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LAVONNE JOHNSON, Plaintiff, v. MERCK, SHARP & DOHME, CORP., Defendant.	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY CIVIL ACTION NO.: MID-L-009336-14 ORDER ON MOTION TO FILE AND/OR AMEND COMPLAINT
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THIS MATTER coming on to be heard on the Motion of Plaintiffs for Leave to File an Amended Complaint, and the Court having considered the moving papers and for good cause shown,

IT IS on this 31st day of January, 2025,

ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to file an Amended Complaint, to substitute Debbie Evans, as successor of the Estate of Lavonne Johnson, as Plaintiff is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall have fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order within which to file and serve the proposed Amended Complaint; and it is further

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

/s/ Bruce J. Kaplan

HONORABLE BRUCE J. KAPLAN, J.S.C.

UNOPPOSED

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