UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE REMICADE ANTITRUST CIVIL ACTION

LITIGATION

This document relates to:

Indirect Purchaser Actions No. 17-cv-04326 (consolidated) **Direct Purchaser Actions**

No. 18-cv-00303 (consolidated)

PFIZER INC., CIVIL ACTION :

Plaintiff,

No. 17-cv-04180 v.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON and JANSSEN

BIOTECH, INC.,

:

Defendants. :

WALGREEN CO. and THE KROGER **CIVIL ACTION**

CO.,

Plaintiffs, No. 18-cy-02357

v.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON and JANSSEN

BIOTECH, INC.,

Defendants.

JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiffs Pfizer Inc. ("Pfizer"), direct purchaser class plaintiffs ("DPPs"), indirect purchaser class plaintiffs ("IPPs") (the DPPs and IPPs together, the "Class Plaintiffs"), and retailer plaintiffs Walgreen Co. and the Kroger Co. ("Retailers") (collectively, "Plaintiffs") and defendants Johnson & Johnson and Janssen Biotech, Inc. (collectively, "Defendants" or "J&J"), respectfully submit this joint case management report of their Rule 26(f) conference in advance

¹ J&J and the DPPs agree that the DPPs may participate in this report and the upcoming status conference with the understanding that: (1) DPPs will not argue that their participation in discovery constitutes a waiver of arbitration by Defendants; and (2) neither DPPs nor Defendants waive or are prejudiced in their ability to make any arguments made in the motion to compel arbitration briefing as a result of the preceding agreement or DPPs' participation in discovery.

of the Rule 16 conference in *Pfizer Inc. v. Johnson & Johnson*, No. 17-4180 (the "*Pfizer* Action") scheduled for September 27, 2018.²

On December 19, 2017, Pfizer and J&J submitted a joint Rule 26(f) report and a proposed pretrial schedule.³ On February 20, 2018, the IPPs and J&J submitted a joint Rule 26(f) report and a proposed pretrial schedule.⁴ The Court then stayed discovery in the *Pfizer* Action on February 26, 2018 pending its ruling on Defendants' motion to dismiss the Pfizer complaint.⁵ By operation of agreements among the parties and applicable court orders, the stay entered in the *Pfizer* action effectively also stayed the DPP, IPP, and Retailer actions. On August 10, 2018, the Court denied J&J's motion to dismiss Pfizer's complaint and lifted the stay of discovery in the *Pfizer* Action, the effect of which lifted the stay as to all the other related pending actions.⁶ In advance of the Rule 16 conference, the parties submit this updated, consolidated joint case management status report, which supersedes all prior reports, and attach a chart showing each side's proposed pretrial schedule.

I. Fully Briefed Pending Motions

- A. In the DPP Action, 18-cv-303: Defendants' Motion to Compel Individual

 Arbitration and Stay Proceedings, filed April 9, 2018.
 - 1. Applicable 18-cv-303 docket numbers: 29 (opening); 40-41 (opposition); 46, 48 (reply); and 53, 55-56 (sur-reply).
- B. In the DPP and IPP Actions, 18-cv-303 and 17-cv-4326: Defendants' Motions (1) to Dismiss the Indirect Purchasers' Consolidated Amended Complaint and (2) to

² ECF No. 67. "ECF" references are to the *Pfizer* Action, unless otherwise noted.

³ ECF No. 38.

⁴ See ECF No. 52, In re Remicade Antitrust Litig., No. 17-04326 (E.D. Pa.).

⁵ ECF No. 50.

⁶ Compare ECF 59, with Feb. 27, 2018 Memorandum entered in 17-cv-4180 (ECF 49), at 1 n.1 (as corrected by Mar. 22, 2018 Order (ECF 51)), and Jun. 20, 2018 Order entered in 18-cv-2357 (ECF 10).

Dismiss the Amended Direct Purchaser Class Action Complaint if Motion to Compel Individual Arbitration and Stay Proceedings Is Denied, filed April 9, 2018.

- 1. Applicable 18-cv-303 docket numbers: 31 (opening); 39 (opposition); 44 (notice of supplemental authority); and 47 (reply).
- Applicable 17-cv-4326 docket numbers: 67 (opening); 73 (opposition);
 74 (notice of supplemental authority); and 75 (reply).

