IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

Plaintiff, Jeremiah Yutzy, by and through the undersigned counsel, brings this civil action against Defendants for personal injuries suffered by Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy, and allege as follows:

INTRODUCTION

- 1. This is an action for damages suffered by Plaintiff as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct in connection with the development, design, testing, labeling, packaging, promoting, advertising, marketing, distribution, and selling of Defendants' prescription drug Abilify.
- 2. Defendants manufacture, promote, and sell Abilify as a prescription drug that treats depression, bipolar I disorder, and schizophrenia. Abilify is manufactured as tablets, oral solution, and injections.
- 3. Defendants' drug Abilify harmed Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy by causing compulsive behaviors, including compulsive gambling, resulting in substantial financial, mental, and physical damages.

- 4. Defendants' labeling in Europe and Canada warns about the risk of "pathological gambling."
- 5. Defendants labeling in Europe and Canada warns about the risk of "pathological gambling."
- 6. Defendants did not warn, advise, educate, or otherwise inform Abilify users or prescribers in the United States about the risk of compulsive gambling or other compulsive behaviors. Prior to January 2016, the U.S. label made no mention of pathological gambling or compulsive behaviors whatsoever. In January 2016, Defendants simply added "pathological gambling" to the postmarketing experience section of the U.S. label. Defendants did not however, make any mention of gambling in the patient medication guide, the source of information most likely viewed by physicians and patients. On May 3, 2016, the FDA announced that warnings regarding "compulsive or uncontrollable urges to gamble, binge eat, shop, and have sex" would be added to the Abilify label.

PARTIES

- 7. Plaintiff is a resident of Harris County, Texas and claims damages as set forth below.
- 8. Plaintiff was prescribed and took the prescription drug Abilify and as a result developed compulsive gambling behaviors. Plaintiff began taking Abilify in or around 2011 and began compulsively gambling and compulsively spending shortly thereafter. Since he stopped taking Abilify, his urges to gamble have decreased. Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy was prescribed and purchased Abilify in the State of Texas. Due to Defendants' conduct, as detailed herein, Plaintiff's injuries and their relationship to Abilify were not discovered until 2016.

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- 9. By way of example, Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy has suffered monetary losses, loss of financial stability, and other mental, physical, and economic losses. The injurious impact of Abilify on Plaintiff's brain constitutes a physical injury.
- 10. Defendant Bristol-Myers Squibb Company ("Bristol-Myers") is a Delaware Corporation with it principal office at 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York and doing business in the State of Texas. This Defendant may be served through its registered agent in Texas, CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- 11. Defendant Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd ("OPC") is a Japanese Company with its principal office at 2-9 Kanda Tsukasa-machi, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, and may be served through its registered agent located at 351 West Camden Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Abilify is a trademark of Defendant Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. Defendant Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. wholly owns Otsuka America, Inc. ("OAI"), a holding company established in the United States in or around 1989. OAI is the parent of Defendant Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc. ("OAPI"), Otsuka Pharmaceutical Development & Commercialization, Inc. ("OPDC"), and Otsuka Maryland Laboratories, Inc. ("OMML").
- 12. Defendant OAPI is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 508 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey and doing business in the State of Texas. OAPI oversees all pharmaceutical commercial activities in North America. OAPI developed, distributed, and marketed Abilify with OPC. This Defendant may be served through its registered Agent in Texas, CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- 13. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendants OPC, OAI, OAPI, OPDC, and OMML (the "Otsuka entities") have operated in concert as it relates to the development,

research, distribution, manufacturing, and/or marketing Abilify. The Otsuka entities work in concert as a single operation known as the Otsuka Group.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 18. This Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because Plaintiff and Defendants are citizens of different states and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interests and costs.
 - 19. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.
- 20. In particular, a foreign defendant may be sued in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c)(3).
- 21. The domestic Defendant entities are residents of, and operate in, this judicial district for purposes of venue pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)(1), (c)(2), and (d).
- 22. At all times relevant to this action, the Defendants have been engaged either directly or indirectly in the business of marketing, promoting, distributing, and selling prescription drug products, including the Abilify products, within the State of Texas, with a reasonable expectation that the products would be used or consumed in this state, and thus regularly solicited or transacted business in this state.
- 23. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. based on its contacts with Texas relating to the subject matter of this action and because Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. has continuous and systematic contacts with this judicial district. On information and belief, Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. regularly places goods into the stream of commerce for distribution in Texas and throughout the United States. Members of Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. continuously communicate from Japan with members of Otsuka

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America Pharmaceutical, Inc. Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. sells and markets Abilify in the United States and Texas.

- 24. Defendants are subject to the *in personam* jurisdiction of this Court, and venue is therefore proper herein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, because Defendants did and do business within and have continuous and systematic contacts with the State of Texas, and have consented to the jurisdiction in the State of Texas and/or committed a tort in whole or in part in the State of Texas against Plaintiff, as more fully set forth herein. On information and belief, Defendants also advertised in this district, made material omissions and representations in this district and breached warranties in this district.
- 25. Jurisdiction if proper under the Texas Constitution and the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution because Defendants have sufficient minimum contacts with the State of Texas related to Abilify and have purposefully directed conduct toward the State of Texas.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 26. Abilify was first introduced to the market in the United States in or around the fall of 2002. Abilify is an atypical anti-psychotic prescription medicine discovered by Defendant Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
- 27. In or around October or November of 2012, the European Medicines Agency required by Defendants warn patients and the medical community in Europe that Abilify use included the risk of pathological gambling.

28. In particular, the European Medicines Agency required the European labeling for Abilify to carry the following language in the Special Warnings and Precautions for Use section of the label:

Pathological gambling

Post-marketing reports of pathological gambling have been reported among patients prescribed ABILIFY, regardless of whether these patients had a prior history of gambling. Patients with a prior history of pathological may be at increased risk and should be monitored carefully

29. The European labeling for Abilify also carries additional language concerning adverse reactions that have been reported during post-marketing surveillance relating to gambling side effects. Under a section entitled "Undesirable effects," it provides:

Psychiatric disorders: agitation, nervousness,

Pathological gambling, suicide Attempt, suicidal ideation, and Completed suicide.

- 30. In or around November 2015, Canadian regulators concluded there is "a link between the use of aripiprazole and a possible risk of pathological gambling or hypersexuality" and found an increased risk of pathological (uncontrollable) gambling and hypersexuality with the use of Abilify.
- 31. In or about November 2015, the following warning statement for the risk of pathological gambling was added to the Canadian prescribing information for Abilify:

Pathological Gambling

Post-marketing reports of pathological gambling have been reported in patients treated with ABILIFY. In relation to pathological gambling, patients with a prior history of

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gambling disorder may be at increased risk and should be monitored carefully.

- 32. Despite these warnings and advisories in Europe and Canada, the labeling for Abilify in the United States did not adequately warn about the risk of compulsive gambling and contained no mention that pathological gambling has been reported in patients prescribed Abilify. In January 2016, pathological gambling was added only to the Postmarketing Experience section of the label. Defendants did not make any mention of gambling in the patient medication guide, a source of information likely viewed by physicians and patients. On May 3, 2016, the FDA issued a warning that Abilify was associated with "compulsive or uncontrollable urges to gamble, binge eat, shop, and have sex." The FDA recommended that doctors "make patients and caregivers aware of the risk of these uncontrollable urges," "closely monitor" patients and consider reducing stopping Abilify if compulsivity emerges.
- 33. The labeling for Abilify in the United States contained no mention of the word "gambling" until January 2016.
- 34. Defendants wrongfully and unjustly profited at the expense of patient safety and full disclosure to the medical community by failing to include language about gambling in the United States labeling and by failing to otherwise warn the public and the medical community about Abilify's association with gambling, despite opportunities to do so. As a result, Defendants have made significantly more revenue from Abilify sales in the United States compared to Europe.
- 35. Defendant Bristol-Myers touts Abilify as its largest-selling product of 2013 and reported sales of \$2.3 billion. Defendant Bristik-Myers also reported US revenues from Abilify sales of \$417 million over the three months ending June 30, 2014, and worldwide revenues of \$555 million over the same time period.

- 36. Since its introduction into the United States market, Abilify has generally been used to treat patients with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, as an adjunct for depression, and autism spectrum disorders.
- 37. In 2001, Defendant Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. Submitted a New Drug Application ("NDA") to the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") for Abilify (aripiprazole). This initial NDA sought approval to market Abilify in 2, 5, 201, 15, 20 and 30 mg tablets as a treatment for schizophrenia. The NDA was approved in November 15, 2002.
- 38. In November 2002, the FDA required Defendants to submit results of Study 138047 to address the longer-term efficacy of Abilify in the treatment of adults with schizophrenia.
- 39. On December 3, 2002, Defendant Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc. submitted a Supplemental New Drug Application (NDA 22003, 21-436/S-001) on the longer-term efficacy of Abilify in the treatment of schizophrenia. The application was approved on August 28, 2003.
- 40. In June 2003, Otsuka Maryland Research Institute submitted another Supplemental New Drug Application (NDA 21-436/S-002) for Abilify tablets as a treatment for bipolar disorder. This application was approved on September 29, 2004.
- 41. In May of 2007, Otsuka Pharmaceutical Development & Commercialization, Inc. submitted another Supplemental New Drug Application (NDA 21-436/S-018) for Abilify tablets as an adjunctive treatment for patients with major depressive disorder. This application was approved on November 16, 2007.
- 42. In contrast, in Europe, Abilify is not indicated to treat depression. The European Medicines Agency declined to approve Abilify as an add-on treatment for depression because of concerns about its efficacy for that indication.

