

and the plaintiff's motion to strike defendants' supplemental reports (Doc. No. 199), it is hereby **ORDERED** that the motion is **GRANTED**.¹

Oral argument on both the defendants' motion to exclude causation opinion based on defense experts' supplemental report analysis of certain ALFSG data and the plaintiff's motion to strike defendants' supplemental reports will be heard at the monthly status conference scheduled for **Wednesday, April 27, 2016** at 10 a.m. in Courtroom 14B.²

BY THE COURT:

/s/Lawrence F. Stengel
LAWRENCE F. STENGEL, J.

¹ I previously granted the defendants leave to submit supplemental expert reports on the low dose cases from the AFLSG Larson article. See Doc. No. 191. In arguing for leave, the defendants made clear that submission of those supplemental expert reports and resolution of any related motions would not delay a trial of this case. In granting the defendants leave, I indicated that additional expert deposition testimony or discovery was not necessary to determine if the data in question was reliable. Expert depositions, however, were permitted in parallel New Jersey litigation. For this reason, I allowed the parties to cross-notice those depositions in this case. Nonetheless, I do not believe submission of additional expert deposition testimony or discovery is necessary for me to make a decision on motions related to the "low dose" Larson article data.

At the March monthly conference, the plaintiff asked that oral argument on motions related to these supplemental reports be heard at the April monthly status conference. The defendants opposed this request and, instead, asked that the argument be scheduled for the July conference to allow for additional expert discovery. Scheduling argument in July would create delays in the trial schedule that has already been set. See Case Management Order (CMO) 18(i), Doc. No. 194. For the reasons noted above, hearing argument in April, as opposed to July, is most appropriate.

² Oral argument on the parties' motions related to "highly confidential" information will also be heard at the April conference. See CMO 18(i), Doc. No. 194.