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

MAXIO ALVAREZ, et al., ) Case No. C 13-3116 SC  
Plaintiffs, )  
v. ) ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO STAY  
McKESSON CORPORATION, ) PROCEEDINGS PENDING TRANSFER  
SMITHKLINE BEECHAM CORPORATION )  
d/b/a GLAXOSMITHKLINE, and DOES )  
1-100, )  
Defendants. )  
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Now before the Court is Defendant GlaxoSmithKline LLC's ("Defendant") Motion to Stay All Proceedings Pending Transfer by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("JPML") to Multidistrict Litigation ("MDL") Docket No. 1871, In re Avandia Marketing Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation (the "Avandia MDL"). This case has been conditionally transferred to the Avandia MDL. The above-captioned Plaintiffs oppose that transfer and this motion, which is fully briefed and appropriate for decision without oral argument per Civil Local Rule 7-1(b). Plaintiffs also ask the Court to rule on their motion to remand

1 before deciding the motion to stay.

2 Out of deference to the MDL process and the uniformity and  
3 predictability it promotes, the Court declines to decide  
4 Plaintiffs' motion to remand at this time.

5 Upon careful consideration, the Court finds that staying this  
6 case is warranted because (1) potential prejudice to Plaintiffs is  
7 minimal, given how soon the JPML's decision is likely to issue; (2)  
8 not staying the matter could expose Defendant to needless  
9 litigation and inconsistent rulings in their pending cases; and (3)  
10 not staying the case would waste judicial resources, since these  
11 cases may be consolidated in the Avandia MDL. See Couture v.  
12 Hoffman-La Roche, Inc., No. 12-cv-2657 PJH, 2012 WL 3042994 (N.D.  
13 Cal. July 25, 2012) (listing factors to be considered in issuing a  
14 stay); see also Landis v. N. Am. Co., 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936) (the  
15 court's power to stay cases is inherent in its ability to control  
16 disposition of cases on its docket).

17 The Court STAYS all matters in this case pending the JPML's  
18 decision on whether this case should be transferred. The parties  
19 are ORDERED to file a joint notice with the Court within seven (7)  
20 days of the JPML's decision.

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22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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24 Dated: August 15, 2013

  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE