IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: LIPITOR (ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM) MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION)) MDL No. 2:14-mn-02502-RMG
	CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 25
	This Order relates to:
)) 2:14-ev-3254
) 2:14-cv-4384)

Motion to Stay Short Form Complaint Obligation (Dkt. No. 656)

1. Plaintiffs in Sevdzida Sehovic, et al., v. Pfizer, et al., No. 2:14-cv-3254 move for an order staying their obligations to file short form complaints pending resolution of their motion to remand. (Dkt. No. 656). Pfizer does not object to Plaintiff's request, provided that, notwithstanding any stay, Plaintiffs are not exempt from participation in the depositions of common witnesses in the MDL. (Dkt. No. 671). The Court does not view Plaintiffs' motion as a request to stay discovery. The Court has already addressed a motion by Plaintiffs in this case to stay discovery, with the conditions requested by Pfizer. (CMO 23, Dkt. No. 648). Therefore, without objection, Plaintiffs' motion (Dkt. No. 656) is GRANTED. Plaintiffs' obligations to file short form complaints are stayed pending resolution of their motion to remand.

Motion to Stay Discovery (Dkt. No. 662)

2. Plaintiffs in *Johnson-Wilson*, et al., v. *Pfizer*, et al., Case No. 2:14-cv-4384, have moved to stay discovery pending resolution of their motion to remand. (Dkt. No. 662). Pfizer does not oppose a stay as to general discovery, including the completion of Plaintiff Fact

Sheets, but asks that the Plaintiffs not be exempt from participation in the depositions of common witnesses and that it be allowed to request jurisdictional discovery should the Court's ruling on Plaintiffs' motion to remand render it necessary. (Dkt. No. 670).

3. For good cause shown, the Court GRANTS IN PART Plaintiffs' motion. Except for the depositions of common witnesses, general discovery, including the completion of Plaintiff Fact Sheets, is STAYED in this case until resolution of the motion to remand.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Richard Mark Gergel

United States District Court Judge

December 11, 2014 Charleston, South Carolina