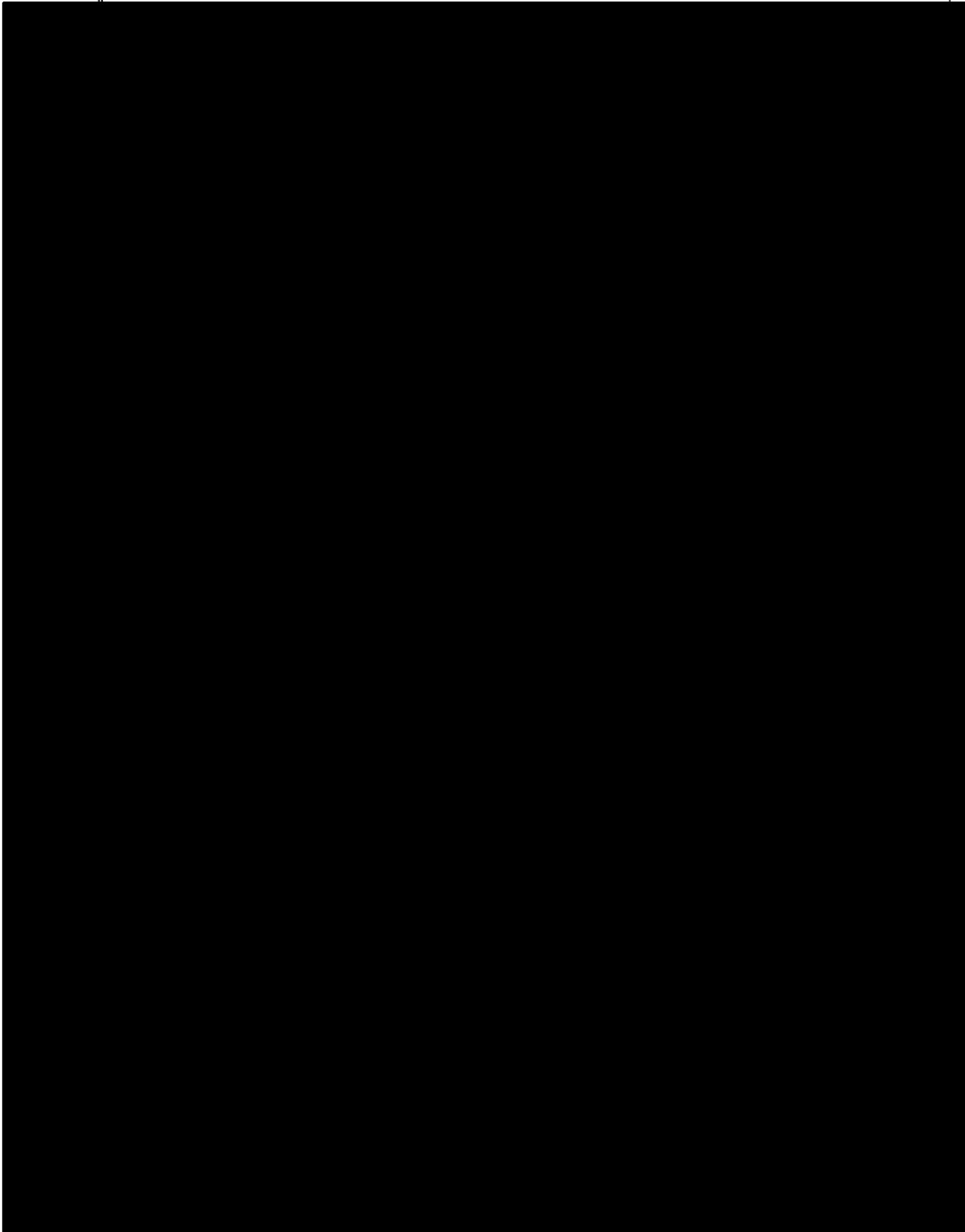


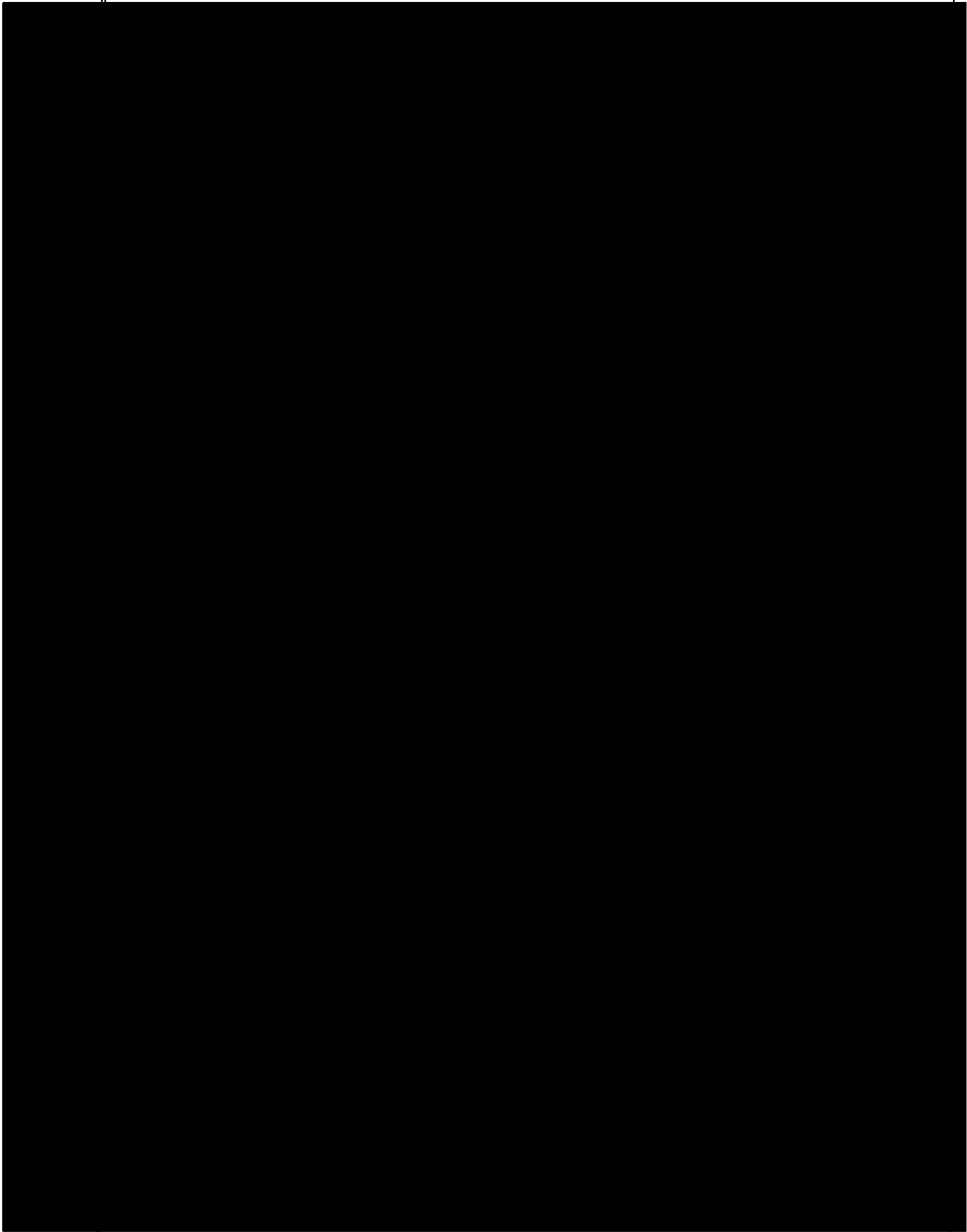


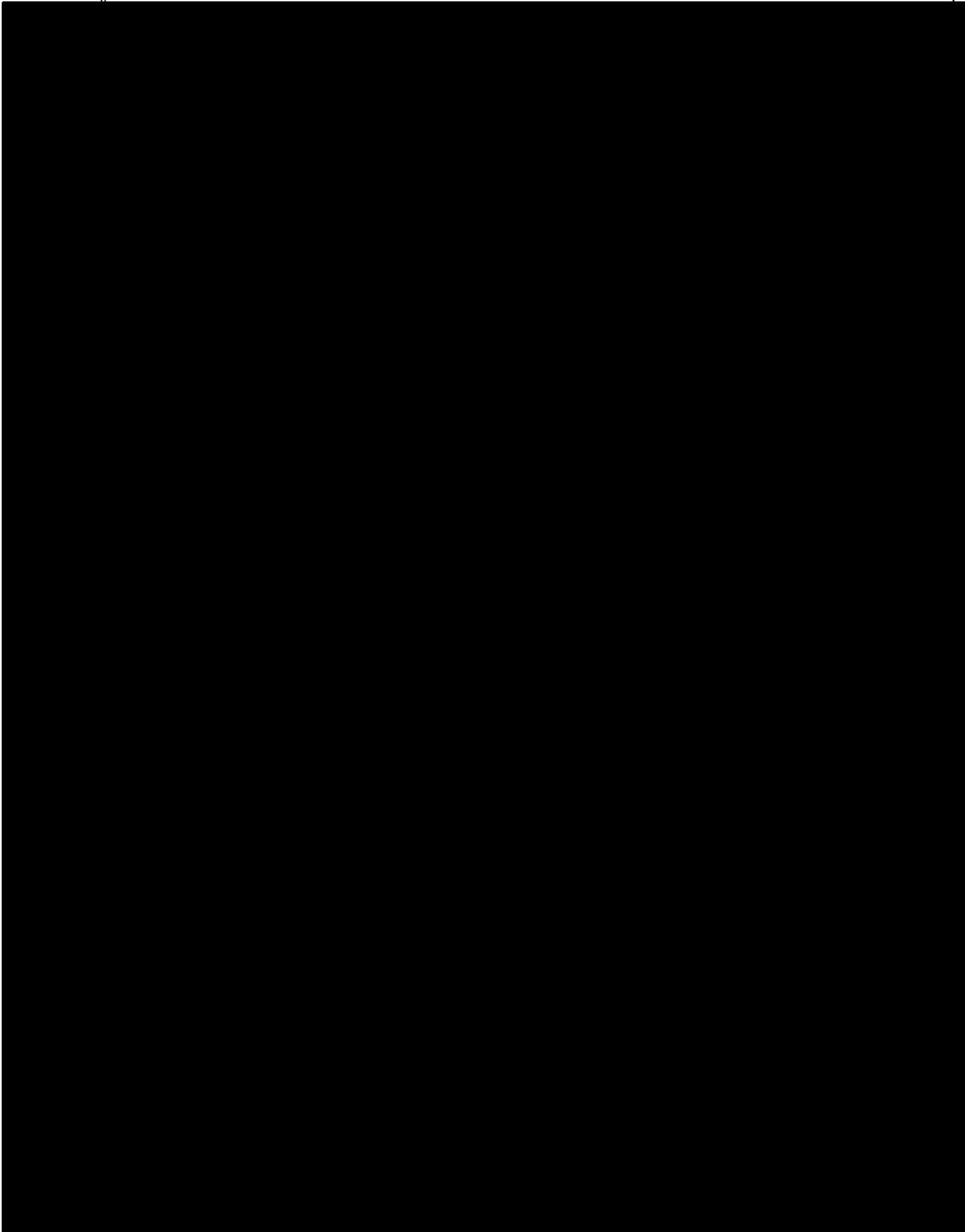


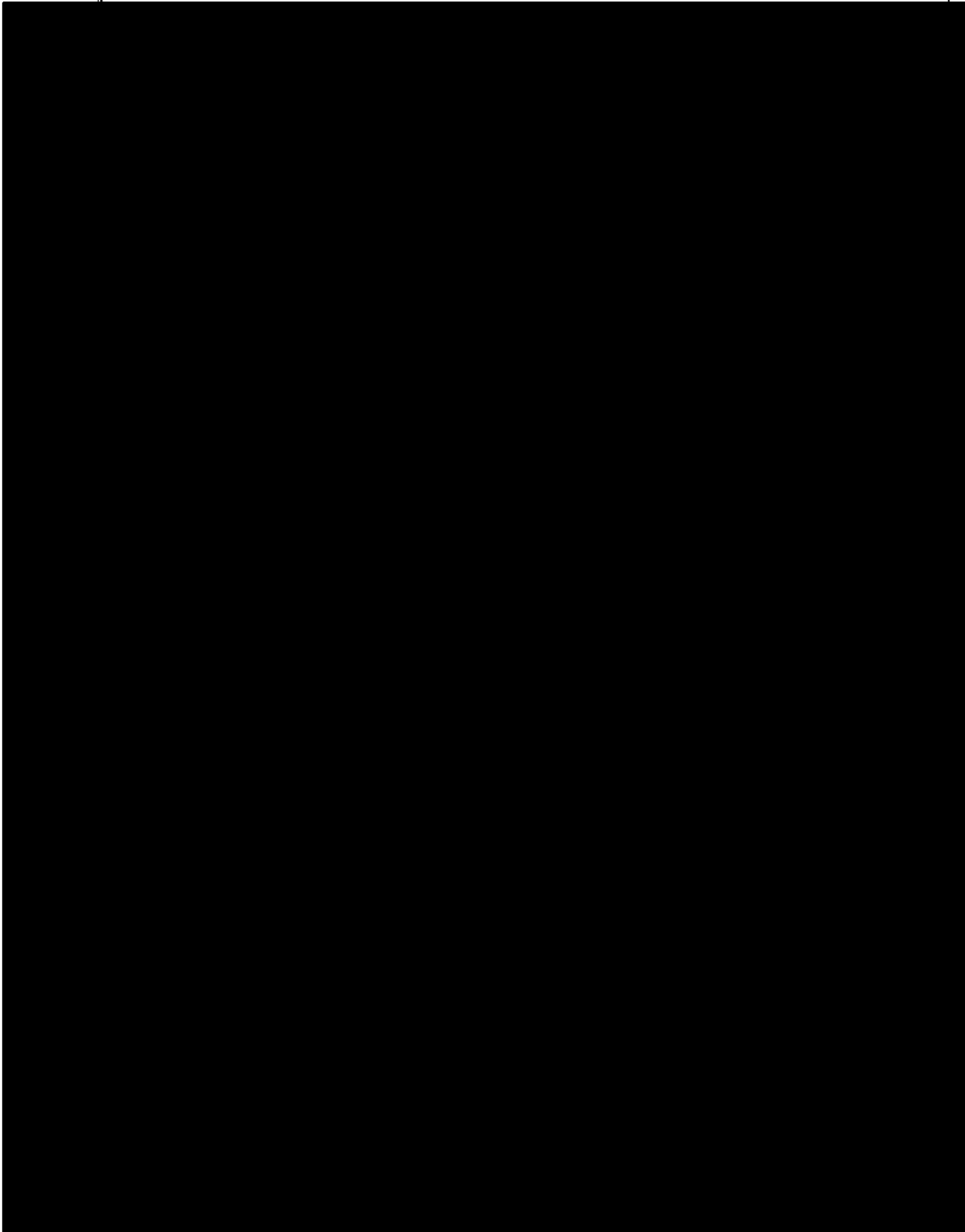


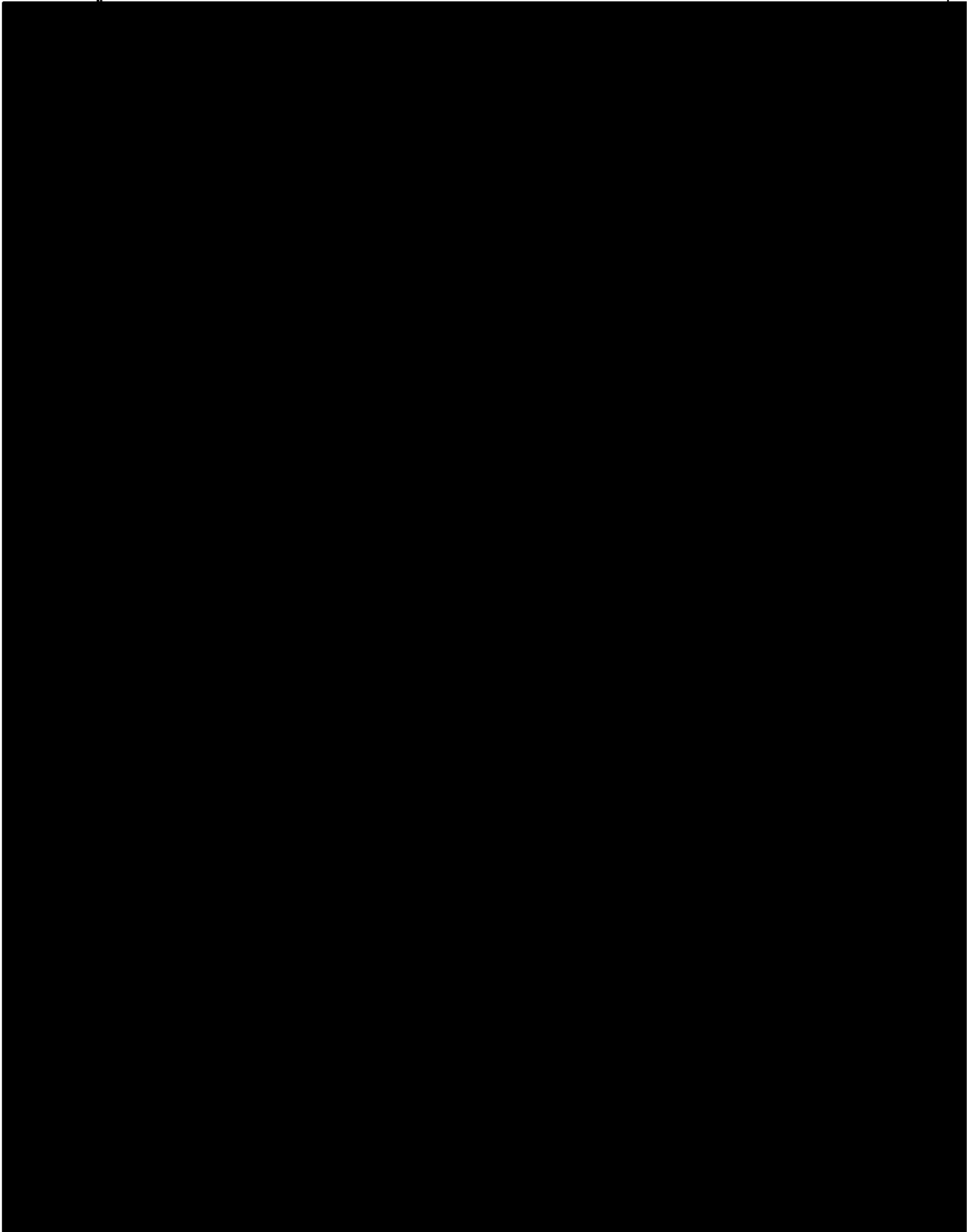


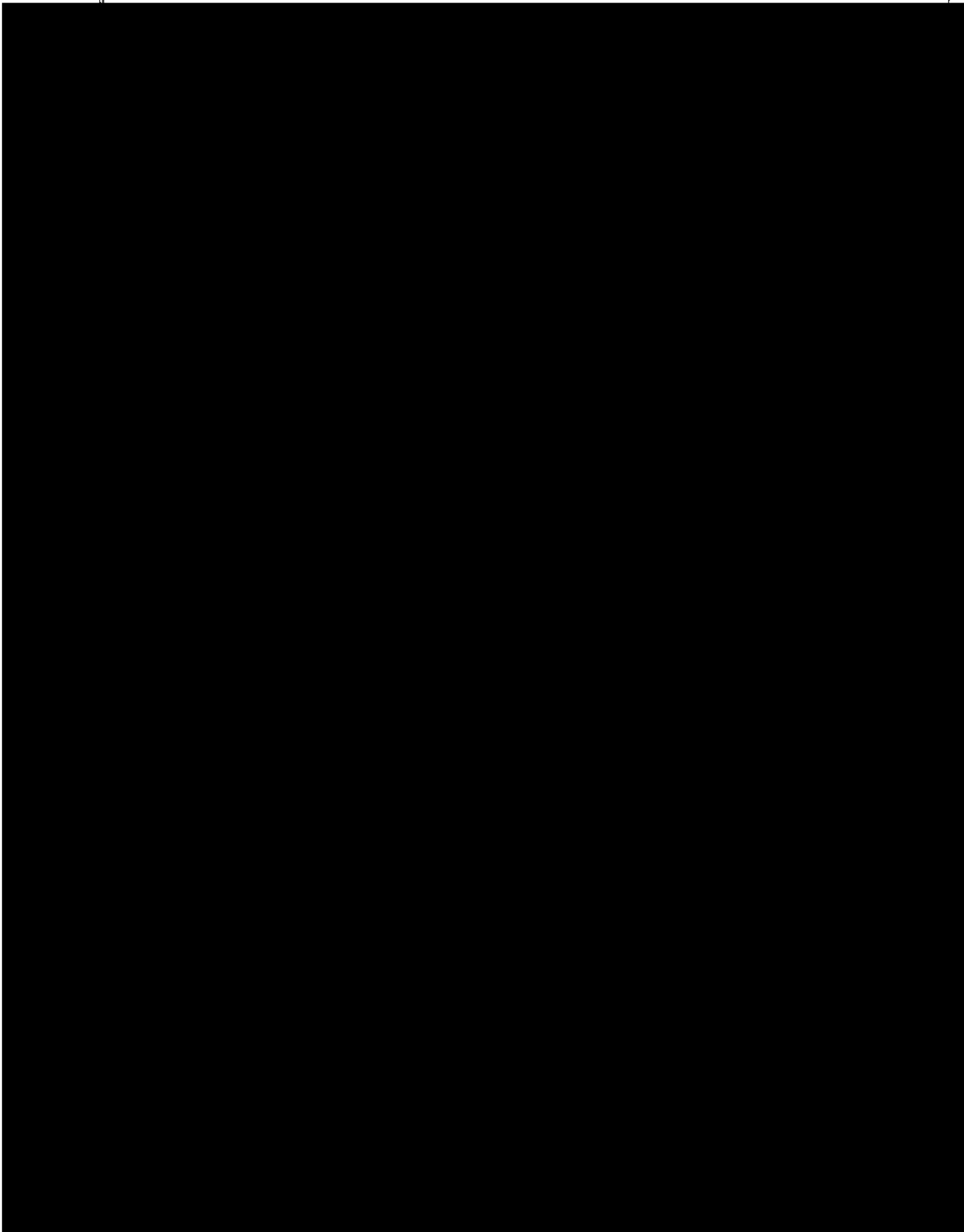


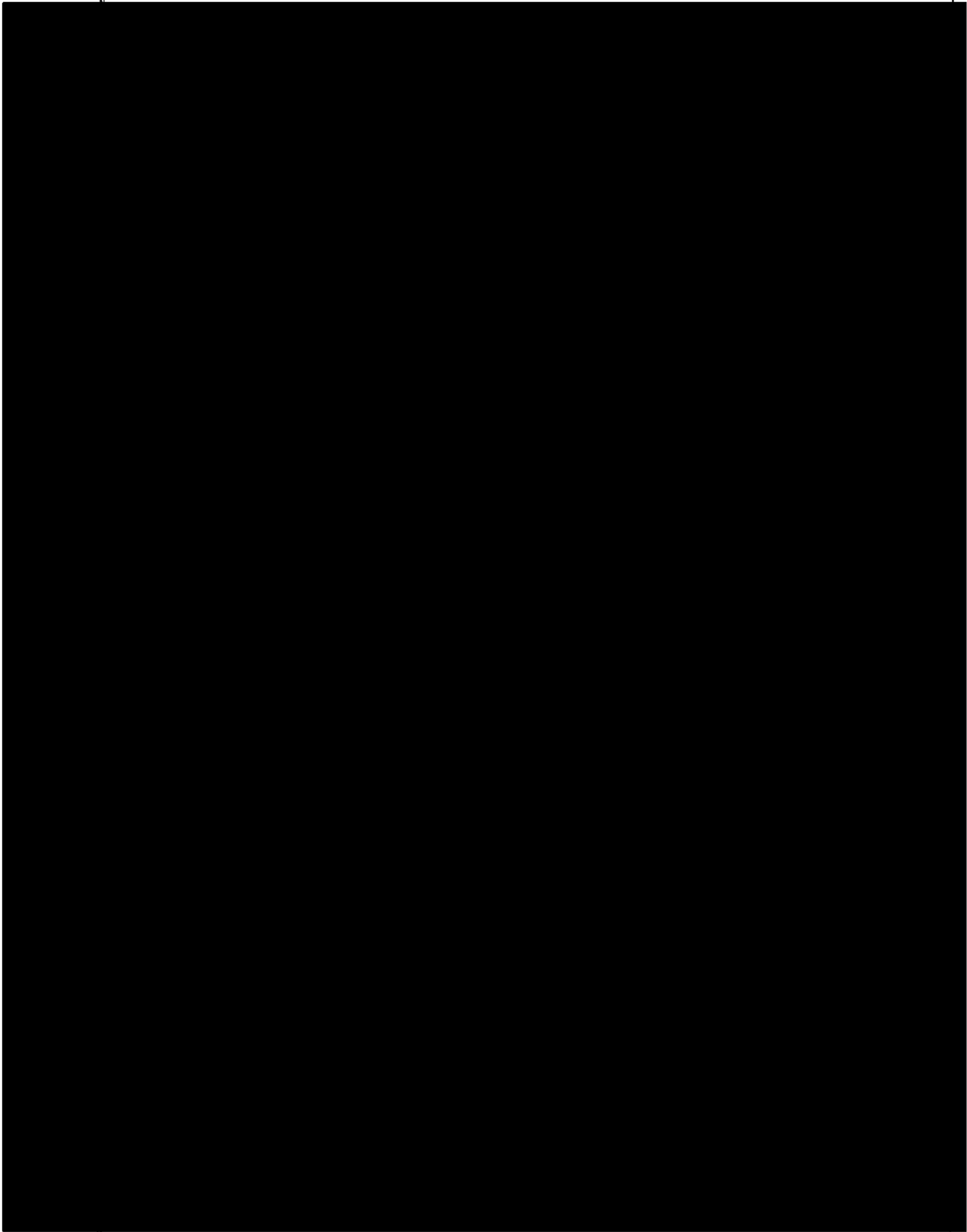


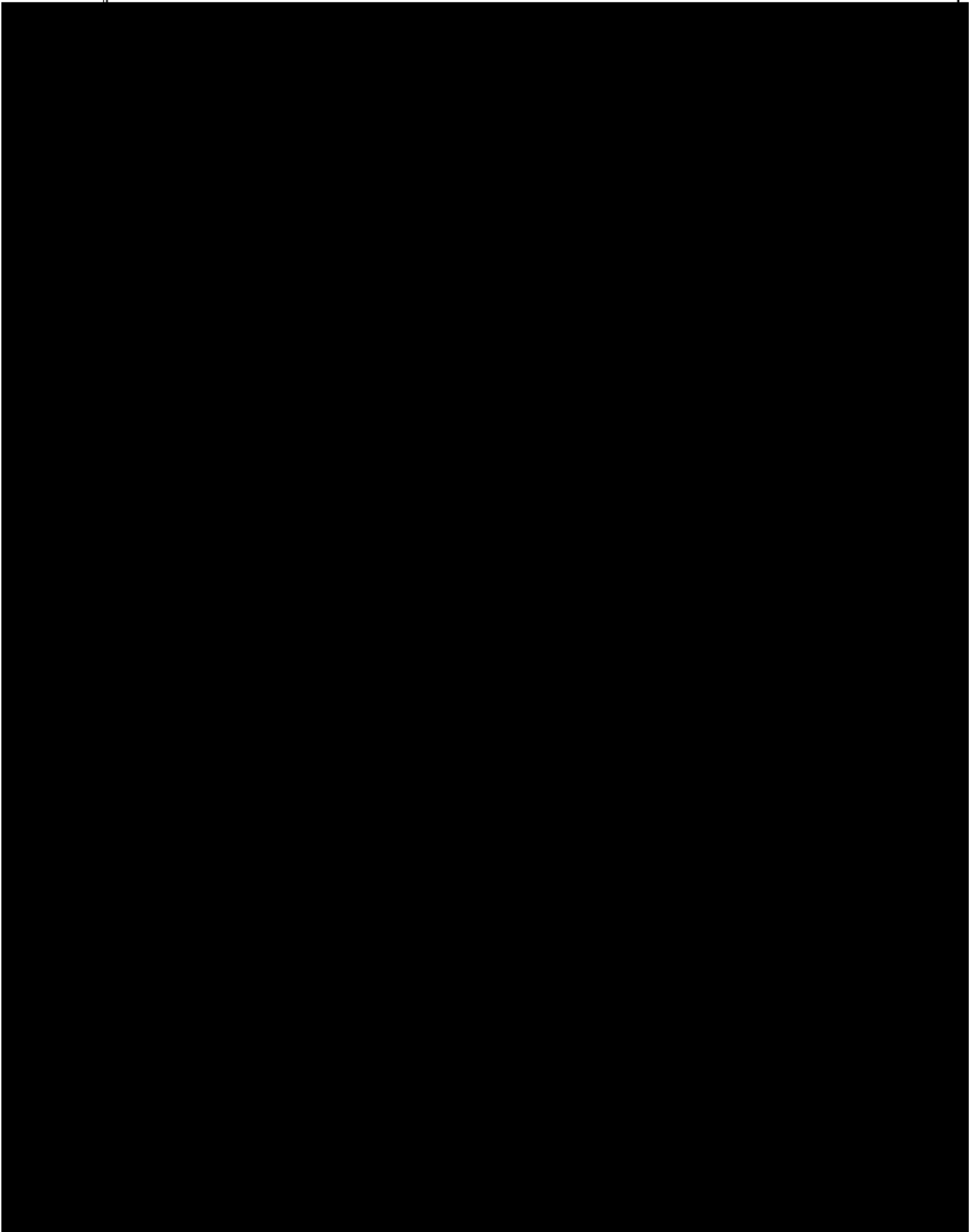


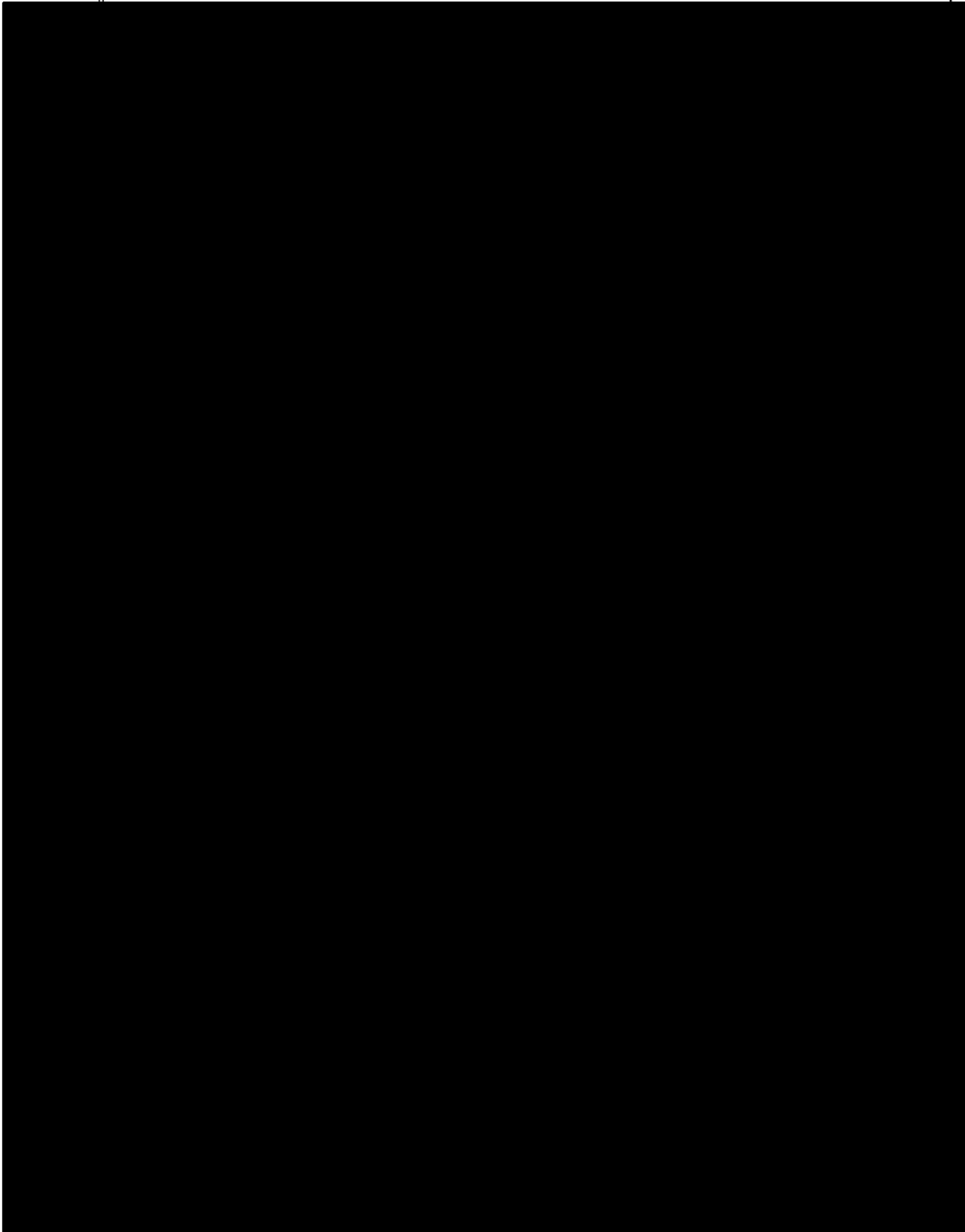


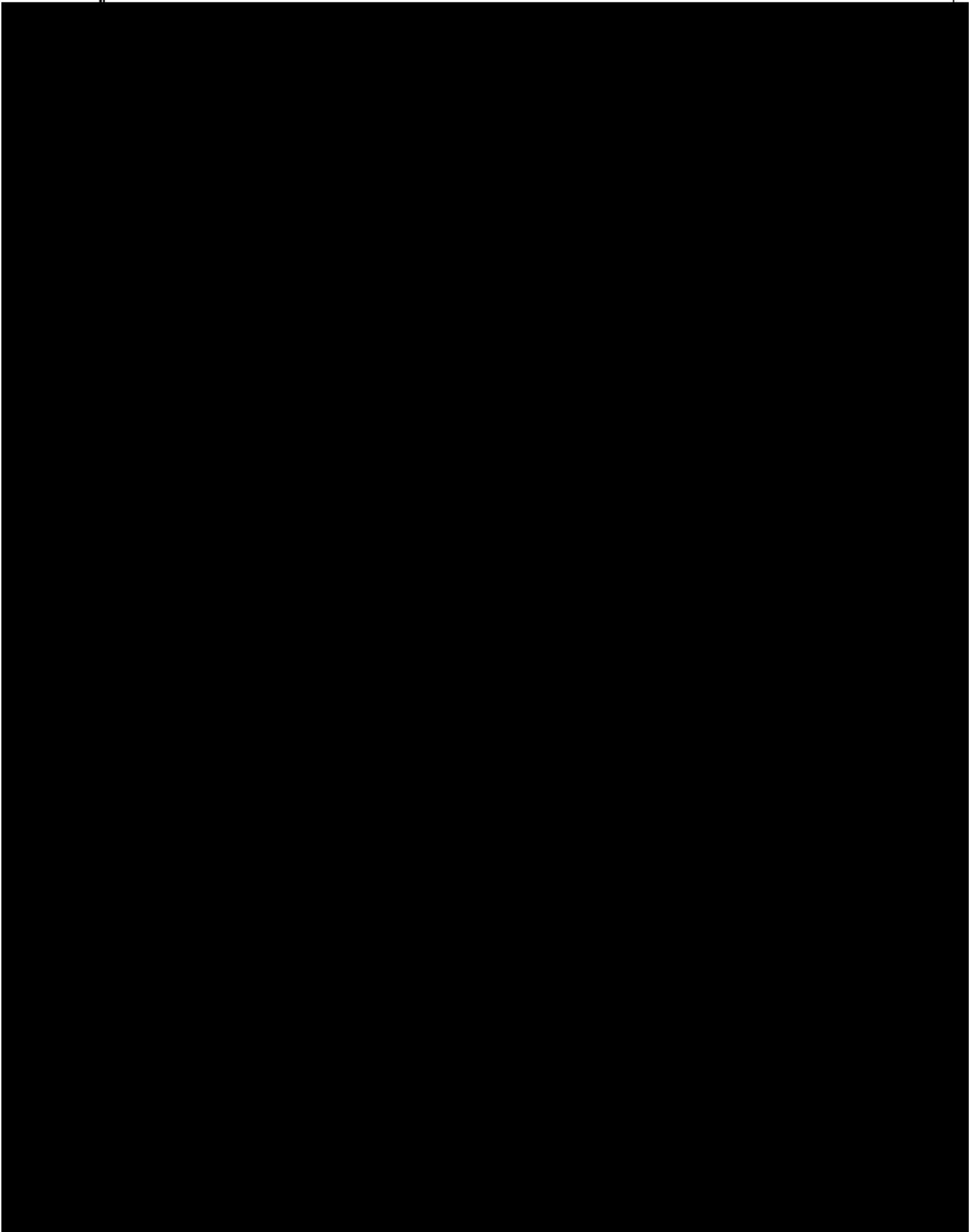












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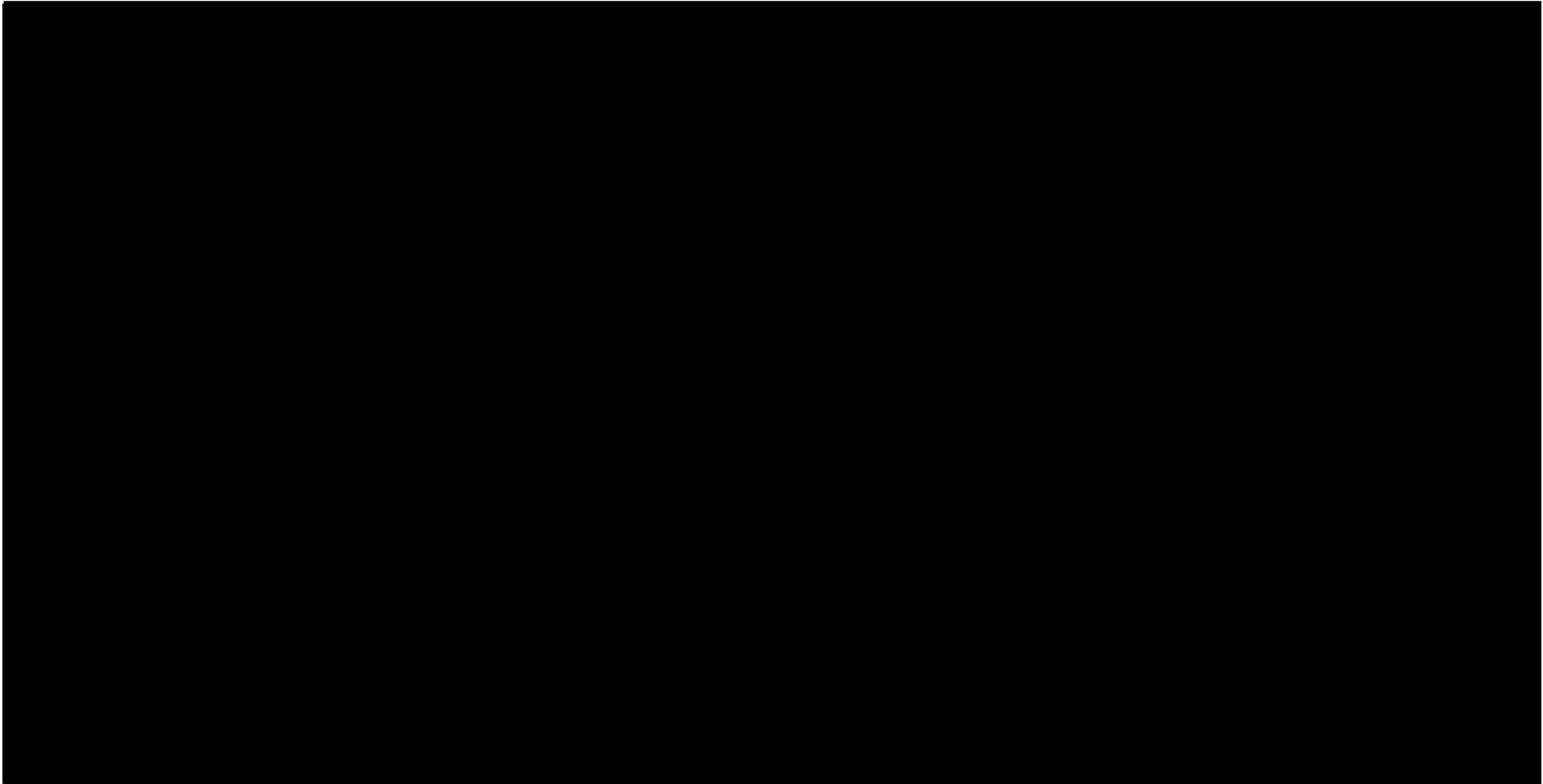
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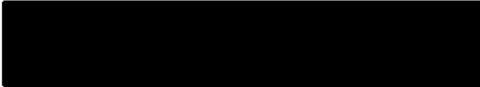


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February 1, 2011

In reviewing the news article in question concerning allegations of impropriety by either ATF or individual licensed Firearms Dealers in this matter concerning weapons purchased in Arizona that find their way into Mexico, We need to keep things in their proper perspective.

Let it be stated that while certain legislative officials not directly living here or directly familiar with this ongoing problem would suggest willful negligence on the part of federal Agencies charged with the enormous task of interdicting the flow of weapons crossing our border with Mexico, It should be known to the public that these Federal Agencies speaking strictly from my personal experience through many years act and conduct themselves in a very professional and proper manner. Any comparison to the contrary should be rejected completely.

On balance, The Mexican Cartels that use every available means at their disposal to procure any weapons to further their illegal drug trade do not run out of time or money. Federal Agencies have limited resources of money and manpower allotted to them by legislative officials who approve said budgets, While the Mexican Cartels are under no such restriction. Senator Grassley's office contacted us regarding "any" impropriety by ATF and we have stated that there exists no indication to that effect.

Lastly, It should be noted that our border is immense with Mexico and not every vehicle going into Mexico is stopped and searched for weapons, narcotics, or cash. Perhaps a more "Pro-Active" legislative approach would be to stop pointing blame at either Federal or State agencies attempting to do their job, And increase through legislation the budgets of all agencies on a more equitable level with the Drug Cartels and addition use all available means to secure our border. It appears that any State or Federal agency charged with said tasks are damned if they do, And damned if they don't. An appropriate response has to be to give them the tools to accomplish this monumental problem confronting them.



January 26, 2011

So there remains no confusion to the accuracy regarding these events culminating with the Federal Indictment and arrests Monday, And to set the record straight and assure the public, We have issued the following statement.

We have worked closely in conjunction with several Federal agencies including the Phoenix office of ATF within the guidelines of both the Southwest Border Initiative and Operation Gunrunner, as well as within the guidelines of being an existing Federal Firearms Licensed dealer, as well as many other licensed Arizona dealers as well.

Due to the sensitivity and nature of any ongoing Federal Investigation we obviously are precluded from making any further statement other than we defer respectfully to the United States Attorney's Office and the Phoenix ATF field office on our behalf for any further comment they determine appropriate at this time.

Thank You.

United States Attorney's Office
District of Arizona



Memorandum

To: Dennis K. Burke
From: Emory Hurley
Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: January 28, 2011

The two AK-47 type rifles associated with the U.S. Border Patrol shooting, specifically two ROMARM WASR-10 7.62x39 mm rifles, Serial Numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were purchased by [REDACTED] on Friday, January 16, 2010, along with a third ROMARM WASR-10 7.62x39 mm rifle, Serial Number [REDACTED]. The three rifles were purchased in a single transaction from Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL) [REDACTED]. ATF was not notified of this purchase until Monday, January 19, 2010, when ATF received the ATF Form 4473 documenting [REDACTED] purchase [REDACTED]. These were forwarded to ATF by the FFL and the purchase is documented in **ATF ROI #67**.

[REDACTED] first known firearms purchase occurred on November 24, 2009, at FFL [REDACTED]. On that day he was in the company of another Fast and Furious suspect, [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED], [REDACTED] purchased [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] purchased [REDACTED]. On the ATF Form 4473, [REDACTED] listed his address as [REDACTED]. At the time of the purchase, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were traveling in a 2000 Isuzu Rodeo registered to [REDACTED]. This is documented in **ATF ROI # 12**. As of this date, the five (5) FN pistols purchased by [REDACTED] on November 24, 2009, have not been recovered.

On November 25, 2009, ATF entered [REDACTED] in the ATF case management system as a suspect in the investigation. This event does not result in the creation of an ROI.

On December 12, 2009, [REDACTED] purchased five [REDACTED] from FFL [REDACTED]. ATF was notified of this purchase on December 12, 2009 when agents received the ATF Form 4473 recording the purchase. This is documented in **ATF ROI # 46**. As of this date, these five AK-47 type rifles have not been recovered.

On December 17, 2009, this AUSA, ATF Group Supervisor [REDACTED] and ATF Special Agent [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] the owner of FFL [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had been providing information to ATF on large firearms purchases, including large purchases of (only) long guns which do not trigger any multiple purchase reporting requirements. This information was being provided voluntarily and without compensation from ATF. [REDACTED] had expressed concerns about the cooperation he was providing and whether he was endangering himself or implicating himself in a criminal investigation.

[REDACTED] was advised by the agents and this AUSA that they could not tell him who he could or could not sell to and that they could not instruct him to make a sale in violation of the law or to refuse to make a lawful sale. He was advised by the agents that as an FFL he has to comply with all of the statutes and regulations that govern the sale and transfer of firearms and cannot sell firearms unless the required

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paperwork and background check were completed. As long as the required forms were properly filled out and the FFL did not know or have a reason to know that the firearms were part of a straw purchase or intended to be used in a crime, that he could complete the transfer. [REDACTED] was also told by the agents and this AUSA that the information he provided to ATF regarding large firearms transactions, particularly sales involving only long guns, was very important and useful to ongoing ATF investigations.

During this meeting, ATF agents also described additional information that [REDACTED] or his employees might receive from purchasers which would not necessarily be required by the provisions of Chapter 44 of Title 18 to be kept in his records, but which would prove useful to ATF. This information included phone numbers or other contact information as well as license plate numbers and vehicle descriptions. As of the date of this meeting, [REDACTED] was already providing this type of information to ATF and continued to do so throughout the course of the investigation.

On January 9, 2010, [REDACTED] purchased three (3) FN Herstal Five-Seven pistols from FFL [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ATF was not advised of this purchase by the FFL, however, on January 14, 2010, these firearms were entered into the suspect gun database by ATF Phoenix. These firearms were discovered by law enforcement on January 14, 2010, in Columbus, New Mexico, but were not traced and were returned to person carrying them. ATF Phoenix was not notified of this law enforcement contact until May 17, 2010. **ATF ROI #254.**

On January 14, 2010, in Columbus, New Mexico, (a border town), U.S. Border Patrol agents pulled over a vehicle driven by [REDACTED] with passenger [REDACTED] due to suspicious driving behavior. In the vehicle they found three AK-47 type rifles purchased by [REDACTED] three FN Herstal Five-Seven pistols purchased by [REDACTED] on January 9, 2010, from FFL [REDACTED] and two Ruger pistols purchased by another. U.S. Border Patrol agents did not observe any other criminal conduct and so returned the firearms to the occupants of the vehicle. They did not trace any of the firearms. ATF Phoenix was notified of the observation of the firearms on May 17, 2010, after ATF Las Cruces forwarded information in connection with a firearms trafficking investigation in [REDACTED] involving [REDACTED] and others. **The investigation of [REDACTED] is still on going, [REDACTED] and must be viewed as close-hold.**

On January 16, 2010, [REDACTED] purchased the three ROMARM WASR-10 AK-47 type rifles, Serial Numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as well as [REDACTED]. As detailed above, ATF was not notified of this purchase until January 19, 2010. This notification came only through the cooperation of the FFL as this long gun only purchase would not trigger any affirmative reporting requirements. **ATF ROI #67.**

On December 15, 2010, [REDACTED] was arrested for using a false address on the ATF Form 4473 on June 15, 2010. A complaint was filed on December 16, 2010, and he was indicted on January 11, 2011, for making false statements in connection with the acquisition of a firearm. On January 19, 2011, he was indicted as part of the overall Fast and Furious conspiracy.

Agents were able to determine that when [REDACTED] purchased firearms on June 15, 2010, that he no longer lived at the [REDACTED] address listed on the ATF Form 4473 and his drivers license. His

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drivers license was changed in August of 2010, to reflect a different address. In the course of his post arrest interview in December 2010, he admitted that he had not lived at the [REDACTED] address for two or three years. However, earlier in the investigation, agents had no reason to believe that this was not his address because his drivers license and the registration to the car that he was driving came back to the [REDACTED] address. **See ATF ROI #12.**

On March 1, 2010, [REDACTED] purchased one FN Herstal Five-Seven pistol from [REDACTED] in a single-firearm transaction. On or about March 3, 2010, this pistol was recovered by Phoenix Police in connection with a drug house in Phoenix. This was the first actual recovery of a firearm purchased by [REDACTED] **ATF ROI #107 and 156.**

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 7:33 AM
To: Serres, Greg
Subject: Fw: Questions from Matt Axelrod

Fyi. We (Chait [REDACTED] Needles, [REDACTED] Melson and I) had a discussion on 6(e) and document creation issues last night. I'll come by to discuss with you this morning.

[REDACTED]
Chief, Firearms Operations Division
202-648 [REDACTED] Cell 202 [REDACTED]

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From: Melson, Kenneth E.
To: [REDACTED]; Hoover, William J.; Chait, Mark R.; Needles, James R.; [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu Mar 17 19:28:23 2011
Subject: RE: Questions from Matt Axelrod

I assume you will provide a copy of all to me as well. Thanks. Ken.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 5:36 PM
To: Hoover, William J.; Chait, Mark R.; Needles, James R.; [REDACTED]
Cc: Melson, Kenneth E.
Subject: Questions from Matt Axelrod

All:

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[REDACTED]
Acting Chief of Staff
Office of the Director
O: 202 [REDACTED]
C: [REDACTED]
HQ Room 5 S 100

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Questions from Matt Axelrod

For #6 you'll want to include

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Firearms Operations Division
202-[REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: Hoover, William J.; Chait, Mark R.; Needles, James R.; [REDACTED]
Cc: Melson, Kenneth E.
Sent: Thu Mar 17 17:36:00 2011
Subject: Questions from Matt Axelrod

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Acting Chief of Staff
Office of the Director
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HQ Room 5 S 100

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 5:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Grassley 020911 draft responses
Attachments: Draft Responses Grassley 020911.docx

See last paragraph. This was based on the previous document that Needles had sent us on 2/9/11. That chronological spreadsheet of purchases was prepared by the IRS. I have asked Jim to determine when the IRS prepared it, and when it was last updated (is there a more recent version?) [REDACTED] DP

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[REDACTED]
 Chief, Firearms Operations Division
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 202 [REDACTED] Cell 202 [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 3:56 PM
To: Hoover, William J.
Subject: Fw: Grassley 020911 draft responses

[REDACTED]
 Chief, Firearms Operations Division
 202 [REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G.
Sent: Thu Feb 10 12:25:47 2011
Subject: Grassley 020911 draft responses

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[REDACTED]

Chief, Firearms Operations Division

ATF HQ - Room 6.S.129

202 [REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

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departure of these detailees, including during the GRIT operations. ATF Phoenix developed and maintained a detailed surveillance assignment list. In addition to physical, mobile surveillance, ATF utilized a variety of electronic surveillance methods, including but not limited to pole cameras and [REDACTED] interceptions. Also, the Phoenix Police Department Air Wing was utilized on numerous occasions to conduct aerial surveillance. During all of these surveillance operations, at no time did ATF knowingly conduct surveillance of any person or vehicles in which firearms "walked" into Mexico.

As should be noted, even with the detailees and the additional manpower derived from the GRIT operation, ATF Phoenix could not surveil every "suspected" residence, purchaser and dealer premises on a non-stop, 24/7 basis. This was not, and is not today, the only firearms trafficking case we are working in the Phoenix area. We utilized personnel and other tools as much as possible, but when a "suspected straw purchaser" goes into their home with firearms and nothing happens for days, we must make judgments as to how to best proceed with the investigation. In this case, we were dealing with in excess of [REDACTED] "suspected straw" purchasers and other suspects. This ATF office has at least that many [REDACTED] active cases. In addition, even if we were to approach a suspected straw purchaser, we have no ability to force the person to tell us where or to whom the guns may be going. If such interviews are conducted and lead to legally acceptable responses, we must continue our investigative efforts, despite having alerted the suspect to our efforts.

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In reviewing the attached documents, which appear to be redacted ATF internal investigative reports and emails, the following was noted.

Attachment 1: This multiple sale summary report is dated 11/25/2009. It relates to a purchase made on 11/24/2009. At that time, [REDACTED] was not yet identified by ATF as a "suspect" in the Suspect Gun Database.

Attachment 2: This redacted ATF Management Log, partially illegible, appears to document that ATF coordinated and deconflicted this investigation with other federal OCDETF agencies, including DEA and ICE, in furtherance of the overall US law enforcement efforts along the southwest border. ATF Phoenix VII is an ATF-led OCDETF Strike Force group that is collocated with other federal agencies that lead OCDETF strike force groups. It also notes the contact with the FFL on 12/17/2009.

Attachment 3: This Multiple Sale summary report relates to a purchase by [REDACTED] on 1/9/2010. Again, it is noted that at this time, [REDACTED] is not yet identified as a "suspect" in the ATF Suspect Gun Database. In addition, the NTC comment remains [REDACTED]

Attachment 4: The redacted email, dated 1/13/2010, reflects the entry of [REDACTED] subjects into the Suspect Person Database for this investigation. [REDACTED] appears on the chart, with a total of [REDACTED] multiple sales reports involving a total of [REDACTED], for a total of [REDACTED]. It should be noted that based on this chart, as of 1/13/2010, [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] firearms identifiable with him that had been traced by ATF.

Attachment 5: This 1/14/2010 suspect gun summary report is essentially a duplicate of the information in the 1/11/10 multiple sale report (Attachment 3). This report was generated because ATF Phoenix had caused [REDACTED] to be entered into the Suspect Person Database.

Attachment 6: This 1/19/2010 suspect gun summary report relates to the [REDACTED] purchase or [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. This information was also made known to ATF by the FFL on 1/19/2010.

Attachment 7: These suspect gun summary reports relate to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. These reports were generated because ATF Phoenix had caused [REDACTED] to be entered into the Suspect Person Database.

Attachment 8: This redacted ATF Significant Information Report dated 12/16/2010 reports the arrest of [REDACTED]. As reported, two firearms purchased by [REDACTED] on 1/16/2010 were recovered on 12/15/2010 at the scene of a shooting incident in which a CBP officer was killed. Following the incident, ATF agents located and interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. ATF arrested [REDACTED] and filed a criminal complaint for federal charges.

Attachment 9: These are two firearms trace summary reports dated [REDACTED] [REDACTED] recovered at the CBP shooting scene on 12/15/2010. These reports indicate the trace is delayed.

Page 1, Para 3 and Page 2, Para 1:

See two “releases” generated by the FFL and USAO document of that event.

Page 2, Para 3: “...the indictment of [REDACTED] and others references approximately 769 firearms. Of those, the indictment refers to the recovery of only about 103 weapons. So where are the other approximately 666 weapons referenced in the indictment?”

In conjunction with the Fast and Furious investigation, a group of [REDACTED] individuals were entered into the Suspect Gun database. A total of [REDACTED] firearms (including 37 recovered in the Tohono O’Odom Indian Reservation) in the database were recovered/seized in the US. The number of firearms recovered in Mexico was [REDACTED]. In addition, through ATF surveillances and enforcement operations, another 230 firearms were recovered prior to being entered into the database. Therefore, 602 firearms were interdicted in the US, and 195 were recovered in Mexico, for a total of 797 firearms recovered.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 4:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley
Attachments: 2011-02-16 Letter to DOJ.pdf; Grassley 020911 SL draft comments 021011.docx

Importance: High

Background narrative for review/use...

[REDACTED]
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From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 3:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley
Importance: High

[REDACTED]
Please see the below information put together in response to the most recent letter from Senator Grassley. Contact [REDACTED] or me know if you have and additional questions.

William G. McMahon
Deputy Assistant Director (West)
Office of Field Operations
Office - (202) 648-7374

From: [REDACTED]
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Importance: High

BILL – FOR YOUR REVIEW. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS OR HAVE ME DO SO, PLEASE ADVISE. OTHERWISE, THIS CAN BE SENT DIRECT TO [REDACTED] THANKS

[REDACTED] - As discussed reference Grassley 02-16-11. Again, I do not have access to the case data via NForce.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, Firearms Operations Division
ATF HQ - Room 6.S.129
202 [REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 10:59 AM
To: McMahon, William G.; [REDACTED]; Chait, Mark R.
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Importance: High

Per your request.

[REDACTED]
DOJ- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
Chief - Office of Legislative Affairs
[REDACTED] (mobile1)
[REDACTED] (mobile2)
202 [REDACTED] (office)
202 [REDACTED] (fax)

From: Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep) [mailto:Brian_Downey@judiciary-rep.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 10:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]; Melson, Kenneth E.; Hoover, William J.; Michalic, Vivian B.
Cc: Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep)
Subject: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley
Importance: High

Hello,

Please find attached a letter from Ranking Member Grassley. Please confirm receipt, thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian

Brian M. Downey
Investigative Assistant
U.S. Committee on the Judiciary
Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley
U.S. Senate
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(P) 202-224-5225

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departure of these detailees, including during the GRIT operations. ATF Phoenix developed and maintained a detailed surveillance assignment list. In addition to physical, mobile surveillance, ATF utilized a variety of electronic surveillance methods, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During all of these surveillance operations, at no time did ATF knowingly conduct surveillance of any person or vehicles in which firearms “walked” into Mexico. Also, referrals were made to other US law enforcement agencies operating along the border and in Mexico.

As should be noted, even with the detailees and the additional manpower derived from the GRIT operation, ATF Phoenix could not surveil every “suspected” residence, purchaser and dealer premises on a non-stop, 24/7 basis. This was not, and is not today, the only firearms trafficking case we are working in the Phoenix area. We utilized personnel and other tools as much as possible, but when a “suspected straw purchaser” goes into their home with firearms and nothing happens for days, we must make judgments as to how to best proceed with the investigation. In this case, we were dealing with in excess of [REDACTED] “suspected straw” purchasers and other suspects. This ATF office has at least that many [REDACTED] active cases. In addition, even if we were to approach a suspected straw purchaser, we have no ability to force the person to tell us where or to whom the guns may be going. If such interviews are conducted and lead to legally acceptable responses, we must continue our investigative efforts, despite having alerted the suspect to our efforts.

Page 1, Para 3: “The ATF had been tracking [REDACTED] purchases because [REDACTED] was a suspected trafficker since at least November 2009.”

Page 2, Para 1: “The dealer who sold the weapons... met with ATF representatives and Assistant US Attorneys as early as December 17, 2009...”

Page 2, Para 1: [REDACTED]

Page 2, Para 2: [REDACTED]

In reviewing the attached documents, which appear to be redacted law enforcement sensitive ATF internal investigative reports and emails, the following was noted.

Attachment 1: [REDACTED]

Attachment 2: This redacted ATF Management Log, partially illegible, appears to document that ATF coordinated and deconflicted this investigation with other federal OCDETF agencies, including DEA and ICE, in furtherance of the overall US law enforcement efforts along the southwest border. ATF Phoenix VII is an ATF-led OCDETF Strike Force group that is collocated with other federal agencies that lead OCDETF strike force groups. It also notes the contact with the FFL on 12/17/2009.

Attachment 3: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Attachment 4: The redacted email, dated 1/13/2010, reflects the entry of [REDACTED] for this [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Attachment 5: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Attachment 6: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Attachment 7: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] e.

Attachment 8: This redacted ATF Significant Information Report dated 12/16/2010 reports the arrest of [REDACTED]. As reported, two firearms purchased by [REDACTED] on 1/16/2010 were recovered on 12/15/2010 at the scene of a shooting incident in which a CBP officer was killed. Following the incident, ATF agents located and interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ATF arrested [REDACTED] and filed a criminal complaint for federal firearms charges. Per USAO document (1/28/2011), the charges related to [REDACTED] providing false address information on F4473 on 6/15/2010.

Attachment 9: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Page 1, Para 3 and Page 2, Para 1: “According to the whistleblowers, at least one gun dealer wanted to stop participating in sales like those to [REDACTED] sometime around October 2009. However, the ATF allegedly encouraged the dealer to continue selling to suspected traffickers and asked the dealer to forward information about the sales to the Bureau.”

See the two “releases” generated by the [REDACTED] (1/26/2011 and 2/1/2011) and USAO document (1/28/2011) of that event. These documents address the nature of such interactions with FFLs, specifically [REDACTED], as to how ATF communicates with FFLs regarding their regulatory requirements, authority and independence in conducting firearms transactions, including their decision to proceed with or decline sales involving suspected straw purchasers, traffickers and prohibited persons, and their voluntary cooperation with ATF regarding suspicious purchasers.

It was noted that the Grassley letter references October 2009, which predates the purchases by [REDACTED]. Although the FFL and USAO documents reflect that [REDACTED] had been voluntarily providing ATF with information [REDACTED], it’s possible that the whistleblowers’ comments refer to another FFL. When asked, the Phoenix SAC, ASAC and RAC have all indicated that no scenarios as described in Grassley’s letter involving [REDACTED] or other FFLs are known. Again, conversations between FFLs and ATF occur frequently, including discussions initiated by FFLs who voluntarily report information about potential straw purchasing/trafficking activity to ATF. In some occasions, FFLs may ask ATF whether they should proceed with or decline future sales to such persons. In all cases known to us, as was indicated by ATF supervisors in Phoenix, ATF provides FFLs with guidance that appropriately outlines the role, responsibility and authority of FFLs as to the completion or declination of such transactions. We are unaware of any occasions in which ATF personnel have encouraged or coerced an FFL to complete apparently illegal firearms transactions or provide information or assistance to ATF not required by the GCA.

Page 2, Para 3: “...the indictment of [REDACTED] and others references approximately 769 firearms. Of those, the indictment refers to the recovery of only about 103 weapons. So where are the other approximately 666 weapons referenced in the indictment?”

In conjunction with the Fast and Furious investigation, a group of [REDACTED] were entered into the Suspect Gun database. [REDACTED]

Therefore, 602 firearms were interdicted in the US, and 195 were recovered in Mexico, for a total of 797 firearms recovered.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 4:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: TPs for your consideration
Attachments: sjc atf briefing tps.docx

Just FYI

[REDACTED]
 Chief, Firearms Operations Division
 ATF HQ - Room 6.S.129
 202. [REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

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From: Burton, Faith (SMO) [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 12:38 PM
To: Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Weich, Ron (SMO); [REDACTED]; Chait, Mark R.; Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)
Subject: RE: TPs for your consideration

Please see the redlined version here. Based upon the letter we received from Grassley last night, [REDACTED] DP
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Jason, thanks for taking the lead here - [REDACTED] DP [REDACTED] -- expect that
 everything you say will be scrutinized and cross-examined - [REDACTED] DP [REDACTED]. See you soon. FB

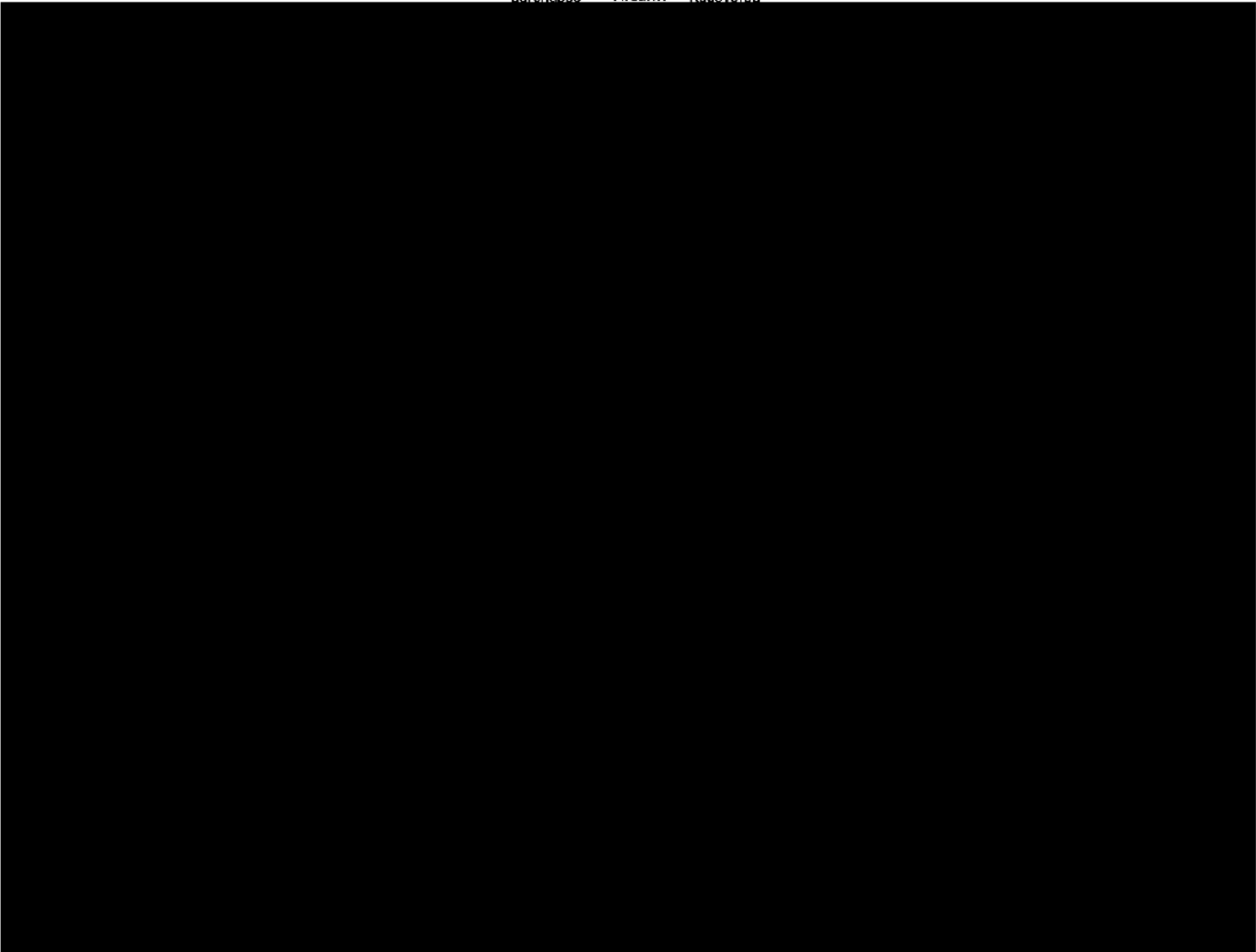
From: Weinstein, Jason (CRM)
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 11:56 AM
To: Burton, Faith (SMO); Weich, Ron (SMO); [REDACTED] Chait, Mark R.
 (ATF); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)
Subject: TPs for your consideration

Sorry for lateness in getting these to you.

Jason M. Weinstein
 Deputy Assistant Attorney General
 Criminal Division
 U.S. Department of Justice
 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, D.C. 20530
 Office: (202) 305-9827
 Cell: (202) 330-1514

