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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

STEVEN GEORGE HARPER,

No. CIV S-10-2819-CMK

Plaintiff,

vs.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,

Defendant.

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Plaintiff, who is proceeding with retained counsel, brings this action for judicial review of a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Pursuant to the written consent of all parties, this case is before the undersigned as the presiding judge for all purposes, including entry of final judgment. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Pending before the court are plaintiff’s motion for summary judgment (Doc. 24) and defendant’s cross-motion for summary judgment (Doc. 28).

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1 **I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

2 Plaintiff applied for social security benefits on June 18, 2008. In the application,
3 plaintiff claims that disability began on March 12, 2008. Plaintiff claims that disability is caused
4 by a combination of “. . .severe L5-S1 foraminal stenosis, moderate left-sided L5-S1 foraminal
5 stenosis, degenerative disc disease, obesity, sleep apnea, and bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome.”
6 Plaintiff claims these impairments give rise to “. . .debilitating symptoms including chronic pain,
7 lift/carry limitations, sit/stand/walk limitations, manipulative limitations, difficulty sleeping at
8 night, daytime somnolence, and the need for day time naps.” Plaintiff’s claim was initially
9 denied. Following denial of reconsideration, plaintiff requested an administrative hearing, which
10 was held on December 1, 2009, before Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) L. Kalei Fong. In an
11 April 21, 2010, decision, the ALJ concluded that plaintiff is not disabled based on the following
12 relevant findings:

- 13 1. The claimant has the following severe impairments: lumbar degenerative
14 disc disease, sleep apnea, left knee bursitis, left shoulder impingement, and
15 mild bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome;
- 16 2. The claimant does not have an impairment or combination of impairments
17 that meets or medically equals one of the impairments listed in the
18 regulations;
- 19 3. The claimant has the residual functional capacity to perform light work;
20 specifically, the claimant can lift or carry 20 pounds occasionally, 10
21 pounds frequently; stand, walk, and sit (with normal breaks) about 6 hours
22 in an 8-hour work day; his ability to push or pull is unlimited in the lower
23 extremities and he is able to climb (but no ladders, ropes, or scaffolds); he
24 can also balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, and crawl on an occasional basis;
25 he is limited to occasional overhead reaching with the left upper extremity
26 and he can occasionally perform gross and fine manipulation with both
hands; he has no other manipulative, visual, communicative, or
environmental limitations; and
4. Considering the claimant’s age, education, work experience, residual
functional capacity, and vocational expert testimony, there are jobs that
exist in significant numbers in the national economy that the claimant can
perform.

After the Appeals Council declined review on August 17, 2010, this appeal followed.

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1 **II. SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE**

2 The certified administrative record (“CAR”) contains the following relevant
3 evidence, summarized chronologically below:¹

4 July 26, 2008 – Agency examining doctor Kenneth Johnson, M.D., reported on a
5 comprehensive orthopedic evaluation. Plaintiff listed low back pain, bilateral hand pain, left
6 neck and shoulder pain, and left knee pain as his chief complaints. Dr. Johnson reported the
7 following history:

8 The claimant is a 48-year-old white male, who was employed in the
9 roofing business for over 20 years. He presented with multiple
10 complaints, as noted above, from prolonged work activities and other
injuries. The claimant stated that he continued in the roofing business
until March 11th [2008]. His symptoms have precluded continued work.

11 The doctor noted that, despite plaintiff’s pain symptoms, “the claimant is still independent with
12 mobility, self care, and activities of daily living, without an assistive device or need for durable
13 medical equipment.” At the time of the evaluation, plaintiff’s only medication was over-the-
14 counter Tylenol. Plaintiff was taking no prescription medication for any condition. Following an
15 objective evaluation, Dr. Johnson provided the following functional assessment:

16 The claimant can be expected to stand and walk for at least six hours
17 during an eight-hour workday, with postural adjustments needed for the
back and knee.

18 The claimant can be expected to sit without restrictions, with postural
19 adjustments needed for the back and knee.

20 The claimant is safe to ambulate without an assistive device.

21 The claimant can lift and carry 10 pounds or less frequently and 20 to 25
22 pounds occasionally. The claimant should be able to lift 50 pounds and
100 pounds occasionally without carrying.

