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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY CAMDEN VICINAGE

In re: Valsartan, Losartan, and Irbesartan Products Liability Litigation	MDL No. 2875 Honorable Robert <b>B</b> . Kugler, District Court Judge
This document relates to:	Honorable Karen Williams, Magistrate Judge
<u>All Cases</u>	

#### <u>CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 24</u> <u>APPROVING AND ORDERING USE OF SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AND EXPAND</u> <u>THE SCOPE OF CMO 13 TO INCLUDE LOSARTAN AND IRBESARTAN CASES</u>

In Case Management Order No. 13, this Court Ordered the use of Short Form Complaints for all Valsartan personal injury cases being filed into this MDL. On December 18, 2019, the JPML expanded the scope of this MDL to include claims stemming from various plaintiffs' use of losartan and irbesartan. Accordingly, the Court hereby orders that Short Form Complaints shall be filed for all personal injury cases involving valsartan, losartan, and/or irbesartan, or any combination thereof.

The Court hereby approves the amended version of the Short Form Complaint in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and Orders that all Plaintiffs with a personal injury case currently on file involving losartan or irbesartan shall file an Amended Short For Complaint within 30 days of approval of the Short Form Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit A. (This Court assumes that all Plaintiffs with a personal injury case involving valsartan currently on file are already utilizing and will continue to utilize the Short Form Complaint as ordered in Case Management Order No. 13.). All future personal injury direct filed cases (involving valsartan, losartan, irbesartan, or any combination thereof) in this MDL are Ordered to use the Short Form Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit A. All future

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personal injury cases transferred to this MDL are Ordered to file a Short Form Complaint within 30 days of transfer.

In Case Management Order No. 9, the Court Ordered the streamlined electronic service of various documents using the MDL Centrality System, including the Short Form Complaint. The Court hereby expands that order to apply to all claims involving valsartan, losartan, irbesartan, or any combination thereof. All parties are directed to review and comply with the provisions of Case Management Orders 3, 9, 13, and 19 with regard to the filing and service of the Short Form Complaint.

Counsel for all Defendants are Ordered to register with the MDL Centrality System, as provided in Case Management Order No. 9, within seven (7) days of the entry of this Order.

ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2021.

HON. ROBERT B. KUGLER UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY CAMDEN VICINAGE

In re: Valsartan, Losartan, and Irbesartan Products Liability Litigation

MDL No. 2875

Honorable Robert B. Kugler, District Court Judge

This document relates to:

Honorable Joel Schneider, Magistrate Judge

#### SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

Plaintiff(s) file(s) this *Short Form Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial* against Defendants named below by and through the undersigned counsel. Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference the allegations contained in Plaintiffs' Master Personal Injury Complaints for Valsartan (ECF No. 122), Losartan (ECF No. 682) and Irbesartan (ECF No. 683), MDL 2875 in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Camden Vicinage. Plaintiff(s) file this Short Form Complaint as permitted by Case Management Order Nos. 3, 9, 13, 13B, and 19 of this Court.

In addition to those causes of action contained in Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaints as referenced above, where certain claims require specific pleadings and/or amendments, Plaintiff(s) shall add and include them herein.

#### **IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES**

#### I. IDENTIFICATION OF PLAINTIFF(S)

1. Name of individual who alleges injury due to use of a valsartan, losartan, and/or irbesartan-containing drug:

- 2. This claim is being brought on behalf of
  - □ Myself
  - □ Someone else
    - a. If I checked, "someone else", this claim is being brought on behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. My relationship to the person in 2(a) is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Consortium Claim(s): The following individual(s) allege damages for loss of consortium:

4. County and state of residence of Plaintiff or place of death of Decedent: \_\_\_\_\_

- 5. If a survival and/or wrongful death claim is asserted:
  - a. Name of the individual(s) bringing the claims on behalf of the decedent's estate, and status (i.e., personal representative, administrator, next of kin, successor in interest, etc.):