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- 43. In or around 1999, Defendants Bristol-Myers and Otsuka entered into an agreement to co-develop and "commercialize" Abilify (hereinafter referred to as "Defendants' Marketing Agreement.") Under the terms of Defendants' Marketing Agreement, Defendant Bristol-Myers was to market and promote Abilify in the United States and the European Union, in collaboration with Defendant Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., and under Defendant Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.'s trademark.
- 44. Defendants' Marketing Agreement also provided that Defendant Bristol-Myers and Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co, Ltd. would collaborate to complete clinical studies for schizophrenia, and that Defendant Bristol-Myers would conduct additional studies for new dosage forms and new indications.
- 45. Defendant Bristol-Myers began co-promoting Abilify with Defendant Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. in the United States and Puerto Rico around November 2002. Defendants' Marketing Agreement was extended in or around 2009.
- 46. Defendant Bristol-Myers' relationship with Otsuka had been due to expire in or around April of 2015, just after the predicted expiration of Abilify's patent protection in the United States. According to a revised marketing agreement, Defendant Bristol-Myers purported to no longer market and promote Abilify as of January 1, 2013, but would continue to carry out its other responsibilities, including manufacturing for sale to third-party customers. Nevertheless, Defendant Bristol-Myers continued to market and promote Abilify, through its website through September of 2015.
- 47. Defendants knew or should have known that Abilify can cause compulsive behaviors like gambling. Despite their significant collective resources, and signals that Abilify is associated with compulsive behaviors, such as gambling, Defendants have failed to fully and

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adequately test or research Abilify and its association with compulsive behaviors to the detriment of Plaintiff, Abilify users, the public, the medical community and the prescribing doctors.

- 48. Compulsive gambling is a major psychiatric disorder. The American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* ("DSM") first recognized pathological gambling as a psychiatric disorder in 1980.
- 49. Originally, the disorder was classified as an impulsive control disorder. The current version of the DSM, the DSM-V, renamed pathological gambling as "gambling disorder." DSM-V reclassified gambling disorder under the category Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders in order to reflect evidence that gambling behaviors activate or are activated by reward systems similar to those activated by drugs of abuse, and produce some behavioral symptoms comparable to those produced by substance abuse disorders.
- 50. Abilify is a partial and full dopamine agonist. Dopamine is a neurotransmitter that helps control the brain's reward and pleasure centers.
- 51. Dopamine's role in compulsive behavior and pathological gambling is well-known. Dopaminergic reward pathways have frequently been implicated in the etiology of addictive behavior. Scientific literature has identified dopamine as a potential cause of pathological gambling for years.
- 52. Abilify's dopaminergic activity at the mesolimbic circuit, especially at the nucleus accumbens, has been associated with compulsive behavior in Abilify patients.
- 53. Defendants' September 2011 6-Month Periodic Safety Update Report acknowledges a plausible mechanism for pathological gambling. The Report states that an article, Chau et al, *The Neutral Circuitry of Reward and Its Relevance to Psychiatric Disorders*,

"does suggest a possible mechanism by which drugs that act on dopamine neurons, like aripiprazole, might possibly have some effect on behavior related to reward."

- 54. Defendants' September 2011 6-Month Periodic Safety Update Report submitted to the European Medicines Agency acknowledged seven serious reports of pathological gambling, three in the medical literature and four spontaneous reports. The report also noted sixteen cases of pathological gambling in the Bristol-Myers company safety database.
- 55. The Medical Assessment of the pathological gambling cases in Defendants' September 6-Month Periodic Safety Update Report did not exclude Ablilify as the cause of the compulsive gambling adverse events. Defendants concluded that "a causal role or aripiprazole could not be excluded" or that "aripiprazole was suggested by the temporal relationship."
- 56. The European Final Assessment Report of the September 2011 6-Month Periodic Safety Update Report concluded that with regard to compulsive gambling, "in all of the reported cases we have a (+) temporal; (+) dechallenge and in one case a (+) rechallenge."
- 57. Numerous case reports have been published in the medical literature linking Abilify to compulsive behavior, including at least seventeen cases of compulsive gambling. Gaboriau et al. examined case reports of compulsive gambling and found that the probability that pathological gambling was actually due to Abilify was "possible" in sixteen of the cases and "doubtful" in only one of the cases.
- 58. Several case reports demonstrate what is known as a challenge, de-challenge, and re-challenge.
 - 59. Challenge is the administration of a suspect product by any route.
- 60. De-challenge is the withdrawal of the suspected product from the patient's therapeutic regime. A positive de-challenge is the partial or complete disappearance of an

adverse experience after withdrawal of the suspect product. For example, a positive dechallenge occurs when a patient ceases use of Abilify and pathological gambling behaviors stop.

- 61. Re-challenge is defined as a reintroduction of a product suspected of having caused an adverse experience following a positive de-challenge. A positive re-challenge occurs when similar signs and symptoms reoccur upon reintroduction of the suspect product. For example, a positive re-challenge occurs when a patient reintroduces Abilify into her treatment regime and pathological gambling behavior reoccurs in a similar manner as such behaviors had existed when the patient previously used Abilify.
- 62. A positive de-challenge is considered evidence that a drug caused a particular effect, as is a positive re-challenge.
- 63. From May 1, 2009 to May 1, 2011, the FDA received thousands of serious adverse event reports concerning Abilify, including over twothousand serious adverse experiences of which 193 involved children (0-16 years old).
- 64. Serious adverse events are drug experiences including outcomes of death, lifethreatening events, hospitalization, disability, congenital abnormality and other harmful medical events.
- 65. From 2005 to 2013, an FDA report showed that Abilify accounted for at least fifty-four reports of compulsive behavior problems, including thirty reports of compulsive behavior, nine reports of hypersexuality, and three reports of compulsive shopping.
- 66. A disproportionality study of the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System showed a proportional reporting ratio for compulsivity of 8.6 for Abilify. A ratio of more than three indicates a signal of an adverse event.

