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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GUY T. STRINGHAM,
Plaintiff,
v.
J. BICK, et al.,
Defendants.

No. 2:09-cv-0286 MCE DAD P

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding pro se with a civil rights action seeking relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This matter is now before the court on the parties’ cross-motions for summary judgment.

BACKGROUND

Plaintiff is proceeding on his second amended complaint against defendants California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (“CDCR”), California Medical Facility (“CMF”), Bick, Andreasen, Khoury, Donahue, Thomas and Moreno. Therein, plaintiff alleges that the defendants violated his rights under the Eighth Amendment and the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) in connection with his transfer him from cell housing with tinted windows, immediate access to a toilet and handholds to dormitory housing without tinted windows, immediate access to a toilet, or handholds. (Sec. Am. Compl. at 3-20, Pl.’s Decl. & Exs.)

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SUMMARY JUDGMENT STANDARDS UNDER RULE 56

Summary judgment is appropriate when the moving party “shows that there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(a).

Under summary judgment practice, the moving party “initially bears the burden of proving the absence of a genuine issue of material fact.” In re Oracle Corp. Securities Litigation, 627 F.3d 376, 387 (9th Cir. 2010) (citing Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986)). The moving party may accomplish this by “citing to particular parts of materials in the record, including depositions, documents, electronically stored information, affidavits or declarations, stipulations (including those made for purposes of the motion only), admission, interrogatory answers, or other materials” or by showing that such materials “do not establish the absence or presence of a genuine dispute, or that the adverse party cannot produce admissible evidence to support the fact.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c)(1)(A), (B). When the non-moving party bears the burden of proof at trial, “the moving party need only prove that there is an absence of evidence to support the nonmoving party’s case.” Oracle Corp., 627 F.3d at 387 (citing Celotex, 477 U.S. at 325.). See also Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c)(1)(B). Indeed, summary judgment should be entered, after adequate time for discovery and upon motion, against a party who fails to make a showing sufficient to establish the existence of an element essential to that party’s case, and on which that party will bear the burden of proof at trial. See Celotex, 477 U.S. at 322. “[A] complete failure of proof concerning an essential element of the nonmoving party’s case necessarily renders all other facts immaterial.” Id. In such a circumstance, summary judgment should be granted, “so long as whatever is before the district court demonstrates that the standard for entry of summary judgment, . . ., is satisfied.” Id. at 323.

If the moving party meets its initial responsibility, the burden then shifts to the opposing party to establish that a genuine issue as to any material fact actually does exist. See Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp., 475 U.S. 574, 586 (1986). In attempting to establish the existence of this factual dispute, the opposing party may not rely upon the allegations or denials of its pleadings but is required to tender evidence of specific facts in the form of affidavits, and/or

1 admissible discovery material, in support of its contention that the dispute exists. See Fed. R.
2 Civ. P. 56(c)(1); Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 586 n.11. The opposing party must demonstrate that the
3 fact in contention is material, i.e., a fact that might affect the outcome of the suit under the
4 governing law, see Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986); T.W. Elec. Serv.,
5 Inc. v. Pacific Elec. Contractors Ass’n, 809 F.2d 626, 630 (9th Cir. 1987), and that the dispute is
6 genuine, i.e., the evidence is such that a reasonable jury could return a verdict for the nonmoving
7 party, see Wool v. Tandem Computers, Inc., 818 F.2d 1433, 1436 (9th Cir. 1987).

8 In the endeavor to establish the existence of a factual dispute, the opposing party need not
9 establish a material issue of fact conclusively in its favor. It is sufficient that “the claimed factual
10 dispute be shown to require a jury or judge to resolve the parties’ differing versions of the truth at
11 trial.” T.W. Elec. Serv., 809 F.2d at 631. Thus, the “purpose of summary judgment is to ‘pierce
12 the pleadings and to assess the proof in order to see whether there is a genuine need for trial.’”
13 Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587 (citations omitted).

14 “In evaluating the evidence to determine whether there is a genuine issue of fact,” the
15 court draws “all reasonable inferences supported by the evidence in favor of the non-moving
16 party.” Walls v. Central Costa County Transit Authority, 653 F.3d 963, 966 (9th Cir. 2011). It is
17 the opposing party’s obligation to produce a factual predicate from which the inference may be
18 drawn. See Richards v. Nielsen Freight Lines, 602 F. Supp. 1224, 1244-45 (E.D. Cal. 1985),
19 aff’d, 810 F.2d 898, 902 (9th Cir. 1987). Finally, to demonstrate a genuine issue, the opposing
20 party “must do more than simply show that there is some metaphysical doubt as to the material
21 facts Where the record taken as a whole could not lead a rational trier of fact to find for the
22 nonmoving party, there is no ‘genuine issue for trial.’” Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587 (citation
23 omitted).

24 OTHER APPLICABLE LEGAL STANDARDS

25 I. Civil Rights Act Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983

26 The Civil Rights Act under which this action was filed provides as follows:

27 Every person who, under color of [state law] . . . subjects, or causes
28 to be subjected, any citizen of the United States . . . to the
deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the

1 Constitution . . . shall be liable to the party injured in an action at
2 law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.

3 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The statute requires that there be an actual connection or link between the
4 actions of the defendants and the deprivation alleged to have been suffered by plaintiff. See
5 Monell v. Department of Social Servs., 436 U.S. 658 (1978); Rizzo v. Goode, 423 U.S. 362
6 (1976). “A person ‘subjects’ another to the deprivation of a constitutional right, within the
7 meaning of § 1983, if he does an affirmative act, participates in another’s affirmative acts or
8 omits to perform an act which he is legally required to do that causes the deprivation of which
9 complaint is made.” Johnson v. Duffy, 588 F.2d 740, 743 (9th Cir. 1978).

10 Moreover, supervisory personnel are generally not liable under § 1983 for the actions of
11 their employees under a theory of respondeat superior and, therefore, when a named defendant
12 holds a supervisory position, the causal link between him and the claimed constitutional
13 violation must be specifically alleged. See Fayle v. Stapley, 607 F.2d 858, 862 (9th Cir. 1979);
14 Mosher v. Saalfeld, 589 F.2d 438, 441 (9th Cir. 1978). Vague and conclusory allegations
15 concerning the involvement of official personnel in civil rights violations are not sufficient. See
16 Ivey v. Board of Regents, 673 F.2d 266, 268 (9th Cir. 1982).

17 II. The Eighth Amendment and Inadequate Medical Care

18 The unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain constitutes cruel and unusual punishment
19 prohibited by the Eighth Amendment. Whitley v. Albers, 475 U.S. 312, 319 (1986); Ingraham v.
20 Wright, 430 U.S. 651, 670 (1977); Estelle v. Gamble, 429 U.S. 97, 105-06 (1976). In order to
21 prevail on a claim of cruel and unusual punishment, a prisoner must allege and prove that
22 objectively he suffered a sufficiently serious deprivation and that subjectively prison officials
23 acted with deliberate indifference in allowing or causing the deprivation to occur. Wilson v.
24 Seiter, 501 U.S. 294, 298-99 (1991).

25 Where a prisoner’s Eighth Amendment claims arise in the context of medical care, the
26 prisoner must allege and prove “acts or omissions sufficiently harmful to evidence deliberate
27 indifference to serious medical needs.” Estelle, 429 U.S. at 106. An Eighth Amendment medical
28 claim has two elements: “the seriousness of the prisoner’s medical need and the nature of the

1 defendant's response to that need." McGuckin v. Smith, 974 F.2d 1050, 1059 (9th Cir. 1991),
2 overruled on other grounds by WMX Techs., Inc. v. Miller, 104 F.3d 1133 (9th Cir. 1997) (en
3 banc).

4 A medical need is serious "if the failure to treat the prisoner's condition could result in
5 further significant injury or the 'unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain.'" McGuckin, 974
6 F.2d at 1059 (quoting Estelle, 429 U.S. at 104). Indications of a serious medical need include
7 "the presence of a medical condition that significantly affects an individual's daily activities." Id.
8 at 1059-60. By establishing the existence of a serious medical need, a prisoner satisfies the
9 objective requirement for proving an Eighth Amendment violation. Farmer v. Brennan, 511 U.S.
10 825, 834 (1994).

11 If a prisoner establishes the existence of a serious medical need, he must then show that
12 prison officials responded to the serious medical need with deliberate indifference. See Farmer,
13 511 U.S. at 834. In general, deliberate indifference may be shown when prison officials deny,
14 delay, or intentionally interfere with medical treatment, or may be shown by the way in which
15 prison officials provide medical care. Hutchinson v. United States, 838 F.2d 390, 393-94 (9th
16 Cir. 1988). Before it can be said that a prisoner's civil rights have been abridged with regard to
17 medical care, however, "the indifference to his medical needs must be substantial. Mere
18 'indifference,' 'negligence,' or 'medical malpractice' will not support this cause of action."
19 Broughton v. Cutter Laboratories, 622 F.2d 458, 460 (9th Cir. 1980) (citing Estelle, 429 U.S. at
20 105-06). See also Toguchi v. Soon Hwang Chung, 391 F.3d 1051, 1057 (9th Cir. 2004) ("Mere
21 negligence in diagnosing or treating a medical condition, without more, does not violate a
22 prisoner's Eighth Amendment rights."); McGuckin, 974 F.2d at 1059 (same). Deliberate
23 indifference is "a state of mind more blameworthy than negligence" and "requires 'more than
24 ordinary lack of due care for the prisoner's interests or safety.'" Farmer, 511 U.S. at 835 (quoting
25 Whitley, 475 U.S. at 319).

26 Delays in providing medical care may manifest deliberate indifference. Estelle, 429 U.S.
27 at 104-05. To establish a claim of deliberate indifference arising from delay in providing care, a
28 plaintiff must show that the delay was harmful. See Berry v. Bunnell, 39 F.3d 1056, 1057 (9th

1 Cir. 1994); McGuckin, 974 F.2d at 1059; Wood v. Housewright, 900 F.2d 1332, 1335 (9th Cir.
2 1990); Hunt v. Dental Dep't, 865 F.2d 198, 200 (9th Cir. 1989); Shapley v. Nevada Bd. of State
3 Prison Comm'rs, 766 F.2d 404, 407 (9th Cir. 1985). In this regard, “[a] prisoner need not show
4 his harm was substantial; however, such would provide additional support for the inmate’s claim
5 that the defendant was deliberately indifferent to his needs.” Jett v. Penner, 439 F.3d 1091, 1096
6 (9th Cir. 2006). See also McGuckin, 974 F.2d at 1060.

7 Finally, mere differences of opinion between a prisoner and prison medical staff or
8 between medical professionals as to the proper course of treatment for a medical condition do not
9 give rise to a § 1983 claim. See Snow v. McDaniel, 681 F.3d 978, 988 (9th Cir. 2012); Toguchi,
10 391 F.3d at 1058; Jackson v. McIntosh, 90 F.3d 330, 332 (9th Cir. 1996); Sanchez v. Vild, 891
11 F.2d 240, 242 (9th Cir. 1989); Franklin v. Oregon, 662 F.2d 1337, 1344 (9th Cir. 1981).

12 III. The ADA and Intentional Discrimination

13 Title II of the ADA provides that:

14 no qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such
15 disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the
16 benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or
be subject to discrimination by such entity.

17 To establish a violation of the ADA, a plaintiff must show that: (1) he or she is a qualified
18 individual with a disability; (2) he or she was excluded from participation in or otherwise
19 discriminated against with regard to a public entity’s services, programs, or activities; and (3)
20 such exclusion or discrimination was by reason of his or her disability. See Simmons v. Navajo
21 County, 609 F.3d 1011, 1021 (9th Cir. 2010); Lovell v. Chandler, 303 F.3d 1039, 1052 (9th Cir.
22 2002).

23 IV. Qualified Immunity

24 Government officials enjoy qualified immunity from civil damages unless their conduct
25 violates clearly established statutory or constitutional rights. Jeffers v. Gomez, 267 F.3d 895, 910
26 (9th Cir. 2001) (quoting Harlow v. Fitzgerald, 457 U.S. 800, 818 (1982)). When a court is
27 presented with a qualified immunity defense, the central questions for the court are: (1) whether
28 the facts alleged, taken in the light most favorable to the plaintiff, demonstrate that the

1 defendant's conduct violated a statutory or constitutional right; and (2) whether the right at issue
2 was "clearly established." Saucier v. Katz, 533 U.S. 194, 201 (2001).

3 The United States Supreme Court has held that "while the sequence set forth there is often
4 appropriate, it should no longer be regarded as mandatory." Pearson v. Callahan, 555 U.S. 223,
5 236 (2009). In this regard, if a court decides that plaintiff's allegations do not make out a
6 statutory or constitutional violation, "there is no necessity for further inquiries concerning
7 qualified immunity." Saucier, 533 U.S. at 201. Likewise, if a court determines that the right at
8 issue was not clearly established at the time of the defendant's alleged misconduct, the court may
9 end further inquiries concerning qualified immunity at that point without determining whether the
10 allegations in fact make out a statutory or constitutional violation. Pearson, 555 U.S. at 236-242.

11 "A government official's conduct violate[s] clearly established law when, at the time of
12 the challenged conduct, '[t]he contours of [a] right [are] sufficiently clear' that every 'reasonable
13 official would have understood that what he is doing violates that right.'" Ashcroft v. al-Kidd,
14 ___U.S.___, ___131 S. Ct. 2074, 2083 (2011) (quoting Anderson v. Creighton, 483 U.S. 635
15 (1987)). In this regard, "existing precedent must have placed the statutory or constitutional
16 question beyond debate." Id. See also Clement v. Gomez, 298 F.3d 898, 906 (9th Cir. 2002)
17 ("The proper inquiry focuses on . . . whether the state of the law [at the relevant time] gave 'fair
18 warning' to the officials that their conduct was unconstitutional.") (quoting Saucier, 533 U.S. at
19 202). The inquiry must be undertaken in light of the specific context of the particular case.
20 Saucier, 533 U.S. at 201. Because qualified immunity is an affirmative defense, the burden of
21 proof initially lies with the official asserting the defense. See Harlow, 457 U.S. at 812.

22 **PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED FACTS AND EVIDENCE**

23 The evidence submitted by plaintiff in support of his motion for summary judgment
24 appears to establish the following.

25 1. Plaintiff had a medical chrono dated April 1, 2003, that allowed him to wear dark
26 glasses and use window tint from April 1, 2003, through March 31, 2004. (Pl.'s SUDF Attach.
27 F.)

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1 2. On December 17, 2004, plaintiff was moved from cell housing to dormitory housing at
2 CMF. (Defs.' Ans.)

3 3. Defendants admit that plaintiff initiated administrative grievances and requests for
4 accommodation under the ADA with respect to his housing assignments. (Defs.' Ans.)

5 4. Defendants Bick, Andreasen, and Khoury are not plaintiff's treating physicians.
6 (Defs.' Ans.)

7 5. Plaintiff has been given non-prescription dark glasses. The dark glasses fit over
8 plaintiff's prescription glasses. (Defs.' Ans.)

9 6. On December 16, 2004, plaintiff was prescribed Imitrx (Zolmitriptan). (Defs.' Ans.)

10 7. Plaintiff has Charcot foot and a history of chronic right foot pain. Plaintiff never
11 suffered a fall while housed in a dormitory. (Defs.' Ans.)

12 8. Medical chronos can be used to document a doctor's recommendations. Medical
13 chronos must be approved by the Chief Medical Officer. (Defs.' Ans.)

14 9. Plaintiff was moved to a dormitory because his custody level was Medium A.
15 Dormitories do not have tinted windows at CMF. (Defs.' Ans.)

16 10. Plaintiff has written letters and made complaints outside of the Inmate Appeals
17 System involving his medical conditions. Plaintiff has been issued a cane, leg brace and
18 wheelchair to assist him with his conditions that affect his mobility. (Defs.' Ans.)

19 11. On March 20, 2007, plaintiff was moved back to cell housing after this court issued a
20 preliminary injunction in Stringham v. Bick, No. 2:05-cv-0644 FCD GGH P. (Defs.' Ans.)

21 **DEFENDANTS' STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED FACTS AND EVIDENCE**

22 Defendants contend that the evidence they have submitted in support of their motion for
23 summary judgment establish the following 231 undisputed facts.¹

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26 ¹ Defendants' purported undisputed facts are obviously voluminous. As will be discussed to
27 some extent below, the undersigned also finds that in many instances those purported undisputed
28 facts themselves establish the existence of disputed issues of material fact and in other instances
are not facts at all but are merely argument.

1 **A. Photophobia Caused by Diabetic Retinopathy Aggravated by Multiple Panretinal**
2 **Photocoagulation Surgery for Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy**

3 1. Plaintiff, Guy Stringham (D-59403), is a California prisoner who is serving a life term
4 of imprisonment and has no current expected release date. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12,
5 2007, RT 12:9-14; 13:16-17.)

6 2. Plaintiff was diagnosed with Type I diabetes mellitus in 1971 when he was twelve
7 years old. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 33:13-17; Defs.' Ex. B,
8 Pl.'s Dep., September 12, 2012, RT 6:18-25.) He was treated with insulin and monitoring
9 of his blood sugar levels. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep., September 12, 2012, RT 7:1-4.)

10 3. Plaintiff lived in Southern California until he was about sixteen years old, when he
11 moved with his parents to Crescent City, California. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012,
12 RT 7:22-8:7.)

13 4. When he was in high school in Crescent City, California in the mid-1970's, plaintiff
14 was diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT
15 7:10-17.)

16 5. Diabetic retinopathy is caused by damage to blood vessels of the retina, which is the
17 layer of tissue at the back of the inner eye. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 7.) The
18 retina changes light and images that enter the eye into nerve signals that are sent to the brain.
19 There are two stages of diabetic retinopathy - nonproliferative and proliferative. (Id.) Most often
20 diabetic retinopathy has no symptoms until damage to the eyes is severe. (Id.) Symptoms
21 include blurred vision, slow vision loss over time, floaters, shadows or missing areas of vision,
22 and trouble seeing at night or in low-light conditions. Diabetic retinopathy can lead to blindness,
23 but it does not cause photophobia. (Id. ¶ 8.) Photophobia is an abnormal sensitivity to light that
24 causes discomfort or pain in extreme cases. It is a symptom of an underlying medical problem.
25 (Id. ¶ 10.)

26 6. In 1975 or 1976, about the same time Plaintiff was diagnosed with diabetic
27 retinopathy, he noticed that he was sensitive to light because he "squinted" when the sun came
28 out, and had mild discomfort. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 19:12-13; 38:4-

1 6; Defs. Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 7:10-17, 8:4-22.)

2 7. Plaintiff was prescribed solid gray-tinted eyeglasses for near-sightedness and light
3 sensitivity. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 8:23-9:21.) Plaintiff was
4 not told by a doctor that his reported light sensitivity was caused by diabetes. (Defs.' Ex. B,
5 Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 21:1-8.)

6 8. Plaintiff worked in a mill making plywood veneer, as an auto mechanic, and a
7 logger, felling and cutting trees from the 1970's until he was arrested in 1986. (Defs.' Ex. A,
8 Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 12:11-12; RT 19:15-24; Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2007,
9 RT 10:1-11:8.) He wore his prescription dark glasses on the job, and that was enough for his
10 light sensitivity. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2007, RT 10:1-11:8.)

11 9. Plaintiff arrived at a reception center at the California Men's Colony-East (CMC-East)
12 on June 19, 1987. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 12:11-19; Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-
13 Seabrooks Decl., ¶8.)

14 10. Upon arrival at the reception center, he reported that he had impaired vision and wore
15 eyeglasses. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶8.) Plaintiff also had occasional left knee
16 pain associated with an old surgically-repaired fracture when he was fourteen years old. (Defs.'
17 Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 28:19-17.) Plaintiff was allowed to have his prescription
18 dark glasses and was not required to have a medical chrono at that time. (Id. RT 12:20- 20.) He
19 was housed in a double-cell. (Id. RT 13:9-10.)

20 11. Two months later, on September 23, 1987, plaintiff complained to a medical
21 technical assistant (MTA) that that he had photophobia. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl.,
22 ¶ 9; Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 14:10-25.) He was referred to Dr.
23 Johnson, an ophthalmologist. (Defs.' Ex. B, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 11.)

24 12. In December 1997, Dr. Johnson saw plaintiff, who complained of glare in both eyes
25 in bright sun. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 12.) Dr. Johnson's impression was that
26 plaintiff had diabetic retinopathy and should return for a dilated fundoscopic examination of both
27 eyes. (Id.) Following that examination, Dr. Johnson found that plaintiff has scattered blot/dot
28 hemorrhages without exudates or neovascularization. (Id.) Dr. Johnson's opinion was that

1 plaintiff had non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy. (Id.) Dr. Johnson did not find any ocular
2 pathology to explain plaintiff's report of glare in bright sunlight, but he nevertheless ordered
3 sunglasses and a follow-up dilation in six months. (Id.; Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 16:17-
4 23.) Plaintiff would get replacement glasses when his prescription changed, or the glasses wore
5 out or broke. (Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 18:6-14.)

6 13. On January 6, 1988, plaintiff told an optometrist to whom Dr. Johnson had referred
7 him that he had a history of photophobia and wanted eyeglasses with photo-sensitive lenses.
8 (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 13.) The optometrist noted that plaintiff's current
9 prescription was for corrected vision of 25/25 in his right eye and 25/25 plus in his left eye. (Id.)
10 Following refraction, the optometrist changed his eyeglasses prescription to provide 25/25 plus
11 vision in both eyes. (Id.) The optometrist did not note that plaintiff had any ocular pathology
12 to support his complaint of photophobia, but nevertheless ordered Concorde-style frames with
13 "photo-gray extra" lenses. (Id.; Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 16:13-
14 18:5.) Photo-sensitive lenses are clear (or nearly clear) indoors and darken automatically in
15 response to sunlight. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Dec., ¶ 13.) Photo-gray extra means the
16 lenses provide more darkening than standard photo-gray lenses. (Id.) Concorde-style frames
17 wrap around the face and block more light coming from the side than regular frames. (Id.)
18 Plaintiff received the new prescription glasses in March 1988, but those lenses had to be reground
19 because of an error. (Id.) Plaintiff received his new eyeglasses in June 1988. (Id.) He also has a
20 pair of clear prescription reading glasses. (Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 19:19-23.) Plaintiff
21 reads using a 25-watt high intensity lamp for a hour a day, or more when he doing legal work.
22 (Id. RT 20:6-16.)