#### II. IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANTS

1. Plaintiff brings these claims as a result of developing injuries as a result of taking the following medication(s):

Medication(s) Taken (Check all that apply)	
Valsartan-Containing Drugs (VCDs)	
Losartan Containing Drugs (LCDs)	
Irbesartan-Containing Drugs (ICDs)	

2. Plaintiff(s) bring claims against the following Defendants related to his or her ingestion of <u>Valsartan</u>:

(\*Defendants with asterisks next to their names have been dismissed pursuant to a dismissal and tolling stipulation entered by the Parties. By checking the box next to any asterisked Defendant(s), Plaintiff thereby represents that he or she would have brought an action against said Defendant(s) but for the dismissal and tolling stipulation.)

#### i. API Manufacturers

Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
API Manufacturer	Aurobindo Pharma, Ltd.	Foreign
API Manufacturer Parent Corporation	Hetero Drugs, Ltd.	Foreign
API Manufacturer	Hetero Labs, Ltd.	Foreign
API Manufacturer	Mylan Laboratories Ltd.	Foreign
API Manufacturer Parent Corporation	Mylan N.V.	Foreign
API Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
API Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

#### ii. Finished Dose Manufacturers

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
	Finished Dose	Arrow Pharm (Malta) Ltd.	Foreign
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	Finished Dose	Aurolife Pharma, LLC	NJ
	Manufacturer		- 5
	Finished Dose	Hetero Labs, Ltd.	Foreign
	Manufacturer		Bit
	Finished Dose	Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.	WV
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	Finished Dose	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries	Foreign
	Manufacturer	Ltd.	
	Finished Dose	Torrent Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.	Foreign
	Manufacturer		8
	Finished Dose	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical	Foreign
	Manufacturer	Co., Ltd.	8.*
	Finished Dose	John Doe	N/A
	Manufacturer		

### iii. Repackagers, Labelers, and Distributors

Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
Labeler/ Distributor	Aceteris, LLC	NJ
Finished Dose Distributor	Actavis LLC	NJ
Finished Dose Distributor	Actavis Pharma, Inc.	NI
Repackager	A-S Medication Solutions, LLC*	NE
Finished Product Distributor	Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc.	NJ

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Repackager	AvKARE, Inc.	TN
Repackager	Bryant Ranch Prepack, Inc.*	PA
Labeler/Distributor	Camber Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	NJ
Parent Company for The Harvard Drug Group, L.L.C. d/b/a Major Pharmaceuticals	Cardinal Health, Inc.*	ОН
Repackager	The Harvard Drug Group, LLC d/b/a Major Pharmaceuticals*	MI
Repackager	H J Harkins Co., Inc.	CA
API Distributor	Huahai U.S. Inc.	NJ
Repackager	Northwind Pharmaceuticals*	IN
Repackager	NuCare Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	СА
Repackager	Preferred Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	СА
Repackager	RemedyRepack, Inc.	PA
Finished Dose Distributor	Solco Healthcare U.S., LLC	NJ
Finished Dose Distributor	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.	РА
Finished Dose Distributor	Torrent Pharma, Inc.	NJ
Labeler/Distributor/Repackager	John Doe	N/A

#### iv. Wholesaler Defendants

Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
Wholesaler	AmerisourceBergen Corporation	PA
Wholesaler	Cardinal Health, Inc.	OH
Wholesaler	McKesson Corporation	TX
Wholesaler	John Doe	N/A

#### v. Pharmacies

Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
Pharmacy	Albertsons Companies, LLC	ID
Pharmacy	CVS Pharmacy, Inc.	RI
Pharmacy	Express Scripts, Inc.	МО
Pharmacy	Humana Pharmacy, Inc.	KY
Pharmacy	OptumRx	CA

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Pharmacy	Rite Aid Corp.	PA
Pharmacy	Walgreens Boots Alliance	IL
Pharmacy	Wal-Mart, Inc.	AR
Pharmacy	John Doe	N/A

#### vi. FDA Liaisons

Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
FDA Liaison	Hetero USA, Inc.	NJ
FDA Liaison	Prinston Pharmaceutical Inc.	NJ
FDA Liaison	John Doe	N/A

## 3. Plaintiff(s) bring claims against the following Defendants related to his or her ingestion of Losartan:

(\*Defendants with asterisks next to their names have been dismissed pursuant to a dismissal and tolling stipulation entered by the Parties. By checking the box next to any asterisked Defendant(s), Plaintiff thereby represents that he or she would have brought an action against said Defendant(s) but for the dismissal and tolling stipulation.)