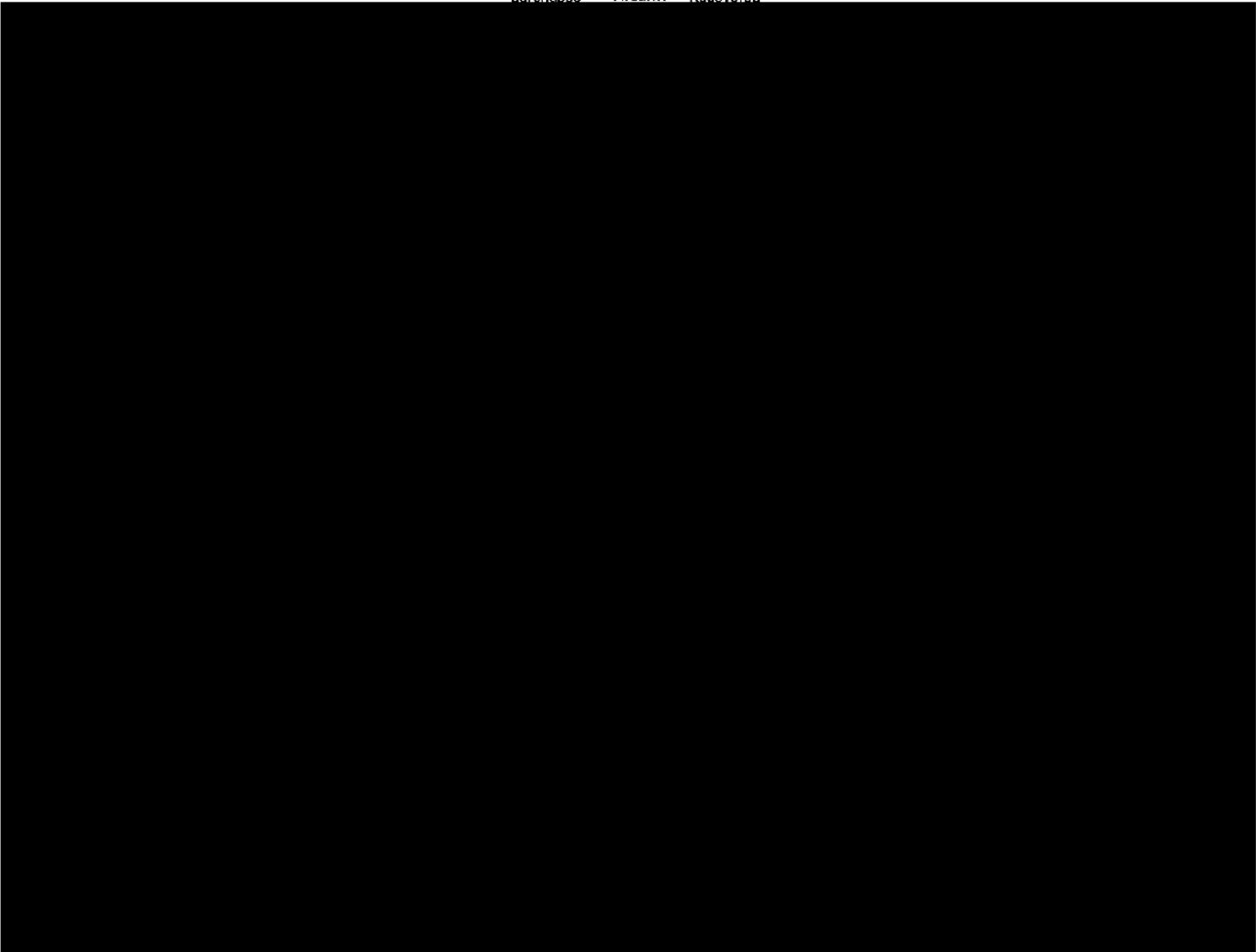
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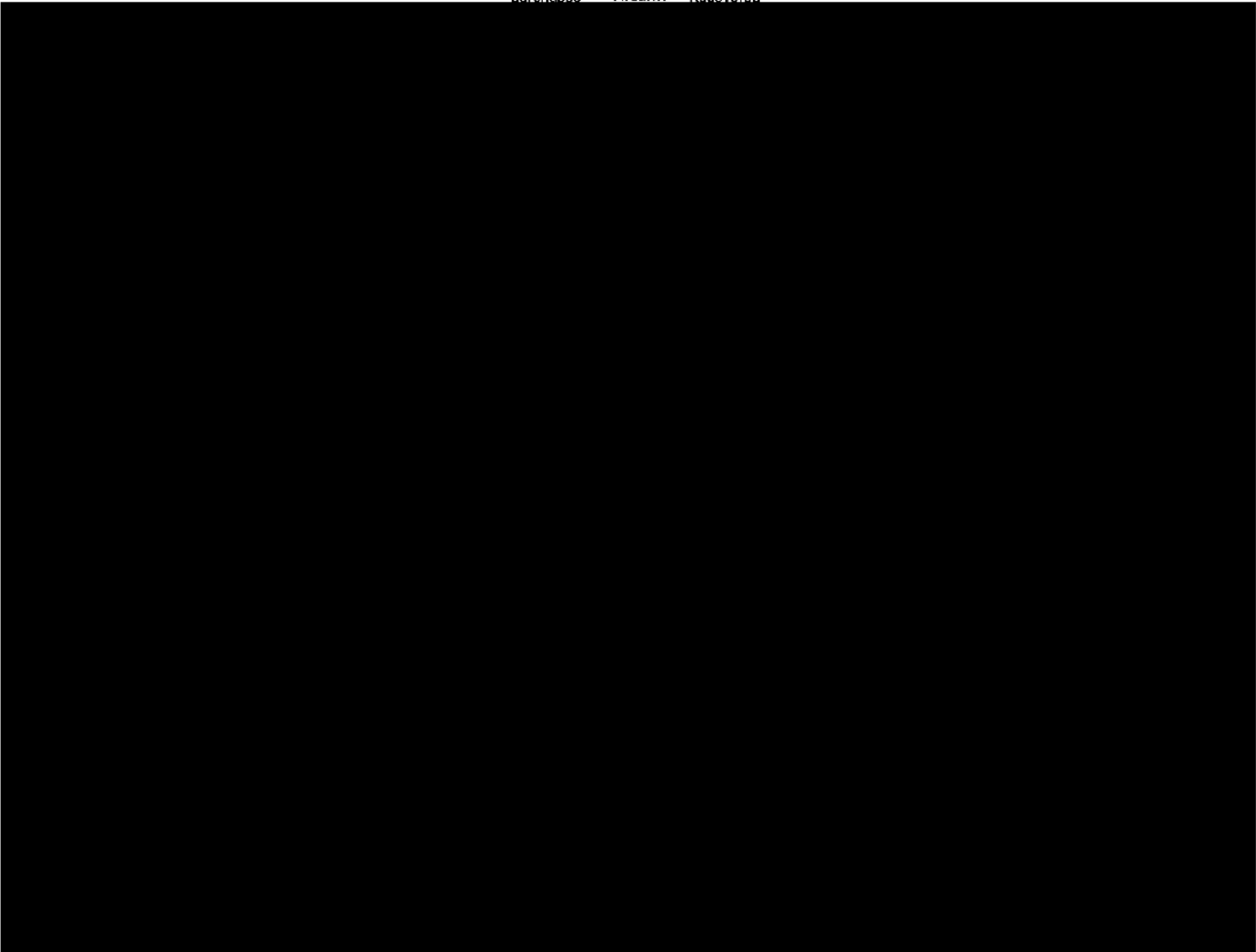
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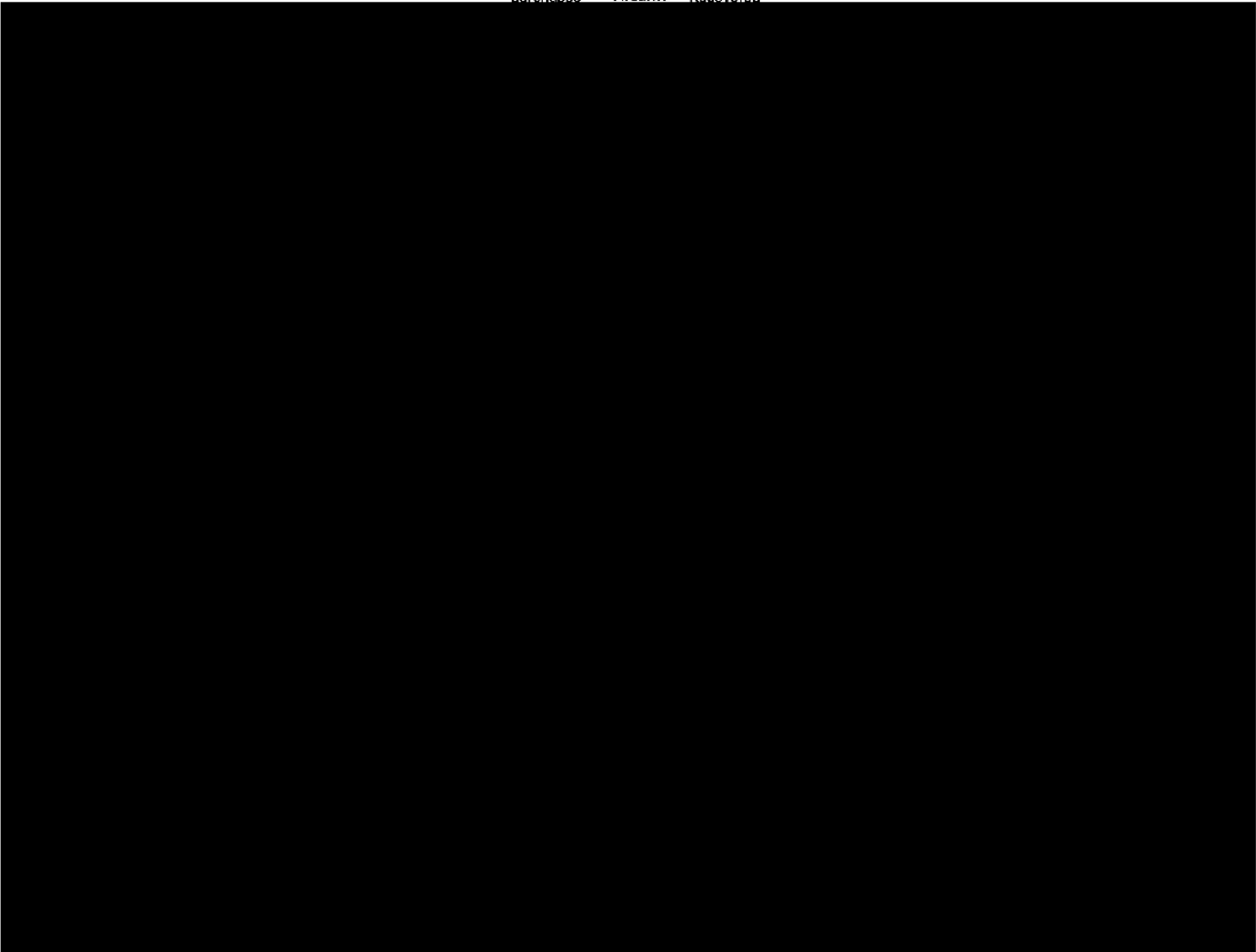
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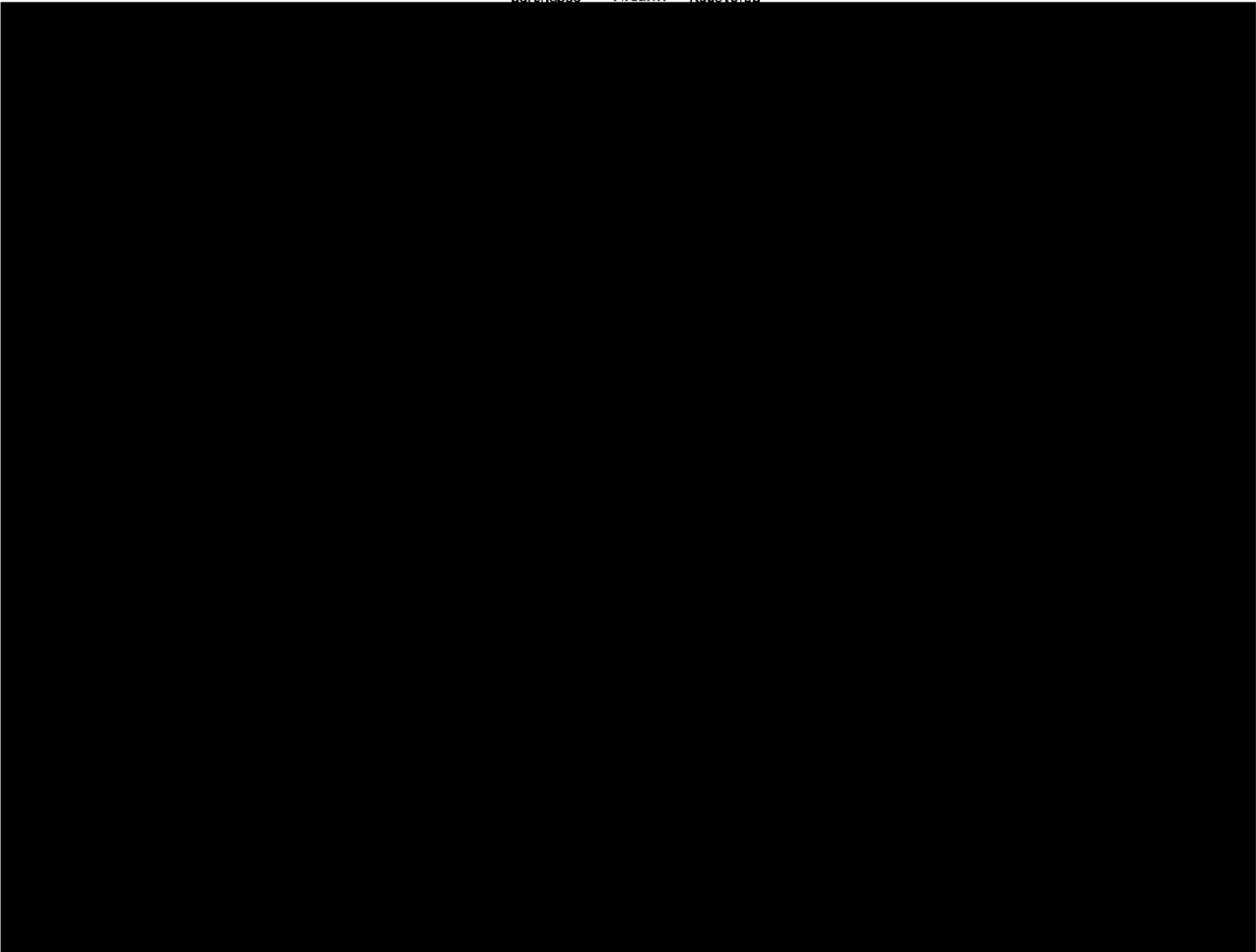
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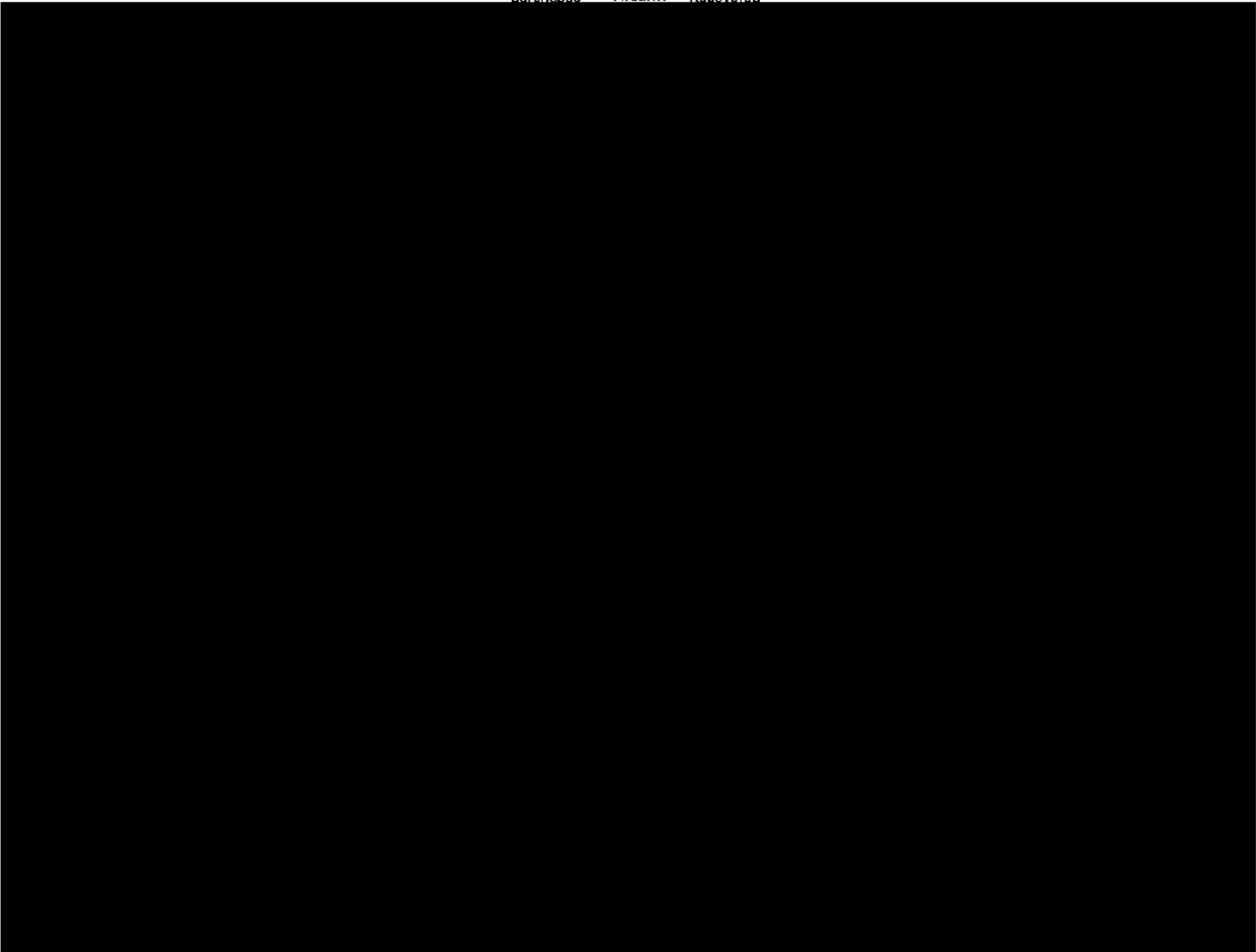
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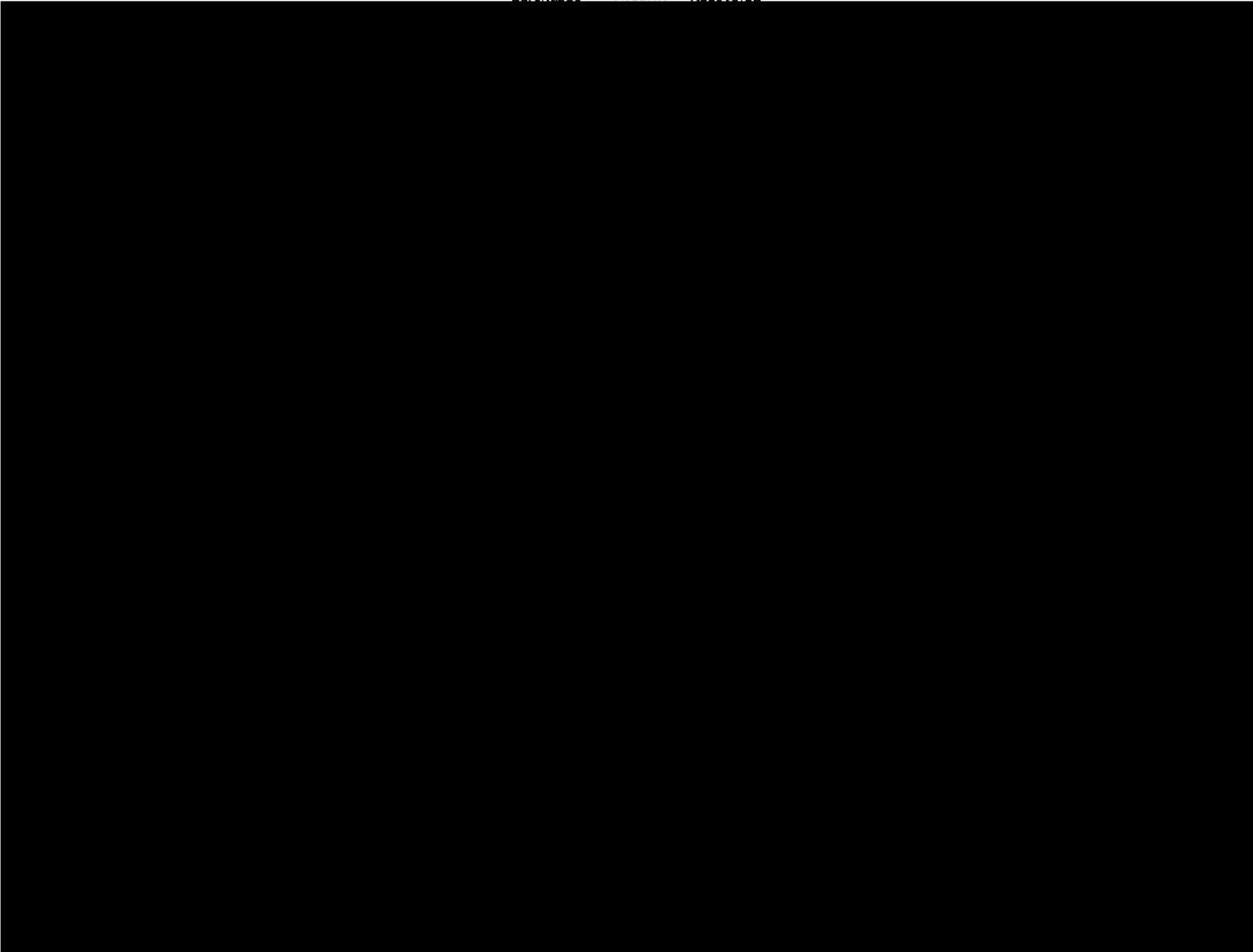
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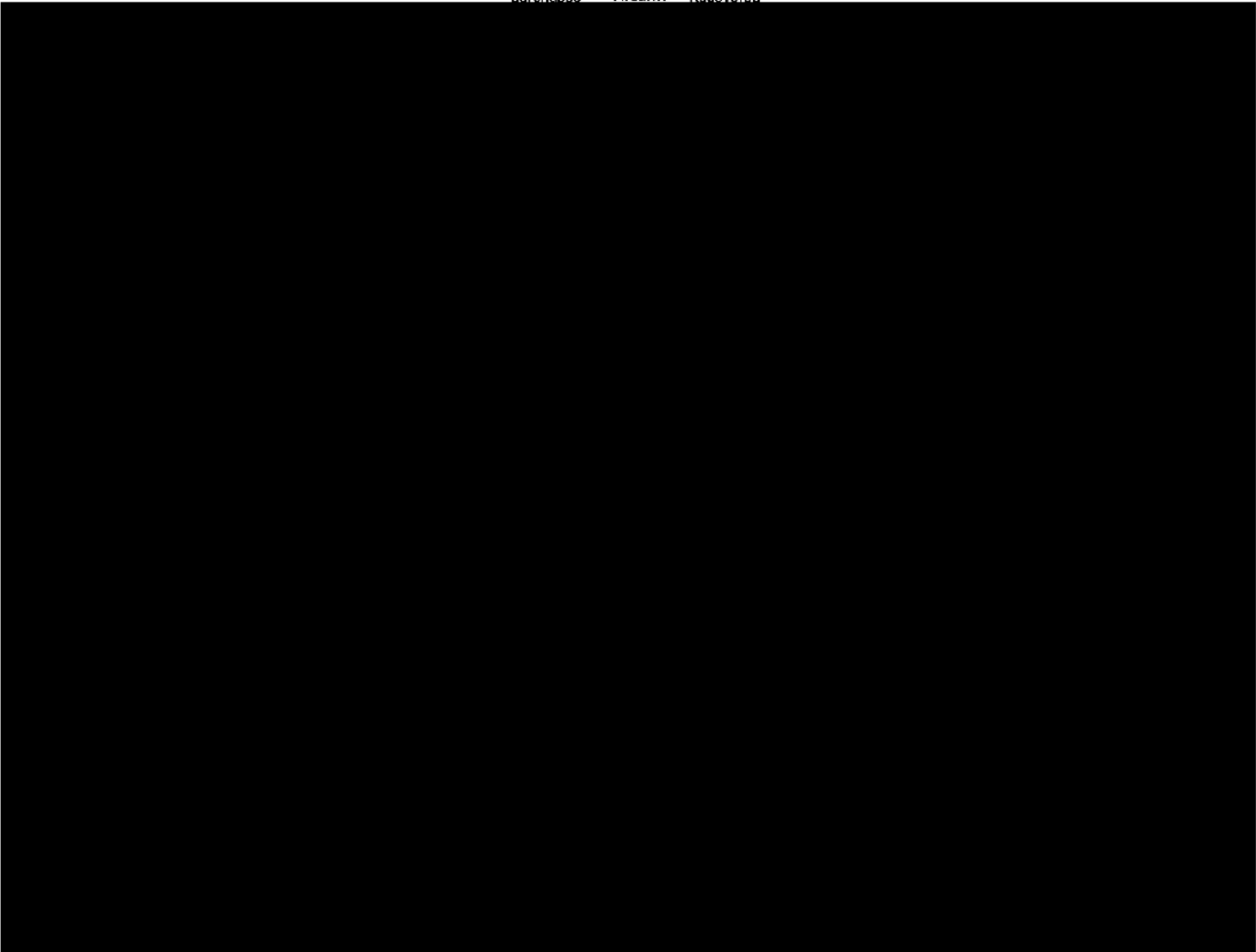
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 3:18 PM
To: Needles, James R.; McMahon, William G.
Subject: Fw: Just confirming our plan on responding to Grassley incoming of 3/15/11 re DEA actions in Fast and Furious
Attachments: Final DEA Grassley Ltr Re ATF.doc; 2011-03-15 CEG to DEA (Briefing and Documents).pdf

Fyi

[REDACTED], Division Chief Firearms Operations Division
 202-[REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: Melson, Kenneth E.; Hoover, William J.; [REDACTED]
Cc: Hickson, Ernest E.; [REDACTED]; Chait, Mark R.; [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu Mar 24 15:00:08 2011
Subject: FW: Just confirming our plan on responding to Grassley incoming of 3/15/11 re DEA actions in Fast and Furious

Thoughts Gentlemen? See chain below.

[REDACTED]
 DOJ- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
 Chief - Office of Legislative Affairs

[REDACTED] (mobile1)
 [REDACTED] (mobile2)
 202 [REDACTED] (office)
 202 [REDACTED] (fax)

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From: Burton, Faith (SMO) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 2:57 PM
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (SMO); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ); [REDACTED]
Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO); [REDACTED] (JMD) (SMO)
Subject: FW: Just confirming our plan on responding to Grassley incoming of 3/15/11 re DEA actions in Fast and Furious

Please see the enclosed DEA draft response, for your comments. [REDACTED] DP

[REDACTED] Please advise. Thanks. FB

From: Shoemaker, Sheldon R. (DEA-US)

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:29 PM

To: Burton, Faith (SMO)

Cc: [REDACTED] (JMD); Gaston, Molly (SMO); Cooper, Mary Irene (DEA-US); Boyle, Brian D (DEA-US); Masumoto, Scott S. (DEA-US); Tuggle, Gary (DEA-US)

Subject: RE: Just confirming our plan on responding to Grassley incoming of 3/15/11 re DEA actions in Fast and Furious

Faith,

Attached is the DEA proposed response to Senator Grassley regarding the ATF operation. The incoming correspondence is attached for convenience. Please let me know if DOJ concurs. Thank you.

Sheldon Shoemaker

Section Chief, DEA Congressional Affairs

(202) 307-4461

Sheldon.R.Shoemaker@usdoj.gov

From: Burton, Faith (SMO) [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 7:11 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] (JMD); Gaston, Molly (SMO)

Subject: RE: Just confirming our plan on responding to Grassley incoming of 3/15/11 re DEA actions in Fast and Furious

Good, thanks. We'll wait to hear from you. FB

From: Shoemaker, Sheldon R. (DEA-US)

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 7:08 PM

To: Burton, Faith (SMO)

Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO); [REDACTED] (JMD); Cooper, Mary Irene (DEA-US)

Subject: Re: Just confirming our plan on responding to Grassley incoming of 3/15/11 re DEA actions in Fast and Furious

Faith,

DP

Sheldon Shoemaker

Section Chief, Congressional Affairs

Drug Enforcement Administration

(202) 307-4461

This message sent from blackberry device.

From: Burton, Faith (SMO) [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 06:27 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO) <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] (JMD) <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Just confirming our plan on responding to Grassley incoming of 3/15/11 re DEA actions in Fast and Furious

2009

Sheldon, just want to make sure I correctly remember our conversation today –

DP

DP

Please let me know if I've misunderstood the plan. Thanks much. Faith

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 1:48:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Smith letter response

I do not see the revised draft of DOJ reply... but I don't need that now...

[REDACTED]
 Chief, Firearms Operations Division
 ATF HQ - Room 6.5.129
 202-[REDACTED] Cell: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 9:46 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Smith letter response

<< Message: Smith letter response >>

Smiths letter is below. The current draft of the department's response is attached as is my very, very hurried first five minutes of effort on this issue. << File: smith questions draft 1.docx >>

[REDACTED]
 Acting Chief of Staff
 Office of the Director
 O: 202-[REDACTED]
 C: [REDACTED]
 HQ Room 5 5 100

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From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) [mailto:(b) (7)(C)]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 9:17 PM
To: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ); Melson, Kenneth E.; Hoover, William J.; [REDACTED]
Subject: Smith letter response

All,

Thanks for your patience on the response to Congressman Smith. We in ODAG are still working on the letter. No final decision has been made about what the letter will look like, but depending on what folks here decide, I may need to incorporate information that addresses the Congressman's six specific questions at the end of the letter. I already have a draft paragraph to address Question #5, which I've reprinted below, but I'm not sure of the answers to the remaining ones. Could you please send me the relevant information? Thanks. I've attached the incoming letter for ease of reference.

Matt

You have also asked for information about eTrace, an important tool in ATF's work to dismantle gun trafficking. eTrace is an Internet-based system that allows participating law enforcement agencies to submit firearm traces to the ATF National Tracing Center. Authorized users can receive firearm trace results electronically, search a database of all firearm traces submitted by their individual agency, and perform analytical functions. In the last year, eTrace has gained strong new features. eTrace now accommodates data in Spanish, gives translations, and allows users to better sort and search additional data elements and images to improve weapons tracing. In the next 24 months, planned enhancements to eTrace will improve ATF's ability to monitor and map gun tracing data in real time and to share information with other federal agencies, as well as with state and local law enforcement.

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Matthew S. Axelrod
Associate Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Desk (202) 305-0273
Cell (202) 532-3087

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 3:25 PM
To: McMahon, William G.; [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Draft response to HJC Chairman Smith's letter of 3/9/11 re Gunrunner/ Fast & Furious allegations - for comment asap. Thanks. FB

[REDACTED]
 Chief, Firearms Operations Division
 202-[REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: Burton, Faith (SMO); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.
Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ) ; Weinstein, Jason (CRM) ; Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)
Sent: Tue Mar 22 14:30:46 2011
Subject: RE: Draft response to HJC Chairman Smith's letter of 3/9/11 re Gunrunner/ Fast & Furious allegations - for comment asap. Thanks. FB

ATF concurs without comment.

[REDACTED]
 DOJ- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives

Chief - Office of Legislative Affairs

[REDACTED] (mobile1)
 [REDACTED] (mobile2)
 202 [REDACTED] (office)
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From: Burton, Faith (SMO) [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 11:57 AM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.
Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)
Subject: Draft response to HJC Chairman Smith's letter of 3/9/11 re Gunrunner/ Fast & Furious allegations - for comment asap. Thanks. FB

<< File: smith gunrunner clean.docx >>

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 12:51 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Fw: Draft response to HJC Chairman Smith's letter of 3/9/11 re Gunrunner/ Fast & Furious allegations - for comment asap. Thanks. FB
Attachments: smith gunrunner clean.docx

[REDACTED]
Chief, Firearms Operations Division
202-[REDACTED], Cell [REDACTED]

From: Burton, Faith (SMO)
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.
Cc: Gaston, Molly (SMO); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ) ; Weinstein, Jason (CRM) ; Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)
Sent: Tue Mar 22 11:57:09 2011
Subject: Draft response to HJC Chairman Smith's letter of 3/9/11 re Gunrunner/ Fast & Furious allegations - for comment asap. Thanks. FB

<<smith gunrunner clean.docx>>

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 10:54 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Border Crossing responses - WEST
Attachments: Border Operations.; Firearms crossing international border; Untitled; Questions; Denver response; Untitled; FW: HQ Request

West Divisions:

Phoenix – [REDACTED] grenade hulls 785041 09 [REDACTED] Jan 2010; [REDACTED] 785045-07- [REDACTED] BP and ROI 13, 15, 18.

Houston – 782095-11 [REDACTED] with ICE and Columbia, [REDACTED], delivery and SWs; “FN Traficador” [REDACTED] 782025-08- [REDACTED] two surveillances and border stops, no recoveries, see BP.

Dallas – Negative

Denver – Negative

Los Angeles – Negative

San Francisco – Negative

Seattle - Negative

[REDACTED]
 Chief, Firearms Operations Division
 ATF HQ - Room 6.S.129
 202 [REDACTED], Cell [REDACTED]

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From: McMahon, William G.
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 8:44 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject:

[REDACTED]

Attached are the responses from the WEST SACs. I will get the EAST and CENTRAL to you shortly.

Thanks,

Bill

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From: Needles, James R.
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 6:44 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Border Operations.

In January of 2010, one controlled delivery of grenade hulls, spoons and head assemblies was made to defendant [REDACTED] ATF SA's were in contact with Mexican authorities who were on the Mexican side of the border. As [REDACTED] went through the San Louie border the Mexican officials were advised however they did not stop [REDACTED]

From: Richardson, Marvin G.
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:10:01 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Denver response

2089

Bill,

Denver's response is negative to both questions.

Take care and get some rest!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 6:02:00 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
CC: Crenshaw, Kelvin N.; [REDACTED]
Subject: Firearms crossing international border

2090

Sir, on behalf of SAC Kelvin Crenshaw, the Seattle Field Division is negative on both questions.

DOO [REDACTED]
Supervisory Special Agent
ATF Seattle Field Division
915 2nd Ave., Room 790
Seattle, WA. 98174
Office: [REDACTED]
FAX: (206) 389-5829
CELL: [REDACTED]

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From: Webb, J. Dewey
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 9:47 AM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: FW: HQ Request
Attachments: TRAFICADOR BorderNexus.doc

BILL,

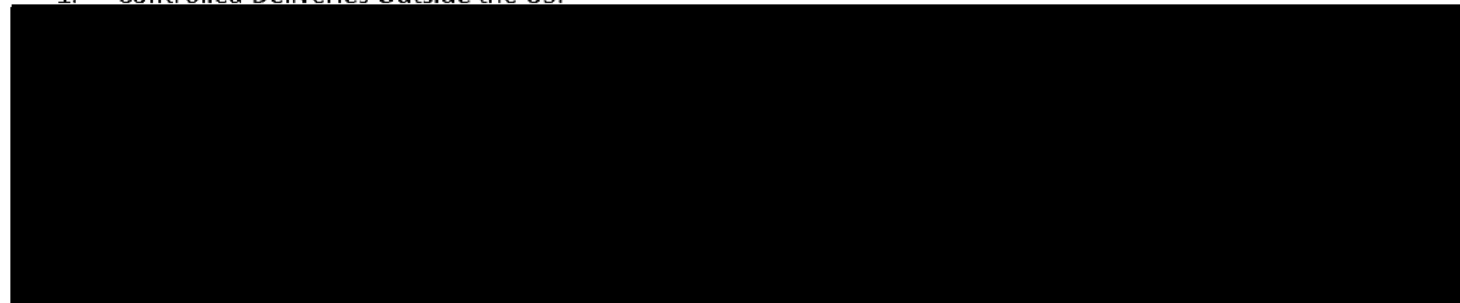
WE ONLY HAVE TWO CASES INVOLVING CONTROLLED DELIVERIES AND THEY ARE VERY RECENT. THE COLOMBIAN CASE TOOK PLACE WHILE YOU WERE ON VACATION. AS TO THE SECOND QUESTION, WE HAVE NEVER ALLOWED GUNS TO GO INTO MEXICO. THE CLOSEST IT EVER CAME IS MENTIONED IN THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT.

J. DEWEY WEBB
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
ATF, HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION
OFFICE [REDACTED]
FAX [REDACTED]

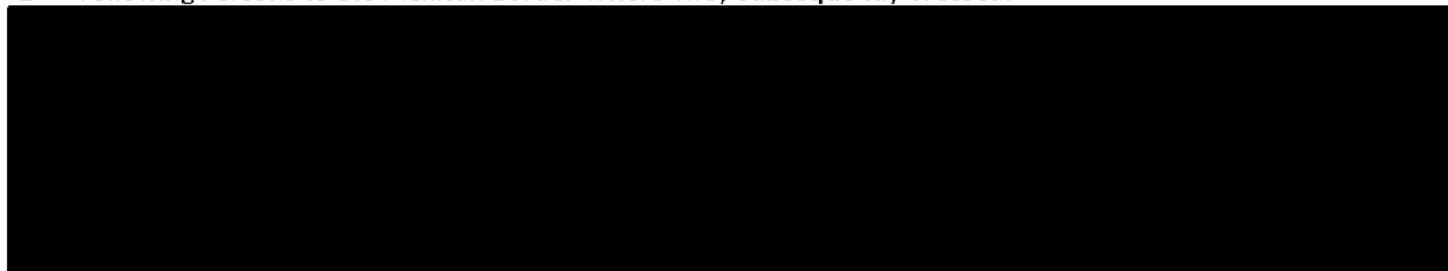
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 8:36 AM
To: Webb, J. Dewey
Subject: HQ Request

Regarding the HQ inquiry from last night:

1. Controlled Deliveries Outside the US:



2. Following Persons to the Mexican Border Where They Subsequently Crossed:



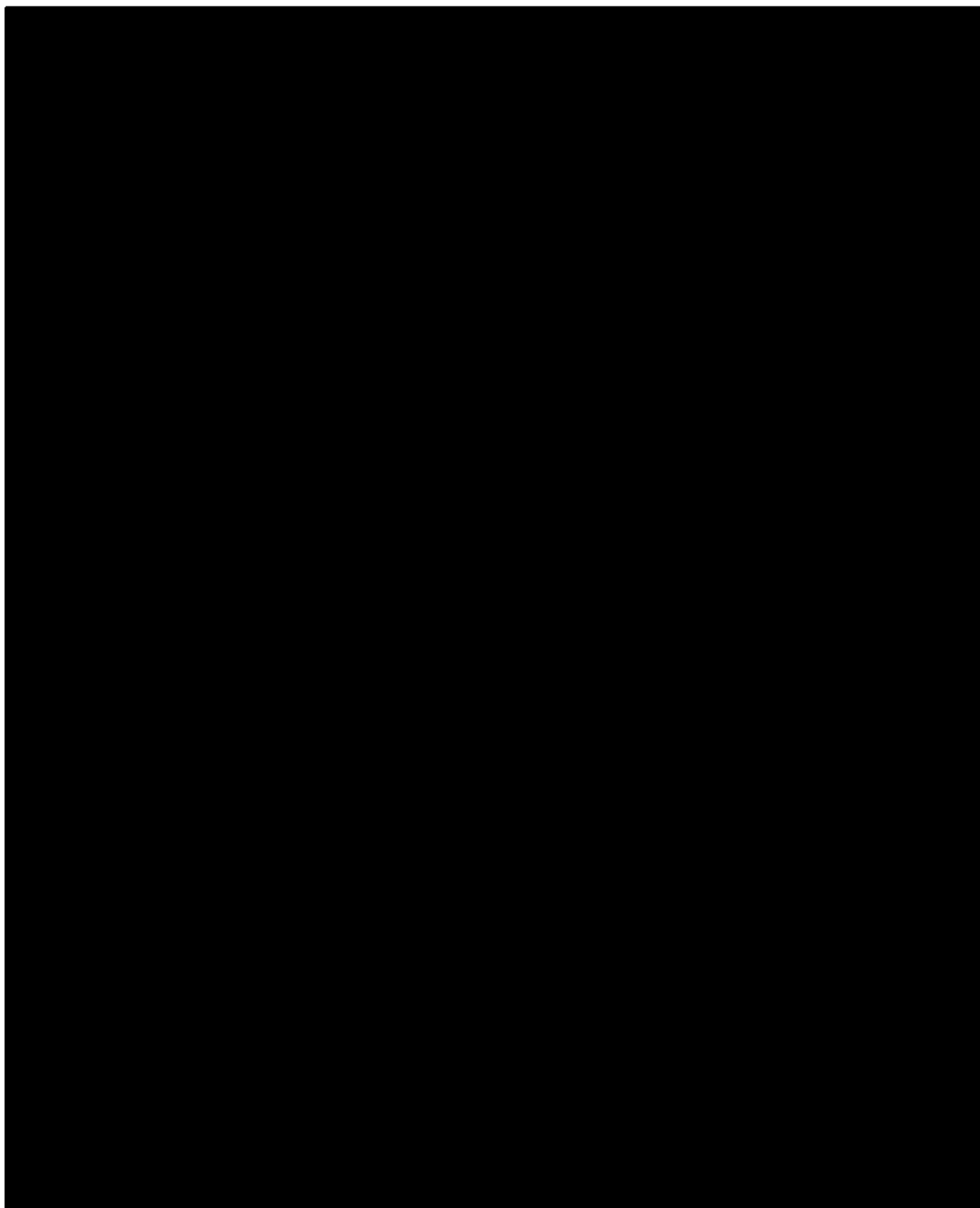
[REDACTED]
SPECIAL AGENT - GROUP SUPERVISOR

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO,
FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES (ATF)
HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION - GROUP II
15355 VANTAGE PARKWAY WEST, SUITE 200
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77032 USA
VOICE [REDACTED]
FAX [REDACTED]

OPERATION FN TRAFICADOR

782025-08-0062

This investigation was initiated by Houston Group VIII (OCDETF Strike Force) Special Agents after receiving information through review of ATF Online Lead multiple sales and firearms tracing database.





From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:57 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
CC: Herkins, Stephen C.; Vind, Jeffery E.
Subject: Questions

Sir,

The San Francisco Field Division has canvassed our personnel and reports a negative response to your two questions.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
Assistant Special Agent in Charge (Acting SAC)
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
San Francisco Field Division
Office: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]

From: Champion, Robert R.
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:58:01 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject:

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Bill,

In regards to the ATF HQ. inquiry regarding International Firearms Trafficking over the last 3 years, the Dallas Field Division does not have any investigations that meet the criteria of control deliveries where FA's were allowed to cross the International Border nor have we witnessed FA's cross the International Border without taking action.

Thank you,

Robert R. Champion
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Dallas Field Division
(469) 227-████████

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 9:01 AM
To: Needles, James R.
Subject: RE: Border Operations.

Case number? ROI number?

[REDACTED]
Chief, Firearms Operations Division
ATF HQ - Room 6.5.129
202 [REDACTED] Cell [REDACTED]

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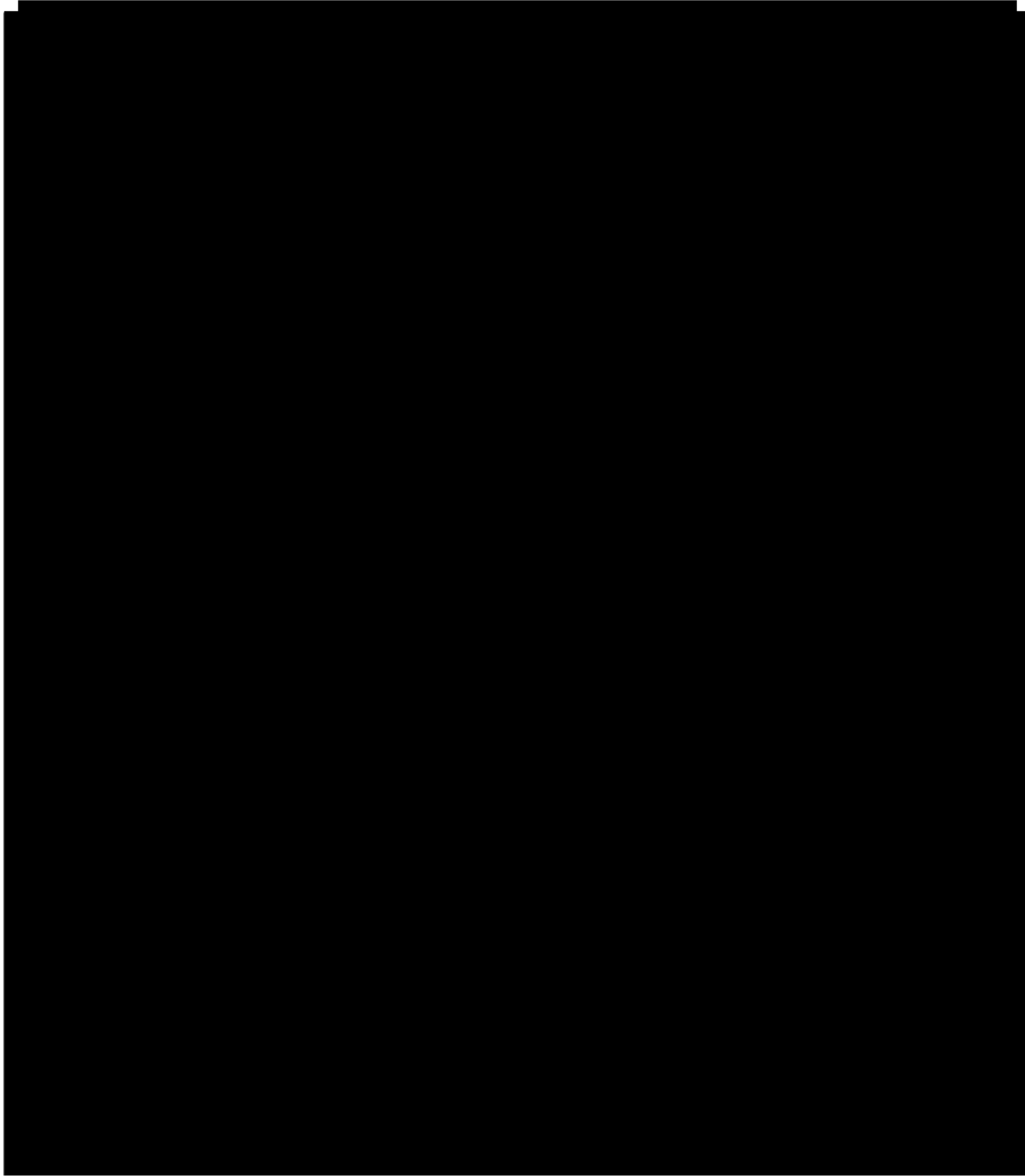
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In January of 2010, one controlled delivery of grenade hulls, spoons and head assemblies was made to defendant [REDACTED]. ATF SA's were in contact with Mexican authorities who were on the Mexican side of the border. As [REDACTED] went through the San Louie border the Mexican officials were advised however they did not stop [REDACTED].

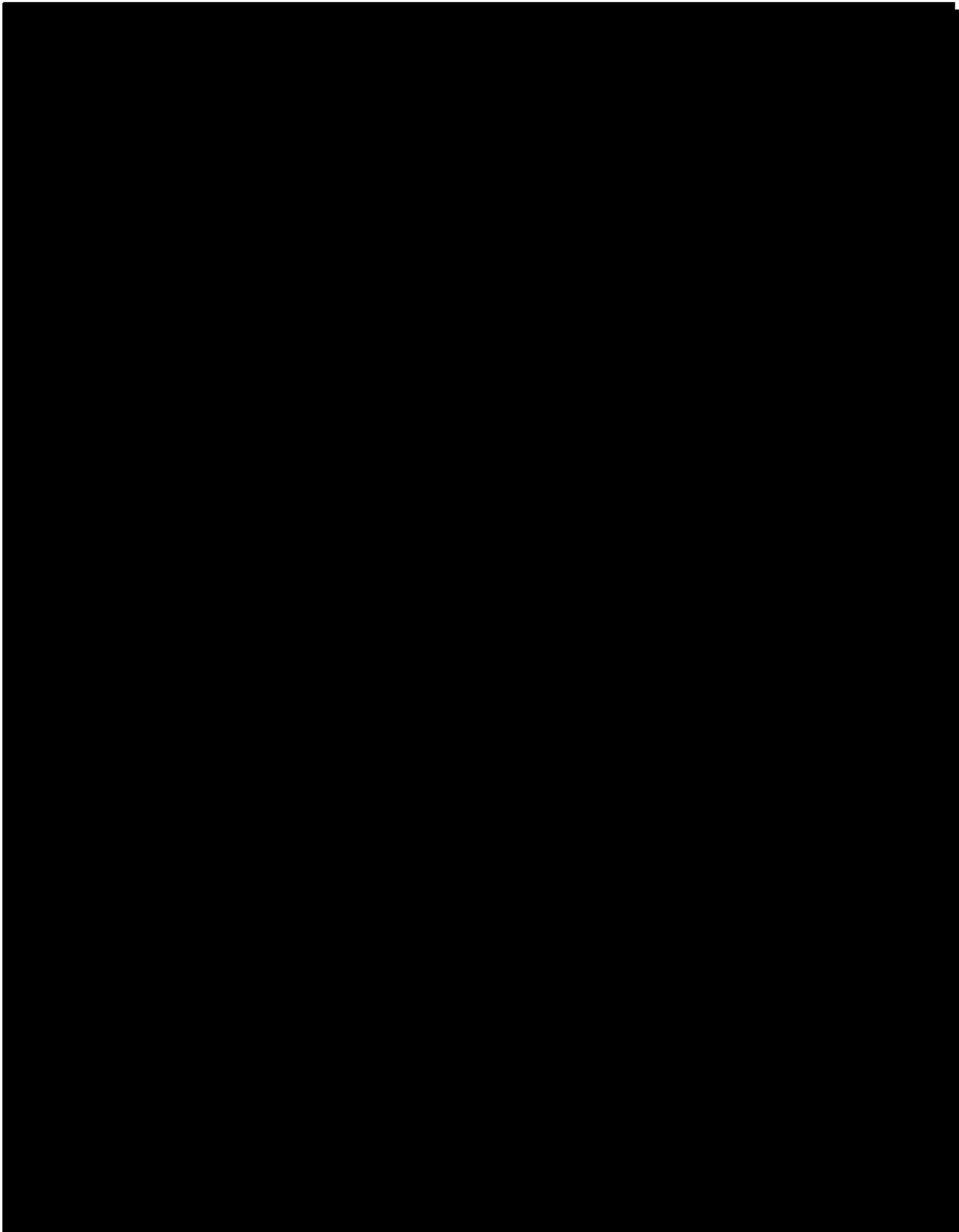
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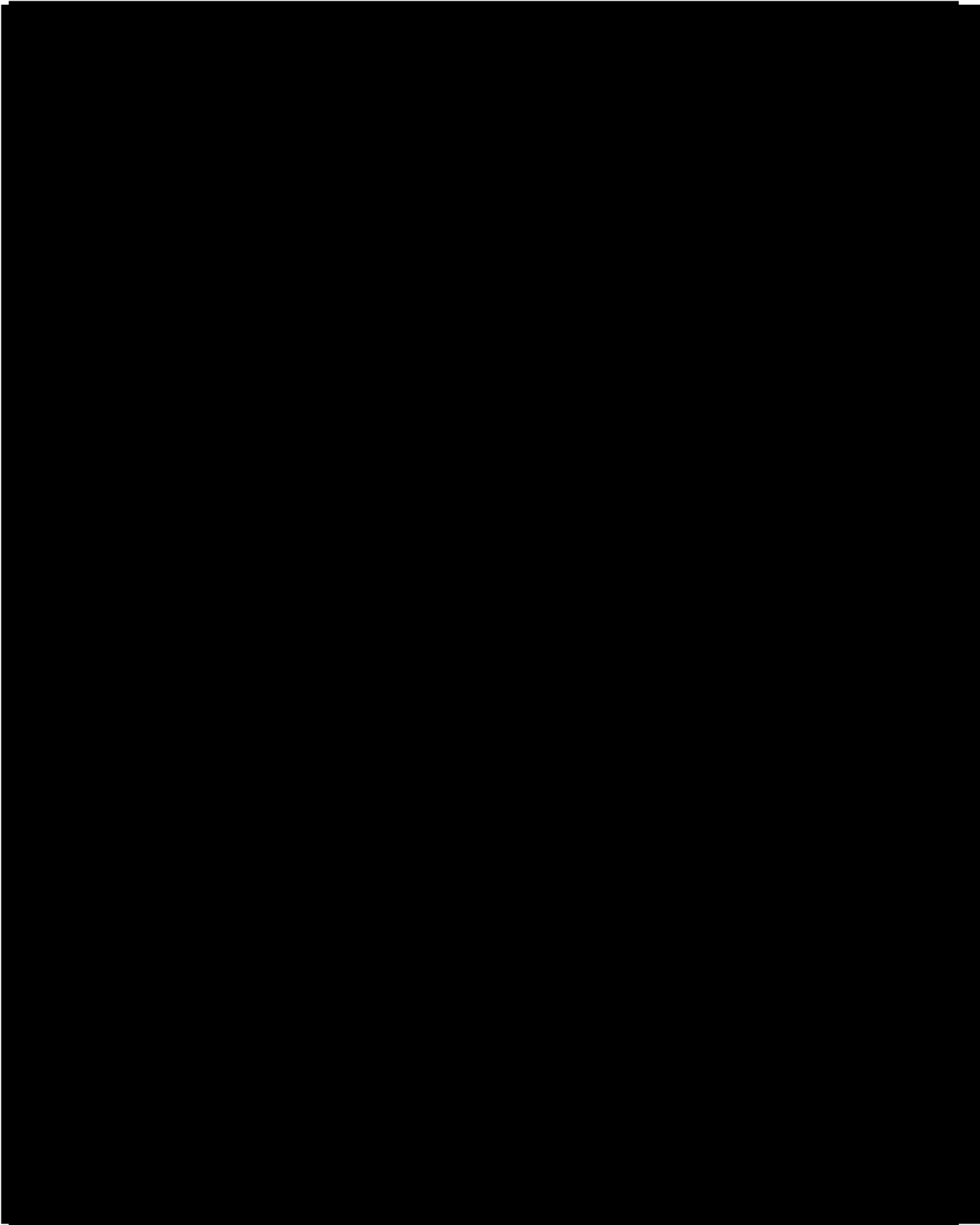


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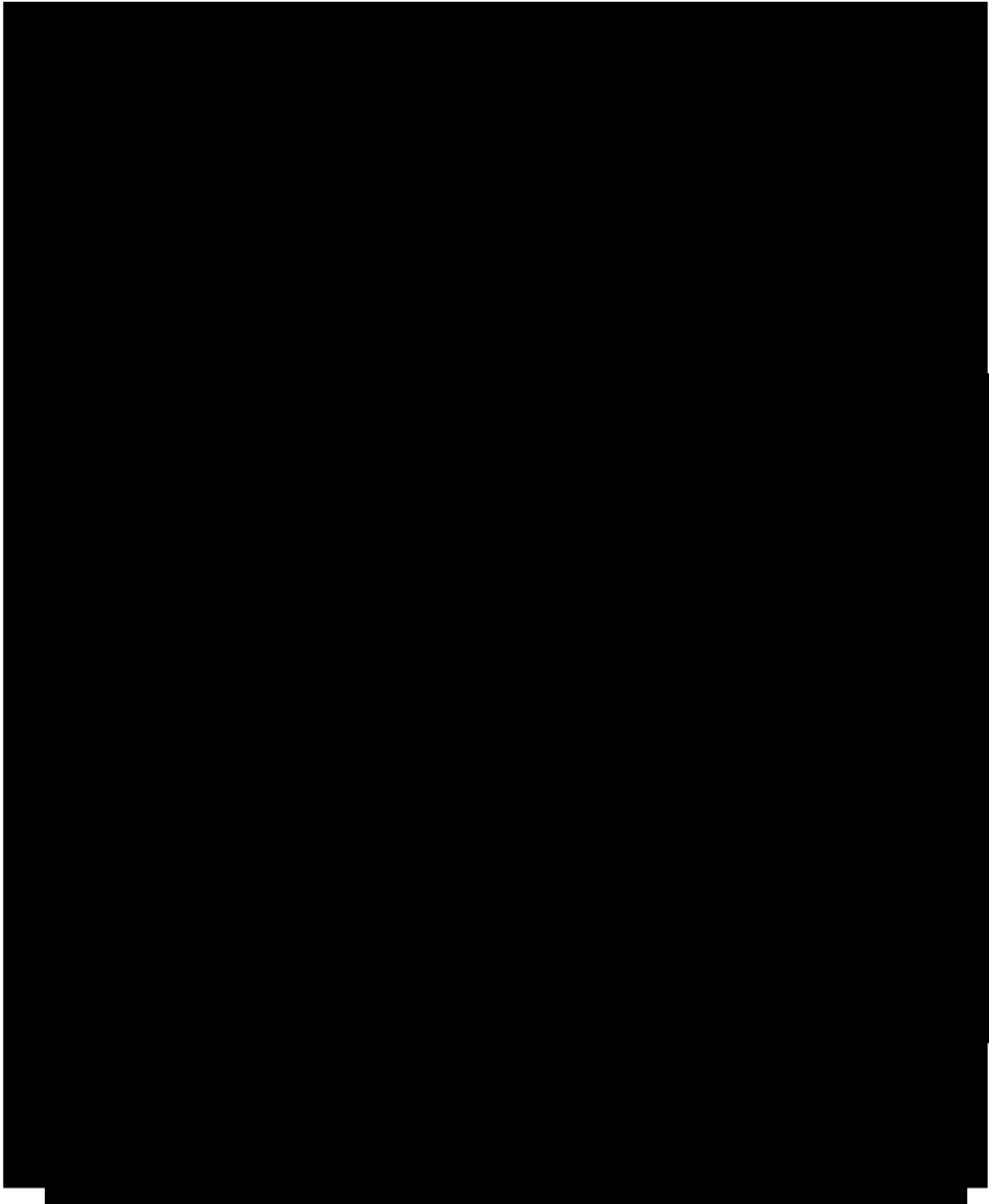
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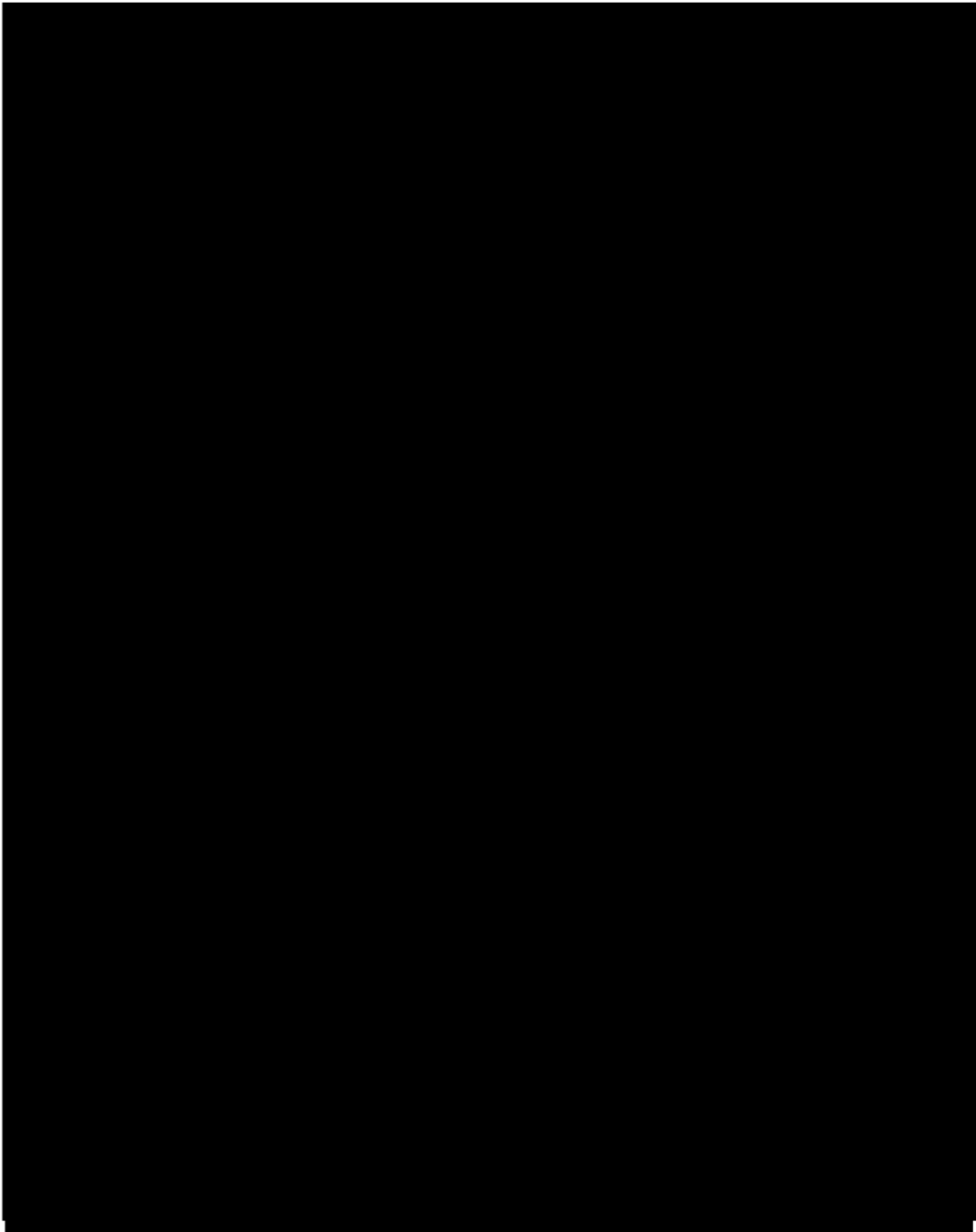
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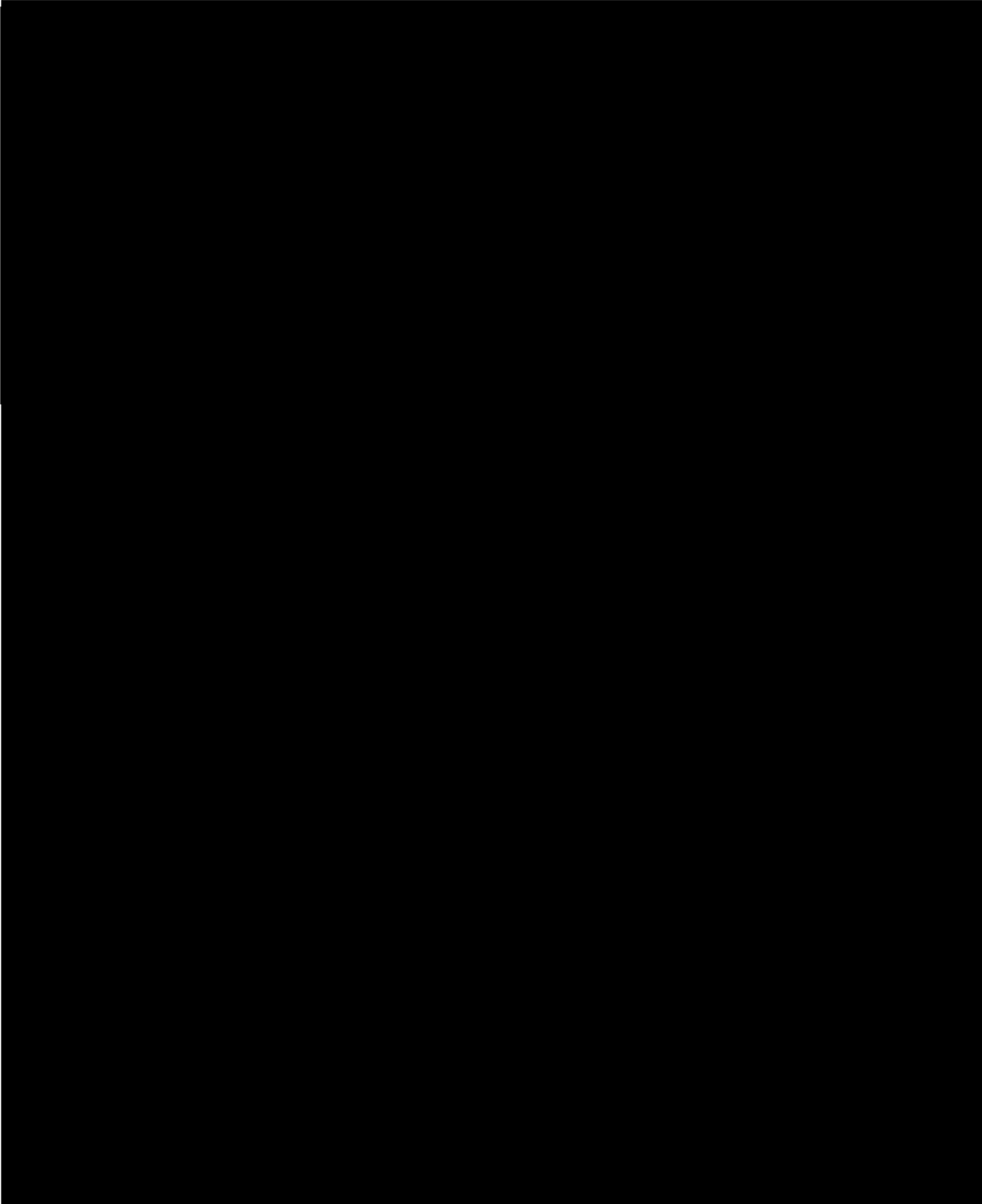
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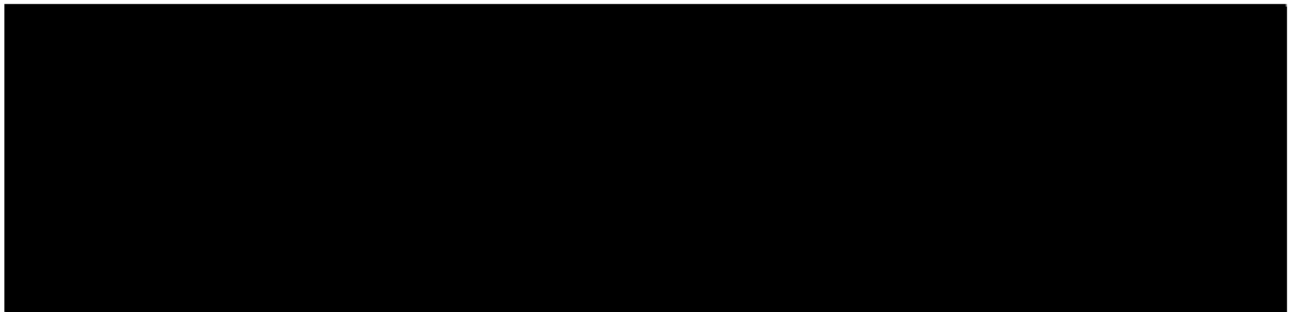
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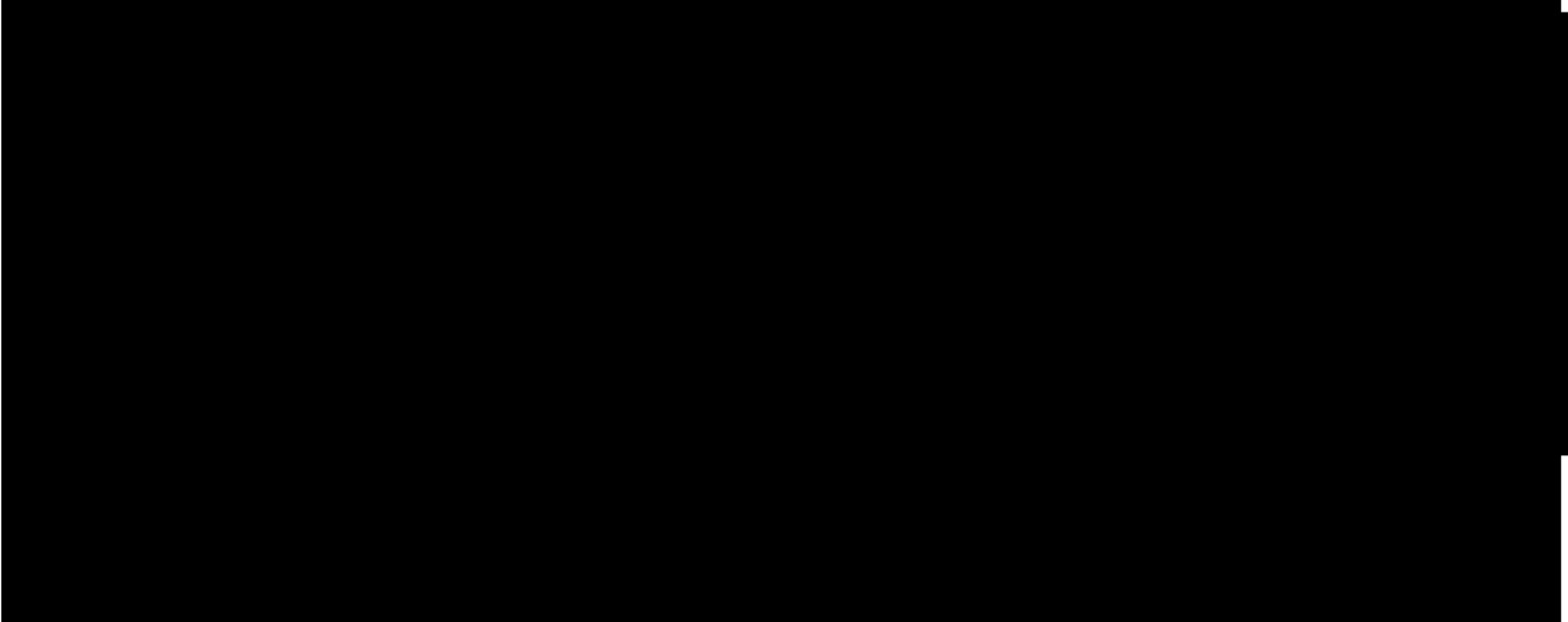
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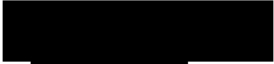
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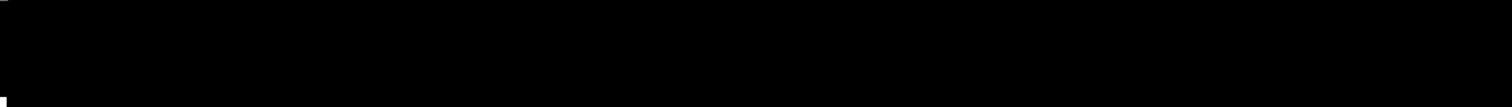
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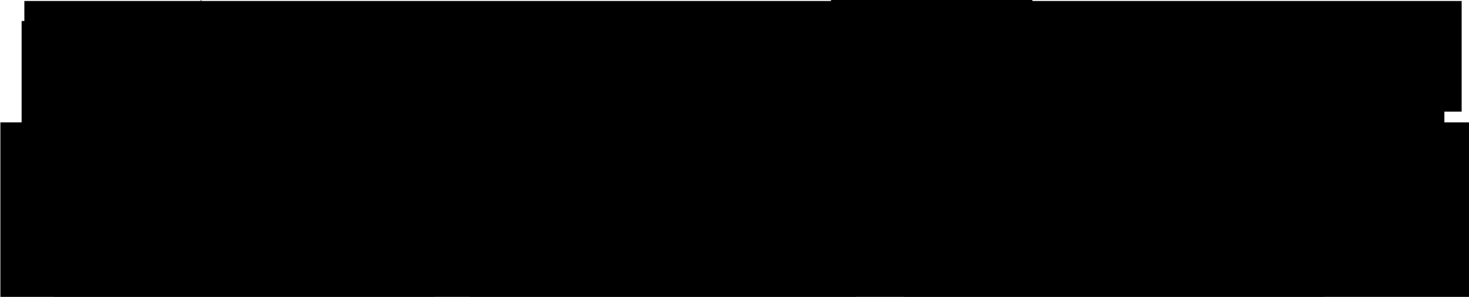
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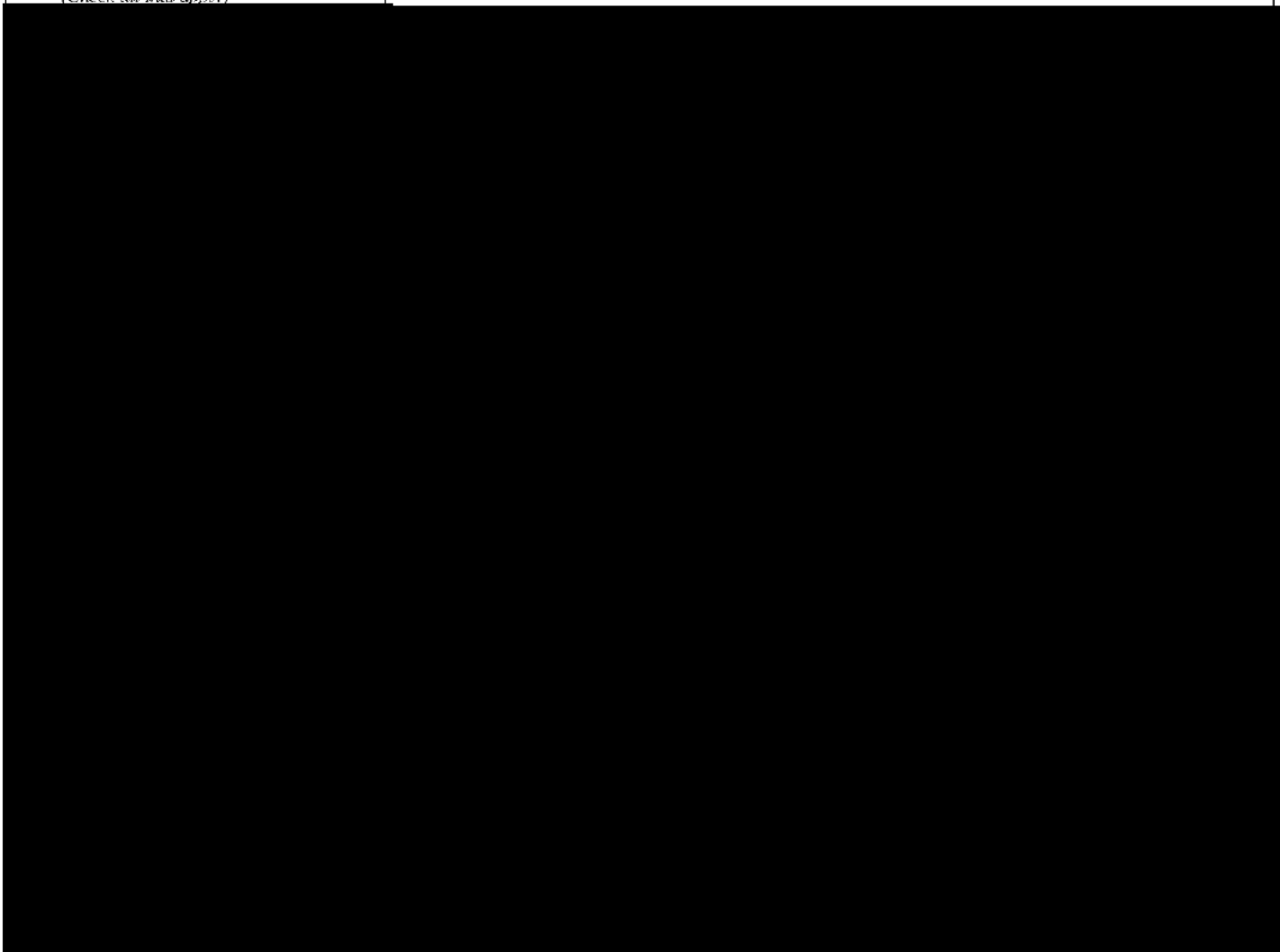
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IV. Drugs Under Investigation
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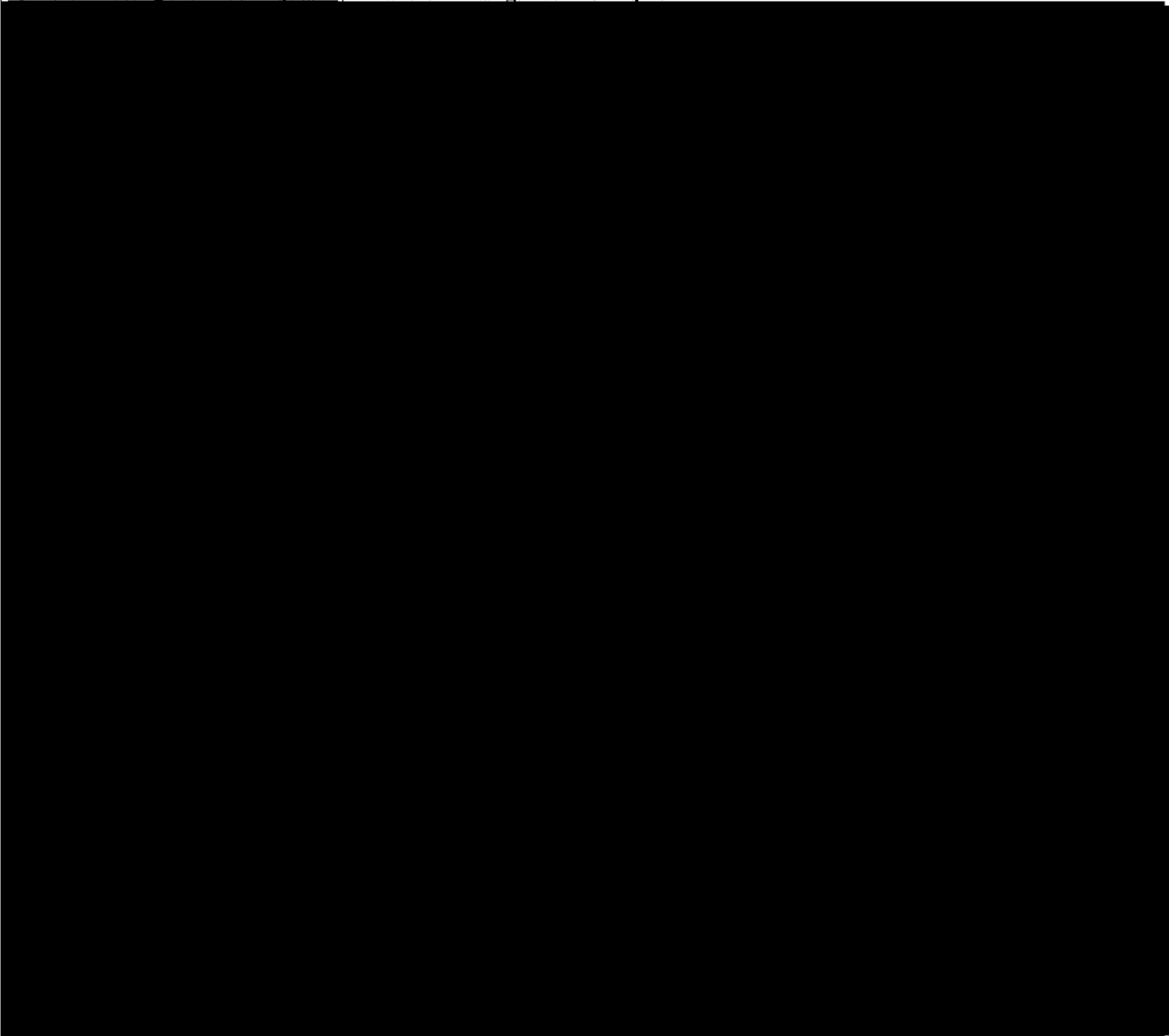
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VI. Investigative Techniques Used to Date Supervised by your District: *(check all that apply)*

Empty box for listing investigative techniques.



