

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

IN RE: PROTON-PUMP INHIBITOR  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION  
(No. II)

2:17-MD-2789 (CCC)(MF)  
(MDL 2789)  
Judge Claire C. Cecchi

This Document Relates to: ALL ACTIONS

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 48**  
**(Approval of Selection of Bellwether Trial Cases)**

The Court, after hearing from the parties, enters the following ORDER:

1. Case Management Order (“CMO”) No. 46, Section II.C. provided that the PSC, defendants, and Special Master Ellen Reisman were to notify the Court by January 29, 2021 of their selection from the nine (9) Bellwether Discovery Cases of the six (6) cases that shall serve as trial cases (the “Bellwether Trial Cases”), and that such selections were subject to approval of this Court. CMO No. 47, Section 3 extended the deadline to February 12, 2021.

2. The PSC, defendants, and Special Master Ellen Reisman notified the Court that the following six (6) cases were selected as Bellwether Trial Cases: (a) *Freddy Bales* (2:17-cv-06124); (b) *David Foster* (2:17-cv-02475); (c) *Steve Kersch* (2:18-cv-03159); (d) *Kimberly Lee* (2:17-cv-00212); (e) *Diane Nelson* (2:17-cv-13727); and (f) *James Rieder* (2:19-cv-00850).

3. The Court hereby approves the selection of these six (6) cases as the Bellwether Trial Cases: (a) *Freddy Bales* (2:17-cv-06124); (b) *David Foster* (2:17-cv-02475); (c) *Steve Kersch* (2:18-cv-03159); (d) *Kimberly Lee* (2:17-cv-00212); (e) *Diane Nelson* (2:17-cv-13727); and (f) *James Rieder* (2:19-cv-00850).

**SO ORDERED.**

**DATE:** February 25, 2021

  
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CLAIRE C. CECCHI, U.S.D.J.