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

GARY MAGRATTEN,  
Plaintiff,

No. C 06-02371 WHA

v.

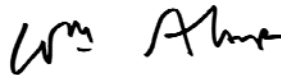
**ORDER OF REFERRAL**

MERCK & CO., INC.,  
Defendant.

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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: April 6, 2006



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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

United States District Court  
For the Northern District of California