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MICHAEL R. WILKINSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. and  
JOHNSON & JOHNSON CO.

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
LAW DIVISION, MIDDLESEX  
COUNTY

Civil Action No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff, MICHAEL R. WILKINSON (hereinafter referred to as “Plaintiff”), residing in the state of Iowa, by and through the undersigned attorneys, hereby sues the Defendants, JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. and JOHNSON & JOHNSON CO. (hereinafter referred to collectively as “Defendants”), and upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, alleges as follows:

**NATURE OF THE CASE**

1. This is an action for damages suffered by Plaintiff as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligent and wrongful conduct in connection with the design, development, manufacture, testing, packaging, promoting, marketing, distribution, labeling, and/or sale of Invokana (at times referred to herein as “the subject product”) for the treatment of diabetes.

2. Defendants Janssen Pharmaceuticals (“JANSSEN”) and Johnson & Johnson, Co. (“JOHNSON & JOHNSON”), concealed, and continue to conceal, their knowledge of

Invokana's unreasonably dangerous risks from Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, other consumers, and the medical community.

3. As a result of the defective nature of Invokana, persons who were prescribed and ingested Invokana, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, have suffered and may continue to suffer severe and permanent personal injuries, including amputations, kidney failure, diabetic ketoacidosis, stroke, and heart attack.

4. After beginning treatment with Invokana, and as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions and inaction, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON suffered serious injuries, including a below-knee, right leg amputation. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S ingestion of the defective and unreasonably dangerous drug Invokana caused and will continue to cause injury and damage to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

5. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON brings this action for personal injuries suffered as a proximate result of being prescribed and ingesting Invokana. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON accordingly seeks compensatory and punitive damages, monetary restitution, and all other available remedies as a result of injuries caused by Invokana.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6. This is an action for damages that exceeds the jurisdictional limits of this Court.

7. Venue in this action properly lies in the Superior Court of New Jersey as Defendant JANSSEN is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal place of business at 1125 Trenton Harborton Road, Titusville, New Jersey, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Defendant JOHNSON & JOHNSON. JANSSEN is registered to do business in New Jersey. JANSSEN is engaged in the business of researching, developing, designing, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, supplying, selling marketing, and introducing into interstate

commerce, either directly or indirectly through third parties or related entities, its products, including the prescription drug Invokana.

8. Venue in this action also properly lies in the Superior Court of New Jersey as Defendant JOHNSON & JOHNSON is a New Jersey corporation with its principal place of business at One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, New Jersey. JOHNSON & JOHNSON is engaged in the business of researching, developing, designing, licensing, manufacturing, distributing, supplying, selling marketing, and introducing into interstate commerce, either directly or indirectly through third parties or related entities, its products, including the prescription drug Invokana.

9. This suit is brought under the New Jersey Products Liability Act, N.J.S.A 2A:58C-1, et seq. ("Products Liability Act"), the New Jersey Punitive Damages Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:15-5.9, et seq., ("Punitive Damages Act"), the common law of the State of New Jersey, the common law of the State of Iowa, the product liability laws of the state of Iowa, and the Iowa Punitive Damages Act, IOWA CODE ANN. §668A *et seq.*, to recover damages and other relief, including the costs of suit and reasonable attorneys' and expert fees, for the injuries the Plaintiff has sustained as a result of the Defendants' negligent and wrongful conduct in connection with the design, development, manufacture, testing, packaging, promoting, marketing, distributing, labeling, and/or sale of Invokana.

### **PARTY PLAINTIFF**

10. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON is a citizen and resident of the State of Iowa.

11. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON began taking Invokana on or about April 2015 and continued to use Invokana until about May 2017.

### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

12. Defendant JOHNSON & JOHNSON, designed and developed the diabetes drug, Invokana.

13. Defendant JANSSEN, a wholly owned subsidiary of JOHNSON & JOHNSON, acquired the marketing rights to Invokana in North America, and marketed, advertised, distributed, and sold Invokana in the United States, including in the State of Iowa.

14. Invokana is one of Defendants' top selling drugs, with sales of \$278 million in just the first quarter of 2015.

15. In March 2013, the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") approved Defendants' compound Invokana (*canagliflozin*) for the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

16. *Canagliflozin* is a member of the *gliflozin* class of pharmaceuticals, also known as sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 ("SGLT2") inhibitors, and is marketed in the United States by Defendants under the name Invokana.

17. SGLT2 inhibitors, including Invokana, primarily are used for treating type 2 diabetes. Invokana was the first SGLT2 inhibitor approved for use by the FDA.

18. Though Invokana is indicated for only improved glycemic control in type 2 adult diabetics, Defendants have marketed and continue to market Invokana for off label purposes, including but not limited to weight loss, reduced blood pressure, and improved glycemic control in type 1 diabetics.

19. Despite Defendants' knowledge of the increased risk of severe injury among Invokana users, Defendants did not warn patients, but instead continued to defend Invokana, mislead physicians and the public, and minimize unfavorable findings.

20. Consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, who have used

Invokana for treatment of diabetes, have several alternative safer products available to treat their conditions.

21. Defendants knew of the significant risk of amputation caused by ingestion of Invokana. However, Defendants did not adequately and sufficiently warn consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON or the medical community of the severity such risks.

22. To the contrary, Defendants conducted nationwide sales and marketing campaigns to promote the sale of Invokana and willfully deceived Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S health care professionals, the medical community, and the general public as to the health risks and consequences of the use of the Invokana.

23. As a direct result, in or about April 2015, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON was prescribed and began taking Invokana, primarily to treat diabetes.

24. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON ingested and used Invokana as prescribed and in a foreseeable manner.

25. The Invokana used by Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON was provided to him in a condition substantially the same as the condition in which it was manufactured and sold.

26. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON agreed to initiate treatment with Invokana in an effort to reduce his blood sugar. In doing so, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON relied on claims made by Defendants that Invokana was safe and effective for the treatment of diabetes.

27. Instead, Invokana can cause severe injuries, including diabetic ketoacidosis and amputations.

28. After beginning treatment with Invokana, and as a direct and proximate result thereof, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON underwent a below-knee, right leg amputation on or about December 14, 2015.

29. Defendants knew or should have known the risks associated with the use of Invokana, including the risk of amputation.

30. The development of Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries was preventable and resulted directly from Defendants' failure and refusal to conduct proper safety studies, failure to properly assess and publicize alarming safety signals, suppression of information revealing serious and life-threatening risks, willful and wanton failure to provide adequate instructions, and willful misrepresentations concerning the nature and safety of Invokana. This conduct and the product defects complained of herein were substantial factors in bringing about and exacerbating Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries.

31. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries were a reasonably foreseeable consequence of Defendants' conduct and Invokana's defects.

32. At all times material hereto, Defendants, by and through their agents, servants and employees, negligently, recklessly and carelessly marketed, distributed and sold Invokana without adequate instructions or warning of its serious side effects and unreasonably dangerous risks.

33. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON would not have used Invokana had Defendants properly disclosed the risks associated with the drug. Thus, had Defendants properly disclosed the risks associated with Invokana, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON would have avoided the risk of developing the injuries complained of herein by not ingesting Invokana.

34. Defendants, through their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions, actively concealed from Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his physicians the true and significant risks associated with taking Invokana.

35. As a result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his

prescribing physicians were unaware, and could not reasonably have known or learned through reasonable diligence, that Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON had been exposed to the risks identified herein, and that those risks were the direct and proximate result of Defendants' acts, omissions, and misrepresentations.

36. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence, wrongful conduct, and the unreasonably dangerous and defective characteristics of Invokana, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON suffered severe and permanent physical and emotional injuries. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has endured pain and suffering, emotional distress, loss of enjoyment of life, and economic loss, including significant expenses for medical care and treatment, which will continue in the future. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON seeks actual, compensatory, and punitive damages from Defendants.

37. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has suffered from mental anguish from the knowledge that he will suffer life-long complications as a result of the injuries caused by Invokana.

#### **EQUITABLE TOLLING OF APPLICABLE STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS**

38. Defendants, through their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions, actively concealed from Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S physicians and healthcare providers the true and significant risks associated with Invokana.