23 14. Dr. Johnson saw plaintiff on August 19, 1988, and ordered a fluorescein
24 angiogram. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 16.) That is an eye test which uses special
25 dye and a camera to look at blood flow in the retina and choroid (the two layers in the back of the
26 eye). (Id.) The test is done to determine if there is proper blood flow in those areas of the eye.
27 (Id.)

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1 15. On October 28, 1988, Dr. Johnson saw plaintiff for follow-up on the fluorescein
2 angiogram results and noted that he reported blurred vision when reading. (Defs.' Ex. C,
3 Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 17.) Dr. Johnson's impression was that plaintiff had proliferative
4 diabetic retinopathy in the right eye and macular edema (swelling of the macula) in both eyes.
5 (Id.) The macula is an area five millimeters in diameter in the retina where light is focused and
6 vision is clearest. (Id.) Dr. Johnson found that plaintiff had proliferative diabetic retinopathy in
7 his right eye and ordered a laser surgical procedure called panretinal photocoagulation. (Id.)

8 16. Proliferative diabetic retinopathy is a more severe and advanced form of diabetic
9 retinopathy. In proliferative diabetic retinopathy, new blood vessels start to grow in the eye
10 because of restricted circulation caused by diabetes, but the new vessels are fragile and can bleed.
11 (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 18.) Small scars can also develop on the retina and
12 other parts of the eye. (Id.) When this advanced stage of retinopathy occurs, a form of laser
13 surgery called panretinal photocoagulation is usually recommended. (Id.) A special laser is used
14 to make tiny burns that seal the retina and stop vessels from growing and leaking in order to
15 reduce the risk of vitreous hemorrhage and retinal detachment. (Id.) The goal of panretinal
16 photocoagulation is to prevent the development of new vessels over the retina and elsewhere that
17 could lead to blindness. (Id.) The procedure does not restore lost vision. (Id.) Typically, the
18 procedure is done on one eye, and then later on the other eye. (Id.) After the laser treatment,
19 vision initially may decrease because of edema/swelling of the retina, but then may improve to its
20 previous level in two to three weeks, or it can remain permanently deteriorated. (Id.)
21 Recurrences of proliferative retinopathy may occur even after an initial satisfactory response to
22 treatment. (Id.) Panretinal photocoagulation reduces peripheral vision in order to save as much
23 of the central vision as possible, and to save the eye itself. (Id.)

24 17. On November 8, 1988, plaintiff had panretinal photocoagulation on his right
25 eye, and two weeks later on his left eye. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 19.)

26 18. Plaintiff claims that his sensitivity to light was "immediately exacerbated" after the
27 laser surgeries. (Pl.'s Dep., September 12, 2012, RT 21:9-18.)

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1 19. Light sensitivity can be a short-term effect of panretinal photocoagulation surgery, but
2 it is not a long-term effect. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 20.) Plaintiff does not
3 have ocular pathology showing that the panretinal photocoagulation aggravated a pre-existing
4 photophobia, and plaintiff does not remember telling the ophthalmologist that he had increased
5 sensitivity to light following the surgeries. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 20; Defs.’
6 Ex. B, Pl.’s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 23:4-10.) Plaintiff is not a doctor and does not
7 know whether his light sensitivity was caused by the laser surgeries, or was just because his eye
8 condition got worse as he grew older. (Defs.’ Ex. B, Pl.’s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 24:20-
9 25:19.)

10 20. Plaintiff’s claim that he had increased sensitivity to “peripheral” light after the
11 panretinal photocoagulation does not have a basis in fact because a patient receiving the type and
12 amount of laser surgery he had would have dimmed vision and reduced sensitivity to light in the
13 peripheral areas of the retina. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 21.)

14 21. Plaintiff testified that sometime in 1988 or 1989, at the time of the laser
15 surgeries,” he went “snow blind” (everything went white) once, when he was walking on the
16 prison yard on a sunny day next to a brightly painted wall. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks
17 Decl., ¶ 22.) Because panretinal photocoagulation affects the function of the retinal periphery,
18 some patients will recognize decreased peripheral and night vision. (*Id.*) After panretinal
19 photocoagulation, blurred vision is very common. (*Id.*) Usually, this blur goes away, but in a
20 small number of patients some blur will continue forever. (*Id.*) What plaintiff claims to
21 have experienced is not evidence of long-term increased photophobia aggravated by the surgeries.

22 22. On January 6, 1989, plaintiff was seen for follow-up on the November 1988
23 panretinal photocoagulation procedures. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 23.) Dr.
24 Johnson noted that plaintiff continued to have neovascularization and would be seen for further
25 follow-up in six weeks when different laser treatment on his left eye would be considered if there
26 was continued neovascularization. (*Id.*)

27 23. On February 17, 1989, Dr. Johnson noted that the neovascularization of the right eye
28 was resolving, and that further surgery was not indicated at that time. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-

1 Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 24.)

2 24. On June 2, 1989, Dr. Johnson saw plaintiff and found that because the
3 neovascularization on his right eye was larger than before, further surgery was indicated. (Defs.’
4 Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 25.) Repeat panretinal photocoagulation was done on June 20,
5 1989, on plaintiff’s right eye, and nine days later on the left eye. (Id.)

6 25. On September 15, 1989, Dr. Johnson saw plaintiff who reported that he saw “smoke”
7 on the right side of his right eye. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 26.) Dr. Johnson
8 found that plaintiff’s condition was stable and ordered a follow-up dilation examination in six
9 months. (Id.)

10 26. On November 17, 1989, Dr. Johnson found that plaintiff’s proliferative diabetic
11 retinopathy remained stable. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 27.)

12 27. On December 28, 1989, plaintiff arrived at CMF and was housed in a double-cell.
13 (Defs.’ Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶ 6.)

14 28. On February 26, 1990, consulting ophthalmologist Dr. Louis saw plaintiff and noted
15 that the neovascularization on the left eye had resolved, but there was active neovascularization
16 on the right eye. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 28.) Dr. Louis ordered further
17 panretinal photocoagulation on the peripheral areas of plaintiff’s right eye, which was done in late
18 March 1990. (Id.)

19 29. On June 27, 1990, consulting optometrist Dr. Steffen saw plaintiff, who
20 complained that his eyes tired easily from “near work photophobia.” (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-
21 Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 29.) Plaintiff testified that he had gotten a clerk’s job in March 1990
22 and was reading and typing a lot, so his eyes became tired. (Defs.’ Ex. B, Pl.’s Dep. of Sept. 12,
23 2012, RT 26:10-27:4.) Tired eyes from reading does not cause photophobia, and the optometrist
24 did not note any ocular pathology to support that complaint. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks
25 Decl., ¶ 29.) Dr. Steffen refracted plaintiff and ordered new eyeglasses with photo-gray extra
26 lenses with a Hudson # 13 frame in silver tone. (Id.) Those glasses were received by plaintiff in
27 July 1990. (Id.) The photo-gray lenses were as dark as medical staff could get, and became
28 darker when plaintiff went outside to exercise on the yard. (Defs.’ Ex. B, Pl.’s Dep. of Sept. 12,

1 2012, RT 27:9-28:4.)

2 30. On October 22, 1990, Dr. Louis saw plaintiff for follow-up and noted that his
3 proliferative diabetic retinopathy was in good control. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶
4 30.)

5 31. Plaintiff's proliferative diabetic retinopathy in both eyes remained stable until June
6 27, 1995, when consulting ophthalmologist Dr. Roth, found that plaintiff had retinal hemorrhages
7 in his right eye and advised that laser surgery should be performed on that eye, which was done
8 the following month. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 32.)

9 32. On November 7, 1995, Dr. Roth saw plaintiff who complained that a line appeared on
10 the left side of his right eye if he shook his head. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 33.)
11 Plaintiff's corrected vision was 20/25 in each eye. (Id.) Dr. Roth found that plaintiff's left eye
12 was negative for hemorrhages, but performed further surgery for hemorrhages on the right eye.
13 (Id.) Dr. Roth saw plaintiff for follow-up three weeks later and noted extensive 360-degree
14 panretinal photocoagulation had been done in both eyes. (Id.)

15 33. On July 2, 1996, Dr. Roth saw plaintiff for follow-up and found hemorrhages in the
16 left eye for which further laser surgery was performed the following week. (Defs.' Ex. C,
17 Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 34.) Dr. Roth noted that plaintiff claimed that his insulin treatment
18 gave him spots in the center of vision. (Id.) Dr. Roth also noted that plaintiff reported that he
19 was "photophobic!" (Id.) The exclamation point indicated that Dr. Roth was surprised by that
20 report because, for the reasons discussed above, he had no ocular pathology to explain
21 photophobia, and patients who had received the amount and kind of laser treatment plaintiff had,
22 had dimmed vision and light sensitivity, not increased light sensitivity. (Id.) Dr. Roth planned to
23 do more laser surgery on plaintiff's left eye and then send him to an optometrist to refract him for
24 a new eyeglass prescription. (Id.) Plaintiff went to an optometrist who refracted him for new
25 eyeglasses in September 1996. (Id.) The surgery was done a week later, and a new eyeglass
26 prescription was written in late September 1996. (Id.)

27 34. On December 3, 1996, Dr. Roth saw plaintiff who complained of "floaters" and pain
28 in his right eye for two weeks. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 35.) Dr. Roth

1 found that further laser surgery for hemorrhages in both eyes was indicated, and it was done that
2 day. (Id.)

3 35. On February 25, 1997, Dr. Roth found that plaintiff had an early cataract and
4 neovascularization in both eyes and did further laser surgery. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks
5 Decl., ¶ 36.)

6 36. On March 11, 1997, plaintiff was seen for follow-up and again reported that he saw
7 "floaters. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 37.) Dr. Roth found hemorrhages and
8 neovascularization in both eyes and ordered further laser surgery, which was done on the left eye
9 on March 31, 1997, with approximately 100 applications in each eye. (Id.) While waiting for
10 that surgery, plaintiff wrote letters asking to be transferred to Pelican Bay State Prison to be
11 closer to where his family resided. (Id.) In those letters, plaintiff claimed that he was
12 photophobic in both eyes and needed "photogray type lenses in [his] glasses." (Id.) There is no
13 mention in the letters, or plaintiff's medical records to that date, of a need to be housed in a cell
14 with tinted windows because of photophobia. (Id.)

15 37. On August 19, 1997, Dr. Crapotta, an ophthalmologist, saw plaintiff for follow-up
16 and noted that plaintiff said that his eyes were "weird!" and that he might need new eyeglasses,
17 which he had not received for five years. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 38.) That
18 was not true; as discussed above, since plaintiff had been refracted for and had received new
19 glasses in September of 1996. (Id.) Dr. Crapotta found that plaintiff was negative for retinal
20 hemorrhages and exudates (opacities in the retina from the escape of blood from defective blood
21 vessels). (Id.)

22 38. On October 1, 1997, an optometrist refracted plaintiff, found that the eyeglasses he
23 had were adequate, but wrote a prescription for new eyeglasses to provide plaintiff with 20/20
24 vision in both eyes. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 39.)

25 39. On March 3, 1998, Dr. Crapotta saw plaintiff and found that he had no hemorrhages
26 or exudates and ordered follow-up in six months, or as needed, for vision symptoms. (Defs.' Ex.
27 C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 40.)

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1 40. On May 12, 1998, an optometrist refracted plaintiff for new eyeglasses. (Defs.' Ex.
2 C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 41.) The optometrist noted that plaintiff complained that he was
3 photophobic. (Id.) Although the optometrist noted no ocular pathology for that complaint, he
4 ordered dark tint on plaintiff's eyeglasses "due to advanced diabetic retinopathy." (Id.) Diabetic
5 retinopathy does not cause photophobia. (Id.)

6 41. On September 1, 1998, Dr. Crapotta saw plaintiff for follow-up and found that
7 Plaintiff's proliferative diabetic retinopathy was stable. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl.,
8 ¶ 42.) No treatment was ordered at that time. (Id.)

9 42. Plaintiff's eyes have been stable, and have not required further surgical procedures
10 since 1998, except for vision getting slowly worse over time with age. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep.
11 of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 30:14-31:3.)

12 43. On March 4, 1999, Dr. Crapotta saw plaintiff for follow-up. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-
13 Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 43.) Plaintiff had 20/25 corrected vision in both eyes with eyeglasses. (Id.)
14 Dr. Crapotta did not find that he had any indications for further treatment at that time and ordered
15 a follow-up in six months. (Id.) He did not find that plaintiff needed a medical chrono for cell
16 housing with window tint because of photophobia. (Id.)

17 44. On April 22, 1999, plaintiff was moved from a cell to a lower bunk (P-142L) in a
18 Wing P-1 dorm. (Defs.' Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶ 10.)

19 45. On May 28, 1999, Dr. Gordon, who was not an ophthalmologist or optometrist, saw
20 plaintiff in the B-1 Clinic in response to his request for allergy medication and a medical
21 chrono for a single cell. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 45.) Plaintiff asked for a
22 medical chrono for an upper bunk for "claustrophobia" and cell housing with tinted windows due
23 to his complaint of suffering from photophobia, which Dr. Gordon questioned was secondary to
24 diabetic retinopathy. (Id.) Plaintiff told Dr. Gordon that he needed cell housing because he could
25 not tint windows in a dorm. (Id.) There is no ocular pathology that would support plaintiff's
26 claim that he had photophobia for which he needed cell housing with tinted windows, in addition
27 to the dark glasses that he had been given. (Id.) Nevertheless, Dr. Gordon handwrote a medical
28 chrono for the housing that plaintiff had requested without any documentation of the medical

1 basis for such a housing assignment. (Id.) There is also no typewritten medical chrono showing
2 that the Chief Medical Officer approved Dr. Gordon's recommendation. (Id.) This is the first
3 time in the twelve preceding years of plaintiff's incarceration that a doctor had given plaintiff a
4 medical chrono for cell housing with window tint in connection with his claim of photophobia.
5 (Id.) There also had been no change in plaintiff's vision to support Dr. Gordon's finding and
6 issuance of the medical chrono. (Id.)

7 46. On July 9, 1999, an optometrist refracted plaintiff for new prescription eyeglasses
8 to provide him with 20/20 corrected vision. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 46.) The
9 optometrist referred plaintiff to the ophthalmologist for a medical chrono for sunglasses to be
10 worn outdoors. (Id.) Dr. Crapotta saw plaintiff in the B-1 Clinic on July 27, 1999, and wrote a
11 medical chrono for tinted glasses for diabetic retinopathy, finding that a repeat visit with the
12 ophthalmologist was not needed. (Id.)

13 47. On September 7, 1999, Dr. Crapotta saw plaintiff for follow-up, noted that he had
14 an early cataract, a floater in his right eye, and proliferative diabetic retinopathy that was stable.
15 (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 47.) Dr. Crapotta ordered a follow-up in six months.
16 (Id.) He did not recommend a medical chrono for cell housing with tinted windows for
17 photophobia at that time. (Id.)

18 48. On September 22, 1999, Dr. Geraghty saw plaintiff for follow-up on his diabetes and
19 noted that plaintiff claims that he was stressed by problems with "group living." (Defs.' Ex. C,
20 Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 48.) Plaintiff agreed to try available stress-reduction techniques.
21 (Id.)

22 49. On November 5, 1999, Dr. Geraghty saw plaintiff in the B-1 Clinic for follow-up
23 with respect to his diabetes. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 49.) Dr. Geraghty noted
24 that eyeglasses were being ordered for plaintiff's reported photosensitivity. (Id.)

25 50. On December 17, 1999, Dr. Geraghty saw plaintiff for diabetes follow-up and noted
26 that new eyeglasses had been ordered for plaintiff. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶
27 50.)

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1 51. On February 23, 2000, Dr. Burr saw plaintiff for a diabetes chronic care follow-up.
2 (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 51.) Dr. Burr was not an ophthalmologist or
3 optometrist, and this appears to have been the first time he saw plaintiff, who complained of
4 photophobia and reported that dark glasses had been ordered for him four months earlier. (Id.)
5 Dr. Burr's impression was that plaintiff was light sensitive, which gave him headaches. (Id.) Dr.
6 Burr noted that his medical chrono was secondary to laser surgery, but, as discussed previously,
7 the surgeries would not have caused the reported light sensitivity. (Id.) Plaintiff had no ocular
8 pathology to support his claim of photophobia, and no history of headaches caused by
9 photophobia. There had been no documented change in his vision status. Plaintiff was housed
10 in a dorm (Bed. No. P-142L) at the time. (Defs.' Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶¶ 10-11.) If plaintiff
11 was having headaches related to his vision at that time, it is likely that they were caused by
12 strained vision due to the delay in delivery of new prescription dark glasses, and not because of
13 photophobia from changes in his vision or ocular pathology. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks
14 Decl., ¶ 51.) Dr. Burr noted that plaintiff had a medical chrono for new dark eye glasses,
15 which had been on order for four months, and continued him on his treatment regimen without
16 change. (Id.)

17 52. Two days later, on February 25, 2000, Dr. Geraghty saw plaintiff, who complained
18 of a problem with the eyeglasses that had been ordered. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl.,
19 ¶ 52.) Plaintiff told Dr. Geraghty that he felt he needed cell housing because of his frequent
20 need to use a toilet for polyuria and occasional diarrhea. (Id.)

21 53. On March 7, 2000, Dr. Crapotta saw plaintiff for follow-up, noted that his condition
22 was stable, and renewed a medical chrono for dark glasses for photophobia. (Defs.' Ex. C,
23 Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 53.) The same day, eyeglasses with photo-gray extra lens that had
24 been ordered on February 29, 2000, were shipped to CMF. (Id.) Dr. Crapotta recommended, and
25 Dr. Andreasen approved, a medical chrono for plaintiff to have those glasses because of
26 "abnormal light-dark adaptation" secondary to retinal laser treatment in the past for diabetic
27 retinopathy. (Id.) Dr. Crapotta did not document what "light-to-dark adaptation problems"
28 plaintiff had that would warrant dark glasses. (Id.) Plaintiff did not have any ocular pathology to

1 explain his need for dark glasses, except for an early cataract. (Id.) A light-adaptation problem
2 means difficulty adjusting when moving between areas with different lighting levels, e.g., from
3 sunlight to a dim room, or vice versa. (Id.) A person with light-to-dark adaptation problems is
4 managed with photo-sensitive lenses, which plaintiff had, because they allow in different levels of
5 light in different light conditions. (Id.) Plaintiff would have had reduced, not increased,
6 sensitivity to light associated with the prior panretinal photocoagulation procedures. (Id.)

7 54. On May 18, 2000, Dr. Geraghty saw plaintiff, who reported that he had gotten
8 sunglasses, but that he wanted prescription lenses with a dark tint. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-
9 Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 54.) Plaintiff also claimed he needed cell housing because of gastrointestinal
10 enteropathy and urgency, not for light sensitivity. (Id.) He also claimed to be unable to have a
11 work assignment for a number of problems, including light sensitivity. (Id.) Dr. Geraghty
12 recommended a medical chrono finding that plaintiff be classified as totally medically disabled
13 for one year because he was no longer to have even a light-duty work assignment because of
14 various medical problems, including "problems with ambient light." (Id.) Dr. Andreasen
15 approved Dr. Geraghty's recommendation. (Id.) There is no medical basis for the finding that
16 plaintiff could not hold even a light-duty assignment because of problems with ambient light
17 when using his dark prescription lenses, and that medical chrono did not provide for cell housing
18 with window tinting. (Id.)

19 55. On May 26, 2000, new prescription eyeglasses, with clear lenses with gray #3 tint,
20 were made for plaintiff to replace the previous ones he said were not what he wanted. (Defs.'
21 Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 55.)

22 56. On August 18, 2000, plaintiff was moved to Bed No. I-133U in a cell in Wing I-1 but
23 was moved back to Bed No. P-142L, in the Wing P-1 dorm four days later. (Defs.' Ex. E, Weaver
24 Decl., ¶ 11.)

25 57. On August 22, 2000, Dr. Geraghty saw plaintiff for diabetes follow-up. (Defs.' Ex.
26 C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 57.) Plaintiff told Dr. Geraghty that his move to a cell had helped
27 "greatly" because his "sun exposure" was less. (Id.) Plaintiff reported that his "retinopathy was
28 comfortable" with use of the new eyeglasses. (Id.) Dr. Geraghty recommended, and Dr.

1 Andreasen approved, a medical chrono that day for lower bunk/lower tier housing secondary to
2 joint disease, but he did not recommend cell housing with tinted windows for light sensitivity.
3 (Id.) The same day, plaintiff was moved back to the lower-bunk bed (P-142L) in the P-Wing
4 dorm. (Id.)

5 58. On September 1, 2000, Dr. Geraghty recommended, and Acting Chief Medical
6 Officer Doust approved, a medical chrono for plaintiff's housing in a cell with tinted windows
7 "secondary to advanced diabetic retinopathy. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 58.)
8 There is no progress note to support that medical chrono, and plaintiff's diabetic retinopathy
9 did not cause photophobia or any other vision problem that required housing in a cell with tinted
10 windows, in addition to the dark prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses that he had received.
11 (Id.) That chrono was not typed until September 11, 2000. (Id.) In the meantime, Dr. Crapotta
12 saw plaintiff on September 5, 2000, and found no change in his vision due to diabetic retinopathy.
13 (Id.) Plaintiff saw Dr. Geraghty the same day and told him he was back in a dorm and wanted Dr.
14 Gordon's May 28, 1999 chrono renewed. (Id.) It appears Dr. Geraghty's cell housing chrono
15 was intended to be a "continuance" of Dr. Gordon's earlier chrono, but there was no medical
16 basis for that earlier chrono for cell housing with tinted windows for photophobia, in addition to
17 sunglasses and dark prescription eyeglasses. (Id.) To the extent that Dr. Geraghty's medical
18 chrono, and subsequent ones for cell housing with tinted windows, relied on, and were renewals
19 of, Dr. Gordon's medical chrono, they were not supported by plaintiff's vision status and ocular
20 pathology.

21 59. On December 18, 2000, plaintiff was moved to a cell (P-134L) in Wing P-1. (Defs.'
22 Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶ 12.)