II. Summary of Case Management Disputes

While, as discussed below in detail, the parties have reached agreement on a number of issues, for the convenience of the Court the main areas of dispute remaining are:

1. Sequencing of Class Certification and Expert Discovery. Plaintiffs' position (and particularly the Class Plaintiffs) is that class expert discovery, merits expert discovery, and briefing on the IPP's and DPP's class certification motions should not be separately phased with additional time added to the schedule because the class and merits issues are likely to be heavily intermeshed and accordingly can be more efficiently addressed at once by the simultaneous submission of both class and merit expert reports. Pfizer's and Retailers' positions are that merits expert discovery and dispositive motions in their cases should not be delayed due to class certification motions. J&J's position is that the parties should first proceed with class expert discovery and briefing on the IPP's and DPP's class certification motions, and then proceed to merits expert discovery thereafter. Class and merits issues are unlikely to be linked to such an extent that substantial efficiencies will be realized by simultaneous class and merits expert discovery. J&J's proposed schedule will also allow for all parties to incorporate the impact of the Court's ruling on class certification, which may significantly alter the scope of the case and,

with respect to the IPPs and DPPs, may effectively remove the need for further expert discovery. Separating class and merits expert discovery is most likely to avoid unnecessary work on expert submissions that are unnecessary or may need to be revised in light of the Court's rulings on class certification.

- 2. **Sur-replies.** Class Plaintiffs' position is that sur-replies for class certification are the exception, not the rule, and should therefore not be provided for in the schedule as a matter of course. J&J's position is that class sur-replies may be necessary if Class Plaintiffs' reply briefs include new argument. As provided in J&J's proposed schedule, J&J will only seek leave to file a sur-reply should new issues be raised by Class Plaintiffs' reply brief.
- 3. Timing of Trial Following Summary Judgment. Plaintiffs' position is that pretrial preparation should not be on hold pending a ruling on motions for summary judgment. The sudden halting of all final pre-trial preparations, when the parties have just sifted through and assessed the pertinent evidence for purposes of the summary judgment submissions, creates an unnecessary delay. To the extent motions for summary judgment are denied, the parties will be ready for trial, and if the scope of any issues are narrowed, the parties will more easily be able to amend their pretrial submissions than start from scratch after a period of inactivity. J&J's proposed schedule provides for pre-trial submissions beginning one month after the Court's ruling on any motions for summary judgment. J&J submits this process will be more efficient, as the Court's rulings on summary judgment will affect preparations for trial. To the extent motions for summary judgment are granted in their entirety, no pre-trial submissions will be necessary. And to the extent the motions are granted in part, requiring pre-trial submissions only after a ruling will prevent the parties from needing to duplicate work by amending their pretrial submissions.

The parties' respective positions are explained in detail below.

III. Summary of Claims and Defenses

A. Pfizer's, DPPs', and Retailers' Summary of Their Claims:

In 2016, Pfizer launched Inflectra (infliximab), an FDA-approved "biosimilar" drug, which is designed and approved as a substitute for J&J's long-entrenched Remicade (infliximab). J&J, however, has used its monopoly position and exclusionary tactics to unfairly stifle competition in the relevant market. This violates the antitrust laws and also thwarts Congress's purpose in enacting the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act, which is intended to foster meaningful price competition for long-entrenched branded biologic products like Remicade. J&J's exclusionary tactics with health insurers and providers, and other actions, have led to the near total foreclosure of Inflectra and other infliximab biosimilars from patients across the country. This conduct has harmed the competitive process and deprived the marketplace of the principal benefits of competition—more choices and lower prices—causing harm to Pfizer and substantial overcharges to the DPPs, IPPs, and Retailers. Pfizer asserts four causes of action: (1) Monopolization under Section 2 of the Sherman Act, (2) Attempted Monopolization under Section 2 of the Sherman Act, (3) Sale on Condition to Exclude Inflectra and Other Infliximab Biosimilars under Section 3 of the Clayton Act, and (4) Agreements in Restraint of Trade under Section 1 of the Sherman Act. Pfizer is seeking trebled damages, costs, including its reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, permanent injunctive relief and other relief.

The DPPs assert two causes of action: (1) Monopolization under Section 2 of the Sherman Act, and (2) Contracts in Restraint of Trade under Section 1 of the Sherman Act. The DPPs are seeking damages of three times overcharges, costs, including attorneys' fees, and other relief. Defendants' motion to dismiss those claims are without merit as, among other reasons,

DPPs have alleged antitrust injury in the form of infliximab overcharges. (ECF 39, *In re Remicade Antitrust Litig.*, Case No. 2:18-cv-00303 (E.D. Pa.)). Nor are DPPs antitrust claims subject to arbitration. *Id.* at ECF Nos. 40-41, 53, and 55-56.

The Retailers assert three causes of action: (1) Monopolization under section 2 of the Sherman Act; (2) Attempted Monopolization under section 2 of the Sherman Act; and (3) Conspiracy in Restraint of Trade under section 1 of the Sherman Act. Retailers are seeking damages of three times overcharges, costs, including attorneys' fees, permanent injunctive relief and other relief.

B. Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs' Summary of Their Claims:

The Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs allege that in an effort to maintain and extend its monopoly for Remicade, J&J worked to suppress competition and raise prices to purchasers of the biologic by imposing a web of exclusionary contracts on both health insurers and healthcare providers. In addition to the exclusionary contracts, the IPPs also allege J&J engaged in other anticompetitive acts, including bundling other J&J products with Remicade, implementing coercive rebate policies and filing sham patent litigation. Plaintiffs National Employees Health Plan, Local 295 IBT Employer Group Welfare Fund and the Welfare Fund of Plumbers Local Union No. 200 bring claims under Federal and state antitrust law as well as under various state consumer protection statutes, for damages and injunctive relief. Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs also bring claims alleging Walker Process Fraud related to J&J's wrongfully asserted patent claims against potential competitors.

C. J&J's Summary of Its Defenses:

J&J denies Plaintiffs' allegations that it has engaged in anticompetitive conduct in violation of the Sherman or Clayton Acts. To the extent Pfizer's Inflectra has failed to meet

Pfizer's expectations in the market, that is due to Pfizer's failure to compete effectively. In addition, (1) Remicade has a long and successful clinical history with which physicians and payors are familiar, whereas biosimilars like Inflectra do not; (2) the FDA has not deemed Inflectra to be interchangeable with Remicade; (3) Remicade is cost-effective and widely covered due in part to the rebates and discounts that Janssen provides to payors and providers; (4) the FDA has approved several drugs for the treatment of the same indications as Inflectra, and Inflectra must compete against all of these drugs, including Remicade, to succeed; and (5) the entire concept of a "biosimilar" is new, with the first biosimilar approval in 2015, so physicians are not familiar with them.

J&J's defenses in the *Pfizer* Action include: (1) Pfizer has not suffered an injury cognizable under the antitrust laws; (2) Pfizer has not shown harm to competition as J&J's rebates and discounts on Remicade are an integral part of the competitive process; (3) Pfizer has not made substantial efforts to compete with J&J either on price or by offering its own competitive bundle; (4) Pfizer has not properly defined the market; (5) J&J's contracts are procompetitive, and do not cause harm to competition or to Pfizer; and (6) the market for drugs to treat the relevant indications is competitive.

With respect to the DPPs, plaintiff Rochester Drug Cooperative Inc.'s ("Rochester") complaint is subject to mandatory arbitration, and Janssen has filed a motion to compel arbitration of Rochester's claims on an individual basis. *See* ECF 29, *In re Remicade Antitrust Litig.*, Case No. 2:18-cv-00303 (E.D. Pa.). To the extent Rochester is not compelled to arbitrate, J&J's defenses to the DPPs' claims, as set forth in its motion to dismiss, include that the DPPs have failed to plead sufficient facts to establish a cognizable antitrust injury. And should the case proceed beyond the motion to dismiss, J&J will also raise additional defenses, including those

relating to the definition of the market, the procompetitive justifications for its contracts, the lack of harm to competition or to the DPPs, and the competitive nature of the market for drugs to treat the relevant indications.

With respect to the IPPs, Janssen's defenses, as set forth in its motion to dismiss, include that the IPPs have failed to plead sufficient facts to establish a cognizable antitrust injury (and in fact, according to their allegations, are the beneficiaries of the very policies they decry in their complaint), have failed to plead facts sufficient to sustain their "sham" litigation and *Walker Process* claims, and have failed to plausibly plead elements of their state law claims. Should the case proceed beyond the motion to dismiss, J&J will raise additional defenses, including those relating to the definition of the market, the procompetitive justifications for its contracts, the lack of harm to competition or to the IPPs, and the competitive nature of the market for drugs to treat the relevant indications.

Finally, with respect to the Retailers, Janssen has similar arguments to those included in its motion to dismiss the DPP's and IPP's complaint, as well as arguments specific to the Retailers. J&J intends to submit a motion to dismiss the Retailers' complaint on September 28, 2018.

IV. <u>Case Management Proposals</u>

A. Initial Disclosures (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(A)):

The parties agree that initial disclosures should be served on October 11, 2018, which is 14 days after the Rule 16 case management conference on September 27.

B. Proposed Discovery Schedule (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(B)):

1. Plaintiffs' Position

The Court has lifted the stay of discovery in all actions, and thus discovery has already commenced. On September 7, 2018, Plaintiffs served a first set of joint requests on J&J for the production of documents. The parties have agreed to sixteen months of fact discovery, starting from the Court's September 27, 2018 conference. Plaintiffs' propose approximately four months of expert discovery following the close of fact discovery. Plaintiffs also propose to conduct class-related briefing concurrently so that all class-related submissions, including any related *Daubert* challenges, are submitted before the end of expert discovery and with minimal disruption to the advancement of the non-class cases. Plaintiffs' proposed schedule is set forth in the first and second columns of Exhibit A attached hereto. J&J's proposed schedule set forth the third and fourth columns of Exhibit A, provides for inefficient and lengthy staging that, at minimum, sees this case entering the Court's trial pool over a year later than under Plaintiffs' proposed schedule (likely even more because J&J proposes staying pretrial disclosures pending a ruling on summary judgment).

