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Subject: RE: Vioxx Prot 078 Paper

Eric

Thanks for the comment. Hester's departure does complicate things a bit and, of course, I'd be happy to be first author. I'm just wondering whether, given the nature of the results and target journal, it's more appropriate to have someone who's a neurologist as first author?

Chris

-----Original Message-----

From: Yuen, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2004 4:02 PM
To: Lines, Christopher
Cc: Choi, Dennis W; Hirsch, Laurence J.; Reicin, Alise S.; Gertz, Barry J.
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Chris,

I think you should be the first author since you have done virtually all of the writing.

Regards,

Eric

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From: Lines, Christopher
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2004 3:55 PM
To: Reicin, Alise S.; Gertz, Barry J.
Cc: Yuen, Eric; Choi, Dennis W; Hirsch, Laurence J.
Subject: Vioxx Prot 078 Paper

Alise/Barry

Here's the final revised version of the paper incorporating changes that were suggested in OSTIC review (indicated with revision marks) and with a revised abstract which has been halved in length to meet journal requirements of a 200-word limit. Possible target journals are:

Journal Name	Circulation	Impact factor	Submission requirements
Annals of Neurology	13,000	8.3	Relatively straightforward
Archives of Neurology	13,800	4.4	Onerous (member of JAMA family)
Neurology	20,400	5.2	Onerous
Neuropsychopharmacology of ACNP, where poster was presented	1,500	4.8	Relatively straightforward - house journal

After discussing with Eric and externals am proposing that we submit to Annals of Neurology. The previous AD paper (Prot 091) was published in Neurology but they're getting to be difficult to deal with. Neuropsychopharm is more of a psychiatry journal and they were very slow with the recent L-759274 depression paper we just published there (1.5 years after we submitted it). Annals has an alleged average turnaround time from

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submission to publication of approx 6 months. While I recognize that there's no particular hurry, I think it's probably better that this paper comes out sooner rather than later.

Could you a) concur that you're in agreement with journal choice, and b) indicate that you're OK with us submitting this version.

Thanks

Chris

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