

1 Due to Defendant Merck & Company, Inc.'s intention to seek transfer
2 of this case to the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, see Doc.
3 No. 1, the Court finds it inappropriate to convene an Early Neutral
4 Evaluation Conference at this time. See CivLR 16.1(c) (instructing that
5 the "judicial officer shall hold [] conferences as he or she deems
6 appropriate").

7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

8 DATED: January 5, 2007

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10 BARBARA L. MAJOR
11 United States Magistrate Judge

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15 HONORABLE WILLIAM Q. HAYES
16 U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

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