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MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the parties' joint status reports in Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. v. Espinosa, No. 1:21-cv-01479-DLF, and United Therapeutics Corp. v. Espinosa, No. 1:21-cv-01686-DLF, and with the consent of the plaintiff in Novartis, the Court will consolidate a decision on the motion for a preliminary injunction filed in Novartis with a ruling on the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment. The Court will also expedite consideration of the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment in both cases and schedule a joint motions hearing in October, once the Court's trial schedule is set. Accordingly, on or before September 15, 2021, the parties in both cases shall inform the Courtroom Deputy of three dates (and times) in October on which all parties are available for a hearing. The hearing set for July 28, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. in Novartis is VACATED. The defendants' obligation to file answers in both cases is stayed pending resolution of the motions for summary judgment. If the parties in United Therapeutics wish to modify the briefing schedule, they shall jointly file a proposed briefing schedule with briefing to be completed no later than September 24, 2021. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 15, 2021. (lcdf3) (Entered: 07/15/2021)