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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ALAN RUEKERT,

No. C 05-03361 WHA

Plaintiff,

v.

ORDER OF REFERRAL

MERCK & CO., INC. and DOES 1 through 100,

Defendants.

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This action appears to be one of several cases currently pending in the Northern District of California involving the prescription drug VIOXX[®]. The earliest-filed action was *Guinta v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, Case No. C 04-5061 MHP. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-12(c), the Court refers this matter to Judge Marilyn H. Patel for the purpose of determining whether it is related as defined in Civil Local Rule 3-12(a).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 25, 2005



WILLIAM ALSUP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California