#### i. API Manufacturers

Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
API Manufacturer Parent Corporation	Hetero Drugs, Ltd.	Foreign
API Manufacturer	Hetero Labs, Ltd.	Foreign
API Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
API Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

#### i. Finished Dose Manufacturers

Defendant Name	HQ States
Hetero Labs, Ltd.	Foreign
Macleods Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.	Foreign
Macleods Pharma USA, Inc.	NJ
Sandoz Inc.	NJ
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Finished Dose Manufacturer	Vivimed Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd.	Foreign
Finished Dose Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
Finished Dose Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

## i. Repackagers, Labelers, and Distributors

Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
Finished Dose Distributor	Actavis LLC	NJ
Finished Dose Distributor	Actavis Pharma, Inc.	NJ
Repackager	AvKARE, Inc.	TN
Labeler/Distribut or	Camber Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	NJ
Parent Company for The Harvard Drug Group, L.L.C. d/b/a Major Pharmaceuticals	Cardinal Health, Inc.	ОН
Repackager	Golden State Medical Supply, Inc. (GSMS)	CA
Repackager	The Harvard Drug Group, LLC d/b/a Major Pharmaceuticals	MI
Repackager	Heritage Pharmaceuticals, Inc. d/b/a/ Avet Pharmaceuticals	NJ
Repackager	H J Harkins Co., Inc. d/b/a PharmaPac	CA
API Distributor	Huahai U.S. Inc.	NJ
Repackager	Legacy Pharmaceutical Packaging, LLC	МО
Repackager	Major Pharmaceuticals	MI
Repackager	Preferred Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	CA
Repackager	RemedyRepack, Inc.	PA
Finished Dose Distributor	Solco Healthcare U.S., LLC	NJ
Finished Dose Distributor	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.	РА
Finished Dose Distributor	Torrent Pharma, Inc.	NJ
Labeler/Distribut or/Repackager	John Doe	N/A

#### i. Wholesaler Defendants

Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
Wholesaler	AmerisourceBergen Corporation	PA
Wholesaler	Cardinal Health, Inc.	OH
Wholesaler	McKesson Corporation	TX
Wholesaler	John Doe	N/A

#### ii. Pharmacies

 Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
Pharmacy	Albertsons Companies, LLC	ID
Pharmacy	CVS Pharmacy, Inc.	RI
Pharmacy	Express Scripts, Inc.	MO
Pharmacy	Humana Pharmacy, Inc.	KY
Pharmacy	OptumRx	CA
Pharmacy	Rite Aid Corp.	PA
Pharmacy	Walgreens Boots Alliance	IL
Pharmacy	Wal-Mart, Inc.	AR
Pharmacy	John Doe	N/A

#### iii. FDA Liaisons

Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
FDA Liaison	Hetero USA, Inc.	NI
FDA Liaison	Prinston Pharmaceutical Inc.	NI
FDA Liaison	John Doe	N/A

## 4. Plaintiff(s) bring claims against the following Defendants related to his or her ingestion of <u>Irbesartan</u>:

(\*Defendants with asterisks next to their names have been dismissed pursuant to a dismissal and tolling stipulation entered by the Parties. By checking the box next to any asterisked Defendant(s), Plaintiff thereby represents that he or she would have brought an action against said Defendant(s) but for the dismissal and tolling stipulation.)