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The Fast and the Furious
District of Arizona

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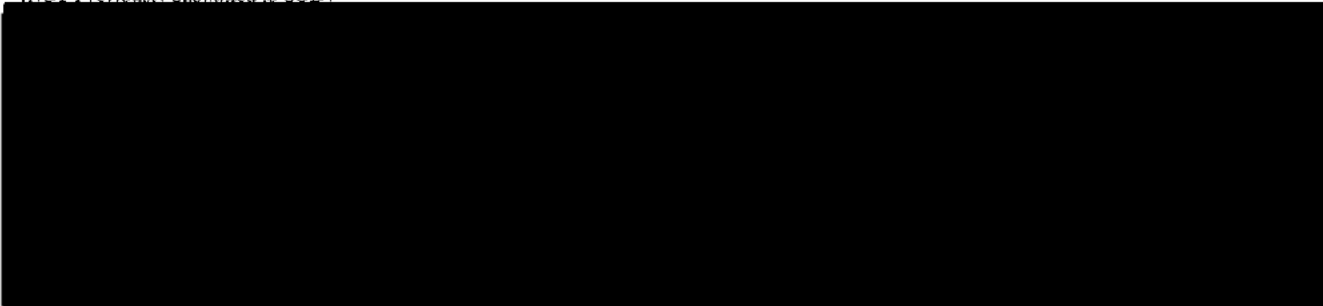
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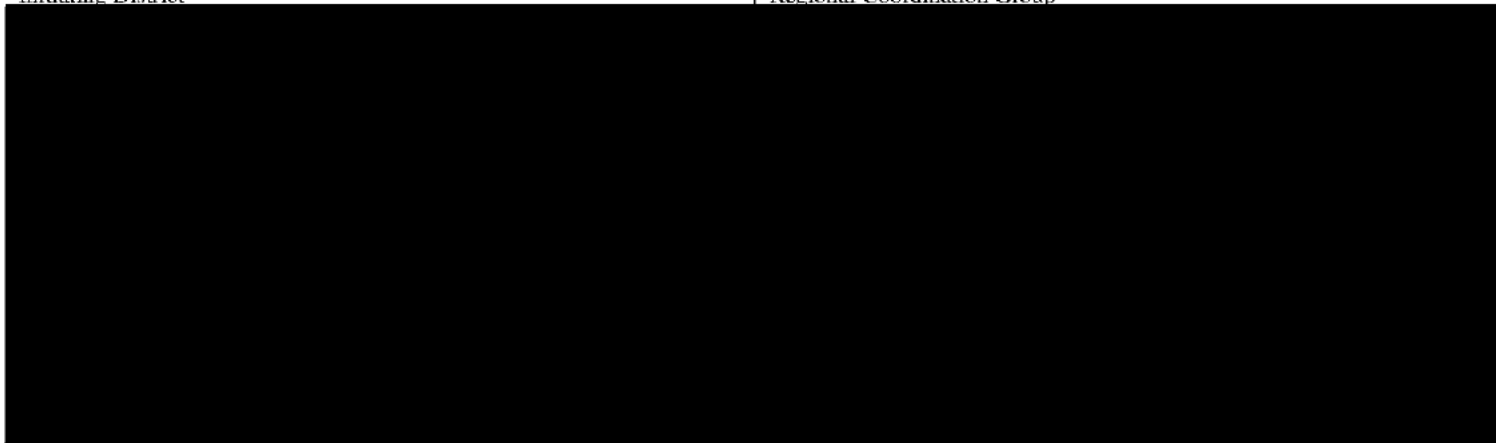
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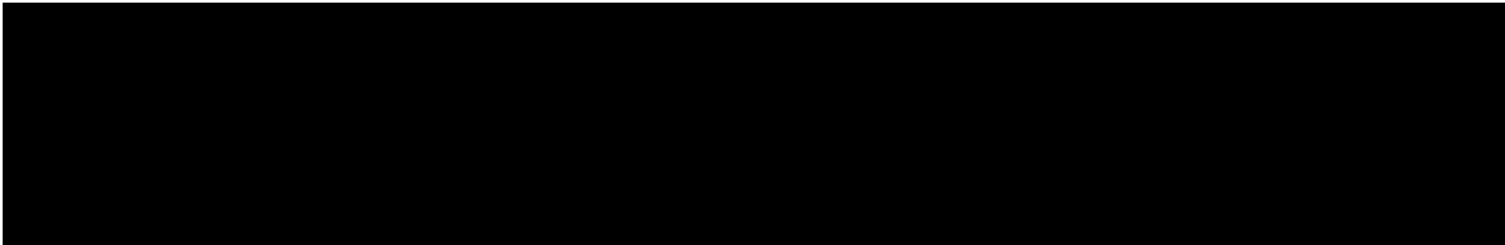
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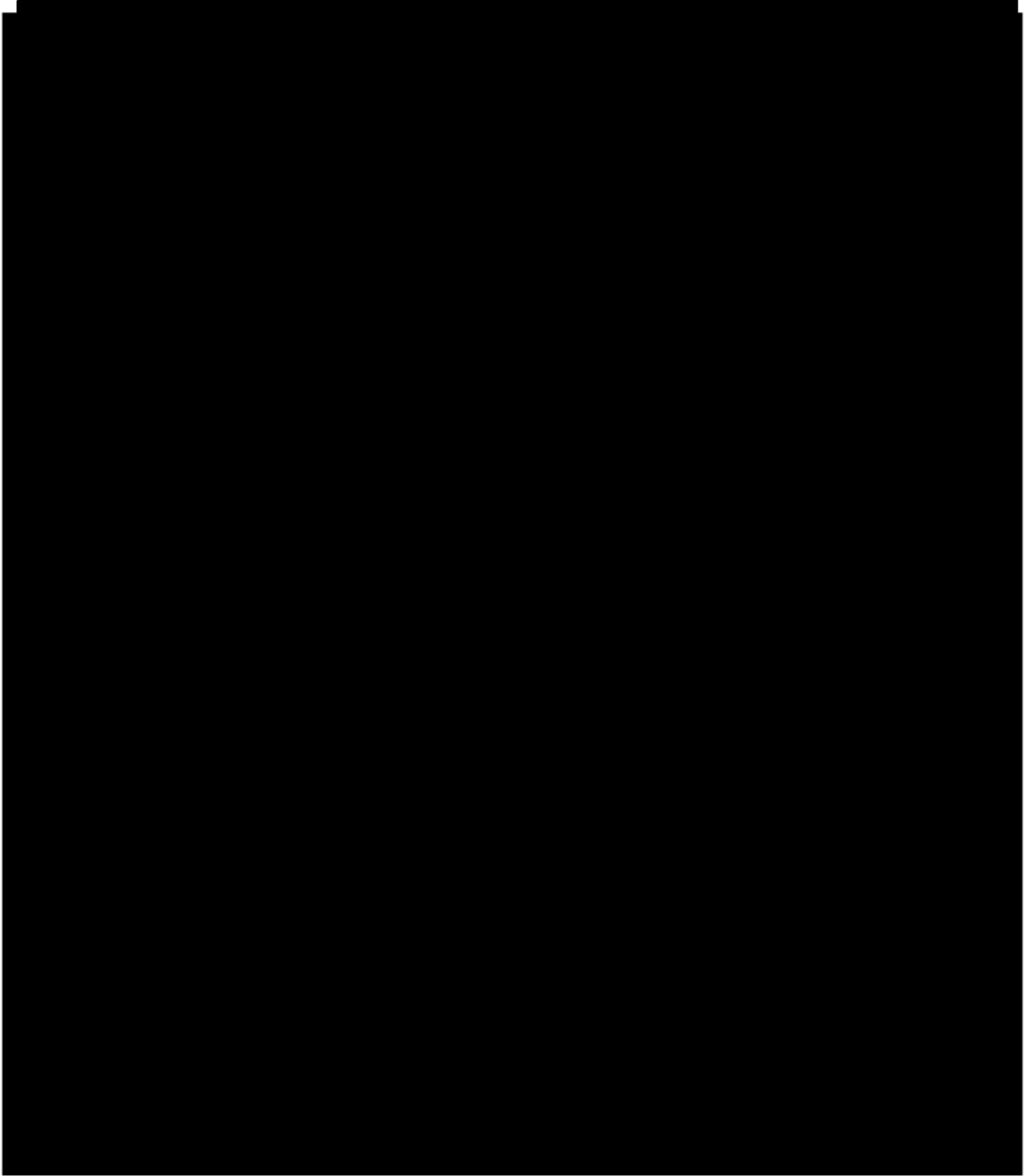
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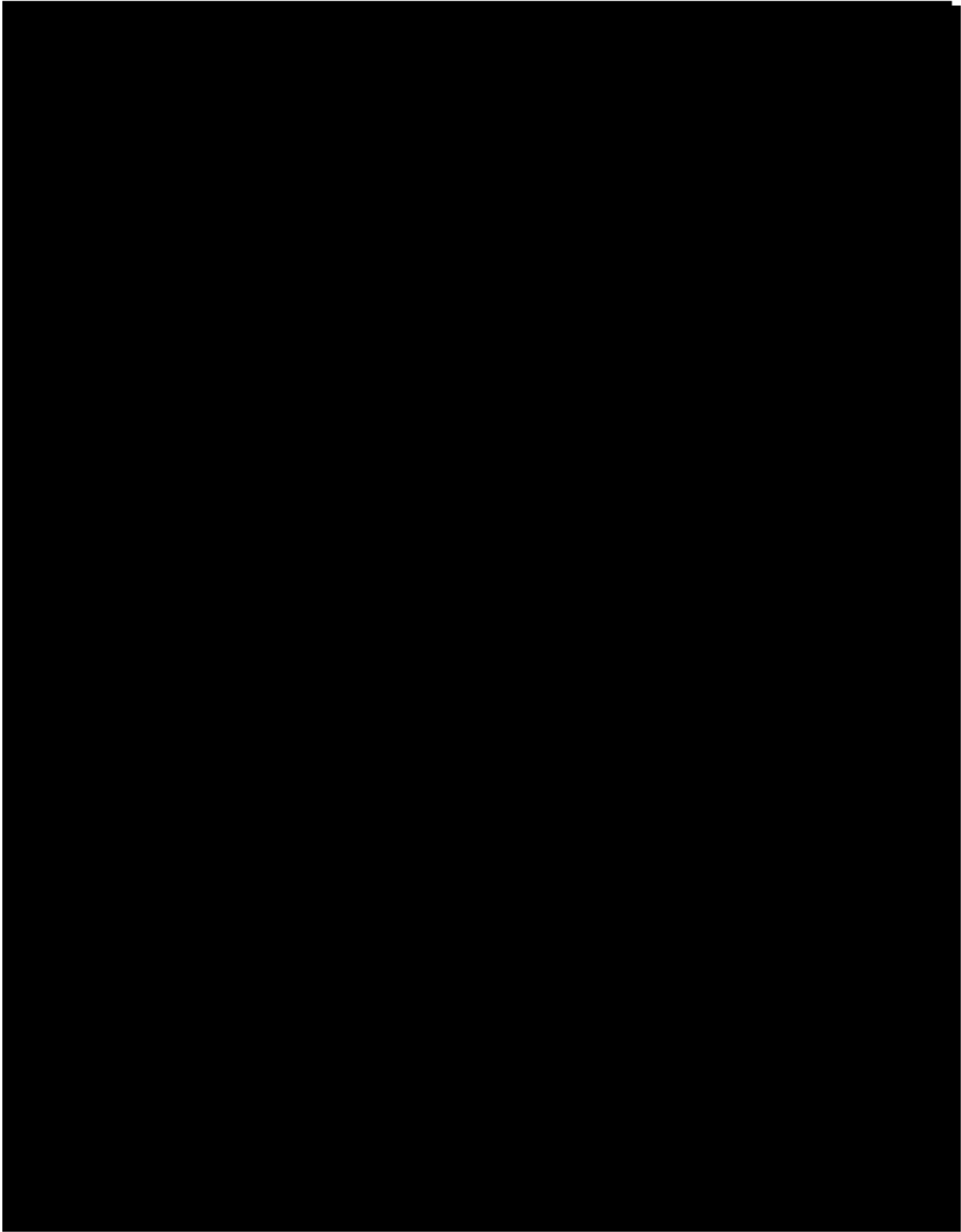
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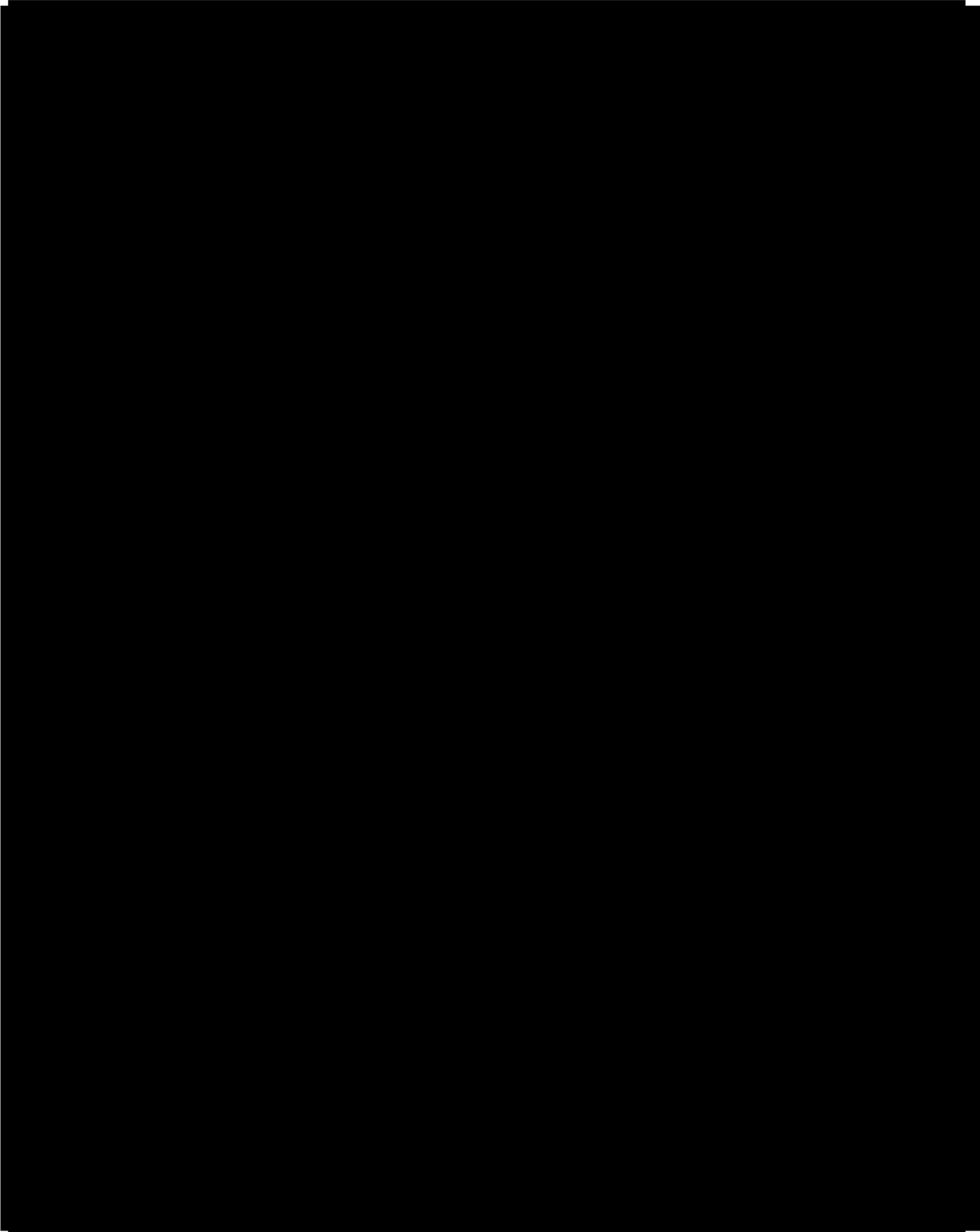


