

1 Alan M. Mansfield, SBN: 125998
2 WHATLEY KALLAS LLP
3 amansfield@whatleykallas.com
4 1 Sansome Street, 35th Floor PMB #131
5 San Francisco, CA 94104
6 Tel: (619) 308-5034
7 Fax: (888) 341-5048

8 Joe R. Whatley, Jr.
9 (Admitted *Pro Hac Vice*)
10 jwhatley@whatleykallas.com
11 Edith M. Kallas
12 (Admitted *Pro Hac Vice*)
13 ekallas@whatleykallas.com
14 WHATLEY KALLAS, LLP
15 152 W. 57th Street, 41st Floor
16 New York, NY 10019
17 Tel: (212) 447-7060
18 Fax: (800) 922-4851

19 Henry C. Quillen
20 (Admitted *Pro Hac Vice*)
21 hquillen@whatleykallas.com
22 WHATLEY KALLAS, LLP
23 159 Middle Street, Suite 2C
24 Portsmouth, NH 03801
25 Tel: (603) 294-1591
26 Fax: (800) 922-4851

27 **Attorneys for Plaintiff**

28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

JACKSONVILLE POLICE
OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS
HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST,
on behalf of itself and all others
similarly situated;

Plaintiff,

v.

GILEAD SCIENCES, INC., CIPLA
LTD., CIPLA USA INC.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 4:20-cv-06522-JSW

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION
COMPLAINT**

- (1) Violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1
- (2) Violation of the Cartwright Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 16700 *et seq.*
- (3) Violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 *et seq.* (“UCL”)
- (4) Restitution, Money Had and Received, Unjust Enrichment, Quasi-Contract and/or Assumpsit
- (5) Violation of State Law

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

1 Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, upon personal
2 knowledge as to its own acts and status as specifically identified herein, and
3 otherwise upon information and belief based upon investigation as to the remaining
4 allegations, which allegations are likely to have support after a reasonable
5 opportunity for investigation and discovery, hereby alleges as follows against
6 Defendants:

7 **INTRODUCTION**

8 1. Over the years, Gilead Sciences, Inc. (“Gilead”) has employed several
9 unlawful strategies to stave off competition for its HIV medications. Many of these
10 strategies have been the subject of various lawsuits. This lawsuit involves a strategy
11 that has not yet been explored in depth: Gilead’s large, unexplained payment to the
12 generic drug manufacturer Cipla Ltd. and Cipla USA Inc. (collectively “Cipla”) in
13 return for Cipla’s agreement not to compete against the drug Truvada by selling a
14 copackaged drug containing the active ingredients in Truvada. This payment likely
15 came in the form of a license to produce another drug (Atripla), the right to provide
16 the ingredients for another company’s generic competitor to Truvada, and/or a
17 license to produce drugs for Hepatitis C in India. Such a payment is unlawful.
18 Gilead’s agreement with Cipla kept the price of Truvada at anticompetitive levels
19 and harmed the health plans that pay for this drug on behalf of their members.

20 **PARTIES**

21 2. On personal knowledge, Plaintiff Jacksonville Police Officers and Fire
22 Fighters Health Insurance Trust is a health insurance trust organized under the laws
23 of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business at 625 Stockton Street,
24 Jacksonville, Florida 32204. Since the beginning of 2020, Plaintiff has spent
25 approximately \$15,000 on Truvada for the benefit of its members.

26 3. Defendant Gilead is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of
27 business at 333 Lakeside Drive, Foster City, California 94404.

28 4. Defendant Cipla Ltd. is a corporation organized and existing under the

1 laws of India, with its principal place of business at Cipla House, Peninsula Business
2 Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400013, India.

3 5. Defendant Cipla USA Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal
4 place of business at 1560 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway, Suite 130, Sunrise, Florida
5 33323. Cipla USA Inc. is a subsidiary of Cipla Ltd.

6 **JURISDICTION**

7 6. This Court has jurisdiction over Count I of this Complaint pursuant to
8 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because it arises under the laws of the United States.

9 7. This Court has jurisdiction over Count I of this Complaint pursuant to
10 28 U.S.C. § 1337 because it arises under an Act of Congress regulating commerce
11 or protecting trade and commerce against restraints and monopolies.

12 8. This court has jurisdiction over Counts II–V of this Complaint pursuant
13 to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) because they are so related to Count I that they form part of
14 the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution.

15 9. This Court has jurisdiction over Counts II-V this Complaint pursuant
16 to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value
17 of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs; a member of a class of plaintiffs is a
18 citizen of a state different from any defendant; and the number of members of all
19 proposed plaintiff classes in the aggregate is greater than 100.

20 **VENUE**

21 10. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 15(a), 15 U.S.C.
22 § 22, and 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because Defendant Gilead resides in this District, is an
23 inhabitant of this district and may be found here, and because it transacts substantial
24 business in this District. Defendants Cipla Ltd. and Cipla USA Inc. transact
25 substantial business in this District, and Cipla USA Inc. has acted as an agent for
26 Cipla Ltd. with respect to some of the allegations of this complaint, as described
27 below. Moreover, a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the
28 claim occurred in this District.

INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT

11. This action was originally filed in the San Francisco Division. Assignment to that Division is proper because Defendant Gilead resides in that Division and because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in that Division. The Clerk assigned this action to the Oakland Division pursuant to Local Rule 3-2(c).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

I. Regulatory Background

12. The Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) must approve all new drugs before a company can begin sales in the United States. 21 U.S.C. § 355(a). To obtain FDA approval, the company must file a New Drug Application (NDA), which contains information about the safety and efficacy of the drug, the components of the drug, and any patents issued on the composition of the drug or methods for its use. *Id.* § 355(b)(1). The FDA publishes this information in the directory of *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations*, commonly known as the “Orange Book.”

13. As generic drugs offer significant cost savings, Congress passed the Hatch–Waxman Act in order to provide an additional streamlined FDA approval process. See Pub. L. No. 98–417, 98 Stat. 1585 (1984). Under the Hatch–Waxman Act, a generic manufacturer can file an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA), and show that the generic drug is biologically and pharmaceutically equivalent to an FDA-approved brand-name drug. 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(A). The generic manufacturer does not need to conduct time-consuming and costly clinical trials anew, but can rely on the scientific findings of safety and effectiveness included in the brand-name drug’s NDA. That said, the generic manufacturer must invest significant resources in developing a drug that is biologically and pharmaceutically equivalent.

14. In order to protect the brand-name drug manufacturer’s patent rights,

1 the generic manufacturer must make one of four “paragraph” certifications: (i) that
2 no patent for the brand-name drug has been filed with the FDA (Paragraph I); (ii)
3 that the patent for the brand-name drug has expired (Paragraph II); (iii) that the
4 patent for the brand-name drug will expire on a particular date and the generic
5 company does not seek to market its generic product before that date (Paragraph III);
6 or (iv) that the patent for the brand-name drug is invalid or will not be infringed by
7 the generic manufacturer’s proposed product (Paragraph IV). 21 U.S.C.
8 § 355(g)(2)(A)(vii).

9 15. After filing an ANDA with a Paragraph IV certification, the generic
10 manufacturer must send notice to the patent holder. 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(2)(B). This
11 notice is treated as actual infringement, and it triggers a forty-five day period during
12 which the patent holder may file a patent infringement lawsuit before the generic
13 reaches the market. *Id.* § 355(j)(5)(B)(iii). If the patentee files suit, the FDA stays
14 the ANDA for the lesser of thirty months or entry of final judgment of non-
15 infringement or invalidity. *Id.* During this stay, the FDA can grant tentative approval.
16 § 355(j)(5)(B)(iv)(II)(dd).

17 16. The first party to file a Paragraph IV ANDA receives a special benefit:
18 a period of 180 days where the FDA will not grant any competing ANDA. 21 U.S.C.
19 § 355(j)(5)(B)(iv). This exclusivity period can be “worth several hundred million
20 dollars” to the generic drug manufacturer, who typically earns most of the profits on
21 the generic drug during this time. *FTC v. Actavis, Inc.*, 570 U.S. 136, 144 (2013).
22 However, this only excludes other generic manufacturers, not the brand-name drug
23 manufacturer, who can always release a generic. See 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(5)(B)(iv)(I).
24 Generic drugs that are released by the brand-name drug manufacturer are called
25 “authorized generics,” which allow the brand-name drug manufacturer to recover
26 some of the sales and profits it would otherwise lose when an ANDA applicant
27 begins to sell the generic drug.

28 17. There are circumstances, however, in which the first party to file a

1 Paragraph IV ANDA can forfeit its 180-day exclusivity period. These include failing
2 to market the drug within a certain period of time, entering into an agreement with
3 the patent holder that violates the antitrust laws, and expiration of the patents that
4 are the subject of the Paragraph IV certification. 21 U.S.C. § 355(j)(5)(D)(i).

5 **II. HIV Prevention and Treatment**

6 18. The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) causes HIV infection and
7 acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). HIV comes in two types, HIV-1 and
8 HIV-2. In the United States, HIV-1 is far more common, and this complaint will use
9 the term “HIV” to refer to HIV-1. Scientists have developed various drugs to treat
10 HIV infection, prevent it, or both. Among these drugs are tenofovir disoproxil
11 fumarate (TDF), emtricitabine, and efavirenz. These drugs are typically prescribed
12 in combination with each other or with other drugs.

13 19. Gilead is the holder of NDAs for multiple drugs that include TDF,
14 emtricitabine, efavirenz, or a combination of them. Among them are:

- 15 a. Viread® tablets, which contain 300 mg of TDF.
- 16 b. Emtriva® tablets, which contain 200 mg of emtricitabine. Gilead
17 did not invent emtricitabine. It was patented by researchers at
18 Emory University, who assigned the patents to Gilead.
- 19 c. Truvada® tablets, which contain 200 mg of emtricitabine and
20 300 mg of TDF (the same dosages of these drugs as Emtriva®
21 and Viread® contain).
- 22 d. Atripla® tablets, which contain 600 mg of efavirenz, 200 mg of
23 emtricitabine, and 300 mg of TDF (the same dosages of the latter
24 two drugs as Emtriva® and Viread® contain). Gilead does not
25 own the patents to efavirenz, which are licensed by their owner,
26 Merck Sharp & Dohme (Merck) to Bristol-Myers Squibb
27 Company (Bristol-Myers). Atripla® was formulated by a joint
28

1 venture between Gilead and Bristol-Myers.¹

2 20. On July 16, 2012, the FDA approved Truvada for pre-exposure
3 prophylaxis (PrEP) in combination with safer sex practices to reduce the risk of
4 sexually acquired HIV infection in adults at high risk. Studies have shown that
5 Truvada significantly reduces the risk of contracting HIV. Truvada is the only drug
6 approved for PrEP in the United States.

7 21. On March 10, 2016, the FDA approved Truvada in the following
8 emtricitabine/TDF dosage strengths for the treatment of HIV infection in pediatric
9 patients: 167mg/250mg, 133mg/200mg, and 100mg/150mg.

10 22. Truvada is very profitable for Gilead. In 2018, the price for a month's
11 supply was about \$2,000. According to the group ACT UP New York, a month's
12 supply of Truvada costs Gilead about \$6 to produce. Gilead's sales of Truvada
13 totaled more than \$2.6 billion in the United States in 2018. These figures include
14 Truvada used for treatment of HIV and PrEP.

15 23. Atripla is also very profitable. In 2018, the retail price for a month's
16 supply of Atripla was about \$3,400. Like Truvada, Atripla is relatively inexpensive
17 to manufacture. In the developing world, the wholesale cost for a month's supply
18 was less than \$11 in 2015. Gilead's sales of Atripla totaled \$967 million in the
19 United States in 2018.

