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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**
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12 MICHELLE LOU, and others,

13 Plaintiffs,

14 v.

15 MA LABORATORIES, INC., and others,

16 Defendants.
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Case No. 12-cv-05409 WHA (NC)

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
SHORTEN TIME**

Re: Dkt. No. 210

18 Plaintiffs filed a motion to shorten the briefing schedule associated with their
19 simultaneously-filed proposed second motion for sanctions against defendants. The Court
20 GRANTS the motion to shorten time, however, the parties must meet and confer and
21 seriously attempt to resolve this issue out of court. The Court is not convinced that the
22 parties have taken advantage of the meet and confer process prior to plaintiffs' filing this
23 motion. Plaintiffs' declarations indicate that defendants were less than responsive to their
24 attempts to discuss the formatting issues with the Excel files, and that plaintiffs' outreach
25 was less than robust. Monetary sanctions aside, the crux of this dispute is who will spend
26 the time to reproduce the data in a useable format. The parties have the ability to resolve
27 this dispute themselves and are in the best position to reach an effective and efficient
28 solution.

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1 Defendants must oppose plaintiffs' motion for sanctions by August 19, 2013. In their
2 opposition, defendants must include an update of the meet and confer process and results.
3 No reply brief is necessary. The Court will hear the motion for sanctions on August 21,
4 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom A, 15th Floor, U.S. District Court, 450 Golden Gate
5 Avenue, San Francisco, California.

6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 Date: August 12, 2013

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10 Nathanael M. Cousins
11 United States Magistrate Judge
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