

the parties may meet and confer. The Court emphasizes that the focus must remain on the bellweather cases. The Court declines to put a blanket limitation on questioning in the depositions regarding Abbott's criminal plea because it finds the Plaintiffs have articulated a colorable reason for this information. However, whether this topic should be a subject of future 30(b)(6) depositions would depend on the scope of those depositions. The parties shall meet and confer on this issue and bring it to the Court, if necessary.

C. Plaintiffs' Failure to Identify Crucial Prescribing Physicians in the Bellweather Cases (Topic 152)

The Court does not find that Plaintiffs acted in bad faith. The Court also does not believe that Abbott has been dilatory in seeking additional medical records. Should Stroger Hospital should in fact have records that require follow-up, the parties will meet and confer further on this issue and bring further requests to the Court as needed.

D. Plaintiffs' "Motion" Regarding Search Term "VPA"

Abbott represents that the problem has been fixed and the production is now up to date. Abbott has produced approximately 7,500 new documents, not including duplicates. Plaintiffs ask for no relief at this time, but reserve the right to ask for relief later. The Court recognizes that the documents should have been produced before these bellweather cases were identified.

E. Plaintiffs' inability to Provide Any Weekday/Workday Dates Within the Expert Discovery Period for the Deposition of Dr. Mové.

The motion deadline as to any motions regarding Dr. Mové is extended until December 17, 2014. Plaintiffs shall respond by January 7, 2015.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 13, 2014

/s/ Stephen C. Williams
STEPHEN C. WILLIAMS
United States Magistrate Judge