2. J&J's Position

J&J served its first set of document requests on Pfizer on September 13, 2018.⁷ J&J's proposed schedule provides for class certification expert discovery and briefing to be completed before the parties move into merits expert disclosures. J&J proposes that plaintiffs' merits reports due four months after the completion of class certification submissions, which will provide an opportunity for the parties to account for the Court's rulings. J&J recognizes that this will require a pause in proceedings specific to the *Pfizer* Action, but submits that a short delay is

⁷ J&J anticipates serving document requests on the IPPs and Retailers in the near future. J&J anticipates serving documents requests on the DPPs if its motion to compel arbitration of Rochester's individual claims is denied.

required to allow for efficient coordination of the cases. J&J's proposed schedule then provides for merits expert discovery and pretrial motions.

C. Subjects on Which Discovery May Be Needed (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(B)):

1. Plaintiffs' Position

Plaintiffs believe that all parties are entitled to discovery to the fullest extent permitted by the applicable Rules. Without limitation, Plaintiffs anticipate the need for discovery from J&J and third parties - including but not limited to manufacturers of infliximab, insurers, GPOs, hospitals, and clinics – regarding a number of topics, including (1) J&J's contracts with insurers, providers, and other third parties for Remicade, (2) negotiations between J&J and third parties regarding contracting for Remicade, (3) J&J's contracting strategies for Remicade with respect to insurers, providers, and other third parties, (4) J&J's strategies for responding to the launch of biosimilars to Remicade, including the launch of Inflectra, (5) J&J's pricing, marketing, and sales strategies for Remicade, (6) transactional sales, rebate, and discount data for Remicade and products bundled with Remicade, (7) forecasts and budgets for Remicade, (8) profit and loss statements and cost data for Remicade, (9) evaluations and analyses of competing products, (10) product market evaluations and market share analyses and forecasts, (11) communications between J&J and third parties regarding sales, marketing, and pricing for Remicade, (12) communications between J&J and third parties regarding insurance coverage and reimbursement for Remicade and for biosimilars, (13) actions taken by Defendants related to competing patents, (14) evaluations and analysis of insurance coverage for Remicade and biosimilars, including Inflectra, and (15) the market foreclosure impact of the various components of J&J's anticompetitive scheme.

⁸ Such discovery is relevant to claims asserted in the IPP action.

Plaintiffs are coordinating discovery and will endeavor to continue to do so in order to, for example, avoid duplicative depositions

2. IPPs' Position

In addition to the subjects listed above, the IPPs anticipate the need for discovery from J&J and third parties regarding actions taken by Defendants related to competing patents.

3. J&J's Position

J&J submits that any discovery should be coordinated between each of the cases. As to the *Pfizer* Action, likely subjects of discovery will include (1) J&J's contracting with payors and providers relating to Remicade; (2) Pfizer's contracting with payors and providers relating to Inflectra; (3) Pfizer's attempts to compete with J&J in relation to Inflectra and its decisions with regard to market prices, rebates and discounts; (4) financial and sales data relating to sales of both Remicade and Inflectra; and (5) discovery relevant to competing products with regard to the appropriate market definition. J&J anticipates that these issues will require discovery from the parties and from certain third parties. As to the DPP, IPP, and Retailer cases, to the extent those cases survive J&J's pending motion to compel arbitration of Rochester's individual claims and the pending and anticipated motions to dismiss, J&J anticipates that discovery will be required on similar subjects, as well as discovery on the specific antitrust injuries those plaintiffs claim to have suffered.

D. Discovery Phasing (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(B)):

1. Plaintiffs' Position

The parties agree that fact and expert discovery should proceed sequentially with DPP and IPP class certification briefing occurring simultaneously with the exchange of expert reports regarding class certification. As indicated in Plaintiffs' proposed schedule in Exhibit A,

11

Plaintiffs' position is that Plaintiffs' expert reports for both class and merits issues would be served just after the close of fact discovery, and any remaining expert discovery, including J&J's expert reports, Plaintiffs' rebuttal reports, and expert depositions, as well as class certification briefing, would proceed for a total of about four months. Plaintiffs proposal is aimed at efficiency—one round of expert reports and depositions—and ensures that non-class plaintiffs (Pfizer and the Retailer Plaintiffs) need not sit on the sideline for almost a year while class issues are addressed. The efficiency gains from Plaintiffs' proposed schedule are particularly acute here where the class and merits issues in this case are heavily intermeshed and expert merits discovery will proceed regardless of the outcome of class certification both because the class plaintiffs will remain parties and because Pfizer and the Retailer Plaintiffs are proceeding with non-class cases.

