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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
10 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 KURT ZIEGLER and DANIEL BRADY,
12 on Behalf of Themselves and All Others
13 Similarly Situated,

14 Plaintiffs,

15 v.

16 GW PHARMACEUTICALS, PLC,
17 JUSTIN GOVER, GEOFFREY GUY,
18 CABOT BROWN, DAVID GRYSKA,
19 CATHERINE MACKAY, JAMES
20 NOBLE, ALICIA SECOR, and LORD
21 WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE,

22 Defendants.

Case No. 3:21-cv-01019-BAS-MSB

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION
COMPLAINT**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

23 Lead Plaintiffs Kurt Ziegler and Daniel Brady (together, “Plaintiffs”), by their
24 undersigned attorneys, allege upon personal knowledge with respect to themselves,
25 and upon information and belief based upon, *inter alia*, the investigation of counsel
26 as to all other allegations herein, as follows:
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1 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

2 1. This action is brought as a class action by Plaintiffs on behalf of
3 themselves and the other former public holders GW Pharmaceuticals, PLC (“GW” or
4 the “Company”) against GW and GW’s former executive officers and/or members of
5 its board of directors (collectively referred to as the “Board” or the “Individual
6 Defendants” and, together with GW, the “Defendants”) for their violations of Sections
7 14(a) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”), 15 U.S.C.
8 §§ 78n(a), 78t(a), and SEC Rule 14a-9, 17 C.F.R. § 240.14a-9. Plaintiffs’ claims arise
9 in connection with the acquisition (the “Merger”) of GW by Jazz Pharmaceuticals,
10 PLC and its subsidiaries (“Jazz”).

11 2. On February 3, 2021, GW entered into an agreement and plan of merger
12 pursuant to which Jazz acquired GW and the holders of GW American Depositary
13 Shares¹ (“GW shareholders”) had their holdings extinguished in exchange for \$200 in
14 cash and \$20 in Jazz stock (0.120360 shares) for each GW ADS they owned (the
15 “Merger Consideration”). Despite knowing that the Merger Consideration grossly
16 undervalued the Company, Defendant Geoffrey W. Guy (founder, Executive
17 Chairman, and Chairman of the Board of his namesake GW) sought an exit from the
18 responsibility of running a public Company and wanted to free up time and money to
19 begin work on his latest project. So, when Jazz offered to acquire GW during the
20 pandemic in late 2020, it was perfect timing and he pounced on the opportunity to
21 cash out. Using his powerful influence over his handpicked Board, he authorized
22 nearly \$100 million dollars in change in control payments for Company management
23 and steered GW towards a sale.

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25 ¹ An American Depositary Share (“ADS”) represents an ownership interest in a
26 foreign deposited security (much like a share of stock represents an ownership interest
27 in a corporation) that has been deposited with a depository, such as a United States
28 bank or trust company. ADSs are traded in the United States in much the same way
as equity securities issued by domestic companies.

1 3. On March 15, 2021, to convince GW shareholders to vote in favor of the
2 unfair Merger, Defendants caused a materially false and misleading Definitive Proxy
3 Statement (as amended and supplemented, the “Proxy”), to be filed with the SEC and
4 disseminated to GW shareholders. As set forth below, the Proxy was materially false
5 and misleading with respect to GW’s operations and financial projections, the value
6 of GW shareholders’ stock, and the fairness of the Merger Consideration.

7 4. The Proxy provided a materially false and misleading valuation picture
8 of GW by disseminating unreasonably low financial projections for 2021-2035 (the
9 “December Projections”), which were used to frame the Merger Consideration as
10 “fair.” In reality, the Merger Consideration significantly undercompensated GW
11 shareholders and provided them with substantially less than the fair value of their
12 holdings.

13 5. The changes made to, and the numbers reflected in, the December
14 Projections are entirely unreasonable, disconnected from the reality of GW’s business
15 operations, contradicted by contemporaneous statements made by the Company and
16 its executive officers, and reflect just a fraction of the actual value of the Company.

17 6. The December Projections were created solely for use by GW’s financial
18 advisors, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC (“Goldman Sachs”) and Centerview Partners
19 LLC (“Centerview” and together with Goldman Sachs, the “Financial Advisors”), to
20 perform the valuation analyses underlying their fairness opinions—which were then
21 summarized in the Proxy to convince GW shareholders the Merger Consideration was
22 fair. Without the December Projections, which Defendants authorized Goldman Sachs
23 and Centerview to use despite knowing that the December Projections did not
24 accurately reflect the Company’s long-term financial prospects and value, the
25 Financial Advisors would have been unable to issue fairness opinions, Defendants
26 would have been unable to claim that the Merger Consideration provided shareholders
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1 with fair value for their holdings, and the Financial Advisors would have been forced
2 to forego the \$72 million in fees they received.

3 7. As set forth below, (i) the pretextual stated changes purportedly
4 justifying the slashes to the December Projections, (ii) the statements in the Proxy
5 conveying that the December Projections and their underlying assumptions were
6 “reasonably prepared” and reflected the Company’s “best currently available
7 estimates,” and (iii) the present value per GW ADS ranges that were predicated on the
8 downward manipulated December Projections misled GW shareholders about the fair
9 value of their ADSs, causing them to vote in favor of the Merger and accept the unfair
10 Merger Consideration.

11 8. The Merger closed on May 5, 2021, and GW ADSs were surrendered via
12 the Merger in exchange for \$200 in cash and 0.120360 Jazz ordinary shares per each
13 ADS. Notably, cash was provided in lieu of any fractional amount of Jazz stock
14 owned. Accordingly, only owners of at least 9 ADSs were allowed to keep at least 1
15 share of Jazz stock and maintain any continued ownership interest in the Company.

16 9. For these reasons and as set forth in detail herein, Defendants violated
17 Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act. Plaintiffs seek to recover damages
18 resulting from Defendants’ violations of the Exchange Act.

19 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

20 10. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Section
21 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question
22 jurisdiction) as Plaintiffs allege violations of Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Exchange
23 Act.

24 11. Personal jurisdiction exists over each Defendant either because the
25 Defendant conducted business in or maintained operations in this District, or is an
26 individual who is either present in this District for jurisdictional purposes or has
27 sufficient minimum contacts with this District as to render the exercise of jurisdiction
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1 over the Defendant by this Court permissible under traditional notions of fair play and
2 substantial justice.

3 12. Venue is proper in this District under Section 27 of the Exchange Act, 15
4 U.S.C. § 78aa, as well as pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, because: (i) the conduct at
5 issue took place and had an effect in this District; (ii) GW maintained its US
6 headquarters in this District and each of the Individual Defendants, Company officers
7 and/or directors, either reside in this District or have extensive contacts within this
8 District; (iii) a substantial portion of the Merger and wrongs complained of herein
9 occurred in this District; (iv) relevant documents pertaining to Plaintiffs' claims are
10 stored (electronically and otherwise), and evidence exists, in this District; and (v)
11 Defendants have received substantial compensation in this District by doing business
12 here and engaging in numerous activities that had an effect in this District.

13 **PARTIES**

14 13. Plaintiff Kurt Ziegler was a holder of GW ADSs at all relevant times.

15 14. Plaintiff Daniel Brady was a holder of GW ADSs at all relevant times.

16 15. Defendant GW is a company that was incorporated in the United
17 Kingdom. The Company maintained its U.S. headquarters and an administrative office
18 in Carlsbad, California. The Company's U.S. subsidiary, Greenwich Biosciences, Inc.
19 was also located in Carlsbad, California. Prior to the Merger, the Company's ADSs
20 traded on the Nasdaq stock exchange under the ticker symbol "GWPH".

21 16. Individual Defendant Geoffrey W. Guy was GW's Executive Chairman
22 and Chairman of GW's Board. He founded the eponymous GW Pharmaceuticals in
23 1998 shortly after being removed from control of his first two companies in late 1997.
24 He spent the next several months securing a license from the UK Home Office to grow
25 and supply cannabis for the research and development of medicine and GW was off
26 to the races. Learning from the experience of his previous companies, Defendant Guy
27 surrounded himself at GW with those he could control. When Jazz made its initial
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1 offer in July 2020, Defendant Guy was ready to exit the Company, and so the
2 Company was sold.

3 17. Individual Defendant Justin Gover was both GW's Chief Executive
4 Officer and a director on GW's Board. He has known and worked for Defendant Guy
5 for nearly 30 years. He grew from being Defendant Guy's assistant at their first
6 Company, Ethical Pharmaceuticals, to exiting his position as GW CEO in the Merger
7 with a \$40 million payday. When GW went public in 2013, and Defendant Guy needed
8 someone he could trust to run the day-to-day operations of a US publicly traded
9 company, he advanced Defendant Gover from Managing Director to CEO.

10 18. Individual Defendant Cabot Brown was a non-executive director of the
11 Company since its IPO. Defendant Brown has a close and longstanding relationship
12 with Defendant Guy that spans a quarter of a century. When GW went public in 2013,
13 and Defendant Guy needed someone he could trust to support him, he named
14 Defendant Brown to GW's Board of Directors.

15 19. Individual Defendant David Gryska was, at all relevant times, a non-
16 executive director of the Company. Defendant Gryska is the least tenured member of
17 the Board and was appointed unilaterally by the existing Board (with no outside
18 shareholder approval) in September 2020 specifically for his experience in strategic
19 transactions.

20 20. Individual Defendant Catherine Mackey was, at all relevant times, a non-
21 executive director of the Company. Defendant Mackey was unilaterally appointed to
22 the GW Board in 2017 when the Company still operated as a foreign private issuer
23 and was not subject to US proxy rules and regulations.

24 21. Individual Defendant James Noble was, at all relevant times, a non-
25 executive director of the Company. Defendant Noble has a longstanding relationship
26 with Defendant Guy and was one of the three initial non-executive directors appointed
27 to the Board when GW went public in 2013.

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1 after GW’s announcement of its blockbuster development plans for its drug product
2 Sativex/nabiximols and GW’s strong Second Quarter 2020 financial results, *Goldman*
3 *Sachs issued a price target for GW of \$271 per ADS*—but that was before being paid
4 \$36 million to provide a fairness opinion of \$220 per GW ADS. Finally, at the time
5 of the Merger, Goldman Sachs was a lender to Jazz under its 2018 revolving credit
6 facility. To finance the merger Jazz entered into new debt arrangements, which
7 involved re-financing its existing credit facility. Accordingly, Goldman was set to
8 profit from both sides of the Merger, and was therefore doubly incentivized to push
9 through a deal.

10 27. Centerview Partners LLC (“Centerview”) is a well-known investment
11 bank that served as a financial advisor to the GW Board for the purposes of completing
12 the Merger. For acting as financial advisor to the GW Board, Centerview was paid
13 \$36 million wholly contingent upon GW executing a merger agreement and/or the
14 consummation of the Merger. Specifically, \$1.5 million of the \$36 million was
15 payable upon execution of the merger agreement and the remaining \$34.5 million was
16 contingent on GW shareholders approving the Merger and the consummation of the
17 Merger.

18 **SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS**

19 **I. Background of the Company and the Merger**

20 Founding of GW

21 28. Defendant Geoffrey W. Guy founded the eponymous GW in 1998 as a
22 biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing, and
23 commercializing novel therapeutics from proprietary cannabinoid products in a broad
24 range of disease areas.

25 29. GW was the third biopharmaceutical company founded by Defendant
26 Guy and the second biopharmaceutical company he took public.

1 30. In 1997, the year before GW was founded, Defendant Guy agreed to step
2 down as Chairman of his private company PhytoPharma to allow his public Company,
3 Ethical Pharmaceuticals (“Ethical”), to be able to sell at least some of its controlling
4 position in PhytoPharma. That summer, in anticipation of Ethical’s secondary listing
5 on the London Stock Exchange (Ethical was already trading on the Nasdaq), Ethical
6 took on new outside directors that were more well-known to the UK market. Shortly
7 after the new board members joined Ethical, Defendant Guy faced a coup and was
8 pushed out of both of the companies he founded.

9 31. Defendant Guy learned from his mistakes in allowing outsiders to control
10 his companies. With GW, Defendant Guy made concerted efforts to not repeat those
11 mistakes and to become the man in control of the Board and not the man the Board
12 controlled. When an outside Board became necessary to list GW shares for trade on
13 the Nasdaq as ADSs, Defendant Guy handpicked each member of the Board to stock
14 it with directors beholden to him that would do and vote as instructed.² Take
15 Defendants Gover and Brown for example.

16 32. Defendant Guy met Defendant Gover in China when the latter was just
17 21 years old. Defendant Guy told Defendant Gover that if he was ever back in London,
18 that Defendant Gover should come work for Defendant Guy. When Defendant Gover
19 returned to London, Defendant Guy hired him as his executive assistant at Ethical
20 following the Nasdaq Listing. The two have known each other for so long that
21 Defendant Guy refers to Defendant Gover as his right-hand man and has said that the

22 ² In fact, none of the Individual Defendants’ initial selection to the Board came via
23 open election from the full body of GW shareholders. Defendants Guy, Gover, Brown,
24 and Noble were all appointed as directors prior to the initial offering. Defendants
25 Mackey, Secor, and Waldegrave were all appointed to the Board in 2017 and ratified
26 when GW was still a foreign private issuer that was exempt from compliance with US
27 proxy and voting rules and procedures. Finally, Defendant Gryska was only appointed
28 in September 2020 specifically for his experience with strategic alternatives and never
stood for election as a director.

1 two share a very special relationship to the point that it is almost telepathic. So
2 naturally, when GW was going public in 2013—and Defendant Guy, as Chairman
3 would take a step back from control of the day-to-day operations—Defendant Guy
4 elevated his right-hand man from Managing Director to Chief Executive Officer.

5 33. Similarly, Defendant Brown met Defendant Guy in the early 1990s when
6 Defendant Brown helped Defendant Guy enormously in taking Ethical public on the
7 Nasdaq. The two gelled instantly and developed a close relationship. Defendant Guy
8 appreciated that Defendant Brown acknowledged straight away and deferred to
9 Defendant Guy’s understanding of *his* company. Defendant Guy has even referred to
10 himself and Defendant Brown as fellow musketeers. So naturally, when Defendant
11 Guy needed to bring in outside directors to take his namesake GW public (particularly
12 those with close relationships that would defer to his decision-making), Defendant
13 Guy selected Defendant Brown.

14 *GW’s Business and Its Products*

15 34. GW was the world’s first pharmaceutical company to commercialize a
16 plant-derived cannabinoid prescription drug and, leading up to the Merger, the
17 Company was the leading player in the medical field for cannabis products. GW has
18 two primary products with current sales, either domestically or internationally, and in
19 the final stages of U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) approval: Epidiolex
20 (also known as Epidyolex) and Sativex (also known as nabiximols). GW also has a
21 deep pipeline of additional cannabinoid product candidates and novel compounds in
22 various FDA trial phases and development.

23 35. Epidiolex is a pharmaceutical formulation comprising highly purified
24 plant-derived cannabidiol, or CBD, for which GW retains global commercial rights.
25 GW initially launched Epidiolex in the U.S. in November 2018 for the treatment of
26 seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (“LGS”) and Dravet syndrome for
27 patients two years of age and older. In July 2020, the FDA expanded the approval of
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1 Epidiolex, adding a new indication of seizures associated with Tuberous Sclerosis
2 Complex (“TSC”). The FDA also approved the expansion of all existing indications,
3 LGS, Dravet syndrome, and TSC, to patients one year of age and older. LGS and
4 Dravet syndrome are severe childhood-onset, drug-resistant epilepsy syndromes. TSC
5 is a rare genetic disorder that causes non-malignant tumors to form in many different
6 organs and affects approximately 50,000 individuals in the United States and one
7 million worldwide. In the months leading up to the Merger, GW was actively pursuing
8 increasing the scope of Epidiolex both in existing sales to European and other
9 international countries and in growing indications to drastically expand the drug’s
10 addressable market.

11 36. Sativex, the world’s first plant-derived cannabinoid prescription drug, is
12 a complex botanical medicine formulated from extracts of the cannabis plant that
13 contains the principal cannabinoids THC and CBD. The primary focus of Sativex is
14 the treatment of spasticity:

The Real-World Assessment of Spasticity

What are we talking about when we say spasticity?

Classic Definition

(Lance, 1980)

"Spasticity is a motor disorder, characterized by a velocity-dependent increase in tonic stretch reflexes (muscle tone) with exaggerated tendon jerks, resulting from hyper-excitability of the stretch reflex as one component of the upper motor neuron (UMN) syndrome."

Patient-Centered Descriptions

(Rizzo et al, 2004)

Uses lay language to describe a broader range of clinical characteristics of spasticity:

- Unusual tightening of muscles that feels like leg stiffness — early symptom
- Jumping of the legs — spasms or myoclonic jerks
- A repetitive bouncing of the foot (clonus)
- Muscle cramping in legs or arms — spasms or cramps
- Legs going out tight and straight — extensor spasms
- Legs drawing up — flexor spasms

1 Sativex is approved in 25 countries for the treatment of spasticity due to multiple
2 sclerosis (“MS”)—with demonstrated efficacy in multiple positive pivotal trials
3 conducted in Europe.

4 37. In the United States, Sativex (under the name nabiximols) is in Phase III
5 of FDA trials for the treatment of spasticity due to MS, which would have enabled
6 GW to submit a new drug application (“NDA”) with the FDA, potentially as early as
7 the fourth quarter of 2021. MS is the most prevalent inflammatory neurological
8 disease of young adults affecting approximately 1 million people in the United States
9 and over 2 million worldwide, with diagnoses growing at ~2% per year. 80% of MS
10 patients experience spasticity, with 60% experiencing pain. The domestic MS market
11 would provide huge potential for Sativex/nabiximols, where the existing treatments
12 focus almost exclusively on reducing relapses and delaying disease progression, rather
13 than focusing on relieving specific symptoms, such as spasticity.

14 38. However, GW recognized far greater indications for Sativex/nabiximols
15 than MS spasticity. GW had plans, both short and long term, to unlock Sativex’s
16 “blockbuster” revenue potential, including indications for: spinal cord injury (250-
17 500k new cases per year, 80% spasticity, 80% pain); cerebral palsy (over 17 million
18 people worldwide, 70% spasticity); stroke (over 7 million people, 30-80% spasticity,
19 60% pain); traumatic brain injury (over 10 million people, 17-20% spasticity); and
20 post-traumatic stress disorder (“PTSD”) (estimated annualized population prevalence
21 is 1.8% for men and 5.2% for women).

22 39. GW also had a diverse and promising development pipeline for other
23 drug candidates, some of which were already showing strong results in Phase 1 or
24 Phase 2 clinical trials or studies.

25 Events Leading Up to the Merger

26 40. In February 2020, Remuneration Committee of GW’s Board met in the
27 normal course of its business with the Company’s independent compensation
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1 consultant, Anderson Pay Advisors (“Anderson”), to consider the ordinary salary
2 increases to be awarded to Executive Directors and Executive Officers. After
3 assessing and awarding the bonus pool based on the achievement of 2019 calendar
4 year objectives, the Remuneration Committee approved the bonus objectives to be
5 achieved by the Executive Directors during 2020 and agreed to the terms of the 2020
6 equity grants for the Long Term Incentive Plan (“LTIP”) awards to the Directors and
7 Executive Officers.

8 41. On May 11, 2020, GW announced its stellar financial results for the First
9 Quarter 2021, including record revenues of \$120.6 million (up 207% year-over-year)
10 that *exceeded* expectations. Defendant Gover celebrated these results:³

11 In the first quarter of 2020, we have seen continued strength of the
12 Epidiolex brand in both the U.S. and Europe and *remain confident*
13 *about prospects for growth in the remainder of the year*. Having been
14 granted priority review by the FDA for our proposed label expansion
15 to include TSC, our US commercial team is actively preparing for the
16 launch of this indication in August. In this current environment caused
17 by COVID-19, we have been able to support the epilepsy community
18 remotely and maintain production of Epidiolex, while taking necessary
19 steps to maintain the wellbeing of our employees. *Looking ahead, GW*
20 *is well placed to emerge strongly from the COVID-19 crisis with*
21 *significant growth prospects for Epidiolex in the US and Europe,*
22 *important pipeline clinical trials ready to execute, a strong balance*
23 *sheet, and an unparalleled leading position in cannabinoid science.*

18 42. On the earnings call that followed later that day, Defendant Gover
19 explained how GW was uniquely situated to keep growing during the pandemic:

20 We have not had any interruptions in ensuring that our medicines are
21 available to those who rely on them for their daily health and we
22 continue to make progress across all areas of the business. We at GW
23 control our own manufacture and supply chain, which has proven to be
24 very beneficial. *This control has not only enabled GW to ensure*
25 *manufacturing continuity, but it has, in fact, allowed us to increase*
26 *Epidiolex production in recent weeks*. I will ask Chris to provide more
27 detail on the specific actions his team have taken regarding production
28 as well as his thoughts on the progress of Epidiolex commercialization
in Europe later in the call.

27 ³ Unless otherwise indicated, all emphasis has been added.

1 Our commercial teams continue to actively interact with clinicians,
2 albeit virtually. We are fortunate that going into this COVID-19
3 situation, Epidiolex brand awareness was very high among both
4 patients and physicians. Our specialty pharmacy model, which features
5 direct home delivery for the vast majority of our patients has been in
6 place since launch and continues to work well.

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8 As you have heard, Epidiolex continues to demonstrate strong
9 receptivity in both the U.S. and in Europe. *And even in the COVID-19
10 environment, we see major growth opportunities in 2020, particularly
11 as we expand the products used to include the seizures associated with
12 TSC, significantly broadening its overall utility in epilepsy.*

13 We continue to believe that Epidiolex has a long commercial life ahead.
14 With the addition of another patent last week, we now have 10 patents
15 listed in the orange book, and we expect the addition of further LGS,
16 DS and TSC patents this year. These patents expire in 2035 and provide
17 real confidence in the durability of the brand. In addition to the use
18 patents granted and under review, we continue to progress the
19 composition patent application process. And while our clinical trials are
20 on hold until the current restrictions are sufficiently eased, this is a
21 temporary situation, and we continue to expect important pipeline
22 progress in 2020. At the forefront of that list is nabiximols, an exciting
23 late-stage program for GW in the U.S., for which we expect extended
24 exclusivity. *We strongly believe that now is the ideal time for this
25 product to emerge into the U.S. and believe that it can meet patient
26 needs across multiple indications in the coming years. Indeed, we are
27 now planning a virtual deep dive for investors and analysts on this
28 product, so please look out for further details of this event in the coming
weeks. I do believe that GW is as well positioned as any company to
withstand the impact of the COVID-19 situation and to emerge from
this crisis with real momentum for both Epidiolex and the pipeline.*

43. And GW's Chief Medical Officer provided details regarding the
Company's strong pipeline of products both in the near and long term:

Regarding our Epidiolex program, I am pleased to report that the FDA
has accepted our sNDA for the use of Epidiolex to treat seizures
associated with tuberous sclerosis complex. The FDA has granted
priority review, which highlights the unmet need for new treatment
options for patients with TSC, and the PDUFA date has been set for
July 31, 2020. In Europe, we also submitted a type 2 variation
application to the European Medicines Agency and recently received
notice that this filing also has been accepted for their review. If
approved, Epidiolex will be shown to be effective in treating seizures
associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, the Dravet syndrome and
tuberous sclerosis complex, thus confirming the broad antiseizure
effects of this medicine.

As we emerge from COVID-19, I'm excited at the extensive clinical
program planned for this year. Indeed, by the end of this year, we expect

1 to be conducting 7 Phase II and 4 Phase III trials as well as 1 Phase IV
2 study. We will also be conducting 6 Phase I trials on new pipeline
3 products and formulations. Further trials are also in the planning for
4 2021.

5 As we look ahead in the next wave of cannabinoid products, it is clear
6 that nabiximols is our top priority. Nabiximols offers a near-term route
7 to market in the U.S. and is a product for which extensive safety and
8 efficacy data already exist and which is already manufactured at
9 commercial scale. It is truly a pipeline in the product with at least 3
10 target indications expected to be developed over the next few years.
11 U.S. market research demonstrates that it has significant commercial
12 potential in MS spasticity, spinal cord injury spasticity and the broader
13 spasticity market. As a complex botanical product, we also believe that
14 nabiximols may benefit from long exclusivity. Interactions with the
15 FDA have been particularly productive. For MS spasticity, we are able
16 to bridge from previously conducted positive Phase III trials in Europe
17 by adding a new Phase III placebo-controlled trial with approximately
18 450 patients and a number of smaller mechanistic studies to the body
19 of evidence.

20 44. On June 30, 2020, GW provided the previously alluded to “deep-dive”
21 (65 page) presentation announcing its strategy for bringing Sativex/nabiximols to the
22 U.S. market, including its plans to commence a Phase 3 clinical program MS
23 Spasticity Clinical program, Spinal Cord Injury spasticity program, Post Traumatic
24 Stress Disorder program, and plans for broad spasticity indications, which would
25 provide multiple opportunities for an NDA submission as early as 2021 in both the
26 near-term and long-term. In the press release, Defendant Gover stated:

27 We are excited to present the details of our clinical program and
28 regulatory strategy for nabiximols, which we believe support the
potential for a *substantial near-term commercial opportunity* in the
U.S. Following constructive meetings with the FDA, we are now
commencing a Phase 3 clinical program that provides multiple
opportunities for an NDA submission, including as early as 2021.
*Beyond the initial target indication of MS spasticity, our Phase 3
clinical program is **designed to achieve a broad spasticity label over
time.** This development strategy, together with the long-term exclusivity
potential of nabiximols, provides GW with confidence that this product
should represent a significant value driver for GW.*

45. The presentation detailed both the near-term indications for the Phase III
trials of Sativex/nabiximols already under way (and already approved in 25 countries
around the world) and the long-term “blockbuster revenue potential” based on broader

1 indications of Sativex/nabiximols—with some indications already performing
 2 successfully in FDA trials, and others well on their way in the developmental platform:

3 **Spinal Cord Injury may unlock broad spasticity indication**



Approximate Sample Size	Design	Endpoint	Target Start (FPI)	Target Data Readout
~100	Observational, 4-week clinical discovery study	Multiple spasticity endpoints	Q4 2020	2021
~100	Part A: nabiximols run-in to identify responders Part B: single dose, 3 way cross-over	Muscle Tone (LLMT-6)	Q2 2021	2022
~400	Double-blind, placebo controlled, 12-week treatment period	Spasm frequency	H2 2021	2023

Spasticity in MS manifests mostly in the lower extremities and is related to spinal cord disease.

SCI is a logical next population to expand the nabiximols evidence base.

FDA has a precedent in approving drugs for spasticity irrespective of the underlying condition.

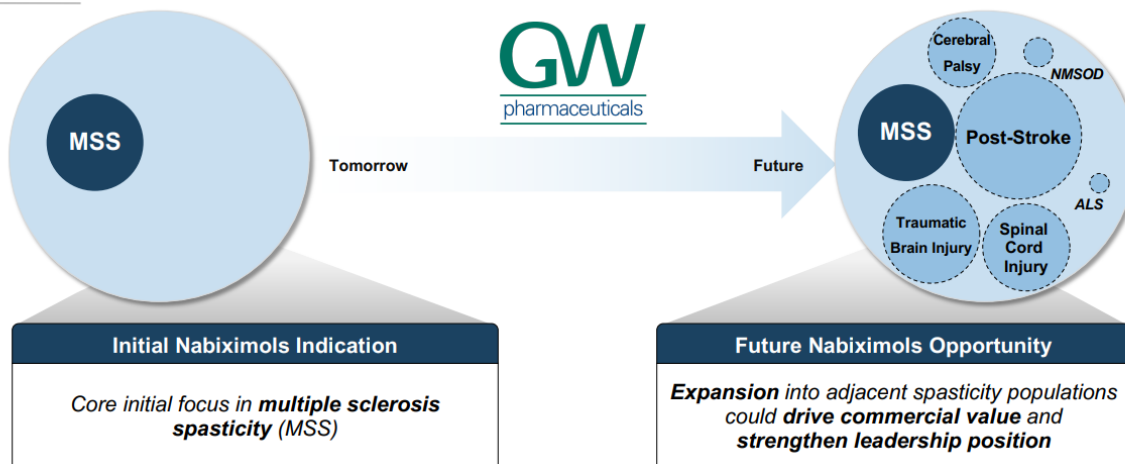
June 30, 2020

GW Pharmaceuticals Investor Presentation

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16 **Nabiximols may address broad spasticity conditions, unlocking**
 17 **blockbuster revenue potential**

18 *ILLUSTRATIVE*



Source: Physician Interviews; Patient Interviews.



June 30, 2020

GW Pharmaceuticals Investor Presentation

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1 46. Based on this presentation of “blockbuster” potential, *immediately after*
2 *the presentation* on June 30, 2020, *Evercore raised its price target for GW from \$250*
3 *per ADS to \$275 per ADS.*

4 47. To account for this “blockbuster” revenue potential, GW management,
5 **in its ordinary course of business**, prepared financial projections for the Company
6 through 2035 (the “July Projections”).

7 48. On July 6, 2020, one week after the Sativex/nabixmols presentation, Jazz
8 reached out to Defendant Gover and, on July 8, 2020, Jazz made an initial offer to
9 purchase the Company for \$172 per GW ADS—over \$100 less per ADS than the
10 Company’s most recent price target.

11 49. On July 16, 2020, the Board met and discussed the Jazz offer. At the
12 meeting, Scott Giacobello, GW’s Chief Financial Officer, presented background on
13 Jazz based on public information, including information about its business and certain
14 financial metrics. Mr. Giacobello then presented and reviewed with the GW Board the
15 July Projections, which had been prepared by GW management *prior* to the receipt of
16 Jazz’s July 8, 2020 proposal.

17 50. After these presentations, the GW Board expressed confidence in GW’s
18 standalone plan and prospects based on the July Projections and agreed to reject Jazz’s
19 offer because it fundamentally undervalued GW. However, the Board set an arbitrary
20 benchmark of \$200 for them to reconsider any proposal from Jazz, and provided
21 Defendant Gover authority to reject future offers below this amount.

22 51. It was during this same time period, July 2020, that GW decided to fire
23 its existing independent compensation consultant and hired Radford to review GW’s
24 severance plans and programs (specifically including change in control scenarios) and
25 provide recommendations for salaries, LTIP awards, performance plans, and bonus
26 incentive awards for 2021. Radford’s engagement—and especially the timing of its
27 engagement—is important for several reasons. First, the fact that GW engaged
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1 Radford in July 2020 contradicts the version of events in the Proxy that Radford was
2 not engaged until October 2020. Second, for years (perhaps decades), GW’s regular
3 practice for determining director and officer compensation and equity awards
4 occurred in February or March of that year—as done in February 2020. The decision
5 by Defendants to break from GW’s normal course of business, accelerate the
6 determination of executive compensation, and then lie to GW shareholders in the
7 Proxy regarding the timing of this decision strongly indicates that this course of action
8 was a direct result of the Jazz acquisition offer made at the beginning of the month.
9 This further demonstrates that GW, and Defendant Guy, had already decided to sell
10 the Company despite openly acknowledging the fundamental valuation shortcomings
11 of the offer, and needed to (i) approve change in control and 2021 awards before they
12 sold the Company and (ii) incentivize management with millions of reasons to go
13 along with a sale, whether it represented fair value for GW shareholders or not.

14 52. On July 31, 2020, GW continued the positive news and announced that
15 the FDA approved a new indication Epidiolex oral solution to treat seizures associated
16 with tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) in patients one year of age and older.

17 53. On August 6, 2020, the Company announced its strong Second Quarter
18 2020 financial results, reporting a 68% increase in total revenue and a decrease in
19 costs of sales from 9% of net product sales to only 7% of net product sales. These
20 record results, which again *exceeded* expectations, were driven by the substantial
21 increase in Epidiolex net sales. In the press release, Defendant Gover stated:

22 We were pleased with the strength of U.S. Epidiolex sales in the second
23 quarter in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, the recent
24 approval and imminent launch of Epidiolex for the treatment of seizures
25 associated with TSC provides a meaningful new opportunity *to*
26 *accelerate momentum through the second half of 2020 and beyond*. We
27 also continue to be excited about the potential of our product pipeline,
28 in particular nabiximols, for which we recently outlined our
accelerated US development strategy in the treatment of spasticity in
patients with MS and other conditions. We look forward to
commencing the nabiximols Phase 3 program as well as multiple other
pipeline clinical trials in the second half of the year.

1 54. Defendant Gover elaborated during the Q2 earnings call later that
2 evening on GW's historically great performance in the face of the pandemic and the
3 strong potential of its products in the short, medium, and long term:

4 *Overall, I'm extremely proud of how even in the face of the challenges*
5 *of this unprecedented pandemic we have delivered quarter-on-quarter*
6 *revenue growth in the U.S. with Epidiolex net sales in the U.S. in Q2*
7 *reaching \$111 million. I think this growth is a real testimony to the*
8 *importance of Epidiolex in meeting a serious unmet need in patients*
9 *with treatment resistant seizures, and to the commitment of our*
10 *organization to these patients and their families.*

11 *Within the last week, we were delighted to announce that Epidiolex was*
12 *approved by the FDA for the treatment of seizures associated with*
13 *tuberous sclerosis complex or TSC. This approval is a very significant*
14 *milestone in the expansion of the market opportunity for Epidiolex,*
15 *representing a near doubling of the target patient population.*

16 *We believe that the launch of this new indication this month will offer*
17 *strong support to the commercial momentum of Epidiolex as we move*
18 *through the second half of the year and beyond.*

19 *We view Epidiolex as the first of what we believe will be several novel*
20 *cannabinoid medicines to emerge from our platform in the coming*
21 *years. At the end of June, we hosted a webcast to announce details of*
22 *the U.S. development and commercialization strategy for nabiximols,*
23 *which we expect to be our next us commercial product. I hope that you*
24 *have had the chance to review this webinar, if not, an archive is*
25 *available on the GW website on the investor homepage.*

26 *In summary, we have designed a clinical program that provides*
27 *multiple accelerated pathways to an NDA submission, including as*
28 *early as next year, and **believe in nabiximols very significant***
commercial potential over the short, medium and long term.

In closing, we are very pleased with the performance of GW's business
*in the second quarter, **the strongest in our 20-year history.** In*
particular, we are seeing continued growth of Epidiolex U.S. revenue
during the quarter. And with the TSC approval now in hand, our U.S.
commercial team is poised for the launch of this important new
*indication, which should provide a solid tailwind for *Epidiolex growth**
through 2020 and beyond.

We are very excited about the impact of this expanded label and about
the progress we are starting to see with U.S. payers in widening access.
We also continue to make progress in further solidifying the exclusivity
position of Epidiolex.

1 Beyond Epidiolex, our new nabiximol program offers an exciting new
2 horizon line for investors. We now have a clear path to an NDA with
multiple shots on goal perhaps as soon as next year.

3 We also believe that nabiximol offers extended exclusivity due to the
4 complex botanical composition of this medicine. *We strongly believe*
5 *that now is the ideal time for this product to emerge in the United States*
6 *and believe that it has the potential to become a broadly used medicine*
7 *meeting patient needs across numerous indications in the coming*
8 *years, providing another important growth driver for investors in GW*
9 *well into the future.*

10 55. During the call, Chief Medical Officer Volker Knappertz also expanded
11 upon the June presentation regarding the Company's ramp up of Sativex/nabiximol:

12 Looking beyond Epidiolex. At our recent investor webinar, we
13 discussed our accelerated U.S. development and regulatory strategy for
14 nabiximols. Over the last 18 months, we've had multiple -- different
15 collaborative meetings with the FDA regarding the path to an NDA for
16 nabiximols. We've gained agreement to supplement and bridge the
existing European pivotal data with data from one more trial with either
muscle tone or muscle spasm as the primary endpoint.

17 At our webinar, we detailed the program of five MS spasticity trials,
18 two of which are anticipated to commence this year and three in the
19 first half of 2021. *We believe that positive results from any one of these*
20 *trials will be sufficient for us to submit the NDA. All the other pieces of*
21 *the NDA are either in place, or anticipated to be by the first half of*
22 *2021, thus enabling the NDA to be submitted as soon as we have data*
23 *from one positive study.*

24 The first such opportunity should be mid next year. And there will be
25 data readouts from the remaining four trials at regular intervals over the
26 course of the remainder of 2021 and 2022. ***Our discussions with FDA***
27 ***also provide confidence in the ability for nabiximols to gain a broader***
28 ***specificity label over time. The FDAs view is that spasticity is a***
neurological manifestation which is common to several conditions. And
we believe that our program to study spinal cord injury spasticity may
therefore not only allow for expansion to this patient population, but
may lead to a broad spasticity indication.

29 We have planned a program of three spinal cord injury studies, and
30 beyond specificity, *we have selected Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as*
31 *an additional target indication for nabiximols and expect the Phase 2/3*
32 *study to commence in the first half of 2021.*

33 56. The next day, on August 7, 2020, Bank of America issued a price target
34 of \$234 per GW ADS and **Goldman Sachs** (a week before officially being engaged
35 as GW's financial advisor) increased its price target from \$171 to **\$271 per GW ADS.**

1 57. On August 13, 2020, again one week after a positive announcement from
2 GW, Jazz made a second offer to purchase GW for \$187 per ADS. Although
3 Defendant Gover later rejected this proposal as inadequate, privately, the Board was
4 already sold and, shortly after the offer was mad, GW formally engaged the Financial
5 Advisors, despite the offer's failure to even cross the arbitrary \$200 threshold.

6 58. On August 21, 2020, Defendant Gover officially rejected the offer, but
7 this time he informed Jazz's CEO about the \$200 threshold.

8 59. On September 11, 2020, Jazz reached back out to indicate that it was
9 willing to consider an increase in its proposal if GW would permit Jazz to conduct
10 limited due diligence. The Board determined that there had been **no material changes**
11 **to GW or its prospects** and again rejected the offer.

12 60. On September 15, 2020, Defendant Gover participated in a Q&A session
13 at the Morgan Stanley Global Healthcare Conference where he further explained the
14 high likelihood of success for the Sativex/nabiximols clinical pipeline, its broad
15 intended implications, and strong prospects in both the short and long term:

16 David Lebowitz

17 Now, I guess I'll take that -- this moment to jump from Epidiolex over
18 to nabiximols. It's certainly a topic that has become more important to
19 the conversation over the last few months. You held a deep dive on it
20 this summer.

21 Could you tell us about nabiximols? I mean there is Sativex, which is
22 on the market in Europe already. What exactly is nabiximols? And how
23 does it -- I guess, bring us up to speed on what the MS spasticity market
24 is?

25 Justin Gover

26 Yeah. Thanks for the opportunity. And you're right, I'm pleased to have
27 noted the level -- the increased level of invested interest after our
28 summer event. And rightly so, because I think nabiximols a product
that is exciting in its own right. But I think more -- even more than that,
*I think it has a **potentially transformative effect** on the investment
proposition for GW as a whole, in that I think it provides -- could -- will
provide, we hope, a validation of GW as a platform company, for which
multiple cannabinoids can be developed and made available.*

1 There's a long story, which I won't go into, but the very high level
2 impression of this is nabiximols, as you said, is branded Sativex in
3 Europe, and it was part of an early life of GW in the first decade. It got
4 approved in Europe about a decade ago with some European clinical
5 trials. And GW's efforts over the last five years really have focused on
6 epilepsy and Epidiolex. And we didn't actually own the U.S. rights in
7 nabiximols for most of the life of the company.

8 We recovered those rights about 18 months ago or so and have really
9 since then shaped the program with FDA for nabiximols, which
10 essentially evolves bridging from our older European studies to
11 meeting modern FDA requirements. And that has enabled us to
12 construct a program of several clinical trials within the field of MS
13 spasticity, and *what we believe is now a derisked program* with multiple
14 shots on goal, where we've got five studies that we are carrying out in
15 the MS spasticity indication and believe that any one of those five
16 would be sufficient to submit the NDA. The first readout, we expect
17 around the middle of next year. Subsequent readouts for other studies
18 will be coming in relatively quick succession after that.

19 *So it's really not that far away*, actually, potentially as our next drug.
20 Darren's U.S. commercial team is busy prepping for the potential
21 approval of nabiximols. And its market is -- potential, I think, is very
22 exciting. Within MS, we see about a market estimate around peak sales
23 of about \$450 million in the U.S., but the MS indication is really just
24 the beginning.

25 ***Our FDA discussions have, I think, clarified for us that there is a
26 pathway to a broad spasticity label to include patients with spinal cord
27 injury, traumatic brain injury, post-stroke and so on, and that broader
28 indication can probably be achieved, we believe, with one additional
29 form of spasticity in the form of spinal cord injury spasticity. And so if
30 that works, that really does, again, significantly further boost the sales
31 potential of the product.*** So long answer, there are a lot to explain. But
32 I think what we see here is a bit of a pipeline and a product opportunity,
33 very late stage.

34 And finally, a product that we think has a lot of exclusivity duration to
35 it. It's a highly-complex product. It falls within what the FDA term
36 botanical guidance, which essentially means that the product can really
37 can only be made from the plant from, which it's extracted. And I think,
38 as I said, provides a really quite important new growth driver for the
39 company.

40 61. On November 3, 2020, the Company announced its Third Quarter 2020
41 financial results, again *exceeding* expectations, and reporting a sequential increase to
42 record revenue (up 51%) and decrease to costs (down to 6% of net product sales). In
43 the press release, Defendant Gover stated:

1 We are pleased to report strong revenue growth in the 3rd quarter
2 despite the challenges presented by COVID-19. Epidiolex meets a
3 serious unmet need within the field of epilepsy and we expect the
4 product to demonstrate continued strong growth in the months and
5 years ahead. The recent expanded indication for the treatment of
6 seizures associated with TSC has been very well received by patients,
7 clinicians and payers. We have also now commenced the pivotal Phase
8 3 program for nabiximols in the treatment of multiple sclerosis
9 spasticity, which provides multiple opportunities for an NDA
10 submission, including as early as next year. Beyond nabiximols, we are
11 advancing several clinical-stage pipeline candidates, including the
12 recent start of a Phase 2 trial in schizophrenia.

13 62. On the earnings call that followed, Defendant Gover elaborated:

14 *Overall, I'm very pleased to report a strong quarter with total revenue*
15 *in Q3 of \$137 million, the sequential growth the 13% over the prior*
16 *quarter and 51% over the prior year quarter. Year-to-date, total revenue*
17 *is \$379 million, representing 87% growth over the prior year.*

18 While the pandemic makes for more challenging commercial backdrop,
19 we are confident that Epidiolex has all the characteristics to continue to
20 exhibit strong growth in the months and years to come.

21 In the close to two years since launch in the U.S., we estimate that
22 Epidiolex has to-date achieve penetration of approximately 30% of
23 LGS patients, 40% of Dravet patient, 10% of TSC patients and less than
24 10% of other refractory childhood onset epilepsies. While this level of
25 penetration is significant, it is clear that there are tens of thousands of
26 U.S. patients that remain potential candidates for Epidiolex.

27 In the second half of August, our U.S. sales organization started
28 actively promoting the TSC indication. *Receptivity to-date has been*
very positive and we believe that this indication will offer strong
support to the commercial momentum of Epidiolex as we move through
the remainder of the year and into 2021.

We have also seen important progress in recent months and expanding
payer coverage, and overall, consider ourselves to be very well-
positioned to deliver on the full potential of Epidiolex.

Outside the U.S., Epidiolex delivered a strong quarter, demonstrating a
strong recovery from a COVID impacted Q2 and we continue to make
important progress in pricing and reimbursement in key European
market.

As we have stated on previous calls, we see Epidiolex as representing
the beginning of a new era for cannabinoid science and we are
committed to it advancing GW's cannabinoid pipeline to develop
important new treatments for patients with a particular focus on the
field of neurology and neuropsychiatry.

1 In recent weeks, we have commenced a new Phase 3 program in MS,
2 the start of a new Phase 2 program in schizophrenia and the first
3 inhuman dosing in a Phase 1 trial of a new drug candidates targeted
4 within neuropsychiatry.

5 Notably, we announced today that the nabiximols Phase 3 clinical
6 program is now underway, where the first MS spasm study now
7 recruiting patient. A second Phase 3 study on track to commence
8 shortly and three other studies set to begin in 2021. As we have
9 previously stated, any one of these studies could lead us to an NDA
10 submission with FDA and data from the first study is expected in 2021.

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12 *In closing, we are very pleased with the performance of GWS overall
13 business in Q3. The essential elements to support future Epidiolex
14 revenue growth are in place, in particular, an expanded indication and
15 efficacy profile, broadening payer coverage and near universal
16 adoption by key prescriber target. We fully expect Epidiolex to follow
17 the same long-term growth path seen with previous highly successful
18 anti-epilepsy drugs. We continue to enhance the exclusivity position of
19 Epidiolex.*

20 In addition to the 13 patents currently listed in the orange book, 12 of
21 which expire in 2035, two further orange book listable patents are
22 expected to be allowed or granted by Q1 2021 and additional
23 applications beyond this are in prosecution. We also believe that the
24 addition of the composition patent currently under review will provide
25 an additional layer of protection.

26 *And beyond Epidiolex, as I mentioned in my opening remarks, we are
27 committed to advancing GW's cannabinoid pipeline to develop
28 important new treatments for patients. GW is the unparalleled world
leader in this field of science and our early mid- and late-stage pipeline
taking shape.*

This is most evident for nabiximols where we have multiple
opportunities for our NDA submission as early as mid next year. The
commercial potential and long-term exclusivity prospects for this
product in the U.S. are truly exciting.

63. On November 18, 2020, Defendant Gover participated in another Q&A
session at the Stifel Virtual Healthcare Conference where he touted GW's recent
successful quarters in the face of the pandemic and reiterated the path forward for
Sativex/nabiximols with broad spasticity indications:

Paul Matteis

Yes. No, that's great. Thanks. Thanks so much, Justin. Yes. I mean,
maybe I think *the question I'd love to kind of help clarify, as it relates
to 3Q and of course, has implications for going forward is the sales*

1 *increase you guys saw in 3Q was great. And it was a really nice quarter.*
2 Do you -- how accurately over the past two to three quarters are the
3 changes in sales sequentially tracking the change in patients on
4 therapy?

5 Justin Grover

6 So we, I think there is the, although the stock price would have
7 suggested a very different set of dynamics in Q2 and Q3, the reality
8 actually was less sort of extreme. We've seen the world was a very
9 different place in Q2, but equally, actually, we felt like we stood that
10 pretty well. And Q3 was just building off that foundation. So, of course
11 there are many things that go into growth of the product. We just got a
12 new indication, of course, which is incredibly helpful. Payer coverage
13 is a big dynamic and is one of the things we did on the course, talk
14 specifically about the penetration we'd already achieved. And really, I
15 think, hopefully giving investors a high level of comfort that there's a
16 long runway here for this product albeit month-to-month in a pandemic
17 and it is less easy to predict how each region and state and week or two
18 is effective in this current environment. And I am sure investors get
19 that.

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21 Paul Matteis

22 Yes. Makes sense. All right, great. Well, maybe do you want to just
23 finish off by laying out the other pipeline catalysts to look forward to
24 over say the next 12 to 18 months?

25 Justin Grover

26 Yes, just very briefly, right, *we've got nabiximols is not just limited to*
27 *MS, of course. So this is we, we believe based on FDA discussions that*
28 *we can get a broader spasticity label, which would be a huge win for*
the company. And so we're going to do that through also adding in
spinal cord spasticity as an indication. We have clinical programs in
phase 2 running in autism, schizophrenia. And we have a new candidate
that just went into phase one and more candidates that will go into the
clinic next year or essentially focused on urology and neuro psychiatry.
So as I mentioned in my -- in the outset, I think what you're going to
see from GW over the next 18 months or so is commercial execution,
the nabiximols sort of pivotal activity, phase 2 data and candidates kind
of filling the early stage pipeline as well.

64. On December 1, 2020, Jazz made a renewed offer for \$205 per GW ADS.

65. A week later, on December 8, 2020, the GW Board met with members
of management, the Financial Advisors, and GW's legal advisors. At that meeting,
with Jazz having crossed the arbitrary \$200 barrier, and despite the fact that the
Financial Advisors warning that Jazz would not have the financial ability to make any

1 significantly higher offer,⁴ the Board officially determined not to reach out to any
2 other parties or perform any type of market check, because it didn't want to risk losing
3 the deal if Jazz found out that GW was reaching out to other parties. However, after
4 meeting with their Financial Advisors and considering Jazz's \$205 per GW ADS offer
5 (and their financial inability to meaningfully improve the offer), the Board realized
6 that the deal price they were looking at would not represent fair value for GW
7 shareholders. But instead of walking away from the deal or reaching out to other
8 parties who could afford to pay fair value, the Board instructed Defendant Gover and
9 his management team to prepare new, lower financial projections to make the offer
10 price *appear* fair to GW shareholders.

11 66. On December 13, 2020, the GW Board met again with members of
12 management, the Financial Advisors, and GW's legal advisors. Armed with newly
13 minted and drastically reduced financial projections (the "December Projections"),
14 Goldman Sachs and Centerview presented financial analyses of GW based upon the
15 December Projections, and discussion ensued regarding the analyses, the drivers and
16 assumptions underlying them, and various sensitivities presented by each Financial
17 Advisor. Even after reviewing these drastically lowered financial valuations of GW
18 based on the downward manipulated December Projections, the Board was forced to
19 concede that the arbitrary \$200 threshold still fundamentally undervalued GW, and
20 agreed to let Jazz perform due diligence to help increase its offer in light of Jazz's
21 known budgetary limits.

22 67. On December 23, 2020, after just a week of high-level due diligence,
23 where GW did not provide and Jazz did not consider either the July Projections or the
24 December Projections, Jazz increased its proposal to \$220 per GW ADS, consisting
25 of \$200 in cash with the balance coming as a small fraction of Jazz ordinary shares.

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27 ⁴ As a lender to Jazz under its existing credit agreement, Goldman Sachs had first hand
28 knowledge regarding Jazz's limitations to raise additional debt to increase its offer.

1 68. On January 11, 2021, GW announced strong preliminary Fourth Quarter
2 and Fiscal Year 2020 financial results and, once again, reported record revenue (up
3 70%) that *exceeded* expectations. In the press release, Defendant Gover stated:

4 ***Epidiolex sales increased by over 70% in 2020 despite the challenges***
5 ***of COVID-19, reflecting the positive impact this medicine has on***
6 ***patients as well as the performance of our commercial team. We remain***
7 ***encouraged by our patients’ experience on this product, as***
8 ***demonstrated by high persistence and refill rates. This, combined with***
9 ***our expansion of payer coverage and the recently approved Tuberous***
10 ***Sclerosis Complex indication, leads us to expect continued strong***
11 ***growth in 2021 in both the US and Europe. Our goals in 2021 include***
12 ***driving further Epidiolex growth and advancing multiple US pivotal***
13 ***trials for nabiximols in the treatment of MS spasticity, with the first***
14 ***data readout expected this year. In addition to our previously***
15 ***announced pipeline activities, we are leveraging our world leadership***
16 ***in cannabinoid science to design and synthesize novel cannabinoid***
17 ***molecules and expect our first novel product candidate to enter the***
18 ***clinic in 2021.***

19 69. By this point, with the Merger and derisory Merger Consideration *fait*
20 *accompli*, the Company did not host an earnings call. However, on January 12, 2021,
21 Defendant Gover did present at the Annual JPMorgan Virtual Healthcare Conference.
22 At the conference, Defendant Gover talked at length about the immediate success of
23 Epidiolex, its expanded indication, market penetration, payer acceptance, forthcoming
24 global growth, and “blockbuster” potential. He then continued to reiterate GW’s short
25 and long term plans for Sativex/nabiximols growth, including indications for MS,
26 broad spasticity, and PTSD:

27 ***2020 was a year of achievement at GW across all aspects of our***
28 ***business in spite of all the challenges of COVID, and I think 2021 has***
the potential to be another transformative year for this company. I
look forward to sharing the success of 2020 with you today and to
provide color on why we have much to look forward to in the year
ahead.

In 2020 we managed to achieve further success across all aspects of
our business. In particular we progressed on active R&D program and
robust pipeline with multiple Phase 1 and 2 and 3 trials underway. We
prepared nabiximols for U.S. Phase 3 development in anticipation in
NDA submission developing a pathway forward with the FDA and
commencing the pivotal trials program.

1 *We expanded the indication and achieved commercial success for*
2 *Epidiolex reporting revenue growth of over 70% compared to the prior*
3 *year with total net product sales exceeding \$500 million in just the*
4 *second year of launch. And we grew out global reach and established a*
5 *European commercial market presence with GW teams and the major*
6 *five European markets and progressing pricing and reimbursement*
7 *across a wider European Union.*

8 *Turning to slide 5, Epidiolex represented the beginning of a new era*
9 *for cannabinoid science and we have expanded our pipeline to build on*
10 *this success. **With nabiximols we are moving forward with a robust***
11 ***Phase 3 program in MS spasticity followed by a program in spinal***
12 ***cord injury spasticity and PTSD.***

13 2021 could be a pivotal year for this product, and I will provide more
14 detail on this important late stage asset later in the presentation. Beyond
15 Epidiolex and nabiximols, we also have other candidates in phase I and
16 2 trials and are committed to advancing GW cannabinoid pipeline to
17 develop important new treatments for patients with a particular focus
18 on neurology and neuropsychiatry, including schizophrenia, autism, in
19 NHIE and other targets.

20 *I am pleased to announce today for the first time that we are expanding*
21 *beyond this pipeline with an exciting new additional research and*
22 *discovery focus with GW Pharma. On slide six, over the next over the*
23 *last couple of years, we have been working on taking cannabinoid*
24 *leadership to the next level. While our history has focused on plant*
25 *derived medicines, and this remains a key part of our future. Today, I*
26 *would like to talk to you about our plans to go beyond the plant to*
27 *design next generation cannabinoid molecules.*

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Since we began to commercialize the product approximately two years ago, we've had a highly successful launch. We are proud of the impact this medicine has had on thousands of patients and their families.

As we announced yesterday, in 2020, even in the context of COVID-19 in our second year of commercialization, we reported an increase in net sales of 70% to reach \$510 million for the year.

And we're not stopping there. There continues to be significant unmet need across treatment resistant epilepsy. You can see here the three indicated conditions for Epidiolex today, and we continue to consider ways in which we can expand the research that we conduct within the epilepsy field to meet the needs of additional patients. *We did announce recently that we will be pursuing a fourth indication for Epidiolex within the field of epilepsy and expect to start a trial later this year.* The unmet need remains very clear across the epilepsy community, with around a third of epilepsy patients being treatment resistant. *As such, we see there remains considerable potential for Epidiolex growth for many years to come.*

1 Turning to slide 14, with our eye on reaching the most patients possible,
2 *we have the expertise and team in place of **building Epidiolex towards***
3 ***becoming a blockbuster medication.*** In 2021 our priorities are to build
4 on the positive patient and physician experiences to increase
prescribing to accelerate adoption across a broader prescriber base, to
continue to expand payer coverage to increase penetration in the long
term care segment, and to continue to execute on a recent TFC label
expansion, drive adoption in TSC.

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6 *We believe that nabiximols represents a near term U.S. product*
7 *opportunity with significant commercial potential. Given that the*
8 *product is already approved outside the United States, we already have*
9 *a significant evidence base in terms of efficacy and safety.* Further, we
also believe the product has strong durable exclusivity due to its
complex botanical formulation. The graph on this slide shows the
complex composition of this product, which we are required to
standardize from batch to batch achieving this has required over a
decade of work.

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11 Turning to slide 18, our first indication is spasticity and MS, which we
believe represents a potential U.S. sales opportunity of approximately
12 \$450 million. Despite current treatment, one third of MS spasticity
patients live with uncontrolled spasticity. No new oral anti spasticity
13 medicines have been approved in the last 20 years. And current disease
modifying treatments show no evidence in relieving symptom.

14 Data gathered last year shows that 26% to 50% of MS patients in the
United States are self-medicating with an unregulated cannabis
15 product. And our recent market research shows there is significant
interest among both physicians and patients in nabiximols and real
16 enthusiasm for the arrival of this product to the United States.

17 Turning to slide 19, much of that enthusiasm is based on the
demonstrated efficacy data from our three completed positive placebo
18 controlled studies, all of which met their primary endpoints. These
studies are all published in peer reviewed journals. And so on slide 20
19 over the last 18 months, we have had multiple informative and
collaborative meetings with the FDA to agree the route to an NDA
20 submission for nabiximols in MS.

21 In essence, we expect to bridge from the three positive trials carried out
22 in Europe by supplementing the file with one additional trial with
primary data and a more proximate spasticity endpoint, either
23 addressing muscle tone or spasms. *Although we only expect to need*
data from one additional trial, we have decided to pursue a multiple
24 *shots on goal strategy with five trials planned. And I'm pleased to*
announce that the first two of these five trials are now underway. This
25 *multiple shots on goal strategy not only **increases the probability of***
***success,** but we also see that the abundant clinical data generated will*
26 *prove useful to physicians and patients as we bring this product to the*
United States. And beyond MS spasticity, we have also discussed with
27 *FDA the potential for expanding into other indications.*

1 On slide 21, we provide more detail on the five MS spasticity trials.
2 These include a range of study designs and sample sizes. Two of these
3 five have started and three are scheduled to commence in the first half
4 of this year. As soon as we obtain the results of one positive additional
5 study demonstrating an effect on muscle tone or spasm we will be in a
6 position to move forward with the NDA submission. We expect data
7 from the first perhaps even the second of these trials during 2021.

8 And in parallel with these trials, our U.S. commercial team is starting
9 to prepare for a future launch. On slide 22, *as we think about the life
10 cycle beyond MS spasticity, we see real opportunities within the
11 broader spasticity market.* There are as many as 3 million patients in
12 the United States with spasticity associated with various conditions.

13 ***In discussions with the FDA, we are confident that a broad spasticity
14 label is achievable for this product. And beyond MS, our next target
15 was the spinal cord injury spasticity, which is similar in size to the
16 commercial opportunity for multiple sclerosis. The addition of this
17 indication may in fact be sufficient to achieve the broad spasticity label.***

18 ***And beyond spasticity, we're also looking now at PTSD. And there is
19 great interest within the PTSD community around cannabis and the
20 potential for an FDA approved option. We are currently preparing a
21 phase 2 clinical trial in this indication.***

22 And finally, moving to our financials and outlook for 2021. On slide
23 24, you'll see that we reported our Q4 2020 results yesterday. I am
24 proud to say that we reported net revenue of \$148 million. And as you
25 can see from this graph, the company has delivered strong revenue
26 growth quarter-on-quarter over the last two years. Revenue in 2020
27 increased by over 70% over the prior year. Further, we are also in a
28 solid financial position with \$486 million in cash at year end. *Overall,
our results last year reflect the continued dedication of the GW
Organization and I'm proud of our team's commitment to the patients
and physicians we serve while adapting to the challenges of the global
COVID-19 pandemic.*

And moving to slide 25. And in closing, I'd like to review our key
priorities for 2021. First, we expect to continue to deliver commercial
success and revenue growth for Epidiolex. We have multiple growth
drivers in the U.S. including the TSC indication and broadening payer
coverage. Second, we expect to prepare nabiximols for approval and
launch in the United States. We will have five pivotal trials in spasticity
associated with MS running this year, and expect to submit the NDA
upon the first positive readout data from at least one of these trials as
expected this year. Third, we expect to advance a robust pipeline of
clinical and research programs. We have multiple phase 2 clinical trials
on going and new candidates moving into the clinic, including from our
new discovery efforts focused on novel cannabinoid NCEs with
increased potency.

And finally, we expect to continue to expand our global reach with the
successful execution of additional launches of Epidiolex in the
European Union and beyond. *I have every confidence that we will*

1 *continue to deliver in 2021. And that the year ahead provides*
2 *tremendous opportunity for value creation.*

3 70. Having already determined to accept the unfair Merger Consideration,
4 Defendants spent the final days extracting as much personal benefit for themselves as
5 they could before exiting. Based on the recommendations of Radford (the advisor
6 hired specifically to recommend change in control compensation), the Remuneration
7 Committee authorized radical new compensation agreements, including GW entering
8 into a new employment agreement with Defendant Gover—the individual ultimately
9 in charge of GW’s financial projections.

10 71. On January 25, 2021, the Remuneration Committee identified the
11 adoption of a company-wide severance program recommended by Radford, matters
12 relating to GW’s incentive programs and other employee benefits matters as relating
13 to the transaction with Jazz, and authorized senior management to discuss and
14 negotiate these matters with Jazz. From January 26 through February 2, Defendant
15 Gover and others negotiated to further line their own pockets ahead of the sale, during
16 which time they came to agreement with Jazz on incentive deals for members of GW
17 management to remain with the combined company after the completion of the
18 Merger, some on a transitional basis and some on a more long-term basis, with
19 Defendant Gover remaining for a transitional period—***for a \$7,600,00.00 fee.***

20 72. On February 2, 2021, during the same meeting at which they approved
21 the Merger Agreement, the Board approved the freshly inked change in control
22 payments, bonuses, and compensation agreements, including Radford’s and
23 management’s company-wide severance program, the accelerated timing of GW’s
24 2021 long-term incentive grants, the treatment of incentive awards and other
25 employee benefit programs in the Merger, and the outrageously lavish transition
26 incentive bonus awards.

27 73. The following day the parties executed the Merger Agreement.
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74. Through the combination of these compensation agreements and the Merger, GW’s officers and directors earned millions of dollars, not shared with GW shareholders. Moreover, in addition to the re-negotiated severance agreements, GW granted each executive officer a special transition incentive bonus: Defendant Gover—\$7,600,000; U.S. Chief Commercial Officer Darren Cline—\$2,300,000; CFO Giacobello—\$2,550,000; Chief Legal Officer Douglas Snyder—\$2,600,000; and CMO Knappertz—\$2,600,000.⁵ As a result of these incredibly lucrative arrangements made in the final days leading up to the Merger, Defendant Gover was classified as a “Tier 1” benefit recipient, entitling him to nearly \$40 million in benefits—more than any other GW executive officer:

Name	Cash (\$)	Equity (\$)	Perquisites / Benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
Geoffrey Guy	\$ 1,215,113	\$14,667,437	\$ 6,210	\$15,888,760
Justin Gover	\$10,071,472	\$28,944,224	\$ 42,240	\$39,057,936
Scott Giacobello	\$ 3,637,101	\$ 8,621,346	\$ 46,680	\$12,305,127
Volker Knappertz	\$ 3,798,681	\$ 9,326,794	\$ 46,680	\$13,172,155
Douglas Snyder	\$ 3,742,806	\$ 8,953,618	\$ 46,680	\$12,743,104

II. The Defendants Authorized the Proxy to be Disseminated to GW’s Shareholders, Which Provided a Misleading Picture of GW’s Business Operations, Valuation, and Future Financial Prospects

75. On March 15, 2021, Defendants filed the materially misleading Proxy with the SEC to solicit shareholder approval of the Merger.

76. Each of the Individual Defendants reviewed the Proxy before it was disseminated to the Company’s shareholders, as they each had a duty to review the Proxy and ensure it did not contain any materially false or misleading statements.

⁵ GW’s Chief Operating Officer Chris Tovey, an officer and initial member of the Board since the 2013 public offering, stayed on with the combined company and now serves as Jazz’s Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director, Europe & International. The Proxy fails to disclose what compensation or equity rollover arrangements Mr. Tovey entered into with Jazz that allowed him to keep his full interest in the continued growth of GW.

1 Defendants caused the materially false and misleading Proxy to be filed with the SEC
2 and disseminated to GW's shareholders. Indeed, the Proxy was signed "By the Order
3 of the Board," could not have been disseminated without Defendants' approval,
4 repeatedly discussed the actions and beliefs of the full GW Board, and stated that for
5 the reasons described in the Proxy the Board unanimously recommended that the
6 Company's shareholders vote in favor of the Merger. As set forth herein, the Proxy
7 contained materially false and misleading statements which influenced GW
8 shareholders' decision concerning how to vote their shares, in violation of Section
9 14(a) and SEC Rule 14a-9.

10 77. In conjunction with approving the Merger, Defendants elected to obtain
11 a "fairness opinion" from their financial advisors, Goldman Sachs and Centerview.
12 Fairness opinions are not required by law, but are often obtained by boards of directors
13 anyway for two primary reasons. First, boards desire fairness opinions to act as a type
14 of liability shield for their judgment and decisions made as directors. Second, boards
15 obtain fairness opinions so that those opinions can be touted to shareholders as
16 evidence that the merger the Board approved is purportedly fair. As has been well
17 documented, fairness opinions are often "deeply flawed", as they "are frequently
18 prepared utilizing methodologies [and inputs] that simply do not jibe with best
19 practices. These defects are exacerbated by the recurring problem of investment banks
20 who are conflicted in their provision of fairness opinions." Steven M. Davidoff,
21 *Fairness Opinions*, 55 Am. U. L. Rev. 1557, 1573-78 (2006). As one scholar put it,
22 "obtaining a fairness opinion has become like the practice of buying indulgences prior
23 to the Protestant Reformation, but for sins that one is about to commit instead of for
24 past sins. The practice is very widespread but is not entirely legitimate." Jonathan R.
25 Macey, *The Regulator Effect In Financial Regulation*, 98 CORNELL L. REV. 591, 618-
26 19 (March, 2013).

1 78. For acting in their roles as financial advisors and providing fairness
2 opinions to the board, each of the Financial Advisors was paid \$36 million. However,
3 those exorbitant fees were wholly contingent upon the execution/announcement of a
4 merger agreement, with the 95.8% of the fees (\$34.5 million each) only paid if GW
5 shareholders approved the Merger and the Merger was consummated. In other words,
6 since the GW Board would have almost certainly not executed the Merger agreement
7 without a fairness opinion, the Financial Advisors had a combined 72 million reasons
8 to bless the Merger as “fair” from a financial point of view to GW shareholders.

9 79. As stated herein, the Financial Advisors would not have been able to
10 provide, and the Defendants would not have been able to receive, their fairness
11 opinions without the significantly lower December Projections.

12 *The Unjustifiably Manipulated Financial Projections*

13 80. Prior to the receipt of Jazz’s initial offer and in connection with GW’s
14 **ordinary strategic planning process**, Defendant Gover and his management team
15 prepared the July Projections, which reflected the Company’s anticipated future
16 operations as a standalone entity. The July Projections included management
17 projections for the following products and product candidates: (i) Epidiolex in
18 Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome, Dravet Syndrome, Rett Syndrome (US only) and tuberous
19 sclerosis complex, (ii) Nabiximols / Sativex in multiple sclerosis spasticity, spinal
20 cord injury spasticity, PTSD, and additional broad spasticity indications,
21 (iii) development organic products in schizophrenia, irritability in adult autism,
22 agitation in dementia, canine epilepsy and epilepsy and (iv) potential cannabinoid
23 science-based product candidates in development in unspecified indications.

24 81. The July Projections were recognized by the Board at the time of their
25 creation as accurately reflecting GW’s standalone plan and prospects. The Board then
26 re-affirmed their confidence in the July Projections at the end of the 2020 Third
27 Quarter.

82. However, after deciding to sell the Company and coming to terms with Jazz's limitations to make a fair value offer, the Board realized that the July Projections would not allow Goldman Sachs and Centerview to provide the desired liability-shielding fairness opinions.

83. Accordingly, in December 2020, the Board directed Defendant Gover and his management team to prepare the significantly lower December Projections⁶ to provide to the Financial Advisors for use in their fairness opinions. The December Projections incorporated drastic slashes to both revenues and earnings projections for every single year from 2021-2035, averaging a 15% reduction per year for revenue and a 20% reduction per year for EBIT:

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Revenue	-4.6%	-2.5%	-5%	-4.9%	-4.8%	-10.2%	-12.6%	-13.1%
EBIT	-58.6%	-6.4%	-7%	-6%	-5.7%	-11%	-13.7%	-14.3%

	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	AVG
Revenue	-14.1%	-15.2%	-22.6%	-23.6%	-25.9%	-35.2%	-38.1%	-15.5%
EBIT	-15.0%	-15.6%	-25.8%	-26.0%	-28.6%	-39.0%	-42.5%	-21.0%

84. The Defendants told Centerview that the December Projections were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of the management of GW. The Defendants told Goldman Sachs that the December Projections were reasonably prepared on a basis reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of the management of GW. Then, the GW Board and GW's management directed Centerview and Goldman Sachs to use and

⁶ The December Forecasts included management projections for the following products and product candidates: (i) Epidiolex in Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome, Dravet Syndrome and tuberous sclerosis complex, (ii) nabiximols / Sativex in multiple sclerosis spasticity and spinal cord injury spasticity, (iii) development organic products in schizophrenia, irritability in adult autism, agitation in dementia, canine epilepsy and epilepsy and (iv) development platform in unspecified indications.

1 rely on the December Projections in connection with their financial analyses and
2 respective fairness opinions.

3 85. However, as set forth herein, Defendants did not genuinely believe in the
4 December Projections, knew that the numbers reflected therein were far below
5 management's genuine expectations regarding the Company's future financial
6 performance, and were contrary to GW's experienced growth between the creation of
7 the July Projections and December Projections. Indeed, in August 2020, November
8 2020, and January 2021, the Company announced three consecutive quarters of record
9 revenue that each *exceeded* expectations. The Defendants knew about the Company's
10 positive financial performance during this time as reflected in Defendant Gover's
11 comments during GW's Q3 2020 Earnings Call on November 3, 2020, just a month
12 before the Company's projections were slashed:

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14 In closing, we are very pleased with the performance of GW's overall
15 business in Q3. The essential elements to support future Epidiolex
16 revenue growth are in place, in particular, an expanded indication and
17 efficacy profile, broadening payer coverage and near universal
adoption by key prescriber target. We fully expect Epidiolex to follow
the same long-term growth path seen with previous highly successful
anti-epilepsy drugs. We continue to enhance the exclusivity position of
Epidiolex.

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19 And beyond Epidiolex, as I mentioned in my opening remarks, we are
20 committed to advancing GW's cannabinoid pipeline to develop
important new treatments for patients. GW is the unparalleled world
leader in this field of science and our early mid- and late-stage pipeline
taking shape.

21 This is most evident for nabiximols where we have multiple
22 opportunities for our NDA submission as early as mid next year. The
commercial potential and long-term exclusivity prospects for this
23 product in the U.S. are truly exciting.

24 86. And Defendant Gover's comments on January 12, 2021, a month *after*
25 the Company's projections were slashed, similarly contradicting the reductions:

26 2020 was a year of achievement at GW across all aspects of our
27 business in spite of all the challenges of COVID, and I think 2021 has
the potential to be another transformative year for this company. I look
28

1 forward to sharing the success of 2020 with you today and to provide
2 color on why we have much to look forward to in the year ahead.

3 ***

4 In 2020 we managed to achieve further success across all aspects of our
5 business. In particular we progressed on active R&D program and
6 robust pipeline with multiple Phase 1 and 2 and 3 trials underway. We
7 prepared nabiximols for U.S. Phase 3 development in anticipation in
8 NDA submission developing a pathway forward with the FDA and
9 commencing the pivotal trials program.

10 87. Moreover, the spurious, purported justifications provided in the Proxy
11 for downgrading the financial metrics from the July Projections to the December
12 Projections are contradicted by Defendant Gover's and the Company's statements
13 regarding their genuine beliefs about the Company's future prospects.

14 88. The Proxy states the reductions made to contrive the December
15 Projections were based on the following false and misleading inputs and assumptions:⁷

- 16 • the removal of Rett Syndrome as a target indication for Epidiolex
17 in light of the suspension of GW's ongoing Phase 3 clinical trial
18 of Epidiolex in children with Rett Syndrome due to the impacts
19 of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 20 • the removal of PTSD as a target indication for nabiximols /
21 Sativex given GW's decision after the July Forecasts had been
22 prepared to delay the initiation of a planned study of nabiximols
23 in PTSD and reassess the study in the second half of 2021;
- 24 • the removal of broad spasticity as a target indication for
25 nabiximols / Sativex given that GW had already incorporated
26 multiple sclerosis spasticity and spinal cord injury spasticity as
27 target indications and a clinical program for broad spasticity had
28 not yet been determined;
- the decrease in the POS assigned to development platform from
12% to 5%, reflecting GW management's assessment that the
POS should be lower to reflect the risks associated with these
assets, taking into account commonly used POSs in the industry
for pipeline assets of this nature, given that the development
platform assets were generally in research, pre-clinical or early
clinical trial phases of development;
- the decrease in POS adjusted peak sales for the development
platform from approximately \$240 million to \$50 million,
reflecting the adjustment in the POS for the development

⁷ The remaining three stated differences in assumptions between the July and
December Projections appear to be relatively minor adjustments.

platform and GW management’s assessment of the more likely market opportunity for these assets;

89. As set forth below, each of these reasons are refuted from contemporaneous statements made by GW or their management.

90. **First**, while it appears to be true that, due to the ultra-rare nature of Rett Syndrome, the pandemic impacted GW’s ability to find participants for the Rett clinical trial, the Company’s use of Epidiolex to help neurodevelopmental disorders was not abandoned. Rather GW used this as an opportunity to take stock of Epidiolex’s potential and shifted focus to much broader and more profitable indications, including autism and treatment resistant epilepsy. As stated in the November 3, 2020 Third Quarter Earnings Call (a time before the slash in projections), this switch to higher prevalence conditions provides a “much better path forward”:

The pause in clinical trials caused by the pandemic has also caused us to review our lifecycle focus for Epidiolex. Following the successful TSC label expansion, we have decided to commit to further expanding the Epidiolex label within the field of epilepsy and consequently expect to commence a Phase 3 trial in an additional orphan epilepsy syndrome in 2021.

We also remain committed to more broadly understand the potential of cannabinoids in neurodevelopmental disorders. *Until now these efforts have been centered around the study of Epidiolex and Rett syndrome and an investigator sponsored trial of CBDV in autism.*

The pandemic has caused meaningful feasibility challenges for the Rett study and we have therefore decided not to resume recruitment into this trial. ***Rather, we will further the understanding of the behavioral and cognitive effects of CBD in the broader autism population with a new study.***

This new 160-patient placebo controlled trial is expected to commence in Q1 2021 and we’ll address the core symptoms of autism with the CBD formulation.

Neena Bitritto-Garg

Hey, guys. Thanks for taking my question. I just wanted to ask about, Dravet syndrome study, I know you said that you face some challenges and you’ve decided not to -- continue to enroll patients in that study. But I guess, could you just elaborate a little bit more on what some of the complications you or the challenges that you’ve faced or given that I thought many of these assessments were essentially patient diaries and could be done remotely? And I guess, do you expect any of those

1 challenges to translate into the CBD formulation studies that you're
planning to start in autism? Thanks.

2 Justin Gover

3 Thanks, Neena. Volker?

4 Dr. Volker Knappertz

5 Yeah. So it was a difficult decision for us to stop Dravet study. As you
6 may recall, *Rett is a rare, almost ultra-rare condition* that affects
7 predominantly girls and women. I think the estimate for the United
8 States today is about 60,000 total patients prevalent in the United States.
And so it's a very different proposition to try to recruit a population that
has -- that is so rare under these conditions.

9 So it was challenging to recruit Rett before the pandemic started and
10 during the pandemic, I think, the concerns also about the patient safety
11 and bringing patients to the sites for the assessments, despite our best
12 efforts to try to do things by telemedicine within the constraints of the
of the protocol and within the constraints of what is actually feasible
with regards to the guidances that regulators and the FDA have issued
on this. That have really shown to us that this is a study that we don't
believe we can recruit in a reasonable timeframe.

13 *And our interest in Rett has always been that it's a monogenic disease*
14 *that has a lot of features, while not itself an autism spectrum disorder*
15 *has a lot of the features that are also seen in autism spectrum disorder.*
16 *And after some very careful considerations, we believe, the much*
17 *higher prevalence of autism spectrum disorder that will lend itself*
18 *better to get these very important non-seizure neurodevelopmental*
outcomes for which we have a lot of anecdotal reports, especially in the
syndromic epilepsies for which we are already approved that these
non-seizure neurodevelopmental features and the core features of
autism can be addressed there.

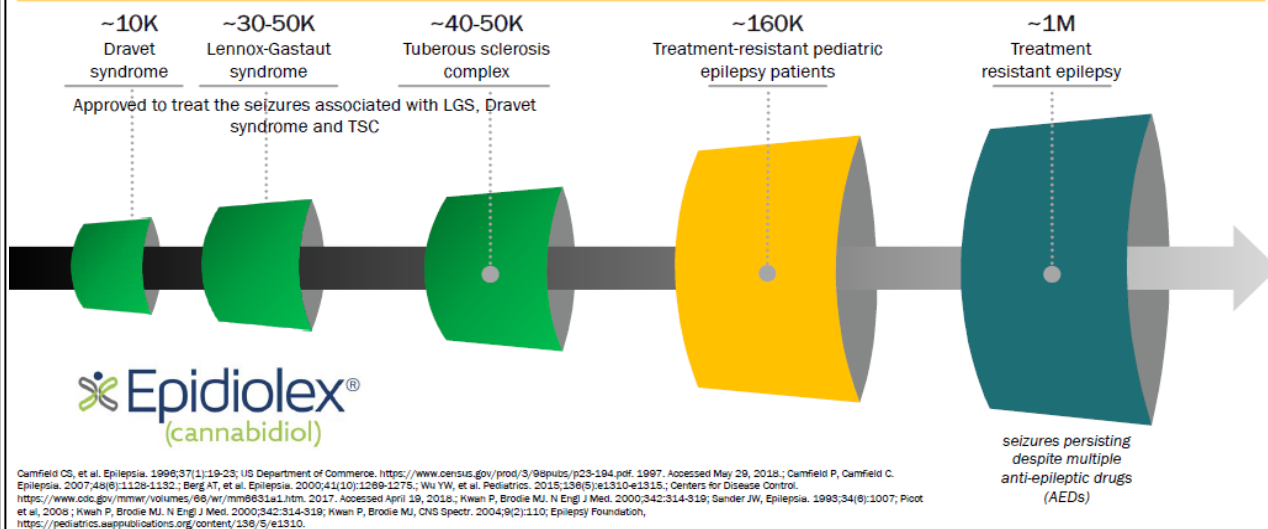
19 *So it's really a question of safety, a question of feasibility and it was a*
20 *difficult decision to make, and we are confident that with regards to*
autism, we have a much better path forward there and get to some of
the similar answers that we're looking for the effect of CBD.

21 91. And as stated by Defendant Gover in January at the JP Morgan
22 Conference, after the slash in projections:

23 Turning to slide 13. And we're not stopping there. There continues to
24 be significant unmet need across treatment resistant epilepsy. You can
25 see here the three indicated conditions for Epidiolex today, and we
26 continue to consider ways in which we can expand the research that we
27 conduct within the epilepsy field to meet the needs of additional
28 patients. We did announce recently that we will be pursuing a fourth
indication for Epidiolex within the field of epilepsy and expect to start
a trial later this year. The unmet need remains very clear across the
epilepsy community, with around a third of epilepsy patients being

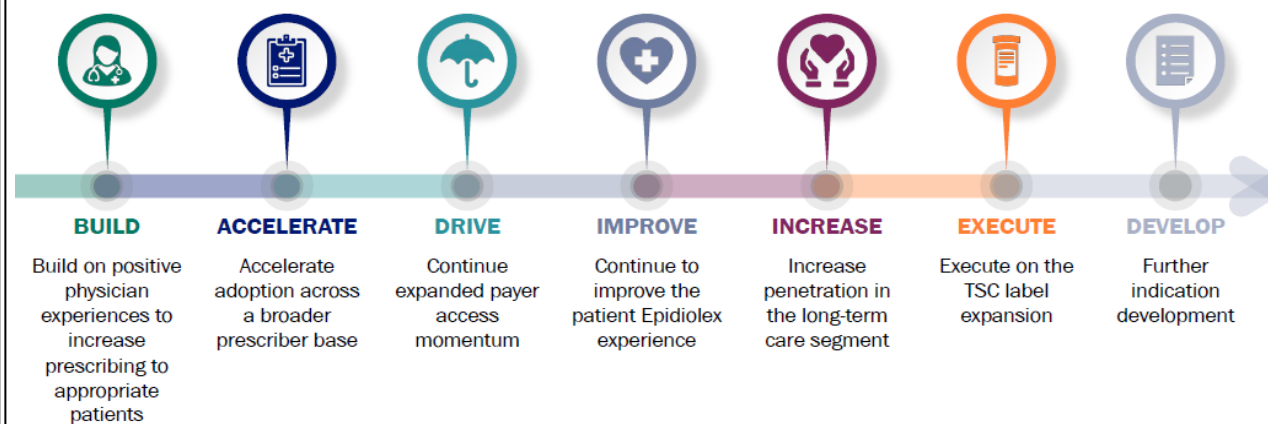
treatment resistant. *As such, we see there remains considerable potential for Epidiolex growth for many years to come.*

Significant Unmet Need Remains For Further Research



Turning to slide 14, *with our eye on reaching the most patients possible, we have the expertise and team in place of building Epidiolex towards becoming a blockbuster medication.* In 2021 our priorities are to build on the positive patient and physician experiences to increase prescribing to accelerate adoption across a broader prescriber base, to continue to expand payer coverage to increase penetration in the long term care segment, and to continue to execute on a recent TFC label expansion, drive adoption in TSC.

Epidiolex 2021: Building a Blockbuster



1 92. Yet, neither the July Projections nor the December Projections reflect any
2 input for autism or treatment resistant epilepsy as a target indication for Epidiolex,
3 despite its known shift in November. Instead, the December Projections simply
4 deleted a line of revenue to lower the July Projections without adding in its
5 replacements. Given the stated optimism and confidence that these broader indications
6 provide a “much better path forward” and that treatment resistant epilepsy would
7 increase the addressable market of Epidiolex by 10x, creating “Blockbuster” potential,
8 this unilateral deletion of revenue projections artificially decreased the value of the
9 Company represented in the December Projections. Accordingly, this adjustment does
10 not reflect the Company’s actual value, the Company’s contemporaneous public
11 statements, or the Defendants’ understanding of the Company’s actual value.

12 93. **Second**, the December Projections removed the revenue associated with
13 both PTSD and broad spasticity as target indications for Sativex/nabiximols, despite
14 the Company’s entirely contradictory statements—made *before and after* the slashes
15 to the Company’s projections—declaring GW’s intention, enthusiasm, and expected
16 profitability for pursuing these indications.

17 94. At the Stifel Conference on November 18, 2020, Defendant Gover
18 plainly stated GW’s persistence in pursuing broad spasticity as a target indication for
19 Sativex/nabiximols:

20 **Paul Matteis**

21 Well, maybe do you want to just finish off by laying out the other
22 pipeline catalysts to look forward to over say the next 12 to 18 months?

23 **Justin Grover**

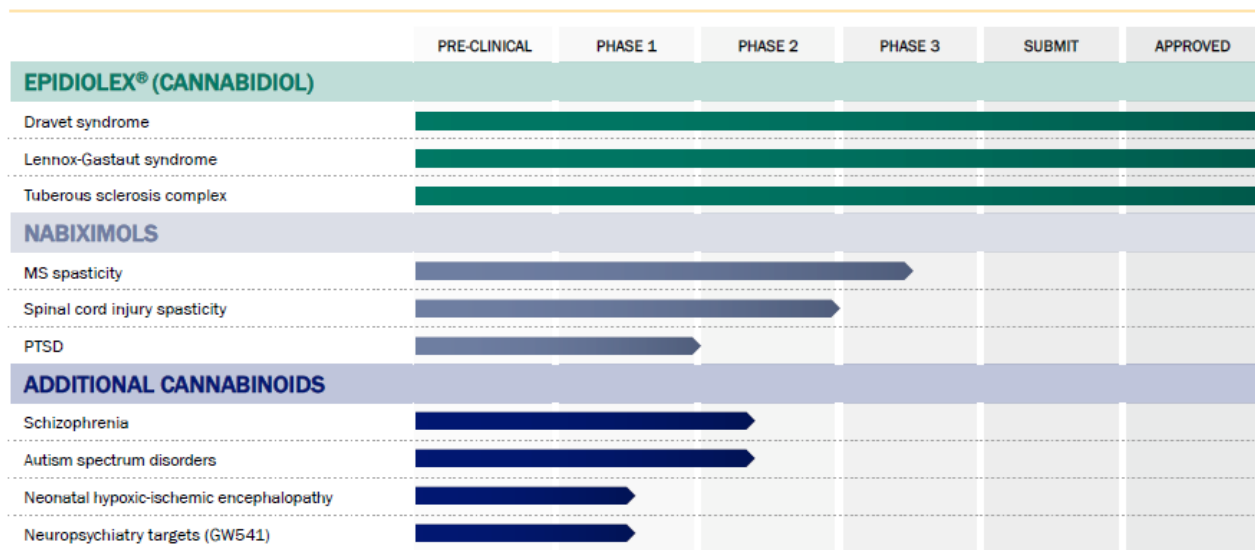
24 Yes, just very briefly, right, we've got nabiximols is not just limited to
25 MS, of course. So this is we, we believe based on FDA discussions that
we can get a broader spasticity label, which would be a huge win for
the company.

26 95. At the JPMorgan Conference on January 12, 2021, Defendant Gover
27 plainly stated GW’s persistence in pursuing broad spasticity and PTSD as target
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1 indications for Sativex/nabiximols and expressed confidence in FDA approval for
 2 broad spasticity:

3 Turning to slide 5, Epidiolex represented the beginning of a new era for
 4 cannabinoid science and we have expanded our pipeline to build on this
 5 success. *With nabiximols we are moving forward with a robust Phase
 6 3 program in MS spasticity followed by a program in spinal cord injury
 7 spasticity and PTSD. 2021 could be a pivotal year for this product, and
 8 I will provide more detail on this important late stage asset later in the
 9 presentation.*

10 GW's Cannabinoid Platform: A Proprietary Growth Engine



19 On slide 22, as we think about the life cycle beyond MS spasticity, *we*
 20 *see real opportunities within the broader spasticity market.* There are
 21 as many as 3 million patients in the United States with spasticity
 22 associated with various conditions.

23 *In discussions with the FDA, we are confident that a broad spasticity*
 24 *label is achievable for this product.* And beyond MS, our next target
 25 was the spinal cord injury spasticity, which is similar in size to the
 26 commercial opportunity for multiple sclerosis. The addition of this
 27 indication may in fact be sufficient to achieve the broad spasticity label.

28 *And beyond spasticity, we're also looking now at PTSD.* And there is
 great interest within the PTSD community around cannabis and the
 potential for an FDA approved option. We are currently preparing a
 phase 2 clinical trial in this indication.

Opportunity to Achieve Broad Spasticity Label As Well as Other Lifecycle Opportunities

- o Broader spasticity population
 - o >3M U.S. patients including spinal cord injury, post-stroke, ALS, traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy
- o Spasticity associated with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)
 - o Approx. 250K chronic SCI patients (~65%) suffer from spasticity
 - o Likely single pivotal trial required
 - o Sales potential ~\$350M
- o Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
 - o Impacting ~11.7M people with ~55% diagnosed
 - o Anxiety is one of the top 3 reasons for self-medication with cannabis
 - o Nabiximols offers potential to reduce sleep disturbance symptoms, anxiety and irritability

Sources: DiPiro. Spinal Cord. 2018; McGuire. Spasticity: Diagnosis and Management, 2011; Nicholson. Muscle Nerve. 2018; AANS Website; UpToDate; Physician Interviews; ClearView Analysis. Goldstein. Soc Psychiatry Psychiatr Epidemiol. 2016; Kessler. Arch Gen Psychiatry. 2012; Kessler. Arch Gen Psychiatry. 2005; UpToDate; Physician Interviews; ClearView Analysis



96. Further, Slides 13 and 15 from Jazz’s February 2021 Investor Presentation announcing the Merger plainly indicate GW’s persistence in pursuing broad spasticity and PTSD as target indications for Sativex/nabiximols:

Nabiximols: Next U.S. Commercial Opportunity

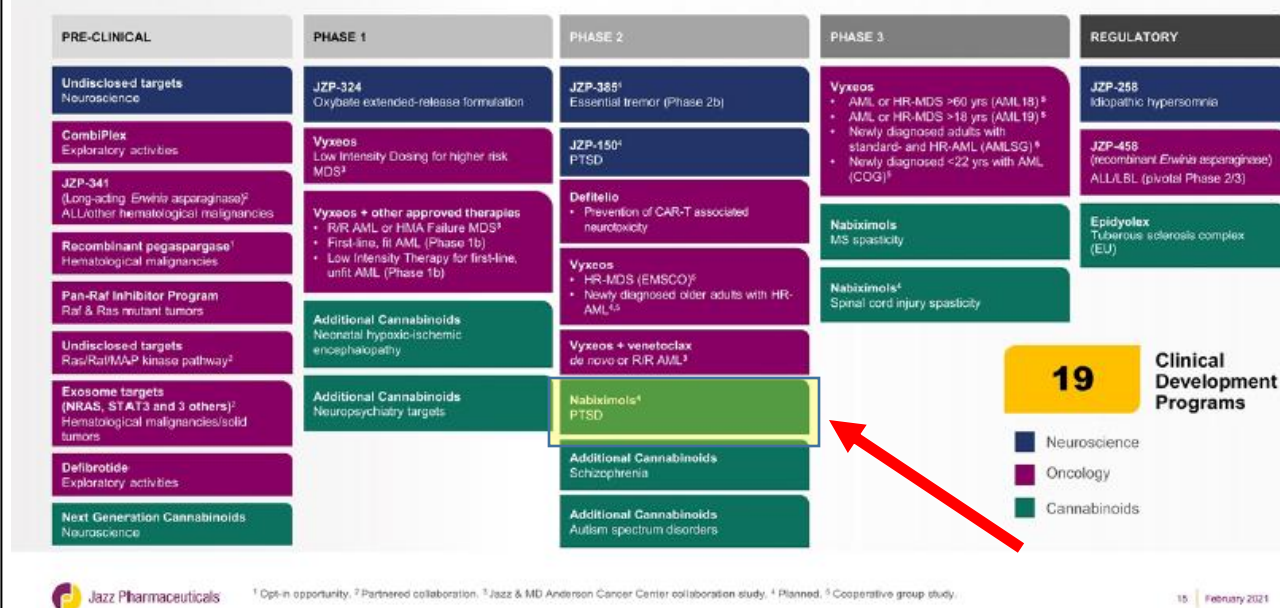


- Derived from the whole cannabis plant containing a clinically proven, balanced dose of THC and CBD along with other cannabinoid and non-cannabinoid plant components
- **Approved in >25 countries** outside the U.S. as Sativex® for the treatment of spasticity due to multiple sclerosis (MS); sold via marketing partners
- **Near-term opportunity** in MS Spasticity
 - Positive efficacy, safety and abuse/diversion data
 - US pivotal clinical program now recruiting
- **Broad potential in spasticity beyond MS**
- Complex botanical formula strengthens exclusivity
- **In Phase 3 development in the US** and aiming to submit a NDA to the FDA in the next 1-2 years



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Robust, Innovative Pro Forma Research and Development Pipeline



97. Finally, GW’s 10-K for FY 2020, filed on February 6, 2021, plainly states the Company’s intentions to continue with broad spasticity and PTSD indications for Sativex/nabiximols:

Our nearest term pipeline opportunity in the U.S. is nabiximols. Following meetings with the FDA, we initiated two out of five pivotal clinical trials in 2020 for nabiximols in the treatment of spasticity due to multiple sclerosis, with the remaining three trials planned to begin in the first half of 2021. *We believe that nabiximols has the potential to be developed in several additional indications and are planning clinical programs in spasticity due to spinal cord injury and PTSD.*

With respect to the lifecycle for nabiximols beyond MS spasticity, we see potential opportunities within the broader spasticity markets as there are around three million patients in the United States with spasticity associated with various conditions. We are, in parallel, planning clinical programs in two further indications, spasticity due to spinal cord injury and PTSD. We commenced the MS spasticity clinical program in the second half of 2020 to address these broader markets with a view to achieving a series of approved indications for nabiximols over the coming years.

1 98. Therefore, eliminating billions of dollars of revenue from July
2 Projections associated with broad spasticity and PTSD indications for
3 Sativex/nabiximols all the way through year 2035 does not reflect the Company’s
4 actual value, the Company’s contemporaneous public statements, or the Individual
5 Defendants’ understanding of the Company’s actual value.

6 99. **Third**, the dramatic reduction in the probability of success (“POS”) from
7 12% in the July Projections to 5% in the December Projections represents an
8 unwarranted slashing to the future value of the Company. Based on contemporaneous
9 statements from the Company, GW’s probability of success improved—not
10 deteriorated—in both their clinical and developmental assets.

11 100. For example, the following comments from Defendant Gover’s
12 presentation at the JPMorgan Conference, on January 12, 2021, discussing GW’s
13 growing development pipeline and *increased* probability of success for its clinical
14 trials contradict these reductions:

15 In 2020 we managed to achieve further success across all aspects of our
16 business. In particular we progressed on active R&D program and
robust pipeline with multiple Phase 1 and 2 and 3 trials underway.

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18 Beyond Epidiolex and nabiximols, we also have other candidates in
19 phase 1 and 2 trials and are committed to advancing GW cannabinoid
20 pipeline to develop important new treatments for patients with a
particular focus on neurology and neuropsychiatry, including
schizophrenia, autism, in NHIE and other targets.

21 I am pleased to announce today for the first time that we are expanding
22 beyond this pipeline with an exciting new additional research and
discovery focus with GW Pharma.

23 In essence, we expect to bridge from the three positive trials carried out
24 in Europe by supplementing the file with one additional trial with
25 primary data and a more proximate spasticity endpoint, either
26 addressing muscle tone or spasms. Although we only expect to need
27 data from one additional trial, we have decided to pursue a multiple
28 shots on goal strategy with five trials planned. And I’m pleased to
announce that the first two of these five trials are now underway. *This
multiple shots on goal strategy not only increases the probability of
success*, but we also see that the abundant clinical data generated will
prove useful to physicians and patients as we bring this product to the

1 United States. And beyond MS spasticity, we have also discussed with
2 FDA the potential for expanding into other indications.

3 And in closing, I'd like to review our key priorities for 2021. First, we
4 expect to continue to deliver commercial success and revenue growth
5 for Epidiolex. We have multiple growth drivers in the U.S. including
6 the TSC indication and broadening payer coverage. Second, we expect
7 to prepare nabiximols for approval and launch in the United States. We
8 will have five pivotal trials in spasticity associated with MS running
9 this year, and expect to submit the NDA upon the first positive readout
10 data from at least one of these trials as expected this year. Third, we
11 expect to advance a robust pipeline of clinical and research programs.
12 We have multiple phase 2 clinical trials on going and new candidates
13 moving into the clinic, including from our new discovery efforts
14 focused on novel cannabinoid NCEs with increased potency.

15 101. And statements from Volker Knappertz, the Company's Chief Medical
16 Officer, made in the November 3, 2020 Q3 Earnings Call indicate that the Company
17 was moving strongly forward with its developmental pipeline:

18 Regarding CBDV, an autism spectrum disorder, recruitment has
19 resumed in the investigator led 100 patient placebo controlled trial.

20 During September we were pleased to initiate a Phase 2b study in
21 schizophrenia. This randomized double-blind placebo controlled trial
22 will investigate the safety and efficacy of GWP42003 versus placebo
23 as adjunctive therapy in participants with schizophrenia experiencing
24 inadequate response to ongoing anti-psychotic treatments.
25 Additionally, a study of an intravenous form of cannabidiol to treat
26 neonatal hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy or NHIE continues to
27 recruit.

28 Finally, I'm excited to introduce a new botanical cannabinoid product
candidate, GW541. GW541 is a complex botanical formulation that
contains many known constituents of the cannabis sativa plant, but
differs in cannabinoid composition from nabiximols.

The relative amounts of the target cannabinoids have been optimized to
treat conditions within the field of neuropsychiatry. The Phase 1 study
to assess the safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics of GW541 in
healthy and elderly volunteers has recently commenced. ***This is one of
several new candidates that our discovery team has been evolving and
we expect additional new cannabinoid products to enter the clinic in
2021.***

102. Simply put, there was no suggestion that the Company's developmental
platform was downgraded or that any intervening event would have caused the
Company's probability of success to drop drastically from July to December. An event

1 causing GW to drastically reduce its probability of success would certainly have been
2 material information and would have been disclosed to shareholders. Contrarily,
3 Defendants made numerous statements boasting increased optimism in GW's
4 developmental platform and the probability of success of its product pipeline.
5 Accordingly, the drastic reduction to POS does not reflect the Company's actual
6 value, the Company's contemporaneous public statements, or the Individual
7 Defendants' understanding of the Company's actual value.

8 103. In sum, from July through December of 2020, GW's business was
9 thriving; repeatedly posting record revenues that exceeded expectations and making
10 numerous positive announcements regarding the development and approval of its
11 current products and drug candidates. However, after it had been decided that GW
12 would be sold, and at the same meeting that Defendants decided to only sell to Jazz—
13 a Company with a limited spending budget—Defendants ordered Company
14 management to lower their financial projections. The pretextual justifications for the
15 removal of nearly **\$6 Billion of revenue** from the July Projections were contradicted
16 by statements made by the Company and its management before, during, and after the
17 downward revisions to the projections. The illegitimate December Projections were
18 not provided to Jazz and were not relied upon in operating the Company—nor could
19 they be since GW was being sold. The December Projections were drastically slashed
20 for one reason: to justify the unjustifiable Merger.

21 *The Challenged Misleading Statements*

22 104. Plaintiffs identify the following statements as false and/or misleading.

23 105. **First**, the changes in assumptions identified in the Proxy on pages 83-84
24 for drastically lowering the July Projections to create the December Projections were
25 false and misleading. As discussed at length above, these assumptions are contradicted
26 by the contemporaneous Company statements and misled shareholders to conclude
27 that these spurious changes were legitimate, reasonable, and accurately reflected
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1 actual changes in the Company's operations and value. In reality, they were pretextual
2 and objectively unreasonable justifications offered to deceive shareholders into
3 thinking the drastic cut to the projections were warranted when Defendants knew they
4 were not.

5 106. **Second**, the statements in the Proxy conveying that the December
6 Projections and their underlying assumptions were "reasonably prepared" and
7 reflected the Company's "best currently available estimates" ((i) Proxy at 68: "that
8 the Internal Data (including, without limitation, the December Forecasts) were
9 reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and
10 judgments of the management of GW;" and (ii) Proxy at 75: "that the December
11 Forecasts and the NOL Forecasts were reasonably prepared on a basis reflecting the
12 best currently available estimates and judgments of the management of GW.") were
13 materially false and misleading because, as set forth herein, Defendants did not
14 genuinely believe that the December Projections and the assumptions upon which they
15 were generated were reasonable or reflected management's best available estimates.

16 107. Defendants did not actually believe in the December Projections, and
17 knew they were false and misleading because they: (i) were predicated upon
18 unreasonable assumptions that contradicted the July Projections that Defendants knew
19 were prepared in the ordinary course of business and approved as reflecting the
20 Company's actual expected financial outlook; (ii) were predicated upon unreasonable
21 assumptions that contradicted the Company's and its officers' (including Defendant
22 Gover's) statements made during the months after the July Projections and up through
23 the announcement of the Merger; (iii) were incongruous with the Company's and
24 Defendant Gover's positive statements made during the months after the July
25 Projections and up through the announcement of the Merger regarding the Company's
26 positive financial trends and strong growth prospects; and (iv) were not used during
27 the Company's negotiation with Jazz and were created solely for use by the Financial
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1 Advisors to provide their fairness opinions. Therefore, the statements supporting the
2 December Projections as reasonably prepared and reflecting the Company's best
3 available estimates were false and misled GW shareholders regarding GW's business
4 operations, the reliability of GW's future prospects, and GW's value.

5 108. **Third**, the ADS present value ranges ("Present Value Ranges") included
6 in the Proxy (pages 70-73, 76-79) were calculated by the Financial Advisors using the
7 unreasonably reduced December Projections that dramatically impacted the financial
8 valuation of GW, and, therefore, dramatically misled shareholders regarding the fair
9 *present* value of GW. Defendants were only able to portray the Merger Consideration
10 as "fair" to GW shareholders by creating the downward revised December Projections
11 and approving their use by the Financial Advisors in their valuation analyses. In other
12 words, the December Projections were engineered to present the unfair Merger
13 Consideration as "fair," not to reflect management's legitimately held views.
14 Therefore, the Present Value Ranges calculated by the Financial Advisors using the
15 December Projections and included in the Proxy to show the Merger Consideration to
16 be within an artificial range of fairness materially misled GW shareholders. The
17 Present Value Ranges misled GW shareholders as to what they were actually giving
18 up in exchange for the Merger Consideration. The mythical business that was
19 presented in the Proxy and valued using the December Projections resulted in Present
20 Value Ranges for GW that were false and misleading in that they led GW shareholders
21 to believe the Merger Consideration was "fair."

22 **III. Defendant Guy and Defendant Gover Faced Disabling Conflicts of Interest**
23 **That Motivated Them to Sell the Company for Less Than Fair Value and**
24 **the Purportedly Independent Board Members Were At Least Negligent for**
25 **Allowing the Misleading Statements to be Included in the Proxy**

26 109. Defendant Guy, GW's founder, Executive Chairman, and Chairman of
27 the Board, wanted out from the responsibility of running a publicly traded Company.
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1 Defendant Guy was 68 years old and going on 30+ consecutive years of highly
2 stressful work. He sought to reduce his stress, lower his blood pressure, spend more
3 time at home, and more time with his family. But perhaps above all, he sought the
4 time and money to pursue his next interest, quantum biology, which he recognized
5 could only be achieved through funding.

6 110. Since the Merger, Defendant Guy has admitted that he was ready to take
7 a step back. He had succeeded in his goals of bringing both Sativex and Epidiolex to
8 market and grew GW to a large company poised for success. But he didn't have any
9 desire to continue running a public company. Interestingly, he described his greatest
10 feeling after the Merger as relief.

11 111. Defendant Gover, GW's Chief Executive Officer and director, had a
12 thirty-year relationship with and was beholden to Defendant Guy. As soon as Jazz
13 made their initial offer, and the decision to sell the Company was made, GW fired its
14 existing independent outside consultant and brought in Radford to make irregular
15 adjustments to the change in control payments that GW's officers and directors would
16 receive when GW was sold. In other words, the Board, including Defendants Guy and
17 Gover, paid off management and themselves to ensure a sale of the Company. GW
18 management then spent the final days leading up to the Merger negotiating millions
19 of dollars in additional compensation on their way out the door. As a result of these
20 self-interested money grabs, Defendant Gover, along with the other members of GW
21 management, was paid millions of dollars to ensure that the Merger went through.

22 112. Each of the Individual Defendants, as directors and/or officers of the
23 Company, had a duty to carefully review the Proxy before they authorized its
24 dissemination to ensure it did not contain any materially false or misleading
25 statements. The Individual Defendants failed to fulfill their duty by allowing the Proxy
26 to contain the materially false and misleading statements referenced above. As a result,
27 GW shareholders were misled to voting in favor of the Merger, thereby causing them
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1 to receive less than full value for their GW ADSs and lose out on millions of dollars
2 of value in the Company.

3 113. Each Individual Defendant was at least negligent because, as directors of
4 the Company, they were responsible for and significantly involved in the preparation
5 and dissemination of the Proxy. Furthermore, as directors of the Company, each of
6 the Individual Defendants was aware of both the July Projections and management's
7 comments and views regarding the Company's financial condition and prospects that
8 were conveyed during the Company's press releases, earnings calls, conferences, and
9 presentations before, during, and after the creation of both sets of projections.
10 Defendants Guy and Gover knew and each of the non-executive director Defendants
11 knew or should have known that the December Projections significantly slashed the
12 Company's revenue and earnings projections as set forth in the July Projections,
13 despite the fact that such a significant slash was in no way warranted or justified by
14 the Company's and management's outlook or any negative changes to the Company's
15 long-term business prospects.

16 114. Each Individual Defendant also reviewed the financial analyses and
17 fairness opinions with Goldman Sachs and Centerview and knew that their financial
18 analyses were predicated on the unreasonably low December Projections that the
19 Board ordered to be created just days earlier. Defendants Guy and Gover knew and
20 each of the non-executive director Defendants knew or should have known that the
21 sole purpose for the creation of the unreasonable December Projections was for the
22 Financial Advisors to generate fairness opinions and allow the Board to approve the
23 unfair Merger. Nevertheless, Defendants at least negligently approved, signed, and
24 authorized the dissemination of the Proxy, which contained the unreasonably low
25 December Projections and related false and misleading statements set forth above.

26 115. Instead of acknowledging that the December Projections were
27 inappropriate for use in valuing the Company because they were predicated on
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1 unsound and unreasonable assumptions and inputs, the Individual Defendants
2 authorized Goldman Sachs and Centerview to utilize the December Projections for
3 purposes of their valuations, and at least negligently allowed the resulting materially
4 false and misleading valuations to get disseminated to shareholders in the Proxy.

5 **IV. The False and Misleading Proxy Statement Caused GW Shareholders**
6 **Economic Harm**

7 116. The Merger Consideration received by GW shareholders represented just
8 a fraction of the true value of their holdings. However, the Proxy misled GW
9 shareholders regarding the true value of their GW ADSs, thereby causing GW
10 shareholders to approve the unfair Merger. Since the Merger could not have occurred
11 without the approval of GW shareholders, the Proxy was an essential link in the
12 accomplishment of the Merger and the misleading statements were the cause of the
13 Class's (defined below) economic loss.

14 117. The causal connection here is straightforward. If GW shareholders had
15 been informed that ADSs of GW were worth \$270 at the time of the Merger, and the
16 Board would have been unable to obtain fairness opinions from the Financial
17 Advisors, then GW shareholders would not have voted to approve the Merger
18 purporting to offer them \$220 per ADS. Accordingly, GW shareholders are entitled
19 to damages in the amount of the difference between the price received in the Merger
20 and the fair value of their GW ADSs as calculated in accordance with recognized
21 methods of valuation.

22 118. Multiple sources indicate that the fair value of GW stock was more than
23 \$270 per ADS, far in excess of the \$220 Merger Consideration.

24 119. Indeed, had the valuations performed by the Financial Advisors been
25 calculated utilizing the legitimate July Projections, GW's valuation would have
26 entirely exceeded the value of the Merger Consideration. In other words, the Merger
27 Consideration would have fallen outside the range of fairness and the Financial
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1 Advisors would *not* have been able to issue their fairness opinions touting the Merger
2 Consideration as fair to GW shareholders.

3 120. GW’s revenue for years 2021-2035 was slashed by an average of 15%
4 from the July Projections to the December Projections. GW’s EBIT for years 2021-
5 2035 was slashed by an average of 20% from the July Projections to the December
6 Projections.

7 121. Centerview’s Discounted Cash Flow Analysis (“DCF”)⁸ resulted in a
8 range of present values per GW ADS of \$200.20 to \$247.95.

9 122. Goldman Sachs’ DCF resulted in a range of present values per GW ADS
10 of \$199 to \$244.

11 123. Typically, reductions to top line revenue are amplified on down the line
12 numbers as costs, both fixed and variable, take their toll on the metrics. Stated simply,
13 a 15% cut in revenue will have a greater than 15% impact on earnings and free cash
14 flows (the necessary metric to perform a DCF). This point is illustrated here by the
15 difference in changes between revenue and EBIT metrics from the July Projections to
16 the December Projections. For years 2021-2035, revenue metrics decreased by an
17 average of **15%**, causing EBIT projections to be decreased by **20%**. Accordingly, free
18 cash flows would have been decreased even further than 20%. Moreover, this point
19 can easily be observed in the December Projections, which show the cash flow
20 projections to be significantly less than the EBIT projections.

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23 ⁸ “Discounted cash flow (DCF) forms the core of finance.... Though professionals
24 may employ other methods of valuation, such as relative valuation and the contingent
25 claims approach, DCF forms the basis for all other valuations. Underscoring the
26 importance of DCF valuation is the fact that it provides a linchpin to link various fields
27 of finance.” The Valuation Handbook: Valuation Techniques from Today’s Top
28 Practitioners. Ed. Rawley Thomas and Benton E. Gup. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons,
2010.

1 outstanding, including 368,966,160 ordinary shares held as GW ADSs, each
2 representing twelve ordinary shares, collectively held by hundreds to thousands
3 of individuals and entities scattered throughout the country. The actual number
4 of GW shareholders will be ascertained through discovery;

5 b. There are questions of law and fact that are common to the Class
6 that predominate over any questions affecting only individual members,
7 including the following:

8 i) whether Defendants misrepresented material information in the
9 Proxy, in violation of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act;

10 ii) whether the Individual Defendants violated Section 20(a) of the
11 Exchange Act; and

12 iii) whether Plaintiffs and the Class were harmed by the misleading
13 Proxy;

14 c. Plaintiffs are adequate representatives of the Class, have retained
15 competent counsel experienced in litigation of this nature, and will fairly and
16 adequately protect the interests of the Class;

17 d. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the other members of
18 the Class and Plaintiffs do not have any interests adverse to the Class;

19 e. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the
20 Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect
21 to individual members of the Class, which would establish incompatible
22 standards of conduct for the party opposing the Class;

23 f. Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable to the
24 Class with respect to the matters complained of herein, thereby making
25 appropriate the relief sought herein with respect to the Class as a whole; and

26 g. A class action is superior to other available methods for fairly and
27 efficiently adjudicating the controversy.

COUNT I

Against Defendants for Violations of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act

129. Plaintiffs incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

130. Section 14(a)(1) of the Exchange Act makes it “unlawful for any person, by the use of the mails or by any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of any facility of a national securities exchange or otherwise, in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors, to solicit or to permit the use of his name to solicit any proxy or consent or authorization in respect of any security (other than an exempted security) registered pursuant to section 78l of this title.” 15 U.S.C. § 78n(a)(1).

131. Rule 14a-9, promulgated by the SEC pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act, provides that proxy communications shall not contain “any statement which, at the time and in the light of the circumstances under which it is made, is false or misleading with respect to any material fact, or which omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not false or misleading.” 17 C.F.R. § 240.14a-9.

132. Defendants issued the Proxy and/or permitted the use of their names in the Proxy with the intention of soliciting GW shareholders’ support for the Merger. Each of the Individual Defendants reviewed, signed, and/or authorized the dissemination of the Proxy, which misrepresented the above-identified material information and rendered the above-identified sections of the Proxy materially false and misleading because such sections provided a false and misleading picture of GW’s business operations, valuation, and future financial prospects.

133. Each of the Individual Defendants, by virtue of their roles as officers and/or directors of GW, were aware of the GW’s business, its financial projections,

1 and its valuation information but failed to ensure such information was disclosed in
2 the Proxy in a non-misleading fashion, in violation of Section 14(a) and Rule 14a-9.
3 Defendants Guy and Gover knew and each of the non-executive director Defendants
4 knew or should have known that the Proxy was materially false and misleading in
5 regard to the above-referenced material information. The Individual Defendants
6 reviewed and relied upon the material information identified above in connection with
7 their decision to approve and recommend the Merger; indeed, the Proxy states that the
8 Company management reviewed and discussed the Company's financial projections
9 with the Board and the Financial Advisors reviewed and discussed their financial
10 analyses with the Board, and further states that the Board considered both the financial
11 analyses provided by the Financial Advisors as well as their fairness opinions and the
12 assumptions made and matters considered in connection therewith. Further, the
13 Individual Defendants were privy to and had knowledge of the true facts concerning
14 the process involved in selling GW and GW's true value, which was far greater than
15 the value of the Merger Consideration GW shareholders received.

16 134. Defendants Guy and Gover knew and each of the non-executive director
17 Defendants knew or should have known that the material information identified above
18 had been misrepresented in the Proxy, rendering the sections of the Proxy identified
19 above to be materially false, misleading, and/or incomplete. Indeed, the Individual
20 Defendants were required to review the Financial Advisors' valuation analyses,
21 question the Financial Advisors as to their derivation of fairness, and to be particularly
22 attentive to the procedures followed in preparing the Proxy and review it carefully
23 before it was disseminated, to corroborate that there were no material misstatements
24 or omissions. After reviewing both the underlying materials and the Proxy, the
25 Individual Defendants failed to provide a non-misleading proxy solicitation.

26 135. GW is liable for violations of the Exchange Act as the issuing entity of
27 the Proxy and based on the Individual Defendants' violation of the Exchange Act.
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1 136. The above-referenced information that was misrepresented in the Proxy
2 was material to Plaintiffs and the Class, who were deprived of their right to cast an
3 informed vote because such misrepresentations and omissions were not corrected
4 prior to the vote on the Merger and rendered the above-referenced sections of the Proxy
5 materially false and misleading.

6 137. As a direct and proximate result of the dissemination of the materially
7 false and misleading Proxy that Defendants used to obtain shareholder approval of the
8 Merger, Plaintiffs and the Class have suffered damages and actual economic losses
9 (i.e., the difference between the value they received as a result of the Merger and the
10 true value of their GW ADSs at the time of the Merger) in an amount to be determined
11 at trial. By reason of the misconduct detailed herein, Defendants are liable pursuant to
12 Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 14a-9.

13 **COUNT II**

14 **Against the Individual Defendants for Violations of Section 20(a) of the**
15 **Exchange Act**

16 138. Plaintiffs incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully
17 set forth herein.

18 139. The Individual Defendants acted as controlling persons of GW within the
19 meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act as alleged herein. By virtue of their
20 positions as officers and/or directors of GW, and participation in and/or awareness of
21 the Company's operations and/or intimate knowledge of the false and misleading
22 statements contained in the Proxy filed with the SEC, the Individual Defendants had
23 the power to influence and control and did influence and control, directly or indirectly,
24 the decision making of the Company, including the content and dissemination of the
25 various statements that Plaintiffs contend are materially false and misleading.

26 140. Each of the Individual Defendants was provided with or had unlimited
27 access to copies of the Proxy and other statements alleged by Plaintiffs to be
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1 misleading prior to and/or shortly after these statements were issued and had the
2 ability to prevent the issuance of the statements or cause the statements to be corrected.

3 141. In particular, each of the Individual Defendants had direct and
4 supervisory involvement in the day-to-day operations of the Company, and, therefore,
5 is presumed to have had the power to control or influence the particular transactions
6 giving rise to the Exchange Act violations alleged herein, and exercised the same. The
7 Proxy at issue contains the unanimous recommendation of each of the members of the
8 Board to approve the Merger and was signed “By Order of the Board.” They were
9 thus directly involved in preparing this document and responsible for its contents.

10 142. In addition, as the Proxy sets forth at length, and as described herein, the
11 Individual Defendants were involved in (i) negotiating, reviewing, and/or approving
12 the Merger; and (ii) preparing, reviewing, and/or approving the December Projections.
13 The Proxy describes the various issues and information that the Individual Defendants
14 reviewed and considered. The Individual Defendants participated in drafting and/or
15 gave their input on the content of those descriptions.

16 143. By virtue of the foregoing, the Individual Defendants have violated
17 Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

18 144. As set forth above, the Individual Defendants had the ability to exercise
19 control over and did control a person or persons who have each violated Section 14(a)
20 and Rule 14a-9 by their acts and omissions as alleged herein. By virtue of their
21 positions as controlling persons, the Individual Defendants are liable pursuant to
22 Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. As a direct and proximate result of Individual
23 Defendants’ conduct, Plaintiffs and the Class have suffered damages and actual
24 economic losses (*i.e.*, the difference between the value they received as a result of the
25 Merger and the true value of their GW ADSs at the time of the Merger) in an amount
26 to be determined at trial.

1 **RELIEF REQUESTED**

2 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand relief in their favor and against the
3 Defendants jointly and severally, as follows:

4 A. Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a Class Action and
5 certifying Plaintiffs as Class Representatives and their counsel as Class Counsel;

6 B. Awarding Plaintiffs and the Class damages sustained as a result of
7 Defendants' wrongdoing, including but not limited to compensatory damages,
8 rescissory damages, and quasi-appraisal damages, plus pre-judgment and post-
9 judgment interest;

10 C. Awarding Plaintiffs and the Class the costs and disbursements of this
11 action, including reasonable attorneys' and expert fees and expenses;

12 D. Awarding extraordinary and/or equitable relief as permitted by law,
13 equity, and the federal statutory provisions sued hereunder; and

14 E. Granting such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and
15 proper.

16 **JURY DEMAND**

17 Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury.
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