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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
10 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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12 KEVIN KENDALL, Individually  
13 and On Behalf of All Others  
14 Similarly Situated,

15 Plaintiff,

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18 ODONATE THERAPEUTICS, INC.,  
19 KEVIN C. TANG, MICHAEL  
20 HEARNE, and JOHN G. LEMKEY,

21 Defendants.

Case No. '20CV1828 H LL

CLASS ACTION

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS  
OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES  
LAWS

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff Kevin Kendall (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of all other  
2 persons similarly situated, by Plaintiff’s undersigned attorneys, for Plaintiff’s  
3 complaint against Defendants, alleges the following based upon personal knowledge  
4 as to Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s own acts, and information and belief as to all other  
5 matters, based upon, *inter alia*, the investigation conducted by and through  
6 Plaintiff’s attorneys, which included, among other things, a review of the  
7 Defendants’ public documents, conference calls and announcements made by  
8 Defendants, United States (“U.S.”) Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”)  
9 filings, wire and press releases published by and regarding Odonate Therapeutics,  
10 Inc. (“Odonate” or the “Company”), analysts’ reports and advisories about the  
11 Company, and information readily obtainable on the Internet. Plaintiff believes that  
12 substantial additional evidentiary support will exist for the allegations set forth  
13 herein after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.  
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19 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

20 1. This is a federal securities class action on behalf of a class consisting  
21 of all persons other than Defendants who purchased or otherwise acquired Odonate  
22 securities between December 7, 2017, and August 21, 2020, both dates inclusive (the  
23 “Class Period”), seeking to recover damages caused by Defendants’ violations of the  
24 federal securities laws and to pursue remedies under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the  
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1 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated  
2 thereunder, against the Company and certain of its top officials.

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4 2. Odonate was founded in 2013 and is based in San Diego, California.  
5 Odonate is a pharmaceutical company that develops therapeutics for the treatment  
6 of cancer. The Company is focused on developing tesetaxel, an orally administered  
7 chemotherapy agent.  
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9 3. Tesetaxel is in a Phase 3 clinical study for patients with locally  
10 advanced or metastatic breast cancer (“MBC”), called the CONTESSA trial, which  
11 is evaluating tesetaxel in combination with capecitabine in patients with MBC.  
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13 4. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants made materially false and  
14 misleading statements regarding the Company’s business, operational and  
15 compliance policies. Specifically, Defendants made false and/or misleading  
16 statements and/or failed to disclose that: (i) tesetaxel was not as safe or well-tolerated  
17 as the Company had led investors to believe; (ii) consequently, tesetaxel’s  
18 commercial viability as a cancer treatment was overstated; and (iii) as a result, the  
19 Company’s public statements were materially false and misleading at all relevant  
20 times.  
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24 5. On August 24, 2020, during pre-market hours, Odonate issued a press  
25 release announcing top-line results from the CONTESSA trial. Although the study  
26 met its primary endpoint, tesetaxel plus capecitabine was associated with Grade 3 or  
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1 higher neutropenia (low levels of white blood cells), which occurred in 71.2% of  
2 patients with the combination treatment versus 8.3% for capecitabine alone. Various  
3 other Grade 3 or higher treatment-emergent adverse events (“AEs”) were also  
4 associated with tesetaxel plus capecitabine versus capecitabine alone. Further,  
5 discontinuation rates were 4.2% from neutropenia and 3.6% from neuropathy, and  
6 the overall discontinuation rate was 23.1% in the treatment group compared to  
7 11.9% in the capecitabine alone group.  
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10 6. On this news, Odonate’s stock price fell \$15.21 per share, or 45.35%,  
11 to close at \$18.33 per share on August 24, 2020.  
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13 7. As a result of Defendants’ wrongful acts and omissions, and the  
14 precipitous decline in the market value of the Company’s securities, Plaintiff and  
15 other Class members have suffered significant losses and damages.  
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### 17 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

18 8. The claims asserted herein arise under and pursuant to Sections 10(b)  
19 and 20(a) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a)) and Rule 10b-5  
20 promulgated thereunder by the SEC (17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5).  
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22 9. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action  
23 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and Section 27 of the Exchange Act.  
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25 10. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to Section 27 of the  
26 Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b). Odonate is  
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1 headquartered in this Judicial District, Defendants conduct business in this Judicial  
2 District, and a significant portion of Defendants’ activities took place within this  
3 Judicial District.  
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5 11. In connection with the acts alleged in this complaint, Defendants,  
6 directly or indirectly, used the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce,  
7 including, but not limited to, the mails, interstate telephone communications, and the  
8 facilities of the national securities markets.  
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10 **PARTIES**

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12 12. Plaintiff, as set forth in the attached Certification, acquired Odonate  
13 securities at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period and was damaged  
14 upon the revelation of the alleged corrective disclosures.  
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16 13. Defendant Odonate is a Delaware corporation with principal executive  
17 offices located at 4747 Executive Drive, Suite 210, San Diego, California 92121.  
18 Odonate common stock trades in an efficient market on the Nasdaq Global Select  
19 Market (“NASDAQ”) under the symbol “ODT.”  
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21 14. Defendant Kevin C. Tang (“Tang”) has served as Odonate’s Chairman  
22 and Chief Executive Officer at all relevant times.  
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24 15. Defendant Michael Hearne (“Hearne”) has served as Odonate’s Chief  
25 Financial Officer (“CFO”) since November 2018.  
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1           16. Defendant John G. Lemkey (“Lemkey”) served as Odonate’s CFO from  
2 before the start of the Class Period until November 2018, when he was promoted to  
3 the position of Chief Operating Officer.  
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5           17. Defendants Tang, Hearne, and Lemkey are sometimes referred to  
6 herein as the “Individual Defendants.”  
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8           18. The Individual Defendants possessed the power and authority to control  
9 the contents of Odonate’s SEC filings, press releases, and other market  
10 communications. The Individual Defendants were provided with copies of  
11 Odonate’s SEC filings and press releases alleged herein to be misleading prior to or  
12 shortly after their issuance and had the ability and opportunity to prevent their  
13 issuance or to cause them to be corrected. Because of their positions with Odonate,  
14 and their access to material information available to them but not to the public, the  
15 Individual Defendants knew that the adverse facts specified herein had not been  
16 disclosed to and were being concealed from the public, and that the positive  
17 representations being made were then materially false and misleading. The  
18 Individual Defendants are liable for the false statements and omissions pleaded  
19 herein.  
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24           19. Odonate and the Individual Defendants are sometimes collectively  
25 referred to herein as “Defendants.”  
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1 **SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS**

2 **Background**

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4 20. Odonate was founded in 2013 and is based in San Diego, California.  
5 Odonate is a pharmaceutical company that develops therapeutics for the treatment  
6 of cancer. The Company is focused on developing tesetaxel, an orally administered  
7 chemotherapy agent.  
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9 21. Tesetaxel is currently in a Phase 3 clinical study for patients with  
10 locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer, called the CONTESSA trial, which is  
11 evaluating tesetaxel in combination with capecitabine in patients with MBC.  
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13 22. On November 13, 2017, Odonate filed a registration statement on Form  
14 S-1 with the SEC in connection with its initial public offering, which, after  
15 amendment, was declared effective by the SEC on December 6, 2017 (the  
16 “Registration Statement”). Thereafter, the Company’s common stock began  
17 publicly trading on the NASDAQ.  
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19 **Materially False and Misleading Statements Issued During the Class Period**

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21 23. The Class Period begins on December 7, 2017, when Odonate securities  
22 began publicly trading on the NASDAQ pursuant to false or misleading statements  
23 or omissions contained in the Registration Statement. For example, the Registration  
24 Statement touted tesetaxel’s safety and tolerability profile, stating, in relevant part,  
25 that “[t]esetaxel has been generally well tolerated in clinical studies.”  
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1           24. The Registration Statement also represented that “[m]ore than 500  
2 patients were treated with tesetaxel between 2001 and 2012 across 22 clinical  
3 studies,” that “[t]esetaxel was administered as monotherapy in 16 studies and in  
4 combination with other chemotherapy agents in 6 studies,” and that “[f]inal study  
5 data are available for 8 of these studies . . . [and] is underway for 14 of these studies,”  
6 which further bolstered Odonate’s claims that “[t]esetaxel has been generally well  
7 tolerated in clinical studies,” given the breadth of patients and studies with which  
8 Odonate had already evaluated tesetaxel.  
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11           25. For example, the Registration Statement touted in relevant part, that  
12 “[i]n Study TOB203, which was conducted . . . from 2010 to 2012, 46 patients . . .  
13 were enrolled to receive, as first-line chemotherapy, tesetaxel administered orally at  
14 27 mg/m<sup>2</sup> . . . on the first day of a 21-day cycle, with escalation to 35 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in  
15 subsequent cycles depending on tolerability, without anti-allergy premedication”;  
16 that, in this study, “[t]esetaxel was generally well tolerated”; that “[t]he most  
17 common Grade ≥ 3 (severe or serious) [AE] was neutropenia . . . which occurred in  
18 26% of patients receiving 27 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, the dose [Odonate] chose for [the] Phase 3  
19 study,” *i.e.*, the CONTESSA trial; and that “[a]lso at this dose, there were no cases  
20 of Grade ≥ 3 peripheral neuropathy, and the incidence of Grade 2 alopecia  
21 (significant hair loss) was 15%.”  
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1           26. Similarly, the Registration Statement represented that “[i]n Study  
2 927E-PRT005, which was conducted . . . from 2004 to 2006, 34 patients with MBC  
3 were enrolled to receive, as first-, second- or third-line chemotherapy, tesetaxel  
4 administered orally at initial doses of 27 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (79% of patients) or 35 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (21%  
5 of patients) on the first day of a 21-day cycle”; that “[t]hirty-two (32) patients  
6 completed at least one course of therapy”; that “[t]esetaxel was generally well  
7 tolerated”; that “[t]he most common Grade ≥ 3 AE was neutropenia, which occurred  
8 in 35% of patients”; and that “[t]he incidence of Grade ≥ 3 peripheral sensory  
9 neuropathy (numbness and/or pain from damage to the nerves) was 3%, and the  
10 incidence of Grade 2 alopecia was 18%.”

14           27. The Registration Statement also explained the purported rationale for  
15 the design of the CONTESSA trial, including its dosing regimen, noting that  
16 “[c]apecitabine is a preferred agent as a first- or second-line chemotherapy treatment  
17 for patients with HER2 negative, HR positive MBC”; that, “[t]herefore,  
18 capecitabine, at the approved dose, is an appropriate control regimen for a  
19 registration-enabling Phase 3 study”; that “[t]here is a high unmet medical need for  
20 combination chemotherapy regimens with improved benefit-risk profiles”; that  
21 “[c]ombining the approved dose of capecitabine with currently available taxanes  
22 results in improved efficacy but with significant toxicity”; that “[p]reclinical and  
23 clinical studies support investigating whether reducing the dose of capecitabine in  
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1 combination with a taxane will reduce toxicity without a reduction in efficacy”; that  
2 “[i]n a Phase 1 study, the combination of tesetaxel plus a reduced dose of  
3 capecitabine was associated with a tolerable AE profile, with minimal overlapping  
4 toxicity”; and that Defendants “believe that these factors support the investigation  
5 of tesetaxel plus a reduced dose of capecitabine as a novel, all-oral regimen with a  
6 potentially favorable benefit-risk profile for the treatment of patients with HER2  
7 negative, HR positive MBC.”

10           28.     Additionally, the Registration Statement contained generic, boilerplate  
11 representations concerning potential risks associated with tesetaxel’s clinical  
12 development, stating, in relevant part, that “[i]f the results of this study, known as  
13 CONTESSA, are negative or inconclusive, [Odonate] may be unable to obtain  
14 regulatory approval for tesetaxel”; that “even if the results of CONTESSA are  
15 positive, [Odonate] cannot assure you that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
16 (‘FDA’), the European Medicines Agency (‘EMA’) or any other regulatory authority  
17 will approve tesetaxel for marketing”; that Odonate’s “ability to generate revenue  
18 and [its] future success depends in large part on the success of CONTESSA, the  
19 approval of tesetaxel, the nature of any potential requirements for post-approval  
20 studies and the successful commercialization of tesetaxel, if approved”; and that  
21 “[d]elays in obtaining regulatory approval for tesetaxel would, among other  
22 consequences, require further development expenditures, delay the launch of  
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1 tesetaxel and impact [Odonate’s] ability to raise additional capital, all of which  
2 would have a material adverse effect on [Odonate’s] business and financial  
3 condition.” Plainly, the foregoing risk warnings were generic, catch-all provisions  
4 that were not tailored to Odonate’s actual known risks regarding then-known  
5 potential safety issues with tesetaxel.  
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8 29. The Registration Statement also contained generic, boilerplate  
9 representations concerning potential undesirable side effects associated with  
10 tesetaxel, stating, in relevant part, that “[c]linical studies of tesetaxel or other product  
11 candidates [Odonate] may develop could reveal a high and unacceptable incidence  
12 and severity of undesirable side effects”; that “[u]ndesirable side effects could [*inter*  
13 *alia*] adversely affect patient enrollment in clinical studies”; that, “in 2007, tesetaxel  
14 was placed on clinical hold by the FDA . . . due to the occurrence of several fatalities  
15 in the setting of severe neutropenia . . . in patients with advanced cancer”; that,  
16 “[w]hile this clinical hold was lifted in 2008, and tesetaxel has since been evaluated  
17 in multiple clinical studies in 300 patients without any interruption due to safety  
18 issues, [Odonate] cannot assure you that safety-related interruptions in tesetaxel’s  
19 clinical development will not occur again in the future”; that “[a]ny such recurrence  
20 could potentially delay or prevent the ultimate approval of the product candidate”;  
21 that “[u]ndesirable or adverse side effects also could result in regulatory authorities  
22 mandating a more restrictive prescribing label for the product, which, in turn, could  
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1 limit the market acceptance of the product even if approved for marketing and  
2 commercialization”; that “[d]rug-related side effects could result in potential product  
3 liability claims”; and that “[a]ny of these events could prevent [Odonate] from  
4 achieving or maintaining market acceptance of the particular product candidate and  
5 could significantly harm [Odonate’s] business, results of operations, financial  
6 condition and prospects.” Plainly, these risk warnings, too, were generic, catch-all  
7 provisions that were not tailored to Odonate’s actual known risks regarding safety  
8 issues with tesetaxel and, moreover, were downplayed by statements simultaneously  
9 highlighting how a prior “clinical hold was lifted in 2008,” and that “tesetaxel has  
10 since been evaluated in multiple clinical studies in 300 patients without any  
11 interruption due to safety issues.”

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16 30. On February 14, 2018, Odonate filed its first annual report on Form 10-  
17 K with the SEC, reporting the Company’s financial and operating results for the  
18 quarter and year ended December 31, 2017 (the “2017 10-K”). The 2017 10-K  
19 contained substantively the same statements as referenced in ¶¶ 23-29, *supra*.

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21 31. Additionally, the 2017 10-K touted tesetaxel’s tolerability both alone  
22 and in combination with capecitabine, stating, in relevant part, that “[t]esetaxel,  
23 administered both alone and in combination with capecitabine, has been generally  
24 well tolerated”; that, “[i]n the 8 studies . . . for which final study data are available,  
25 a total of 268 patients received tesetaxel either alone (222 patients from 5 studies)  
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1 or in combination with capecitabine (46 patients from three studies)”; that “[t]he  
2 most common Grade  $\geq 3$  (severe or serious) treatment-related [AE] was neutropenia  
3 . . . which occurred in 37% of patients receiving tesetaxel alone and 43% of patients  
4 receiving tesetaxel in combination with capecitabine and was generally reversible  
5 and manageable with supportive measures”; that “[s]ix percent (6%) of patients  
6 receiving tesetaxel alone and 11% of patients receiving tesetaxel in combination  
7 with capecitabine experienced treatment-related febrile neutropenia (fever  
8 coinciding with neutropenia)”; that, “[o]verall, there was no non-hematologic Grade  
9  $\geq 3$  treatment-related AE that occurred in more than 6% of patients”; that “[t]hree  
10 percent (3%) of patients receiving tesetaxel alone and 2% of patients receiving  
11 tesetaxel in combination with capecitabine experienced Grade  $\geq 3$  treatment-related  
12 peripheral neuropathy (weakness, numbness and/or pain from damage to the  
13 nerves)”; that “[n]o patients receiving tesetaxel alone and 11% of patients receiving  
14 tesetaxel in combination with capecitabine experienced Grade  $\geq 3$  treatment-related  
15 hand-foot syndrome”; that “[s]ix percent (6%) of patients receiving tesetaxel alone  
16 and 7% of patients receiving tesetaxel in combination with capecitabine experienced  
17 Grade  $\geq 3$  treatment-related diarrhea”; and that “[s]eventeen percent (17%) of  
18 patients receiving tesetaxel alone and 9% of patients receiving tesetaxel in  
19 combination with capecitabine experienced any grade of treatment-related alopecia  
20 (hair loss).”  
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1           32. Appended as an exhibit to the 2017 10-K were signed certifications  
2 pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (“SOX”), wherein Defendants Tang and  
3 Lemkey certified that “[t]he [2017 10-K] fully complies with the requirements of  
4 section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,” and that “[t]he  
5 information contained in the [2017 10-K] fairly presents, in all material respects, the  
6 financial condition and results of operations of the Company.”  
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9           33. On February 22, 2019, Odonate filed an annual report on Form 10-K  
10 with the SEC, reporting the Company’s financial and operating results for the quarter  
11 and year ended December 31, 2018 (the “2018 10-K”). The 2018 10-K contained  
12 substantively the same statements as referenced in ¶¶ 23-25 and 27-29, *supra*.  
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14           34. The 2018 10-K also contained substantively the same statements as  
15 referenced in ¶ 31, *supra*, concerning tesetaxel’s tolerability both alone and in  
16 combination with capecitabine, albeit with slightly reported differences, which were  
17 summarized in the 2018 10-K in the following table showing “[t]esetaxel’s [AE]  
18 profile across all completed studies,” at doses consistent with the CONTESSA trial:  
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**Adverse Event Profile of 187 Patients at Doses Consistent with CONTESSA**

**187 patients treated with tesetaxel at 27 mg/m<sup>2</sup> once every 3 weeks as monotherapy (N=156) or in combination with capecitabine at 1,750–2,500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (N=31)**

- The most common Grade ≥3 treatment-related adverse event was neutropenia (33%):
  - Febrile neutropenia (5%)
- The most common non-hematologic Grade ≥3 treatment-related adverse events were:
  - Dehydration (5%)
  - Diarrhea (5%)
  - Fatigue (5%)
  - Anorexia (4%)
- Other non-hematologic Grade ≥3 treatment-related adverse events include:
  - Nausea (3%)
  - Peripheral neuropathy (3%)
  - Vomiting (2%)
- Treatment-related alopecia (any grade) occurred in 14% of patients overall, and Grade 2 treatment-related alopecia occurred in 3% of patients
- There were no hypersensitivity reactions

35. Appended as an exhibit to the 2018 10-K were substantively the same SOX certifications as referenced in ¶ 32, *supra*, signed by Defendants Tang and Hearne.

36. On February 20, 2020, Odonate filed an annual report on Form 10-K with the SEC, reporting the Company’s financial and operating results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2019 (the “2019 10-K”). The 2019 10-K contained substantively the same statements as referenced in ¶¶ 23-25 and 28-29, *supra*.

37. The 2019 10-K also contained substantively the same statements as referenced in ¶ 31, *supra*, concerning tesetaxel’s tolerability both alone and in combination with capecitabine, albeit with slightly reported differences, which were summarized in the 2019 10-K in substantively the same table referenced in ¶ 34, *supra*.

1 38. Appended as an exhibit to the 2019 10-K were substantively the same  
2 SOX certifications as referenced in ¶ 32, *supra*, signed by Defendants Tang and  
3 Hearne.  
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5 39. The statements referenced in ¶¶ 23-38 were materially false and  
6 misleading because Defendants made false and/or misleading statements, as well as  
7 failed to disclose material adverse facts about the Company's business, operational  
8 and compliance policies. Specifically, Defendants made false and/or misleading  
9 statements and/or failed to disclose that: (i) tesetaxel was not as safe or well-tolerated  
10 as the Company had led investors to believe; (ii) consequently, tesetaxel's  
11 commercial viability as a cancer treatment was overstated; and (iii) as a result, the  
12 Company's public statements were materially false and misleading at all relevant  
13 times.  
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### 17 **The Truth Emerges**

18 40. On August 24, 2020, during pre-market hours, Odonate issued a press  
19 release announcing top-line results from the CONTESSA trial. Although the study  
20 met its primary endpoint, tesetaxel plus capecitabine was associated with Grade 3 or  
21 higher neutropenia (low levels of white blood cells) that occurred in **71.2%** of  
22 patients with the combination treatment versus **8.3%** for capecitabine alone. Various  
23 other Grade 3 or higher treatment-emergent AEs were also associated with tesetaxel  
24 plus capecitabine versus capecitabine alone, and discontinuation rates were 4.2%  
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1 from neutropenia and 3.6% from neuropathy, while the overall discontinuation rate  
2 was 23.1% in the treatment group compared to 11.9% in the capecitabine alone  
3 group. Specifically, that press release disclosed, in relevant part:  
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5 Grade  $\geq 3$  treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) that occurred in  
6  $\geq 5\%$  of patients were: neutropenia (71.2% for tesetaxel plus  
7 capecitabine vs. 8.3% for capecitabine alone); diarrhea (13.4% for  
8 tesetaxel plus capecitabine vs. 8.9% for capecitabine alone); hand-foot  
9 syndrome (6.8% for tesetaxel plus capecitabine vs. 12.2% for  
10 capecitabine alone); febrile neutropenia (12.8% for tesetaxel plus  
11 capecitabine vs. 1.2% for capecitabine alone); fatigue (8.6% for  
12 tesetaxel plus capecitabine vs. 4.5% for capecitabine alone);  
13 hypokalemia (8.6% for tesetaxel plus capecitabine vs. 2.7% for  
14 capecitabine alone); leukopenia (10.1% for tesetaxel plus capecitabine  
15 vs. 0.9% for capecitabine alone); and anemia (8.0% for tesetaxel plus  
16 capecitabine vs. 2.1% for capecitabine alone).

17 [AEs] resulting in treatment discontinuation in  $\geq 1\%$  of patients were:  
18 neutropenia or febrile neutropenia (4.2% for tesetaxel plus capecitabine  
19 vs. 1.5% for capecitabine alone); neuropathy (3.6% for tesetaxel plus  
20 capecitabine vs. 0.3% for capecitabine alone); diarrhea (0.9% for  
21 tesetaxel plus capecitabine vs. 1.5% for capecitabine alone); and hand-  
22 foot syndrome (0.6% for tesetaxel plus capecitabine vs. 2.1% for  
23 capecitabine alone). Treatment discontinuation due to any adverse  
24 event occurred in 23.1% of patients treated with tesetaxel plus  
25 capecitabine versus 11.9% of patients treated with capecitabine alone.

26 Grade 2 alopecia (hair loss) occurred in 8.0% of patients treated with  
27 tesetaxel plus capecitabine versus 0.3% of patients treated with  
28 capecitabine alone. Grade  $\geq 3$  neuropathy occurred in 5.9% of patients  
treated with tesetaxel plus capecitabine versus 0.9% of patients treated  
with capecitabine alone.

41. On this news, Odonate's stock price fell \$15.21 per share, or 45.35%,  
to close at \$18.33 per share on August 24, 2020.

1           42. As a result of Defendants’ wrongful acts and omissions, and the  
2 precipitous decline in the market value of the Company’s securities, Plaintiff and  
3 other Class members have suffered significant losses and damages.  
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5                           **PLAINTIFF’S CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

6           43. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of  
7 Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) on behalf of a Class, consisting of all those who  
8 purchased or otherwise acquired Odonate securities during the Class Period (the  
9 “Class”); and were damaged upon the revelation of the alleged corrective  
10 disclosures. Excluded from the Class are Defendants herein, the officers and  
11 directors of the Company, at all relevant times, members of their immediate families  
12 and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns and any entity in which  
13 Defendants have or had a controlling interest.  
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17           44. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members  
18 is impracticable. Throughout the Class Period, Odonate securities were actively  
19 traded on the NASDAQ. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to  
20 Plaintiff at this time and can be ascertained only through appropriate discovery,  
21 Plaintiff believes that there are hundreds or thousands of members in the proposed  
22 Class. Record owners and other members of the Class may be identified from  
23 records maintained by Odonate or its transfer agent and may be notified of the  
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1 pendency of this action by mail, using the form of notice similar to that customarily  
2 used in securities class actions.

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4 45. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class  
5 as all members of the Class are similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct  
6 in violation of federal law that is complained of herein.

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8 46. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members  
9 of the Class and has retained counsel competent and experienced in class and  
10 securities litigation. Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to or in conflict with those  
11 of the Class.

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13 47. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class  
14 and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the  
15 Class. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are:

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- 18 • whether the federal securities laws were violated by Defendants' acts  
as alleged herein;
  - 19 • whether statements made by Defendants to the investing public  
20 during the Class Period misrepresented material facts about the  
21 business, operations and management of Odonate;
  - 22 • whether the Individual Defendants caused Odonate to issue false and  
23 misleading financial statements during the Class Period;
  - 24 • whether Defendants acted knowingly or recklessly in issuing false  
25 and misleading financial statements;
  - 26 • whether the prices of Odonate securities during the Class Period were  
27 artificially inflated because of the Defendants' conduct complained of  
28 herein; and

- whether the members of the Class have sustained damages and, if so, what is the proper measure of damages.

48. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is impracticable. Furthermore, as the damages suffered by individual Class members may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it impossible for members of the Class to individually redress the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

49. Plaintiff will rely, in part, upon the presumption of reliance established by the fraud-on-the-market doctrine in that:

- Defendants made public misrepresentations or failed to disclose material facts during the Class Period;
- the omissions and misrepresentations were material;
- Odonate securities are traded in an efficient market;
- the Company's shares were liquid and traded with moderate to heavy volume during the Class Period;
- the Company traded on the NASDAQ and was covered by multiple analysts;
- the misrepresentations and omissions alleged would tend to induce a reasonable investor to misjudge the value of the Company's securities; and
- Plaintiff and members of the Class purchased, acquired and/or sold Odonate securities between the time the Defendants failed to disclose

1 or misrepresented material facts and the time the true facts were  
2 disclosed, without knowledge of the omitted or misrepresented facts.

3 50. Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiff and the members of the Class are  
4 entitled to a presumption of reliance upon the integrity of the market.  
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6 51. Alternatively, Plaintiff and the members of the Class are entitled to the  
7 presumption of reliance established by the Supreme Court in *Affiliated Ute Citizens*  
8 *of the State of Utah v. United States*, 406 U.S. 128, 92 S. Ct. 2430 (1972), as  
9 Defendants omitted material information in their Class Period statements in violation  
10 of a duty to disclose such information, as detailed above.  
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12 **COUNT I**

13 **(Violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 Promulgated**  
14 **Thereunder Against All Defendants)**  
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16 52. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained  
17 above as if fully set forth herein.  
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19 53. This Count is asserted against Defendants and is based upon Section  
20 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated  
21 thereunder by the SEC.  
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23 54. During the Class Period, Defendants engaged in a plan, scheme,  
24 conspiracy and course of conduct, pursuant to which they knowingly or recklessly  
25 engaged in acts, transactions, practices and courses of business which operated as a  
26 fraud and deceit upon Plaintiff and the other members of the Class; made various  
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1 untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts necessary in  
2 order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they  
3 were made, not misleading; and employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud  
4 in connection with the purchase and sale of securities. Such scheme was intended  
5 to, and, throughout the Class Period, did: (i) deceive the investing public, including  
6 Plaintiff and other Class members, as alleged herein; (ii) artificially inflate and  
7 maintain the market price of Odonate securities; and (iii) cause Plaintiff and other  
8 members of the Class to purchase or otherwise acquire Odonate securities and  
9 options at artificially inflated prices. In furtherance of this unlawful scheme, plan  
10 and course of conduct, Defendants, and each of them, took the actions set forth  
11 herein.

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16 55. Pursuant to the above plan, scheme, conspiracy and course of conduct,  
17 each of the Defendants participated directly or indirectly in the preparation and/or  
18 issuance of the quarterly and annual reports, SEC filings, press releases and other  
19 statements and documents described above, including statements made to securities  
20 analysts and the media that were designed to influence the market for Odonate  
21 securities. Such reports, filings, releases and statements were materially false and  
22 misleading in that they failed to disclose material adverse information and  
23 misrepresented the truth about Odonate's finances and business prospects.  
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1           56. By virtue of their positions at Odonate, Defendants had actual  
2 knowledge of the materially false and misleading statements and material omissions  
3 alleged herein and intended thereby to deceive Plaintiff and the other members of  
4 the Class, or, in the alternative, Defendants acted with reckless disregard for the truth  
5 in that they failed or refused to ascertain and disclose such facts as would reveal the  
6 materially false and misleading nature of the statements made, although such facts  
7 were readily available to Defendants. Said acts and omissions of Defendants were  
8 committed willfully or with reckless disregard for the truth. In addition, each  
9 Defendant knew or recklessly disregarded that material facts were being  
10 misrepresented or omitted as described above.

14           57. Information showing that Defendants acted knowingly or with reckless  
15 disregard for the truth is peculiarly within Defendants' knowledge and control. As  
16 the senior managers and/or directors of Odonate, the Individual Defendants had  
17 knowledge of the details of Odonate's internal affairs.

20           58. The Individual Defendants are liable both directly and indirectly for the  
21 wrongs complained of herein. Because of their positions of control and authority,  
22 the Individual Defendants were able to and did, directly or indirectly, control the  
23 content of the statements of Odonate. As officers and/or directors of a publicly-held  
24 company, the Individual Defendants had a duty to disseminate timely, accurate, and  
25 truthful information with respect to Odonate's businesses, operations, future  
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1 financial condition and future prospects. As a result of the dissemination of the  
2 aforementioned false and misleading reports, releases and public statements, the  
3 market price of Odonate securities was artificially inflated throughout the Class  
4 Period. In ignorance of the adverse facts concerning Odonate's business and  
5 financial condition which were concealed by Defendants, Plaintiff and the other  
6 members of the Class purchased or otherwise acquired Odonate securities at  
7 artificially inflated prices and relied upon the price of the securities, the integrity of  
8 the market for the securities and/or upon statements disseminated by Defendants,  
9 and were damaged thereby.

13 59. During the Class Period, Odonate securities were traded on an active  
14 and efficient market. Plaintiff and the other members of the Class, relying on the  
15 materially false and misleading statements described herein, which the Defendants  
16 made, issued or caused to be disseminated, or relying upon the integrity of the  
17 market, purchased or otherwise acquired shares of Odonate securities at prices  
18 artificially inflated by Defendants' wrongful conduct. Had Plaintiff and the other  
19 members of the Class known the truth, they would not have purchased or otherwise  
20 acquired said securities, or would not have purchased or otherwise acquired them at  
21 the inflated prices that were paid. At the time of the purchases and/or acquisitions  
22 by Plaintiff and the Class, the true value of Odonate securities was substantially  
23 lower than the prices paid by Plaintiff and the other members of the Class. The  
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1 market price of Odonate securities declined sharply upon public disclosure of the  
2 facts alleged herein to the injury of Plaintiff and Class members.

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4 60. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants knowingly or  
5 recklessly, directly or indirectly, have violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act  
6 and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder.

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8 61. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct,  
9 Plaintiff and the other members of the Class suffered damages in connection with  
10 their respective purchases, acquisitions and sales of the Company's securities during  
11 the Class Period, upon the disclosure that the Company had been disseminating  
12 misrepresented financial statements to the investing public.  
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14 **COUNT II**

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16 **(Violations of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act Against the Individual**  
17 **Defendants)**

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19 62. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation contained in  
20 the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

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22 63. During the Class Period, the Individual Defendants participated in the  
23 operation and management of Odonate, and conducted and participated, directly and  
24 indirectly, in the conduct of Odonate's business affairs. Because of their senior  
25 positions, they knew the adverse non-public information about Odonate's  
26 misstatement of income and expenses and false financial statements.  
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1           64. As officers and/or directors of a publicly owned company, the  
2 Individual Defendants had a duty to disseminate accurate and truthful information  
3 with respect to Odonate’s financial condition and results of operations, and to correct  
4 promptly any public statements issued by Odonate which had become materially  
5 false or misleading.  
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8           65. Because of their positions of control and authority as senior officers,  
9 the Individual Defendants were able to, and did, control the contents of the various  
10 reports, press releases and public filings which Odonate disseminated in the  
11 marketplace during the Class Period concerning Odonate’s results of operations.  
12 Throughout the Class Period, the Individual Defendants exercised their power and  
13 authority to cause Odonate to engage in the wrongful acts complained of herein. The  
14 Individual Defendants therefore, were “controlling persons” of Odonate within the  
15 meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. In this capacity, they participated in  
16 the unlawful conduct alleged which artificially inflated the market price of Odonate  
17 securities.  
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21           66. Each of the Individual Defendants, therefore, acted as a controlling  
22 person of Odonate. By reason of their senior management positions and/or being  
23 directors of Odonate, each of the Individual Defendants had the power to direct the  
24 actions of, and exercised the same to cause, Odonate to engage in the unlawful acts  
25 and conduct complained of herein. Each of the Individual Defendants exercised  
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1 control over the general operations of Odonate and possessed the power to control  
2 the specific activities which comprise the primary violations about which Plaintiff  
3 and the other members of the Class complain.  
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5 67. By reason of the above conduct, the Individual Defendants are liable  
6 pursuant to Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act for the violations committed by  
7 Odonate.  
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9 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

10 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants as follows:  
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12 A. Determining that the instant action may be maintained as a class action  
13 under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and certifying Plaintiff as the  
14 Class representative;  
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16 B. Requiring Defendants to pay damages sustained by Plaintiff and the  
17 Class by reason of the acts and transactions alleged herein;  
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19 C. Awarding Plaintiff and the other members of the Class prejudgment and  
20 post-judgment interest, as well as their reasonable attorneys' fees, expert fees and  
21 other costs; and  
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23 D. Awarding such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and  
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**DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

Dated: September 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT  
TO FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS**

1. I, Kevin Kendall, make this declaration pursuant to Section 27(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”) and/or Section 21D(a)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

2. I have reviewed a Complaint against Odonate Therapeutics, Inc. (“Odonate” or the “Company”) and authorize the filing of a comparable complaint on my behalf.

3. I did not purchase or acquire Odonate securities at the direction of plaintiffs’ counsel or in order to participate in any private action arising under the Securities Act or Exchange Act.

4. I am willing to serve as a representative party on behalf of a Class of investors who purchased or otherwise acquired Odonate securities during the class period, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary. I understand that the Court has the authority to select the most adequate lead plaintiff in this action.

5. To the best of my current knowledge, the attached sheet lists all of my transactions in Odonate securities during the Class Period as specified in the Complaint.

6. During the three-year period preceding the date on which this Certification is signed, I have not served or sought to serve as a representative party on behalf of a class under the federal securities laws.

7. I agree not to accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of the class as set forth in the Complaint, beyond my pro rata share of any recovery, except such reasonable costs and expenses directly relating to the representation of the class as ordered or approved by the Court.

8. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed September 14, 2020  
(Date)

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*Kevin Kendall*

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(Signature)

Kevin Kendall

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**SUMMARY OF PURCHASES AND SALES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PURCHASE OR SALE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF SHARES</b>	<b>PRICE PER SHARE</b>
08/17/2020	Purchase	1700	\$35.58
08/24/2020	Sale	1700	\$19.44

Odonate Therapeutics, Inc. (ODT)

Kendall, Kevin

## List of Purchases and Sales

Security Type	Transaction Type	Date	Number of Shares/Unit	Price Per Share/Unit
Common Stock	Purchase	8/17/2020	200	\$35.7400
Common Stock	Purchase	8/17/2020	100	\$35.8400
Common Stock	Purchase	8/17/2020	100	\$35.8400
Common Stock	Purchase	8/18/2020	500	\$35.5100
Common Stock	Purchase	8/18/2020	800	\$35.5100
ODT Aug 21 20 35.0 Call	Sale	8/17/2020	(2)	\$5.7200
ODT Aug 21 20 35.0 Call	Sale	8/17/2020	(1)	\$5.5000
ODT Aug 21 20 35.0 Call	Sale	8/17/2020	(1)	\$5.8000
ODT Aug 21 20 35.0 Call	Sale	8/18/2020	(1)	\$4.5000
ODT Aug 21 20 35.0 Call	Sale	8/18/2020	(2)	\$4.3000
ODT Aug 21 20 35.0 Call	Sale	8/18/2020	(2)	\$4.3000
ODT Aug 21 20 35.0 Call	Sale	8/18/2020	(2)	\$4.4100
ODT Aug 21 20 35.0 Call	Sale	8/18/2020	(4)	\$4.3000
ODT Aug 21 20 35.0 Call	Sale	8/18/2020	(2)	\$4.1000