2. J&J's Position

The parties agree that fact and expert discovery should proceed sequentially. J&J submits that having class and merits expert discovery proceed in parallel would be inefficient, as the Court's ruling on class certification is likely to have a significant impact on the scope of the class litigation, including any merits expert testimony. Sequential class and merits expert discovery as set forth in Defendants' proposal at Exhibit A—with merits discovery proceeding after class certification—will increase the chances that the parties can avoid unnecessary burden and expense either through unnecessary expert testimony or through having to submit revised expert reports in light of any rulings by the Court.

E. Protocol for Electronically Stored Information (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(C)):

The parties are meeting and conferring on a protocol for production of electronically

⁹ Plaintiffs do not concede that Defendants will have any basis for opposing class certification.

stored information.

F. Issues about Confidentiality (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(C)):

The parties are meeting and conferring on a proposed protective order limiting the disclosure of competitively sensitive information produced during discovery. The parties are likewise meeting and conferring on a stipulation and proposed order regarding the non-disclosure of certain information concerning expert witnesses.

G. Issues about Claims of Privilege or Protection (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(D)):

The parties are meeting and conferring on a procedure for identifying all documents that are withheld (or redacted) on privilege or work product grounds.

H. Changes to Limitations on Discovery (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3)(E)):

The parties do not propose any changes to the limitations on discovery imposed by the applicable Rules other than as listed below. Notwithstanding the proposed limits below, the parties reserve their rights to seek leave from the Court to increase the number of depositions to be taken.

1. Number of Party Depositions

The parties contemplate substantial deposition discovery and have accordingly agreed on to 52 party depositions as follows:

- a. J&J is subject to a total of 20 party depositions. Plaintiffs will coordinate in the taking of those depositions.
- b. Pfizer is subject to a total of 20 party depositions by J&J.
- c. Each of the Class Plaintiffs and Retailers is subject to 2 party depositions by J&J.

Individuals and entities affiliated with the Parties, including current and former employees, shall count toward the party deposition limits. To the extent additional depositions

are required, the parties have reserved their rights to approach the Court at a later time, at which point the Court can consider a request for additional depositions against a record of existing and proposed additional discovery.

2. Rule 30(b)(6) Depositions

The parties have reached agreement on a procedure on how to count Rule 30(b)(6) depositions for purposes of the overall limits. Any Rule 30(b)(6) deposition of a named party counts as 1 deposition no matter the number of witnesses designated to testify, unless the deposition exceeds 7 hours. In the event that a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition exceeds 7 hours, the additional hours shall count as an additional deposition or the pro rata portion of an additional deposition (*e.g.*, if a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition lasts 14 hours, it shall count as 2 depositions out of the total party depositions allocated per side; if a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition lasts 10.5 hours, it shall count as 1½ depositions out of the total party depositions allocated per side). Subject to the per-side deposition cap, the parties are not precluded from seeking the deposition of a Rule 30(b)(6) designee in their individual capacity, which will count as an additional deposition.

3. Third-Party Depositions

The parties agree that a substantial amount of third-party depositions may be necessary in this case, and accordingly have agreed that each side (*i.e.*, all Plaintiffs constituting one side and J&J constituting the other side) may take up to 45 third-party depositions. The parties also agree that third-party depositions will not count toward the per-side deposition cap for party depositions, but should instead be subject to a separate limit. The parties agree on a protocol for dividing time at third party depositions. If only Plaintiff(s) or only J&J has noticed the third party's deposition, the noticing party will be allowed up to six hours of examination, allowing the other side up to one hour of examination. In the event Plaintiff(s) and J&J notice the same

deposition, Plaintiff(s) and J&J will each be allocated three-and-a-half hours of examination time. If one side does not use its full allotted time for all examinations of the witness (including direct and re-direct), the other side may use any remaining time for their examination. The parties agree that Plaintiffs collectively count as one side for purposes of these allocations, Plaintiffs agree to share their examination time, and all parties reserve the right to request permission for additional examination time and to exceed the third party deposition limit if they

4. Coordination of Discovery Among Plaintiffs

reasonably and in good faith believe such additional depositions are necessary.

The parties in all of the above-captioned actions agree to work together, to the extent possible, to avoid duplicative discovery or undue burden, including scheduling depositions to avoid the need to depose an individual more than once.

V. Possibility of Prompt Settlement or Resolution

The parties have conferred and do not anticipate being able to promptly resolve their differences.

