

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PENSACOLA DIVISION**

IN RE: ABILIFY (ARIPRAZOLE)
PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION

Case No. 3:16-md-2734

Chief Judge M. Casey Rodgers
Magistrate Judge Gary Jones

This Document Relates to All Cases

GENERAL CAUSATION DISCOVERY SCHEDULING ORDER

In Case Management Order No. 2, the Court ordered the Joint Science and Expert Sub-Committee (“JSE Sub-Committee”) to submit a proposed schedule for general causation discovery. The JSE Sub-Committee has now advised the Court that a consensus could not be reached and instead each side has submitted a proposed timeline. The Court has reviewed both submissions and will adopt Defendants’ timeline with certain modifications as set forth below.¹

March 1, 2017	Deadline to identify general causation custodians for interim document production
March 20, 2017	Deadline for completion of interim document production Deadline for Plaintiffs to disclose the identity and area of testimony of their expert witnesses
April 12, 2017	Deadline to complete general causation document production

¹ Any party seeking to modify this schedule will bear a heavy burden. Additional deadlines may be added relating to keywords and format, depending on whether the parties reach consensus by the February 22, 2017 conference call or whether those matters are assigned to Magistrate Judge Jones.

	Deadline for Defendants to disclose the identity and area of testimony of their expert witnesses
April 20, 2017	Deadline for Plaintiffs to produce general causation expert witness reports and related disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)
May 12, 2017	Deadline to complete fact discovery on general causation issues Deadline for Defendants to produce general causation expert witness reports and related disclosures under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)
May 31, 2017	Deadline for expert rebuttal reports (simultaneous)
June 23, 2017	Deadline to complete expert discovery on general causation issues
June 30, 2017	Deadline to file <i>Daubert</i> and/or dispositive motions on general causation, as well as any non-dispositive motions <i>in limine</i> related to the general causation hearing
July 14, 2017	Deadline to file any responses in opposition
July 21, 2017	Deadline to file replies, if any, limited to new matters not addressed in the original supporting memorandum
July 31–Aug. 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. (CT)	General Causation Hearing

In light of Plaintiffs' statement that they will seek discovery from OPC regardless of the outcome of the Motion to Dismiss, the Court agrees that deadlines for OPC's production need to be incorporated into the discovery timeline. By February 28, 2017, the Joint Science and Expert Sub-Committee should submit to

the Court a schedule for OPC's production, in light of the deadlines set by the Court in this Order.²

DONE and **ORDERED** on this 21st day of February, 2017.

M. Casey Rodgers

M. CASEY RODGERS
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

² As with this proposed schedule, if the parties cannot reach consensus on OPC's discovery deadlines, they should submit position papers by the same deadline.