20 **III. Patents on Emtricitabine, Truvada, and Atripla**

21 24. To understand the allegations of this case, one must understand the
22 concept of enantiomers of chemical compounds. As Gilead has explained in other
23 litigation, "when a compound's 3-dimensional structure is not superimposable upon
24 a compound that is its mirror image (like our left and right hands), these two
25 compounds are referred to as 'enantiomers.'" Such a compound is called "chiral," a
26 word that derives from the Greek word for "hand."

27
28 ¹ For readability, this Complaint will omit the registered trademark symbol when referring to the names of drugs.

1 25. Often, when a chiral compound is synthesized, both of its enantiomers
2 are present in equal proportions. This is called a “racemic mixture” or a “racemate.”
3 Through various techniques, often one can treat a racemic mixture so that one
4 enantiomer exists in a larger proportion than the other. This process is called
5 “enantioenrichment.” If only one enantiomer of the compound is present, the
6 compound is “enantiomerically pure.”

7 26. Emtricitabine is one of two enantiomers of a compound whose name is
8 abbreviated as β -FTC, specifically the enantiomer called “(-)- β -FTC.” (The other
9 enantiomer is called “(+)- β -FTC.”)

10 27. Gilead had rights in a patent that claims β -FTC (Patent No. 5,814,639,
11 or the '639 Patent) and another that claims the use of β -FTC to treat HIV (Patent No.
12 5,210,085, or the '085 Patent). These patents covered β -FTC broadly; they did not
13 limit their claims to a particular enantiomer. The '085 Patent expired in 2010, and
14 the '639 Patent expired on September 29, 2015.

15 28. Gilead also has rights in two other patents relating to emtricitabine:
16 Patent No. 6,703,396 (the '396 Patent) and Patent No. 6,642,245 (the '245 Patent).
17 The '396 Patent claims (-)- β -FTC (that is, emtricitabine), and the '245 Patent claims
18 the use of (-)- β -FTC to treat HIV. The '396 Patent is scheduled to expire on March
19 9, 2021, and is also subject to a pediatric exclusivity period of six months beyond its
20 statutory expiration date, which is scheduled to end on September 9, 2021. (A drug
21 manufacturer who undertakes pediatric studies for a drug can be entitled to an
22 additional six months of exclusive marketing beyond the expiration of any patents
23 covering the drug.) The '245 Patent expired on November 4, 2020. The '245 patent
24 is also subject to a pediatric exclusivity period of six months beyond its statutory
25 expiration date, which is scheduled to end on May 4, 2021.

26 29. Gilead also has rights in patents that cover the combination of TDF and
27 emtricitabine in a single dosage form, which Gilead markets as Truvada. In litigation
28 in Canada, a similar patent was held to be invalid because it was anticipated and

1 obvious. Additionally, Gilead has rights in patents that cover the combination of
2 TDF, emtricitabine, and efavirenz in a single dosage form, which Gilead markets as
3 Atripla.

4 **IV. Gilead Has Settled Litigation over Drugs Containing Emtricitabine** 5 **with Large, Unjustified Reverse Settlement Payments.**

6 30. Gilead's patents covering emtricitabine, which is a component of
7 Truvada, Atripla, and other drugs, have been under attack in the courts for a decade.
8 While the patents suffer from glaring weaknesses, no case has ever been fully
9 litigated. The reason why, as explained below, is that Gilead has given the
10 defendants in these cases agreements of such great value that they amount to large,
11 unjustified reverse settlement payments.

12 **A. Litigation with Teva Exposes the Weakness of the** 13 **Emtricitabine Patents.**

14 31. In 2008, Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. or Teva Pharmaceutical
15 Industries Ltd. (collectively, "Teva") filed an ANDA seeking approval to
16 manufacture and sell tablets containing 200 mg of emtricitabine and 300 mg of
17 TDF—a generic version of Truvada. In late 2009 or early 2010, Teva filed two more
18 ANDAs: one seeking approval to manufacture and sell tablets containing 600 mg of
19 efavirenz, 200 mg of emtricitabine, and 300 mg of TDF (a generic version of Atripla)
20 and one seeking approval to manufacture and sell tablets containing 300 mg of TDF
21 (a generic version of Viread). These ANDAs contained Paragraph IV certifications
22 with respect to patents covering efavirenz, emtricitabine, and TDF.

23 32. The holders of the patents at issue sued Teva for infringement. These
24 claims for infringement eventually proceeded in three suits, all in the United States
25 District Court for the Southern District of New York:

- 26 a. *Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corp. & Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v.*
27 *Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. & Teva Pharmaceutical*
28 *Industries, Ltd.*, No. 10-cv-1851 (the "Teva efavirenz suit"). The
plaintiffs alleged that Teva's manufacture and sale of generic
Atripla would infringe their patents on efavirenz.

1 b. *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Teva*
2 *Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd., & Cipla Ltd.*, No. 10-cv-1796
3 (the “Teva TDF suit”). The plaintiff, Gilead, alleged that Teva’s
4 manufacture and sale of generic Viread would infringe its patents
5 on TDF.

6 c. *Gilead Sciences, Inc. & Emory University v. Teva*
7 *Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. & Teva Pharmaceutical Industries,*
8 *Ltd.*, No. 08-cv-10838 (the “Teva emtricitabine suit”). The
9 plaintiffs, including Gilead, alleged that Teva’s manufacture and
10 sale of generic Truvada would infringe their patents on
11 emtricitabine.

12 33. The Teva efavirenz suit proceeded as far as pretrial briefing before
13 being settled. The terms of the settlement were confidential, but Teva never made
14 any drugs containing efavirenz in the United States before the last of the patents at
15 issue expired in 2018. Mylan, N.V. was the first company to launch generic
16 efavirenz, on February 1, 2018, and the FDA has now approved at least four ANDAs
17 for the manufacture and sale of 600 mg efavirenz tablets.

18 34. The Teva TDF suit also proceeded as far as pretrial briefing before
19 being settled. Most of the terms of the settlement were confidential, but Teva
20 announced an exclusive launch of 300 mg TDF tablets (generic Viread) on
21 December 15, 2017—shortly before expiration of the last relevant patents (and
22 exclusivity periods) on TDF on January 25, 2018. The value of this roughly six-
23 week period of exclusivity has been alleged in other litigation to have been worth
24 \$106 million to Teva, based on Teva’s sales of TDF and profit margins during that
25 time. Gilead would not rationally have given such a benefit to Teva (and incurred
26 the reciprocal costs associated with competing with a generic version of Viread for
27 six weeks) unless it believed that Teva could have prevailed in the Teva TDF suit.

28 35. The Teva emtricitabine suit was tried to a judge. It settled before closing
29 statements.

30 36. As described above, the issue in the Teva emtricitabine suit was this:
31 given that β -FTC and its use to treat HIV were already patented, could Gilead obtain
32 further patent protection for (–)- β -FTC and its use to treat HIV?

33 37. Teva asserted throughout the litigation that Gilead had engaged in

1 “obviousness-type double patenting,” which “prohibit[s] a party from obtaining an
2 extension of the right to exclude through claims in a later patent that are not
3 patentably distinct from claims in a commonly owned earlier patent.” *Eli Lilly & Co.*
4 *v. Barr Labs., Inc.*, 251 F.3d 955, 967 (Fed. Cir. 2001). According to Teva, the ’396
5 and ’245 Patents (for (–)-β-FTC and its use) were not distinct enough from the ’639
6 and ’085 Patents (for β-FTC and its use) to merit additional patent protection.
7 Obviousness-type double patenting can mean that claims in a later patent are
8 “obvious over” claims in an earlier patent. It can also mean that claims in a later
9 patent are “anticipated by” claims in an earlier patent. *Id.* at 968. The Court in the
10 Teva emtricitabine suit referred to the latter as the “anticipation sub-theory of
11 obviousness-type double patenting.” Teva pursued both sub-theories—obviousness
12 and anticipation—in its pretrial briefing.

13 38. The anticipation sub-theory gave Teva a clear path to a verdict in its
14 favor. To prevail on the anticipation sub-theory, Teva needed to show at most that a
15 person of ordinary skill in the art would visualize the (–)-β-FTC enantiomer when
16 presented with the chemical structure of β-FTC, and that such a person could obtain
17 (–)-β-FTC without undue experimentation. The first requirement was undisputedly
18 met (although Gilead argued that this was not dispositive). And Teva conclusively
19 proved the second requirement at trial.

20 39. On the first element, whether a person of ordinary skill in the art would
21 visualize (–)-β-FTC, the Court was deeply skeptical of Gilead’s main argument.
22 Gilead did not dispute that a person of ordinary skill in the art would visualize (–)-
23 β-FTC when presented with the chemical structure of β-FTC, but argued that pure
24 (–)-β-FTC was one of an infinite number of potential ratios of (–)-β-FTC and its
25 enantiomer (+)-β-FTC. Therefore, Gilead contended, a person of ordinary skill in
26 the art would see (–)-β-FTC as one member of an infinite universe, rather than
27 something readily identified. When Gilead made this argument in its opening
28 statement at trial, the Court (which did not challenge any part of Teva’s opening

1 statement) said,

2 That's just a mathematical proposition, right? I mean if there's billions
3 or millions, hundreds of millions of molecules, then I guess you might
4 have one or two and then the balance all one and then everything in
between. It's hard for me to see why that's a compelling argument, but
we'll come to that.

5 Gilead's counsel tried to explain further, but the Court interrupted again:

6 That's a mathematical proposition that basically there is infinity
7 between point A and point B, so there will be an infinite number of
stops along that chain. But I don't think -- it seems to me that's not
8 really scientific argument that there are an infinite number of ratios that
9 a scientist of ordinary skill in the art would be looking to experiment to
see whether a ratio of 49.6 percent was better than a ratio of 49.7
percent, which might be better or worse than 47.2 percent. That just
strikes me as illogical.

10 Gilead's counsel tried again, stating that "a person of ordinary skill in the art would
11 not understand what ratio would be the ratio that might make the best compound."

12 But the Court remained unconvinced:

13 It would seem a person of ordinary skill in the art even in 1990 would
14 look to separate into the pure forms to see what the efficacy of each
was. And, presumably, that would be the starting point rather than start
15 at points in the middle and then start, you know, bit by bit going to
either end. So maybe in 1990 they weren't that smart, but it seems to
16 me that that's what a person would logically do.

17 Gilead's counsel tried yet again, responding that "one of ordinary skill in the art
18 would have to envisage all of the mixtures at once in his or her head. They would
19 have to be able to envisage the full claim scope in their head, which is not possible
20 for a person to do." The Court did not buy it: "All right. I guess we'll see. I'm not
21 convinced, but we'll see."

22 40. This exchange was a disaster for Gilead because it showed that the
23 Court would not agree with Gilead's "infinite mixtures" theory unless trial testimony
24 showed that a person of ordinary skill in the art in 1990 would have been
25 overwhelmed with that infinity of mixtures, rather than simply looking to separate
26 β -FTC into its enantiomers, (-)- β -FTC and (+)- β -FTC. After a full trial, no testimony
27 remotely supported such a proposition. In fact, witnesses for Gilead and Teva both
28 testified that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have readily visualized (-)-

1 β -FTC after seeing the structure of β -FTC, and that separating and testing
2 enantiomers was common practice. The Court also admitted evidence that the FDA
3 encouraged scientists to separate and test enantiomers of chiral compounds, and that
4 the inventors of β -FTC separated the enantiomers of analogous drugs at the request
5 of the drug company Glaxo. Had the case gone to a verdict, Teva likely would have
6 prevailed on this element of its anticipation sub-theory.

