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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION

	:	**MDL DOCKET NO. 4:03-CV-1507-BRW**
IN RE:	:	
PREMPRO PRODUCTS LIABILITY	:	
LITIGATION	:	**ALL CASES**

ORDER

Pending are Defendants' Motions for Judgment on the Pleadings (Doc. Nos. 3082, 3087). Plaintiffs have responded[1] and Defendants have replied.[2] The parties presented oral argument at a July 20, 2012 hearing.[3]

Defendants, manufacturers of generic hormone replacement drugs, assert that *PLIVA, Inc. v. Mensing*,[4] preempts any strict liability failure to warn claim against Defendants. Additionally, Defendants contend that the reasoning in *Mensing* would foreclose any design defect claims. Plaintiffs disagree, and request that, at the very least, they be permitted to amend their complaints.

At this point, it seems to me that permitting the plaintiffs leave to amend their complaints is reasonable. Accordingly, the plaintiffs whose cases are listed in Exhibit A must amend their complaints within three weeks of the date of this Order -- this is plenty of time considering that the request to amend complaints should have been made months, if not years, ago.

After a cursory review of several of the complaints in these cases, it appears that many make only basic failure to warn claims and are devoid of the claims Plaintiffs' counsel posited at

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[1]Doc. Nos. 3094, 3095.

[2]Doc. No. 3102.

[3]Doc. No. 3106.

[4]131 S. Ct. 2567 (2011).

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the July 20, 2012 hearing. If a plaintiff does not amend her complaint by the deadline, Defendants may refile their motion for judgment on the pleadings in the individual case. Word to the wise: If a plaintiff fails to amend her complaint, and Defendants again seek dismissal, it is unlikely that I will again allow the plaintiff leave to amend her complaint.

Additionally, each amended complaint must set out, in plenary detail, the factual basis for the plaintiff's claims. For example, if the plaintiff is asserting "off-label promotion," the complaint must set out sufficient facts to support this claim. In other words, the specific who, what, when, and where will be required (considering that Plaintiffs have been accumulating discovery against Defendants for nearly 10 years, this requirement is reasonable). Each plaintiff also will be required to show, with specificity, how she was directly affected by each Defendant's conduct. Generally claiming that Defendants practiced "off-label promotion" will be considered insufficient, and may result in dismissal of the case.

CONCLUSION

Based on the findings of fact and conclusions of law above, Defendants' Motions for Judgment on the Pleadings (Doc. Nos. 3082, 3087) are DENIED without prejudice. Plaintiffs are permitted to amend their individual complaints as set out above.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 11th day of September, 2012.

/s/ Billy Roy Wilson
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

EXHIBIT A

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Watson, Patricia	4:04-CV-00938
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Herman, Linda	4:05-CV-00167
Dye, Susan	4:05-CV-00195
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McMurray, Elaine	4:05-CV-00382
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