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plaintiffs and defendants BAYER HEALTHCARE PHARMACEUTICALS INC., BAYER PHARMA AG ("BPAG") and BAYER OY ("BOY") through their respective counsel and subject to the approval of this Court, that the following Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order shall be entered in this action. This Order shall govern the production of documents by Plaintiffs and all properly served Defendants in this case and any future amendments thereto.

1. **Discovery Materials**. This Revised Confidentiality Stipulation

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between

- 1. **Discovery Materials**. This Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order applies to all products of discovery and all information derived there from, including but not limited to all documents and deposition testimony and any copies, excerpts or summaries thereof ("Discovery Materials"), obtained by any party pursuant to the requirements of any court order, requests for production of documents, requests for admissions, interrogatories or subpoenas.
- 2. **Identification of Confidential Discovery Materials**. All Discovery Materials that contain trade secrets and other confidential research, development, or commercial information, or personal and medical information may in good faith be stamped "Confidential" by the producing party and shall be subject to the provisions of this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order. Such stamping or marking will take place prior to production by the producing person, or subsequent to selection by the receiving party for copying but prior to the actual copying. The stamp shall be affixed in such manner as not to obliterate or obscure any written matter. Confidential Discovery Materials shall be used solely for the purposes of this case and for no other purpose without the prior written approval from the Court or the prior written consent of the producing party.
- 3. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 8 of this Order, disclosure of any Confidential Discovery Materials shall be limited to:
  - a. the Court and its staff;

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2	c.	persons shown on the face of the
3		or received it;
4 5	d.	court reporters and videographe testimony;
6	e.	the parties;
7	f.	retained experts or vendors who a on behalf of any party to provid with respect to this case;
8	g.	any witness during deposition in the
9	h.	Plaintiffs' healthcare providers.
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12	addition, BPAG may des	signate as "Confidential" those doc
13	to any data in electronic form or in paper form) containing	
14	sense of the German Federal Data Protection Act, the c	
15	protected under German	n law. Personal data consists of:
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17	additional information available to the data processor (e.g.,	
18	by his/her position within the company such as "Head o	
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20	documents:	
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23		author/sender and/or its addressee, all email correspondence, lette transmission reports);
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<ul><li>25</li><li>26</li></ul>	U.	any document such as memorand if they identify or allow identific and/or its addressee/recipient the information available to the data p
27	c.	minutes of internal or external
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- "counsel," including inside Counsel and Outside Attorneys h sistants, and clerical staffs;
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5. Foreign Confidential Information produced by BOY. addition, BOY may designate as "Confidential" those documents (hereafter referring to any data in electronic form or in paper form) containing "personal data," within the sense of the Finnish Data Protection Act, or "electronic message," within the sense of the Constitution of Finland, the Finnish Act on the Protection of Privacy in Electronic Communications, and the Act on the Protection of Privacy in Working Life, the confidentiality of which is protected under Finnish law. Personal data means any information on a private individual and any information on his/her personal characteristics or personal circumstances where these are identifiable (e.g. with recourse to additional information available to the data processor) as concerning him/her or the members of his/her family or household. Electronic message means email messages or any comparable message transmitted between parties in a communications network. In particular, this applies to the following documents:

- any electronic message such as e-mail messages or any comparable message or printout thereof transmitted between parties in a communications network;
- any document such as memoranda, notes, letters and presentations if they identify or allow identification of its h. author/sender and/or its addressee/recipient through recourse to other information available to the data processor;
- minutes of internal or external meetings as far as they C. include information about which individual(s) did or did not attend the meeting; and
- d. personnel records and information.
- 6. Where a document has been designated as "Confidential" in accordance with paragraphs 2, 4 or 5 above and a party believes that: document conveys an attachment or contains information that would not be deemed confidential under this paragraph and (b) the document could be redacted to omit material protected by this paragraph in such a manner that the remaining non-

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confidential material would not be confusing or misleading, that party shall meet and confer with counsel for BHCP, BPAG and/or BOY to determine whether the document can be produced in a redacted format without a confidential designation. (For instance, an email transmitting a publicly released document might be subject to redaction under this provision. Alternately, an email setting forth the sender's opinion would likely not be subject to redaction, because severing the opinion from the identity of the sender could be misleading.) If the parties cannot agree on redaction of a particular document, the party seeking redaction and non-confidential production may file a request with the Court.

Challenging Confidential Designation. Counsel for a party to 7. whom Confidential Discovery Materials are being produced may challenge the "Confidential" designation made by the producing party by first requesting a "meet and confer" with the producing party in an attempt to amicably resolve the challenge. In the event agreement cannot be reached, the proponent of confidentiality may apply by motion for a ruling as to whether the designated discovery material may, in accordance with this Order, be treated as confidential. This motion shall be made within 30 days from the date on which the parties, after good faith attempt, agree that they cannot resolve the dispute or such other time period agreed to by the parties. The party seeking to maintain the materials as "Confidential" shall have the burden of proof on such motion to establish the propriety of its confidential designation. The Discovery Materials designated "Confidential" shall continue to be treated as such and subject to the provisions of this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order pending determination by the Court of the merits of any such motion. In the event that the Court enters an order that particular Discovery Materials are not entitled to the designation "Confidential" the Discovery Materials shall nevertheless continue to be treated as "Confidential" and subject to the terms of this Revised Confidentiality

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Stipulation and Protective Order for 30 days following the service of Notice of Entry of such order to enable the producing party to seek review and a stay of such order.

#### 8. Disclosure of Confidential Discovery Material.

- a. The disclosure of the Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential" by counsel for a party in this case to legal assistants, paralegals and clerical staff employed by the disclosing counsel's office and the Court is allowed under the terms of this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order without limitation and without the need to execute an Affidavit. Such disclosure shall not constitute a violation or a waiver of the protections afforded by the Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order. Said assistants, paralegals and clerical staff, as employed agents of the disclosing counsel, are bound by this Order to the same extent as the parties and attorneys are bound.
- b. Disclosure by counsel for a party in this case to any of the other individuals/entities identified in sections 3.c-g of Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential" by another party shall not constitute a violation or waiver of the protections afforded by this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to assist in the prosecution or defense of this case and so long as the individual/entity (or, in the event that an entity is not a natural person, the entity's employees) to whom disclosure is made has executed an Affidavit in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. Copies of each executed Affidavit shall be maintained by the disclosing counsel.
- c. Disclosure by counsel to a plaintiff's healthcare provider and/or that healthcare provider's counsel, outside of a deposition setting, of Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential" by another party shall not constitute a violation or waiver of the protections afforded by this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to assist in the prosecution or defense of this case and so long as the individual/entity (or, in the event

that an entity is not a natural person, the entity's employees) to whom disclosure is made has executed an Affidavit in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. Copies of each executed Affidavit shall be maintained by the disclosing counsel. Such disclosure, outside of a deposition setting, shall be limited to the following categories of documents:

- i. All documents (including call notes) referencing the healthcare provider to whom the disclosure is being made.
- ii. All promotional materials identified as being used for the purposes of sales call visits with the healthcare provider to whom the disclosure is being made.
- iii. All approved promotional materials used for the purposes of sales call visits with healthcare providers found within the custodial file of a sales representative who called on the healthcare provider to whom the disclosure is being made.
- iv. All documents and materials presented during educational seminars (i.e. continuing medical education lectures and other similar lectures/meetings).
- v. All "Dear Doctor" and "Dear Healthcare Provider" letters sent to healthcare providers in the United States.
- vi. All documents publicly available.
- d. During a deposition, disclosure by counsel to a witness and/or that witness's counsel, if any, of Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential" by another party shall be permitted so long as the witness to whom the disclosure is made has executed the Affidavit or orally agreed on the record to the terms of the Affidavit attached hereto as Exhibit A. Under no circumstances shall copies of Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential" used at a deposition be left in the possession of the witness or his/her counsel. Further, copies of Discovery Materials designated "Confidential" shall not be attached to or included with any original or copy of the transcript of a deposition sent to the witness or his/her counsel.

- e. In addition, within thirty (30) days after the completion of a deposition session, counsel may designate the entirety or any specified portion of the transcript or exhibits thereto as "Confidential" by letter to the opposing party. Until such thirty (30) day period expires, the entirety of such transcripts and all exhibits thereto shall be treated as Confidential and subject to this Order. After such thirty (30) day period expires, such transcripts, exhibits or portions designated as "Confidential" shall be treated as such under this Order. If no such designation is made within thirty (30) days, such transcripts or exhibits shall not be treated as "Confidential" under this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order.
- f. Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential" produced by any defendant in this case may be disclosed to the named plaintiff(s) in other Mirena® lawsuits and their counsel who have executed Exhibit B acknowledging that: (i) they have filed and properly served Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.; Bayer Pharma AG; and Bayer OY, (ii) the claimed injury in their lawsuit allegedly resulted from the use of Mirena® and the subsequent alleged injury of idiopathic intracranial hypertension, (iii) a protective order has been entered in the lawsuit that would protect the Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential" from disclosure and that the Protective Order entered specifically covers Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.; Bayer Pharma AG; and Bayer OY, and (iv) all counsel for plaintiff who receive the documents agree to be governed by the terms of this Order. Upon execution, Exhibit B shall be provided to counsel for the Defendant(s).
- g. Any materials provided to an insurer or its counsel shall not be used for any purpose other than evaluation of the claims asserted in this case and shall not be used outside the claims asserted in this case.
- 9. Except as provided for herein, nothing in this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order shall prevent or restrict counsel for any party in any way from inspecting, reviewing, using or disclosing any Discovery

Materials produced or provided by that party, including Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential." The parties reserve all their respective rights concerning whether or not there has been a waiver of confidentiality in the event that the producing party shares such Discovery Materials designated as Confidential with third parties other than as provided for elsewhere in this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order.

- 10. Disclosure of Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential" other than in accordance with the terms of this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order may subject the disclosing person to such sanctions and remedies as the Court may deem appropriate.
- 11. All persons receiving or given access to Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential" in accordance with the terms of this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order consent to the continuing jurisdiction of this Court for the purposes of enforcing this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order and remedying any violations thereof. All parties and their respective counsel, paralegals and the employees and assistants of all counsel, and experts receiving Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential" shall take steps reasonably necessary to prevent the disclosure of Confidential Discovery Materials other than in accordance with the terms of this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order.
- 12. This Order does not automatically seal court records in this case or apply to the disclosure of Confidential Discovery Material at trial. It is only intended to facilitate the prompt production of discovery materials. A party that seeks to file with this Court any material that contains, describes, identifies, discloses, discusses, refers to or attaches any Discovery Materials designated as "Confidential" shall first file a motion for leave to file under seal seeking permission from the Court to do so. If the Court grants the party's request to file certain materials under seal, the

documents filed under seal with the Clerk of the Court shall be kept under seal until further order of the Court.

- 13. The producing party of any Confidential Discovery Materials attached to or referenced in a document filed with the Court under seal may assent to the unsealing of the document at any juncture without waiving its assertion of confidentiality as to any other Discovery Materials.
- 14. Nothing shall prevent disclosure beyond that required under this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order if the producing party consents in writing to such disclosure, or if the Court, after notice to all affected parties, orders such disclosure and that Order is not subject to an appellate stay within 30 days after Notice of Entry of the Order is served on the producing party.
- 15. Any party who inadvertently fails to identify documents, including deposition transcripts, as "Confidential" shall, promptly upon discovery of its oversight, provide written notice of the error and substitute appropriately designated documents produced in the same format as the incorrectly designated document was initially produced. Any party receiving such inadvertently unmarked documents shall, following receipt of notice of the error, treat such documents as confidential as if they had initially been designated as such, make good faith and reasonable efforts to retrieve documents distributed to persons not entitled to receive documents with the corrected "Confidential" designation and, upon receipt of the substitute documents, promptly return or destroy the improperly designated document(s) and/or the electronic media on which such document(s) reside.
- 16. **Procedure for Use in Court**. Discovery Material received by the Court or entered into evidence in non-trial proceedings shall not lose its status as "Confidential" Discovery Materials as a result. The use of any Discovery Material designated as "Confidential" at trial will be addressed in the Court's Pretrial Order.

- 17. This Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order shall be binding until the resolution of this case.
- 18. Unless otherwise ordered or agreed in writing by the producing party, and if requested by the producing party, each receiving party must return all Discovery Material to the producing party or provide a certification to the producing party that all Discovery Material in their possession has been destroyed after the final termination of this action including copies of materials provided to third parties under the provisions of this Order. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence or attorney work product, even if such materials contain Confidential Discovery Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Confidential Discovery Material remain subject to this agreement as set forth in Paragraph 16 above.
- 19. Any party may apply to the Court for a modification of the Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order, and nothing in this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order shall be construed to prevent a party from seeking such further provisions enhancing or limiting confidentiality as may be appropriate.
- 20. No action taken in accordance with the Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order shall be construed as a waiver of any claim or defense in this case or of any position as to discoverability or admissibility of evidence.
- 21. If a receiving party or its counsel or expert is served with a subpoena or other process by any court, administrative or legislative body, or any other person or organization that calls for production of any Confidential Discovery Materials produced by another party, the party to whom the subpoena or other process is directed shall not, to the extent permitted by applicable law, provide or otherwise

disclose such documents or information until 10 business days after notifying counsel for the producing party in writing of all of the following: (i) the information and documentation requested for production in the subpoena; (ii) the date on which compliance with the subpoena is requested; (iii) the location at which compliance with the subpoena is requested; (iv) the identity of the party serving the subpoena; and (v) the case name, jurisdiction and index, docket, complaint, charge, civil action or other identification number or other designation identifying the litigation, administrative proceeding or other proceeding in which the subpoena has been issued.

- 22. Nothing in this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order shall be construed to prevent this Court from disclosing any facts relied upon by it in making or rendering any finding, ruling, order, judgment or decree of whatever description.
- 23. Each party shall bear its own costs for complying with this Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order.

Entered this \_\_2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2016

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United States Magistrate Judge

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#### 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 3 (WESTERN DIVISION – LOS ANGELES) 4 ADRIANA MILLER, CASE NO. 8:15-cv-0453-AG-JCGx 5 Plaintiff, EXHIBIT A 6 AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN v. 7 CONFIDENTIALITY 8 PHARMACEUTICALS INC., BAYER PHARMA AG, and BAYER OY, 9 10 Defendants. 11 STATE OF ) 12 COUNTY OF 13 being duly sworn, deposes and 14 says: 15 16 1. I am over the age of 18 years and make this Affidavit based upon my 17 personal knowledge, and I am competent to testify to the matters stated herein. 18 2. I am aware that a Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective 19 Order has been entered in this case identified above. A copy of that Revised 20 Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order has been shown to me, and I have 21 read and understand its contents. 22 By signing this Affidavit, I promise that I will not use the materials and 23 contents of the materials designated "Confidential" pursuant to the above-described 24 Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order for any purpose other than 25 this case. 26 4. By signing this Affidavit, I also promise that I will not communicate, 27 disclose, discuss, identify, or otherwise use materials or the contents of materials 28

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designated "Confidential" pursuant to the above-described Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order with, to, or for any person or entity other than the Court, a party to the above-described case, counsel for a party to the above-described case, including other counsel, paralegals, and staff employed in his or her office, persons permitted by the above-described Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order to attend depositions taken in this case, and persons or entities assisting such counsel who have executed an affidavit in the same form as this Affidavit.

- 5. By signing this Affidavit, I also promise that I will not copy, transcribe, or otherwise reproduce, or cause to be copied, transcribed, or otherwise reproduced, by any means whatsoever, any materials or the contents of any materials designated "Confidential" pursuant to the above-described Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order except to the extent to which I am directed to do so by counsel for a party to this case, in which case all such copies, transcriptions, or reproductions shall be made solely for my own use in connection with my work or assistance in the above matter. I further promise at the conclusion of this case to deliver upon request <u>all</u> materials designated "Confidential" (originals and copies) to the counsel who originally directed that said materials be provided to me.
- 6. I understand that, by signing this Affidavit, I am agreeing to subject myself to the jurisdiction of this Court.

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3	Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order in any manner contrary to the
4	provisions of the Revised Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order will subject
5	me to remedies as this Court may deem appropriate.
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