- 67. An analysis of the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System shows an escalating number of reports. Twenty-nine reports of gambling behavior were made to the FDA in 2014.
- 68. The 2014 FDA Adverse Event Reporting System data shows a proportional reporting ratio for compulsive gambling of 64.3 for Abilify. The same data demonstrates Abilify is unique in this regard and compulsive gambling is not a class-wide problem among antipsychotic medications.
- 69. Defendants have not adequately studied Abilify. A review of all the randomized clinical trials comparing Abilify to other schizophrenia drugs concluded that the information on comparisons was of limited quality, incomplete, and problematic to apply clinically.
- 70. Despite evidence that Abilify causes compulsive behaviors like pathological gambling and calls from the medical community to conduct further research and warn patients about this possible effect of Abilify, Defendants have either failed to investigate or conduct any studies on the compulsive behavior side effects of Abilify or failed to make public the results of any studies or investigations that they might have done.
- 71. Abilify is not very efficacious. According to a rigorous study by the Cochrane Collaboration, there is limited evidence that Abilifyleads to symptom reduction when added to antidepressants and side effects are more frequent under Abilify augmentation treatment.
- 72. The Drug Facts Box for Abilify for major depression includes a "summary" of the combined data from the two identical six week randomized trials that were the basis for FDA drug approval for this indication. The box show that Abilify has only a modest benefit: on average, patients on Abilify improved by 3 points more (on a scale of 60) than patients with placebo, and only an additional 11% of patients had a clinically important response as defined in the trial.

- 73. Despite the risks of serious adverse events, and the lack of adequate testing, Defendants aggressively promoted Abilify, including illegal promotion for off-label use. In 2007, Defendant Bristol-Myers reportedly paid \$515 million to settle Federal and State investigations into off-label marketing of Abilify for pediatric ues and to treat dementia-related psychosis. Defendant Otsuka American Pharmaceutical, Inc. later paid more than \$4 million to resolve allegations.
- 74. The FDA issued a letter dated April 17, 2015 finding Abilify promotional material "false or misleading because it makes misleading claims and presentations about the drug." The FDS found the material "misleading because it implies that Abilify offers advantages over other currently approved treatments for bipolar disorder or MDD when this has not been demonstrated." The FDA also found the cited references "not sufficient to support claims and presentations suggesting that Abilify has been demonstrated to modulate dopaminergic and serotonergic activity, or modulate neuronal activity in both hypoactive and hyperactive environments in humans."
- 75. Upon information and belief, Defendants have invested millions of dollars in teams of pharmaceutical sales representatives who visit and contact members of the medical community, including prescribing doctors, purporting to "educate" them about Abilify. Upon information and belief, these pharmaceutical sales representatives have not notified patients, the medical community, or prescribers in the United States that Abilify causes, is linked to, or might be associated with compulsive gambling pathological gambling, or gambling addiction.
- 76. Defendants have invested millions of dollars in "Direct to Consumer" advertising.

 None of the advertising in the United States notifies patients, the medical community, or

prescribers that Abilify use causes, is linked to, or might be associated with compulsive gambling, pathological gambling, or gambling addiction.

- 77. Defendants' Direct to Consumer advertising minimizes risks while over-promoting the drug.
- 78. As a result of Defendants' misleading promotional campaigns, Abilify occupies the top sales position for a prescription drug in the United States (but has only reached sevent place in the global ranking of drug sales).
- 79. Defendants have made payments to doctors to promote Abilify. From August 2013 to December 2014, \$10.6 million in payments relating to Abilify were made to 21,155 physicians in the United States.
- 80. To date, Defendants have not adequately notified or warned patients, the medical community, or prescribers in the United States that Abilify use causes, is linked to, and is associated with compulsive gambling, pathological gambling, or gambling addiction.
- 81. Prior to May 2016, upon information and belief, Defendants had not sent out any letters to inform the medical community of the risk or association of Abilify use and gambling.
- 82. Under the heading "What are the possible side effects of ABILIFY the labeling for Abilify in the United States does not list gambling, pathological or otherwise. Nor does it mention compulsive behaviors.
- 83. Likewise, the labeling for Abilify in the United States lists serious side effects that have been reported with Abilify, but did not list gambling, pathological or otherwise in any form until January 2016, when it was only added to the postmarketing experience section of the label. Prior to May 2016, the label did not mention compulsive behaviors other than pathological gambling or adequately warn patients about the risk of compulsive gambling in the

patient medication guide, the source of information most likely viewed by physicians and patients.