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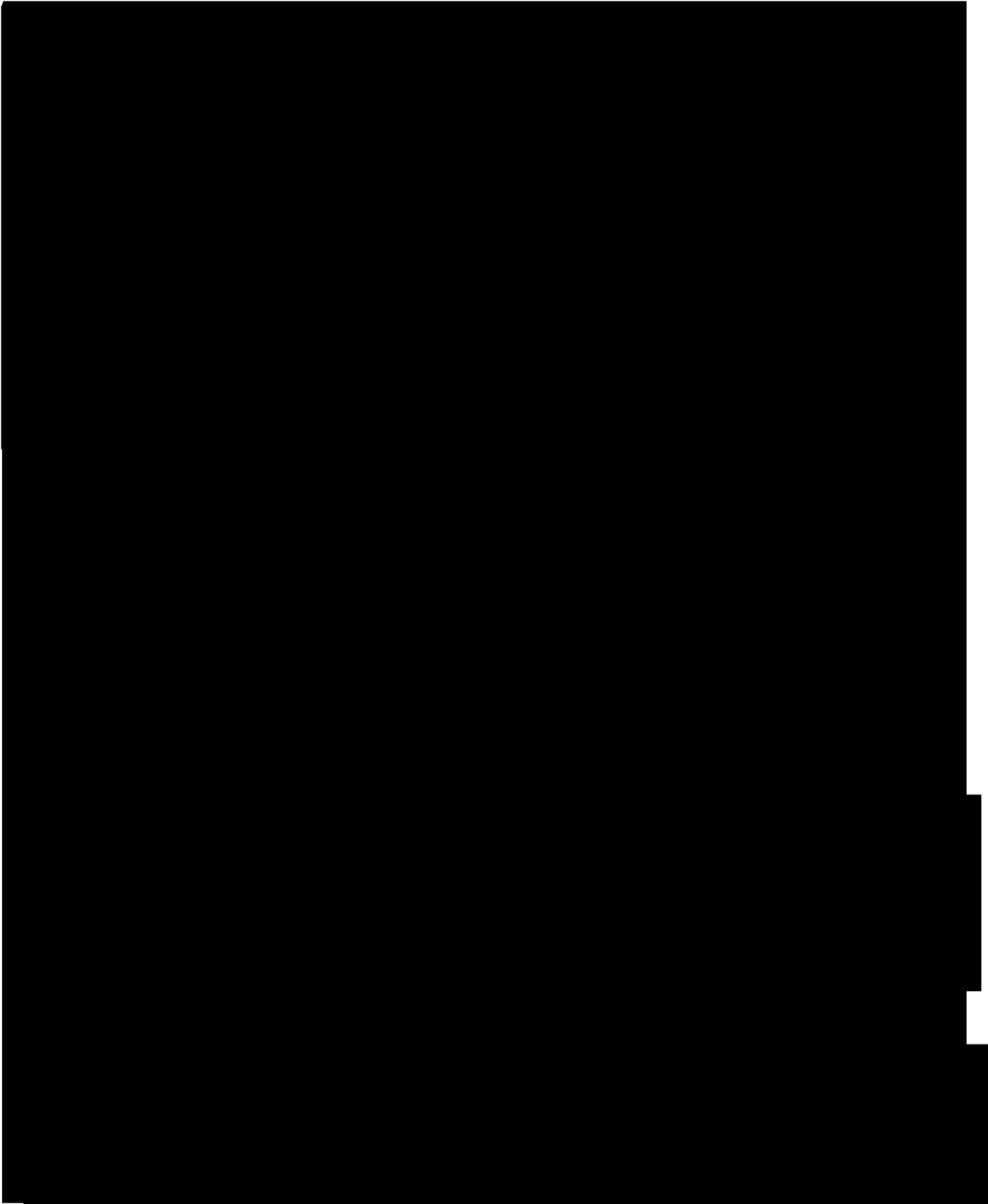
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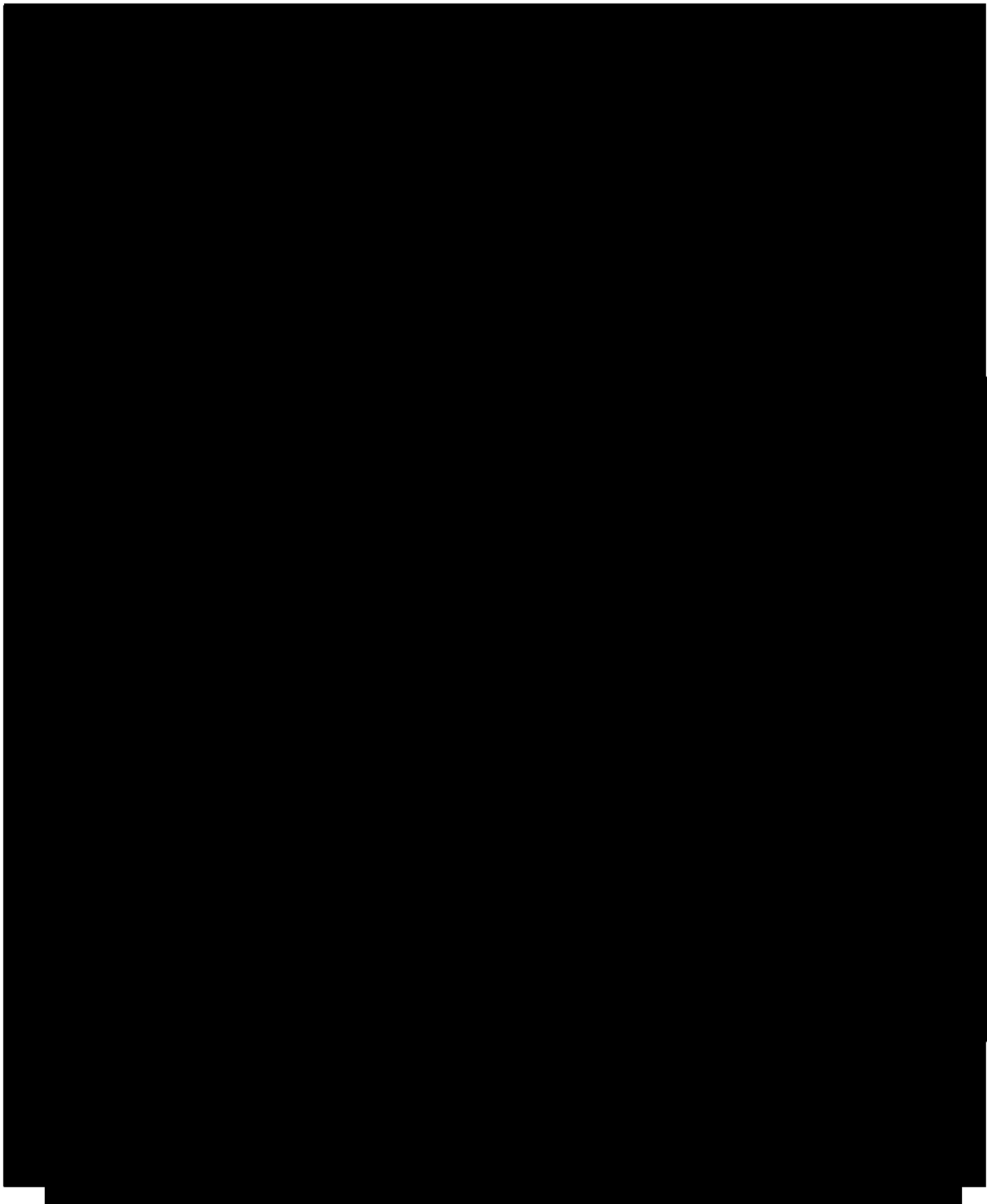
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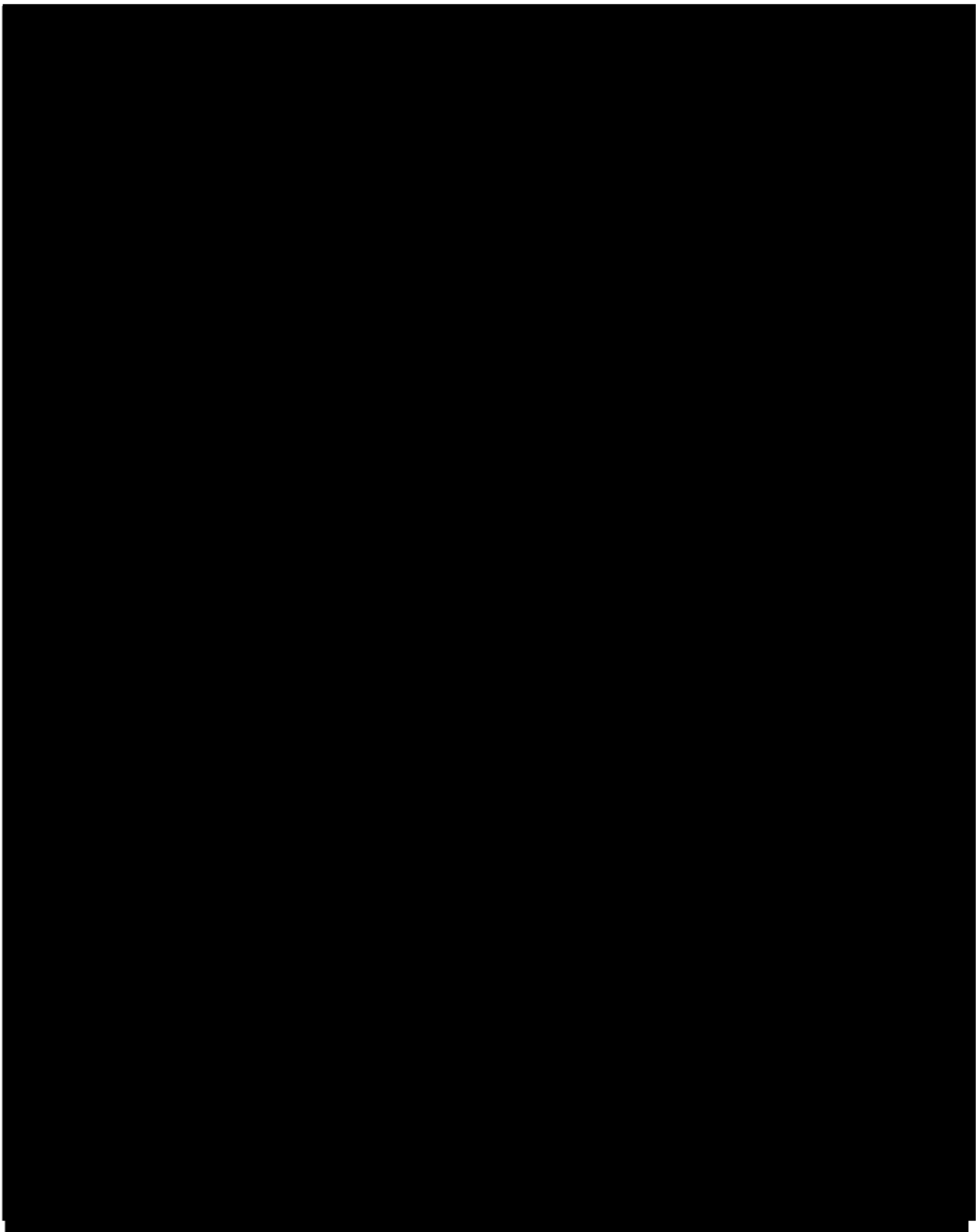
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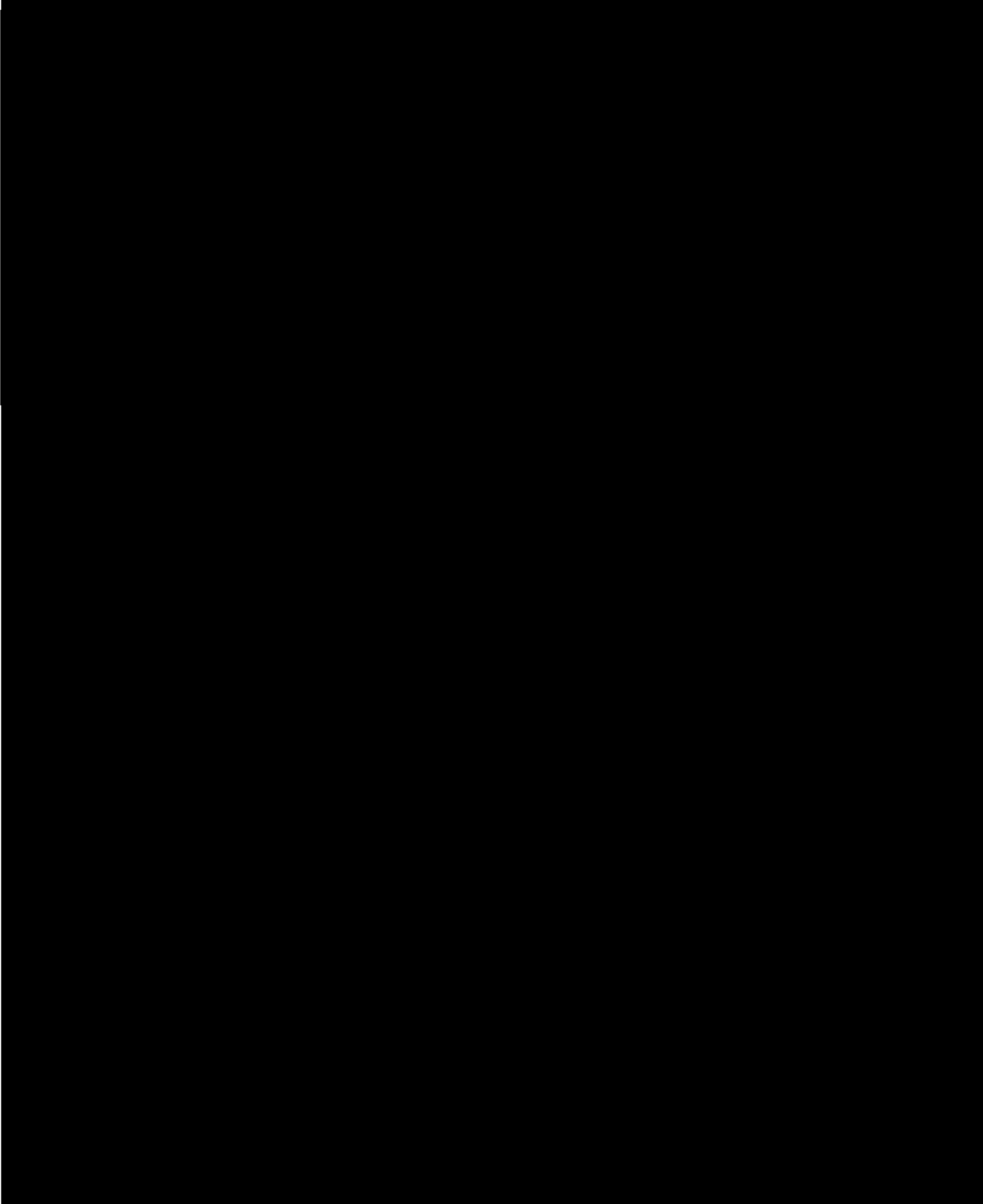
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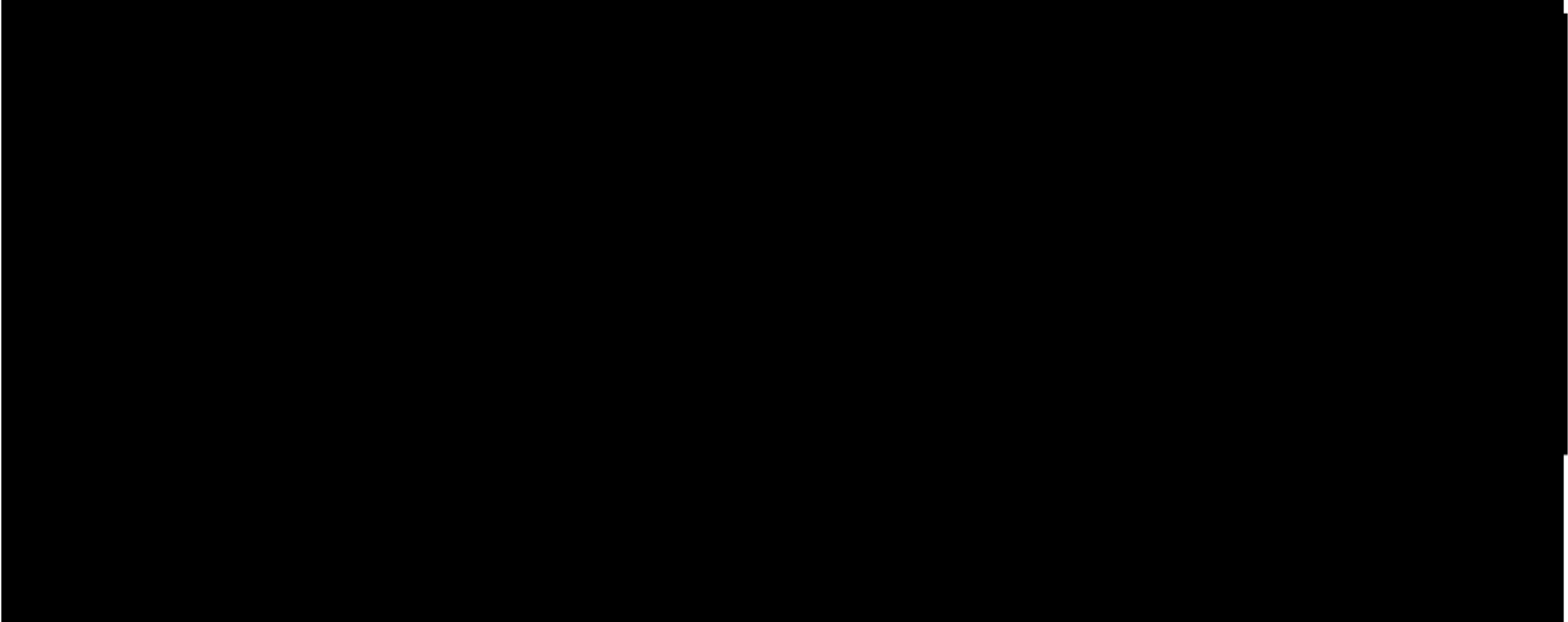
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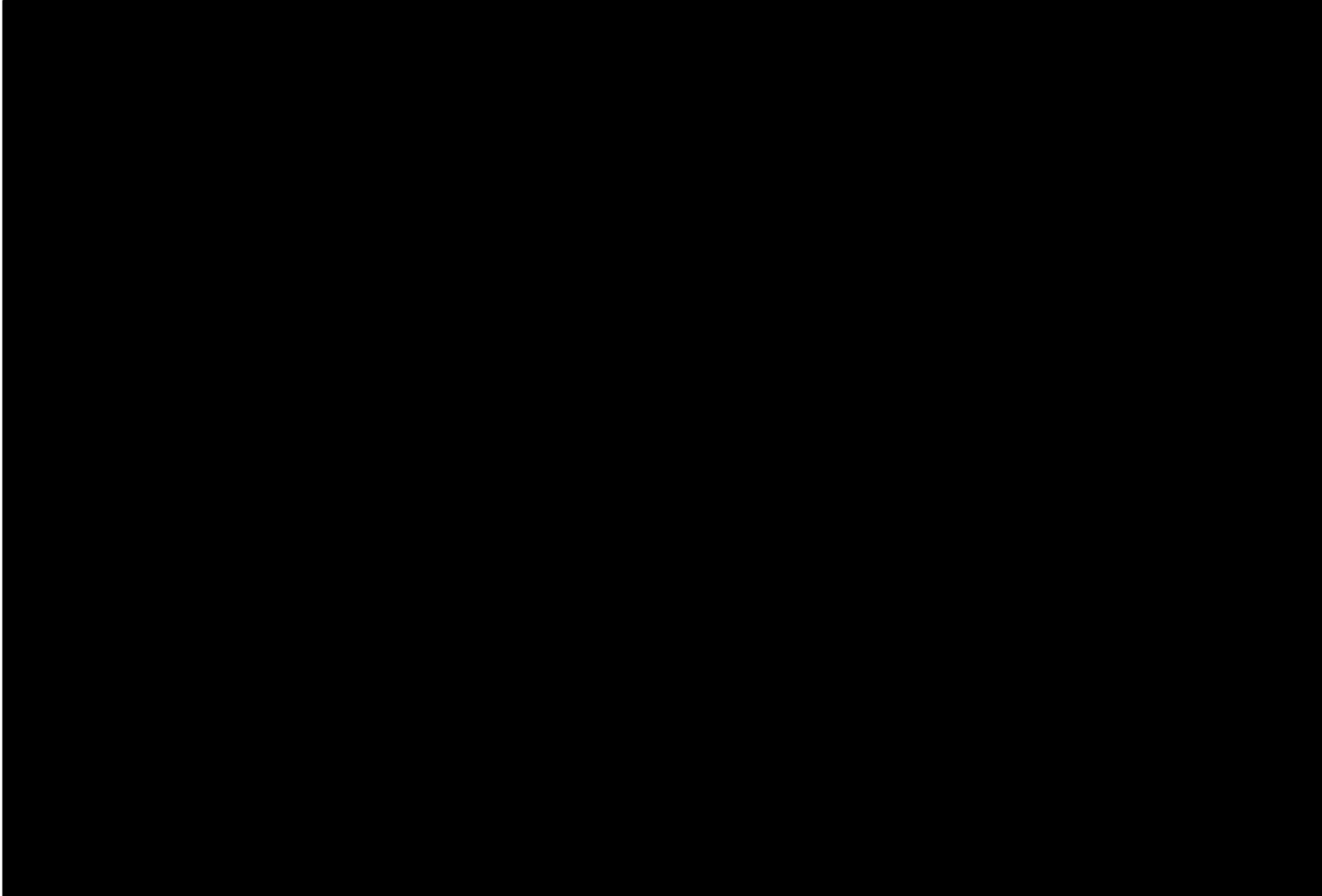
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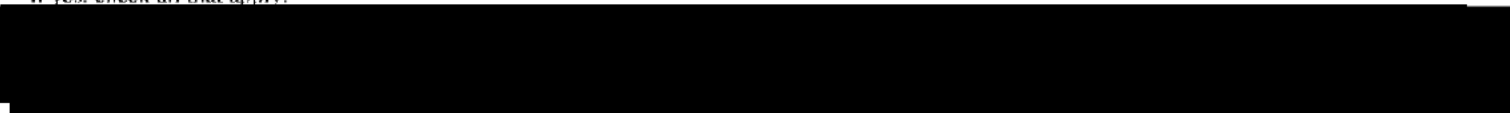
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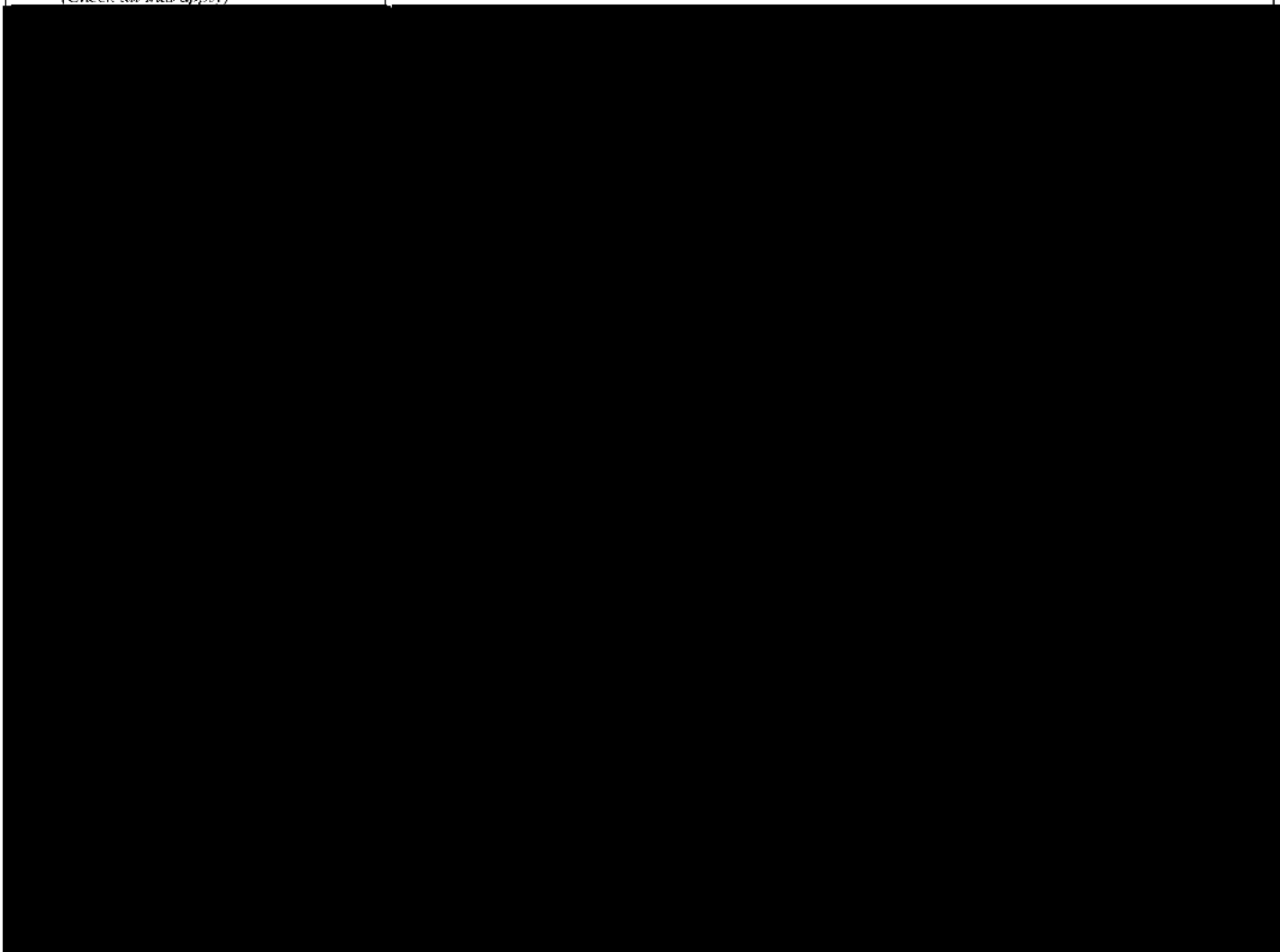
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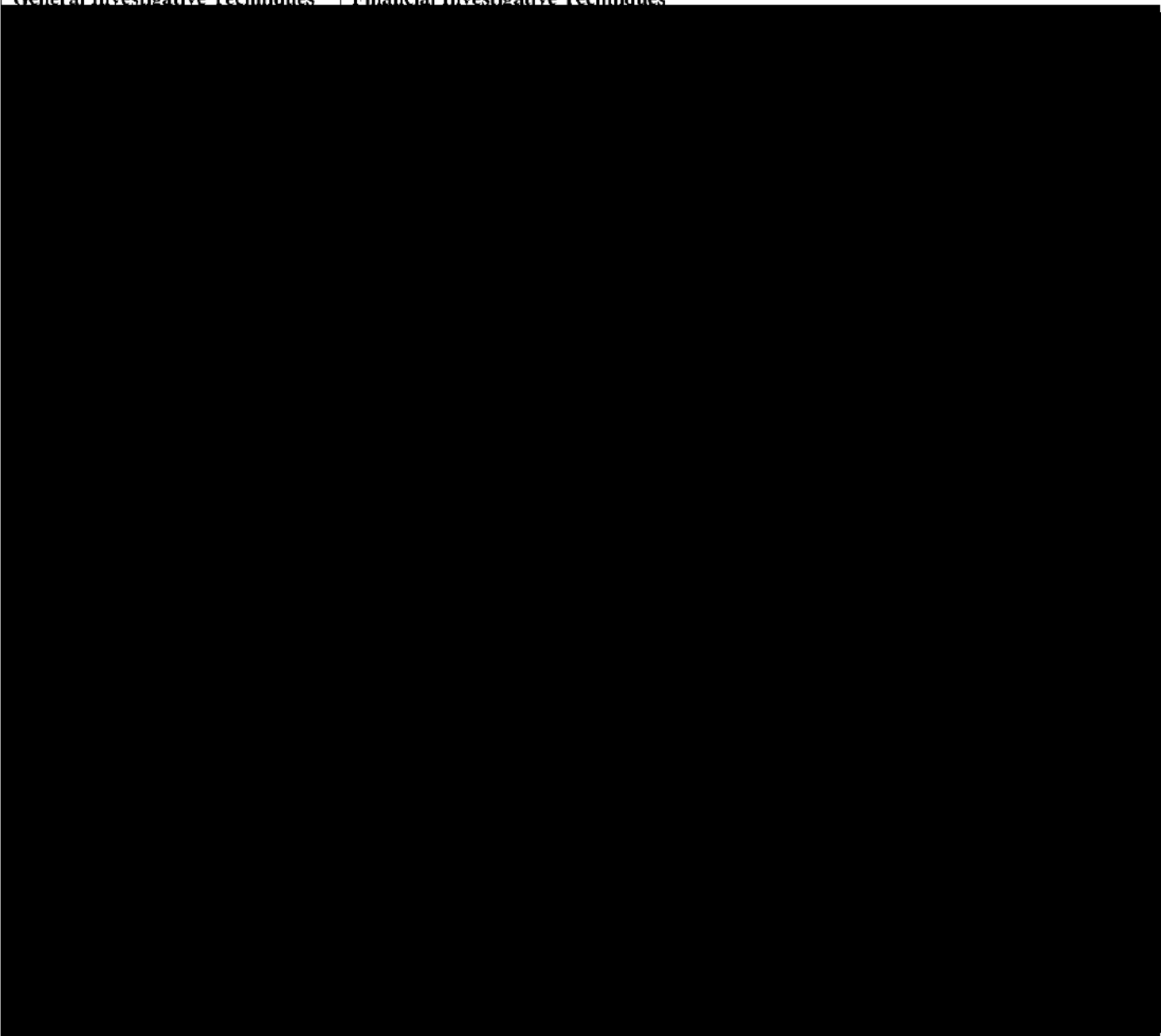
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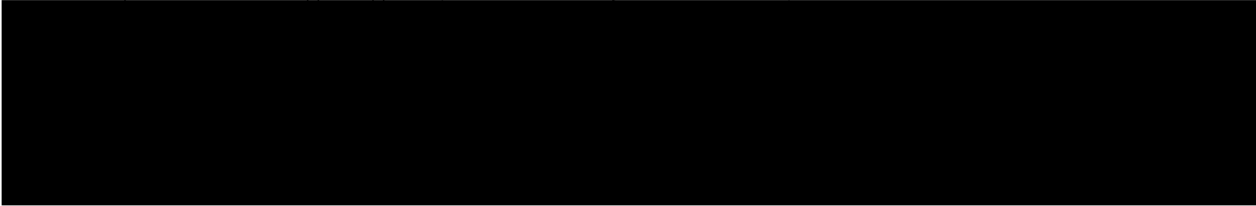
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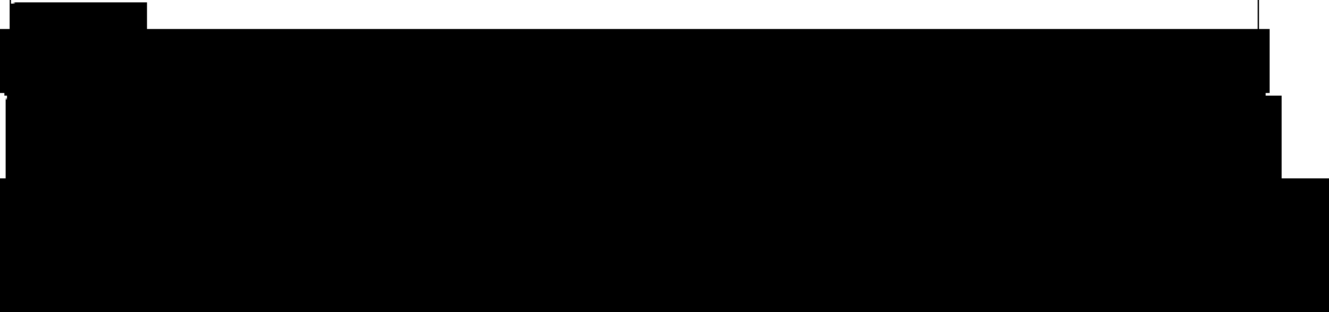
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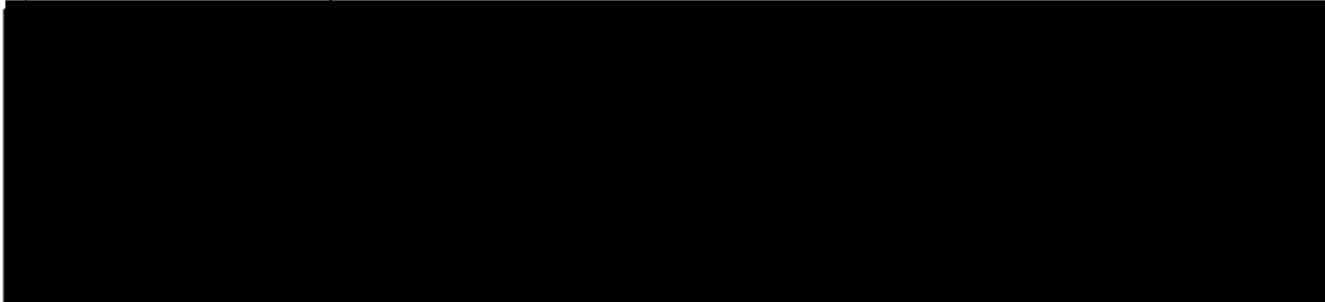
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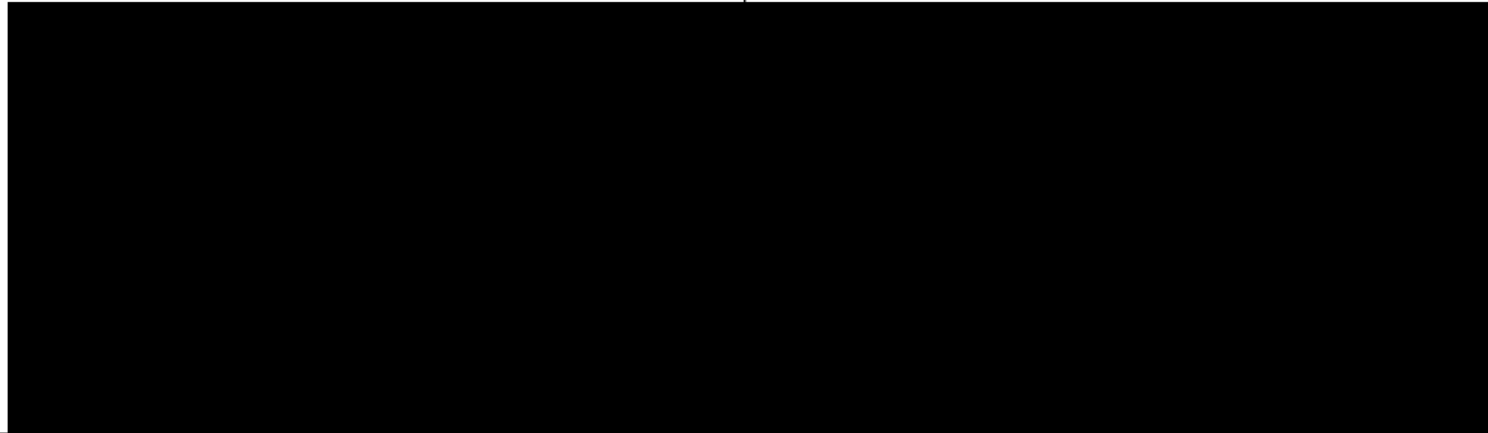
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