

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

Apple Tree Life Sciences, Inc., *et al.*,<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 25-12177 (LSS)

(Jointly Administered)

Re: Docket No. 23

**INTERIM ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO (I) CONTINUE  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)<sup>2</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an interim order (this “Interim Order”), (a) authorizing, but not directing, the Debtors to continue employee benefits programs in the ordinary course; and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, entered February 29, 2012; and the Debtors having consented to entry of a final order by this Court; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this matter being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and this Court having found that proper and adequate notice of the Motion and the relief requested therein has been provided in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules, and that no other or further notice is necessary; and objections (if any) to the Motion having been

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number include: Apple Tree Life Sciences, Inc. (4506); ATP Life Science Ventures, L.P. (8224); ATP III GP, Ltd. (6091); Apertor Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (3161); Initial Therapeutics, Inc. (2453); Marlinspike Therapeutics, Inc. (4757); and Red Queen Therapeutics, Inc. (8563). The location of the Debtors’ service address in these chapter 11 cases is 230 Park Avenue, Suite 2800, New York, NY 10169.

<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.



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withdrawn, resolved or overruled on the merits; and a hearing having been held to consider the relief requested in the Motion and upon the record of the hearing and all of the proceedings had before this Court; and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT**

1. The Motion is granted on an interim basis as set forth herein.
2. The final hearing with respect to this Motion shall be held on **January 20, 2026 at 2:30 p.m (prevailing Eastern Time)**. Any objections or responses to entry of the proposed Final Order shall be filed on or before **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on January 6, 2026** and served on the following parties: (a) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, (i) Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 3900, Houston, TX 77002, Attn: Patricia B. Tomasco (pattytomasco@quinnemanuel.com) (ii) Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, 865 S. Figueroa Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017, Attn: Eric D. Winston (ericwinston@quinnemanuel.com), and (ii) Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP, Hercules Plaza, 1313 North Market Street, 6th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: L. Katherine Good (kgood@potteranderson.com) and Brett M. Haywood (bhaywood@potteranderson.com); (b) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases; (c) the U.S. Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Megan Seliber (megan.seliber@usdoj.gov) and Hannah McCollum (hannah.mccollum@usdoj.gov); and (d) to the extent not listed herein, those parties requesting notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. If no objections are timely filed, this Court may enter the Final Order without further notice or a hearing.
3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to continue and/or modify, change, or discontinue the Employee Compensation and Benefits and to honor and pay, in the ordinary course

and in accordance with the Debtors' pre-petition policies and pre-petition practices, any obligations on account of the Employee Compensation and Benefits; *provided*, that prior to any modification, change, discontinuance, elimination or reduction of any of the Employee Compensation and Benefits, the Debtors will file on the docket notice of the elimination or reduction and cause such notice to be served to affected Employees and counsel to the Rigmora LPs.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this order, the Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay and honor, prepetition obligations on account of Employee Benefits and Compensation, in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$30,000 prior to the entry of the Final Order.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this order, no payments to or on behalf of any individual employee on account of pre-petition obligations shall exceed the amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. §§ 507(a)(4) and 507(a)(5).

6. The Debtors are authorized to issue post-petition checks, or to effect post-petition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to any pre-petition amounts owed to their Employees.

7. Nothing in this Interim Order authorizes the Debtors to accelerate any payments, including outstanding claims with respect to Reimbursable Expenses, not otherwise due prior to the date of the Final Hearing.

8. The Debtors shall not make any bonus, incentive, or severance payments to their Employees or any insiders (as such term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code) ("Insider") without further order of this Court. For the avoidance of doubt, no bonus, incentive, or severance payments shall be made to any Insider without further order of this Court. Nothing

in the Motion or this Interim Order shall constitute a determination by the Court as to whether any individual seeking payment pursuant to this Interim Order is or is not an “insider” as that term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code. Nothing in the Motion or this Interim Order should be construed as approving any transfer pursuant to section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, and a separate motion will be filed for any requests that are governed by section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code; provided that nothing herein shall prejudice the Debtors’ ability to seek approval for such relief pursuant to section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code at a later time.

9. Nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize the payment of any amounts in satisfaction of bonus or severance obligations, or which are subject to section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code.

10. The automatic stay of section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent applicable, is hereby lifted to permit, without further order of this Court: (a) current or former Employees to proceed with their claims (whether arising prior to or subsequent to the Petition Date) under the Workers’ Compensation Programs in the appropriate judicial or administrative forum; (b) insurers and third-party administrators to handle, administer, defend, settle, and/or pay workers’ compensation claims and direct action claims; (c) the Debtors to continue the Workers’ Compensation Programs and pay any amounts relating thereto in the ordinary course; and (d) insurers and third-party administrators providing coverage for any workers’ compensation or direct action claims to draw on any and all collateral and/or prefunded loss accounts provided by or on behalf of the Debtors therefor, if and when the Debtors fail to pay and/or reimburse any insurers and third-party administrators for any amounts in relation thereto. The modification of the automatic stay in this paragraph pertains solely to claims under the Workers’ Compensation Programs and direct-action claims.

11. Nothing herein (a) alters or amends the terms and conditions of the Workers' Compensation Programs; (b) relieves the Debtors of any of their obligations under the Workers' Compensation Programs; (c) precludes or limits, in any way, the rights of any insurer to contest and/or litigate the existence, primacy, and/or scope of available coverage under the Workers' Compensation Programs; or (d) creates a direct right of action against any insurers or third-party administrators where such right of action does not already exist under non-bankruptcy law.

12. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to forward any unpaid amounts on account of Withholding and Deduction Obligations to the appropriate third-party recipients or taxing authorities in accordance with the Debtors' pre-petition policies and practices.

13. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay costs and expenses incidental to payment of the Employee Compensation and Benefits obligations, including all administrative and processing costs and payments to outside professionals.

14. Nothing contained herein is intended or should be construed to create an administrative priority claim on account of the Employee Compensation and Benefits obligations.

15. The banks and financial institutions on which checks were drawn or electronic payment requests made in payment of the pre-petition obligations approved herein are authorized and directed to receive, process, honor, and pay all such checks and electronic payment requests when presented for payment, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Interim Order without any duty of further inquiry and without liability for following the Debtors' instructions.

16. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Interim Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in this Interim Order shall be deemed: (a) an admission as to the

validity of any particular claim against the Debtors; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' rights to dispute any particular claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this Interim Order or the Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors' rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; or (g) a concession by the Debtors that any liens (contractual, common law, statutory, or otherwise) satisfied pursuant to the Motion are valid, and the Debtors expressly reserve their rights to contest the extent, validity, or perfection or seek avoidance of all such liens. Any payment made pursuant to this Interim Order is not intended and should not be construed as an admission as the validity of any particular claim or a waiver of the Debtors' rights to subsequently dispute such claim. The Debtors are authorized to issue post-petition checks, or to effect post-petition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to any pre-petition amounts owed to their Employees.

17. The contents of the Motion satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b).

18. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion, and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

19. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Interim Order in accordance with the Motion.

20. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Interim Order.

Dated: December 19th, 2025  
Wilmington, Delaware

  
LAURIE SELBER SILVERSTEIN  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE