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CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

NS PHARMA, INC., and
NIPPON SHINYAKU CO., LTD.,

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION:BERGEN COUNTY
Docket No. BER-C-000117-26

Civil Action

**CERTIFICATION OF
ELIJAH J. STACY**

Elijah J. Stacy hereby certifies as follows:

1. I am 24 years old, and I live in Norco, California. At 15 years old, I founded a nonprofit organization called Destroy Duchenne, which advocates for a complete cure to Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (“DMD”).
2. I believe deeply in Capricor Therapeutics and its mission, and serve as a consultant and shareholder. My responsibilities focus on patient support and advocacy, and my provision of this statement is not part of my duties as a consultant.
3. At age six, I was diagnosed with DMD, a rare genetic disease that affects all of my voluntary muscles and vital organs, including my heart and lungs. DMD is a fatal disease that affects thousands of children. At age eleven, I lost the ability to walk and since then have been completely dependent on a power-wheelchair. Today, my heart health is in decline. And it has become exceedingly difficult to maintain my independence. Basic things that people take for granted every day, like sleeping comfortably, have become incredibly difficult, and they are only getting harder with time.
4. My brothers were also diagnosed with this disease. My younger brother Max passed away from DMD at the age of 14 in 2019. My brother Kai, who is now 18 years old, is also living with DMD.
5. Finding an effective treatment for DMD has been a huge part of my life. I have been a part of other clinical trials that were not successful. I had hoped to be a part of the Hope-3 trial for Deramiocele but unfortunately did not qualify. My brother Kai, however, was able to participate in the Hope-3 trial of Deramiocele, and through him I’ve seen firsthand the life-changing impact Deramiocele can have for young men living with DMD.

6. It is critical that treatments such as Deramioceel be made available and distributed to individuals like me and Kai as soon as possible. My friends in the DMD community, also young men in their 20s, are in even more dire need of intervention. Any further delays in the availability of Deramioceel would pose an immediate threat to their survival as well.

7. I believe Deramioceel can stabilize my heart and extend my life. My understanding is that the clinical data indicates Deramioceel can stabilize cardiac functions and that it targets the number-one cause of death for patients afflicted with DMD, cardiomyopathy.

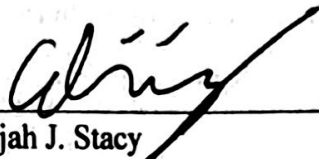
8. My brother and I need access to this treatment right away. For the first time in my life, my heart is beginning to fail. My left ventricular ejection fraction (“LVEF”) has dropped. My understanding is that the LVEF number is the number cardiologists watch (because once it slips the effects of DMD tend to worsen fast) and that patients who start at or above a 45% LVEF on Deramioceel tend to maintain cardiac function while those who start below 45% show slowed decline but not full maintenance. That makes every month of delayed approval consequential—because patients who could still maintain heart function may cross below that threshold while we wait. For patients like me, those months are not abstract—they are cardiac cells dying and eligibility slipping away.

9. Without immediate treatment I will continue to suffer the irreversible course of this disease, and my dreams of getting married, starting a family, and starting an investment firm devoted to advancements in medical science will be lost. For patients like me and my brother, every day matters.

10. At the same time, this is not just about me and my brother. I say all of this with a larger purpose. It has always been my perspective, and the focus of my life's work, that no one should suffer from DMD as we have. Deramioceel offers hope to those in the DMD community, and it is urgently needed.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated: April 30, 2026


Elijah J. Stacy