

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION

IN RE: ZANTAC (RANITIDINE)  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL NO. 2924  
20-MD-2924

JUDGE ROBIN L. ROSENBERG  
\_\_\_\_\_/ MAGISTRATE JUDGE BRUCE E. REINHART

**SECOND AMENDED CONSOLIDATED  
ECONOMIC LOSS CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

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Pursuant to this Court’s Order [DE 3751], Plaintiffs file this Second Amended Consolidated Economic Loss Class Action Complaint (“SAELC”)<sup>1</sup> on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated against the defendants named herein (collectively, “Defendants”), and seek damages and equitable relief to remedy the economic losses resulting from Defendants’ design, manufacture, marketing, packaging, labeling, handling, distribution, storage, and/or sale of over-the-counter (“OTC”) and prescription ranitidine-containing medications, sold under the brand-name Zantac.<sup>2</sup> Plaintiffs’ allegations are based upon personal knowledge as to Plaintiffs’ own conduct, investigation of counsel based on publicly-available information, and the limited discovery conducted to date.

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Zantac is the branded name for ranitidine, a drug that was touted and sold for nearly four decades as a safe and effective heartburn and indigestion drug. Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products were among the most popular heartburn drugs purchased by U.S. consumers. Indeed, Zantac was the first-ever “blockbuster” drug to reach \$1 billion in sales.

This unprecedented sales volume, and the additional billions of dollars generated through sales of Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products for nearly 40 years, were made possible because of a deceptive and unlawful scheme by Defendants to defraud consumers regarding the

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs file this SAELC to comply with the Court’s previous Orders – most recently its order requiring Plaintiffs to file “a second amended consumer economic loss class action complaint” that does not “include any counts that the Court dismissed with prejudice or without leave to amend” and which “fully conform[s] to the Court’s orders of dismissal.” [DE 3751 at 1]. In doing so, Plaintiffs fully reserve all appellate rights. Although “[a]n amended complaint supersedes and replaces the original complaint,” a plaintiff does not waive his right to appeal the dismissal of a claim in the original complaint by amending the complaint and omitting the dismissed claim.” *Reynolds v. Behrman Cap. IV L.P.*, 988 F.3d 1314, 1319-20 (11th Cir. 2021) (holding that a plaintiff “did not waive his right to appeal the district court’s dismissal of [a defendant] by failing to name [that defendant] in the amended complaint because amendment would have been futile”).

<sup>2</sup> All prescription and OTC ranitidine-containing medications, are referred to collectively as “Ranitidine-Containing Products” or “Zantac”.

purported safety of Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products, and by concealing from consumers the known dangers and risks associated with use of this drug.

But, recent scientific studies confirmed what Defendants knew or should have known all along: ranitidine transforms over time and under natural conditions into high levels of N-Nitrosodimethylamine (“NDMA”), a carcinogen that is potent and dangerous. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (“FDA”) recognizes NDMA as “a probable human carcinogen”<sup>3</sup> and the World Health Organization (“WHO”) has described it as “clearly carcinogenic.”<sup>4</sup> Its only use is to induce cancerous tumors in animals in laboratory research and experiments; it has no medicinal purpose.

In 2019, an analytical pharmacy ran tests on Zantac and discovered the link between ranitidine and NDMA and that ranitidine itself is unstable and can break down into NDMA, particularly in the environment of the stomach. On September 13, 2019, the analytical pharmacy filed a citizen petition asking the FDA to recall all products that contain ranitidine. In early October 2019, the FDA ordered testing on Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products and specified the protocols for such testing. Within days of the FDA’s announcement, certain Defendants recalled Zantac and Ranitidine-Containing Products in the United States and internationally. On November 1, 2019, the FDA announced that its recent testing showed “unacceptable levels” of NDMA in Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products, and requested that all manufacturers recall Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products.

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<sup>3</sup> U.S. Food & Drug Admin., *FDA Requests Removal of All Ranitidine Products (Zantac) from the Market* (Apr. 01, 2020), <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-requests-removal-all-ranitidine-products-zantac-market>.

<sup>4</sup> R.G. Liteplo *et al.*, *Concise International Chemical Assessment Document 38: N-Nitrosodimethylamine*, at 4, World Health Organization (2002), <https://www.who.int/ipcs/publications/cicad/en/cicad38.pdf>.



Ultimately, on April 1, 2020, the FDA called for a withdrawal of Zantac and all other Ranitidine-Containing Products in the United States, citing unacceptable levels of NDMA in those drugs.

Over the nearly 40 years that Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products were marketed and touted as safe and effective, Defendants uniformly deceived millions of U.S. consumers into purchasing a defective, misbranded, adulterated, and harmful drug. Defendants engaged in a national, pervasive, and decades-long campaign to conceal the inherent dangers and risks associated with ranitidine use and to mislead consumers into believing that Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products were safe for human consumption. Through product labels and packaging; print, television, radio, and online advertising; Internet websites; and social media, Defendants uniformly represented that Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products were safe, *e.g.*, so safe that they could be used frequently, for chronic conditions, and for fast relief with nitrite- and nitrate-rich foods (*i.e.* foods that induce heartburn).

These representations were false, deceptive, and misleading when made, and they omitted material facts known to Defendants regarding the true risks of Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products. Defendants knew or should have known that ranitidine is an unstable molecule that breaks down under normal conditions into dangerous NDMA, and that this breakdown process is made worse when Zantac and/or other Ranitidine-Containing Products are used in the manner directed or when exposed to routine heat or humidity.

These material facts were known to, or should have been known by, each Defendant, which was duty-bound to investigate the potential dangers and risks associated with Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products to ensure that its drug was safe for human consumption.

Despite Defendants' knowledge of, or duty to know, these material facts, Defendants did not disclose that Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products were unsafe; that the ranitidine

molecule breaks down into carcinogenic NDMA at levels that exceed the maximum daily limit; that Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products should not be used for long-term periods; or that Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products should not be consumed with nitrite- and nitrate-rich foods.

As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions and omissions, Plaintiffs and the Classes suffered economic losses through their purchase of a drug that was unsafe at the point of sale. Hence, Plaintiffs and the Classes suffered economic losses.

Defendants violated Federal and/or State laws and common law by designing, manufacturing, distributing, packaging, labeling, marketing, and/or selling Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products without adequate testing or labels and warnings; by failing to ensure the proper conditions for the manufacture, transportation, handling, and storage of Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products; and by misrepresenting and/or not disclosing material facts regarding the safety of Zantac and other Ranitidine-Containing Products and the dangers and risks associated with their intended use. Plaintiffs and the Classes seek redress to compensate for their economic losses and to deter the type of misconduct that caused the economic losses they sustained.

This SAELC is drafted and organized based on the Court's recent Orders. Plaintiffs, on behalf of their respective State Classes, then assert separate state law claims against each Defendant, under the laws of the state in which each Plaintiff resided at the time of purchase, for violations of state consumer protection laws, breach of implied warranties, and unjust enrichment. Plaintiffs' state law claims are organized by Defendant group, then by Defendant, and finally by the state in which each Plaintiff purchased Zantac.

(a) Prescription Manufacturer GSK for: (i) intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for prescription Zantac including that it was inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for its intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered it unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer; and (ii) printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the product remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed;

(b) OTC Manufacturers GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi for knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for OTC Zantac including by: (i) omitting that it was inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for its intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered it unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer; (ii) printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the product remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed; and (iii) packaging quantities of tablets in bottles greater than could be used completely and stored properly by the expiration date, particularly when the expiration date on the label was extended beyond a safe and appropriate date.

## **II. PARTIES**

### **A. Defendants**

1. Defendants are entities that designed, manufactured, marketed, distributed, labeled, packaged, handled, stored, and/or sold prescription and/or OTC Zantac.

**Boehringer Ingelheim (BI)<sup>5</sup>**

2. Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 900 Ridgebury Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877. Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a citizen of Delaware and Connecticut.

3. Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business located at 900 Ridgebury Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877. Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation is a citizen of Nevada and Connecticut.

4. Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim USA Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 900 Ridgebury Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877. Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim USA Corporation is a citizen of Delaware and Connecticut.

5. Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH is a limited liability company formed and existing under the laws of Germany, having a principal place of business at Binger Strasse 173, 55216 Ingelheim AM Rhein, Rheinland-Phalz, Germany. Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH is a citizen of Germany.

6. Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim Promeco, S.A. de C.V. is a foreign corporation organized and existing under the laws of Mexico with its principal place of business located at Maiz No. 49, Barrio Xaltocan, Xochimilco, Ciudad de Mexico, 16090 Mexico. Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim Promeco, S.A. de C.V. is a citizen of Mexico.

7. Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a direct or indirect subsidiary of Defendants Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation and Boehringer Ingelheim USA Corporation, which are themselves wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by Defendant Boehringer

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<sup>5</sup> Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim also manufactured generic ranitidine under ANDA 074662, as well as through its former subsidiary Ben Venue Laboratories Inc. d/b/a Bedford Laboratories (ANDA 074764). Ben Venue Laboratories Inc. is no longer in operation.

Ingelheim International GmbH.<sup>6</sup> Collectively, all of these entities and Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim Promeco, S.A. de C.V. shall be referred to as “Boehringer Ingelheim” or “BI.”

8. Defendant BI is a manufacturer, distributor, and seller of brand OTC Zantac.

**GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)**

9. Defendant GlaxoSmithKline LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business located at Five Crescent Drive, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19112. Defendant GlaxoSmithKline LLC’s sole member is Defendant GlaxoSmithKline (America) Inc., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in that state. Defendant GlaxoSmithKline LLC is a citizen of Delaware.

10. Defendant GlaxoSmithKline (America) Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 1105 North Market Street, Suite 622, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. Defendant GlaxoSmithKline (America) Inc. is a citizen of Delaware.

11. Defendant GlaxoSmithKline plc is a public limited company formed and existing under the laws of the United Kingdom, having a principal place of business at 980 Great West Road, Brentford Middlesex XO, TW8 9GS, United Kingdom. Defendant GlaxoSmithKline plc is a citizen of the United Kingdom.

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<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to the Joint Stipulation Relating to Boehringer Ingelheim Defendants [DE 1478], Defendants Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. stipulated that Defendants Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH and Boehringer Ingelheim Promeco, S.A. de C.V. are affiliated companies, and that Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is the proper party for purposes of all claims asserted against Defendants Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH and Boehringer Ingelheim Promeco, S.A. de C.V. in this litigation.

12. Defendants GlaxoSmithKline LLC and GlaxoSmithKline (America) Inc. are subsidiaries of Defendant GlaxoSmithKline plc.<sup>7</sup> Collectively, all of these entities shall be referred to as “GSK.”

13. Defendant GSK is a manufacturer, distributor, and seller of brand prescription and OTC Zantac.

#### **Pfizer**

14. Defendant Pfizer Inc. (“Pfizer”) is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017. Defendant Pfizer is a citizen of Delaware and New York.

15. Defendant Pfizer is a manufacturer, distributor, and seller of brand OTC Zantac.

#### **Sanofi**

16. Defendant Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business located at 55 Corporate Drive, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807. Defendant Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC’s sole member is Defendant Sanofi U.S. Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New Jersey. Defendant Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC is a citizen of Delaware and New Jersey.

17. Defendant Sanofi US Services Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 55 Corporate Drive, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807. Defendant Sanofi US Services Inc. is a citizen of Delaware and New Jersey.

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<sup>7</sup> Pursuant to the Joint Stipulation Relating to GlaxoSmithKline PLC [DE 1470], Defendant GlaxoSmithKline LLC stipulated that Defendants GlaxoSmithKline plc is an affiliated company, and that Defendant GlaxoSmithKline LLC is the proper party for purposes of all claims asserted against Defendant GlaxoSmithKline plc in this litigation.

18. Sanofi SA is a corporation formed and existing under the laws of France, having a principal place of business at 54 Rue La Boetie, 8th Arrondissement, Paris, France 75008. Defendant Sanofi SA is a citizen of France.<sup>8</sup>

19. Defendant Patheon Manufacturing Services LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business located at 5900 Martin Luther King Jr. Highway, Greenville, North Carolina 27834. Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. is the sole member of Defendant Patheon Manufacturing Services LLC. Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Massachusetts. Defendant Patheon Manufacturing Services LLC is a citizen of Delaware and Massachusetts.

20. Defendant Chattem, Inc. is a Tennessee corporation with its principal place of business located at 1715 West 38th Street Chattanooga, Tennessee 37409. Defendant Chattem, Inc. is a citizen of Tennessee. Defendant Chattem, Inc. purchased ranitidine and repackaged and/or relabeled it under its own brand.

21. Defendants Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC, Sanofi US Services Inc., and Chattem, Inc. are subsidiaries of Sanofi SA. Defendants Patheon Manufacturing Services LLC and Boehringer Ingelheim Promeco, S.A. de C.V. packaged and manufactured the finished Zantac product for Sanofi. Collectively, all of these entities shall be referred to as “Sanofi.”

22. Defendant Sanofi is a manufacturer, distributor, and seller of brand OTC Zantac.

23. Defendants BI, GSK, Pfizer, and Sanofi, shall be collectively referred to as the “Defendants.” At all relevant times, the Defendants have conducted business and derived

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<sup>8</sup> Sanofi-SA is not named as a Defendant in this SAELC pursuant to the Joint Stipulation Relating to Sanofi Defendants [DE 1450]. Wherein, Defendants Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC and Sanofi US Services Inc. stipulated that Defendant Sanofi SA is an affiliated company, and that Defendants Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC and Sanofi US Services Inc. are the proper parties for purposes of all claims asserted against Sanofi SA relief sought in this litigation.

substantial revenue from their design, manufacture, testing, marketing, labeling, packaging, handling, distribution, storage, and/or sale of Zantac within each of the states and territories of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.<sup>9</sup>

**B. Plaintiffs**

24. The following Plaintiffs bring claims against the corresponding Defendants as set forth below.

**Alabama**

25. Anthony McGhee (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Alabama. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Alabama from approximately 2010 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included over the counter (“OTC”) 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules from approximately 2010 to 2013, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

**Alaska**

26. Plaintiff Tammy Smith (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Alaska. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Colorado from approximately 1991 to 1993; in Arizona from approximately 1994 to 1995; in Texas from approximately 1995 to

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<sup>9</sup> All references to “States” include American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.



1996; in Louisiana from approximately 1996 to 1997; in Missouri from approximately 1993 to 1994 and 1997-1998; and in Alaska from approximately 1998 to 1999 and 2002 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included the following: (a) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1991 to 1993 in Colorado, manufactured by GSK; (b) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1993 to 1994 in Missouri, manufactured by GSK; (c) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1994 to 1995 in Arizona, manufactured by GSK; (d) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1990 to 1991 and 1995 to 1996 in Texas, manufactured by GSK; € prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1996 to 1997 in Louisiana, manufactured by GSK; (f) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, in approximately 1999 in Alaska, manufactured by GSK; (i) OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, in approximately 1996 in Texas, manufactured by GSK and Pfizer; (j) OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1996 to 1997 in Louisiana, manufactured by GSK and Pfizer; and (k) OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1997 to 1998 in Missouri, manufactured by GSK and Pfizer. Thus, GSK is a “Defendant” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Colorado while a citizen of Colorado, unless otherwise specified; GSK is a “Defendant” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Arizona while a citizen of Arizona, unless otherwise specified; GSK and Pfizer are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Texas while a citizen of Texas, unless otherwise specified; GSK and Pfizer are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Louisiana while a citizen of Louisiana, unless otherwise specified; GSK and Pfizer are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Missouri while a citizen of Missouri, unless otherwise specified; and GSK is “Defendant” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in

Alaska while a citizen of Alaska, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

### **Arkansas**

27. Plaintiff Andy Green Jr. (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Arkansas. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Arkansas and Tennessee from approximately 1983 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules purchased in Arkansas, from approximately 1983 to 1997, manufactured by GSK, and in Tennessee, from approximately 1987 to 1988, manufactured by GSK; and (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules purchased in Arkansas, from approximately 1996 to 2019, manufactured by GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims for Plaintiff's purchases in Arkansas while a citizen of Arkansas, and GSK is a "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims for Plaintiff's purchases in Tennessee while a citizen of Tennessee, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

28. Plaintiff Tina Culclager (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Arkansas. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Arkansas from approximately 2015 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the

Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2015 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

### **Arizona**

29. Plaintiff Tangie Sims (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”), is a citizen of Arizona. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Arizona from approximately 2007 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules from approximately 2007 to 2020 manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

### **California**

30. Plaintiff Golbenaz Bakhtiar (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of California. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in California from approximately 2000 to December 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules from approximately 2000 to 2019, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi; and (b) prescription Zantac

tablets and capsules beginning in approximately 2000, manufactured by GSK. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct

31. Plaintiff Richard Obrien (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of California. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in California from approximately 1998 to November 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1998 to 2019, manufactured by GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI and Sanofi, are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

32. Plaintiff Virginia Aragon (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of California. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in California from approximately 2006 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2006 to 2020, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff

purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

### **Colorado**

33. Plaintiff Jeffrey Pisano (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Colorado. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Colorado from approximately 1998 to February 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules from approximately 1998 to 2020, manufactured by GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi; and (b) prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1998 to 2003, manufactured by GSK. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

34. Plaintiff Ronald Ragan (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Colorado. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Colorado from approximately 2012 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2012 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the

time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

### **Connecticut**

35. Plaintiff Angel Cordero (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Connecticut. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Connecticut from approximately 2005 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2005 to 2019, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

36. Plaintiff Angel Vega (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Montana. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Connecticut and Montana from approximately 2011 to 2016. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, in approximately 2011 in Connecticut, manufactured by BI, and from approximately 2015 to 2016 in Montana, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims Plaintiff's for purchases in Connecticut while a citizen of Connecticut, and for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims for Plaintiff's purchases in Montana while a citizen of Montana, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and,

therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

### **Florida**

37. Plaintiff Clifton McKinnon (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 2008 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2008 to 2010, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct.

38. Plaintiff Gustavo Velasquez (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 2000 to February 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 mg and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2020, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

39. Plaintiff Jeannie Black (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 2015 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, in 2015 manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

40. Plaintiff Joshua Winans (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 2000 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2019, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

41. Plaintiff Kristen Monger, as power of attorney and on behalf of, Alexander Monger (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”), is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 1999 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included



(a) prescription 10, 15, 65, and 75 mg/ml Zantac syrup beginning in approximately 1999, which was manufactured by GSK; (b) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules for approximately a six-month period during a hiatus from taking syrup;. Thus, GSK is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

42. Plaintiff Kristen Monger, as power of attorney and on behalf of, Laura Monger (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 1997 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff specifically included: (a) prescription generic ranitidine syrup from approximately 1997 to 2020; and (b) prescription Zantac syrup (manufactured by GSK). Thus, GSK is the “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

43. Plaintiff Marva McCall (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 2007 to December 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2007 to 2011, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is “Defendant” for the purposes of

Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

44. Plaintiff Michael Tomlinson (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 2000 to November 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules from approximately 2000 to 2019, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi; and (b) prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules from approximately 2000 to at least 2002, manufactured by GSK. Thus, BI, Sanofi and GSK are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

45. Plaintiff Ricardo Moròn (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 1995 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules from approximately 1996 to 2020, manufactured by GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of

Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

46. Plaintiff Plaintiff Roy Armstrong (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Minnesota from approximately 2004 to 2008; in Georgia from approximately 2008 to 2012; in Alaska in approximately 2011; in New York from approximately 2012 to 2013; in Florida from approximately 2012 to 2017; and in Michigan from approximately 2017 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2005 to 2008 in Minnesota, manufactured by Pfizer and BI; (b) OTC extra strength Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2008 to 2011 in Georgia, manufactured by BI; (c) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, in or around 2011 in Alaska, manufactured by BI; (d) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2012 to 2013 in New York, manufactured by BI; (e) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2013 to 2017 in Florida, manufactured by BI and Sanofi; and (f) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2017 to 2019 in Michigan, manufactured by Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer is a "Defendant" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Minnesota while a citizen of Minnesota; BI is a "Defendant" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Georgia, Minnesota, Alaska, New York, and Florida, while a citizen of each respective state, unless otherwise specified; and Sanofi is a "Defendant" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Florida and Michigan, while a citizen of each respective state, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions,

Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

47. Plaintiff Sharon Tweg (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 2010 to June 2018. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2010 to 2018, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI, and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

48. Plaintiff Sonia Diaz (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Florida. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida, from approximately 2017 to 2020, and in Puerto Rico from approximately 2004 to 2017. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2004 to 2017 in Puerto Rico, manufactured by Pfizer and BI; and (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2017 to 2020 in Florida, manufactured by Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer and BI are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims for Plaintiff's purchases in Puerto Rico, while a citizen of Puerto Rico, and Sanofi is "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims for Plaintiff's purchases in Florida, while a citizen of Florida, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of

warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

### **Georgia**

49. Plaintiff Kathy Jeffries (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Georgia. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 1998 to 2002, and in Georgia from approximately 2002 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1998 to 2002 in Florida, manufactured by Pfizer; (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2002 to 2019 in Georgia, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi; (c) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 1998 in Florida, manufactured by GSK; and (d) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 2002 in Georgia, manufactured by GSK. Thus, GSK and Pfizer are "Defendants" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Florida, while a citizen of Florida, unless otherwise specified; and Pfizer, BI, Sanofi, and GSK are "Defendants" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Georgia, while a citizen of Georgia, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

50. Plaintiff Earlene Green (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Georgia. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Washington that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1996

to 2011, manufactured by GSK, Pfizer, and BI. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, and BI are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Washington, while a citizen of Washington, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

### **Illinois**

51. Plaintiff Denise Guy (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Illinois. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Illinois from approximately 2015 to November 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2015 to November 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

52. Plaintiff Heather Re (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Illinois. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Illinois from approximately 2013 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 mg and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2013 to 2017, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of

Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

53. Plaintiff Renee Chatman (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Illinois. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products from approximately 2014 to 2019 in Illinois. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2014 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI, and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

54. Plaintiff Vickie Anderson (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Illinois. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products from approximately 2012 to 2015 in Illinois. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2012 to 2015, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff

has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct.

55. Plaintiff Carol Harkins (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Illinois. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Illinois from approximately 2005 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, in or around 2005, manufactured by Pfizer. Thus, Pfizer is "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

### **Indiana**

56. Plaintiff Rebecca Sizemore (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Indiana. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Indiana from approximately 2015 to February 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2015 to February 2020, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.



57. Plaintiff Teresa Dowler (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Indiana. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Indiana from approximately 2011 to December 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2012 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi; and (b) and prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2011 to 2013, manufactured by GSK. Thus, BI, Sanofi, and GSK are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

#### **Iowa**

58. Plaintiff Charles Longfield (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Nebraska. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Maryland in approximately 1996; in Wyoming from approximately 1997 to 2010; in Maryland from approximately 2011; and in Iowa from approximately 2012 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, in approximately 1996 in Maryland, manufactured by GSK and Pfizer; (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1997 to 2010 in Wyoming, manufactured by GSK, Pfizer, and BI; (c) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, in or about 2011 in Maryland, manufactured by BI; and (d) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2012 to 2019 in Iowa, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, and BI are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Maryland, while a citizen of Maryland, unless otherwise specified; GSK, Pfizer, and BI are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases

made in Wyoming, while a citizen of Wyoming, unless otherwise specified; and BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Iowa, while a citizen of Iowa, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

### **Kentucky**

59. Plaintiff Janet Asbury (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Kentucky. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Kentucky from approximately 2003 to 2013. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2003 to 2013, manufactured by Pfizer and BI. Thus, Pfizer and BI are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

### **Louisiana**

60. Plaintiff Jamie McKay (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Louisiana. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Louisiana from approximately 2018 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules manufactured by Sanofi. Thus, Sanofi is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As

a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct.

61. Plaintiff Randy Jones (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Louisiana. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Louisiana from approximately 1995 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 1995 manufactured by GSK); and (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1996 to 1997 and 2018 to 2020, manufactured by Sanofi, GSK, and Pfizer. Thus, GSK, Sanofi, and Pfizer are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

### **Maryland**

62. Plaintiff Alberta Griffin (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Maryland. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Maryland from approximately 2000 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 2000, manufactured by GSK; and (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2020, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations

and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

63. Plaintiff Ida Adams (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Maryland. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in West Virginia from approximately 2000 to 2005, and 2012, and in Maryland from approximately 2005 to 2017. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2005 to 2017 in Maryland, manufactured by Pfizer, BI and Sanofi; and (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2005, and 2010 to 2012, in West Virginia, manufactured by Pfizer and BI. Thus, Pfizer, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Maryland while a citizen of Maryland, unless otherwise specified; and Pfizer and BI are "Defendants" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in West Virginia while a citizen of West Virginia, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

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#### **Massachusetts**

65. Plaintiff Ana Guzman (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Massachusetts. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Massachusetts from approximately 1997 to February 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets and

capsules, beginning in approximately 1997, manufactured by GSK. Thus, GSK is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

66. Plaintiff Michelle Smith (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Massachusetts. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Massachusetts from approximately 2015 to November 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2015 to November 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

67. Plaintiff Jennifer Bond (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Massachusetts. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Massachusetts and New Hampshire from approximately 2010 to September 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC 75 mg and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2010 to 2013 and 2017 to September 2019 in Massachusetts, manufactured by BI and Sanofi; and (b) OTC 75 mg and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2013 to 2017 in New Hampshire, manufactured by BI.

Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Massachusetts, while a citizen of Massachusetts, unless otherwise specified, and BI is a “Defendant” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in New Hampshire, while a citizen of New Hampshire, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

### **Michigan**

68. Plaintiff Arthur Gamble (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Michigan. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Michigan from approximately 2017 to 2018. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 mg and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules in approximately 2017 manufactured by Sanofi. Thus, Sanofi is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

69. Plaintiff Jerry Hunt (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Michigan. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Michigan from approximately 1989 to December 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 1989, manufactured by GSK; and (b) OTC Zantac tablets and

capsules, from approximately 1995 until 2020, manufactured by GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

70. Plaintiff Jody Beal (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Michigan. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Michigan from approximately 2008 to January 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2010 to January 2020, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

71. Plaintiff Lakisha Wilson (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Michigan. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Michigan from approximately 1997 to 2017. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, in or around 1997 and from approximately 2010 to 2011, manufactured by GSK, Pfizer, and BI. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, and BI are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of

Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

### **Minnesota**

72. Plaintiff Brad Hoag (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Minnesota. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Minnesota from approximately 2010 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2010 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

73. Plaintiff Donald Northrup (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Minnesota. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Minnesota from approximately 2000 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included (a) OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2019, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi; and (b) prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 2000, manufactured by GSK. . Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were



unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

74. Plaintiff Sandra Erickson-Brown (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Minnesota. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Minnesota from approximately 1983 to 2018. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1983 to 1996, manufactured by GSK. Thus, GSK is "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct.

75. Plaintiff John Scholl (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Minnesota. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in North Dakota in approximately 2005, and in Minnesota from approximately 2005 to 2016. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, purchased in North Dakota in approximately 2005, manufactured by Pfizer; and (b) OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, purchased in Minnesota from approximately 2005 to 2016, manufactured by Pfizer and BI. Thus, Pfizer and BI are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Minnesota, while a citizen of Minnesota, and Pfizer is a "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiffs' claims with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in North Dakota, while a citizen of North Dakota, unless

otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

### **Mississippi**

76. Plaintiff Beverly Crosby (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Mississippi. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Mississippi from approximately 2000 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2014, manufactured by Pfizer and BI. Thus, BI and Pfizer are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

77. Plaintiff John Rachal (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Mississippi. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Mississippi from approximately 2000 to October 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 mg and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2019, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human

ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

78. Plaintiff Shirley Magee (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Mississippi. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Mississippi from approximately 1984 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1984 to 1997, manufactured by GSK. Thus, GSK is "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct.

#### **Missouri**

79. Plaintiff Antrenise Campbell (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Missouri. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Missouri from approximately 1998 to 2015. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2008 to 2013, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct.

80. Plaintiff Lorie Kendall-Songer (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Missouri. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Missouri from approximately 2012 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2012 to 2020, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

#### **Nebraska**

81. Plaintiff Gaylord Stauffer (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Nebraska. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Nebraska from 1997 to 2010 and from 2013 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 mg and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from 1997 to 2010 and from 2013 to 2019, manufactured by GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

#### **Nevada**

82. Plaintiff Cesar Pinon (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Nevada. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Nevada from approximately 2009

to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 mg and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2009 to 2015, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is the “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

### **New Hampshire**

83. Plaintiff Rafael Bermudez (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New Hampshire. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Massachusetts and New Hampshire from approximately 2009 to February 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2009 to 2016 in Massachusetts, manufactured by BI; and (b) OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2016 to February 2020 in New Hampshire, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI is “Defendant” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Massachusetts, while a citizen of Massachusetts, unless otherwise specified, and BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in New Hampshire, while a citizen of New Hampshire, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

### **New Jersey**

84. Plaintiff Lynn White (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New Jersey. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New Jersey from approximately 1987 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, in approximately 2015, manufactured by BI; and (b) prescription 150 mg and 300 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1987 to 2019, manufactured by GSK. Thus, BI and GSK are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

85. Plaintiff Mary McMillan (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New Jersey. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New Jersey from approximately 2012 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from 2012 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

86. Plaintiff Mary Moronski (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New Jersey. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New Jersey from

approximately 2011 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2011 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

87. Plaintiff Sayed Eldomiaty (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New Jersey. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New Jersey from approximately 2009 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2009 to 2012, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is a “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

#### **New Mexico**

88. Plaintiff Ernesto Sanchez (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New Mexico. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New Mexico from approximately 2012 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2012 to 2020, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are

“Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

89. Plaintiff George Tapia (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New Mexico. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New Mexico from approximately 2012 to February 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2013 to 2020, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

#### **New York**

90. Plaintiff Benny Fazio (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New York. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New York from approximately 2000 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2004, manufactured by GSK; and (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2019, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and



omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

91. Plaintiff Francis Neary (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of New York. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New York from approximately 2014 through 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

92. Plaintiff Glorimar Rodriguez (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of New York. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New York from approximately 2009 until 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2009 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

93. Plaintiff Joseph Mcpheter (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New York. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New York from approximately 2011 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2011 to 2015, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

94. Plaintiff Mary McCullen (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New York. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New York from approximately 1998 to February 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included (a) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1998 to 2019, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

95. Plaintiff Migdalia Kinney (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New York. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New York from approximately 2012 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are

subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2012 through 2015 and 2016 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

96. Plaintiff Richard Froehlich (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New York. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New York from approximately 2016 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

97. Plaintiff Silomie Clarke (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of New York. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New York in approximately 2007, 2015, and from approximately 2018 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2018 to 2020, manufactured by Sanofi. Thus, Sanofi is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’

breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

98. Plaintiff Yesenia Melillo (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of New York. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New York from approximately November 2018 to May 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules manufactured by Sanofi. Thus, Sanofi is a "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

#### **North Carolina**

99. Plaintiff Dennis Robbins (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of North Carolina. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in North Carolina from approximately 1985 to October 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included (a) prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1985 to 1997, manufactured by GSK; and (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1996 to 2019, manufactured by GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were

unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

100. Plaintiff Julie Turner (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of North Carolina. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in North Carolina from approximately 2013 to January 2018. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets manufactured by GSK. Thus, GSK is "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct.

101. Plaintiff Patricia Frazier (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of North Carolina. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in North Carolina from approximately 2008 to 2018. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2008 to 2018, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI is "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

102. Plaintiff Sharon Parks (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of North Carolina. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in North Carolina from approximately 2017 to September 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2017 to 2019, manufactured by Sanofi. Thus, Sanofi is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

103. Plaintiff Teresa Lee (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of North Carolina. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in North Carolina from approximately 2016 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, in approximately 2016, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

### **Ohio**

104. Plaintiff Chris Troyan (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Ohio. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Ohio from approximately 2002 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint

specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

105. Plaintiff Michael Galloway (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Ohio. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 1997 through 1999, and in Ohio from approximately 1999 through October 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1997 through 1999 in Florida, manufactured by GSK; (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1997 through 1999 in Florida, manufactured by GSK and Pfizer; (c) prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 1999 in Ohio, manufactured by GSK; and (d) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1999 through October 2019 in Ohio, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, GSK and Pfizer are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Florida while a citizen of Florida unless otherwise specified; and GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Ohio while a citizen of Ohio unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the

time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

106. Plaintiff Patricia Hess (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Ohio. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Ohio from approximately 2010 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

#### **Oklahoma**

107. Plaintiff Demarco Grayson (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Oklahoma. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Oklahoma from approximately 2011 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2011 to 2020, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.



## **Oregon**

108. Plaintiff Kristi Ledbetter (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Oregon. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Oregon from approximately 2011 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac 150 mg tablets and capsules, from approximately 2011 to 2016, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

## **Pennsylvania**

109. Plaintiff Felicia Ball (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Pennsylvania. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Pennsylvania from approximately 2000 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included prescription Zantac beginning in approximately 2000 manufactured by GSK. Thus, GSK is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

110. Plaintiff Nicholas Hazlett (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Pennsylvania. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Maryland from

approximately 2005 to 2007, and in Pennsylvania from approximately 2007 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) prescription 15 mg/ml Zantac syrup, from approximately 2005 to 2007 in Maryland, manufactured by GSK; (b) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2005 to 2007 in Maryland, manufactured by GSK; (c) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2005 to 2007 in Maryland, manufactured by Pfizer and BI; (d) prescription 15 mg/ml Zantac syrup, beginning in approximately 2007 in Pennsylvania, manufactured by GSK; (e) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 2007 in Pennsylvania, manufactured by GSK; and (f) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2007 to 2020 in Pennsylvania, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, and BI are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Maryland while a citizen of Maryland unless otherwise specified, and GSK, BI, and Sanofi, are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Pennsylvania while a citizen of Pennsylvania, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

### **Puerto Rico**

111. Plaintiff Gloria Colon (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Puerto Rico. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Puerto Rico from approximately 1989 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 1989, manufactured by GSK; and (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1996 to 2019, manufactured by GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus,

GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

### **South Carolina**

112. Plaintiff Jeffery Gunwall (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of South Carolina. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in South Carolina from approximately 1990 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included prescription 300 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 1990, manufactured by GSK. Thus, GSK is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

### **Tennessee**

113. Plaintiff Dale Hunter (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Tennessee. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Tennessee from approximately 1995 to October 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2004 or 2005 to 2019, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi; and (b) prescription 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 1995, manufactured by GSK.

Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

114. Plaintiff Eva Broughton (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Tennessee. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Tennessee from approximately 2002 to 2015. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2005 to 2015, manufactured by Pfizer and BI. Thus, Pfizer and BI are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

115. Plaintiff Lisa Lyle (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Tennessee. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Tennessee from approximately March 2006 to February 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, in approximately 2006, manufactured by GSK. Thus, GSK is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were

unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct.

116. Plaintiff Kenneth Hix (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Tennessee. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Tennessee from approximately 2015 to 2016, and in Michigan from approximately 2000 to 2015. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included the following: (a) OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2015 in Michigan, manufactured by Pfizer and BI; and (b) OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2015 to 2016 in Tennessee, manufactured by BI. Thus, Pfizer and BI are "Defendants" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Michigan while a citizen of Michigan, unless otherwise specified; and BI is "Defendant" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Tennessee while a citizen of Tennessee, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

117. Rodriguez Hampton Sr., in his personal capacity and as a guardian for Rodriquez Hampton Jr. (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff"), is a citizen of Minnesota. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Tennessee from approximately 2008 to 2019, and in Minnesota from approximately 2019 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included prescription Zantac syrup, from approximately 2008 to 2011, manufactured by GSK. Thus, GSK is "Defendant" with respect to

Plaintiff's purchases made in Tennessee while a citizen of Tennessee, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct.

### **Texas**

118. Plaintiff Agapito It Aleman (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Texas. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Texas from approximately from 2015 to 2017. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2015 to 2017, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

119. Plaintiff Gina Martinez (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Texas. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Texas from approximately 2012 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2014 to 2020, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the

time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

120. Plaintiff Gregory Alan Wayland (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Texas. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Texas from approximately 1993 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included prescription Zantac 150 mg tablets and capsules, from approximately 1993 to 1996, manufactured by GSK. Thus, GSK is "Defendant" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct.

121. Plaintiff Lilian Del Valle (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Texas. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Texas from approximately 2016 to November 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2016 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

122. Plaintiff Maria Eames (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Texas. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Texas from approximately 2012 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, in approximately 2012, manufactured by BI. Thus, BI is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

123. Plaintiff Marilyn Abraham (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Texas. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Texas from approximately 2017 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2017 to 2019, manufactured by Sanofi. Thus, Sanofi is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

124. Plaintiff Sylvia Yoshida (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Texas. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Texas from approximately 2006 to 2017. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the



Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2006 to 2017, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

125. Plaintiff Ronda Lockett (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Texas. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Oklahoma from approximately 1983 to 1990 and 2001 to 2004; in Missouri from approximately 1990 to 2000; and in Texas from approximately 2001 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1983 to 1990 in Oklahoma, manufactured by GSK; (b) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1990 to 1995 in Missouri, manufactured by GSK; (c) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1996 to 2000 in Missouri, manufactured by GSK and Pfizer; and (d) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2020 in Texas, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, GSK is a “Defendant” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Oklahoma while a citizen of Oklahoma, unless otherwise specified; GSK and Pfizer are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Missouri while a citizen of Missouri, unless otherwise specified; and Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” with respect to Plaintiff’s purchases made in Texas while a citizen of Texas, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and,

therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

126. Plaintiff Marianella Villanueva (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Texas. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Texas from approximately 2005 to 2020, and in South Carolina or about 2010. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, beginning in approximately 2005 in Texas, manufactured by GSK; (b) OTC 75 mg and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2005 to 2020 in Texas, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi; and (c) OTC 75 mg and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, in or about 2010 in South Carolina, manufactured by BI. Thus, GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are "Defendants" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Texas while a citizen of Texas, unless otherwise specified; and BI is "Defendant" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in South Carolina while a citizen of South Carolina, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

#### **Utah**

127. Plaintiff Teresa Waters (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Utah. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Utah from approximately 2017 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2017 to 2020, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties,

wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

### **Virginia**

128. Plaintiff Cheryl Banks (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Virginia. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Virginia from approximately 2010 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2010 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

129. Plaintiff Karen Foster (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Virginia. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Florida from approximately 2013 to 2017, and in Virginia from approximately June 2017 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from 2013 to 2017 in Florida, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI is "Defendant" with respect to purchases made in Florida while a citizen of Florida, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant's breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff

has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant's wrongful conduct.

130. Plaintiff Dan Zhovtis (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Virginia. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in New York from approximately 2000 to 2016, and in Virginia from 2016 to September of 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2000 to 2016 in New York, manufactured by Pfizer and BI; and (b) OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2016 to September 2019 in Virginia, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer and BI are "Defendants" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in New York while a citizen of New York, unless otherwise specified; and BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Virginia while a citizen of Virginia, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

### **Washington**

131. Plaintiff Dave Garber (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Washington. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Washington from approximately 1997 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2014 to 2019, manufactured by BI and Sanofi. Thus, BI and Sanofi are "Defendants" for the purposes of Plaintiff's claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff

purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

132. Plaintiff Jonathan Ferguson (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Washington. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Oregon from approximately 1996 and 1999 to 2003; in Nevada from approximately 1996 to 1999; and in Washington from approximately 2003 to 2007 and 2012 to July 2018. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1996 and 1999 to 2003 in Oregon, manufactured by GSK and Pfizer; (b) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 1996 to 1999 in Nevada, manufactured by GSK and Pfizer; and (c) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2003 to 2007 and 2012 to July 2018 in Washington, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, GSK and Pfizer are "Defendants" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Oregon while a citizen of Oregon, unless otherwise specified; GSK and Pfizer are "Defendants" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Nevada while a citizen of Nevada, unless otherwise specified;; and Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are "Defendants" with respect to Plaintiff's purchases made in Washington while a citizen of Washington, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants' breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

133. Steve Fischer (for the purpose of this paragraph, "Plaintiff") is a citizen of Washington. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Washington from

approximately 2006 to 2019. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, in or around 2006, manufactured by Pfizer. Thus, Pfizer is “Defendant” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendant’s breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendant’s wrongful conduct.

134. Robert Dewitt (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Washington. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in both Washington and Oregon from approximately 2003 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included OTC 75 mg and 150 mg Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2003 to 2020 in Washington, manufactured by Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi. Thus, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

### **Wisconsin**

135. Plaintiff Wendy Quezaire (for the purpose of this paragraph, “Plaintiff”) is a citizen of Wisconsin. Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products in Wisconsin from approximately 2005 to 2020. The Ranitidine-Containing Products purchased by Plaintiff that are subject to the Complaint specifically included: (a) OTC Zantac tablets and capsules, from

approximately 2005 to 2010, manufactured Pfizer and BI; and (b) prescription Zantac tablets and capsules, from approximately 2005 to 2010, manufactured by GSK. Thus, Pfizer, BI, and GSK are “Defendants” for the purposes of Plaintiff’s claims, unless otherwise specified. As a result of Defendants’ breaches of warranties, wrongful acts, and misrepresentations and omissions, Plaintiff purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe for human ingestion and, therefore, were worthless at the time of purchase. Thus, Plaintiff has suffered concrete injury in the form of economic damages as a result of Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

### **III. JURISDICTION & VENUE**

136. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332, as amended by the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 28 U.S.C. §1332(d)(2), because: (a) there are at least 100 class members; (b) the matter in controversy exceeds \$5 million, exclusive of interests and costs; and (c) at least one Plaintiff is a citizen of a different state than at least one Defendant. In addition, this Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs’ state law claims under 28 U.S.C. §1367.

137. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants under Fla. Stat. Ann. §48.193 and 18 U.S.C. §1965(b) and (d). This Court also has pendent personal jurisdiction over Defendants.

138. In addition and/or in the alternative, Defendants and/or their agents or alter egos each have significant contacts with each of the states and territories of the United States because they designed, manufactured, tested, marketed, labeled, packaged, distributed, stored, and/or sold Ranitidine-Containing Products within each of the states and territories of the United States, and/or they derived revenue from the sale of their Ranitidine-Containing Products in each of the states and territories of the United States, through the purposeful direction of their activities to the states and territories of the United States and purposeful availment of the protections of the laws of the

states and territories of the United States, such that personal jurisdiction would be proper in those states and territories under traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

139. In addition and/or in the alternative, the district to which each Plaintiff's action may be remanded upon conclusion of these pretrial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1407(a) will have personal jurisdiction over Defendants who themselves or through an agent or alter ego are incorporated within that district, have a principal place of business in that district, or conduct a substantial amount of business in that district, such that they are essentially at home in that district and, thus, that personal jurisdiction would be proper in that district under traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

140. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. §1391(a) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to Plaintiffs' claims occurred in this District. Defendants designed, manufactured, tested, marketed, labeled, packaged, handled, distributed, stored, and/or sold Ranitidine-Containing Products, and otherwise conducted extensive business, within this District. In addition and/or in the alternative, venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1407(a) and the Conditional Transfer Orders of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

#### **IV. BACKGROUND FACTS**

##### **A. The Science**

##### **1. The Creation of Ranitidine-Containing Products and Their Introduction to the Market**

141. Defendants designed, manufactured, tested, marketed, labeled, packaged, handled, distributed, stored, and/or sold ranitidine under the brand Zantac by prescription and/or OTC.

##### **a. GSK Develops Zantac Through a Flurry of Aggressive Marketing Maneuvers**

142. Ranitidine belongs to a class of medications called histamine H<sub>2</sub>-receptor antagonists (or H<sub>2</sub> blockers), which decrease the amount of acid produced by cells in the lining of



the stomach. Other drugs within this class include cimetidine (branded Tagamet), famotidine (Pepcid), and nizatidine (Axid).

143. GSK-predecessor Smith, Kline & French discovered and developed Tagamet, the first H<sub>2</sub> blocker and the prototypical histamine H<sub>2</sub> receptor antagonist from which the later members of the class were developed.

144. GSK<sup>10</sup> developed Zantac specifically in response to the success of cimetidine. Recognizing the extraordinary potential of having its own H<sub>2</sub> blocker in the burgeoning anti-ulcer market, GSK was all too willing to ensure its drug succeeded at all costs.

145. In 1976, scientist John Bradshaw, on behalf of GSK-predecessor Allen & Hanburys Ltd. synthesized and discovered ranitidine.

146. Allen & Hanburys Ltd., a then-subsidiary of Glaxo Laboratories Ltd., is credited with developing ranitidine and was awarded Patent No. 4,128,658 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in December 1978, which covered the ranitidine molecule.

147. In 1983, the FDA granted approval to Glaxo to sell Zantac, pursuant to the New Drug Application (“NDA”) No. 18-703, and it quickly became GSK’s most successful product – a “blockbuster.” Indeed, Zantac became the first prescription drug in history to reach \$1 billion in sales.

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<sup>10</sup> GSK, as it is known today, was created through a series of mergers and acquisitions: In 1989, Smith, Kline & French merged with the Beecham Group to form SmithKline Beecham plc. In 1995, Glaxo merged with the Wellcome Foundation to become Glaxo Wellcome plc. In 2000, Glaxo Wellcome plc merged with SmithKline Beecham plc to form GlaxoSmithKline plc and GlaxoSmithKline LLC.

148. To accomplish this feat, GSK entered into a joint promotion agreement with Hoffmann-LaRoche, Inc., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]<sup>11</sup> More salespersons drove more sales and blockbuster profits for GSK.

149. In June 1986, the FDA approved Zantac for maintenance therapy of duodenal ulcers and for treatment of patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease (“GERD”).

150. In [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]<sup>12</sup> In 1995, the FDA approved OTC Zantac 75 mg tablets through NDA 20-520. In 1998, the FDA approved OTC Zantac 75 mg effervescent tablets through NDA 20-745.

151. In 1998, GSK (Glaxo Wellcome plc) and Warner-Lambert Co. ended their partnership. As part of the separation, Warner-Lambert Co. retained control over the OTC NDA for Zantac and the Zantac trademark in the United States and Canada but was required to obtain approval from GSK prior to making any product or trademark improvements or changes. GSK retained rights to sell OTC Zantac outside of the United States and Canada,<sup>13</sup> and retained control over the Zantac trademark internationally.<sup>14</sup>

152. In 2000, Pfizer acquired Warner-Lambert Co. Pfizer controlled the Zantac OTC NDAs until December 2006.

153. In October 2000, GSK sold to Pfizer the full rights to OTC Zantac in the United States and Canada pursuant to a divestiture and transfer agreement. As part of that agreement, GSK divested all domestic Zantac OTC assets to Pfizer, including all trademark rights. The

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<sup>11</sup> GSKZAN0000348881; GSKZAN0000348871.

<sup>12</sup> GSKZAN0000022775.

<sup>13</sup> GSK also still held the right to sell prescription Zantac in the United States.

<sup>14</sup> PFI00245109.

agreement removed the restrictions on Pfizer's ability to seek product line extensions or the approval for higher doses of OTC Zantac. GSK retained the right to exclusive use of the Zantac name for any prescription Ranitidine-Containing Product in the United States.

154. In October 2003, Pfizer submitted NDA 21-698 for approval to market OTC Zantac 150 mg. The FDA approved NDA 21-698 on August 31, 2004.

155. During the time that Pfizer owned the rights to OTC Zantac, GSK continued to manufacture the product.

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158. GSK continued marketing prescription Zantac in the United States until 2017 and still holds the NDAs for several prescription formulations of Zantac. GSK continued to maintain manufacturing and supply agreements relating to various formulations of both prescription and OTC Zantac. According to its recent annual report, GSK claims to have "discontinued making and selling prescription Zantac tablets in 2017 . . . in the U.S."<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> PFI00191352.

<sup>16</sup> GlaxoSmithKline, plc, *Annual Report* 37 (2019), <https://www.gsk.com/media/5894/annual-report.pdf>.

159. Boehringer Ingelheim owned and controlled the NDA for OTC Zantac between December 2006 and January 2017, and manufactured, marketed, and distributed the drug in the United States during that period.<sup>17</sup>

160. In 2017, Boehringer Ingelheim sold the rights of OTC Zantac to Sanofi pursuant to an asset swap agreement. As part of that deal, Sanofi obtained control and responsibility over Boehringer Ingelheim's entire consumer healthcare business, including the OTC Zantac NDAs. As part of this agreement, Boehringer Ingelheim and Sanofi entered into a manufacturing agreement wherein Boehringer continued to manufacture OTC Zantac for Sanofi.

161. Sanofi has controlled the OTC Zantac NDAs and marketed, sold, and distributed Zantac in the United States from January 2017 until 2019 when it issued a global recall and ceased marketing, selling, and distributing OTC Zantac. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]<sup>18</sup>

162. Throughout the time that Sanofi controlled the OTC Zantac NDAs, Boehringer Ingelheim Promeco, S.A. de C.V. and Patheon Manufacturing Services LLC manufactured the finished drug product.

163. Sanofi voluntarily recalled all brand OTC Zantac and ranitidine on October 18, 2019.

164. Pfizer and Boehringer Ingelheim have made demands for indemnification per the Stock and Asset Purchase Agreement against J&J for legal claims related to OTC Zantac products.

165. Sanofi has made a demand for indemnification against J&J pursuant to a 2016 Asset Purchase Agreement between J&J and Sanofi.

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<sup>17</sup> Boehringer Ingelheim also owned and controlled ANDA 074662.

<sup>18</sup> SANOFI\_ZAN\_MDL\_0000208478.

166. The times during which each Defendant manufactured and sold branded Zantac are alleged below:

Manufacturer/ Repackager	Product	Prescription or Over the Counter	Sale Start Date Year	Sale End Date Year
GlaxoSmithKline	Pills, Syrup, and Injection	Prescription	1983	2019
GlaxoSmithKline/Warner Lambert	Pills	OTC	1995	1998
Pfizer	Pills	OTC	1995	2006
Boehringer Ingelheim	Pills	OTC	2007	2016
Sanofi	Pills	OTC	2017	2019

## 2. NDMA Is a Carcinogen Whose Dangerous Properties Are Well Established

167. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), “[N-Nitrosodimethylamine (“NDMA”)] is a semivolatile organic chemical that forms in both industrial and natural processes.”<sup>19</sup> It is one of the simplest members of a class of N-nitrosamines, a family of potent carcinogens. Scientists have long recognized the dangers that NDMA poses to human health. A 1979 news article noted that “NDMA has caused cancer in nearly every laboratory animal tested so far.”<sup>20</sup> NDMA is no longer produced or commercially used in the United States except for research. Its only use today is to cause cancer in laboratory animals.

<sup>19</sup> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Technical Fact Sheet – N-Nitroso-dimethylamine (NDMA)* (Nov. 2017), [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-10/documents/ndma\\_fact\\_sheet\\_update\\_9-15-17\\_508.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-10/documents/ndma_fact_sheet_update_9-15-17_508.pdf).

<sup>20</sup> Jane Brody, *Bottoms Up: Alcohol in Moderation Can Extend Life*, The Globe & Mail (CANADA) (Oct. 11, 1979); see Rudy Platiel, *Anger Grows as Officials Unable to Trace Poison in Reserve’s Water*, The Globe & Mail (CANADA) (Jan. 6, 1990) (reporting that residents of Six Nations Indian Reserve “have been advised not to drink, cook or wash in the water because testing has found high levels of N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA), an industrial byproduct chemical that has been linked to cancer”); Kyrtopoulos *et al*, *DNA Adducts in Humans After Exposure to Methylating Agents*, 405 Mut. Res. 135 (1998) (noting that “chronic exposure of rats to very low

168. Both the EPA and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (“IARC”) classify NDMA as a probable human carcinogen.<sup>21</sup>

169. The IARC classification is based upon data that demonstrates NDMA “is carcinogenic in all animal species tested: mice, rats, Syrian gold, Chinese and European hamsters, guinea-pigs, rabbits, ducks, mastomys, various fish, newts and frogs. It induces benign and malignant tumors following its administration by various routes, including ingestion and inhalation, in various organs in various species.” Further, in 1978, IARC stated that NDMA “should be regarded for practical purposes as if it were carcinogenic to humans.”<sup>22</sup>

170. The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists classifies NDMA as a confirmed animal carcinogen.<sup>23</sup>

171. The Department of Health and Human Services (“DHHS”) states that NDMA is reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.<sup>24</sup> This classification is based upon DHHS’s findings that NDMA caused tumors in numerous species of experimental animals, at several different tissue sites, and by several routes of exposure, with tumors occurring primarily in the liver, respiratory tract, kidney, and blood vessels.<sup>25</sup>

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doses of NDMA gives rise predominantly to liver tumors, including tumors of the liver cells (hepatocellular carcinomas), bile ducts, blood vessels and Kupffer cells”).

<sup>21</sup> See *EPA Technical Fact Sheet*, *supra* n.31; Int’l Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), *Summaries & Evaluations, N-NITROSODIMETHYLAMINE* (1978), <http://www.inchem.org/documents/iarc/vol17/n-nitrosodimethylamine.html>.

<sup>22</sup> 17 Int’l Agency for Research on Cancer, *IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Risk of Chemicals to Humans, Some N-Nitroso Compounds* 151-52 (May 1978).

<sup>23</sup> See *EPA Technical Fact Sheet*, *supra* n.19.

<sup>24</sup> *Id.* at 3.

<sup>25</sup> *Id.*

172. The FDA considers NDMA a carcinogenic impurity<sup>26</sup> and chemical that “could cause cancer” in humans.<sup>27</sup> The FDA recognizes that NDMA is “known to be toxic.”<sup>28</sup>

173. The World Health Organization states that there is “conclusive evidence that NDMA is a potent carcinogen” and that there is “clear evidence of carcinogenicity.”<sup>29</sup> NDMA belongs to the so-called “cohort of concern” which is a group of highly potent mutagenic carcinogens that have been classified as probable human carcinogens.<sup>30</sup>

174. NDMA is among the chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer (Title 27, California Code of Regulations, Section 27001), pursuant to California’s Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

175. The European Medicines Agency (“EMA”) has referred to NDMA as “highly carcinogenic.” It recommended that “primary attention with respect to risk for patients should be on these highly carcinogenic N-nitrosamines” (including NDMA), and categorized NDMA as “of highest concern with respect to mutagenic and carcinogenic potential.”<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> ApotexCorp\_0000000786.

<sup>27</sup> FDA Statement, Janet Woodcock, Director – Ctr. for Drug Evaluation & Research, *Statement Alerting Patients and Health Care Professionals of NDMA Found in Samples of Ranitidine* (Sept. 13, 2019), <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/statement-alerting-patients-and-health-care-professionals-ndma-found-samples-ranitidine>.

<sup>28</sup> Amneal\_prod 1 \_ 00000002938.

<sup>29</sup> World Health Org., *Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality, N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)* (3d ed. 2008), [https://www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/dwq/chemicals/ndmasummary\\_2ndadd.pdf](https://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwq/chemicals/ndmasummary_2ndadd.pdf).

<sup>30</sup> International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH), *Assessment and Control of DNA Reactive (Mutagenic) Impurities in Pharmaceuticals to Limit Potential Carcinogenic Risk, M7(R1)*, March 2017; [https://database.ich.org/sites/default/files/M7\\_R1\\_Guideline.pdf](https://database.ich.org/sites/default/files/M7_R1_Guideline.pdf).

<sup>31</sup> Nitrosamines EMEA-H-A5(3)-1490 - Assessment Report (europa.eu) (June 25, 2020), [https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/referral/nitrosamines-emea-h-a53-1490-assessment-report\\_en.pdf](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/referral/nitrosamines-emea-h-a53-1490-assessment-report_en.pdf).

176. In 1989, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) stated that it is “reasonable to expect that exposure to NDMA by eating, drinking or breathing could cause cancer in humans” and that the “carcinogenicity of orally-administered NDMA has been demonstrated unequivocally in acute, intermediate and chronic durations studies” in animals and “it is important to recognize that this evidence also indicates that oral exposures of acute and intermediate duration are sufficient to induce cancer.” Moreover, “hepatotoxicity has been demonstrated in all animal species that have been tested and has been observed in humans who were exposed to NDMA by ingestion or inhalation.”<sup>32</sup>

177. The International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (IRPTC 1988) lists regulations imposed by 13 countries for NDMA for occupational exposure, packing, storing and transport, disposal, and warns of its probable human carcinogenicity and its high level of toxicity by ingestion or inhalation.

178. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration classifies NDMA as “a carcinogen” that requires special and significant precautions along with specific hazard warnings.<sup>33</sup>

179. A review of Defendants’ own internal documents reveals that there is simply no question of material fact that it has been widely known within the medical and scientific community for over 40 years that NDMA is toxic and a known carcinogen.

180. In September 2019, Defendant GSK [REDACTED]

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<sup>32</sup> ATSDR Toxicological Profile For N-Nitrosodimethylamine (December 1989), <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxprofiles/tp141.pdf>.

<sup>33</sup> 29 C.F.R §1910.1003 (2012).



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183. Likewise, Defendant Sanofi [REDACTED]

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<sup>38</sup> GSKZAN0000163882.

<sup>39</sup> See GSK Dear HCP Letter, (October 3, 2019), publicly available (for example, <https://www.hpra.ie/docs/default-source/Safety-Notices/gsk-hcp-letter-03oct2019.pdf>).

<sup>40</sup> GSKZAN0000178581.

<sup>41</sup> GSKZAN0000172037.

<sup>42</sup> SANOFI\_ZAN\_MDL\_0000169790.

<sup>43</sup> SANOFI\_ZAN\_MDL\_0000206858.

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186. Non-party Apotex [REDACTED]

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187. Non-party Glenmark admitted in its recall notification letter that “a carcinogenic impurity, NDMA, has been found in ranitidine medications at levels exceeding the FDA allowable limit.”<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>45</sup> DRLMDL0000070414.

<sup>46</sup> *Id.*

<sup>47</sup> DRLMDL0000069991.

<sup>48</sup> ApotexCorp\_0000030734.

<sup>49</sup> GiantEagle\_MDL2924\_00000303.

188. As early as 1980, consumer products containing unsafe levels of NDMA and other nitrosamines have been recalled by manufacturers, either voluntarily or at the direction of the FDA.

189. Most recently, beginning in the summer of 2018, there have been recalls of several generic drugs used to treat high blood pressure and heart failure – Valsartan, Losartan, and Irbesartan – because the medications contained nitrosamine impurities that do not meet the FDA’s safety standards. Some of the manufacturers of those contaminated medications also are parties to this case. They include Sandoz and Teva.

190. This continued in 2020 when the FDA required recalls of numerous generic manufacturers’ metformin, including metformin made by non-parties Apotex, Amneal, and Teva.<sup>50</sup>

191. NDMA is a genotoxin which interacts with DNA and may subsequently induce mutations. Genotoxins are not considered to have a safe threshold or dose due to their ability to alter DNA.

192. The FDA has set an acceptable daily intake (“ADI”) level for NDMA at 96 ng. That means that consumption of 96 ng of NDMA a day would increase the risk of developing cancer by 0.001% over the course of a lifetime. That risk increases as the level of NDMA exposure increases. However, any level above 96 ng is considered unacceptable.<sup>51</sup>

193. In studies examining carcinogenicity through oral administration, mice exposed to NDMA developed cancer in the kidney, bladder, liver, and lung. In comparable rat studies, cancers

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<sup>50</sup> U.S. Food & Drug Admin., FDA Updates and Press Announcements on NDMA in Metformin, <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-and-press-announcements-ndma-metformin> (current as of Jan. 06, 2021).

<sup>51</sup> U.S. Food & Drug Admin., *FDA Updates and Press Announcements on Angiotensin II Receptor Blocker (ARB) Recalls (Valsartan, Losartan, and Irbesartan)* (Feb. 28, 2019), <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-and-press-announcements-angiotensin-ii-receptor-blocker-arb-recalls-valsartan-losartan>.

were observed in the liver, kidney, pancreas, and lung. In comparable hamster studies, cancers were observed in the liver, pancreas, and stomach. In comparable guinea-pig studies, cancers were observed in the liver and lung. In comparable rabbit studies, cancers were observed in the liver and lung.

194. In other long-term animal studies in mice and rats utilizing different routes of exposures – inhalation, subcutaneous injection, and intraperitoneal (abdomen injection) – cancer was observed in the lung, liver, kidney, nasal cavity, and stomach.

195. Prior to the withdrawal of ranitidine, it was considered a category B drug for birth defects, meaning it was considered safe to take during pregnancy. Yet animals exposed to NDMA during pregnancy birthed offspring with elevated rates of cancer in the liver and kidneys.

196. NDMA is a very small molecule. That allows it to pass through the blood-brain and placental barrier. This is particularly concerning as ranitidine has been marketed for pregnant women and young children for years.

197. Exposure to high levels of NDMA has been linked to liver damage in humans.<sup>52</sup>

198. Numerous *in vitro* studies confirm that NDMA is a mutagen – causing genetic mutations in human and animal cells.

199. Overall, the animal data demonstrates that NDMA is carcinogenic in all animal species tested: mice; rats; Syrian golden, Chinese and European hamsters; guinea pigs; rabbits; ducks; mastomys; fish; newts; and frogs.

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<sup>52</sup> See EPA Technical Fact Sheet, *supra* n.19.

200. The EPA classified NDMA as a probable human carcinogen “based on the induction of tumors at multiple sites in different mammal species exposed to NDMA by various routes.”<sup>53</sup>

201. Pursuant to EPA cancer guidelines, “tumors observed in animals are generally assumed to indicate that an agent may produce tumors in humans.”<sup>54</sup>

202. In addition to the overwhelming animal data linking NDMA to cancer, there are numerous human epidemiological studies exploring the effects of dietary exposure to various cancers. These studies consistently show increased risks of various cancers.

203. In a 1995 epidemiological case-control study looking at NDMA dietary exposure with 220 cases, researchers observed a statistically significant 700% increased risk of gastric cancer in persons exposed to more than 0.51 micrograms/day.<sup>55</sup>

204. In a 1995 epidemiological case-control study looking at NDMA dietary exposure with 746 cases, researchers observed statistically significant elevated rates of gastric cancer in persons exposed to more than 0.191 micrograms/day.<sup>56</sup>

205. In another 1995 epidemiological case-control study looking at, in part, the effects of dietary consumption on cancer, researchers observed a statistically significant elevated risk of developing aerodigestive cancer after being exposed to NDMA at 0.179 micrograms/day.<sup>57</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> *Id.*

<sup>54</sup> See U.S. Env'tl. Protection Agency, Risk Assessment Forum, *Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment* (Mar. 2005), [https://www3.epa.gov/airtoxics/cancer\\_guidelines\\_final\\_3-25-05.pdf](https://www3.epa.gov/airtoxics/cancer_guidelines_final_3-25-05.pdf).

<sup>55</sup> Pobel, *et al.*, *Nitrosamine, Nitrate and Nitrite in Relation to Gastric Cancer: A Case-control Study in Marseille, France*, 11 Eur. J. Epidemiol. 67-73 (1995).

<sup>56</sup> La Vecchia, *et al.*, *Nitrosamine Intake & Gastric Cancer Risk*, 4 Eur. J. Cancer Prev. 469-74 (1995).

<sup>57</sup> Rogers *et al.*, *Consumption of Nitrate, Nitrite, and Nitrosodimethylamine and the Risk of Upper Aerodigestive Tract Cancer*, 5 Cancer Epidemiol. Biomarkers Prev. 29-36 (1995).

206. In a 1999 epidemiological cohort study looking at NDMA dietary exposure with 189 cases and a follow up of 24 years, researchers noted that “*N*-nitroso compounds are potent carcinogens” and that dietary exposure to NDMA more than doubled the risk of developing colorectal cancer.<sup>58</sup>

207. In a 2000 epidemiological cohort study looking at occupational exposure of workers in the rubber industry, researchers observed significant increased risks for NDMA exposure for esophagus, oral cavity, and pharynx cancer.<sup>59</sup>

208. In a 2011 epidemiological cohort study looking at NDMA dietary exposure with 3,268 cases and a follow up of 11.4 years, researchers concluded that “[d]ietary NDMA intake was significantly associated with increased cancer risk in men and women” for all cancers, and that “NDMA was associated with increased risk of gastrointestinal cancers” including rectal cancers.<sup>60</sup>

209. In a 2014 epidemiological case-control study looking at NDMA dietary exposure with 1,760 cases, researchers found a statistically significant elevated association between NDMA exposure and rectal cancer.<sup>61</sup>

210. NDMA is also known to be genotoxic – meaning, it can cause DNA damage in human cells. Indeed, multiple studies demonstrate that NDMA is genotoxic both *in vivo* and *in vitro*. However, recent studies have shown that the ability of NDMA to cause mutations in cells

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<sup>58</sup> Knekt, *et al.*, *Risk of Colorectal and Other Gastro-Intestinal Cancers after Exposure to Nitrate, Nitrite and N-nitroso Compounds: A Follow-Up Study*, 80 Int. J. Cancer 852-56 (1999).

<sup>59</sup> Straif, *et al.*, *Exposure to High Concentrations of Nitrosamines and Cancer Mortality Among a Cohort of Rubber Workers*, 57 Occup. Envtl. Med 180-87 (2000).

<sup>60</sup> Loh, *et al.*, *N-nitroso Compounds and Cancer Incidence: The European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition (EPIC)–Norfolk Study*, 93 Am. J. Clinical Nutrition 1053-61 (2011).

<sup>61</sup> Zhu, *et al.*, *Dietary N-nitroso Compounds and Risk of Colorectal Cancer: A Case-control Study in Newfoundland and Labrador and Ontario, Canada*, 111 Brit. J. Nutrition 6, 1109-17 (2014).

is affected by the presence of enzymes typically found in living humans, suggesting that “humans may be especially sensitive to the carcinogenicity of NDMA.”<sup>62</sup>

211. In addition to studies demonstrating that NDMA directly causes cancer, research shows that exposure to NDMA: (a) can exacerbate existing but dormant (*i.e.* not malignant) tumor cells; (b) promote otherwise “initiated cancer cells” to develop into cancerous tumors; and (c) reduce the ability of the body to combat cancer as NDMA is immunosuppressive. Thus, in addition to NDMA being a direct cause of cancer itself, NDMA can also be a contributing factor to a cancer injury caused by some other source.

### **3. NDMA Is Discovered In Ranitidine-Containing Products, Leading To Market Withdrawal**

212. On September 9, 2019, pharmacy and testing laboratory Valisure LLC and ValisureRX LLC (collectively, “Valisure”) filed a Citizen Petition calling for the recall of all Ranitidine-Containing Products due to detecting exceedingly high levels of NDMA when testing ranitidine pills using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry. FDA and European regulators started reviewing the safety of ranitidine with specific focus on the presence of NDMA.<sup>63</sup> This set off a cascade of recalls by Defendants.

213. On September 13, 2019, the FDA’s Director for Drug Evaluation and Research, Dr. Janet Woodcock, issued a statement warning that some ranitidine medicines may contain NDMA.<sup>64</sup>

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<sup>62</sup> World Health Org., *supra* n.29.

<sup>63</sup> FDA Statement, Woodcock, *supra* n.39; Press Release, European Medicines Agency, *EMA to Review Ranitidine Medicines Following Detection of NDMA* (Sept. 13, 2019), <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/ema-review-ranitidine-medicines-following-detection-ndma>.

<sup>64</sup> FDA Statement, Woodcock, *supra* n.27.



214. On September 24, 2019, non-party Sandoz voluntarily recalled all of its Ranitidine-Containing Products due to concerns of a “nitrosamine impurity, N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA), which was found in the recalled medicine.”<sup>65</sup>

215. On September 26, 2019, non-parties Apotex, Walgreens, Walmart, and Rite Aid voluntarily recalled all ranitidine products and removed them from shelves.<sup>66</sup> Apotex issued a statement, noting that “Apotex has learned from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other Global regulators that some ranitidine medicines including brand and generic formulations of ranitidine regardless of the manufacturer, contain a nitrosamine impurity called N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA).”<sup>67</sup>

216. On September 28, 2019, non-party CVS stated that it would stop selling Zantac and its CVS Store-Brand ranitidine out of concern that it might contain a carcinogen.

217. On October 2, 2019, the FDA ordered manufacturers of ranitidine to test their products and recommended using a liquid chromatography with high resolution mass spectrometer (“LC-HRMS”) testing protocol, which “does not use elevated temperatures.”<sup>68</sup>

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<sup>65</sup> FDA News Release, U.S. Food & Drug Admin., *FDA Announces Voluntary Recall of Sandoz Ranitidine Capsules Following Detection of an Impurity* (Sept. 24, 2019), <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-announces-voluntary-recall-sandoz-ranitidine-capsules-following-detection-impurity>.

<sup>66</sup> U.S. Food & Drug Admin., *FDA Updates and Press Announcements on NDMA in Zantac (ranitidine)* (Sept. 26, 2019), <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-and-press-announcements-ndma-zantac-ranitidine>.

<sup>67</sup> Company Announcement, U.S. Food & Drug Admin., *Apotex Corp. Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Ranitidine Tablets 75mg and 150mg (All Pack Sizes and Formats) Due to the Potential for Detection of an Amount of Unexpected Impurity, N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) Impurity in the Product* (Sept. 25, 2019), [https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/apotex-corp-issues-voluntary-nationwide-recall-ranitidine-tablets-75mg-and-150mg-\(all-pack-sizes-and-formats\)](https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/apotex-corp-issues-voluntary-nationwide-recall-ranitidine-tablets-75mg-and-150mg-(all-pack-sizes-and-formats)).

<sup>68</sup> U.S. Food & Drug Admin., *FDA Updates and Press Announcements on NDMA in Zantac (ranitidine)* (Oct. 2, 2019), <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-and-press-announcements-ndma-zantac-ranitidine>.

218. On October 8, 2019, Defendant GSK voluntarily recalled all Ranitidine-Containing Products internationally.<sup>69</sup> As part of the recall, GSK publicly acknowledged that unacceptable levels of NDMA were discovered in Zantac and noted that “GSK is continuing with investigations into the potential source of the NDMA.”<sup>70</sup>

219. On October 18 and 23, 2019, Defendant Sanofi and non-party Dr. Reddy’s voluntarily recalled all of their Ranitidine-Containing Products.<sup>71</sup>

220. On October 28, 2019, non-party Perrigo voluntarily recalled all its Ranitidine-Containing Products.<sup>72</sup>

221. In its recall notice, Perrigo stated, “[a]fter regulatory bodies announced that ranitidine may potentially contain NDMA, Perrigo promptly began testing of its externally sourced ranitidine API (active pharmaceutical ingredient) and ranitidine-based products. On October 8, 2019, Perrigo halted shipments of the product based upon preliminary results. Based on the totality of data gathered to date, Perrigo has made the decision to conduct this voluntary recall.”<sup>73</sup>

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<sup>69</sup> Press Release, Gov. UK, *Zantac – MHRA Drug Alert Issued as GlaxoSmithKline Recalls All Unexpired Stock* (Oct. 8, 2019), <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/zantac-mhra-drug-alert-issued-as-glaxosmithkline-recalls-all-unexpired-stock>.

<sup>70</sup> Justin George Varghese, *GSK Recalls Popular Heartburn Drug Zantac Globally After Cancer Scare*, Reuters (Oct. 8, 2019), <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-gsk-heartburn-zantac/gsk-recalls-popular-heartburn-drug-zantac-globally-after-cancer-scare-idUSKBN1WN1SL>.

<sup>71</sup> U.S. Food & Drug Admin., *FDA Updates and Press Announcements on NDMA in Zantac (ranitidine)* (Oct. 23, 2019), <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-and-press-announcements-ndma-zantac-ranitidine>.

<sup>72</sup> *Id.*

<sup>73</sup> Company Announcement, U.S. Food & Drug Admin., *Perrigo Company plc Issues Voluntary Worldwide Recall of Ranitidine Due to Possible Presence of Impurity, N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) Impurity in the Product* (Oct. 23, 2019), <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/perrigo-company-plc-issues-voluntary-worldwide-recall-ranitidine-due-possible-presence-impurity-n>.

222. On November 1, 2019, the FDA announced the results of recent testing, finding unacceptable levels of NDMA in Ranitidine-Containing Products , and requested that drug makers begin to voluntarily recall their Ranitidine-Containing Products if the FDA or manufacturers discovered NDMA levels above the acceptable limits.<sup>74</sup>

223. On December 4, 2019, the FDA issued a statement notifying consumers who wished to continue taking ranitidine to consider limiting their intake of nitrite-containing foods, *e.g.*, processed meats and preservatives like sodium nitrite.<sup>75</sup> This advice *mirrored* an admonition issued by Italian scientists in 1981 after finding that ranitidine reacted with nitrites *in vitro* to form toxic and mutagenic effects in bacteria. The prudent advice of Dr. de Flora published in October 1981 in *The Lancet* was to “avoid nitrosation as far as possible by, for example, suggesting a diet low in nitrates and nitrites, by asking patients not to take these at times close to (or with) meals or by giving inhibitors of nitrosation such as ascorbic acid.”<sup>76</sup>

224. If GSK had only heeded Dr. de Flora’s advice in 1981, millions of people might have avoided exposure to NDMA formed as a result of ranitidine’s interaction with the human digestive system.

225. Between November 1, 2019 and February 27, 2020, non-parties Amneal, Glenmark recalled their products from the market, citing NDMA concerns.<sup>77</sup>

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<sup>74</sup> U.S. Food & Drug Admin., Laboratory Tests | Ranitidine, <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/laboratory-tests-ranitidine> (current as of Nov. 1, 2019).

<sup>75</sup> U.S. Food & Drug Admin., *FDA Updates and Press Announcements on NDMA in Zantac (ranitidine)* (Dec. 4, 2019), <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-and-press-announcements-ndma-zantac-ranitidine>.

<sup>76</sup> Silvio de Flora, *Cimetidine, Ranitidine and Their Mutagenic Nitroso Derivatives*, *The Lancet*, Oct. 31, 1981, at 993-94.

<sup>77</sup> See generally U.S. Food & Drug Admin., *FDA Updates and Press Announcements on NDMA in Zantac (ranitidine)*, <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-and-press-announcements-ndma-zantac-ranitidine> (current as of Apr. 16, 2020).

226. On January 2, 2020, research laboratory, Emery Pharma, submitted a Citizen Petition to the FDA, showing that the ranitidine molecule is heat-labile and under certain temperatures progressively accumulates NDMA.

227. Emery's Citizen Petition outlined its substantial concern that ranitidine is a time- and temperature-sensitive pharmaceutical product that develops NDMA when exposed to heat, a common occurrence during shipping, handling, and storage. Emery requested that the FDA issue a directive to manufacturers to clearly label ranitidine with a warning that "by-products that are probable carcinogens can be generated if exposed to heat." In addition to warning about this condition, Emery requested agency directives to manufacturers and distributors to ship ranitidine products in temperature-controlled vehicles.<sup>78</sup>

228. In response,<sup>79</sup> on April 1, 2020, the FDA recounted that a recall is an "effective methods[sic] of removing or correcting defective FDA-regulated products . . . particularly when those products present a danger to health."<sup>80</sup> The FDA sought the voluntary consent of manufacturers to accept the recall "to protect the public health from products that present a risk of injury."<sup>81</sup> The FDA found that the recall of all Ranitidine-Containing Products and a public warning of the recall was necessary because the "product being recalled presents a serious health

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<sup>78</sup> Emery Pharma FDA Citizen Petition (Jan. 2, 2020) <https://emerypharma.com/news/emery-pharma-ranitidine-fda-citizen-petition/>.

<sup>79</sup> Letter of Janet Woodcock, U.S. Food & Drug Admin., Docket No. FDA-2020-P-0042 (Apr. 1, 2020), <https://emerypharma.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/FDA-2020-P-0042-CP-Response-4-1-2020.pdf>.

<sup>80</sup> *Id.* at 5 (citing 21 CFR 7.40(a)).

<sup>81</sup> *Id.*

risk.”<sup>82</sup> The FDA therefore sent Information Requests to all applicants and pending applicants of Ranitidine-Containing Products “requesting a market withdrawal.”<sup>83</sup>

229. The FDA found its stability testing raised concerns that NDMA levels in some Ranitidine-Containing Products stored at room temperature can increase with time to unacceptable levels. In the same vein, FDA testing revealed that higher NDMA levels were found as the products approached their expiration dates. The FDA’s testing eroded the agency’s confidence that any Ranitidine-Containing Product would remain stable through its labeled expiration date. Consequently, the FDA requested a market withdrawal of all ranitidine products. The FDA also announced to the public that the Agency’s laboratory tests indicate that temperature and time contribute to an increase in NDMA levels in some ranitidine products. The FDA’s decision to withdraw the drug rendered moot Emery’s request for temperature-controlled shipping conditions.

230. The FDA’s reaction was consistent with comparable regulatory action throughout the world. Before the FDA acted, over 43 different countries and jurisdictions restricted or banned Ranitidine-Containing Products.<sup>84</sup>

231. The European Medicines Agency (“EMA”), the European Union’s equivalent to the FDA, through an Article 31 Referral, determined the sale of all Ranitidine-Containing Products should be suspended on September 19, 2019. On April 30, 2020, the Human Medicines Committee of the EMA “has recommended the suspension of all ranitidine medicines in the EU due to the presence of low levels of an impurity called N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA).” The EMA

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<sup>82</sup> *Id.* at 7.

<sup>83</sup> *Id.* at 10 n.43.

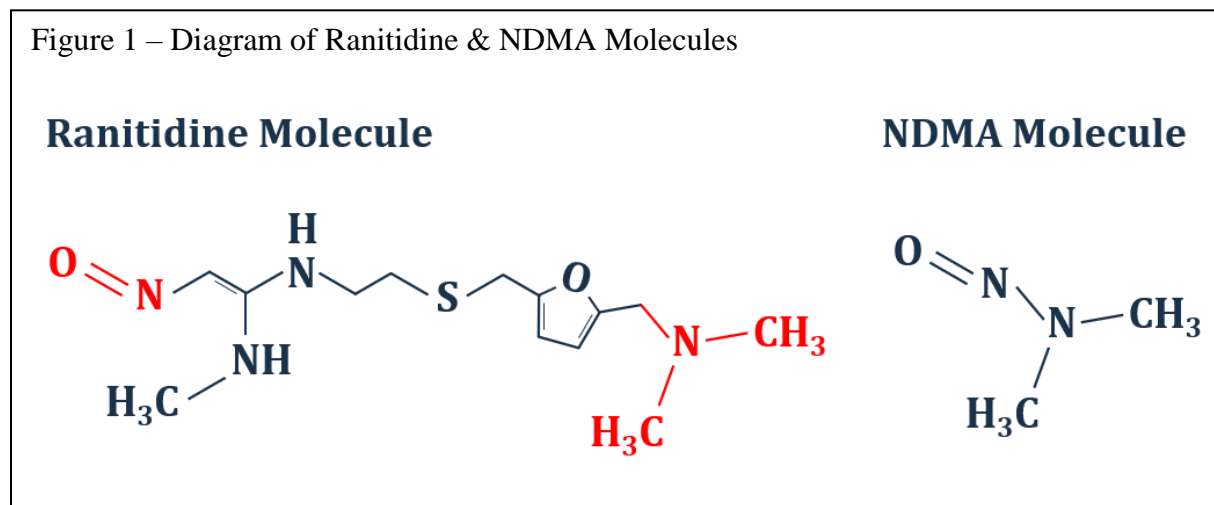
<sup>84</sup> Margaret Newkirk & Susan Berfield, *FDA Recalls Are Always Voluntary and Sometimes Haphazard-and The Agency Doesn’t Want More Authority to Protect Consumers*, Bloomberg Businessweek (Dec. 3, 2019), <https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2019-voluntary-drug-recalls-zantac/>.

recognizes NDMA as a probable human carcinogen and issued a “precautionary suspension of these medicines in the EU” because “NDMA has been found in several ranitidine medicines above levels considered acceptable, and there are unresolved questions about the source of the impurities.”<sup>85</sup>

232. On September 17, 2020, after a ranitidine manufacturer requested that the EMA re-examine its decision and permit ranitidine to be marketed again in the EU, the EMA confirmed its prior recommendation to suspend all ranitidine medicines in the EU due to the presence of NDMA, noting that it is a probable human carcinogen and that there is evidence that NDMA forms from the degradation of ranitidine itself with increasing levels seen over shelf life.<sup>86</sup>

#### 4. How Ranitidine Transforms Into NDMA

233. The ranitidine molecule itself contains the constituent molecules to form NDMA. See Figure 1.



<sup>85</sup> Eur. Med. Agency, *Suspension of Ranitidine Medicines in the EU* (Apr. 30, 2020), [https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/referral/ranitidine-article-31-referral-suspension-ranitidine-medicines-eu\\_en.pdf](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/referral/ranitidine-article-31-referral-suspension-ranitidine-medicines-eu_en.pdf).

<sup>86</sup> Eur. Med. Agency, *EMA Confirms Recommendation to Suspend All Ranitidine Medicines in the EU* (Nov. 24, 2020), [https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/referral/ranitidine-article-31-referral-ema-confirms-recommendation-suspend-all-ranitidine-medicines-eu\\_en.pdf](https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/referral/ranitidine-article-31-referral-ema-confirms-recommendation-suspend-all-ranitidine-medicines-eu_en.pdf).

234. The degradation occurs independently in two parts of the ranitidine molecule, with the products of the degradation combining to produce NDMA.

235. The formation of NDMA by the reaction of DMA and a nitroso source (such as a nitrite) is well characterized in the scientific literature and has been identified as a concern for contamination of the U.S. water supply.<sup>87</sup> Indeed, in 2003, alarming levels of NDMA in drinking water processed by wastewater-treatment plants were specifically linked to the presence of ranitidine.<sup>88</sup>

236. The high levels of NDMA observed in Ranitidine-Containing Products are a function of various factors. The ranitidine molecule internally degrades to form NDMA. The degradation of ranitidine can increase over time under normal storage conditions, but more so with exposure to heat and/or humidity. Once in the body, ranitidine continues to degrade and can yield increasing levels of NDMA in the human digestive system, and when it interacts with nitrogenous products.

**a. Early Understandings as to Formation of NDMA in the Environment of the Human Stomach**

237. When the ranitidine molecule is exposed to the acidic environment of the stomach, particularly when accompanied by nitrites (a chemical commonly found in heartburn-inducing foods), the Nitroso molecule ( $O=N$ ) and the DMA molecule ( $H_3C-N-CH_3$ ) break off and reform as NDMA.

238. In 1981, Dr. Silvio de Flora, an Italian researcher from the University of Genoa, published the results of experiments he conducted on ranitidine in the well-known journal, *The*

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<sup>87</sup> Ogawa *et al.*, *Purification and Properties of a New Enzyme, NG, NG-dimethylarginine Dimethylaminohydrolase, from Rat Kidney*, 264 J. Bio. Chem. 17, 10205-209 (1989).

<sup>88</sup> Mitch *et al.*, *N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) as a Drinking Water Contaminant: A Review*, 20 Env. Eng. Sci. 5, 389-404 (2003).

*Lancet*. When ranitidine was exposed to human gastric fluid in combination with nitrites, his experiment showed “toxic and mutagenic effects.”<sup>89</sup> Dr. de Flora hypothesized that these mutagenic effects could have been caused by the “formation of more than one nitroso derivative [which includes NDMA] under our experimental conditions.” *Id.* Dr. de Flora cautioned that, in the context of ranitidine ingestion, “it would seem prudent to ... suggest[] a diet low in nitrates and nitrites, by asking patients not to take these at times close to (or with) meals.”<sup>90</sup> *Id.*

239. GSK knew of Dr. de Flora’s publication because, two weeks later, GSK responded in *The Lancet*,<sup>91</sup> claiming that the levels of nitrite needed to induce the production of nitroso derivatives (*i.e.*, NDMA) were not likely to be experienced by people in the real world.<sup>92</sup>

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<sup>89</sup> De Flora, *supra* n.88.

<sup>90</sup> This admonition came two years before the FDA approved Zantac in 1983. Notwithstanding, in 1998 GSK applied for and obtained an indication for OTC Zantac “[f]or the prevention of meal-induced heartburn at a dose of 75 mg taken 30 to 60 minutes prior to a meal.” See Ctr. for Drug Eval. & Research, *Approval Package* (June 8, 1998), [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/nda/98/20520s1\\_Zantac.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/nda/98/20520s1_Zantac.pdf). So GSK specifically invited patients to take Zantac shortly before eating heartburn-inducing food.

<sup>91</sup> R. T., Brittain *et al.*, *Safety of Ranitidine*, *The Lancet* 1119 (Nov. 14, 1981).

<sup>92</sup> This response reflects GSK’s reputation for “adopting the most combative, scorched-earth positions in defense of its brands.” Jim Edwards, *GSK’s Alleged Coverup of Bad Avandia Data: A Snapshot of Its Poisonous Corporate Culture*, Moneywatch (July 13, 2010) <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/gsk-alleged-coverup-of-bad-avandia-data-a-snapshot-of-its-poisonous-corporate-culture/>. GSK has no compunction against distorting objective science to maintain lucrative monopoly franchises. Its egregious conduct surrounding Zantac is no isolated incident. GSK endangered patient health while reaping billions of dollars in profits from Paxil, Wellbutrin, and Avandia. It was involved in covering up scientific data, offering illegal kickbacks to prescribing physicians, intimidating witnesses, and defrauding Medicare to profit from these medicines. After Congressional hearings into this outrageous misbehavior, GSK’s actions resulted in a criminal investigation and the then-largest guilty plea by a pharmaceutical company for fraud and failure to report safety data in the country’s history. *Staff Report on GlaxoSmithKline and the Diabetes Drug Avandia*, Senate Comm. on Finance, 111th Cong.2d Sess. 1 (Comm. Print Jan. 2010); U.S. Dep’t of Justice, *GlaxoSmithKline to Please Guilty and Pay \$3 Billion to Resolve Fraud Allegations and Failure to Report Safety Data* (July 2, 2012), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/glaxosmithkline-plead-guilty-and-pay-3-billion-resolve-fraud-allegations-and-failure-report>. There is currently an open investigation of GSK and Sanofi being conducted by the Department of Justice relating to the failure to disclose to the federal government



240. GSK attended an FDA Advisory Committee in May 1982 where its representative testified and presented evidence relating to the safety of Zantac, including the potential for ranitidine to form nitrosamines. However, GSK failed to disclose its new evidence relating to ranitidine and the formation of a nitrosamine, specifically the formation of NDMA.<sup>93</sup>

241. One month later, in June 1982, GSK submitted its draft Summary Basis of Approval and labeling for Zantac. Again, GSK failed to submit or otherwise disclose its new evidence relating to ranitidine and the formation of NDMA.<sup>94</sup>

242. In its submission to the FDA, GSK discussed its findings from internal studies performed in 1980 that ranitidine formed a different nitrosamine, n-nitroso-nitrolic acid, a potent mutagen, but explained that these results had no “practical clinical significance”<sup>95</sup>:

**Although N-nitroso-nitrolic acid was a potent mutagen, it is not likely to be formed in the stomach of a patient ingesting ranitidine, as an unrealistically large amount of nitrite needs to be present to form and maintain the nitrosamine. For this reason, and also because ranitidine was not carcinogenic in life-span studies in rodents, the in vitro nitrosation of ranitidine to a mutagenic nitrosamine does not seem to have practical clinical significance.**

243. In 1980 – before Zantac was approved by the FDA – GSK conducted another study to examine, among other things, how long-term use of ranitidine could affect the levels of nitrite

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information about the potential presence of NDMA in Zantac. [https://www.sanofi.com/-/media/Project/One-Sanofi-Web/Websites/Global/Sanofi-COM/Home/en/investors/docs/2020\\_07\\_29\\_HY\\_financial\\_report\\_EN.pdf](https://www.sanofi.com/-/media/Project/One-Sanofi-Web/Websites/Global/Sanofi-COM/Home/en/investors/docs/2020_07_29_HY_financial_report_EN.pdf).

<sup>93</sup> GSKZAN0000050413.

<sup>94</sup> GSKZNDAA0000071900.

<sup>95</sup> Excerpted from the Summary Basis of Approval submitted to the FDA to obtain approval of Zantac in the early 1980s. This document was obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request to the FDA.

in the human stomach.<sup>96</sup> Remarkably, GSK admitted that ranitidine use caused the proliferation of bacteria in the human stomach that are known to convert nitrates to nitrites, which leads to elevated levels of nitrite in the stomach environment. GSK acknowledged this could increase the risk of forming nitrosamines and, in turn, cancer, but then dismissed this risk because people were allegedly only expected to use Ranitidine-Containing Products for a short-term period:

**The importance of this finding is not clear. High levels of nitrite could react with certain organic compounds to form nitrosamines, which are known carcinogens. To date, however, neither ranitidine nor cimetidine have been carcinogenic in rodents, so the level of human risk cannot be estimated from animal studies. Ranitidine is recommended only for short-term use and carcinogenic risk, if any, should thus be minimized.**

244. GSK knew – and indeed specifically admitted – that ranitidine could react with nitrite in the human stomach to form nitrosamines and, at the same time, that long-term use of ranitidine could lead to elevated levels of nitrite in the human stomach. GSK also knew but did not disclose that it had new evidence showing that NDMA was generated by ranitidine under certain conditions.

245. In response to Dr. de Flora's findings, in 1982, GSK conducted a clinical study specifically investigating gastric contents in human patients.<sup>97</sup> The study, in part, specifically measured the levels of N-Nitroso compounds in human gastric fluid. GSK indicated that there were no elevated levels, and even published the results of this study five years later, in 1987. The study, however, was flawed. It did not use gold-standard mass spectrometry to test for NDMA, but instead, used a process that could not measure N-nitrosamines efficiently. And worse, in the

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<sup>96</sup> The results of this study are discussed in the Summary Basis of Approval, obtained from the FDA.

<sup>97</sup> Thomas *et al.*, *Effects of One Year's Treatment with Ranitidine and of Truncal Vagotomy on Gastric Contents*, 6 Gut. Vol. 28, 726-38 (1987).

testing it did do, GSK refused to test gastric samples that contained ranitidine in them out of concern that samples with ranitidine would contain “high concentrations of N-nitroso compounds being recorded.”<sup>98</sup> In other words, GSK intentionally engineered the study to exclude the very samples most likely to contain a dangerous carcinogen.

246. Given the above information that was disclosed relating to the nitrosation potential and formation of nitrosamines, it is shocking that GSK conducted an internal study to assess the formation of NDMA and found that ranitidine, when exposed to sodium nitrite, formed hundreds of thousands of nanograms of NDMA. The GSK study was never published or disclosed to the public.

247. In 1983, the same year GSK started marketing Zantac in the United States, seven researchers from the University of Genoa published a study discussing ranitidine and its genotoxic effects (ability to harm DNA).<sup>99</sup> The researchers concluded “it appears that reaction of ranitidine with excess sodium nitrite under acid conditions gives rise to a nitroso-derivative (or derivatives) [like NDMA] capable of inducing DNA damage in mammalian cells.” *Id.*

248. Then, again in 1983, Dr. de Flora, along with four other researchers, published their complete findings.<sup>100</sup> The results “confirm our preliminary findings on the formation of genotoxic derivatives from nitrite and ranitidine.” Again, the authors noted that, “the widespread clinical use [of ranitidine] and the possibility of a long-term maintenance therapy suggest the prudent adoption of some simple measures, such as a diet low in nitrates and nitrites or the prescription of these anti-ulcer drugs at a suitable interval from meals.” This admonition carries weight considering GSK’s

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<sup>98</sup> *Id.* at 730.

<sup>99</sup> Maura *et al.*, *DNA Damage Induced by Nitrosated Ranitidine in Cultured Mammalian Cells*, 18 *Tox. Ltr.* 97-102 (1983).

<sup>100</sup> De Flora *et al.*, *Genotoxicity of Nitrosated Ranitidine*, 4 *Carcinogenesis* 3, 255-60 (1983).

studies indicate that long-term ranitidine consumption, itself, leads to elevated levels of nitrites in the human gut.

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251. However, in 1985, GSK

<sup>101</sup> SANOFI\_ZAN\_MDL-0000033849-SANOFI\_ZAN\_MDL\_0000033891, at SANOFI\_ZAN\_MDL\_0000033873.

<sup>102</sup> GSKZNDAA0000072103-GSKZNDAA0000072128.

<sup>103</sup> GSKZAN0000369313,

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252. The high instability of the ranitidine molecule was elucidated in scientific studies investigating ranitidine as a source of NDMA in drinking water and specific mechanisms for the breakdown of ranitidine were proposed.<sup>105</sup> These studies underscore the instability of the NDMA group on the ranitidine molecule and its ability to form NDMA in the environment of water-treatment plants that supply many U.S. cities with water.

253. In 2002, researchers conducted a controlled study to evaluate the concentration of nitrosamines, including NDMA, in the gastric fluid and urine in children with gastritis before and after four to six weeks of treatment with ranitidine.<sup>106</sup> The study reported statistically significant increases in the nitrosamine concentration, including NDMA, in the gastric juice and urine in 93.3% of children after taking ranitidine for only four weeks. The researchers noted that

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<sup>104</sup> GSKZNDAA0000636549.

<sup>105</sup> Le Roux *et al.*, *NDMA Formation by Chloramination of Ranitidine: Kinetics and Mechanism*, 46 *Envtl. Sci. Tech.* 20, 11095-103 (2012).

<sup>106</sup> [REDACTED]

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nitrosamines belong to the most potent known carcinogens and no organisms have been found that would be resistant to the harmful effects, that neoplastic lesions induced by nitroso compounds may develop in any organ, and that nitrosamines induced a wide spectrum of tumors in studies using animal models.<sup>107</sup> In addition, the authors noted specifically that NDMA induced similar symptoms of acute poisoning in humans and animals. They advised that prophylactic measures to avoid nitrosamine formation include a diet high in fruits and inclusion of ascorbic acid as well as limiting intake of processed meat. The conclusion was that ranitidine should only be recommended in children after careful consideration.<sup>108</sup>

254. Despite the direct evidence that children taking ranitidine were being exposed to dangerously high levels of carcinogenic nitrosamines including NDMA, which each Defendant knew or should have known, Defendants recklessly continued to market and promote Zantac and/or ranitidine as safe and effective for children.

255. Similarly, in 2016, researchers at Stanford University conducted an experiment on healthy adult volunteers.<sup>109</sup> They measured the NDMA in urine of healthy individuals over the course of 24 hours, administered one dose of ranitidine, and then measured the NDMA in the urine of the same individuals for another 24 hours. The study reported that on average, the level of NDMA increased by 400 times, to approximately 47,000 ng. The only change during that 24-hour period was the consumption of ranitidine. In the study, the scientists further explained that

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<sup>107</sup> *Id.*

<sup>108</sup> *Id.*

<sup>109</sup> Zeng *et al.*, *Oral intake of Ranitidine Increases Urinary Excretion of N-nitrosodimethylamine*, 37 *Carcinogenesis* 625-34 (2016). While this study was recently retracted due to errors in its testing method, its publication put Defendants on notice that ranitidine forms NDMA, particularly when subjected to heat, posing a risk of harm to those who consume it, and thus should have prompted Defendants to conduct thorough research and analysis on that issue (including testing their pills using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry).

previous studies have indicated a high metabolic conversion rate of NDMA, meaning it will be processed by the human body. This study showed that ranitidine generates NDMA in the human body.

256. Valisure is an online pharmacy that also runs an analytical laboratory that is ISO 17025 accredited by the International Organization for Standardization (“ISO”) – an accreditation recognizing the laboratories technical competence for regulatory purposes. Valisure’s mission is to help ensure the safety, quality, and consistency of medications and supplements in the market. In response to rising concerns about counterfeit medications, generics, and overseas manufacturing, Valisure developed proprietary analytical technologies that it uses in addition to FDA standard assays to test every batch of every medication it dispenses. Valisure tested ranitidine first by subjecting it to higher temperature and also tested it in conditions simulating the stomach.

257. In its September 9, 2019 Citizen’s Petition to the FDA,<sup>110</sup> Valisure disclosed as part of its testing of Ranitidine-Containing Products that in every lot tested there were exceedingly high levels of NDMA. Valisure’s ISO 17025 accredited laboratory used FDA recommended GC/MS headspace analysis method FY19-005-DPA for the determination of NDMA levels. As per the FDA protocol, this method was validated to a lower limit of detection of 25 ng.<sup>111</sup> The results of Valisure’s testing show levels of NDMA well above 2 million ng per 150 mg Zantac tablet, shown below:

Table 1 – Ranitidine Samples Tested by Valisure Laboratory Using GC/MS Protocol		
150 mg Tablets or equivalent	Lot #	NDMA per tablet (ng)

<sup>110</sup> Valisure, *Citizen Petition on Ranitidine* (Sept. 9, 2019), <https://www.valisure.com/wp-content/uploads/Valisure-Ranitidine-FDA-Citizen-Petition-v4.12.pdf>.

<sup>111</sup> U.S. Food & Drug Admin., *Combined N-Nitrosodimethlyamine (NDMA) and N-Nitrosodiethylamine (NDEA) Impurity Assay, FY19-005-DPA-S* (Jan. 28, 2019).

Reference Powder	125619	2,472,531
Zantac, Brand OTC	18M498M	2,511,469
Zantac (mint), Brand OTC	18H546	2,834,798
Wal-Zan, Walgreens	79L800819A	2,444,046
Wal-Zan (mint), Walgreens	8ME2640	2,635,006
Ranitidine, CVS	9BE2773	2,520,311
Zantac (mint), CVS	9AE2864	3,267,968
Ranitidine, Equate	9BE2772	2,479,872
Ranitidine (mint), Equate	8ME2642	2,805,259
Ranitidine, Strides	77024060A	2,951,649

258. This testing by GC-MS demonstrates the instability of the ranitidine molecule and its propensity to break down under higher temperatures.

259. Valisure was concerned that the extremely high levels of NDMA observed in its testing were a product of the modest oven heating parameter of 130 °C in the FDA recommended GC/MS protocol. So Valisure developed a low temperature GC/MS method that could still detect NDMA but would only subject samples to 37 °C, the average temperature of the human body. This method was validated to a lower limit of detection of 100 ng.

260. Valisure tested ranitidine tablets by themselves and in conditions simulating the human stomach. Industry standard “Simulated Gastric Fluid” (“SGF”: 50 mM potassium chloride, 85 mM hydrochloric acid adjusted to pH 1.2 with 1.25 g pepsin per liter) and “Simulated Intestinal Fluid” (“SIF”: 50 mM potassium chloride, 50 mM potassium phosphate monobasic adjusted to pH 6.8 with hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide) were used alone and in combination with various concentrations of nitrite, which is commonly ingested in foods like processed meats and is elevated in the stomach by antacid drugs. The inclusion of nitrite in gastric fluid testing is commonplace and helps simulate the environment of a human stomach.



261. Indeed, Ranitidine-Containing Products were specifically advertised to be used when consuming foods containing high levels of nitrates, such as tacos or pizza.<sup>112</sup>

262. The results of Valisure's tests on ranitidine tablets in biologically relevant conditions demonstrate significant NDMA formation under simulated gastric conditions with nitrite present, demonstrating proof of concept and as shown below:

Table 2 – Valisure Biologically Relevant Tests for NDMA Formation		
Ranitidine Tablet Studies	NDMA (ng/mL)	NDMA per tablet (ng)
Tablet without Solvent	Not Detected	Not Detected
Tablet	Not Detected	Not Detected
Simulated Gastric Fluid	Not Detected	Not Detected
Simulated Intestinal Fluid	Not Detected	Not Detected
SGF with 10 mM Sodium Nitrite	Not Detected	Not Detected
SGF with 25 mM Sodium Nitrite	236	23,600
SGF with 50 mM Sodium Nitrite	3,045	304,500

263. Following the release of Valisure Citizen's Petition, the FDA conducted additional laboratory tests, which showed NDMA levels in all ranitidine samples it tested, including API and the finished drug, both tablets and syrup. The FDA developed SGF and SIF models to use with the LC-MS testing method to estimate the biological significance of *in vitro* findings. These models are intended to detect the formation of NDMA in systems that approximate the stomach and intestine.