#### i. API Manufacturers

Defendant Role	Defendant NI	
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API Manufacturer	Aurobindo Pharma, Ltd.	Foreign
API Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
API Manufacturer		N/A

### ii. Finished Dose Manufacturers

 Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
Finished Dose Manufacturer	Aurolife Pharma, LLC	NJ
Finished Dose Manufacturer	ScieGen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., U.S.	NY
Finished Dose Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
Finished Dose Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

## iii. Repackagers, Labelers, and Distributors

 efendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
epackager	Golden State Medical Supply, Inc. (GSMS)	CA
nished Dose stributor	Westminster Pharmaceuticals	TN
beler/Distribut /Repackager	John Doe	N/A

#### iv. Wholesaler Defendants

Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
Wholesaler	AmerisourceBergen Corporation	PA
Wholesaler	Cardinal Health, Inc.	OH
Wholesaler	McKesson Corporation	TX
Wholesaler	John Doe	N/A

#### v. Pharmacies

 Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
Pharmacy	Albertsons Companies, LLC	ID
Pharmacy	CVS Pharmacy, Inc.	RI
Pharmacy	Express Scripts, Inc.	MO
Pharmacy	Humana Pharmacy, Inc.	KY
Pharmacy	OptumRx	CA
Pharmacy	Rite Aid Corp.	PA
Pharmacy	Walgreens Boots Alliance	IL

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Pharmacy	Wal-Mart, Inc.	AR
Pharmacy	John Doe	N/A

vi. FDA Liaisons

Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
FDA Liaison	Prinston Pharmaceutical Inc.	NI
FDA Liaison	John Doe	N/A
	Joint Bot	N/A

### III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. Jurisdiction is based on:
  - Diversity of Citizenship
  - □ Other as set forth below: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Venue: District and Division in which remand and trial is proper and where you might have otherwise filed this Short Form Complaint, absent the Direct Filing Order entered by this Court: \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. PLAINTIFF'S INJURIES

9. Injuries: Plaintiff was diagnosed with the following type of cancer:

Liver		Kidney	
Stomach		Colorectal	
Pancreatic		Esophageal	
Small Intestine		Other:	
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#### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

- 10. Plaintiff(s) hereby adopt(s) and incorporate(s) by reference the Master Long Form Complaints and Jury Demand as if fully set forth herein.
- 11. The following claims and allegations asserted in the Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand are herein adopted by Plaintiff(s):

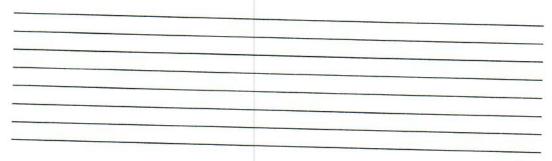
	Count I:	Strict Liability – Manufacturing Defect
	Count II	Strict Liability – Failure to Warn
	Count III:	Strict Liability – Design Defect
	Count IV:	Negligence
	Count V:	Negligence Per Se
	Count VI:	Breach of Express Warranty
	Count VII:	Breach of Implied Warranty
	Count VIII:	Fraud
	Count IX:	Negligent Misrepresentation
	Count X:	Breach of Consumer Protection Statutes of the
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	Count XI:	Wrongful Death
	Count XII:	Survival Action
	Count XIII:	Loss of Consortium
	Count XIV:	Punitive Damages
		Other State Law Causes of Action as Follows:
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12. Fraud Count: Plaintiff adopts, incorporates and relies upon the allegations made in the Master Complaint. Any additional Plaintiff-specific allegations as to the Fraud Count must be set forth here:

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13. Express Warranty Count: Plaintiff a allegations made in the Master Corr	dopts, incorporates, and relies upon the uplaint. Any additional Plaintiff-specific

allegations made in the Master Complaint. Any additional Plaintiff-specific allegations as to the Express Warranty Count must be set forth here:

14. Plaintiff(s) further bring claims against the following additional Defendants who are not listed above, and such claims are based upon the following grounds:



**WHEREFORE,** Plaintiff(s) pray(s) for relief and demand(s) a trial by jury as set forth in the Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint in MDL 2875 in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>/s/</u>

Attorney Name Attorney Firm Attorney Address Line 1 Attorney Address Line 2 Telephone: (###) ###-#### Fax: (###) ###-##### attorney@email.com

Counsel for Plaintiff(s)