Dated: September 25, 2018 Respectfully submitted,

/s Adeel Mangi

Leslie E. John (PA Id. No. 62290) Matthew I. Vahey (PA Id. No. 315920) BALLARD SPAHR LLP 1735 Market Street, 51st Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103 Tel: (215) 665-8500 john@ballardspahr.com vaheym@ballardspahr.com

William F. Cavanaugh (pro hac vice) Adeel A. Mangi (pro hac vice) /s Michael J. Gallagher

Robert A. Milne (*Pro Hac Vice*)
Michael J. Gallagher (*Pro Hac Vice*)
Bryan D. Gant (*Pro Hac Vice*)
Ross E. Elfand (*Pro Hac Vice*)
White & Case LLP
1221 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10025-1095
Tel: (212) 819-8200
Fax: (212) 354-8113
rmilne@whitecase.com

mgallagher@whitecase.com

George LoBiondo (*pro hac vice*)
PATTERSON BELKNAP WEBB & TYLER
LLP
1133 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10036-6710
Tel: (212) 336-2000
puforyangueh@physt.com

Jonathan H. Hatch (pro hac vice)

Tel: (212) 336-2000 wfcavanaugh@pbwt.com aamangi@pbwt.com jhatch@pbwt.com jmdavies@pbwt.com

Thomas O. Barnett (pro hac vice)
Ashley E. Bass (pro hac vice)
COVINGTON & BURLING LLP
850 Tenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001-4956
Tel: (202) 662-6000
tbarnett@cov.com
abass@cov.com

Counsel for Johnson & Johnson and Janssen Biotech. Inc.

bgant@whitecase.com relfand@whitecase.com

H. Robert Fiebach (PA 02812)
Peter M. Ryan (PA 81816)
Cozen O'Connor
One Liberty Place
1650 Market Street, Suite 2800
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Tel: (215) 665-4166
Fax: (215) 665-2013
rfiebach@cozen.com
pryan@cozen.com

Elliott E. Dionisio (*Pro Hac Vice*) White & Case LLP 555 S. Flower Street, Suite 2700 Los Angeles, CA 90071-2433 Tel: (213) 620-7700 Fax: (213) 452-2329 elliott.dionisio@whitecase.com

Trisha M. Grant (*Pro Hac Vice*) White & Case LLP 701 Thirteenth Street, NW Washington, DC 20005-3807 Tel: +1 202 625 3600 Fax: +1 202 639 9355

Counsel for Pfizer Inc.

trisha.grant@whitecase.com

/s David F. Sorensen

David F. Sorensen (#57766)

Andrew C. Curley
Zachary D. Caplan
Karissa J. Sauder
BERGER MONTAGUE PC
1818 Market Street, Suite 3600
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Tel: (215) 875-3000

Tel: (215) 875-3000 Fax: (215) 875-4604 dsorensen@bm.net

/s Alexandra S. Bernay

Patrick J. Coughlin
David W. Mitchell
Brian O'Mara
Alexandra S. Bernay
Carmen A. Medici
ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN
& DOWD LLP
655 West Broadway, Suite 1900
San Diego, CA 92101
Tel: (619) 231-1058

acurley@bm.net zcaplan@bm.net ksauder@bm.net

Interim Lead and Liaison Counsel for the Proposed Direct Purchaser Class

Peter R. Kohn
Joseph T. Lukens
FARUQI & FARUQI LLP
101 Greenwood Ave, Suite 600
Jenkintown, PA 19046
Tel: (215) 277-5770
pkohn@faruqilaw.com
jlukens@faruqilaw.com

Bradley J. Demuth FARUQI & FARUQI LLP 685 Third Avenue, 26th Floor New York, NY 10017 Tel: (212) 983-9330 bdemuth@farugilaw.com

Archana Tamoshunas TAUS, CEBULASH & LANDAU, LLP 80 Maiden Lane, Suite 1204 New York, NY 10038 Tel: (646) 873-7654 atamoshunas@tcllaw.com

Additional Counsel for the Proposed Direct Purchaser Class

/s Barry L Refsin

Barry L. Refsin
Maureen S. Lawrence
HANGLEY ARONCHICK SEGAL PUDLIN
& SCHILLER
One Logan Square, 27th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Tel: (215) 568-6200
brefsin@hangley.com
mlawrence@hangley.com

Fax: (619) 231-7423 patc@rgrdlaw.com davidm@rgrdlaw.com bomara@rgrdlaw.com xanb@rgrdlaw.com cmedici@rgrdlaw.com

Randi D. Bandman ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP 30 Vesey Street, Suite 200 New York, NY 10007 Tel: (212) 693-1058 randib@rgrdlaw.com

Interim Lead Counsel for the Proposed Indirect Purchaser Class

Jayne A. Goldstein (#48048)
Natalie Finkelman Bennett (#57197)
James C. Shah (#80337)
SHEPHERD, FINKELMAN, MILLER & SHAH, LLP
35 East State Street
Media, PA 19063
Tel: (610) 891-9880
Fax: (866) 300-7367
jgoldstein@sfmslaw.com
nfinkelman@sfmslaw.com
jshah@sfmslaw.com

Interim Liaison Counsel for the Proposed Indirect Purchaser Class Richard Alan Arnold Scott E. Perwin Lauren C. Ravkind Anna T. Neill KENNY NACHWALTER P.A. 1441 Brickell Avenue Four Seasons Tower, Suite 1100 Miami, FL 33131 Tel: (305) 373-1000 raa@knpa.com sperwin@knpa.com lravkind@knpa.com aneill@knpa.com

Counsel to Walgreen Co. and The Kroger Co.

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE REMICADE ANTITRUST : CIVIL ACTION LITIGATION

HUATION

This document relates to:

Indirect Purchaser Actions
No. 17-cv-04326 (consolidated)
No. 18 ev 00303 (consolidated)

Direct Purchaser Actions No. 18-cv-00303 (consolidated)

PFIZER INC., : CIVIL ACTION

Plaintiff,

v. : No. 17-cv-04180

JOHNSON & JOHNSON and JANSSEN :

BIOTECH, INC.,

:

Defendants. :

WALGREEN CO. and THE KROGER : CIVIL ACTION

CO.,

.

Plaintiffs, : No. 18-cv-02357

V.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON and JANSSEN BIOTECH, INC.

BIOTECH, INC.,

Defendants.

PROPOSED DEADLINES

Plaintiffs submit the proposed deadlines in the first and second columns of the chart below, and Defendants submit the proposed deadlines in the third and fourth columns of the chart below.

Plaintiffs' Proposed Event	Plaintiffs' Proposed Deadline	Defendants' Proposed Event	<u>Defendants'</u> <u>Proposed</u> <u>Deadline</u>
Rule 16 Conference	September 27, 2018	Rule 16 Conference	September 27, 2018

Plaintiffs' Proposed <u>Event</u>	Plaintiffs' Proposed Deadline	Defendants' Proposed <u>Event</u>	Defendants' Proposed Deadline
Rule 26(a) initial disclosures due:	October 11, 2018 (14 days after the Rule 16 scheduling conference)	Rule 26(a) initial disclosures due:	October 11, 2018
Defendants produce, from April 1, 2014 to September 27, 2018, (i) in-house transaction-level data for Remicade sales, and (ii) executed contracts and signed agreements relating to the purchase, reimbursement, coverage, discounting, or rebating of Remicade; Pfizer produces, from April 1, 2014 to September 27, 2018, (i) in-house transaction-level data for Inflectra sales and (ii) executed contracts and signed agreements relating to the purchase, reimbursement, coverage, discounting, or rebating of Inflectra; DPPs and retailers produce, from April 1, 2014 to September 27, 2018, (i) in-house transaction-level data for all purchases of infliximab products and (ii) executed contracts and signed agreements relating to the purchase of infliximab products from Defendants, Pfizer, and/or Merck; and IPPs produce, from April 1, 2014 to	December 11, 2018 (2 months after initial disclosures)	Defendants produce, from April 1, 2014 to September 27, 2018, (i) in-house transaction-level data for Remicade sales and (ii) executed contracts and signed agreements relating to the purchase, reimbursement, coverage, discounting, or rebating of Remicade; Pfizer produces, from April 1, 2014 to September 27, 2018, (i) in-house transaction-level data for Inflectra sales and (ii) executed contracts and signed agreements relating to the purchase, reimbursement, coverage, discounting, or rebating of Inflectra; DPPs and retailers produce, from April 1, 2014 to September 27, 2018, (i) in-house transaction-level data for all purchases of infliximab products and (ii) executed contracts and signed agreements relating to the purchase of infliximab products from Defendants, Pfizer,	December 11, 2018 (2 months after initial disclosures)

Plaintiffs' Proposed <u>Event</u>	Plaintiffs' Proposed Deadline	Defendants' Proposed <u>Event</u>	Defendants' Proposed Deadline
September 27, 2018, (i) in-house transaction-level data for all reimbursements of infliximab products and (ii) executed contracts and signed agreements relating to the purchase, reimbursement, coverage, discounting, or rebating of infliximab products:		and/or Merck; and IPPs produce, from April 1, 2014 to September 27, 2018, (i) in-house transaction-level data for all reimbursements of infliximab products and (ii) executed contracts and signed agreements relating to the purchase, reimbursement, coverage, discounting, or rebating of infliximab products	
Substantial completion of document productions:	May 24, 2019 (8 months after Rule 16 Conference)	Substantial completion of document productions:	May 24, 2019 (8 months after Rule 16 Conference)
Close of fact discovery:	January 27, 2020 (16 months after Rule 16 Conference)	Close of fact discovery:	January 27, 2020 (16 months after Rule 16 Conference)
Plaintiffs shall identify and submit Curriculum Vitae for all expert witnesses on or before:	January 27, 2020	DPPs and IPPs shall identify and submit Curriculum Vitae for all class expert witnesses on or before:	January 27, 2020
Plaintiffs' Proposal: Plaintiffs' Expert Reports (class and merits):	March 2, 2020 (5 weeks after close of fact discovery)	DPP and IPP class expert reports and class certification motions	March 27, 2020 (60 days after above date)
Plaintiffs' Proposal: DPP and IPP Class Certification Motions	March 2, 2020 (5 weeks after close of fact	J&J's opposition to class certification, expert reports opposing class	May 26, 2020 (60 days after above date)

Plaintiffs' Proposed <u>Event</u>	Plaintiffs' Proposed Deadline	Defendants' Proposed <u>Event</u>	Defendants' Proposed Deadline
	discovery)	certification, J&J's class Daubert motions, and completion of depositions of the DPP and IPP class certification experts	
Defendants shall identify and submit Curriculum Vitae for all expert witnesses on or before:	March 9, 2020 (1 week after above date)	DPP and IPP reply briefs in support of class certification (if permitted); class expert reply reports (if permitted); DPP and IPP class Daubert motions; Oppositions to Defendants' class Daubert motions; completion of depositions of Defendants' class certification experts	July 27, 2020 (60 days after above date)
Defendants' Expert Reports (class and merits):	April 13, 2020 (5 weeks after above date)	Defendants' oppositions to DPP and IPP class Daubert motions; completion of depositions of Plaintiffs' experts submitting class reply expert reports; Defendants sur-reply on class certification (if sought and permitted).	August 26, 2020 (30 days after above date)
Plaintiffs' Proposal: Defendants' Opposition to Motions for Class Certification including any motions challenging Plaintiffs' Expert(s) re class	April 13, 2020	Plaintiffs shall identify and submit Curriculum Vitae for all merits expert witnesses on or before:	November 24, 2020 (3 months after the above)
Plaintiffs' Rebuttal Expert Reports (class and	May 11, 2020 (4 weeks after	Plaintiffs' merits expert reports	December 23, 2020 (30 days

Plaintiffs' Proposed <u>Event</u>	Plaintiffs' Proposed Deadline	Defendants' Proposed <u>Event</u>	Defendants' Proposed Deadline
merits):	above date)		after above date.)
DPP and IPP Replies in Support of Class Certification, including oppositions to any motions challenging Plaintiffs' Expert(s) re class	May 11, 2020	Defendants shall identify and submit Curriculum Vitae for all merits expert witnesses on or before:	January 6, 2021 (2 weeks after service of Plaintiffs' merits expert reports)
Plaintiffs' Proposal: Defendants' reply on any motion challenging Plaintiffs' Expert(s) re class	June 1, 2020 (3 weeks after above date)	Defendants' merits expert reports	February 17, 2021 (6 weeks after above date)
	June 1, 2020	Plaintiffs' rebuttal merits expert report	March 31, 2021 (6 weeks after service of Defendants' merits expert reports)
Close of Expert Discovery (all expert depositions to be completed):	June 1, 2020	Close of Expert Discovery (all expert depositions to be completed):	May 31, 2021 (2 months after service of Plaintiffs' rebuttal merits expert reports)
Motions for summary judgment. All Plaintiffs propose that all Daubert motions be filed at the same time as motions for summary judgment and be limited to challenges not already addressed in connection with class briefing.	June 9, 2020	Motions for summary judgment and merits-related Daubert motions.	July 30, 2021 (2 months after above date)
Responses to dispositive	July 21, 2020 (6	Responses to dispositive	September 10,

Plaintiffs' Proposed <u>Event</u>	Plaintiffs' Proposed Deadline	<u>Defendants' Proposed</u> <u>Event</u>	Defendants' Proposed Deadline
motions and any Daubert motions filed at the same time as motions for summary judgment:	weeks after above date)	motions and any Daubert motions filed at the same time as motions for summary judgment:	2021 (6 weeks after above date)
Replies on dispositive and any Daubert motions filed at the same time as motions for summary judgment:	August 20, 2020 (4 weeks after above date)	Replies on dispositive and any Daubert motions filed at the same time as motions for summary judgment:	October 8, 2021 (4 weeks after above date)
Exchange of marked trial exhibits:	August 27, 2020 (one week after the above date)		1 month after the Court rules on summary judgment motions.
Joint Pretrial Memoranda in accordance with Local Rule Civil Procedure 16.1(c):	September 10, 2020 (2 weeks after trial exhibits exchanged)		2 weeks after above date.
Plaintiff's Pretrial Memorandum and Defendants' Pretrial Memorandum:	September 17, 2020 (1 week after above date)		Same as above date.
Case placed on Court's trial pool:	October 1, 2020 (2 weeks after above date)		3 weeks after above date.