39. As a result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S physicians and healthcare providers were unaware, and could not have reasonably known or have learned through reasonable diligence, that Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON had been exposed to the risks identified in this Complaint, and that those risks were the result of Defendants' acts, omissions, and misrepresentations.

40. The accrual and running of any applicable statute of limitations has been tolled by reason of Defendants' fraudulent concealment.

41. Each Defendant is equitably estopped from asserting any limitations defense by virtue of its fraudulent concealment and other misconduct as described in this Complaint.

**COUNT I**  
**PRODUCT LIABILITY ACT — MANUFACTURING**  
**DEFECT (N.J.S.A. 2A:58C-1, *et seq.*)**

42. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

43. At all times material to this action, Defendants were engaged in the business of designing, developing, manufacturing, testing, packaging, promoting, marketing, distributing, labeling, and/or selling Invokana.

44. At all times material to this action, Invokana was expected to reach, and did reach, consumers in the State of Iowa and throughout the United States, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, without substantial change in the condition in which it was sold.

45. At all times material to this action, Invokana was designed, developed, manufactured, tested, packaged, promoted, marketed, distributed, labeled, and/or sold by Defendants in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition at the time it was placed in the stream of commerce in ways which include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- a. When placed in the stream of commerce, Invokana contained manufacturing defects which rendered the subject product unreasonably dangerous;
- b. The subject product's manufacturing defects occurred while the product



was in the possession and control of Defendants;

c. The subject product was not made in accordance with Defendants' specifications or performance standards; and

d. The subject product's manufacturing defects existed before it left the control of Defendants.

46. The subject product manufactured and/or supplied by Defendants was not reasonably fit, suitable or safe for its intended purpose because when it left Defendants' hands, it deviated from the design specifications, formulae, or performance standards of the manufacturer or from otherwise identical units manufactured to the same manufacturing specifications or formulae. In particular, the product is not safe, has numerous and serious side effects, and causes severe and permanent injuries including, but not limited to, having amputation.

47. As a direct and proximate result of the subject product's manufacturing defects, Plaintiff suffered severe and permanent physical injuries. Plaintiff has endured substantial pain and suffering. Plaintiff has incurred significant expenses for medical care and treatment, and will continue to incur such expenses in the future. Plaintiff has lost past earnings and has suffered a loss of earning capacity. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic loss, and has otherwise been physically, emotionally and economically injured. Plaintiff's injuries and damages are permanent and will continue into the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT II**  
**PRODUCT LIABILITY ACT — DEFECTIVE DESIGN**  
**(N.J.S.A. 2A:58C-1, *et seq.*)**

48. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

49. Invokana is defective in its design or formulation in that it is not reasonably fit, suitable, or safe for its intended purpose and/or its foreseeable risks exceed the benefits associated with its design and formulation.

50. At all times material to this action, Invokana was expected to reach, and did reach, consumers in the State of Iowa and throughout the United States, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, without substantial change in the condition in which it was sold.

51. At all times material to this action, Invokana was designed, developed, manufactured, tested, packaged, promoted, marketed, distributed, labeled, and/or sold by Defendants in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition at the time it was placed in the stream of commerce in ways which include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- a. When placed in the stream of commerce, Invokana contained unreasonably dangerous design defects and was not reasonably safe as intended to be used, subjecting Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON to risks that exceeded the benefits of the subject product, including, but not limited to, permanent personal injuries including, but not limited to, having amputation and other serious injuries and side effects;
- b. When placed in the stream of commerce, Invokana was defective in design and formulation, making the use of Invokana more dangerous than an

ordinary consumer would expect, and more dangerous than other risks associated with the other medications and similar drugs on the market to treat type 2 diabetes;

c. The design defects of Invokana existed before it left the control of Defendants;

d. Invokana was insufficiently and inadequately tested;

e. Invokana caused harmful side effects that outweighed any potential utility; and

f. Invokana was not accompanied by adequate instructions and/or warnings to fully apprise consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, of the full nature and extent of the risks and side effects associated with its use, thereby rendering Defendants liable to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

52. In addition, at the time the subject product left the control of Defendants, there were practical and feasible alternative designs that would have prevented and/or significantly reduced the risk of Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries without impairing the reasonably anticipated or intended function of the product. These safer alternative designs were economically and technologically feasible and would have prevented or significantly reduced the risk of Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries without substantially impairing the product's utility.

53. As a direct and proximate result of the subject product's defective design, Plaintiff suffered severe and permanent physical injuries. Plaintiff has endured substantial pain and suffering. Plaintiff has incurred significant expenses for medical care and treatment, and will

continue to incur such expenses in the future. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic loss, and has otherwise been physically, emotionally and economically injured. Plaintiff's injuries and damages are permanent and will continue into the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT III**  
**PRODUCT LIABILITY ACT — FAILURE TO WARN**  
**(N.J.S.A. 2A:58C-1, *et seq.*)**

54. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

55. Invokana was defective and unreasonably dangerous when it left the possession of Defendants in that it contained warnings insufficient to alert consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, of the dangerous risks and reactions associated with the subject product, including but not limited to its propensity to permanent physical injuries including, but not limited to, the need for amputation of limbs and phalanges and other serious injuries, side effects, and death; notwithstanding Defendants' knowledge of an increased risk of these injuries and side effects over other forms of treatment for type 2 diabetes. Thus, the subject product was unreasonably dangerous because an adequate warning was not provided as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:58C-1, *et seq.*

56. The subject product manufactured and supplied by Defendants was defective due

to inadequate post-marketing warnings or instructions because, after Defendants knew or should have known of the risk of serious bodily harm from the use of the subject product, Defendants failed to provide an adequate warning to consumers and/or their health care providers of the defects of the product, and/or alternatively failed to conform to state requirements for labeling, warnings and instructions, or recall, while knowing that the product could cause serious injury and/or death.

57. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON was prescribed and used the subject product for its intended purpose.

58. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON could not have discovered any defect in the subject product through the exercise of reasonable care.

59. Defendants, as manufacturers and/or distributors of the subject prescription product, are held to the level of knowledge of an expert in the field.

60. Defendants, the manufacturers and/or distributors of the subject prescription product, are held to a level of knowledge of an expert in the field as the Reference Listed Drug Company and the New Drug Application Holder.

61. The warnings that were given by Defendants were not accurate, clear, and/or were ambiguous.

62. The warnings that were given by Defendants failed to properly warn physicians of the increased risks of permanent physical injuries including, but not limited to, amputations, kidney failure, diabetic ketoacidosis, stroke, and heart attack.

63. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, individually and through his prescribing physician, reasonably relied upon the skill, superior knowledge, and judgment of Defendants.

64. Defendants had a continuing duty to warn Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON

of the dangers associated with the subject product.

65. Had Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON received adequate warnings regarding the risks of the subject product, he would not have used it.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT IV**  
**BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY**

66. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

67. Defendants expressly represented to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, other consumers, and the medical community that Invokana was safe and fit for its intended purposes, was of merchantable quality, did not produce any dangerous side effects, and had been adequately tested.

68. Invokana does not conform to Defendants' express representations because it is not safe, has numerous and serious side effects, and causes severe and permanent injuries, including, but not limited to, having an amputation and other serious injuries and side effects.

69. At the time of the making of the express warranties, Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, of the purpose for which the subject product was to be used and warranted the same to be, in all respects, fit, safe, and effective and proper for such purpose. The subject product was unreasonably dangerous because it failed to conform to an

express warranty of Defendants.

70. At the time of the making of the express warranties, Defendants knew or should have known that, in fact, said representations and warranties were false, misleading, and untrue in that the subject product was not safe and fit for its intended use and, in fact, produces serious injuries to the user.

71. At all relevant times Invokana did not perform as safely as an ordinary consumer would expect, when used as intended or in a reasonably foreseeable manner.

72. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, other consumers, and the medical community relied upon Defendants' express warranties.

73. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' breach of express warranty, Plaintiff suffered severe and permanent physical injuries. Plaintiff has endured substantial pain and suffering. Plaintiff has incurred significant expenses for medical care and treatment, and will continue to incur such expenses in the future. Plaintiff has lost past earnings and has suffered a loss of earning capacity. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic loss, and has otherwise been physically, emotionally and economically injured. Plaintiff's injuries and damages are permanent and will continue into the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT V**  
**BREACH OF WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR ORDINARY USE**

74. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

75. Defendants warrant, as a matter of law, that the subject product is reasonably fit for its ordinary and intended use.

76. The subject product is not safe, has numerous and serious side effects and causes severe and permanent injuries including, but not limited to, amputation and other serious injuries and side effects. As a result, Invokana is unfit and inherently dangerous for ordinary use.

77. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON had an amputation. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has and will sustain significant injuries, damages, and losses, including, but not limited to: medical and related expenses, loss of income and support, and diminished economic horizons. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has also suffered and will continue to suffer other losses and damages, including, but not limited to: diminished capacity for the enjoyment of life, a diminished quality of life and grief.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.



**COUNT VI**  
**PRODUCT LIABILITY – NEGLIGENCE**  
**(N.J.S.A. 2A-58C-1 et seq.)**

78. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

79. Defendants directly or indirectly caused Invokana to be sold, distributed, packaged, labeled, marketed, promoted, and/or used by Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

80. The Defendants owed Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and other consumers a duty to exercise reasonable care when designing, manufacturing, marketing, advertising, distributing, and selling Invokana, including the duty to take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure the product was not unreasonably dangerous to its consumers and users, and to warn Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and other consumers of the dangers associated with Invokana.

81. At all times material hereto, Defendants had actual knowledge, or in the alternative, should have known through the exercise of reasonable and prudent care, of the hazards and dangers of Invokana.

82. Defendants had a duty to disclose to health care professionals the causal relationship or association of Invokana to the development of Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries.

83. Defendants' duty of care owed to consumers, health care professionals, and patients included providing accurate information concerning: (1) the clinical safety and effectiveness profiles of Invokana, and (2) appropriate, complete, and accurate warnings concerning the adverse effects of Invokana, including the injuries suffered by Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

84. During the time that Defendants designed, manufactured, packaged, labeled, promoted, distributed, and/or sold Invokana, Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that their product was defective, dangerous, and otherwise harmful to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

85. Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that the use of Invokana could cause or be associated with Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries and thus created a dangerous and unreasonable risk of injury to users of the products.

86. Defendants knew that many health care professionals were prescribing Invokana, and that many patients developed serious side effects including but not limited to amputation of limbs and phalanges.

87. Defendants breached their duty of reasonable care and failed to exercise ordinary care in the design, research, development, manufacture, marketing, supplying, promotion, marketing, advertisement, packaging, sale, testing, quality assurance, quality control, sale, and distribution of Invokana in interstate commerce, in that Defendants knew and had reason to know that a consumer's use and ingestion of Invokana created a significant risk of suffering unreasonably dangerous health related side effects, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries, and failed to prevent or adequately warn of the severity of these risks and injuries.

88. Defendants were further negligent in that they manufactured and produced a defective product containing *canagliflozin*, knew and were aware of the defects inherent in the product, failed to act in a reasonably prudent manner in designing, testing, and marketing the products, and failed to provide adequate warnings of the product's defects and risks.

89. The Defendants failed to exercise due care under the circumstances, and their

negligence includes the following acts and omissions:

- a. failing to properly and thoroughly test Invokana before releasing the drug to market;
- b. failing to properly and thoroughly analyze the data resulting from the pre- marketing tests of Invokana;
- c. failing to conduct sufficient post-market testing and surveillance of Invokana;
- d. designing, manufacturing, marketing, advertising, distributing, and selling Invokana to consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, without an adequate warning of the significant and dangerous risks of Invokana and without proper instructions to avoid foreseeable harm;
- e. failing to accompany their product with proper or adequate warnings or labeling regarding adverse side effects and health risks associated with the use of Invokana and the comparative severity of such adverse effects;
- f. failing to provide warnings, instructions or other information that accurately reflected the symptoms, scope, and severity of the side effects and health risks, including but not limited to those associated with the severity of Invokana's risk for severe and permanent personal injuries, including limb and phalange amputations;
- g. failing to exercise due care when advertising and promoting Invokana;  
and
- h. negligently continuing to manufacture, market, advertise, and distribute Invokana after the Defendants knew or should have known of its

adverse effects.

90. Defendants knew and/or should have known that it was foreseeable that consumers such as Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON would suffer injuries as a result of Defendants' failure to exercise ordinary care in the manufacturing, marketing, labeling, distribution and sale of Invokana.

91. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON did not know the nature and extent of the injuries that could result from ingestion and use of Invokana.

92. Defendants' negligence was the proximate cause of the injuries, harm, and economic losses that Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON suffered, and will continue to suffer, as described herein.

93. Defendants' conduct, as described above, was reckless. Defendants' actions and inaction risked the lives of consumers and users of their products, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

94. As a foreseeable, direct, and proximate consequence of Defendants' actions, omissions, and misrepresentations, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON had an amputation and other related health complications. In addition, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON requires and will continue to require healthcare and services. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur medical and related expenses. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also has suffered and will continue to suffer diminished capacity for the enjoyment of life, a diminished quality of life, increased risk of premature death, aggravation of preexisting conditions, activation of latent conditions, and other losses and damages. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S direct medical losses and costs include physician care, monitoring, and treatment. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur mental and physical

pain and suffering.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT VII**  
**PRODUCT LIABILITY - BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY**  
**(N.J.S.A. 2A:58C-1 *et seq.*)**

95. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

96. Defendants manufactured, distributed, advertised, promoted, and sold Invokana.

97. At all relevant times, Defendants knew of the use for which Invokana was intended, and impliedly warranted the product to be of merchantable quality and safe and fit for such use.

98. Defendants were aware that consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, would use Invokana for treatment of type 2 diabetes and for other purposes, including but not limited to weight loss, and reduced blood pressure.

99. Invokana was neither safe for its intended use nor of merchantable quality, as impliedly warranted by Defendants, in that Invokana has dangerous propensities when used as intended and can cause serious injuries, including amputations, kidney failure, diabetic ketoacidosis, stroke, and heart attack.

100. At all relevant times, Defendants intended that Invokana be used in the manner used

by Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, and Defendants impliedly warranted it to be of merchantable quality, safe, and fit for such use, despite the fact that Invokana was not adequately tested.

101. Defendants were aware that consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, would use Invokana as marketed by Defendants. As such, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON was a foreseeable user of Invokana.

102. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and/or his health care professionals were at all relevant times in privity with Defendants.

103. Invokana was dangerous and defective when Defendants placed it into the stream of commerce because of its propensity to cause Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries.

104. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and the medical community reasonably relied upon the judgment and sensibility of Defendants to sell Invokana only if it was indeed of merchantable quality and safe and fit for its intended use.

105. Defendants breached their implied warranty to consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON. Invokana was not of merchantable quality, nor was it safe and fit for its intended use.

106. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his physicians reasonably relied upon Defendants' implied warranty for Invokana when prescribing and ingesting Invokana.

107. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S use of Invokana was as prescribed and in a foreseeable manner as intended, recommended, promoted, and marketed by Defendants.

108. Invokana was expected to reach and did in fact reach consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, without substantial change in the condition in which it

was manufactured and sold by Defendants.

109. Defendants breached the warranties of merchantability and fitness for its particular purpose because Invokana was unduly dangerous and caused undue injuries, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries.

110. The harm caused by Invokana far outweighed its alleged benefit, rendering Invokana more dangerous than an ordinary consumer or health care professional would expect and more dangerous than alternative products.

111. Neither Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON nor his health care professionals reasonably could have discovered or known of the risk of serious injury and death associated with Invokana.

