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THELMA L. PURKIN and NOEL PURKIN, her husband Plaintiffs, v. MERCK, SHARP & DOHME CORP., Defendant.	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY CIVIL ACTION NO.: MID-L-008451-14 ORDER ON MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES
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THIS MATTER comes before the Court by way of Plaintiffs Motion to Substitute NOEL PURKIN, as Trustee of THE NOEL PURKIN AND TAMMY LOUISE PURKIN INTER VIVOS TRUST, and NOEL PURKIN, as successor of the Decedent Thelma L. Purkin, deceased, and for good cause having been shown;

IT IS on this 6th day of August 2025,

ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to substitute Noel Purkin, as Trustee of the Noel Purkin and Tammy Louise Purkin Inter Vivos Trust, and Noel Purkin, as Plaintiff, **is hereby GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file and serve the 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
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.