23 60. On April 26, 2001, Dr. Crapotta found that plaintiff's proliferative diabetic
24 retinopathy was unchanged and required no further treatment. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks
25 Decl., ¶ 60.) Dr. Crapotta recommended, and Dr. Andreasen approved, a medical chrono stating
26 that plaintiff had received extensive retinal laser treatment with "expected light adaptation
27 problems" for which dark glasses and housing in a cell with window tinting were recommended.
28 (Id.) This was the first time Dr. Crapotta had recommended cell housing with window tint, rather

1 than simply dark glasses. (Id.) Dr. Crapotta's notes do not show a change in plaintiff's vision
2 status that would justify the recommendation for cell housing with tinted windows, and plaintiff
3 had no ocular pathology to support such a recommendation. (Id.) Dr. Crapotta's
4 recommendation, therefore, was apparently based on Dr. Gordon's unsupported and unapproved
5 medical chrono the previous year.

6 61. On May 25, 2001, Dr. Altchek saw plaintiff, who complained of "photophobia and
7 headaches," and asked for "something stronger than Motrin." (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks
8 Decl., ¶ 61.) Dr. Altchek noted that plaintiff had sunglasses, but ordered Ultram, 100 mg.,
9 q.i.d. (four times a day), p.r.n. (as needed) for headaches for 45 days. (Id.) Plaintiff's
10 "photophobia" complaint was unexplained and not supported by his ocular pathology, and there is
11 no reason he would have headaches from light exposure while wearing dark prescription glasses
12 or sunglasses, as well as being housed in a cell.

13 62. On July 2, 2001, Dr. Altchek saw plaintiff who complained of "chronic migraine
14 headaches." (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 62.) There is no prior history of migraine
15 headaches caused by light sensitivity, and no ocular pathology to show that plaintiff had
16 headaches that were triggered by exposure to light. (Id.) Dr. Altchek recommended a medical
17 chrono, approved by Dr. Andreasen that, in part, stated that he had advanced diabetic retinopathy
18 for which he wore sunglasses. (Id.) Plaintiff's proliferative diabetic retinopathy and panretinal
19 photocoagulation surgeries would not have made him sensitive to light and triggered migraine
20 headaches. (Id.)

21 63. On July 6, 2001, an optometrist noted that plaintiff refused an appointment because
22 his eyeglass prescription had not changed, but he gave the optometrist one "chipped" lens and
23 asked that it be replaced with a new photo-gray lens. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶
24 63.) The optometrist noted that dark sunglasses, which were in good condition, had been issued
25 to plaintiff the previous year, and that he was still using them. (Id.) The optometrist explained
26 that photo-gray lenses would not be placed on a different frame if he was still using the dark
27 eyeglasses that had been issued, that there was no change in his prescription, and that the frame
28 was not broken. (Id.)

1 64. On September 5, 2001, plaintiff’s medical chrono for cell housing with window
2 tinting was renewed. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 64.) Plaintiff had no vision
3 problem or ocular pathology to support the renewal of the previous chrono, for which there was
4 also no ocular basis for cell housing with window tint. (Id.)

5 65. On November 29, 2001, Dr. Andreasen approved a one-year medical chrono that
6 recommended continued cell housing, but it did not list photophobia as a reason for that housing
7 assignment. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 65.)

8 66. On April 23, 2002, Dr. Crapotta saw plaintiff and found that he was doing well with
9 a clear vitreous and no peripheral lesions. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 66.) Dr.
10 Crapotta again recommended a medical chrono for dark glasses and window tinting for one year
11 for light adaptation problems following extensive peripheral laser treatment that Dr. Bick, the
12 Chief Medical Officer, approved. (Id.) There was no vision problem or ocular pathology to
13 explain the finding of “light adaptation problems” that necessitated both dark glasses and cell
14 housing with window tinting. (Id.)

15 67. On August 20, 2002, Dr. Altchek recommended, and Dr. Bick approved, a medical
16 chrono for cell-based housing, in part because plaintiff had advanced diabetic retinopathy that
17 required sunglasses because he could not tolerate light. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl.,
18 ¶ 67.) Diabetic retinopathy does not cause sensitivity to light, and plaintiff had no vision problem
19 or no ocular pathology to explain a need for both dark glasses and cell-based housing with
20 window tint. (Id.)

21 68. On October 1, 2002, Dr. Crapotta saw plaintiff and noted that his proliferative
22 diabetic retinopathy was stable, that plaintiff had no hemorrhages, macular edema, or exudates;
23 that his vitreous was clear, and that the peripheral retinal areas of both eyes were clear. A six-
24 month follow-up was ordered. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 68.)

25 69. Dr. Altchek saw plaintiff for a complaint of severe tooth pain on the left side of his
26 face and complained of a “migraine” headache, chills, hot flashes, and “photosensitivity.” (Defs.’
27 Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 69.) Dr. Altchek noted a probable dental abscess on the left
28 upper jaw. (Id.) He ordered migrapap (Midrin), two tablets, b.i.d., p.r.n. for 60 days for the

1 headache pain. (Id.) A headache secondary to nerve pain caused by a tooth abscess is not a
2 “migraine” headache caused by “photosensitivity,” and Midrin is not a medication that is
3 indicated for that kind of pain.

4 70. Plaintiff was housed in a cell (W-121L) from March 1, 2003, to May 13, 2003, when
5 he was moved to cell (I-137L) in Wing I-1. (Defs.’ Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶ 13.)

6 71. On March 1, 2003, Dr. Altchek noted that plaintiff’s medical chrono was
7 accommodated because he was allowed to have his dark glasses, and the cell was in a dark area,
8 and had a grid-type material covering the window. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶
9 71.) Dark glasses alone would have been sufficient to accommodate any light sensitivity problem
10 caused by an early cataract. (Id.)

11 72. On April 1, 2003, Dr. Saukhla saw plaintiff concerning repair of his dark glasses,
12 which had been broken. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 72.) Plaintiff said he
13 wanted to repair the glasses himself in his cell. (Id.) Dr. Saukhla noted that plaintiff had a
14 medical chrono for the dark glasses. (Id.) Dr. Saukhla noted that he would write the “eye clinic”
15 to have the eyeglasses repaired, and the same day recommended a medical chrono for dark
16 glasses and window tint for diabetic retinopathy and light adaptation problems following
17 extensive peripheral laser treatment in both eyes. (Id.) For the reasons discussed previously,
18 plaintiff had no vision or ocular pathology to support the need for cell housing with window
19 tinting, in addition to sunglasses and dark prescription eyeglasses. (Id.) For that reason, Dr.
20 Bick’s notation approving cell housing with window tint if custody staff agreed was appropriate.
21 There was no medical necessity for this kind of housing from an ocular standpoint. (Id.)

22 73. On May 22, 2003, Dr. Crapotta saw plaintiff and noted that his proliferative
23 diabetic retinopathy was “quiescent.” (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 73.) A three-
24 month follow-up was ordered. (Id.)

25 74. On September 23, 2003, Dr. Crapotta saw plaintiff for follow-up, noted no
26 changed in his proliferative diabetic retinopathy that required treatment, and ordered a follow-up
27 in six months. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 74.)

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1 75. On November 3, 2003, nursing staff noted that plaintiff had received three pairs of
2 eye glasses that day. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 75.)

3 76. On January 30, 2004, plaintiff filed a grievance (Log No. CMF-04-M-192) that, in
4 part, claimed that he had not been given dark glasses, and housed in a cell with tinted windows,
5 which were required for his diabetic retinopathy. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 76;
6 Defs.' Ex. G, Bick Interrog. Resp., Attach. 5.) The grievance asked that a medical chrono be
7 "renewed" for cell housing because he had three previous chronos for one (April 26, 2001;
8 September 1, 2001; November 29, 2001), all of which had expired. (Id.) Plaintiff asked that
9 custody staff be prohibited from moving him to dormitory housing. (Id.) Plaintiff claimed that
10 Dr. Bick had refused to approve cell housing in a July 2003 medical chrono recommended by Dr.
11 Shellcroft. (Id.) But there was no July 2003 chrono, and the August 3, 2003 medical chrono by
12 Drs. Shellcroft and Bick did not recommend cell housing. (Id.) Plaintiff claimed that if he was
13 moved to a dormitory without tinted windows the light from windows would "trigger" migraine
14 headaches. (Bick Interrog. Resp., Attach. 3.) Review at the informal and formal levels of review
15 was bypassed. Plaintiff was in Wing I, Cell No. 137L at the time. Senior MTA Donahue
16 interviewed plaintiff, reviewed his medical record, and prepared a response to plaintiff's
17 grievance based on Dr. Bick's decision at the second level of review. (Defs.' Ex. H, Donahue
18 Interrog. Resp. No. 1.) Dr. Bick, the Chief Medical Officer, approved the denial on March 15,
19 2004 because his visual impairment met criteria for dormitory housing, and the need for window
20 tinting could be accommodated with sunglasses provided by the Wing B-2 Medical Supply
21 Department. (Id.) Dr. Bick wanted plaintiff to use clear State-issued prescription lenses and wear
22 tinted goggles over them. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 94:12-17.) Plaintiff
23 appealed to the second level where the grievance was reviewed by Dr. Andreasen, the Chief
24 Medical Officer for Inpatient Services, on behalf of Warden Schwartz and denied by Dr. Khoury,
25 Chief Deputy for Clinical Services, on April 15, 2004. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶
26 76; Defs.' Ex. G, Bick Interrog. Resp., Attach. 5.) At that level of review, plaintiff claimed that
27 State-issued sunglasses did not accommodate his need for cell-housing with tinted windows
28 because they allowed light in from the side and did not block peripheral light when worn over his

1 prescription eyeglasses. (Id.) Dr. Khoury found that the State-issued goggles did block
2 peripheral light and were large enough to fit over prescription eyeglasses, and that the dorm in
3 Wing G-3 had no outside windows and was darker than the dorms with outside views. (Id.)
4 Plaintiff testified that he wanted cell housing only. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT
5 30:14-16.) Plaintiff appealed to the third level of review on June 7, 2004, but the inmate
6 grievance was rejected at the Director's level by Chief of Inmate Appeals Grannis on July 16,
7 2004, because it was not timely. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 76; Defs.' Ex. G,
8 Bick Interrog. Resp., Attach. 5.)

9 77. On March 9, 2004, Dr. Crapotta recommended that plaintiff have a medical chrono
10 for dark glasses and window tint in his housing "consistent with prison regulations." (Defs.' Ex.
11 C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 77.) Dr. Bick, however, allowed CMF-approved dark glasses
12 only, and not cell housing with window tinting. (Id.) Dr. Bick's decision was appropriate, and
13 Dr. Crapotta's recommendation for cell housing with window tinting was not supported by
14 plaintiff's vision problem and ocular pathology. (Id.)

15 78. On December 17, 2004, plaintiff was moved from lower bunk (I-137L) in a cell
16 with tinted windows in I Wing to the lower bunk (J-353L) in one of the regular dorms in Wing J-
17 3 Wing. (Pl.'s Sec. Am. Compl. filed Feb. 24, 2012 (ECF No. 53) at 14, ¶ 5; Defs.' Ex. K,
18 Thomas Interrog. Resp. No. 1.) At the time, Dr. Bick had approved a March 9, 2004 medical
19 chrono that allowed him to have CMF-approved dark glasses. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks
20 Decl., Attach. 1, HS 229.) Dr. Bick had not approved a recommendation by Dr. Crapotta, an
21 ophthalmologist, that plaintiff's housing should also have window tinting, consistent with CMF
22 regulations. (Id.) Therefore, plaintiff did not have a medical chrono for cell housing at the time
23 of this housing change. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 23:5-10.)

24 79. In late December 2004 and into 2005, CMF had to appropriately house an influx of
25 inmates serving life terms with Close custody designations in cells during ongoing remedial
26 actions in Coleman v. Schwarzenegger, et al, No. 2:90-cv-0520 LKK JFM P and provide
27 additional inpatient mental health treatment beds. (Defs.' Ex. K, Thomas Interrog. Resp. No. 1;
28 Pl.'s Summ. Judg. Mot filed July 12, 2012 (ECF No. 58), Attach. E [Dickinson Decl.], ¶ 16.) The

1 Court had required the conversion of general population housing units at various prisons to be
2 used for additional beds to house mentally ill inmates. (Id.) To comply with that order, CMF had
3 to make room for inmates, including Close B custody inmates, who were transferred from Salinas
4 Valley State Prison in December 2004. (Id.) Close custody inmates are those whose case factors
5 indicate a need for close supervision. (Id.) State regulations require that Close custody inmates
6 be housed in cells to ensure institutional security and public safety. (Id.)

7 80. Because plaintiff was a Medium A custody inmate, who did not have a medical
8 chrono for cell housing, he was among a group of Medium A custody inmates who were moved
9 from cells to dorms to make room for Close custody inmates and Medium A custody inmates
10 designated for single cells. (Pl.'s Summ. Judg. Mot filed July 12, 2012, Attach. E [Dickinson
11 Decl.], ¶ 16; Defs.' Ex. K, Thomas Interrog. Resp. No. 1.) The prisoner who moved to the bed
12 that plaintiff had previously occupied in Wing I-1 was a Close custody inmate who needed a
13 lower bunk. (Defs.' Ex. K, Thomas Interrog. Resp. No. 1.) The other inmate had come from
14 Wing P-2, which had been shut down. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 117:21-
15 118:9.)

16 81. Plaintiff's bed in the dorm was opposite a large exterior window, and the lights were
17 on most of the day, but officers allowed him to drape bedding over his lower bunk to reduce the
18 light, and he also closed his eyes when felt the light was bothering him. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep.,
19 June 12, 2007, RT 25:8-15.)

20 82. Plaintiff watched television two to four hours a day in the dorm by "cracking" the
21 drape over his bunk and looking through it. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT
22 57:19-58:9.) He claimed that television does not affect his eyes because he is looking directly at
23 it; it only hurts if he turns his head and light "hits the side of his eye." (Id.) Plaintiff currently
24 watches television six hours a day in his cell. (RT 61:5-23.) That behavior indicated that he did
25 not have photophobia caused by a vision problem or ocular pathology, or any medical problem
26 triggered by light. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 103.) The draping, coupled with
27 dark glasses, would have allowed very little light into his eyes. (Id.) Opening the drapes to watch
28 television is not behavior aimed at avoiding light. (Id.) And the brightness of the lighting in the

1 dorm was virtually the same as the lighting in the Wing I-1 cell from which he had moved. (Id.;
2 Defs.' Ex. F, ¶¶ 11-14.)

3 83. On January 27, 2005, plaintiff was moved from Wing J-3 to a lower bunk (P-139L)
4 in a dayroom on Wing P-1, which had been converted to a dorm. (Defs.' Ex. E, Weaver Decl.,
5 ¶16; Defs.' Ex. K, Thomas Interrog. Resp. No. 1; Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007,
6 RT 117:21-118:9.) Like the earlier move, this housing change was also made because of the
7 housing unit closures and conversions being made at the time. (Pl.'s Summ. Judg. Mot, July 12,
8 2012, Attach. E [Dickinson Decl.], ¶ 16; Defs.' Ex. K, Thomas Interrog. Resp. No. 1.)

9 84. Plaintiff still did not have a medical chrono that precluded him from being housed in
10 a dorm, and that required him to be housed in a cell with tinted windows. There is also no
11 evidence that Sergeant Thomas or Captain Moreno were responsible for this change in
12 plaintiff's housing assignment.

13 85. The same day plaintiff moved to the P-1 dorm, Captain Moreno authored a
14 memorandum that ordered staff to leave the lights on from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day all
15 dorms in Unit I to ensure adequate safety for staff and inmates and institutional security. (Defs.'
16 Ex. L, Moreno Interrog. Resp. No. 1, Attach. 3.) Plaintiff did not talk to Captain Moreno in
17 January 2005 about his claimed intolerance of light. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT
18 120:22-25.) Captain Moreno did not know that plaintiff was in a Unit I dorm when the memo
19 was issued, and plaintiff did not have a medical chrono which stated that he could not be housed
20 in a dorm or subjected to general lighting in his housing for medical reasons. (Id.) According to
21 plaintiff, Captain Moreno only knew that Dr. Bick wanted him to wear the goggles he had gotten
22 from B-2 Supply for his reported light tolerance problem. (Id. RT 120:4-16.)

23 86. On February 4, 2005, Dr. McAllister recommended, and Dr. Bick approved, a
24 medical chrono for dark glasses from B-2 Supply and window tint "consistent with CMF
25 regulations" for proliferative diabetic retinopathy and photophobia. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-
26 Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 79.) The dark glasses were goggles that were to be worn over plaintiff's
27 eyeglasses. (Id.) The goggles were intended to address plaintiff's claim that his dark prescription
28 glasses were not adequate because they let some "peripheral" light in through the tops, bottoms,

1 and sides. (Id.) Plaintiff, however, complained that the goggles did not fit well over his
2 eyeglasses and still let in some light, so he insisted that he still needed to be housed in a cell with
3 tinted windows. (Id.) Plaintiff had no vision problem or ocular pathology that required
4 sunglasses, dark prescription eyeglasses, dark-tinted goggles, and cell housing with window
5 tinting. This medical chrono was not medically necessary.

6 87. On March 10, 2005, Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks saw plaintiff for evaluation of his
7 diabetic neuropathy. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 80.) She noted that he was an
8 insulin-dependent diabetic who had received laser surgery on both eyes. (Id.) His corrected
9 vision with eyeglasses was 20/25 in both eyes. (Id.) A dilated fundus exam showed no evidence
10 of active diabetic retinopathy. (Id.) Dr. Hinman-Seabrook's plan was to see him for follow-up
11 in six months for a repeat dilated eye examination and to refer him to an optometrist for an update
12 on his eyeglasses prescription. (Id.) Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks noted that plaintiff had requested a
13 medical chrono for dark sunglasses, but found that he had no ocular pathology to indicate a need
14 for them. (Id.) Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks found that a patient who had undergone the amount of
15 panretinal photocoagulation he had received typically has dimming of vision at all times, not
16 photophobia (increased sensitivity to light). (Id.) When questioned, plaintiff complained that
17 he got severe headaches in sunlight and with room lights. (Id.) There was no ocular pathology to
18 support that claim, so Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks referred plaintiff to a neurologist for evaluation
19 of whether there could be another cause for his headache complaint. (Id.)

20 88. On May 16, 2005, Dr. Capozzoli, the neurologist, saw plaintiff for a complaint of
21 "exacerbation" of "migraine headaches" secondary to being moved to a dorm in December 2004
22 and the fact that custody staff required the lights to be on in the Unit I dorms from 8:00 a.m. to
23 10:00 p.m. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 81.) Plaintiff reported that he had been
24 allowed to tint the windows in his cell. (Id.) Plaintiff claimed that he had been doing well
25 taking zolmitriptan for his headaches, but that it no longer helped because of the increased
26 frequency of the headaches. (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli noted that plaintiff was wearing dark
27 eyeglasses, was in no apparent distress, had early cataracts, and had stable ophthalmological
28 reflexes. (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli noted that the examination was consistent with his previous

1 examination of plaintiff. (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli diagnosed exacerbation of migraines
2 associated with the change in housing from a cell to a dorm and ordered topiramate (Topamax),
3 25 mg., b.i.d. for seven days, then 50 mg., b.i.d. for 30 days for migraine prophylaxis, with a
4 maximum weekly dosage of 200 mg. (Id.) That medication is given to prevent migraine
5 headaches from occurring. (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli also wrote a medical chrono recommending dark
6 glasses and cell housing with window tinting for, among other reasons, diabetic retinopathy and
7 “vascular headaches with photophobia.” (Id.) There was no vision problem or ocular pathology
8 to support a recommendation for cell housing with window tint for diabetic retinopathy or
9 photophobia caused by ocular pathology that would trigger a migraine. (Id.) Dr. Bick properly
10 changed that recommendation and made it a request for cell-based housing, and emphasized that
11 it was subject to custody and institutional safety requirements. (Id.)

12 89. On June 13, 2005, Dr. Capozzoli saw plaintiff for follow-up. (Defs.’ Ex. C,
13 Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 82.) Dr. Capozzoli found that he was not “photophobic” and was
14 neurologically stable. (Id.) He changed the dose of a medication that had been ordered as a
15 prophylactic to prevent plaintiff’s claimed migraines. (Id.) Plaintiff complained that he
16 was still housed in a dorm, rather than a cell, and was trying to work it out through channels.
17 (Id.)

18 90. On July 13, 2005, Dr. Capozzoli saw plaintiff, who complained that the medical
19 chrono for cell housing with window tinting had been denied by custody staff because it was a
20 recommendation, rather than a medical order. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 83.) Dr.
21 Capozzoli told plaintiff to appeal the decision because it was a medical recommendation and
22 was a “strong recommendation” that Dr. Capozzoli would support if asked by a classification
23 committee (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli noted that plaintiff was in no apparent distress, was wearing
24 dark glasses, and was neurologically stable. (Id.) Plaintiff had no vision problem or ocular
25 pathology to support Dr. Capozzoli’s “medical recommendation” for cell housing with window
26 tint, or to explain headaches triggered by or caused by light, even when plaintiff was wearing
27 dark glasses. (Id.)

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1 91. On October 25, 2005, Dr. Calvo and Dr. Andreasen approved a Disability Placement
2 Program Verification (DPPV) (CDCR 1845) that did not provide for cell housing with window
3 tint as a disability accommodation for plaintiff’s vision impairment. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-
4 Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 84.)

5 92. On November 10, 2005, Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks saw plaintiff for follow-up, noted
6 that he had an early cataract and stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy following panretinal
7 photocoagulation, and found that “subjective photophobia” complaint was not consistent with his
8 examination. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., Attach. 1, HS 139-140.)

9 93. On December 13, 2005, plaintiff was moved from a dorm bed in Wing P-1 to a dorm
10 bed (H-342L) in Wing H-3. (Defs.’ Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶ 17.)

11 94. On February 16, 2006, Nurse Practitioner Tayo-Samoni recommended, and Dr. Bick
12 approved, a medical chrono for CMF-approved dark glasses and window tint in his housing
13 consistent with prison regulations because of proliferative diabetic retinopathy and photophobia.
14 (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 87.) There was no medical necessity for this chrono,
15 and certainly not for both dark glasses and cell housing with window tint, because of plaintiff’s
16 early cataract. (Id.) Plaintiff had no other vision problem or ocular pathology to support a
17 medical chrono based on proliferative diabetic retinopathy or photophobia. (Id.)

18 95. On March 2, 2006, plaintiff was seen by Dr. Hsueh in Internal Medicine. (Defs.’
19 Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 88.) Plaintiff claimed that light “triggered” migraines, that he
20 had been able to “control the environment” when he was in a single cell, and asked that he be
21 placed in a single cell. (Id.) Dr. Hsueh found that plaintiff was in no apparent distress and was
22 not photophobic. (Id.) Plaintiff had no vision problem or ocular pathology to support his
23 request to be housed in a cell with window tint. Dr. Hsueh told plaintiff to continue using
24 sunglasses and avoid exposure to light, but recommended no change in the February 16, 2006
25 medical chrono. (Id.)

26 96. On April 20, 2006, Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks saw plaintiff for an annual diabetic
27 vision exam. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 89.) She noted that his proliferative
28 diabetic retinopathy following panretinal photocoagulation was stable, and that he had early

1 cataracts consistent with photosensitivity. (Id.) Plaintiff had dark glasses, which were sufficient
2 to manage any glare caused by the early cataracts. (Id.) He did not require cell housing with
3 tinted windows, and Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks did not recommend a medical chrono for such
4 housing. (Id.)

5 97. On January 26, 2007, Dr. McAllister recommended, and Dr. Bick approved, a
6 renewal of plaintiff's medical chrono for CMF-approved dark glasses and window tint consistent
7 with CMF regulations. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 90.) Plaintiff did not have
8 vision problems or ocular pathology that required both dark glasses and cell housing with window
9 tint. (Id.)

10 98. On March 1, 2007, Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks saw plaintiff for evaluation of his
11 complaint of photophobia. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 91.) She again found that
12 he had proliferative diabetic retinopathy with dense panretinal photocoagulation patterns after
13 surgeries that was stable, and that he complained of photophobia for which there was no
14 explanation. (Id.) Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks ordered a follow-up in six months. (Id.)

15 99. On March 20, 2007, plaintiff was moved to a cell (P-116L) in Wing P-1 to comply
16 with the preliminary injunction issued in Stringham v. Bick, et al., No. 2:05-cv-0644 FCD GGH
17 P, on March 15, 2007. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 92.) Plaintiff did not have
18 vision problems or ocular pathology at the time that required cell housing with tinted windows.
19 (Id. ¶ 93.)

20 100. On March 22, 2007, Dr. Hsueh saw plaintiff in the Internal Medicine Clinic. (Defs.'
21 Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 94.) Plaintiff reported that he was housed in a cell
22 with a tinted window. (Id.)

23 101. On December 20, 2007, Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks saw plaintiff for interval diabetic
24 retinopathy evaluation. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 95.) Plaintiff reported that
25 his "photophobia" had improved with use of dark sunglasses, but he had a couple of episodes of
26 blurred vision that he associated with elevated blood sugars. (Id.) Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks found
27 that plaintiff's proliferative diabetic retinopathy following panretinal photocoagulation in both
28 eyes remained stable, without evidence of active disease; that he had early cataracts, consistent

1 with elevated blood sugars, with fair visual acuity; and that he had unexplained photophobia that
2 was stable with the use of dark sunglasses. (Id.) Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks urged him to work with
3 his primary-care physician to improve his blood-sugar control and to follow-up with Dr. Hinman-
4 Seabrooks in six months. (Id.)

5 102. On June 19, 2008, Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks saw plaintiff for follow-up and noted that
6 he again complained of photophobia in both eyes that triggered migraines. (Defs.' Ex. C,
7 Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 96.) She again noted that he had 360-degree panretinal
8 photocoagulation procedures, with no new activity, and ordered sunglasses, as needed, for his
9 unexplained complaints of photophobia and migraines triggered by light. (Id.) Dr. Hinman-
10 Seabrooks did not recommend a medical chrono for cell housing with window tint because
11 plaintiff had no vision problem or ocular pathology that required one, either as medical treatment
12 or a disability accommodation. Dark glasses alone were sufficient. (Id.)

13 103. On February 5, 2009, Dr. Crosson, an ophthalmologist, saw plaintiff and noted that
14 he wore sunglasses indoors for photophobia and migraines. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks
15 Decl., ¶ 97.) Dr. Crosson found, as Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks had, that plaintiff had heavy
16 panretinal photocoagulation, 360 degrees in both eyes, and no active retinopathy. (Id.)

17 104. On January 11, 2011, Dr. Crosson saw plaintiff and noted that he again reported
18 photophobia following panretinal photocoagulation in both eyes, but that his sunglasses helped.
19 (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 98.) Dr. Crosson found that his proliferative diabetic
20 retinopathy was stable and recommended sunglasses, with a follow-up in six months. (Id.) He
21 did not recommend cell housing with window tint. (Id.)

22 105. On August 18, 2011, Dr. Crosson saw plaintiff, found that he was still stable,
23 approved sunglasses, and ordered a follow-up in nine months. (Defs.' Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks
24 Decl., ¶ 99.) Dr. Crosson did not recommend cell housing with window tint. (Id.)

25 106. On November 4, 2011, Dr. Mathis saw plaintiff and discussed his request for his
26 own blood sugar finger stick machine that had not been approved at CDCR "state level." (Defs.'
27 Ex. D, Barnett Decl., Attach. 1, BB 271.) Plaintiff wanted his own testing device so he would not
28 have to leave his cell to go to the B-1 Clinic several times a day for blood sugar checks because

1 he claimed that he spent a lot of time in the bright lights of the B-1 Clinic waiting to have his
2 glucose checked and that he had a court order for tinted-window housing. (Id.) Dr. Mathis told
3 him that the public areas, such as the B-1 Clinic, were not the same as the cell covered by the
4 court order. (Id.) Plaintiff said he wanted his medical chrono to have the language that he should
5 avoid brightly lit areas “as much as possible” removed so that it would be an absolute prohibition on
6 exposure to “brightly lit areas.” (Id.) Dr. Mathis discussed moving plaintiff to the Outpatient
7 Housing Unit (OHU), but plaintiff said he did not want to go and that he could not be in a dorm,
8 like D-Dorm, because of the light. (Id.)

9 107. Dr. Mathis had a similar discussion with plaintiff the following month on December
10 5, 2011. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., Attach. 1, BB 274.)

11 108. On February 7, 2012, Dr. Mathis saw plaintiff and noted that he could walk 500
12 yards from his housing in V Wing to the medical clinic and back without stopping. (Defs.’ Ex. C,
13 Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 101.) Dr. Mathis noted that plaintiff was on Oscal D (calcium and
14 Vitamin D supplement) for Vitamin D deficiency, which can cause bone pain and muscle
15 weakness and have adverse effects on diabetes, glucose intolerance, and hypertension, all of
16 which plaintiff had. (Id.) Plaintiff’s self-imposed limitation on exposure to sunlight, and light in
17 general, is a cause of the deficiency that requires the supplements to counter the adverse effects of
18 his poor health choices. (Id.)

19 109. On October 2, 2012, plaintiff told Dr. Mathis that he has a Court order for “tinted
20 window housing” and that “there is no state approved device that can shut out the light
21 sufficiently.” (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 104.)

22 110. On October 31, 2012, Dr. Mathis noted that he was uncertain about plaintiff’s light
23 sensitivity complaints, and that plaintiff tolerated light in the clinic. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-
24 Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 105.)

25 111. Plaintiff does not have vision problems or ocular pathology to explain his light
26 sensitivity complaints. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., ¶ 104.) His demand to be
27 housed in a cell with tinted windows (in addition to using sunglasses, dark prescription glasses,
28 and dark goggles) is not supported by medical necessity or a need to accommodate photophobia

1 caused by a vision impairment or ocular pathology. (Id.) The facts indicate that plaintiff has
2 successfully used his vision impairment for secondary gain, that is, to obtain medical chronos and
3 a court order for cell housing with window tinting because he prefers being housed in a cell,
4 rather than a dorm. (Id.)

5 **B. Migraines Caused by Dorm Lighting.**

6 112. Diagnosis of migraine headache is made by a medical history of migraine-related
7 symptoms, physical examination, and, if necessary, test to rule out other causes. A family history
8 of migraines is important because 70 to 80% of migraine sufferers have a family history of
9 migraine headache. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barrett Decl., ¶ 12.) The physical examination of a patient
10 with migraine headache in between attacks of migraine will not show any organic causes for the
11 headaches. (Id.) Tests such as a CT scan or MRI can only rule out the lack of an organic cause.
12 (Id.) A diagnosis of migraine is usually made on the basis of repeated attacks (at least 5) that
13 meet the following criteria: 1) headache attacks that last four to 72 hours; 2) headache has at least
14 two of the following characteristics - location on one side of the head, throbbing pain, moderate
15 or severe pain intensity, pain worsened by normal physical activity (walking, climbing stairs); 3)
16 during the headache, the patient experiences one or both of the following characteristics - nausea
17 or vomiting or extreme sensitivity to light or sound; 4) headache cannot be attributed to another
18 disorder. (Id.) In a migraine, sensitivity to light occurs after the onset of a headache and while it
19 is going on; light sensitivity does not cause the headache, but may make it worse once it has
20 occurred. There is currently no test to confirm that a doctor's diagnosis of migraine headache
21 based on a patient's subjective report. (Id.) For that reason, it is important that a doctor
22 evaluating a patient for migraine headaches not only obtain the necessary history, but also
23 confirm the patient's subjective reports against objective evidence, and carefully follow the
24 patient's response to medication for to treat or prevent migraine headache. (Id.) That is
25 especially important in a correctional institution because prisoners often feign and falsely report
26 medical symptoms for secondary gain, that is, to obtain desired medications or other perceived
27 benefits, such a preferred housing assignment. (Id.) Examples of such secondary benefits include
28 dark glasses, wheelchairs, or canes or ambulatory aids that identify the prisoner as vision or

1 mobility impaired because, in the prison culture, those inmates are at a lower risk of attack from
2 other prisoners. (Id.) Cell housing, and particularly a single cell, is often sought for that same
3 reason, and because it is viewed as providing greater protection for an inmate's property. (Id.)

4 113. Plaintiff's medical record contains no significant history of headaches and,
5 particularly, no history of migraines, until after he was moved from a cell to a dorm in April
6 1999. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barrett Decl., ¶ 13.) Before that date, plaintiff's sporadic reports of
7 headache did not indicate they were migraines, and he was treated with common remedies for
8 headaches, such as aspirin, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and muscle relaxants for muscle tension
9 with good results. (Id.) In fact, plaintiff's complaints of pain were predominantly associated with
10 bone or muscle pain. (Id.) And, the notes of ophthalmologists, who saw him for complaints of
11 photophobia aggravated by proliferative diabetic retinopathy, do not show that he had headaches
12 triggered by a vision problem or ocular pathology, even when wearing his sunglasses or
13 prescription dark glasses.

14 114. On April 22, 1999, plaintiff was moved from the upper bunk in a cell (I-126U) to a
15 lower bunk in a dorm (P-142L) in Wing P-1. (Defs.' Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶ 10.)

16 115. A month later, on May 28, 1999, plaintiff claimed that he needed an upper bunk
17 because he was "claustrophobic," and that he needed cell housing because he was photophobic
18 and could not tint the windows in the dorm to which he was assigned. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barrett
19 Decl., ¶ 14.) Dr. Gordon handwrote a medical chrono for plaintiff to receive an upper bunk for
20 claustrophobia and cell housing with tinted windows for photophobia. (Id.) There is no medical
21 basis for this chrono, and no evidence that it was approved by the Chief Medical Officer in a
22 typewritten order, as required. Plaintiff's claim of claustrophobia is not supported by medical
23 evidence; he simply did not want to be housed in a dorm, as evidenced by his report on
24 September 22, 1999, that he was "stressed" by the problems caused by "group living." (Id.)
25 Plaintiff did not have photophobia because of vision problems or ocular pathology that required
26 housing in a cell with tinted windows. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barrett Decl., ¶ 14.) And no doctor had
27 found that he had photophobia from another cause. (Id.) Dr. Gordon gave plaintiff the medical
28 chrono he requested, without regard to whether there were medical reasons for it. (Id.) That was

1 not appropriate because CMF had a high demand to house inmates with high security levels and
2 medical or mental health needs in the limited number of available cells. (Id.) Medium custody
3 inmates, like plaintiff, who did not have a medical need for cell housing were often moved to
4 dorms when cell housing was needed. (Id.) An inmate should not be given a medical chrono for
5 cell housing without a medical need, based on a preference for cell housing because doing so
6 limits the ability of medical and correctional staff to properly house those inmates who truly
7 needed cells for medical or security reasons in them. (Id.)

8 116. On February 23, 2000, plaintiff was seen by Dr. Burr in the diabetes clinic. (Defs.’
9 Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 15.) Dr. Burr noted that plaintiff was regularly followed in the B-1 clinic
10 by Dr. Geraghty. (Id.) Plaintiff complained of headaches from photophobia. (Id.) That is the
11 first reference in plaintiff’s medical record to headaches triggered by photophobia, but there is no
12 diagnosis of the cause of the photophobia. (Id.) Dr. Burr noted that plaintiff had “shaded”
13 eyeglasses that had been on order for four months and a medical chrono for dark glasses
14 secondary to laser surgery, but he did not find that plaintiff had migraines triggered by bright
15 light, and he ordered no changes in plaintiff’s treatment regimen. (Id.)

16 117. Plaintiff was moved from the dorm to an upper bunk (I-134U) in Wing I-1 on
17 August 18, 2000, but was moved back to a lower bunk in a dorm (P-142L) on August 22, 2000,
18 where he remained until December 18, 2000, when he was moved to a lower bed in a cell (I-
19 134L) in Wing I-1. (Defs.’ Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶¶ 11-12.) Plaintiff was seen by doctors on a
20 number of occasions during the time he was in a dorm, but his medical records do not show that
21 he had migraines triggered by bright lights in the dorm during any of this period of time. (Defs.’
22 Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 16.) Migraines are not typically triggered by bright lights, rather after
23 they start patients report seeing bright lights that makes the headache worse. (Id.)

24 118. Except for a brief time when plaintiff was housed in a single cell (W-121) in
25 administrative segregation in Wing W-1 (Willis Unit) from March 1 to May 13, 2003, he was
26 assigned to the lower bunk (I-137L) in a double cell on Wing I-1 until December 17, 2004.
27 (Defs.’ Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶¶ 13-14.)

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1 119. On May 25, 2001, Dr. Altchek saw plaintiff, who complained of photophobia and
2 headaches and asked for “something stronger than Motrin.” (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 18.)
3 At the time, plaintiff was receiving ibuprofen (Motrin), 800 mg., twice a day, as needed, for pain
4 associated with his Charcot foot and peripheral neuropathy, not for headaches caused by
5 photophobia. (Id.) Dr. Altchek did not take a history needed to diagnose migraines, noted that
6 plaintiff had sunglasses, and ordered tramadol (Ultram), 100 mg., q.i.d. (four times a day),
7 as needed for headache pain for 45 days. (Id.) Tramadol is an opiate-type medication that can be
8 habit-forming, and that is used to treat chronic moderate to severe pain. (Id.) It is not FDA
9 approved for the treatment of migraine, but is sometimes prescribed “off label” for that purpose.
10 (Id.) The order was not based on a documented diagnosis of migraines, and it is likely that Dr.
11 Altchek ordered the medicine for relief of plaintiff’s chronic pain from other causes that he
12 thought might be causing the headaches. (Id.) Plaintiff later reported that tramadol gave him
13 headaches. (Id.)

14 120. On July 2, 2001, Dr. Altchek saw plaintiff, who again complained of “migraine”
15 headaches. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 19.) Dr. Altchek again did not diagnose migraines
16 triggered by bright lights, but simply renewed medications and a medical chrono for cell housing
17 with window tint. (Id.)

18 121. On January 28, 2002, Dr. Altchek saw plaintiff for a medication check and noted
19 that plaintiff wanted indomethacin (Indocin), rather than Motrin, for foot pain after a fall. That
20 medical problem is discussed below in connection with his Charcot foot problem. (Defs.’ Ex. D,
21 Barnett Decl., ¶ 20.) Dr. Altchek discontinued tramadol and Motrin and ordered Indocin, 50 mg.,
22 three times a day, as needed, for 90 days. (Id.) Dr. Altchek also ordered migrapap (Midrin), two
23 tablets, twice a day, as needed, for 30 days. (Id.) Midrin is a combination of isometheptene
24 mucate, dichloralphenazone, and acetaminophen. It is a medication given for either migraine or
25 tension headaches. (Id.) Dr. Altchek did not explain his reason for ordering that medication.
26 (Id.) Because his note does not include a diagnosis of migraines triggered by bright light, it is
27 likely that he ordered Midrin for tension headaches associated with plaintiff’s chronic pain
28 from other causes associated with his diabetes. (Id.) Plaintiff’s medical records show that

1 Midrin was renewed without any evaluation of its efficacy until it was stopped in March 2004,
2 and that plaintiff took the medication sporadically, and no more than two or three times a
3 month. (Id.) He took the medication even though he was housed in a cell at the time, and had
4 sunglasses and dark prescription glasses, therefore, the reported headaches could not have been
5 triggered by dorm lighting because plaintiff was not housed in a dorm at the time he was taking
6 the Midrin. (Id.)

7 122. Plaintiff's medical record does not show complaints of headaches or a migraine
8 diagnosis between the January 28, 2002 visit and February 15, 2003. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett
9 Decl., ¶ 21.)

10 123. On February 15, 2003, plaintiff complained of pain on the left side of his face, a
11 swollen face, a "migraine" headache, hot flashes, and photosensitivity. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett
12 Decl., ¶ 22.) Dr. Altchek found that he had a probable dental abscess in his left upper jaw. (Id.)
13 A headache secondary to pain caused by a tooth abscess is not a migraine. (Id.)

14 124. On April 23, 2003, plaintiff told a doctor that he could not go to the yard because
15 "his eyeglasses were broken," not because he got migraine headaches triggered by bright light
16 when wearing sunglasses or dark prescription eyeglasses. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 23.)

17 125. On July 31, 2003, plaintiff complained of headaches and that he did not tolerate
18 tramadol because it gave him headaches. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 24.) The doctor decided
19 to try gabapentin, but that is not a medication for migraines. (Id.) Despite plaintiff's reported
20 intolerance of tramadol, doctors continued to order it for him, and plaintiff took tramadol on the
21 same day as Midrin on various occasions between September 2003 and February 2004. (Id.)

22 126. On August 5, 2003, Dr. Capozzoli saw plaintiff for an eletromyelography and
23 nerve conduction study (EMF/NCS) for pain associated with Charcot foot and peripheral
24 neuropathy. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 25.) Plaintiff did not report migraines triggered by
25 bright light at that time, and Dr. Capozzoli did not diagnose migraines. (Id.)

26 127. On March 9, 2004, Dr. Crapotta recommended, and Dr. Bick approved, a medical
27 chrono for "CMF-approved dark glasses." (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 26.) Dr. Bick lined
28 out, and did not approve Dr. Crapotta's recommendation for "window tint on cell windows,

1 consistent with California Medical Facility regulations,” because the window tint, in addition to
2 the dark glasses, was not medically necessary. (Id.) Plaintiff had no vision problems or ocular
3 pathology to explain his photophobia claims. (Id.) And he did not have a diagnosis of migraines
4 that required cell housing with tinted windows. (Id.) The medical chrono approved by Dr. Bick
5 correctly did not direct correctional officers to house plaintiff in a cell with tinted windows for
6 medical reasons, and that chrono gave the officers discretion to move plaintiff to a dorm if
7 higher security prisoners needed cell housing. (Id.)

8 128. On March 25, 2004, plaintiff complained of “migraines” with “band-like pressure,”
9 but he had no pain when seen by a doctor. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 27.)

10 129. On April 12, 2004, Dr. Capozzoli, a consulting neurologist, saw plaintiff in response
11 to a March 25, 2004 referral from Dr. Andreasen, for what plaintiff claimed were migraines, but
12 that Dr. Andreasen felt were tension headaches. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 28.) At the time,
13 plaintiff was housed in a cell (I-137L) on Wing I-1; he was not in dorm, so his reported headaches
14 could not have been triggered by bright lights in the dorm. (Id.) Plaintiff claimed that he had
15 experienced “migraines” for many years since laser surgery for diabetic retinopathy because of
16 his light sensitivity. (Id.) There is no ocular pathology to explain this report, and plaintiff did not
17 have photophobia caused by diabetic retinopathy that was exacerbated by prior laser surgeries.
18 (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli, nevertheless, found that plaintiff was positive for photophobia based only on
19 plaintiff’s subjective report. (Id.) Plaintiff claimed that the headaches were usually, but not
20 always, right-sided; were in the temporal area; and were accompanied by nausea, without
21 vomiting, and by kinetophobia (fear of motion). (Id.) Those could be symptoms of migraine
22 headache, but Dr. Capozzoli did not confirm them against plaintiff’s medical record, which did
23 not show a history of those symptoms on the few previous occasions that he had reported
24 headaches. (Id.) Plaintiff said he did not have migraine headaches before the laser surgeries, but
25 had them fairly infrequently (three or four a year) in a “bad year,” but other years only once or
26 twice, after the surgeries “because he was in cells with window tint.” (Id.; Defs.’ Ex. B, Pl.’s
27 Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 98:16-20; RT 99:16-20.) But that was untrue because plaintiff was
28 also housed in a dorm after the surgeries. (Defs.’ Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶¶10, 12.) Dr. Capozzoli

1 apparently was not aware of these inconsistencies, and plaintiff's medical record does not contain
2 evidence of migraines four times a year before, or after the panretinal photocoagulation
3 procedures. (Id.) In any event, the migraines, if true, were so infrequent, as Dr. Capozzoli found,
4 that they could have been managed with medication. He did not order cell housing with window
5 tinting for migraines caused by photophobia. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 28.) Plaintiff
6 reported that that he used Midrin and Tylenol (acetaminophen), with some benefit, but that he
7 usually had to just let the headache resolve itself over the course of the day. (Id.) Plaintiff said
8 he had heard about sumatriptan (Imitrex) and wanted to try it. (Id.) Sumatriptan is a medication
9 in the triptan family that is a first-line treatment of moderate to severe migraine headache that is
10 taken at the onset of the headache. (Id.) Its use in patients with uncontrolled diabetes and
11 hypertension is to be either avoided or provided with caution requiring careful monitoring by a
12 doctor. (Id.) Sumatriptan is a "hot" medication that is given only under "direct observation
13 therapy" (DOT) by nursing staff. (Id.) Plaintiff's request for that medication indicates that he
14 had read or been told about the symptoms of migraines and its treatment. (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli
15 noted that plaintiff was an insulin-dependent diabetic, but did not confirm whether it was
16 controlled. (Id.) Plaintiff's medical record showed that he was often not compliant with his
17 diabetes treatment medication, and that his diabetes was often uncontrolled. (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli
18 noted that plaintiff was negative for hypertension (HTN), but his medical record shows that he
19 took enalapril, a medication for hypertension. (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli did not note whether there was
20 a history of migraine headache in plaintiff's family. In spite of these failures, Dr. Capozzoli
21 found that plaintiff had migraines, but that they were not frequent enough to justify daily
22 prophylactic treatment. (Id.) He ordered zolmitriptan (Zomig) with strict limitations. (Id.) The
23 medication was to be given 2.5 mg., as needed for headache, and could be repeated in two hours,
24 but a maximum of 5 mg. could be given in a week. (Id.) The order was for 90 days. (Id.)
25 Zolmitriptan is another newer medication in the triptan family that is used to treat the onset of
26 migraine headaches. It is not a prophylaxis that prevents migraines. (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli did not
27 recommend a medical chrono for a cell housing with window tinting. (Id.)

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1 130. Although Dr. Capozzoli ordered a follow-up in eight weeks and strict limitations on
2 the zolmitriptan order, plaintiff's medical history does not show that Dr. Capozzoli saw him for
3 the eight-week follow-up and did not monitor his use of zolimitriptan to determine whether he
4 had migraines that were managed by the medication. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 29.) The
5 order for zolmitriptan was simply renewed by other doctors at ninety-day intervals. (Id.)
6 Medication administration records, however, show that plaintiff rarely if ever took zolmitriptan
7 when he was assigned to cell housing, and did not take it often until February 2005. (Id.)

8 131. Plaintiff was moved from his bed (I-137L) in a double-cell in Wing I-1 to a bed (J-
9 353L) in a dorm on Wing J-3, and finally to a bed (P-139L) in a dorm on Wing P-1 on January
10 27, 2005. (Defs.' Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶¶ 14-16.) One of the reasons he moved was because
11 prison officials shut down Wing P-2 housing for some reason, and one the inmates in that housing
12 unit was placed in plaintiff's bed. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 117:21-118:9.)
13 The other was because he was a Medium Custody inmate who did not have a current medical
14 chrono for cell housing. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 23:5-10.)

15 132. The prisoner, who moved into plaintiff's bed in I-Wing, was a Close-Custody
16 prisoner serving a life term. (Defs.' Ex. K, Thomas Interrog. Resp. No. 1.) Prison regulations
17 required that Close-Custody inmates be housed in cells for safety and security reasons. (Id.)
18 Plaintiff was a Medium Custody inmate who could be housed in a dorm. (Id.) He did not have
19 a medical chrono at that time, which advised correctional staff that he had to be housed in a cell
20 with tinted windows for medical reasons. (Id.)

21 133. Two weeks before, on January 11, 2005, plaintiff asked for sumatriptan for "stress"
22 that was "triggering a migraine again" after he moved to a dorm. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶
23 30.) Photophobia is not reported as the trigger for the claimed migraines. (Id.)

24 134. Shortly after plaintiff moved to the Wing P-1 dorm, he started taking zolmitriptan
25 several times a day, but in more than the weekly maximum amount that had been prescribed.
26 (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 31.) Taking that medication in more than the maximum weekly
27 amount can cause overuse headaches. (Id.) The change in housing and lighting in the dorms does
28 not explain this sudden increase in his taking of the medication, which was likely done for

1 secondary gain to justify cell housing. (Id.)

2 135. On February 4, 2005, Dr. McAllister recommended, and Dr. Bick approved, a
3 medical chrono for dark glasses from B-2 Supply and window tint “consistent with CMF
4 regulations” for proliferative diabetic retinopathy and photophobia. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl.,
5 ¶ 32.) The dark glasses were goggles that were to be worn over plaintiff’s eyeglasses. (Id.)
6 The goggles were intended to address plaintiff’s claim that his dark glasses were not adequate
7 because they let some “peripheral” light in through the tops, bottoms, and sides. (Id.) Plaintiff,
8 however, complained that the goggles did not fit well over his eyeglasses and still let in some
9 light, so he insisted that he still needed to be housed in a cell with tinted windows. (Id.)

10 136. On March 10, 2005, Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks found that plaintiff had no ocular
11 pathology to explain his photophobia claims and referred him to a neurologist to determine if
12 there could be another reason for that reported symptom. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 33.)

13 137. On May 16, 2005, Dr. Capozzoli saw plaintiff, who complained that he had an
14 “exacerbation” of “migraine headaches” after moving to the dorms in December 2004, and where
15 custody staff required the lights to be on from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett
16 Decl., ¶ 34.) Plaintiff claimed that he had been doing well taking zolmitriptan for his headaches,
17 but that it no longer helped because of the increased frequency of the headaches. (Id.) Plaintiff’s
18 records showed that he had rarely taken zolmitriptan before moving to the dorms. (Id.) Dr.
19 Capozzoli noted plaintiff was wearing dark eyeglasses, was in no apparent distress, had early
20 cataracts, and had stable ophthalmological reflexes. (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli noted that his
21 examination was consistent with his previous examination of plaintiff the year before. (Id.)
22 Dr. Capozzoli diagnosed exacerbation of migraines associated with the change in housing from a
23 cell to a dorm based solely on plaintiff’s subjective report. (Id.) There is no objective medical
24 basis for Dr. Capozzoli’s diagnosis that the dorm lighting had caused an exacerbation of migraines
25 because the brightness levels in the two dorms that plaintiff had occupied were virtually the
26 same as the cell he had left, and the dorm he later moved to was less. (Defs.’ Ex. F, Vandermey
27 Decl., ¶¶ 11-14.) And Dr. Capozzoli did not consider that plaintiff’s headaches may have been
28 caused by use of zolmitriptan in weekly doses above the maximum he had ordered. (Id.) Dr.

1 Capozzoli ordered topiramate (Topamax), 25 mg., twice a day. for seven days, then 50 mg., twice
2 a day for 30 days for migraine prophylaxis, with a maximum weekly dosage of 200 mg. (Id.)
3 Topiramate is given to prevent migraine headaches from occurring; it is not to be taken at the
4 onset of a headache, and is not effective when taken that way. (Id.)

5 138. Dr. Capozzoli also wrote a medical chrono recommending dark glasses and cell
6 housing with window tinting for among other reasons, “vascular headaches” with photophobia.
7 (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 35.) That recommendation is not supported by Dr. Hinman-
8 Seabrooks’ finding that plaintiff had no ocular pathology to explain his photophobia complaint.
9 (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli also did not explain why eyeglasses with tinted lenses were not sufficient to
10 manage plaintiff’s early cataract, or consider that plaintiff’s subjective reports of migraines
11 triggered by bright light was made for secondary gain to obtain cell housing. (Id.) Dr.
12 Capozzoli did not consider that plaintiff draped bedding over his lower bunk in the dorm to
13 minimize the light, but still watched television for two to four hours a day. (Defs.’ Ex. A,
14 Pl.’s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 25:8-15; RT 57:19-58:9.) For those reasons, Dr. Bick properly
15 crossed out Dr. Capozzoli’s recommendation that plaintiff be housed in a cell because it was
16 “more conducive to accommodating his medical needs.” (Id.) That is not a finding that
17 cell housing was necessary for medical reasons, but rather that it was a convenience that custody
18 staff could provide if cells were available and not needed for inmates with security or medical
19 needs. (Id.) In the absence of a valid medical need for cell housing, however, Dr. Bick correctly
20 modified the medical chrono to provide that correctional staff could assign him to cell or dorm
21 housing subject to custody and institutional safety requirements. (Id.) The medical chrono did
22 not require that he be housed in a dorm for medical reasons, and correctional officers responsible
23 for implementing it would not have believed that it mandated cell housing with tinted windows.
24 (Id.)

25 139. On June 13, 2005, plaintiff saw Dr. Capozzoli and reported that topiramate, 50 mg.
26 made him feel “doped: so he had not taken it twice a day to prevent migraines, as prescribed, but
27 rather had taken it only on onset. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 36.) Plaintiff claimed that it
28 worked that when he took it that way, and that it also helped his neuropathic pain. (Id.) There is

1 no medical evidence that topiramate is effective for migraines when taken as an onset medication,
2 or that it is effective for the treatment of neuropathic pain. (Id.) Plaintiff complained that he was
3 still in a dorm. (Id.) Dr. Capozzoli found that plaintiff was not photophobic, but continued
4 the topiramate, but a lower dose of 25, mg., twice a day, and instructed plaintiff that it should
5 be used as a prophylactic medication. (Id.)

6 140. On July 13, 2005, Dr. Capozzoli saw plaintiff, who reported that the topiramate
7 helped “a bit,” that he had no problems, but that the medical chrono for cell housing had been
8 denied because it was a recommendation. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 37.) Dr. Capozzoli told
9 plaintiff to appeal the decision because it was a “medical recommendation” and was a “strong
10 recommendation,” which Dr. Capozzoli would support if asked by a classification committee.
11 (Id.)

12 141. Plaintiff was moved from the dorm in Wing P-1 to a bed (H-342L) in Wing H-3
13 dorm on December 13, 2005. (Defs.’ Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶ 17.) Plaintiff was moved because
14 prison officials were closing the temporary dorm in Wing P-1 to convert it to a dayroom or
15 television room, so plaintiff and the other inmates who had been in the Wing P-1 dorm were
16 moved to other housing units. (Defs.’ Ex. A, Pl.’s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 24:7-15.) His bed
17 was backed up against a wall between two windows. (Defs.’ Ex. B, Pl.’s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012,
18 RT 79:8-16.) As in the other dorms, he “tented” his lower bunk with bed sheets to block light
19 from the window. (Id. RT 79:16-21.) The brightness of the lights in the dorms plaintiff was in
20 was about the same, or less in the case of the Wing H-3 dorm, as that in the Wing I-1 cell he had
21 left. (Defs.’ Ex. F, Vandermeij Decl., ¶¶11-14.) The brightness level in the Wing J-3 and Wing
22 P-1 dorms was a little more than that produced by a sixty-watt incandescent bulb or a fifteen CFL
23 fluorescent bulb, and less than that in the Wing H-3 dorm. (Id. ¶¶ 3, 11-14.)

24 142. Between the July 15, 2005 visit with Dr. Capozzoli and February 5, 2006, plaintiff’s
25 medical record shows that he did not complain of migraine headaches. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett
26 Decl., ¶ 38.) That day, plaintiff complained that he had “some dental work done” and that his
27 head hurt “like a migraine.” (Id.) That is not a migraine. (Id.) Plaintiff was given 800 mg. of
28 ibuprofen and seen the following day when he reported having headaches for three days

1 with “photophobia.” (Id.) Pain caused by dental work does not cause “photophobia.” (Id.) On
2 examination, a doctor found tenderness over the right frontal and maxillary sinus areas, but no
3 areas of inflammation in the upper gums or adenopathy. (Id.) Plaintiff was continued on Tylenol
4 and topiramate, and a trial of tramadol (Ultram) was started, even though plaintiff had previously
5 complained, as discussed previously, that tramadol gave him headaches. (Id.)

6 143. On February 16, 2006, plaintiff complained of migraine headaches. (Defs.’ Ex. D,
7 Barnett Decl., ¶ 39.) This time, plaintiff claimed that he had headaches “triggered by light,”
8 rather than a dental problem, and that his medications were not controlling them. (Id.)
9 Topiramate would not have prevented migraine headaches because plaintiff was not taking that
10 medication daily as he had been told to do. (Id.) The doctor who saw him, however, continued
11 topiramate, and added sumatriptan (Imitrex), one 50 mg. tablet at the onset of a headache, which
12 could be repeated in two hours, as needed, with a maximum daily dose of 200 mg. (Id.) Plaintiff
13 was also referred him for further evaluation by in the Internal Medicine Clinic. (Id.)

14 144. Plaintiff took sumatriptan once or twice a day for several days in February 2006, and
15 then began taking it every day beginning March 8, 2006, four times a day, in the maximum daily
16 dose that had been ordered. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 40.) That pattern continued with
17 plaintiff taking sumatriptan three or four times a day, every day of the week, and every day of the
18 month, even though the brightness of the lighting in the dorm he was in was less than
19 in the I-Wing cell he had left. (Id.) Plaintiff continued to overuse sumatriptan until March 20,
20 2007, the day he was moved to a cell to comply with a court-ordered preliminary injunction in
21 Stringham v. Bick, et al., 2:05-cv-0644 FCD GGH P, Order filed Mar. 15, 2007(ECF No. 43).)
22 (Id.) His use of sumatriptan dropped precipitously as soon as he got the cell he had been
23 demanding. (Id.) Plaintiff took sumatriptan only once or twice a day for several weeks and then
24 not at all or only one time a month. (Id.) Plaintiff stopped taking sumatriptan for migraines
25 shortly after he moved into the cell in March 2007. (Defs.’ Ex. A, Pl.’s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT
26 9:17-10:10.) This sudden change cannot be explained by plaintiff’s transfer to a cell, but rather
27 reflects his use of the medication to get his way and justify his need for the cell.

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1 145. Plaintiff should not have taken sumatriptan as frequently as he did before the
2 transfer to a cell. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 41.) The order should have contained a
3 maximum weekly dose, as well as a maximum daily dose. (Id.) In January 2009, a maximum
4 weekly dose was ordered, which limited plaintiff to ten 50 mg. tablets a week. (Id.) He had taken
5 far more than that in the months preceding his transfer to a cell in March 2007. (Id.) Taking
6 sumatriptan in the amount and frequency plaintiff did can cause a cycle of headaches due to
7 overuse of the medication. (Id.) Plaintiff was not taking the topiramate, as directed, to prevent
8 migraines and was overusing sumatriptan to stop headaches, and instead causing a cycle of
9 headaches by the overuse. (Id.)

10 146. Plaintiff did not have migraines that were triggered by the brightness of the lights in
11 the dorms in which he was housed from December 17, 2004, to March 20, 2007, and he does not
12 have migraines caused by exposure to other brightly lit areas of the prison at this time, as
13 indicated by his willingness to be in brightly lit areas when it is somewhere he wants to be , e.g.,
14 the hall outside his cell, the law library, or the visiting room, but not a dorm. (Defs.’ Ex. D,
15 Barnett Decl., ¶ 42.) At his deposition on September 12, 2012, plaintiff claimed that he was
16 bothered by lights coming through the drawn blinds of the windows behind him, even though the
17 brightness of the light in that room with the lights off and blinds drawn was four times less than
18 that in his cell. (Defs.’ Ex. F, Vandermeij Decl., ¶¶ 5(a), 10; Defs.’ Ex. B, Pl.’s Dep. of Sept. 12,
19 2012, RT 52:10-53:2.)

20 147. Plaintiff claims that he gets migraines “peripheral light” that comes “off walls and
21 into his eyes from the tops, bottoms, or sides of his dark eyeglasses that “that makes him go
22 “snow blind” and just see “shadows of people,” but that direct light does not bother him. (Defs.’
23 Ex. A, Pl.’s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 11:4-12:8.) Dr. Barnett observed plaintiff at his deposition,
24 which was conducted in a room with dark-colored wood-paneled walls, without the lights on, and
25 with the blinds drawn. Plaintiff was seated with his back to the windows, nevertheless, he
26 claimed that light coming from behind him was bothering him. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶
27 43.) There is no medical basis for plaintiff’s claim that he gets migraines from exposure to
28 peripheral light when wearing dark glasses. (Id.)

1 148. Plaintiff is currently prescribed sumatriptan, 50 mg., STAT at onset of migraine, may
2 repeat in 24 hours, maximum nine tablets a month, direct observation therapy (DOT), with six
3 refills. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 44.) The prescription expires January 25, 2013. (Id.)
4 However, medication administration records show that he took the medication only once since
5 May 2012. (Id. BB 694.) It is uncertain whether the headaches for which plaintiff takes the
6 medication are migraines because the pain scale is not stated, plaintiff refuses to provide a report
7 of his pain level, or the reported pain (six on a scale of ten) is not indicative of a migraine. (Id.)

8 149. Plaintiff goes to the library and stays about two hours, uses dark tinted glasses to
9 read computer screen that is brighter than his television. (Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT
10 101:12-102:25.) He visits with family in the visiting room, which has multiple exterior
11 windows, overhead fluorescent lights, and brightly painted walls. (Id. RT 55:4-25.) The visits
12 last from three to four hours, and he has gotten a headache there. (Id. RT 55:13-18, 57:7-22.)

13 150. Although plaintiff has prescription tinted eyeglasses for distance and reading, he can
14 read without eyeglasses of any kind. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 59:10-15.)

15 151. Plaintiff subjective reports of headaches caused by bright light can be managed with
16 dark glasses and medication. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 46.) He does not have a medical
17 need for cell housing with window tint for this problem, and that precludes him from being
18 housed in a dorm. (Id.)

19 **C. Charcot Foot and Peripheral Diabetic Neuropathy**

20 152. On September 3, 1997, plaintiff was seen for a complaint of a painful and swollen
21 right ankle due to a sprain suffered the week before when he jumped from a four-foot height.
22 (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 47.) An X-ray of the right ankle showed no fracture. (Id.) Motrin
23 and an ACE bandage were ordered. (Id.)

24 153. On September 17, 1997, plaintiff again complained of swelling in his injured foot
25 that was not getting better. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 48.) Plaintiff was given a cane to help
26 with walking and referred to Dr. Kofoed, an orthopedist. (Id.)

27 154. On October 2, 1997, plaintiff complained that his right foot had been swollen for
28 over a month after trauma, but that he thought he might have come down hard on it getting out of

1 his upper bunk. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 49.) He was noted to be diabetic, with decreased
2 sensation in his foot and ankle, and that his right foot was very swollen and painful. (Id.) He was
3 offered a lower bunk, but declined it because it made him "claustrophobic." (Id.) Motrin and
4 crutches were provided, and he was told to use caution getting out of the upper bunk. (Id.)
5 Plaintiff then said the injury had occurred at work. (Id.) An X-ray done that day showed the
6 possibility of a diabetic Charcot-like joint involving the tarsal navicular that was raised. (Id.)

7 155. Charcot foot can occur in a diabetic who has neuropathy (nerve damage) in the foot
8 that impairs the ability to feel pain and causes progressive degeneration and weakening of bones
9 in the foot). (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 50.) Charcot foot typically occurs following a minor
10 injury, such as a sprain or stress fracture. (Id.) Because the patient doesn't feel the injury, he or
11 she continues to walk, making the injury worse. (Id.) Bones fracture, joints collapse and the foot
12 becomes deformed. (Id.)

13 156. Dr. Kofoed saw plaintiff on October 6, 1997, and diagnosed a fracture of the
14 right navicular and diabetic neuropathy. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 51.) He ordered a CAT
15 scan of the right foot that showed multifocal small fractures of the tarsal bones with
16 disorganization and extensive soft tissue fullness, secondary to either edema, hemorrhage, or
17 infection. (Id.) On October 10, 1997, Dr. Kofoed and another orthopedist agreed that plaintiff
18 should be given a foot brace, and that surgery should be avoided. (Id.)

19 157. On October 22, 1997, Dr. Kofoed found that plaintiff's problem was a complicated
20 one, but that he wanted surgery to fuse the foot fractures, even though he was told there was a risk
21 of infection and subsequent amputation. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 52.) Dr. Kofoed noted
22 that plaintiff was unwilling to appreciate the risk. (Id.) Dr. Kofoed then discussed the option of
23 special bracing to support the foot and maintain alignment to the extent possible. (Id.) Plaintiff
24 reported that he was having pain, not experienced with the initial fracture, which Dr. Kofoed
25 noted was a sign of neuropathy, but that neuropathies with associated pain often improve with
26 time as pain decreases. (Id.) On November 10, 2012, Dr. Kofoed referred plaintiff to an
27 orthopedist at the University of California-Davis Medical Center (UCDMC) for a second opinion
28 on whether surgery or a foot brace was the best course of management for plaintiff's condition.

1 (Id. ¶ 53.)

2 158. On December 10, 1997, plaintiff declined an offer of lower-bunk housing, stating
3 that he had no problem climbing to the top of the bunk. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 54.)

4 159. On December 17, 1997, plaintiff received an orthotic brace for his Charcot foot.
5 (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 55.)

6 160. On January 30, 1998, X-rays of plaintiff's right foot and ankle showed a probable
7 Charcot joint with advanced vascular calcification, presumably as the result of severe diabetes
8 mellitus. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 56.)

9 161. On February 20, 1998, Dr. Kofoed ordered an orthotic foot brace, crutches, and
10 supportive care. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 57.)

11 162. In April 1998, plaintiff received new molded orthotics because he had complained
12 that the previous one did not fit. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 58.)

13 163. On May 5, 1998, plaintiff was referred to Dr. Kofoed for a complaint of right foot
14 pain and pedal edema. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 59.) An X-ray of the right foot showed no
15 change from the January 1998 X-ray. (Id.)

16 164. On May 20, 1998, plaintiff asked Prosthetics Clinic staff for a metal brace to be
17 added to his fracture orthotics to take the weight off his ankle and leg when he was walking.
18 (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 60.)

19 165. On June 18, 1998, Dr. Quist, a consulting podiatrist, saw plaintiff who said that he
20 wanted surgery. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 61.) Dr. Quist noted that he told plaintiff he did
21 not do surgeries and that Dr. Kofoed would do the surgery if it was medically indicated. (Id.)
22 Several days later, Dr. Kofoed saw plaintiff and again told him of the high risks associated with
23 surgery. (Id. BB 39.) Plaintiff again did not agree with Dr. Kofoed's medical opinion about the
24 risks associated with surgery. (Id.) Dr. Kofoed ordered new X-rays which showed no significant
25 in the alignment of bony structures or new fractures. (Id.)

26 166. On July 1, 1998, Senior MTA Donahue prepared a disability verification that
27 plaintiff was permanently mobility-impaired and could not walk 100 yards or up a flight of stairs
28 without pausing with the use of aid (crutches, prosthesis, or walker). (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett

1 Decl., ¶ 62.)

2 167. On July 8, 1998, medical staff adjusted plaintiff's orthotics and noted that he was
3 satisfied. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 63.) Nine days later, Dr. Kofoed noted that plaintiff was
4 doing much better ordered continued use of the orthotics brace and cane, and a follow-up in three
5 months. (Id.)

6 168. On July 24, 1998, a physical therapist evaluated plaintiff for upper extremity range
7 of motion and strength exercises because of his neuropathic right foot. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett
8 Decl., ¶ 64.) The physical therapist found that plaintiff had normal range of motion and strength
9 in all four extremities, except his right foot secondary to Charcot joint. (Id.) The therapist
10 recommended home exercise (push-ups, sit-ups, dips, pull ups) and discharged him, noting that
11 plaintiff wanted to use the Physical Therapy Clinic as a gym, which was not appropriate, and that
12 it was not medically necessary for him to come to the clinic to exercise. (Id.)