23 The claimant can perform occasional bending, stooping, and crouching.

24 The claimant can perform occasional reaching, handling, feeling, grasping,
and fingering of items.

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26 ¹ The court adopts plaintiff’s summary of the treatment records, which is not
repeated here.

1 The claimant has no relevant visual, communicative, or workplace
2 environmental limitations.

3 August 21, 2008 – Agency consultative doctor H. Crowhurst, M.D., submitted a
4 physical residual functional capacity assessment. Dr. Crowhurst opined that plaintiff could
5 occasionally lift and carry 20 pounds and frequently lift and carry 10 pounds. Plaintiff could
6 sit/stand/walk for six hours in an eight-hour workday. Plaintiff’s ability to push/pull was found
7 to be unlimited. In support of these findings, the doctor cited “[c]hronic back pain, left knee
8 pain, left shoulder impingement.” Plaintiff could occasionally perform all postural activities,
9 except he should never balance. As to manipulative limitations, Dr. Crowhurst concluded that
10 plaintiff was limited in his ability to reach in all directions, handle, and finger. Plaintiff’s feeling
11 ability was unlimited. The doctor explained that plaintiff was capable of occasional overhead
12 reaching with the left upper extremity, and occasional gross and fine manipulation with both
13 hands. No visual, environmental, or communicative limitations were noted.

14 October 2, 2008 – Plaintiff submitted an Exertion Questionnaire. He stated that
15 he lives in a house with his life-long partner. As to things he does on an average day, plaintiff
16 stated:

17 When I try to vacuum or do dishes I have to sit down a lot. It
18 makes my lower back hurt. It hurts to the point that it makes it unable to
do them. I have to go and sit on the couch.

19 Plaintiff stated that he experiences low back pain if he walks even one block. Plaintiff stated that
20 he cannot climb stairs and can only lift very light items, though he stated that he carries his
21 groceries. As to yard work, plaintiff stated that he only turns on the sprinklers and that he is
22 unable to do any other yard chores since his disability began. He added that he sleeps poorly and
23 often has to take naps during the day. He did not state whether or not he used assistive devices.
24 Finally, plaintiff stated:

25 . . .[M]y condition is getting worse with every day. The pain is
26 unbearable at times. It makes it impossible for me to do any kind of work.

1 Bowen, 879 F.2d 498, 501 (9th Cir. 1989). If substantial evidence supports the administrative
2 findings, or if there is conflicting evidence supporting a particular finding, the finding of the
3 Commissioner is conclusive. See Sprague v. Bowen, 812 F.2d 1226, 1229-30 (9th Cir. 1987).
4 Therefore, where the evidence is susceptible to more than one rational interpretation, one of
5 which supports the Commissioner's decision, the decision must be affirmed, see Thomas v.
6 Barnhart, 278 F.3d 947, 954 (9th Cir. 2002), and may be set aside only if an improper legal
7 standard was applied in weighing the evidence, see Burkhart v. Bowen, 856 F.2d 1335, 1338 (9th
8 Cir. 1988).

10 IV. DISCUSSION

11 In his motion for summary judgment, plaintiff argues: (1) the ALJ failed to
12 develop the record; (2) the Appeals Council failed to properly evaluate new evidence; (3) the
13 ALJ failed to evaluate plaintiff's obesity; (4) the ALJ improperly rejected plaintiff's testimony as
14 not credible; and (5) the ALJ improperly relied on vocational expert testimony which was not
15 based on an accurate description of plaintiff's limitations.

16 A. Duty to Develop the Record

17 The ALJ has an independent duty to fully and fairly develop the record and assure
18 that the claimant's interests are considered. See Tonapetyan v. Halter, 242 F.3d 1144, 1150 (9th
19 Cir. 2001). When the claimant is not represented by counsel, this duty requires the ALJ to be
20 especially diligent in seeking all relevant facts. See id. This requires the ALJ to "scrupulously
21 and conscientiously probe into, inquire of, and explore for all the relevant facts." Cox v.
22 Califano, 587 F.2d 988, 991 (9th Cir. 1978). Ambiguous evidence or the ALJ's own finding that
23 the record is inadequate triggers this duty. See Tonapetyan, 242 F.3d at 1150. The ALJ may
24 discharge the duty to develop the record by subpoenaing the claimant's physicians, submitting
25 questions to the claimant's physicians, continuing the hearing, or keeping the record open after
26 the hearing to allow for supplementation of the record. See id. (citing Tidwell v. Apfel, 161 F.3d

1 599, 602 (9th Cir. 1998)).

