NOT FOR PUBLICATION

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

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IN RE: BENECAR (OLMESARTAN)	:	Master Docket No. 15-2606 (RBK/JS)
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION	:	,
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THESE MATTERS having come before the Court during the Initial Conference held on Wednesday, April 19, 2015;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the next status conference will take place on **Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 2:00 P.M.**, in Courtroom 4D of the Mitchell H. Cohen United States Courthouse, 1 John F. Gerry Plaza, Camden, N.J. 08101.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that monthly status conferences will take place on the last Wednesday of every month at 2:00 P.M., beginning on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, in Courtroom 4D of the Mitchell H. Cohen United States Courthouse, 1 John F. Gerry Plaza, Camden, N.J. 08101, unless the parties are otherwise notified by the Court.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Richard M. Golomb of Golomb & Honik, P.C., is appointed as Liaison Counsel for Plaintiffs, and Attorney Michael C. Zogby of Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP, is appointed as Liaison Counsel for Defendants.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall submit their proposal for the attorneys who will serve as members of Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and/or Executive Committee within seven (7) days of the date of this Order, and that the Court shall accept applications and/or objections from other attorneys with regard to Plaintiffs' proposed Committees for up to fourteen (14) days from the date that Plaintiffs submit their proposal.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs have thirty (30) days from the date of this Order to file a Master Complaint and corresponding Short Form Complaints for each Plaintiff.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the filing of all answers is STAYED until Plaintiffs submit the Master Complaint and corresponding Short Form Complaints.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall create a corresponding Master Answer to Plaintiffs' Master Complaint, as well as corresponding Short Form Answers, to be filed in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that before the next status conference on May 20, 2015, appointed counsel for each side shall meet and confer regarding the following:

- a. A proposed Direct File Order;
- The acceptance of service of Complaints on behalf of Defendants, including foreign
 Defendants;
- c. A proposed Preliminary Information Request and/or Plaintiff Fact Sheet to be filled out by Plaintiffs upon engaging in litigation with Defendants in this MDL matter, as well as any other proposed written discovery, including any agreed-upon records authorizations;
- d. An agreement that all discovery, including depositions, from the related New Jersey cases can be used in this MDL;
- e. A proposed Discovery Confidentiality Order to govern discovery and document production;

f. A proposed Electronically Stored Information protocol, including agreed-upon search

terms and custodians;

g. The need for and mechanics of a document repository;

h. A tolling agreement for all unfiled cases;

i. Whether a "tutorial" is needed or necessary in this MDL; and

j. Proposed information to be included on a website managed by this Court concerning

the instant MDL litigation.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that by May 18, 2015, the parties shall serve a

joint letter with a proposed agenda for the May 20, 2015 conference with the positions of the

parties on the issues in dispute.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that by May 18, 2015, Plaintiffs shall submit

to the Court a proposed Common Benefit Order establishing the procedure Plaintiffs' counsel

shall use for maintaining time and expense records.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion to Transfer Venue in the

matter of Hogan, et al. v. Daiichi Sankyo, Inc., et al., No. 15-cv-2720 (Doc. No. 11), is **DENIED**

WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion to Stay and the Motion for a

Protective Order in the matter of Van Dyke, et al. v. Daiichi Sankyo, Inc., et al., No. 15-cv-2487,

(Doc. Nos. 42, 44) are **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

Dated: 4/30/2015

s/ Robert B. Kugler ROBERT B. KUGLER

United States District Judge

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