13 169. On October 8, 1998, X-rays ordered by Dr. Kofoed showed no changes in plaintiff's
14 Charcot joint problem. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 65.) Dr. Kofoed ordered continued use of
15 the orthotics, which he noted might be necessary for the rest of plaintiff's life. (Id.) Plaintiff said
16 he did not want to use the orthotic brace in spite of Dr. Kofoeds' warning that he risked collapse
17 of his foot if he did not. (Id.)

18 170. On January 13, 1999, plaintiff was seen by a doctor for a diabetes chronic care
19 intake evaluation. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 66.) The doctor noted that his glucose control
20 was poor because of his diet, that his compliance with treatment was poor, and that he did not
21 want his blood sugars tightly controlled, even though he was warned about the risk of
22 hypoglycemia (low blood glucose). (Id.)

23 171. On March 2, 1999, X-rays showed no change in the status of plaintiff's right
24 neuropathic foot. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 67.)

25 172. On March 22, 1999, Dr. Kofoed found no progression in plaintiff's right foot
26 neuropathy and ordered continued use of the fracture orthotics and cane, supportive care, and
27 avoidance of surgery. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 68.)

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1 173. On May 28, 1999, plaintiff asked to be housed in an upper bunk because a lower
2 bunk made him “claustrophobic.” (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 69.) A doctor hand-wrote a
3 medical chrono for an upper bunk for “claustrophobia.” (Id.) There was no medical indication
4 for an upper bunk because other doctors had previously recommended a lower bunk because of
5 his Charcot foot and peripheral neuropathy, but plaintiff had refused. (Id.)

6 174. On August 24, 1999, Dr. Geraghty saw plaintiff, who reported that he could walk
7 without crutches, using only his orthotics and a cane, and that he wanted to go to the “bars” and
8 do chin ups, but that he was not allowed because he could not dismount. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett
9 Decl., ¶ 70.) Dr. Geraghty encouraged plaintiff to walk and do wall push-offs instead. (Id.)
10 Plaintiff’s claim that he could not “dismount” from a chin-up bar was inconsistent with his earlier
11 request for assignment to an upper bunk for “claustrophobia,” and is evidence of his use of
12 medical complaints for secondary gain. (Id.)

13 175. On August 26, 1999, a podiatrist issued a medical chrono allowing plaintiff to wear
14 personal tennis shoes (soft shoes) because of his diabetic neuropathy. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett
15 Decl., ¶ 71.)

16 176. On September 22, 1999, Dr. Geraghty saw plaintiff for diabetic chronic care follow-
17 up and noted that he again claimed to be “claustrophobic” since being imprisoned, and that he
18 was under stress from “group living.” (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 72.) Plaintiff agreed
19 to try stress reduction techniques. (Id.) Plaintiff was housed in a lower bunk (P-142L) in the
20 same dorm on Wing P-1, where he would claim in late January 2005 that he could not be housed
21 because of mobility impairment due to Charcot foot and peripheral neuropathy. (Id.) Dr.
22 Geraghty did not recommend cell housing, or find that plaintiff could not be housed in a
23 dormitory because of his medical problems. (Id.)

24 177. On November 22, 1999, Dr. Kofoed saw plaintiff for review of his Charcot foot care
25 and a complaint of a flare-up of low-back pain. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 73.) Dr. Kofoed
26 noted that plaintiff had an ankle-foot orthosis (AFO) with rigid hinges and back pain secondary to
27 use of the brace. (Id.) Dr. Kofoed ordered physical therapy and noted that plaintiff wanted a
28 second brace because he claimed when the brace broke, and he was without it for several weeks

1 while it was being fixed, he could not walk. (Id.) Plaintiff had complained of a broken brace on
2 September 29, 1999, which was fixed, attached to new shoes, and delivered on October 27, 1999.
3 (Id.) A second brace was not ordered. (Id.) Plaintiff had the use of crutches and a wheelchair
4 when he was without the orthotic brace. (Id.)

5 178. On December 9, 1999, plaintiff complained of back pain on his right side from an
6 injury that occurred while he was “working out.” (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 74.) Staff
7 diagnosed a possible muscle strain. (Id.)

8 179. On December 27, 1999, plaintiff’s orthotic brace was taken by the podiatrist for
9 repair. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 75.) Plaintiff later told the podiatrist that he needed a
10 second brace and shoe, and falsely claimed that Dr. Kofoed had ordered one, but the podiatrist
11 noted that he could not find such an order. (Id.)

12 180. On February 28, 2000, the podiatrist adjusted plaintiff’s brace. (Defs.’ Ex. D,
13 Barnett Decl., ¶ 76.)

14 181. Plaintiff was moved to a cell (P-134L) on Wing P-1 on December 18, 2000. (Defs.’
15 Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶ 77.)

16 182. On April 26, 2001, Dr. Crapotta, a consulting ophthalmologist, saw plaintiff and
17 recommended a medical chrono for cell-based housing, in part because plaintiff had chronic
18 arthritis which caused difficulty ambulating. (Defs.’ Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 78.) The
19 orthopedist and podiatrist, who were most knowledgeable about plaintiff’s mobility impairment
20 due to Charcot foot and peripheral neuropathy, had not found that a medical chrono for cell
21 housing was needed. (Id.) Plaintiff’s medical record does not show that he was unable to
22 ambulate safely in a dorm with the assistance of his cane, crutches, or wheelchair. (Id.)

23 183. On June 14, 2001, Dr. Sawicki, a consulting podiatrist, recommended a medical
24 chrono, approved by Dr. Andreasen, for a soft leather shoe to use when the special shoe
25 incorporated with plaintiff’s orthotic brace broke down, and the brace was being repaired.
26 (Defs.’ Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 79.)

27 184. On July 2, 2001, Dr. Altchek wrote a medical chrono, approved by Dr. Andreasen,
28 stating that the only job plaintiff could do was a clerk’s job in a setting where he did not have to

1 do much walking because he could not walk very long and could not lift because of a right
2 Charcot joint, which swelled if he stood longer than ten minutes, and which required elevation
3 and an orthotic brace for his lower right leg, and a cane or crutches for walking. (Defs.’ Ex. B,
4 Barrett Decl., ¶ 80.)

5 185. On October 3, 2001, Dr. Aguilera saw plaintiff in the Diabetic Clinic, noted that his
6 diabetes was in good control, and that he wore a “full-control brace and orthopedic shoes,
7 ambulated with a cane, and was managing “quite well” with those aids. (Defs.’ Ex. B, Barrett
8 Decl., ¶ 81.)

9 186. On November 29, 2001, Dr. Andreasen approved a one-year medical chrono that
10 recommended continued cell housing for, among other problems, the inability to safely navigate
11 in a dorm environment due to chronic degenerative knee changes associated with diabetes.
12 (Defs.’ Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 82.) Plaintiff did not have a medical need based on mobility
13 impairment for cell housing. (Id.) Plaintiff walked from his housing unit to the medical clinic
14 and dining hall and back several times each day using his brace and cane. (Id.)

15 187. On March 18, 2002, plaintiff complained pain, bruising, and swelling in his right
16 foot that happened when he slipped and fell from a toilet on which he was standing while
17 cleaning a wall in his cell. (Defs.’ Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 83.) X-rays showed a non-displaced,
18 oblique fracture of the first proximal phalanx of the great toe of the right foot. (Id.) Plaintiff was
19 noted to already be taking anti-inflammatory medication, and no further treatment was ordered.
20 (Id.)

21 188. On May 2, 2002, Dr. Sawicki saw plaintiff in the Podiatry Clinic and noted that X-
22 rays showed no significant healing in his fractured toe. (Defs.’ Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 84.) Dr.
23 Sawicki ordered repairs on plaintiff’s orthotic brace and new X-rays and a follow-up in six weeks
24 to evaluate whether the fracture was healing. Repeat X-rays done on June 17, 2002, showed a
25 subacute fracture of the first proximal phalanx with subtle healing since the previous X-ray. (Id.)

26 189. On August 20, 2002, Dr. Altchek recommended, and Dr. Bick approved, renewal of
27 plaintiff’s medical chrono for cell-based housing, in part, because of inability to safely navigate in
28 dorm environment because of chronic degenerative knee changes associates with diabetes.

1 (Def.'s Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 85.) There is no medical basis for that medical chrono, which was
2 renewed based on the earlier one, rather than because of a medical need. (Id.)

3 190. Plaintiff was moved to a cell (I-137L) in I Wing on February 15, 2003. (Def.'s Ex.
4 E, Weaver Decl., ¶ 13.)

5 191. Ten days later, Dr. Ho recommended a medical chrono for use of a wheelchair to aid
6 in walking because plaintiff's foot swelled when he stood for more than ten minutes. (Def.'s Ex.
7 B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 87.) Dr. Bick approved that chrono. (Id.)

8 192. On August 3, 2003, Dr. Shellcroft recommended a medical chrono, in part, for
9 plaintiff's: (1) right Charcot foot, which caused a limited ability to stand, and for which he
10 needed an orthotic right-leg brace and a cane for walking; and for (2) peripheral neuropathy,
11 which required lower bunk/low tier housing, or an elevator pass, if he was housed on an upper
12 floor; or (3) transfer to another institution if that housing could not be provided at CMF. (Def.'s
13 Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 88.) The chrono did not recommend cell housing, as had a previous
14 chrono that had expired. (Id.) Dr. Bick approved that chrono. (Id.)

15 193. On August 5, 2003, Dr. Capozzoli saw plaintiff for a neurology consultation and
16 the EMG and /nerve conduction studies for right ankle, hand, and finger pain secondary to
17 diabetic neuropathy. (Def.'s Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 89.) The examination and tests showed
18 obvious peripheral neuropathy consistent with severe sensorimotor polyneuropathy. (Id.) Dr.
19 Capozzoli did not recommend cell housing for the peripheral neuropathy. (Id.)

20 194. On August 28, 2003, plaintiff told Dr. Aguilera that he needed a medical chrono for
21 cell-based housing renewed and that he used his leg brace to ambulate in the cell. (Def.'s Ex. B,
22 Barrett Decl., ¶ 90.) Dr. Aguilera did not recommend a medical chrono for cell-based housing.
23 (Id.)

24 195. On January 30, 2004, plaintiff filed a grievance (Log No. CMF-04-M-192) asking
25 that he be given a medical chrono for cell housing and that custody staff be prohibited from
26 moving him to a dormitory. (Def.'s Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 91.) Plaintiff was in a cell at the time.
27 (Id.) Plaintiff complained that he had expired chronos for cell housing, and that Dr. Bick had not
28 renewed the cell-housing recommendation in 2003. (Id.) In part, plaintiff claimed that if he was

1 moved to a dormitory he could not safely “navigate” because of degenerative knee problems
2 secondary to his diabetes. (Id.) Review at the informal and formal levels was bypassed. (Id.)
3 Senior MTA Donahue interviewed plaintiff at the second level and recommended that the
4 grievance be denied. (Id.) Dr. Bick, the Chief Medical Officer, approved the denial on March 15,
5 2004, in part, because plaintiff’s ambulatory impairment did not require cell housing for medical
6 reasons. (Id.) Plaintiff appealed to the second level where the grievance was reviewed by Dr.
7 Andreasen, the Chief Medical Officer for Inpatient Services, on behalf of Warden Schwartz, and
8 denied by Dr. Khoury, Chief Deputy for Clinical Services, on April 15, 2004. (Id.) At that level,
9 plaintiff claimed that he needed handrails installed in the dorm to allow him to walk safely. (Id.)
10 Plaintiff had the use of ambulatory aids, such as his cane or wheelchair, in the living area of the
11 dorm, and he had no medical need for handrails to assist him in moving about the dorm. (Id.)
12 Plaintiff appealed to the third level on June 7, 2004, but the grievance was rejected at the
13 Director’s level by Chief of Inmate Appeals Grannis on July 16, 2004, because it was not timely.
14 (Id.)

15 196. On February 27, 2004, Dr. Highsmith, a consulting podiatrist recommended a
16 medical chrono that allowed plaintiff the use of forearm crutches for severe peripheral
17 polyneuropathy and for Charcot neuroarthropathy of the right foot. (Defs.’ Ex. B, Barrett Decl.,
18 ¶ 92.) Plaintiff was to provide his own crutches and have them added to his list of approved
19 personal property. (Id.) Plaintiff had been provided a State-issued cane and regular crutches in
20 the past, in addition to his orthotic brace. Dr. Bick approved that chrono, as well as one for a
21 wheelchair a month later. (Id.)

22 197. On August 27, 2004, Dr. McAllister recommended, and Dr. Bick approved, medical
23 chronos for an orthotic brace for plaintiff’s right leg, a cane for walking, low bunk/lower tier
24 housing, an elevator pass, and transfer to another institution if a lower bunk was not available at
25 CMF. (Defs.’ Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 93.) Cell-based housing was not recommended for a
26 mobility impairment. (Id.)

27 198. Plaintiff was moved to a dorm bed (J-353L) in Wing J-3 on December 17, 2004.
28 (Defs.’ Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶ 15.) The dorm was a regular dorm, not a converted dayroom, that

1 housed twelve inmates in double bunks. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 62:21-
2 63:12.) Plaintiff's bed was on the other side of a wall where the bathroom was. Id. RT 65:23.)
3 To get to the bathroom, plaintiff had to walk about fifteen feet around his bed and prisoner
4 lockers to get to the bathroom. (Id. RT 66:1-10.).

5 199. Plaintiff had his cane in the dorm, but did not go farther than the restroom because
6 there were only a few Caucasian prisoners like himself, in the dorm; most of the inmates were
7 Northern Hispanics or Black, so he did not socialize much. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12,
8 2012, RT 68:2-8.) Plaintiff would stay on his bed and "tent himself" by putting up sheets from
9 the upper bunk to block getting to the lower bed, because it was painful to move about. (Id.)

10 200. On January 11, 2005, plaintiff complained that he had "ADA" difficulties in his
11 "new house" but they are not detailed in his medical record. (Defs.' Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 95.)

12 201. On January 27, 2005, plaintiff was moved to a bed (P-139L) in a dorm on Wing P-
13 1. (Defs.' Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶ 17.)

14 202. On February 4, 2005, Dr. McAllister recommended, and Dr. Bick approved, a
15 medical chrono for plaintiff's use of crutches and a wheelchair for severe peripheral neuropathy
16 and Charcot neuropathy of the right foot. (Defs.' Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 97.) Cell-based housing
17 was not found to be medically necessary for those problems. (Id.)

18 203. On May 16, 2005, Dr. Capozzoli recommended cell housing for plaintiff in part
19 because he was "wheelchair dependent" due to peripheral neuropathy, and dorm housing was
20 "less conducive" to accommodating that medical need and others discussed elsewhere in this
21 declaration. (Defs.' Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 98.) There is no medical basis for this chrono. (Id.)
22 Plaintiff was not "wheelchair dependent," but rather was able to ambulate using an orthotic
23 brace and cane or crutches. (Id.) He only used a wheelchair for traveling long distances, or when
24 required to be on his feet for a long time. (Id.) There is no medical reason he could not travel the
25 short distances that it took to get from his bed in the dorm to a restroom, or around the dorm, with
26 the assistance of his orthotic brace and cane. (Id.) Dr. Bick correctly changed Dr. Capozzoli's
27 "recommendation" to a "request" for cell housing that gave custody staff discretion to assign
28 plaintiff to either a cell or a dorm based on Custody and institutional safety requirements. (Id.)

1 204. On March 20, 2007, plaintiff was moved to a cell, and has been in a cell since that
2 time. (Defs.' Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶¶ 18-19.)

3 205. On August 8, 2005, Dr. Calvo wrote a medical chrono, noting that plaintiff had a
4 limited ability to stand and that he required an orthotic brace for his right leg and a cane for
5 walking. (Defs.' Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 99.) Dr. Calvo recommended that plaintiff be assigned
6 lower bunk/lower tier housing and an elevator pass, and that he be transferred to another facility if
7 that housing could not be provided at CMF. (Id.) Dr. Bick approved that recommendation. (Id.)
8 That medical chrono did not recommend cell housing for a mobility impairment. (Id.)

9 206. On August 18, 2005, plaintiff submitted an inmate grievance (Log No. CMF-05-M-
10 1431) appealing the denial of his accommodation for cell housing because of his Charcot foot and
11 peripheral neuropathy. (Defs.' Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 100.) Plaintiff claimed that he needed cell
12 housing because a wheelchair could not fit through the dorm door because it was not 42-inches
13 wide as required by the ADA, that he could not operate a wheelchair between the beds in the
14 twelve-man dorm, and that he could not walk in the dorm without the risk of tripping and injuring
15 himself because of numbness in his feet due to neuropathy. (Id.) That grievance was denied at
16 the second level of review on September 21, 2005, by Warden Schwartz and Dr. Khoury. (Id.)
17 The response found that plaintiff had been moved to dorm housing on December 17, 2004,
18 because an inmate with higher custody levels (Close B) had to be moved to his cell because it
19 provided more restrictive housing. (Id.) Housing assignment records indicate that the inmate
20 who was moved into plaintiff's bed in I Wing in December 2004 was a close custody inmate.
21 (Id.) Plaintiff was a Medium A Custody level inmate so he could be housed at a lower level of
22 supervision, such as in a dorm. (Id.) The response found that the Armstrong remedial plan
23 allowed him to be celled in the dorm because security needs outweighed the medical
24 recommendation. (Id.) The response further found that plaintiff was housed in a dorm bed on
25 P-wing that was two or three feet from the door of the restroom, which accommodated one user at
26 a time, and that he did not require full-time use of a wheelchair, but only when outside a cell.
27 (Id.) When he was in the dorms, plaintiff had his wheelchair which he folded up and kept in a
28 corner, but he did not use it to get to the bathroom because he did not want the hassle of having to

1 pull it out and unfold it, and it would not fit through the bathroom door. (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep.,
2 June 12, 2007, RT 29:10-19.) Plaintiff appealed to the Director's level, claiming that he had to
3 walk a "U-shaped" path with two ninety-degree turns, where he might lose his balance, getting to
4 the toilet. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barrett Decl., ¶ 100.) Plaintiff never fell when he was in the dorms.
5 (Defs.' Ex. A, Pl.'s Dep., June 12, 2007, RT 27:22-2828:3; Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12,
6 2012, RT 95:25-96:8.) Plaintiff appealed to the Director's level, where the grievance was denied
7 by Chief of Appeals Grannis on December 23, 2005. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barrett Decl., ¶ 100.)

8 207. On October 25, 2005, plaintiff saw Dr. Calvo for renewal of his medications and
9 medical chrono. (Defs.' Ex. B, Barrett Decl., ¶ 101.) Dr. Calvo noted that plaintiff was
10 categorized as DPO (intermittent wheelchair user), not DPW (permanent wheelchair user), and
11 that a medical chrono and a Disability Placement Program Verification (CDCR 1845) stating that
12 he was an intermittent wheelchair user who needed a lower bunk had been done and approved by
13 Dr. Andreasen. (Id.)

14 208. Plaintiff was moved to a bed (H-342L) in Dorm 2 in Wing H-3 on December 13,
15 2005. (Defs.' Ex. E, Weaver Decl., ¶17.) The bathroom in that dorm was 20 to 25 feet from his
16 bed. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 79:22-24.) Plaintiff had both a cane and
17 crutches in the dorms, but mainly used his crutches to get to the bathroom. (Id. RT 80:4-12.)

18 209. Plaintiff was moved to a cell on March 20, 2007, to comply with a preliminary
19 injunction order.

20 210. Plaintiff walked to his September 12, 2012 deposition from his cell in Wing V-1 had
21 using a cane. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 103.) He did not wear his orthotic brace and
22 ambulated well with only the aid of his cane. (Id.) Plaintiff does not use the orthotic brace and
23 can walk three times a day from his cell to the medical clinic and back, a distance of a couple of
24 hundred yards one way, wearing his tennis shoes and using only a cane. (Defs.' Ex. B, Pl.'s Dep.
25 of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 40:12-41:7.) Plaintiff did not have a medical need for cell housing because
26 of his Charcot foot and peripheral neuropathy in from December 17, 2004 to March 20, 2007,
27 when he was housed in dorms, and he has no need for cell housing for those reasons at present.
28 (Id.)

1 **D. Unpredictable Bowel and Bladder Urgency.**

2 211. Plaintiff claims that he could not be housed in a dorm because of unpredictable
3 bowel and bladder problems associated with his diabetes. (Defs. Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 104.) He
4 claims that he had to wait anywhere from one minute to two hours to use the toilet depending on
5 the time of day and what the inmate ahead of him was doing in the restroom. (Id.) Plaintiff also
6 claims he had pain that was ten on a scale of 10 three times a day trying to control himself. (Id.)
7 It is not medically possible to have pain at that level and still have muscle control of urinary or
8 bowel functions. (Id.) Plaintiff never complained to officers about having to wait to use the
9 bathroom, and he never had diarrhea while waiting. (Id.) There is nothing in plaintiff's
10 medical history that would require cell housing for bowel and bladder urgency, or that would
11 preclude dorm housing. (Id.)

12 212. The first time plaintiff complained that he could not be housed in a dorm because
13 of bowel and bladder urgency was on February 25, 2000, when he complained that he required
14 cell housing because he needed to use the toilet frequently because of polyuria and occasional
15 diarrhea. (Defs. Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 105.) Plaintiff's medical records do not show such a
16 complaint in the previous thirteen years of his incarceration. Plaintiff's claim that he needed cell
17 housing for this reason coincides with his objections to being assigned to a dorm. (Id.)

18 213. Polyuria is the excessive passage of urine (at least 2.5 liters per day for an adult)
19 resulting in profuse urination and urinary frequency (the need to urinate frequently). (Defs. Ex.
20 D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 106.) Polyuria occurs when diabetes is not in good control which was often
21 the case with plaintiff. (Id.) When plaintiff complied with his treatment regimen and had good
22 control of his diabetes, he did not have polyuria. (Id.)