- 84. The labeling in the United States contradicts the labeling in Europe and Canada by not providing adequate warnings and not cautioning that patients should be closely monitored, and does not adequately inform patients and physicians that gambling and other compulsive behaviors have been associated with Abilify use.
- Abilify, www.abilify.com. The website includes, among other information, "tips for taking Abilify," links to "a 30-day free trial & savings on refills," and "important safety information" for Abilify. Although it has sections about "important safety information," nowhere on the website does it mention the word "gambling."
- 86. Also, Defendant Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc. operated another website promoting Abilify, www.addabilify.com. Prior to 2015, this website included, among other information, "important safety information," "tips for family and friends, "treatment FAQs," "side effects FAQs," and "what your doctor needs to know" concerning Abilify. Nowhere on the website did it mention the word "gambling."
- 87. Defendant Bristol-Myers promotes Abilify on its own website, www.bms.com ("BMS website"), noting it was approved in November 2002 and is "jointly marketed in the U.S. by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Otsuka America Pharmaceutical." The BMS website also includes a link to the www.abilify.com website. Nowhere on the BMS website does it mention the word "gambling."
- 88. Likewise, Defendant Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. promotes Abilify on its own website, www.otsuka.co.jp/en/ ("Otsuka website"), noting it was "researched and

developed by Otsuka Pharmaceutical" and "launched" in the United States in 2002. Nowhere on the Otsuka website does it mention the word "gambling."

EQUITABLE TOLLING OF APPLICABLE STATUTES OF LIMITATION

- 89. Plaintiff asserts all applicable state statutory and common law rights and theories related to the tolling or extension of any applicable statute of limitations, including the discovery rule and/or fraudulent concealment.
- 90. The discovery rule should be applied to toll the running of the statute of limitations until the Plaintiff discovered or reasonably should have discovered Plaintiff Jermiah Yutzy's injury and the causal connection between the injury and Defendants' product.
- 91. Despite reasonable and diligent investigation by Plaintiff into the causal connection between Plaintiff's injuries and Abilify, the cause and nature of Plaintiff's injuries and their relationship to Abilify was not discovered until 2014. Therefore, under the appropriate application of the discovery rule, Plaintiff's suit was filed well within the applicable statutory limitations period.
- 92. Defendants are estopped from asserting a statute of limitations defense because all Defendants fraudulently concealed from Plaintiff the truth, quality and nature of Plaintiff's injuries and the connection between the injuries and Defendant's tortious conduct. Defendants, through their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions, actively concealed from Plaintiff and Plaintiff's prescribing physicians the true risks associated with Abilify.
- 93. Defendants were under a duty to disclose the true character, qualify and nature of the risks associated with use of Abilify as this was non-public information over which Defendant had and continue exclusive control, and because Defendants knew that this information was not available to Plaintiff, Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy's medical providers and/or

health-care facilities. In addition, Defendants are estopped from relying on any statute of limitation because of their intentional concealment of these facts.

94. Plaintiff had no knowledge that Defendants were engaged in the wrongdoing alleged herein. Because of the fraudulent acts of concealment of wrongdoing by Defendants, Plaintiff could not have reasonably discovered the wrongdoing at any time prior to 2014.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Strict Liability – Design, Manufacturing and Warning

- 95. Plaintiff incorporates the factual allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs (1 to 94) as if fully set forth herein and further allege as follows:
- 96. Defendants had a duty to provide adequate warnings and instructions for Abilify, to use reasonable care to design a product that is not unreasonably dangerous to users, and to adequately test their product.
- 97. The Abilify manufactured and/or supplied to Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy by Defendants was defective in design or formulation in that, when it left the hands of the manufacturer and/or supplier, it was in an unreasonably dangerous and a defective condition for its intended use and it posed a risk of serious compulsive behaviors and harm to Plaintiff and other consumers which could have been reduced or avoided, inter alia, by the adoption of a feasible reasonable alternative design.
- 98. The Abilify manufactured and/or supplied to Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy by Defendants was defective in design or formulation in that, when it left the hands of the manufacturer and/or supplier, Abilify had not been adequately tested, was in an unreasonably dangerous and a defective condition, and it posed a risk of serious compulsive behaviors and harm to Plaintiff and other consumers.

- 99. Also, Abilify's limited and unproven effectiveness did not outweigh the risks posed by the drug.
- 100. The Abilify manufactured and/or supplied to Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy by Defendants was defective due to inadequate warnings or instructions concerning the true risks of its use.
- 101. Defendants knew or should have known through testing, scientific knowledge, advances in the field or otherwise, that the product created a risk of serious compulsive behaviors and harm, and was unreasonably dangerous to Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and other consumers, about which Defendants failed to warn.
- 102. The Abilify manufactured and/or supplied to Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy by Defendants was defective, dangerous, and had inadequate warnings or instructions at the time it was sold, and Defendants also acquired additional knowledge and information confirming the defective and dangerous nature of Abilify. Despite this knowledge and information, Defendants failed and neglected to issue adequate warnings or post-sale warnings that Abilify causes serious compulsive behaviors and harm.
- 103. Defendants failed to provide adequate warnings to users, purchasers, or prescribers to Abilify, including Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and his physicians, and instead continued to sell Abilify in an unreasonably dangerous form without adequate warning or instructions.
- 104. By failing to adequately test and research compulsive behaviors and harms associated with Abilify use, and by failing to provide appropriate warnings about Abilify use and associations with compulsive behaviors such as gambling, patients and the medical community, including prescribing doctors, were inadequately informed about the true risk-

benefit profile or Abilify and were not sufficiently aware that compulsive behaviors such as gambling might be associated with Abilify use. As such, the medical community, patients, patients' families, or regulators appropriately informed that compulsive behaviors such as gambling might be a side effect of Abilify use and should or could be reported as an adverse event.

105. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, including the inadequate warnings, dilution or lack of information, lack of adequate testing and research, and the defective and dangerous nature of Abilify, Plaintiff has suffered, and will continue to suffer, neuropsychiatric and physical injury, emotional distress, harm, and economic loss as alleged herein.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Express Warranty by Defendants

- 106. Plaintiff incorporates the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 to 94 as if fully set forth herein and further allege as follows:
- 107. Defendants expressly warranted to physicians and consumers, including Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and/or his physicians, that Abilify was safe and/or well-tolerated.
- 108. Abilify does not conform to these express representations because it is not safe and/or well-tolerated because it causes compulsive behaviors such as pathological gambling addiction, which in turn can lead to financial ruin, job loss, familial devastation, and suicide attempts.
- 109. Also, Abilify's limited and unproven effectiveness did not outweigh the risks posed by the drug.

110. As a direct and proximate result of the breach of Defendants warranties, Plaintiff has suffered, and will continue to suffer, neuropsychiatric and physical injury, emotional distress, harm, and economic loss as alleged herein.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Implied Warranty

- 111. Plaintiff incorporates the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 to 94 as if fully set forth herein and further allege as follows:
- 112. At the time Defendants marketed, sold, and distributed Abilify, Defendants knew of the use of which Abilify was intended and impliedly warranted Abilify to be of merchantable quality, safe and fit for such use.
- 113. Defendants knew, or had reason to know, that Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and Plaintiff's physicians would rely on the Defendants' judgment and skill in providing Abilify for its intended use.
- 114. Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and Plaintiff's physicians reasonably relied upon the skill and judgment of Defendants as to whether Abilify was of merchantable quality, safe, and fit for its intended use.
- 115. Contrary to such implied warranty, Abilify was not of merchantable quality or safe or fit for its intended use, because the product was, and is, unreasonably dangerous, defective and unfit for the ordinary purposes for which Abilify was used.
- 116. Also, Abilify's limited and unproven effectiveness did not outweigh the risks posed by the drug.

117. As a direct and proximate result of the breach of implied warranty, Plaintiff has suffered, and will continue to suffer, neuropsychiatric and physical injury, emotional distress, harm, and economic loss as alleged herein.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Negligence

- 118. Plaintiff incorporates the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 to 94 as if fully set forth herein and further allege as follows:
- and the duty of an expert in all aspects of the design, formulation, manufacture, compounding, testing, inspection, packaging, labeling, distribution, marketing, promotion, advertising, sale, warning, and post-sale warning, testing, and research to assure the safety of the product when used as intended or in a way that Defendants could reasonably have anticipated, and to assure that the consuming public, including Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and his physicians, obtained accurate information and adequate instructions for the safe use or non-use of Abilify.
- 120. Defendants had a duty to warn Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy, his physicians, and the public in general of Abilify's dangers and serious side effects, including serious compulsive behaviors like pathological gambling addiction, since it was reasonably foreseeable that an injury could occur because of Abilify's use.
- 121. At all times material herein, Defendants failed to exercise reasonable care and the duty of an expert and knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that Abilify was not properly manufactured, designed, compounded, tested, inspected, packaged, labeled, warned about, distributed, marketed, advertised, formulated, promoted, examined, maintained, sold, and/or prepared.

- 122. Also, Abilify's limited and unproven effectiveness did not outweigh the risks posed by the drug.
- 123. Each of the following acts and omissions herein alleged was negligently and carelessly performed by Defendants, resulting in a breach of the duties set forth above. These acts and omissions include, but are not restricted
 - a. Negligent and careless research and testing of Abilify;
 - b. Negligent and careless design or formulation of Abilify;
 - c. Negligent and careless failure to give adequate warnings that would attract the attention of Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy, Plaintiff's physicians, and the public in general of the potentially dangerous, defective, unsafe, and deleterious propensity of Abilify and of the risks associated with its use;
 - Negligent and careless failure to explain the mechanism, mode, and types
 of adverse events associated with Abilify;
 - e. Negligent and careless failure to explain the mechanism, mode, and types of adverse events associated with Abilify;
 - f. Negligent representations that Abilify was safe and/or well-tolerated; and
 - g. Negligent and careless failure to issue adequate post-sale warnings that Abilify causes an increased risk of compulsive behaviors, including pathological gambling.
- 124. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence, Plaintiff has suffered, and will continue to suffer, neuropsychiatric and physical injury, emotional distress, harm, and economic loss as alleged herein.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Negligence Per se

Violations of 21 U.S.C. §§ 331, 352 and 21 §§ C.F.R. 201.56, 201.57, 202.1

- 125. Plaintiff incorporates the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 to 94 as if fully set forth herein and further allege as follows:
- 126. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants had an obligation to abide by the law, including the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the applicable regulations, in the manufacture, design, formulation, compounding, testing, production, processing, assembling, inspection, research, promotion, advertising, distribution, marketing, labeling, packaging, preparation for use, consulting, sale, warning, and post-sale warning, and other communications of the risks and dangers of Abilify.
- 127. By reason of its conduct as alleged herein, Defendants violated provisions of statutes and regulations, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Defendants violated the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C.§§ 331 and 352, by misbranding Abilify.
 - b. Defendants failed to follow the "[g]eneral requirements on content and format of labeling for human prescription drugs" in violation of 21 C.F.R.

 § 201.56;
 - c. Defendants failed to follow the "[s]pecific requirements on content and format of labeling for human prescription drugs" in violation of 21 C.F.R.

 § 201.57;
 - d. Defendants advertised and promoted Abilify in violation of 21 C.F.R. §
 202.1;

- e. Defendants violated 21 C.F.R. § 201.57(e) by failing to timely and adequately change the Abilify label to reflect the evidence of an association between Abilify and the serious compulsive behaviors suffered by Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy;
- 128. These statutes and regulations impose a standard of conduct designed to protect consumers of drugs, including Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy.
- 129. Defendants' violations of these statutes and regulations constitute negligence per se.
- 130. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' statutory and regulatory violations, Plaintiff, members of the class of persons protected by the above-mentioned statutes, have suffered, and will continue to suffer, neuropsychiatric and physical injury, emotional distress, harm, and economic loss as alleged herein.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Negligent Misrepresentation

- 131. Plaintiff incorporates the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 to 94 as if fully set forth herein and further allege as follows:
- 132. Defendants misrepresented to consumers and physicians, including Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and/or his physicians and the public in general, that Abilify was safe and/or well-tolerated, when, in fact, Abilify was dangerous to the well-being of patients.
- 133. Also, Abilify's limited and unproven effectiveness did not outweigh the risks posed by the drug.
- 134. At the time Defendants promoted Abilify as safe and/or well-tolerated, they did not have adequate proof upon which to base such representations, and in, fact, knew or should

have known that Abilify was dangerous to the well-being of Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and others.

- 135. Defendants failed to exercise reasonable care and competence in obtaining and/or communicating information regarding the safe use of Abilify and otherwise failed to exercise reasonable care in transmitting information to Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy, his physicians, and the public in general.
- 136. Defendants made the aforesaid representations in the course of Defendants' business as designers, manufacturers, and distributors of Abilify despite having no reasonable basis for their assertion that these representations were true and/or without having accurate or sufficient information concerning the aforesaid representations. Defendants were aware that without such information they could not accurately make the aforementioned representations.
- 137. At the time the aforementioned representations were made, Defendants intended to induce Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and/or Plaintiff's physicians to rely upon such representations.
- 138. At the time the aforementioned representations were made by Defendants, and at the time Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy received Abilify, Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's physicians, and the public in general, reasonably believed them to be true. In reasonable and justified reliance upon said representations, Plaintiff used Abilify.
- 139. As a direct and proximate result of reliance upon Defendants' misrepresentations, Plaintiff has suffered, and will continue to suffer, neuropsychiatric and physical injury, emotional distress, harm, and economic loss as alleged herein.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act

- 140. Plaintiff incorporates the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 to 94 as if fully set forth herein and further allege as follows:
- 141. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, and by inducing Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and his physicians to use Abilify through the false, misleading and deceptive acts or practices, and the concealment and suppression of material facts including, but not limited to, fraudulent statements, concealments and misrepresentations identified above, Defendant violated subsections 17.46(a) and (b) of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.
- 142. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' statutory violations, Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy was damaged by Abilify which would not have occurred had Defendants not used false, misleading, and deceptive acts or practices, and the concealment and suppression of material facts to induce Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and his physicians to use this product.
- 143. By reason of such violations, and pursuant to Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. § 17.50, Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy is entitled to recover his economic damages. Moreover, since Defendants' conduct was committed knowingly and intentionally, Plaintiff may recover for his mental anguish found by the trier of fact, and additional damages not to exceed three times the amount of economic damages.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Fraudulent Concealment

144. Plaintiff incorporates the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 to 94 as if fully set forth herein and further allege as follows:

- 145. Throughout the relevant time period, Defendants knew that Abilify was defective and unreasonably unsafe for the purposes intended, and was not of merchantable quality.
- 146. Defendants fraudulently concealed from or failed to disclose or to warn Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy, his physicians, and the medical community that Abilify was defective, unsafe, unfit for the purposes intended, and was not of merchantable quality.
- 147. Defendants were under a duty to Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy to disclose and warn of the defective nature of Abilify because:
 - Defendants were in a superior position to know the true quality, safety and efficacy of Abilify;
 - Defendants knowingly made false claims about the safety and quality of
 Abilify in the documents and marketing materials Defendants provided to
 the FDA, physicians, and the general public; and
 - Defendants fraudulently and affirmatively concealed the defective nature of Abilify from Plaintiff.
- 148. Defendants were under a duty to Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy to disclose and warn of the defective nature of Abilify because the facts concealed or not disclosed by Defendants to Plaintiff were material facts that a reasonable person would have considered to be important in deciding whether or not to purchase or use the product.
- 149. Defendants intentionally concealed or failed to disclose the true defective nature of Abilify so that Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy would request and purchase Abilify, and that their healthcare providers would dispense, prescribe, and recommend Abilify, and Plaintiff justifiably acted or relied upon, to Plaintiff's detriment, the concealed or non-disclosed facts as evidenced by his purchase and use of Abilify.

- 150. Defendants, by concealment or other action, intentionally prevented Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy and his physicians from acquiring material information regarding the lack of safety and effectiveness of Abilify, and are subject to the same liability to Plaintiff for Plaintiff's pecuniary losses, as through Defendants had stated the non-existence of such material information regarding Abilify's lack of safety and effectiveness and dangers and defects, and as though Defendants had affirmatively stated the non-existence of such matters that Plaintiff was thus prevented from discovering the truth. Defendants therefore have liability for fraudulent concealment under all applicable law, including, *inter alia*, Restatement (Second) of Torts § 550 (1997).
- 151. As a result of Defendants' foregoing acts and omissions, Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy was and still is caused to suffer and is at greater increased risk of serious and dangerous side effects, including compulsive gambling, and other servere and personal injuries, physical pain and mental anguish diminished enjoyment of life, and any and all life complications.
- 152. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing acts and omissions, Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy has required and will require healthcare services, and has incurred financial loss, medical, health care, incidental and related expenses.
- 153. As a direct and proximate result of reliance upon Defendants' misrepresentations, Plaintiff has suffered, and will continue to suffer, neuropsychiatric and physical injury, emotional distress, harm, and economic loss as alleged herein.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Punitive Damages

154. Plaintiff incorporates the factual allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 to 94 as if fully set forth herein and further allege as follows:

- Defendants' intentional, willful, knowing, fraudulent, malicious acts, omissions, and conduct, and Defendants' reckless disregard for the publics' safety and welfare. Defendants intentionally and fraudulently misrepresented facts and information to both the medical community and the general public, including Jeremiah Yutzy, by making intentionally false and fraudulent misrepresentations about the safety and efficacy of Abilify. Defendants intentionally concealed the true facts and information regarding the serious risks of harm associated with the ingestion of Abilify, and intentionally downplayed the type, nature, and extent of the adverse side effects of ingesting Abilify, despite Defendants' knowledge and awareness of the serious side effects and risks associated with Abilify.
- 156. Defendants had knowledge of, and were in possession of evidence demonstrating that Abilify caused serious side effects including compulsive gambling, Defendants continued to market the drug by providing false and misleading information with regard to the products safety' and efficacy to the regulatory agencies, the medical community, and consumers of Abilify.
- 157. Although Defendants knew or recklessly disregarded the fact that Abilify causes debilating compulsive behavior side effects including compulsive gambling, Defendants continued to market, promote, and distribute Abilify to consumers, including Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy, without disclosing these side effects when there were safer alternative methods for treating Plaintiff' underlying condition.
- 158. Defendants failed to provide warnings that would have dissuaded physicians from prescribing Abilify and consumers from purchasing and ingesting Abilify, thus depriving both

from weighing the true risks against the benefits of prescribing, purchasing, or consuming Abilify.

- 159. Defendants knew of Abilify's defective nature as set forth herein, but continued to design, manufacture, market, distribute, sell and/or promote the drug as to maximize sales and profits at the expense of the health and safety of the public, including Plaintiff Jeremiah Yutzy in a conscious or negligent disregard of the foreseeable harm caused by Abilify.
- 160. The aforementioned conduct of Defendants was committed with knowing, conscious, and deliberate disregard of the rights and safety of consumers such as Plaintiff, thereby entitling Plaintiff to punitive damages in the amount appropriate to punish Defendants and deter them from similar conduct in the future.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff seeks judgment in Plaintiff's favor as follows:

- Awarding actual damages to Plaintiff incidental to the purchase and ingestion of Abilify in an amount to be determined at trial;
- 2. Awarding the costs of treatment for Plaintiff's injuries caused by Abilify;
- 3. Awarding damages for Plaintiff's neuropsychiatric, mental, physical, and economic pain and suffering;
- 4. Awarding damages for Plaintiff's mental and emotional anguish;
- 5. Awarding pre-judgment and post-judgment interest to Plaintiff;
- 6. Awarding punitive damages;
- 7. Awarding the costs and expenses of this litigation to Plaintiff;
- 8. Awarding reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to Plaintiff as provided by law; and
- 9. For such further relief as this Court deems necessary, just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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