7 41. On the other element of its anticipation sub-theory—whether a person
8 of skill in the art could obtain (–)- β -FTC without undue experimentation—Teva
9 elicited powerful evidence that put the lie to a narrative Gilead had promoted
10 throughout the case. Before trial, Gilead claimed that real-world experience had
11 shown that separating the enantiomers of β -FTC required a very high amount of time
12 and ingenuity. Gilead’s pretrial brief asserted that “the inventors themselves
13 attempted five of those methods [of separation] during their research (all but one of
14 which failed) before settling on enzymatic resolution.” But one of the inventors
15 admitted at trial that enzymatic resolution was the first method he tried, and he was
16 able to separate the enantiomers with the very first enzyme he tried, pig liver
17 esterase. This was not just an amazing coincidence; the evidence showed that
18 enzymatic resolution was a commonly used method at the time, and the inventor was
19 sure enough that it would work that in the patent application for β -FTC, he listed it
20 as a method for separation even before trying it. Gilead also claimed before trial that
21 the company BioChem took more than a year to separate the enantiomers of BCH-
22 189, a compound similar to β -FTC. That was incorrect. In fact, a technician at
23 BioChem, who had never before attempted to separate enantiomers, testified that she
24 successfully did so with BCH-189 in “less than 15 days of laboratory time.” Based
25 on the evidence at trial, and the judge’s view of Gilead’s “infinite mixtures”
26 argument, Gilead was very likely to lose.

27 42. Gilead’s arguments against the obviousness sub-theory fared no better.
28 Here, the parties contested whether in light of the patents for β -FTC and its use, it

1 would be obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to try to obtain (-)- β -FTC,
2 and whether doing so would involve undue experimentation. As described above,
3 Teva would have prevailed on the second element, as the inventors of β -FTC
4 obtained (-)- β -FTC on their first try, using well-known methods, and a technician at
5 BioChem did the same with a β -FTC analogue in less than 15 days. Gilead claimed,
6 however, that the person of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated
7 to obtain (-)- β -FTC for various reasons. This was highly implausible because in
8 1987, three years before (-)- β -FTC was obtained, the FDA issued guidance stating
9 that enantiomers should be separated and may need to be tested:

10 When the NDS [i.e., new drug substance] is asymmetric (e.g., contains
11 one or more chiral centers, or has cis-trans or other types of isomers),
12 the sponsor should ideally (and prior to the submission of an IND [i.e.,
13 investigational new drug]) have either separated the various potential
14 stereoisomers of the NDS or synthesized them independently. Physical/chemical information about each stereoisomer should be provided (in detail), or may be requested. Individual stereoisomers may need to be studied for pharmacological and toxicological properties (and/or for safety and efficacy).

15 (Stereoisomers are molecules that have the same sequence of atoms but differ in
16 their three-dimensional structure. Enantiomers are a type of stereoisomer.) Gilead
17 had no real response to this evidence. Moreover, the evidence at trial showed that
18 the separation and study of enantiomers was a regular practice as early as the 1970s,
19 and the development of single-enantiomer drugs was standard practice in the
20 pharmaceutical industry by 1990. And while Gilead had claimed that a person of
21 ordinary skill in the art would have viewed (+)- β -FTC, not (-)- β -FTC, as the more
22 obvious candidate for development, Gilead's own expert and fact witnesses agreed
23 that such a person would have tested both before rejecting either of them.

24 43. The presentation of evidence in the Teva emtricitabine suit ended on
25 October 28, 2013. At that time, Teva had a strong likelihood of succeeding on both
26 sub-theories of obviousness-type double patenting. On December 19, 2013, the
27 Court ordered the parties to give summations on February 14, 2014. The day before
28 summations, the parties informed the Court that they had reached a settlement in

1 principle. Summations were canceled, and a stipulated dismissal was entered on
2 April 30, 2014. No terms of the settlement were disclosed to the public, although the
3 dismissal did state that each party would bear its own costs, expenses, and attorneys'
4 fees.

5 44. On May 8, 2019, more than five years after the case was dismissed,
6 Gilead announced that Teva would be able to launch generic versions of Truvada
7 and Atripla on September 30, 2020, with six months of exclusivity. Teva did in fact
8 launch these generic drugs on that date.

9 **B. Gilead Settles Emtricitabine Litigation with Cipla Shortly**
10 **After the Teva Settlement.**

11 45. In 2007, Cipla Ltd. submitted an ANDA in which it sought to market a
12 generic version of Viread. The ANDA contained a Paragraph III certification,
13 indicating that Cipla Ltd. would wait until the expiration of the patents on Viread
14 before marketing a generic version. The ANDA was tentatively approved in April
15 2009. In 2009, Cipla Ltd., through its agent Cipla USA, Inc., submitted ANDAs in
16 which it sought to market generic versions of Emtriva, Truvada, and Atripla. All
17 three ANDAs contained Paragraph III certifications. The ANDAs for Emtriva,
18 Truvada, and Atripla were tentatively approved in March 2011, February 2014, and
19 February 2012, respectively.

20 46. On July 18, 2012, Cipla informed Gilead that it had amended its ANDA
21 for Emtriva to include a Paragraph IV certification for the '245 and '396 Patents, the
22 same patents on emtricitabine at issue in the Teva emtricitabine suit. Twelve days
23 later, Cipla informed Gilead that it had amended its ANDA for Viread to include a
24 Paragraph IV certification for four patents relating to TDF, the only active ingredient
25 in Viread. On August 20, 2012, Gilead filed two suits against Cipla Ltd., one for
26 infringing the emtricitabine patents, and one for infringing the TDF patents. The
27 cases, *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Cipla Ltd.*, No. 1:12-cv-6350 (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Cipla
28 emtricitabine suit") and *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Cipla Ltd.*, No. 1:12-cv-6351

1 (S.D.N.Y.) (the “Cipla TDF suit”) were filed in the same court and assigned to the
2 same judge as the Teva emtricitabine suit.

3 47. Gilead and Cipla had completed all or nearly all discovery in both cases
4 by June 26, 2014, when they asked the Court to stay the litigation so that the parties
5 could discuss settlement. This was less than two months after the dismissal of the
6 Teva emtricitabine suit. On July 28, 2014, the parties informed the Court that they
7 had reached a settlement, and the cases were dismissed the next day. As in the Teva
8 emtricitabine suit, no terms of the settlements were disclosed to the public, although
9 the dismissals did state that each party would bear its own costs, expenses, and
10 attorneys’ fees. The letters requesting dismissal, which were substantially identical,
11 did not disclose details of the settlements but did refer to a “Settlement and License
12 Agreement.”

13 48. After the settlements, Cipla amended its ANDA for Atripla to include
14 a Paragraph IV certification for patents covering emtricitabine (including the ’245
15 and ’396 Patents) as well as patents covering the combinations of TDF,
16 emtricitabine, and efavirenz in Atripla. Cipla notified Gilead of its Paragraph IV
17 certification, and Gilead did not file suit for infringement. Cipla received tentative
18 approval of its ANDA for Atripla on March 22, 2016. As of August 14, 2018, all of
19 the remaining patents subject to Paragraph III certification expired, including
20 periods of pediatric exclusivity. Cipla received final approval of its ANDA for
21 Atripla on June 3, 2019, but it has not marketed a generic version of Atripla in the
22 United States.

23 49. Cipla received approval for its ANDA for Emtriva on July 2, 2018.
24 Cipla has not marketed a generic version of Emtriva in the United States.

25 50. Several facts lead to the conclusion that Gilead made a large,
26 unexplained reverse payment to Cipla as part of its settlement of its cases against
27 Cipla, consisting of valuable consideration in exchange for Cipla’s agreement not to
28 compete with Gilead except on terms that Gilead dictated. By keeping all terms of

1 its settlement agreements confidential, Gilead has prevented the public from
2 knowing exactly what form this consideration took, but the facts of the case suggest
3 that it at least included a license to manufacture a generic version of Atripla, a license
4 to manufacture drugs for hepatitis C, and/or the right to supply Teva with the active
5 pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) for Truvada and Atripla. Gilead decided in
6 California, its headquarters state, to enter into the anticompetitive agreements, and
7 it is more likely than not that it entered into the Settlement and License Agreement
8 in California, as the executives with authority to enter into such an agreement work
9 at Gilead's headquarters in California. Thus, Gilead engaged in anticompetitive
10 activity in California.

11 51. First, the parties had completed or substantially completed discovery
12 when they settled. Given that Cipla had not agreed to settle for Gilead's anticipated
13 future litigation expenses before discovery, when those expenses were higher and
14 Cipla's path to victory was less clear (because the Teva emtricitabine suit had not
15 been tried yet), it would have been irrational for Cipla to settle after discovery for
16 consideration equal to Gilead's anticipated future litigation expenses, when those
17 expenses were lower and Cipla had seen from the Teva suit that it could likely prevail
18 on its challenge to the patents on emtricitabine. Between the obvious strength of
19 Cipla's claims and the limited expense of continuing to litigate, Cipla would have
20 behaved irrationally to settle for anything other than a large reverse payment.

21 52. Second, the parties requested a stay in order to discuss settlement on
22 June 26, 2014, less than two months after the stipulated dismissal of the Teva
23 emtricitabine suit. The timing suggests that the weakness of the emtricitabine
24 patents, which was revealed in the Teva emtricitabine suit, influenced Gilead's
25 decision to settle the Cipla emtricitabine suit.

26 53. Third, when the Cipla emtricitabine suit settled, the FDA had
27 tentatively approved ANDAs for Emtriva from Aurobindo and Matrix. Because
28 Cipla was the first to submit an ANDA for Emtriva with a Paragraph IV certification,

1 the FDA could not issue final approval for any other ANDA until 180 days after
2 Cipla had begun marketing a generic version of Emtriva. Thus, Gilead had additional
3 incentive to compensate Cipla to delay its marketing of a generic version of Emtriva
4 because doing so would automatically delay the entry of a generic version of Emtriva
5 from at least two other manufacturers.

6 54. Fourth, the sale of generic Emtriva would have been valuable to Cipla.
7 When the case settled, Gilead's most recent Form 10-K indicated that it had sold
8 \$27.4 million of Emtriva in the previous year. Had Cipla prevailed at trial, it could
9 have taken a significant portion of those sales for the 180 days that it would have
10 FDA exclusivity. This would have been worth millions of dollars to Cipla, and it
11 would have been irrational for Cipla to give up the prospect of this benefit without
12 receiving significant consideration in return.

13 55. Fifth, Cipla's ANDAs for Viread and Emtriva threatened not only the
14 sales of those two drugs, but also the sales of Truvada. Cipla's decision to challenge
15 the patents on Viread and Emtriva almost simultaneously, without challenging the
16 separate patents on Truvada, would have indicated to Gilead that Cipla intended to
17 sell copackaged TDF and emtricitabine to compete with Truvada. (See Paragraphs
18 88–96 below for a discussion of copackaged drugs and their competitive threat to
19 Truvada.) Gilead's incentive to compensate Cipla for dropping its challenge to the
20 TDF and emtricitabine patents would have gone beyond the desire to preserve its
21 profits from Viread and Emtriva. Moreover, even if the Viread patents were
22 ultimately held to be valid, Cipla could still have marketed a copackaged
23 TDF/emtricitabine product as early as January 2018 if it could successfully
24 challenge the patents on emtricitabine, because that is the month when the last
25 patents on TDF expired. Such a scenario would have been extremely damaging to
26 Gilead because of the terms of its settlement of its claims against Teva. In that
27 settlement, Gilead granted Teva a future license to produce a generic version of
28 Truvada, with exclusivity for six months. If any other company were to enter the

1 market before Teva's agreed entry date, Teva's permitted entry would be moved up
2 accordingly. If Cipla were to produce its own generic copackaged drug, Teva's right
3 to immediately sell generic Truvada likely would have been triggered, costing
4 Gilead significant revenue, potentially in the billions of dollars.