2 Plaintiff argues: “Despite the state of the opinion evidence, the ALJ failed to order
3 an updated consultative examination in order to fully develop the record regarding Mr. Harper’s
4 RFC in light of the medical treatment and radiological evidence generated after Drs. Johnson and
5 Crowhurst had formulated their RFC opinions.” The court does not agree that error occurred.
6 The duty to develop the record is triggered only where the existing evidence is either ambiguous
7 or inadequate. Such was not the case here. The evidence of record at the time of the
8 administrative hearing was clear and adequate to allow the ALJ to make a disability
9 determination.²

10 **B. Evaluation by Appeals Council**

11 Plaintiff argues that the Appeals Council erred by summarily rejecting the
12 opinions of Dr. Damazo, which were submitted for the first time in connection with plaintiff’s
13 appeal from the hearing decision. According to plaintiff: “Given the nature of the new evidence,
14 and the fact that neither of the physicians’ opinions upon which the ALJ relied were informed by
15 the 2008 MRI evidence and any of the medical evidence after August of 2008 , the Appeal
16 Council should have afforded the ALJ an opportunity to evaluate the new evidence, and if
17 necessary develop the record by ordering an updated consultative examination. . . .” Defendant
18 argues that the Appeals Council is only required to review a case upon submission of new
19 evidence not originally before the ALJ when the Appeal Council finds that the ALJ’s decision is
20 contrary to the weight of the evidence as a whole, including the new evidence. Defendant states
21 that, because the Appeals Council concluded that the late-submitted evidence did not render the
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23 ² As discussed below, plaintiff did in fact submit additional evidence to the Appeals
24 Council as part of his appeal from the ALJ’s hearing decision. Thus, to the extent post-hearing
25 evidence existed that the ALJ did not review, such evidence was adduced to the Appeals Council
26 which concluded that the new evidence did not alter the ALJ’s analysis. Therefore, even though
the ALJ did not consider certain pieces of post-hearing evidence, the Appeals Council did. In
other words, plaintiff had the opportunity to develop the record himself by submitting the post-
hearing evidence to the Appeals Council for its review.

1 ALJ's hearing decision contrary to the entire record, it properly considered Dr. Damazo's
2 opinions.

3 The court agrees with defendant. Specifically, a review of Dr. Damazo's January
4 and May 2010 documents reveals that the doctor merely recited plaintiff's subjective complaints
5 without offering his own medical opinion based on minimal, if any, subjective findings. Where
6 subjective findings are noted (i.e., in the May 2010 letter), no opinion as to the effect of these
7 findings on plaintiff's ability to work is rendered. There simply was nothing in Dr. Damazo's
8 2010 documents which undermined the ALJ's hearing decision.

9 **C. Plaintiff's Obesity**

10 In 1999, obesity was removed from the Listing of Impairments.³ Obesity may still
11 enter into a multiple impairment analysis, but "only by dint of its impact upon the claimant's
12 musculoskeletal, respiratory, or cardiovascular system." Celaya v. Halter, 332 F.3d 1177, 1181
13 n.1 (9th Cir. 2003). Thus, as part of his duty to develop the record, the ALJ is required to
14 consider obesity in a multiple impairment analysis, but only where it is "clear from the record
15 that [the plaintiff's] obesity . . . could exacerbate her reported illnesses." Id. at 1182; see also
16 Burch v. Barnhart, 400 F.3d 676, 682 (9th Cir. 2005) (distinguishing Celaya and concluding that
17 a multiple impairment analysis is not required where "the medical record is silent as to whether
18 and how claimant's obesity might have exacerbated her condition" and "the claimant did not
19 present any testimony or other evidence . . . that her obesity impaired her ability to work").

20 Plaintiff argues that, despite evidence in the record that he is obese, and despite
21 the ALJ's statement that he was not reducing his weight as instructed by his doctors, "the ALJ
22 failed to discuss what, if any, additional impact Mr. Harper's obesity had on his ability to
23 perform sustained work activity." As in Burch, the court finds no error because plaintiff has not
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25 ³ Under SSR 02-01p, a person with body mass index ("BMI") of 30 or above is
26 considered obese. BMI is the ratio of an individual's weight in kilograms to the square of height
in meters (weight divided by square of height).

1 presented any evidence indicating that his weight impairs his ability to work. While treating
2 doctors have advised plaintiff to reduce his weight, there is no evidence that any doctor opined
3 that plaintiff's weight was having a negative impact on his ability to work.

4 **D. Plaintiff's Credibility**

5 The Commissioner determines whether a disability applicant is credible, and the
6 court defers to the Commissioner's discretion if the Commissioner used the proper process and
7 provided proper reasons. See Saelee v. Chater, 94 F.3d 520, 522 (9th Cir. 1996). An explicit
8 credibility finding must be supported by specific, cogent reasons. See Rashad v. Sullivan, 903
9 F.2d 1229, 1231 (9th Cir. 1990). General findings are insufficient. See Lester v. Chater, 81 F.3d
10 821, 834 (9th Cir. 1995). Rather, the Commissioner must identify what testimony is not credible
11 and what evidence undermines the testimony. See id. Moreover, unless there is affirmative
12 evidence in the record of malingering, the Commissioner's reasons for rejecting testimony as not
13 credible must be "clear and convincing." See id.; see also Carmickle v. Commissioner, 533 F.3d
14 1155, 1160 (9th Cir. 2008) (citing Lingenfelter v Astrue, 504 F.3d 1028, 1936 (9th Cir. 2007),
15 and Gregor v. Barnhart, 464 F.3d 968, 972 (9th Cir. 2006)).

16 If there is objective medical evidence of an underlying impairment, the
17 Commissioner may not discredit a claimant's testimony as to the severity of symptoms merely
18 because they are unsupported by objective medical evidence. See Bunnell v. Sullivan, 947 F.2d
19 341, 347-48 (9th Cir. 1991) (en banc). As the Ninth Circuit explained in Smolen v. Chater:

20 The claimant need not produce objective medical evidence of the
21 [symptom] itself, or the severity thereof. Nor must the claimant produce
22 objective medical evidence of the causal relationship between the
23 medically determinable impairment and the symptom. By requiring that
24 the medical impairment "could reasonably be expected to produce" pain or
25 another symptom, the Cotton test requires only that the causal relationship
26 be a reasonable inference, not a medically proven phenomenon.

80 F.3d 1273, 1282 (9th Cir. 1996) (referring to the test established in
Cotton v. Bowen, 799 F.2d 1403 (9th Cir. 1986)).

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1 The Commissioner may, however, consider the nature of the symptoms alleged,
2 including aggravating factors, medication, treatment, and functional restrictions. See Bunnell,
3 947 F.2d at 345-47. In weighing credibility, the Commissioner may also consider: (1) the
4 claimant’s reputation for truthfulness, prior inconsistent statements, or other inconsistent
5 testimony; (2) unexplained or inadequately explained failure to seek treatment or to follow a
6 prescribed course of treatment; (3) the claimant’s daily activities; (4) work records; and (5)
7 physician and third-party testimony about the nature, severity, and effect of symptoms. See
8 Smolen, 80 F.3d at 1284 (citations omitted). It is also appropriate to consider whether the
9 claimant cooperated during physical examinations or provided conflicting statements concerning
10 drug and/or alcohol use. See Thomas v. Barnhart, 278 F.3d 947, 958-59 (9th Cir. 2002). If the
11 claimant testifies as to symptoms greater than would normally be produced by a given
12 impairment, the ALJ may disbelieve that testimony provided specific findings are made. See
13 Carmickle, 533 F.3d at 1161 (citing Swenson v. Sullivan, 876 F.2d 683, 687 (9th Cir. 1989)).

14 Regarding reliance on a claimant’s daily activities to find testimony of disabling
15 pain not credible, the Social Security Act does not require that disability claimants be utterly
16 incapacitated. See Fair v. Bowen, 885 F.2d 597, 602 (9th Cir. 1989). The Ninth Circuit has
17 repeatedly held that the “. . . mere fact that a plaintiff has carried out certain daily activities . . .
18 does not . . . [necessarily] detract from her credibility as to her overall disability.” See Orn v.
19 Astrue, 495 F.3d 625, 639 (9th Cir. 2007) (quoting Vertigan v. Heller, 260 F.3d 1044, 1050 (9th
20 Cir. 2001)); see also Howard v. Heckler, 782 F.2d 1484, 1488 (9th Cir. 1986) (observing that a
21 claim of pain-induced disability is not necessarily gainsaid by a capacity to engage in periodic
22 restricted travel); Gallant v. Heckler, 753 F.2d 1450, 1453 (9th Cir. 1984) (concluding that the
23 claimant was entitled to benefits based on constant leg and back pain despite the claimant’s
24 ability to cook meals and wash dishes); Fair, 885 F.2d at 603 (observing that “many home
25 activities are not easily transferable to what may be the more grueling environment of the
26 workplace, where it might be impossible to periodically rest or take medication”). Daily

1 activities must be such that they show that the claimant is “. . . able to spend a substantial part of
2 his day engaged in pursuits involving the performance of physical functions that are transferable
3 to a work setting.” Fair, 885 F.2d at 603. The ALJ must make specific findings in this regard
4 before relying on daily activities to find a claimant’s pain testimony not credible. See Burch v.
5 Barnhart, 400 F.3d 676, 681 (9th Cir. 2005).

6 Regarding plaintiff’s credibility, the ALJ stated:

7 The claimant testified that he is 48 years old, he earned a GED, and last
8 worked in the roofing industry from 1997 to 2008 but has not worked
9 since March 3, 2008. He lives with a friend. He has a history of
10 incarcerations. He was fired from his job when the pain in his hands got
11 bad. He indicated that he cannot work due to back, knee, hand numbness,
12 and left shoulder pain which prevents him from working. He has been
13 treating with Dr. Baron since September 2009 and he was treated by John
Stack, a physician’s assistant. He was also treated by Dr. Burke for
degenerative disc and arthritis. Methadone treatments have helped a little.
He also has sleep apnea which has not improved. He smokes one-half a
pack of cigarettes a day. He also declined epidural treatment and he has
had no physical therapy. Sometimes, he goes to the emergency room for
pain. Methadone is helping a little.

14 The claimant testified that his activities of daily living include waking up
15 at 8 a.m., taking methadone, sitting on the couch, watching television, and
16 he stopped driving about 6 months ago. His friend cooks and does the
17 chores and cleaning. It hurts his back and legs to walk and he had no
18 hobbies. He receives General Assistance/Relief which pays for the food
19 and rent. He testified that his hand numbness prevents him from doing
20 chores, using a computer for more than 3 or 4 minutes, he can sit for only
21 a few minutes, walk a block, lift 10 to 20 pounds 1 or 2 times, and he
22 sleeps about 4 hours a night because back pain wakes him up.
23 Accordingly, he is drowsy during the day and occasionally nods off to
24 sleep. Since July 2008 his back pain and hand numbness have gotten
25 worse.

26 After careful consideration of the evidence, the undersigned finds that the
claimant’s medically determinable impairments could reasonably be
expected to cause the alleged symptoms; however, the claimant’s
statements concerning the intensity, persistence, and limiting effects of
these symptoms are not credible to the extent they are inconsistent with the
above residual functional capacity assessment.

In terms of the claimant’s alleged back pain, I find him less than fully
credible. He was examined by a Board Certified physical medicine and
rehabilitation physician who opined that he remains independent with
mobility, self care, and activities of daily living (Ex. 2F/1). It was also
opined that the claimant retains a good residual functional capacity for

1 basic work activity (Ex. 2F/4). Although the claimant alleges to the
2 contrary (Ex. 1E; 6E), the undersigned finds no evidence of a need for
3 future back surgery, and the claimant has sought almost no emergency care
4 due to excess pain complaints. He testified that he is in constant pain but
5 he has turned down alternative forms of treatment to relieve pain and he
6 has not lost any weight since his alleged onset date against medical advice.
7 Treatment notes reflect that the claimant was not taking prescribed
8 medication, he was not doing prescribed range of motion or strengthening
9 exercises, and he was not reducing his weight against medical advice (Ex.
10 13F/3, 4). Although the undersigned partly credits the claimant's
11 allegations of pain, it is noted that the claimant was treated by a
12 neurosurgeon whose ultimate medical opinion did not include a surgical
13 option, there was no clinical or diagnostic radiculopathy, diagnosis
14 included only mild bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome, he opined that the
15 claimant has no peripheral neuropathy, and he observed no dynamic
16 instability on back flexion and extension (Ex. 11F). The undersigned finds
17 this reduces the claimant's credibility regarding the intensity of his
18 subjective pain allegations.

11 Plaintiff argues that none of the reasons cited by the ALJ for rejecting his testimony are
12 legitimate. First, he argues that the ALJ's statement that Dr. Johnson reported that plaintiff
13 remains independent with activities of daily living, mobility, and self-care mischaracterized the
14 doctor's report and that the ability to do such tasks at one's own pace does not necessarily
15 indicate an ability to perform work activities. Second, plaintiff argues that the ALJ misstated the
16 doctor's opinion by saying that Dr. Johnson concluded that plaintiff retains a "good residual
17 functional capacity for basic work activity." Third, plaintiff claims that the ALJ's finding that
18 there was no evidence of a need for future back surgery does not equate to an absence of
19 debilitating pain. Fourth, plaintiff states that, contrary to the ALJ's suggestion that he turned
20 down alternative forms of treatment because he was not in fact experiencing disabling pain,
21 alternative treatment was turned down because he could not afford it. Fifth, plaintiff argues that
22 his inability to loose weight does not undermine his credibility.

23 Interestingly, plaintiff does not address the ALJ's statement that "[t]reatment
24 notes reflect that the claimant was not taking prescribed medication" and that "he was not doing
25 prescribed range of motion or strengthening exercises." This is a valid basis for rejecting
26 plaintiff's testimony.

1 **E. Vocational Expert Testimony**

2 The ALJ may meet his burden under step five of the sequential analysis by
3 propounding to a vocational expert hypothetical questions based on medical assumptions,
4 supported by substantial evidence, that reflect all the plaintiff's limitations. See Roberts v.
5 Shalala, 66 F.3d 179, 184 (9th Cir. 1995). Specifically, where the Medical-Vocational
6 Guidelines are inapplicable because the plaintiff has sufficient non-exertional limitations, the
7 ALJ is required to obtain vocational expert testimony. See Burkhart v. Bowen, 587 F.2d 1335,
8 1341 (9th Cir. 1988).

9 Hypothetical questions posed to a vocational expert must set out all the
10 substantial, supported limitations and restrictions of the particular claimant. See Magallanes v.
11 Bowen, 881 F.2d 747, 756 (9th Cir. 1989). If a hypothetical does not reflect all the claimant's
12 limitations, the expert's testimony as to jobs in the national economy the claimant can perform
13 has no evidentiary value. See DeLorme v. Sullivan, 924 F.2d 841, 850 (9th Cir. 1991). While
14 the ALJ may pose to the expert a range of hypothetical questions based on alternate
15 interpretations of the evidence, the hypothetical that ultimately serves as the basis for the ALJ's
16 determination must be supported by substantial evidence in the record as a whole. See Embrey v.
17 Bowen, 849 F.2d 418, 422-23 (9th Cir. 1988).

18 Plaintiff's argument that the ALJ erred with respect to hypothetical questions
19 posed to the vocational expert is derivative of the credibility argument discussed above. Plaintiff
20 concludes that, had the ALJ properly assessed his credibility, the statements of debilitating pain
21 would have been accepted and such limitations should have been part of the hypothetical
22 questions posed to the vocational expert. The court, however, finds no error with respect to the
23 ALJ's credibility analysis.

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V. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the court concludes that the Commissioner's final decision is based on substantial evidence and proper legal analysis. Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment (Doc. 24) is denied;
2. Defendant's cross-motion for summary judgment (Doc. 28) is granted; and
3. The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment and close this file.

DATED: March 30, 2012



CRAIG M. KELLISON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE