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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

BAUSCH HEALTH IRELAND LIMITED,  
SALIX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., and  
NORGINE B.V.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LUPIN LTD., LUPIN ATLANTIS  
HOLDINGS SA, LUPIN INC., and LUPIN  
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 21-11258

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**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiffs Bausch Health Ireland Limited, Salix Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Norgine B.V. (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) by way of Complaint against Defendants Lupin Ltd., Lupin Atlantis Holdings SA, Lupin Inc., and Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (collectively, “Lupin” or “Defendants”) allege as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Bausch Health Ireland Limited (“Bausch”) is a company organized and existing under the laws of Ireland, having an office at 3013 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24, Ireland.

2. Plaintiff Salix Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“Salix”) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of California, having its principal place of business at 400 Somerset Blvd., Bridgewater, NJ 08807. Salix is the registered holder of approved New Drug Application (“NDA”) No. 209381, which covers Plenvu®.

3. Plaintiff Norgine B.V. (“Norgine”) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Netherlands, having a corporate headquarters at Antonio Vivaldistraat 150, 1083 HP Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

4. Upon information and belief, Defendant Lupin Ltd. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of India, having a corporate headquarters at B/4 Laxmi Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai 400 051, India.

5. Upon information and belief, Defendant Lupin Atlantis Holdings SA (“Lupin Atlantis”) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Switzerland, having a corporate headquarters at Landis & Gyr-Strasse 1, Zug, Switzerland 6300. Upon information and belief, Lupin Atlantis is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lupin Ltd.

6. Upon information and belief, Defendant Lupin Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 111 S. Calvert Street, 21st Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. Upon information and belief, Lupin Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lupin Atlantis.

7. Upon information and belief, Defendant Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“Lupin Pharm.”) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 111 S. Calvert Street, 21st Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. Upon information and belief, Lupin Pharm. is a subsidiary of Lupin Ltd. (3%) and Lupin Inc. (97%).

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

8. This is an action for infringement of United States Patent No. 10,918,723 B2 (“the ’723 patent”) arising under the United States patent laws, Title 35, United States Code, § 100 et seq., including 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 and 281, and for declaratory judgment of infringement under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202. This action relates to Lupin’s filing of an Abbreviated New Drug Application (“ANDA”) under Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (“the Act”), 21 U.S.C. § 355(j), seeking U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) approval to market generic polyethylene glycol 3350 (140 g), sodium ascorbate (48.11 g), sodium sulfate (9 g), ascorbic acid (7.54 g), sodium chloride (5.2 g), and potassium chloride (2.2 g) for oral solution (“Lupin’s ANDA Product”).

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

9. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a), 2201, and 2202.

10. Upon information and belief, this Court has jurisdiction over Lupin Ltd. Upon information and belief, Lupin Ltd. is in the business of, *inter alia*, developing, manufacturing, marketing, importing, and selling pharmaceutical products, including generic drug products. Upon information and belief, Lupin Ltd. directly or indirectly manufactures, markets, and sells generic drug products throughout the United States and in this judicial district, and this judicial district is a likely destination for Lupin’s ANDA Product. Upon information and belief, Lupin Ltd. purposefully has conducted and continues to conduct business in this judicial district. Upon information and belief, Lupin Ltd. operates a manufacturing and research facility at 400 Campus Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. Upon information and belief, Lupin Ltd. has previously

submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court and has further previously availed itself of this Court by asserting counterclaims in other civil actions initiated in this jurisdiction.

11. Upon information and belief, this Court has jurisdiction over Lupin Atlantis. Upon information and belief, Lupin Atlantis directly or indirectly manufactures, markets, and sells generic drug products, including generic drug products manufactured by Lupin Ltd., throughout the United States and in this judicial district. Upon information and belief, Lupin Atlantis purposefully has conducted and continues to conduct business in this judicial district. Upon information and belief, Lupin Atlantis operates a manufacturing and research facility at 400 Campus Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. Upon information and belief, Lupin Atlantis has previously submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court and has further previously availed itself of this Court by asserting counterclaims in other civil actions initiated in this jurisdiction.

12. Upon information and belief, this Court has jurisdiction over Lupin Inc. Upon information and belief, Lupin Inc. directly or indirectly manufactures, markets, and sells generic drug products, including generic drug products manufactured by Lupin Ltd., throughout the United States and in this judicial district. Upon information and belief, Lupin Inc. purposefully has conducted and continues to conduct business in this judicial district. Upon information and belief, Lupin Inc. operates a manufacturing and research facility at 400 Campus Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. Upon information and belief, Lupin Inc. has previously submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court and has further previously availed itself of this Court by asserting counterclaims in other civil actions initiated in this jurisdiction.

13. Upon information and belief, this Court has jurisdiction over Lupin Pharm. Upon information and belief, Lupin Pharm. directly or indirectly manufactures, markets, and sells generic drug products, including generic drug products manufactured by Lupin Ltd., throughout

the United States and in this judicial district. Upon information and belief, Lupin Pharm. purposefully has conducted and continues to conduct business in this judicial district. Upon information and belief, Lupin Pharm. operates a manufacturing and research facility at 400 Campus Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. Upon information and belief, Lupin Pharm. is registered to do business in New Jersey (business identification number 0101043376) and is registered with the State of New Jersey as a manufacturer and wholesale distributor of drugs under Registration Numbers 5004060 and 5005159. Upon information and belief, Lupin Pharm. has previously submitted to the jurisdiction of this Court and has further previously availed itself of this Court by asserting counterclaims in other civil actions initiated in this jurisdiction.

14. Upon information and belief, Defendants have a regular and established place of business in this judicial district because, for example, they maintain a place of business in this judicial district at 400 Campus Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873.

15. Upon information and belief, Lupin Ltd., Lupin Atlantis, Lupin Inc., and Lupin Pharm. hold themselves out as a unitary entity for purposes of manufacturing, marketing, selling, and distributing generic products in the United States. Upon information and belief, Lupin employs “vertical integration in discovery research, process chemistry, active pharmaceutical ingredient production, formulation development and regulatory filings.” (*See* <http://www.lupinpharmaceuticals.com/about.htm>, last accessed April 1, 2019.)

16. Lupin’s ANDA No. 212934 is the subject of an ongoing infringement litigation in the District of New Jersey: *Bausch Health Ireland Limited et al. v. Lupin Inc.*, Civil Action No. 19-cv-09178-RMB-KMW (consolidated), in which Lupin has consented to personal jurisdiction and venue before this Court.

17. Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Pharm. availed themselves of the rights, benefits, and privileges of this Court by filing a complaint in the District of New Jersey in at least the following action: *Lupin Ltd. v. Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corp.*, Civil Action No. 10-cv-00683.

18. Lupin Ltd., Lupin Atlantis, Lupin Inc., and/or Lupin Pharm. consented to or did not contest jurisdiction of this Court, for example, in at least the following District of New Jersey actions: *Jazz Pharm., Inc. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 13-cv-00391-ES-JAD (Lupin Inc.); *Otsuka Pharm. Co., Ltd. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 14-cv-07105-JBS-KMW (Lupin Ltd., Lupin Atlantis, and Lupin Pharm.); *Horizon Pharma Ireland Ltd. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 15-cv-06935-NLH-AMD (Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Pharm.); *Senju Pharm. Co., Ltd. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 16-cv-01097-JBS-KMW (Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Pharm.); *Sun Pharma Global FZE v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-02213-FLW-TJB (Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Pharm.); *Endo Pharm., Inc. v. Lupin Atlantis Holdings SA*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-10952-FLW-TJB (Lupin Atlantis and Lupin Inc.); *Boehringer Ingelheim Pharm., Inc. v. Lupin Atlantis Holdings SA*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-12663-BRM-TJB (Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Atlantis); *Valeant Pharm. N. Am. LLC v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-13700-PGS-LHG (Lupin Ltd.); *Boehringer Ingelheim Pharm., Inc. v. Lupin Atlantis Holdings SA*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-16708-BRM-TJB (Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Atlantis).

19. Lupin Ltd., Lupin Atlantis, Lupin Inc., and/or Lupin Pharm. availed themselves of the rights, benefits, and privileges of this Court by asserting counterclaims, for example, in at least the following District of New Jersey actions: *Jazz Pharm., Inc. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 13-cv-00391-ES-JAD (Lupin Ltd., Lupin Inc., and Lupin Pharm.); *Horizon Pharma Ireland Ltd. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 15-cv-06935-NLH-AMD (Lupin Ltd.); *Senju Pharm. Co., Ltd. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 16-cv-01097-JBS-KMW (Lupin Ltd.); *Sun Pharma Global FZE v.*

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20. Lupin is subject to specific jurisdiction in this judicial district based on the filing of its ANDA for its generic polyethylene glycol 3350 (140 g), sodium ascorbate (48.11 g), sodium sulfate (9 g), ascorbic acid (7.54 g), sodium chloride (5.2 g), and potassium chloride (2.2 g) for oral solution.

21. Lupin has taken the costly, significant step of applying to the FDA for approval to engage in future activities—including the marketing of its generic drugs—that will be purposefully directed at, upon information and belief, this judicial district and elsewhere.

22. Lupin's ANDA filings constitute formal acts that reliably indicate plans to engage in marketing of the proposed generic drugs.

23. Upon information and belief, Lupin intends to direct sales of its drugs into New Jersey, among other places, once it has requested FDA approval to market them.

24. Upon information and belief, Lupin will engage in marketing of Lupin's ANDA Product in New Jersey, upon approval of its ANDA.

25. Lupin's ANDA filing regarding the '723 patent at issue here is suit-related and has a substantial connection with this judicial district because it reliably, non-speculatively predicts activities by Lupin in this judicial district.

26. Upon information and belief, venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and (d), and 1400(b).

27. Lupin Ltd., Lupin Atlantis, Lupin Inc., and/or Lupin Pharm. did not contest venue in this judicial district in at least the following actions: *Jazz Pharm., Inc. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 13-cv-00391-ES-JAD (Lupin Inc.); *Otsuka Pharm. Co., Ltd. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 14-cv-07105-JBS-KMW (Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Pharm.); *Horizon Pharma Ireland Ltd. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 15-cv-06935-NLH-AMD (Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Pharm.); *Senju Pharm. Co., Ltd. v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 16-cv-01097-JBS-KMW (Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Pharm.); *Sun Pharma Global FZE v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-02213-FLW-TJB (Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Pharm.); *Endo Pharm., Inc. v. Lupin Atlantis Holdings SA*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-10952-FLW-TJB (Lupin Atlantis and Lupin Inc.); *Boehringer Ingelheim Pharm., Inc. v. Lupin Atlantis Holdings SA*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-12663-BRM-TJB (Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Atlantis); *Valeant Pharm. N. Am. LLC v. Lupin Ltd.*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-13700-PGS-LHG (Lupin Ltd.); *Boehringer Ingelheim Pharm., Inc. v. Lupin Atlantis Holdings SA*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-16708-BRM-TJB (Lupin Ltd. and Lupin Atlantis).

28. Venue is proper against Lupin Ltd., a foreign corporation, in any judicial district that has personal jurisdiction, including this judicial district.

29. Venue is proper against Lupin Ltd. because, *inter alia*, it maintains a regular and established place of business in this judicial district.

30. Venue is proper against Lupin Atlantis, a foreign corporation, in any judicial district that has personal jurisdiction, including this judicial district.

31. Venue is proper against Lupin Atlantis because, *inter alia*, it maintains a regular and established place of business in this judicial district.



32. Venue is proper against Lupin Inc. because, *inter alia*, it maintains a regular and established place of business in this judicial district.

33. Venue is proper against Lupin Pharm. because, *inter alia*, it maintains a regular and established place of business in this judicial district.

### **THE PATENT IN SUIT**

34. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued the '723 patent on February 16, 2021. The '723 patent claims, *inter alia*, methods of cleansing the colon. Plaintiffs hold all substantial rights in the '723 patent and have the right to sue for infringement thereof. Norgine is the assignee of the '723 patent. A copy of the '723 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

35. Salix is the holder of NDA No. 209381 for Plenvu<sup>®</sup>, which the FDA approved on May 4, 2018. In conjunction with NDA No. 209381, the '723 patent is listed in the FDA's Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations ("the Orange Book"), together with U.S. Patent Nos. 8,999,313 B2; 9,326,969 B2; 9,592,252 B2; 9,707,297 B2; 10,016,504 B2; 10,646,512 B2; 10,780,112 B2; and 10,792,306 B2, which are the subject of an ongoing infringement litigation in the District of New Jersey: *Bausch Health Ireland Limited v. Lupin Inc.*, Civil Action No. 19-cv-09178-RMB-KMW (consolidated).

36. Polyethylene glycol 3350 (140 g), sodium ascorbate (48.11 g), sodium sulfate (9 g), ascorbic acid (7.54 g), sodium chloride (5.2 g), and potassium chloride (2.2 g) for oral solution is sold in the United States under the trademark Plenvu<sup>®</sup>.

### **LUPIN'S INFRINGING ANDA SUBMISSION**

37. Upon information and belief, Lupin filed or cause to be filed with the FDA ANDA No. 212934, under Section 505(j) of the Act and 21 U.S.C. § 355(j).

38. Upon information and belief, Lupin's ANDA No. 212934 seeks FDA approval to engage in commercial manufacture, use, and sale in the United States of Lupin's ANDA Product, which Lupin intends to be a generic version of Plenvu<sup>®</sup>.

39. Plaintiffs received a letter from Lupin Inc. dated March 30, 2021, purporting to be a Notice of Certification for ANDA No. 212934 ("Lupin's Notice Letter") under Section 505(j)(2)(B)(ii)–(iv) of the Act and 21 § C.F.R. 314.95(c). Lupin's Notice Letter was addressed to Salix, Norgine, Bausch, and Bausch Health Companies Inc.

40. Lupin's Notice Letter alleges that Lupin Inc. has submitted to the FDA ANDA No. 212934 seeking to engage in the manufacture, use, and sale of Lupin's ANDA Product.

41. Lupin's Notice Letter states that Lupin's ANDA No. 212934 "contains the required bioavailability and/or bioequivalence data and/or bioequivalence waiver" for Lupin's ANDA Product.

42. Lupin's Notice Letter, which is required by statute and regulation to provide a full and detailed explanation regarding any non-infringement defense, does not set forth any non-infringement defense related to claims 1–30 of the '723 patent.

43. The '723 patent is listed in the Orange Book in conjunction with NDA No. 209381 for Plenvu<sup>®</sup>.

44. Upon information and belief, ANDA No. 212934 seeks approval of Lupin's ANDA Product that is the same, or substantially the same, as Plenvu<sup>®</sup>.

45. Upon information and belief, Lupin Inc.'s actions related to ANDA No. 212934 complained of herein were done at the direction of, with the authorization of, or with the cooperation, the participation, the assistance of, or at least in part for the benefit of Lupin Ltd., Lupin Atlantis, and Lupin Pharm.

**COUNT I FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

**Infringement of the '723 Patent Under § 271(e)(2)**

46. Paragraphs 1–45 are incorporated herein as set forth above.

47. Under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2), Lupin has infringed at least one claim of the '723 patent by submitting, or causing to be submitted to the FDA, ANDA No. 212934 seeking approval for the commercial marketing of Lupin's ANDA Product before the expiration date of the '723 patent.

48. Upon information and belief, Lupin's ANDA Product will, if approved and marketed, infringe at least one claim of the '723 patent.

49. Upon information and belief, Lupin will, through the manufacture, use, import, offer for sale, and/or sale of Lupin's ANDA Product, directly infringe, contributorily infringe, and/or induce infringement of at least one claim of the '723 patent.

50. If Lupin's marketing and sale of Lupin's ANDA Product prior to the expiration of the '723 patent is not enjoined, Plaintiffs will suffer substantial and irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

**COUNT II FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

**Declaratory Judgment of Infringement of the '723 Patent**

51. Paragraphs 1–50 are incorporated herein as set forth above.

52. These claims arise under the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

53. There is an actual case or controversy such that the Court may entertain Plaintiffs' request for declaratory relief consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution, and this actual case or controversy requires a declaration of rights by this Court.

54. Lupin has made, and will continue to make, substantial preparation in the United States to manufacture, use, offer to sell, sell, and/or import Lupin's ANDA Product before the expiration date of the '723 patent, including Lupin's filing of ANDA No. 212934.

55. Upon information and belief, any commercial manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale, and/or importation of Lupin's ANDA Product will directly infringe, contributorily infringe, and/or induce infringement of at least one claim of the '723 patent.

56. Plaintiffs are entitled to a declaratory judgment that future commercial manufacture, use, offer of use, sale, and/or importation of Lupin's ANDA Product will constitute infringement of at least one claim of the '723 patent.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter judgment in their favor and against Lupin on the patent infringement claims set forth above and respectfully request that this Court:

1. Enter judgment that, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(e)(2), Lupin has infringed at least one claim of the '723 patent by submitting or causing to be submitted ANDA No. 212934 to the FDA to obtain approval for the commercial manufacture, use, import, offer for sale, and/or sale in the United States of Lupin's ANDA Product before the expiration of the '723 patent;

2. Order that the effective date of any approval by the FDA of Lupin's ANDA Product be a date that is not earlier than the expiration of the '723 patent or such later date as the Court may determine;

3. Enjoin Lupin from the commercial manufacture, use, import, offer for sale, and/or sale of Lupin's ANDA Product until expiration of the '723 patent or such later date as the Court may determine;

4. Enjoin Lupin and all persons acting in concert with Lupin from seeking, obtaining, or maintaining approval of Lupin's ANDA No. 212934 until expiration of the '723 patent;

5. Declare this to be an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. §§ 285 and 271(e)(4) and award Plaintiffs costs, expenses, and disbursements in this action, including reasonable attorney's fees; and

6. Award Plaintiffs such further and additional relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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**CERTIFICATION OF NON-ARBITRABILITY**  
**PURSUANT TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 201.1(d)**

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 201.1(d), the undersigned counsel hereby certifies that this action seeks declaratory and injunctive relief and, therefore, is not subject to mandatory arbitration.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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