23 214. On May 18, 2000, Dr. Geraghty saw plaintiff and noted that his housing was
24 unchanged and that he had "expected GI enteropathy with urgency, and that he was using
25 crutches because his brace was out for repairs. (Defs. Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 107.) Intestinal
26 enteropathy can occur in diabetics and cause diarrhea, constipation, or fecal incontinence. (Id.)
27 Plaintiff's medical record contains nothing to show that he had fecal incontinence, and his
28 complaints of either diarrhea or constipation, which would not require immediate access to a

1 toilet, are sporadic at best, and there is no order for medications for those problems. (Id.)
2 Plaintiff's claim that he had muscle control over those functions is not consistent with intestinal
3 enteropathy. (Id.) For those reasons, Dr. Geraghty's diagnosis based on "expectations" is not
4 founded in fact. (Id.) In any event, Dr. Geraghty did not recommend a medical chrono for cell
5 housing for that reason at that time. (Id.)

6 215. On March 14, 2001, plaintiff was seen for follow-up in the Diabetic Clinic and this
7 time denied polyuria and polydipsia (excessive thirst). (Defs. Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 108.)

8 216. On August 20, 2002, Dr. Altchek recommended a medical chrono for cell-based
9 housing, in part, because of plaintiff's frequent and unpredictable bowel and urinary changes.
10 (Defs. Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 109.) Dr. Bick approved the recommendation. (Id.) That chrono
11 expired August 19, 2003, and was not renewed. (Id.) Plaintiff's medical record does not show a
12 medical need for such a chrono. (Id.)

13 217. On August 28, 2003, plaintiff told Dr. Aguilera that he needed his medical chrono
14 for cell-based housing renewed because he used an orthotic brace to ambulate. (Defs. Ex. D,
15 Barnett Decl., ¶ 110.) Dr. Aguilera noted that plaintiff did not mention that as a reason he needed
16 cell housing this time, even though it was contained in a previous medical chrono. (Id.)

17 218. On October 31, 2003, plaintiff told Dr. Steve that he alternated between
18 constipation and bloating when his blood sugars were low, and loose bowel movements, when
19 they were high. (Defs. Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 111.) Dr. Steve noted that "it might be a bit of a
20 stretch," but that he "might be developing enteric neuropathy." (Id.) The doctor decided to try
21 plaintiff on metoclopramide, 5 mg., three times, for 90 days. (Id.) That medication is used in
22 diabetics to treat slow stomach emptying by helping speed the movement of food through the
23 stomach and intestines, and to relieve its symptoms, which include nausea, vomiting, heartburn,
24 loss of appetite, and the feeling of fullness that lasts long after meals. (Id.) The medication was
25 not renewed when it expired, and plaintiff was not on medication for bladder or bowel problems
26 when he was later moved to the dorms. (Id.) Plaintiff did not have enteric enteropathy as Dr.
27 Steve speculated, and he has not been diagnosed with it since. (Id.)

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1 219. On January 30, 2004, plaintiff filed a grievance (Log No. CMF-04-M-192) which,
2 in part, stated that he should not be housed in a dorm because he had “frequent and
3 unpredictable” bowel movements requiring access to the bathroom. (Defs. Ex. D, Barnett Decl.,
4 ¶ 112.) Senior MTA Donahue interviewed plaintiff concerning his inmate grievance at the
5 second level of review and recommended that it be denied. (Id.) Dr. Bick, the Chief Medical
6 Officer, approved the denial on March 15, 2004, in part his claimed frequent bowel and urinary
7 needs could be accommodated in a dormitory with multiple toilets. (Id.) Plaintiff appealed to the
8 second level of review where he complained that there were no dorms in Unit I that had multiple
9 toilets. (Id.) Dr. Andreasen reviewed the grievance, which was denied by Dr. Khoury, who
10 found that there were dorms in Unit I with more than one toilet. (Id.) Plaintiff appealed to the
11 third level of review on June 7, 2004, complaining that he could not be housed in those dorms for
12 other reasons. (Id.) The grievance was rejected at the Director’s level by Chief of Inmate
13 Appeals Grannis on July 16, 2004, because it was not timely.

14 220. On May 16, 2005, Dr. Capozzoli recommended cell housing, in part, based on the
15 statement that plaintiff had autonomic neuropathy that affected his bowel and bladder control.
16 (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 113.) Dr. Capozzoli’s progress note contains no facts to support
17 the statement in the medical chrono that plaintiff had autonomic neuropathy, which is a group of
18 symptoms that occur when there is damage to the nerves that manage every day body functions
19 such as blood pressure, heart rate, sweating, bowel and bladder emptying, and digestion. (Id.)
20 Diabetic neuropathy is one of the causes of autonomic neuropathy, and plaintiff had reported
21 some symptoms, such as occasional constipation and alternatively soft stools, which can also be
22 from other causes, including the medications he was taking. (Id.) Plaintiff’s had muscle control
23 of his bowels and bladder and was not incontinent when he was in the dorms. (Defs.’ Ex. B, Pl.’s
24 Dep. of Sept. 12, 2012, RT 92:2-14.) That is not consistent with autonomic neuropathy, or a
25 medical need for cell housing because of an inability to control bowel and bladder functions.
26 (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 113.) State law provides criteria that directs the delivery of
27 medical services to be consistent with best practices, and requires that medical services are
28 necessary and support by outcome data. (Id.) Furthermore, “medically necessary” is defined by

1 state law as services needed to protect life, prevent significant illness or disability, or to alleviate
2 severe pain, as set forth in Title 15, section 3350(b)(1) of the California Code of Regulations.
3 (Id.) The medical record does not provide any evidence that plaintiff faced risks to his life or
4 significant illness or disability that required a cell for the purported autonomic dysfunction or any
5 other condition. (Id.)

6 221. On July 11, 2006, Nurse Practitioner Champen and Dr. Bick approved medical
7 chrono for extra toilet paper each week because of plaintiff's bowel and bladder control problems.
8 (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 114.) The medical support for that chrono is not stated, and cell
9 housing was not recommended. (Id.)

10 222. Plaintiff's current medical chrono only provides that he may need additional toilet
11 paper for a medical condition affecting his bowel or bladder control, but that condition is not
12 documented with facts in the corresponding progress notes. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 115.)
13 Cell housing for that problem is not recommended, and it would not preclude his housing in a
14 dorm.

15 **E. Current Medical Chronos**

16 223. Plaintiff has three current medical chronos, written by Dr. Mathis and approved by
17 Dr. Bick, which are effective for one year from the date of issuance. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl.,
18 ¶116.) None of them require that he be housed in a cell, and none preclude his assignment to a
19 dorm. (Id.)

20 224. A February 13, 2012, chrono advised custody staff that he "requires" an orthotic
21 brace for his right leg and a single-point cane for walking, lower bunk/lower tier housing, and an
22 elevator pass for Charcot foot. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 117.) The chrono also allows
23 plaintiff to use crutches and a wheelchair, as necessary, when he is required to stand for
24 prolonged periods of time to minimize swelling and chronic pain in his right foot. (Id.) The
25 chrono also recommends that he avoid significant changes in his daily activity levels because his
26 balance is affected by peripheral neuropathy when standing. (Id.) The chrono also provides for
27 use of approved dark glasses and window tinting "subject to legitimate institutional safety and
28 security concerns" for diabetic retinopathy and photophobia. (Id.) It does not require cell

1 housing. (Id.) Plaintiff does not require cell housing with window tinting because he does not
2 have photophobia caused by a vision problem or ocular pathology. (Id.) The chrono also
3 provides for that he “may require additional toilet paper” because of a “medical condition” that
4 affects his bowel and bladder control.

5 225. A May 25, 2012 chrono states that he has a “medical condition” that causes pain
6 when he is exposed to bright light and asks custody staff to “not put him in situations in which he
7 will be unnecessarily subjected to bright light for prolonged periods of time.” (Defs.’ Ex. D,
8 Barnett Decl., ¶ 118.) Plaintiff does not have photophobia that requires him to avoid brightly
9 lit areas when using dark glasses, that requires cell housing with window tint, or that precludes
10 him from being housed in a dorm. (Id.)

11 226. On July 26, 2012, plaintiff told his treating doctor that he had a court order for
12 “tinted window housing.” (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 119.)

13 227. An August 9, 2012 chrono simply continues a prior chrono for the use of personal
14 soft shoes, rather than State-issued shoes because of the loss of sensation and edema due to
15 peripheral neuropathy and associated loss of function in his lower extremities and degenerative
16 joint disease in his foot. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 120.)

17 228. Plaintiff does not have medical needs that require him to be housed in a cell with
18 window tinting and that preclude his housing in a dorm. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 121.) He
19 has been assigned to cells since March 20, 2007, but custody staff have the discretion to house
20 him in either a cell or dorm based on safety and security or institutional needs. (Id.)

21 229. Dr. Bick’s medical care decisions were appropriate, compassionate, and not
22 deliberately indifferent to plaintiff’s medical conditions. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 122.)
23 In accordance with community standards of care and principles of ethical medical practice, Dr.
24 Bick and other physicians providing care to inmates at CMF are obliged to independently assess
25 the clinical condition of patients under their care. (Id.) Dr. Bick and other physicians caring for
26 plaintiff have a duty to make diagnoses and provide treatment with consistent to the findings in
27 the examinations that reasonably serve patients’ evident medical needs. (Id.) Section 33350(a) of
28 Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations codifies this duty and allows that, inmates are

1 provided only such medical services that are “based on medical necessity and supported by
2 outcome data as effective medical care.” (Id.)

3 230. In this case, Dr. Bick reasonably determined that some accommodations sought by
4 plaintiff, whether or not also recommended by other physicians, were not medically necessary.
5 (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 123.) Dr. Bick acted in good faith after consideration of the
6 evidence he had, and provided care that comports with best practices for the community, as well
7 as care that complies with state law. (Id.) Dr. Bick performed his duty to critically evaluate
8 requests by plaintiff, and to assess the accuracy or necessity of recommendations from other
9 sources as well, including the recommendations of other health care providers. (Id.) This
10 deliberation defines engagement, and is the opposite of indifference.

11 231. Dr. Bick reasonably considered the total picture of plaintiff’s clinical history
12 and examination. (Defs.’ Ex. D, Barnett Decl., ¶ 124.) Plaintiff’s requests appeared to be
13 based upon non-medical considerations, and often he complained of symptoms without any basis
14 in fact. (Id.) Furthermore, some of the recommendations made by specialists were appropriately
15 not followed when these recommendations did not appear to take into account the total clinical
16 circumstances. (Id.) The decisions made by Dr. Bick and other defendants were reasonable and
17 appropriate, and most definitely not arrived at indifferently, or without due regard for the
18 patient’s medical needs. (Id.)

19 ANALYSIS

20 The gravamen of plaintiff’s complaint is that the defendants ignored his treating
21 physicians’ recommendations to house plaintiff in a cell with tinted windows rather than a
22 dormitory to meet his serious medical needs. (Pl.’s Mot. for Summ. J. at 1.) In resolving cross-
23 motions for summary judgment, the court must consider each party’s evidence. See Johnson v.
24 Poway Unified School District, 658 F.3d 954, 960 (9th Cir. 2011). Because plaintiff will bear the
25 burden of proof at trial, in order to prevail on summary judgment he must affirmatively
26 demonstrate that based upon the undisputed facts no reasonable trier of fact could find other than
27 for him. See Soremekun v. Thrifty Payless, Inc., 509 F.3d 978, 984 (9th Cir. 2007). Because
28 defendants do not bear the burden of proof at trial, in moving for summary judgment they need

1 only prove an absence of evidence to support plaintiff’s case. See Oracle Corp., 627 F.3d at 387.

2 Below, the court will address the merits of the parties’ cross-motions for summary
3 judgment on plaintiff’s Eighth Amendment and ADA claims. The court will also address
4 defendants’ arguments that plaintiff’s request for injunctive relief lacks merit and that they are
5 entitled to qualified immunity. Based on all of the evidence presented in connection with the
6 pending cross-motions for summary judgment, and for the reasons stated below, the undersigned
7 finds that plaintiff’s motion for summary judgment should be denied. The undersigned further
8 concludes that defendants’ motion for summary judgment should be granted in part and denied in
9 part.

10 I. Plaintiff’s Eighth Amendment Claims

11 First, the court will address the parties’ cross- motions for summary judgment with respect
12 to plaintiff’s Eighth Amendment claims. As to plaintiff’s motion for summary judgment, the
13 court finds that plaintiff has failed to meet his initial burden of demonstrating on summary
14 judgment that the defendants were deliberately indifferent to his serious medical needs² in
15 violation of the Eighth Amendment. To be sure, the undisputed facts in this case show that some
16 of plaintiff’s treating physicians, including Dr. Crapotta, an ophthalmologist, and Dr. Capozzoli, a
17 neurologist, recommended cell housing for plaintiff while prison officials, particularly defendant
18 Bick, disagreed, believing instead that a dormitory assignment could meet plaintiff’s medical

19 ² The parties do not seriously dispute, and the court finds that, based upon the evidence presented
20 by the parties in connection with the pending cross-motions for summary judgment, a reasonable
21 juror could conclude that plaintiff’s various medical conditions, including his diabetic
22 retinopathy, photophobia, migraine headaches, mobility challenges, and autonomic neuropathy
23 constitute objective, serious medical needs. See McGuckin, 974 F.2d at 1059-60 (“The existence
24 of an injury that a reasonable doctor or patient would find important and worthy of comment or
25 treatment; the presence of a medical condition that significantly affects an individual’s daily
26 activities; or the existence of chronic and substantial pain are examples of indications that a
27 prisoner has a ‘serious’ need for medical treatment.”); see also Canell v. Bradshaw, 840 F. Supp.
28 1382, 1393 (D. Or. 1993) (the Eighth Amendment duty to provide medical care applies “to
medical conditions that may result in pain and suffering which serve no legitimate penological
purpose.”). Specifically, plaintiff’s well-documented medical history, as well as the observations
and treatment recommendations by plaintiff’s treating physicians and prison officials compel the
conclusion that plaintiff’s medical conditions, if left untreated, could result in “further significant
injury” and the “unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain.” McGuckin, 974 F.2d at 1059.

1 needs and rejected or modified his physicians' recommendations based on that belief.³

2 However, as defense counsel argues, a mere difference of opinion between doctors does
3 not give rise to liability on a § 1983 claim. See Snow, 681 F.3d 987; see also Toguchi, 391 F.3d
4 at 1059-60 (“Dr. Tackett’s contrary view was a difference of medical opinion, which cannot
5 support a claim of deliberate indifference.”); Sanchez, 891 F.2d at 242 (difference of opinion
6 between medical personnel regarding the need for surgery does not amount to deliberate
7 indifference to a prisoner’s serious medical needs). To establish that a difference of medical
8 opinion as to the appropriate course of treatment amounted to deliberate indifference, the
9 evidence must “show that the course of treatment the doctors chose was medically unacceptable
10 under the circumstances” and that “they chose this course in conscious disregard of an excessive
11 risk to [the prisoner’s] health.” Jackson, 90 F.3d at 332.

12 Here, plaintiff has not come forward with evidence establishing that defendants’ course of
13 treatment was medically unacceptable or that defendants acted in conscious disregard to a
14 substantial risk of injury or harm to plaintiff’s health. At most, plaintiff points to his treating
15 physicians’ medical chronos, recommending cell housing for him, and seems to believe that the
16 chronos are sufficient to prove defendants acted with deliberate indifference by not strictly
17 adhering to them. However, these medical chronos demonstrate that cell housing was a medically
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19 ³ For example, on March 9, 2004, Dr. Crapotta issued a medical chrono stating: “Mr. Stringham
20 has proliferative diabetic retinopathy and photophobia. He should wear dark glasses and have
21 window tint as consistent with California Medical Facility regulations. This should remain in
22 effect for one year through March 8, 2005.” Defendant Bick lined through the portion of the
23 chrono that stated plaintiff should have window tint as consistent with California Medical Facility
24 regulations and wrote instead “only CMF approved dark glasses.” (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-
25 Seabrooks Decl., HS229). Similarly, on May 16, 2005, Dr. Capozzoli issued a medical chrono
26 for plaintiff stating: “I would recommend that Mr. Stringham be provided with cell housing
27 (single cell housing not required). Mr. Stringham has diabetes with severe neuropathy involving
28 also autonomic neuropathy affecting his bowel and bladder control. Additionally, he has diabetic
retinopathy and vascular headaches with photophobia For all of the above reasons, I
recommend that he be allowed to live in a cell rather than a dorm environment, which is less
conducive to accommodating his above-mentioned medical needs. This chrono is valid for one
year (through May 15, 2006), subject to annual renewal and to custody and institutional safety
requirements.” Defendant Bick again lined through the portion of the chrono that stated
“recommend” and changed it to “request” and underscored that the chrono was subject to custody
and institutional safety requirements. (Defs.’ Ex. C, Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., HS234.)

1 acceptable course of treatment for plaintiff. They do not demonstrate beyond reasonable dispute
2 that dormitory housing, coupled with dark glasses and draping, was not medically acceptable as
3 well. See Farmer, 511 U.S. at 844-45 (even where a prison official knows of a substantial risk to
4 an inmate's health but responds reasonably to the risk, he or she cannot be found liable under the
5 Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause, even if harm is ultimately not averted); Histon v. Tilton,
6 No. C 09-0979 JSW (PR), 2012 WL 476388 at *6 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 14, 2012) (although two
7 orthopedic surgeons recommended surgery for plaintiff's carpal tunnel syndrome, their
8 recommendations did not demonstrate that the defendant's alternate approach was medically
9 unacceptable).

10 Moreover, even if plaintiff had met his initial burden of demonstrating that there is no
11 genuine issue of material fact with respect to the adequacy of the medical care defendants
12 provided to him, on plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, the court is required to believe
13 defendants' evidence and draw all reasonable inferences from the facts before the court in
14 defendants' favor. Drawing all reasonable inferences in defendants' favor, the court finds that
15 they have submitted evidence sufficient to create a genuine issue of material fact with respect to
16 plaintiff's claim that they responded to his serious medical needs with deliberate indifference.
17 Most notably, as detailed above, defendants have offered as evidence lengthy declarations and
18 testimony from Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks and Dr. Barnett from which a reasonable juror could
19 conclude that plaintiff's medical conditions did not require cell housing and that a dormitory
20 setting could adequately meet his medical needs.

21 Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks received her medical degree from the University of California –
22 San Francisco School of Medicine. She is licensed to practice in California and is Board-certified
23 in Ophthalmology. In addition to her private practice, she provides ophthalmology consultations
24 to physicians at CMF. She has examined and treated plaintiff and reviewed his unit health
25 records. In her medical opinion, plaintiff has no ocular pathology that would explain his reports
26 of abnormal sensitivity to light. Nor does he have any ocular pathology that would explain his
27 reports of migraine headaches caused by such abnormal sensitivity to light. In Dr. Hinman-
28 Seabrooks' view, plaintiff's claim that he must be housed in a cell with tinted windows and

1 cannot be housed in a dorm because light entering his eyes from “peripheral” sources (sides, tops,
2 or bottoms of his dark glasses) causes him pain and triggers migraines is not plausible. With the
3 amount of panretinal photocoagulation procedures plaintiff has had, Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks
4 maintains that plaintiff has reduced light perception rather than increased sensitivity to light.
5 Moreover, Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks notes that when plaintiff was assigned to a dormitory setting,
6 correctional officers allowed him to put “curtains” made from bed sheets around his bed. This
7 draping, coupled with the dark glasses he already had, would have allowed very little light into
8 his eyes. Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks also notes that the candela measurements of light brightness
9 from plaintiff’s cell (88.862 candelas) and the candela measurements of light brightness from his
10 previous dormitory settings (90.294 candelas and 67.621 candelas, respectively) are virtually the
11 same or less in the dormitory setting. In conclusion, Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks makes clear that in
12 her medical opinion, plaintiff did not have a medical need based on vision problems and/or ocular
13 pathology for cell housing with tinted windows rather than dormitory housing. (See generally
14 Defs.’ Ex. C., Hinman-Seabrooks Decl.)

15 Dr. Barnett received his medical degree from Harvard University Medical School. He is
16 licensed to practice in California and since 2007 has worked for California Correctional Health
17 Care Services (“CCHCS”). Dr. Barnett is currently CCHCS’ Office of Legal Affairs Chief
18 Medical Officer. Similar to Dr. Hinman-Seabrooks, in Dr. Barnett’s medical opinion, plaintiff
19 did not have visual problems and/or ocular pathology to explain his report of photophobia
20 exacerbated by panretinal photocoagulation surgical procedures. Dr. Barnett acknowledges that
21 plaintiff had early cataracts during the periods in question, but that condition was adequately
22 managed with dark eyeglasses. According to Dr. Barnett, plaintiff also did not have migraines
23 caused by bright light. In his medical opinion, there is no evidence to support a determination
24 that plaintiff’s alleged photophobia causes him migraines. In any event, Dr. Barnett notes that
25 doctors treated plaintiff’s subjective reports of headache with medication. Plaintiff did not
26 require cell housing with tinted windows for any alleged migraine condition. Finally, Dr. Barnett
27 maintains that plaintiff’s Charcot foot, peripheral diabetic retinopathy, and subjective reports of
28 bowel and urinary urgency did not require cell housing or preclude him from staying in a

1 dormitory. In conclusion, Dr. Barnett makes clear that in his medical opinion, the defendants,
2 namely Dr. Bick, appropriately chose not to follow some of plaintiff's treating physicians'
3 recommendations with respect to plaintiff's housing. (See generally Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl.)

4 In short, based on the evidence presented in connection with the pending cross-motions
5 for summary judgment, a reasonable juror could conclude that defendants were not deliberately
6 indifferent to plaintiff's serious medical needs and therefore did not violate his rights under the
7 Eighth Amendment. Accordingly, plaintiff's motion for summary judgment on his Eighth
8 Amendment claims should be denied.

9 The court turns now to defendants' motion for summary judgment on plaintiff's Eighth
10 Amendment claims. The court first notes that it is questionable at best whether, in light of the
11 evidence presented by defendants themselves regarding the care and medical treatment they
12 provided plaintiff along with evidence essentially repudiating the treatment they provided him,
13 whether defendants have met the initial burden of demonstrating that there is no genuine issue of
14 material fact with respect to the adequacy of the medical care provided to plaintiff. Even
15 assuming defendants had satisfied their initial burden, however, on defendants' motion for
16 summary judgment the court is required to believe plaintiff's evidence and draw all reasonable
17 inferences from the facts before the court in plaintiff's favor. Drawing all reasonable inferences
18 in plaintiff's favor, the court finds that plaintiff has clearly submitted sufficient evidence to create
19 a genuine issue of material fact with respect to his claim that defendants Bick, Andreasen,
20 Khoury, Donahue, and Thomas responded to his serious medical needs with deliberate
21 indifference. The court also does find, however, that plaintiff has failed to submit sufficient
22 evidence to create a genuine issue of material fact with respect to his claim that defendant
23 Moreno responded to his serious medical needs with deliberate indifference. See Farmer, 511
24 U.S. at 834; Estelle, 429 U.S. at 106.

25 First, as to defendant Bick, it is undisputed that defendant Bick rejected or modified some
26 of plaintiff's treating physicians' medical recommendations recommending cell housing for him. As noted
27 above, on March 9, 2004, Dr. Crapotta, an ophthalmologist, recommended dark glasses and
28 window tint in plaintiff's housing, but defendant Bick only approved dark glasses and not cell

1 housing with window tint for plaintiff. (Defs.' Ex. C., Hinman-Seabrooks Decl., HS229.)

2 Similarly, on May 16, 2005, Dr. Capozzoli, a neurologist, recommended cell housing for plaintiff,
3 but defendant Bick changed Dr. Capozzoli's "recommendation" to a "request" for cell housing,
4 which authorized custody staff to assign plaintiff to a cell or dormitory based on custody and
5 institutional safety requirements. (Defs.' Ex. D, Barnett Decl., BB545.)

6 Again, as defense counsel argues, a mere difference of opinion between doctors does not
7 give rise to liability on a § 1983 claim. See Snow, 681 F.3d 987. Ultimately, defense counsel
8 may prove this case is simply about that. On the other hand, plaintiff may well be able to
9 establish that this is instead a case in which defendant Bick deliberately ignored plaintiff's
10 treating physicians' medical chronos recommending cell housing for him. It is well established
11 that deliberate indifference may be shown when prison officials ignore express orders from a
12 prisoner's treating physician. See Estelle, 429 U.S. at 104-05 (deliberate indifference may
13 manifest "by prison doctors in their response to the prisoner's needs or by prison guards in
14 intentionally denying or delaying access to medical care or intentionally interfering with the
15 treatment once prescribed"); Snow, 681 F.3d at 988 (non-treating, non-specialist physicians may
16 have been deliberately indifferent to prisoner's needs when they repeatedly denied outside
17 specialists' recommendations for hip-replacement surgery); Jett, 439 F.3d at 1097-98 (prison
18 doctor may have been deliberately indifferent to a prisoner's medical needs when he decided not
19 to request an orthopedic consultation as the prisoner's emergency room doctor had previously
20 ordered); Lopez v. Smith, 203 F.3d 1122, 1132 (9th Cir. 2000) (a prisoner may establish
21 deliberate indifference by showing that a prison official intentionally interfered with his medical
22 treatment); Wakefield v. Thompson, 177 F.3d 1160, 1165 & n.6 (9th Cir. 1999) ("a prison official
23 acts with deliberate indifference when he ignores the instructions of the prisoner's treating
24 physician or surgeon.").

25 Thus, based on the record in this case, the court finds that a reasonable jury could
26 conclude that defendant Bick was deliberately indifferent to plaintiff's serious medical needs and
27 therefore, defendant Bick is not entitled to summary judgment with respect to plaintiff's Eighth
28 Amendment claim.

1 As to defendants Andreasen, Khoury, and Donahue, it is undisputed that these defendants
2 (as well as defendant Bick) were involved in denying plaintiff's administrative grievances
3 regarding his requests for medical chronos for cell housing. (Sec. Am. Compl. Attachs. 2E, 2H.)
4 Defense counsel is correct that inmates have no separate constitutional right to a prison grievance
5 or appeal system. See Ramirez v. Galaza, 334 F.3d 850, 860 (9th Cir. 2003); Mann v. Adams,
6 855 F.2d 639, 640 (9th Cir. 1988). However, defense counsel goes too far in arguing that
7 defendants Andreasen, Khoury, and Donahue could not provide plaintiff any remedy through the
8 administrative grievance process because defendant Bick did nothing wrong in denying plaintiff's
9 requests for medical chronos for cell housing. For the reasons discussed above, whether
10 defendant Bick's decision to deny plaintiff's requests for medical chronos for cell housing was
11 medically acceptable remains a question of fact for the jury. If plaintiff can establish that
12 defendant Bick was deliberately indifferent to his serious medical needs in denying those
13 requests, he may well also be able to establish defendants Andreasen, Khoury, and Donahue are
14 similarly liable. See, e.g., Uriarte v. Schwarzenegger, No. 06cv1558-MMA (WMC), 2011 WL
15 4945232 at *6 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 18, 2011) ("[A] plaintiff may establish liability on the part of
16 defendants involved in the administrative grievance process under the Eighth Amendment by
17 alleging that his appeal put the defendants on notice that he had a serious medical need that was
18 not being met, and that their denial therefore constituted deliberate indifference."); Kunkel v. Dill,
19 No. 1:09-cv-00686-LJO-SKO PC, 2010 WL 3718942 at *1 (E.D. Cal. Sept. 15, 2010) ("Plaintiff,
20 here, has alleged sufficient facts that plausibly support the conclusion that Defendant Pfeiffer,
21 despite having no medical training, was aware that the denial of Plaintiff's administrative appeal
22 requesting medical treatment exposed Plaintiff to an excessive risk of harm."); Herrera v. Hall,
23 No. 1:08-cv-01882-LJO-SKO PC, 2010 WL 2791586 at *4 (E.D. Cal. July 14, 2010) ("[I]f there
24 is an ongoing constitutional violation and the appeals coordinator had the authority and
25 opportunity to prevent the ongoing violation, a plaintiff may be able to establish liability by
26 alleging that the appeals coordinator knew about an impending violation and failed to prevent
27 it.").

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1 Based on the evidence submitted on the pending motion, the undersigned finds that a
2 reasonable jury could conclude that defendants Andreasen, Khoury, and Donahue were
3 deliberately indifferent to plaintiff's serious medical needs and therefore, these defendants are not
4 entitled to summary judgment in their favor with respect to plaintiff's Eighth Amendment claims.

5 As to defendant Thomas, it is undisputed that on December 13, 2005, plaintiff moved
6 from Wing P-1 to Wing H-3. (Def's.' Ex. E, Weaver Declaration.) According to plaintiff's
7 version of events, on that date, defendant Thomas called him and fellow inmate Espinoza into the
8 P-1 office to discuss the fact that the P-1 Dorm was closing. During the discussion, plaintiff tried
9 to show defendant Thomas his medical chrono authored by Dr. Capozzoli recommending that
10 plaintiff receive cell housing rather than dormitory housing because a dormitory is "less
11 conducive to accommodating his . . . medical needs." However, defendant Thomas replied, "I
12 don't care what that says." (Sec. Am. Compl., Pl.'s Decl. at 5.)

13 It is well established that deliberate indifference may be shown where a defendant
14 purposefully ignores or fails to respond to a possible serious medical need. See McGuckin, 974
15 F.2d at 1060. Viewing the facts in light most favorable to plaintiff, the court simply cannot
16 determine to what extent defendant Thomas knew of and disregarded plaintiff's serious medical
17 needs. Thus, based on the evidence presented on summary judgment in this case, the court finds
18 that a reasonable jury could conclude that defendant Thomas was deliberately indifferent to
19 plaintiff's serious medical need and therefore, defendant Thomas is not entitled to summary
20 judgment on plaintiff's Eighth Amendment claim.

21 Finally, the court will address the pending motion for summary judgment as to defendant
22 Moreno. As noted above, the court finds that plaintiff has not come forward with sufficient
23 evidence on summary judgment to raise a genuine issue of material fact with respect to his claim
24 that defendant Moreno violated plaintiff's rights under the Eighth Amendment. It is undisputed
25 that on January 27, 2005, plaintiff moved from Wing J-3 to Wing P-1, which had been converted
26 to a dormitory. According to plaintiff, defendant Moreno was directly involved in causing
27 plaintiff to suffer because on that same day, defendant Moreno authored a memorandum that
28 ordered staff to leave the lights on from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. to ensure adequate safety for staff

1 and inmates and institutional security. (Sec. Am. Compl. at 7-8 & Ex. 30.) However, at the time
2 defendant Moreno issued his memorandum, he did not know that plaintiff was assigned to a
3 dorm, and plaintiff admittedly had not had any personal conversations with defendant Moreno
4 regarding his alleged inability to tolerate light. (Defs.' Ex. L & Pl.'s Dep. RT 120:22-25.) Of
5 course, "prison officials who lacked knowledge of a risk cannot be said to have inflicted
6 punishment." Farmer, 511 U.S. at 844.

7 Moreover, even assuming for the sake of argument that defendant Moreno was aware of
8 plaintiff's presence in the dorm and knew about plaintiff's serious medical conditions as plaintiff
9 contends, under the terms of plaintiff's medical chrono at the time, defendant Moreno was not
10 required to provide plaintiff with cell housing or window tint. Nor did the chrono issued to
11 plaintiff suggest that he could not otherwise be subjected to general lighting in his housing for
12 medical reasons. Dr. Crapotta had authored the medical chrono at issue. Although the medical
13 chrono originally stated that plaintiff should "have window tint as consistent with California
14 Medical Facility regulations," defendant Bick had lined through that portion of the chrono
15 regarding window tint and wrote "only CMF approved dark glasses." (Defs. Ex. C. Hinman-
16 Seabrooks Decl., Attach. 1 HS229.)

17 Plaintiff has come forward with no evidence on summary judgment to show that
18 defendant Moreno had the authority to ignore defendant Bick's modifications to the chrono. In
19 this regard, insofar as defendant Moreno was aware of plaintiff's presence in the dorm and
20 plaintiff's medical chrono, his decision to issue the memorandum regarding lighting and
21 implicitly abide by defendant Bick's modifications of the chrono and not the original
22 recommendation by Dr. Crapotta, at most constituted neglect or indifference and not deliberate
23 indifference. See McGuckin, 974 F.2d at 1060 ("A finding that the defendant's neglect was an
24 'isolated occurrence' or an 'isolated exception,' . . . militates against a finding of deliberate
25 indifference"); Wood, 900 F.2d at 1334 ("In determining deliberate indifference, we scrutinize
26 the particular facts and look for substantial indifference in the individual case, indicating more
27 than mere negligence or isolated occurrences of neglect."). Based on the evidence submitted at
28 the summary judgment stage of these proceedings, the court finds that a reasonable jury could not

1 conclude that defendant Moreno was deliberately indifferent to plaintiff's serious medical needs
2 and therefore concludes that defendant Moreno is entitled to summary judgment in his favor as to
3 plaintiff's Eighth Amendment claim.

4 In short, based on the evidence presented in connection with the pending cross-motions
5 for summary judgment, the court finds that a reasonable juror could conclude that defendants
6 Bick, Andreasen, Khoury, Donahue, and Thomas (but not defendant Moreno) were deliberately
7 indifferent to plaintiff's serious medical needs and therefore did violate his rights under the
8 Eighth Amendment. Accordingly, defendants' motion for summary judgment on plaintiff's
9 Eighth Amendment claims should be denied as to Bick, Thomas, Andreasen, Khoury, and
10 Donahue and granted as to defendant Moreno.

11 II. Plaintiff's ADA Claims

12 Next, the court will address the parties' cross- motions for summary judgment with
13 respect to plaintiff's ADA claims. As an initial matter, the Ninth Circuit has held that the
14 "deliberate indifference" standard applies to claims for intentional discrimination under Title II of
15 the ADA. See Duvall v. County of Kitsap, 260 F.3d 1124, 1138 (9th Cir. 2001). In this regard,
16 the Ninth Circuit has stated that "[d]eliberate indifference requires both knowledge that a harm to
17 a federally protected right is substantially likely, and a failure to act upon that likelihood." Id. at
18 1139.

19 As to plaintiff's motion for summary judgment on his ADA claims, for the same reasons
20 discussed above with respect to his Eighth Amendment claims, the court finds that plaintiff has
21 failed to meet his initial burden of demonstrating that the defendants intentionally discriminated
22 against him because of a disability or disabilities. Moreover, even if plaintiff had met his initial
23 burden, the court finds that the defendants have come forward with sufficient evidence on
24 summary judgment to create a genuine issue of material fact with respect to plaintiff's claim that
25 they intentionally discriminated against him based on a disability or disabilities. In addition to
26 the evidence described above, defendants have submitted evidence on summary judgment
27 demonstrating that, in late December 2004 and into 2005, CMF had to appropriately house an
28 influx of inmates serving life prison terms with close-custody designations in cells during

1 ongoing remedial actions undertaken in Coleman v. Schwarzenegger, et al, No. 2:90-cv-0520
2 LKK JFM P. (Defs.' Ex. K, Thomas Interrog. Resp. No. 1.) Close custody inmates are those
3 whose case factors indicate a need for close supervision, and state regulations require that close
4 custody inmates be housed in cells to ensure institutional security and public safety. (Id.)
5 According to defendants' evidence, because plaintiff was a Medium A custody inmate, and not
6 because of a disability, he was among a group of Medium A custody inmates who were moved
7 from cells to dorms to make room for close custody inmates and Medium A custody inmates
8 designated for single cells. Indeed, even plaintiff himself acknowledges that defendants moved
9 him from cell housing to dorm housing at least in part based on his Medium A custody level.
10 (Pl.'s Mot. for Summ. J., SUDF 21.) Accordingly, plaintiff's motion for summary judgment with
11 respect to his ADA claims should be denied.

12 Turning now to defendants' motion for summary judgment on plaintiff's ADA claims,
13 defense counsel argues that plaintiff's request for injunctive relief is now moot because plaintiff
14 has been housed in a cell with tinted windows for the last seven years. The defendants have not,
15 however, come forward with any evidence establishing why plaintiff has been so housed, whether
16 that housing assignment was made based upon the preliminary injunction previously issued in
17 plaintiff's earlier action in this court or whether that housing assignment will or is likely to
18 continue unchanged. Defendants have therefore not satisfied their burden on summary judgment
19 in this regard.

20 Defense counsel also argues that defendants are entitled to summary judgment on
21 plaintiff's claim for damages under the ADA because plaintiff has not shown that the defendants
22 intentionally discriminated against him. However, as discussed above, this court finds that
23 plaintiff has submitted sufficient evidence on summary judgment to create a genuine issue of
24 material fact with respect to his claim that defendants Bick, Andreasen, Khoury, Donahue, and
25 Thomas responded to his serious medical needs with deliberate indifference and/or intentionally
26 discriminated against him. Under plaintiff's version of events, supported by some evidence,
27 plaintiff informed defendants Bick, Andreasen, Khoury, Donahue, and Thomas of his medical
28 chronos recommending cell housing for him, but they deliberately made the decision to

1 “accommodate” his disability(s) by housing him in a dormitory setting with dark glasses and
2 draping. Viewing the facts in the light most favorable to plaintiff, a reasonable jury could
3 conclude that defendants Bick, Andreasen, Khoury, Donahue, and Thomas thereby intentionally
4 discriminated against plaintiff. Accordingly, defendants’ motion for summary judgment on
5 plaintiff’s claim for damages under the ADA should be denied.

6 III. Plaintiff’s Request for Injunctive Relief Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983

7 The court now turns to defense counsel’s contention that most of plaintiff’s requests for
8 injunctive relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 should be denied. By way of background, in the
9 prayer for relief section of plaintiff’s second amended complaint, plaintiff asks the court to issue a
10 permanent injunction that requires defendants to ensure that: (1) he remains in cell housing with
11 tinted windows for the duration of his incarceration; (2) he receives a diabetic diet; (3) he has a
12 personal glucometer in his cell; (4) he is allowed cotton blankets in his cell; (5) he has egg-crate
13 mattress pads as needed for use in his cell; (6) he receives daily showers while incarcerated; (7)
14 he receives his meals in-cell while incarcerated; and (8) he is not placed in areas that are brightly
15 lit beyond what he can tolerate in his cell during cell or unit searches. (Sec. Am. Compl. at 20.)

16 Defense counsel argues that plaintiff’s enumerated requests (2) through (8) lack merit. In
17 opposition to their motion, plaintiff reiterates by reference to his second amended complaint that
18 prison officials and not his attending physicians have made a number of medical decisions with
19 respect to these items and services that directly affect him. In this regard, he alleges that in 1998,
20 departmental headquarters made a decision to replace diabetic diets with nourishment bags. In
21 addition, he alleges that he received approval for a personal glucometer in his cell to test his
22 blood sugar levels, but departmental headquarters denied it “as a threat to nurses’ job security.”
23 Plaintiff also alleges that he has a wool blanket allergy and has had prescriptions for egg-crate
24 mattress pads, daily showers, and in-cell feeding, but prison officials have determined that
25 blankets, mattress pads, showers, and the “meals on wheels” program are non-medical and are
26 part of custody staff programs. (Pl.’s Sec. Am. Compl. at 9-10.)

27 Insofar as plaintiff is seeking relief under the Eighth Amendment for a diabetic diet,
28 personal glucometer, cotton blankets, egg-crate mattress pads, daily showers, in-cell meal service,

1 and prohibition on his placement in brightly lit areas during cell or unit searches, such relief
2 should be denied. Specifically, to the extent that plaintiff has even alleged that defendants had
3 any involvement with these decisions, plaintiff has not adequately alleged, let alone presented any
4 evidence establishing, that the decisions in question rise to the level of an Eighth Amendment
5 violation. See Rhodes v. Chapman, 452 U.S. 337, 347 (1981) (only those deprivations denying
6 “the minimal civilized measure of life’s necessities” are sufficiently grave to form the basis of an
7 Eighth Amendment violation.”).

8 As to plaintiff’s request for a diabetic diet, plaintiff has not alleged that any specific
9 defendants were responsible for the decision replacing diabetic diets with nourishment bags. Nor
10 has plaintiff presented any evidence demonstrating that the meals he receives are inadequate for
11 purposes of his medical needs. As to his personal glucometer, again, plaintiff has not alleged that
12 any specific defendants were responsible for the decision denying him a personal glucometer. In
13 addition, although there is no dispute that plaintiff needs periodic blood glucose checks, there is
14 also no dispute that medical staff monitors his blood glucose at the B-1 Clinic. Plaintiff has not
15 come forward with any evidence showing how staff monitoring at the B-1 Clinic is inadequate for
16 purposes of his medical needs. As to the cotton blankets, egg-crate mattress pads, daily showers,
17 and in-cell feeding, as defense counsel observes, plaintiff does not complain that prison officials
18 have denied him these items and services. Rather, plaintiff complains about the manner in which
19 he receives those items, that is, through custody staff approval and not by medical chrono.
20 However, once more, plaintiff has not demonstrated that the process of obtaining these items and
21 services is inadequate for purposes of his medical needs. Finally, as to plaintiff’s request to not
22 be placed in brightly lit areas during cell or unit searches, there is no dispute that plaintiff has a
23 medical chrono that states he should not be placed in situations where he will be unnecessarily
24 subjected to bright lights for prolonged periods of time. Plaintiff has not shown that his existing
25 chrono is inadequate for purposes of his medical needs.

26 In short, based on the evidence submitted on summary judgment, the undersigned finds
27 that plaintiff’s enumerated requests (2) through (8) for injunctive relief are unsupported and
28 should be denied. Accordingly, defendants’ motion for summary judgment on these aspects of

1 plaintiff's request for injunctive relief should be granted.

2 **IV. Qualified Immunity**

3 Finally, the court will address defense counsel's contention that the defendants are entitled
4 to qualified immunity on plaintiff's Eighth Amendment claims. Again, viewing the facts of this
5 case in the light most favorable to the plaintiff, defendants Bick, Andreasen, Khoury, Donahue,
6 and Thomas violated plaintiff's constitutional rights. As discussed above, deliberate indifference
7 may be shown when prison officials ignore express orders from treating physicians and when
8 prison officials purposefully ignore or fail to respond to a possible medical need. See Estelle, 429
9 U.S. at 104-05; McGuckin, 974 F.2d at 1060.

10 Moreover, by December 17, 2004, the date plaintiff transferred from cell housing to
11 dormitory housing, "the general law regarding the medical treatment of prisoners was clearly
12 established," and "it was also clearly established that [prison staff] could not intentionally deny or
13 delay access to medical care." Clement v. Gomez, 298 F.3d 898, 906 (9th Cir. 2002). In this
14 regard, defendants should have known that by failing to provide plaintiff with cell housing with
15 tinted windows as prescribed by his treating physicians violated his rights under the Eighth
16 Amendment. Accordingly, defendants' motion for summary judgment based on the affirmative
17 defense of qualified immunity should be denied.

18 **OTHER MATTERS**

19 Defense counsel has submitted various objections to plaintiff's evidence. Insofar as
20 defendant's objections are relevant to the court's disposition of the pending cross-motions as set
21 forth herein, they are overruled. It would be an abuse of discretion to refuse to consider evidence
22 offered by a pro se plaintiff at the summary judgment stage. See, e.g., Jones v. Blanas, 393 F.3d
23 918, 935 (9th Cir. 2004) (reversing and remanding with instructions to consider evidence offered
24 by the pro se plaintiff in his objections to the findings and recommendations).

25 **CONCLUSION**

26 For all of the foregoing reasons, IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that:

- 27 1. Plaintiff's renewed motion for summary judgment (Doc. No. 76) be denied;

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1 2. Defendants' motion for summary judgment (Doc. No. 68) be granted in part and
2 denied in part as follows:

3 a. Defendants' motion for summary judgment on plaintiff's Eighth Amendment
4 claims be granted as to defendant Moreno but denied as to defendants Bick, Andreasen, Khoury,
5 Donahue, and Thomas;

6 b. Defendants' motion for summary judgment on plaintiff's request for injunctive
7 relief under ADA be denied;

8 c. Defendants' motion for summary judgment on plaintiff's claim for damages
9 under ADA be denied;

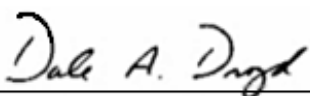
10 d. Defendants' motion for summary judgment on plaintiff's request for injunctive
11 relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for a diabetic diet, personal glucometer, cotton blankets, egg-
12 crate mattress pads, daily showers, in-cell meals, and prohibition on his temporary placement in
13 brightly lit areas during cell or unit searches be granted; and

14 e. Defendants' motion for summary judgment based on the affirmative defense of
15 qualified immunity be denied.

16 These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District
17 Judge assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within fourteen
18 days after being served with these findings and recommendations, any party may file written
19 objections with the court and serve a copy on all parties. Such a document should be captioned
20 "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendations." Any reply to the objections
21 shall be served and filed within seven days after service of the objections. The parties are advised
22 that failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the District
23 Court's order. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).

24 Dated: October 10, 2013

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE