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11	FOR THE COUNTY O	F SAN MATEO
12	SCOTT FREEMAN, M.D., as trustee for the SCOTT)	CASE NO. 22CIV03024
13	MITCHELL FREEMAN REVOCABLE TRUST,) dated March 10, 2012, for itself and as assignee of)	
14	FERDINAND BELGA;	
15	Plaintiff,	
16	vs.	
17	STEPHEN HURST; SUNRAY ASSET	
18	MANAGEMENT, INC.; NICO FORTE; CERUVIA) LIFESCIENCES f/k/a CH-TAC; CAREY)	NOTICE TO STATE COURT AND ADVERSE PARTIES OF REMOVAL
19	TURNBULL; RUSSELL BURBANK, as liquidating) trustee for nominal defendants SAVANT	OF THIS ACTION TO FEDERAL COURT
20	ADDICTION MEDICINE, LLC and SAVANT	
21	HWP HOLDINGS, LLC; DOE INDIVIDUALS 1) through 20; and ROE CORPORATIONS 1 through	
22	20;	
23	Defendants,	
24	and)	
25	SAVANT ADDICTION MEDICINE, LLC and	
26	SAVANT HWP HOLDINGS, LLC; and SAVANT) HWP, INC.,	
27) Nominal Defendants.	
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	NOTICE OF REMOVAL TO FE	EDERAL COURT

TO THE CLERK OF COURT AND ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF **RECORD:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on September 2, 2022, defendant Russell Burbank, as Liquidating Trustee for nominal defendants Savant Addiction Medicine, LLC and Savant HWP Holdings, LLC ("Burbank") filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California a Notice of Removal of the above-captioned matter. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the Notice of Removal filed with the Northern District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), filing the Notice of Removal with the United States District Court, along with this filing before the Superior Court, effects the removal of this action and requires that the Superior Court take no further action unless and until this matter is remanded by the District Court.

Dated: September 2, 2022

LOCKE LORD LLP

Attorneys for Defendant Russell Burbank, as *liquidating trustee for nominal defendants* Savant Addiction Medicine, LLC and Savant HWP Holdings, LLC

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EXHIBIT A

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	10	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
	11	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
0071	12 13 14	SCOTT FREEMAN, M.D., as trustee for the SCOTT MITCHELL FREEMAN REVOCABLE TRUST, dated March 10, 2012, for itself and as assignee of FERDINAND BELGA;CASE NO.
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	17 18 19 20 21 22	STEPHEN HURST; SUNRAY ASSET) MANAGEMENT, INC.; NICO FORTE; CERUVIA) LIFESCIENCES f/k/a CH-TAC; CAREY) TURNBULL; RUSSELL BURBANK, as liquidating) trustee for nominal defendants SAVANT) ADDICTION MEDICINE, LLC and SAVANT) HWP HOLDINGS, LLC; DOE INDIVIDUALS 1) through 20; and ROE CORPORATIONS 1 through) Defendants,)
	23	
	24	and)
	25	SAVANT ADDICTION MEDICINE, LLC and) SAVANT HWP HOLDINGS, LLC; and SAVANT)
	26	HWP, INC.,
	27	Nominal Defendants.
	28	NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Locke Lord LLP 300 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2600 Russell Burbank, as Liquidating Trustee for nominal defendants Savant Addiction Medicine, LLC and Savant HWP Holdings, LLC ("Burbank") removes this case to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1367, 1441, and 1446. In support of removal, Burbank states:

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I. INTRODUCTION AND GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL

1. On July 25, 2022, Scott Freeman, M.D ("Trustee"), as trustee for the Scott Mitchell Freeman Revocable Living Trust, dated March 10, 2012 (the "Trust"), for itself and as assignee of Ferdinand Belga (collectively the "Plaintiff") commenced this action by filing its Complaint (the "Complaint") in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Mateo as case number 22-CIV-03024. *See generally* Ex. 1, Public Redacted Complaint.

2. Defendants are entitled to remove this state court action to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332(a)(1), 1441, and 1446 because Burbank has satisfied the procedural requirements for removal and this Court has original subject-matter jurisdiction over this case as further explained below.

II. BURBANK HAS SATISFIED THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL

A. Removal Is Timely.

3. On or about August 5, 2022, Burbank was served with the Summons and Complaint. *See generally* Ex. 2, Summons.

4. Because this Notice of Removal is being filed within 30 days of the receipt of service of the summons and Complaint on any named defendant, removal is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

5. This Notice of Removal is also filed within one year of commencement of this action as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(1).

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B. Venue Is Proper.

6. Removal to this Court is proper because it is "the district and division embracing the
place where such action is pending." 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a). Therefore, this action is properly removed
to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 108.

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C. All Defendants Consent to Removal.

7. All Defendants who have been served have notified Burbank that they consent to removal of this case. They will be each be filing a consent to removal.

8. Any unnamed Doe and Roe defendants, and nominally named defendants, are disregarded and need not join in removal. See United Computer Sys., Inc. v. AT &T Corp., 298 F.3d 756, 762 (9th Cir. 2002) ("nominal, unknown or fraudulently joined parties" need not join in the petition for removal); Emrich v. Touche Ross & Co., 846 F.2d 1190, 1193 n.1 (9th Cir. 1988) (same); Hafiz v. Greenpoint Mortgage Funding Inc., 652 F. Supp. 2d 1050, 1052 (N.D. Cal. 2009) (same; citing United Computer).

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D. All Other Procedural Requirements Are Satisfied.

9. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), a copy of the Public Redacted Complaint is attached at Exhibit 1. A copy of the summons served on Burbank from the state court action is attached hereto at Exhibit 2. A copy of the Superior Court's docket as of September 1, 2022 is attached as Exhibit 3. 10. The other pleadings served on Defendants or filed in state court prior to removal are as

follows: 15

> Civil Case Cover Sheet (attached at Exhibit 4); a.

Notice of Assignment for All Purposes (attached at Exhibit 5); b.

Case Management Order #1 (attached at Exhibit 6); c.

d. Affidavit of Mailing (attached at Exhibit 7);

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11. No further proceedings have been had in this action in state court prior to removal.

Proof of Service by Overnight Delivery of Case Management Order (attached

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12. 25 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), a copy of this Notice of Removal is being served upon Plaintiff's counsel, and a copy is being filed with the Clerk of the San Mateo County Superior Court. 26

III. **REMOVAL IS PROPER BECAUSE THIS COURT HAS SUBJECT** MATTER JURISDICTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1367 AND 1441.

13. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because this is a civil action "arising under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the United States." To the extent that the Court does not have original subject matter jurisdiction over any particular claims, it has supplemental jurisdiction over those claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 because all such claims "are so related to claims in the action with such original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution."

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This Civil Action Presents A Federal Question. A.

14. This action is a civil proceeding including a claim over which this Court has original jurisdiction under Title 18 of the United States Code. See Ex. 1, Compl. at ¶¶ 290–298. This action is founded on a claim of right arising under the laws of the United States (see generally 18 U.S.C. § 1961 et seq.) and may be removed to this Court by Defendants pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441, and 1446.

The Remaining Claims Are Part of the Same Case or Controversy. **B**.

15. Plaintiff's federal claim alleges a civil violation of the RICO statutes based on, among other alleged acts, purported fraud (see Ex. 1, Compl. at ¶ 292(b-c) (asserting fraud as RICO predicate) & ¶¶ 315-320 (claim for fraudulent conveyance)) and various alleged corporate governance violations (see Ex. 1, Compl. at ¶ 292(a) & (d-i) &, e.g., ¶¶ 264-284 (LLC agreement claims)).

16. 20 The same "common nucleus of operative fact(s)" gives rise to Plaintiff's various state 21 and common law claims such that the two would normally be tied together. See, e.g., Trustees of the Constr. Indus. & Laborers Health & Welfare Trust v. Desert Valley Landscape Maint., Inc., 333 F.3d 22 23 923, 925 (9th Cir. 2003).

17. Consequently, the exercise of pendent jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1367 is 24 constitutional and appropriate. See, e.g., Bahrampour v. Lampert, 356 F.3d 969, 978 (9th Cir. 2004). 25 /// 26 27 /// 28 ///

IV. CONCLUSION

For these reasons, Burbank removes this action from the San Mateo County Superior Court to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441.

Dated: September 2, 2022

LOCKE LORD LLP

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19	Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT
20		(Jury Trial Demanded)
21	VS.	
22 23	STEPHEN HURST; SUNRAY ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.; NICO FORTE; CERUVIA LIFESCIENCES f/k/a CH-TAC; CAREY	(Conditionally Filed Under Partial Seal)
24	TURNBULL; RUSSELL BURBANK, as liquidating trustee for nominal defendants SAVANT	
$\frac{24}{25}$	ADDICTION MEDICINE, LLC and SAVANT HWP HOLDINGS, LLC; DOE INDIVIDUALS 1	
25 26	through 20; and ROE CORPORATIONS 1 through 20,	
27	Defendants,	
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1	Scott Freeman, M.D., as trustee for the Scott Mitchell Freeman Revocable Living Trust,
2	dated March 10, 2012, for itself and as assignee of Ferdinand Belga ("plaintiff" or "Freeman") al-
3	leges as his complaint:
4	INTRODUCTION
5	1. This case involves the fraudulent schemes of defendant Stephen Hurst and Sunray
6	Asset Management, Inc. (together, "Hurst") in service of Hurst's conspiracy and criminal enter-
7	prise with the drug-development companies that Hurst controls, as well as with defendant Carey
8	Turnbull and the drug-development company that Turnbull controls, Ceruvia LifeSciences ("Ceru-
9	via"). With Turnbull's assistance and plaintiff's money and equity, Hurst has wielded that control
10	to enrich himself at plaintiff's expense and at the cost of valuable intellectual property. While the
11	details of how Hurst carried out these schemes are necessarily complex, he followed a pattern:
12	Hurst took advantage of unsuspecting business partners' trust to gain control over companies, he
13	compartmentalized information so only he or his trusted circle had access to key information, and
14	then he engaged in self-dealing.
15	2. In just one example, Hurst negotiated a preliminary agreement for development of
16	a Savant drug with the notorious fraudster Martin Shkreli. In a September 2016 article on meeting
17	with Shkreli to discuss the deal, Hurst is quoted as having high regard for how Shkreli does busi-
18	ness:
19	'I went in very much expecting not to like him, quite honestly,' Hurst said.
20	'What I found was a very, very bright young man who asked all the right questions' 'It wasn't anything like I was expecting,' Hurst said. 'There's
21	a public persona and how he is with the important relationships, like people who work with him.'
22	3. For years, Hurst concealed his schemes from Freeman. Only too late would Free-
23	man learn why Hurst admired Shkreli and how Hurst took advantage of Freeman's special rela-
24	tionship of trust to execute his schemes.
25	4. In 2009, Hurst, a patent lawyer and businessman; Freeman, a medical doctor and
26	researcher; and William Boulanger, a chemist, met in San Francisco to form a partnership for re-
27	searching and developing drugs.
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5. The three founders decided to focus on the development of pharmaceutical drugs
 with psychoactive components to treat mental health conditions, including anxiety, addiction, and
 attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder. This was prescient, as interest in this medical area has
 exploded in recent years. The resulting company, known as "Savant," was ahead of the times in
 seeing the untapped potential for this category of drugs.

6 6. Hurst and Freeman took the lead on building Savant. It was agreed that Hurst
7 would be CEO and handle the corporate affairs, and Freeman would be chief medical officer and
8 take responsibility for the clinical development of drugs. They agreed to equally split compensa9 tion, salary, stock, and stock options.

7. However, Hurst became disenchanted with the arrangement and began to devise a
strategy of how he and Turnbull could coordinate the control of their respective companies to form
an enterprise benefiting themselves at the expense of Freeman and the other Savant members.

13 Hurst used his position as Chairman and CEO of both Savant—

-to comingle assets and personnel with Ceruvia through a se-14 ries of coordinated transactions between Hurst and Turnbull. 151617 What follows below is how the schemes were perpetuated. 18PARTIES 19Scott Freeman was a resident of and domiciled in Las Vegas, Nevada until January 8. 201, 2022. Since January 1, 2022, Freeman is a resident of and domiciled in the U.S. Virgin Islands. 21 Freeman is the trustee and sole beneficiary of the Scott Mitchell Freeman Revoca-229. ble Living Trust, dated March 10, 2012, a Nevada trust holding approximately 38.89% of the 23membership interests of defendant Savant HWP Holdings, LLC and 7.12% of Savant Inc.'s shares. 24The Trust is also the assignee of claims belonging to Ferdinand Belga, an individ-10. 25ual domiciled in and a resident of Illinois. 26Defendant Steven Hurst, at all times relevant hereto, was and is an individual domi-2711. ciled in and a resident of Sparks, Nevada. 282

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- Hurst is the sole owner of defendant Sunray Asset Management, Inc. ("Sunray"), a
 Nevada corporation doing business in Nevada. Through Sunray, Mr. Hurst is the beneficial owner
 of 39% of Savant Holdings's membership interests and 7.06% of Savant Inc.'s shares.
- 4 13. Defendant Savant HWP Holdings, LLC ("Savant Holdings") is a limited liability
 5 company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. Upon information and belief, Savant
 6 Holdings is headquartered in Reno, Nevada.

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14. Defendant Savant HWP, Inc. ("Savant Inc.") is a Delaware corporation. Upon in8
formation and belief, Savant Inc. is headquartered in Reno, Nevada.

9 15. Defendant Savant Addiction Medicine LLC ("Savant Addiction") is a limited liabil10 ity company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. Upon information and belief, Sa11 vant Addiction is headquartered in Reno, Nevada.

- 12 16. Savant Addiction owns shares in nonparty Mind Medicine Inc. ("MindMed"), a Ca13 nadian psychedelic medicine biotech company that develops psychedelic-inspired medicines and
 14 therapies to address addiction and mental illness.
- 15 17. Defendant Ceruvia LifeSciences ("Ceruvia") is a Delaware limited liability com16 pany headquartered in Greenwich, Connecticut.
- 17 18. Ceruvia is a competitor to Savant Addiction, Savant Holdings, Savant Inc., and
 18 MindMed. Ceruvia is also involved in the development of psychedelic-inspired medicines and is
 19 developing the identical drugs that MindMed/Savant is developing: LSD, psilocybin, BOL-148.

19. Upon information and belief, Ceruvia is controlled by Carey Turnbull, who at all
times relevant hereto was and is an individual domiciled in and a resident of Connecticut, as well
as by Hurst as Ceruvia's alter ego. Ceruvia may be the successor to another entity associated Turnbull, including CH-TAC.

24 20. Both Turnbull and Hurst are associated with Savant Addiction Medicine; Turnbull
25 is a member and Hurst is a managing member. Both Turnbull and Hurst have worked for Turnbull
26 companies like Ceruvia.

27 21. Russell Burbank, at all times relevant hereto, was and is a resident of and domiciled
28 in San Francisco, California.

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1	22. Burbank is the liquidating trustee for Savant Addiction and Savant Holdings.
2	23. Plaintiff does not know the true names or capacities of some defendants and there-
3	fore sues them by fictitious "Doe" and "Roe" designations. Plaintiff will amend the complaint
4	once he ascertains the Doe and Roe defendants' true names and capacities.
5	JURISDICTION AND VENUE
6	24. Pursuant to Section 410.10 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, this Court
7	has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because the claims herein arise from actions it purpose-
8	fully directed at the State of California.
9	25. Pursuant to Section 395 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, venue is proper
10	because certain defendants reside in San Mateo, California. ¹
11	FACTS
12	A. Background
13	1. Formation of the Savant Entities
14	26. At the heart of Hurst's schemes was his abuse of the corporate form. As back-
15	ground, it is therefore necessary to outline Savant's structure and the transaction it ultimately en-
16	tered into related to the molecule known as 18-methoxycoronaridine ("18-MC").
17	27. Savant was largely unsuccessful in its initial attempts to raise capital to pursue the
18	potential benefits of drugs with psychoactive components. The business's only significant invest-
19	ment, a \$6.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health ("NIH"), was secured by Freeman
20	in October 2012.
21	28. As part of an attempt to raise outside capital, the founders decided in 2013 to for-
22	malize the structure of their working arrangement. Hurst, aided by counsel of his choosing, Evan
23	Ng, produced the operating agreements for the Savant entities.
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Plaintiff understands that a parallel action will be commenced in Nevada. Nevertheless, Plaintiff believes
 this Court is the appropriate venue to address this action, and initiates this action out of abundance of caution so that no party may claim any issue as to statutes of limitation.

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29. These agreements were structured to grant Hurst control over the entities, including
 the ability to solely appoint board members (Nico Forte, R. Lee Douglas, Raymond J. Tesi), cor porate counsel (Ng, Matt Olson), and liquidating trustee (Burbank), which would subsequently be come integral to his fraudulent schemes.

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30. Hurst formed four related entities, three of which are relevant here:

a. Savant Inc. was the management company that employed Savant's employ ees, and that received a 10% profit share. The profits would be split among employees
 through stock options.

9 b. Savant Holdings was the company where the initial founders held their in10 vestments, including the intellectual property to drugs like BOL-148 prior to formation of
11 an investor LLC such as Savant Addiction, described below.

c. Savant Addiction offered investors a vehicle to purchase shares to be used
to develop 18-MC medical drugs (the "18-MC Program"), with the potential to treat various mental health conditions, including anxiety, addiction, and attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder; in this way, investors could invest in the potential for this class of drugs.
31. Savant Holdings, Savant Inc., and Savant Addiction are collectively referred to as
the Savant entities.

32. The Savant entities hold the following interests in 18-MC: Savant Holdings owns
approximately 80%, Savant Inc. owns 10% (52.94% of which is owned by Savant Holdings), and
Savant Addiction owns approximately 10% (88.45% of which owned by Savant Holdings). Thus,
Savant Addiction and Savant Inc. are controlled by Savant Holdings. (Savant Holdings, Savant
Inc., and Savant Addiction are collectively referred to as the "Savant Entities" and the shareholders and members of the Savant Entities are collectively referred to as the "Savant Equity-holders.")

33. In connection with the creation of the Savant Entities, Hurst placed himself in managerial control. The Savant Holdings Operating Agreement provides that Hurst is the managing

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1	member of Savant Inc. and Savant Addiction. Moreover, the Savant Addiction Operating Agree-
2	ment provides that Savant Holdings is the managing member of Savant Addiction, which makes
3	Hurst the de facto managing member of Savant Addiction.
4	34. While Hurst also granted himself significant discretion in exercising his powers,
5	this discretion was not unlimited. The operating agreements contain important limitations on
6	Hurst's discretion that should have foreclosed any self-dealing. Hurst's disregard for these provi-
7	sions is demonstrative of the depth of his misconduct.
8	35. <i>First</i> , the HWP LLC Operating Agreement provides that the managing member is
9	required to advise the other members of material decisions.
LO	Section 7.05 Informational Rights. In addition to the information required
L1	to be provided pursuant to Article X, the Managing Member shall keep the other Members reasonably informed on a timely basis of any material fact,
12	information, litigation, employee relations or other matter that could rea- sonably be expected to have a material impact on the operations or financial
13	position of the Company, including, but not limited to, any modification of any loan or other financing to the Company. The Managing Member shall
14	provide all material information relating to the Company or the manage- ment or operation of the Company as any Member may reasonable request
15	from time to time.
16	36. <i>Second</i> , the operating agreements specify that major decisions, such as the sale of
17	assets, need a majority-in-interest approval. Specifically, Section 7.02(b) of HWP LLC's Operat-
18	ing Agreement provides that its managing member (i.e., Hurst) may not authorize HWP LLC to
19	"make any material change to the nature of the Business conducted by the Company or enter into
20	any business other than the Business" without first obtaining the "written approval of a majority-
21	in-interest of the Members."
22	37. <i>Third</i> , Section 7.02(h) of the HWP LLC Operating Agreement requires written ap-
23	proval of a majority-in-interest of the Members as a prerequisite to the Managing Member author-
24	izing the Company to "enter into or effect any transaction or series of related transactions involv-
25	ing the sale, lease, license, exchange or other disposition (including by merger, consolidation, sale
26	of stock or sale of assets) by the Company of any assets, other than sales of inventory in the course
27	of business consistent with past practice."
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2. The MindMed Transaction

38. Savant's fortunes began to change in 2019. As discussed more fully below, based
on the efforts of Ferdinand Belga, an outside consultant who was brought into Savant as Chief
Business Officer to attract investments, investors became interested in working with Savant. A
plan was subsequently developed with two of these investors, Leonard Latchman and Jamon
Rahn, to form a new Delaware corporation that would continue the 18-MC Program and subsequently would be listed on the Canadian stock exchange as Mind Medicine, Inc. (as defined above.
"MindMed").

939. On or about July 23, 2019, Savant Addiction entered into the Foundational Agree-10ment and Contribution Agreement (the "MindMed Agreements") by which Savant Addiction and11Savant Inc. agreed to transfer all of their assets related to the 18-MC Program (the "18-MC Assets") to MindMed. In return for contributing the 18-MC Assets to MindMed, Savant Addiction12was to receive 55 million Class A shares of MindMed stock "free and clear of all encumbrances."14These 55 million shares would make Savant Addiction the largest shareholder of MindMed.

40. Mind Medicine initially began as a Delaware LLC on or about July 23, 2019, and
then become a public Canadian company through a reverse takeover of a Canadian company.

17 41. The final MindMed Transaction closed on or about February 27, 2020, and in
18 March, MindMed went public on the Canadian NEO exchange.

42. Hurst executed the MindMed Agreements on behalf of Savant Addiction and Savant Inc., and in so doing represented that he had full authority to act.

43. However, that representation was false. As noted, Savant Holdings is the managing
member of Savant Addiction, and Hurst, as Savant Holding's managing member and Raymond
Joseph Tesi and R. Lee Douglas as Board members, were required to abide by their obligations
under the Savant Holdings Operating Agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the Operating Agreement, Hurst was required to obtain authorization from a majority-in-interest of Savant Holding's
members prior to authorizing the MindMed Transaction. Hurst did not.

44. Hurst's misrepresentation was not a technical mistake or oversight. By not putting
the terms of the transaction to a vote, Hurst was able to keep the structure of the transaction secret

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from the other members. He proceeded to structure the transaction to grant himself the same type
 of control over MindMed that he enjoyed with the Savant Entities. Hurst was the only signatory to
 the agreement, and the witness to the agreement was Nico Forte, a long-time friend and associate
 of Hurst who subsequently was appointed to the Savant Board.

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3. Hurst Places the 55 Million MindMed Shares in Savant Addiction to Maintain Sole Control over MindMed

45. Once MindMed became a public company, the MindMed shares became liquid.
46. In connection with the MindMed Agreements, investors Leonard Latchman and
Jamon Rahn received 35,000,000 MindMed shares upon the company's formation.

47. As with those investors, the Savant Addiction and Savant Holding members could
have—and, more importantly, should have—received their shares directly since the purpose of
those entities was effectively terminated at that point. There was nothing else for Savant Addiction
and Savant Holding to do; since Hurst had transferred the intellectual property to MindMed and
Savant Addiction had no other assets, they were now drug development corporate vehicles without
a drug. The operating agreements for both entities dictated that they were to be wound down once
the companies' businesses had ended.

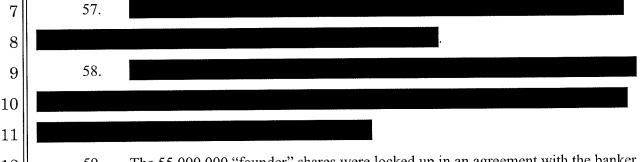
48. Instead, Hurst had the 55,000,000 MindMed shares contributed to Savant Addiction, which he claimed had the effect of putting them under his control. Because Savant Addiction
was MindMed's largest shareholder, the 55,000,000 voting shares was a large enough bloc to control the MindMed board and shareholder votes. Hurst thus enjoyed unilateral power to vote the
shares to further his own ends at MindMed; according to Hurst, the 55,000,000 MindMed voting
shares gave Hurst control of the MindMed Board of Directors and MindMed shareholder votes.

49. Savant Addiction members only held about 10% of Savant entities or 5 million
MindMed shares (of the 55,000,000 shares owned by Savant Addicition), so a majority-in-interest
of Savant Addiction was about 5%. Thus, 5% of the Savant members could control the other 95%,
at least in Hurst's view, although Savant Addiction was a subsidiary of Savant Holdings which
owned almost 80% of the MindMed shares (about 40,000,000).

1	50. Hurst furthered his control over Savant's MindMed shares by converting the
2	MindMed common shares to multiple voting shares at a 100:1 ratio, a tactic that made it more dif-
3	ficult for the Savant members to get their shares. He then had Savant simultaneously enter into
4	lockup agreements with MindMed regarding Savant's 550,000 Multiple Voting Shares with
5	tranches of shares to be released to Savant every six months.
6	51. Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Articles of MindMed, as amended at the
7	Annual and Special Shareholders Meeting held on May 27, 2021:
8	Each Multiple Voting Share may be convertible at the option of the holder thereof, at any time after the date of issuance of such share at the office of
9	the Corporation or any transfer agent for such shares, into fully paid and nonassessable Subordinate Voting Shares as is determined by multiplying
10	the number of Multiple Voting Shares by the Conversion Ratio applicable to such share, determined as hereafter provided, in effect on the date the
11	Multiple Voting Share is surrendered for conversion. The initial "Conver- sion Ratio" for shares of Multiple Voting Shares shall be 100 Subordinate
12	Voting Shares for each Multiple Voting Share
13	52. In other words, each Multiple Voting Share ("MVS") equals 100 Subordinate Vot-
14	ing Shares (<i>i.e.</i> , Class A common shares).
15	53. According to Hurst in an August 31, 2021 email, MindMed investors (Latchman
16	and Rahn) insisted on this and there were tax advantages: "As explained multiple times to all
17	members, the MVSs structure was done to keep the shares received by Savant Addiction Medicine
18	LLC tax free to Savant members." However, Latchman and Rahn claim it was done at Hurst's in-
19	sistence, most likely for Hurst to further maintain his lock on the voting rights of the 55,000,000
20	shares. This conversion prevented Savant members from getting shares in a timely manner be-
21	cause they needed to reconvert MVS to common shares, a complicated process since Savant mem-
22	bers are United States citizens and MindMed is a Canadian company.
23	54. Rahn, a United States citizen, received his MindMed shares as common shares,
24	however, so he did not need to convert his MindMed common shares to MSV as did Savant.
25	55. Over the following two years, Hurst voted the 55,000,000 MindMed shares (or
26	550,000 multiple voting shares) on his sole whim, without consultation with the majority-in-inter-
27	est of Savant Holdings.
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56. Hurst violated the operating agreement in several ways while the other fiduciaries
whom Hurst appointed—Forte, Ng, Douglas, and Tesi—turned a "blind eye." By sequestering the
MindMed shares in Savant Addiction, Hurst changed the nature of the business from a drug-development company to a stock-management company, a new enterprise in which Hurst had no expertise; the change of business required a majority-in-interest vote according to the operating agreement. But Hurst had a self-interest in ignoring the operating agreements.



12 59. The 55,000,000 "founder" shares were locked up in an agreement with the banker 13 (Canaccord), and 10% were to be released in September 2020, 10% in March 2021, 10% in Sep-14 tember 2021, and the remaining 70% in March 2022. Although Hurst should have had the shares 15 distributed as soon as they were available, he delayed releasing them to extend the time the shares 16 were under his control, thus costing savant members tens of millions of dollars as the MindMed 17 share price steadily dwindled under Hurst's poor management, as his agenda was focused on 18 building Ceruvia.

19 60. Hurst had no experience or requisite skills to be a Chairman/CEO of a public com20 pany, yet Hurst insisted on solely controlling the MindMed voting shares. This is consistent with
21 Hurst's prior experience at biotech companies, which ended in disaster because of his inexperience
22 and need to try to control companies through "bullying":

a. Hurst was head of business development at Inhale Therapeutics (aka
Nektar) in the late 1990's and 2000's. Hurst did a deal with Pfizer, a large pharmaceutical
company, to market Nektar's inhalable insulin. This was a major coup, since Pfizer was a
"marketing machine." But the deal turned sour, Pfizer quickly opted out, and the drug
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b. Hurst next started a biotech company with his self-described "best friend." The drug in development was for multi-drug resistance (MDR) which could prevent tumor cells from inactivating chemotherapy. Hurst's bullying got the better of him again, and the company collapsed almost immediately when the "friends" got into a heated fight and Hurst lost his \$500,000 loan to the company.

c. Apart from the 18-MC program with Savant Addiction Medicine, Hurst was also involved in the development of benznidazole for a different Savant entity, Savant Neglected Disease LLC. Hurst's bullying continued in a deal with Kalobios (aka Humanigen). Kalobios and Savant were to jointly co-develop benznidazole, but within three months Kalobios kicked Savant out of the development team, costing Savant several million dollars.

Yet as a result of Hurst's lock-up agreement, Savant members could not monetize 62. 15their shares, since the members were beneficial owners, either by selling them on a primary mar-16ket (NEO Exchange or NASDAQ) once the shares were unlocked or secondary markets (banks or 17 investment funds) for locked shares during the lock-up period. Hurst insisted on maintaining the 18 Savant voting bloc was so he could vote the shares in his own self interest. Therefore, although 19 Freeman nominally owned over 5% of MindMed through his shares in Savant Inc. (and through 20Savant Inc. in Savant Addiction), the requisite amount of shares needed for a board seat, Hurst dis-21abled Freeman from exercising his voting rights. 22

63. In addition, Hurst as managing member of Savant has been selling MindMed shares
to "conduct business," yet the operating agreements specify that major decisions like selling assets
need a majority-in-interest approval.

64. As designed by Hurst and Savant's counsel, the operating agreement required the
managing member's approval for all majority-in-interest votes, including to replace the managing

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member. This effectively cemented Hurst as managing member for life, if he did not choose to resign. Hurst could not be removed as managing member even if he did not appropriately execute
the operating agreement or commit fraud. This setup assured Hurst's complete control of Savant,
and what follows are Hurst's attempts to maintain control in order to self-enrich himself, and not
equally split compensation with Freeman.

6 65. The Savant entities hold the following interests in 18-MC: Savant Holdings owns
7 approximately 80%, Savant Inc. owns 10% (52.94% of which is owned by Savant Holdings), and
8 Savant Addiction owns approximately 10% (88.45% of which owned by Savant Holdings). Thus,
9 Savant Addiction and Savant Inc. are controlled by Savant Holdings.

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 66. Savant Addiction licensed 18-MC from Albany Medical Center and owned all of
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 the intellectual property related to the 18-MC Program.
- 12 67. Savant Addiction's purpose was to hold intellectual property and other assets, not
 13 to exercise control over day-to-day management.

14 68. Savant Inc. managed all of Savant Addiction's day-to-day operations related to the
15 development of the 18-MC Program.

16 69. Mr. Hurst's primary role at the Savant Entities was to raise money from investors
17 and attend to corporate decisions as CEO, while Freeman was responsible for research and devel18 opment.

19 70. Mr. Hurst was largely unsuccessful in his attempts to raise capital. Indeed, Free20 man was primarily responsible for obtaining the business's only significant investment, a \$6.7 mil21 lion grant from the National Institutes of Health in October 2012. The grant was for the years
22 2012 through 2014. In contrast, Hurst from 2009 to 2019 only raised approximately one million
23 dollars through a "friends and family" investment.

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B. Scheme 1: Hurst Cheats Belga Out of a Finder's Fee

25 71. In October 2018, Hurst decided to outsource fundraising to a consultant. By Hurst's
26 own account to Belga, Hurst in nine years had been able to raise only about \$1 million from
27 friends and family, and according to Hurst, he was "burned out."

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72. On behalf of the Savant Entities, Hurst retained Ferdinand Belga, who had worked

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1	successfully in the pharmaceutical drug industry for over two decades.	
2	73. To convince Belga to work on behalf of Savant, Hurst promised him up to 20% of	
3	the equity in Savant Addiction upon raising between \$2 million to \$5 million. As set forth in	
4	Belga's consulting agreement with Savant Inc., Hurst also promised him that, subject to board ap-	
5	proval, "if you are successful in raising \$2 million or more prior to October 1, 2019, you will be	
6	appointed Savant's Chief Executive Officer and I will assume the role of Executive Chairman. You	
7	will become a salaried employee."	
8	74. On January 8, 2019, Rahn contacted Belga through LinkedIn about investing	
9	money in Savant, a contact that would not have been possible without Belga's involvement.	
10	75. Once Belga had engaged with Rahn, however, Hurst promptly began to circumvent	
11	Belga as part of his undisclosed plan to renege on the consulting agreement. In doing so, Hurst al-	
12	most caused the financing with Rahn to collapse. On March 31, 2019, Rahn sent Freeman the fol-	
13	lowing email, emblematic of how Hurst's bullying attempt to manipulate the structure of the trans-	
14	action was creating problems:	
15 16	After 1 month of discussions with Steve [Hurst], I am not the least bit inspired to put money into the opportunity. In fact, he has done more to convince me why I should not invest or partner with you v. why I should. Very strange.	
17	However, I do see a new vision for the company and I do see the po-	
18 19	tential for a very large exit so that is why I'm still here writing this email. To be 100% transparent, I would have walked away had you and I not had that conversation last week. I feel we speak the same language.	
20	I have a plan / vision for the company for an RTO, it entails us raising	
21	\$1-3m initially in a reverse merger transaction and then \$15-20m based on some positive news flow to take it through phase 2.	
22	The art of raising money is not Steve's strength. Let me figure it out so the company has the tools to survive and you get to an exit. Riding out grant	
23	money ain't the way to get to liquidity.	
24	There is a difference between exit/ sale and finding partial liquidity for all parties. Sometimes people confuse the two. Steve is.	
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26	76. In April 2019, there was an initial term sheet and Belga was listed as the COO,	
27	Hurst the CEO, and Freeman CMO. This reflected Belga's critical role in obtaining the financing	
28	and it triggered the provisions in his consulting agreement.	
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77. Savant Addiction turned down this initial offer sheet, and Belga continued to work
 on sourcing additional investors.

3 78. On May 26, 2019, Belga received an email from Hurst announcing that Hurst had
4 reached a deal with Rahn, and there was no need for him to participate in a planned trip to meet
5 with potential investors. This was a surprise to Belga since he was unaware that Hurst was in con6 tinued discussion with Rahn.

7 79. Subsequently, it became clear why Belga had not been involved in the discussions.
8 Hurst negotiated the terms of the transaction so that the funds would be reflected as having been
9 raised for *MindMed*, the new Delaware LLC to whom the 18-MC asset was to be sold, rather than
10 for Savant, therefore preventing Belga from getting credit under the consulting agreement.

80. In other words, Hurst structured the transaction in bad faith to avoid compensating
Belga what he was due under the consulting agreement.

81. Belga raised more than \$5 million in seven months, something Hurst could not do
in nine years. Yet it was not until several months after the MindMed transaction closed that Hurst
announced that Belga would not get the CEO position with Savant. To date Belga has never been
given his equity share in Savant. In so doing, Hurst demonstrated that he had intended to exploit
Belga's fundraising abilities but never intended to follow through on his commitment to grant
Belga equity or a salaried position in Savant.

19 82. In May 2019, Belga surpassed these funding goals by securing financing in excess
20 of \$5 million for what would ultimately become the creation of MindMed. Belga initiated the
21 transaction, but on May 26, 2019, Hurst stepped in to change the terms of the deal so that the
22 funds would not be reflected as having been raised for Savant but only—after the reverse takeo23 ver—as funds for MindMed for which Belga would not get credit:

Signed the financing deal today so I don't see the need for a trip to Chicago. Got the deal up to \$3 million from \$2 million for the pre-RTO financing and the valuation at the time of the RTO to \$12 million. Canaccord will lead the post-RTO financing of at least \$20 million, market conditions permitting. Canaccord is coming into the pre-RTO financing as well.

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83. Belga accomplished in seven months, raising >\$5MM, what Hurst could not do in

nine years. Yet it was not until after the MindMed transaction closed that Hurst made clear Belga
 would get neither equity in Savant Addiction nor a CEO position with Savant.

84. In so doing, Hurst demonstrated that he had intended to exploit Belga's fundraising
abilities but never intended to follow through on his commitment to give Belga equity or a salaried
position in Savant.

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Scheme 2: Hurst Breaches a Settlement Agreement to Transfer Five Million MindMed Shares to Freeman

8 85. Between 2010 and 2012, Freeman authorized the Trust to lend \$205,000 to the
9 partnership, which would later become Savant Holdings. The loan is reflected as a long-term lia10 bility on Savant Holdings's balance sheet at least as late as December 31, 2018. Neither Hurst nor
11 Savant Holdings has ever denied that Savant Holdings is obligated to repay the loan.

86. From April through August 2014, Freeman, through the Trust, lent Savant a total of
\$600,000, with \$450,000 loaned to Savant Addiction and \$150,000 loaned to Savant's former affiliate, Savant Neglected Disease ("SND").

15 87. In connection therewith, Savant issued multiple promissory notes (the "Notes") and

16 warrants to purchase units (the "Warrants") to the Trust. The purpose of the Notes and Warrants

17 was a short-term loan to cover the Savant Entities' operating expenses until Savant received an ap-

18 proximate \$600,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health ("NIH").

- 19 88. As the exact timing of the NIH payment to Savant was uncertain (it could have
 20 happened between September 2014 and January 2015), the coverage amounts of the Warrants in21 creased to up to 300% of the amount of the Notes depending on when Savant paid the Notes. For
- 22 example, a July 1, 2014 Warrant states:

Warrant Coverage Amount. The "Warrant Coverage Amount" means that amount which equals 100% of the principal amount of the Note; provided, that in the event the Note has not yet been prepaid in whole prior to September 30, 2014, the "Warrant Coverage Amount" means that amount which equals 200% of the principal amount of the Note; provided further, that in the event the Note has not yet been prepaid in whole prior to January 1, 2015, the "Warrant Coverage Amount" means that amount which equals 300% of the principal amount of the Note. 89. On or about December 2014, the Savant Entities received \$600,000 from the NIH.
 Despite this cash infusion, Hurst claimed that it was still unable to pay Freeman the balance of the
 Notes because of Hurst's overspending. Combined with Freeman's 2010-2012 loans of \$205,000,
 the principal balance owed to Freeman was \$805,000.

- 90. In June 2016, Savant received approximately \$3.5MM from the sale of the Savant
 Neglected Disease drug, benznidazole. Hurst used part of the money to pay off every debt and
 loan of Savant, including a loan Hurst gave Savant, except for Freeman's loans. After 2016, Savant had no money or anything of monetary value until 2019 when it received the MindMed
 shares.
- 91. Around June 2019, at the time of the MindMed transaction, Savant and Freeman
 entered an accord and satisfaction of the outstanding debt that Savant owed to Freeman (including
 the Savant Addiction Notes and Warrants² and \$205,000 loaned to Savant Holdings, plus accrued
 interest) whereby Savant agreed to transfer MindMed shares to Freeman.
- 14 92. Initially, the parties agreed to 4,500,000 MindMed shares to resolve the Savant Ad15 diction Note for \$450,000, but later amended that agreement to 5,000,000 shares, to also reflect
 16 the resolution of the warrants and the \$205,000 founder loan plus accrued interest.
- 17 93. This agreement is memorialized and acknowledged by Savant in multiple emails
 18 between Hurst and Freeman and other written communications.
- Hurst represented that the MindMed Shares were valued at \$0.10 a share.³ 94. 19The 5,000,000 MindMed Shares to be transferred to Freeman were therefore worth 95. 20approximately \$500,000, and thus were a significant discount on Savant's debt to Freeman 21(\$450,000 + \$205,000 + warrants + interest). In addition to the discount, Freeman also took on the 22risk of a loss in value of the MindMed Shares because MindMed was a start-up biotech company 23at high risk of failure. But Freeman accepted the discount and risk of loss because he believed the 24MindMed Shares would appreciate and be worth more in the future. 25
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- Dr. Freeman purchased SND in May 2019 and his \$150,000 loan to SND is no longer owed by Savant.
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 3 It now appears that Hurst misled Freeman by representing that the share value was in U.S. dollars, while in fact it was in lower-value Canadian dollars. At the time, CAD \$0.10 would have been worth about USD \$0.058, for a total of more than 8.62 million shares.

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1	96. For example, Freeman stated as much in an October 3, 2019 email to Hurst, noting
2	that this was a "final transaction":
3	The purpose of this email is to highlight the events that lead to our decision yesterday to convert my outstanding loans in Savant Addiction Medicine
4	(SAM) to MMED stock
5	1. Approximately 3 weeks ago we tentatively agreed to convert a $$450,000$ loan to 4,500,000 shares of MMED ^[4]
6 7	2. We needed the last 3 weeks to research the corporate and tax implications of this transaction
8	3. We decided yesterday based on our research to finalize this transaction although it may take several days to weeks to finalize the legal paperwork
9 10	4. MMED is valued today at \$0.10 per share and has been valued at this price for at least the last month since MMED was formed
11	5. SAM received MMED stock by selling its rights to MMED for a drug
11	called 18-MC
13	6. The value was determined by third party investors who also either re- ceived or purchased MMED shares at \$0.10 per share
14	7. The shares of MMED will be "locked up" for 6-24 months depending on US and Canadian regulations since these are founders share
15	8. Notwithstanding, this is a final transaction. In other words, if for instance
16 17	when the 4,500,000 MMED shares are released to me in 6-24 months, the time I can sell these shares, the value of MMED has become \$0.00 per share, I am NOT entitled to anymore shares or any money to compensated for lost value.
18	97. Hurst did not deny the existence of this accord and satisfaction or its essential
19	terms.
20	98. Indeed, in an e-mail dated June 29, 2020, Hurst acknowledged the settlement but
21	explained that he was delaying transfer of the MindMed shares because of the lock-up agreement:
22	Note that the Cap Table does not include <i>the additional shares to be issued</i>
23	to you in consideration of your loan and warrant settlement from last June. I spoke with Dorsey about this a few weeks ago and they know we
24	still have to document this. Since there are no planned distributions in the near future I've not pressed the issue with Dorsey or you. I my mind, it's
25	more important to hold the voting block for the next year at least.
26	(Emphasis added.)
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28	⁴ This e-mail predates the amendment to 5 million MindMed shares.
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$1 \ $	99. Subsequent e-mails confirm that Hurst, on behalf of Savant Addiction and Savant
2	Holdings, accepted the terms of the settlement, with the only dispute being over an ancillary is-
3	sue-whether the shares could be distributed before the expiration of the lock-out period so that
4	Freeman could exercise the shares' voting rights, even though he could not sell the shares. On
5	September 8, 2020, Hurst responded to Freeman's concerns about the <i>timing</i> of distribution, but
6	did not dispute the obligation to distribute the 5 million MindMed shares:
7 8	I spoke with Rich Raymer today who wrote the terms of the multiple voting shares. I've asked him to prepare a memo to support making the distribution of multiple voting shares with proper legends to Savant members.
9	As I mentioned before, I believe that it would be a strategic mistake to break
10	up the voting block with respect to locked up shares and will be working with counsel to address this issue.
11	We need to document <i>the 5 million MMED shares you'll receive for the settlement of the warrants and loans back in June</i> as this will impact the
12	pro rata distribution to all the other MMED members. I will not be taking any shares beyond my pro rata distribution along with the other members
and will not be looking for any other comp from Savant other than an hourly	and will not be looking for any other comp from Savant other than an hourly fee as managing member and the repayment of my loan to Savant. At the
14	end of 2019 that loan stood at about \$78,000 and I've continued to loan Savant money every month this year.
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16	(Emphasis added.) 100. On September 9, 2020, Hurst confirmed that the amount owed to Freeman under
17	the settlement was equivalent to 50,000 multiple voting shares (100:1, or 5,000,000 common
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19	shares), but he expressed concerns that this would make Freeman MindMed's largest shareholder:
20	I'm not going to fight anyone on the basic idea of distributing the shares now that the lock up has started to lift The distribution will be of mul-
21	tiple voting shares not common shares which cannot be traded as far as I know. They need to be converted to common and MMED has to instruct the
22	transfer agent in order for that to happen. So the plan for distribution I have in mind goes like this (unless the lawyers tell me otherwise):
23	• Savant HWP, Inc. – 55,000 multiple voting shares in satisfaction of its
24	10% profits interest in Savant Addiction Medicine, LLC (SAM).
25	 Scott Freeman (or your trust) – 50,000 multiple voting shares in sat- isfaction of warrants and loans settle in June 2019
26	• Savant Addiction Medicine LLC – 45,000 multiple voting shares re-
27	tained for sale to generate operating capital with any balance distributed to members in March 2022 when the final lock up is lifted
28	• SAM members – 400,000 multiple voting shares distributed pro rata
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1	For a total of 550,000 multiple voting shares which convert to 55,000,000 common shares.	
2 3	Your pro rata share of the SAM distribution will be approximately 155,556 multiple voting shares, plus the 50,000 additional settlement shares <i>make</i>	
4	you MMED's largest single shareholder.	
5	So as I understand the situation, even though the Savant block is not a majority, as votes go in Canada I've been told that a 20% block generally controls the outcome of a shareholder vote, <i>which means that Savant likely now</i>	
6 7	controls the board membership and any other issue that might require a shareholder vote in the future. And on most issues I think JR would vote with Savant, giving us a lock. Once the shares are distributed, unless there is a voting rights agreement we likely give up that control.	
8	(Emphasis added.) Again, Hurst linked the loan settlement with his continuing to vote the	
9	MindMed shares: "50,000 additional settlement shares" and the prospect of loss of Hurst's control	
10	"unless there is a voting rights agreement."	
11	101. Subsequently, everything changed. As Freeman had correctly foreseen, the price of	
12	MindMed's shares skyrocketed, which meant that Savant (and by proxy Hurst himself) would fi-	
13	nancially benefit if it repaid Freeman the money instead of transferring the 5,000,000 shares to	
14	him. Moreover, Hurst had grown accustomed to controlling MindMed through Savant Addiction.	
15	If Freeman received the 5,000,000 shares, he would become MindMed's "largest single share-	
16	holder," which would effectively deprive Hurst of his control over MindMed. And as MindMed's	
17	largest shareholder, Freeman—instead of Hurst—could become (or appoint) a board member of	
18	MindMed.	
19 20	102. On September 18, 2020, Hurst informed Freeman that the paperwork for the loan	
20 21	would be sent in a few days:	
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23	I have the draft of the settlement agreement for your notes and warrants and should have that to you in the next few days.	
24	103. In October 2020, Hurst and Freeman contractually agreed to distribute all the	
25	shares; both the unlocked shares and the locked shares, which would effectively dissolve the vot-	
26	ing bloc, Hurst's sole control over voting the MindMed shares. Canaccord (the bank acting as	
27	MindMed's agent) agreed to modify the lock-out agreement so that shares could be distributed in	
28	the names of the individual members rather than in Savant Addiction's name, thus ending Hurst's	
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voting MindMed shares. And Freeman agreed to pay Peter Volk, MindMed's counsel, \$20,000 to
 cover the legal costs of facilitating the distributions and drafting the necessary documents.

- 3 104. As late as October 10, 2020, Hurst provided a progress report regarding "the initial
 4 transfer of the 10% off lockup."
- 5 105. Although Hurst at various points alluded to the need for further "documentation,"
 6 including advice from a tax accountant, he did not dispute the meeting of the minds on the essen-
- 7 tial terms, including consideration for Freeman's covenant not to sue on the loans.

8 106. Hurst reneged on the accord and satisfaction only after Freeman tried to prevent
9 Hurst from voting Savant's bloc of MindMed shares. Hurst understood that if Freeman voted his
10 own shares as MindMed's "largest single shareholder," Hurst would no longer be able to control
11 MindMed from his minority position.

12 107. On October 14, 2020, Hurst for the first time signaled that he was going to try to
13 back out of the accord and satisfaction. Responding to Freeman's inquiry about "the final paper14 work on the 5,000,000 shares for the loan," Hurst wrote:

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- Will require further discussion and you will need tax advice. Share value now far exceeds loan and warrant value we agreed to last June when the share price was 10 cents.
- 17 108. When pressed by Freeman for clarification on when the shares would be trans18 ferred, Hurst resorted to obfuscation and delay, while continuing to mislead Freeman that he
 19 would distribute the shares once the lockup ended.

20 109. On July 16, 2021, after at least 110,000 MindMed Multiple Voting Shares (equiva-21 lent to 11,000,000 common shares) had been released from lockup—more than twice the number 22 of shares owed to Freeman—Freeman's counsel sent a demand to Hurst for distribution of the 23 shares pursuant to the terms of the settlement. Despite the extensive paper trail documenting the 24 accord and satisfaction, Hurt refused to honor the agreement he had reached with Freeman. At the 25 time, MindMed stock was trading at about \$4 per share.

110. Savant Addiction's counsel, Ng, responded on Hurst's behalf by denying for the
first time the existence of the accord and satisfaction on the purported ground that the agreement
had never been formally documented. Ng's letter was made to provide cover for Hurst, who had

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purposefully breached the settlement agreement to disadvantage Freeman, his longtime and loyal
partner.

3	111. Ng purported to tender the face value of Freeman's loans, although even if Freeman	
4	had not been entitled to enforce the accord and satisfaction, these tenders were incomplete: ini-	
5	tially the tender covered just \$375,000 because Hurst apparently believed Freeman didn't have	
6	documentation of the second \$75,000 note, but eventually Hurst relented to the total of \$450,000	
7	from the 2014 loans, knowing the transactions were well documented; but apart from the accord	
8	and satisfaction, Hurst and Ng have never tendered repayment of the \$205,000 founder's loan.	
9	112. But Hurst did not stop there. Aware of the weakness of his legal position, Hurst at-	
10	tempted to distance himself from the dispute with Freeman. Hurst had Savant Addiction retain a	
11	friendly trustee, Russell Burbank, to wind down the entity and while doing so to decide any claims	
12	in Hurst's favor.	
13	113. In a February 19, 2022 email that Hurst surreptitiously sent to a chosen group of	
14	Savant members, he acknowledged that Burbank had been appointed to address the so-called	
15	"Scott issue." Contrary to Hurst's public announcement of Mr. Burbank's independence, Hurst ex-	
16	plained that Burbank was picked to decide Freeman's claim to the 5,000,000 MindMed shares and	
17	that his decision on this issue was already baked in:	
18	The only liabilities owed by SAM are notes payable to Scott, for which	
19	payment has been tendered but he has refused to accept, maintaining a claim against SAM (and all its members) for an additional 5 million MindMed	
20	shares. This claim will now be resolved by the trustee as I am no longer the decision maker for SAM. Since Scott appears to be confusing the business	
21	of Savant with some personal gripe he has with me, I believe the best result will be reached for all members by having the trustee resolve any out-	
22	standing issues with Scott.	
23	(Emphasis added.)	
24	114. When Freeman learned why Burbank had been retained, he brought Burbank's lack	
25	of independence to the attention of Savant Addiction's outside counsel, Ng and Olson. In corre-	
26	spondence, they did not deny that Hurst had sent the aforementioned email and that Burbank had	
27	been retained to decide Freeman's claim against him. Rather, they shrugged off Burbank's com-	
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promised nature by claiming that Freeman was merely "slinging mud." In so doing, they reaffirmed that they would serve Hurst's interests and that Savant Addiction would not honor the
agreement Hurst reached with Freeman.

4 115. Predictably, Burbank has acted loyally to Hurst since his appointment, including by
5 denying the existence of Freeman's claim.

Burbank's lack of independence is evident in other ways as well. Freeman has repeatedly asked to review the books and records of Savant Addiction to be able to audit them and ensure a proper accounting. Hurst previously had agreed to provide access to the books and records but for over a year has delayed the request because an audit supposedly needed to be done
first. The audit is apparently complete, but the books are still being sequestered.

11 117. Hurst has refused to turn over the books and records on the purported basis that
12 Burbank's appointment will constitute an independent audit. In other words, Hurst is using Bur13 bank as a tool to withhold evidence relating to his self-dealing.

14 118. In just one example of what access to the books and records could uncover, Free15 man has learned that in May 2020, Hurst called Belga to apologize for the way things ended and
16 for the fact that he did not receive anything for his fundraising efforts. Hurst told Belga he was go17 ing to give Belga some of Hurst's stock in Savant Inc. In the agreement forwarded to Belga in
18 May 2020 for signature but dated on October 28, 2019 by Savant counsel Alex Houle, the stock
19 options were backdated to February 26, 2019 and were granted by Savant Inc., itself, rather than as
20 a gift from Hurst's own stock. The options are equivalent to about 40,000 shares of MindMed.

119. Hurst and Houle were aware that the date on the options was incorrect, that backdating stock options is not permissible, and that issuing new stock options from Savant Inc. rather
than gifting Hurst's shares had the effect of diluting the stock of the other Savant Inc. shareholders. Hurst and Houle were also aware that Hurst did not present the agreement to the shareholders
for approval, as Hurst and Savant counsel would later claim was necessary in their scheme to renege on Freeman's accord and satisfaction.

27 28 120. Further, Freeman has written to Savant's counsel and Burbank about the

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Hurst/Turnbull/Ceruvia relationship discussed below and the potential self-dealing. An independ ent trustee would plainly understand the need to investigate these serious allegations. But rather
 than conduct any type investigating, however, Burbank has taken Hurst's direction and ordered
 Freeman to cease and desist. All requests to have direct discussions with Burbank have been de nied and referred to Savant counsel Olson.

6 121. Further, although most of the MindMed shares in Savant Holdings were finally dis7 tributed in June 2022, after Hurst had held the shares through two MindMed annual shareholder
8 meetings, none of the 5,500,000 shares in Savant Inc. have been released.

Savant Inc. is a Delaware corporation which under Delaware law requires an an-122. 9 nual shareholders meeting and shareholder vote for the board of directors. Hurst has disregarded 10 the corporate form, however, and failed to hold the required annual meeting and shareholder vote. 11 Upon information and belief, Savant Inc.'s board is appointed by Hurst, and MindMed shares be-12longing to Savant Inc. have been sold to conduct business. Savant members have been in the dark 13for years and those who have requested information have either been stonewalled or referred to 14Savant counsel Ng, who has refused requests to enforce corporate governance. While Hurst has 15been withholding the shares, Savant Inc. shareholders have collectively lost about \$20 million dol-16 17lars.

18 123. In addition, since Burbank has become trustee of Savant Holdings, Savant has lost
its board seat on the MindMed board of directors due to Hurst's midterm resignation in January
20 2022. The stock price has continued to plummet and questions about Hurst's resignation remain
unanswered.

124. Furthermore Hurst, Burbank, and Savant counsel Ng and Olson prevented Savant
members—the majority-in-interest of which could have replaced Hurst because of their controlling stake in MindMed—from voting their shares at the MindMed annual meeting in June 2022.
Over the past six months, since Burbank's appointment, Savant members have collectively lost
\$40 million, in addition to losing over \$100 million under Hurst's stewardship.

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125. The withholding of voting rights has continued. While the Savant majority-in-inter28
est still have the requisite 5% to get another board seat, Hurst and those acting under his direction

(Ng, Olsen, Burbank, and Forte) have continued to withhold 11,000,000 shares of members' vot ing rights, thus still preventing them from actively engaging the MindMed board of directors as
 the stock price continues to drop.

4 126. Because Hurst, Burbank, and Savant Addiction's counsel have not adequately re5 sponded to Freeman's claims and instead have acquiesced in Hurst's scheme, Freeman has had to
6 retain counsel to file this complaint.

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D. Scheme 3: Hurst Refuses to Dissolve the Savant Entities

What makes Hurst's attempt to conceal his misconduct using Burbank so perni-127. 8 cious is that prior to Burbank's appointment, Hurst repeatedly refused to wind down the Savant 9 Entities. Not only was this how Hurst was able to maintain control over both Savant and 10 MindMed, but it separately injured Savant's members because it prevented them from exercising 11 the rights to vote their shares, and since Freeman had a beneficial ownership in MindMed of over 125%, he could have become a board member. Further, it prevented members from selling their 13MindMed shares either on the primary market (NASDAQ) or secondary market (investment 14funds). 15

16 128. Under the Savant Holdings Operating Agreement, Hurst cannot be removed as
17 managing member without Hurst's own assent. Similarly, the Savant Addiction Operating Agreement provides no mechanism for removing Savant Holdings as managing member without Savant
19 Holdings' (and therefore, Hurst's) assent.

The only way for the members to rein in Hurst and assert their right to control their 20129. investment would have been to dissolve Savant Holdings and Savant Addiction. Dissolution 21would have resulted in the distribution of the MindMed shares to the Savant equity-holders, 22thereby allowing them to directly oversee their investment in MindMed, rather than rely on Hurst 23to comply with the Operating Agreement (which he has not done), and to act in their best interests. 24The Savant Holdings and Savant Addiction Operating Agreements provide for dis-130. 25solution under the very circumstances at issue here. 26

27 131. Sections 11.01 of both the HWP LLC Operating Agreement and the Savant Addic28 tion Operating Agreement are identical and provide that each company

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shall be dissolved and its affairs wound up only upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (a) The determination of a majority in interest of the Members to dissolve the Company; (b) The sale, exchange, involuntary conversion, or other disposition or Transfer of all or substantially all the assets of the Company; or (c) The entry of a decree of judicial dissolution under § 18-802 of the Delaware [Limited Liability Company] Act.

132. Section 18-802 of the Delaware LLC Act provides that a member may seek dissolution of a limited liability company "whenever it is not reasonably practicable to carry on the business in conformity with a limited liability company agreement."

133. Savant Holdings' purpose is to "engage in (i) the holding of equities in operating
subsidiaries (the 'Business') and (ii) any and all activities necessary or incidental thereto." Savant
Addiction exchanged the 18-MC Assets for 55 million MindMed shares and is now simply a passive investment vehicle under Mr. Hurst's control. Savant Inc. no longer performs any function, as
the work on the 18-MC Project that it previously managed is now performed by MindMed. Following the sale of Savant Addiction's 18-MC Assets, the "subsidiaries" no longer operated or engaged in any "Business."

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134. Since Hurst would not dissolve the Savant Entities upon the closing of the
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MindMed transaction, the members took it on themselves to do so. In October 2020, a majority of
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breach of the operating agreements, Hurst refused to dissolve the companies.

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136. Freeman's attorney wrote to Savant's counsel Ng about the validity of the dissolution agreement. In an October 6, 2020 email response, Ng stated he had not reached a determination about the validity of the dissolution agreement. Nevertheless, he represented that this issue
was immaterial since all shares would be promptly distributed to the members in accordance with the Hurst/Freeman transfer agreement:

We have not reached a conclusion as to the notice. However, we are nonetheless proceeding to facilitate the distribution of the MindMed shares to

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the LLC members since, as Steve mentioned on the call, even he is interested in getting things resolved and ultimately wrapped up due to the heavy administrative burden. As things stand right now, we plan to follow Peter's lead as described in his email on Sunday and hopefully we can all get the distribution moving in the timeline and manner he discussed.

- 4 137. Of course, this was another delay tactic. Instead of releasing the MindMed shares to
 5 Savant's members as agreed, Hurst retained control over the MindMed shares and the power to
 6 vote them for as long as he could. And after it became apparent that he would need to relinquish
 7 control because of the pressure that Freeman and other members were exerting to force a distribu8 tion, he appointed Burbank to conceal his longstanding misconduct.
- 9 138. As described above, this maneuvering has cost Savant members a board seat with
 10 the member of their choosing and over \$100 million in the loss of their investment with Savant.
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E. Scheme 4: Hurst Diverts BOL-148 to Ceruvia

12 139. As with the other schemes, the BOL-148 gambit described below was based on
13 Hurst's control over Savant and his ability to withhold information from and bully Savant mem14 bers. Hurst used this power to divert the opportunity to develop BOL-148 to another company for
15 his personal gain.

16 140. BOL-148 has immense therapeutic value because it is a derivative (congener) of
17 LSD that does not cause hallucination. Dr. R. Andrew Sewell conducted a study of patients with
18 cluster headaches and found that LSD and psilocybin are better than standard drugs at treating
19 cluster headaches. Sewell also studied BOL-148 and found it was effective in cluster headaches
20 and filed a patent. In other words, cluster headaches could be treated by an LSD congener that did
21 have a hallucinogenic side effect.

141. Savant began a program to develop BOL-148, which included a draft licensing
agreement for the Sewell patent, small amounts of BOL-148, and a clinical development plan. Additionally, Savant had a meeting with Teva Pharmaceutical to discuss partnering the BOL-148 program with them.

26 142. While Savant's plans were hampered by lack of funds, the Savant members always
27 understood that BOL-148 was among its assets.

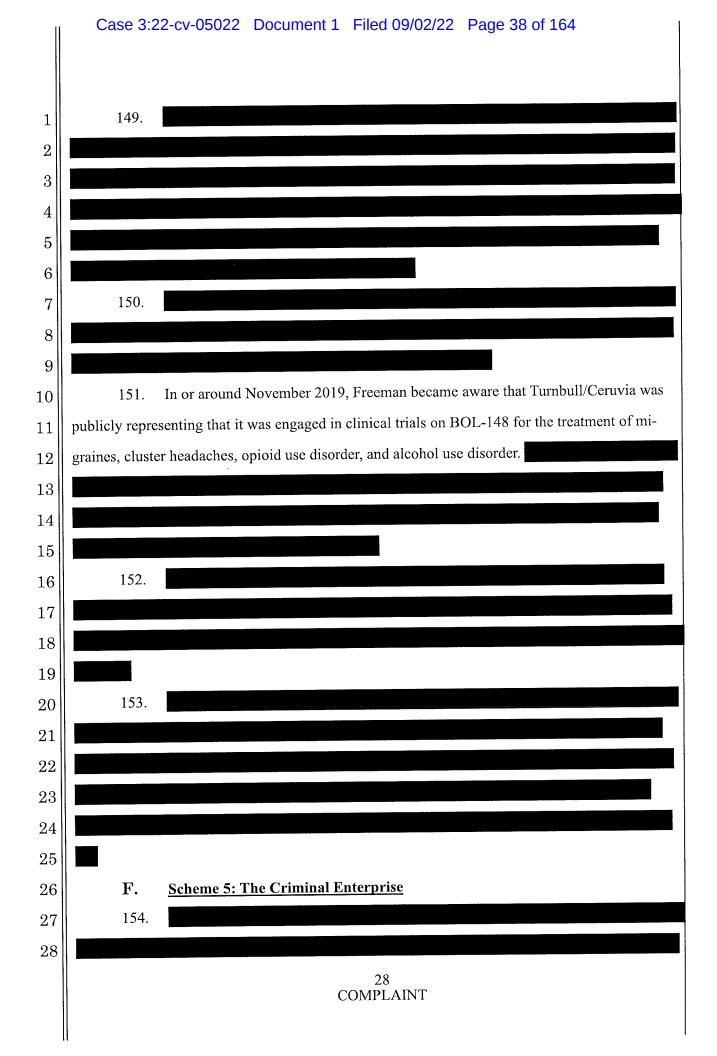
143. In 2015 or 2016, Freeman asked Hurst about the status of BOL-148 and the licens ing of the Sewell patent. In response, Hurst revealed that Savant had not paid the drug's \$50,000
 license fee and the license now belonged to defendant Turnbull, a Savant Addiction Medicine
 member, and his company, Ceruvia Lifesciences.

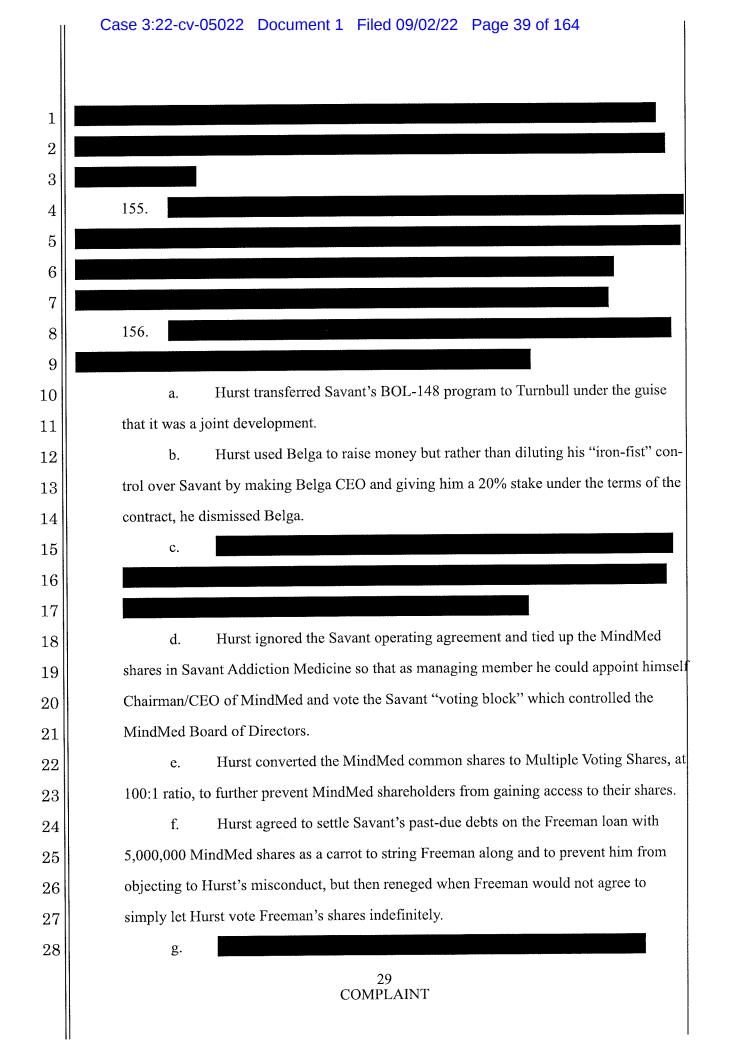
- 5 144. Freeman was initially taken aback by this news. The only way that Turnbull would
 6 have known about the existence of the Sewell patent license would have been if he had learned it
 7 from Hurst. To the extent Hurst was going to discuss the patent with Turnbull, a member of Savant
 8 Addiction Medicine, it should have been subject to a non-disclosure agreement that would have
 9 prevented Turnbull from cutting Savant out.
- 10 145. Additionally, even if Savant did not have \$50,000 in cash on hand, Hurst should
 11 have come to Freeman and the other Savant members to ask for the \$50,000 before making the de12 cision to gift the patent to Turnbull for zero compensation. Freeman had already loaned Savant en13 tities \$800,000 and under the circumstances would have loaned an additional \$50,000 to protect
 14 something so valuable as the intellectual property to BOL-148. The operating agreements mandate
 15 that the managing member come to members before making material decisions or selling assets.
- 16 146. However, Hurst assured Freeman that it was still a Savant project and the company
 would be working alongside Turnbull once there was any progress with the drug's development.
 18 At the time, Freeman trusted Hurst and thus he reasonably believed Hurst's representation that
 BOL-148 was still a Savant project. He would later learn that Hurst was deceiving him.
- 147. On information and belief, Hurst actively worked for Turnbull/Ceruvia while Hurst
 was Chairman/CEO of MindMed and CEO of Savant, sometime between 2016 to at least the fall
 of 2019. This included assisting Ceruvia, a competitor, in filing FDA documents. Hurst continued
 to represent that he was working with Turnbull entities under the guise that this was a collaborative effort between Savant and Ceruvia, and the fruits of his labor would become Savant or
 MindMed property. This again was a lie.

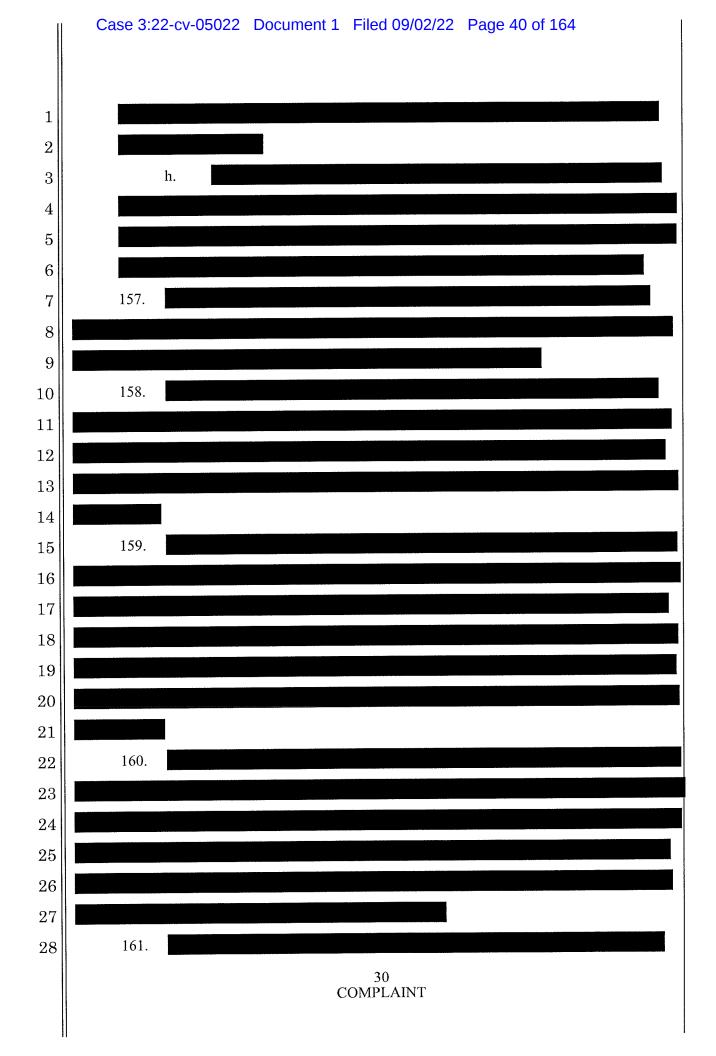
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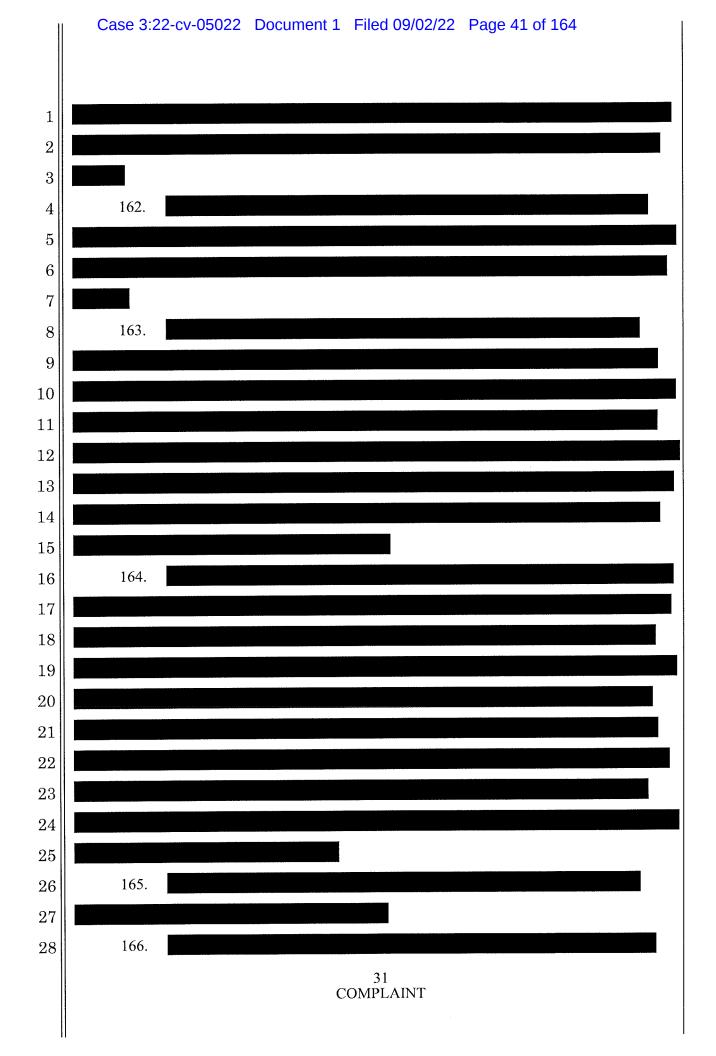
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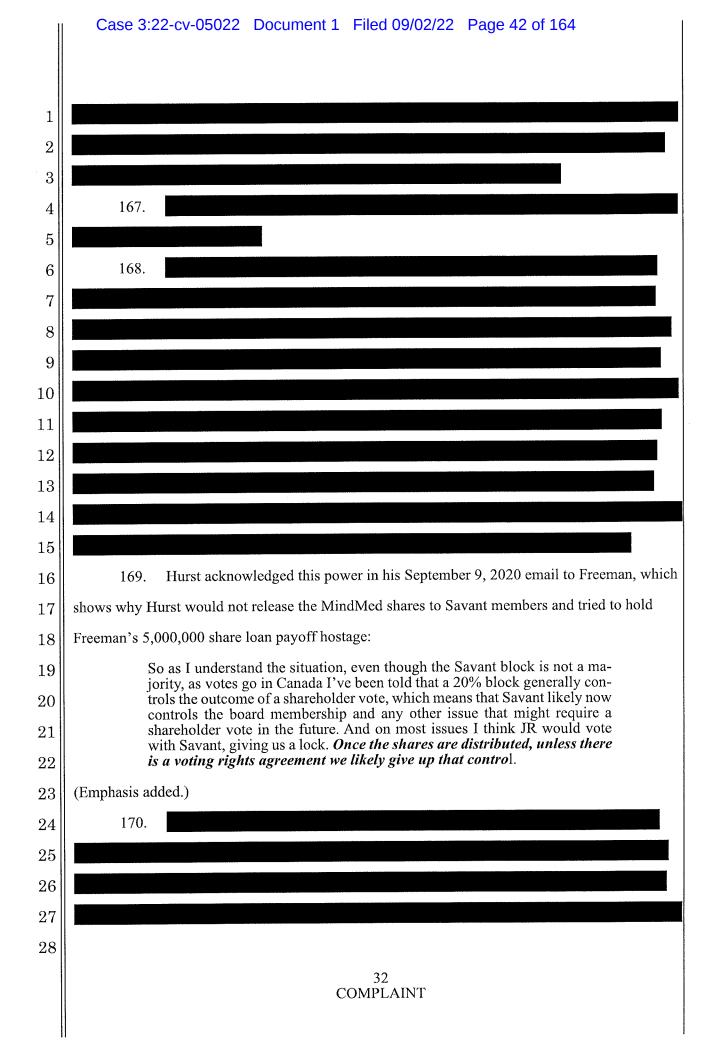
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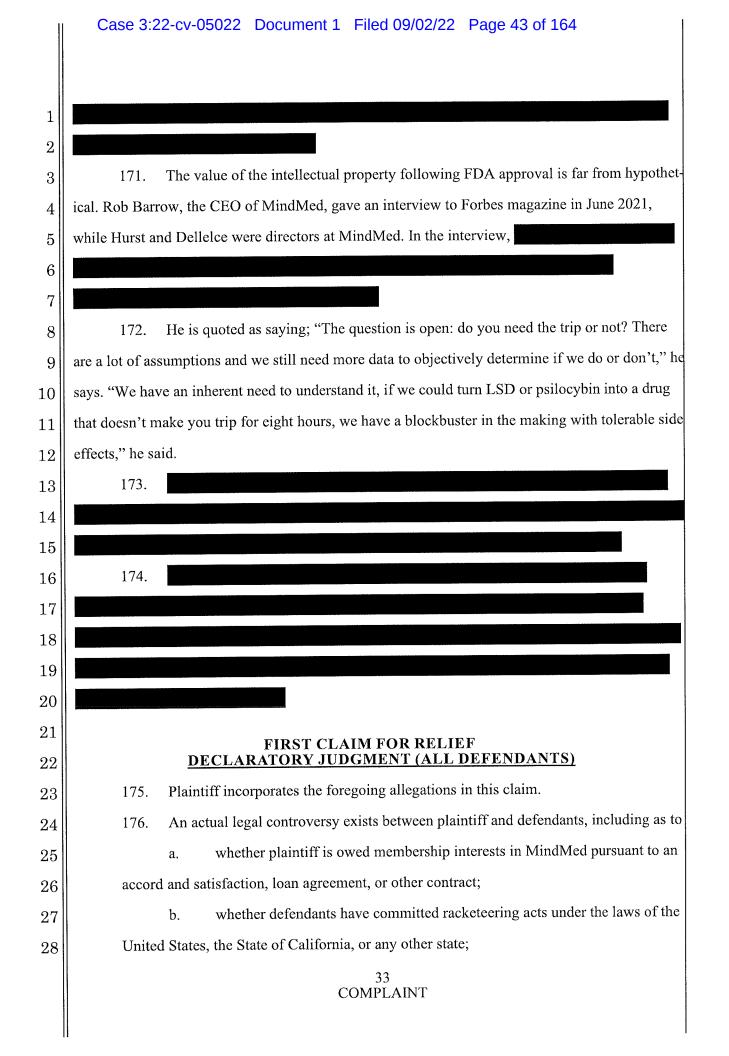












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1	c. whether defendants are alter egos of one another; in particular whether						
2	Hurst is the alter ego of Savant Addiction, and whether Turnbull and Hurst are the alter						
3	egos of Ceruvia.						
4	177. Plaintiff and defendants have adverse legal positions with respect to their existing						
5	legal controversy, and plaintiff has a legally protectable interest as to whether it is entitled to relief						
6	under the contract or as a member of Savant Holdings and Savant Inc.						
7	178. The existing legal controversy between plaintiff and defendants is ripe for judicial						
8	determination.						
9	179. As a result of the parties' dispute, plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment from this						
10	Court declaring that plaintiff is entitled to enforce his right to membership interests in MindMed						
11	and Savant Addiction and to obtain damages.						
12	SECOND CLAIM EOD DEL LEE						
13	SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF <u>BREACH OF CONTRACT (FREEMAN V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)</u>						
14	180. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.						
15	181. Freeman and Savant Addiction, as the alter ego of Hurst, entered into a valid and						
16	existing contract with respect to a settlement of loans, constituting an accord and satisfaction of						
17	the original loans of HPW Inc. and Savant Holdings, if paid.						
18	182. Freeman performed under the contract by (1) covenanting not to bring a claim						
19	against Savant under the original loans, (2) paying for and facilitating the reconversion of the mul-						
20	tiple voting shares into common shares and their distribution to Freeman in his name, and (3) re-						
21	fraining from enforcing the executory accord until Hurst and Savant Addiction defaulted on their						
22	obligations under the accord.						
23	183. Alternatively, Belga was excused from performance because Hurst anticipatorily						
24	breached the agreement in July 2021, when through Savant's counsel Hurst indicated that he con-						
25	sidered the agreement invalid.						
26	184. Savant Addiction, as the alter ego of Hurst, breached the agreement in failing to						
27	provide the promised shares of MindMed.						
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1	185. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' breach, plaintiff has suffered gen-							
2	eral and special damages in excess of \$15,000.							
3	186. Plaintiff is also entitled to specific performance of the agreement. If the shares							
4	have been alienated, plaintiff is entitled to trace the proceeds and impose a constructive trust on							
5	Hurst and any other transferee of the 55 million MindMed shares distributed by Hurst or Savant							
6	Addiction.							
7	187. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-							
8	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.							
9	THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF							
10	BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING (FREEMAN V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)							
11	188. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.							
12	189. The law implies into each contract or agreement a covenant of good faith and fair							
13	dealing.							
14	190. The accord and satisfaction in settlement of Freeman's loans includes an implied, if							
15	not express, covenant of good faith and fair dealing.							
16	191. The acts and omissions of defendant Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, as de-							
17	scribed above—including but not limited to (1) converting the 55 million Class A common shares							
18	(including the 5 million owed to Freeman) to multiple voting shares, (2) failing to obtain any au-							
19	thorizations necessary to effectuate the agreement and distribution of shares, and failing to put the							
20	loan modification to a vote of the members, (3) after Hurst's own unexcused delays for over a							
21	year, attempting to renegotiate the number of shares based on the increased share price, and (4) re-							
22	taliating against Freeman for seeking to exercise his voting rights in the shares due to be distrib-							
23	uted to him—have deprived plaintiff of the benefits that plaintiff bargained for.							
24	192. In addition, there is a special relationship of trust or a fiduciary relationship be-							
25	tween Freeman and Hurst. Freeman and Hurst have been partners for more than a decade, and							
26	Freeman has always trusted Hurst to act in Freeman's best interest because of their common (and							
27	at times nearly identical) equity in the Savant entities. Freeman could not have anticipated that							
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Hurst's interest in Ceruvia would cause Hurst to act in Ceruvia's best interests rather than Free-1 $\mathbf{2}$ man's. The breach of this special relationship of trust is tortious bad faith. 3 193. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged 194. 4 in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages. 5 Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-195. 6 curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach. 7 FOURTH ALTERNATIVE CLAIM FOR RELIEF 8 UNJUST ENRICHMENT (FREEMAN V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION) 9 Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim. 196. 10 Plaintiff has not been paid for the amount it has enriched defendants, including (1) 197. 11 the loans and other contributions by plaintiff that enabled Savant Addiction to develop MC-18 for 12sale to MindMed; and (2) plaintiff's forbearance in not bringing an action to enforce the loan 13 agreements or, during the pendency of the lock-out period, the accord and satisfaction. 14

- In the event that Freeman is found not to have an enforceable contract, defendants 198. 15have been unjustly enriched by plaintiff. 16
- Plaintiff is entitled to compensation for the amount defendants have been unjustly 199. 17enriched and is entitled to punitive damages. 18
- If the shares representing the value of plaintiff's contribution have been alienated, 200. 19 plaintiff is entitled to trace the proceeds and impose a constructive trust on Hurst and any other 20transferee of the 55 million MindMed shares distributed by Hurst or Savant Addiction. 21

Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-201. 22curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions. 23

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FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF PROMISSORY OR EQUITABLE ESTOPPEL (FREEMAN V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)

26Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim. 202. 27Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, was apprised of the true facts when Hurst 203. 28promised plaintiff that it would settle plaintiff's loans for a distribution of 5 million MindMed 36 COMPLAINT

1 Class A shares.

2 204. Hurst intended that his conduct would be acted upon. Indeed, Hurst wanted to pla3 cate plaintiff so that plaintiff would not pursue a lawsuit or other claim just as Hurst was consoli4 dating power over MindMed. That is why Hurst continued to reinforce the promise for months af5 ter it was made.

6 205. Plaintiff was ignorant of the true state of facts—that Hurst did not intend to honor
7 the promise and intended to, for the first time, suggest that he could not proceed without share8 holder approval and the drop in stock price more than a year after the promise would warrant a re9 negotiation.

206. Plaintiff relied to his detriment on Hurst's words and conduct, allowing Hurst to exercise control over Savant Addiction with the promise that Hurst would ultimately distribute plaintiff's shares.

13 207. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged
14 in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages.

15 208. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in16 curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions.

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SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF BREACH OF CONTRACT (BELGA V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)

209. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.

20 210. Belga and Savant Addiction, as the alter ego of Hurst, entered into a valid and ex21 isting contract with respect to fundraising for Savant.

22 211. Belga performed under the contract by securing more than \$5 million in fundrais23 ing, including through the opportunities that led to the financing of Savant Addiction's reverse
24 takeover of MindMed.

25 212. Alternatively, Belga was excused from performance because Hurst's usurping of
26 the opportunity and signing the financing agreement made it impossible for Belga to perform.

27 213. Savant Addiction, as the alter ego of Hurst, breached the agreement in failing to
28 provide the promised equity, position, title, and salary.

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1	214. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' breach, plaintiff has suffered gen-						
$\frac{1}{2}$	eral and special damages in excess of \$15,000.						
$\frac{2}{3}$	215. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-						
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$\begin{bmatrix} 4\\5\end{bmatrix}$	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.						
6	SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING (BELGA V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)						
7	216. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.						
8	217. The law implies into each contract or agreement a covenant of good faith and fair						
9	dealing.						
10	218. The fundraising agreement includes an implied, if not express, covenant of good						
11	faith and fair dealing.						
12	219. The acts and omissions of defendant Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, as de-						
13	scribed above—including, but not limited to, stepping in to finalize the financing deal that Belga						
14	initiated and that would not have been possible but for Belga's diligent fundraising efforts-have						
15	deprived plaintiff of the benefits that plaintiff bargained for.						
16	220. In addition, there is a special relationship of trust or a fiduciary relationship be-						
17	tween Belga and Hurst. Belga had an expectation that Hurst would cooperate in allowing Belga to						
18	earn his equity in Savant Addiction and step into the CEO role. Hurst had an obligation not to						
19	place his own interests above Belga's or to in any way thwart or undermine Belga from counting						
20	his fundraising efforts toward the \$5 million needed to obtain the 20% equity interest and the \$2						
21	million needed to become CEO.						
22	221. The breach of this special relationship of trust is tortious bad faith.						
23	222. Hurst's actions with respect to Ceruvia and in failing to put the loan modification to						
24	a vote of the members, have deprived Plaintiff of benefits that Plaintiff had bargained for.						
25	223. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, Plaintiff has been damaged						
26	in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages.						
27	224. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-						
28	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.						
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1	EIGHTH ALTERNATIVE CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNJUST ENRICHMENT						
2	(BELGA V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION) 225. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.						
3	225. Plaintiff has not been paid for the amount it has enriched defendants, including the						
4	labor and other services provided to secure fundraising for Savant.						
5	227. In the event that Belga is found not to have an enforceable contract, defendants						
6	have been unjustly enriched by plaintiff.						
7	228. Plaintiff is entitled to compensation for the amount defendants have been unjustly						
8	enriched and is entitled to punitive damages.						
9	229. If the shares representing the value of plaintiff's contribution have been alienated,						
10	plaintiff is entitled to trace the proceeds and impose a constructive trust on Hurst and any other						
11	transferee of the 55 million MindMed shares distributed by Hurst or Savant Addiction.						
12	230. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-						
13	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions.						
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15 16	NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF PROMISSORY OR EQUITABLE ESTOPPEL (BELGA V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)						
17	231. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.						
18	232. Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, was apprised of the true facts when Hurst						
19	promised plaintiff that it would provide Belga equity in the company and the role of CEO based						
20	on his fundraising abilities.						
21	233. Hurst intended that his conduct would be acted upon— <i>i.e.</i> , that Belga would actu-						
22	ally expend substantial efforts and resources to raise funds for Savant.						
23	234. Belga was ignorant of the true state of facts—that Hurst did not intend to honor the						
24	promise and would simply give Belga nothing after a sustained and successful fundraising effort.						
25	235. Plaintiff relied to his detriment on Hurst's words and conduct, as he would not have						
26	committed the time and resources toward locating valuable opportunities for Savant—ultimately						
27	worth in excess of \$5 million—without compensation.						
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As a direct and proximate result of defendants' breach, plaintiff has suffered gen-236. 1 eral and special damages in excess of \$15,000, and punitive damages. $\mathbf{2}$

Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-3 237. curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions. 4

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TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF CONVERSION (HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)

Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim. 238.

Plaintiff undisputedly has personal property rights in approximately 7 million 239. 8 shares of MindMed Class A common stock, representing Freeman's equity interest in MindMed. 9 Plaintiff also has personal property rights in 5 million shares of MindMed Class A common stock 10 and, as Belga's assignee, in 20% of the membership interests in Savant; 11,000,000 MindMed 11 shares. 12

Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, committed a distinct act of dominion 13240. wrongfully exerted over plaintiff's personal property, including the stocks and membership inter-14 ests. In particular, Hurst has taken the voting rights and other intangible benefits of equity owner-15ship, converting them for his own use. 16

The act was in denial of, or inconsistent with, plaintiff's title or rights therein. In-17241.

deed, the voting rights alone in Freeman's approximately 12 million shares would have been worth 18

at least \$4,620,000 at the time Hurst wrongfully converted those voting shares to himself. 19

The act was in derogation, exclusion, or defiance of plaintiff's title or rights in the 242. 20personal property. 21

As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged 243. 22in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages. 23

Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-244. 24curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach. 25

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FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION (HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION) Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.

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246. Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, made false representations to Belga, includ ing that Belga would become CEO and claim a 20% equity ownership in Savant Addiction after
 raising \$5 million; 20% equates to 11,000,000 MindMed shares of the 55,000,000 MindMed
 shares Savant Addiction received. Hurst also falsely stated that the "planned" leadership of Savant
 would include Belga as CEO.

Hurst also made false representations to Freeman, including specifically the offer in 6 247. June 2019 to settle his claims for nonpayment of his loans for 5 million MindMed shares, as dis- $\overline{7}$ cussed in multiple e-mails. In reality, Hurst intended only to expose Freeman to the downside risk 8 that the shares would become less valuable. Hurst also planned to unilaterally convert all 55 mil-9 lion shares from MindMed to multiple voting shares rather than common shares. Hurst made vari-10 ous excuses for why the distributions had to be postponed but had no intention of actually making 11 a distribution in Freeman's name that would have jeopardized Hurst's voting bloc and its concomi-12tant control over Savant and MindMed. 13

14 248. Hurst also falsely represented to Freeman that he could not approve the 5 million
15 shares without membership approval, despite a long history of other agreements Hurst entered into
16 without that approval—including the formation of MindMed itself—and despite Hurst's role as
17 the alter ego of Savant Addiction and Savant Holdings.

18 249. While conspiring with Turnbull and Ceruvia, Hurst falsely represented that BOL19 148 was a joint development between Savant and Turnbull/Ceruvia and that the only reason for
20 Turnbull/Ceruvia's involvement was because Savant did not have the resources to develop it. And
21 the reason that Hurst was working with Turnbull/Ceruvia was that the BOL-148 and other Ceruvia
22 studies were coming to MindMed since Savant was a development partner.

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250. Defendants knew or believed that all of these representations were false, or else had insufficient basis to make the representation.

25 251. Defendants intended to induce Belga to rely on the representation regarding consid26 eration for his fundraising.

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252. Belga did so, justifiably, by performing the work he expected would yield a 20%
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equity stake in Savant Addiction and the position of CEO.

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2	253. Likewise, defendants intended to induce Freeman to rely on the misrepresentations.					
3	That is why Hurst had no problem with Freeman paying Volk, MindMed's counsel, \$20,000 to re-					
4	convert shares, even though Hurst had no intention of distributing the 5 million shares to Freeman.					
5	Defendants also intended to induce Freeman to rely on the misrepresentations about BOL-148 so					
6	that Freeman would not raise the alarm to the board regarding Hurst's and Turnbull's conflicts of					
7	interests.					
8	254. Freeman in fact relied, justifiably, on defendants' misrepresentations, to his detri-					
9	ment.					
10	255. Hurst back dated Savant HWP Inc. options and tendered them to Belga under the					
11	guise that they were options from Hurst's own shares.					
12	256. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged					
13	in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to punitive damages.					
14	257. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-					
15	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.					
16	TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF					
17	BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AND DUTY OF LOYALTY (HURST)					
18	258. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.					
19	259. Hurst owes a fiduciary duty and duty of loyalty to plaintiff. These duties arise not					
20	just from the operating agreements and the parties' mutual service on the MindMed board of direc-					
21	tors, ⁵ but also from the parties' longstanding partnership that predates even the formation of Sa-					
22	vant's operating agreements. Over the course of more than a decade, Freeman had come to trust					
23	Hurst and rely on his judgment, expecting that Hurst would act in Freeman's best interest and					
24	those of Savant and MindMed.					
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27	⁵ Unlike Delaware, Canada does not allow any "provision in a contract, the articles, the by-laws or a resolution relieves a director or officer from the duty to act in accordance with this Act or the regulations or relieves them from					
28	liability for a breach thereof," Can. Bus. Corp. Act § 122(3), so directors are absolutely required to "act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the corporation," <i>id.</i> § 122(1)(a).					

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3	This caused Hurst to prioritize keeping his "voting bloc" together over distrib-						
4	uting shares to Freeman, even though MindMed's counsel and Canaccord were prepared to let						
5	Freeman have the shares issued in his name and Freeman paid the \$20,000 legal fees as requested						
6	by Hurst.						
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9	261. Hurst has prevented Savant members from getting their shares from Savant Inc. In						
10	doing so, he has conspired with Burbank: Savant Inc. is 52% owned by Savant Holdings, for						
11	which Burbank is the trustee and has a duty to Savant Holding members. Under Delaware law, a						
12	corporation has to have annual shareholders meetings and the board needs to be voted on by mem-						
13	bers. Hurst has done none of this; there has never been an annual shareholders meeting and Hurst						
14	has appointed the board. As the Savant Holdings liquidating trustee, Burbank should have also dis-						
15	solved Savant Inc. and distributed 5,500,000 MindMed shares or directed that Hurst do so in ac-						
16	cordance with applicable corporate-governance law.						
17	262. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged						
18	in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages.						
19	263. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-						
20	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.						
21	THIRTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF						
22	BREACH OF OPERATING AGREEMENT (HURST)						
23	264. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.						
24	265. Section 7.02(b) of Savant Holdings' Operating Agreement provides that its manag-						
25	ing member – <i>i.e.</i> , Mr. Hurst – may not authorize Savant Holdings to "make any material change						
26	to the nature of the Business conducted by the Company or enter into any business other than the						
27	Business" without first obtaining the "written approval of a majority-in-interest of the Members."						
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266. Additionally, Section 7.02(h) of the Savant Holdings Operating Agreement requires
 written approval of a majority-in-interest of the Members as a prerequisite to the Managing Mem ber authorizing the Company to "enter into or effect any transaction or series of related transac tions involving the sale, lease, license, exchange or other disposition (including by merger, consol idation, sale of stock or sale of assets) by the Company of any assets, other than sales of inventory
 in the course of business consistent with past practice."

In authorizing Savant Addiction to enter into the Agreements, Mr. Hurst was acting 7 267. in his capacity as managing member of Savant Holdings and was therefore constrained by that en-8 tity's operating agreement. The Savant Holdings Operating Agreement makes clear that its manag-9 ing member may not make any material change to the nature of the "Business" - i.e., Savant Hold-10 ings' operating subsidiaries Savant Addiction and Savant Inc. - absent the written consent of at 11 least 51% of Savant Holdings's members. The MindMed Transaction undoubtedly made material 12changes to the "Business," as it transferred the 18-MC Assets to MindMed. Indeed, while the op-13erating subsidiaries had once been responsible for developing the 18-MC Program, following the 14 MindMed Transaction, Savant Inc. serves no function whatsoever and Savant Addiction merely 15holds 55 million shares of MindMed stock, to be voted as a bloc by Mr. Hurst. Mr. Hurst was 16 therefore required by Section 7.02(b) of the Operating Agreement to obtain written approval of a 17majority-in-interest of Savant Holdings' members prior to executing the Agreements. Mr. Hurst, 18however, breached the HWP Operating Agreement by proceeding without the required member 19consent. 20

268. Moreover, Section 7.02(h) does not differentiate between assets held directly or indirectly by Savant Holdings. HWP indirectly owned the 18-MC Assets which were exchanged for
MindMed stock and, as the managing member of Savant Addiction, Savant Holdings effected the
transaction by which such assets were exchanged for the MindMed shares. Here too, Mr. Hurst
was required to obtain authorization from a majority-in-interest of Savant Holdings' members
prior to authorizing the MindMed Transaction. But, in breach of the HWP Operating Agreement,
Mr. Hurst did not do so.

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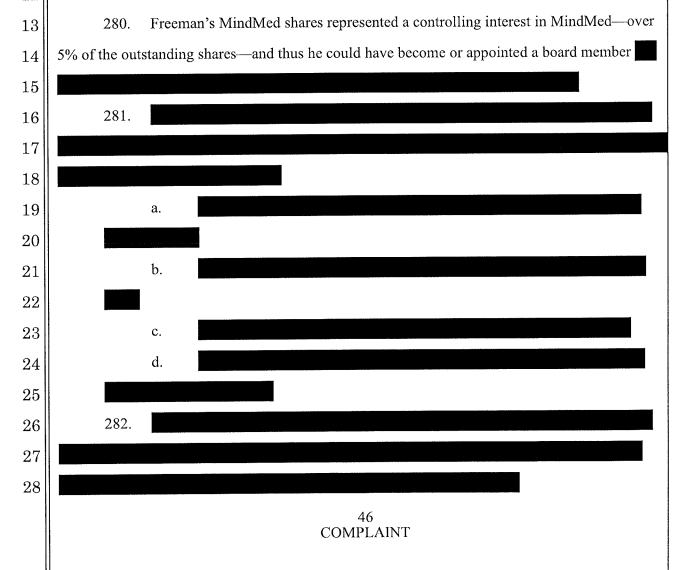
269. Mr. Hurst also authorized Savant Addiction to falsely represent in the MindMed

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1	Agreements that it was fully authorized to enter into the Agreements and transfer the 18-MC As-					
2	sets to MindMed.					
3	270. In doing so, the Savant members only had a beneficial interest in their MindMed					
4	shares being held by Savant.					
5	271. Further the MindMed common shares were converted to Multiple Voting Shares.					
6	These actions:					
7	a. delayed Savant members from selling on public exchanges such as					
8	NASDAQ because when shares unlocked, they still needed to be converted back to com-					
9	mon shares, a complicated process that caused significant harm due to the rapid drop in					
10	stock price under Hurst's mismanagement; and					
11	b. prevented Savant members from selling locked MindMed shares to banks					
12	and private equity funds during the lock-up period.					
13	These delays cost Savant members millions of dollars since the stock price has been falling under					
14	Hurst's mismanagement					
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16	272. Furthermore, Savant shareholders could not vote their MindMed shares and remove					
17	Hurst as Chairman/CEO of MindMed to prevent his mismanagement. Nor could Savant members					
18	vote their shares to install a board that represented their interests.					
19	273. In particular, plaintiff could not vote his shares, as the largest MindMed share-					
20	holder, to appoint or assume a board seat and protect his interests.					
21	274. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' breach, plaintiff has suffered gen-					
22	eral and special damages in excess of \$15,000, and is entitled to punitive damages.					
23	275. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-					
24	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.					
25	FOURTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF					
26	DILUTION (HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)					
27	276. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.					
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277. Savant Addiction, as the alter ego of Hurst, and Hurst as managing member of Savant Holdings and Savant Inc. had the power and obligation to ensure a proper accounting of the
 books and records and an accurate total of a member's membership interests or other assets in re lation to the overall equity.

5 278. Defendants improperly ignored that nearly 10% of the 55 million shares of
6 MindMed Class A stock should have been attributed to the Trust that were not. As a result, defend7 ants have diluted plaintiff, making the shares that he has from his equity contributions in Savant
8 Holdings and Savant Inc. less valuable.

9 279. As a corollary, plaintiff has also been improperly diluted in the exercise of voting
10 rights and the other rights of stock ownership. The voting rights alone in Freeman's approximately
11 12 million shares would have been worth at least \$4,620,000 at the time Freeman was wrongfully
12 diluted.



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1 2 3	 283. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages. 284. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in- 						
4 5 6	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach. FIFTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF <u>CONSPIRACY (ALL DEFENDANTS)</u>						
7	285. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.						
8	286. Defendants, acting in concert, intended to accomplish an unlawful objective for the						
9	purpose of harming plaintiff.						
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17	287. In addition, defendant Burbank has conspired with Hurst to deprive Freeman of the						
18	5 million MindMed shares that Savant Addiction is obligated to distribute under the accord and						
19	satisfaction. Burbank and Hurst have elected to protect Hurst's self-dealing with Turnbull and Ce-						
20	ruvia rather than provide an accurate accounting—an accounting vital to ensure that shares and						
21	membership interests do not pass irretrievably into the wrong hands—before the dissolution of Sa- vant Addiction.						
22	288. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged						
23	in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages.						
24	289. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-						
25	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions.						
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1	SIXTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF CIVIL RICO (18 U.S.C. § 1961 ET SEQ.) (ALL DEFENDANTS)							
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3	290. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.							
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7	292. Defendants agreed to and did conduct and participate in the conduct of the enter-							
8	prise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity and for the unlawful purpose of intention-							
9	ally defrauding plaintiff. Specifically,							
10	a. Hurst repeatedly in bad faith ignored the LLC form and the restrictions of							
11	the operating agreements for Savant Holdings and Savant Inc. when it suited his interests							
12	but whipsawed to enforce technicalities whenever doing so would allow him to escape an							
13	obligation to recompense or others.							
14	b. For instance, Hurst fraudulently misrepresented in e-mails to Belga that							
15	Belga could become CEO and claim a 20% equity ownership in Savant Addiction after							
16	raising \$5 million. To <i>escape</i> this obligation after Belga initiated financing for the							
17	MindMed Transaction, Hurst finalized the financing documents without notifying Belga							
18	and then claimed that Hurst was responsible for the entire financing—even though the op-							
19	portunity would not have arisen or been pursued without Belga's efforts. It was necessary							
20	to keep Belga from the CEO position and from a large equity stake in Savant Addiction to							
21	facilitate Hurst's self-dealing transactions with Ceruvia unimpeded.							
22	c. Similarly, Hurst fraudulently represented to nonparties Rahn and Latchman							
23	that 18-MC was a "phase 2 ready" drug to induce their investment in exchange for just 35							
24	million MindMed shares, and then again fraudulently promised Rahn and Latchman a \$1							
25	million bonus for raising more funds than their initial commitment, and then again prom-							
26	ised the Savant BOL-148 program would become a MindMed program. Although Hurst							
27	eventually settled these claims, he <i>ignored</i> the requirements of membership approval in do-							
28	ing so.							
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d. Hurst defrauded Freeman by inducing him to settle his claims for nonpayment of his loans for 5 million MindMed shares, as discussed in multiple e-mails. In reality, Hurst intended only to expose Freeman to the downside risk that the shares would become *less* valuable. After Freeman carried that risk for more than a year but the promised shares grew *more* valuable, Hurst in bad faith disavowed their accord and tried to extort Freeman into accepting fewer shares, commensurate with the shares' increased value. Hurst continued to hold this leverage over Freeman because Hurst had refused to distribute the shares, even after Canaccord permitted the distribution and after Freeman paid Volk the legal fees for completing the distribution and reconversion to common shares.

e. Hurst, having made numerous previous agreements without shareholder approval, had long acted as the alter ego of Savant Addiction and Savant Holdings. Yet now Hurst uses that long-discarded requirement of shareholder approval to disavow Freeman's settlement, even though there is no evidence that Hurst even *asked* for that approval, and there is no approval required in the operating agreement.

f. This fraud was compounded by the fact that, by refusing to distribute any shares to Freeman, who had contributed to the development of 18-MC, Freeman received no consideration for that intellectual property once Savant Addiction transferred it to MindMed. Although, as Hurst *himself* acknowledged, per the settlement agreement Freeman would have been the largest shareholder in MindMed, Hurst instead barred Freeman from any of the rights of his shareholder status, including the exercise of voting rights.

g. Expert analyses estimate that the value of a share's "voting rights" on average amounts to 11% of the value of the share. The value increases substantially for the largest shareholder, who under Canadian law can effectively control a publicly traded company with 20% of the shares. But even with the conservative estimate of 11%, at the time of the shareholder meeting in July 2021, MindMed stock was trading at \$3.70, making the voting rights of each share about \$0.38. Hurst voted approximately 12,000,000 of Freeman's shares—both those that were owed to Freeman because of his equity interest in Savant Holdings (Savant Addiction's majority member) and because of the 5 million shares

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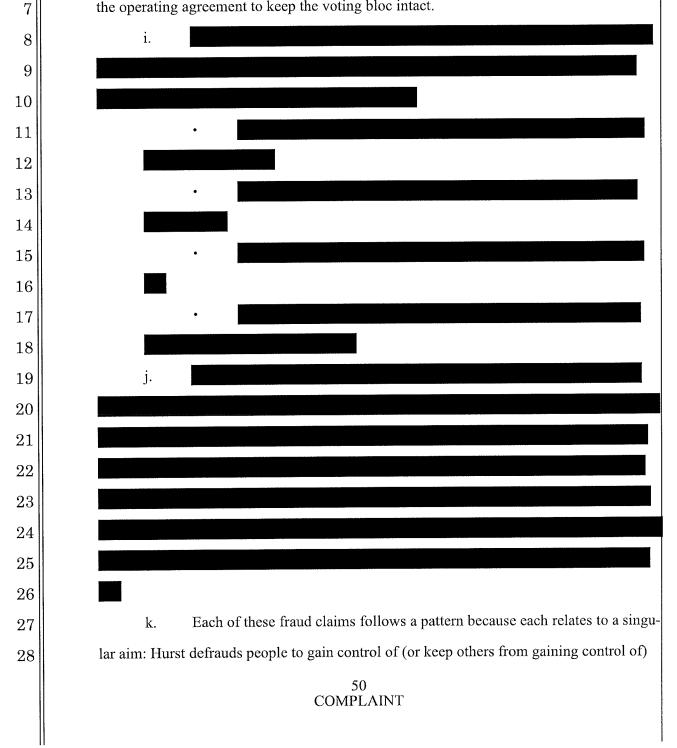
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owed in repayment of the loans. In total, therefore, Hurst owes Freeman at least \$4,620,000 for the deprivation of Freeman's voting rights.

h. Hurst defrauded Freeman expressly to maintain Hurst's power via the voting bloc—controlling all of Savant as its alter ego and MindMed with just 5% of the equity interest, which in turn enabled Hurst to self-deal with Ceruvia. The other investors in Savant Holding likewise acquiesced in and abetted Hurst's fraud by allowing him to amend the operating agreement to keep the voting bloc intact.



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1	the MindMed shares that made up Savant's voting bloc, so that he can enrich himself and						
2	Turnbull via their enterprise with Ceruvia.						
3	293. Pursuant to and in furtherance of their fraudulent scheme, defendant(s) committed						
4	multiple related acts of racketeering activity, including mail and wire fraud under 18 U.S.C.						
5	§§ 1341 and 1343. Hurst's schemes—including those reneging on agreements with Belga and						
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8	Others, such as the original offer of MindMed shares and the amendment to Belga's Power-						
9	Point presentation, were initially communicated over the telephone, including telephone conversa-						
10	tions across state lines. ⁶						
11	294. The acts set forth above constitute a pattern of racketeering activity pursuant to 18						
12	U.S.C. § 1961(5).						
13	295. Defendants have directly and indirectly conducted and participated in the conduct						
14	of the enterprise's affairs through the pattern of racketeering and activity described above, in vio-						
15	lation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).						
16	296. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' racketeering activities and viola-						
17	tions of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), plaintiff has been injured in his business and property in that:						
18	a. Plaintiff has been totally deprived of the Class A common shares of						
19	MindMed related to the accord and satisfaction.						
20	b.						
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24	c. Plaintiff as assignee of Belga has been deprived of equity interest in Savant						
25	Addiction and was denied the title and salary of CEO.						
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28	⁶ Timestamps on e-mails memorializing the conversations indicate that the parties were in different time zones						
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1	297. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' breach, plaintiff has suffered gen-							
2	eral and special damages in excess of \$15,000. Plaintiff is entitled to treble damages under 18							
3	U.S.C. § 1964(c) and punitive damages.							
4	298. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-							
5	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.							
6	SEVENTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF ALTER EGO (ALL DEFENDANTS)							
7	299. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.							
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10	vant hereto, influenced and governed by Hurst. 301. Ceruvia is, and was at all times relevant hereto, influenced and governed by Hurst							
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12	and Turnbull. 302. There is a unity of interest and ownership such that Hurst is inseparable from the							
13	302. There is a unity of interest and ownership such that Hurst is inseparable from the Savant entities he controls, and Hurst and Turnbull are together inseparable from Ceruvia.							
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15 16	303. Hurst exerts ultimate governance over the other defendants in this matter, and as controlled by Hurst, Savant ultimately serves the interest of Hurst and Turnbull in obtaining intel-							
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17	lectual property and competitive advantage for Ceruvia.							
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23 24	305. Under Hurst's control, Savant has not observed LLC formalities or respected the							
$\frac{24}{25}$	LLC form. On Hurst's whim, Savant can approve settlements without shareholder approval, and							
23 26	Hurst can extract releases guaranteeing his personal nonliability, regardless of whether that is in							
20 27	the best interests of Savant.							
21	306. Indeed, the voting bloc Hurst clamored to maintain underscores Hurst's ability to							
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control Savant with a relatively low percentage of membership interest. Hurst was, with the assis tance of Savant's counsel, able to cement his control in part because of the structure of the operat ing agreements and the vast control they give the managing member to veto even his own replace ment.

While such sweeping power may not always require an alter ego finding, the facts 307. 5here are such that adherence to the fiction of separate entities would sanction a fraud or promote 6 injustice. As the RICO, conspiracy, and fraudulent misrepresentation claims underscore, defend- $\overline{7}$ ants have specifically manipulated Savant so that Hurst may openly misrepresent an accord and 8 satisfaction-promising one thing (and enforcing the promises that benefit him at other times) 9 while relying on the shareholder-approval requirement to slip out of the promise later. As evi-10 denced by the amendment to the Savant Addiction operating agreement, Hurst operates in theory 11 12and in practice with practically no control.

308. The alter ego finding is particularly necessary here because the control that Hurst,
Savant Addiction, Turnbull, and Ceruvia exercise affects Freeman disproportionately to his membership interest in Savant Addiction (through Savant Inc. and Savant Holdings). Because Savant
Addiction *holds* all 55 million MindMed shares—despite not being entitled to keep them—Hurst
is able to control all the Savant entities in a way that would be impossible had the 55 million
shares been distributed to their actual beneficial owners.

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EIGHTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF INJUNCTION (ALL DEFENDANTS)

309. Following its dissolution, allowing the members of Savant Addiction to dispose of
the proceeds, including MindMed shares, would cause irreparable injury to plaintiff.

310. Plaintiff is unable to control the dissolution of Savant Addiction. Although it appears that 5 million MindMed shares may be held back following the dissolution, it is unclear
whether Savant Addiction is retaining sufficient assets for it or Hurst to satisfy a substantial judgment.

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311. This is particularly troubling because plaintiff's remedy lies partly in the specific

performance of an allotment of MindMed shares. Although MindMed is a publicly traded com pany, an injunction would still have to issue to require defendants to transfer MindMed shares.
 312. In addition, Belga's remedy is an equity interest in Savant Addiction itself. An in junction is therefore necessary to ensure that plaintiff as Belga's assignee obtains the same assets

5 in kind that Belga would have been entitled to receive had he been given his membership interest
6 when it was earned.

313. Equity and the public interest also necessitate injunctive relief, considering Hurst's
effort to specifically *avoid* the agreement for 5 million shares by pointing to fluctuating share
prices. That is precisely why an injunction must issue, to preserve the very assets to which plaintiff
is entitled.

314. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has incurred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions.

NINETEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE (ALL DEFENDANTS)

315. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.

16 316. Defendants and/or other entities owned or controlled by defendants transferred
17 property after the claims in this matter arose, either:

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a. With actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud plaintiff;

b. Without receiving a reasonably equivalent value in exchange for the transfer
or obligation, defendants and/or other entities owned or controlled by defendants engaged
in transactions for which the remaining assets of defendants and/or other entities owned or
controlled by defendants were unreasonably small in relation to the transaction; or

c. Without receiving a reasonably equivalent value in exchange for the transfer, and defendants and/or other entities owned or controlled by defendants believed, or
reasonably should have believed that Defendants and/or other entities owned or controlled
by defendants would incur debts beyond their ability to pay as they became due.

27 317. In particular, upon information and belief, the assets of Savant Addiction, including
28 those necessary to pay the claims asserted in this complaint, have been transferred to nonparties.

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1	318. Such transfers of property from defendants and/or other entities owned or con-				
2	trolled by defendants should be rescinded and/or voided as fraudulent conveyances.				
3	319. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged				
4	in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages.				
5	320. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-				
6	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions.				
7	TWENTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF				
8	ACCOUNTING (SAVANT ADDICTION, SAVANT HOLDINGS, SAVANT INC.)				
9	321. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.				
10	322. Plaintiff seeks an accounting of all membership interests owed to plaintiff—				
11	whether as trustee of the Trust or as assignee of Belga—in Savant Holdings, Savant Inc., Savant				
12	2 Addiction, and MindMed, including MindMed shares held by Savant Addiction.				
13	323. Plaintiff has made a demand upon Savant Addiction and hereby makes a demand				
14	upon Savant Holdings and Savant Inc. to provide a full accounting of membership interest.				
15	324. Plaintiff seeks an order from this Court directing defendants to provide an account-				
16	ing. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has incurred attor-				
17	7 ney's fees as a result of defendants' actions.				
18	TWENTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF				
19	PUNITIVE DAMAGES (ALL DEFENDANTS)				
20	325. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.				
21	326. Defendants, individually and collectively, are guilty of fraud, oppression, and mal-				
22	ice in their conduct toward plaintiff.				
23	327. Defendants have exhibited a pattern of despicable conduct intended, through decep-				
24	tion, to deprive plaintiff of his rights or property, or done with conscious disregard of plaintiff's				
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3	329. In addition, Hurst acted with fraud, oppression, and malice in his conduct toward			
4	Belga and Freeman, willfully inducing them to rely to their detriment on Hurst's misrepresenta-			
5	tions. As a result, Hurst intentionally enriched himself and his alter egos, Ceruvia and Turnbull, at			
6	the expense of Belga and Freeman.			
7	330. The comparable civil penalties, including the RICO penalties discussed above, are			
8	substantial, confirming that these acts are worthy of punitive damages.			
9	331. Defendants' conduct was reprehensible, despicable, and so contemptible that it			
10	would be looked down upon and despised by ordinary, decent people, and was carried on by de-			
11	fendants with willful and conscious disregard for the rights of plaintiff, entitling plaintiff to exem-			
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1	PRAYER FOR RELIEF						
2	Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment and an accounting against defendants, as follows:						
3	1. A jury trial on all issues so triable;						
4	2. An award of declaratory relief, injunctive relief, general and special damages, tre-						
5	ble damages, and exemplary or punitive damages; and						
6	3. Such other and further relief as the Court determines to be appropriate under the						
7	circumstances.						
8	4. As a further remedy, plaintiff reserves the right to amend the complaint to hold all						
9	defendants liable for a judgment, if any defendant lacks assets sufficient to satisfy the judgment.						
10	Dated this 22nd day of July, 2022.						
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18	SCOTT MITCHELL FREEMAN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, dated March 10, 2012, for itself and as	Dept. No.				
19	assignee of FERDINAND BELGA,					
20	Plaintiff,		COMPLAINT			
21	VS.	(.	Jury Trial Demanded)			
22	STEPHEN HURST; SUNRAY ASSET Management, Inc.; Nico Forte; Ceruvia	(Conditio	nally Filed Under Partial Seal)			
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24	trustee for nominal defendants SAVANT ADDICTION MEDICINE, LLC and SAVANT HWP					
25	HOLDINGS, LLC; DOE INDIVIDUALS 1					
26	through 20; and ROE CORPORATIONS 1 through 20,					
27	Defendants,					
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1	Scott Freeman, M.D., as trustee for the Scott Mitchell Freeman Revocable Living Trust,	
2	dated March 10, 2012, for itself and as assignee of Ferdinand Belga ("plaintiff" or "Freeman") al-	
3	leges as his complaint:	
4	INTRODUCTION	
5	1. This case involves the fraudulent schemes of defendant Stephen Hurst and Sunray	
6	Asset Management, Inc. (together, "Hurst") in service of Hurst's conspiracy and criminal enter-	
7	prise with the drug-development companies that Hurst controls, as well as with defendant Carey	
8	Turnbull and the drug-development company that Turnbull controls, Ceruvia LifeSciences ("Ceru-	
9	via"). With Turnbull's assistance and plaintiff's money and equity, Hurst has wielded that control	
10	to enrich himself at plaintiff's expense and at the cost of valuable intellectual property. While the	
11	details of how Hurst carried out these schemes are necessarily complex, he followed a pattern:	
12	Hurst took advantage of unsuspecting business partners' trust to gain control over companies, he	
13	compartmentalized information so only he or his trusted circle had access to key information, and	
14	then he engaged in self-dealing.	
15	2. In just one example, Hurst negotiated a preliminary agreement for development of	
16	a Savant drug with the notorious fraudster Martin Shkreli. In a September 2016 article on meeting	
17	with Shkreli to discuss the deal, Hurst is quoted as having high regard for how Shkreli does busi-	
18	ness:	
19	'I went in very much expecting not to like him, quite honestly,' Hurst said.	
20	'What I found was a very, very bright young man who asked all the right questions' 'It wasn't anything like I was expecting,' Hurst said. 'There's	
21	a public persona and how he is with the important relationships, like people who work with him.'	
22	3. For years, Hurst concealed his schemes from Freeman. Only too late would Free-	
23	man learn why Hurst admired Shkreli and how Hurst took advantage of Freeman's special rela-	
24	tionship of trust to execute his schemes.	
25	4. In 2009, Hurst, a patent lawyer and businessman; Freeman, a medical doctor and	
26	researcher; and William Boulanger, a chemist, met in San Francisco to form a partnership for re-	
27	searching and developing drugs.	
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5. The three founders decided to focus on the development of pharmaceutical drugs with psychoactive components to treat mental health conditions, including anxiety, addiction, and attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder. This was prescient, as interest in this medical area has exploded in recent years. The resulting company, known as "Savant," was ahead of the times in seeing the untapped potential for this category of drugs.

6 6. Hurst and Freeman took the lead on building Savant. It was agreed that Hurst
7 would be CEO and handle the corporate affairs, and Freeman would be chief medical officer and
8 take responsibility for the clinical development of drugs. They agreed to equally split compensa9 tion, salary, stock, and stock options.

However, Hurst became disenchanted with the arrangement and began to devise a 7. 10strategy of how he and Turnbull could coordinate the control of their respective companies to form 11 an enterprise benefiting themselves at the expense of Freeman and the other Savant members. 12Hurst used his position as Chairman and CEO of both Savant-and later, its publicly traded 13spinoff company, Mind Medicine-to comingle assets and personnel with Ceruvia through a se-14 ries of coordinated transactions between Hurst and Turnbull. The apparent goal of the scheme was 15for Hurst to use his position as Chairman/CEO to force Mind Medicine, a publicly traded com-16pany, to buy Ceruvia. To make Ceruvia valuable to Mind Medicine, Hurst and Turnbull siphoned 17off Savant/MindMed assets to Ceruvia. What follows below is how the schemes were perpetuated. 18 PARTIES 19Scott Freeman was a resident of and domiciled in Las Vegas, Nevada until January 8. 201, 2022. Since January 1, 2022, Freeman is a resident of and domiciled in the U.S. Virgin Islands. 21 Freeman is the trustee and sole beneficiary of the Scott Mitchell Freeman Revoca-229. ble Living Trust, dated March 10, 2012, a Nevada trust holding approximately 38.89% of the 23membership interests of defendant Savant HWP Holdings, LLC and 7.12% of Savant Inc.'s shares 24The Trust is also the assignee of claims belonging to Ferdinand Belga, an individ-10. 25ual domiciled in and a resident of Illinois. 26Defendant Steven Hurst, at all times relevant hereto, was and is an individual domi-11. 27

28 ciled in and a resident of Sparks, Nevada.

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1	12.	Hurst is the sole owner of defendant Sunray Asset Management, Inc. ("Sunray"), a
2	Nevada corpo	ration doing business in Nevada. Through Sunray, Mr. Hurst is the beneficial owner
3	of 39% of Sav	vant Holdings's membership interests and 7.06% of Savant Inc.'s shares.
4	13.	Defendant Savant HWP Holdings, LLC ("Savant Holdings") is a limited liability
5	company orga	mized under the laws of the state of Delaware. Upon information and belief, Savant
6	Holdings is he	eadquartered in Reno, Nevada.
7	14.	Defendant Savant HWP, Inc. ("Savant Inc.") is a Delaware corporation. Upon in-
8	formation and	belief, Savant Inc. is headquartered in Reno, Nevada.
9	15.	Defendant Savant Addiction Medicine LLC ("Savant Addiction") is a limited liabil-
10	ity company o	organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. Upon information and belief, Sa-
11	vant Addictio	n is headquartered in Reno, Nevada.
12	16.	Savant Addiction owns shares in nonparty Mind Medicine Inc. ("MindMed"), a Ca-
13	nadian psycho	edelic medicine biotech company that develops psychedelic-inspired medicines and
14	therapies to a	ddress addiction and mental illness.
15	17.	Defendant Ceruvia LifeSciences ("Ceruvia") is a Delaware limited liability com-
16	pany headqua	rtered in Greenwich, Connecticut.
17	18.	Ceruvia is a competitor to Savant Addiction, Savant Holdings, Savant Inc., and
18	MindMed. Co	eruvia is also involved in the development of psychedelic-inspired medicines and is
19	developing th	e identical drugs that MindMed/Savant is developing: LSD, psilocybin, BOL-148.
20	19.	Upon information and belief, Ceruvia is controlled by Carey Turnbull, who at all
21	times relevan	t hereto was and is an individual domiciled in and a resident of Connecticut, as well
22	as by Hurst a	s Ceruvia's alter ego. Ceruvia may be the successor to another entity associated Turn-
23	bull, includin	g CH-TAC.
24	20.	Both Turnbull and Hurst are associated with Savant Addiction Medicine; Turnbull
25	is a member a	and Hurst is a managing member. Both Turnbull and Hurst have worked for Turnbull
26	companies lil	ke Ceruvia.
27	21.	Russell Burbank, at all times relevant hereto, was and is a resident of and domiciled
28	in San Franci	sco, California.
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22.	Burbank is the liquidating trustee for Savant Addiction and Savant Holdings.
23.	Plaintiff does not know the true names or capacities of some defendants and there-
fore sues ther	n by fictitious "Doe" and "Roe" designations. Plaintiff will amend the complaint
once he ascer	tains the Doe and Roe defendants' true names and capacities.
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	Pursuant to Section 410.10 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, this Court
-	jurisdiction over Defendants because the claims herein arise from actions it purpose-
fully directed	at the State of California.
25.	Pursuant to Section 395 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, venue is proper
because certa	in defendants reside in San Mateo, California. ¹
	FACTS
А.	Background
	1. Formation of the Savant Entities
26.	At the heart of Hurst's schemes was his abuse of the corporate form. As back-
ground, it is t	therefore necessary to outline Savant's structure and the transaction it ultimately en-
tered into rela	ated to the molecule known as 18-methoxycoronaridine ("18-MC").
27.	Savant was largely unsuccessful in its initial attempts to raise capital to pursue the
potential ben	efits of drugs with psychoactive components. The business's only significant invest-
ment, a \$6.7	million grant from the National Institutes of Health ("NIH"), was secured by Freeman
in October 20	012.
28.	As part of an attempt to raise outside capital, the founders decided in 2013 to for-
malize the str	ructure of their working arrangement. Hurst, aided by counsel of his choosing, Evan
Ng, produced	I the operating agreements for the Savant entities.
	ff understands that a parallel action will be commenced in Nevada. Nevertheless, Plaintiff believes
	e appropriate venue to address this action, and initiates this action out of abundance of caution so that laim any issue as to statutes of limitation.
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29. These agreements were structured to grant Hurst control over the entities, including
 the ability to solely appoint board members (Nico Forte, R. Lee Douglas, Raymond J. Tesi), cor porate counsel (Ng, Matt Olson), and liquidating trustee (Burbank), which would subsequently be come integral to his fraudulent schemes.

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30. Hurst formed four related entities, three of which are relevant here:

 a. Savant Inc. was the management company that employed Savant's employees, and that received a 10% profit share. The profits would be split among employees through stock options.

9 b. Savant Holdings was the company where the initial founders held their in10 vestments, including the intellectual property to drugs like BOL-148 prior to formation of
11 an investor LLC such as Savant Addiction, described below.

c. Savant Addiction offered investors a vehicle to purchase shares to be used
to develop 18-MC medical drugs (the "18-MC Program"), with the potential to treat various mental health conditions, including anxiety, addiction, and attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder; in this way, investors could invest in the potential for this class of drugs.
31. Savant Holdings, Savant Inc., and Savant Addiction are collectively referred to as
the Savant entities.

32. The Savant entities hold the following interests in 18-MC: Savant Holdings owns
approximately 80%, Savant Inc. owns 10% (52.94% of which is owned by Savant Holdings), and
Savant Addiction owns approximately 10% (88.45% of which owned by Savant Holdings). Thus,
Savant Addiction and Savant Inc. are controlled by Savant Holdings. (Savant Holdings, Savant
Inc., and Savant Addiction are collectively referred to as the "Savant Entities" and the shareholders and members of the Savant Entities are collectively referred to as the "Savant Equity-holders.")

33. In connection with the creation of the Savant Entities, Hurst placed himself in managerial control. The Savant Holdings Operating Agreement provides that Hurst is the managing

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1	member of Savant Inc. and Savant Addiction. Moreover, the Savant Addiction Operating Agree-
2	ment provides that Savant Holdings is the managing member of Savant Addiction, which makes
3	Hurst the <i>de facto</i> managing member of Savant Addiction.
4	34. While Hurst also granted himself significant discretion in exercising his powers,
5	this discretion was not unlimited. The operating agreements contain important limitations on
6	Hurst's discretion that should have foreclosed any self-dealing. Hurst's disregard for these provi-
7	sions is demonstrative of the depth of his misconduct.
8	35. <i>First</i> , the HWP LLC Operating Agreement provides that the managing member is
9	required to advise the other members of material decisions.
10	Section 7.05 Informational Rights. In addition to the information required
11	to be provided pursuant to Article X, the Managing Member shall keep the other Members reasonably informed on a timely basis of any material fact,
12	information, litigation, employee relations or other matter that could rea- sonably be expected to have a material impact on the operations or financial
13	position of the Company, including, but not limited to, any modification of any loan or other financing to the Company. The Managing Member shall
14	provide all material information relating to the Company or the manage- ment or operation of the Company as any Member may reasonable request
15	from time to time.
16	36. <i>Second</i> , the operating agreements specify that major decisions, such as the sale of
17	assets, need a majority-in-interest approval. Specifically, Section 7.02(b) of HWP LLC's Operat-
18	ing Agreement provides that its managing member (i.e., Hurst) may not authorize HWP LLC to
19	"make any material change to the nature of the Business conducted by the Company or enter into
20	any business other than the Business" without first obtaining the "written approval of a majority-
21	in-interest of the Members."
22	37. <i>Third</i> , Section 7.02(h) of the HWP LLC Operating Agreement requires written ap-
23	proval of a majority-in-interest of the Members as a prerequisite to the Managing Member author-
24	izing the Company to "enter into or effect any transaction or series of related transactions involv-
25	ing the sale, lease, license, exchange or other disposition (including by merger, consolidation, sale
26	of stock or sale of assets) by the Company of any assets, other than sales of inventory in the course
27	of business consistent with past practice."
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2. The MindMed Transaction

38. Savant's fortunes began to change in 2019. As discussed more fully below, based
on the efforts of Ferdinand Belga, an outside consultant who was brought into Savant as Chief
Business Officer to attract investments, investors became interested in working with Savant. A
plan was subsequently developed with two of these investors, Leonard Latchman and Jamon
Rahn, to form a new Delaware corporation that would continue the 18-MC Program and subsequently would be listed on the Canadian stock exchange as Mind Medicine, Inc. (as defined above.
"MindMed").

9 39. On or about July 23, 2019, Savant Addiction entered into the Foundational Agree10 ment and Contribution Agreement (the "MindMed Agreements") by which Savant Addiction and
11 Savant Inc. agreed to transfer all of their assets related to the 18-MC Program (the "18-MC Assets") to MindMed. In return for contributing the 18-MC Assets to MindMed, Savant Addiction
13 was to receive 55 million Class A shares of MindMed stock "free and clear of all encumbrances."
14 These 55 million shares would make Savant Addiction the largest shareholder of MindMed.

40. Mind Medicine initially began as a Delaware LLC on or about July 23, 2019, and
then become a public Canadian company through a reverse takeover of a Canadian company.

17 41. The final MindMed Transaction closed on or about February 27, 2020, and in
18 March, MindMed went public on the Canadian NEO exchange.

42. Hurst executed the MindMed Agreements on behalf of Savant Addiction and Savant Inc., and in so doing represented that he had full authority to act.

43. However, that representation was false. As noted, Savant Holdings is the managing
member of Savant Addiction, and Hurst, as Savant Holding's managing member and Raymond
Joseph Tesi and R. Lee Douglas as Board members, were required to abide by their obligations
under the Savant Holdings Operating Agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the Operating Agreement, Hurst was required to obtain authorization from a majority-in-interest of Savant Holding's
members prior to authorizing the MindMed Transaction. Hurst did not.

44. Hurst's misrepresentation was not a technical mistake or oversight. By not putting
the terms of the transaction to a vote, Hurst was able to keep the structure of the transaction secret

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from the other members. He proceeded to structure the transaction to grant himself the same type
 of control over MindMed that he enjoyed with the Savant Entities. Hurst was the only signatory to
 the agreement, and the witness to the agreement was Nico Forte, a long-time friend and associate
 of Hurst who subsequently was appointed to the Savant Board.

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3. Hurst Places the 55 Million MindMed Shares in Savant Addiction to Maintain Sole Control over MindMed

45. Once MindMed became a public company, the MindMed shares became liquid.
46. In connection with the MindMed Agreements, investors Leonard Latchman and
Jamon Rahn received 35,000,000 MindMed shares upon the company's formation.

47. As with those investors, the Savant Addiction and Savant Holding members could
have—and, more importantly, should have—received their shares directly since the purpose of
those entities was effectively terminated at that point. There was nothing else for Savant Addiction
and Savant Holding to do; since Hurst had transferred the intellectual property to MindMed and
Savant Addiction had no other assets, they were now drug development corporate vehicles without
a drug. The operating agreements for both entities dictated that they were to be wound down once
the companies' businesses had ended.

48. Instead, Hurst had the 55,000,000 MindMed shares contributed to Savant Addiction, which he claimed had the effect of putting them under his control. Because Savant Addiction
was MindMed's largest shareholder, the 55,000,000 voting shares was a large enough bloc to control the MindMed board and shareholder votes. Hurst thus enjoyed unilateral power to vote the
shares to further his own ends at MindMed; according to Hurst, the 55,000,000 MindMed voting
shares gave Hurst control of the MindMed Board of Directors and MindMed shareholder votes.

49. Savant Addiction members only held about 10% of Savant entities or 5 million
MindMed shares (of the 55,000,000 shares owned by Savant Addicition), so a majority-in-interest
of Savant Addiction was about 5%. Thus, 5% of the Savant members could control the other 95%,
at least in Hurst's view, although Savant Addiction was a subsidiary of Savant Holdings which
owned almost 80% of the MindMed shares (about 40,000,000).

Hurst furthered his control over Savant's MindMed shares by converting the 50 1 MindMed common shares to multiple voting shares at a 100:1 ratio, a tactic that made it more dif- $\mathbf{2}$ 3 ficult for the Savant members to get their shares. He then had Savant simultaneously enter into lockup agreements with MindMed regarding Savant's 550,000 Multiple Voting Shares with 4 tranches of shares to be released to Savant every six months. 5Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Articles of MindMed, as amended at the 51. 6 Annual and Special Shareholders Meeting held on May 27, 2021: 7 Each Multiple Voting Share may be convertible at the option of the holder 8 thereof, at any time after the date of issuance of such share at the office of the Corporation or any transfer agent for such shares, into fully paid and 9 nonassessable Subordinate Voting Shares as is determined by multiplying the number of Multiple Voting Shares by the Conversion Ratio applicable 10to such share, determined as hereafter provided, in effect on the date the Multiple Voting Share is surrendered for conversion. The initial "Conver-11 sion Ratio" for shares of Multiple Voting Shares shall be 100 Subordinate Voting Shares for each Multiple Voting Share 12In other words, each Multiple Voting Share ("MVS") equals 100 Subordinate Vot-52. 1314 ing Shares (*i.e.*, Class A common shares). According to Hurst in an August 31, 2021 email, MindMed investors (Latchman 53. 15 and Rahn) insisted on this and there were tax advantages: "As explained multiple times to all 16members, the MVSs structure was done to keep the shares received by Savant Addiction Medicine 17LLC tax free to Savant members." However, Latchman and Rahn claim it was done at Hurst's in-18sistence, most likely for Hurst to further maintain his lock on the voting rights of the 55,000,000 19 shares. This conversion prevented Savant members from getting shares in a timely manner be-20cause they needed to reconvert MVS to common shares, a complicated process since Savant mem-21bers are United States citizens and MindMed is a Canadian company. 2254. Rahn, a United States citizen, received his MindMed shares as common shares, 23however, so he did not need to convert his MindMed common shares to MSV as did Savant. 2455. Over the following two years, Hurst voted the 55,000,000 MindMed shares (or 25550,000 multiple voting shares) on his sole whim, without consultation with the majority-in-inter-2627est of Savant Holdings. 28

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56. Hurst violated the operating agreement in several ways while the other fiduciaries
 whom Hurst appointed—Forte, Ng, Douglas, and Tesi—turned a "blind eye." By sequestering the
 MindMed shares in Savant Addiction, Hurst changed the nature of the business from a drug-devel opment company to a stock-management company, a new enterprise in which Hurst had no exper tise; the change of business required a majority-in-interest vote according to the operating agree ment. But Hurst had a self-interest in ignoring the operating agreements.

7 57. Hurst and Turnbull established Ceruvia, a competitor for the identical or similar
8 drugs but which became a shadow company to MindMed/Savant.

9 58. As part of Hurt's scheme, he then used the 55,000,000 MindMed shares of Savant
10 to appoint himself as CEO/Chairman of MindMed and then proceeded to commingle MindMed
11 assets and personnel and manufacturing with Ceruvia.

12 59. The 55,000,000 "founder" shares were locked up in an agreement with the banker
13 (Canaccord), and 10% were to be released in September 2020, 10% in March 2021, 10% in Sep14 tember 2021, and the remaining 70% in March 2022. Although Hurst should have had the shares
15 distributed as soon as they were available, he delayed releasing them to extend the time the shares
16 were under his control, thus costing savant members tens of millions of dollars as the MindMed
17 share price steadily dwindled under Hurst's poor management, as his agenda was focused on
18 building Ceruvia.

19 60. Hurst had no experience or requisite skills to be a Chairman/CEO of a public com20 pany, yet Hurst insisted on solely controlling the MindMed voting shares. This is consistent with
21 Hurst's prior experience at biotech companies, which ended in disaster because of his inexperience
22 and need to try to control companies through "bullying":

a. Hurst was head of business development at Inhale Therapeutics (aka
Nektar) in the late 1990's and 2000's. Hurst did a deal with Pfizer, a large pharmaceutical
company, to market Nektar's inhalable insulin. This was a major coup, since Pfizer was a
"marketing machine." But the deal turned sour, Pfizer quickly opted out, and the drug
failed.

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Hurst next started a biotech company with his self-described "best friend." b. The drug in development was for multi-drug resistance (MDR) which could prevent tumor cells from inactivating chemotherapy. Hurst's bullying got the better of him again, and the company collapsed almost immediately when the "friends" got into a heated fight and Hurst lost his \$500,000 loan to the company.

Apart from the 18-MC program with Savant Addiction Medicine, Hurst was 6 c. also involved in the development of benznidazole for a different Savant entity, Savant Ne-7glected Disease LLC. Hurst's bullying continued in a deal with Kalobios (aka Hu-8 manigen). Kalobios and Savant were to jointly co-develop benznidazole, but within three 9 months Kalobios kicked Savant out of the development team, costing Savant several mil-10lion dollars. 11

Ultimately, the pattern repeated itself with MindMed. As described below, Hurst's 1261. misrepresentations to investors, including Latchman and Rahn, and the MindMed board of direc-13tors were exposed and Hurst was removed from the MindMed board. 14

Yet as a result of Hurst's lock-up agreement, Savant members could not monetize 62. 15their shares, since the members were beneficial owners, either by selling them on a primary mar-16 ket (NEO Exchange or NASDAQ) once the shares were unlocked or secondary markets (banks or 17investment funds) for locked shares during the lock-up period. Hurst insisted on maintaining the 18 Savant voting bloc was so he could vote the shares in his own self interest. Therefore, although 19 Freeman nominally owned over 5% of MindMed through his shares in Savant Inc. (and through 20Savant Inc. in Savant Addiction), the requisite amount of shares needed for a board seat, Hurst dis-21abled Freeman from exercising his voting rights. 22

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In addition, Hurst as managing member of Savant has been selling MindMed shares 63. to "conduct business," yet the operating agreements specify that major decisions like selling assets 24need a majority-in-interest approval. 25

As designed by Hurst and Savant's counsel, the operating agreement required the 64. 26managing member's approval for all majority-in-interest votes, including to replace the managing 27

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member. This effectively cemented Hurst as managing member for life, if he did not choose to resign. Hurst could not be removed as managing member even if he did not appropriately execute
the operating agreement or commit fraud. This setup assured Hurst's complete control of Savant,
and what follows are Hurst's attempts to maintain control in order to self-enrich himself, and not
equally split compensation with Freeman.

6 65. The Savant entities hold the following interests in 18-MC: Savant Holdings owns
7 approximately 80%, Savant Inc. owns 10% (52.94% of which is owned by Savant Holdings), and
8 Savant Addiction owns approximately 10% (88.45% of which owned by Savant Holdings). Thus,
9 Savant Addiction and Savant Inc. are controlled by Savant Holdings.

- 10 66. Savant Addiction licensed 18-MC from Albany Medical Center and owned all of
 11 the intellectual property related to the 18-MC Program.
- 12 67. Savant Addiction's purpose was to hold intellectual property and other assets, not
 13 to exercise control over day-to-day management.

68. Savant Inc. managed all of Savant Addiction's day-to-day operations related to the
development of the 18-MC Program.

16 69. Mr. Hurst's primary role at the Savant Entities was to raise money from investors
17 and attend to corporate decisions as CEO, while Freeman was responsible for research and devel18 opment.

19 70. Mr. Hurst was largely unsuccessful in his attempts to raise capital. Indeed, Free20 man was primarily responsible for obtaining the business's only significant investment, a \$6.7 mil21 lion grant from the National Institutes of Health in October 2012. The grant was for the years
22 2012 through 2014. In contrast, Hurst from 2009 to 2019 only raised approximately one million
23 dollars through a "friends and family" investment.

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B. Scheme 1: Hurst Cheats Belga Out of a Finder's Fee

25 71. In October 2018, Hurst decided to outsource fundraising to a consultant. By Hurst's
26 own account to Belga, Hurst in nine years had been able to raise only about \$1 million from
27 friends and family, and according to Hurst, he was "burned out."

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72. On behalf of the Savant Entities, Hurst retained Ferdinand Belga, who had worked

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1	successfully in the pharmaceutical drug industry for over two decades.	
2	73. To convince Belga to work on behalf of Savant, Hurst promised him up to 20% of	
3	the equity in Savant Addiction upon raising between \$2 million to \$5 million. As set forth in	
4	Belga's consulting agreement with Savant Inc., Hurst also promised him that, subject to board ap-	
5	proval, "if you are successful in raising \$2 million or more prior to October 1, 2019, you will be	
6	appointed Savant's Chief Executive Officer and I will assume the role of Executive Chairman. You	
7	will become a salaried employee."	
8	74. On January 8, 2019, Rahn contacted Belga through LinkedIn about investing	
9	money in Savant, a contact that would not have been possible without Belga's involvement.	
10	75. Once Belga had engaged with Rahn, however, Hurst promptly began to circumvent	
11	Belga as part of his undisclosed plan to renege on the consulting agreement. In doing so, Hurst al-	
12	most caused the financing with Rahn to collapse. On March 31, 2019, Rahn sent Freeman the fol-	
13	lowing email, emblematic of how Hurst's bullying attempt to manipulate the structure of the trans-	
14	action was creating problems:	
15 16	After 1 month of discussions with Steve [Hurst], I am not the least bit inspired to put money into the opportunity. In fact, he has done more to convince me why I should not invest or partner with you v. why I should. Very strange.	
17	However, I do see a new vision for the company and I do see the po-	
18 19	tential for a very large exit so that is why I'm still here writing this email. To be 100% transparent, I would have walked away had you and I not had that conversation last week. I feel we speak the same language.	
20 21	I have a plan / vision for the company for an RTO, it entails us raising \$1-3m initially in a reverse merger transaction and then \$15-20m based on some positive news flow to take it through phase 2.	
22	The art of raising money is not Steve's strength. Let me figure it out so	
23	the company has the tools to survive and you get to an exit. Riding out grant money ain't the way to get to liquidity.	
24	There is a difference between exit/ sale and finding partial liquidity for all parties. Sometimes people confuse the two. Steve is.	
25 26	76. In April 2019, there was an initial term sheet and Belga was listed as the COO,	
20	Hurst the CEO, and Freeman CMO. This reflected Belga's critical role in obtaining the financing	
28	and it triggered the provisions in his consulting agreement.	
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77. Savant Addiction turned down this initial offer sheet, and Belga continued to work
 on sourcing additional investors.

3 78. On May 26, 2019, Belga received an email from Hurst announcing that Hurst had
4 reached a deal with Rahn, and there was no need for him to participate in a planned trip to meet
5 with potential investors. This was a surprise to Belga since he was unaware that Hurst was in con6 tinued discussion with Rahn.

7 79. Subsequently, it became clear why Belga had not been involved in the discussions.
8 Hurst negotiated the terms of the transaction so that the funds would be reflected as having been
9 raised for *MindMed*, the new Delaware LLC to whom the 18-MC asset was to be sold, rather than
10 for Savant, therefore preventing Belga from getting credit under the consulting agreement.

80. In other words, Hurst structured the transaction in bad faith to avoid compensating
Belga what he was due under the consulting agreement.

81. Belga raised more than \$5 million in seven months, something Hurst could not do
in nine years. Yet it was not until several months after the MindMed transaction closed that Hurst
announced that Belga would not get the CEO position with Savant. To date Belga has never been
given his equity share in Savant. In so doing, Hurst demonstrated that he had intended to exploit
Belga's fundraising abilities but never intended to follow through on his commitment to grant
Belga equity or a salaried position in Savant.

19 82. In May 2019, Belga surpassed these funding goals by securing financing in excess
20 of \$5 million for what would ultimately become the creation of MindMed. Belga initiated the
21 transaction, but on May 26, 2019, Hurst stepped in to change the terms of the deal so that the
22 funds would not be reflected as having been raised for Savant but only—after the reverse takeo23 ver—as funds for MindMed for which Belga would not get credit:

Signed the financing deal today so I don't see the need for a trip to Chicago. Got the deal up to \$3 million from \$2 million for the pre-RTO financing and the valuation at the time of the RTO to \$12 million. Canaccord will lead the post-RTO financing of at least \$20 million, market conditions permitting. Canaccord is coming into the pre-RTO financing as well.

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Belga accomplished in seven months, raising >\$5MM, what Hurst could not do in

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nine years. Yet it was not until after the MindMed transaction closed that Hurst made clear Belga
 would get neither equity in Savant Addiction nor a CEO position with Savant.

84. In so doing, Hurst demonstrated that he had intended to exploit Belga's fundraising
abilities but never intended to follow through on his commitment to give Belga equity or a salaried
position in Savant.

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Scheme 2: Hurst Breaches a Settlement Agreement to Transfer Five Million MindMed Shares to Freeman

8 85. Between 2010 and 2012, Freeman authorized the Trust to lend \$205,000 to the
9 partnership, which would later become Savant Holdings. The loan is reflected as a long-term lia10 bility on Savant Holdings's balance sheet at least as late as December 31, 2018. Neither Hurst nor
11 Savant Holdings has ever denied that Savant Holdings is obligated to repay the loan.

12 86. From April through August 2014, Freeman, through the Trust, lent Savant a total of
13 \$600,000, with \$450,000 loaned to Savant Addiction and \$150,000 loaned to Savant's former af14 filiate, Savant Neglected Disease ("SND").

15 87. In connection therewith, Savant issued multiple promissory notes (the "Notes") and
16 warrants to purchase units (the "Warrants") to the Trust. The purpose of the Notes and Warrants
17 was a short-term loan to cover the Savant Entities' operating expenses until Savant received an ap-

18 proximate \$600,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health ("NIH").

19 88. As the exact timing of the NIH payment to Savant was uncertain (it could have
20 happened between September 2014 and January 2015), the coverage amounts of the Warrants in21 creased to up to 300% of the amount of the Notes depending on when Savant paid the Notes. For
22 example, a July 1, 2014 Warrant states:

Warrant Coverage Amount. The "Warrant Coverage Amount" means that amount which equals 100% of the principal amount of the Note; provided, that in the event the Note has not yet been prepaid in whole prior to September 30, 2014, the "Warrant Coverage Amount" means that amount which equals 200% of the principal amount of the Note; provided further, that in the event the Note has not yet been prepaid in whole prior to January 1, 2015, the "Warrant Coverage Amount" means that amount which equals 300% of the principal amount of the Note. 89. On or about December 2014, the Savant Entities received \$600,000 from the NIH.
 Despite this cash infusion, Hurst claimed that it was still unable to pay Freeman the balance of the
 Notes because of Hurst's overspending. Combined with Freeman's 2010-2012 loans of \$205,000,
 the principal balance owed to Freeman was \$805,000.

90. In June 2016, Savant received approximately \$3.5MM from the sale of the Savant
Neglected Disease drug, benznidazole. Hurst used part of the money to pay off every debt and
loan of Savant, including a loan Hurst gave Savant, except for Freeman's loans. After 2016, Savant had no money or anything of monetary value until 2019 when it received the MindMed
shares.

91. Around June 2019, at the time of the MindMed transaction, Savant and Freeman
entered an accord and satisfaction of the outstanding debt that Savant owed to Freeman (including
the Savant Addiction Notes and Warrants² and \$205,000 loaned to Savant Holdings, plus accrued
interest) whereby Savant agreed to transfer MindMed shares to Freeman.

14 92. Initially, the parties agreed to 4,500,000 MindMed shares to resolve the Savant Ad15 diction Note for \$450,000, but later amended that agreement to 5,000,000 shares, to also reflect
16 the resolution of the warrants and the \$205,000 founder loan plus accrued interest.

17 93. This agreement is memorialized and acknowledged by Savant in multiple emails
18 between Hurst and Freeman and other written communications.

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94. Hurst represented that the MindMed Shares were valued at \$0.10 a share.³
95. The 5,000,000 MindMed Shares to be transferred to Freeman were therefore worth

20 95. The 5,000,000 MindMed Shares to be transferred to Freeman were therefore wor 21 approximately \$500,000, and thus were a significant discount on Savant's debt to Freeman

22 (\$450,000 + \$205,000 + warrants + interest). In addition to the discount, Freeman also took on the

23 || risk of a loss in value of the MindMed Shares because MindMed was a start-up biotech company

24 at high risk of failure. But Freeman accepted the discount and risk of loss because he believed the

25 MindMed Shares would appreciate and be worth more in the future.

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Dr. Freeman purchased SND in May 2019 and his \$150,000 loan to SND is no longer owed by Savant.

^{It now appears that Hurst misled Freeman by representing that the share value was in U.S. dollars, while in fact it was in lower-value Canadian dollars. At the time, CAD \$0.10 would have been worth about USD \$0.058, for a total of more than 8.62 million shares.}

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1	96. For example, Freeman stated as much in an October 3, 2019 email to Hurst, noting
2	that this was a "final transaction":
3	The purpose of this email is to highlight the events that lead to our decision
4	yesterday to convert my outstanding loans in Savant Addiction Medicine (SAM) to MMED stock
5	1. Approximately 3 weeks ago we tentatively agreed to convert a $$450,000$ loan to $4,500,000$ shares of MMED ^[4]
6 7	2. We needed the last 3 weeks to research the corporate and tax implications of this transaction
8	3. We decided yesterday based on our research to finalize this transaction although it may take several days to weeks to finalize the legal paperwork
9 10	4. MMED is valued today at \$0.10 per share and has been valued at this price for at least the last month since MMED was formed
11	5. SAM received MMED stock by selling its rights to MMED for a drug called 18-MC
12 13	6. The value was determined by third party investors who also either re- ceived or purchased MMED shares at \$0.10 per share
14	7. The shares of MMED will be "locked up" for 6-24 months depending on US and Canadian regulations since these are founders share
15	8. Notwithstanding, this is a final transaction. In other words, if for instance
16 17	when the 4,500,000 MMED shares are released to me in 6-24 months, the time I can sell these shares, the value of MMED has become \$0.00 per share, I am NOT entitled to anymore shares or any money to compensated for lost value.
18	97. Hurst did not deny the existence of this accord and satisfaction or its essential
19	terms.
20	98. Indeed, in an e-mail dated June 29, 2020, Hurst acknowledged the settlement but
21	explained that he was delaying transfer of the MindMed shares because of the lock-up agreement:
22	Note that the Cap Table does not include <i>the additional shares to be issued</i>
23	to you in consideration of your loan and warrant settlement from last June. I spoke with Dorsey about this a few weeks ago and they know we
24	still have to document this. Since there are no planned distributions in the near future I've not pressed the issue with Dorsey or you. I my mind, it's
25	more important to hold the voting block for the next year at least.
26	(Emphasis added.)
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28	⁴ This e-mail predates the amendment to 5 million MindMed shares.
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1	99. Subsequent e-mails confirm that Hurst, on behalf of Savant Addiction and Savant
2	Holdings, accepted the terms of the settlement, with the only dispute being over an ancillary is-
3	sue-whether the shares could be distributed before the expiration of the lock-out period so that
4	Freeman could exercise the shares' voting rights, even though he could not sell the shares. On
5	September 8, 2020, Hurst responded to Freeman's concerns about the <i>timing</i> of distribution, but
6	did not dispute the obligation to distribute the 5 million MindMed shares:
7 8	I spoke with Rich Raymer today who wrote the terms of the multiple voting shares. I've asked him to prepare a memo to support making the distribution of multiple voting shares with proper legends to Savant members.
	As I mentioned before, I believe that it would be a strategic mistake to break
9 10	up the voting block with respect to locked up shares and will be working with counsel to address this issue.
11	We need to document the 5 million MMED shares you'll receive for the
12	settlement of the warrants and loans back in June as this will impact the pro rata distribution to all the other MMED members. I will not be taking
13	any shares beyond my pro rata distribution along with the other members and will not be looking for any other comp from Savant other than an hourly
14	fee as managing member and the repayment of my loan to Savant. At the end of 2019 that loan stood at about \$78,000 and I've continued to loan
15	Savant money every month this year.
16	(Emphasis added.)
17	100. On September 9, 2020, Hurst confirmed that the amount owed to Freeman under
18	the settlement was equivalent to 50,000 multiple voting shares (100:1, or 5,000,000 common
19	shares), but he expressed concerns that this would make Freeman MindMed's largest shareholder:
20	I'm not going to fight anyone on the basic idea of distributing the shares now that the lock up has started to lift The distribution will be of mul-
21	tiple voting shares not common shares which cannot be traded as far as I know. They need to be converted to common and MMED has to instruct the
22	transfer agent in order for that to happen. So the plan for distribution I have in mind goes like this (unless the lawyers tell me otherwise):
23	• Savant HWP, Inc. – 55,000 multiple voting shares in satisfaction of its
24	10% profits interest in Savant Addiction Medicine, LLC (SAM).
25	 Scott Freeman (or your trust) – 50,000 multiple voting shares in sat- isfaction of warrants and loans settle in June 2019
26	• Savant Addiction Medicine LLC – 45,000 multiple voting shares re-
27	tained for sale to generate operating capital with any balance distributed to members in March 2022 when the final lock up is lifted
28	• SAM members – 400,000 multiple voting shares distributed pro rata
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1	For a total of 550,000 multiple voting shares which convert to 55,000,000	
2	common shares.	
3	Your pro rata share of the SAM distribution will be approximately 155,556 multiple voting shares, plus the 50,000 additional settlement shares <i>make you MMED's largest single shareholder</i> .	
4	So as I understand the situation, even though the Savant block is not a ma-	
5	jority, as votes go in Canada I've been told that a 20% block generally con- trols the outcome of a shareholder vote, which means that Savant likely now controls the board membership and any other issue that might require a	
6 7	shareholder vote in the future. And on most issues I think JR would vote with Savant, giving us a lock. Once the shares are distributed, unless there is a voting rights agreement we likely give up that control.	
8	(Emphasis added.) Again, Hurst linked the loan settlement with his continuing to vote the	
9	MindMed shares: "50,000 additional settlement shares" and the prospect of loss of Hurst's control	
10	"unless there is a voting rights agreement."	
11	101. Subsequently, everything changed. As Freeman had correctly foreseen, the price of	
12	MindMed's shares skyrocketed, which meant that Savant (and by proxy Hurst himself) would fi-	
13	nancially benefit if it repaid Freeman the money instead of transferring the 5,000,000 shares to	
14	him. Moreover, Hurst had grown accustomed to controlling MindMed through Savant Addiction.	
15	If Freeman received the 5,000,000 shares, he would become MindMed's "largest single share-	
16	holder," which would effectively deprive Hurst of his control over MindMed. And as MindMed's	
17	largest shareholder, Freeman-instead of Hurst-could become (or appoint) a board member of	
18	MindMed.	
19	102. On September 18, 2020, Hurst informed Freeman that the paperwork for the loan	
20	would be sent in a few days:	
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$\frac{22}{23}$	I have the draft of the settlement agreement for your notes and warrants and should have that to you in the next few days.	
24	103. In October 2020, Hurst and Freeman contractually agreed to distribute all the	
25	shares; both the unlocked shares and the locked shares, which would effectively dissolve the vot-	
26	ing bloc, Hurst's sole control over voting the MindMed shares. Canaccord (the bank acting as	
27	MindMed's agent) agreed to modify the lock-out agreement so that shares could be distributed in	
28	the names of the individual members rather than in Savant Addiction's name, thus ending Hurst's	
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voting MindMed shares. And Freeman agreed to pay Peter Volk, MindMed's counsel, \$20,000 to 1 cover the legal costs of facilitating the distributions and drafting the necessary documents. $\mathbf{2}$ As late as October 10, 2020, Hurst provided a progress report regarding "the initial 3 104. transfer of the 10% off lockup." 4 Although Hurst at various points alluded to the need for further "documentation," 105. $\mathbf{5}$ including advice from a tax accountant, he did not dispute the meeting of the minds on the essen-6 tial terms, including consideration for Freeman's covenant not to sue on the loans. 7Hurst reneged on the accord and satisfaction only after Freeman tried to prevent 8 106. Hurst from voting Savant's bloc of MindMed shares. Hurst understood that if Freeman voted his 9 own shares as MindMed's "largest single shareholder," Hurst would no longer be able to control 10 MindMed from his minority position. 11 On October 14, 2020, Hurst for the first time signaled that he was going to try to 107. 12back out of the accord and satisfaction. Responding to Freeman's inquiry about "the final paper-13work on the 5,000,000 shares for the loan," Hurst wrote: 14 Will require further discussion and you will need tax advice. Share value 15now far exceeds loan and warrant value we agreed to last June when the 16share price was 10 cents. When pressed by Freeman for clarification on when the shares would be trans-108. 17ferred, Hurst resorted to obfuscation and delay, while continuing to mislead Freeman that he 18 would distribute the shares once the lockup ended. 19On July 16, 2021, after at least 110,000 MindMed Multiple Voting Shares (equiva-109. 20lent to 11,000,000 common shares) had been released from lockup-more than twice the number 21of shares owed to Freeman—Freeman's counsel sent a demand to Hurst for distribution of the 2223shares pursuant to the terms of the settlement. Despite the extensive paper trail documenting the accord and satisfaction, Hurt refused to honor the agreement he had reached with Freeman. At the 24time, MindMed stock was trading at about \$4 per share. 25Savant Addiction's counsel, Ng, responded on Hurst's behalf by denying for the 110. 26first time the existence of the accord and satisfaction on the purported ground that the agreement 2728had never been formally documented. Ng's letter was made to provide cover for Hurst, who had

purposefully breached the settlement agreement to disadvantage Freeman, his longtime and loyal
 partner.

Ng purported to tender the face value of Freeman's loans, although even if Freeman 111. 3 had not been entitled to enforce the accord and satisfaction, these tenders were incomplete: ini-4 tially the tender covered just \$375,000 because Hurst apparently believed Freeman didn't have 5documentation of the second \$75,000 note, but eventually Hurst releated to the total of \$450,000 6 from the 2014 loans, knowing the transactions were well documented; but apart from the accord $\overline{7}$ and satisfaction, Hurst and Ng have never tendered repayment of the \$205,000 founder's loan. 8 9 112. But Hurst did not stop there. Aware of the weakness of his legal position, Hurst at-

10 tempted to distance himself from the dispute with Freeman. Hurst had Savant Addiction retain a
11 friendly trustee, Russell Burbank, to wind down the entity and while doing so to decide any claims
12 in Hurst's favor.

113. In a February 19, 2022 email that Hurst surreptitiously sent to a chosen group of
Savant members, he acknowledged that Burbank had been appointed to address the so-called
"Scott issue." Contrary to Hurst's public announcement of Mr. Burbank's independence, Hurst explained that Burbank was picked to decide Freeman's claim to the 5,000,000 MindMed shares and
that his decision on this issue was already baked in:

The only liabilities owed by SAM are notes payable to Scott, for which payment has been tendered but he has refused to accept, maintaining a claim against SAM (and all its members) for an additional 5 million MindMed shares. This claim will now be resolved by the trustee as I am no longer the decision maker for SAM. Since Scott appears to be confusing the business of Savant with some personal gripe he has with me, *I believe the best result will be reached for all members by having the trustee resolve any outstanding issues with Scott*.

23 (Emphasis added.)

114. When Freeman learned why Burbank had been retained, he brought Burbank's lack
of independence to the attention of Savant Addiction's outside counsel, Ng and Olson. In correspondence, they did not deny that Hurst had sent the aforementioned email and that Burbank had
been retained to decide Freeman's claim against him. Rather, they shrugged off Burbank's com-

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promised nature by claiming that Freeman was merely "slinging mud." In so doing, they reaf firmed that they would serve Hurst's interests and that Savant Addiction would not honor the
 agreement Hurst reached with Freeman.

4 115. Predictably, Burbank has acted loyally to Hurst since his appointment, including by
5 denying the existence of Freeman's claim.

6 116. Burbank's lack of independence is evident in other ways as well. Freeman has repeatedly asked to review the books and records of Savant Addiction to be able to audit them and
8 ensure a proper accounting. Hurst previously had agreed to provide access to the books and records but for over a year has delayed the request because an audit supposedly needed to be done
10 first. The audit is apparently complete, but the books are still being sequestered.

- 11 117. Hurst has refused to turn over the books and records on the purported basis that
 12 Burbank's appointment will constitute an independent audit. In other words, Hurst is using Bur13 bank as a tool to withhold evidence relating to his self-dealing.
- 14 118. In just one example of what access to the books and records could uncover, Free15 man has learned that in May 2020, Hurst called Belga to apologize for the way things ended and
 16 for the fact that he did not receive anything for his fundraising efforts. Hurst told Belga he was go17 ing to give Belga some of Hurst's stock in Savant Inc. In the agreement forwarded to Belga in
 18 May 2020 for signature but dated on October 28, 2019 by Savant counsel Alex Houle, the stock
 19 options were backdated to February 26, 2019 and were granted by Savant Inc., itself, rather than as
 20 a gift from Hurst's own stock. The options are equivalent to about 40,000 shares of MindMed.
- 119. Hurst and Houle were aware that the date on the options was incorrect, that backdating stock options is not permissible, and that issuing new stock options from Savant Inc. rather
 than gifting Hurst's shares had the effect of diluting the stock of the other Savant Inc. shareholders. Hurst and Houle were also aware that Hurst did not present the agreement to the shareholders
 for approval, as Hurst and Savant counsel would later claim was necessary in their scheme to renege on Freeman's accord and satisfaction.
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- 120. Further, Freeman has written to Savant's counsel and Burbank about the
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Hurst/Turnbull/Ceruvia relationship discussed below and the potential self-dealing. An independ ent trustee would plainly understand the need to investigate these serious allegations. But rather
 than conduct any type investigating, however, Burbank has taken Hurst's direction and ordered
 Freeman to cease and desist. All requests to have direct discussions with Burbank have been de nied and referred to Savant counsel Olson.

6 121. Further, although most of the MindMed shares in Savant Holdings were finally dis7 tributed in June 2022, after Hurst had held the shares through two MindMed annual shareholder
8 meetings, none of the 5,500,000 shares in Savant Inc. have been released.

Savant Inc. is a Delaware corporation which under Delaware law requires an an-9 122. nual shareholders meeting and shareholder vote for the board of directors. Hurst has disregarded 10the corporate form, however, and failed to hold the required annual meeting and shareholder vote. 11 Upon information and belief, Savant Inc.'s board is appointed by Hurst, and MindMed shares be-12longing to Savant Inc. have been sold to conduct business. Savant members have been in the dark 13 for years and those who have requested information have either been stonewalled or referred to 14 Savant counsel Ng, who has refused requests to enforce corporate governance. While Hurst has 15been withholding the shares, Savant Inc. shareholders have collectively lost about \$20 million dol-1617lars.

18 123. In addition, since Burbank has become trustee of Savant Holdings, Savant has lost
its board seat on the MindMed board of directors due to Hurst's midterm resignation in January
20 2022. The stock price has continued to plummet and questions about Hurst's resignation remain
unanswered.

124. Furthermore Hurst, Burbank, and Savant counsel Ng and Olson prevented Savant
members—the majority-in-interest of which could have replaced Hurst because of their controlling stake in MindMed—from voting their shares at the MindMed annual meeting in June 2022.
Over the past six months, since Burbank's appointment, Savant members have collectively lost
\$40 million, in addition to losing over \$100 million under Hurst's stewardship.

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125. The withholding of voting rights has continued. While the Savant majority-in-inter28
est still have the requisite 5% to get another board seat, Hurst and those acting under his direction

(Ng, Olsen, Burbank, and Forte) have continued to withhold 11,000,000 shares of members' vot ing rights, thus still preventing them from actively engaging the MindMed board of directors as
 the stock price continues to drop.

4 126. Because Hurst, Burbank, and Savant Addiction's counsel have not adequately re5 sponded to Freeman's claims and instead have acquiesced in Hurst's scheme, Freeman has had to
6 retain counsel to file this complaint.

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D. Scheme 3: Hurst Refuses to Dissolve the Savant Entities

What makes Hurst's attempt to conceal his misconduct using Burbank so perni-127. 8 cious is that prior to Burbank's appointment, Hurst repeatedly refused to wind down the Savant 9 Entities. Not only was this how Hurst was able to maintain control over both Savant and 10 MindMed, but it separately injured Savant's members because it prevented them from exercising 11 the rights to vote their shares, and since Freeman had a beneficial ownership in MindMed of over 125%, he could have become a board member. Further, it prevented members from selling their 13MindMed shares either on the primary market (NASDAQ) or secondary market (investment 14 funds). 15

16 128. Under the Savant Holdings Operating Agreement, Hurst cannot be removed as
17 managing member without Hurst's own assent. Similarly, the Savant Addiction Operating Agreement provides no mechanism for removing Savant Holdings as managing member without Savant
19 Holdings' (and therefore, Hurst's) assent.

The only way for the members to rein in Hurst and assert their right to control their 129. 20investment would have been to dissolve Savant Holdings and Savant Addiction. Dissolution 21would have resulted in the distribution of the MindMed shares to the Savant equity-holders, 22thereby allowing them to directly oversee their investment in MindMed, rather than rely on Hurst 23to comply with the Operating Agreement (which he has not done), and to act in their best interests. 24The Savant Holdings and Savant Addiction Operating Agreements provide for dis-25130. solution under the very circumstances at issue here. 26

27 131. Sections 11.01 of both the HWP LLC Operating Agreement and the Savant Addic28 tion Operating Agreement are identical and provide that each company

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shall be dissolved and its affairs wound up only upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (a) The determination of a majority in interest of the Members to dissolve the Company; (b) The sale, exchange, involuntary conversion, or other disposition or Transfer of all or substantially all the assets of the Company; or (c) The entry of a decree of judicial dissolution under § 18-802 of the Delaware [Limited Liability Company] Act.

- 132. Section 18-802 of the Delaware LLC Act provides that a member may seek dissolution of a limited liability company "whenever it is not reasonably practicable to carry on the business in conformity with a limited liability company agreement."
- 133. Savant Holdings' purpose is to "engage in (i) the holding of equities in operating
 subsidiaries (the 'Business') and (ii) any and all activities necessary or incidental thereto." Savant
 Addiction exchanged the 18-MC Assets for 55 million MindMed shares and is now simply a passive investment vehicle under Mr. Hurst's control. Savant Inc. no longer performs any function, as
 the work on the 18-MC Project that it previously managed is now performed by MindMed. Following the sale of Savant Addiction's 18-MC Assets, the "subsidiaries" no longer operated or engaged in any "Business."
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 134. Since Hurst would not dissolve the Savant Entities upon the closing of the
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 MindMed transaction, the members took it on themselves to do so. In October 2020, a majority of
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 breach of the operating agreements, Hurst refused to dissolve the companies.
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 135. Further, in October 2020, Freeman and Hurst reached an agreement to transfer all
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 26. MindMed shares to Savant members, both locked and unlocked, as long as Freeman paid \$20,000
 21. In attorney fees to facilitate the transaction, which Freeman promptly did.
- 136. Freeman's attorney wrote to Savant's counsel Ng about the validity of the dissolution agreement. In an October 6, 2020 email response, Ng stated he had not reached a determination about the validity of the dissolution agreement. Nevertheless, he represented that this issue
 was immaterial since all shares would be promptly distributed to the members in accordance with the Hurst/Freeman transfer agreement:
 - We have not reached a conclusion as to the notice. However, we are nonetheless proceeding to facilitate the distribution of the MindMed shares to

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the LLC members since, as Steve mentioned on the call, even he is interested in getting things resolved and ultimately wrapped up due to the heavy administrative burden. As things stand right now, we plan to follow Peter's lead as described in his email on Sunday and hopefully we can all get the distribution moving in the timeline and manner he discussed.

4 137. Of course, this was another delay tactic. Instead of releasing the MindMed shares to
5 Savant's members as agreed, Hurst retained control over the MindMed shares and the power to
6 vote them for as long as he could. And after it became apparent that he would need to relinquish
7 control because of the pressure that Freeman and other members were exerting to force a distribu8 tion, he appointed Burbank to conceal his longstanding misconduct.

9 138. As described above, this maneuvering has cost Savant members a board seat with
10 the member of their choosing and over \$100 million in the loss of their investment with Savant.

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E. Scheme 4: Hurst Diverts BOL-148 to Ceruvia

12 139. As with the other schemes, the BOL-148 gambit described below was based on
Hurst's control over Savant and his ability to withhold information from and bully Savant members. Hurst used this power to divert the opportunity to develop BOL-148 to another company for
his personal gain.

16 140. BOL-148 has immense therapeutic value because it is a derivative (congener) of
17 LSD that does not cause hallucination. Dr. R. Andrew Sewell conducted a study of patients with
18 cluster headaches and found that LSD and psilocybin are better than standard drugs at treating
19 cluster headaches. Sewell also studied BOL-148 and found it was effective in cluster headaches
20 and filed a patent. In other words, cluster headaches could be treated by an LSD congener that did
21 have a hallucinogenic side effect.

141. Savant began a program to develop BOL-148, which included a draft licensing
agreement for the Sewell patent, small amounts of BOL-148, and a clinical development plan. Additionally, Savant had a meeting with Teva Pharmaceutical to discuss partnering the BOL-148 program with them.

26 142. While Savant's plans were hampered by lack of funds, the Savant members always
27 understood that BOL-148 was among its assets.

1 143. In 2015 or 2016, Freeman asked Hurst about the status of BOL-148 and the licens 2 ing of the Sewell patent. In response, Hurst revealed that Savant had not paid the drug's \$50,000
 3 license fee and the license now belonged to defendant Turnbull, a Savant Addiction Medicine
 4 member, and his company, Ceruvia Lifesciences.

5 144. Freeman was initially taken aback by this news. The only way that Turnbull would
6 have known about the existence of the Sewell patent license would have been if he had learned it
7 from Hurst. To the extent Hurst was going to discuss the patent with Turnbull, a member of Savant
8 Addiction Medicine, it should have been subject to a non-disclosure agreement that would have
9 prevented Turnbull from cutting Savant out.

10 145. Additionally, even if Savant did not have \$50,000 in cash on hand, Hurst should
11 have come to Freeman and the other Savant members to ask for the \$50,000 before making the de12 cision to gift the patent to Turnbull for zero compensation. Freeman had already loaned Savant en13 titles \$800,000 and under the circumstances would have loaned an additional \$50,000 to protect
14 something so valuable as the intellectual property to BOL-148. The operating agreements mandate
15 that the managing member come to members before making material decisions or selling assets.

16 146. However, Hurst assured Freeman that it was still a Savant project and the company
17 would be working alongside Turnbull once there was any progress with the drug's development.
18 At the time, Freeman trusted Hurst and thus he reasonably believed Hurst's representation that
19 BOL-148 was still a Savant project. He would later learn that Hurst was deceiving him.

20 147. On information and belief, Hurst actively worked for Turnbull/Ceruvia while Hurst
21 was Chairman/CEO of MindMed and CEO of Savant, sometime between 2016 to at least the fall
22 of 2019. This included assisting Ceruvia, a competitor, in filing FDA documents. Hurst continued
23 to represent that he was working with Turnbull entities under the guise that this was a collabora24 tive effort between Savant and Ceruvia, and the fruits of his labor would become Savant or
25 MindMed property. This again was a lie.

26 148. Over this period, Hurst helped Ceruvia in other ways. He put the company in touch
27 with Dr. Matthias Liechti, a MindMed consultant in Switzerland, by MindMed consultants/em28 ployees, so that Turnbull's company could work with Dr. Liechti on BOL-148.

1 149. Hurst also hired personnel at MindMed who were current and former employees of
 2 Turnbull working on the BOL-148 program and possibly the LSD program at both companies, in 3 cluding Kathleen Monroe (now Ceruvia's COO), Jeanne Bonnelle (head of Ceruvia's quality con 4 trol and CMC), Don Gelhert (Savant Scientific Officer and Ceruvia consultant), Judy Ashworth (in
 5 charge of clinical and regulatory strategy at Ceruvia and MindMed), and Jack Henningfield (an
 6 advisor on regulatory affairs at Ceruvia and MindMed).

7 150. These Ceruvia consultants/employees controlled the destiny of key MindMed drug
8 development programs. Accordingly, conflicted employees were making critical decisions, which
9 potentially slowed the clinical development of MindMed's pipeline.

10 151. In or around November 2019, Freeman became aware that Turnbull/Ceruvia was
publicly representing that it was engaged in clinical trials on BOL-148 for the treatment of migraines, cluster headaches, opioid use disorder, and alcohol use disorder. This was directly at odds
with what Hurst had represented to him about Savant benefitting from any work Ceruvia did on
BOL-148. He notified Rahm and Latchman, and the three of them confronted Hurst about why
MindMed's CEO was working with a competitor.

16 152. Hurst told Latchman, Rahm and Freeman that Savant projects like BOL-148 and
17 Ceruvia projects on psilocybin for alcoholism would be coming to MindMed under Savant's col18 laboration with Ceruvia. In other words, he repeated the false claim that he had previously made to
19 Freeman.

153. Freeman then spoke to Hurst privately and asked why he was working with a competitor company. Hurst responded that "Carey is my partner like you." Freeman then told Hurst
that it was a conflict of interest to be CEO of both Savant and MindMed and also partnering with
another company developing the exact same drugs as Savant/MindMed. Freeman further told
Hurst he had to make a choice either to be CEO of Savant/MindMed or resign and work at Ceruvia.

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F. <u>Scheme 5: The Criminal Enterprise</u>

27 154. After Freeman confronted Hurst about Hurst's conflict of interest in partnering with
28 Turnbull while acting as the CEO/Chairman of MindMed/Savant, Hurst could have resigned from

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MindMed/Savant, kept his MindMed founders' stock, and worked with Turnbull/Ceruvia. Not
 only did Hurst fail to relent, but he doubled down on surreptitiously assisting Ceruvia at the expense of MindMed.

4 155. Hurst coordinated with Turnbull and his companies, CH-TAC and Ceruvia, to com5 mit the wrongful acts described above against Belga, Freeman, Rahn, Latchman, Savant members
6 and MindMed shareholders with the purpose of maintaining Hurst's "steel grip" on Sa7 vant/MindMed and misappropriating intellectual property from Savant and MindMed.

8 156. In schemes 1-4 described above, predicate acts of fraud were used to gain control
9 of Savant/MindMed to transfer intellectual property to CH-TAC/Ceruvia.

a. Hurst transferred Savant's BOL-148 program to Turnbull under the guise
that it was a joint development.

b. Hurst used Belga to raise money but rather than diluting his "iron-fist" control over Savant by making Belga CEO and giving him a 20% stake under the terms of the
contract, he dismissed Belga.

c. Hurst misled MindMed investors Rahn and Latchman about the quality of
18-MC so that Savant would get 55,000,000 shares of MindMed compared to the investors' 35,000,000 shares, thus giving Savant (Hurst) board control.

18d.Hurst ignored the Savant operating agreement and tied up the MindMed19shares in Savant Addiction Medicine so that as managing member he could appoint himself20Chairman/CEO of MindMed and vote the Savant "voting block" which controlled the21MindMed Board of Directors.

e. Hurst converted the MindMed common shares to Multiple Voting Shares, at 100:1 ratio, to further prevent MindMed shareholders from gaining access to their shares.

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f. Hurst agreed to settle Savant's past-due debts on the Freeman loan with 5,000,000 MindMed shares as a carrot to string Freeman along and to prevent him from objecting to Hurst's misconduct, but then reneged when Freeman would not agree to simply let Hurst vote Freeman's shares indefinitely.

g. Hurst continued to work with CH-TAC/Ceruvia as CEO/Chairman of

MindMed under the guise of BOL-148 being a joint development program between Savant/CH-TAC/Ceruvia.

h. Hurst as CEO/Chairman of MindMed commingled five Ceruvia employees/consultants with MindMed personnel. As will be described below, the commingling of
assets/personnel with Ceruvia led to MindMed giving up its BOL-148 program to Ceruvia
and MindMed giving Ceruvia intellectual property and manufacturing rights to LSD.

7 157. Thus, the culmination of Hurst's enterprise was to loot Savant and MindMed's
8 BOL-148 and LSD intellectual property and give it to Ceruvia, a company in which he and Turn9 bull could continue to exercise control over after his ouster from MindMed.

10 158. The ultimate prize in the scheme was gaining control of MindMed's intellectual
property, since Hurst as a patent attorney understood that MindMed's drugs (LSD and BOL-148)
would become very valuable, and as MindMed spent hundreds of millions of dollars for clinical
drug development, they would eventually have to buy back their intellectual property rights or acquire Ceruvia.

15 159. In April 2020, Hurst announced internally that MindMed should discontinue its efforts to find independent manufacturers to acquire pharmaceutical grade LSD to use in clinical trials. According to Hurst, MindMed could obtain access to LSD from Ceruvia because it has LSD
manufacturing technology but "isn't interested in LSD." He guaranteed that Onyx, Ceruvia's contract manufacturer, could produce the LSD in time to maintain MindMed's LSD clinical trial start
dates and in the process halted any efforts by Freeman/Rahn to find other potential LSD manufacturing sources.

160. While Hurst/MindMed did not reach a deal with Ceruvia at that time for LSD manufacturing rights from its manufacturer, Onyx, as was later learned by Freeman, Hurst continued to
slow-play MindMed's efforts to acquire LSD. In so doing, he jeopardized the start date for clinical
trials that were set to begin by the end of the year because MindMed's manufacturing of LSD by
Onyx had stalled. Hurst knew for months that LSD manufacturing was problematic but did nothing to mitigate the risk by looking for another manufacturer.

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161. By November 2020, this self-created situation had become a crisis for MindMed

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since it needed LSD to conduct clinical trials. This desperate need for pharmaceutical grade LSD
 also created an opportunity for Hurst to lock-in certain of the gains he had already achieved for
 Ceruvia.

4 162. In November 2020, Hurst told the MindMed Executive Committee and subse5 quently the Board that getting pharmaceutical grade LSD was not possible and, because LSD was
6 MindMed's flagship drug, MindMed would thus fail if pharmaceutical LSD wasn't immediately
7 obtained.

Despite the conflict of interest, Hurst reached an agreement in principle with 163. 8 Tunrbull to acquire 50 grams of pharmaceutical grade LSD. Turnbull, who was using the same 9 manufacturer, Onyx, was going to start a manufacturing run on or about November 16, 2019. Alt-10 hough Hurst had claimed Ceruvia wasn't interested in LSD, in fact that was a lie. In exchange, 11 MindMed would: (1) pay \$300,000 to Ceruvia; (2) agree not to manufacture BOL-148 or compete 12 with Ceruvia on the development of BOL-148 for regulatory approval; and (3) agree not to assert 13any future LSD patent intellectual property rights against Ceruvia, such that Ceruvia's rights to 14 manufacture or sell LSD would remain unchanged. 15

This one-sided transaction was a catastrophe for MindMed because it gave a com-16 164. petitor (Ceruvia) the perpetual right to manufacture, develop and sell BOL-148 and LSD. Never-17theless, MindMed had no choice but to agree to the deal because it was boxed into a corner by 18 Hurst/Turnbull since it had no other source for pharmaceutical grade LSD that could produce suf-19 ficient quantities to permit the trials to go forward. Hurst gave the Board twenty-four hours to 20 agree to the terms he alone negotiated with Carey Turnbull, his long-time associate and Savant 21Addiction Medicine member and one-time employer. According to Hurst, there was no ability to 22negotiate the one-side deal. Hurst was the only MindMed employee directly negotiating with 23Turnbull in a non-arm's length transaction. As Hurst told Rahn, who questioned the one-sidedness 24of the deal, take it as is or the "deal is off." 25

26 165. In or around November 14, 2020, at an emergency board meeting, MindMed
27 agreed to the "gun-to-the-head" deal with Ceruvia.

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166. Hurst's relationship with Ceruvia eventually became too much for MindMed to

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bear. In February 2020, Hurst resigned as CEO/Chairman of MindMed but remained as a director,
 and Perry Dellelce became Chairman. On information and belief, Dellelce was aware of Hurst's
 relationship with Ceruvia and forced Hurst out because of Hurst's self-dealing.

4 167. But by that time the damage had been done, and why Dellelce as chairman took no
5 further action remains unclear.

Further, still in control of the shares belonging to Freeman and the other Savant 6 168. members, Hurst used Savant's voting rights for the 55,000,000 shares to negotiate a severance 7 agreement when he stepped down as chairman/CEO of Savant, whereby Hurst agreed to vote the 8 shares with management at the shareholders meeting in May 2020. These votes were important 9 since they represented about 17% of MindMed outstanding shares. A quorum for the shareholders 10meeting required 33% and at that meeting 37% of shares were voted. In other words, had Hurst 11 withheld the MindMed shares, there would not have been a quorum, or if he used the shares to 12vote against management it could have been a close election. This demonstrates the enormous 13power of the Savant voting block and Hurst's ability to commingle MindMed assets and personnel 14with Turnbull companies/Ceruvia for the benefit of the Hurst/Turnbull/Ceruvia enterprise. 1516 169. Hurst acknowledged this power in his September 9, 2020 email to Freeman, which shows why Hurst would not release the MindMed shares to Savant members and tried to hold 17Freeman's 5,000,000 share loan payoff hostage: 18 So as I understand the situation, even though the Savant block is not a ma-19jority, as votes go in Canada I've been told that a 20% block generally controls the outcome of a shareholder vote, which means that Savant likely now 20controls the board membership and any other issue that might require a shareholder vote in the future. And on most issues I think JR would vote 21with Savant, giving us a lock. Once the shares are distributed, unless there is a voting rights agreement we likely give up that control. 2223(Emphasis added.) In August 2021 Freeman for the first time found the proof on Ceruvia's website 24170. that Ceruvia is a "shadow company" to MindMed, developing the same drugs (psilocybin, LSD, 25BOL-148) and sharing five employees. Hurst/Turnbull own the IP rights for LSD. So even once 26MindMed spends hundreds of millions of dollars to obtain FDA approval for LSD, Hurst/Turnbull 27

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can either sell LSD through Ceruvia or sell MindMed back its intellectual property rights, which
 could then be worth close to \$1 billion.

3 171. The value of the intellectual property following FDA approval is far from hypothet4 ical. Rob Barrow, the CEO of MindMed, gave an interview to Forbes magazine in June 2021,
5 while Hurst and Dellelce were directors at MindMed. In the interview, Barrow touted the "block6 buster" potential of BOL-148, a non-hallucinogenic version of LSD and a drug that Sa7 vant/MindMed had given its IP rights to Ceruvia.

8 172. He is quoted as saying; "The question is open: do you need the trip or not? There 9 are a lot of assumptions and we still need more data to objectively determine if we do or don't," he 10 says. "We have an inherent need to understand it, if we could turn LSD or psilocybin into a drug 11 that doesn't make you trip for eight hours, we have a blockbuster in the making with tolerable side 12 effects," he said.

13 173. In September 2021, Freeman wrote to the MindMed Board exposing this conflict
14 between Hurst and Turnbull/Ceruvia, and within months Hurst (a board member), Dellelce (Chair15 man of the Board), and Gehlert (Chief Science Officer) all resigned from their positions.

16 174. Using his control of the 55 million-share Savant voting bloc, Hurst controlled
17 MindMed. Hurst's activities, mismanagement and malfeasance are therefore responsible for
18 MindMed performance, including the direct loss to Savant members of their voting rights—which
19 they could have exercised to appoint an unconflicted steward and avoid losses of over \$100 mil20 lion dollars in the past 18 months.

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FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF DECLARATORY JUDGMENT (ALL DEFENDANTS)

175. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.

176. An actual legal controversy exists between plaintiff and defendants, including as to
a. whether plaintiff is owed membership interests in MindMed pursuant to an
accord and satisfaction, loan agreement, or other contract;

b. whether defendants have committed racketeering acts under the laws of the
United States, the State of California, or any other state;

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-	c. whether defendants are alter egos of one another; in particular whether
1	Hurst is the alter ego of Savant Addiction, and whether Turnbull and Hurst are the alter
2	egos of Ceruvia.
3	177. Plaintiff and defendants have adverse legal positions with respect to their existing
4	legal controversy, and plaintiff has a legally protectable interest as to whether it is entitled to relief
5	under the contract or as a member of Savant Holdings and Savant Inc.
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7	178. The existing legal controversy between plaintiff and defendants is ripe for judicial
8	determination.
9	179. As a result of the parties' dispute, plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment from this
10	Court declaring that plaintiff is entitled to enforce his right to membership interests in MindMed
11	and Savant Addiction and to obtain damages.
12	SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF
13	BREACH OF CONTRACT (FREEMAN V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)
14	180. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.
15	181. Freeman and Savant Addiction, as the alter ego of Hurst, entered into a valid and
16	existing contract with respect to a settlement of loans, constituting an accord and satisfaction of
17	the original loans of HPW Inc. and Savant Holdings, if paid.
18	182. Freeman performed under the contract by (1) covenanting not to bring a claim
19	against Savant under the original loans, (2) paying for and facilitating the reconversion of the mul-
20	tiple voting shares into common shares and their distribution to Freeman in his name, and (3) re-
21	fraining from enforcing the executory accord until Hurst and Savant Addiction defaulted on their
22	obligations under the accord.
23	183. Alternatively, Belga was excused from performance because Hurst anticipatorily
24	breached the agreement in July 2021, when through Savant's counsel Hurst indicated that he con-
25	sidered the agreement invalid.
26	184. Savant Addiction, as the alter ego of Hurst, breached the agreement in failing to
27	provide the promised shares of MindMed.
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1	185. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' breach, plaintiff has suffered gen-								
2	eral and special damages in excess of \$15,000.								
3	186. Plaintiff is also entitled to specific performance of the agreement. If the shares								
4	have been alienated, plaintiff is entitled to trace the proceeds and impose a constructive trust on								
5	Hurst and any other transferee of the 55 million MindMed shares distributed by Hurst or Savant								
6	Addiction.								
7	187. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-								
8	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.								
9	THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF								
10	BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING (FREEMAN V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)								
11	188. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.								
12	189. The law implies into each contract or agreement a covenant of good faith and fair								
13	dealing.								
14	190. The accord and satisfaction in settlement of Freeman's loans includes an implied, if								
15	not express, covenant of good faith and fair dealing.								
16	191. The acts and omissions of defendant Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, as de-								
17	scribed above-including but not limited to (1) converting the 55 million Class A common shares								
18	(including the 5 million owed to Freeman) to multiple voting shares, (2) failing to obtain any au-								
19	thorizations necessary to effectuate the agreement and distribution of shares, and failing to put the								
20	loan modification to a vote of the members, (3) after Hurst's own unexcused delays for over a								
21	year, attempting to renegotiate the number of shares based on the increased share price, and (4) re-								
22	taliating against Freeman for seeking to exercise his voting rights in the shares due to be distrib-								
23	uted to him—have deprived plaintiff of the benefits that plaintiff bargained for.								
24	192. In addition, there is a special relationship of trust or a fiduciary relationship be-								
25	5 tween Freeman and Hurst. Freeman and Hurst have been partners for more than a decade, and								
26	Freeman has always trusted Hurst to act in Freeman's best interest because of their common (and								
27	at times nearly identical) equity in the Savant entities. Freeman could not have anticipated that								
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Hurst's interest in Ceruvia would cause Hurst to act in Ceruvia's best interests rather than Free-1 $\mathbf{2}$ man's. 193. The breach of this special relationship of trust is tortious bad faith. 3 As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged 194. 4 in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages. 5Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-195. 6 curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach. 7 FOURTH ALTERNATIVE CLAIM FOR RELIEF 8 UNJUST ENRICHMENT (FREEMAN V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION) 9 Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim. 196. 10 Plaintiff has not been paid for the amount it has enriched defendants, including (1) 197. 11 the loans and other contributions by plaintiff that enabled Savant Addiction to develop MC-18 for 12 sale to MindMed; and (2) plaintiff's forbearance in not bringing an action to enforce the loan 13agreements or, during the pendency of the lock-out period, the accord and satisfaction. 14 In the event that Freeman is found not to have an enforceable contract, defendants 198. 15have been unjustly enriched by plaintiff. 16Plaintiff is entitled to compensation for the amount defendants have been unjustly 17199. enriched and is entitled to punitive damages. 18If the shares representing the value of plaintiff's contribution have been alienated, 200. 19plaintiff is entitled to trace the proceeds and impose a constructive trust on Hurst and any other 20transferee of the 55 million MindMed shares distributed by Hurst or Savant Addiction. 21Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-22201. curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions. 2324FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF **PROMISSORY OR EQUITABLE ESTOPPEL** 25(FREEMAN V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION) 26Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim. 202. 27Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, was apprised of the true facts when Hurst 203. 28promised plaintiff that it would settle plaintiff's loans for a distribution of 5 million MindMed 36 COMPLAINT

1 Class A shares.

Hurst intended that his conduct would be acted upon. Indeed, Hurst wanted to pla-204. $\mathbf{2}$ cate plaintiff so that plaintiff would not pursue a lawsuit or other claim just as Hurst was consoli-3 dating power over MindMed. That is why Hurst continued to reinforce the promise for months af-4 ter it was made. 5205. Plaintiff was ignorant of the true state of facts-that Hurst did not intend to honor 6 the promise and intended to, for the first time, suggest that he could not proceed without share-7 holder approval and the drop in stock price more than a year after the promise would warrant a re-8 negotiation. 9 Plaintiff relied to his detriment on Hurst's words and conduct, allowing Hurst to ex-206. 10 ercise control over Savant Addiction with the promise that Hurst would ultimately distribute plain-11 tiff's shares. 12As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged 207. 13in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages. 14 208. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-15curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions. 16 17SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF **BREACH OF CONTRACT (BELGA V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)** 18 Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim. 209. 19 Belga and Savant Addiction, as the alter ego of Hurst, entered into a valid and ex-210. 20isting contract with respect to fundraising for Savant. 21Belga performed under the contract by securing more than \$5 million in fundrais-22211. ing, including through the opportunities that led to the financing of Savant Addiction's reverse 23takeover of MindMed. 24Alternatively, Belga was excused from performance because Hurst's usurping of 212. 25the opportunity and signing the financing agreement made it impossible for Belga to perform. 26Savant Addiction, as the alter ego of Hurst, breached the agreement in failing to 213. 2728provide the promised equity, position, title, and salary. 37 COMPLAINT

Case 3:22-cv-05022 Document 1 Filed 09/02/22 Page 109 of 164 214. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' breach, plaintiff has suffered gen-1 $\mathbf{2}$ eral and special damages in excess of \$15,000. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-215. 3 4 curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach. 5SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING 6 (BELGA V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION) Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim. 216. 7 The law implies into each contract or agreement a covenant of good faith and fair 217. 8 9 dealing. The fundraising agreement includes an implied, if not express, covenant of good 218. 10 11 faith and fair dealing. 219. The acts and omissions of defendant Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, as de-12scribed above—including, but not limited to, stepping in to finalize the financing deal that Belga 13initiated and that would not have been possible but for Belga's diligent fundraising efforts—have 14deprived plaintiff of the benefits that plaintiff bargained for. 15In addition, there is a special relationship of trust or a fiduciary relationship be-220. 16tween Belga and Hurst. Belga had an expectation that Hurst would cooperate in allowing Belga to 17earn his equity in Savant Addiction and step into the CEO role. Hurst had an obligation not to 18 place his own interests above Belga's or to in any way thwart or undermine Belga from counting 19his fundraising efforts toward the \$5 million needed to obtain the 20% equity interest and the \$2 20million needed to become CEO. 21 The breach of this special relationship of trust is tortious bad faith. 22221. 23222. Hurst's actions with respect to Ceruvia and in failing to put the loan modification to 24a vote of the members, have deprived Plaintiff of benefits that Plaintiff had bargained for. 223. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, Plaintiff has been damaged 25in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages. 26224. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-27curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach. 28

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$1 \\ 2$	EIGHTH ALTERNATIVE CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNJUST ENRICHMENT (BELGA V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)							
$\frac{2}{3}$	225. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.							
4	226. Plaintiff has not been paid for the amount it has enriched defendants, including the							
5	labor and other services provided to secure fundraising for Savant.							
6	227. In the event that Belga is found not to have an enforceable contract, defendants							
7	have been unjustly enriched by plaintiff.							
8	228. Plaintiff is entitled to compensation for the amount defendants have been unjustly							
9	enriched and is entitled to punitive damages.							
10	229. If the shares representing the value of plaintiff's contribution have been alienated,							
11	plaintiff is entitled to trace the proceeds and impose a constructive trust on Hurst and any other							
12	transferee of the 55 million MindMed shares distributed by Hurst or Savant Addiction.							
13	230. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-							
14	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions.							
15 16	NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF PROMISSORY OR EQUITABLE ESTOPPEL (BELGA V. HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)							
17	231. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.							
18	232. Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, was apprised of the true facts when Hurst							
19	promised plaintiff that it would provide Belga equity in the company and the role of CEO based							
20	on his fundraising abilities.							
21	233. Hurst intended that his conduct would be acted upon— <i>i.e.</i> , that Belga would actu-							
22	ally expend substantial efforts and resources to raise funds for Savant.							
23	234. Belga was ignorant of the true state of facts—that Hurst did not intend to honor the							
24	promise and would simply give Belga nothing after a sustained and successful fundraising effort.							
25	235. Plaintiff relied to his detriment on Hurst's words and conduct, as he would not have							
26	committed the time and resources toward locating valuable opportunities for Savant—ultimately							
27	worth in excess of \$5 million—without compensation.							
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1	236. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' breach, plaintiff has suffered gen-							
2	eral and special damages in excess of \$15,000, and punitive damages.							
3	237. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-							
4	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions.							
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6	TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF <u>CONVERSION (HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)</u>							
7	238. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.							
8	239. Plaintiff undisputedly has personal property rights in approximately 7 million							
9	shares of MindMed Class A common stock, representing Freeman's equity interest in MindMed.							
10	Plaintiff also has personal property rights in 5 million shares of MindMed Class A common stock							
11	and, as Belga's assignee, in 20% of the membership interests in Savant; 11,000,000 MindMed							
12	shares.							
13	240. Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, committed a distinct act of dominion							
14	wrongfully exerted over plaintiff's personal property, including the stocks and membership inter-							
15	ests. In particular, Hurst has taken the voting rights and other intangible benefits of equity owner-							
16	ship, converting them for his own use.							
17	241. The act was in denial of, or inconsistent with, plaintiff's title or rights therein. In-							
18	deed, the voting rights alone in Freeman's approximately 12 million shares would have been wort							
19	at least \$4,620,000 at the time Hurst wrongfully converted those voting shares to himself.							
20	242. The act was in derogation, exclusion, or defiance of plaintiff's title or rights in the							
21	personal property.							
22	243. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged							
23	in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages.							
24	244. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-							
25	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.							
26	ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF							
27	FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION (HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)							
28	245. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.							

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246. Savant Addiction, as alter ego of Hurst, made false representations to Belga, includ ing that Belga would become CEO and claim a 20% equity ownership in Savant Addiction after
 raising \$5 million; 20% equates to 11,000,000 MindMed shares of the 55,000,000 MindMed
 shares Savant Addiction received. Hurst also falsely stated that the "planned" leadership of Savant
 would include Belga as CEO.

Hurst also made false representations to Freeman, including specifically the offer in 6 247. June 2019 to settle his claims for nonpayment of his loans for 5 million MindMed shares, as dis-7 cussed in multiple e-mails. In reality, Hurst intended only to expose Freeman to the downside risk 8 that the shares would become less valuable. Hurst also planned to unilaterally convert all 55 mil-9 lion shares from MindMed to multiple voting shares rather than common shares. Hurst made vari-10 ous excuses for why the distributions had to be postponed but had no intention of actually making 11 a distribution in Freeman's name that would have jeopardized Hurst's voting bloc and its concomi-12tant control over Savant and MindMed. 13

14 248. Hurst also falsely represented to Freeman that he could not approve the 5 million
15 shares without membership approval, despite a long history of other agreements Hurst entered into
16 without that approval—including the formation of MindMed itself—and despite Hurst's role as
17 the alter ego of Savant Addiction and Savant Holdings.

18 249. While conspiring with Turnbull and Ceruvia, Hurst falsely represented that BOL19 148 was a joint development between Savant and Turnbull/Ceruvia and that the only reason for
20 Turnbull/Ceruvia's involvement was because Savant did not have the resources to develop it. And
21 the reason that Hurst was working with Turnbull/Ceruvia was that the BOL-148 and other Ceruvia
22 studies were coming to MindMed since Savant was a development partner.

23 250. Defendants knew or believed that all of these representations were false, or else had
24 insufficient basis to make the representation.

25 251. Defendants intended to induce Belga to rely on the representation regarding consid26 eration for his fundraising.

27 252. Belga did so, justifiably, by performing the work he expected would yield a 20%
28 equity stake in Savant Addiction and the position of CEO.

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2	253. Likewise, defendants intended to induce Freeman to rely on the misrepresentations.								
3	That is why Hurst had no problem with Freeman paying Volk, MindMed's counsel, \$20,000 to re-								
4	convert shares, even though Hurst had no intention of distributing the 5 million shares to Freeman.								
5	Defendants also intended to induce Freeman to rely on the misrepresentations about BOL-148 so								
6	that Freeman would not raise the alarm to the board regarding Hurst's and Turnbull's conflicts of								
7	interests.								
8	254. Freeman in fact relied, justifiably, on defendants' misrepresentations, to his detri-								
9	ment.								
10	255. Hurst back dated Savant HWP Inc. options and tendered them to Belga under the								
11	guise that they were options from Hurst's own shares.								
12	256. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged								
13	in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to punitive damages.								
14	257. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-								
15	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.								
16	TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF								
17	TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AND DUTY OF LOYALTY (HURST)								
18	258. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.								
19	259. Hurst owes a fiduciary duty and duty of loyalty to plaintiff. These duties arise not								
20	just from the operating agreements and the parties' mutual service on the MindMed board of direc-								
21	tors, ⁵ but also from the parties' longstanding partnership that predates even the formation of Sa-								
22	vant's operating agreements. Over the course of more than a decade, Freeman had come to trust								
23	Hurst and rely on his judgment, expecting that Hurst would act in Freeman's best interest and								
24	those of Savant and MindMed.								
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27	⁵ Unlike Delaware, Canada does not allow any "provision in a contract, the articles, the by-laws or a resolution relieves a director or officer from the duty to act in accordance with this Act or the regulations or relieves them from								
28	liability for a breach thereof," Can. Bus. Corp. Act § 122(3), so directors are absolutely required to "act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the corporation," <i>id.</i> § $122(1)(a)$.								
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Hurst breached that trust by repeatedly placing his own interests and those of Turn-260. 1 bull and Ceruvia—a company in which Freeman, MindMed, and Savant have no stake—above $\mathbf{2}$ those of Freeman. This caused Hurst to prioritize keeping his "voting bloc" together over distrib-3 uting shares to Freeman, even though MindMed's counsel and Canaccord were prepared to let 4 Freeman have the shares issued in his name and Freeman paid the \$20,000 legal fees as requested 5by Hurst. And it caused Hurst to use the voting bloc to embed Ceruvia into MindMed and, with 6 the LSD-manufacturing catastrophe, subordinate MindMed to Ceruvia and fritter away $\overline{7}$ 8 MindMed's intellectual property.

Hurst has prevented Savant members from getting their shares from Savant Inc. In 9 261. doing so, he has conspired with Burbank: Savant Inc. is 52% owned by Savant Holdings, for 10which Burbank is the trustee and has a duty to Savant Holding members. Under Delaware law, a 11 corporation has to have annual shareholders meetings and the board needs to be voted on by mem-12bers. Hurst has done none of this; there has never been an annual shareholders meeting and Hurst 13 has appointed the board. As the Savant Holdings liquidating trustee, Burbank should have also dis-14 solved Savant Inc. and distributed 5,500,000 MindMed shares or directed that Hurst do so in ac-15 cordance with applicable corporate-governance law. 16

17 262. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged
18 in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages.

19 263. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-20 curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.

THIRTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF BREACH OF OPERATING AGREEMENT (HURST)

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264. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.

24 265. Section 7.02(b) of Savant Holdings' Operating Agreement provides that its manag25 ing member – *i.e.*, Mr. Hurst – may not authorize Savant Holdings to "make any material change
26 to the nature of the Business conducted by the Company or enter into any business other than the
27 Business" without first obtaining the "written approval of a majority-in-interest of the Members."

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266. Additionally, Section 7.02(h) of the Savant Holdings Operating Agreement requires
 written approval of a majority-in-interest of the Members as a prerequisite to the Managing Mem ber authorizing the Company to "enter into or effect any transaction or series of related transac tions involving the sale, lease, license, exchange or other disposition (including by merger, consol idation, sale of stock or sale of assets) by the Company of any assets, other than sales of inventory
 in the course of business consistent with past practice."

In authorizing Savant Addiction to enter into the Agreements, Mr. Hurst was acting 267. 7 in his capacity as managing member of Savant Holdings and was therefore constrained by that en-8 tity's operating agreement. The Savant Holdings Operating Agreement makes clear that its manag-9 ing member may not make any material change to the nature of the "Business" -i.e., Savant Hold-10 ings' operating subsidiaries Savant Addiction and Savant Inc. - absent the written consent of at 11 least 51% of Savant Holdings's members. The MindMed Transaction undoubtedly made material 12changes to the "Business," as it transferred the 18-MC Assets to MindMed. Indeed, while the op-13 erating subsidiaries had once been responsible for developing the 18-MC Program, following the 14MindMed Transaction, Savant Inc. serves no function whatsoever and Savant Addiction merely 15holds 55 million shares of MindMed stock, to be voted as a bloc by Mr. Hurst. Mr. Hurst was 16therefore required by Section 7.02(b) of the Operating Agreement to obtain written approval of a 17majority-in-interest of Savant Holdings' members prior to executing the Agreements. Mr. Hurst, 1819however, breached the HWP Operating Agreement by proceeding without the required member 20consent.

21 268. Moreover, Section 7.02(h) does not differentiate between assets held directly or in22 directly by Savant Holdings. HWP indirectly owned the 18-MC Assets which were exchanged for
23 MindMed stock and, as the managing member of Savant Addiction, Savant Holdings effected the
24 transaction by which such assets were exchanged for the MindMed shares. Here too, Mr. Hurst
25 was required to obtain authorization from a majority-in-interest of Savant Holdings' members
26 prior to authorizing the MindMed Transaction. But, in breach of the HWP Operating Agreement,
27 Mr. Hurst did not do so.

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269. Mr. Hurst also authorized Savant Addiction to falsely represent in the MindMed

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1	Agreements that it was fully authorized to enter into the Agreements and transfer the 18-MC As-								
2	sets to MindMed.								
3	270. In doing so, the Savant members only had a beneficial interest in their MindMed								
4	shares being held by Savant.								
5	271. Further the MindMed common shares were converted to Multiple Voting Shares.								
6	These actions:								
7	a. delayed Savant members from selling on public exchanges such as								
8	NASDAQ because when shares unlocked, they still needed to be converted back to com-								
9	mon shares, a complicated process that caused significant harm due to the rapid drop in								
10	stock price under Hurst's mismanagement; and								
11	b. prevented Savant members from selling locked MindMed shares to banks								
12	and private equity funds during the lock-up period.								
13	These delays cost Savant members millions of dollars since the stock price has been falling under								
14	Hurst's mismanagement and commingling of Ceruvia/Savant/MindMed assets to the benefit of								
15	Ceruvia.								
16	272. Furthermore, Savant shareholders could not vote their MindMed shares and remove								
17	Hurst as Chairman/CEO of MindMed to prevent his mismanagement. Nor could Savant members								
18	vote their shares to install a board that represented their interests.								
19	273. In particular, plaintiff could not vote his shares, as the largest MindMed share-								
20	holder, to appoint or assume a board seat and protect his interests.								
21	274. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' breach, plaintiff has suffered gen-								
22	eral and special damages in excess of \$15,000, and is entitled to punitive damages.								
23	275. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-								
24	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.								
25	FOURTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF								
26	DILUTION (HURST, SAVANT ADDICTION)								
27	276. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.								
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277. Savant Addiction, as the alter ego of Hurst, and Hurst as managing member of Savant Holdings and Savant Inc. had the power and obligation to ensure a proper accounting of the
 books and records and an accurate total of a member's membership interests or other assets in re lation to the overall equity.

5 278. Defendants improperly ignored that nearly 10% of the 55 million shares of
6 MindMed Class A stock should have been attributed to the Trust that were not. As a result, defend7 ants have diluted plaintiff, making the shares that he has from his equity contributions in Savant
8 Holdings and Savant Inc. less valuable.

9 279. As a corollary, plaintiff has also been improperly diluted in the exercise of voting
10 rights and the other rights of stock ownership. The voting rights alone in Freeman's approximately
11 12 million shares would have been worth at least \$4,620,000 at the time Freeman was wrongfully
12 diluted.

13 280. Freeman's MindMed shares represented a controlling interest in MindMed—over
14 5% of the outstanding shares—and thus he could have become or appointed a board member and
15 prevented Hurst's mismanagement with commingling Ceruvia and MindMed assets.

16 281. Hurst's control of Savant's MindMed shares (voting bloc) and co-mingling of as17 sets with Ceruvia caused MindMed's stock price to drop and cost Savant members tens of millions
18 of dollars, including the inability to:

a. sell MindMed shares on primary and secondary markets while the stock
price was high;

b. vote their MindMed shares to remove Hurst and prevent his mismanagement;

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c. vote for MindMed board members that represented their interests; and

24 d. allow Freeman, MindMed's largest shareholder, to obtain a board seat to
25 represent his own interests.

26 282. If Savant members had been permitted to exercise the rights associated with their
27 beneficial ownership of their shares, they could have prevented the substantial harm caused by
28 Hurst's mismanagement and co-mingling of Ceruvia and MindMed assets.

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1	283. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged								
2	in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages.								
3	284. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-								
4	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach.								
5	FIFTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF								
6	<u>CONSPIRACY (ALL DEFENDANTS)</u>								
7	285. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.								
8	286. Defendants, acting in concert, intended to accomplish an unlawful objective for the								
9	purpose of harming plaintiff. Specifically, as the alter egos of Ceruvia, Turnbull and Hurst con-								
10	spired to defraud MindMed by commingling employees, sabotaging MindMed's manufacturing								
11	process, and ultimately holding MindMed's board of directors hostage in the November 2020								
12	"deal" engineered by Turnbull and Hurst. This was no arm's-length transactions between competi-								
13	tors; it could not have been, given the overlapping roles of Turnbull, Hurst, and other Ceruvia con-								
14	sultants and employees embedded in MindMed. As a result of this self-dealing and crisis-making,								
15	MindMed lost its intellectual property to BOL-148 and likely to LSD to Ceruvia.								
16	287. In addition, defendant Burbank has conspired with Hurst to deprive Freeman of the								
17	5 million MindMed shares that Savant Addiction is obligated to distribute under the accord and								
18	satisfaction. Burbank and Hurst have elected to protect Hurst's self-dealing with Turnbull and Ce-								
19	ruvia rather than provide an accurate accounting—an accounting vital to ensure that shares and								
20	membership interests do not pass irretrievably into the wrong hands—before the dissolution of Sa-								
21	vant Addiction.								
22	288. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged								
23	in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages.								
24	289. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-								
25	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions.								
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SIXTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF <u>CIVIL RICO (18 U.S.C. § 1961 ET SEQ.) (ALL DEFENDANTS)</u>

290. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.

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291. Ceruvia is an enterprise engaged in and whose activities affect interstate commerce.
Hurst, Turnbull, Monroe, Bonnelle, Ashworth (in charge of clinical and regulatory strategy at Ceruvia), and Jack Henningfield are employed by or associated with Ceruvia.

7 292. Defendants agreed to and did conduct and participate in the conduct of the enter8 prise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity and for the unlawful purpose of intention9 ally defrauding plaintiff. Specifically,

10a.Hurst repeatedly in bad faith ignored the LLC form and the restrictions of11the operating agreements for Savant Holdings and Savant Inc. when it suited his interests12but whipsawed to enforce technicalities whenever doing so would allow him to escape an13obligation to recompense or others.

For instance, Hurst fraudulently misrepresented in e-mails to Belga that b. 14 Belga could become CEO and claim a 20% equity ownership in Savant Addiction after 15raising \$5 million. To escape this obligation after Belga initiated financing for the 16 MindMed Transaction, Hurst finalized the financing documents without notifying Belga 17 and then claimed that Hurst was responsible for the entire financing-even though the op-18portunity would not have arisen or been pursued without Belga's efforts. It was necessary 19to keep Belga from the CEO position and from a large equity stake in Savant Addiction to 20facilitate Hurst's self-dealing transactions with Ceruvia unimpeded. 21

c. Similarly, Hurst fraudulently represented to nonparties Rahn and Latchman
that 18-MC was a "phase 2 ready" drug to induce their investment in exchange for just 35
million MindMed shares, and then again fraudulently promised Rahn and Latchman a \$1
million bonus for raising more funds than their initial commitment, and then again promised the Savant BOL-148 program would become a MindMed program. Although Hurst
eventually settled these claims, he *ignored* the requirements of membership approval in doing so.

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d. Hurst defrauded Freeman by inducing him to settle his claims for nonpayment of his loans for 5 million MindMed shares, as discussed in multiple e-mails. In reality, Hurst intended only to expose Freeman to the downside risk that the shares would become less valuable. After Freeman carried that risk for more than a year but the promised shares grew more valuable, Hurst in bad faith disavowed their accord and tried to extort Freeman into accepting fewer shares, commensurate with the shares' increased value. Hurst continued to hold this leverage over Freeman because Hurst had refused to distribute the shares, even after Canaccord permitted the distribution and after Freeman paid Volk the legal fees for completing the distribution and reconversion to common shares.

Hurst, having made numerous previous agreements without shareholder ap-10 e. proval, had long acted as the alter ego of Savant Addiction and Savant Holdings. Yet now 11 Hurst uses that long-discarded requirement of shareholder approval to disavow Freeman's 12settlement, even though there is no evidence that Hurst even *asked* for that approval, and 13 there is no approval required in the operating agreement. 14

f. This fraud was compounded by the fact that, by refusing to distribute any shares to Freeman, who had contributed to the development of 18-MC, Freeman received no consideration for that intellectual property once Savant Addiction transferred it to MindMed. Although, as Hurst *himself* acknowledged, per the settlement agreement Freeman would have been the largest shareholder in MindMed, Hurst instead barred Freeman from any of the rights of his shareholder status, including the exercise of voting rights.

Expert analyses estimate that the value of a share's "voting rights" on averg. age amounts to 11% of the value of the share. The value increases substantially for the 22largest shareholder, who under Canadian law can effectively control a publicly traded com-23pany with 20% of the shares. But even with the conservative estimate of 11%, at the time 24of the shareholder meeting in July 2021, MindMed stock was trading at \$3.70, making the 25voting rights of each share about \$0.38. Hurst voted approximately 12,000,000 of Free-26man's shares-both those that were owed to Freeman because of his equity interest in Sa-27vant Holdings (Savant Addiction's majority member) and because of the 5 million shares 28

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1	owed in repayment of the loans. In total, therefore, Hurst owes Freeman at least								
2	\$4,620,000 for the deprivation of Freeman's voting rights.								
3	h. Hurst defrauded Freeman expressly to maintain Hurst's power via the vot-								
4	ing bloc—controlling all of Savant as its alter ego and MindMed with just 5% of the equity								
5	interest, which in turn enabled Hurst to self-deal with Ceruvia. The other investors in Sa-								
6	vant Holding likewise acquiesced in and abetted Hurst's fraud by allowing him to amend								
7	the operating agreement to keep the voting bloc intact.								
8	i. Hurst's control of Savant's MindMed shares (voting bloc) and co-mingling								
9	of assets with Ceruvia caused MindMed's stock price to drop and cost Savant members								
10	tens of millions of dollars, including the inability to								
11	• sell MindMed shares on primary and secondary markets while the								
12	stock price was high;								
13	• vote their MindMed shares to remove Hurst and prevent his mis-								
14	management;								
15	• vote for MindMed board members that represented their interests;								
16	and								
17	• allow Freeman, MindMed's largest shareholder, to obtain a board								
18	seat to represent his own interests.								
19	j. Ceruvia was the enterprise for which Hurst committed his fraudulent and								
20	extortive acts. As the alter egos of Ceruvia, Turnbull and Hurst conspired to defraud mem-								
21	bers of Savant Inc., Savant Holding, and Savant Addiction Medicine, and their beneficial								
22	interest in MindMed by commingling employees, sabotaging MindMed's manufacturing								
23	process, and ultimately holding MindMed's board of directors hostage to approve Hurst's								
24	self-dealing transactions with Ceruvia, including transactions (such as commingling Savant								
25	asset BOL-148 with Ceruvia) in which MindMed ceded valuable property rights to Ceru-								
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27	k. Each of these fraud claims follows a pattern because each relates to a singu-								
28	lar aim: Hurst defrauds people to gain control of (or keep others from gaining control of)								
	50 COMPLAINT								

the MindMed shares that made up Savant's voting bloc, so that he can enrich himself and 1 $\mathbf{2}$ Turnbull via their enterprise with Ceruvia. Pursuant to and in furtherance of their fraudulent scheme, defendant(s) committed 293. 3 4 multiple related acts of racketeering activity, including mail and wire fraud under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341 and 1343. Hurst's schemes—including those reneging on agreements with Belga and $\mathbf{5}$ Freeman and outlining the extortive scheme to transfer intellectual property from MindMed to Ce-6 ruvia—were communicated over e-mail using computers connected to the Internet across state 7 lines. Others, such as the original offer of MindMed shares and the amendment to Belga's Power-8 Point presentation, were initially communicated over the telephone, including telephone conversa-9 tions across state lines.⁶ 10 The acts set forth above constitute a pattern of racketeering activity pursuant to 18 11 294. U.S.C. § 1961(5). 12295. Defendants have directly and indirectly conducted and participated in the conduct 13of the enterprise's affairs through the pattern of racketeering and activity described above, in vio-14lation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c). 15296. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' racketeering activities and viola-16 tions of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), plaintiff has been injured in his business and property in that: 17Plaintiff has been totally deprived of the Class A common shares of 18a. MindMed related to the accord and satisfaction. 19 Plaintiff has been deprived of the voting rights of the Class A common 20b. shares, with the result that defendants Ceruvia, Hurst, and Turnbull were able to extort 21MindMed into relinquishing property rights in BOL-148 in which plaintiff has a beneficial 2223interest and which plaintiff had personally developed. c. Plaintiff as assignee of Belga has been deprived of equity interest in Savant 24Addiction and was denied the title and salary of CEO. 252627286 Timestamps on e-mails memorializing the conversations indicate that the parties were in different time zones 51 COMPLAINT

Case 3:22-cv-05022 Document 1 Filed 09/02/22 Page 123 of 164 As a direct and proximate result of defendants' breach, plaintiff has suffered gen-297. 1 eral and special damages in excess of \$15,000. Plaintiff is entitled to treble damages under 18 $\mathbf{2}$ U.S.C. § 1964(c) and punitive damages. 3 298. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-4 curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' breach. 5 6 SEVENTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF ALTER EGO (ALL DEFENDANTS) 7Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim. 8 299. 300. Savant Addiction, Savant Inc., and Savant Holdings are, and were at all times rele-9 vant hereto, influenced and governed by Hurst. 10 301. Ceruvia is, and was at all times relevant hereto, influenced and governed by Hurst 11 and Turnbull. 12There is a unity of interest and ownership such that Hurst is inseparable from the 302. 13Savant entities he controls, and Hurst and Turnbull are together inseparable from Ceruvia. 14Hurst exerts ultimate governance over the other defendants in this matter, and as 303. 15 controlled by Hurst, Savant ultimately serves the interest of Hurst and Turnbull in obtaining intel-16 lectual property and competitive advantage for Ceruvia. The overlap and concerns over Hurst's 17self-dealing ultimately led to Hurst's departure from MindMed-first as CEO, and later as a direc-18 19 tor. Ceruvia is built on the close personal relationship of Turnbull and Hurst. And it is 304. 20clear from the November 2020 "deal" that Hurst's interest is in making Ceruvia successful-not in 21 implementing the appropriate personnel or protocols to safeguard manufacturing processes and in-2223tellectual property at MindMed. 305. Under Hurst's control, Savant has not observed LLC formalities or respected the 24LLC form. On Hurst's whim, Savant can approve settlements without shareholder approval, and 25Hurst can extract releases guaranteeing his personal nonliability, regardless of whether that is in 2627the best interests of Savant. Indeed, the voting bloc Hurst clamored to maintain underscores Hurst's ability to 28306.

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control Savant with a relatively low percentage of membership interest. Hurst was, with the assis tance of Savant's counsel, able to cement his control in part because of the structure of the operat ing agreements and the vast control they give the managing member to veto even his own replace ment.

307. While such sweeping power may not always require an alter ego finding, the facts 5here are such that adherence to the fiction of separate entities would sanction a fraud or promote 6 injustice. As the RICO, conspiracy, and fraudulent misrepresentation claims underscore, defend-7ants have specifically manipulated Savant so that Hurst may openly misrepresent an accord and 8 9 satisfaction—promising one thing (and enforcing the promises that benefit him at other times) while relying on the shareholder-approval requirement to slip out of the promise later. As evi-10 denced by the amendment to the Savant Addiction operating agreement, Hurst operates in theory 11 and in practice with practically no control. 12

308. The alter ego finding is particularly necessary here because the control that Hurst,
Savant Addiction, Turnbull, and Ceruvia exercise affects Freeman disproportionately to his membership interest in Savant Addiction (through Savant Inc. and Savant Holdings). Because Savant
Addiction *holds* all 55 million MindMed shares—despite not being entitled to keep them—Hurst
is able to control all the Savant entities in a way that would be impossible had the 55 million
shares been distributed to their actual beneficial owners.

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EIGHTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF INJUNCTION (ALL DEFENDANTS)

309. Following its dissolution, allowing the members of Savant Addiction to dispose of
the proceeds, including MindMed shares, would cause irreparable injury to plaintiff.

23 310. Plaintiff is unable to control the dissolution of Savant Addiction. Although it ap24 pears that 5 million MindMed shares may be held back following the dissolution, it is unclear
25 whether Savant Addiction is retaining sufficient assets for it or Hurst to satisfy a substantial judg26 ment.

27 28 311. This is particularly troubling because plaintiff's remedy lies partly in the specific

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1	performance of an allotment of MindMed shares. Although MindMed is a publicly traded com-								
2	pany, an injunction would still have to issue to require defendants to transfer MindMed shares.								
3	312. In addition, Belga's remedy is an equity interest in Savant Addiction itself. An in-								
4	junction is therefore necessary to ensure that plaintiff as Belga's assignee obtains the same assets								
5	in kind that Belga would have been entitled to receive had he been given his membership interest								
6	when it was earned.								
7	313. Equity and the public interest also necessitate injunctive relief, considering Hurst's								
8	effort to specifically avoid the agreement for 5 million shares by pointing to fluctuating share								
9	prices. That is precisely why an injunction must issue, to preserve the very assets to which plaintif								
10	is entitled.								
11	314. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-								
12	curred attorney's fees as a result of defendants' actions.								
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14	NINETEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF <u>FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE (ALL DEFENDANTS)</u>								
15	315. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.								
16	316. Defendants and/or other entities owned or controlled by defendants transferred								
17	property after the claims in this matter arose, either:								
18	a. With actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud plaintiff;								
19	b. Without receiving a reasonably equivalent value in exchange for the transfer								
20	or obligation, defendants and/or other entities owned or controlled by defendants engaged								
21	in transactions for which the remaining assets of defendants and/or other entities owned or								
22	controlled by defendants were unreasonably small in relation to the transaction; or								
23	c. Without receiving a reasonably equivalent value in exchange for the trans-								
24	fer, and defendants and/or other entities owned or controlled by defendants believed, or								
25	reasonably should have believed that Defendants and/or other entities owned or controlled								
26	by defendants would incur debts beyond their ability to pay as they became due.								
27	317. In particular, upon information and belief, the assets of Savant Addiction, including								
28	those necessary to pay the claims asserted in this complaint, have been transferred to nonparties.								
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1	1 318. Such transfers of property from defendants and/or other entities owned or con								
2	trolled by defendants should be rescinded and/or voided as fraudulent conveyances.								
3	319. As a sole, direct and proximate result of the foregoing, plaintiff has been damaged								
4	in a sum in excess of \$15,000 and is entitled to general, special, and punitive damages.								
5	320.	320. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has in-							
6	curred attorney	's fees as a result of defendants' actions.							
7		TWENTIETH CLAIM FOD DELIEF							
8	ACCOUN	TWENTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF <u>TING (SAVANT ADDICTION, SAVANT HOLDINGS, SAVANT INC.)</u>							
9	321.	Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.							
10	322.	Plaintiff seeks an accounting of all membership interests owed to plaintiff—							
11	whether as trus	tee of the Trust or as assignee of Belga-in Savant Holdings, Savant Inc., Savant							
12	Addiction, and	MindMed, including MindMed shares held by Savant Addiction.							
13	323.	Plaintiff has made a demand upon Savant Addiction and hereby makes a demand							
14	upon Savant Ho	oldings and Savant Inc. to provide a full accounting of membership interest.							
15	324.	Plaintiff seeks an order from this Court directing defendants to provide an account-							
16	ing. Plaintiff has also been forced to retain counsel to pursue this action and has incurred attor-								
17	ney's fees as a result of defendants' actions.								
18	TWENTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF								
19	PUNITIVE DAMAGES (ALL DEFENDANTS)								
20	325.	Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing allegations in this claim.							
21	326.	Defendants, individually and collectively, are guilty of fraud, oppression, and mal-							
22	ice in their con	duct toward plaintiff.							
23	327.	Defendants have exhibited a pattern of despicable conduct intended, through decep-							
24	tion, to deprive plaintiff of his rights or property, or done with conscious disregard of plaintiff's								
25	rights.								
26	328.	As detailed in the claims above, Turnbull and Hurst as alter egos of Ceruvia de-							
27	frauded MindM	Ied by commingling employees, sabotaging MindMed's manufacturing process,							
28	and ultimately	holding MindMed's board of directors hostage to approve Hurst's self-dealing							
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transactions with Ceruvia, including transactions in which MindMed ceded valuable property $\mathbf{2}$ rights to Ceruvia.

In addition, Hurst acted with fraud, oppression, and malice in his conduct toward 329. Belga and Freeman, willfully inducing them to rely to their detriment on Hurst's misrepresenta-tions. As a result, Hurst intentionally enriched himself and his alter egos, Ceruvia and Turnbull, at the expense of Belga and Freeman.

330. The comparable civil penalties, including the RICO penalties discussed above, are substantial, confirming that these acts are worthy of punitive damages.

Defendants' conduct was reprehensible, despicable, and so contemptible that it 331. would be looked down upon and despised by ordinary, decent people, and was carried on by de-fendants with willful and conscious disregard for the rights of plaintiff, entitling plaintiff to exem-plary and punitive damages.

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1	PRAYER FOR RELIEF										
2	Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment and an accounting against defendants, as follows:										
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7	circumstances.										
8		remedy, plaintiff reserves the right to amend the complaint to hold all									
9		defendants liable for a judgment, if any defendant lacks assets sufficient to satisfy the judgment.									
10	Dated this 22nd day										
11		GLENN AGRE BERGMAN & FUENTES LLP									
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TRUST, dated March 10, 2012, for itself and as assignee of FERDINAND BELGA NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (<i>www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp</i>), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (<i>www.lawhelpcalifornia.ag</i>), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (<i>www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp</i>), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. <i>jAVISOI Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.</i> Timer 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una res							
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Party

Plaintiff FREEMAN, M.D., SCOTT

Non-Party (Participant) SAVANT ADDICTION MEDICINE, LLC

Non-Party (Participant) SAVANT HWP HOLDINGS, LLC

Non-Party (Participant) SAVANT HWP, INC.

Defendant HURST, STEPHEN

Defendant FORTE, NICO Active Attorneys -Lead Attorney AGRE, LYN R Retained Defendant TURNBULL, CAREY

Defendant BURBANK, RUSSELL

Defendant SUNRAY ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.

Defendant CERUVIA LIFESCIENCES f/k/a CH-TAC

Defendant AS LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE FOR NOMINAL DEFENDANTS SAVANT

Defendant LLC and SAVANT HWP HOLDINGS

Defendant LLC

Defendant DOE INDIVIDUALS 1 THROUGH 20

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 NOTICE Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claunder the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3. in sanctions. File this cover sheet is addition to any cover sheet required by least cover rule. 	
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To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES Contract

the case is complex.

Auto Tort Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto) Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/ Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort Asbestos (04) Asbestos Property Damage Asbestos Personal Injury/ Wrongful Death Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24) Medical Malpractice (45) Medical Malpractice-Physicians & Surgeons Other Professional Health Care Malpractice Other PI/PD/WD (23) Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism) Intentional Infliction of **Emotional Distress** Negligent Infliction of **Emotional Distress** Other PI/PD/WD Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07) Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (not civil harassment) (08) Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)Fraud (16) Intellectual Property (19) Professional Negligence (25) Legal Malpractice Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal) Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35) Employment Wrongful Termination (36) Other Employment (15)

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06) Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) Contract/Warranty Breach-Seller Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence) Negligent Breach of Contract/ Warranty Other Breach of Contract/Warranty Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09) Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff Other Promissory Note/Collections Case Insurance Coverage (not provisionally complex) (18) Auto Subrogation Other Coverage Other Contract (37) **Contractual Fraud** Other Contract Dispute **Real Property** Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14) Wrongful Eviction (33) Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26) Writ of Possession of Real Property Mortgage Foreclosure Quiet Title Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure) **Unlawful Detainer** Commercial (31) Residential (32) Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential) Judicial Review Asset Forfeiture (05) Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11) Writ of Mandate (02) Writ-Administrative Mandamus Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter Writ-Other Limited Court Case Review Other Judicial Review (39) Review of Health Officer Order Notice of Appeal-Labor Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403) Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03) Construction Defect (10) Claims Involving Mass Tort (40) Securities Litigation (28) Environmental/Toxic Tort (30) Insurance Coverage Claims (arising from provisionally complex case type listed above) (41) **Enforcement of Judgment** Enforcement of Judgment (20) Abstract of Judgment (Out of County) Confession of Judgment (nondomestic relations) Sister State Judgment Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes Other Enforcement of Judgment Case **Miscellaneous Civil Complaint** RICO (27) Other Complaint (not specified above) (42) **Declaratory Relief Only** Injunctive Relief Only (nonharassment) Mechanics Lien Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex) Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex) **Miscellaneous Civil Petition** Partnership and Corporate Governance (21) Other Petition (not specified above) (43) **Civil Harassment** Workplace Violence Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Election Contest Petition for Name Change Petition for Relief From Late Claim Other Civil Petition

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	SUPERIOR COURT OF SAN MATEO COUNTY Civil Division 400 County Center, 1 st Floor, Room A Redwood City, CA 94063 (650) 261-5100 www.sanmateocourt.org	FOR COURT USE ONLY FILED SAN MATEO COUNTY 7/27/2022
PETITIONER/PLAII	NTIFF: SCOTT FREEMAN, M.D.	Clerk of the Superior Court
RUSSELL BURBAN LIFESCIENCES F/K DEFENDANTS SA	FENDANT: STEPHEN HURST; NICO FORTE; CAREY TURNBULL; IK; SUNRAY ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.; CERUVIA /A CH-TAC; AS LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE FOR NOMINAL VANT; LLC AND SAVANT HWP HOLDINGS; LLC; DOE IROUGH 20; ROE CORPORATIONS 1 THROUGH 20	/s/ Jennifer Torres DEPUTY CLERK
	GNMENT FOR ALL PURPOSES, DESIGNATION AS COMPLEX TING OF A CASE MANAGEMENT AND TRIAL SETTING CONFERENCE, AND COMPLEX FEES DUE	CASE NUMBER: 22-CIV-03024

This case has been filed by Plaintiff(s) as a provisionally complex case and/or a putative class action and/or a PAGA representative action. Pursuant to Local Rule 3.300(a), this action is automatically deemed a "complex case". This case is assigned for all purposes to the Honorable: **Marie S. Weiner** in **Department 2**, located at **Hall of Justice**, 400 **County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063**.

ASSIGNED DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Contact information for your assigned department is as follows:

Judicial Officer	Department Phone	Department E-mail
Marie S. Weiner	650-261-5102	Dept2@sanmateocourt.org

A Case Management and Trial Setting Conference is set for 10/25/2022 at 9:00 AM in Department 2 of this Court. In anticipation of the Case Management and Trial Setting Conference, counsel for the parties should be prepared to discuss at the hearing and file and serve written Case Management and Trial Setting Conference statements (in prose and details, not using the standardized Judicial Council form) with a courtesy copy emailed to complexcivil@sanmateocourt.org AND to Dept2@sanmateocourt.org at least five court days prior to the Conference, as to the following:

- a. Status of Pleadings and Appearance of all Named Parties;
- b. Status of Discovery, including status of document production, status of depositions, status of completion of merits discovery, and status of expert discovery;
- c. Status of Settlement or Mediation;
- d. Listing of All Pending Motions and proposed new hearing date;
- e. Any anticipated motions and proposed briefing schedule; and
- f. Any other matters for which the parties seek Court ruling or scheduling.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 70616, the complex case fee and the first appearance fee must be paid at the time of filing of the first paper in this complex case. Plaintiff(s) pay a single complex case fee of \$1,000 on behalf of all plaintiffs, whether filing separately or jointly. Defendant(s) pay a complex case fee of \$1,000 each on behalf of each defendant, intervenor, respondent, or adverse party, whether filing separately or jointly, at the time that that party files its first paper in this case, not to exceed \$18,000 total.

PLAINTIFF(S) ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON ALL OTHER PARTIES TO THIS ACTION OR PROCEEDING, and promptly file proof of service.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am the clerk of this Court, not a party to this cause; that I served a copy of this notice on the below date, by hand by electronic service to the parties or their counsel of record at the email addresses set forth below and shown by the records of this Court or by placing a copy thereof in separate sealed envelopes addressed to the address shown by the records of this Court, and by then sealing said envelopes and depositing same, with postage fully pre-paid thereon, in the United States Mail at Redwood City, California.

Date: 7/27/2022

Neal I Taniguchi, Court Executive Officer/Clerk

By: /s/ Jennifer Torres Jennifer Torres, Deputy Clerk

Notice being served on:

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMPLEX CIVIL LITIGATION

SCOTT FREEMAN, M.D., as Trustee for the SCOTT MITHCELL FREEMAN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST dated march 10, 2012, for itself and as assignee of FERDINAND BELGA, Plaintiff,

vs.

STEPHEN HURST; SUNRAY ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.; NICO FORTE; CERUVIA LIFESCIENCES fka CH-TAC; CAREY TURNBULL; RUSSELL BURBANK as liquidating trustee for nominal defendants SAVANT ADDICTION MEDICINE LLC and SAVANT HWP HOLDINGS LLC; Doe Individuals 1 through 20; and Roe Corporations 1 through 20, Defendants,

-and-

SAVANT ADDICTION MEDICINE LLC and SAVANT HWP HOLDINGS LLC,

Nominal Defendants.

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Assigned for All Purposes to Hon. Marie S. Weiner, Dept. 2

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER #1

Pursuant to the Notice of Assignment for All Purposes, Designation as Complex Case, Setting of Case Management Conference, and Complex Fees Due filed July 27, 2022, designating this matter as a complex action, and single assigning to the Honorable Marie S. Weiner in Department 2 of this Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Assigned Department Information: To schedule a Law and Motion Hearing, please see Local Rule 3.402 or visit the assigned Judicial Officer's webpage at <u>www.sanmateocourt.org/civiljudges</u>. Complex cases are generally heard on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. Contact information for your assigned department is as follows:

Department 2 Phone:	(650) 261-5102
Department E-Mail:	dept2@sanmateocourt.org
Complex Case E-Mail:	complexcivil@sanmateocourt.org

2. **Correspondence** to the Department of the assigned Civil Judge, such as requests to take matters off calendar and requests for rescheduling, regarding complex civil actions shall be submitted electronically, rather than paper, by e-mail addressed to <u>complexcivil@sanmateocourt.org</u> AND <u>dept2@sanmateocourt.org</u>. All e-correspondence **must be sent in at least 12 point type**. This email address is for the Department of the assigned Civil Judge to *receive* correspondence regarding *complex civil cases*, and is not a venue for back-and-forth communications with the judge. Communications to this email address are *not* part of the official court files – just like a paper letter, they are not "filed" documents – and will be retained for at least 30 days and then be subject to deletion (destruction) thereafter. All communications to the <u>complexcivil@sanmateocourt.org</u> and/or <u>dept2@sanmateocourt.org</u> email address MUST

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include in the header "subject line" the Case Number and Name of Case (e.g., CIV 654321 Smith v. Jones).

3. Electronic Service. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1010.6(c), and California Rules of Court, Rule 2.253(c) and Rule 2.251(c), all parties and their counsel shall serve all documents electronically, and accept service of documents electronically from all other parties, in conformity with Code of Civil Procedure Section 1010.6 and the California Rules of Court, except when personal service is required by statute. Counsel for the parties shall meet and confer, agree upon, and keep updated, an e-service list for this complex civil action. The parties are reminded that electronic service of documents may extend time periods for response by two (2) court days, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1010.6(a)(4)(B).

4. **Mandatory E-Filing.** Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1010.6(c), all parties shall file all documents electronically in this complex civil action, except those documents identified in Local Rule 2.1.8. Presently, the following documents must still be filed/lodged in hardcopy paper:

Ex Parte Motions and Oppositions thereto

Abstract of Judgment

Appeal Documents, including Notice of Appeal

Administrative Records

The document (other than exhibits) must be text searchable. Please visit <u>www.sanmateocourt.org</u> for further information on e-filing. Please note that exhibits to any electronically filed briefs, declarations or other documents must be electronically "bookmarked" as required by CRC Rule 3.1110(f)(4).

5. **Courtesy Copies for Department 2.** A courtesy copy of all pleadings, motions, applications, briefs, and any and all other papers **filed** in this case **shall** be (1) electronically served upon Department 2 at email address <u>dept2@sanmateocourt.org</u> AND <u>complexcivil@sanmateocourt.org</u>. PLEASE ADD DEPARTMENT 2 TO YOUR **E-SERVICE** SERVICE LIST IN THE CASE AS TO ANY AND ALL PAPERS FILED WITH THE COURT. All motions and briefs shall conform with the California Rules of Court, especially Rule 3.1113, and indicate on the caption page that this matter is assigned for all purposes to Department 2.

6. **Obtain Hearing Date Pre-filing.** As to any and all motions or other matters requiring a hearing, the hearing date shall be obtained *directly* from and approved by Department 2 by sending an email to <u>complexcivil@sanmateocourt.org</u> AND <u>dept2@sanmateocourt.org</u>, (and *not* with the Civil Clerk's Office) *prior* to filing of the moving papers or other initial filings.

7. **Proposed Orders.** Proposed Orders should be e-filed with the motion or stipulation to which it relates in conformity with CRC Rule 3.1312(c). You must also email an editable version of the Proposed Order in Word format (not PDF) to <u>complexcivil@sanmateocourt.org</u> so that the judge can modify it prior to signing, if needed.

8. Ex Parte Motions. *Ex parte* applications in this matter shall heard by Department 2, on Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., and the parties must meet the requirements of CRC Rule 3.120 *et seq*. Ex partes are held in person only, per Local Rule 3.500(d). With the consent of counsel for *all* parties, telephone conferences on *simple* interim case management matters may be scheduled with the Court for a mutually

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convenient time and date – with the scheduling and logistics of such telephone conferences to be the responsibility of the requesting party/parties.

9. **E-Service of Discovery.** All discovery methods (C.C.P. § 2019.010), including but not limited to notice of deposition, special interrogatories, form interrogatories, requests for production of documents, and requests for admissions, shall be served electronically upon counsel for the parties. All discovery responses by a party in response to a discovery method by another party shall be served electronically upon counsel for the parties. Production of documents shall be provided in electronic form, unless the parties agree otherwise in writing. If not previously established, counsel for the parties shall meet and confer regarding possible establishment of a joint electronic document depository for the uploading and downloading of electronic document productions.

10. Informal Discovery Conferences.

a. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 2016.080, and the authority of a complex civil judge under CRC Rule 3.750, no party may move to compel discovery, or file any other discovery motion, until the parties have had an Informal Discovery Conference. Counsel must have exhausted all meet and confer obligations before the Informal Discovery Conference. To request an Informal Discovery Conference, counsel should contact the Court by email at <u>dept2@sanmateocourt.org</u> AND ComplexCivil@sanmateocourt.org, which email must be contemporaneously copied to counsel for all parties to the action and any self-represented parties. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 2016.080(c)(2), the time for bringing any motion to compel is tolled starting on the date a party makes the email request for an Informal Discovery Conference to the Court. The tolling is deemed lifted once the Discovery

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Conference is concluded (rather than continued). All requests for Informal Discovery Conference must be made well prior to the expiration of the statutory time to bring a motion to compel or other discovery motion.

b. Within five (5) calendar days of the initial email request to the
Court for an Informal Discovery Request, the disputing parties shall, jointly or separately,
email correspondence to the Court at ComplexCivil@sanmateocourt.org and dept2
@sanmateocourt.org, and contemporaneously to all parties, an electronic letter of no
more than five (5) pages, without attachments, summarizing the discovery dispute(s).

c. The parties involved in the discovery dispute *shall not* file any "meet and confer" declarations pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Sections 2016.040 or 2016.080(b) prior to the Informal Discovery Conference. The dispute will be addressed by the e-correspondence method/procedure set forth above.

d. The procedures outlined above apply to parties. With regard to discovery disputes with non-parties, the non-parties may elect to participate in this procedure, but are not required to do so.

11. **No Discovery Motion Separate Statement.** As to any discovery motions, the parties are relieved of the statutory obligation under CRC Rule 3.1345, and thus need *not* (should not) file a separate statement – instead the subject discovery requests (or deposition questions) and written responses (or deposition answers or objections) must be attached to the supporting declaration on the discovery motion.

12. Limit to 35. Given the nature of this complex civil action, the Court views document production and depositions as the most effective means of discovery for adjudication. Accordingly, no party may propound more than 35 special interrogatories *total* and no party may propound more than 35 requests for admissions (other than as to

the authenticity of documents) *total*, without prior court order after demonstration of need and a showing that other means of discovery would be less efficient.

No Appendix of Non-California Authorities. Pursuant to CRC Rule
 3.1113(i), the Complex Civil Department, Dept. 2, does not require any appendix of non-California authorities, unless specifically stated by the Court as to a particular motion.

14. **Case Management Conference.** The initial Case Management and Trial Conference set for October 25, 2022 is VACATED. The initial Complex Case Management Conference is set for **Tuesday**, **October 25, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** in Department 2 of this Court, located at Courtroom 2E, 400 County Center, Redwood City, California. Counsel for all parties shall meet and confer on all matters set forth in California Rules of Court Rule 3.750 and Rule 3.724(8). **Appearances remotely using Zoom is strongly encouraged**.

15. In anticipation of the Case Management Conference, counsel for the parties should be prepared to discuss at the hearing *and* file written case management conference statements (**in prose and details**, *not* **using the standardized Judicial Council form**) with a courtesy copy delivered *directly* to Department 2 on or before **October 18, 2022**, as to the following:

- a. Status of the Pleadings and service of process upon all named parties; and Status of Defendants filing an Answer to the Complaint;
- b. Status of Discovery, including the initial production of documents by all parties, and depositions of the Plaintiff and of Defendant's PMK(s);

c. Status of Settlement or Mediation;

- d. Conclusions reached after meet and confer on all matters set forth in CRC Rule 3.750 and Rule 3.724(8);
- e. Any anticipated motions and proposed briefing schedule;
- f. Setting of next CMC date; and
- g. Any other matters for which the parties seek Court ruling or scheduling.
- 16. Discovery is not stayed.
- 17. The only Complaint on file is redacted. PLAINTIFF NEEDS TO FILE

UNDER SEAL THE UNREDACTED VERSION OF THE COMPLAINT.

18. PLAINTIFFS SHALL SERVE THIS ORDER UPON ALL

DEFENDANTS WHO HAVE YET TO APPEAR IN THIS ACTION, and promptly file proof of service thereof.

DATED: August 2, 2022

HON. MARIE'S. WEINER JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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Clerk of the Superior Court /s/ Andrea Daley

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In the Matter of: SCOTT FREEMAN, M.D. vs STEPHEN HURST

Case No.: 22-CIV-03024

Documents: CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER #1

The documents were served by the following means:

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Neal I Taniguchi, Court Executive Officer/Clerk

By: /s/ Andrea Daley

Andrea Daley, Deputy Clerk

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