5 56. Sixth, Cipla stood to gain from the sale of a copackaged
6 TDF/emtricitabine product, even in a competitive market. Had Cipla succeeded in
7 challenging Gilead's patents on emtricitabine, it could have marketed such a product
8 beginning in January 2018. While Cipla could have faced competition from Teva's
9 generic product, and copackaged products from other manufacturers, the potential
10 revenue and profits from the sale of the copackaged product would have been worth
11 pursuing. Even if competition from generics and copackaged products reduced the
12 price of Truvada from \$2,000 per month to \$56.40 (see Paragraph 93 for an
13 explanation of this figure), there would still be a reasonable opportunity to profit
14 from a product that costs \$6 to make. And at such low prices, it is reasonable to
15 assume that Truvada would be used more widely. But even if Truvada were not used
16 more widely, and even if its price dropped this much, Truvada would have
17 represented about a \$75 million opportunity in 2018 alone, and a similar opportunity
18 at least through 2021, when the last of Truvada's patents would expire. Cipla could
19 have reasonably expected to capture a proportional share of that opportunity. While
20 it is not possible to calculate the exact value of that opportunity at this time, the
21 figures above indicate that it would have likely been in the millions of dollars. It
22 would have been irrational for Cipla to forgo this opportunity in its settlement with
23 Gilead unless it received significant consideration in return.

24 57. Seventh, Cipla apparently agreed not to market a generic version of
25 Emtriva in exchange for a license to market a generic version of Atripla before its
26 patents expire, a license to manufacture drugs for hepatitis C, and/or the right to
27 supply Teva with the active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) for Truvada and
28 Atripla. This conclusion is based on eight facts:

- 1 a. Cipla's ANDA for a generic version of Emtriva was approved on
2 July 2, 2018, but Cipla has not begun to market such a drug or
3 announced plans to do so.
- 4 b. By staying out of the market with emtricitabine, Cipla is giving
5 up the period of time in which such a drug would be most
6 valuable. That value began to decrease in September 2020, when
7 Gilead allowed Teva to market a generic version of Truvada, and
8 will decrease further when other manufacturers introduce generic
9 versions of Truvada in 2021. Cipla would be behaving
10 irrationally to forgo sales of a copackaged emtricitabine/TDF
11 drug in the period from 2018 to 2021, when doing so would be
12 most profitable, unless it received significant consideration in
13 return.
- 14 c. When Cipla amended its ANDA for Atripla to include Paragraph
15 IV certifications for patents covering emtricitabine (including the
16 '245 and '396 Patents), as well as patents covering the
17 combinations of TDF, emtricitabine, and efavirenz in Atripla,
18 Gilead did not sue for infringement. This strongly implies that
19 the settlement agreement in the Cipla emtricitabine suit included
20 an agreement that Gilead would not sue for infringement of those
21 patents, and instead, Cipla would be allowed to market Atripla
22 on terms agreed to by Gilead and Cipla. The patents covering the
23 combinations of TDF, emtricitabine, and efavirenz in Atripla
24 were not at issue in the Cipla emtricitabine suit, so any agreement
25 to allow Cipla to market a generic version of Atripla, or escape
26 an infringement suit relating to those patents, represents
27 compensation that Cipla could not have obtained in its
28 emtricitabine suit even if it had prevailed.

1 d. When it settled with Teva over the emtricitabine patents, Gilead
2 gave Teva a 180-day period in which it could sell generic Atripla
3 exclusively, with the right to accelerate its entry if other
4 competitors came to the market. Gilead's very next settlement
5 over emtricitabine patents was with Cipla. A similar agreement
6 for Cipla to enter the market immediately after, with competition
7 only from Gilead and Teva for a certain period of time, and the
8 right to accelerate its entry under certain conditions, would have
9 been valuable to Cipla and would have represented a significant
10 sacrifice to Gilead. The last of Gilead's patents on Atripla will
11 not expire until 2026, meaning that Gilead can still dictate the
12 terms of competition for about five years after Teva's period of
13 exclusivity is over. In the last full year before Gilead's settlement
14 with Cipla, Gilead earned \$3.6 billion in revenue from Atripla,
15 or about \$70 million per week. According to a study by the Food
16 and Drug Administration, for products with a single generic
17 producer, the generic price is 31% to 39% lower than the price
18 of the branded drug before generic competition. With two
19 generic producers, the generic price is 44% to 54% lower. If
20 Cipla entered the market to compete with Teva, such a reduction
21 would still have left half the revenue available, or about \$35
22 million per week. Cipla could have reasonably expected to
23 capture at least a third of this revenue, for a drug with relatively
24 low costs of production. Even a single week of limited
25 exclusivity (competing only against Gilead and Teva) would be
26 expected to produce profits to Cipla on the order of \$10 million.
27 Cipla would have viewed even a short period of limited
28 exclusivity as an eight- or nine-figure opportunity, more than it

1 could have obtained by prevailing on its challenge to the
2 emtricitabine patents. At the same time, Gilead would have
3 sacrificed profits by accelerating the erosion of Atripla's price by
4 allowing Cipla to enter the market for a product for which Cipla
5 had not even sought FDA approval.

6 e. Gilead's pattern of behavior indicates that its decision not to sue
7 Cipla after Cipla amended its ANDA for Atripla was tied to the
8 Settlement and License Agreement. Four generic pharmaceutical
9 manufacturers have submitted ANDAs for Atripla with
10 Paragraph IV certifications. Two of those, Teva and Macleods,
11 had not settled any litigation relating to HIV medications when
12 they submitted their ANDAs. Gilead sued them both. The other
13 two, Cipla and Aurobindo, had settled litigation relating to HIV
14 medications (but not the combination patents that cover Atripla)
15 when they submitted their ANDAs. Gilead sued neither of them.
16 This pattern strongly implies that the right to file an ANDA with
17 a Paragraph IV certification, without a challenge from Gilead,
18 was part of its settlements with Cipla and Aurobindo.

19 f. Gilead's letters requesting dismissal of the case refer to a
20 "Settlement and License Agreement," indicating that Cipla will
21 be allowed to compete on terms dictated by agreement between
22 Gilead and Cipla.

23 g. In September 2014, less than two months after the Cipla
24 emtricitabine suit was settled, Gilead announced that it was
25 licensing seven Indian generics manufacturers, including Cipla,
26 to sell generic versions of Gilead's hepatitis C drugs sofosbuvir
27 and ledipasvir in 91 developing countries, including India. At the
28 time, a news article reported, "Estimates suggest that ledipasvir

1 could potentially be worth US\$300–US\$500m, and offer a \$110–
2 \$185m formulation and active pharmaceutical ingredient (API)
3 opportunity. Cipla is expected to earn API rights to the drug,
4 though this could not be immediately confirmed.”
5 Manufacturing Chemist, Gilead announces generic licensing
6 agreements with Indian companies (Sept. 16, 2014), available at
7 <https://bit.ly/2ITQvqO>. Notably, although seven companies were
8 identified as receiving a license, only one—Cipla—was
9 identified as earning the lucrative API rights. It is plausible that
10 the sudden availability of a benefit worth as much as \$185
11 million to Cipla was related to the settlement of the Cipla
12 emtricitabine suit less than two months earlier.

13 h. In 2019, the Indian newspaper Financial Express reported that
14 Cipla would have the exclusive right to supply APIs to Teva for
15 its production of Truvada, Atripla, and Viread. On November 6,
16 2020, Cipla confirmed that it is providing the APIs to Teva for
17 its manufacture of generic Truvada and Atripla. Because Teva
18 competes with Truvada and Atripla on terms dictated by an
19 agreement with Gilead, it is plausible that Gilead arranged for
20 Cipla to be the exclusive API supplier to Teva for its production
21 of the generic version of these drugs. This inference is especially
22 plausible because many companies are capable of making the
23 APIs for these products; according to PharmaCompass, twenty-
24 two companies manufacture the APIs for emtricitabine, and
25 fourteen manufacture the APIs for TDF. Yet the one with an
26 exclusive supply relationship with Teva is the one that settled its
27 patent litigation two months after Teva’s.
28

1 **C. Gilead Settles Several Other Suits Relating to Its Patents on**
2 **Its HIV Drugs.**

3 58. In addition to settling with Teva and Cipla, Gilead has established a
4 pattern of bringing and then quickly settling patent infringement suits whenever a
5 generic drug manufacturer files a Paragraph IV certification with respect to patents
6 covering its HIV medications.

7 59. Aurobindo Pharma Limited or Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc.
8 (collectively “Aurobindo”) submitted ANDAs in which it sought to market generic
9 versions of Emtriva (submitted in 2007), Truvada (2008), and Atripla (2011).
10 Initially, all three ANDAs contained Paragraph III certifications, indicating that
11 Aurobindo would wait until the expiration of the patents on those drugs before
12 marketing generic versions. The ANDAs for Emtriva, Truvada, and Atripla were
13 tentatively approved in May 2008, March 2009, and April 2013, respectively.

14 60. In May 2016, Aurobindo informed Gilead that it had amended its
15 ANDA for Emtriva to include a Paragraph IV certification for the ’245 and ’396
16 Patents, the same patents on emtricitabine at issue in the Teva and Cipla
17 emtricitabine suits. On June 23, 2016, Gilead sued Aurobindo for infringing those
18 patents. *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Aurobindo Pharma Ltd.*, No. 1:16-cv-3722 (D.N.J.).
19 The case settled quickly and was dismissed on September 16, 2016. No terms of the
20 settlement were disclosed to the public, although the dismissal did state that each
21 party would bear its own costs, expenses, and attorneys’ fees.

22 61. In May 2016, Aurobindo also informed Gilead that it had amended its
23 ANDA for Truvada to include a Paragraph IV certification for the ’245 and ’396
24 Patents on emtricitabine, as well as two other patents that cover the combination of
25 TDF and emtricitabine in a single dosage form: Patent Nos. 8,592,397 and
26 8,716,264. On July 8, 2016, Gilead sued Aurobindo for infringing those patents. The
27 case, *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Aurobindo Pharma Ltd.*, No. 1:16-cv-4178 (D.N.J.),
28 was filed in the same court and assigned to the same judge as Aurobindo’s
emtricitabine suit. Like that case, this one settled quickly and was dismissed on

1 September 16, 2016. No terms of the settlement were disclosed to the public,
2 although the dismissal did state that each party would bear its own costs, expenses,
3 and attorneys' fees.

4 62. In April 2018, Aurobindo informed Gilead that it had submitted an
5 ANDA to market generic versions of lower-dosage forms of Truvada, and that its
6 ANDA had a Paragraph IV certification for the '245 and '396 Patents on
7 emtricitabine. (Aurobindo did not have to make a Paragraph IV certification for the
8 patents that cover the combination of TDF and emtricitabine in a single dosage form
9 because those patents do not cover the lower-dosage forms.) On May 18, 2018,
10 Gilead sued Aurobindo for infringing the '245 and '396 Patents. *Gilead Sciences,*
11 *Inc. v. Aurobindo Pharma Ltd.*, No. 1:18-cv-765 (D. Del.). On October 3, 2018, the
12 parties stipulated to a stay of the case "pending final documentation of a settlement
13 agreement." The stay was granted the next day. On October 5, 2018, the parties
14 stipulated to an order dismissing the case. No terms of the settlement were disclosed
15 to the public, although the dismissal did state that each party would bear its own
16 costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees. The court entered the dismissal order on
17 October 10, 2018.

18 63. On July 13, 2012, Lupin Ltd. informed Gilead that it had submitted an
19 ANDA in which it sought to market a generic version of Truvada. The ANDA
20 contained a Paragraph IV certification with respect to Gilead's patents on
21 emtricitabine and TDF. On August 16, 2012, Gilead filed two separate suits against
22 Lupin, one claiming infringement of the patents on emtricitabine, and the other
23 claiming infringement of the patents on TDF. *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Lupin Ltd.*,
24 No. 1:12-cv-6293 (S.D.N.Y.) (the "first Lupin emtricitabine suit"); *Gilead Sciences,*
25 *Inc. v. Lupin Ltd.*, No. 1:12-cv-6294 (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Lupin TDF suit"). Both cases
26 were filed in the same court and assigned to the same judge as the Teva emtricitabine
27 and TDF suits, and the Cipla emtricitabine and TDF suits. At least some of the
28 discovery in the Lupin suits was coordinated with discovery in the Cipla suits.

1 64. The Lupin TDF suit proceeded through discovery and was dismissed
2 on May 30, 2014. The dismissal order is almost entirely redacted, but it does provide
3 that each party shall bear its own costs, disbursements, and attorneys' fees. Gilead
4 stated in its 2015 Form 10-K: "In May 2014, Lupin amended its ANDAs to certify
5 that it is no longer seeking approval to market generic versions of Truvada and
6 Viread prior to the expiration of the four patents associated with tenofovir disoproxil
7 fumarate in January 2018 (including pediatric exclusivity)."

8 65. On June 13, 2014, Lupin Ltd. informed Gilead that it had submitted an
9 ANDA in which it sought to market a generic version of Atripla. The ANDA
10 contained a Paragraph IV certification with respect to the '245 and '396 Patents on
11 emtricitabine. On July 16, 2014, Gilead sued Lupin for infringing these patents.
12 *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Lupin Ltd.*, No. 1:14-cv-5352 (S.D.N.Y.) (the "second Lupin
13 emtricitabine suit"). The case was filed in the same court and assigned to the same
14 judge as the first Lupin emtricitabine suit.

15 66. The parties to the first Lupin emtricitabine suit had completed all or
16 nearly all discovery by July 18, 2014, when the Court scheduled a trial beginning on
17 December 8, 2014. On August 6, 2014, the Court consolidated the first and second
18 Lupin emtricitabine suits for trial, based on the parties' agreement that doing so
19 would not require a change in schedule. On September 16, 2014, the parties advised
20 the Court that they had executed a settlement, and the two Lupin emtricitabine suits
21 were dismissed the next day. In their letter to the Court about the settlement, Gilead's
22 counsel stated, "The parties respectfully request that the Court enter the Order on
23 Stipulation for Dismissal attached as Exhibit A to this letter pursuant to the
24 Settlement and License Agreement." No terms of the settlement, or any license
25 agreement, were disclosed to the public, although the dismissal did state that each
26 party would bear its own costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees.

27 67. On April 24, 2014, Mylan Inc. informed Gilead that it had submitted an
28 ANDA in which it sought to market a generic version of Truvada. The ANDA

1 contained a Paragraph IV certification with respect to Gilead's patents on
2 emtricitabine, as well as a patent covering the combination of TDF and emtricitabine
3 in a single dosage form: Patent No. 8,592,397. Gilead filed suit against Mylan in the
4 Southern District of New York on June 2, 2014. When Mylan indicated that it would
5 contest personal jurisdiction there, Gilead filed suit in the Northern District of West
6 Virginia. *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Mylan Inc.*, No. 1:14-cv-99 (N.D. W. Va.). Gilead
7 then dismissed the suit in New York.

8 68. The case proceeded through discovery, and Gilead amended its
9 complaint twice, adding a claim of infringement of another patent covering the
10 combination of TDF and emtricitabine in a single dosage form: Patent No.
11 8,716,264.

12 69. The last substantive development in this case was the denial of a motion
13 to compel by Gilead. The context was a request for the production of documents
14 from Mylan that Gilead claimed were relevant to Mylan's "enablement" defense,
15 which claimed that the patents on Truvada did not enable a "person skilled in the
16 art" to make Truvada. The problem for Gilead was that Mylan had refused to produce
17 those documents, and Gilead had missed the deadline to move to compel by months.
18 Gilead's excuse was that it was not on notice of the enablement defense until after
19 Mylan's refusal, but the Court pointed out filings where Mylan had explicitly
20 invoked the defense, and stated that "Gilead's argument ... strains credulity." Thus,
21 Gilead's motion to compel was denied as untimely.

22 70. Less than six weeks later, the case settled. No terms of the settlement
23 were disclosed to the public, although the dismissal did state that each party would
24 bear its own costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees.

25 71. Hetero Drugs Ltd., Hetero Labs Ltd., or Hetero USA Inc. (collectively
26 "Hetero") submitted an ANDA in which it sought to market a generic version of
27 Truvada. The FDA tentatively approved the ANDA on December 22, 2011. The
28 ANDA and the approval letter are not publicly available, but Hetero presumably

1 made a Paragraph III certification regarding the patents listed in the Orange Book
2 for Truvada, including the emtricitabine patents.

3 72. On June 29, 2016, Hetero informed Gilead that it had amended its
4 ANDA to include a Paragraph IV certification for the '245 and '396 Patents on
5 emtricitabine, as well as two other patents that cover the combination of TDF and
6 emtricitabine in a single dosage form: Patent Nos. 8,592,397 and 8,716,264. On
7 August 11, 2016, Gilead sued Hetero for infringing those patents. The case, *Gilead*
8 *Sciences, Inc. v. Hetero Drugs Ltd.*, No. 16-cv-4938 (D.N.J.), was filed in the same
9 court and assigned to the same judge as the Aurobindo suits.

10 73. The case was not litigated, and the parties stipulated to dismissal, which
11 was granted on August 26, 2016. No terms of the settlement were disclosed to the
12 public, although the dismissal did state that each party would bear its own costs,
13 expenses, and attorneys' fees.

14 74. In or around December 2016, Amneal Pharmaceuticals, LLC submitted
15 an ANDA in which it sought to market a generic version of Truvada. The ANDA
16 contained Paragraph IV certifications for at least three of the patents listed in the
17 Orange Book for Truvada: the '245 and '396 Patents on emtricitabine, as well as one
18 other patent that covers the combination of TDF and emtricitabine in a single dosage
19 form: Patent No. 8,716,264. On April 6, 2017, Gilead sued Amneal for infringing
20 those patents. *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals, LLC*, No. 17-cv-
21 2335 (D.N.J.).

22 75. The case was not litigated, and it was dismissed without prejudice under
23 Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i) on April 18, 2017.

24 76. On May 31, 2017, Amneal informed Gilead that it had submitted an
25 ANDA to market generic versions of lower-dosage forms of Truvada, and that its
26 ANDA had a Paragraph IV certification for the '245 and '396 Patents on
27 emtricitabine. (Amneal did not have to make a Paragraph IV certification for the
28 patents that cover the combination of TDF and emtricitabine in a single dosage form

1 because those patents do not cover the lower-dosage forms.) On July 13, 2017,
2 Gilead sued Amneal for infringing the '245 and '396 Patents. *Gilead Sciences, Inc.*
3 *v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC*, No. 1:17-cv-943 (D. Del.).

4 77. The parties began discovery and agreed on claim construction. On June
5 7, 2018, they stipulated to dismissal, which was entered the next day. No terms of
6 the settlement were disclosed to the public, although the dismissal did state that each
7 party would bear its own costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees.

8 78. On March 31, 2012, Macleods Pharmaceuticals Ltd. submitted an
9 ANDA in which it sought to market a generic version of Atripla. Initially, this
10 ANDA contained Paragraph III certifications, indicating that Macleods would wait
11 until the expiration of the patents on Atripla before marketing a generic version. The
12 ANDA was tentatively approved on November 28, 2014.

13 79. On June 13, 2017, Macleods informed Gilead that it had submitted
14 ANDAs to market generic versions of Truvada and Atripla. Both ANDAs contained
15 Paragraph IV certifications. On July 27, 2017, Gilead sued Macleods for infringing
16 the '245 and '396 Patents on emtricitabine, as well as three other patents that cover
17 the combination of TDF and emtricitabine in a single dosage form: Patent Nos.
18 8,592,397, 8,716,264, and 9,457,036. *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Macleods*
19 *Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.*, No. 1:17-cv-1039 (D. Del.).

20 80. The parties agreed to several extensions of Macleods' time to answer
21 the complaint. Ultimately, no answer was filed, the case settled, and it was dismissed
22 without prejudice under Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i) on December 20, 2017. No terms of the
23 settlement were disclosed to the public, although the dismissal did state that no fees
24 or costs shall be awarded to any party.

25 81. On December 30, 2008, Strides Pharma, Inc. submitted an ANDA in
26 which it sought to market a generic version of Truvada. Initially, this ANDA
27 contained Paragraph III certifications, indicating that Strides would wait until the
28 expiration of the patents on Truvada before marketing a generic version. The ANDA

1 was tentatively approved on July 31, 2013.

2 82. On May 15, 2018, Strides informed Gilead that it had amended its
3 ANDA to include a Paragraph IV certification for the '245 and '396 Patents on
4 emtricitabine, as well as four other patents that cover the combination of TDF and
5 emtricitabine in a single dosage form: Patent Nos. 8,592,397, 8,716,264, 9,457,036,
6 and 9,744,181. On June 27, 2018, Gilead sued Strides for infringing those patents.
7 *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Strides Pharma, Inc.*, No. 18-cv-11134 (D.N.J.).

8 83. Strides answered Gilead's complaint on July 18, 2018. On September
9 6, 2018, the parties asked for an adjournment of the Rule 16 conference so they could
10 discuss settlement. The request was granted the next day. On December 21, 2018,
11 the parties asked the court to enter an order dismissing the case with prejudice. No
12 terms of the settlement were disclosed to the public, although the stipulated dismissal
13 order did state that each party shall bear its own costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees.
14 The court entered the order on January 9, 2019.

15 84. On December 3, 2018, Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc. and Calida
16 Healthcare Ltd. (which does business as Zydus Calida) (together, "Zydus") informed
17 Gilead that they had submitted an ANDA for various fixed-dose combinations of
18 emtricitabine and TDF. The ANDA includes a Paragraph IV certification for the
19 '245 and '396 Patents on emtricitabine, as well as four other patents that cover the
20 combination of TDF and emtricitabine in a single dosage form: Patent Nos.
21 8,592,397, 8,716,264, 9,457,036, and 9,744,181. On January 15, 2019, Gilead sued
22 Zydus for infringing those patents. *Gilead Sciences, Inc. v. Zydus Pharmaceuticals*
23 *(USA) Inc.*, No. 19-cv-529 (D.N.J.). Zydus filed its answer on June 14, 2019, and
24 the parties stipulated to dismissal on August 13, 2019.

25 **V. Additional Factors Imply That Gilead Resolved Its Litigation with**
26 **Cipla with a Large, Unexplained Reverse Payment.**

27 85. In addition to the specific circumstances of the litigations described
28 above, the broader pattern of litigation and the market for Truvada and Atripla

1 implies that Gilead made large, anticompetitive, unexplained reverse payments to
2 settle its cases.

3 **A. The Pattern of Litigation Points to the Weakness of Gilead's**
4 **Patents and Gilead's Willingness to Compensate Generic**
5 **Manufacturers for Not Competing.**

6 86. The sheer number of companies that submitted Paragraph IV
7 certifications for Emtriva, Truvada, and Atripla, combined with Gilead's settlement
8 of every infringement litigation, implies that Gilead and the generic manufacturers
9 it sued all saw Gilead's patents as weak.

10 87. Moreover, Gilead and the defendants have kept all terms of their
11 settlement agreements confidential, except for the year that Truvada will face
12 generic competition. Doing so insulates the agreements from public scrutiny.

13 **B. Gilead Had Every Incentive to Delay Serious Competition**
14 **for Truvada Until 2021, Which Is What It Did.**

15 88. The last patents protecting Truvada will expire in 2021. But if the
16 patents on emtricitabine were held to be invalid, Truvada would have faced
17 significant competition in 2018 instead, three years earlier. This is because the
18 patents on the components of Truvada other than emtricitabine expire that year, and
19 Cipla could have introduced a copackaged version of Truvada at that time. Because
20 Gilead expected to sell several billion dollars' worth of Truvada between 2018 and
21 2021, it had every incentive to prevent a court from holding the emtricitabine patents
22 invalid.

23 89. A fixed-dose combination is two or more drugs contained in a single
24 dosage form, such as a capsule or tablet. A copackaged drug is one in which multiple
25 capsules, tablets, or some other dosage form containing different drugs are packaged
26 together. Truvada and Atripla are fixed-dose combinations. To obtain FDA approval
27 without having to undertake the extensive testing associated with a New Drug
28 Application, a manufacturer of a fixed-dose combination must demonstrate that the
fixed-dose combination is bioequivalent to the individual drugs taken separately.

1 The FDA has defined bioequivalence as: “The absence of a significant difference in
2 the rate and extent to which the active ingredient or active moiety in pharmaceutical
3 equivalents or pharmaceutical alternatives becomes available at the site of drug
4 action when administered at the same molar dose under similar conditions in an
5 appropriately designed study.” 21 C.F.R. § 320.1. Gilead obtained approval for
6 Truvada this way. In fact, Truvada’s FDA-approved label states, “One TRUVADA
7 tablet was bioequivalent to one EMTRIVA capsule (200 mg) plus one VIREAD
8 tablet (300 mg) following single-dose administration to fasting healthy subjects
9 (N=39).”

10 90. In 2006, the FDA published a document called, “Guidance for Industry:
11 Fixed Dose Combinations, Co-Packaged Drug Products, and Single-Entity Versions
12 of Previously Approved Antiretrovirals for the Treatment of HIV.” The FDA
13 explained that “[t]his guidance is intended to encourage sponsors to submit
14 applications to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for approval of fixed dose
15 combination (FDC) and copackaged versions of previously approved antiretroviral
16 therapies for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).” Fixed-dose
17 combinations and copackaged drugs, the FDA noted, both “may facilitate
18 distribution and improve patient adherence.” The guidance also stated that the “FDA
19 believes that when adequate evidence of safety and efficacy exists for the use of
20 combination therapy with individually approved HIV drugs, the path to regulatory
21 approval of an FDC or co-packaged configuration of those drugs is straightforward.
22 FDA is prepared to move swiftly to evaluate such products when applications are
23 submitted for approval.” Such products are eligible for priority review, which takes
24 six months or less. The FDA pointed out that even if the individual drugs that make
25 up the fixed-dose combination or copackaged configuration are covered by a patent,
26 the FDA can still grant tentative approval so that the fixed-dose combination or
27 copackaged configuration could be marketed as soon as the patents expire. The
28 guidance also listed several drug combinations for which an application for a

1 copackaged configuration would not require clinical studies. The drug combinations
2 of Truvada and Atripla were on the list.

3 91. Given the FDA's guidance, the only real obstacle to the approval of
4 copackaged equivalents of Truvada was the patent protection on the individual
5 components of those drugs. The relevant components of Truvada are TDF and
6 emtricitabine. The relevant components of Atripla are TDF, emtricitabine, and
7 efavirenz. The last patent on TDF expired on January 25, 2018, although Gilead had
8 given Teva had the right to market generic TDF beginning on December 15, 2017.
9 The last patent on emtricitabine is scheduled to expire on March 9, 2021.
10 Emtricitabine is also subject to a pediatric exclusivity period of six months beyond
11 its statutory expiration date, which means that the FDA will not grant final approval
12 for generic emtricitabine before September 9, 2021.

13 92. If the '245 and '396 Patents on emtricitabine are valid, then no
14 copackaged equivalent of Truvada can be approved before September 9, 2021. But
15 if those patents are invalid, then copackaged equivalents of Truvada could have been
16 approved much sooner. The only other patent on emtricitabine relevant to this
17 litigation is Patent Number 5,914,331, whose protection ended on January 2, 2018
18 (including a period of pediatric exclusivity). Thus, Teva could have obtained
19 approval for a copackaged equivalent of Truvada on January 2, 2018, and other
20 manufacturers, including Cipla, could have done so on January 25, 2018.

21 93. The FDA's 2006 guidance strongly implies that it would have approved
22 copackaged equivalents of Truvada for the same indications for which Truvada is
23 approved. The approval of copackaged equivalents of Truvada would have quickly
24 led to their availability at substantially lower prices. For example, just before
25 Gilead's last patent on Viread expired, the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost
26 (NADAC) for one Viread tablet was \$36.75. Less than a year later, the price of the
27 generic version of Viread hit a low of \$1.28, a decrease of 96.5%. With approval of
28 a copackaged equivalent of Truvada, and in the absence of patent protection on

1 emtricitabine, a generic version of Emtriva would have been priced at a similar
2 discount to Emtriva, whose NADAC is currently \$17.18 per tablet. If that discount
3 were also 96.5%, then a tablet of generic emtricitabine would cost \$0.60. A month's
4 supply of the copackaged equivalent of Truvada would cost \$56.40, instead of the
5 \$2,000 that Gilead charges for brand-name Truvada.

6 94. FDA approval of copackaged versions of Truvada would have
7 decimated Gilead's profits, while benefitting consumers greatly. Something similar
8 happened to Gilead's drug Harvoni, which is used to treat hepatitis C. Harvoni is
9 very effective in treating hepatitis C, but it was extremely expensive when it was
10 introduced, with a list price of \$84,000 for a course of treatment. Harvoni was a huge
11 financial success for Gilead, earning more than \$13 billion in revenue its first full
12 year on the market. But when the drug manufacturer AbbVie obtained approval for
13 a competitor drug, Viekira Pak, the net price of Harvoni (that is, the list price minus
14 Gilead's rebates) collapsed. Viekira Pak was a copackaged drug, with patients
15 having to take multiple pills per day. But just three days after the approval of Viekira
16 Pak, Express Scripts, the nation's largest pharmacy benefit manager (PBM),
17 announced that it would make Viekira Pak its preferred treatment for hepatitis C
18 genotype 1 (the most common genotype in the United States), and it would no longer
19 cover Harvoni. The deal resulted in AbbVie's offer to sell Viekira Pak to Express
20 Scripts for a net price of approximately \$51,000 to \$66,000, a significant discount
21 to the \$84,000 that Gilead was charging for Harvoni. Shortly after, Gilead entered
22 into discounting agreements for Harvoni with CVS, Anthem, Humana, Aetna, Cigna
23 and UnitedHealth Group. According to a report by the United States Senate
24 Committee on Finance, industry sources estimated that those discounts were
25 approximately 40% from the list price.

26 95. There are many reasons to believe that Truvada would have been
27 discounted at least as severely if it had faced competition from a copackaged version.
28 First, the individual components of Truvada, TDF and emtricitabine, are inexpensive

1 to manufacture, as described above. Second, unlike Viekira Pak, a copackaged
2 version of Truvada would have the exact same active ingredients as Truvada itself,
3 making it even easier for pharmacy benefit managers and payors to justify taking
4 Truvada off their formularies (or demoting it) in favor of the copackaged version.
5 Third, if a copackaged version of Truvada were to become available as a result of
6 the invalidation of Gilead's patents on emtricitabine, several generic drug
7 manufacturers would have been able to sell the copackaged version beginning in
8 early 2018. By contrast, when Viekira Pak was introduced, AbbVie was the only
9 manufacturer with the right to make it. More intense competition for a copackaged
10 version of Truvada would have lowered the price even further.

11 96. The way Gilead chose to respond to these various threats of competition
12 was to offer valuable consideration to Cipla in exchange for its agreement not to
13 challenge the patents on emtricitabine, as described above. The result of these
14 agreements was that Cipla declined to enter the market "at risk," dropped its
15 challenge to the emtricitabine patents, and agreed not to compete against Truvada
16 until some date in the future. But for the large and unjustified reverse payment that
17 Gilead made, Cipla would have competed against Truvada during the class period
18 by selling the components of Truvada as a copackaged version on or shortly after
19 January 2, 2018.

20 VI. Relevant Markets

21 97. The relevant product market (the "Truvada market") in this case
22 includes Truvada, the generic equivalent of Truvada, and the copackaged equivalent
23 of Truvada. These drugs are not interchangeable with other drugs outside the
24 Truvada market. A hypothetical monopolist could profitably impose a small but
25 significant and non-transitory increase in price above competitive levels for the
26 drugs in the Truvada market. Within that market, the potential competitors are the
27 generic formulation of Truvada, and a copackaged formulation of Truvada.
28

1 98. The relevant geographic market for the Truvada market is the United
2 States. For purposes of this complaint, “United States” includes its territories and the
3 District of Columbia. Gilead sells Truvada across the United States, and it is
4 unlawful for customers to import foreign versions of Truvada, or its generic or
5 copackaged equivalents.

6 99. Gilead has market power in the relevant markets. Because of its patents
7 on emtricitabine, and other manufacturers’ agreements not to challenge those patents
8 or manufacture emtricitabine themselves, Gilead was the only company authorized
9 to manufacture Truvada, generic Truvada, or copackaged Truvada in the United
10 States until September 30, 2020, and is one of two companies with such
11 authorization until approximately March 30, 2021.

12 **VII. Interstate Commerce**

13 100. Gilead’s actions with respect to its drugs containing emtricitabine have
14 restrained interstate trade. Gilead markets and sells these drugs throughout the
15 United States. Likewise, competitive products would be sold throughout the United
16 States.

17 **VIII. Antitrust Impact and Damages**

18 101. But for Gilead’s unlawful agreements, the price of Truvada would have
19 been significantly lower, and lower-priced copackaged equivalents would have been
20 available.

21 102. In that circumstance, Plaintiff and Class members would have paid less
22 for prescription medications in one or more of the following ways:

- 23 a. Paying less for Truvada.
- 24 b. Substituting purchases of lower-priced generic or copackaged
25 equivalents of Truvada.
- 26 c. Moving Truvada into a higher tier on their formularies, or
27 removing it entirely, in order to pay less of the cost of those
28 medications.

1 103. To a large extent, Plaintiff's and Class members' savings would have
2 been accomplished through the insurers and PBMs that manage their prescription
3 drug benefits. As described above, when a copackaged version of Gilead's drug
4 Harvoni became available, the nation's largest insurers and PBMs either dropped
5 Harvoni from their formularies in favor of its competitor, or significantly reduced
6 the cost of Harvoni to their clients.

7 104. While an exact calculation is not yet available, damages suffered by
8 Plaintiff and Class members is at least in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Gilead's
9 United States revenue from Truvada from the beginning of 2018 to September 30,
10 2020 was approximately \$6.5 billion, and a significant portion of that amount
11 represents overpayments by Plaintiff and Class members.

12 105. Therefore, Gilead's unlawful agreements are a proximate cause of the
13 antitrust injury to Plaintiff and Class members.

14 106. Gilead's unlawful agreements likewise harmed the individual
15 consumers who use Truvada. Group health plans typically require their members to
16 pay a share of the cost of medications, with more expensive medications having
17 higher out-of-pocket costs than less expensive medications. By keeping the price of
18 Truvada artificially high, Gilead's agreements harmed these consumers by the same
19 method that they harmed the health plans.

20 107. Gilead's agreements were not procompetitive. To the extent that
21 Gilead's consideration to Cipla included a period of limited exclusivity for Atripla,
22 the benefit to consumers is minuscule compared to the nearly three years in which
23 Gilead was able to sell \$6.5 billion of Truvada without facing any competition, at
24 gross profit margins approaching 100%. And to the extent that Gilead's
25 consideration to Cipla included the right to supply ingredients for Truvada, Atripla,
26 or other drugs, consumers received no benefit.

27 108. Moreover, Gilead cannot justify foreclosing competition in the Truvada
28 market, even for the purpose of promoting competition in another market.

1 109. Given that discovery was complete or substantially complete in
2 Gilead's litigation with Cipla, the consideration Gilead provided to Cipla in
3 settlement exceeded any costs of litigation that Gilead may have avoided.

4 **IX. Class Action Allegations**

5 110. Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a), (b)(1), (b)(2), and
6 (b)(3), Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of itself and the following class (the
7 "Nationwide Class"):

8 All self-insured or mixed-insured group health plans in the United
9 States that paid for Truvada on behalf of their members from January
25, 2018 to the present.

10 111. In the alternative, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a),
11 (b)(1), (b)(2), and (b)(3), Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of itself and the
12 following class (the "Repealer-State Class"):

13 All self-insured or mixed-insured group health plans in Alabama, Arizona,
14 California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois,
15 Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota,
16 Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York,
North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota,
Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin that paid for
Truvada on behalf of their members from January 25, 2018 to the present.

17 In each of these states, indirect purchasers can bring a claim for violation of the
18 antitrust laws.

19 112. Because the relief sought on behalf of both classes is identical, this
20 Amended Complaint will refer to both classes interchangeably as the "Class."

21 113. Excluded from the Class are employee welfare benefit plans sponsored
22 by Gilead, Cipla, or their affiliates, and governmental entities, except for
23 government-funded employee benefit plans.

24 114. Plaintiff also reserves the right to request class certification with respect
25 to particular issues under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(4).

26 115. The Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
27 According to the Department of Labor, in 2016 there were about 23,700 self-insured
28 group health plans in the United States, and about 4,100 group health plans that

1 mixed self-insurance with insurance (“mixed-insured”).

2 116. There are questions of law or fact common to the class. These questions
3 include:

- 4 a. The terms of Gilead’s Settlement and License Agreement with
5 Cipla.
- 6 b. Whether Gilead and Cipla made an agreement whose effect was
7 to forestall competition for Truvada in exchange for a large
8 unjustified payment from Gilead to Cipla.
- 9 c. Whether any such agreement violated the state and federal laws
10 listed below.
- 11 d. The effect of any such agreement on the net price of Truvada.
- 12 e. The definition of relevant product and geographic markets.
- 13 f. Whether Gilead’s conduct substantially affected interstate
14 commerce.
- 15 g. The total amount of damage suffered by the Class.
- 16 h. The Class’s entitlement to injunctive relief.

17 117. These common questions of law and fact predominate over any issues
18 affecting only individual Class members.

19 118. Plaintiff’s claims or defenses are typical of the claims or defenses of
20 the Class. Plaintiff and members of the Class were harmed by the identical conduct,
21 and the theory of harm is the same—the price of Truvada was artificially kept high
22 through an agreement between Gilead and Cipla.

23 119. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class.
24 Plaintiff is represented by counsel who are competent and experienced in the
25 prosecution of class-action antitrust litigation, including such litigation in the
26 healthcare industry. Plaintiff’s interests are coincident with, and not antagonistic to,
27 those of the other members of the Class.

28 120. The prosecution of separate actions by individual Class members would

1 create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications, establishing incompatible
2 standards of conduct for Gilead.

3 121. Gilead has acted or refused to act on grounds that apply generally to the
4 Class, so that final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief is appropriate
5 respecting the Class as a whole. All Class members are affected by Gilead's
6 agreements that forestall competition for Truvada.

7 122. A class action is superior to other available methods for fairly and
8 efficiently adjudicating the controversy. The Class members have no particular
9 interest in individually controlling the prosecution of separate actions, as their
10 individual damages might not justify doing so, and Plaintiff's claims are typical of
11 Class members' claims. There is no existing litigation brought by individual Class
12 members arising from the anticompetitive conduct described in this complaint.
13 Concentrating the litigation in this forum is desirable because Gilead is located here,
14 and litigating in multiple forums would be unmanageable. This class action would
15 not pose any particular difficulty; classes have often been certified in "pay-for-
16 delay" cases like this one.

17 **X. Claims for Relief**

18 **COUNT I**
19 **VIOLATION OF SECTION 1 OF THE SHERMAN ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 1**

20 123. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing
21 paragraphs as though set forth herein.

22 124. As set forth above, Gilead entered into an agreement in restraint of
23 trade, namely its agreement with Cipla that forestalled competition for Truvada. This
24 agreement constitutes a violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1.

25 125. Gilead's unlawful conduct threatens to continue to injure Plaintiff. But
26 for the agreement, Cipla (and potentially other manufacturers) could obtain FDA
27 approval for a copackaged equivalent of Truvada relatively easily, and offer such a
28 product in the United States, giving Plaintiff a lower-cost alternative to Truvada and

1 reducing the price of Truvada itself. Introducing such a product would be in Cipla’s
2 interest, as Cipla could earn significant profits while still setting a price well below
3 the current price of Truvada.

4 126. Therefore, Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to an injunction against
5 Gilead’s agreement with Cipla pursuant to Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C.
6 § 26.

7
8 **COUNT II**
VIOLATION OF THE CARTWRIGHT ACT,
CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 16700 *et seq.*

9 127. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing
10 paragraphs as though set forth herein.

11 128. The Defendants have restricted trade or commerce, limited or reduced
12 production, and prevented competition in the markets described above.

13 129. The Defendants’ actions thus violate the Cartwright Act, Cal. Bus. &
14 Prof. Code §§ 16700 *et seq.*, including but not limited to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code
15 § 16720.

16 130. This claim is brought on behalf of all Class members nationwide for the
17 reasons articulated in *In re Qualcomm Antitrust Litigation*, 328 F.R.D. 280 (N.D.
18 Cal. 2018).

19 131. Therefore, Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to damages, interest,
20 injunctive relief, and reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs, pursuant to Cal. Bus. &
21 Prof. Code § 16750.

22
23 **COUNT III**
VIOLATION OF UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW,
CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §§ 17200 *et seq.* (“UCL”)

24 132. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing
25 paragraphs as though set forth herein, except any allegations as to entitlement to
26 damages.

27 133. The Defendants have engaged and continue to engage in acts and
28 practices of unfair competition, as that term is defined in Business & Professions

1 Code § 17200 *et seq.* (“UCL”), by engaging in conduct that has substantial nexus to
2 the State of California as set forth above.

3 134. Business & Professions Code § 17200 defines “unfair competition” as
4 “any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice....” These are
5 independent prongs of the UCL, such that Defendants can be found liable for
6 violating the UCL under any of the separate tests of liability as set forth below.

7 135. The first prong of the UCL prohibits “unlawful” business acts and
8 practices, which is defined as any practices prohibited by law, whether civil, criminal
9 statutes or case law, either federal, state or local. No law explicitly legalized the acts
10 and practices of Defendants. As alleged in further detail in the First and Second
11 Counts, and specifically paragraphs 123–31 as set forth therein, Defendants’ conduct
12 of entering into the anticompetitive agreements detailed herein constitute violations
13 of the federal Sherman Act and the California Cartwright Act. Such conduct forms
14 the predicates for committing “unlawful” business acts or practices within the
15 meaning of the UCL.

16 136. The second prong of the “UCL” prohibits “unfair” business acts and
17 practices. As the conduct at issue is not conduct directed as between competitors but
18 conduct directed at purchasers and consumers of Truvada, there are several tests that
19 determine whether a practice is “unfair”, examining the practice’s impact on the
20 public balanced against the reasons, justifications and motives of Defendants:

21 (a) does the practice offend an established public policy, as here the practices
22 at issue offend the policies against delaying competition by illegal agreements, as
23 reflected in the Sherman and Cartwright Acts;

24 (b) balancing the utility of Defendants’ conduct against the gravity of the harm
25 created by that conduct, including whether Defendants’ practice caused substantial
26 injury to non-competitors with little to no countervailing legitimate benefit that
27 could not reasonably have been avoided by the consumers themselves, which in this
28 circumstance is the case as such agreements have no utility to consumers perspective

1 and cause substantial injury to them by resulting in paying prices far higher than
2 what they would otherwise pay for life sustaining medications that they could not
3 reasonably have avoided based on the patented nature of Truvada; or

4 (c) is the practice immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous,
5 unconscionable or substantially injurious to consumers, which based on the facts
6 alleged above in terms of entering into agreements that personally profit Defendants
7 at the expense of consumers paying more for life sustaining medications than they
8 should otherwise have to pay, would qualify under any of these standards.

9 137. Even if the competitor test were found to apply under these facts, under
10 that alternative test for unfairness the question is whether the conduct in question
11 threatens an incipient violation of antitrust laws, or violates the policy or spirit of
12 those laws because its effects are comparable to or the same as a violation of such
13 antitrust laws, or otherwise significantly threatens or harms competition. As Plaintiff
14 alleges above, Defendants entered into agreements that resulted in the delay of a
15 generic version of Truvada being permitted to enter into the stream of commerce,
16 which caused Plaintiff and consumers to pay supracompetitive pricing for these
17 drugs. Even if such conduct does not result in a *per se* violation of the Sherman Act
18 or Cartwright Act, such agreements threaten an incipient violation of such laws or
19 violates the spirit and intent of the antitrust laws by delaying the impact of
20 competition on the pricing of such medications and thus has the comparable effects
21 as would a proven violation of the antitrust laws and thereby also significantly
22 threatens or harms competition.

23 138. No law expressly declares the conduct at issue to be lawful and thus
24 provides a “safe harbor” for Defendants’ conduct for purposes of avoiding liability
25 under the UCL.

26 139. In engaging in conduct that constitutes unfair competition, each
27 Defendant has acquired or retained money or property to which Plaintiff and Class
28 members have a superior vested interest.

1 140. Plaintiff and Class members have suffered injury in fact and a loss of
2 money or property as a result of the Defendants' acts of unfair competition in that
3 they have paid more for these medications than they would have paid absent
4 Defendants' acts or practices through the inflated price of the medications at issue
5 due to the illegal conduct of Defendants, and thus have standing to bring this claim
6 pursuant to Cal Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17203 and 17204.

7 141. Pursuant to Business & Professions Code §§ 17203 and 17204, the
8 Court may enjoin such conduct on behalf of the Class and for the benefit of the
9 general public, and order the Defendants restore to Plaintiff and Class members any
10 money or property that the Defendants may have acquired or retained, directly or
11 indirectly, as a result of any act or practice that constitutes unfair competition. The
12 Court may also order the Defendants to disgorge as part of its restitutionary powers
13 any profits the Defendants may have obtained either directly or indirectly from
14 Plaintiff and Class members as a result of this conduct.