264. When the scientific data is assessed overall, the literature demonstrates that the ingestion of ranitidine already containing NDMA combined with the presence of human-relevant

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<sup>112</sup> See, e.g., Zantac television commercial, *Family Taco Night*, <https://www.ispot.tv/ad/dY7n/zantac-family-taco-night>; Zantac television commercial, *Spicy*, [https://youtu.be/jzS2kuB5\\_wg](https://youtu.be/jzS2kuB5_wg); Zantac television commercial, *Heartburn*, <https://youtu.be/Z3QMwkSUIEg>; Zantac television commercial, *Zantac Heartburn Challenge*, <https://youtu.be/qvh9gyWqQns>.

levels of nitrite in the stomach – a substance that is commonly found in foods that induce heartburn and that is known to be elevated in people taking ranitidine for longer than a month – the ranitidine molecule transforms into more NDMA which would dramatically increase a person’s risk of developing cancer.

**b. Formation of NDMA in Other Organs of the Human Body**

265. In addition to the gastric fluid mechanisms investigated in the scientific literature, Valisure identified a possible enzymatic mechanism for the liberation of ranitidine’s DMA group via the human enzyme dimethylarginine dimethylaminohydrolase (“DDAH”), which can occur in other tissues and organs separate from the stomach.

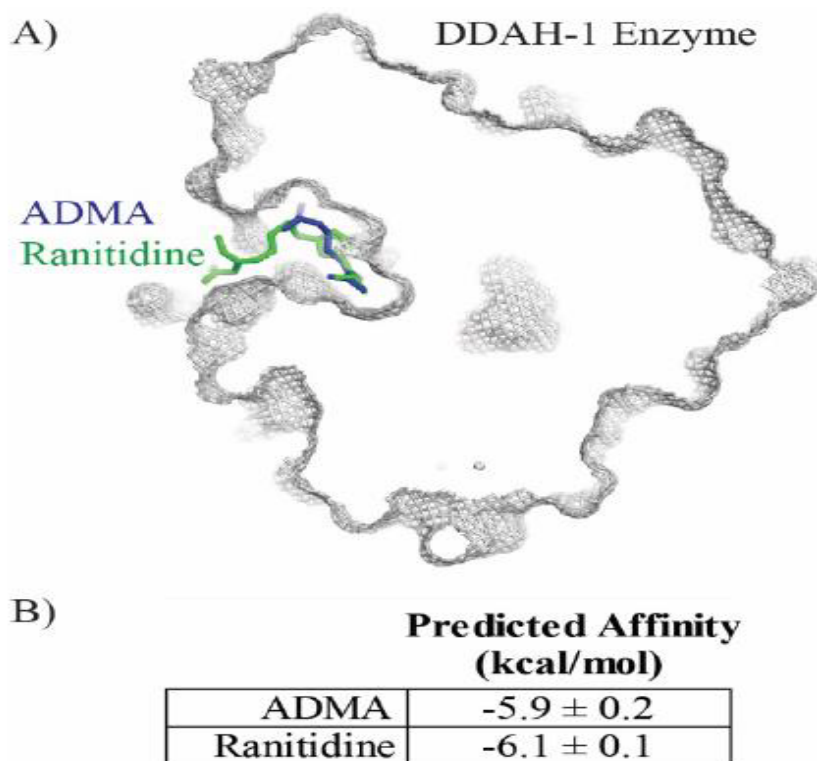
266. Valisure explained that liberated DMA can lead to the formation of NDMA when exposed to nitrite present on the ranitidine molecule, nitrite freely circulating in the body, or other potential pathways, particularly in weak acidic conditions such as that in the kidney or bladder. The original scientific paper detailing the discovery of the DDAH enzyme in 1989 specifically comments on the propensity of DMA to form NDMA: “This report also provides a useful knowledge for an understanding of the endogenous source of dimethylamine as a precursor of a potent carcinogen, dimethylnitrosamine [NDMA].”<sup>113</sup>

267. Valisure reported as illustrated in Figure 2, below, computational modelling demonstrates that ranitidine (shown in green) can readily bind to the DDAH-1 enzyme (shown as a cross-section in grey) in a manner similar to the natural substrate of DDAH-1 known as asymmetric dimethylarginine (“ADMA,” shown in blue).

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<sup>113</sup> Ogawa, *et al.*, *supra* n.87.

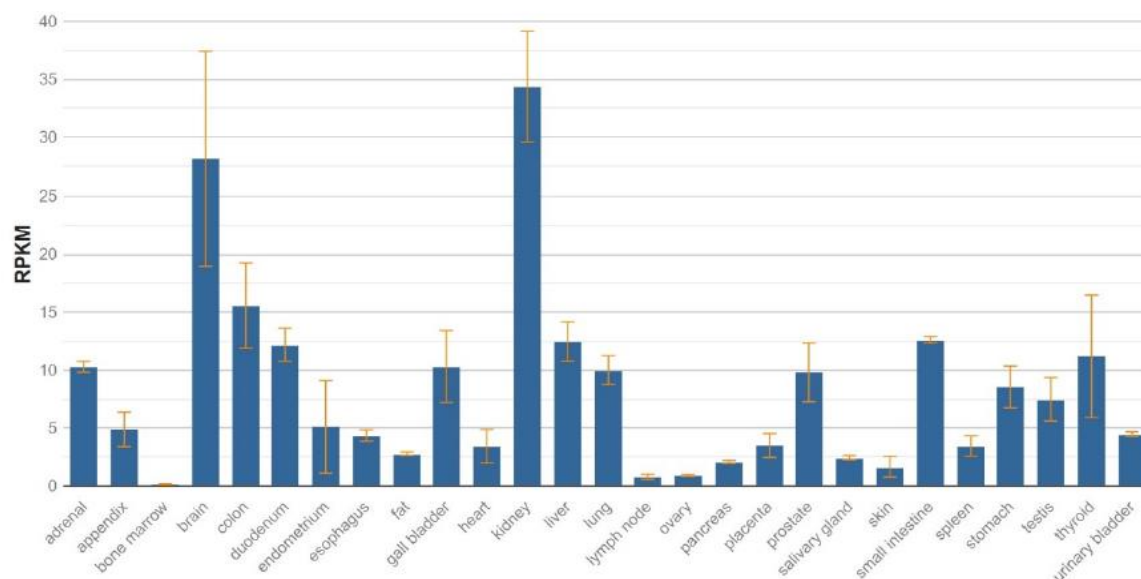
Figure 2 – Computational Modelling of Ranitidine Binding to DDAH-1 Enzyme



268. Valisure reported that these results suggest that the enzyme DDAH-1 increases formation of NDMA in the human body when ranitidine is present; therefore, the expression of the DDAH-1 gene is useful for identifying organs most susceptible to this action.

269. Figure 3 below, derived from the National Center for Biotechnology Information, illustrates the expression of the DDAH-1 gene in various tissues in the human body.

Figure 3 – Expression levels of DDAH-1 enzyme by Organ



270. DDAH-1 is most strongly expressed in the kidneys but also broadly distributed throughout the body, such as in the brain, colon, liver, small intestine, stomach, bladder, and prostate. Valisure noted that this offers both a general mechanism for NDMA formation in the human body from ranitidine and specifically raises concern for the effects of NDMA on numerous organs.

271. The possible enzymatic reaction of ranitidine to DDAH-1, or other enzymes, suggests that high levels of NDMA can form throughout the human body. Indeed, ranitidine metabolizes and circulates throughout the human body, crossing the placental and blood-brain barrier, within 1-2 hours. When ranitidine interacts with the DDAH-1 enzyme in various organs throughout the body, it breaks down into NDMA. This observation is validated by the Stanford study, discussed above.

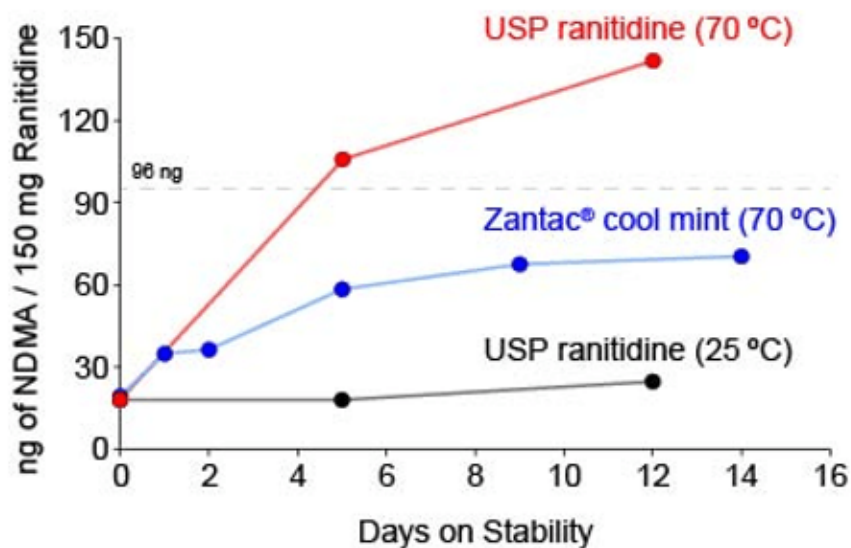
**c. Formation of NDMA by Exposure to Heat, Moisture, and/or Time**

272. The risk of creating NDMA by exposing ranitidine to heat has been well-known and documented. Early studies, including the one conducted by GSK in the early 1980s, demonstrated that nitrosamines were formed when ranitidine was exposed to heat. This point was underscored in the Valisure petition, which initially used a high-heat testing method.

273. In response to Valisure, on October 2, 2019, the FDA recommended that researchers use the LC-HRMS protocol for detecting NDMA in ranitidine because the “testing method does not use elevated temperatures” and has been proven capable of detecting NDMA.

274. On January 2, 2020, Emery, an FDA-certified pharmaceutical testing laboratory, conducted a series of tests on ranitidine. The researchers exposed ranitidine to 70 °C for varying periods of time. The results showed that increasing levels of NDMA formed based on exposure to heat. As reported by Emery, the following diagram reveals how NDMA accumulates over time when exposed to 70 °C:

Figure 4 – Rate of Development of NDMA when Exposed to Heat



275. The researchers cautioned:

NDMA accumulates in ranitidine-containing drug products on exposure to elevated temperatures, which would be routinely reached during shipment and during storage. More importantly, these conditions occur post-lot release by the manufacturer. Hence, while NDMA levels in ranitidine may be acceptable at the source, they may not be so when the drug is purchased and subsequently at the time of consumption by the consumer.<sup>114</sup>

276. The results of this data demonstrate that in normal transport and storage, and especially when exposed to heat or humidity, the ranitidine molecule systematically breaks down into NDMA, accumulating over time in the finished product. Considering Ranitidine-Containing Products have an approved shelf life of 36 months, the possibility of the drug accumulating dangerously high levels of NDMA prior to consumption is very real – a point underscored by the FDA’s swift removal of the product from the market.

277. In fact, the FDA acknowledged that testing revealed that NDMA levels in ranitidine products stored at room temperature can increase with time to unacceptable levels.<sup>115</sup>

278. In 2019, the findings by Valisure unleashed an avalanche of regulatory authorities throughout the world demanding that the manufacturers of Zantac and/or ranitidine conduct testing of their products for the presence of NDMA as well as investigate the root cause as to how NDMA was being generated. In April 2020, the FDA requested that manufacturers immediately remove all Ranitidine-Containing Products from the market.

279. In the interim between the Valisure findings being released to the public and the FDA announcement requesting recall of all ranitidine products in April 2020, the manufacturers were investigating the root cause of NDMA in their products.

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<sup>114</sup> Emery Pharma, *Emery Pharma Ranitidine: FDA Citizen Petition* (Jan. 2, 2020), <https://emerypharma.com/news/emery-pharma-ranitidine-fda-citizen-petition/>.

<sup>115</sup> Woodcock Letter, *supra* n.79.

280. After undertaking an investigation, GSK concluded that “the presence of NDMA in ranitidine drug substance is due to a slow degradation reaction occurring primarily in the solid state. The two constituent parts of NDMA, the nitroso group and the dimethylamino group, are both derived from internal degradation reactions which occur at slow rates with the ranitidine molecule.”<sup>116</sup> Unsurprisingly, GSK [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]<sup>117</sup> In addition, GSK’s testing revealed [REDACTED]

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281. Similarly, Sanofi [REDACTED]

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282. [REDACTED]

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<sup>116</sup> GSKZAN0000052019-GSKZAN0000052127.

<sup>117</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>118</sup> *Id.* at 12.

<sup>119</sup> SANOFI\_ZAN\_MDL\_0000151458.

<sup>120</sup> SANOFI\_ZAN\_MDL\_0000166517-527, at 11.





288. Another epidemiological study, published in 2000, looking at various cancer risks and histamine H<sub>2</sub>-receptor antagonists (or H<sub>2</sub> blockers), including ranitidine, the data showed that ranitidine consumption increased the risk of prostate, lung, esophageal, pancreatic, and kidney cancer.<sup>124</sup> Of particular note, the study indicated that people under the age of 60 who took ranitidine were five times more likely to develop prostate cancer. In addition, there was more than a doubling of the risk of pancreatic cancer with ranitidine use.

289. A study published in 2018, demonstrated an increased risk of liver cancer associated with use of ranitidine in comparison with other H<sub>2</sub> blockers in the class. The purpose of the study was to determine whether there was an increased risk of liver cancer associated with proton pump inhibitors, a different class of medications indicated for the treatment of GERD. This finding is particularly notable as the authors adjusted for variables.<sup>125</sup>

290. In 2018, a study found an increased risk in hepatocellular carcinoma associated with use of H<sub>2</sub> blockers.<sup>126</sup> The authors were evaluating the risk of cancer in association with proton pump inhibitors and looked at H<sub>2</sub> blockers as a confounder. The study only considered use of H<sub>2</sub> blockers within one year of cancer diagnosis and still found an increased odds ratio associated with use of H<sub>2</sub> blockers and hepatocellular carcinoma, a type of liver cancer.

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<sup>124</sup> Laurel A Habel *et al.*, *Cimetidine Use and Risk of Breast, Prostate, and Other Cancers*, 9 *Pharmacoepidemiology & Drug Safety* 149-55 (2000).

<sup>125</sup> Kim Tu Tran *et al.*, *Proton Pump Inhibitor and Histamine-2 receptor Antagonist Use and Risk of Liver Cancer in Two Population-based Studies*, 48 *Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics* 1, 55-64 (2018).

<sup>126</sup> Y-H J Shao *et al.*, *Association Between Proton Pump Inhibitors and the Risk of Hepatocellular Carcinoma*, 48 *Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics* 4, 460-68 (2018).

291. A number of other studies have been published over the years showing an increased risk of various cancers associated with use of ranitidine and/or H<sub>2</sub> blockers.<sup>127</sup> These cancers include breast, gastric, pancreatic, and stomach cancer. Additional research reports that ranitidine use was associated with a significant increase in the risk of bladder, breast, colorectal/intestinal, esophageal, gastric, kidney, liver, lung, pancreatic, and prostate cancer.<sup>128</sup>

**B. Defendants' Knowledge of the NDMA Risk**

292. NDMA has been known to be a probable human carcinogen since the 1970s.<sup>129</sup>

293. In 1980, GSK, the originator of the ranitidine molecule, studied how the long term use of ranitidine could affect and elevate the levels of nitrates in the human stomach thus increasing risk of forming nitrosamines and turn into cancer. *See supra* ¶¶392-93.

294. As early as 1981, two years before Zantac entered the market, research showed elevated rates of NDMA, when properly tested.<sup>130</sup> This was known to GSK and should have been known by each Defendant prior to their manufacturing, marketing, labeling, packaging, handling, distribution, and/or sale of ranitidine as the information was available in medical literature.

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<sup>127</sup> Mathes *et al.*, *supra* n.135; *see also* Jeong Soo Ahn *et al.*, *Acid Suppressive Drugs and Gastric Cancer: A Meta-analysis of Observational Studies*, 19 *World J. Gastroenterology* 16, 2560 (2013); Shih-Wei Lai *et al.*, *Use of Proton Pump Inhibitors Correlates with Increased Risk of Pancreatic Cancer: A Case-control Study in Taiwan*, 46 *Kuwait Med J.* 1, 44-48 (2014); Poulsen *et al.*, *Proton Pump Inhibitors and Risk of Gastric Cancer – A Population Based Cohort Study*, 100 *Brit. J. Cancer* 1503-07 (2009); E Wennerström, *Acid-suppressing Therapies and Subsite-specific Risk of Stomach Cancer*, 116 *Brit. J. Cancer* 9, 1234-38 (2017).

<sup>128</sup> Richard H. Adamson & Bruce A. Chabne, *The Finding of N-Nitrosodimethylamine in Common Medicines*, *The Oncologist*, June 2020; 25(6): 460-62, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7288647/>.

<sup>129</sup> *See EPA Technical Fact Sheet, supra* n.31; Int'l Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) *Summaries & Evaluations, N-NITROSODIMETHYLAMINE* (1978), <http://www.inchem.org/documents/iarc/vol17/n-nitrosodimethylamine.html>.

<sup>130</sup> *See supra* ¶¶373, 388, 389, 395, 398 (discussing de Flora research).

295. In 1981, GSK published a study focusing on the metabolites of ranitidine in urine using liquid chromatography.<sup>131</sup> Many metabolites were listed, though there is no indication that the study looked for NDMA.

296. Indeed, also in 1981, Dr. de Flora published a note discussing the results of his experiments showing that ranitidine was turning into mutagenic N-nitroso compounds, of which NDMA is one, in human gastric fluid when accompanied by nitrites—a substance commonly found in food and in the body.<sup>132</sup> GSK was aware of this study because GSK specifically responded to the note and attempted to discredit it. Defendants knew or should have known about this scientific exchange as it was published in a popular scientific journal. Manufacturer Defendants were obligated to investigate this issue properly. None did.

297. In April 1982, GSK performed a study [REDACTED]

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298. By 1983, Dr. de Flora published complete findings as to formation of genotoxic derivatives from nitrate and ranitidine and expressed concerns as to long term use of ranitidine without precautionary measures.

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<sup>131</sup> Carey, *et al.*, *Determination of Ranitidine and Its Metabolites in Human Urine by Reversed-phase Ion-pair High-performance Liquid Chromatography*, 255 J. Chromatography B: Biomedical Sci. & Appl. 1, 161-68 (1981).

<sup>132</sup> De Flora, *supra* n.76.

299. [REDACTED]

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300. In 1986, GSK extended the market and sale of ranitidine for maintenance therapy. *See* ¶286, *supra*.

301. By 1987, after numerous studies raised concerns over ranitidine and cancerous nitroso compounds, GSK published a clinical study specifically investigating gastric contents in human patients and N-nitroso compounds.<sup>134</sup> That study specifically indicated that there were no elevated levels of N-nitroso compounds (of which NDMA is one). But the study was flawed. It used an analytical system called a “nitrogen oxide assay” for the determination of N-nitrosamines, which was developed for analyzing food and is a detection method that indirectly and non-specifically measures N-nitrosamines. Not only is that approach not accurate, but GSK also removed all gastric samples that contained ranitidine out of concern that samples with ranitidine would contain “high concentrations of N-nitroso compounds being recorded.” Without the chemical being present in any sample, any degradation into NDMA could not, by design, be observed. The inadequacy of that test was knowable in light of its scientific publication in 1987.

302. All of this was known or available to Defendants before 2000 when Pfizer acquired Warner-Lambert and took over control of the NDA for Zantac in the United States.

303. All Defendants either knew or should have known about the inadequacy of GSK’s studies, the impact and cautionary instructions of independent studies, and should have, through

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<sup>133</sup> GSKZAN0000369313, [REDACTED]

<sup>134</sup> Thomas *et al.*, *supra* n.97.

due diligence and/or their own independent testing, investigated the issue properly and/or took action to protect consumers from the NDMA risks in their products. None did.

**C. The Federal Regulatory Landscape**

304. Plaintiffs reference federal law herein not in any attempt to enforce it, but only to demonstrate that their state-law claims do not impose any additional obligations on Defendants, beyond what is already required of them under federal law.

**6. Federal Law Required Defendants To Notify the FDA About the Presence of NDMA In Ranitidine-Containing Products**

305. During the time that any Defendants manufactured and sold Ranitidine-Containing Products in the United States, the weight of scientific evidence showed that ranitidine exposed users to unsafe levels of NDMA. Defendants failed to report these risks to the FDA.

306. Defendants concealed the ranitidine–NDMA link from ordinary consumers in part by not reporting it to the FDA, which relies on drug manufacturers (or others, such as those who submit citizen petitions) to bring new information about an approved drug like ranitidine to the agency’s attention.

307. Manufacturers of an approved drug are required by regulation to submit an annual report to the FDA containing, among other things, new information regarding the drug’s safety pursuant to 21 C.F.R. §314.81(b)(2):

The report is required to contain . . . [a] brief summary of significant new information from the previous year that might affect the safety, effectiveness, or labeling of the drug product. The report is also required to contain a brief description of actions the applicant has taken or intends to take as a result of this new information, for example, submit a labeling supplement, add a warning to the labeling, or initiate a new study.

308. 21 C.F.R. §314.81(b)(2)(v) provides that the manufacturer’s annual report must also contain:

Copies of unpublished reports and summaries of published reports of new

toxicological findings in animal studies and in vitro studies (*e.g.*, mutagenicity) conducted by, or otherwise obtained by, the [manufacturer] concerning the ingredients in the drug product.

309. Defendants ignored these regulations and, disregarding the scientific evidence available to them regarding the presence of NDMA in their products and the risks associated with NDMA, did not report to the FDA significant new information affecting the safety or labeling of Ranitidine-Containing Products.

310. Knowledge regarding the risk of NDMA in ranitidine was sufficiently available in the publicly available scientific literature such that any manufacturer, consistent with its heightened obligations to ensure the safety of its products, also should have known about the potential NDMA risks associated with ranitidine consumption.

311. Defendants never conducted or provided the relevant studies to the FDA, nor did they present the FDA with a proposed disclosure noting the various ways that ranitidine transforms into NDMA. Accordingly, because Defendants never properly disclosed the risks to the FDA, they never proposed any labeling or storage / transportation guidelines that would have addressed this risk. Thus, the FDA was never able to reject any proposed warning or proposal for storage/transport.

312. When the FDA eventually learned about the NDMA risks posed by Ranitidine-Containing Products, it ordered manufacturers to voluntarily remove the products from the market.

## **7. Good Manufacturing Practices**

313. Under federal law, a manufacturer must manufacture, store, warehouse, and distribute pharmaceutical drugs in accordance with “Current Good Manufacturing Practices” (“CGMPs”) to ensure they meet safety, quality, purity, identity, and strength standards.<sup>135</sup>

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<sup>135</sup> 21 U.S.C. §351(a)(2)(B).

314. 21 C.F.R. §210.1(a) states that the CGMPs establish “minimum current good manufacturing practice for methods to be used in, and the facilities or controls to be used for, the manufacture, processing, packing, or holding of a drug to assure that such drug meets the requirements of the act as to safety, and has the identity and strength and meets the quality and purity characteristics that it purports or is represented to possess.” Entities at all phases of the design, manufacture, and distribution chain are bound by these requirements.

315. Pursuant to 21 C.F.R. §211.142(b), the warehousing of drug products shall provide for “[s]torage of drug products under appropriate conditions of temperature, humidity, and light so that the identity, strength, quality, and purity of the drug products are not affected.” In other words, Defendants had a duty and were obligated to properly store, handle, and warehouse ranitidine.

316. Testing conducted by the FDA confirms that under accelerated conditions the elevated temperatures can lead to the presence of NDMA in the drug product.<sup>136</sup> FDA has also concluded that NDMA can increase in ranitidine under storage conditions allowed by the labels, and NDMA has been found to increase significantly in samples stored at higher temperatures, including temperatures the product may be exposed to during normal distribution and handling. FDA’s testing also showed that the level of NDMA in Ranitidine-Containing Products increases with time. And while Emery’s Citizen Petition sought to obtain a directive regarding temperature-controlled shipping of ranitidine, which was necessary given the time and temperature sensitivity of the drug, that request was deemed moot by the FDA because the agency sought to withdraw Ranitidine-Containing Products altogether.

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<sup>136</sup> Woodcock Letter, *supra* .

317. Nothing prevented any Defendant from, on their own, taking actions to prevent accumulation of NDMA in Ranitidine-Containing Products by ensuring that ranitidine was not exposed to heat or moisture over long periods.

## **V. PLAINTIFFS' PURCHASES OF RANITIDINE-CONTAINING PRODUCTS**

318. Plaintiffs purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products at various times as part of their treatment for gastric ulcers, heartburn, acid indigestion, sour stomach, and other gastrointestinal conditions.

319. Plaintiffs purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products designed, manufactured, tested, marketed, labeled, packaged, handled, distributed, stored, and/or sold by Defendants. Those products, unbeknownst to Plaintiffs, transformed into dangerous levels of NDMA.

320. Based on prevailing scientific evidence, exposure to NDMA caused by consuming Defendants' Ranitidine-Containing Products causes cancer in humans, including serious and potentially fatal Subject Cancers.

321. Upon information and belief, Plaintiffs' physicians would not have prescribed and/or recommended Ranitidine-Containing Products to Plaintiffs, would have changed the way in which they treated Plaintiffs' relevant conditions, changed the way they warned Plaintiffs about the signs and symptoms of serious adverse effects of Ranitidine-Containing Products, and discussed with Plaintiffs the true risks of cancer, had Manufacturer Defendants provided said physicians with an appropriate and adequate warning regarding the risks associated with the use of Ranitidine-Containing Products.

322. Upon information and belief, Plaintiffs' physicians were unaware of the increased risk of multiple types of cancer associated with the use of Ranitidine-Containing Products due to ranitidine's transformation into NDMA and, if they had been informed, would have used and prescribed alternative therapies to Plaintiffs.



323. Plaintiffs would not have purchased Ranitidine-Containing Products had Plaintiffs known of or been fully and adequately informed by Defendants of the true increased risks and serious dangers of taking the drugs.

## **VI. EQUITABLE TOLLING OF APPLICABLE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

### **A. Discovery-Rule Tolling**

324. Within the period of any applicable statutes of limitation, Plaintiffs and members of the proposed Classes could not have discovered through the exercise of reasonable diligence that Defendants were not disclosing the high levels of the carcinogen, NDMA, in Ranitidine-Containing Products, including Zantac.

325. Plaintiffs and the other Class members did not discover, and did not know of, facts that would have caused a reasonable person to suspect that Defendants did not disclose the high levels of NDMA in Ranitidine-Containing Products, including Zantac. The information linking ranitidine to NDMA was contained exclusively in articles published in scientific journals and intended for the scientific audience. Plaintiffs and Class members did not have access to these scientific articles because they were behind a paywall. And even if the articles had been more widely available, the significance of the information in these highly technical articles would not have been apparent to Plaintiffs or Class members.

326. Plaintiffs and Class members could not have reasonably discovered the true extent of Defendants' deception with regard to the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products until Valisure filed its citizen petition disclosing the extremely high levels of NDMA in Ranitidine-Containing Products, including Zantac.

327. For these reasons, all applicable statutes of limitation have been tolled by operation of the discovery rule.

**B. Fraudulent-Concealment Tolling**

328. All applicable statutes of limitation have also been tolled by Defendants' fraudulent concealment of the fact that the ranitidine in Ranitidine-Containing Products, including Zantac, produces high levels of the carcinogen NDMA when ingested.

329. Instead of disclosing the link between ranitidine and the carcinogen, NDMA, Defendants continued to manufacture and sell Ranitidine-Containing Products without disclosing this information on the drug's label or anywhere else.

**C. Estoppel**

330. Defendants were under a continuous duty to disclose to Plaintiffs and the other Class members the risk of NDMA exposure associated with Ranitidine-Containing Products, including Zantac.

331. Defendants knowingly, affirmatively, and actively concealed or recklessly disregarded the true risks of NDMA exposure associated with Ranitidine-Containing Products, including Zantac, and never updated the drug's label to disclose this risk.

332. Based on the foregoing, Defendants are estopped from relying on any statutes of limitations in defense of this action.

**VII. THE STATE LAW CLAIMS**

**A. Class Allegations**

**1. Class Definition**

333. Plaintiffs bring this action in their individual capacities and on behalf of their respective State Classes (described below), pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a), (b)(2)-(3), and/or (c)(4).

## GSK

334. Plaintiffs identified in the table below bring claims against Defendant GSK on behalf of themselves and their respective State GSK Prescription Economic Loss Class, each of which is defined as “All individuals who purchased, for personal, family, or household use, GSK’s prescription Ranitidine-Containing Products while a resident of [State]”:

<b><u>Plaintiff Name</u></b>	<b><u>State(s) of Residence</u></b>
Andy Green Jr.	Arkansas, Tennessee
Golbenaz Bakhtiar	California
Jeffrey Pisano	Colorado
Kristen (POA for Alexander) Monger	Florida
Kristen (POA for Laura) Monger	Florida
Michael Tomlinson	Florida
Kathy Jeffries	Florida
Randy Jones	Louisiana
Ana Guzman	Massachusetts
Alberta Griffin	Maryland
Jerry Hunt	Michigan
Donald Northrup	Minnesota
Sandra Erickson-Brown	Minnesota
Shirley Magee	Mississippi
Dennis Robbins	North Carolina
Julie Turner	North Carolina
Lynn White	New Jersey
Benny Fazio	New York
Michael Galloway	Ohio, Florida
Ronda Lockett	Oklahoma; Missouri
Felicia Ball	Pennsylvania
Nicholas Hazlett	Pennsylvania, Maryland
Jeffery Gunwall	South Carolina

Lisa Lyle	Tennessee
Rodriquez Hampton Jr	Tennessee
Gregory Alan Wayland	Texas
Tammy Smith	Texas, Alaska, Colorado, Arizona, Louisiana, Missouri
Wendy Quezaire	Wisconsin
Dale Hunter	Tennessee

335. Plaintiffs identified in the table below bring claims against Defendant GSK on behalf of themselves and their respective State GSK OTC Economic Loss Class, each of which is defined as “All individuals who purchased, for personal, family, or household use, GSK’s OTC Ranitidine-Containing Products while a resident of [State]”:

<b><u>Plaintiff Name</u></b>	<b><u>State(s) of Residence</u></b>
Andy Green Jr.	Arkansas
Richard Obrien	California
Jeffrey Pisano	Colorado
Ricardo Moròn	Florida
Michael Galloway	Florida
Charles Longfield	Maryland; Wyoming
Randy Jones	Louisiana
Jerry Hunt	Michigan
Lakisha Wilson	Michigan
Ronda Lockett	Missouri
Tammy Smith	Missouri, Louisiana, Texas
Dennis Robbins	North Carolina
Gaylord Stauffer	Nebraska
Jonathan Ferguson	Oregon, Nevada
Gloria Colon	Puerto Rico

Earlene Green	Washington
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**Pfizer**

336. Plaintiffs identified in the table below bring claims against Defendant Pfizer on behalf of themselves and their respective State Pfizer OTC Economic Loss Class, each of which is defined as “All individuals who purchased, for personal, family, or household use, Pfizer’s OTC Ranitidine-Containing Products while a resident of [State]”:

<b><u>Plaintiff Name</u></b>	<b><u>State(s) of Residence</u></b>
Andy Green Jr.	Arkansas
Golbenaz Bakhtiar	California
Richard Obrien	California
Virginia Aragon	California
Jeffrey Pisano	Colorado
Angel Cordero	Connecticut
Gustavo Velasquez	Florida
Joshua Winans	Florida
Ricardo Moròn	Florida
Kathy Jeffries	Florida; Georgia
Carol Harkins	Illinois
Janet Asbury	Kentucky
Randy Jones	Louisiana
Alberta Griffin	Maryland
Nicholas Hazlett	Maryland
Jerry Hunt	Michigan
Kenneth Hix	Michigan

Lakisha Wilson	Michigan
Donald Northrup	Minnesota
Roy Armstrong	Minnesota
John Scholl	Minnesota; North Dakota
Beverly Crosby	Mississippi
John Rachal	Mississippi
Dennis Robbins	North Carolina
Gaylord Stauffer	Nebraska
Dan Zhovtis	New York
Mary McCullen	New York
Chris Troyan	Ohio
Michael Galloway	Ohio, Florida
Jonathan Ferguson	Nevada, Oregon; Washington
Gloria Colon	Puerto Rico
Sonia Diaz	Puerto Rico
Dale Hunter	Tennessee
Eva Broughton	Tennessee
Marianella Villanueva	Texas
Ronda Lockett	Texas, Missouri
Sylvia Yoshida	Texas
Tammy Smith	Texas, Louisiana, Missouri
Earlene Green	Washington

Robert Dewitt	Washington
Steve Fischer	Washington
Wendy Quezaire	Wisconsin
Ida Adams	West Virginia; Maryland
Charles Longfield	Wyoming, Maryland

**BI**

337. Plaintiffs identified in the table below bring claims against Defendant BI on behalf of themselves and their respective State BI OTC Economic Loss Class, each of which is defined as “All individuals who purchased, for personal, family, or household use, BI’s OTC Ranitidine-Containing Products while a resident of [State]”:

<b><u>Plaintiff Name</u></b>	<b><u>State(s) of Residence</u></b>
Anthony McGhee	Alabama
Andy Green Jr.	Arkansas
Tina Culclager	Arkansas
Tangie Sims	Arizona
Golbenaz Bakhtiar	California
Richard Obrien	California
Virginia Aragon	California
Jeffrey Pisano	Colorado
Ronald Ragan	Colorado
Angel Cordero	Connecticut
Angel Vega	Connecticut; Montana
Clifton McKinnon	Florida
Gustavo Velasquez	Florida
Jeannie Black	Florida
Joshua Winans	Florida

Marva Mccall	Florida
Michael Tomlinson	Florida
Ricardo Moròn	Florida
Sharon Tweg	Florida
Karen Foster	Florida
Kathy Jeffries	Georgia
Charles Longfield	Iowa; Maryland; Wyoming
Denise Guy	Illinois
Heather Re	Illinois
Renee Chatman	Illinois
Vickie Anderson	Illinois
Rebecca Sizemore	Indiana
Teresa Dowler	Indiana
Janet Asbury	Kentucky
Alberta Griffin	Maryland
Michelle Smith	Massachusetts
Jennifer Bond	Massachusetts; New Hampshire
Rafael Bermudez	Massachusetts; New Hampshire
Jerry Hunt	Michigan
Jody Beal	Michigan
Lakisha Wilson	Michigan
Brad Hoag	Minnesota
Donald Northrup	Minnesota
John Scholl	Minnesota
John Rachal	Mississippi
Antrenise Campbell	Missouri



Lorie Kendall-Songer	Missouri
Beverly Crosby	Mississippi
Dennis Robbins	North Carolina
Patricia Frazier	North Carolina
Teresa Lee	North Carolina
Gaylord Stauffer	Nebraska
Lynn White	New Jersey
Mary McMillian	New Jersey
Mary Moronski	New Jersey
Sayed Eldomiaty	New Jersey
Ernesto Sanchez	New Mexico
George Tapia	New Mexico
Cesar Pinon	Nevada
Benny Fazio	New York
Francis Neary	New York
Glorimar Rodriguez	New York
Joseph Mcpheter	New York
Mary McCullen	New York
Migdalia Kinney	New York
Richard Froehlich	New York
Roy Armstrong	New York, Alaska, Minnesota, Florida, Georgia
Dan Zhovtis	New York; Virginia
Chris Troyan	Ohio
Michael Galloway	Ohio
Patricia Hess	Ohio
Demarco Grayson	Oklahoma

Kristi Ledbetter	Oregon
Nicholas Hazlett	Pennsylvania, Maryland
Gloria Colon	Puerto Rico
Sonia Diaz	Puerto Rico
Dale Hunter	Tennessee
Eva Broughton	Tennessee
Kenneth Hix	Tennessee; Michigan
Ronda Lockett	Texas
Agapito It Aleman	Texas
Gina Martinez	Texas
Liliana Del Valle	Texas
Maria Eames	Texas
Sylvia Yoshida	Texas
Marianella Villanueva	Texas; South Carolina
Teresa Waters	Utah
Cheryl Banks	Virginia
Earlene Green	Washington
Dave Garber	Washington
Jonathan Ferguson	Washington
Robert Dewitt	Washington
Wendy Quezaire	Wisconsin
Ida Adams	West Virginia; Maryland

### **Sanofi**

338. Plaintiffs identified in the table below bring claims against Defendant Sanofi on behalf of themselves and their respective State Sanofi OTC Economic Loss Class, each of which is defined as “All individuals who purchased, for personal, family, or household use, Sanofi’s OTC Ranitidine-Containing Products while a resident of [State]”:

<b><u>Plaintiff Name</u></b>	<b><u>State(s) of Residence</u></b>
Andy Green Jr.	Arkansas
Tina Culclager	Arkansas
Tangie Sims	Arizona
Golbenaz Bakhtiar	California
Richard Obrien	California
Virginia Aragon	California
Jeffrey Pisano	Colorado
Ronald Ragan	Colorado
Angel Cordero	Connecticut
Gustavo Velasquez	Florida
Joshua Winans	Florida
Michael Tomlinson	Florida
Ricardo Moròn	Florida
Sharon Tweg	Florida
Sonia Diaz	Florida
Kathy Jeffries	Georgia
Charles Longfield	Iowa
Denise Guy	Illinois
Heather Re	Illinois
Renee Chatman	Illinois
Rebecca Sizemore	Indiana
Jamie Mckay	Louisiana
Randy Jones	Louisiana
Michelle Smith	Massachusetts
Jennifer Bond	Massachusetts

Alberta Griffin	Maryland
Ida Adams	Maryland
Arthur Gamble	Michigan
Jerry Hunt	Michigan
Jody Beal	Michigan
Roy Armstrong	Michigan, Florida
Brad Hoag	Minnesota
Donald Northrup	Minnesota
John Rachal	Mississippi
Lorie Kendall-Songer	Missouri
Dennis Robbins	North Carolina
Sharon Parks	North Carolina
Gaylord Stauffer	Nebraska
Rafael Bermudez	New Hampshire
Mary McMillian	New Jersey
Mary Moronski	New Jersey
Ernesto Sanchez	New Mexico
George Tapia	New Mexico
Benny Fazio	New York
Francis Neary	New York
Glorimar Rodriguez	New York
Mary McCullen	New York
Migdalia Kinney	New York
Richard Froehlich	New York
Silomie Clarke	New York
Yesenia Melillo	New York
Chris Troyan	Ohio
Michael Galloway	Ohio

Demarco Grayson	Oklahoma
Nicholas Hazlett	Pennsylvania
Gloria Colon	Puerto Rico
Dale Hunter	Tennessee
Ronda Lockett	Texas
Agapito It Aleman	Texas
Gina Martinez	Texas
Liliana Del Valle	Texas
Marilyn Abraham	Texas
Sylvia Yoshida	Texas
Marianella Villanueva	Texas
Teresa Waters	Utah
Dan Zhovtis	Virginia
Cheryl Banks	Virginia
Jonathan Ferguson	Washington
Dave Garber	Washington
Robert Dewitt	Washington

## **2. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 Requirements**

339. Each of the proposed State Classes meets the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a), (b)(2)-(3) and/or (c)(4).

340. Numerosity. The members of each class are so numerous that joinder is impracticable. Zantac has for decades been one of the most popular medications for relief of heartburn, acid reflux, and similar conditions and, thus, it is reasonable to infer that each State Class includes thousands if not millions of members who are geographically dispersed throughout the country and/or throughout each respective State.

341. Typicality. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of putative Class members in that Plaintiffs' claims arise out of the same common course of conduct that gives rise to the claims of the other State Class members. Each Plaintiff, like each State Class member, paid money to purchase prescription and/or OTC Zantac which are not safe for human consumption and, thus, Plaintiffs, like each Class member, suffered out-of-pocket losses. Plaintiffs, like each State Class member, were injured through Defendants' common course of misconduct, and Plaintiffs are advancing the same legal theories on behalf of themselves and the Class members.

342. Adequacy. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the State Class members. Plaintiffs' interests and the interests of all other members of each respective State Class are identical and not antagonistic. Plaintiffs intend to vigorously prosecute this case and will fairly and adequately protect the State Class members' interests. Plaintiffs have retained counsel who are competent and experienced in litigating class actions, including litigation of this kind.

343. Commonality and Predominance. There are numerous questions of law and fact common to the State Classes, and these common questions predominate over any issues affecting only individual State Class members. Questions common to the State Classes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) whether Zantac contains, or is likely to contain, unacceptable levels of NDMA;
- (b) whether Defendants knew or should have known that Zantac contains, or is likely to contain, unacceptable levels of NDMA;
- (c) whether Defendants knew or should have known that consumption of Zantac increases the risk of developing cancer;
- (d) whether Defendants acted to conceal the fact that Zantac exposes users to unacceptable quantities of NDMA;
- (e) whether Defendants acted to conceal the fact that Zantac contains, or are likely to contain, unacceptable levels of NDMA and increase the risk of developing cancer;

- (f) whether Defendants' labeling, packaging, marketing, advertising, or promotion of Zantac misrepresented or omitted the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products and/or Zantac, or failed to disclose that Zantac contains and continues to produce high levels of the carcinogen NDMA;
- (g) whether Defendants' labeling, packaging, marketing, advertising, or promotion of Zantac misrepresented or omitted the safety of Zantac, or failed to disclose that consumption of Ranitidine-Containing Products increases the risk of developing cancer;
- (h) whether Defendants' labeling, packaging, marketing, advertising, or promotion of Zantac misrepresented or omitted the safety of Zantac, when used beyond the expiration dates;
- (i) whether Defendants' conduct was knowing or willful;
- (j) whether Defendants' conduct violated state consumer-protection statutes;
- (k) whether Defendants breached implied warranties;
- (l) whether Defendants have been unjustly enriched;
- (m) whether Plaintiffs and the State Class members are entitled to recover damages and the appropriate measure of those damages;
- (n) the appropriate measure of disgorgement; and
- (o) the type and format of injunctive relief that is appropriate.

344. Superiority. A class action is superior to any other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, and no unusual difficulties are likely to be encountered in the management of this class action. The quintessential purpose of the class action mechanism is to permit litigation against wrongdoers even when damages to an individual plaintiff may not be sufficient to justify individual litigation. Here, the damages suffered by Plaintiffs and the State Class are relatively small compared to the burden and expense required to individually litigate their claims against Defendants, and thus, individual litigation to redress Defendants' wrongful conduct would be impracticable. Individual litigation by each State Class member would also strain the court system, create the potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments, and increase the delay and expense to all parties and the court system. By contrast, the class action device presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of a single adjudication, economies of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court.

345. Injunctive and Declaratory Relief. Class certification is also appropriate under Rule 23(b)(2) because Defendants acted and refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the State Class as a whole, such that final injunctive relief is appropriate with respect to the State Class as a whole.

346. Plaintiffs reserve the right to seek certification under Rule 23(c)(4) of common questions related to Defendants' knowledge, conduct, products, and duties.

**B. Additional Factual Allegations**

**1. Prescription Manufacturer GSK's Misrepresentations or Omissions of Material Fact in the Labeling of Ranitidine-Containing Products**

347. 21 U.S.C. §352(a)(1) provides, in pertinent part,

A drug or device shall be deemed to be misbranded

(a) **FALSE OR MISLEADING LABEL**



(1) If its labeling is false or misleading in any particular. (emphasis in original).

348. A manufacturer is required to give adequate directions for the use of a pharmaceutical drug such that a “layman can use a drug safely and for the purposes for which it is intended,”<sup>137</sup> and conform to requirements governing the appearance of the label.<sup>138</sup>

349. “Labeling” encompasses all written, printed, or graphic material accompanying the drug or device,<sup>139</sup> and therefore broadly encompasses nearly every form of promotional activity, including not only “package inserts” but also advertising.

350. “Most, if not all, labeling is advertising. The term ‘labeling’ is defined in the FDCA as including all printed matter accompanying any article. Congress did not, and we cannot, exclude from the definition printed matter which constitutes advertising.”<sup>140</sup>

351. GSK was responsible for conducting stability testing, which must be “designed to assess the stability characteristics of drug products.”<sup>141</sup> Manufacturers must adopt a written testing program that includes: “(1) Sample size and test intervals based on statistical criteria for each attribute examined to assure valid estimates of stability; (2) Storage conditions for samples retained for testing; (3) Reliable, meaningful, and specific test methods; (4) Testing of the drug product in the same container-closure system as that in which the drug product is marketed; (5) Testing of drug products for reconstitution at the time of dispensing (as directed in the labeling) as well as after they are reconstituted.”<sup>142</sup>

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<sup>137</sup> 21 C.F.R. §201.5.

<sup>138</sup> *Id.* §201.15.

<sup>139</sup> *Id.*; 65 Fed. Reg. 14286 (Mar. 16, 2000).

<sup>140</sup> *United States v. Research Labs.*, 126 F.2d 42, 45 (9th Cir. 1942).

<sup>141</sup> 21 C.F.R. §211.166(a).

<sup>142</sup> *Id.*

352. The purpose of stability testing is, in part, to determine the “appropriate storage conditions and expiration dates.”<sup>143</sup> And expiration dates, in turn, must be set to “assure that a drug product meets applicable standards of identity, strength, quality, and purity at the time of use.”<sup>144</sup> An expiration date is “related to any storage conditions stated on the labeling, as determined by stability studies listed in § 211.166.”<sup>145</sup>

353. GSK was required to conduct its own tests to determine and set accurate retest or expiration dates.

354. The FDA made clear when it first adopted the expiration-date provision that the regulation means what it says. The purpose of the expiration date is not merely to consider the “stability of a specific active ingredient.” Instead, a compliant expiration date must account for multiple factors, including “the stability of the inactive ingredients, the interaction of active and inactive ingredients, the manufacturing process, the dosage form, the container closure system, the conditions under which the drug product is shipped, stored, and handled by wholesalers and retailers, and the length of time between initial manufacture and final use.”<sup>146</sup>

355. The FDA expressly recognizes that an initial expiration date may not be the final expiration date: “Where data from accelerated studies are used to project a tentative expiration date that is beyond a date supported by actual shelf life studies, there must be stability studies conducted . . . until the tentative expiration date is verified or the appropriate expiration date determined.”<sup>147</sup>

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<sup>143</sup> *Id.*

<sup>144</sup> *Id.* §211.137(a).

<sup>145</sup> *Id.* §211.137(b).

<sup>146</sup> 43 Fed. Reg. 45059 (Sept. 29, 1978).

<sup>147</sup> 21 C.F.R. §211.166(b).

356. After a drug is approved, a brand manufacturer can make changes to its drug application. To do so, manufacturers must comply with the requirements of §§ 314.70 and 314.71.<sup>148</sup>

357. Some of the requirements in those regulations require a brand manufacturer of an approved drug to obtain FDA approval before implementing a label change.<sup>149</sup>

358. But the FDA has long recognized a “changes being effected” (“CBE”) supplement that permits a manufacturer to make immediate changes, subject to the FDA’s post-change review.<sup>150</sup>

359. A manufacturer of an approved drug can use the CBE supplement to immediately make an “[a]ddition to a specification or changes in the methods or controls to provide increased assurance that the drug substance or drug product will have the characteristics of identity, strength, quality, purity, or potency that it purports or is represented to possess.”<sup>151</sup> “A specification is defined as a list of tests, references to analytical procedures, and appropriate acceptance criteria that are numerical limits, ranges, or other criteria for the tests described.”<sup>152</sup>

360. A manufacturer, therefore, need not seek FDA pre-approval to make changes to its stability studies to identify the appropriate expiration date – which must “assure that a drug product meets applicable standards of identity, strength, quality, and purity at the time of use”<sup>153</sup> – or to ensure that the drug is shipped and stored under appropriate conditions.

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<sup>148</sup> See *id.* §314.97(a) (requiring generics to comply with §§314.70, 314.71).

<sup>149</sup> *Id.* §314.70(b).

<sup>150</sup> *Id.* §314.70(c)(3), (c)(6).

<sup>151</sup> *Id.* §314.70(c)(6)(i).

<sup>152</sup> 65 Fed. Reg. 83042 (Dec. 29, 2000).

<sup>153</sup> 21 C.F.R. §211.137(a).

361. A manufacturer of an approved drug can also use the CBE supplement to make changes “in the labeling to reflect newly acquired information” in order to “add or strengthen a contraindication, warning, precaution, or adverse reaction for which the evidence of a causal association satisfies the standard for inclusion in the labeling under §201.57(c) of this chapter”; “add or strengthen an instruction about dosage and administration that is intended to increase the safe use of the drug product”; and “delete false, misleading, or unsupported indications for use or claims for effectiveness.”<sup>154</sup>

362. A manufacturer of an approved drug may make minor changes to a label with no approval or notice, so long as that change is described in an annual report. The illustrative but non-exhaustive list of minor changes includes “[a] change in the labeling concerning the description of the drug product or in the information about how the drug product is supplied, that does not involve a change in the dosage strength or dosage form.”<sup>155</sup>

363. A “minor change” further includes “[a]n extension of an expiration dating period based upon full shelf life data on production batches obtained from a protocol approved in the NDA.”<sup>156</sup>

364. At no time did GSK attempt to include a warning on the labels for ranitidine-containing products that consumers were at elevated risk of developing cancer if the products were: (a) exposed to excessive heat; (b) exposed to excessive moisture/humidity; (c) consumed with high-nitrite foods; or (d) consumed daily for a period of greater than a few months. The FDA never rejected such cancer warnings.

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<sup>154</sup> *Id.* §314.70(c)(6)(iii)(A), (C), (D).

<sup>155</sup> *Id.* §314.70 (d)(2)(ix).

<sup>156</sup> *Id.* §314.70 (d)(2)(vi); *see also id.* §314.70(d)(2)(vii), (x).

365. At no time did GSK attempt to change its label to delete a false or misleading expiration date, or to add a proper expiration date to ensure that ranitidine-containing products would not break down into NDMA prior to human consumption.

366. Based on the public scientific information, GSK knew or should have known that NDMA could form in ranitidine by exposure to heat, humidity, nitrites, the conditions of the human stomach, and/or over time in storage.

367. At no time did GSK change its label to shorten the expiration date. GSK had the ability to unilaterally make such label changes (for both prescription and OTC) without prior FDA approval pursuant to the CBE regulation. Had GSK attempted such label changes, the FDA would not have rejected them.

368. Because it failed to include appropriate expiration dates on their products, GSK made false statements in the labeling of its products.

369. Because it failed to include a warning on the labels for ranitidine-containing products that consumers were at elevated risk of developing cancer if the products were: (i) exposed to excessive heat; (ii) exposed to excessive moisture/humidity; (iii) consumed with high-nitrite foods; (iv) consumed daily for a period of greater than a few months, GSK made false statements in the labeling of its products.

## **2. Defendants' Misrepresentations or Omissions of Material Fact in the Labeling and Packaging of OTC Ranitidine-Containing Products**

370. The Defendants are GSK, Pfizer, BI, and Sanofi.

371. Each of these Defendants increased OTC Ranitidine-Containing Product demand through a fundamental and uniform message, parlayed through a multi-media campaign that OTC Zantac is safe, it can be used frequently, long-term, with high-nitrate and -nitrite foods, and poses

no serious health risks such as those associated with the consumption of NDMA—a known human carcinogen.

372. Examples of this campaign include a series of television, print, radio, and internet ads for OTC Zantac throughout the United States and to consumers that uniformly omitted the material safety risks that the products contained NDMA, that ranitidine was unstable, that NDMA content could increase through the lapse of time and when exposed to heat or humidity, and that it should not be used in connection with high-nitrate or -nitrite foods.

373. At the point of sale, Defendants sold Zantac packaged and labeled with misleading information and material omissions.

**a. Misrepresentations or Omissions of Material Fact on the Labels**

374. 21 U.S.C. §352(a)(1) provides, in pertinent part,

A drug or device shall be deemed to be misbranded—

(a) **FALSE OR MISLEADING LABEL**

(1) If its labeling is false or misleading in any particular.

(emphasis in original).

375. The Defendants were required to give adequate directions for the use of a pharmaceutical drug such that a “layman can use a drug safely and for the purposes for which it is intended,”<sup>157</sup> and conform to requirements governing the appearance of the label.<sup>158</sup>

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<sup>157</sup> 21 C.F.R. §201.5.

<sup>158</sup> *Id.* §201.15.

376. “Labeling” encompasses all written, printed, or graphic material accompanying the drug or device,<sup>159</sup> and therefore broadly encompasses nearly every form of promotional activity, including not only “package inserts” but also advertising.

377. “Most, if not all, labeling is advertising. The term ‘labeling’ is defined in the FDCA as including all printed matter accompanying any article. Congress did not, and we cannot, exclude from the definition printed matter which constitutes advertising.”<sup>160</sup>

378. The Defendants were also responsible for conducting stability testing, which must be “designed to assess the stability characteristics of drug products.”<sup>161</sup> Manufacturers must adopt a written testing program that includes: “(1) Sample size and test intervals based on statistical criteria for each attribute examined to assure valid estimates of stability; (2) Storage conditions for samples retained for testing; (3) Reliable, meaningful, and specific test methods; (4) Testing of the drug product in the same container-closure system as that in which the drug product is marketed; (5) Testing of drug products for reconstitution at the time of dispensing (as directed in the labeling) as well as after they are reconstituted.”<sup>162</sup>

379. The purpose of stability testing is, in part, to determine the “appropriate storage conditions and expiration dates.”<sup>163</sup> And expiration dates, in turn, must be set to “assure that a drug product meets applicable standards of identity, strength, quality, and purity at the time of

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<sup>159</sup> *Id.*; 65 Fed. Reg. 14286 (Mar. 16, 2000).

<sup>160</sup> *United States v. Research Labs.*, 126 F.2d 42, 45 (9th Cir. 1942).

<sup>161</sup> 21 C.F.R. §211.166(a).

<sup>162</sup> *Id.*

<sup>163</sup> *Id.*

use.”<sup>164</sup> An expiration date is “related to any storage conditions stated on the labeling, as determined by stability studies listed in §211.166.”<sup>165</sup>

380. Each Defendant must conduct its own tests to determine and set accurate retest or expiration dates.

381. The FDA made clear when it first adopted the expiration-date provision that the regulation means what it says. The purpose of the expiration date is not merely to consider the “stability of a specific active ingredient.” Instead, a compliant expiration date must account for multiple factors, including “the stability of the inactive ingredients, the interaction of active and inactive ingredients, the manufacturing process, the dosage form, the container closure system, the conditions under which the drug product is shipped, stored, and handled by wholesalers and retailers, and the length of time between initial manufacture and final use.”<sup>166</sup>

382. The FDA expressly recognizes that an initial expiration date may not be the final expiration date: “Where data from accelerated studies are used to project a tentative expiration date that is beyond a date supported by actual shelf life studies, there must be stability studies conducted . . . until the tentative expiration date is verified or the appropriate expiration date determined.”<sup>167</sup>

383. After a drug is approved, a manufacturer can make changes to its drug application. To do so, manufacturers must comply with the requirements of §§ 314.70 and 314.71.<sup>168</sup>

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<sup>164</sup> *Id.* §211.137(a).

<sup>165</sup> *Id.* §211.137(b).

<sup>166</sup> 43 Fed. Reg. 45059 (Sept. 29, 1978).

<sup>167</sup> 21 C.F.R. §211.166(b).

<sup>168</sup> *See id.* §314.97(a) (requiring generics to comply with §§314.70, 314.71).



384. Some of the requirements in those regulations require a brand manufacturer of an approved drug to obtain FDA approval before implementing a label change.<sup>169</sup>

385. But the FDA has long recognized a CBE supplement that permits a manufacturer to make immediate changes, subject to the FDA’s post-change review.<sup>170</sup>

386. A manufacturer of an approved drug can use the CBE supplement to immediately make an “[a]ddition to a specification or changes in the methods or controls to provide increased assurance that the drug substance or drug product will have the characteristics of identity, strength, quality, purity, or potency that it purports or is represented to possess.”<sup>171</sup> “A specification is defined as a list of tests, references to analytical procedures, and appropriate acceptance criteria that are numerical limits, ranges, or other criteria for the tests described.”<sup>172</sup>

387. A manufacturer, therefore, need not seek FDA pre-approval to make changes to its stability studies to identify the appropriate expiration date—which must “assure that a drug product meets applicable standards of identity, strength, quality, and purity at the time of use”<sup>173</sup>—or to ensure that the drug is shipped and stored under appropriate conditions.

388. A manufacturer of an approved drug can also use the CBE supplement to make changes “in the labeling to reflect newly acquired information” in order to “add or strengthen a contraindication, warning, precaution, or adverse reaction for which the evidence of a causal association satisfies the standard for inclusion in the labeling under § 201.57(c) of this chapter”; “add or strengthen an instruction about dosage and administration that is intended to increase the

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<sup>169</sup> *Id.* §314.70(b).

<sup>170</sup> *Id.* §314.70(c)(3), (c)(6).

<sup>171</sup> *Id.* §314.70(c)(6)(i).

<sup>172</sup> 65 Fed. Reg. 83042 (Dec. 29, 2000).

<sup>173</sup> 21 C.F.R. §211.137(a).

safe use of the drug product”; and “delete false, misleading, or unsupported indications for use or claims for effectiveness.”<sup>174</sup>

389. A manufacturer of an approved drug may make minor changes to a label with no approval or notice, so long as that change is described in an annual report. The illustrative but non-exhaustive list of minor changes includes “[a] change in the labeling concerning the description of the drug product or in the information about how the drug product is supplied, that does not involve a change in the dosage strength or dosage form.”<sup>175</sup>

390. A “minor change” further includes “[a]n extension of an expiration dating period based upon full shelf life data on production batches obtained from a protocol approved in the NDA.”<sup>176</sup>

391. At no time did any Defendant attempt to include a warning on the labels for ranitidine-containing products that consumers were at elevated risk of developing cancer if the products were: (i) exposed to excessive heat; (ii) exposed to excessive moisture/humidity; (iii) consumed with high-nitrite foods; (iv) consumed daily for a period of greater than a few months. The FDA never rejected such cancer warnings.

392. At no time did any Defendant attempt to change its label to delete a false or misleading expiration date, or to add a proper expiration date to ensure that ranitidine-containing products would not break down into NDMA prior to human consumption.

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<sup>174</sup> *Id.* §314.70(c)(6)(iii)(A), (C), (D).

<sup>175</sup> *Id.* §314.70 (d)(2)(ix).

<sup>176</sup> *Id.* §314.70 (d)(2)(vi); *see also id.* §314.70(d)(2)(vii), (x).

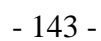
393. Based on the public scientific information, the Defendants knew or should have known that NDMA could form in ranitidine by exposure to heat, humidity, nitrites, the conditions of the human stomach, and/or over time in storage.

394. At no time did any Defendant change its label to shorten the expiration date. Defendants had the ability to unilaterally make such label changes (for both prescription and OTC) without prior FDA approval pursuant to the CBE regulation. Had any Defendant attempted such label changes, the FDA would not have rejected them.

395. Because they failed to include appropriate expiration dates on their products, Defendants made false statements in the labeling of their products.

396. Because they failed to include a warning on the labels for ranitidine-containing products that consumers were at elevated risk of developing cancer if the products were: (i) exposed to excessive heat; (ii) exposed to excessive moisture/humidity; (iii) consumed with high-nitrite foods; (iv) consumed daily for a period of greater than a few months, Brand Name OTC Manufacturer Defendants made false statements in the labeling of their products.





397. Because they failed to package their products in appropriate container sizes, Brand Name OTC Manufacturer Defendants made false statements in the packaging of their products.

398. Brand Name OTC Manufacturer Defendants' conduct, as described above, was reckless. Defendants regularly risked the lives of consumers and users of their products, including Plaintiffs, with full knowledge of the dangers of their products. Brand Name OTC Manufacturer Defendants have made conscious decisions not to change the containers for their ranitidine-containing products. Brand Name OTC Manufacturer Defendants' reckless conduct therefore warrants an award of punitive damages.

## **VIII. CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST BRAND PRESCRIPTION MANUFACTURER DEFENDANT**

### **A. Causes of Action Against GSK**

399. For the purposes of the subsequent causes of action against Defendant GSK, Plaintiffs are incorporating the following allegations by reference: paragraphs 9-13 (corporate information); 136-140 (jurisdiction and venue); 142-166 (development of brand Zantac); 167-211 (knowledge that NDMA is carcinogenic); 212-232 (discovery by regulatory agencies that ranitidine contained NDMA); 233-236 (transformation of ranitidine into NDMA); 237-264 (knowledge that ranitidine had the potential to transform into NDMA); 265-271 (NDMA formation in organs of the human body); 272-284 (NDMA formation by exposure to heat, moisture and/or time); 285-291 (link between ranitidine exposure and cancer); 313-317 (compliance with current Good Manufacturing Practices); 347-398 (misrepresentations or omissions of material fact in labeling and packaging 318-323 (Plaintiffs' purchases of Rantidine-Containing Products) and 324-332 (equitable tolling).

400. Plaintiffs identified in the table below bring claims against Defendant GSK on behalf of themselves and their respective State Classes under the laws of their respective states.

Each Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations specific to them from Section II.B., *supra*, into their respective claims below:

<b><u>Plaintiff Name</u></b>	<b><u>State(s) of Residence</u></b>
Andy Green Jr.	Arkansas, Tennessee
Golbenaz Bakhtiar	California
Jeffrey Pisano	Colorado
Kristen (POA for Alexander) Monger	Florida
Kristen (POA for Laura) Monger	Florida
Michael Tomlinson	Florida
Kathy Jeffries	Florida
Randy Jones	Louisiana
Ana Guzman	Massachusetts
Alberta Griffin	Maryland
Jerry Hunt	Michigan
Donald Northrup	Minnesota
Sandra Erickson-Brown	Minnesota
Shirley Magee	Mississippi
Dennis Robbins	North Carolina
Julie Turner	North Carolina
Lynn White	New Jersey
Benny Fazio	New York
Michael Galloway	Ohio, Florida
Ronda Lockett	Oklahoma; Missouri
Felicia Ball	Pennsylvania
Nicholas Hazlett	Pennsylvania, Maryland
Jeffery Gunwall	South Carolina
Lisa Lyle	Tennessee
Rodriquez Hampton Jr	Tennessee
Gregory Alan Wayland	Texas

Tammy Smith	Texas, Alaska, Colorado, Arizona, Louisiana, Missouri
Wendy Quezaire	Wisconsin
Dale Hunter	Tennessee

**1. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Arizona-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 1**

**Violation of the Arizona Consumer Fraud Act  
(Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1521, *et esq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

401. Arizona Class Representative Tammy Smith incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

402. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arizona-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

403. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1521(6).

404. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1521(5).

405. The Arizona Consumer Fraud Act (“Arizona CFA”) prohibits “[t]he act, use or employment by any person of any deception, deceptive or unfair act or practice, fraud, ... misrepresentation, or concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely on such concealment, suppression or omission, in connection with the sale ... of any merchandise whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby.” Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1522(A).

406. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arizona CFA by recklessly, wantonly, knowingly, and intentionally



misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

407. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arizona CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

408. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arizona CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

409. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Arizona CFA.

410. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

411. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

412. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

413. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

414. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

415. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Arizona CFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

416. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

417. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

418. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Arizona CFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Arizona CFA.

**COUNT 2**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Arizona Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

419. Arizona Class Representative Tammy Smith incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

420. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arizona-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

421. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

422. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendant but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

423. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

424. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

425. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

426. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **2. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Alaska-GSK Classes**

### **COUNT 3**

#### **Violation of the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471, *et esq.*) (Against GSK)**

427. Alaska Class Representative Tammy Smith incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

428. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Alaska-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

429. Plaintiff and the Class members are “consumer[s]” within the meaning of Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.561(a)(4).

430. The Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act (“Alaska CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce.” Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(a).

431. The Alaska CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(b)(4));
- (b) “representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(b)(6));
- (c) “advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(b)(8));
- (d) “engaging in any other conduct creating a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding and that misleads, deceives, or damages a buyer or a competitor in connection with the sale or advertisement of goods or services” (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(b)(11)); and
- (e) “using or employing deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, or knowingly concealing, suppressing, or omitting a material fact with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression,

or omission in connection with the sale or advertisement of goods or services whether or not a person has in fact been misled, deceived, or damaged” (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(b)(12)).

432. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Alaska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

433. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Alaska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

434. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Alaska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

435. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Alaska CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

436. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

437. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

438. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

439. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

440. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Alaska CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

441. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

442. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

443. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiff within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiff in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.535(b)(1) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiff seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

444. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Alaska CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Alaska CPA.



**COUNT 4**  
**Unjust Enrichment or Quasi-Contract**  
**(Alaska Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

445. Alaska Class Representatives Tammy Smith incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

446. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Alaska-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

447. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

448. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

449. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

450. It is inequitable and unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

451. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

452. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

### **3. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Arkansas-GSK Classes**

#### **COUNT 5 Violation of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-101, *et esq.*) (Against GSK)**

453. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

454. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Brand Manufacturer Defendant GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

455. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-102(5).

456. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are "[g]oods" within the meaning of Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-102(4).

457. The Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“Arkansas DTPA”) prohibits “[d]eceptive and unconscionable trade practices.” Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a).

458. The Arkansas DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[k]nowingly making a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services or as to whether goods are original or new or of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(1));
- (b) “[a]dvertising the goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(3)); and
- (c) “[e]ngaging in any other unconscionable, false, or deceptive act or practice in business, commerce, or trade” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(10)).

459. The Arkansas DTPA also prohibits the following when utilized in connection with the sale or advertisement of any goods: “(1) The act, use, or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, or false pretense; [or] (2) [t]he concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression, or omission . . . .” Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-108(a).

460. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

461. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products

remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

462. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

463. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Arkansas DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

464. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

465. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

466. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

467. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

468. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

469. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of Arkansas DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

470. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

471. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

472. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Arkansas DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Arkansas DTPA.

**COUNT 6**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Ark. Code Ann. §4-2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

473. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

474. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

475. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Arkansas Class Representatives and members of the Arkansas Class and was in the business of selling such products.

476. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the

products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

477. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

478. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

479. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

480. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

481. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

482. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

483. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

484. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 7**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Arkansas Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

485. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

486. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

487. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

488. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and,



thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

489. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

490. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

491. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

492. There is no valid, legal, and binding contract governing this dispute.

493. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**4. Causes of Action on Behalf of the California-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 8**  
**Violation of the California Unfair Competition Law**  
**(Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

494. California Class Representative Golbenaz Bakhtiar incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

495. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

496. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “persons” within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17201.

497. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200 (“California UCL”) prohibits acts of “unfair competition,” including any “unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice” and “unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising.”

498. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

499. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products

remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

500. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

501. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California UCL. These acts also constitute “fraudulent” business acts and practices under the California UCL in that Defendant’s conduct is false, misleading, and has a tendency to deceive the Class and the general public.

502. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

503. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

504. Defendant’s unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers’ minds, and were likely to and, in

fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

505. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

506. Moreover, Defendant engaged in “unlawful” business acts or practices by violating both federal and California laws, including: the federal RICO statute, 18 U.S.C. §1962(c)-(d); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§331(a), (c), (g), 351(a)(2)(B), (b), (d), 352(a)(1), (c), (e)(1)(A)(ii), (f)-(g), (i)(2)-(3), (j), (n), (p); Good Manufacturing Practices, 21 C.F.R. 210.1(a), 211.142(b); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Laws, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§111260, 111280, 111290, 111295, 111305, 111330, 111345, 111355(a)(3), 111360(b), 111375, 111380, 111395(a)-(b), 111400, 111440, 111445, 111450; the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §1750; and the California FAL, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, as alleged herein.

507. Defendant’s conduct also constitutes “unfair” business acts or practices. Under the balancing test, the determination of whether a business practice is “unfair” involves examining the practice’s impact on its alleged victim, balanced against the reasons, justifications, and motives of the alleged wrongdoer.

508. Additionally, Defendant's conduct was "unfair" under the tethering test, in that it violated the federal RICO statute, 18 U.S.C. §1962(c)-(d); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§331(a), (c), (g), 351(a)(2)(B), (b), (d), 352(a)(1), (c), (e)(1)(A)(ii), (f)-(g), (i)(2)-(3), (j), (n), (p); Good Manufacturing Practices, 21 C.F.R. 210.1(a), 211.142(b); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Laws, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§111260, 111280, 111290, 111295, 111305, 111330, 111345, 111355(a)(3), 111360(b), 111375, 111380, 111395(a)-(b), 111400, 111440, 111445, 111450; the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, *see* Cal. Civ. Code §1760; and the California FAL, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, which reflect the United States' and California's policy of protecting consumers against unfair and deceptive business practices and adulterated and misbranded drugs.

509. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California UCL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

510. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

511. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

512. Pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§17200 and 17203, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order providing restitution relating to the above-described unfair business acts or practices, and injunctive and declaratory relief as may be appropriate.

**COUNT 9**  
**Violation of the California False Advertising Law**  
**(Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

513. California Class Representative Golbenaz Bakhtiar incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

514. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

515. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “persons” within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17506.

516. The California False Advertising Law (“California FAL”) prohibits “any person, . . . corporation . . . or any employee thereof with intent directly or indirectly to dispose of real or personal property . . . or to induce the public to enter into any obligation relating thereto, to make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated . . . before the public in this state or from this state before the public in any state, in any newspaper or other publication, or any advertising device, . . . or in any other manner or means whatever, including over the internet, any statement . . . which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.” Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500.

517. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including

that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

518. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

519. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

520. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California FAL, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and

- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

521. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

522. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

523. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

524. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

525. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California FAL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.



526. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

527. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

528. As a result of Defendant's violations of the California FAL, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order providing restitution and disgorgement of all profits relating to the above-described business acts or practices, and other appropriate relief, including injunctive and declaratory relief as may be appropriate under the California FAL.

**COUNT 10**  
**Violation of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act**  
**(Cal. Civ. Code §1750, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

529. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

530. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

531. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(c).

532. Plaintiff and the Class members are "[c]onsumer[s]" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(d).

533. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(a).

534. The California Consumers Legal Remedies Act (“California CLRA”) prohibits “unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices undertaken by any person in a transaction intended to result or that results in the sale or lease of goods or services to any consumer.” Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a).

535. The California CLRA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(5));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(7));
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(9)); and
- (d) “[r]epresenting that the subject of a transaction has been supplied in accordance with a previous representation when it has not” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(16)).

536. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

537. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by

printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

538. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

539. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California CLRA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

540. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

541. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

542. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

543. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

544. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California CLRA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as set forth above.

545. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

546. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

547. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by various Plaintiff within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiff in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1782 to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiff seeks all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

548. Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1780(a), Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding damages and any other just and proper relief available under the California CLRA. Under Cal. Civ. Code §1780(b), Plaintiff seek an additional award against Defendant of up to \$5,000 for each Class member who qualifies as a "senior citizen" or "disabled person" under the California CLRA. Defendant knew or should have known that its conduct was directed to one or more Class members who are senior citizens or disabled persons. Defendant's conduct caused one or more of these senior citizens or disabled persons to suffer a substantial loss of property set aside for retirement or for personal or family care and maintenance, or assets essential to the health or welfare of the senior citizen or disabled person. One or more Class members who are senior citizens or disabled persons are substantially more vulnerable to Defendant's conduct because of age, poor health or infirmity,

impaired understanding, restricted mobility, or disability, and each of them suffered substantial economic damage resulting from Defendant's conduct.

**COUNT 11**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Cal. Com. Code §2314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

549. California Class Representative Golbenaz Bakhtiar incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

550. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

551. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the California Class Representative and members of the California Class and was in the business of selling such products.

552. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

553. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

554. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

555. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

556. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

557. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

558. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

559. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

560. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 12**  
**Unjust Enrichment or Quasi-Contract**  
**(California Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

561. California Class Representative Golbenaz Bakhtiar incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

562. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

563. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

564. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

565. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which



the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

566. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

567. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

568. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**5. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Colorado-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 13  
Violation of the Colorado Consumer Protection Act  
(Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-101, *et esq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

569. Colorado Class Representatives Jeffrey Pisano and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

570. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Colorado-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

571. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-102(6).

572. The Colorado Consumer Protection Act ("Colorado CPA") prohibits unfair, unconscionable, and deceptive acts or practices "in the course of the person's business, vocation, or occupation." Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1).

573. The Colorado CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[e]ither knowingly or recklessly mak[ing] a false representation as to the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods, services, or property” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(b));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that goods, food, services, or property are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if he knows or should know that they are of another” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(g));
- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing] goods, services, or property with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(i));
- (d) “[f]ails to disclose material information concerning goods, services, or property which information was known at the time of an advertisement or sale if such failure to disclose such information was intended to induce the consumer to enter into a transaction” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(u)); and
- (e) “[e]ither knowingly or recklessly engage[ing] in any unfair, unconscionable, deceptive, deliberately misleading, false, or fraudulent act or practice” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(kkk)).

574. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer. Such conduct was bad faith conduct under the Colorado CPA.

575. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products

remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

576. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

577. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Colorado CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce; and
- (e) failing to disclose the defective Ranitidine-Containing Products in connection with their sale to the public.

578. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

579. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

580. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

581. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

582. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

583. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Colorado CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

584. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

585. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

586. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Colorado CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Colorado CPA.

**COUNT 14**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Colorado Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

587. Colorado Class Representatives Jeffrey Pisano and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

588. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Colorado-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

589. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

590. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members suffered a detriment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

591. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

592. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits without commensurate compensation because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

593. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

594. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**6. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Florida-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 15**  
**Violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act**  
**(Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.201, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

595. Florida Class Representatives Kristen Monger as parent of A.M. and L.M., Michael Tomlinson, Michael Galloway, and Kathy Jeffries incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

596. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Florida-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

597. The Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (“FDUTPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.204(1).

598. In construing the provisions of the FDUTPA, “due consideration and great weight shall be given to the interpretations of the Federal Trade Commission and the federal courts relating to s. 5(a)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. s. 45(a)(1) as of July 1, 2017.” Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.204(2).

599. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” and “[i]nterested part[ies] or person[s]” as defined by the FDUTPA. *See* Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.203(6)-(7).

600. Defendant engaged in “[t]rade or commerce” as defined by the FDUTPA. *See* Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.203(8).

601. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to

disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

602. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

603. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

604. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the FDUTPA.

605. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.



606. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

607. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

608. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

609. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the FDUTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

610. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

611. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

612. As a result of Defendant's violations of the FDUTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the FDUTPA.

**COUNT 16**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Florida Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

613. Florida Class Representatives Kristen Monger as parent of A.M. and L.M., Michael Tomlinson, Michael Galloway, and Kathy Jeffries incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

614. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Florida-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

615. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

616. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe

and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members suffered an impoverishment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

617. Defendant voluntarily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

618. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits without paying the value thereof because the benefits were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

619. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

620. There is no express written contract governing this dispute.

621. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**7. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Louisiana-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 17**

**Violation of the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law  
(La. Stat. Ann. §51:1401, *et seq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

622. Louisiana Class Representatives Randy Jones and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

623. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

624. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(8).

625. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(1).

626. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(10).

627. The Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law (“Louisiana CPL”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” La. Stat. Ann. §51:1405(A).

628. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

629. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

630. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

631. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Louisiana CPL.

632. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

633. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

634. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

635. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

636. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

637. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Louisiana CPL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

638. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

639. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

640. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Louisiana CPL, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Louisiana CPL.

**COUNT 18**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(La. Civ. Code Ann. Art. §2520)**  
**(Against GSK)**

641. Louisiana Class Representatives Randy Jones and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

642. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

643. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Louisiana Class Representatives and members of the Louisiana Class and was in the business of selling such products.

644. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

645. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

646. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

647. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

648. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

649. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

650. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

651. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of



the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

652. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 19**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Louisiana Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

653. Louisiana Class Representatives Randy Jones and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

654. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

655. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

656. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

657. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

658. Defendant’s enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiffs for the Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiffs’ impoverishment – the receipt by Plaintiffs of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

659. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

660. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

661. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**8. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Maryland-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 20**

**Violation of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act  
(Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101, *et esq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

662. Maryland Class Representatives Alberta Griffin and Nicholas Hazlett incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

663. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

664. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(h).

665. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(c)(1).

666. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(f).

667. The Maryland Consumer Protection Act (“Maryland CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practices.” Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301.

668. The Maryland CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[f]alse, falsely disparaging, or misleading oral or written statement, visual description, or other representation of any kind which has the capacity, tendency, or effect of deceiving or misleading consumers” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(1));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that . . . [c]onsumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services have a sponsorship, approval, accessory, characteristic, ingredient, use, benefit, or quantity which they do not have” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(2)(i));

- (c) “[r]epresent[ing] that . . . [c]onsumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model which they are not” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(2)(iv));
- (d) “[f]ailure to state a material fact if the failure deceives or tends to deceive” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(3));
- (e) “[a]dvertis[ing] or offer[ing] of consumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services . . . [w]ithout intent to sell, lease, or rent them as advertised or offered” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(5)(i)); and
- (f) “[d]eception, fraud, false pretense, false premise, misrepresentation, or knowing concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with the intent that a consumer rely on the same in connection with . . . [t]he promotion or sale of any consumer goods” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(9)(i)).

669. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

670. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

671. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-

Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

672. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Maryland CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) failing to disclose that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are defective and inherently dangerous in the course of the sale of the Ranitidine-Containing Products; and
- (e) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

673. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

674. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

675. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in

fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

676. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

677. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

678. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Maryland CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

679. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

680. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

681. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Maryland CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Maryland CPA.

**COUNT 21**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Md. Code Ann. §2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

682. Maryland Class Representatives Alberta Griffin and Nicholas Hazlett incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

683. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK(for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

684. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Maryland Class Representatives and members of the Maryland Class and was in the business of selling such products.

685. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

686. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

687. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

688. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

689. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

690. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

691. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

692. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of



the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

693. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 22**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Maryland Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

694. Maryland Class Representatives Alberta Griffin and Nicholas Hazlett incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

695. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

696. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

697. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

698. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

699. It would be unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

700. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

701. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**9. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Massachusetts-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 23**

**Violation of the Deceptive Acts or Practices Prohibited by Massachusetts Law  
(Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §1, *et seq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

702. Massachusetts Class Representative Ana Guzman incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

703. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Massachusetts-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

704. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §1(a).

705. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §1(b).

706. The Massachusetts consumer protection law (“Massachusetts Act”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §2(a).

707. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Massachusetts Act by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

708. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Massachusetts Act by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

709. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Massachusetts Act by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

710. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Massachusetts Act.

711. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

712. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

713. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in

fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

714. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

715. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Massachusetts Act because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

716. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

717. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

718. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual

notice letters sent by Plaintiff within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §9(3) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiff seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

719. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Massachusetts Act, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Massachusetts Act.

**COUNT 24**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 106 §2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

720. Massachusetts Class Representative Ana Guzman incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

721. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Massachusetts-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

722. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Massachusetts Class Representatives and members of the Massachusetts Class and was in the business of selling such products.

723. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the

products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

724. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

725. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

726. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

727. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

728. Plaintiff and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

729. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

730. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

731. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 25**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Massachusetts Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

732. Massachusetts Class Representative Ana Guzman incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

733. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Massachusetts-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

734. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

735. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and,



thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

736. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

737. Defendant’s enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiff’s and Class members’ purchases of Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiff’s and Class members’ impoverishment – *i.e.*, Plaintiff’s and Class members’ receipt of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

738. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

739. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

740. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**10. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Michigan-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 26**

**Violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act  
(Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.901, *et esq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

741. Michigan Class Representative Jerry Hunt incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

742. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Michigan-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

743. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.902(1)(d).

744. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.902(1)(g).

745. The Michigan Consumer Protection Act (“Michigan CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair, unconscionable, or deceptive methods, acts, or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce.” Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1).

746. The Michigan CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(c));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(e)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising or representing goods or services with intent not to dispose of those goods or services as advertised or represented” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(g)).

747. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

748. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

749. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

750. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Michigan CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;

- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

751. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

752. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

753. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

754. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

755. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Michigan CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

756. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

757. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

758. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Michigan CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Michigan CPA.

**COUNT 27**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Michigan Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

759. Michigan Class Representative Jerry Hunt incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

760. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Michigan-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

761. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

762. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

763. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

764. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

765. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

766. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

767. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**11. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Minnesota-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 28**  
**Violation of the Minnesota Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act**  
**(Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

768. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup and Sandra Erickson-Brown incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

769. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

770. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68(3).

771. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68(2).

772. The Minnesota Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act (“Minnesota CFA”) prohibits “act, use, or employment by any person of any fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, misleading statement or deceptive practice, with the intent that others rely thereon in connection with the sale of any merchandise, whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived, or damaged.” Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.69(1). Prohibited practices include: (i) deceptive practices concerning the quality of goods or services pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann.

§325D.44; (ii) fraud in connection with the sale of any merchandise pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.69; and (iii) misrepresentation of product ingredients or quality pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann. §325D.13.

773. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

774. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

775. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

776. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,



Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Minnesota CFA.

777. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

778. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

779. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

780. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

781. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and

continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

782. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Minnesota CFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

783. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

784. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

785. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Minnesota CFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Minnesota CFA.

**COUNT 29**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Minn. Stat. Ann. §336.2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

786. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup and Sandra Erickson-Brown incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

787. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

788. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Minnesota Class Representatives and members of the Minnesota Class and was in the business of selling such products.

789. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

790. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

791. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

792. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant’s skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

793. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

794. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

795. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

796. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

797. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 30**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Minnesota Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

798. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup and Sandra Erickson-Brown incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

799. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

800. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

801. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

802. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

803. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

804. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

805. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **12. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Mississippi-GSK Classes**

### **COUNT 31 Breach of Implied Warranty (Miss. Code Ann. §75-2-314) (Against GSK)**

806. Mississippi Class Representative Shirley Magee incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

807. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Mississippi-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

808. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Mississippi Class Representatives and members of the Mississippi Class and was in the business of selling such products.

809. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

810. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

811. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

812. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

813. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

814. Plaintiff and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

815. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

816. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

817. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 32**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Mississippi Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

818. Mississippi Class Representative Shirley Magee incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

819. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Mississippi-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

820. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

821. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products,



which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members suffered a detriment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

822. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

823. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

824. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

825. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

826. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**13. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Missouri-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 33**

**Violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act  
(Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010, *et esq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

827. Missouri Class Representatives Ronda Lockett and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398as though fully set forth herein.

828. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

829. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010(5).

830. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade or commerce” within the meaning of Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010(7).

831. The Missouri Merchandising Practices Act (“Missouri MPA”) prohibits “act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, unfair practice or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise in trade or commerce.” Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.020(1).

832. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

833. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

834. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

835. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Missouri MPA.

836. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

837. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

838. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

839. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

840. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Missouri MPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

841. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

842. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

843. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Missouri MPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Missouri MPA.

**COUNT 34**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Mo. Rev. Stat. §400.2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

844. Missouri Class Representatives Ronda Lockett and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398as though fully set forth herein.

845. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

846. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Missouri Class Representatives and members of the Missouri Class and was in the business of selling such products.

847. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

848. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

849. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

850. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

851. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

852. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

853. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

854. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

855. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 35**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Missouri Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

856. Missouri Class Representatives Ronda Lockett and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398as though fully set forth herein.

857. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

858. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

859. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

860. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

861. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

862. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

863. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

864. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.



**14. Causes of Action on Behalf of the New Jersey-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 36**  
**Violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act**  
**(N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1, *et esq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

865. New Jersey Class Representative Lynn White incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

866. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Jersey-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

867. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “person[s]” within the meaning of N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1(d).

868. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “merchandise” within the meaning of N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1(c).

869. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act (“New Jersey CFA”) by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer. N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1, *et esq.*

870. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Jersey CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products

remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

871. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Jersey CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

872. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New Jersey CFA.

873. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

874. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

875. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)

the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

876. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

877. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New Jersey CFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

878. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

879. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

880. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New Jersey CFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New Jersey CFA.

**COUNT 37**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.J. Stat. Ann. §12A:2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

881. New Jersey Class Representative Lynn White incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

882. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Jersey-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

883. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to New Jersey Class Representatives and members of the New Jersey Class and was in the business of selling such products.

884. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

885. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

886. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

887. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

888. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

889. Plaintiff and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

890. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

891. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

892. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 38**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(New Jersey Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

893. New Jersey Class Representative Lynn White incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

894. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Jersey-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

895. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

896. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

897. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

898. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

899. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

900. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**15. Causes of Action on Behalf of the New York-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 39**  
**Violation of New York Deceptive Acts and Practices Act**  
**(N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349)**  
**(Against GSK)**

901. New York Class Representative Benny Fazio incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

902. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

903. Plaintiff and the Class members are "person[s]" within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(h). Defendant is a "person, firm, corporation or association" within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(b).

904. The New York Deceptive Acts and Practices Act (“New York DAPA”) prohibits “[d]eceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(a).

905. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

906. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

907. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

908. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,



Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New York DAPA.

909. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

910. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

911. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

912. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

913. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New York DAPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and

proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

914. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

915. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

916. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New York DAPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New York DAPA.

**COUNT 40**  
**Violation of the New York False Advertising Act**  
**(N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350)**  
**(Against GSK)**

917. New York Class Representative Benny Fazio incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

918. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

919. Defendant was and is engaged in "conduct of business, trade or commerce" within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350.

920. The New York False Advertising Act (“New York FAA”) prohibits “[f]alse advertising in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350. False advertising includes “advertising, including labeling, of a commodity . . . if such advertising is misleading in a material respect,” taking into account “the extent to which the advertising fails to reveal facts material in the light of . . . representations [made] with respect to the commodity.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350-a(1).

921. Defendant caused to be made or disseminated through New York and the United States, through advertising, marketing, and other publications, statements that were untrue or misleading, and which were known, or which by exercise of reasonable care should have been known to Defendant, to be untrue and misleading to consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members.

922. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

923. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

924. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

925. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New York FAA.

926. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

927. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

928. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

929. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

930. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New York FAA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

931. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

932. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

933. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiff within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy

its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiff seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

934. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New York FAA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New York FAA.

**COUNT 41**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.Y. U.C.C. Law §2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

935. New York Class Representative Benny Fazio incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

936. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

937. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to New York Class Representative and members of the New York Class and was in the business of selling such products.

938. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

939. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

940. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

941. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

942. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

943. Plaintiff and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

944. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

945. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

946. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 42**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(New York Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

947. New York Class Representative Benny Fazio incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

948. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

949. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

950. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and,



thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

951. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

952. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

953. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

954. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

955. Causes of Action Brought on Behalf of the North Carolina Class

**COUNT 43**  
**Violation of the North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act**  
**(N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1, *et esq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

956. North Carolina Class Representatives Dennis Robbins and Julie Turner incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

957. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

958. Defendant was and is engaged in “commerce” within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1(b).

959. The North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“North Carolina UDTPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce,” N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1(a), and provides a private right of action for any person injured “by reason of any act or thing done by any other person, firm or corporation in violation of” the law. N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-16.

960. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

961. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including

by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

962. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

963. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the North Carolina UDTPA.

964. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

965. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

966. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the

inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

967. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

968. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the North Carolina UDTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

969. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

970. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

971. As a result of Defendant's violations of the North Carolina UDTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive

acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the North Carolina UDTPA.

**COUNT 44**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §25-2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

972. North Carolina Class Representatives Dennis Robbins and Julie Turner incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

973. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

974. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to North Carolina Class Representatives and members of the North Carolina Class and was in the business of selling such products.

975. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

976. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

977. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

978. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

979. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

980. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

981. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

982. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

983. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and

punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 45**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(North Carolina Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

984. North Carolina Class Representatives Dennis Robbins and Julie Turner incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

985. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

986. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

987. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

988. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of

NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

989. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

990. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

991. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

## **16. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Ohio-GSK Classes**

### **COUNT 46 Breach of Implied Warranty (Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §1302.27) (Against GSK)**

992. Ohio Class Representative Michael Galloway incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

993. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Ohio-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").



994. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Ohio Class Representative and members of the Ohio Class and was in the business of selling such products.

995. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

996. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

997. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

998. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

999. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1000. Plaintiff and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1001. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1002. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1003. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 47**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Ohio Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1004. Ohio Class Representative Michael Galloway incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1005. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Ohio-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1006. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1007. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1008. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1009. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1010. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1011. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**17. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Oklahoma-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 48**  
**Violation of the Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act**  
**(Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §751, *et esq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1012. Oklahoma Class Representative Ronda Lockett incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398as though fully set forth herein.

1013. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oklahoma-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1014. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(1).

1015. Defendant was and is engaged in “[c]onsumer transaction[s]” within the meaning of Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(2).

1016. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(7).

1017. The Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act (“Oklahoma CPA”) prohibits numerous unlawful acts, including misleading representations, false advertisements, and false statements. Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753. The Oklahoma CPA defines “[d]eceptive trade practice” as “a

misrepresentation, omission or other practice that has deceived or . . . mislead a person to the detriment of that person.” Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(13). The Oklahoma CPA defines “[u]nfair trade practice” as “any practice which offends established public policy or if the practice is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, or substantially injurious to consumers.” Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(14).

1018. The Oklahoma CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[m]ak[ing] a false representation, knowingly or with reason to know, as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, or quantities of the subject of a consumer transaction” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(5));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing], knowingly or with reason to know, that the subject of a consumer transaction is of a particular standard, style or model, if it is of another” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(7));
- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing], knowingly or with reason to know, the subject of a consumer transaction with intent not to sell it as advertised” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(8)); and
- (d) “[c]ommit[ing] an unfair or deceptive trade practice as defined in Section 752” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(20)).

1019. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oklahoma CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1020. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oklahoma CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products

remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1021. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oklahoma CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1022. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Oklahoma CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

1023. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1024. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1025. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1026. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1027. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of Oklahoma CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1028. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1029. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1030. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Oklahoma CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Oklahoma CPA.

**COUNT 49**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Okla. Stat. tit. 12A §2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1031. Oklahoma Class Representatives Ronda Lockett incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1032. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oklahoma-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1033. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Oklahoma Class Representative and members of the Oklahoma Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1034. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.



1035. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1036. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1037. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1038. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1039. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1040. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1041. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1042. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 50**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Oklahoma Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1043. Oklahoma Class Representative Ronda Lockett incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1044. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oklahoma-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1045. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1046. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1047. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1048. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

1049. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1050. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**18. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Pennsylvania-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 51**

**Violation of the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law  
(73 Pa. C.S. §201-1, *et seq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

1051. Pennsylvania Class Representatives Felicia Ball and Nicholas Hazlett incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1052. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Pennsylvania-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1053. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of 73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(2).

1054. Plaintiff and the Class members purchased the Ranitidine-Containing Products “primarily for personal, family or household purposes” within the meaning of 73 Pa. C.S. §201-9.2(a).

1055. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of 73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(3).

1056. The Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law (“Pennsylvania CPL”) prohibits “unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” 73 Pa. C.S. §201-3.

1057. The Pennsylvania CPL makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(v));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(vii));

- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(ix)); and
- (d) “[e]ngaging in any other fraudulent or deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(xxi)).

1058. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Pennsylvania CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1059. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Pennsylvania CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1060. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Pennsylvania CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1061. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Pennsylvania CPL, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other fraudulent or deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding.

1062. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1063. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1064. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1065. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class

members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1066. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

1067. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Pennsylvania CPL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1068. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1069. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1070. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Pennsylvania CPL, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Pennsylvania CPL.

**COUNT 52**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(13 Pa. Cons. Stat. §2314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1071. Pennsylvania Class Representatives Felicia Ball and Nicholas Hazlett incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1072. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Pennsylvania-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1073. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Pennsylvania Class Representatives and members of the Pennsylvania Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1074. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1075. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1076. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1077. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each



member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1078. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1079. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1080. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1081. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1082. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 53**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Pennsylvania Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1083. Pennsylvania Class Representatives Felicia Ball and Nicholas Hazlett incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1084. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Pennsylvania-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1085. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1086. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1087. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1088. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1089. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1090. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

1091. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**19. Causes of Action on Behalf of the South Carolina-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 54**

**Violation of the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act  
(S.C. Code Ann. §39-5-10, *et seq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

1092. South Carolina Class Representative Jeffery Gunwall incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1093. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the South Carolina-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1094. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of S.C. Code Ann. §39-5-10(a).

1095. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of S.C. Code Ann. §39-5-10(b).

1096. The South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act (“South Carolina UTPA”) prohibits “unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” S.C. Code Ann. §39-5-20(a).

1097. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the South Carolina UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1098. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the South Carolina UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1099. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the South Carolina UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1100. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the South Carolina UTPA.

1101. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1102. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1103. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1104. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1105. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the South Carolina UTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1106. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1107. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1108. As a result of Defendant's violations of the South Carolina UTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the South Carolina UTPA.

**COUNT 55**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(S.C. Code Ann. §36-2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1109. South Carolina Class Representative Jeffrey Gunwall incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1110. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the South Carolina-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1111. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the South Carolina Class Representative and members of the South Carolina Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1112. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1113. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1114. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1115. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1116. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1117. Plaintiff and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1118. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1119. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1120. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 56**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(South Carolina Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1121. South Carolina Class Representative Jeffrey Gunwall incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1122. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the South Carolina-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").



1123. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1124. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1125. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly realized a benefit from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1126. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1127. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1128. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**20. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Tennessee-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 57**  
**Violation of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977**  
**(Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-101, *et esq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1129. Tennessee Class Representatives Lisa Lyle, Rodriquez Hampton Jr., Dale Hunter, and Andy Green Jr. incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398as though fully set forth herein.

1130. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1131. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(14).

1132. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(3).

1133. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(8).

1134. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” or “consumer transaction[s]” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(20).

1135. The Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977 (“Tennessee CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair or deceptive acts or practices affecting the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(a).

1136. The Tennessee CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(5));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(7)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(9)).

1137. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1138. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1139. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1140. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Tennessee CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not; and
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

1141. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1142. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1143. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)

the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1144. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1145. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Tennessee CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1146. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1147. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1148. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Tennessee CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Tennessee CPA.

**COUNT 58**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Tenn. Code Ann. §47-2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1149. Tennessee Class Representatives Lisa Lyle, Rodriquez Hampton Jr., Dale Hunter, and Andy Green Jr. incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1150. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1151. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Tennessee Class Representatives and members of the Tennessee Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1152. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1153. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1154. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1155. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1156. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1157. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1158. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1159. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1160. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 59**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Tennessee Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1161. Tennessee Class Representatives Lisa Lyle, Rodriquez Hampton Jr., Dale Hunter, and Andy Green Jr. incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398as though fully set forth herein.

1162. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1163. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1164. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1165. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which



the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1166. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1167. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1168. There is no existing, enforceable contract governing this dispute.

1169. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**21. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Texas-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 60**

**Violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act  
(Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.41, *et seq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

1170. Texas Class Representatives Gregory Alan Wayland and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1171. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1172. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(3).

1173. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(4).

1174. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(1).

1175. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(6).

1176. The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act (“Texas DTPA”) prohibits “[f]alse, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce,” Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(a), and an “[u]nconscionable action or course of action,” which means “an act or practice which, to a consumer’s detriment, takes advantage of the lack of knowledge, ability, experience, or capacity of the consumer to a grossly unfair degree.” Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §§17.45(5) and 17.50(a)(3).

1177. The Texas DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(5));
- (b) “representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(7)); and
- (c) “advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(9)).

1178. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1179. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1180. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1181. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Texas DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not; and
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

1182. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1183. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1184. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1185. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1186. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

1187. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Texas DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1188. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1189. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1190. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.505(a) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

1191. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Texas DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or

practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Texas DTPA.

**COUNT 61**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1192. Texas Class Representatives Gregory Alan Wayland and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1193. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1194. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Texas Class Representatives and members of the Texas Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1195. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1196. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1197. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1198. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1199. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1200. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1201. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1202. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1203. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and

punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 62**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Texas Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1204. Texas Class Representatives Gregory Alan Wayland and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1205. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1206. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1207. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1208. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of



NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1209. It is unjust and unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these wrongly secured benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1210. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1211. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

## **22. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Wisconsin-GSK Classes**

### **COUNT 63**

#### **Violation of the Wisconsin Deceptive Trade Practices Act (Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18, *et seq.*) (Against GSK)**

1212. Wisconsin Class Representative Wendy Quezaire incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1213. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wisconsin-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1214. Defendant is a “person, firm, corporation or association” within the meaning of Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

1215. Plaintiff and the Class members are members of “the public” within the meaning of Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

1216. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “merchandise” within the meaning of Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

1217. The Wisconsin Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“Wisconsin DTPA”) prohibits any “assertion, representation or statement of fact which is untrue, deceptive or misleading.” Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

1218. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Wisconsin DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1219. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Wisconsin DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1220. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Wisconsin DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1221. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Wisconsin DTPA.

1222. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1223. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1224. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1225. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered

material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1226. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Wisconsin DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1227. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1228. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1229. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Wisconsin DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Wisconsin DTPA.

**COUNT 64**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Wis. Stat. Ann. §402.314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1230. Wisconsin Class Representative Wendy Quezaire incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 347-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1231. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wisconsin-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1232. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Wisconsin Class Representative and members of the Wisconsin Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1233. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1234. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1235. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1236. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1237. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1238. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1239. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1240. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1241. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 65**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Wisconsin Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1242. Wisconsin Class Representative Wendy Quezaire incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1243. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wisconsin-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1244. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1245. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1246. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1247. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1248. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1249. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

1250. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **IX. CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST BRAND OTC MANUFACTURER DEFENDANTS**

### **A. Causes of Actions Against GSK**

1251. For the purposes of the subsequent causes of action against Defendant GSK, Plaintiffs are incorporating the following allegations by reference: paragraphs 9-13 (corporate information); 273-277 (jurisdiction and venue); 279-303 (development of brand Zantac); 317-361 (knowledge that NDMA is carcinogenic); 362-382 (discovery by regulatory agencies that ranitidine contained NDMA); 383-386 (transformation of ranitidine into NDMA); 387-415, 445-456 (knowledge that ranitidine had the potential to transform into NDMA); 416-422 (NDMA formation in organs of the human body); 423-435 (NDMA formation by exposure to heat, moisture and/or time); 436-442 (link between ranitidine exposure and cancer); 462-469 (requirement to notify the FDA of presence of NDMA in ranitidine); 470-474 (compliance with current Good



Manufacturing Practices); 868-894 (misrepresentations or omissions of material fact in labeling); 895-911 (misrepresentations or omissions of material fact in packaging); and 475-483 (equitable tolling).

1252. Plaintiff identified in the table below bring claims against Defendant GSK with respect to OTC Zantac on behalf of themselves and their respective State Classes under the laws of their respective states. Each Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations specific to them from Section II.B., *supra*, into their respective claims below:

<b><u>Plaintiff Name</u></b>	<b><u>State(s) of Residence</u></b>
Andy Green Jr.	Arkansas
Richard Obrien	California
Jeffrey Pisano	Colorado
Ricardo Moròn	Florida
Michael Galloway	Florida
Charles Longfield	Maryland; Wyoming
Randy Jones	Louisiana
Jerry Hunt	Michigan
Lakisha Wilson	Michigan
Ronda Lockett	Missouri
Tammy Smith	Missouri, Louisiana, Texas
Dennis Robbins	North Carolina
Gaylord Stauffer	Nebraska
Jonathan Ferguson	Oregon, Nevada
Gloria Colon	Puerto Rico
Earlene Green	Washington

**1. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Arkansas-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 66**  
**Violation of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act**  
**(Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-101, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1253. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1254. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1255. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-102(5).

1256. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-102(4).

1257. The Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“Arkansas DTPA”) prohibits “[d]eceptive and unconscionable trade practices.” Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a).

1258. The Arkansas DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[k]nowingly making a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services or as to whether goods are original or new or of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(1));
- (b) “[a]dvertising the goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(3)); and
- (c) “[e]ngaging in any other unconscionable, false, or deceptive act or practice in business, commerce, or trade” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(10)).

1259. The Arkansas DTPA also prohibits the following when utilized in connection with the sale or advertisement of any goods: “(1) The act, use, or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, or false pretense; [or] (2) [t]he concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression, or omission . . . .” Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-108(a).

1260. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1261. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1262. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1263. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Arkansas DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

1264. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1265. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1266. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1267. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members,

about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1268. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1269. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

1270. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of Arkansas DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1271. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1272. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1273. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Arkansas DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Arkansas DTPA.

**COUNT 67**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Ark. Code Ann. §4-2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1274. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1275. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1276. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Arkansas Class Representatives and members of the Arkansas Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1277. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1278. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1279. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1280. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1281. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1282. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1283. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1284. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1285. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 68**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Arkansas Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1286. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1287. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1288. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1289. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,



Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1290. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1291. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

1292. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1293. There is no valid, legal, and binding contract governing this dispute.

1294. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**2. Causes of Action on Behalf of the California-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 69**  
**Violation of the California Unfair Competition Law**  
**(Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1295. California Class Representative Richard O'brien incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1296. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1297. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are "persons" within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17201.

1298. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200 ("California UCL") prohibits acts of "unfair competition," including any "unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice" and "unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising."

1299. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1300. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by

printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1301. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1302. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California UCL. These acts also constitute “fraudulent” business acts and practices under the California UCL in that Defendant’s conduct is false, misleading, and has a tendency to deceive the Class and the general public.

1303. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1304. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1305. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of

Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1306. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1307. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1308. Moreover, Defendant engaged in "unlawful" business acts or practices by violating both federal and California laws, including: the federal RICO statute, 18 U.S.C. §1962(c)-(d); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§331(a), (c), (g), 351(a)(2)(B), (b), (d), 352(a)(1), (c), (e)(1)(A)(ii), (f)-(g), (i)(2)-(3), (j), (n), (p); Good Manufacturing Practices, 21 C.F.R. 210.1(a), 211.142(b); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Laws, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§111260, 111280, 111290, 111295, 111305, 111330, 111345, 111355(a)(3), 111360(b), 111375, 111380, 111395(a)-(b), 111400, 111440, 111445, 111450; the Consumer Legal Remedies

Act, Cal. Civ. Code §1750; and the California FAL, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, as alleged herein.

1309. Defendant's conduct also constitutes "unfair" business acts or practices. Under the balancing test, the determination of whether a business practice is "unfair" involves examining the practice's impact on its alleged victim, balanced against the reasons, justifications, and motives of the alleged wrongdoer.

1310. Additionally, Defendant's conduct was "unfair" under the tethering test, in that it violated the federal RICO statute, 18 U.S.C. §1962(c)-(d); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§331(a), (c), (g), 351(a)(2)(B), (b), (d), 352(a)(1), (c), (e)(1)(A)(ii), (f)-(g), (i)(2)-(3), (j), (n), (p); Good Manufacturing Practices, 21 C.F.R. 210.1(a), 211.142(b); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Laws, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§111260, 111280, 111290, 111295, 111305, 111330, 111345, 111355(a)(3), 111360(b), 111375, 111380, 111395(a)-(b), 111400, 111440, 111445, 111450; the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, *see* Cal. Civ. Code §1760; and the California FAL, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, which reflect the United States' and California's policy of protecting consumers against unfair and deceptive business practices and adulterated and misbranded drugs.

1311. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California UCL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1312. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding

Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1313. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1314. Pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§17200 and 17203, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order providing restitution relating to the above-described unfair business acts or practices, and injunctive and declaratory relief as may be appropriate.

**COUNT 70**  
**Violation of the California False Advertising Law**  
**(Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1315. California Class Representatives Richard O'brien incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1316. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1317. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are "persons" within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17506.

1318. The California False Advertising Law ("California FAL") prohibits "any person, . . . corporation . . . or any employee thereof with intent directly or indirectly to dispose of real or personal property . . . or to induce the public to enter into any obligation relating thereto, to make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated . . . before the public in this state or from this

state before the public in any state, in any newspaper or other publication, or any advertising device, . . . or in any other manner or means whatever, including over the internet, any statement . . . which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.” Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500.

1319. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1320. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1321. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1322. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California FAL, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

1323. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1324. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1325. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1326. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the



inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1327. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1328. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California FAL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1329. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1330. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1331. As a result of Defendant's violations of the California FAL, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order providing restitution and disgorgement of all profits

relating to the above-described business acts or practices, and other appropriate relief, including injunctive and declaratory relief as may be appropriate under the California FAL.

**COUNT 71**  
**Violation of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act**  
**(Cal. Civ. Code §1750, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1332. California Class Representatives Richard O'brien incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1333. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1334. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(c).

1335. Plaintiff and the Class members are "[c]onsumer[s]" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(d).

1336. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are "[g]oods" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(a).

1337. The California Consumers Legal Remedies Act ("California CLRA") prohibits "unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices undertaken by any person in a transaction intended to result or that results in the sale or lease of goods or services to any consumer." Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a).

1338. The California CLRA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) "[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have" (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(5));

- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(7));
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(9)); and
- (d) “[r]epresenting that the subject of a transaction has been supplied in accordance with a previous representation when it has not” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(16)).

1339. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1340. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1341. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1342. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California CLRA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

1343. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1344. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1345. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1346. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the

inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1347. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1348. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California CLRA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as set forth above.

1349. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1350. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1351. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual

notice letters sent by various Plaintiff within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1782 to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

1352. Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1780(a), Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding damages and any other just and proper relief available under the California CLRA. Under Cal. Civ. Code §1780(b), Plaintiffs seek an additional award against Defendant of up to \$5,000 for each Class member who qualifies as a "senior citizen" or "disabled person" under the California CLRA. Defendant knew or should have known that its conduct was directed to one or more Class members who are senior citizens or disabled persons. Defendant's conduct caused one or more of these senior citizens or disabled persons to suffer a substantial loss of property set aside for retirement or for personal or family care and maintenance, or assets essential to the health or welfare of the senior citizen or disabled person. One or more Class members who are senior citizens or disabled persons are substantially more vulnerable to Defendant's conduct because of age, poor health or infirmity, impaired understanding, restricted mobility, or disability, and each of them suffered substantial economic damage resulting from Defendant's conduct.

**COUNT 72**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Cal. Com. Code §2314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1353. California Class Representatives Richard O'brien incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1354. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1355. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the California Class Representatives and members of the California Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1356. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1357. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1358. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1359. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant’s skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1360. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1361. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1362. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1363. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1364. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 73**  
**Unjust Enrichment or Quasi-Contract**  
**(California Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1365. California Class Representatives Richard O'brien incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.



1366. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1367. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1368. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1369. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1370. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the

Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1371. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1372. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

### **3. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Colorado-GSK Classes**

#### **COUNT 74 Violation of the Colorado Consumer Protection Act (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-101, *et seq.*) (Against GSK)**

1373. Colorado Class Representative Jeffrey Pisano incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1374. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Colorado-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1375. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-102(6).

1376. The Colorado Consumer Protection Act ("Colorado CPA") prohibits unfair, unconscionable, and deceptive acts or practices "in the course of the person's business, vocation, or occupation." Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1).

1377. The Colorado CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) "[e]ither knowingly or recklessly mak[ing] a false representation as to the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods, services, or property" (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(b));

- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that goods, food, services, or property are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if he knows or should know that they are of another” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(g));
- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing] goods, services, or property with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(i));
- (d) “[f]ails to disclose material information concerning goods, services, or property which information was known at the time of an advertisement or sale if such failure to disclose such information was intended to induce the consumer to enter into a transaction” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(u)); and
- (e) “[e]ither knowingly or recklessly engage[ing] in any unfair, unconscionable, deceptive, deliberately misleading, false, or fraudulent act or practice” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(kkk)).

1378. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer. Such conduct was bad faith conduct under the Colorado CPA.

1379. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1380. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1381. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Colorado CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce; and
- (e) failing to disclose the defective Ranitidine-Containing Products in connection with their sale to the public.

1382. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1383. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1384. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of

Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1385. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1386. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1387. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

1388. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Colorado CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1389. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1390. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1391. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Colorado CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Colorado CPA.

**COUNT 75**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Colorado Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1392. Colorado Class Representative Jeffrey Pisano incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1393. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Colorado-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1394. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1395. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members suffered a detriment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

1396. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1397. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits without commensurate compensation because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1398. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1399. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**4. Causes of Action Brought on Behalf of the Florida Class**

**COUNT 76**  
**Violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act**  
**(Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.201, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1400. Florida Class Representatives Ricardo Moròn and Michael Galloway incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1401. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Florida-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1402. The Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (“FDUTPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.204(1).

1403. In construing the provisions of the FDUTPA, “due consideration and great weight shall be given to the interpretations of the Federal Trade Commission and the federal courts relating to s. 5(a)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. s. 45(a)(1) as of July 1, 2017.” Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.204(2).

1404. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” and “[i]nterested part[ies] or person[s]” as defined by the FDUTPA. *See* Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.203(6)-(7).

1405. Defendant engaged in “[t]rade or commerce” as defined by the FDUTPA. *See* Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.203(8).

1406. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to



disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1407. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1408. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1409. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the FDUTPA.

1410. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1411. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1412. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1413. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1414. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1415. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the FDUTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1416. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1417. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1418. As a result of Defendant's violations of the FDUTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the FDUTPA.

**COUNT 77**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Florida Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1419. Florida Class Representatives Ricardo Moròn, and Michael Galloway incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1420. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Florida-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1421. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1422. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members suffered an impoverishment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

1423. Defendant voluntarily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1424. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits without paying the value thereof because the benefits were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1425. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1426. There is no express written contract governing this dispute.

1427. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**5. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Louisiana-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 78**

**Violation of the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law  
(La. Stat. Ann. §51:1401, *et seq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

1428. Louisiana Class Representatives Randy Jones and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1429. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1430. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(8).

1431. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(1).

1432. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(10).

1433. The Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law (“Louisiana CPL”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” La. Stat. Ann. §51:1405(A).

1434. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-

Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1435. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1436. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1437. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Louisiana CPL.

1438. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1439. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1440. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1441. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1442. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1443. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

1444. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Louisiana CPL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1445. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1446. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1447. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Louisiana CPL, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Louisiana CPL.

**COUNT 79**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(La. Civ. Code Ann. Art. §2520)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1448. Louisiana Class Representatives Randy Jones and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1449. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").



1450. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Louisiana Class Representatives and members of the Louisiana Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1451. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1452. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1453. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1454. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1455. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1456. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1457. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1458. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1459. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 80**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Louisiana Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1460. Louisiana Class Representatives Randy Jones and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1461. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1462. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1463. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1464. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1465. Defendant's enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiff for the Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiff's impoverishment – the receipt by Plaintiff of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

1466. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-

Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1467. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1468. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**6. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Maryland-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 81**  
**Violation of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act**  
**(Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1469. Maryland Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1470. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1471. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(h).

1472. Plaintiffs and the Class members are "[c]onsumer[s]" within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(c)(1).

1473. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are "[m]erchandise" within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(f).

1474. The Maryland Consumer Protection Act ("Maryland CPA") prohibits "[u]nfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practices." Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301.

1475. The Maryland CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[f]alse, falsely disparaging, or misleading oral or written statement, visual description, or other representation of any kind which has the capacity, tendency, or effect of deceiving or misleading consumers” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(1));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that . . . [c]onsumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services have a sponsorship, approval, accessory, characteristic, ingredient, use, benefit, or quantity which they do not have” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(2)(i));
- (c) “[r]epresent[ing] that . . . [c]onsumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model which they are not” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(2)(iv));
- (d) “[f]ailure to state a material fact if the failure deceives or tends to deceive” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(3));
- (e) “[a]dvertis[ing] or offer[ing] of consumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services . . . [w]ithout intent to sell, lease, or rent them as advertised or offered” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(5)(i)); and
- (f) “[d]eception, fraud, false pretense, false premise, misrepresentation, or knowing concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with the intent that a consumer rely on the same in connection with . . . [t]he promotion or sale of any consumer goods” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(9)(i)).

1476. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1477. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products

remained stable and thus resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1478. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1479. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Maryland CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) failing to disclose that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are defective and inherently dangerous in the course of the sale of the Ranitidine-Containing Products; and
- (e) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

1480. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1481. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1482. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1483. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1484. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1485. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

1486. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Maryland CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1487. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1488. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1489. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Maryland CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Maryland CPA.

**COUNT 82**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Md. Code Ann. §2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1490. Maryland Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1491. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").



1492. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Maryland Class Representatives and members of the Maryland Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1493. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1494. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1495. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1496. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1497. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1498. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1499. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1500. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1501. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 83**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Maryland Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1502. Maryland Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1503. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1504. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1505. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and thus resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1506. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and thus resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1507. It would be unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1508. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and therefore restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1509. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**7. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Michigan-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 84**  
**Violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act**  
**(Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.901, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1510. Michigan Class Representatives Jerry Hunt and Lakisha Wilson incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1511. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Michigan-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1512. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.902(1)(d).

1513. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.902(1)(g).

1514. The Michigan Consumer Protection Act (“Michigan CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair, unconscionable, or deceptive methods, acts, or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce.” Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1).

1515. The Michigan CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(c));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(e)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising or representing goods or services with intent not to dispose of those goods or services as advertised or represented” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(g)).

1516. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1517. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1518. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1519. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Michigan CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

1520. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1521. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1522. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1523. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the

inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1524. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1525. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Michigan CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1526. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1527. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1528. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Michigan CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or

practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Michigan CPA.

**COUNT 85**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Michigan Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1529. Michigan Class Representatives Jerry Hunt and Lakisha Wilson incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1530. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Michigan-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1531. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1532. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1533. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members'



expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1534. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

1535. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1536. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

1537. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **8. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Missouri-GSK Classes**

### **COUNT 86 Violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act (Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010, *et seq.*) (Against GSK)**

1538. Missouri Class Representatives Ronda Lockett and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1539. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1540. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010(5).

1541. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade or commerce” within the meaning of Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010(7).

1542. The Missouri Merchandising Practices Act (“Missouri MPA”) prohibits “act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, unfair practice or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise in trade or commerce.” Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.020(1).

1543. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1544. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1545. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1546. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Missouri MPA.

1547. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1548. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1549. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1550. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)

the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1551. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1552. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Missouri MPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1553. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1554. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1555. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Missouri MPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Missouri MPA.

**COUNT 87**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Mo. Rev. Stat. §400.2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1556. Missouri Class Representatives Ronda Lockett and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1557. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1558. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Missouri Class Representative and members of the Missouri Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1559. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1560. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1561. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1562. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1563. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1564. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1565. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1566. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1567. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and

punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 88**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Missouri Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1568. Missouri Class Representatives Ronda Lockett and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1569. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1570. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1571. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1572. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members'

expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1573. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

1574. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1575. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

1576. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**9. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Nebraska-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 89**  
**Violation of the Nebraska Consumer Protection Act**  
**(Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1577. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.



1578. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1579. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(1).

1580. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[a]ssets” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(3).

1581. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(2).

1582. The Nebraska Consumer Protection Act (“Nebraska CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1602.

1583. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1584. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products

remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1585. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1586. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Nebraska CPA.

1587. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1588. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1589. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1590. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1591. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1592. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Nebraska CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1593. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1594. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1595. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Nebraska CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Nebraska CPA.

**COUNT 90**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Neb. U.C.C. §2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1596. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1597. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1598. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Nebraska Class Representatives and members of the Nebraska Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1599. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1600. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1601. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1602. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1603. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1604. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1605. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1606. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1607. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 91**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Nebraska Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1608. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1609. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1610. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1611. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1612. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1613. It is unjust and unfair for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

1614. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1615. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

1616. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**10. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Nevada-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 92**

**Violation of the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act  
(Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0903, *et seq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

1617. Nevada Class Representative Jonathan Ferguson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1618. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nevada-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1619. The Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“Nevada DTPA”), prohibits the use of “‘deceptive trade practices’ . . . in the course of . . . business or occupation.” Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915.

1620. The Nevada DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[k]nowingly mak[ing] a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations or quantities of goods or services for sale or lease or a false representation as to the sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation or connection of a person therewith” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(5));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that goods or services for sale or lease are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that such goods are of a particular style or model, if he or she knows or should know that they are of another standard, quality, grade, style or model” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(7));
- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing] goods or services with intent not to sell or lease them as advertised” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(9));
- (d) “[k]nowingly mak[ing] any other false representation in a transaction” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(15)); and
- (e) “[f]ail[ing] to disclose a material fact in connection with the sale or lease of goods or services” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0923(2)).



1621. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nevada DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1622. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nevada DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1623. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nevada DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1624. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Nevada DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;

- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) failing to disclose the NDMA danger in connection with the sale of the Ranitidine-Containing Products; and
- (e) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

1625. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1626. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1627. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1628. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1629. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1630. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Nevada DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1631. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1632. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1633. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Nevada DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Nevada DTPA.

**COUNT 93**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Nevada Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1634. Nevada Class Representative Jonathan Ferguson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1635. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nevada-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Brand Manufacturer Defendant GSK with respect to Zantac OTC purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1636. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1637. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1638. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and

that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1639. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1640. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1641. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

1642. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**11. Causes of Action on Behalf of the North Carolina-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 94**

**Violation of the North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act  
(N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1, *et seq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

1643. North Carolina Class Representative Dennis Robbins incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1644. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1645. Defendant was and is engaged in "commerce" within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1(b).

1646. The North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“North Carolina UDTPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce,” N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1(a), and provides a private right of action for any person injured “by reason of any act or thing done by any other person, firm or corporation in violation of” the law. N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-16.

1647. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1648. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1649. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1650. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the North Carolina UDTPA.

1651. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1652. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1653. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1654. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1655. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered

material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1656. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the North Carolina UDTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1657. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1658. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1659. As a result of Defendant's violations of the North Carolina UDTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the North Carolina UDTPA.



**COUNT 95**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §25-2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1660. North Carolina Class Representative Dennis Robbins incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1661. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1662. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to North Carolina Class Representatives and members of the North Carolina Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1663. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1664. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1665. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1666. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1667. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1668. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1669. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1670. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1671. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 96**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(North Carolina Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1672. North Carolina Class Representative Dennis Robbins incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1673. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1674. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1675. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1676. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and

that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1677. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1678. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1679. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

## **12. Causes of Action on Behalf of Oregon-GSK Classes**

### **COUNT 97**

#### **Violation of the Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605, *et seq.*) (Against GSK)**

1680. Oregon Class Representative Jonathan Ferguson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1681. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oregon-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1682. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605(4).

1683. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “goods” within the meaning of Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605(6).

1684. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605(8).

1685. The Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act (“Oregon UTPA”) prohibits “unlawful practice . . . in the course of the person’s business.” Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1).

1686. The Oregon UTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresent[ing] that real estate, goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, quantities or qualities that the real estate, goods or services do not have” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(e));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that real estate, goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that real estate or goods are of a particular style or model, if the real estate, goods or services are of another” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(g));
- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing] real estate, goods or services with intent not to provide the real estate, goods or services as advertised” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(i)); and
- (d) “[e]ngag[ing] in any other unfair or deceptive conduct in trade or commerce” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(u)).

1687. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oregon UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1688. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oregon UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1689. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oregon UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1690. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Oregon UTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

1691. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1692. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1693. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1694. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1695. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1696. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Oregon UTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1697. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1698. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1699. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Oregon UTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Oregon UTPA.

**COUNT 98**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Or. Rev. Stat. §72.3140)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1700. Oregon Class Representative Jonathan Ferguson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1701. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oregon-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1702. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Oregon Class Representatives and members of the Oregon Class and was in the business of selling such products.



1703. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1704. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1705. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1706. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1707. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1708. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1709. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1710. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1711. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 99**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Oregon Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1712. Oregon Class Representative Jonathan Ferguson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1713. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oregon-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1714. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1715. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1716. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1717. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1718. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1719. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

1720. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**13. Causes of Action on Behalf of Puerto Rico-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 100  
Breach of Implied Warranty  
(P.R. Laws Ann. tit. 31, §3841)  
(Against GSK)**

1721. Puerto Rico Class Representative Gloria Colon incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1722. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Puerto Rico-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1723. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Puerto Rico Class Representatives and members of the Puerto Rico Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1724. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1725. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1726. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1727. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1728. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1729. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1730. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1731. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1732. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 101**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Puerto Rico Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1733. Puerto Rico Class Representative Gloria Colon incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1734. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Puerto Rico-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1735. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1736. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1737. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1738. Defendant’s enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiff’s and Class members’ purchases of Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiff’s and Class members’ impoverishment – *i.e.*, Plaintiff’s and Class members’ receipt of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

1739. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

1740. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1741. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**14. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Texas-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 102**

**Violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act  
(Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.41, *et seq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

1742. Texas Class Representative Tammy Smith incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1743. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1744. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(3).

1745. Plaintiff and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(4).

1746. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(1).

1747. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(6).

1748. The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act (“Texas DTPA”) prohibits “[f]alse, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce,” Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(a), and an “[u]nconscionable action or course of action,” which means “an act or practice which, to a consumer’s detriment, takes advantage of the lack of knowledge, ability, experience, or capacity of the consumer to a grossly unfair degree.” Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §§17.45(5) and 17.50(a)(3).



1749. The Texas DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(5));
- (b) “representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(7)); and
- (c) “advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(9)).

1750. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1751. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1752. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1753. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Texas DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not; and
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

1754. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1755. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1756. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1757. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)

the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1758. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1759. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

1760. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Texas DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1761. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1762. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1763. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiff within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.505(a) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

1764. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Texas DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Texas DTPA.

**COUNT 103**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1765. Texas Class Representative Tammy Smith incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1766. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1767. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Texas Class Representatives and members of the Texas Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1768. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1769. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1770. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1771. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1772. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1773. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1774. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1775. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1776. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 104**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Texas Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1777. Texas Class Representative Tammy Smith incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1778. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1779. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1780. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1781. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1782. It is unjust and unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these wrongly secured benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1783. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1784. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**15. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Washington-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 105**

**Violation of the Washington Consumer Protection Act  
(Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010, *et seq.*)  
(Against GSK)**

1785. Washington Class Representative Earlene Green incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1786. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1787. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(1).

1788. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[a]ssets” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(3).

1789. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(2).

1790. The Washington Consumer Protection Act (“Washington CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.020.

1791. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its



Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1792. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1793. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1794. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Washington CPA.

1795. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1796. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1797. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1798. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1799. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1800. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Washington CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1801. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1802. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1803. On June 22, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.095 to the Attorney General of the State of Washington.

1804. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Washington CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Washington CPA.

**COUNT 106**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Wash. Rev. Code §62A.2-314)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1805. Washington Class Representative Earlene Green incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1806. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1807. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Washington Class Representatives and members of the Washington Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1808. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1809. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1810. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1811. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1812. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1813. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1814. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1815. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1816. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 107**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Washington Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1817. Washington Class Representatives Earlene Green incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1818. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1819. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1820. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1821. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1822. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1823. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1824. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

1825. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**16. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Wyoming-GSK Classes**

**COUNT 108  
Breach of Implied Warranty  
(Wyo. Stat. §34.1-2-314)  
(Against GSK)**

1826. Wyoming Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1827. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wyoming-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1828. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Wyoming Class Representatives and members of the Wyoming Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1829. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1830. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1831. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1832. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1833. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1834. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1835. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1836. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of



the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1837. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 109**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Wyoming Law)**  
**(Against GSK)**

1838. Wyoming Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 9-13, 136-140, 142-166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1839. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wyoming-GSK Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against GSK with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1840. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1841. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1842. Defendant readily accepted, retained, and enjoyed these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1843. Defendant knew that Plaintiff and Class members reasonably expected to receive safe and effective medications.

1844. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

1845. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1846. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**B. Causes of Action Against Pfizer**

1847. For the purposes of the subsequent causes of action against Defendant Pfizer, Plaintiffs are incorporating the following allegations by reference: paragraphs 14-15 (corporate

information); 136-140 (jurisdiction and venue); 142-166 (development of brand Zantac); 167-211 (knowledge that NDMA is carcinogenic); 212-232 (discovery by regulatory agencies that ranitidine contained NDMA); 233-236 (transformation of ranitidine into NDMA); 237-264 (knowledge that ranitidine had the potential to transform into NDMA); 265-271 (NDMA formation in organs of the human body); 272-284 (NDMA formation by exposure to heat, moisture and/or time); 285-291 (link between ranitidine exposure and cancer); 313-317 (compliance with current Good Manufacturing Practices); 347-398 (misrepresentations or omissions of material fact in labeling and packaging 318-323 (Plaintiffs' purchases of Rantidine-Containing Products) and 324-332 (equitable tolling).

1848. Plaintiffs identified in the table below bring claims against Defendant Pfizer on behalf of themselves and their respective State Classes under the laws of their respective states. Each Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations specific to them from Section II.B., *supra*, into their respective claims below:

<b><u>Plaintiff Name</u></b>	<b><u>State(s) of Residence</u></b>
Andy Green Jr.	Arkansas
Golbenaz Bakhtiar	California
Richard Obrien	California
Virginia Aragon	California
Jeffrey Pisano	Colorado
Angel Cordero	Connecticut
Gustavo Velasquez	Florida
Joshua Winans	Florida
Ricardo Moròn	Florida
Kathy Jeffries	Florida; Georgia
Carol Harkins	Illinois
Janet Asbury	Kentucky

Randy Jones	Louisiana
Alberta Griffin	Maryland
Nicholas Hazlett	Maryland
Jerry Hunt	Michigan
Kenneth Hix	Michigan
Lakisha Wilson	Michigan
Donald Northrup	Minnesota
Roy Armstrong	Minnesota
John Scholl	Minnesota; North Dakota
Beverly Crosby	Mississippi
John Rachal	Mississippi
Dennis Robbins	North Carolina
Gaylord Stauffer	Nebraska
Dan Zhovtis	New York
Mary McCullen	New York
Chris Troyan	Ohio
Michael Galloway	Ohio, Florida
Jonathan Ferguson	Nevada, Oregon; Washington
Gloria Colon	Puerto Rico
Sonia Diaz	Puerto Rico
Dale Hunter	Tennessee
Eva Broughton	Tennessee
Marianella Villanueva	Texas
Ronda Lockett	Texas, Missouri
Sylvia Yoshida	Texas
Tammy Smith	Texas, Louisiana, Missouri
Robert Dewitt	Washington
Steve Fischer	Washington

Earlene Green	Washington
Wendy Quezaire	Wisconsin
Ida Adams	West Virginia; Maryland
Charles Longfield	Wyoming, Maryland

**1. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Arkansas-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 110**

**Violation of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act  
(Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-101, *et seq.*)  
(Against Pfizer)**

1849. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1850. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1851. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-102(5).

1852. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-102(4).

1853. The Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“Arkansas DTPA”) prohibits “[d]eceptive and unconscionable trade practices.” Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a).

1854. The Arkansas DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[k]nowingly making a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services or as to whether goods are original or new or of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(1));
- (b) “[a]dvertising the goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(3)); and

- (c) “[e]ngaging in any other unconscionable, false, or deceptive act or practice in business, commerce, or trade” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(10)).

1855. The Arkansas DTPA also prohibits the following when utilized in connection with the sale or advertisement of any goods: “(1) The act, use, or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, or false pretense; [or] (2) [t]he concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression, or omission . . . .” Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-108(a).

1856. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1857. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1858. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1859. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Arkansas DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

1860. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1861. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1862. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1863. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein,

had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1864. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1865. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

1866. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of Arkansas DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1867. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices



alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1868. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1869. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Arkansas DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Arkansas DTPA.

**COUNT 111**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Ark. Code Ann. §4-2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

1870. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1871. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1872. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Arkansas Class Representatives and members of the Arkansas Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1873. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the

products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1874. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1875. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1876. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1877. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1878. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1879. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1880. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1881. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 112**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Arkansas Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

1882. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1883. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1884. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1885. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and,

thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1886. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1887. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

1888. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1889. There is no valid, legal, and binding contract governing this dispute.

1890. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **2. Causes of Action on Behalf of the California-Pfizer Classes**

### **COUNT 113 Violation of the California Unfair Competition Law (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200, *et seq.*) (Against Pfizer)**

1891. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1892. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1893. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "persons" within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17201.

1894. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200 ("California UCL") prohibits acts of "unfair competition," including any "unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice" and "unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising."

1895. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1896. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products

remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1897. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1898. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California UCL. These acts also constitute “fraudulent” business acts and practices under the California UCL in that Defendant’s conduct is false, misleading, and has a tendency to deceive the Class and the general public.

1899. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1900. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1901. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of

Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1902. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1903. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1904. Moreover, Defendant engaged in "unlawful" business acts or practices by violating both federal and California laws, including: the federal RICO statute, 18 U.S.C. §1962(c)-(d); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§331(a), (c), (g), 351(a)(2)(B), (b), (d), 352(a)(1), (c), (e)(1)(A)(ii), (f)-(g), (i)(2)-(3), (j), (n), (p); Good Manufacturing Practices, 21 C.F.R. 210.1(a), 211.142(b); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Laws, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§111260, 111280, 111290, 111295, 111305, 111330, 111345, 111355(a)(3), 111360(b), 111375, 111380, 111395(a)-(b), 111400, 111440, 111445, 111450; the Consumer Legal Remedies

Act, Cal. Civ. Code §1750; and the California FAL, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, as alleged herein.

1905. Defendant's conduct also constitutes "unfair" business acts or practices. Under the balancing test, the determination of whether a business practice is "unfair" involves examining the practice's impact on its alleged victim, balanced against the reasons, justifications, and motives of the alleged wrongdoer.

1906. Additionally, Defendant's conduct was "unfair" under the tethering test, in that it violated the federal RICO statute, 18 U.S.C. §1962(c)-(d); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§331(a), (c), (g), 351(a)(2)(B), (b), (d), 352(a)(1), (c), (e)(1)(A)(ii), (f)-(g), (i)(2)-(3), (j), (n), (p); Good Manufacturing Practices, 21 C.F.R. 210.1(a), 211.142(b); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Laws, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§111260, 111280, 111290, 111295, 111305, 111330, 111345, 111355(a)(3), 111360(b), 111375, 111380, 111395(a)-(b), 111400, 111440, 111445, 111450; the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, *see* Cal. Civ. Code §1760; and the California FAL, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, which reflect the United States' and California's policy of protecting consumers against unfair and deceptive business practices and adulterated and misbranded drugs.

1907. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California UCL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1908. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding



Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1909. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1910. Pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§17200 and 17203, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order providing restitution relating to the above-described unfair business acts or practices, and injunctive and declaratory relief as may be appropriate.

**COUNT 114**  
**Violation of the California False Advertising Law**  
**(Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

1911. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1912. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1913. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "persons" within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17506.

1914. The California False Advertising Law ("California FAL") prohibits "any person, . . . corporation . . . or any employee thereof with intent directly or indirectly to dispose of real or personal property . . . or to induce the public to enter into any obligation relating thereto, to make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated . . . before the public in this state or from this state before the public in any state, in any newspaper or other publication, or any advertising

device, . . . or in any other manner or means whatever, including over the internet, any statement . . . which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.” Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500.

1915. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1916. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1917. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1918. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California FAL, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

1919. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1920. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1921. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1922. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)

the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1923. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1924. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California FAL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1925. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1926. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1927. As a result of Defendant's violations of the California FAL, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order providing restitution and disgorgement of all profits relating to the above-described business acts or practices, and other appropriate relief, including injunctive and declaratory relief as may be appropriate under the California FAL.

**COUNT 115**  
**Violation of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act**  
**(Cal. Civ. Code §1750, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

1928. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1929. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1930. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(c).

1931. Plaintiffs and the Class members are "[c]onsumer[s]" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(d).

1932. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are "[g]oods" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(a).

1933. The California Consumers Legal Remedies Act ("California CLRA") prohibits "unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices undertaken by any person in a transaction intended to result or that results in the sale or lease of goods or services to any consumer." Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a).

1934. The California CLRA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) "[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have" (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(5));
- (b) "[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another" (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(7));
- (c) "[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised" (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(9)); and

- (d) “[r]epresenting that the subject of a transaction has been supplied in accordance with a previous representation when it has not” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(16)).

1935. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1936. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1937. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1938. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California CLRA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

1939. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1940. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1941. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1942. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1943. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1944. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California CLRA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as set forth above.

1945. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1946. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1947. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by various Plaintiff within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1782 to Defendant. Because



Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

1948. Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1780(a), Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding damages and any other just and proper relief available under the California CLRA. Under Cal. Civ. Code §1780(b), Plaintiffs seek an additional award against Defendant of up to \$5,000 for each Class member who qualifies as a "senior citizen" or "disabled person" under the California CLRA. Defendant knew or should have known that its conduct was directed to one or more Class members who are senior citizens or disabled persons. Defendant's conduct caused one or more of these senior citizens or disabled persons to suffer a substantial loss of property set aside for retirement or for personal or family care and maintenance, or assets essential to the health or welfare of the senior citizen or disabled person. One or more Class members who are senior citizens or disabled persons are substantially more vulnerable to Defendant's conduct because of age, poor health or infirmity, impaired understanding, restricted mobility, or disability, and each of them suffered substantial economic damage resulting from Defendant's conduct.

**COUNT 116**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Cal. Com. Code §2314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

1949. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1950. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1951. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the California Class Representatives and members of the California Class and was in the business of selling such products.

1952. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1953. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1954. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

1955. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1956. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

1957. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

1958. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1959. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

1960. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 117**  
**Unjust Enrichment or Quasi-Contract**  
**(California Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

1961. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1962. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1963. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1964. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

1965. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1966. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1967. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1968. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

### **3. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Colorado-Pfizer Classes**

#### **COUNT 118 Violation of the Colorado Consumer Protection Act (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-101, *et seq.*) (Against Pfizer)**

1969. Colorado Class Representative Jeffrey Pisano incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1970. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Colorado-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1971. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-102(6).

1972. The Colorado Consumer Protection Act (“Colorado CPA”) prohibits unfair, unconscionable, and deceptive acts or practices “in the course of the person’s business, vocation, or occupation.” Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1).

1973. The Colorado CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[e]ither knowingly or recklessly mak[ing] a false representation as to the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods, services, or property” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(b));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that goods, food, services, or property are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if he knows or should know that they are of another” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(g));

- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing] goods, services, or property with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(i));
- (d) “[f]ails to disclose material information concerning goods, services, or property which information was known at the time of an advertisement or sale if such failure to disclose such information was intended to induce the consumer to enter into a transaction” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(u)); and
- (e) “[e]ither knowingly or recklessly engage[ing] in any unfair, unconscionable, deceptive, deliberately misleading, false, or fraudulent act or practice” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(kkk)).

1974. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer. Such conduct was bad faith conduct under the Colorado CPA.

1975. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1976. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

1977. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Colorado CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce; and
- (e) failing to disclose the defective Ranitidine-Containing Products in connection with their sale to the public.

1978. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1979. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1980. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

1981. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

1982. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

1983. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

1984. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Colorado CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

1985. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices



alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

1986. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

1987. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Colorado CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Colorado CPA.

**COUNT 119**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Colorado Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

1988. Colorado Class Representatives Jeffrey Pisano and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1989. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Colorado-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

1990. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

1991. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the

products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members suffered a detriment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

1992. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

1993. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits without commensurate compensation because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

1994. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

1995. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**4. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Connecticut Class**

**COUNT 120**  
**Violation of the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act**  
**(Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110a, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

1996. Connecticut Class Representative Angel Cordero incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

1997. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Connecticut-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

1998. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110a(3).

1999. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110a(4).

2000. The Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act (“Connecticut UTPA”) prohibits “unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110b(a).

2001. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Connecticut UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2002. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Connecticut UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2003. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Connecticut UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2004. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Connecticut UTPA.

2005. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2006. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2007. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of

Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2008. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2009. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2010. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Connecticut UTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2011. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2012. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2013. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Connecticut UTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Connecticut UTPA.

**COUNT 121**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42a-2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2014. Connecticut Class Representative Angel Cordero incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2015. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Connecticut-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2016. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Connecticut Class Representative and members of the Connecticut Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2017. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2018. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2019. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2020. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2021. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2022. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2023. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2024. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2025. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 122**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Connecticut Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2026. Connecticut Class Representative Angel Cordero incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2027. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Connecticut-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2028. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2029. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,



Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2030. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2031. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2032. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2033. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **5. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Florida-Pfizer Classes**

### **COUNT 123**

#### **Violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.201, *et seq.*) (Against Pfizer)**

2034. Florida Class Representatives Gustavo Velasquez, Joshua Winans, Michael Galloway, Ricardo Moròn, and Kathy Jeffries incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2035. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Florida-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2036. The Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (“FDUTPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.204(1).

2037. In construing the provisions of the FDUTPA, “due consideration and great weight shall be given to the interpretations of the Federal Trade Commission and the federal courts relating to s. 5(a)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. s. 45(a)(1) as of July 1, 2017.” Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.204(2).

2038. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” and “[i]nterested part[ies] or person[s]” as defined by the FDUTPA. *See* Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.203(6)-(7).

2039. Defendant engaged in “[t]rade or commerce” as defined by the FDUTPA. *See* Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.203(8).

2040. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2041. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing

expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2042. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2043. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the FDUTPA.

2044. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2045. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2046. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2047. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2048. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2049. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the FDUTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2050. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2051. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2052. As a result of Defendant's violations of the FDUTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the FDUTPA.

**COUNT 124**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Florida Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2053. Florida Class Representatives Gustavo Velasquez, Joshua Winans, Michael Galloway, Ricardo Moròn, and Kathy Jeffries incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2054. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Florida-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2055. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2056. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiffs and Class members suffered an impoverishment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

2057. Defendant voluntarily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2058. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits without paying the value thereof because the benefits were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2059. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2060. There is no express written contract governing this dispute.

2061. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**6. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Georgia-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 125**  
**Violation of the Georgia Fair Business Practices Act**  
**(Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-390, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2062. Georgia Class Representative Kathy Jeffries incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2063. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Georgia-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2064. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-392(a)(24).

2065. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-392(a)(6).

2066. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” and “commerce” within the meaning of Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-392(a)(28).

2067. The Georgia Fair Business Practices Act (“Georgia FBPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of consumer transactions and consumer acts or practices in trade or commerce.” Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(a).

2068. The Georgia FBPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(b)(5));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(b)(7)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(b)(9)).

2069. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Georgia FBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2070. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Georgia FBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2071. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Georgia FBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2072. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Georgia FBPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;



- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

2073. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2074. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2075. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2076. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2077. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered

material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2078. Plaintiffs and the Class members reasonably relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

2079. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Georgia FBPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2080. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2081. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2082. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs

in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-399(b) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiffs and the Class members are entitled.

2083. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Georgia FBPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Georgia FBPA.

**COUNT 126**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Georgia Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2084. Georgia Class Representative Kathy Jeffries and incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2085. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Georgia-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2086. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2087. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2088. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2089. It is inequitable and unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2090. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2091. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

2092. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**7. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Illinois-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 127**

**Violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act  
(815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1, *et seq.*)  
(Against Pfizer)**

2093. Illinois Class Representative Carol Harkins incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2094. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Illinois-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2095. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “person[s]” within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(c).

2096. Plaintiff and the Class members are “consumer[s]” within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(e).

2097. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “merchandise” within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(b).

2098. Defendant was and is engaged in “trade” and “commerce” within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(f).

2099. The Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act (“Illinois CFDBPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including, but not limited to, the use or employment of any deception fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation or the concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact, with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression or omission of such material fact, or the use or employment of any practice described in Section 2 of the ‘Uniform Deceptive Trade

Practices Act' [815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 510/2], approved August 5, 1965, in the conduct of any trade or commerce." 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/2.

2100. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Illinois CFDBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2101. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Illinois CFDBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2102. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Illinois CFDBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2103. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Illinois CFDBPA.

2104. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2105. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2106. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2107. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2108. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class

members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2109. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Illinois CFDBPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2110. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2111. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2112. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Illinois CFDBPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Illinois CFDBPA.

**COUNT 128**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Illinois Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2113. Illinois Class Representative Carol Harkins incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.



2114. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Illinois-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2115. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2116. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2117. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2118. It violates the principles of justice, equity, and good conscience for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members,

who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2119. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2120. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing the dispute.

## **8. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Kentucky-Pfizer Classes**

### **COUNT 129 Violation of the Kentucky Consumer Protection Act (Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §367.110, *et seq.*) (Against Pfizer)**

2121. Kentucky Class Representative Janet Asbury incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2122. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Kentucky-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2123. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §367.110(1).

2124. Defendant was and is engaged in "[t]rade" or "commerce" within the meaning of Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §367.110(2).

2125. The Kentucky Consumer Protection Act ("Kentucky CPA") prohibits "[u]nfair, [unconscionable], false, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §367.170(1)-(2).

2126. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Kentucky CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2127. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Kentucky CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2128. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Kentucky CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2129. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Kentucky CPA.

2130. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2131. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2132. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2133. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2134. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2135. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Kentucky CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2136. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2137. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2138. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Kentucky CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Kentucky CPA.

**COUNT 130**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §355.2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2139. Kentucky Class Representative Janet Asbury incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2140. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Kentucky-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2141. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Kentucky Class Representatives and members of the Kentucky Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2142. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2143. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2144. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2145. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2146. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2147. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2148. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2149. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2150. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 131**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Kentucky Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2151. Kentucky Class Representative Janet Asbury incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2152. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Kentucky-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2153. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2154. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2155. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2156. It would be inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.



2157. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2158. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**9. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Louisiana-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 132**  
**Violation of the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law**  
**(La. Stat. Ann. §51:1401, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2159. Louisiana Class Representatives, Tammy Smith and Randy Jones incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2160. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2161. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(8).

2162. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(1).

2163. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(10).

2164. The Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law (“Louisiana CPL”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” La. Stat. Ann. §51:1405(A).

2165. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2166. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2167. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2168. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Louisiana CPL.

2169. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2170. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2171. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2172. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2173. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2174. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

2175. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Louisiana CPL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2176. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2177. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2178. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Louisiana CPL, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Louisiana CPL.

**COUNT 133**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(La. Civ. Code Ann. Art. §2520)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2179. Louisiana Class Representatives, Tammy Smith and Randy Jones incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2180. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2181. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Louisiana Class Representatives and members of the Louisiana Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2182. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2183. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2184. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2185. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2186. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2187. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2188. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2189. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2190. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 134**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Louisiana Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2191. Louisiana Class Representatives, Tammy Smith and Randy Jones incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2192. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2193. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2194. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2195. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2196. Defendant's enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiffs for the Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiffs' impoverishment – the receipt by Plaintiffs of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

2197. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2198. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2199. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

## **10. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Maryland-Pfizer Classes**

### **COUNT 135 Violation of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101, *et seq.*) (Against Pfizer)**

2200. Maryland Class Representatives Alberta Griffin, Charles Longfield, Ida Adams and Nicholas Hazlett incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2201. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").



2202. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(h).

2203. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(c)(1).

2204. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(f).

2205. The Maryland Consumer Protection Act (“Maryland CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practices.” Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301.

2206. The Maryland CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[f]alse, falsely disparaging, or misleading oral or written statement, visual description, or other representation of any kind which has the capacity, tendency, or effect of deceiving or misleading consumers” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(1));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that . . . [c]onsumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services have a sponsorship, approval, accessory, characteristic, ingredient, use, benefit, or quantity which they do not have” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(2)(i));
- (c) “[r]epresent[ing] that . . . [c]onsumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model which they are not” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(2)(iv));
- (d) “[f]ailure to state a material fact if the failure deceives or tends to deceive” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(3));
- (e) “[a]dvertis[ing] or offer[ing] of consumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services . . . [w]ithout intent to sell, lease, or rent them as advertised or offered” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(5)(i)); and
- (f) “[d]eception, fraud, false pretense, false premise, misrepresentation, or knowing concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with the intent that a consumer rely on the same in connection with . . . [t]he promotion or sale of any consumer goods” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(9)(i)).

2207. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting,

omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2208. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and thus resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2209. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2210. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Maryland CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;

- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) failing to disclose that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are defective and inherently dangerous in the course of the sale of the Ranitidine-Containing Products; and
- (e) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

2211. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2212. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2213. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2214. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2215. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered

material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2216. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

2217. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Maryland CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2218. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2219. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2220. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Maryland CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Maryland CPA.

**COUNT 136**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Md. Code Ann. §2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2221. Maryland Class Representatives Alberta Griffin, Charles Longfield, Ida Adams and Nicholas Hazlett incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2222. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2223. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Maryland Class Representatives and members of the Maryland Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2224. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2225. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2226. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2227. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2228. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2229. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2230. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2231. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2232. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 137**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Maryland Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2233. Maryland Class Representatives Alberta Griffin, Charles Longfield, Ida Adams and Nicholas Hazlett incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2234. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2235. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2236. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and thus resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2237. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and thus resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2238. It would be unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2239. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and therefore restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2240. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

# **11. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Michigan-Pfizer Classes**

## **COUNT 138**

### **Violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.901, *et seq.*) (Against Pfizer)**

2241. Michigan Class Representatives Jerry Hunt, Kenneth Hix, and Lakisha Wilson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2242. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Michigan-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2243. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.902(1)(d).

2244. Defendant was and is engaged in "[t]rade" or "commerce" within the meaning of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.902(1)(g).



2245. The Michigan Consumer Protection Act (“Michigan CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair, unconscionable, or deceptive methods, acts, or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce.” Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1).

2246. The Michigan CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(c));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(e)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising or representing goods or services with intent not to dispose of those goods or services as advertised or represented” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(g)).

2247. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2248. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2249. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2250. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Michigan CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

2251. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2252. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2253. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2254. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2255. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2256. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Michigan CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2257. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2258. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2259. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Michigan CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Michigan CPA.

**COUNT 139**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Michigan Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2260. Michigan Class Representatives Jerry Hunt, Kenneth Hix, and Lakisha Wilson incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2261. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Michigan-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2262. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2263. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2264. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2265. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2266. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2267. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

2268. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**12. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Minnesota-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 140**

**Violation of the Minnesota Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act  
(Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68, *et seq.*)  
(Against Pfizer)**

2269. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup, Roy Armstrong, and John Scholl incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2270. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2271. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68(3).

2272. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68(2).

2273. The Minnesota Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act (“Minnesota CFA”) prohibits “act, use, or employment by any person of any fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, misleading statement or deceptive practice, with the intent that others rely thereon in connection with the sale of any merchandise, whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived, or damaged.” Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.69(1). Prohibited practices include: (i) deceptive practices concerning the quality of goods or services pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann. §325D.44; (ii) fraud in connection with the sale of any merchandise pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.69; and (iii) misrepresentation of product ingredients or quality pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann. §325D.13.

2274. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting,

omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2275. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2276. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2277. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Minnesota CFA.

2278. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2279. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2280. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2281. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2282. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2283. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.



2284. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Minnesota CFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2285. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2286. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2287. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Minnesota CFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Minnesota CFA.

**COUNT 141**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Minn. Stat. Ann. §336.2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2288. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup, Roy Armstrong, and John Scholl incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2289. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2290. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Minnesota Class Representatives and members of the Minnesota Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2291. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2292. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2293. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2294. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2295. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2296. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2297. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2298. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2299. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 142**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Minnesota Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2300. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup, Roy Armstrong, and John Scholl incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2301. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2302. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2303. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2304. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2305. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2306. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2307. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**13. Causes of Action Brought on Behalf of the Mississippi-Pfizer  
Classes**

**COUNT 143  
Breach of Implied Warranty  
(Miss. Code Ann. §75-2-314)  
(Against Pfizer)**

2308. Mississippi Class Representatives Beverly Crosby and John Rachal incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2309. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Mississippi-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2310. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Mississippi Class Representative and members of the Mississippi Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2311. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2312. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2313. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2314. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2315. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2316. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2317. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2318. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2319. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 144**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Mississippi Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2320. Mississippi Class Representatives Beverly Crosby and John Rachal incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2321. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Mississippi-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2322. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2323. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiffs and Class members suffered a detriment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

2324. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2325. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2326. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2327. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

2328. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.



**14. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Missouri-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 145**  
**Violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act**  
**(Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2329. Missouri Class Representatives Tammy Smith and Ronda Lockett incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2330. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2331. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010(5).

2332. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade or commerce” within the meaning of Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010(7).

2333. The Missouri Merchandising Practices Act (“Missouri MPA”) prohibits “act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, unfair practice or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise in trade or commerce.” Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.020(1).

2334. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2335. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2336. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2337. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Missouri MPA.

2338. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2339. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2340. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2341. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2342. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2343. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Missouri MPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2344. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2345. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2346. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Missouri MPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Missouri MPA.

**COUNT 146**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Mo. Rev. Stat. §400.2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2347. Missouri Class Representatives Tammy Smith and Ronda Lockett incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2348. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2349. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Missouri Class Representative and members of the Missouri Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2350. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the

products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2351. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2352. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2353. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2354. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2355. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2356. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2357. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2358. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 147**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Missouri Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2359. Missouri Class Representatives Tammy Smith and Ronda Lockett incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2360. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2361. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2362. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the

products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2363. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2364. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2365. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2366. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

2367. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**15. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Nebraska-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 148**

**Violation of the Nebraska Consumer Protection Act  
(Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601, *et seq.*)  
(Against Pfizer)**

2368. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2369. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2370. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(1).

2371. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[a]ssets” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(3).

2372. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(2).

2373. The Nebraska Consumer Protection Act (“Nebraska CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1602.

2374. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.



2375. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2376. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2377. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Nebraska CPA.

2378. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2379. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2380. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2381. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2382. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2383. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Nebraska CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2384. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2385. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2386. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Nebraska CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Nebraska CPA.

**COUNT 149**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Neb. U.C.C. §2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2387. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2388. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2389. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Nebraska Class Representatives and members of the Nebraska Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2390. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the

products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2391. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2392. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2393. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2394. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2395. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2396. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2397. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2398. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 150**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Nebraska Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2399. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2400. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2401. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2402. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and,

thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2403. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2404. It is unjust and unfair for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2405. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2406. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

2407. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**16. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Nevada-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 151**

**Violation of the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act**

**(Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0903, *et seq.*)**

**(Against Pfizer)**

2408. Nevada Class Representative Jonathan Ferguson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2409. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nevada-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer with respect to OTC Zantac purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2410. The Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“Nevada DTPA”), prohibits the use of “‘deceptive trade practices’ . . . in the course of . . . business or occupation.” Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915.

2411. The Nevada DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[k]nowingly mak[ing] a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations or quantities of goods or services for sale or lease or a false representation as to the sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation or connection of a person therewith” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(5));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that goods or services for sale or lease are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that such goods are of a particular style or model, if he or she knows or should know that they are of another standard, quality, grade, style or model” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(7));
- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing] goods or services with intent not to sell or lease them as advertised” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(9));
- (d) “[k]nowingly mak[ing] any other false representation in a transaction” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(15)); and
- (e) “[f]ail[ing] to disclose a material fact in connection with the sale or lease of goods or services” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0923(2)).

2412. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nevada DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2413. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nevada DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and thus resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2414. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nevada DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2415. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Nevada DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;



- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) failing to disclose the NDMA danger in connection with the sale of the Ranitidine-Containing Products; and
- (e) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

2416. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2417. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2418. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2419. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2420. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2421. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Nevada DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2422. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2423. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2424. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Nevada DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Nevada DTPA.

**COUNT 152**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Nevada Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2425. Nevada Class Representative Jonathan Ferguson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2426. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nevada-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Brand Manufacturer Defendant Pfizer with respect to Zantac OTC purchases (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2427. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2428. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and thus resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2429. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and

that included expiration dates on the products labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and thus resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2430. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2431. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and therefore restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2432. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

2433. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**17. Causes of Action on Behalf of the New York-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 153**  
**Violation of New York Deceptive Acts and Practices Act**  
**(N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2434. New York Class Representatives Dan Zhovtis and Mary McCullen incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2435. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2436. Plaintiffs and the Class members are "person[s]" within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(h). Defendant is a "person, firm, corporation or association" within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(b).

2437. The New York Deceptive Acts and Practices Act (“New York DAPA”) prohibits “[d]eceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(a).

2438. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2439. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2440. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2441. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New York DAPA.

2442. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2443. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2444. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2445. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2446. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class

members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2447. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New York DAPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2448. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2449. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2450. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New York DAPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New York DAPA.

**COUNT 154**  
**Violation of the New York False Advertising Act**  
**(N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2451. New York Class Representatives Dan Zhovtis and Mary McCullen incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2452. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2453. Defendant was and is engaged in “conduct of business, trade or commerce” within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350.

2454. The New York False Advertising Act (“New York FAA”) prohibits “[f]alse advertising in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350. False advertising includes “advertising, including labeling, of a commodity . . . if such advertising is misleading in a material respect,” taking into account “the extent to which the advertising fails to reveal facts material in the light of . . . representations [made] with respect to the commodity.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350-a(1).

2455. Defendant caused to be made or disseminated through New York and the United States, through advertising, marketing, and other publications, statements that were untrue or misleading, and which were known, or which by exercise of reasonable care should have been known to Defendant, to be untrue and misleading to consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members.

2456. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2457. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and



failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2458. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2459. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New York FAA.

2460. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2461. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2462. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of

Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2463. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2464. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2465. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New York FAA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2466. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2467. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2468. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiffs and the Class members are entitled.

2469. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New York FAA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New York FAA.

**COUNT 155**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.Y. U.C.C. Law §2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2470. New York Class Representatives Dan Zhovtis and Mary McCullen incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2471. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2472. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to New York Class Representative and members of the New York Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2473. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2474. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2475. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2476. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2477. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2478. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2479. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2480. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2481. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 156**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(New York Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2482. New York Class Representatives Dan Zhovtis and Mary McCullen incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2483. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2484. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2485. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2486. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2487. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the

Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2488. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2489. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**18. Causes of Action on Behalf of the North Carolina-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 157**

**Violation of the North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act  
(N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1, *et seq.*)  
(Against Pfizer)**

2490. North Carolina Class Representative Dennis Robbins incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2491. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2492. Defendant was and is engaged in "commerce" within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1(b).

2493. The North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act ("North Carolina UDTPA") prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce," N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1(a), and provides a private right of action for any person injured "by reason of any act or thing done by any other person, firm or corporation in violation of" the law. N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-16.

2494. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2495. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2496. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2497. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the North Carolina UDTPA.



2498. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2499. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2500. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2501. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2502. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2503. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the North Carolina UDTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2504. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2505. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2506. As a result of Defendant's violations of the North Carolina UDTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the North Carolina UDTPA.

**COUNT 158**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §25-2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2507. North Carolina Class Representative Dennis Robbins incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2508. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2509. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to North Carolina Class Representatives and members of the North Carolina Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2510. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2511. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2512. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2513. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2514. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2515. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2516. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2517. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2518. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 159**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(North Carolina Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2519. North Carolina Class Representatives Dennis Robbins incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2520. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2521. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2522. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2523. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2524. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2525. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2526. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**19. Causes of Action on Behalf of the North Dakota-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 160**  
**Violation of the North Dakota Consumer Fraud Act**  
**(N.D. Cent. Code Ann. §51-15-02)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2527. North Dakota Class Representative John Scholl incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2528. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Dakota-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2529. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of N.D. Cent. Code Ann. §51-15-01(4).

2530. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of N.D. Cent. Code Ann. §51-15-01(3).

2531. The North Dakota Consumer Fraud Act (“North Dakota CFA”) prohibits “[t]he act, use, or employment by any person of any deceptive act or practice, fraud, false pretense, false promise, or misrepresentation, with the intent that others rely thereon in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise, whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived, or damaged thereby.” N.D. Cent. Code Ann. §51-15-02.

2532. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Dakota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2533. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Dakota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2534. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Dakota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2535. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the North Dakota CFA.

2536. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2537. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2538. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2539. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2540. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.



2541. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the North Dakota CFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2542. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2543. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2544. As a result of Defendant's violations of the North Dakota CFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the North Dakota CFA.

**COUNT 161**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(North Dakota Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2545. North Dakota Class Representative John Scholl incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2546. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Dakota-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Brand Manufacturer Defendant Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2547. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2548. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2549. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2550. Defendant’s enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiff’s and Class members’ purchases of Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiff’s and Class members’

impoverishment – *i.e.*, Plaintiff’s and Class members’ receipt of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

2551. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2552. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2553. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**20. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Ohio-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 162  
Breach of Implied Warranty  
(Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §1302.27)  
(Against Pfizer)**

2554. Ohio Class Representatives Michael Galloway and Chris Troyan incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2555. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Ohio-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2556. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Ohio Class Representatives and members of the Ohio Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2557. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2558. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2559. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2560. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2561. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2562. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2563. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2564. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2565. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 163**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Ohio Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2566. Ohio Class Representatives Michael Galloway and Chris Troyan incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2567. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Ohio Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2568. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2569. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2570. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2571. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2572. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2573. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**21. Causes of Action on Behalf of Oregon-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 164**  
**Violation of the Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act**  
**(Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2574. Oregon Class Representative Jonathan Ferguson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2575. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oregon-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2576. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605(4).

2577. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “goods” within the meaning of Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605(6).

2578. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605(8).

2579. The Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act (“Oregon UTPA”) prohibits “unlawful practice . . . in the course of the person’s business.” Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1).

2580. The Oregon UTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresent[ing] that real estate, goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, quantities or qualities that the real estate, goods or services do not have” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(e));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that real estate, goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that real estate or goods are of a particular

style or model, if the real estate, goods or services are of another” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(g));

- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing] real estate, goods or services with intent not to provide the real estate, goods or services as advertised” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(i)); and
- (d) “[e]ngag[ing] in any other unfair or deceptive conduct in trade or commerce” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(u)).

2581. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oregon UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2582. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oregon UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2583. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oregon UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.



2584. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Oregon UTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

2585. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2586. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2587. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2588. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the

inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2589. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2590. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Oregon UTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2591. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2592. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2593. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Oregon UTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or

practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Oregon UTPA.

**COUNT 165**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Or. Rev. Stat. §72.3140)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2594. Oregon Class Representative Jonathan Ferguson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2595. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oregon-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2596. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Oregon Class Representatives and members of the Oregon Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2597. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2598. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2599. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2600. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2601. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2602. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2603. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2604. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2605. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 166**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Oregon Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2606. Oregon Class Representative Jonathan Ferguson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2607. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oregon-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2608. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2609. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2610. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2611. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2612. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2613. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

2614. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**22. Causes of Action Brought on Behalf of Puerto Rico-Pfizer  
Classes**

**COUNT 167  
Breach of Implied Warranty  
(P.R. Laws Ann. tit. 31, §3841)  
(Against Pfizer)**

2615. Puerto Rico Class Representatives Gloria Colon and Sonia Diaz incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2616. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Puerto Rico-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2617. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Puerto Rico Class Representatives and members of the Puerto Rico Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2618. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2619. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2620. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2621. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2622. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2623. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2624. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2625. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2626. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 168**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Puerto Rico Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2627. Puerto Rico Class Representatives Gloria Colon and Sonia Diaz incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2628. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Puerto Rico-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2629. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2630. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products,



which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2631. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2632. Defendant's enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiffs' and Class members' purchases of Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiffs' and Class members' impoverishment – *i.e.*, Plaintiffs' and Class members' receipt of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

2633. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2634. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2635. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**23. Causes of Action on Behalf of Tennessee-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 169**

**Violation of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977  
(Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-101, *et seq.*)  
(Against Pfizer)**

2636. Tennessee Class Representatives Dale Hunter and Eva Broughton incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2637. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2638. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(14).

2639. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(3).

2640. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(8).

2641. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” or “consumer transaction[s]” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(20).

2642. The Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977 (“Tennessee CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair or deceptive acts or practices affecting the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(a).

2643. The Tennessee CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(5));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(7)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(9)).

2644. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2645. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2646. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2647. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Tennessee CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not; and
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

2648. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2649. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2650. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2651. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in

fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2652. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2653. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Tennessee CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2654. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2655. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2656. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Tennessee CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or

practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Tennessee CPA.

**COUNT 170**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Tenn. Code Ann. §47-2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2657. Tennessee Class Representatives Dale Hunter and Eva Broughton incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2658. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2659. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Tennessee Class Representatives and members of the Tennessee Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2660. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2661. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2662. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2663. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2664. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2665. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2666. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2667. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2668. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and

punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 171**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Tennessee Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2669. Tennessee Class Representatives Dale Hunter and Eva Broughton incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2670. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2671. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2672. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2673. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of



NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2674. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2675. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2676. There is no existing, enforceable contract governing this dispute.

2677. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

#### **24. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Texas-Pfizer Classes**

##### **COUNT 172**

##### **Violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.41, *et seq.*) (Against Pfizer)**

2678. Texas Class Representatives Marianella Villanueva, Ronda Lockett, Sylvia Yoshida, and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2679. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2680. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(3).

2681. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(4).

2682. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(1).

2683. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(6).

2684. The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act (“Texas DTPA”) prohibits “[f]alse, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce,” Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(a), and an “[u]nconscionable action or course of action,” which means “an act or practice which, to a consumer’s detriment, takes advantage of the lack of knowledge, ability, experience, or capacity of the consumer to a grossly unfair degree.” Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §§17.45(5) and 17.50(a)(3).

2685. The Texas DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(5));
- (b) “representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(7)); and
- (c) “advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(9)).

2686. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-

Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2687. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2688. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2689. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Texas DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not; and
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

2690. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2691. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2692. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2693. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2694. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2695. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

2696. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Texas DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2697. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2698. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2699. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.505(a) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the

requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

2700. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Texas DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Texas DTPA.

**COUNT 173**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2701. Texas Class Representatives Marianella Villanueva, Ronda Lockett, Sylvia Yoshida, and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2702. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2703. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Texas Class Representatives and members of the Texas Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2704. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2705. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2706. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2707. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2708. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2709. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2710. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2711. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2712. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 174**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Texas Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2713. Texas Class Representatives Marianella Villanueva, Ronda Lockett, Sylvia Yoshida, and Tammy Smith incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2714. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2715. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2716. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,



Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2717. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2718. It is unjust and unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these wrongly secured benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2719. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2720. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**25. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Washington-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 175**

**Violation of the Washington Consumer Protection Act  
(Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010, *et seq.*)  
(Against Pfizer)**

2721. Washington Class Representatives Earlene Green, Robert Dewitt, Steve Fischer, and Jonathan Ferguson incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2722. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2723. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(1).

2724. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[a]ssets” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(3).

2725. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(2).

2726. The Washington Consumer Protection Act (“Washington CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.020.

2727. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2728. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2729. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2730. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Washington CPA.

2731. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2732. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2733. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2734. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2735. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2736. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Washington CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2737. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2738. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2739. On June 22, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.095 to the Attorney General of the State of Washington.

2740. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Washington CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Washington CPA.

**COUNT 176**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Wash. Rev. Code §62A.2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2741. Washington Class Representatives Earlene Green, Robert Dewitt, Steve Fischer, and Jonathan Ferguson incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2742. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2743. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Washington Class Representatives and members of the Washington Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2744. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used,

including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2745. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2746. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2747. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2748. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2749. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2750. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2751. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2752. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 177**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Washington Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2753. Washington Class Representatives Earlene Green, Robert Dewitt, Steve Fischer, and Jonathan Ferguson incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2754. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Brand Manufacturer Defendant Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2755. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2756. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2757. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2758. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2759. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.



2760. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

2761. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**26. Causes of Action on Behalf of the West Virginia-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 178**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(W. Va. Code §46-2-314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2762. West Virginia Class Representative Ida Adams incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2763. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the West Virginia-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2764. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to West Virginia Class Representatives and members of the West Virginia Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2765. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2766. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2767. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2768. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2769. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2770. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2771. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2772. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 179**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(West Virginia Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2773. West Virginia Class Representative Ida Adams incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2774. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the West Virginia-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2775. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2776. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2777. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2778. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2779. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2780. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

2781. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**27. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Wisconsin-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 180**  
**Violation of the Wisconsin Deceptive Trade Practices Act**  
**(Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2782. Wisconsin Class Representative Wendy Quezaire incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2783. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wisconsin-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2784. Defendant is a “person, firm, corporation or association” within the meaning of Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

2785. Plaintiff and the Class members are members of “the public” within the meaning of Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

2786. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “merchandise” within the meaning of Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

2787. The Wisconsin Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“Wisconsin DTPA”) prohibits any “assertion, representation or statement of fact which is untrue, deceptive or misleading.” Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

2788. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Wisconsin DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2789. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Wisconsin DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2790. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Wisconsin DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2791. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Wisconsin DTPA.

2792. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2793. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2794. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2795. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in

fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2796. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2797. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Wisconsin DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2798. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2799. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2800. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Wisconsin DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or

practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Wisconsin DTPA.

**COUNT 181**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Wis. Stat. Ann. §402.314)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2801. Wisconsin Class Representative Wendy Quezaire incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2802. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wisconsin-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2803. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Wisconsin Class Representative and members of the Wisconsin Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2804. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2805. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2806. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.



2807. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2808. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2809. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2810. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2811. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2812. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 182**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Wisconsin Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2813. Wisconsin Class Representative Wendy Quezaire incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2814. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wisconsin-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2815. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2816. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2817. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2818. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2819. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2820. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

2821. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**28. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Wyoming-Pfizer Classes**

**COUNT 183  
Breach of Implied Warranty  
(Wyo. Stat. §34.1-2-314)  
(Against Pfizer)**

2822. Wyoming Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2823. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wyoming-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2824. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Wyoming Class Representatives and members of the Wyoming Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2825. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2826. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2827. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2828. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2829. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2830. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2831. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2832. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2833. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 184**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Wyoming Law)**  
**(Against Pfizer)**

2834. Wyoming Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 14-15, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2835. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wyoming-Pfizer Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Pfizer (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2836. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2837. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products,

which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2838. Defendant readily accepted, retained, and enjoyed these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2839. Defendant knew that Plaintiff and Class members reasonably expected to receive safe and effective medications.

2840. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

2841. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2842. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**C. Causes of Action Against BI**

2843. For the purposes of the subsequent causes of action against Defendant BI, Plaintiffs are incorporating the following allegations by reference: paragraphs 2-8 (corporate information); 136-140 (jurisdiction and venue); 142-166 (development of brand Zantac); 167-211 (knowledge that NDMA is carcinogenic); 212-232 (discovery by regulatory agencies that ranitidine contained NDMA); 233-236 (transformation of ranitidine into NDMA); 237-264 (knowledge that ranitidine had the potential to transform into NDMA); 265-271 (NDMA formation in organs of the human body); 272-284 (NDMA formation by exposure to heat, moisture and/or time); 285-291 (link between ranitidine exposure and cancer); 313-317 (compliance with current Good Manufacturing Practices); 347-398 (misrepresentations or omissions of material fact in labeling and packaging 318-323 (Plaintiffs' purchases of Rantidine-Containing Products) and 324-332 (equitable tolling).

2844. Plaintiff identified in the table below bring claims against Defendant BI on behalf of themselves and their respective State Classes under the laws of their respective states. Each Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations specific to them from Section II.B., *supra*, into their respective claims below:

<b><u>Plaintiff Names</u></b>	<b><u>State(s) of Residence of Residence</u></b>
Anthony McGhee	Alabama
Andy Green Jr.	Arkansas
Tina Culclager	Arkansas
Tangie Sims	Arizona
Golbenaz Bakhtiar	California
Richard Obrien	California
Virginia Aragon	California

Jeffrey Pisano	Colorado
Ronald Ragan	Colorado
Angel Cordero	Connecticut
Angel Vega	Connecticut; Montana
Clifton McKinnon	Florida
Gustavo Velasquez	Florida
Jeannie Black	Florida
Joshua Winans	Florida
Marva McCall	Florida
Michael Tomlinson	Florida
Ricardo Moròn	Florida
Sharon Tweg	Florida
Karen Foster	Florida
Kathy Jeffries	Georgia
Charles Longfield	Iowa; Maryland; Wyoming
Denise Guy	Illinois
Heather Re	Illinois
Renee Chatman	Illinois
Vickie Anderson	Illinois
Rebecca Sizemore	Indiana
Teresa Dowler	Indiana
Janet Asbury	Kentucky
Alberta Griffin	Maryland
Michelle Smith	Massachusetts
Jennifer Bond	Massachusetts; New Hampshire
Rafael Bermudez	Massachusetts; New Hampshire



Jerry Hunt	Michigan
Jody Beal	Michigan
Lakisha Wilson	Michigan
Brad Hoag	Minnesota
Donald Northrup	Minnesota
John Scholl	Minnesota
John Rachal	Mississippi
Antrenise Campbell	Missouri
Lorie Kendall-Songer	Missouri
Beverly Crosby	Mississippi
Dennis Robbins	North Carolina
Patricia Frazier	North Carolina
Teresa Lee	North Carolina
Gaylord Stauffer	Nebraska
Lynn White	New Jersey
Mary McMillian	New Jersey
Mary Moronski	New Jersey
Sayed Eldomiaty	New Jersey
Ernesto Sanchez	New Mexico
George Tapia	New Mexico
Cesar Pinon	Nevada
Benny Fazio	New York
Francis Neary	New York
Glorimar Rodriguez	New York
Joseph Mcpheter	New York
Mary McCullen	New York
Migdalia Kinney	New York

Richard Froehlich	New York
Roy Armstrong	New York, Alaska, Minnesota, Florida, Georgia
Dan Zhovtis	New York; Virginia
Chris Troyan	Ohio
Michael Galloway	Ohio
Patricia Hess	Ohio
Demarco Grayson	Oklahoma
Kristi Ledbetter	Oregon
Nicholas Hazlett	Pennsylvania, Maryland
Gloria Colon	Puerto Rico
Sonia Diaz	Puerto Rico
Dale Hunter	Tennessee
Eva Broughton	Tennessee
Kenneth Hix	Tennessee; Michigan
Ronda Lockett	Texas
Agapito It Aleman	Texas
Gina Martinez	Texas
Liliana Del Valle	Texas
Maria Eames	Texas
Sylvia Yoshida	Texas
Marianella Villanueva	Texas; South Carolina
Teresa Waters	Utah
Cheryl Banks	Virginia
Jonathan Ferguson	Washington
Earlene Green	Washington
Dave Garber	Washington

Robert Dewitt	Washington
Wendy Quezaire	Wisconsin
Ida Adams	West Virginia; Maryland

**1. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Alabama-BI Classes**

**COUNT 185**

**Violation of the Alabama Deceptive Trade Practices Act  
(Ala. Code §8-19-1, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

2845. Alabama Class Representative Anthony McGhee incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2846. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Alabama-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2847. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “person[s]” within the meaning of Ala. Code §8-19-3(5).

2848. Plaintiff and the Class members are “consumer[s]” within the meaning of Ala. Code §8-19-3(2).

2849. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “goods” within the meaning of Ala. Code §8-19-3(3).

2850. Defendant was and is engaged in “trade or commerce” within the meaning of Ala. Code §8-19-3(8).

2851. The Alabama Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“Alabama DTPA”) prohibits “deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Ala. Code §8-19-5.

2852. The Alabama DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or qualities that they do not have” (Ala. Code §8-19-5(5));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Ala. Code §8-19-5(7));
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Ala. Code §8-19-5(9)); and
- (d) “[e]ngaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce” (Ala. Code §8-19-5(27)).

2853. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Alabama DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2854. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Alabama DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2855. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Alabama DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2856. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Alabama DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

2857. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2858. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2859. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2860. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or

capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2861. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2862. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

2863. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Alabama DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2864. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2865. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2866. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in *In re Zantac (Ranitidine) Products Liability Litigation*, No. 9:20-md-02924-RLR (S.D. Fla.) ("MDL 2924") sent a notice letter pursuant to Ala. Code §8-19-10(e) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiffs and the Class members are entitled.

2867. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Alabama DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Alabama DTPA.

**COUNT 186**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Alabama Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

2868. Alabama Class Representative Anthony McGhee incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2869. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Alabama-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2870. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2871. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2872. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2873. It is inequitable and unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.



2874. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2875. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **2. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Alaska-BI Classes**

### **COUNT 187**

#### **Violation of the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471, *et seq.*) (Against BI)**

2876. Alaska Class Representative Roy Armstrong incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2877. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Alaska-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2878. Plaintiff and the Class members are “consumer[s]” within the meaning of Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.561(a)(4).

2879. The Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act (“Alaska CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce.” Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(a).

2880. The Alaska CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(b)(4));
- (b) “representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(b)(6));
- (c) “advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(b)(8));

- (d) “engaging in any other conduct creating a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding and that misleads, deceives, or damages a buyer or a competitor in connection with the sale or advertisement of goods or services” (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(b)(11)); and
- (e) “using or employing deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, or knowingly concealing, suppressing, or omitting a material fact with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression, or omission in connection with the sale or advertisement of goods or services whether or not a person has in fact been misled, deceived, or damaged” (Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.471(b)(12)).

2881. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Alaska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2882. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Alaska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2883. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Alaska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2884. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Alaska CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

2885. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2886. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2887. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2888. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2889. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Alaska CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2890. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2891. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2892. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiff within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiff in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Alaska Stat. Ann. §45.50.535(b)(1) to Defendant.

Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiff seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

2893. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Alaska CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Alaska CPA.

**COUNT 188**  
**Unjust Enrichment or Quasi-Contract**  
**(Alaska Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

2894. Alaska Class Representative Roy Armstrong incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2895. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Alaska-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2896. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2897. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2898. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2899. It is inequitable and unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2900. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2901. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

### **3. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Arizona-BI Classes**

#### **COUNT 189 Violation of the Arizona Consumer Fraud Act (Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1521, *et seq.*) (Against BI)**

2902. Arizona Class Representative Tangie Sims incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2903. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arizona-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2904. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1521(6).

2905. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1521(5).

2906. The Arizona Consumer Fraud Act (“Arizona CFA”) prohibits “[t]he act, use or employment by any person of any deception, deceptive or unfair act or practice, fraud, ... misrepresentation, or concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely on such concealment, suppression or omission, in connection with the sale ... of any merchandise whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby.” Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1522(A).

2907. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arizona CFA by recklessly, wantonly, knowingly, and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2908. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arizona CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products

remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2909. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arizona CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2910. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Arizona CFA.

2911. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2912. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2913. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.



2914. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2915. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2916. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

2917. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Arizona CFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2918. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2919. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2920. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Arizona CFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Arizona CFA.

**COUNT 190**  
**Unjust Enrichment (Arizona Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

2921. Arizona Class Representative Tangie Sims incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2922. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arizona-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2923. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2924. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and,

thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendant but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2925. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2926. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2927. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2928. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**4. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Arkansas-BI Classes**

**COUNT 191**  
**Violation of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act**  
**(Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-101, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

2929. Arkansas Class Representatives Andy Green Jr. and Tina Culclager incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2930. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2931. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-102(5).

2932. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-102(4).

2933. The Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“Arkansas DTPA”) prohibits “[d]eceptive and unconscionable trade practices.” Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a).

2934. The Arkansas DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[k]nowingly making a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services or as to whether goods are original or new or of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(1));
- (b) “[a]dvertising the goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(3)); and
- (c) “[e]ngaging in any other unconscionable, false, or deceptive act or practice in business, commerce, or trade” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(10)).

2935. The Arkansas DTPA also prohibits the following when utilized in connection with the sale or advertisement of any goods: “(1) The act, use, or employment by any person of any

deception, fraud, or false pretense; [or] (2) [t]he concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression, or omission . . . .”

Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-108(a).

2936. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2937. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2938. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2939. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Arkansas DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

2940. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2941. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2942. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2943. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)

the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2944. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2945. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

2946. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of Arkansas DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2947. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2948. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2949. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Arkansas DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Arkansas DTPA.

**COUNT 192**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**Ark. Code Ann. §4-2-314**  
**(Against BI)**

2950. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. and Tina Culclager incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2951. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2952. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Arkansas Class Representatives and members of the Arkansas Class and was in the business of selling such products.

2953. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2954. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.



2955. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

2956. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2957. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

2958. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

2959. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2960. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

2961. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 193**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Arkansas Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

2962. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. and Tina Culclager incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2963. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2964. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

2965. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

2966. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2967. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

2968. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

2969. There is no valid, legal, and binding contract governing this dispute.

2970. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **5. Causes of Action on Behalf of the California-BI Classes**

### **COUNT 194 Violation of the California Unfair Competition Law (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200, *et seq.*) (Against BI)**

2971. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O’Brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2972. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

2973. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “persons” within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17201.

2974. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200 (“California UCL”) prohibits acts of “unfair competition,” including any “unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice” and “unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising.”

2975. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2976. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2977. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2978. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California UCL. These acts also constitute “fraudulent” business acts and practices under the California UCL in that Defendant’s conduct is false, misleading, and has a tendency to deceive the Class and the general public.

2979. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2980. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2981. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

2982. Defendant’s unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers’ minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)

the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

2983. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

2984. Moreover, Defendant engaged in “unlawful” business acts or practices by violating both federal and California laws, including: the federal RICO statute, 18 U.S.C. §1962(c)-(d); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§331(a), (c), (g), 351(a)(2)(B), (b), (d), 352(a)(1), (c), (e)(1)(A)(ii), (f)-(g), (i)(2)-(3), (j), (n), (p); Good Manufacturing Practices, 21 C.F.R. 210.1(a), 211.142(b); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Laws, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§111260, 111280, 111290, 111295, 111305, 111330, 111345, 111355(a)(3), 111360(b), 111375, 111380, 111395(a)-(b), 111400, 111440, 111445, 111450; the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §1750; and the California FAL, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, as alleged herein.

2985. Defendant’s conduct also constitutes “unfair” business acts or practices. Under the balancing test, the determination of whether a business practice is “unfair” involves examining the practice’s impact on its alleged victim, balanced against the reasons, justifications, and motives of the alleged wrongdoer.

2986. Additionally, Defendant’s conduct was “unfair” under the tethering test, in that it violated the federal RICO statute, 18 U.S.C. §1962(c)-(d); adulteration and misbranding provisions

under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§331(a), (c), (g), 351(a)(2)(B), (b), (d), 352(a)(1), (c), (e)(1)(A)(ii), (f)-(g), (i)(2)-(3), (j), (n), (p); Good Manufacturing Practices, 21 C.F.R. 210.1(a), 211.142(b); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Laws, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§111260, 111280, 111290, 111295, 111305, 111330, 111345, 111355(a)(3), 111360(b), 111375, 111380, 111395(a)-(b), 111400, 111440, 111445, 111450; the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, *see* Cal. Civ. Code §1760; and the California FAL, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, which reflect the United States' and California's policy of protecting consumers against unfair and deceptive business practices and adulterated and misbranded drugs.

2987. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California UCL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

2988. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

2989. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

2990. Pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§17200 and 17203, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order providing restitution relating to the above-described unfair business acts or practices, and injunctive and declaratory relief as may be appropriate.

**COUNT 195**  
**Violation of the California False Advertising Law**  
**(Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

2991. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

2992. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

2993. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "persons" within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17506.

2994. The California False Advertising Law ("California FAL") prohibits "any person, . . . corporation . . . or any employee thereof with intent directly or indirectly to dispose of real or personal property . . . or to induce the public to enter into any obligation relating thereto, to make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated . . . before the public in this state or from this state before the public in any state, in any newspaper or other publication, or any advertising device, . . . or in any other manner or means whatever, including over the internet, any statement . . . which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading." Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500.

2995. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including



that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2996. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

2997. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

2998. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California FAL, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and

- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

2999. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3000. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3001. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3002. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3003. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3004. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California FAL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3005. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3006. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3007. As a result of Defendant's violations of the California FAL, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order providing restitution and disgorgement of all profits relating to the above-described business acts or practices, and other appropriate relief, including injunctive and declaratory relief as may be appropriate under the California FAL.

**COUNT 196**  
**Violation of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act**  
**(Cal. Civ. Code §1750, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

3008. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3009. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3010. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(c).

3011. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(d).

3012. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(a).

3013. The California Consumers Legal Remedies Act (“California CLRA”) prohibits “unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices undertaken by any person in a transaction intended to result or that results in the sale or lease of goods or services to any consumer.” Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a).

3014. The California CLRA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(5));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(7));
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(9)); and
- (d) “[r]epresenting that the subject of a transaction has been supplied in accordance with a previous representation when it has not” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(16)).

3015. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their

intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3016. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3017. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3018. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California CLRA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

3019. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3020. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3021. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3022. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3023. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3024. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California CLRA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as set forth above.

3025. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3026. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3027. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by various Plaintiff within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1782 to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

3028. Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1780(a), Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding damages and any other just and proper relief available under the California CLRA. Under Cal. Civ. Code §1780(b),

Plaintiffs seek an additional award against Defendant of up to \$5,000 for each Class member who qualifies as a “senior citizen” or “disabled person” under the California CLRA. Defendant knew or should have known that its conduct was directed to one or more Class members who are senior citizens or disabled persons. Defendant’s conduct caused one or more of these senior citizens or disabled persons to suffer a substantial loss of property set aside for retirement or for personal or family care and maintenance, or assets essential to the health or welfare of the senior citizen or disabled person. One or more Class members who are senior citizens or disabled persons are substantially more vulnerable to Defendant’s conduct because of age, poor health or infirmity, impaired understanding, restricted mobility, or disability, and each of them suffered substantial economic damage resulting from Defendant’s conduct.

**COUNT 197**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**Cal. Com. Code §2314**  
**(Against BI)**

3029. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O’Brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3030. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3031. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the California Class Representatives and members of the California Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3032. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the



products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3033. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3034. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3035. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3036. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3037. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3038. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3039. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3040. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 198**  
**Unjust Enrichment or Quasi-Contract**  
**(California Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3041. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3042. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3043. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3044. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the

products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3045. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3046. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3047. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3048. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**6. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Colorado-BI Classes**

**COUNT 199**

**Violation of the Colorado Consumer Protection Act  
(Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-101, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

3049. Colorado Class Representatives Jeffrey Pisano and Ronald Ragan incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3050. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Colorado-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3051. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-102(6).

3052. The Colorado Consumer Protection Act (“Colorado CPA”) prohibits unfair, unconscionable, and deceptive acts or practices “in the course of the person’s business, vocation, or occupation.” Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1).

3053. The Colorado CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[e]ither knowingly or recklessly mak[ing] a false representation as to the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods, services, or property” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(b));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that goods, food, services, or property are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if he knows or should know that they are of another” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(g));
- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing] goods, services, or property with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(i));
- (d) “[f]ails to disclose material information concerning goods, services, or property which information was known at the time of an advertisement or sale if such failure to disclose such information was intended to induce the consumer to enter into a transaction” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(u)); and

- (e) “[e]ither knowingly or recklessly engage[ing] in any unfair, unconscionable, deceptive, deliberately misleading, false, or fraudulent act or practice” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(kkk)).

3054. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer. Such conduct was bad faith conduct under the Colorado CPA.

3055. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3056. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3057. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Colorado CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce; and
- (e) failing to disclose the defective Ranitidine-Containing Products in connection with their sale to the public.

3058. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3059. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3060. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3061. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the

inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3062. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3063. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

3064. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Colorado CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3065. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3066. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3067. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Colorado CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Colorado CPA.

**COUNT 200**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Colorado Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3068. Colorado Class Representatives Jeffrey Pisano and Ronald Ragan incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3069. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Colorado-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3070. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3071. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,



Plaintiffs and Class members suffered a detriment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

3072. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3073. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits without commensurate compensation because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

3074. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3075. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**7. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Connecticut-BI Classes**

**COUNT 201**  
**Violation of the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act**  
**(Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110a, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

3076. Connecticut Class Representatives Angel Cordero and Angel Vega incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3077. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Connecticut-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3078. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110a(3).

3079. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110a(4).

3080. The Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act (“Connecticut UTPA”) prohibits “unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110b(a).

3081. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Connecticut UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3082. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Connecticut UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3083. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Connecticut UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3084. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Connecticut UTPA.

3085. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3086. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3087. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of

Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3088. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3089. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3090. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Connecticut UTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3091. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3092. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3093. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Connecticut UTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Connecticut UTPA.

**COUNT 202**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42a-2-314**  
**(Against BI)**

3094. Connecticut Class Representative Angel Cordero and Angel Vega incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3095. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Connecticut-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3096. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Connecticut Class Representatives and members of the Connecticut Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3097. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3098. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3099. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3100. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3101. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3102. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3103. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3104. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3105. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 203**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Connecticut Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3106. Connecticut Class Representative Angel Cordero and Angel Vega incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3107. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Connecticut-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3108. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3109. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3110. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3111. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

3112. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3113. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **8. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Florida-BI Classes**

### **COUNT 204**

#### **Violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.201, *et seq.*) (Against BI)**

3114. Florida Class Representatives Clifton McKinnon, Gustavo Velasquez, Jeannie Black, Joshua Winans, Marva McCall, Michael Tomlinson, Ricardo Moròn, Sharon Tweg, Roy



Armstrong, and Karen Foster incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3115. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Florida-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3116. The Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (“FDUTPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.204(1).

3117. In construing the provisions of the FDUTPA, “due consideration and great weight shall be given to the interpretations of the Federal Trade Commission and the federal courts relating to s. 5(a)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. s. 45(a)(1) as of July 1, 2017.” Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.204(2).

3118. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” and “[i]nterested part[ies] or person[s]” as defined by the FDUTPA. *See* Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.203(6)-(7).

3119. Defendant engaged in “[t]rade or commerce” as defined by the FDUTPA. *See* Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.203(8).

3120. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3121. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to

disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3122. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3123. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the FDUTPA.

3124. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3125. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3126. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3127. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3128. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3129. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the FDUTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3130. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3131. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3132. As a result of Defendant's violations of the FDUTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the FDUTPA.

**COUNT 205**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Florida Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3133. Florida Class Representatives Clifton McKinnon, Gustavo Velasquez, Jeannie Black, Joshua Winans, Marva McCall, Michael Tomlinson, Ricardo Moròn, Sharon Tweg, Roy Armstrong, and Karen Foster incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3134. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Florida-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3135. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3136. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and,

thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members suffered an impoverishment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

3137. Defendant voluntarily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3138. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits without paying the value thereof because the benefits were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

3139. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3140. There is no express written contract governing this dispute.

3141. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**9. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Indiana-BI Classes**

**COUNT 206  
Breach of Implied Warranty  
Ind. Code Ann. §26-1-2-314  
(Against BI)**

3142. Indiana Class Representatives Rebecca Sizemore and Teresa Dowler incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3143. This cause of action is brought on behalf of Indiana-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3144. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Indiana Class Representatives and members of the Indiana Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3145. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3146. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3147. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3148. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3149. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3150. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3151. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3152. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3153. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and

punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 207**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Indiana Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3154. Indiana Class Representatives Rebecca Sizemore and Teresa Dowler incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3155. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Indiana-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3156. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3157. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendant but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3158. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of



NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3159. It would be unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3160. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3161. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing the dispute.

## **10. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Georgia-BI Classes**

### **COUNT 208 Violation of the Georgia Fair Business Practices Act (Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-390, *et seq.*) (Against BI)**

3162. Georgia Class Representatives Roy Armstrong and Kathy Jeffries incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3163. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Georgia-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3164. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-392(a)(24).

3165. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-392(a)(6).

3166. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” and “commerce” within the meaning of Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-392(a)(28).

3167. The Georgia Fair Business Practices Act (“Georgia FBPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of consumer transactions and consumer acts or practices in trade or commerce.” Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(a).

3168. The Georgia FBPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(b)(5));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(b)(7)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(b)(9)).

3169. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Georgia FBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3170. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Georgia FBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3171. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Georgia FBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3172. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Georgia FBPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

3173. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3174. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3175. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3176. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3177. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3178. Plaintiffs and the Class members reasonably relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

3179. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Georgia FBPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3180. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3181. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3182. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-399(b) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiffs and the Class members are entitled.

3183. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Georgia FBPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Georgia FBPA.

**COUNT 209**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Georgia Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3184. Georgia Class Representatives Roy Armstrong and Kathy Jeffries incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3185. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Georgia Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3186. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3187. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3188. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3189. It is inequitable and unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3190. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3191. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

3192. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **11. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Illinois-BI Classes**

### **COUNT 210**

#### **Violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act (815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1, *et seq.*) (Against BI)**

3193. Illinois Class Representatives Denise Guy, Heather Re, Vickie Anderson, and Renee Chatman incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3194. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Illinois-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3195. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "person[s]" within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(c).

3196. Plaintiffs and the Class members are "consumer[s]" within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(e).

3197. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “merchandise” within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(b).

3198. Defendant was and is engaged in “trade” and “commerce” within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(f).

3199. The Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act (“Illinois CFDBPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including, but not limited to, the use or employment of any deception fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation or the concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact, with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression or omission of such material fact, or the use or employment of any practice described in Section 2 of the ‘Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act’ [815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 510/2], approved August 5, 1965, in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/2.

3200. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Illinois CFDBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3201. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Illinois CFDBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products



remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3202. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Illinois CFDBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3203. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Illinois CFDBPA.

3204. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3205. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3206. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3207. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3208. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3209. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Illinois CFDBPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3210. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3211. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3212. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Illinois CFDBPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Illinois CFDBPA.

**COUNT 211**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Illinois Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3213. Illinois Class Representatives Denise Guy, Heather Re, Vickie Anderson, and Renee Chatman incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3214. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Illinois -BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3215. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3216. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3217. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3218. It violates the principles of justice, equity, and good conscience for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

3219. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3220. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing the dispute.

**12. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Iowa-BI Classes**

**COUNT 212**

**Violation of the Iowa Private Right of Action for Consumer Frauds Act  
(Iowa Code Ann. §714H.1, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

3221. Iowa Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3222. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Iowa-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3223. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Iowa Code Ann. §714H.2(7).

3224. Plaintiff and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Iowa Code Ann. §714H.2(3).

3225. The Iowa Private Right of Action for Consumer Frauds Act (“Iowa PRACFA”) prohibits any “practice or act the person knows or reasonably should know is an unfair practice, deception, fraud, false pretense, or false promise, or the misrepresentation, concealment, suppression, or omission of a material fact, with the intent that others rely upon the unfair practice, deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, concealment, suppression, or omission in connection with the advertisement, sale, or lease of consumer merchandise.” Iowa Code Ann. §714H.3(1).

3226. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Iowa PRACFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3227. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Iowa PRACFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3228. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Iowa PRACFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3229. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Iowa PRACFA.

3230. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3231. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3232. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3233. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3234. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Iowa PRACFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3235. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3236. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendants' unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3237. As a result of Defendants' violations of the Iowa PRACFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendants' unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Iowa PRACFA.

3238. Additionally, because Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, were undertaken in willful and wanton disregard for the rights and safety of others, pursuant to Iowa Code Ann. §714H.5(4), Plaintiff and the Class members seek an additional award of treble damages.

**COUNT 213**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**Iowa Code §554.2314**  
**(Against BI)**

3239. Iowa Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3240. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Iowa-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").



3241. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Plaintiff and members of the Iowa Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3242. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3243. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3244. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3245. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff's and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3246. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3247. Plaintiff and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3248. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3249. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3250. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 214**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Iowa Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3251. Iowa Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3252. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Iowa-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3253. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3254. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3255. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3256. It would be unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3257. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3258. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing the dispute.

### **13. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Kentucky-BI Classes**

#### **COUNT 215 Violation of the Kentucky Consumer Protection Act (Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §367.110, *et seq.*) (Against BI)**

3259. Kentucky Class Representative Janet Asbury incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3260. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Kentucky-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3261. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §367.110(1).

3262. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §367.110(2).

3263. The Kentucky Consumer Protection Act (“Kentucky CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair, [unconscionable], false, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §367.170(1)-(2).

3264. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Kentucky CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting,

omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3265. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Kentucky CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3266. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Kentucky CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3267. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Kentucky CPA.

3268. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3269. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3270. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3271. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3272. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3273. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Kentucky CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3274. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3275. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3276. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Kentucky CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Kentucky CPA.

**COUNT 216**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §355.2-314**  
**(Against BI)**

3277. Kentucky Class Representative Janet Asbury incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3278. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Kentucky-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3279. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Kentucky Class Representatives and members of the Kentucky Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3280. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3281. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3282. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3283. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3284. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3285. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.



3286. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3287. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3288. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 217**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Kentucky Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3289. Kentucky Class Representative Janet Asbury incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3290. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Kentucky-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3291. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3292. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products,

which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3293. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3294. It would be inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3295. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3296. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

3297.

**14. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Maryland-BI Classes**

**COUNT 218**  
**Violation of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act**  
**(Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

3298. Maryland Class Representatives Alberta Griffin, Ida Adams, Nicholas Hazlett, and Charles Longfield incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3299. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3300. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(h).

3301. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(c)(1).

3302. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(f).

3303. The Maryland Consumer Protection Act (“Maryland CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practices.” Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301.

3304. The Maryland CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[f]alse, falsely disparaging, or misleading oral or written statement, visual description, or other representation of any kind which has the capacity, tendency, or effect of deceiving or misleading consumers” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(1));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that . . . [c]onsumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services have a sponsorship, approval, accessory, characteristic, ingredient, use, benefit, or quantity which they do not have” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(2)(i));

- (c) “[r]epresent[ing] that . . . [c]onsumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model which they are not” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(2)(iv));
- (d) “[f]ailure to state a material fact if the failure deceives or tends to deceive” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(3));
- (e) “[a]dvertis[ing] or offer[ing] of consumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services . . . [w]ithout intent to sell, lease, or rent them as advertised or offered” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(5)(i)); and
- (f) “[d]eception, fraud, false pretense, false premise, misrepresentation, or knowing concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with the intent that a consumer rely on the same in connection with . . . [t]he promotion or sale of any consumer goods” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(9)(i)).

3305. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3306. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3307. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-

Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3308. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Maryland CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) failing to disclose that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are defective and inherently dangerous in the course of the sale of the Ranitidine-Containing Products; and
- (e) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

3309. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3310. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3311. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of

Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3312. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3313. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3314. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

3315. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Maryland CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3316. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3317. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3318. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Maryland CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Maryland CPA.

**COUNT 219**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**Md. Code Ann. §2-314**  
**(Against BI)**

3319. Maryland Class Representatives Alberta Griffin, Ida Adams, Nicholas Hazlett, and Charles Longfield incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3320. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3321. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Maryland Class Representatives and members of the Maryland Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3322. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3323. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3324. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3325. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3326. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3327. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.



3328. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3329. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3330. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 220**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Maryland Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3331. Maryland Class Representatives Ida Adams, Nicholas Hazlett, and Charles Longfield incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3332. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3333. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3334. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3335. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3336. It would be unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3337. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3338. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**15. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Massachusetts-BI Classes**

**COUNT 221**

**Violation of the Deceptive Acts or Practices Prohibited by Massachusetts Law  
(Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §1, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

3339. Massachusetts Class Representatives Michelle Smith, Rafael Bermudez, and Jennifer Bond incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3340. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Massachusetts-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3341. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §1(a).

3342. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §1(b).

3343. The Massachusetts consumer protection law (“Massachusetts Act”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §2(a).

3344. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Massachusetts Act by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3345. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Massachusetts Act by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3346. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Massachusetts Act by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3347. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Massachusetts Act.

3348. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3349. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3350. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3351. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3352. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Massachusetts Act because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3353. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3354. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3355. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §9(3) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

3356. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Massachusetts Act, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Massachusetts Act.

**COUNT 222**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 106 §2-314**  
**(Against BI)**

3357. Massachusetts Class Representatives Michelle Smith, Rafael Bermudez, and Jennifer Bond incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3358. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Massachusetts-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3359. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Massachusetts Class Representatives and members of the Massachusetts Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3360. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3361. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3362. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3363. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3364. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3365. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3366. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3367. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3368. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 223**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Massachusetts Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3369. Massachusetts Class Representatives Michelle Smith, Rafael Bermudez, and Jennifer Bond incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3370. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Massachusetts-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").



3371. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3372. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3373. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3374. Defendant's enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiffs' and Class members' purchases of Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiffs' and Class members' impoverishment – *i.e.*, Plaintiffs' and Class members' receipt of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

3375. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3376. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3377. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**16. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Michigan-BI Classes**

**COUNT 224**

**Violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act  
(Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.901, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

3378. Michigan Class Representatives Jerry Hunt, Jody Beal, Kenneth Hix, and Lakisha Wilson incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3379. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Michigan-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3380. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.902(1)(d).

3381. Defendant was and is engaged in "[t]rade" or "commerce" within the meaning of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.902(1)(g).

3382. The Michigan Consumer Protection Act ("Michigan CPA") prohibits "[u]nfair, unconscionable, or deceptive methods, acts, or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce." Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1).

3383. The Michigan CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(c));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(e)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising or representing goods or services with intent not to dispose of those goods or services as advertised or represented” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(g)).

3384. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3385. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3386. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3387. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Michigan CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

3388. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3389. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3390. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3391. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or

capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3392. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3393. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Michigan CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3394. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3395. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3396. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Michigan CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Michigan CPA.

**COUNT 225**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Michigan Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3397. Michigan Class Representatives Jerry Hunt, Jody Beal, Kenneth Hix, and Lakisha Wilson incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3398. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Michigan-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3399. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3400. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3401. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3402. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

3403. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3404. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

3405. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**17. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Minnesota-BI Classes**

**COUNT 226**  
**Violation of the Minnesota Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act**  
**(Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

3406. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup, John Scholl, Roy Armstrong, and Brad Hoag incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3407. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3408. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68(3).

3409. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68(2).

3410. The Minnesota Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act (“Minnesota CFA”) prohibits “act, use, or employment by any person of any fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, misleading statement or deceptive practice, with the intent that others rely thereon in connection with the sale of any merchandise, whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived, or damaged.” Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.69(1). Prohibited practices include: (i) deceptive practices concerning the quality of goods or services pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann. §325D.44; (ii) fraud in connection with the sale of any merchandise pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.69; and (iii) misrepresentation of product ingredients or quality pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann. §325D.13.

3411. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3412. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and



failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3413. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3414. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Minnesota CFA.

3415. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3416. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3417. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of

Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3418. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3419. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3420. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

3421. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Minnesota CFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3422. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3423. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3424. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Minnesota CFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Minnesota CFA.

**COUNT 227**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Minn. Stat. Ann. §336.2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

3425. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup, John Scholl, Roy Armstrong, and Brad Hoag incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3426. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3427. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Minnesota Class Representatives and members of the Minnesota Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3428. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3429. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3430. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3431. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3432. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3433. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3434. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3435. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3436. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 228**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Minnesota Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3437. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup, John Scholl, Roy Armstrong, and Brad Hoag incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3438. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3439. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3440. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3441. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3442. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3443. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3444. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**18. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Mississippi-BI Classes**

**COUNT 229**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Miss. Code Ann. §75-2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

3445. Mississippi Class Representatives Beverly Crosby and John Rachal incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3446. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Mississippi-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3447. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Mississippi Class Representatives and members of the Mississippi Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3448. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3449. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3450. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3451. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3452. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3453. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3454. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3455. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3456. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and



punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 230**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Mississippi Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3457. Mississippi Class Representative Beverly Crosby and John Rachal incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3458. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Mississippi-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3459. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3460. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members suffered a detriment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

3461. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of

NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3462. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3463. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3464. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

3465. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**19. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Missouri-BI Classes**

**COUNT 231**  
**Violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act**  
**(Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

3466. Missouri Class Representatives Lorie Kendall-Singer and Antrenise Campbell incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3467. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3468. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010(5).

3469. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade or commerce” within the meaning of Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010(7).

3470. The Missouri Merchandising Practices Act (“Missouri MPA”) prohibits “act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, unfair practice or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise in trade or commerce.” Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.020(1).

3471. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3472. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3473. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3474. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Missouri MPA.

3475. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3476. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3477. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3478. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3479. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3480. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Missouri MPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3481. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3482. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3483. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Missouri MPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Missouri MPA.

**COUNT 232**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Mo. Rev. Stat. §400.2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

3484. Missouri Class Representatives Lorie Kendall-Singer and Antrenise Campbell incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3485. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3486. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Missouri Class Representatives and members of the Missouri Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3487. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3488. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3489. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3490. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff sand each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3491. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3492. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3493. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3494. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3495. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 233**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Missouri Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3496. Missouri Class Representatives Lorie Kendall-Singer and Antrenise Campbell incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3497. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3498. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3499. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3500. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which



the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3501. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3502. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3503. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

3504. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**20. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Montana-BI Classes**

**COUNT 234**

**Violation of the Montana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act of 1973  
(Mont. Code Ann. §30-14-101, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

3505. Montana Class Representative Angel Vega incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3506. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Montana-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3507. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Mont. Code Ann. §30-14-102(6).

3508. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Mont. Code Ann. §30-14-102(1).

3509. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Mont. Code Ann. §30-14-102(8).

3510. The Montana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (“Montana CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Mont. Code Ann. §30-14-103.

3511. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Montana CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3512. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Montana CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3513. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Montana CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3514. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Montana CPA.

3515. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3516. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3517. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3518. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3519. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3520. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

3521. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Montana CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3522. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3523. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3524. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Montana CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or

practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, treble damages pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §30-14-133(1)(3) and any other just and proper relief available under the Montana CPA.

**COUNT 235**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Montana Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3525. Montana Class Representative Angel Vega incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3526. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Montana-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3527. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3528. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members suffered a detriment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

3529. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members'

expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3530. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

3531. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3532. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

3533. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **21. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Nebraska-BI Classes**

### **COUNT 236 Violation of the Nebraska Consumer Protection Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601, *et seq.*) (Against BI)**

3534. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3535. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3536. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(1).

3537. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[a]ssets” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(3).

3538. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(2).

3539. The Nebraska Consumer Protection Act (“Nebraska CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1602.

3540. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3541. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3542. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3543. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Nebraska CPA.

3544. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3545. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3546. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3547. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)



the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3548. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3549. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Nebraska CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3550. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3551. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3552. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Nebraska CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Nebraska CPA.

**COUNT 237**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**Neb. U.C.C. §2-314**  
**(Against BI)**

3553. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3554. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3555. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Nebraska Class Representatives and members of the Nebraska Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3556. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3557. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3558. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3559. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3560. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3561. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3562. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3563. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3564. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 238**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Nebraska Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3565. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3566. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3567. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3568. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3569. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3570. It is unjust and unfair for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3571. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3572. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

3573. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **22. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Nevada-BI Classes**

### **COUNT 239**

#### **Violation of the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0903, *et seq.*) (Against BI)**

3574. Nevada Class Representative Cesar Pinon incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3575. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nevada-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3576. The Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act ("Nevada DTPA"), prohibits the use of "deceptive trade practices" . . . in the course of . . . business or occupation." Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915.

3577. The Nevada DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[k]nowingly mak[ing] a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations or quantities of goods or services for sale or lease or a false representation as to the sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation or connection of a person therewith” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(5));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that goods or services for sale or lease are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that such goods are of a particular style or model, if he or she knows or should know that they are of another standard, quality, grade, style or model” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(7));
- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing] goods or services with intent not to sell or lease them as advertised” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(9));
- (d) “[k]nowingly mak[ing] any other false representation in a transaction” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0915(15)); and
- (e) “[f]ail[ing] to disclose a material fact in connection with the sale or lease of goods or services” (Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598.0923(2)).

3578. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nevada DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3579. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nevada DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3580. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nevada DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3581. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Nevada DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) failing to disclose the NDMA danger in connection with the sale of the Ranitidine-Containing Products; and
- (e) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

3582. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3583. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3584. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of

Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3585. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3586. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3587. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Nevada DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3588. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.



3589. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3590. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Nevada DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Nevada DTPA.

**COUNT 240**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Nevada Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3591. Nevada Class Representative Cesar Pinon incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3592. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nevada-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3593. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3594. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3595. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3596. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

3597. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3598. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

3599. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**23. Causes of Action on Behalf of the New Hampshire-BI Classes**

**COUNT 241**

**Violation of the New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act  
(N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:1, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

3600. New Hampshire Class Representatives Rafael Bermudez and Jennifer Bond incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3601. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Hampshire-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3602. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:1(I).

3603. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:1(II).

3604. The New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act (“New Hampshire CPA”) prohibits “any unfair method of competition or any unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:2.

3605. The New Hampshire CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:2(V));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another.” (N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:2(VII)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised.” (N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:2(IX)).

3606. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Hampshire CPA by knowingly and intentionally

misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3607. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Hampshire CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3608. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Hampshire CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3609. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New Hampshire CPA, including:

- (a) representing that Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not; and

- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

3610. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3611. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3612. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3613. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3614. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3615. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of New Hampshire CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3616. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3617. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3618. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New Hampshire CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New Hampshire CPA.

**COUNT 242**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §382-A:2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

3619. New Hampshire Class Representatives Rafael Bermudez and Jennifer Bond incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3620. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Hampshire-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3621. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to New Hampshire Class Representatives and members of the New Hampshire Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3622. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3623. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3624. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3625. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3626. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3627. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3628. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3629. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3630. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 243**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(New Hampshire Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3631. New Hampshire Class Representatives Rafael Bermudez and Jennifer Bond incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3632. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Hampshire-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").



3633. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3634. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3635. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3636. It is unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3637. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3638. There is no valid, express contract governing this dispute.

3639. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**24. Causes of Action on Behalf of the New Jersey-BI Classes**

**COUNT 244**  
**Violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act**  
**(N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

3640. New Jersey Class Representatives Mary McMillan, Lynn White, Sayed Eldomiaty, and Mary Moronski incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3641. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Jersey-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3642. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “person[s]” within the meaning of N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1(d).

3643. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “merchandise” within the meaning of N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1(c).

3644. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act (“New Jersey CFA”) by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose,

contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer. N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1, *et seq.*

3645. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Jersey CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3646. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Jersey CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3647. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New Jersey CFA.

3648. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3649. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3650. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3651. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3652. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New Jersey CFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3653. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3654. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3655. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New Jersey CFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New Jersey CFA.

**COUNT 245**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.J. Stat. Ann. §12A:2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

3656. New Jersey Class Representatives Mary McMillan, Lynn White, Sayed Eldomiaty, and Mary Moronski incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3657. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Jersey-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3658. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to New Jersey Class Representatives and members of the New Jersey Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3659. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the

products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3660. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3661. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3662. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3663. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3664. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3665. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3666. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3667. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 246**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(New Jersey Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3668. New Jersey Class Representatives Mary McMillan, Lynn White, Sayed Eldomiaty, and Mary Moronski incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3669. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Jersey-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3670. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3671. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the

products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3672. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3673. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3674. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3675. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.



**25. Causes of Action on Behalf of the New Mexico-BI Classes**

**COUNT 247**  
**Violation of the New Mexico Unfair Trade Practices Act**  
**(N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-1, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

3676. New Mexico Class Representatives Ernesto Sanchez and George Tapia incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3677. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Mexico-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3678. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “person[s]” within the meaning of N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(A).

3679. Defendant was and is engaged in “trade” or “commerce” within the meaning of N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(C).

3680. The New Mexico Unfair Trade Practices Act (“New Mexico UTPA”) makes unlawful “a false or misleading oral or written statement, visual description or other representation of any kind knowingly made in connection with the sale, lease, rental or loan of goods or services . . . by a person in the regular course of the person’s trade or commerce, that may, tends to or does deceive or mislead any person.” N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(D). The New Mexico UTPA also makes unlawful “an act or practice in connection with the sale, lease, rental, or loan, or in connection with the offering for sale, lease, rental or loan, of any goods or services, . . . that to a person’s detriment: (1) takes advantage of the lack of knowledge, ability, experience or capacity of a person to a grossly unfair degree; or (2) results in a gross disparity between the value received by a person and the price paid.” N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(E).

3681. The New Mexico UTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have” (N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(D)(5));
- (b) “representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade or that goods are of a particular style or model if they are of another” (N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(D)(7)); and
- (c) “using exaggeration, innuendo or ambiguity as to a material fact . . . if doing so deceives or tends to deceive” (N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(D)(14)).

3682. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Mexico UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3683. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Mexico UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3684. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Mexico UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3685. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New Mexico UTPA, including:

- (a) representing that Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) using exaggeration and/or failing to state the material facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products in a manner that tended to deceive; and
- (d) acting in a manner that resulted in a gross disparity between the true value of the Ranitidine-Containing Products and the price paid.

3686. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3687. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3688. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3689. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the

inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3690. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3691. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New Mexico UTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3692. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3693. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3694. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New Mexico UTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or

practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New Mexico UTPA.

**COUNT 248**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.M. Stat. Ann. §55-2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

3695. New Mexico Class Representatives Ernesto Sanchez and George Tapia incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3696. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Mexico-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against [Brand Manufacturer Defendant] (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3697. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to New Mexico Class Representatives and members of the New Mexico Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3698. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3699. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3700. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3701. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3702. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3703. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3704. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3705. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3706. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 249**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(New Mexico Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3707. New Mexico Class Representatives Ernesto Sanchez and George Tapia incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3708. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Mexico-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Brand Manufacturer Defendant BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3709. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3710. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3711. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3712. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

3713. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3714. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

3715. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**26. Causes of Action on Behalf of the New York-BI Classes**

**COUNT 250**  
**Violation of New York Deceptive Acts and Practices Act**  
**(N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349)**  
**(Against BI)**

3716. New York Class Representatives Benny Fazio, Francis Neary, Glorimar Rodriguez, Mary McCullen, Migdalia Kinney, Richard Froehlich, Roy Armstrong, Dan Zhovtis, and Joseph McPheter incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.



3717. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3718. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “person[s]” within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(h). Defendant is a “person, firm, corporation or association” within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(b).

3719. The New York Deceptive Acts and Practices Act (“New York DAPA”) prohibits “[d]eceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(a).

3720. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3721. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3722. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-

Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3723. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New York DAPA.

3724. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3725. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3726. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3727. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)

the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3728. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3729. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New York DAPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3730. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3731. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3732. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New York DAPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New York DAPA.

**COUNT 251**  
**Violation of the New York False Advertising Act**  
**(N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350)**  
**(Against BI)**

3733. New York Class Representatives Benny Fazio, Francis Neary, Glorimar Rodriguez, Mary McCullen, Migdalia Kinney, Richard Froehlich, Roy Armstrong, Dan Zhovtis, and Joseph McPheter incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3734. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3735. Defendant was and is engaged in “conduct of business, trade or commerce” within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350.

3736. The New York False Advertising Act (“New York FAA”) prohibits “[f]alse advertising in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350. False advertising includes “advertising, including labeling, of a commodity . . . if such advertising is misleading in a material respect,” taking into account “the extent to which the advertising fails to reveal facts material in the light of . . . representations [made] with respect to the commodity.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350-a(1).

3737. Defendant caused to be made or disseminated through New York and the United States, through advertising, marketing, and other publications, statements that were untrue or misleading, and which were known, or which by exercise of reasonable care should have been known to Defendant, to be untrue and misleading to consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members.

3738. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting,

omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3739. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3740. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3741. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New York FAA.

3742. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3743. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3744. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3745. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3746. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3747. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New York FAA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3748. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3749. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3750. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiffs and the Class members are entitled.

3751. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New York FAA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New York FAA.

**COUNT 252**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.Y. U.C.C. Law §2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

3752. New York Class Representatives Benny Fazio, Francis Neary, Glorimar Rodriguez, Mary McCullen, Migdalia Kinney, Richard Froehlich, Roy Armstrong, Dan Zhovtis, and Joseph

McPheter incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3753. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3754. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to New York Class Representative and members of the New York Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3755. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3756. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3757. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3758. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant’s skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.



3759. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3760. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to Defendant or its agents(including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3761. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3762. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3763. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 253**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(New York Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3764. New York Class Representatives Benny Fazio, Francis Neary, Glorimar Rodriguez, Mary McCullen, Migdalia Kinney, Richard Froehlich, Roy Armstrong, Dan Zhovtis, and Joseph McPheter incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3765. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3766. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3767. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3768. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and

that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3769. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3770. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3771. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**27. Causes of Action on Behalf of the North Carolina-BI Classes**

**COUNT 254**

**Violation of the North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act  
(N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

3772. North Carolina Class Representatives Dennis Robbins, Patricia Frazier, and Teresa Lee incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3773. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3774. Defendant was and is engaged in "commerce" within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1(b).

3775. The North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“North Carolina UDTPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce,” N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1(a), and provides a private right of action for any person injured “by reason of any act or thing done by any other person, firm or corporation in violation of” the law. N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-16.

3776. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3777. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3778. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3779. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the North Carolina UDTPA.

3780. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3781. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3782. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3783. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3784. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered

material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3785. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the North Carolina UDTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3786. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3787. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3788. As a result of Defendant's violations of the North Carolina UDTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the North Carolina UDTPA.

**COUNT 255**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §25-2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

3789. North Carolina Class Representatives Dennis Robbins, Patricia Frazier and Teresa Lee incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3790. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3791. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to North Carolina Class Representatives and members of the North Carolina Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3792. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3793. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3794. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3795. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3796. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3797. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3798. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3799. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3800. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.



**COUNT 256**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(North Carolina Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3801. North Carolina Class Representatives Dennis Robbins, Patricia Frazier, and Teresa Lee incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3802. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3803. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3804. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3805. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3806. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3807. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3808. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

## **28. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Ohio-BI Classes**

### **COUNT 257 Breach of Implied Warranty (Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §1302.27) (Against BI)**

3809. Ohio Class Representatives Michael Galloway, Patricia Hess, and Chris Troyan incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3810. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Ohio-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3811. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Ohio Class Representatives and members of the Ohio Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3812. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3813. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3814. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3815. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3816. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3817. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3818. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3819. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3820. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 258**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Ohio Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3821. Ohio Class Representatives Michael Galloway, Patricia Hess, and Chris Troyan incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3822. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Ohio-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3823. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3824. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3825. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3826. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3827. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3828. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**29. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Oklahoma-BI Classes**

**COUNT 259**

**Violation of the Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act  
(Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §751, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

3829. Oklahoma Class Representative Demarco Grayson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3830. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oklahoma-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3831. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class member are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(1).

3832. Defendant was and is engaged in “[c]onsumer transaction[s]” within the meaning of Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(2).

3833. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(7).

3834. The Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act (“Oklahoma CPA”) prohibits numerous unlawful acts, including misleading representations, false advertisements, and false statements. Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753. The Oklahoma CPA defines “[d]eceptive trade practice” as “a misrepresentation, omission or other practice that has deceived or . . . mislead a person to the detriment of that person.” Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(13). The Oklahoma CPA defines “[u]nfair trade practice” as “any practice which offends established public policy or if the practice is

immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, or substantially injurious to consumers.” Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(14).

3835. The Oklahoma CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[m]ak[ing] a false representation, knowingly or with reason to know, as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, or quantities of the subject of a consumer transaction” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(5));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing], knowingly or with reason to know, that the subject of a consumer transaction is of a particular standard, style or model, if it is of another” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(7));
- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing], knowingly or with reason to know, the subject of a consumer transaction with intent not to sell it as advertised” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(8)); and
- (d) “[c]ommit[ing] an unfair or deceptive trade practice as defined in Section 752” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(20)).

3836. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oklahoma CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3837. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oklahoma CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3838. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oklahoma CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3839. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Oklahoma CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

3840. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3841. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3842. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of



Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3843. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3844. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3845. Plaintiff and the Class member was aggrieved by Defendant's violations of Oklahoma CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3846. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class member was deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class member would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3847. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3848. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Oklahoma CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class member seeks an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Oklahoma CPA.

**COUNT 260**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Okla. Stat. tit. 12A §2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

3849. Oklahoma Class Representative Demarco Grayson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3850. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oklahoma-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3851. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Oklahoma Class Representative and members of the Oklahoma Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3852. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3853. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3854. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3855. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3856. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3857. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3858. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3859. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3860. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 261**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Oklahoma Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3861. Oklahoma Class Representative Demarco Grayson incorporates the the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3862. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oklahoma-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3863. Plaintiff and Class member conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3864. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class member received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiff and Class member conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3865. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class member’s expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3866. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class member, would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

3867. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class member through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3868. Plaintiffs and Class member does not have an adequate remedy at law.

**30. Causes of Action on Behalf of Oregon-BI Classes**

**COUNT 262**  
**Violation of the Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act**  
**(Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

3869. Oregon Class Representative Kristi Ledbetter incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3870. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oregon-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3871. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605(4).

3872. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “goods” within the meaning of Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605(6).

3873. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.605(8).

3874. The Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act (“Oregon UTPA”) prohibits “unlawful practice . . . in the course of the person’s business.” Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1).

3875. The Oregon UTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresent[ing] that real estate, goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, quantities or qualities that the real estate, goods or services do not have” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(e));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that real estate, goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that real estate or goods are of a particular style or model, if the real estate, goods or services are of another” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(g));

- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing] real estate, goods or services with intent not to provide the real estate, goods or services as advertised” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(i)); and
- (d) “[e]ngag[ing] in any other unfair or deceptive conduct in trade or commerce” (Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §646.608(1)(u)).

3876. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oregon UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3877. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oregon UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3878. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oregon UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3879. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Oregon UTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

3880. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3881. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3882. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3883. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)



the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3884. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3885. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Oregon UTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3886. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3887. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3888. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Oregon UTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Oregon UTPA.

**COUNT 263**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Or. Rev. Stat. §72.3140)**  
**(Against BI)**

3889. Oregon Class Representative Kristi Ledbetter incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3890. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oregon-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3891. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Oregon Class Representatives and members of the Oregon Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3892. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3893. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3894. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3895. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiff and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3896. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3897. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3898. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3899. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3900. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 264**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Oregon Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3901. Oregon Class Representative Kristi Ledbetter incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3902. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oregon-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3903. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3904. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3905. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3906. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3907. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3908. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

3909. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**31. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Pennsylvania-BI Classes**

**COUNT 265**

**Violation of the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law  
(73 Pa. C.S. §201-1, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

3910. Pennsylvania Class Representative Nicholas Hazlett incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3911. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Pennsylvania-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3912. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of 73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(2).

3913. Plaintiff and the Class members purchased the Ranitidine-Containing Products “primarily for personal, family or household purposes” within the meaning of 73 Pa. C.S. §201-9.2(a).

3914. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of 73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(3).

3915. The Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law (“Pennsylvania CPL”) prohibits “unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” 73 Pa. C.S. §201-3.

3916. The Pennsylvania CPL makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(v));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(vii));
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(ix)); and
- (d) “[e]ngaging in any other fraudulent or deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(xxi)).

3917. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Pennsylvania CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3918. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Pennsylvania CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3919. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Pennsylvania CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3920. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Pennsylvania CPL, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other fraudulent or deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding.

3921. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3922. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3923. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3924. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3925. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.



3926. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Pennsylvania CPL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3927. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3928. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3929. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Pennsylvania CPL, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Pennsylvania CPL.

**COUNT 266**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(13 Pa. Cons. Stat. §2314)**  
**(Against BI)**

3930. Pennsylvania Class Representative Nicholas Hazlett incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3931. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Pennsylvania-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3932. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Pennsylvania Class Representatives and members of the Pennsylvania Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3933. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3934. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3935. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3936. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3937. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3938. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3939. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3940. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3941. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 267**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Pennsylvania Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3942. Pennsylvania Class Representative Nicholas Hazlett incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3943. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Pennsylvania-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3944. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3945. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3946. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3947. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

3948. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3949. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

3950. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**32. Causes of Action on Behalf of Puerto Rico-BI Classes**

**COUNT 268**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(P.R. Laws Ann. tit. 31, §3841)**  
**(Against BI)**

3951. Puerto Rico Class Representatives Gloria Colon and Sonia Diaz incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3952. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Puerto Rico-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3953. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Puerto Rico Class Representatives and members of the Puerto Rico Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3954. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3955. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3956. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3957. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3958. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3959. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3960. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3961. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

3962. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 269**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Puerto Rico Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

3963. Puerto Rico Class Representatives Gloria Colon and Sonia Diaz incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3964. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Puerto Rico Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3965. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

3966. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

3967. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3968. Defendant’s enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ purchases of Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ impoverishment – *i.e.*, Plaintiffs’ and Class members’ receipt of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

3969. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

3970. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

3971. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.



**33. Causes of Action on Behalf of the South Carolina-BI Classes**

**COUNT 270**  
**Violation of the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act**  
**(S.C. Code Ann. §39-5-10, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

3972. South Carolina Class Representative Marianella Villanueva incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3973. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the South Carolina-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

3974. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class member is a “[p]erson” within the meaning of S.C. Code Ann. §39-5-10(a).

3975. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of S.C. Code Ann. §39-5-10(b).

3976. The South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act (“South Carolina UTPA”) prohibits “unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” S.C. Code Ann. §39-5-20(a).

3977. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the South Carolina UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3978. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the South Carolina UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing,

and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

3979. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the South Carolina UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

3980. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the South Carolina UTPA.

3981. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3982. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

3983. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in

fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

3984. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3985. Plaintiff and the Class member is aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the South Carolina UTPA because Plaintiff suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

3986. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class member was deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class member would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

3987. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

3988. As a result of Defendant's violations of the South Carolina UTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class member seeks an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive

acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the South Carolina UTPA.

**COUNT 271**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(S.C. Code Ann. §36-2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

3989. South Carolina Class Representative Marianella Villanueva incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

3990. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the South Carolina-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

3991. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the South Carolina Class Representative and members of the South Carolina Class and was in the business of selling such products.

3992. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3993. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3994. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

3995. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3996. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

3997. Plaintiff and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

3998. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

3999. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4000. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 272**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(South Carolina Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

4001. South Carolina Class Representative Marianella Villanueva incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4002. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the South Carolina-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4003. Plaintiff and Class member conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4004. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class member received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class member conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4005. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly realized a benefit from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class member’s expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period

during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4006. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class member, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4007. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class member through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4008. Plaintiff and Class member does not have an adequate remedy at law.

**34. Causes of Action on Behalf of Tennessee-BI Classes**

**COUNT 273**

**Violation of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977  
(Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-101, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

4009. Tennessee Class Representatives Dale Hunter, Eva Broughton, and Kenneth Hix incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4010. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4011. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(14).

4012. Plaintiffs and the Class members are "[c]onsumer[s]" within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(3).

4013. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(8).

4014. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” or “consumer transaction[s]” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(20).

4015. The Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977 (“Tennessee CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair or deceptive acts or practices affecting the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(a).

4016. The Tennessee CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(5));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(7)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(9)).

4017. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4018. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products



remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4019. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4020. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Tennessee CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not; and
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

4021. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4022. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4023. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4024. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4025. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4026. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Tennessee CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4027. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4028. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4029. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Tennessee CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Tennessee CPA.

**COUNT 274**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Tenn. Code Ann. §47-2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

4030. Tennessee Class Representatives Dale Hunter, Eva Broughton, and Kenneth Hix incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4031. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4032. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Tennessee Class Representatives and members of the Tennessee Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4033. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the

products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4034. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4035. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4036. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4037. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4038. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4039. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4040. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4041. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 275**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Tennessee Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

4042. Tennessee Class Representatives Dale Hunter, Eva Broughton, and Kenneth Hix incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4043. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4044. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4045. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the

products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4046. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4047. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4048. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4049. There is no existing, enforceable contract governing this dispute.

4050. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**35. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Texas-BI Classes**

**COUNT 276**

**Violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act  
(Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.41, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

4051. Texas Class Representatives Marianella Villanueva, Ronda Lockett, Sylvia Yoshida, Agapito It Aleman, Gina Martinez, Liliana Del Valle, and Maria Eames incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4052. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4053. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(3).

4054. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(4).

4055. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(1).

4056. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(6).

4057. The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act (“Texas DTPA”) prohibits “[f]alse, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce,” Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(a), and an “[u]nconscionable action or course of action,” which means “an act or practice which, to a consumer’s detriment, takes advantage of the lack of knowledge, ability, experience, or capacity of the consumer to a grossly unfair degree.” Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §§17.45(5) and 17.50(a)(3).

4058. The Texas DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(5));
- (b) “representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(7)); and
- (c) “advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(9)).

4059. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4060. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4061. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.



4062. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Texas DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not; and
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

4063. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4064. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4065. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4066. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)

the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4067. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4068. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

4069. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Texas DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4070. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4071. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4072. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.505(a) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

4073. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Texas DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Texas DTPA.

**COUNT 277**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

4074. Texas Class Representatives Marianella Villanueva, Ronda Lockett, Sylvia Yoshida, Agapito It Aleman, Gina Martinez, Liliana Del Valle, and Maria Eames incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4075. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4076. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Texas Class Representatives and members of the Texas Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4077. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4078. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4079. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4080. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4081. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4082. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4083. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4084. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4085. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 278**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Texas Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

4086. Texas Class Representatives Marianella Villanueva, Ronda Lockett, Sylvia Yoshida, Agapito It Aleman, Gina Martinez, Liliana Del Valle, and Maria Eames incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4087. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4088. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4089. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4090. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4091. It is unjust and unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these wrongly secured benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4092. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4093. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**36. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Utah-BI Classes**

**COUNT 279**

**Violation of the Utah Consumer Sales Practices Act  
(Utah. Code Ann. §13-11-1, *et seq.*)  
(Against BI)**

4094. Utah Class Representative Teresa Waters incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4095. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Utah-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4096. Defendant is a “[s]upplier” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11-3(6).

4097. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11-3(5).

4098. Defendant was and is engaged in “consumer transactions” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11-3(2)(a).

4099. The Utah Consumer Sales Practices Act (“Utah CSPA”) prohibits any “deceptive act or practice by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.” Utah Code Ann. §13-11-4(1). “An unconscionable act or practice by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction” also violates the Utah CSPA. Utah Code Ann. §13-11-5(1).

4100. The Utah CSPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “indicat[ing] that the subject of a consumer transaction has sponsorship, approval, performance characteristics, accessories, uses, or benefits, if it has not” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11-4(2)(a)); and

- (b) “indicat[ing] that the subject of a consumer transaction is of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model, if it is not” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11-4(2)(b)).

4101. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah CSPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4102. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah CSPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4103. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah CSPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4104. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Utah CSPA, including:



- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have; and
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not.

4105. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4106. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4107. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4108. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4109. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class

members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4110. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Utah CSPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4111. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4112. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4113. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Utah CSPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Utah CSPA.

**COUNT 280**  
**Violation of the Utah Truth in Advertising Law**  
**(Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-1, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

4114. Utah Class Representative Teresa Waters incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4115. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Utah-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4116. Defendant is a “[s]upplier” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-2(17).

4117. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-2(7).

4118. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “goods” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-2(4).

4119. The Utah Truth in Advertising Law (“Utah TAL”) prohibits any deceptive practice undertaken “in the course of a person’s business.” Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-3(1).

4120. The Utah TAL makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “represent[ing] that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or qualities that they do not have” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-3(1)(e));
- (b) “represent[ing] that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-3(1)(g));
- (c) “advertis[ing] goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-3(1)(i)); and
- (d) “engag[ing] in any other conduct which similarly creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-3(1)(t)).

4121. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah TAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4122. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah TAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4123. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah TAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4124. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Utah TAL, including:

- (a) representing that Ranitidine-Containing Products were both safe and effective for the lifetime of the product, when in fact, they were not;
- (b) representing that consumption of Ranitidine-Containing Products had characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or qualities that they do not have;
- (c) representing that Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, or grade when they are not;
- (d) advertising Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (e) engaging in any other conduct that creates a likelihood of confusion.

4125. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4126. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4127. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4128. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4129. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4130. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Utah TAL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4131. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4132. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4133. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiff seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

4134. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Utah TAL, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Utah TAL.

**COUNT 281**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Utah Code Ann. §70A-2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

4135. Utah Class Representative Teresa Waters incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4136. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Utah-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4137. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Utah Class Representatives and members of the Utah Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4138. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4139. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4140. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4141. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4142. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4143. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4144. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4145. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4146. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.



**COUNT 282**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Utah Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

4147. Utah Class Representative Teresa Waters incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4148. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Utah-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4149. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4150. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4151. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4152. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4153. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4154. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**37. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Virginia-BI Classes**

**COUNT 283**  
**Violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act**  
**(Va. Code Ann. §59.1-196, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

4155. Virginia Class Representatives Dan Zhovtis and Cheryl Banks incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4156. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Virginia-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4157. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Va. Code Ann. §59.1-198.

4158. Defendant was and is a “[s]upplier” within the meaning of Va. Code Ann. §59.1-198.

4159. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Va. Code Ann. §59.1-198.

4160. Defendant was and is engaged in “[c]onsumer transaction[s]” within the meaning of Va. Code Ann. §59.1-198.

4161. The Virginia Consumer Protection Act (“Virginia CPA”) prohibits “fraudulent acts or practices committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.” Va. Code Ann. §59.1-200(A).

4162. The Virginia CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[m]isrepresenting that goods or services have certain quantities, characteristics, ingredients, uses, or benefits” (Va. Code Ann. §59.1-200(A)(5));
- (b) “[m]isrepresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model” (Va. Code Ann. §59.1-200(A)(6));
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised, or with intent not to sell at the price or upon the terms advertised” (Va. Code Ann. §59.1-200(A)(8)); and
- (d) “[u]sing any other deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, or misrepresentation in connection with a consumer transaction” (Va. Code Ann. §59.1-200(A)(14)).

4163. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Virginia CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4164. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Virginia CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4165. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Virginia CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4166. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Virginia CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

4167. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4168. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4169. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4170. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4171. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4172. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

4173. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Virginia CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4174. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4175. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4176. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiffs and the Class members are entitled.

4177. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Virginia CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Virginia CPA.

**COUNT 284**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Va. Code Ann. §8.2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

4178. Virginia Class Representatives Dan Zhovtis and Cheryl Banks incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4179. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Virginia-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4180. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Virginia Class Representatives and members of the Virginia Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4181. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4182. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4183. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4184. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4185. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4186. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4187. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4188. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.



4189. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 285**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Virginia Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

4190. Virginia Class Representatives Dan Zhovtis and Cheryl Banks incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4191. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Virginia-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Brand Manufacturer Defendant GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4192. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4193. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4194. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4195. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

4196. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4197. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

4198. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**38. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Washington-BI Classes**

**COUNT 286**  
**Violation of the Washington Consumer Protection Act**  
**(Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

4199. Washington Class Representatives Jonathan Ferguson, Robert Dewitt, Dave Garber, and Earlene Green incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4200. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4201. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(1).

4202. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[a]ssets” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(3).

4203. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(2).

4204. The Washington Consumer Protection Act (“Washington CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.020.

4205. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4206. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4207. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4208. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Washington CPA.

4209. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4210. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4211. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4212. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in

fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4213. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4214. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Washington CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4215. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4216. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4217. On June 22, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.095 to the Attorney General of the State of Washington.

4218. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Washington CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Washington CPA.

**COUNT 287**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Wash. Rev. Code §62A.2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

4219. Washington Class Representatives Jonathan Ferguson, Robert Dewitt, Dave Garber, and Earlene Green incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4220. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4221. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Washington Class Representatives and members of the Washington Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4222. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4223. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4224. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4225. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4226. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4227. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4228. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4229. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4230. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 288**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Washington Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

4231. Washington Class Representatives Jonathan Ferguson, Robert Dewitt, Dave Garber, and Earlene Green incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4232. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4233. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4234. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.



4235. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4236. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

4237. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4238. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

4239. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**39. Causes of Action on Behalf of the West Virginia-BI Classes**

**COUNT 289**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(W. Va. Code §46-2-314)**  
**(Against BI)**

4240. West Virginia Class Representative Ida Adams incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4241. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the West Virginia-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4242. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to West Virginia Class Representatives and members of the West Virginia Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4243. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4244. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4245. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4246. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant’s skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4247. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4248. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4249. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4250. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 290**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(West Virginia Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

4251. West Virginia Class Representative Ida Adams incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4252. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the West Virginia-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4253. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4254. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4255. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4256. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4257. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4258. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

4259. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**40. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Wisconsin-BI Classes**

**COUNT 291**  
**Violation of the Wisconsin Deceptive Trade Practices Act**  
**(Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against BI)**

4260. Wisconsin Class Representative Wendy Quezaire incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4261. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wisconsin-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4262. Defendant is a "person, firm, corporation or association" within the meaning of Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

4263. Plaintiff and the Class members are members of “the public” within the meaning of Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

4264. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “merchandise” within the meaning of Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

4265. The Wisconsin Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“Wisconsin DTPA”) prohibits any “assertion, representation or statement of fact which is untrue, deceptive or misleading.” Wis. Stat. Ann. §100.18(1).

4266. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Wisconsin DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4267. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Wisconsin DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4268. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Wisconsin DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4269. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Wisconsin DTPA.

4270. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4271. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4272. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4273. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4274. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4275. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Wisconsin DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4276. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4277. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4278. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Wisconsin DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Wisconsin DTPA.



**COUNT 292**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Wis. Stat. Ann. §402.314)**  
**(Against BI)**

4279. Wisconsin Class Representative Wendy Quezaire incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4280. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wisconsin-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4281. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Wisconsin Class Representative and members of the Wisconsin Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4282. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4283. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4284. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4285. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4286. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4287. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4288. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4289. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4290. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 293**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Wisconsin Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

4291. Wisconsin Class Representative Wendy Quezaire incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4292. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wisconsin-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against BI (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4293. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4294. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4295. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4296. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4297. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4298. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

4299. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**41. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Wyoming-BI Classes**

**COUNT 294  
Breach of Implied Warranty  
(Wyo. Stat. §34.1-2-314)  
(Against BI)**

4300. Wyoming Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4301. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wyoming-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4302. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Wyoming Class Representatives and members of the Wyoming Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4303. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4304. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4305. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4306. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4307. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4308. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4309. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4310. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4311. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 295**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Wyoming Law)**  
**(Against BI)**

4312. Wyoming Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 2-8, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4313. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Wyoming-BI Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against BI (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4314. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4315. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products,

which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4316. Defendant readily accepted, retained, and enjoyed these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4317. Defendant knew that Plaintiff and Class members reasonably expected to receive safe and effective medications.

4318. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4319. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4320. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**D. Causes of Action Against Sanofi**

4321. For the purposes of the subsequent causes of action against Defendant Sanofi, Plaintiffs are incorporating the following allegations by reference: paragraphs 16-22 (corporate information); 136-140 (jurisdiction and venue); 142-166 (development of brand Zantac); 167-211 (knowledge that NDMA is carcinogenic); 212-232 (discovery by regulatory agencies that ranitidine contained NDMA); 233-236 (transformation of ranitidine into NDMA); 237-264 (knowledge that ranitidine had the potential to transform into NDMA); 265-271 (NDMA formation in organs of the human body); 272-284 (NDMA formation by exposure to heat, moisture and/or time); 285-291 (link between ranitidine exposure and cancer); 313-317 (compliance with current Good Manufacturing Practices); 347-398 (misrepresentations or omissions of material fact in labeling and packaging 318-323 (Plaintiffs' purchases of Rantidine-Containing Products) and 324-332 (equitable tolling).

4322. Plaintiff identified in the table below bring claims against Defendant Sanofi on behalf of themselves and their respective State Classes under the laws of their respective states. Each Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations specific to them from Section II.B., *supra*, into their respective claims below:

<b>Plaintiff Name</b>	<b>State(s) of Residence</b>
Andy Green Jr.	Arkansas
Tina Culclager	Arkansas
Tangie Sims	Arizona
Golbenaz Bakhtiar	California
Richard Obrien	California



Virginia Aragon	California
Jeffrey Pisano	Colorado
Ronald Ragan	Colorado
Angel Cordero	Connecticut
Gustavo Velasquez	Florida
Joshua Winans	Florida
Michael Tomlinson	Florida
Ricardo Moròn	Florida
Sharon Tweg	Florida
Sonia Diaz	Florida
Kathy Jeffries	Georgia
Charles Longfield	Iowa
Denise Guy	Illinois
Heather Re	Illinois
Renee Chatman	Illinois
Rebecca Sizemore	Indiana
Jamie Mckay	Louisiana
Randy Jones	Louisiana
Michelle Smith	Massachusetts
Jennifer Bond	Massachusetts
Alberta Griffin	Maryland
Ida Adams	Maryland
Arthur Gamble	Michigan
Jerry Hunt	Michigan
Jody Beal	Michigan
Roy Armstrong	Michigan, Florida

Brad Hoag	Minnesota
Donald Northrup	Minnesota
John Rachal	Mississippi
Lorie Kendall-Songer	Missouri
Dennis Robbins	North Carolina
Sharon Parks	North Carolina
Gaylord Stauffer	Nebraska
Rafael Bermudez	New Hampshire
Mary McMillian	New Jersey
Mary Moronski	New Jersey
Ernesto Sanchez	New Mexico
George Tapia	New Mexico
Benny Fazio	New York
Francis Neary	New York
Glorimar Rodriguez	New York
Mary McCullen	New York
Migdalia Kinney	New York
Richard Froehlich	New York
Silomie Clarke	New York
Yesenia Melillo	New York
Chris Troyan	Ohio
Michael Galloway	Ohio
Demarco Grayson	Oklahoma
Nicholas Hazlett	Pennsylvania
Gloria Colon	Puerto Rico
Dale Hunter	Tennessee

Ronda Lockett	Texas
Agapito It Aleman	Texas
Gina Martinez	Texas
Liliana Del Valle	Texas
Marilyn Abraham	Texas
Sylvia Yoshida	Texas
Marianella Villanueva	Texas
Teresa Waters	Utah
Dan Zhovtis	Virginia
Cheryl Banks	Virginia
Jonathan Ferguson	Washington
Dave Garber	Washington
Robert Dewitt	Washington

**1. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Arizona-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 296**

**Violation of the Arizona Consumer Fraud Act  
(Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1521, *et seq.*)  
(Against Sanofi)**

4323. Arizona Class Representative Tangie Sims incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4324. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arizona-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4325. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1521(6).

4326. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1521(5).

4327. The Arizona Consumer Fraud Act (“Arizona CFA”) prohibits “[t]he act, use or employment by any person of any deception, deceptive or unfair act or practice, fraud, ... misrepresentation, or concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely on such concealment, suppression or omission, in connection with the sale ... of any merchandise whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby.” Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §44-1522(A).

4328. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arizona CFA by recklessly, wantonly, knowingly, and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4329. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arizona CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4330. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arizona CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4331. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Arizona CFA.

4332. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4333. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4334. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4335. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4336. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4337. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

4338. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Arizona CFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4339. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4340. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4341. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Arizona CFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or

practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Arizona CFA.

**COUNT 297**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Arizona Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4342. Arizona Class Representative Tangie Sims incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4343. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arizona-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4344. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4345. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendant but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4346. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of

NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4347. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4348. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4349. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **2. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Arkansas-Sanofi Classes**

### **COUNT 298 Violation of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-101, *et seq.*) (Against Sanofi)**

4350. Arkansas Class Representatives Andy Green Jr. and Tina Culclager incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4351. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4352. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-102(5).



4353. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-102(4).

4354. The Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“Arkansas DTPA”) prohibits “[d]eceptive and unconscionable trade practices.” Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a).

4355. The Arkansas DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[k]nowingly making a false representation as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services or as to whether goods are original or new or of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(1));
- (b) “[a]dvertising the goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(3)); and
- (c) “[e]ngaging in any other unconscionable, false, or deceptive act or practice in business, commerce, or trade” (Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-107(a)(10)).

4356. The Arkansas DTPA also prohibits the following when utilized in connection with the sale or advertisement of any goods: “(1) The act, use, or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, or false pretense; [or] (2) [t]he concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression, or omission . . . .” Ark. Code Ann. §4-88-108(a).

4357. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4358. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4359. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Arkansas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4360. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Arkansas DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

4361. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4362. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4363. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4364. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4365. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4366. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and

continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

4367. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of Arkansas DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4368. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4369. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4370. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Arkansas DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Arkansas DTPA.

**COUNT 299**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Ark. Code Ann. §4-2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4371. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. and Tina Culclager incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4372. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4373. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Arkansas Class Representatives and members of the Arkansas Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4374. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4375. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4376. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4377. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant’s skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4378. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4379. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4380. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4381. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4382. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 300**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Arkansas Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4383. Arkansas Class Representative Andy Green Jr. and Tina Culclager incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4384. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Arkansas-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4385. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4386. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4387. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4388. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4389. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4390. There is no valid, legal, and binding contract governing this dispute.

4391. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

### **3. Causes of Action on Behalf of the California-Sanofi Classes**

#### **COUNT 301 Violation of the California Unfair Competition Law (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200, *et seq.*) (Against Sanofi)**

4392. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4393. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4394. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "persons" within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17201.



4395. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200 (“California UCL”) prohibits acts of “unfair competition,” including any “unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice” and “unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising.”

4396. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4397. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4398. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California UCL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4399. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California UCL. These acts also constitute “fraudulent” business acts and practices under the California UCL in that Defendant’s conduct is false, misleading, and has a tendency to deceive the Class and the general public.

4400. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4401. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4402. Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4403. Defendant’s unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers’ minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4404. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered

material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4405. Moreover, Defendant engaged in “unlawful” business acts or practices by violating both federal and California laws, including: the federal RICO statute, 18 U.S.C. §1962(c)-(d); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§331(a), (c), (g), 351(a)(2)(B), (b), (d), 352(a)(1), (c), (e)(1)(A)(ii), (f)-(g), (i)(2)-(3), (j), (n), (p); Good Manufacturing Practices, 21 C.F.R. 210.1(a), 211.142(b); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Laws, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§111260, 111280, 111290, 111295, 111305, 111330, 111345, 111355(a)(3), 111360(b), 111375, 111380, 111395(a)-(b), 111400, 111440, 111445, 111450; the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §1750; and the California FAL, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, as alleged herein.

4406. Defendant’s conduct also constitutes “unfair” business acts or practices. Under the balancing test, the determination of whether a business practice is “unfair” involves examining the practice’s impact on its alleged victim, balanced against the reasons, justifications, and motives of the alleged wrongdoer.

4407. Additionally, Defendant’s conduct was “unfair” under the tethering test, in that it violated the federal RICO statute, 18 U.S.C. §1962(c)-(d); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §§331(a), (c), (g), 351(a)(2)(B), (b), (d), 352(a)(1), (c), (e)(1)(A)(ii), (f)-(g), (i)(2)-(3), (j), (n), (p); Good Manufacturing Practices, 21 C.F.R. 210.1(a), 211.142(b); adulteration and misbranding provisions under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Laws, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§111260, 111280, 111290, 111295,

111305, 111330, 111345, 111355(a)(3), 111360(b), 111375, 111380, 111395(a)-(b), 111400, 111440, 111445, 111450; the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, *see* Cal. Civ. Code §1760; and the California FAL, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, which reflect the United States' and California's policy of protecting consumers against unfair and deceptive business practices and adulterated and misbranded drugs.

4408. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California UCL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4409. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4410. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4411. Pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§17200 and 17203, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order providing restitution relating to the above-described unfair business acts or practices, and injunctive and declaratory relief as may be appropriate.

**COUNT 302**  
**Violation of the California False Advertising Law**  
**(Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4412. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4413. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4414. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "persons" within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17506.

4415. The California False Advertising Law ("California FAL") prohibits "any person, . . . corporation . . . or any employee thereof with intent directly or indirectly to dispose of real or personal property . . . or to induce the public to enter into any obligation relating thereto, to make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated . . . before the public in this state or from this state before the public in any state, in any newspaper or other publication, or any advertising device, . . . or in any other manner or means whatever, including over the internet, any statement . . . which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading." Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17500.

4416. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4417. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4418. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California FAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4419. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California FAL, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

4420. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4421. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4422. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4423. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4424. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4425. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California FAL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4426. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4427. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4428. As a result of Defendant's violations of the California FAL, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order providing restitution and disgorgement of all profits relating to the above-described business acts or practices, and other appropriate relief, including injunctive and declaratory relief as may be appropriate under the California FAL.

**COUNT 303**  
**Violation of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act**  
**(Cal. Civ. Code §1750, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4429. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4430. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").



4431. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(c).

4432. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(d).

4433. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(a).

4434. The California Consumers Legal Remedies Act (“California CLRA”) prohibits “unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices undertaken by any person in a transaction intended to result or that results in the sale or lease of goods or services to any consumer.” Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a).

4435. The California CLRA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(5));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(7));
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(9)); and
- (d) “[r]epresenting that the subject of a transaction has been supplied in accordance with a previous representation when it has not” (Cal. Civ. Code §1770(a)(16)).

4436. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their

intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4437. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4438. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the California CLRA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4439. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the California CLRA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

4440. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4441. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4442. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4443. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4444. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4445. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the California CLRA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as set forth above.

4446. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4447. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4448. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by various Plaintiff within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1782 to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

4449. Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1780(a), Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding damages and any other just and proper relief available under the California CLRA. Under Cal. Civ. Code §1780(b),

Plaintiffs seek an additional award against Defendant of up to \$5,000 for each Class member who qualifies as a “senior citizen” or “disabled person” under the California CLRA. Defendant knew or should have known that its conduct was directed to one or more Class members who are senior citizens or disabled persons. Defendant’s conduct caused one or more of these senior citizens or disabled persons to suffer a substantial loss of property set aside for retirement or for personal or family care and maintenance, or assets essential to the health or welfare of the senior citizen or disabled person. One or more Class members who are senior citizens or disabled persons are substantially more vulnerable to Defendant’s conduct because of age, poor health or infirmity, impaired understanding, restricted mobility, or disability, and each of them suffered substantial economic damage resulting from Defendant’s conduct.

**COUNT 304**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Cal. Com. Code §2314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4450. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O’Brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4451. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4452. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the California Class Representatives and members of the California Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4453. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the

products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4454. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4455. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4456. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4457. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4458. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4459. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4460. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4461. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 305**  
**Unjust Enrichment or Quasi-Contract**  
**(California Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4462. California Class Representatives Golbenaz Bakhtiar, Richard O'brien, and Virginia Aragon incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4463. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4464. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4465. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the

products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4466. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4467. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4468. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4469. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.



#### **4. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Colorado-Sanofi Classes**

##### **COUNT 306 Violation of the Colorado Consumer Protection Act (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-101, *et seq.*) (Against Sanofi)**

4470. Colorado Class Representatives Jeffrey Pisano and Ronald Ragan incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4471. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Colorado-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4472. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-102(6).

4473. The Colorado Consumer Protection Act (“Colorado CPA”) prohibits unfair, unconscionable, and deceptive acts or practices “in the course of the person’s business, vocation, or occupation.” Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1).

4474. The Colorado CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[e]ither knowingly or recklessly mak[ing] a false representation as to the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods, services, or property” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(b));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that goods, food, services, or property are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if he knows or should know that they are of another” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(g));
- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing] goods, services, or property with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(i));
- (d) “[f]ails to disclose material information concerning goods, services, or property which information was known at the time of an advertisement or sale if such failure to disclose such information was intended to induce the consumer to enter into a transaction” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(u)); and

- (e) “[e]ither knowingly or recklessly engage[ing] in any unfair, unconscionable, deceptive, deliberately misleading, false, or fraudulent act or practice” (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §6-1-105(1)(kkk)).

4475. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer. Such conduct was bad faith conduct under the Colorado CPA.

4476. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4477. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Colorado CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4478. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Colorado CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce; and
- (e) failing to disclose the defective Ranitidine-Containing Products in connection with their sale to the public.

4479. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4480. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4481. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4482. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the

inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4483. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4484. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

4485. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Colorado CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4486. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4487. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4488. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Colorado CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Colorado CPA.

**COUNT 307**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Colorado Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4489. Colorado Class Representatives Jeffrey Pisano and Ronald Ragan incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4490. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Colorado-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4491. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4492. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiffs and Class members suffered a detriment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

4493. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4494. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits without commensurate compensation because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

4495. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4496. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**5. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Connecticut-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 308**  
**Violation of the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act**  
**(Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110a, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4497. Connecticut Class Representative Angel Cordero incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4498. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Connecticut-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4499. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110a(3).

4500. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110a(4).

4501. The Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act (“Connecticut UTPA”) prohibits “unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42-110b(a).

4502. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Connecticut UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4503. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Connecticut UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4504. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Connecticut UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4505. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Connecticut UTPA.

4506. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4507. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4508. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of



Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4509. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4510. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4511. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Connecticut UTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4512. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4513. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4514. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Connecticut UTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Connecticut UTPA.

**COUNT 309**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. §42a-2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4515. Connecticut Class Representative Angel Cordero incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4516. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Connecticut-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4517. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Connecticut Class Representative and members of the Connecticut Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4518. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4519. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4520. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4521. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4522. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4523. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4524. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4525. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4526. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 310**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Connecticut Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4527. Connecticut Class Representative Angel Cordero incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4528. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Connecticut-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4529. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4530. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4531. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4532. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

4533. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4534. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **6. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Florida-Sanofi Classes**

### **COUNT 311**

#### **Violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.201, *et seq.*) (Against Sanofi)**

4535. Florida Class Representatives Gustavo Velasquez, Joshua Winans, Ricardo Moròn, Michael Tomlinson, Roy Armstrong, Sonia Diaz, and Sharon Tweg incorporate the preceding

allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4536. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Florida-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4537. The Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (“FDUTPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.204(1).

4538. In construing the provisions of the FDUTPA, “due consideration and great weight shall be given to the interpretations of the Federal Trade Commission and the federal courts relating to s. 5(a)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. s. 45(a)(1) as of July 1, 2017.” Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.204(2).

4539. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” and “[i]nterested part[ies] or person[s]” as defined by the FDUTPA. *See* Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.203(6)-(7).

4540. Defendant engaged in “[t]rade or commerce” as defined by the FDUTPA. *See* Fla. Stat. Ann. §501.203(8).

4541. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4542. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to

disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4543. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the FDUTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4544. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the FDUTPA.

4545. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4546. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4547. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4548. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4549. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4550. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the FDUTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4551. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.



4552. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4553. As a result of Defendant's violations of the FDUTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the FDUTPA.

**COUNT 312**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Florida Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4554. Florida Class Representatives Gustavo Velasquez, Joshua Winans, Ricardo Moròn, Michael Tomlinson, Roy Armstrong, Sonia Diaz, and Sharon Tweg incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4555. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Florida-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4556. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4557. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and,

thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members suffered an impoverishment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

4558. Defendant voluntarily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4559. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits without paying the value thereof because the benefits were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

4560. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4561. There is no express written contract governing this dispute.

4562. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**7. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Indiana-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 313  
Breach of Implied Warranty  
(Ind. Code Ann. §26-1-2-314)  
(Against Sanofi)**

4563. Indiana Class Representative Rebecca Sizemore incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4564. This cause of action is brought on behalf of Indiana-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4565. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Indiana Class Representatives and members of the Indiana Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4566. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4567. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4568. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4569. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4570. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4571. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4572. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4573. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4574. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and

punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 314**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Indiana Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4575. Indiana Class Representative Rebecca Sizemore incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4576. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Indiana-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4577. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4578. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendant but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4579. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of

NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4580. It would be unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4581. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4582. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing the dispute.

## **8. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Georgia-Sanofi Classes**

### **COUNT 315 Violation of the Georgia Fair Business Practices Act (Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-390, *et seq.*) (Against Sanofi)**

4583. Georgia Class Representative Kathy Jeffries incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4584. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Georgia-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4585. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class member are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-392(a)(24).

4586. Plaintiff and the Class member is a “[c]onsumer” within the meaning of Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-392(a)(6).

4587. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” and “commerce” within the meaning of Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-392(a)(28).

4588. The Georgia Fair Business Practices Act (“Georgia FBPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of consumer transactions and consumer acts or practices in trade or commerce.” Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(a).

4589. The Georgia FBPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(b)(5));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(b)(7)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-393(b)(9)).

4590. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Georgia FBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4591. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Georgia FBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and

failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4592. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Georgia FBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4593. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Georgia FBPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

4594. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.



4595. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4596. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4597. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4598. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4599. Plaintiff and the Class member reasonably relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

4600. Plaintiff and the Class member was aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Georgia FBPA because she suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4601. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class member was deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class member would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4602. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class member, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4603. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiff within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiff in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Ga. Code Ann. §10-1-399(b) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiff seeks all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class member is entitled.

4604. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Georgia FBPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class member seeks an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Georgia FBPA.

**COUNT 316**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Georgia Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4605. Georgia Class Representative Kathy Jeffries incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4606. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Georgia-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4607. Plaintiff and Class member conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4608. In exchange for payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class member received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class member conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4609. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class member and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class member’s expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4610. It is inequitable and unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class member, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4611. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class member through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4612. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

4613. Plaintiff and Class member does not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **9. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Illinois-Sanofi Classes**

### **COUNT 317**

#### **Violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act (815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1, *et seq.*) (Against Sanofi)**

4614. Illinois Class Representatives Denise Guy, Heather Re, and Renee Chatman incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4615. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Illinois-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4616. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "person[s]" within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(c).

4617. Plaintiffs and the Class members are "consumer[s]" within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(e).

4618. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “merchandise” within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(b).

4619. Defendant was and is engaged in “trade” and “commerce” within the meaning of 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/1(f).

4620. The Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act (“Illinois CFDBPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including, but not limited to, the use or employment of any deception fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation or the concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact, with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression or omission of such material fact, or the use or employment of any practice described in Section 2 of the ‘Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act’ [815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 510/2], approved August 5, 1965, in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/2.

4621. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Illinois CFDBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4622. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Illinois CFDBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products

remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4623. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Illinois CFDBPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4624. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Illinois CFDBPA.

4625. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4626. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4627. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4628. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4629. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4630. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Illinois CFDBPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4631. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4632. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4633. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Illinois CFDBPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Illinois CFDBPA.

**COUNT 318**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Illinois Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4634. Illinois Class Representatives Denise Guy, Heather Re, and Renee Chatman incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4635. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Illinois-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4636. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4637. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,



Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4638. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4639. It violates the principles of justice, equity, and good conscience for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

4640. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4641. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing the dispute.

**10. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Iowa-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 319**

**Violation of the Iowa Private Right of Action for Consumer Frauds Act  
(Iowa Code Ann. §714H.1, *et seq.*)  
(Against Sanofi)**

4642. Iowa Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4643. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Iowa-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4644. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Iowa Code Ann. §714H.2(7).

4645. Plaintiff and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Iowa Code Ann. §714H.2(3).

4646. The Iowa Private Right of Action for Consumer Frauds Act (“Iowa PRACFA”) prohibits any “practice or act the person knows or reasonably should know is an unfair practice, deception, fraud, false pretense, or false promise, or the misrepresentation, concealment, suppression, or omission of a material fact, with the intent that others rely upon the unfair practice, deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, concealment, suppression, or omission in connection with the advertisement, sale, or lease of consumer merchandise.” Iowa Code Ann. §714H.3(1).

4647. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Iowa PRACFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4648. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Iowa PRACFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4649. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Iowa PRACFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4650. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Iowa PRACFA.

4651. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4652. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4653. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4654. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4655. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Iowa PRACFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4656. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4657. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendants' unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4658. As a result of Defendants' violations of the Iowa PRACFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendants' unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Iowa PRACFA.

4659. Additionally, because Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, were undertaken in willful and wanton disregard for the rights and safety of others, pursuant to Iowa Code Ann. §714H.5(4), Plaintiff and the Class members seek an additional award of treble damages.

**COUNT 320**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Iowa Code §554.2314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4660. Iowa Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4661. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Iowa-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4662. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Plaintiff and members of the Iowa Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4663. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4664. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4665. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4666. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff's and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4667. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4668. Plaintiff and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4669. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4670. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4671. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 321**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Iowa Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4672. Iowa Class Representative Charles Longfield incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4673. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Iowa-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4674. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4675. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4676. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4677. It would be unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.



4678. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4679. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing the dispute.

## **11. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Louisiana-Sanofi Classes**

### **COUNT 322**

#### **Violation of the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law (La. Stat. Ann. §51:1401, *et seq.*) (Against Sanofi)**

4680. Louisiana Class Representatives Jamie McKay and Randy Jones incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4681. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4682. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(8).

4683. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(1).

4684. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of La. Stat. Ann. §51:1402(10).

4685. The Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law (“Louisiana CPL”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” La. Stat. Ann. §51:1405(A).

4686. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4687. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4688. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Louisiana CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4689. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Louisiana CPL.

4690. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4691. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4692. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4693. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4694. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class

members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4695. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

4696. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Louisiana CPL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4697. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4698. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4699. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Louisiana CPL, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Louisiana CPL.

**COUNT 323**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(La. Civ. Code Ann. Art. §2520)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4700. Louisiana Class Representatives Jamie McKay and Randy Jones incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4701. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4702. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Louisiana Class Representatives and members of the Louisiana Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4703. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4704. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4705. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4706. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4707. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4708. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4709. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4710. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4711. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 324**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Louisiana Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4712. Louisiana Class Representatives Jamie McKay and Randy Jones incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4713. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Louisiana-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4714. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4715. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4716. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4717. Defendant's enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiffs for the Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiffs' impoverishment – the receipt by Plaintiffs of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

4718. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4719. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4720. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

## **12. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Maryland-Sanofi Classes**

### **COUNT 325**

#### **Violation of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101, *et seq.*) (Against Sanofi)**

4721. Maryland Class Representatives Alberta Griffin and Ida Adams incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4722. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").



4723. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(h).

4724. Plaintiff and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(c)(1).

4725. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-101(f).

4726. The Maryland Consumer Protection Act (“Maryland CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practices.” Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301.

4727. The Maryland CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[f]alse, falsely disparaging, or misleading oral or written statement, visual description, or other representation of any kind which has the capacity, tendency, or effect of deceiving or misleading consumers” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(1));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing] that . . . [c]onsumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services have a sponsorship, approval, accessory, characteristic, ingredient, use, benefit, or quantity which they do not have” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(2)(i));
- (c) “[r]epresent[ing] that . . . [c]onsumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model which they are not” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(2)(iv));
- (d) “[f]ailure to state a material fact if the failure deceives or tends to deceive” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(3));
- (e) “[a]dvertis[ing] or offer[ing] of consumer goods, consumer realty, or consumer services . . . [w]ithout intent to sell, lease, or rent them as advertised or offered” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(5)(i)); and
- (f) “[d]eception, fraud, false pretense, false premise, misrepresentation, or knowing concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with the intent that a consumer rely on the same in connection with . . . [t]he promotion or sale of any consumer goods” (Md. Code Ann., Com. Law §13-301(9)(i)).

4728. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting,

omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4729. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4730. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Maryland CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4731. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Maryland CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;

- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised;
- (d) failing to disclose that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are defective and inherently dangerous in the course of the sale of the Ranitidine-Containing Products; and
- (e) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

4732. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4733. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4734. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4735. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4736. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered

material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4737. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

4738. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Maryland CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4739. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4740. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4741. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Maryland CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Maryland CPA.

**COUNT 326**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Md. Code Ann. §2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4742. Maryland Class Representatives Alberta Griffin and Ida Adams incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4743. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4744. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Maryland Class Representatives and members of the Maryland Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4745. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4746. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4747. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4748. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4749. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4750. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4751. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4752. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4753. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 327**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Maryland Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4754. Maryland Class Representatives Alberta Griffin and Ida Adams incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4755. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Maryland-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4756. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4757. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4758. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4759. It would be unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4760. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for the value thereof, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4761. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**13. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Massachusetts-Sanofi  
Classes**

**COUNT 328**

**Violation of the Deceptive Acts or Practices Prohibited by Massachusetts Law  
(Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §1, *et seq.*)  
(Against Sanofi)**

4762. Massachusetts Class Representatives Michelle Smith and Jennifer Bond incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4763. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Massachusetts-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4764. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §1(a).

4765. Defendant was and is engaged in "[t]rade" or "commerce" within the meaning of Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §1(b).



4766. The Massachusetts consumer protection law (“Massachusetts Act”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §2(a).

4767. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Massachusetts Act by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4768. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Massachusetts Act by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4769. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Massachusetts Act by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4770. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Massachusetts Act.

4771. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4772. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4773. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4774. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4775. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Massachusetts Act because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and

proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4776. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4777. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4778. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, §9(3) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

4779. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Massachusetts Act, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Massachusetts Act.

**COUNT 329**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 106 §2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4780. Massachusetts Class Representatives Michelle Smith and Jennifer Bond incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4781. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Massachusetts-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4782. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Massachusetts Class Representatives and members of the Massachusetts Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4783. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4784. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4785. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4786. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4787. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4788. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4789. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4790. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4791. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 330**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Massachusetts Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4792. Massachusetts Class Representatives Michelle Smith and Jennifer Bond incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4793. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Massachusetts-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4794. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4795. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4796. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and was knowingly enriched from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period

during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4797. Defendant's enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiffs' and Class members' purchases of Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiffs' and Class members' impoverishment – *i.e.*, Plaintiffs' and Class members' receipt of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

4798. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4799. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4800. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

#### **14. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Michigan-Sanofi Classes**

##### **COUNT 331**

##### **Violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.901, *et seq.*) (Against Sanofi)**

4801. Michigan Class Representatives Arthur Gamble, Jerry Hunt, Jody Beal, and Roy Armstrong incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4802. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Michigan-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4803. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.902(1)(d).

4804. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.902(1)(g).

4805. The Michigan Consumer Protection Act (“Michigan CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair, unconscionable, or deceptive methods, acts, or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce.” Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1).

4806. The Michigan CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(c));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(e)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising or representing goods or services with intent not to dispose of those goods or services as advertised or represented” (Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. §445.903(1)(g)).

4807. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4808. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products



remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4809. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Michigan CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4810. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Michigan CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

4811. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4812. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4813. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4814. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4815. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4816. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Michigan CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4817. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4818. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4819. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Michigan CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Michigan CPA.

**COUNT 332**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Michigan Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4820. Michigan Class Representatives Arthur Gamble, Jerry Hunt, Jody Beal, and Roy Armstrong incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4821. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Michigan-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4822. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4823. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the

products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4824. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4825. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4826. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4827. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

4828. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**15. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Minnesota-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 333**

**Violation of the Minnesota Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act  
(Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68, *et seq.*)  
(Against Sanofi)**

4829. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup and Brad Hoag incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4830. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4831. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68(3).

4832. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.68(2).

4833. The Minnesota Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act (“Minnesota CFA”) prohibits “act, use, or employment by any person of any fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, misleading statement or deceptive practice, with the intent that others rely thereon in connection with the sale of any merchandise, whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived, or damaged.” Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.69(1). Prohibited practices include: (i) deceptive practices concerning the quality of goods or services pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann. §325D.44; (ii) fraud in connection with the sale of any merchandise pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann. §325F.69; and (iii) misrepresentation of product ingredients or quality pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ann. §325D.13.

4834. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting,

omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4835. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4836. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Minnesota CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4837. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Minnesota CFA.

4838. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4839. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4840. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4841. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4842. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4843. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

4844. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Minnesota CFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4845. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4846. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4847. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Minnesota CFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Minnesota CFA.

**COUNT 334**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Minn. Stat. Ann. §336.2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4848. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup and Brad Hoag incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4849. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").



4850. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Minnesota Class Representatives and members of the Minnesota Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4851. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4852. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4853. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4854. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4855. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4856. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4857. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4858. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4859. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 335**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Minnesota Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4860. Minnesota Class Representatives Donald Northrup and Brad Hoag incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4861. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Minnesota-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4862. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4863. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4864. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4865. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4866. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4867. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**16. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Mississippi-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 336  
Breach of Implied Warranty  
(Miss. Code Ann. §75-2-314)  
(Against Sanofi)**

4868. Mississippi Class Representative John Rachal incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4869. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Mississippi-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4870. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Mississippi Class Representative and members of the Mississippi Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4871. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4872. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4873. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4874. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4875. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4876. Plaintiff and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4877. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4878. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4879. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 337**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Mississippi Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4880. Mississippi Class Representative John Rachal incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4881. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Mississippi-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4882. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4883. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and thus resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members suffered a detriment because they purchased worthless medications and did not receive the expected benefit therefrom.

4884. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and thus resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4885. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4886. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and therefore restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4887. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

4888. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**17. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Missouri-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 338**  
**Violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act**  
**(Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4889. Missouri Class Representative Lorie Kendall-Singer incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4890. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4891. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010(5).

4892. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade or commerce” within the meaning of Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.010(7).

4893. The Missouri Merchandising Practices Act (“Missouri MPA”) prohibits “act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, unfair practice or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise in trade or commerce.” Mo. Ann. Stat. §407.020(1).

4894. In the course of its business, Defendant, through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably



dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4895. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4896. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Missouri MPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4897. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive business practices prohibited by the Missouri MPA.

4898. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4899. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4900. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4901. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4902. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4903. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Missouri MPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4904. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4905. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4906. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Missouri MPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Missouri MPA.

**COUNT 339**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Mo. Rev. Stat. §400.2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4907. Missouri Class Representative Lorie Kendall-Singer incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4908. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4909. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Missouri Class Representative and members of the Missouri Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4910. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4911. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4912. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4913. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4914. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4915. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4916. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4917. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4918. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 340**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Missouri Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4919. Missouri Class Representative Lorie Kendall-Singer incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4920. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Missouri-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4921. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4922. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products,

which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4923. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4924. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

4925. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4926. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

4927. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**18. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Nebraska-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 341**

**Violation of the Nebraska Consumer Protection Act  
(Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601, *et seq.*)  
(Against Sanofi)**

4928. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4929. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4930. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(1).

4931. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[a]ssets” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(3).

4932. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1601(2).

4933. The Nebraska Consumer Protection Act (“Nebraska CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. §59-1602.

4934. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4935. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4936. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Nebraska CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4937. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Nebraska CPA.

4938. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4939. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.



4940. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4941. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4942. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4943. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Nebraska CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4944. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4945. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4946. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Nebraska CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Nebraska CPA.

**COUNT 342**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Neb. U.C.C. §2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4947. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4948. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4949. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Nebraska Class Representatives and members of the Nebraska Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4950. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the

products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4951. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4952. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4953. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4954. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4955. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4956. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4957. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4958. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 343**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Nebraska Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4959. Nebraska Class Representative Gaylord Stauffer incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4960. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Nebraska-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

4961. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

4962. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and,

thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

4963. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4964. It is unjust and unfair for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

4965. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

4966. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

4967. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**19. Causes of Action on Behalf of the New Hampshire-Sanofi  
Classes**

**COUNT 344**  
**Violation of the New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act**  
**(N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:1, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4968. New Hampshire Class Representative Rafael Bermudez incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4969. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Hampshire-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4970. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:1(I).

4971. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:1(II).

4972. The New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act (“New Hampshire CPA”) prohibits “any unfair method of competition or any unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:2.

4973. The New Hampshire CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:2(V));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another.” (N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:2(VII)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised.” (N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §358-A:2(IX)).

4974. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Hampshire CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4975. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Hampshire CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

4976. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Hampshire CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

4977. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New Hampshire CPA, including:

- (a) representing that Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;

- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not; and
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

4978. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4979. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4980. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

4981. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

4982. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class



members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4983. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of New Hampshire CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

4984. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

4985. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

4986. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New Hampshire CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New Hampshire CPA.

**COUNT 345**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §382-A:2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

4987. New Hampshire Class Representative Rafael Bermudez incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

4988. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Hampshire-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

4989. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to New Hampshire Class Representatives and members of the New Hampshire Class and was in the business of selling such products.

4990. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4991. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4992. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

4993. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant’s skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4994. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

4995. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

4996. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

4997. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

4998. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 346Unjust Enrichment  
(New Hampshire Law)  
(Against Sanofi)**

4999. New Hampshire Class Representative Rafael Bermudez incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5000. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Hampshire-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5001. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5002. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5003. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5004. It is unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-

Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

5005. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5006. There is no valid, express contract governing this dispute.

5007. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**20. Causes of Action on Behalf of the New Jersey-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 347**

**Violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act  
(N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1, *et seq.*)  
(Against Sanofi)**

5008. New Jersey Class Representatives Mary McMillan, and Mary Moronski incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5009. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Jersey-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5010. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "person[s]" within the meaning of N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1(d).

5011. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are "merchandise" within the meaning of N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1(c).

5012. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act ("New Jersey CFA") by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were

inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer. N.J. Stat. Ann. §56:8-1, *et seq.*

5013. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Jersey CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5014. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Jersey CFA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5015. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New Jersey CFA.

5016. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5017. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5018. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5019. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5020. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New Jersey CFA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5021. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices

alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5022. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5023. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New Jersey CFA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New Jersey CFA.

**COUNT 348**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.J. Stat. Ann. §12A:2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5024. New Jersey Class Representatives Mary McMillan and Mary Moronski incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5025. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Jersey-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5026. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to New Jersey Class Representatives and members of the New Jersey Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5027. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the



products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5028. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5029. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5030. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5031. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5032. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5033. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5034. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5035. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 349**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(New Jersey Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5036. New Jersey Class Representatives Mary McMillan and Mary Moronski incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5037. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Jersey-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5038. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5039. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the

products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5040. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5041. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

5042. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5043. Plaintiff sand Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**21. Causes of Action on Behalf of the New Mexico-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 350**  
**Violation of the New Mexico Unfair Trade Practices Act**  
**(N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-1, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5044. New Mexico Class Representatives Ernesto Sanchez and George Tapia incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5045. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Mexico-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5046. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “person[s]” within the meaning of N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(A).

5047. Defendant was and is engaged in “trade” or “commerce” within the meaning of N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(C).

5048. The New Mexico Unfair Trade Practices Act (“New Mexico UTPA”) makes unlawful “a false or misleading oral or written statement, visual description or other representation of any kind knowingly made in connection with the sale, lease, rental or loan of goods or services . . . by a person in the regular course of the person’s trade or commerce, that may, tends to or does deceive or mislead any person.” N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(D). The New Mexico UTPA also makes unlawful “an act or practice in connection with the sale, lease, rental, or loan, or in connection with the offering for sale, lease, rental or loan, of any goods or services, . . . that to a person’s detriment: (1) takes advantage of the lack of knowledge, ability, experience or capacity of a person to a grossly unfair degree; or (2) results in a gross disparity between the value received by a person and the price paid.” N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(E).

5049. The New Mexico UTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have” (N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(D)(5));
- (b) “representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade or that goods are of a particular style or model if they are of another” (N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(D)(7)); and
- (c) “using exaggeration, innuendo or ambiguity as to a material fact . . . if doing so deceives or tends to deceive” (N.M. Stat. Ann. §57-12-2(D)(14)).

5050. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Mexico UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5051. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Mexico UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5052. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New Mexico UTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5053. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New Mexico UTPA, including:

- (a) representing that Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) using exaggeration and/or failing to state the material facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products in a manner that tended to deceive; and
- (d) acting in a manner that resulted in a gross disparity between the true value of the Ranitidine-Containing Products and the price paid.

5054. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5055. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5056. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5057. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the

inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5058. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5059. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New Mexico UTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5060. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5061. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5062. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New Mexico UTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or

practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New Mexico UTPA.

**COUNT 351**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.M. Stat. Ann. §55-2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5063. New Mexico Class Representatives Ernesto Sanchez and George Tapia incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5064. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Mexico-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against [Brand Manufacturer Defendant] (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5065. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to New Mexico Class Representatives and members of the New Mexico Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5066. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5067. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.



5068. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5069. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5070. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5071. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5072. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5073. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5074. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 352**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(New Mexico Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5075. New Mexico Class Representatives Ernesto Sanchez and George Tapia incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5076. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New Mexico-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Brand Manufacturer Defendant Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5077. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5078. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5079. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5080. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

5081. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5082. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

5083. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **22. Causes of Action on Behalf of the New York-Sanofi Classes**

### **COUNT 353 Violation of New York Deceptive Acts and Practices Act (N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349) (Against Sanofi)**

5084. New York Class Representatives Benny Fazio, Francis Neary, Glorimar Rodriguez, Mary McCullen, Migdalia Kinney, Richard Froehlich, Silomie Clarke, and Yesenia Melillo incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5085. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5086. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “person[s]” within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(h). Defendant is a “person, firm, corporation or association” within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(b).

5087. The New York Deceptive Acts and Practices Act (“New York DAPA”) prohibits “[d]eceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §349(a).

5088. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5089. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5090. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York DAPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-

Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5091. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New York DAPA.

5092. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5093. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5094. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5095. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii)

the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5096. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5097. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New York DAPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5098. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5099. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5100. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New York DAPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New York DAPA.

**COUNT 354**  
**Violation of the New York False Advertising Act**  
**(N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5101. New York Class Representatives Benny Fazio, Francis Neary, Glorimar Rodriguez, Mary McCullen, Migdalia Kinney, Richard Froehlich, Silomie Clarke, and Yesenia Melillo incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5102. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5103. Defendant was and is engaged in “conduct of business, trade or commerce” within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350.

5104. The New York False Advertising Act (“New York FAA”) prohibits “[f]alse advertising in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350. False advertising includes “advertising, including labeling, of a commodity . . . if such advertising is misleading in a material respect,” taking into account “the extent to which the advertising fails to reveal facts material in the light of . . . representations [made] with respect to the commodity.” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §350-a(1).

5105. Defendant caused to be made or disseminated through New York and the United States, through advertising, marketing, and other publications, statements that were untrue or misleading, and which were known, or which by exercise of reasonable care should have been known to Defendant, to be untrue and misleading to consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members.

5106. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting,

omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5107. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5108. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the New York FAA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5109. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the New York FAA.

5110. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.



5111. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5112. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5113. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5114. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5115. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the New York FAA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5116. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5117. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5118. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiffs and the Class members are entitled.

5119. As a result of Defendant's violations of the New York FAA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the New York FAA.

**COUNT 355**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.Y. U.C.C. Law §2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5120. New York Class Representatives Benny Fazio, Francis Neary, Glorimar Rodriguez, Mary McCullen, Migdalia Kinney, Richard Froehlich, Silomie Clarke, and Yesenia Melillo

incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5121. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5122. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to New York Class Representative and members of the New York Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5123. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5124. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5125. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5126. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant’s skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5127. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5128. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5129. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5130. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5131. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 356**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(New York Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5132. New York Class Representatives Benny Fazio, Francis Neary, Glorimar Rodriguez, Mary McCullen, Migdalia Kinney, Richard Froehlich, Silomie Clarke, and Yesenia Melillo incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5133. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the New York-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5134. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5135. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5136. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and

that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5137. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

5138. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5139. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**23. Causes of Action on Behalf of the North Carolina-Sanofi  
Classes**

**COUNT 357  
Violation of the North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act  
(N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1, *et seq.*)  
(Against Sanofi)**

5140. North Carolina Class Representatives Dennis Robbins and Sharon Parks incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5141. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5142. Defendant was and is engaged in "commerce" within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1(b).

5143. The North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“North Carolina UDTPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce,” N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-1.1(a), and provides a private right of action for any person injured “by reason of any act or thing done by any other person, firm or corporation in violation of” the law. N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §75-16.

5144. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5145. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5146. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the North Carolina UDTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5147. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the North Carolina UDTPA.

5148. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5149. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5150. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5151. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5152. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered



material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5153. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the North Carolina UDTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5154. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5155. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5156. As a result of Defendant's violations of the North Carolina UDTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the North Carolina UDTPA.

**COUNT 358**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. §25-2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5157. North Carolina Class Representatives Dennis Robbins and Sharon Parks incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5158. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5159. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to North Carolina Class Representatives and members of the North Carolina Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5160. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5161. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5162. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5163. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5164. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5165. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5166. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5167. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5168. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 359**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(North Carolina Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5169. North Carolina Class Representatives Dennis Robbins and Sharon Parks incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5170. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the North Carolina-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5171. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5172. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5173. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5174. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

5175. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5176. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

#### **24. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Ohio-Sanofi Classes**

##### **COUNT 360 Breach of Implied Warranty (Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §1302.27) (Against Sanofi)**

5177. Ohio Class Representatives Michael Galloway and Chris Troyan incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5178. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Ohio-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5179. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Ohio Class Representatives and members of the Ohio Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5180. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5181. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5182. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5183. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5184. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5185. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class has had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5186. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5187. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5188. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 361**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Ohio Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5189. Ohio Class Representatives Michael Galloway and Chris Troyan incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5190. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Ohio-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5191. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5192. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5193. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs' and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5194. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

5195. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.



5196. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**25. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Oklahoma-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 362**

**Violation of the Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act  
(Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §751, *et seq.*)  
(Against Sanofi)**

5197. Oklahoma Class Representative Demarco Grayson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5198. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oklahoma-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5199. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class member are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(1).

5200. Defendant was and is engaged in “[c]onsumer transaction[s]” within the meaning of Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(2).

5201. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[m]erchandise” within the meaning of Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(7).

5202. The Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act (“Oklahoma CPA”) prohibits numerous unlawful acts, including misleading representations, false advertisements, and false statements. Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753. The Oklahoma CPA defines “[d]eceptive trade practice” as “a misrepresentation, omission or other practice that has deceived or . . . mislead a person to the detriment of that person.” Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(13). The Oklahoma CPA defines “[u]nfair trade practice” as “any practice which offends established public policy or if the practice is

immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, or substantially injurious to consumers.” Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §752(14).

5203. The Oklahoma CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[m]ak[ing] a false representation, knowingly or with reason to know, as to the characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, alterations, or quantities of the subject of a consumer transaction” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(5));
- (b) “[r]epresent[ing], knowingly or with reason to know, that the subject of a consumer transaction is of a particular standard, style or model, if it is of another” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(7));
- (c) “[a]dvertis[ing], knowingly or with reason to know, the subject of a consumer transaction with intent not to sell it as advertised” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(8)); and
- (d) “[c]ommit[ing] an unfair or deceptive trade practice as defined in Section 752” (Okla. Stat. tit. 15, §753(20)).

5204. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oklahoma CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5205. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oklahoma CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5206. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Oklahoma CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5207. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Oklahoma CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

5208. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5209. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5210. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of

Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5211. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5212. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class member, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5213. Plaintiff and the Class member was aggrieved by Defendant's violations of Oklahoma CPA because Plaintiff suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5214. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class member was deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class member would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5215. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class member, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5216. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Oklahoma CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Oklahoma CPA.

**COUNT 363**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Okla. Stat. tit. 12A §2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5217. Oklahoma Class Representative Demarco Grayson incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5218. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oklahoma-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5219. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to the Oklahoma Class Representative and members of the Oklahoma Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5220. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5221. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5222. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5223. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5224. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5225. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5226. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5227. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5228. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 364**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Oklahoma Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5229. Oklahoma Class Representative Demarco Grayson incorporates the the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5230. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Oklahoma-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5231. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5232. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class member received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly,

Plaintiff and Class member conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5233. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class member’s expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5234. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class member, would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

5235. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class member through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5236. Plaintiffs and Class member does not have an adequate remedy at law.



**26. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Pennsylvania-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 365**

**Violation of the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law  
(73 Pa. C.S. §201-1, *et seq.*)  
(Against Sanofi)**

5237. Pennsylvania Class Representative Nicholas Hazlett incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5238. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Pennsylvania-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5239. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of 73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(2).

5240. Plaintiff and the Class members purchased the Ranitidine-Containing Products “primarily for personal, family or household purposes” within the meaning of 73 Pa. C.S. §201-9.2(a).

5241. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of 73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(3).

5242. The Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law (“Pennsylvania CPL”) prohibits “unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” 73 Pa. C.S. §201-3.

5243. The Pennsylvania CPL makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(v));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(vii));

- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(ix)); and
- (d) “[e]ngaging in any other fraudulent or deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding” (73 Pa. C.S. §201-2(4)(xxi)).

5244. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Pennsylvania CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5245. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Pennsylvania CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5246. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Pennsylvania CPL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5247. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above,

Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Pennsylvania CPL, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other fraudulent or deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding.

5248. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5249. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5250. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5251. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class

members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5252. Plaintiff and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

5253. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Pennsylvania CPL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5254. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5255. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5256. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Pennsylvania CPL, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Pennsylvania CPL.

**COUNT 366**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(13 Pa. Cons. Stat. §2314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5257. Pennsylvania Class Representative Nicholas Hazlett incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5258. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Pennsylvania-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5259. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Pennsylvania Class Representatives and members of the Pennsylvania Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5260. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5261. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5262. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5263. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5264. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5265. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5266. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5267. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5268. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 367**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Pennsylvania Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5269. Pennsylvania Class Representative Nicholas Hazlett incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5270. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Pennsylvania-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5271. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5272. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5273. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5274. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

5275. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5276. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

5277. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**27. Causes of Action on Behalf of Puerto Rico-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 368  
Breach of Implied Warranty  
(P.R. Laws Ann. tit. 31, §3841)  
(Against Sanofi)**

5278. Puerto Rico Class Representative Gloria Colon incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5279. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Puerto Rico-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5280. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Puerto Rico Class Representatives and members of the Puerto Rico Class and was in the business of selling such products.



5281. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5282. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5283. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5284. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5285. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5286. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5287. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5288. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5289. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 369**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Puerto Rico Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5290. Puerto Rico Class Representative Gloria Colon incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5291. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Puerto Rico-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5292. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5293. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products,

which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5294. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and was knowingly enriched by its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff's and the Class members' expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5295. Defendant's enrichment – the monies obtained from Plaintiff's and Class members' purchases of Ranitidine-Containing Products – was the result of Plaintiff's and Class members' impoverishment – *i.e.*, Plaintiff's and Class members' receipt of worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that were unsafe and unfit for human consumption.

5296. It is unjustifiable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

5297. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5298. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**28. Causes of Action on Behalf of Tennessee-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 370**  
**Violation of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977**  
**(Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-101, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5299. Tennessee Class Representative Dale Hunter incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5300. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5301. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(14).

5302. Plaintiff and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(3).

5303. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(8).

5304. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” or “consumer transaction[s]” within the meaning of Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-103(20).

5305. The Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977 (“Tennessee CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair or deceptive acts or practices affecting the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(a).

5306. The Tennessee CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(5));
- (b) “[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(7)); and
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Tenn. Code Ann. §47-18-104(b)(9)).

5307. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5308. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5309. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Tennessee CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5310. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Tennessee CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not; and
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

5311. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5312. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5313. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5314. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in

fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5315. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5316. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Tennessee CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5317. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5318. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5319. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Tennessee CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or

practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Tennessee CPA.

**COUNT 371**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Tenn. Code Ann. §47-2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5320. Tennessee Class Representative Dale Hunter incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5321. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5322. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Tennessee Class Representatives and members of the Tennessee Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5323. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5324. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5325. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.



5326. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5327. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5328. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5329. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5330. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5331. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 372**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Tennessee Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5332. Tennessee Class Representative Dale Hunter incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5333. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Tennessee-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5334. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5335. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5336. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5337. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

5338. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5339. There is no existing, enforceable contract governing this dispute.

5340. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**29. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Texas-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 373**

**Violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act  
(Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.41, *et seq.*)  
(Against Sanofi)**

5341. Texas Class Representatives Marianella Villanueva, Ronda Lockett, Sylvia Yoshida, Agapito It Aleman, Gina Martinez, Liliana Del Valle, and Marilyn Abraham incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5342. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5343. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(3).

5344. Plaintiffs and the Class members are “[c]onsumer[s]” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(4).

5345. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(1).

5346. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.45(6).

5347. The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act (“Texas DTPA”) prohibits “[f]alse, misleading, or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce,” Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(a), and an “[u]nconscionable action or course of action,” which means “an act or practice which, to a consumer’s detriment, takes advantage of the lack of knowledge, ability, experience, or capacity of the consumer to a grossly unfair degree.” Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §§17.45(5) and 17.50(a)(3).

5348. The Texas DTPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(5));
- (b) “representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(7)); and
- (c) “advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.46(9)).

5349. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably

dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5350. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5351. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Texas DTPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5352. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Texas DTPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not; and
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised.

5353. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5354. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5355. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5356. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5357. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5358. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

5359. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Texas DTPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5360. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5361. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5362. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §17.505(a) to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the

requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

5363. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Texas DTPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Texas DTPA.

**COUNT 374**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Ann. §2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5364. Texas Class Representatives Marianella Villanueva, Ronda Lockett, Sylvia Yoshida, Agapito It Aleman, Gina Martinez, Liliana Del Valle, and Marilyn Abraham incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5365. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5366. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Texas Class Representatives and members of the Texas Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5367. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.



5368. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5369. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5370. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5371. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5372. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5373. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5374. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of

the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5375. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 375**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Texas Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5376. Texas Class Representatives Marianella Villanueva, Ronda Lockett, Sylvia Yoshida, Agapito It Aleman, Gina Martinez, Liliana Del Valle, and Marilyn Abraham incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5377. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Texas-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5378. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5379. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and,

thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5380. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5381. It is unjust and unconscionable for the Defendant to retain these wrongly secured benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

5382. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5383. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**30. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Utah-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 376**  
**Violation of the Utah Consumer Sales Practices Act**  
**(Utah. Code Ann. §13-11-1, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5384. Utah Class Representative Teresa Waters incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5385. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Utah-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5386. Defendant is a “[s]upplier” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11-3(6).

5387. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11-3(5).

5388. Defendant was and is engaged in “consumer transactions” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11-3(2)(a).

5389. The Utah Consumer Sales Practices Act (“Utah CSPA”) prohibits any “deceptive act or practice by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.” Utah Code Ann. §13-11-4(1). “An unconscionable act or practice by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction” also violates the Utah CSPA. Utah Code Ann. §13-11-5(1).

5390. The Utah CSPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “indicat[ing] that the subject of a consumer transaction has sponsorship, approval, performance characteristics, accessories, uses, or benefits, if it has not” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11-4(2)(a)); and
- (b) “indicat[ing] that the subject of a consumer transaction is of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model, if it is not” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11-4(2)(b)).

5391. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah CSPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5392. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah CSPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5393. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah CSPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5394. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Utah CSPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have; and
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not.

5395. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5396. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5397. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5398. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5399. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5400. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Utah CSPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5401. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5402. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5403. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Utah CSPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Utah CSPA.

**COUNT 377**  
**Violation of the Utah Truth in Advertising Law**  
**(Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-1, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5404. Utah Class Representative Teresa Waters incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5405. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Utah-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5406. Defendant is a “[s]upplier” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-2(17).

5407. Defendant, Plaintiff, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-2(7).

5408. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “goods” within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-2(4).

5409. The Utah Truth in Advertising Law (“Utah TAL”) prohibits any deceptive practice undertaken “in the course of a person’s business.” Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-3(1).

5410. The Utah TAL makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “represent[ing] that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or qualities that they do not have” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-3(1)(e));
- (b) “represent[ing] that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-3(1)(g));
- (c) “advertis[ing] goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-3(1)(i)); and
- (d) “engag[ing] in any other conduct which similarly creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding” (Utah Code Ann. §13-11a-3(1)(t)).

5411. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah TAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5412. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah TAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing



expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5413. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Utah TAL by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5414. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Utah TAL, including:

- (a) representing that Ranitidine-Containing Products were both safe and effective for the lifetime of the product, when in fact, they were not;
- (b) representing that consumption of Ranitidine-Containing Products had characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or qualities that they do not have;
- (c) representing that Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, or grade when they are not;
- (d) advertising Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (e) engaging in any other conduct that creates a likelihood of confusion.

5415. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5416. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5417. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiff and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5418. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5419. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiff and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5420. Plaintiff and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Utah TAL because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5421. Specifically, Plaintiff and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5422. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiff and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5423. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiff seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiff and the Class members are entitled.

5424. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Utah TAL, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Utah TAL.

**COUNT 378**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Utah Code Ann. §70A-2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5425. Utah Class Representative Teresa Waters incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5426. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Utah-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5427. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Utah Class Representatives and members of the Utah Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5428. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5429. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5430. Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5431. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiff and each member of the Class’s particular purpose in buying Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products and knew that Plaintiff and each

member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5432. Plaintiff and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5433. Plaintiff and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiff and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5434. Further, Plaintiff and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5435. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiff and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5436. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiff and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 379**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Utah Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5437. Utah Class Representative Teresa Waters incorporates the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5438. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Utah-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5439. Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5440. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant’s Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiff and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5441. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiff and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiff’s and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which

the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5442. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiff and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions.

5443. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiff and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5444. Plaintiff and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law, nor is there an express contract governing this dispute.

**31. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Virginia-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 380**  
**Violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act**  
**(Va. Code Ann. §59.1-196, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5445. Virginia Class Representatives Dan Zhovtis and Cheryl Banks incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5446. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Virginia-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5447. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are "[p]erson[s]" within the meaning of Va. Code Ann. §59.1-198.

5448. Defendant was and is a “[s]upplier” within the meaning of Va. Code Ann. §59.1-198.

5449. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[g]oods” within the meaning of Va. Code Ann. §59.1-198.

5450. Defendant was and is engaged in “[c]onsumer transaction[s]” within the meaning of Va. Code Ann. §59.1-198.

5451. The Virginia Consumer Protection Act (“Virginia CPA”) prohibits “fraudulent acts or practices committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.” Va. Code Ann. §59.1-200(A).

5452. The Virginia CPA makes unlawful specific acts, including:

- (a) “[m]isrepresenting that goods or services have certain quantities, characteristics, ingredients, uses, or benefits” (Va. Code Ann. §59.1-200(A)(5));
- (b) “[m]isrepresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, grade, style, or model” (Va. Code Ann. §59.1-200(A)(6));
- (c) “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised, or with intent not to sell at the price or upon the terms advertised” (Va. Code Ann. §59.1-200(A)(8)); and
- (d) “[u]sing any other deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, or misrepresentation in connection with a consumer transaction” (Va. Code Ann. §59.1-200(A)(14)).

5453. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Virginia CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.



5454. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Virginia CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5455. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Virginia CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5456. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Virginia CPA, including:

- (a) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products have characteristics, uses, benefits, and qualities which they do not have;
- (b) representing that the Ranitidine-Containing Products are of a particular standard, quality, and grade when they are not;
- (c) advertising the Ranitidine-Containing Products with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- (d) engaging in any other unconscionable, false, misleading, or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or commerce.

5457. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5458. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5459. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5460. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5461. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5462. Plaintiffs and the Class members relied on Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products by purchasing and continuing to purchase Ranitidine-Containing Products after Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, and concealments were made.

5463. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Virginia CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5464. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5465. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5466. Defendant was provided notice of the issues raised in this Count and this Complaint by the FDA investigations, the numerous complaints filed against it, and the many individual notice letters sent by Plaintiffs within a reasonable amount of time after the allegations of Ranitidine-Containing Products' defects became public. In addition, on May 21, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter to Defendant. Because Defendant failed to adequately remedy its unlawful conduct within the requisite time period, Plaintiffs seek all damages and relief to which Plaintiffs and the Class members are entitled.

5467. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Virginia CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Virginia CPA.

**COUNT 381**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Va. Code Ann. §8.2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5468. Virginia Class Representatives Dan Zhovtis and Cheryl Banks incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5469. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Virginia-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5470. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Virginia Class Representatives and members of the Virginia Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5471. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5472. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5473. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5474. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5475. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5476. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5477. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5478. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5479. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

**COUNT 382**  
**Unjust Enrichment**  
**(Virginia Law)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5480. Virginia Class Representatives Dan Zhovtis and Cheryl Banks incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5481. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Virginia-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Brand Manufacturer Defendant GSK (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5482. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5483. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5484. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5485. It is unjust and inequitable for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

5486. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5487. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

5488. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

**32. Causes of Action on Behalf of the Washington-Sanofi Classes**

**COUNT 383**  
**Violation of the Washington Consumer Protection Act**  
**(Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010, *et seq.*)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5489. Washington Class Representatives Robert Dewitt, Dave Garber, and Jonathan Ferguson incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5490. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, “Class”) against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, “Defendant”).

5491. Defendant, Plaintiffs, and the Class members are “[p]erson[s]” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(1).

5492. The Ranitidine-Containing Products are “[a]ssets” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(3).

5493. Defendant was and is engaged in “[t]rade” or “commerce” within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.010(2).

5494. The Washington Consumer Protection Act (“Washington CPA”) prohibits “[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.” Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.020.

5495. In the course of its business, Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5496. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including by printing expiration dates on its labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.



5497. Defendant, directly or through its agents, employees, and/or subsidiaries, violated the Washington CPA by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts in its marketing, advertising, and promotions for its Ranitidine-Containing Products, including that: such drugs were inherently defective, unreasonably dangerous, not fit to be used for their intended purpose, contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer.

5498. Specifically, by knowingly and intentionally misrepresenting, omitting, concealing, and failing to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products, as detailed above, Defendant engaged in one or more unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of trade or commerce, in violation of the Washington CPA.

5499. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5500. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding the expiration dates of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5501. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions regarding package size, and resulting misrepresentations and omissions concerning appropriate length of ingestion, of Ranitidine-Containing Products were disseminated to Plaintiffs and the Class members in a uniform manner.

5502. Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including its misrepresentations, concealments, omissions, and suppressions of material facts, as alleged herein, had a tendency or capacity to mislead and create a false impression in consumers' minds, and were likely to and, in

fact, did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiffs and the Class members, about: (i) the inherently defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of Ranitidine-Containing Products; (ii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products if used within the expiration dates; and (iii) the safety of Ranitidine-Containing Products when ingesting all doses contained within particular packaging.

5503. The facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products that Defendant knowingly and intentionally misrepresented, omitted, concealed, and failed to disclose would be considered material by a reasonable consumer, and they were, in fact, material to Plaintiffs and the Class members, who consider such facts to be important to their purchase decisions with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5504. Plaintiffs and the Class members were aggrieved by Defendant's violations of the Washington CPA because they suffered ascertainable loss and actual damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's knowing and intentional misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts as set forth above.

5505. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the Class members were deceived by Defendant's misrepresentations, omissions, concealments, and failures to disclose material facts regarding Ranitidine-Containing Products. Had Defendant not engaged in the deceptive acts and practices alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members would not have purchased the drug, and, thus, they did not receive the benefit of the bargain and/or suffered out-of-pocket loss.

5506. Defendant's violations present a continuing risk to Plaintiffs and the Class members, as well as to the general public. Defendant's unlawful acts and practices complained of herein affect the public interest.

5507. On June 22, 2020, Plaintiffs in MDL 2924 sent a notice letter pursuant to Wash. Rev. Code Ann. §19.86.095 to the Attorney General of the State of Washington.

5508. As a result of Defendant's violations of the Washington CPA, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order enjoining Defendant's unfair or deceptive acts or practices and awarding actual damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Washington CPA.

**COUNT 384**  
**Breach of Implied Warranty**  
**(Wash. Rev. Code §62A.2-314)**  
**(Against Sanofi)**

5509. Washington Class Representatives Robert Dewitt, Dave Garber, and Jonathan Ferguson incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5510. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5511. At all relevant times, Defendant was a merchant with respect to Ranitidine-Containing Products which were sold to Washington Class Representatives and members of the Washington Class and was in the business of selling such products.

5512. Each Ranitidine-Containing Product sold by Defendant comes with an implied warranty that it will be merchantable and fit for the ordinary purpose for which it would be used, including impliedly warranting on the labels for its Ranitidine-Containing Products that the products were safe and/or did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5513. Defendant breached its implied warranty of merchantability because its products cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5514. Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products are not fit for their intended use – or any use – because they have dangerous propensities when used as intended or within their expiration dates on the labels, and their use carries an increased risk of developing cancer.

5515. Defendant had reason to know Plaintiffs and each member of the Class's particular purpose in buying Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, and knew that Plaintiffs and each member of the Class relied on Defendant's skill or judgment in furnishing appropriate goods that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5516. Plaintiffs and the Class did, in fact, rely on Defendant's skill and judgment in manufacturing Ranitidine-Containing Products that did not cause cancer or cause an unreasonable risk of cancer if used within the expiration dates on its labels.

5517. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class have had sufficient direct dealings with either Defendant or its agents (including distributors, dealers, and authorized sellers) to establish privity of contract between Defendant, on the one hand, and Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, on the other hand.

5518. Further, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the implied warranties made by Defendant to purchasers of its Ranitidine-Containing Products.

5519. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class were damaged as a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability because, had they been aware of the unmerchantable condition of Ranitidine-Containing Products, they would not have purchased such drugs.

5520. As a result of Defendant's breaches of implied warranties of merchantability, as alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Class members seek an order awarding compensatory and punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the law.

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**(Against Sanofi)**

5521. Washington Class Representatives Robert Dewitt, Dave Garber, and Jonathan Ferguson incorporate the preceding allegations in paragraphs 16-22, 136-140, 142, 166, 167-291, 313-332, and 370-398 as though fully set forth herein.

5522. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the Washington-Sanofi Class (for the purpose of this section, "Class") against Sanofi (for purposes of this Count only, "Defendant").

5523. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of payment of monies to purchase worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products, or were otherwise in privity with Defendant through said transaction.

5524. In exchange for their payment of the purchase price of Defendant's Ranitidine-Containing Products, Plaintiffs and Class members received the Ranitidine-Containing Products, which Defendant did not disclose contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products' labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a financial benefit on Defendants but did not receive their expected benefit therefrom.

5525. Defendant readily accepted and retained these benefits from Plaintiffs and Class members and knowingly benefitted from its unjust conduct – at Plaintiffs’ and the Class members’ expense – by selling worthless Ranitidine-Containing Products that contained elevated levels of NDMA that rendered them unsafe and unfit for human consumption, and/or caused cancer, and that included expiration dates on the products’ labels that exceeded the time period during which the products remained stable and, thus, resulting in higher, undisclosed, and unsafe levels of NDMA as time passed.

5526. It is unjust for the Defendant to retain these benefits because they were attained by misrepresenting and fraudulently concealing the true facts concerning the Ranitidine-Containing Products from Plaintiffs and Class members, who would not have purchased the medications at all, but for the Defendant’s misrepresentations and omissions.

5527. Equity cannot in good conscience permit Defendant to retain the benefits derived from Plaintiffs and Class members through its unjust and unlawful acts without paying for said benefits, and, therefore, restitution or disgorgement of the amount of their unjust enrichment is required.

5528. There is no express contract governing this dispute.

5529. Plaintiffs and Class members do not have an adequate remedy at law.

## **X. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the proposed Classes, respectfully request that the Court:

A. Determine that this action may be maintained as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a), (b)(2)-(3), and/or (c)(4), direct that reasonable notice of this action be given to the Classes, appoint Plaintiffs as named representatives of the Classes, and appoint Plaintiffs’ counsel as Class Counsel;

- B. Require Defendants to pay for sending notice to the certified Classes;
- C. Enter judgment against Defendants and in favor of Plaintiffs and the Classes;
- D. Award damages (including actual, nominal, trebled, presumed, and statutory damages as provided by law) and restitution to the Classes in an amount to be determined at trial, plus pre- and post-judgment interest, in accordance with law;
- E. Award punitive damages based on Defendants' conduct,
- F. Order disgorgement of Defendants' profits;
- G. Award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and,
- H. For all such further relief as may be just and proper.

#### **XI. JURY DEMAND**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Class(es), demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

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