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RITA HELTON,  Plaintiff,  v.  MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP,  Defendant.	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY  CASE NO. MID-L-7418-14  <b>ORDER TO FILE OR AMEND</b>
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**THIS MATTER** comes before the Court on Rita Helton's Motion for Substitution of Plaintiff. The Court, having reviewed the motion and supporting documentation, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, and for good cause shown,

**IT IS** on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025,

**ORDERED** that the Motion for Substitution of Plaintiff is **GRANTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Laura Richter and Sabina Helton are hereby substituted as Plaintiffs on behalf of Rita Helton; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Plaintiff shall file and serve the proposed Amended Complaint within ten (10) days of this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that service of this Order shall be deemed effectuated upon all parties upon its upload to eCourts. Pursuant to Rule 1:5-1(a), movant shall serve a copy of this Order on all parties not served electronically within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.

UNOPPOSED

*/s/ Bruce J. Kaplan*

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HONORABLE BRUCE J. KAPLAN, P.J.Cv.

Having reviewed the within motion, this Court finds it meritorious on its face and is unopposed. This Court is granting leave to amend the Complaint in accord with R. 4:9-1. Moreover, the Court is granting substitution of Plaintiff as permitted under R. 4:34-1. Pursuant to R. 1:6-2, this Motion will be granted essentially for the reasons set forth in the moving papers.