15 142. Plaintiff also seeks the payment of fees and costs pursuant to, *inter alia*,
16 Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 1021.5.

17 **COUNT IV**
18 **RESTITUTION, MONEY HAD AND RECEIVED, UNJUST**
19 **ENRICHMENT, QUASI-CONTRACT AND/OR ASSUMPSIT**
(AGAINST DEFENDANT GILEAD)

20 143. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing
21 paragraphs through Paragraph 131 as though set forth herein.

22 144. This Cause of Action is not derivative of the other Causes of Action
23 asserted above, but rather is recognized as a separate and independent alternative
24 Cause of Action that may be submitted to the jury.

25 145. Based on the allegations set forth above, Plaintiff and Class members
26 may properly assert an independent Cause of Action for equitable restitution and/or
27 restitutionary damages at law derived from the principles of restitution and unjust
28 enrichment, based on common counts such as monies had and received and mistaken

1 receipt or retention of monies, and/or by implying an obligation at law based on
2 principles of quasi-contract or the common-law principle of assumpsit. Under
3 principles recognized under such common law theories of recovery, and under the
4 circumstances alleged herein, it would be inequitable or unjust, as between the
5 parties, for Gilead to retain such benefits based on the conduct described above.

6 146. By either paying monies for the products at issue that Gilead charged
7 supracompetitive prices for, Plaintiff and Class members conferred a benefit on
8 Gilead. Gilead owes Plaintiffs and Class members specific sums that can be
9 measured and calculated based on the records of or that are available to Gilead.

10 147. Specifically, Plaintiff seeks, both for itself and all others similarly
11 situated, restitution at both equity and law measured as the inflated price of the
12 medications at issue due to the illegal conduct of Gilead, either in terms of moneys
13 expended for such medications plus any moneys or profits retained or made by
14 Gilead on such amounts.

15 148. Such money or property belongs in good conscience to Plaintiff and
16 Class members. Gilead was unjustly conferred a benefit by Plaintiff and Class
17 members through illegal conduct as set forth above. Having received such benefits
18 using misleading and illegal acts, practices and/or policies and omitting material
19 facts as set forth in detail above, Gilead is therefore required to pay monies to
20 Plaintiff and Class members under common law principles of restitution.

21 149. One who acquires a benefit may not justly retain such monies and thus
22 must return such monies so as not to be unjustly enriched. Gilead has been unjustly
23 enriched by Class members through payments or retention of monies it was able to
24 retain or not pay, and the resulting profits enjoyed by Gilead. Gilead's unjust
25 enrichment is related to and flowed from the conduct challenged in this Complaint.
26 Such monies were not intended to be used for Plaintiff and Class members' benefit,
27 but rather for Gilead's own profit. Gilead is therefore required to pay such monies
28 to Plaintiff and Class members under common law principles of unjust enrichment.

1 150. An entity that has been unjustly enriched at the expense of another by
2 the retention of a benefit wrongfully obtained or retained at another's expense is
3 required to make restitution to the other. Gilead is required to pay over such benefits
4 when the retention of such benefits would unjustly enrich Gilead under common law
5 principles of common counts such as money had and received and mistaken receipt
6 or retention of monies.

7 151. Gilead entered into a series of implied-at-law obligations that resulted
8 in a sum certain as stated above being unjustly retained by Gilead, either directly or
9 indirectly, at the expense of Plaintiff and Class members. Gilead had knowledge of
10 such benefits. This obligation is imposed by law, regardless of the intent of the
11 parties. Equity and good conscience dictate that under the circumstances Gilead as
12 the benefitted party should make restitution to Plaintiffs and Class members of such
13 monies under common law principles of quasi-contract.

14 152. Plaintiff and Class members plead just grounds for recovering money
15 for benefits Gilead either directly or indirectly either received or failed to pay under
16 the above principles of common law. Gilead must restore or pay over to Plaintiff and
17 Class members money or benefits that Gilead received or retained, but that really
18 should belong to Plaintiff and Class members, as Gilead either knew or had reason
19 to know that it was charging supracompetitive prices for these medications. Under
20 these circumstances such monies were not properly paid to or retained by Gilead.
21 Gilead has an obligation created by law to ensure the status quo is obtained or
22 retained and to restore Plaintiff and Class members to their former or rightful
23 position by paying over monies Gilead is not lawfully entitled to retain. As Gilead
24 is unjustly retaining such benefits at the expense of Plaintiff and Class members, the
25 unjustified retention of such monies entitles Plaintiff and Class members to
26 restitution of such monies under common law principles of assumpsit.

27 153. Pursuant to California Civil Code § 2224, one who gains or retains a
28 thing (including money) by fraud, accident, mistake, undue influence, the violation

1 of a trust, or other wrongful act, unless they have some other and better right thereto,
2 is an involuntary trustee of the thing gained, for the benefit of the person who would
3 otherwise have had it. Based on the facts and circumstances alleged above, in order
4 to prevent unjust enrichment and to prevent Gilead from taking advantage of its own
5 wrongdoing, Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to the establishment of a
6 constructive trust, in a sum certain, of all monies that have been improperly retained
7 by Gilead, as well as the monies made by Gilead on such monies, from which
8 Plaintiff and Class members may seek restitution.

9 154. In addition, in light of Gilead's knowledge of the true facts as set forth
10 above, Gilead's conduct warrants an assessment of exemplary damages under this
11 independent cause of action in an amount sufficient to deter such conduct in the
12 future, which amount is to be determined according to proof.

13 155. Other causes of action may not permit Plaintiff and Class members to
14 obtain the relief available under this Cause of Action, otherwise leaving them
15 without a complete and adequate remedy at law in terms of the relief sought herein.

16 156. Based on the facts set forth above, Plaintiff, both individually and on
17 behalf of the Class, seeks appropriate restitution and/or restitutionary damages and
18 exemplary damages as is permitted by law for such claims. Plaintiff, both
19 individually and on behalf of the Class, also requests an order for an accounting of
20 all such monies to which they are entitled.

21 **COUNT V**
22 **VIOLATION OF STATE LAW**

23 157. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing
24 paragraphs through Paragraph 131 as though set forth herein.

25 158. To the extent the Cartwright Act is found not to apply to the claims of
26 Class members located outside the State of California, by virtue of their
27 anticompetitive actions described above, the Defendants have violated the state laws
28 listed below, injuring Plaintiff and Class members located in those states:

- 1 a. Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1401 et seq.
- 2 b. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 35-24 et seq.
- 3 c. D.C. Code § 28-4501 et seq.
- 4 d. Fla. Stat. § 501.201 et seq.
- 5 e. Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-1 et seq.
- 6 f. Iowa Code § 553.1 et seq.
- 7 g. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-101 et seq.
- 8 h. Md. Code Ann., Com. Law § 11-201 et seq.
- 9 i. Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 10, § 1101 et seq.
- 10 j. Mass. Gen. L. Ch. 93A
- 11 k. Mich. Comp. Laws § 445.771 et seq.
- 12 l. Minn. Stat. § 325D.49 et seq.
- 13 m. Miss. Code Ann. § 75-21-1 et seq.
- 14 n. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-801 et seq.
- 15 o. Nev. Rev. Stat § 598A.010 et seq.
- 16 p. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 356:1 et seq.
- 17 q. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 57-1-1 et seq.
- 18 r. N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 340 et seq.
- 19 s. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1 et seq.
- 20 t. N.D. Cent. Code § 51-08.1-01 et seq.
- 21 u. Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.705 et seq.
- 22 v. R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-36-1 et seq.
- 23 w. S.D. Codified Laws § 37-1-3.1 et seq.
- 24 x. Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-25-101 et seq.
- 25 y. Utah Code Ann. § 76-10-3101 et seq.
- 26 z. Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 9, § 2453 et seq.
- 27 aa. W. Va. Code § 47-18-1 et seq.
- 28 bb. Wis. Stat. § 133.01 et seq.

1 159. There are no material differences between the elements of proof under
2 these state unfair competition laws and the Sherman and Cartwright Acts.

3 160. The Defendants' actions had substantial effects in each of these states
4 by raising the price of Truvada above competitive levels, and Plaintiff and Class
5 members who reside in one of these states have been harmed by purchasing Truvada
6 at supracompetitive prices within those states.

7 161. The Defendants' actions harmed consumers in each of these states, as
8 described in Paragraphs 106–07.

9 162. Plaintiff has mailed notice of this suit to the Attorneys General of
10 Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, and Utah.

11 163. Therefore, Plaintiff and Class members who reside in one of the states
12 whose laws are listed in Paragraph 159 are entitled to monetary and injunctive relief.

13 164. If Plaintiff is found not to have standing to assert claims under the laws
14 of states other than Florida at this stage of the litigation, Plaintiff should be allowed
15 to amend its pleading in the event that Plaintiff represents a certified class that
16 includes members from other states.

17 **XI. Prayer for Relief**

18 WHEREFORE, on behalf of themselves and the Class and to the extent
19 appropriate for the benefit of the general public, Plaintiff requests that the Court or
20 jury as appropriate:

21 A. Determine that this action may be maintained as a class action, and
22 appoint Plaintiff as representatives of the Class;

23 B. Declare that the Defendants' conduct constitutes a violation of the
24 Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and award treble damages to the Class
25 under Sections 4 and 16 of the of the Clayton Act., 15 U.S.C. § § 15,
26 26;

27 C. Declare that the Defendants' conduct constitutes a violation of the
28 Cartwright Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 16700 *et seq.*, and award

1 treble damages to the proposed Class under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §
2 16750;

3 D. Declare that the Defendants' conduct constitutes a violation of
4 California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200
5 *et seq.*, and appropriate injunctive and equitable monetary relief to the
6 Class and for the benefit of the general public;

7 E. To the extent found to be applicable, declare that the Defendants'
8 conduct constitutes a violation of the state laws listed in Count V, and
9 award the damages available under each state law to the members of
10 the Class who reside in each state;

11 F. Enjoin the Defendants from enforcing any agreement found to be
12 anticompetitive, and from entering into any agreement that would
13 restrict competition in the markets identified above;

14 G. Award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as allowed by law;

15 H. Award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as allowed by law;

16 I. Award restitution and exemplary damages as allowed by law;

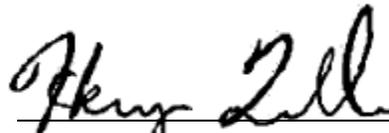
17 J. Order an accounting of monies to which Plaintiff and the Class are
18 entitled;

19 K. Grant such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

20 **XII. Jury Demand**

21 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all claims so triable.

22
23 DATED: December 28, 2020


Henry C. Quillen
(Admitted *Pro Hac Vice*)
hquillen@whatleykallas.com
WHATLEY KALLAS, LLP
159 Middle Street, Suite 2C
Portsmouth, NH 03801
Tel: (603) 294-1591
Fax: (800) 922-4851

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

Alan M. Mansfield (SBN 125998)
WHATLEY KALLAS LLP
amansfield@whatleykallas.com
1 Sansome Street, 35th Floor PMB #131
San Francisco, CA 94104
Tel: (619) 308-5034
Fax: (888) 341-5048

Joe R. Whatley, Jr.
(Admitted *Pro Hac Vice*)
jwhatley@whatleykallas.com
Edith M. Kallas
(Admitted *Pro Hac Vice*)
ekallas@whatleykallas.com
WHATLEY KALLAS, LLP
152 W. 57th Street, 41st Floor
New York, NY 10019
Tel: (212) 447-7060
Fax: (800) 922-4851

Attorneys for Plaintiff