112. Defendants' breach of these implied warranties caused Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries.

113. As a foreseeable, direct, and proximate consequence of Defendants' actions, omissions, and misrepresentations, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON had an amputation and other related health complications. In addition, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON requires and will continue to require healthcare and services. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur medical and related expenses. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also has suffered and will continue to suffer diminished capacity for the enjoyment of life, a diminished quality of life, increased risk of premature death, aggravation of preexisting conditions, activation of latent conditions, and other losses and damages. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S direct medical losses and costs include physician care, monitoring, and treatment. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur mental and physical pain and suffering.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT VIII**  
**FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION**

114. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

115. Defendants made fraudulent misrepresentations with respect to Invokana in the following particulars:

- a. Defendants represented through their labeling, advertising, marketing materials, detail persons, seminar presentations, publications, notice letters, and regulatory submissions that Invokana had been tested and found to be safe and effective for the treatment of diabetes; and
- b. Upon information and belief, Defendants represented that Invokana was safer than other alternative medications.

116. Defendants knew that their representations were false, yet they willfully, wantonly, and recklessly disregarded their obligation to provide truthful representations regarding the safety and risk of Invokana to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, other consumers, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON physicians, and the medical community.

117. The representations were made by the Defendants with the intent that doctors and patients, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his physicians, rely upon them.



118. Defendants' representations were made with the intent of defrauding and deceiving Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, other consumers, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S physicians, and the medical community to induce and encourage the sale of Invokana.

119. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S doctors, and others relied upon these representations.

120. As a foreseeable, direct, and proximate consequence of Defendants' actions, omissions, and misrepresentations, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON had an amputation and other related health complications. In addition, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON requires and will continue to require healthcare and services. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur medical and related expenses. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also has suffered and will continue to suffer diminished capacity for the enjoyment of life, a diminished quality of life, increased risk of premature death, aggravation of preexisting conditions, activation of latent conditions, and other losses and damages. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S direct medical losses and costs include physician care, monitoring, and treatment. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur mental and physical pain and suffering.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT IX**  
**NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

121. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

122. Defendants owed a duty in all of their undertakings, including the dissemination of information concerning Invokana, to exercise reasonable care to ensure they did not create unreasonable risks of personal injury to others.

123. Defendants disseminated to health care professionals and consumers — through published labels, marketing materials, and otherwise — information that misrepresented the properties and effects of Invokana with the intention that health care professionals and consumers would rely upon that information in their decisions concerning whether to prescribe or ingest Invokana.

124. Defendants, as the designers, manufacturers, sellers, promoters, and/or distributors of Invokana, knew or reasonably should have known that health care professionals and consumers of Invokana rely on information disseminated and marketed to them regarding the product when weighing the potential benefits and potential risks of prescribing or ingesting Invokana.

125. Defendants failed to exercise reasonable care to ensure that the information they disseminated to health care professionals and consumers concerning the properties and effects of Invokana were accurate, complete, and not misleading. As a result, Defendants disseminated information to health care professionals and consumers that was negligently and materially inaccurate, misleading, false, and unreasonably dangerous to consumers such as Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

126. Defendants, as designers, manufacturers, sellers, promoters, and/or distributors of Invokana, knew or reasonably should have known that health care professionals would write prescriptions for Invokana in reliance on the information disseminated by Defendants, and that the patients receiving prescriptions for Invokana would be placed in peril of developing serious and potential life threatening injuries if the information disseminated by Defendants and relied upon was materially inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise false.

127. From the time Invokana was first tested, studied, researched, evaluated, endorsed, manufactured, marketed, and distributed, and up to the present, Defendants failed to disclose material facts regarding the safety of Invokana. Defendants made material misrepresentations to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, his health care professionals, the healthcare community, and the general public, including:

- a. stating that Invokana had been tested and found to be safe and effective for the treatment of diabetes;
- b. concealing, misrepresenting, and actively downplaying the severe and life- threatening risks of harm to users of Invokana, when compared to comparable or superior alternative drug therapies; and
- c. misrepresenting Invokana's risk of unreasonable, dangerous, adverse side effects.

128. Defendants made the foregoing representations without any reasonable ground for believing them to be true.

129. These representations were made directly by Defendants, their sales representative, and other authorized agents, and in publications and other written materials directed to health care professionals, medical patients, and the public.

130. Defendants made these representations with the intent to induce reliance thereon,

and to encourage the prescription, purchase, and use of Invokana.

131. Defendants had a duty to accurately and truthfully represent to medical professionals and consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, the truth regarding Defendants' claims that Invokana had been tested and found to be safe and effective for treating diabetes.

132. The misrepresentations made by Defendants, in fact, were false and known by Defendants to be false at the time the misrepresentations were made.

133. Defendants failed to exercise ordinary care in making their representations concerning Invokana and in the manufacture, sale, testing, quality assurance, quality control, and distribution in interstate commerce of Invokana.

134. Defendants engaged in a nationwide marketing campaign, over-promoting Invokana in written marketing literature, in written product packaging, and in direct-to- consumer advertising via written and internet advertisements and television commercial ads. Defendants' over-promotion was undertaken by touting the safety and efficacy of Invokana while concealing, misrepresenting, and actively downplaying the serious, severe, and life- threatening risks of harm to users of Invokana, when compared to comparable or superior alternative drug therapies. Defendants negligently misrepresented Invokana's risk of unreasonable and dangerous adverse side effects.

135. Defendants' conduct, as described above, was reckless. Defendants risked the lives of consumers and users of Invokana, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON. Defendants had knowledge of the safety problems and suppressed this knowledge from the general public. Defendants made conscious decisions not to redesign, re-label, adequately warn, or inform the unsuspecting public. Defendants' reckless conduct warrants an award of

punitive damages.

136. As a foreseeable, direct, and proximate consequence of Defendants' actions, omissions, and misrepresentations, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON had an amputation and other related health complications. In addition, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON requires and will continue to require healthcare and services. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur medical and related expenses. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also has suffered and will continue to suffer diminished capacity for the enjoyment of life, a diminished quality of life, increased risk of premature death, aggravation of preexisting conditions, activation of latent conditions, and other losses and damages. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S direct medical losses and costs include physician care, monitoring, and treatment. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur mental and physical pain and suffering.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT X**  
**FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT**

137. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

138. Throughout the relevant time period, Defendants knew that Invokana was defective and unreasonably unsafe for its intended purpose, and intentionally and willfully failed

to disclose and/or suppressed information regarding the true nature of the risks of use of Invokana.

139. Defendants fraudulently concealed information with respect to Invokana in the following particulars:

a. Defendants represented through their labeling, advertising, marketing materials, detail persons, seminar presentations, publications, notice letters, and regulatory submissions that Invokana was safe and fraudulently withheld and concealed information about the severity of the substantial risks of using Invokana; and

b. Upon information and belief, Defendants represented that Invokana was safer than other alternative medications and fraudulently concealed information which demonstrated that Invokana was not safer than alternatives available on the market.

140. Defendants were under a duty to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON to disclose and warn of the defective and dangerous nature of Invokana because:

a. Defendants had sole access to material facts concerning, and unique and special expertise regarding, the dangers and unreasonable risks of Invokana;

b. Defendants knowingly made false claims and omitted important information about the safety and quality of Invokana in the documents and marketing materials Defendants provided to physicians and the general public; and

c. Defendants fraudulently and affirmatively concealed the defective and dangerous nature of Invokana from Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

141. As the designers, manufacturers, sellers, promoters, and/or distributors of

Invokana, Defendants had unique knowledge and special expertise regarding Invokana. This placed them in a position of superiority and influence over Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his healthcare providers. As such, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his healthcare providers reasonably placed their trust and confidence in Defendants and in the information disseminated by Defendants.

142. The facts concealed or not disclosed by Defendants to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON were material facts that a reasonable person would have considered to be important in deciding whether or not to purchase or use Invokana.

143. The concealment and/or non-disclosure of information by Defendants about the severity of the risks caused by Invokana was intentional, and the representations made by Defendants were known by them to be false.

144. The concealment of information and the misrepresentations about Invokana were made by Defendants with the intent that doctors and patients, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, rely upon them so that Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON would request and purchase Invokana and his health care providers would prescribe and recommend Invokana.

145. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, his doctors, and others reasonably relied on Defendants' representations and were unaware of the substantial risk posed by Invokana.

146. Had Defendants not concealed or suppressed information regarding the severity of the risks of Invokana, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his physicians would not have prescribed or ingested the drug.

147. Defendants, by concealment or other action, intentionally prevented Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his health care professionals from acquiring material information regarding the lack of safety of Invokana, thereby preventing Plaintiff MICHAEL

R. WILKINSON from discovering the truth. As such, Defendants are liable for fraudulent concealment.

148. As a foreseeable, direct, and proximate consequence of Defendants' actions, omissions, and misrepresentations, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON had an amputation and other related health complications. In addition, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON requires and will continue to require healthcare and services. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur medical and related expenses. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also has suffered and will continue to suffer diminished capacity for the enjoyment of life, a diminished quality of life, increased risk of premature death, aggravation of preexisting conditions, activation of latent conditions, and other losses and damages. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S direct medical losses and costs include physician care, monitoring, and treatment. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur mental and physical pain and suffering.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT XI**  
**FRAUD**

149. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

150. Defendants intentionally, willfully, and knowingly, fraudulently misrepresented to



Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, his prescribing health care professionals, the health care industry, and consumers that Invokana had been adequately tested in clinical trials and was found to be safe and effective as a diabetes treatment.

151. Defendants knew or should have known at the time they made their fraudulent misrepresentations that their material misrepresentations and omissions were false regarding the dangers and risk of adverse health events associated with use of Invokana. Defendants made their fraudulent misrepresentations willfully, wantonly, and with reckless disregard and depraved indifference for the safety and well-being of the users of Invokana, such as Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

152. Defendants' fraudulent misrepresentations were made with the intent of defrauding and deceiving the health care industry and consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S prescribing health care professionals, so as to induce them to recommend, prescribe, dispense, or purchase Invokana, despite the risk of severe life-threatening injury, which Defendants knew were caused by the products.

153. Defendants fraudulently and intentionally concealed material information, as aforesaid. Defendants knew that Invokana was defective and unreasonably unsafe for its intended purpose and intentionally failed to disclose information regarding the true nature of the subject product's risks.

154. Defendants fraudulently and intentionally failed to disclose and warn of the severity of the injuries described herein, which were known by Defendants to result from use of Invokana.

155. Defendants fraudulently and intentionally suppressed information about the severity of the risks and injuries associated with Invokana from physicians and patients, including

Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his prescribing physicians, used sales and marketing documents that contained information contrary to Defendants' internally held knowledge regarding the aforesaid risks and injuries, and overstated the efficacy and safety of the Invokana. For example:

- a. Invokana was not as safe and effective as other diabetes drugs given its intended use;
- b. Ingestion of Invokana does not result in a safe and more effective method of diabetes treatment than other available treatments;
- c. The risks of harm associated with the use of the Invokana was greater than the risks of harm associated with other forms of diabetes drug therapies;
- d. The risk of adverse events with Invokana was not adequately tested and was known by Defendants, but Defendants knowingly failed to adequately test the product;
- e. Defendants knew that the risks of harm associated with the use of Invokana was greater than the risks of harm associated with other forms of diabetes drug therapies, yet knowingly made material misrepresentations and omissions of fact on which Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON relied when ingesting Invokana;
- f. The limited clinical testing revealed that Invokana had an unreasonably high risk of injury, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries, above and beyond those associated with other diabetes drug therapies;

- g. Defendants intentionally and knowingly failed to disclose and concealed the adverse events discovered in the clinical studies and trial results;
- h. Defendants had knowledge of the dangers involved with the use of Invokana, which dangers were greater than those associated with other diabetes drug therapies;
- i. Defendants intentionally and knowingly failed to disclose that patients using Invokana could increase the risk of amputations and sequelae, and would require monitoring while treating with Invokana drug therapy; and/or
- j. Invokana was defective, and caused dangerous and adverse side effects, including the specific injuries described herein.

156. Defendants had access to material facts concerning the defective nature of the subject product and its propensity to cause serious and dangerous side effects in the form of dangerous injuries and damages to persons who ingest Invokana, information that was not publicly disseminated or made available, but instead was actively suppressed by the Defendants.

157. Defendants' intentional concealment and omissions of material fact concerning the safety of Invokana was made with purposeful, willful, wanton, fraudulent, and reckless disregard for the health and safety of Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, and with reckless intent to mislead, so as to cause Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S prescribing health care professionals to purchase, prescribe, and/or dispense Invokana, and to cause Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON to rely on Defendants' fraudulent misrepresentations that Invokana was a safe and effective diabetes drug therapy.

158. At the time Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON purchased and used Invokana,

Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON was unaware that Defendants had made misrepresentations and omissions, and instead Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON reasonably believed Defendants' representations to constitute true, complete, and accurate portrayal of Invokana's safety and efficacy.

159. Defendants knew and had reason to know that Invokana could and would cause serious personal injury to the users of the products, and that the products were inherently dangerous in a manner that exceeded any purported warnings given by Defendants.

160. In reliance on Defendants' false and fraudulent misrepresentations, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON was induced to use and in fact used Invokana, thereby sustaining injuries and damages. Defendants knew and had reason to know that Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his health care professionals did not have the ability to determine the true facts intentionally concealed and suppressed by Defendants, and that Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his health care professionals would not have prescribed and ingested Invokana if the true facts regarding the drug had not been concealed by Defendants.

161. During the marketing and promotion of Invokana to health care professionals, neither Defendants nor the co-promoters who were detailing Invokana on Defendants' behalf, warned health care professionals, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S prescribing health care professionals, that Invokana caused or increased the risk of harm of amputations.

162. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON reasonably relied upon Defendants' misrepresentations, where knowledge of the concealed facts was critical to understanding the true dangers inherent in the use of Invokana.

163. Defendants willfully, wrongfully, and intentionally distributed false information, assuring Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, the public, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S health care professionals, and the health care industry that Invokana was safe

for use as a means of diabetes treatment. Upon information and belief, Defendants intentionally omitted, concealed, and suppressed the true results of Defendants' clinical tests and research.

164. Defendants' conduct was intentional and reckless. Defendants risked the lives of consumers and users of Invokana, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON. Defendants knew of Invokana's safety problems, and suppressed this knowledge from the general public. Defendants' intentional and reckless conduct warrants an award of punitive damages.

165. As a foreseeable, direct, and proximate consequence of Defendants' actions, omissions, and misrepresentations, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON had an amputation and other related health complications. In addition, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON requires and will continue to require healthcare and services. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur medical and related expenses. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also has suffered and will continue to suffer diminished capacity for the enjoyment of life, a diminished quality of life, increased risk of premature death, aggravation of preexisting conditions, activation of latent conditions, and other losses and damages. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S direct medical losses and costs include physician care, monitoring, and treatment. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur mental and physical pain and suffering.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT XII**  
**PRODUCTS LIABILITY: MANUFACTURING DEFECT**

166. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

167. At all times material to this action, Defendants were engaged in the business of designing, developing, manufacturing, testing, packaging, promoting, marketing, distributing, labeling, and/or selling Invokana.

168. At all times material to this action, Invokana was expected to reach, and did reach, consumers in the State of Iowa and throughout the United States, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, without substantial change in the condition in which it was sold.

169. At all times material to this action, Invokana was designed, developed, manufactured, tested, packaged, promoted, marketed, distributed, labeled, and/or sold by Defendants in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition at the time it was placed in the stream of commerce in ways which include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- a. When placed in the stream of commerce, Invokana contained manufacturing defects which rendered the subject product unreasonably dangerous;
- b. The subject product's manufacturing defects occurred while the product was in the possession and control of Defendants;
- c. The subject product was not made in accordance with Defendants' specifications or performance standards; and
- d. The subject product's manufacturing defects existed before it left the control of Defendants.

170. The subject product manufactured and/or supplied by Defendants was not reasonably fit, suitable or safe for its intended purpose because when it left Defendants' hands, it deviated from the design specifications, formulae, or performance standards of the manufacturer or from otherwise identical units manufactured to the same manufacturing specifications or formulae. In particular, the product is not safe, has numerous and serious side effects, and causes severe and permanent injuries including, but not limited to, having amputation.

171. As a direct and proximate result of the subject product's manufacturing defects, Plaintiff suffered severe and permanent physical injuries. Plaintiff has endured substantial pain and suffering. Plaintiff has incurred significant expenses for medical care and treatment, and will continue to incur such expenses in the future. Plaintiff has lost past earnings and has suffered a loss of earning capacity. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic loss, and has otherwise been physically, emotionally and economically injured. Plaintiff's injuries and damages are permanent and will continue into the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT XIII**  
**STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY: DEFECTIVE DESIGN**

172. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

173. Invokana is defective in its design or formulation in that it is not reasonably fit,

suitable, or safe for its intended purpose and/or its foreseeable risks exceed the benefits associated with its design and formulation.

174. At all times material to this action, Invokana was expected to reach, and did reach, consumers in the State of Iowa and throughout the United States, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, without substantial change in the condition in which it was sold.

175. At all times material to this action, Invokana was designed, developed, manufactured, tested, packaged, promoted, marketed, distributed, labeled, and/or sold by Defendants in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition at the time it was placed in the stream of commerce in ways which include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- a. When placed in the stream of commerce, Invokana contained unreasonably dangerous design defects and was not reasonably safe as intended to be used, subjecting Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON to risks that exceeded the benefits of the subject product, including, but not limited to, permanent personal injuries including, but not limited to, having amputation and other serious injuries and side effects;
- b. When placed in the stream of commerce, Invokana was defective in design and formulation, making the use of Invokana more dangerous than an ordinary consumer would expect, and more dangerous than other risks associated with the other medications and similar drugs on the market to treat type 2 diabetes;
- c. The design defects of Invokana existed before it left the control of Defendants;
- d. Invokana was insufficiently and inadequately tested;



e. Invokana caused harmful side effects that outweighed any potential utility; and

f. Invokana was not accompanied by adequate instructions and/or warnings to fully apprise consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, of the full nature and extent of the risks and side effects associated with its use, thereby rendering Defendants liable to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

176. In addition, at the time the subject product left the control of Defendants, there were practical and feasible alternative designs that would have prevented and/or significantly reduced the risk of Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries without impairing the reasonably anticipated or intended function of the product. These safer alternative designs were economically and technologically feasible and would have prevented or significantly reduced the risk of Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries without substantially impairing the product's utility.

177. As a direct and proximate result of the subject product's defective design, Plaintiff suffered severe and permanent physical injuries. Plaintiff has endured substantial pain and suffering. Plaintiff has incurred significant expenses for medical care and treatment, and will continue to incur such expenses in the future. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic loss, and has otherwise been physically, emotionally and economically injured. Plaintiff's injuries and damages are permanent and will continue into the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other

and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT XIV**  
**STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY: FAILURE TO WARN**

178. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

179. Invokana was defective and unreasonably dangerous when it left the possession of Defendants in that it contained warnings insufficient to alert consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, of the dangerous risks and reactions associated with the subject product, including but not limited to its propensity to permanent physical injuries including, but not limited to, the need for amputation of limbs and phalanges and other serious injuries, side effects, and death; notwithstanding Defendants' knowledge of an increased risk of these injuries and side effects over other forms of treatment for type 2 diabetes. Thus, the subject product was unreasonably dangerous because an adequate warning was not provided.

180. The subject product manufactured and supplied by Defendants was defective due to inadequate post-marketing warnings or instructions because, after Defendants knew or should have known of the risk of serious bodily harm from the use of the subject product, Defendants failed to provide an adequate warning to consumers and/or their health care providers of the defects of the product, and/or alternatively failed to conform to state requirements for labeling, warnings and instructions, or recall, while knowing that the product could cause serious injury and/or death.

181. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON was prescribed and used the subject product for its intended purpose.

182. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON could not have discovered any defect in the subject product through the exercise of reasonable care.

183. Defendants, as manufacturers and/or distributors of the subject prescription product, are held to the level of knowledge of an expert in the field.

184. Defendants, the manufacturers and/or distributors of the subject prescription product, are held to a level of knowledge of an expert in the field as the Reference Listed Drug Company and the New Drug Application Holder.

185. The warnings that were given by Defendants were not accurate, clear, and/or were ambiguous.

186. The warnings that were given by Defendants failed to properly warn physicians of the increased risks of permanent physical injuries including, but not limited to, amputations, kidney failure, diabetic ketoacidosis, stroke, and heart attack.

187. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, individually and through his prescribing physician, reasonably relied upon the skill, superior knowledge, and judgment of Defendants.

188. Defendants had a continuing duty to warn Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON of the dangers associated with the subject product.

189. Had Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON received adequate warnings regarding the risks of the subject product, he would not have used it.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT XV**  
**NEGLIGENCE**

190. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

191. Defendants directly or indirectly caused Invokana to be sold, distributed, packaged, labeled, marketed, promoted, and/or used by Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

192. The Defendants owed Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and other consumers a duty to exercise reasonable care when designing, manufacturing, marketing, advertising, distributing, and selling Invokana, including the duty to take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure the product was not unreasonably dangerous to its consumers and users, and to warn Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and other consumers of the dangers associated with Invokana.

193. At all times material hereto, Defendants had actual knowledge, or in the alternative, should have known through the exercise of reasonable and prudent care, of the hazards and dangers of Invokana.

194. Defendants had a duty to disclose to health care professionals the causal relationship or association of Invokana to the development of Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries.

195. Defendants' duty of care owed to consumers, health care professionals, and patients included providing accurate information concerning: (1) the clinical safety and effectiveness profiles of Invokana, and (2) appropriate, complete, and accurate warnings concerning the adverse effects of Invokana, including the injuries suffered by Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

196. During the time that Defendants designed, manufactured, packaged, labeled,

promoted, distributed, and/or sold Invokana, Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that their product was defective, dangerous, and otherwise harmful to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

197. Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that the use of Invokana could cause or be associated with Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries and thus created a dangerous and unreasonable risk of injury to users of the products.

198. Defendants knew that many health care professionals were prescribing Invokana, and that many patients developed serious side effects including but not limited to amputation of limbs and phalanges.

199. Defendants breached their duty of reasonable care and failed to exercise ordinary care in the design, research, development, manufacture, marketing, supplying, promotion, marketing, advertisement, packaging, sale, testing, quality assurance, quality control, sale, and distribution of Invokana in interstate commerce, in that Defendants knew and had reason to know that a consumer's use and ingestion of Invokana created a significant risk of suffering unreasonably dangerous health related side effects, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries, and failed to prevent or adequately warn of the severity of these risks and injuries.

200. Defendants were further negligent in that they manufactured and produced a defective product containing *canagliflozin*, knew and were aware of the defects inherent in the product, failed to act in a reasonably prudent manner in designing, testing, and marketing the products, and failed to provide adequate warnings of the product's defects and risks.

201. The Defendants failed to exercise due care under the circumstances, and their negligence includes the following acts and omissions:

- a. failing to properly and thoroughly test Invokana before releasing the drug to market;
- b. failing to properly and thoroughly analyze the data resulting from the pre- marketing tests of Invokana;
- c. failing to conduct sufficient post-market testing and surveillance of Invokana;
- d. designing, manufacturing, marketing, advertising, distributing, and selling Invokana to consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, without an adequate warning of the significant and dangerous risks of Invokana and without proper instructions to avoid foreseeable harm;
- e. failing to accompany their product with proper or adequate warnings or labeling regarding adverse side effects and health risks associated with the use of Invokana and the comparative severity of such adverse effects;
- f. failing to provide warnings, instructions or other information that accurately reflected the symptoms, scope, and severity of the side effects and health risks, including but not limited to those associated with the severity of Invokana's risk for severe and permanent personal injuries, including limb and phalange amputations;
- g. failing to exercise due care when advertising and promoting Invokana;  
and
- h. negligently continuing to manufacture, market, advertise, and distribute Invokana after the Defendants knew or should have known of its adverse effects.

202. Defendants knew and/or should have known that it was foreseeable that consumers such as Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON would suffer injuries as a result of Defendants' failure to exercise ordinary care in the manufacturing, marketing, labeling, distribution and sale of Invokana.

203. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON did not know the nature and extent of the injuries that could result from ingestion and use of Invokana.

204. Defendants' negligence was the proximate cause of the injuries, harm, and economic losses that Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON suffered, and will continue to suffer, as described herein.

205. Defendants' conduct, as described above, was reckless. Defendants' actions and inaction risked the lives of consumers and users of their products, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

206. As a foreseeable, direct, and proximate consequence of Defendants' actions, omissions, and misrepresentations, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON had an amputation and other related health complications. In addition, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON requires and will continue to require healthcare and services. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur medical and related expenses. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also has suffered and will continue to suffer diminished capacity for the enjoyment of life, a diminished quality of life, increased risk of premature death, aggravation of preexisting conditions, activation of latent conditions, and other losses and damages. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S direct medical losses and costs include physician care, monitoring, and treatment. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur mental and physical pain and suffering.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT XVI**  
**BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY (IOWA CODE ANN. § 554.2313)**

207. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

208. Defendants expressly represented to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, other consumers, and the medical community that Invokana was safe and fit for its intended purposes, was of merchantable quality, did not produce any dangerous side effects, and had been adequately tested.

209. Invokana does not conform to Defendants' express representations because it is not safe, has numerous and serious side effects, and causes severe and permanent injuries, including, but not limited to, having an amputation and other serious injuries and side effects.

210. At the time of the making of the express warranties, Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, of the purpose for which the subject product was to be used and warranted the same to be, in all respects, fit, safe, and effective and proper for such purpose. The subject product was unreasonably dangerous because it failed to conform to an express warranty of Defendants.

211. At the time of the making of the express warranties, Defendants knew or should have known that, in fact, said representations and warranties were false, misleading, and untrue in



that the subject product was not safe and fit for its intended use and, in fact, produces serious injuries to the user.

212. At all relevant times Invokana did not perform as safely as an ordinary consumer would expect, when used as intended or in a reasonably foreseeable manner.

213. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, other consumers, and the medical community relied upon Defendants' express warranties.

214. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' breach of express warranty, Plaintiff suffered severe and permanent physical injuries. Plaintiff has endured substantial pain and suffering. Plaintiff has incurred significant expenses for medical care and treatment, and will continue to incur such expenses in the future. Plaintiff has lost past earnings and has suffered a loss of earning capacity. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic loss, and has otherwise been physically, emotionally and economically injured. Plaintiff's injuries and damages are permanent and will continue into the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT XVII**  
**BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY**  
**(IOWA CODE ANN. §§ 554.2314 & 554.2315)**

215. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

216. Defendants manufactured, distributed, advertised, promoted, and sold Invokana.

217. At all relevant times, Defendants knew of the use for which Invokana was intended, and impliedly warranted the product to be of merchantable quality and safe and fit for such use.

218. Defendants were aware that consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, would use Invokana for treatment of type 2 diabetes and for other purposes, including but not limited to weight loss, and reduced blood pressure.

219. Invokana was neither safe for its intended use nor of merchantable quality, as impliedly warranted by Defendants, in that Invokana has dangerous propensities when used as intended and can cause serious injuries, including amputations, kidney failure, diabetic ketoacidosis, stroke, and heart attack.

220. At all relevant times, Defendants intended that Invokana be used in the manner used by Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, and Defendants impliedly warranted it to be of merchantable quality, safe, and fit for such use, despite the fact that Invokana was not adequately tested.

221. Defendants were aware that consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, would use Invokana as marketed by Defendants. As such, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON was a foreseeable user of Invokana.

222. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and/or his health care professionals were at all relevant times in privity with Defendants.

223. Invokana was dangerous and defective when Defendants placed it into the stream of commerce because of its propensity to cause Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries.

224. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and the medical community reasonably relied upon the judgment and sensibility of Defendants to sell Invokana only if it was indeed of merchantable quality and safe and fit for its intended use.

225. Defendants breached their implied warranty to consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON. Invokana was not of merchantable quality, nor was it safe and fit for its intended use.

226. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his physicians reasonably relied upon Defendants' implied warranty for Invokana when prescribing and ingesting Invokana.

227. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S use of Invokana was as prescribed and in a foreseeable manner as intended, recommended, promoted, and marketed by Defendants.

228. Invokana was expected to reach and did in fact reach consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, without substantial change in the condition in which it was manufactured and sold by Defendants.

229. Defendants breached the warranties of merchantability and fitness for its particular purpose because Invokana was unduly dangerous and caused undue injuries, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S injuries.

230. The harm caused by Invokana far outweighed its alleged benefit, rendering Invokana more dangerous than an ordinary consumer or health care professional would expect and more dangerous than alternative products.

231. Neither Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON nor his health care professionals reasonably could have discovered or known of the risk of serious injury and death associated with Invokana.

232. Defendants' breach of these implied warranties caused Plaintiff MICHAEL R.

WILKINSON'S injuries.

233. As a foreseeable, direct, and proximate consequence of Defendants' actions, omissions, and misrepresentations, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON had an amputation and other related health complications. In addition, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON requires and will continue to require healthcare and services. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur medical and related expenses. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also has suffered and will continue to suffer diminished capacity for the enjoyment of life, a diminished quality of life, increased risk of premature death, aggravation of preexisting conditions, activation of latent conditions, and other losses and damages. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S direct medical losses and costs include physician care, monitoring, and treatment. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON has incurred and will continue to incur mental and physical pain and suffering.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**COUNT XVIII**  
**UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES**  
**(IOWA CODE ANN. §§ 714.16 *et seq.*)**

234. Plaintiffs repeat, reiterate and reallege each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

235. Defendants engaged in consumer-oriented, commercial conduct by selling and advertising Invokana.

236. Defendants misrepresented and omitted material information regarding the subject product by failing to disclose known risks.

237. Defendants' misrepresentations and concealment of material facts constitute unconscionable commercial practices, deception, fraud, false pretenses, misrepresentation, and/or the knowing concealment, suppression, or omission of materials facts with the intent that others rely on such concealment, suppression, or omission in connection with the sale and advertisement of Invokana, in violation of Iowa consumer fraud and consumer protection statutes, and other similar statutes.

238. Iowa and all other states and the District of Columbia have enacted statutes to protect consumers from deceptive, fraudulent, and unconscionable trade and business practices. Defendants violated these statutes by knowingly and falsely representing that Invokana was fit to be used for the purpose for which it was intended, when Defendants knew it was defective and dangerous, and by other acts alleged herein.

**COUNT XIX**  
**PUNITIVE DAMAGES UNDER COMMON LAW, PUNITIVE DAMAGES ACTS**  
**(N.J.S.A. 2A:15-5.9, *et seq.* & IOWA CODE ANN. §668A *et seq.*) and PRODUCT**  
**LIABILITY ACT (N.J.S.A. 2A:58C-1 *et seq.*)**

239. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in each of the foregoing paragraphs inclusive, with the same force and effect as if more fully set forth herein.

240. The wrongs done by Defendants were aggravated by malice, fraud, and grossly negligent disregard for the rights of others, the public, and Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, in that Defendants' conduct was specifically intended to cause substantial injury to Plaintiff

MICHAEL R. WILKINSON. When viewed objectively from Defendants' standpoint at the time of the conduct, considering the probability and magnitude of the potential harm to others, Defendants' conduct involved an extreme degree of risk. Defendants were actually, subjectively aware of the risk involved, but nevertheless proceeded with complete indifference to or a conscious disregard of the rights, safety, or welfare of others. Moreover, Defendants made material representations that were false, with actual knowledge of or reckless disregard for their falsity, with the intent that the representations be acted on by Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and his healthcare providers.

241. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON relied on Defendants' representations and suffered injuries as a proximate result of this reliance.

242. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON therefore asserts claims for exemplary damages.

243. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also alleges that the acts and omissions of Defendants, whether taken singularly or in combination with others, constitute gross negligence that proximately caused the injuries to Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON.

244. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON is entitled to an award of punitive and exemplary damages based upon Defendants' intentional, willful, wanton, knowing, fraudulent, and malicious acts, omissions, and conduct, and Defendants' reckless disregard for the public safety and welfare. Defendants intentionally and fraudulently misrepresented facts and information to both the medical community and the general public, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, by making intentionally false and fraudulent misrepresentations about the safety of Invokana. Defendants intentionally concealed the true facts and information regarding the serious risks of harm associated with the ingestion of Invokana, and intentionally

downplayed the type, nature, and extent of the adverse side effects of ingesting Invokana, despite their knowledge and awareness of these serious side effects and risks.

245. Defendants had knowledge of, and were in possession of evidence demonstrating that Invokana caused serious side effects. Notwithstanding Defendants' knowledge, Defendants continued to market the drug by providing false and misleading information with regard to the product's safety to regulatory agencies, the medical community, and consumers of Invokana.

246. Although Defendants knew or willfully and wantonly disregarded the fact that Invokana causes debilitating and potentially lethal side effects, Defendants continued to market, promote, and distribute Invokana to consumers, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, without disclosing these side effects when there were safer alternative methods for treating diabetes.

247. Defendants failed to provide adequate warnings that would have dissuaded health care professionals from prescribing Invokana and consumers from purchasing and ingesting Invokana, thus depriving both from weighing the true risks against the benefits of prescribing, purchasing, or consuming Invokana.

248. Defendants knew of Invokana's defective nature as set forth herein, but continued to design, manufacture, market, distribute, sell, and/or promote the drug to maximize sales and profits at the expense of the health and safety of the public, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, in a conscious, reckless, or negligent disregard of the foreseeable harm caused by Invokana.

249. Defendants' acts, conduct, and omissions were willful, wanton and malicious. Defendants committed these acts with knowing, conscious, and deliberate disregard for the rights,

health, and safety of Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON and other Invokana users and for the primary purpose of increasing Defendants' profits from the sale and distribution of Invokana. Defendants' outrageous and unconscionable conduct warrants an award of exemplary and punitive damages against Defendants in an amount appropriate to punish and make an example out of Defendants.

250. Prior to the manufacture, sale, and distribution of Invokana, Defendants knew that the drug was in a defective condition and knew that those who were prescribed the medication would experience and did experience severe physical, mental, and emotional injuries. Further, Defendants, through their officers, directors, managers, and agents, knew that the drug presented a substantial and unreasonable risk of harm to the public, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON. As such, Defendants unreasonably subjected consumers of Invokana to risk of injury or death.

251. Despite their knowledge, Defendants, acting through their officers, directors and managing agents, for the purpose of enhancing Defendants' profits, knowingly and deliberately failed to remedy the known defects in Invokana and failed to adequately warn the public, including Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, of the extreme risk of injury occasioned by said defects. Defendants and their agents, officers, and directors intentionally proceeded with the manufacturing, sale, distribution, and marketing of Invokana knowing these actions would expose persons to serious danger in order to advance Defendants' pecuniary interest and monetary profits.

252. Defendants' conduct was committed with willful and conscious disregard for the safety of Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON, entitling Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON to exemplary damages.



WHEREFORE, Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON'S favor for compensatory and punitive damages, together with interest, costs herein incurred, attorneys' fees, and all such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff MICHAEL R. WILKINSON also demands that the issues contained herein be tried by a jury.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment against each of the Defendants, and each of them individually, jointly, and severally, as follows:

- a. Awarding actual damages to the Plaintiff incidental to Plaintiff's purchase and use of Invokana in an amount to be determined at trial;
- b. Awarding treble and/or punitive damages to the Plaintiff;
- c. Awarding pre-judgment and post-judgment interest to the Plaintiff;
- d. Awarding the costs and the expenses of this litigation to the Plaintiff;
- e. Awarding reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the Plaintiff as provided by law;  
and
- f. Granting all such other relief as the Court deems necessary, just and proper.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

The Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all Counts and as to all issues.

Date: December 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 4:5-1**

The undersigned attorney for Plaintiff certifies as follows:

1. The matter in controversy is not the subject of any other action pending in any Court or of a pending arbitration proceeding;
2. No other action or arbitration proceeding is contemplated; and
3. There are no known parties who may be liable to any party on the basis of the transaction or events which form the subject matter of this action that should be joined pursuant to R. 4:28.

I certify that the foregoing statement made by me is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I am aware that if the foregoing statement made by me is willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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- 302 TENANCY
- 399 REAL PROPERTY (other than Tenancy, Contract, Condemnation, Complex Commercial or Construction)
- 502 BOOK ACCOUNT (debt collection matters only)
- 505 OTHER INSURANCE CLAIM (including declaratory judgment actions)
- 506 PIP COVERAGE
- 510 UM or UIM CLAIM (coverage issues only)
- 511 ACTION ON NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT
- 512 LEMON LAW
- 801 SUMMARY ACTION
- 802 OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (summary action)
- 999 OTHER (briefly describe nature of action)

### Track II - 300 days' discovery

- 305 CONSTRUCTION
- 509 EMPLOYMENT (other than CEPA or LAD)
- 599 CONTRACT/COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION
- 603N AUTO NEGLIGENCE – PERSONAL INJURY (non-verbal threshold)
- 603Y AUTO NEGLIGENCE – PERSONAL INJURY (verbal threshold)
- 605 PERSONAL INJURY
- 610 AUTO NEGLIGENCE – PROPERTY DAMAGE
- 621 UM or UIM CLAIM (includes bodily injury)
- 699 TORT – OTHER

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- 513 COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION
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### Multicounty Litigation (Track IV)

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| 285 STRYKER TRIDENT HIP IMPLANTS       | 297 MIRENA CONTRACEPTIVE DEVICE                           |
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Docket No: \_\_\_\_\_

**CIVIL ACTION  
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Clerk of the Superior CourtDATED: 12/13/2017Name of Defendant to Be Served: JOHNSON & JOHNSON CO.Address of Defendant to Be Served: One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08933

**SUMMONS**Attorney(s) Parker WaichmanOffice Address 6 Harbor Park DriveTown, State, Zip Code Port Washington, NY 11050Telephone Number (516) 466-6500Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Melanie H. MuhlstockMichael R. WilkinsonPlaintiff(s)

vs.

JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC& JOHNSON & JOHNSON CO.Defendant(s)**Superior Court of  
New Jersey**Middlesex CountyLaw Division

Docket No: \_\_\_\_\_

**CIVIL ACTION  
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Clerk of the Superior CourtDATED: 12/13/2017Name of Defendant to Be Served: JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.Address of Defendant to Be Served: 1125 Trenton-Harbourton Rd., Titusville, NJ 08560-1504

# Civil Case Information Statement

## Case Details: MIDDLESEX | Civil Part Docket# L-007338-17

**Case Caption:** WILKINSON MICHAEL VS JANSSEN  
PHARMACEUTIC ALS, I

**Case Initiation Date:** 12/13/2017

**Attorney Name:** MELANIE HABERMAN MUHLSTOCK

**Firm Name:** PARKER WAICHMAN LLP

**Address:** 6 HARBOR PARK DR SOUTH

PORT WASHINGTON NY 11050

**Phone:**

**Name of Party:** PLAINTIFF : Wilkinson, Michael, R

**Name of Defendant's Primary Insurance Company**

(if known): Unknown

**Case Type:** PRODUCT LIABILITY

**Document Type:** Complaint with Jury Demand

**Jury Demand:** YES - 12 JURORS

**Hurricane Sandy related?** NO

**Is this a professional malpractice case?** NO

**Related cases pending:** NO

**If yes, list docket numbers:**

**Do you anticipate adding any parties (arising out of same transaction or occurrence)?** NO

## THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM CANNOT BE INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE

CASE CHARACTERISTICS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING IF CASE IS APPROPRIATE FOR MEDIATION

**Do parties have a current, past, or recurrent relationship?** NO

**If yes, is that relationship:**

**Does the statute governing this case provide for payment of fees by the losing party?** YES

**Use this space to alert the court to any special case characteristics that may warrant individual management or accelerated disposition:**

**Do you or your client need any disability accommodations?** NO

**If yes, please identify the requested accommodation:**

**Will an interpreter be needed?** NO

**If yes, for what language:**

I certify that confidential personal identifiers have been redacted from documents now submitted to the court, and will be redacted from all documents submitted in the future in accordance with *Rule* 1:38-7(b)

12/13/2017  
Dated

/s/ MELANIE HABERMAN MUHLSTOCK  
Signed