- 1 stimulant drugs. We don't know about the
- 2 cataplectic narcoleptics who weren't. So, I wanted
- 3 to reflect what we actually looked at, the
- 4 scientific evidence.
- 5 DR. KATZ: And, would that be the basis
- 6 for your no vote as well?
- 7 DR. SIMPSON: Well, mine is really that
- 8 they reduced cataplectic events. I guess my
- 9 understanding of treating it is that they couldn't
- 10 sort of cure it.
- DR. PENN: May I just clarify? I didn't
- 12 mean cure. My motion was not cure, nor did I say
- 13 monotherapy.
- 14 DR. KATZ: Right. From the point of view
- 15 of an effect, you know, that sort of language only
- 16 being applied to a cure, the vast majority of
- 17 things we treat and give claims for in indications
- 18 are for symptomatic, non-curative treatment. So,
- 19 it is perfectly acceptable for us -- and I think it
- 20 was implied in Dr. Penn's motion that to vote yes
- 21 you wouldn't necessarily have to conclude that the
- 22 drug cures it or wipes these attacks out, but just
- 23 that there is a decrease in these attacks compared
- 24 to the control.
- 25 DR. FALKOWSKI: And you can call it



- 1 monotherapy but what the subjects were in these
- 2 studies were subjects with the condition that were
- 3 already under medication for this condition. So,
- 4 to take that leap to say, well, therefore, if you
- 5 have people with this condition who are not on
- 6 stimulant drugs, does that follow? I don't believe
- 7 it does.
- 8 DR. KATZ: We will take that under
- 9 advisement.
- 10 DR. KAWAS: The next question, has the
- 11 sponsor demonstrated efficacy of Xyrem for the
- 12 proposed indication to reduce excessive daytime
- 13 sleepiness in patients with narcolepsy? The floor
- 14 is open for discussion on this point.
- 15 At the risk of putting myself back in the
- 16 same place as last time, I would summarize what we
- 17 have seen today with regards to excessive daytime
- 18 sleepiness that there was one study, in a
- 19 double-blind fashion, that showed subjective
- 20 changes in sleepiness with the Epworth Scale, and
- 21 that would be the GHB-2 study. The other study
- 22 which is being held up as a pivotal study with
- 23 regards to daytime sleepiness was the Lammers
- 24 study, which is a small study. Otherwise, I feel
- 25 that the evidence with regards to daytime



- 1 sleepiness was very weak at best, in particular,
- 2 the only study that proactively made daytime
- 3 sleepiness the primary outcome measure as well as
- 4 using objective measures with the MSLT was, in
- 5 fact, negative. All the other studies were open
- 6 label. So, here I have a little more --
- 7 considerably more difficulty actually seeing that
- 8 the sponsor has demonstrated efficacy for daytime
- 9 sleepiness. So, what are the committee's thoughts
- 10 on this? What are the committee's comments on
- 11 this? Jerry?
- 12 DR. WOLINSKY: As I tried to point out
- 13 before, I think this is such an enriched patient
- 14 population for purposes of the endpoints that were
- 15 studied, it is hard to know that one could
- 16 generalize daytime sleepiness effects in a full
- 17 population of narcoleptics. So, I agree that the
- 18 data is weak and it is also in a very enriched
- 19 population.
- DR. KAWAS: I am not sure I understand.
- 21 For clarification, enriched with what? You mean
- 22 enriched for cataplexy?
- DR. WOLINSKY: Enriched for cataplexy
- 24 which is not present in all narcoleptics and is not
- 25 always present at this frequency. So, I don't



- 1 think that we would know. I would not know as a
- 2 clinical that if I had a narcoleptic with sleep
- 3 attacks or daytime sleepiness but no cataplectic
- 4 attacks whether I could expect the drug to work or
- 5 not, and I saw no data to tell me that I could.
- 6 DR. KAWAS: Any other comments? Any other
- 7 thoughts before we call the vote on this question?
- 8 DR. PENN: I move that the company has not
- 9 provided information to prove that daytime
- 10 sleepiness is affected by Xyrem, and I would make a
- 11 comment on my motion, that if the company sees this
- 12 as an important thing they can do a post-approval
- 13 study on that specific item and that would be
- 14 appropriate. I was leaning at the beginning of
- 15 this to think that there was too much need for full
- 16 proof on an orphan drug that this might be the case
- 17 and I was going to give them the benefit of the
- 18 doubt, but considering the potential for abuse in
- 19 patients who will say they are just sleepy and the
- 20 regulatory problems with that, I think we had
- 21 better be quite strict on this.
- DR. KAWAS: Can you make that motion
- 23 without the addendum?
- DR. PENN: No, no, the addendum is just my
- 25 comment.



DR. KAWAS: Good. Give me the short

- 2 motion.
- 3 DR. PENN: They didn't prove their point.
- 4 DR. KAWAS: The language is has the
- 5 sponsor demonstrated efficacy of Xyrem for the
- 6 proposed indication to treat excessive daytime
- 7 sleepiness in patients with narcolepsy? So, a vote
- 8 of yes the way I just worded it would suggest that
- 9 the company has shown efficacy, similar to the last
- 10 vote. A vote of no would suggest that the company
- 11 has not shown efficacy for that particular
- 12 indication. So, all in favor of yes, the company
- 13 has shown efficacy for the indication of daytime
- 14 sleepiness, please raise your hand.
- 15 [No show of hands]
- 16 All if favor of no?
- [Show of hands]
- 18 Let the record show that it was unanimous.
- 19 It might be the only time today.
- DR. TITUS: And enter nine names please
- 21 into the record.
- 22 [Drs. Penix, Van Belle, Penn, Kawas,
- 23 Wolinsky, Roman, Falkowski, Simpson and Lacey voted
- 24 against the motion]
- DR. KAWAS: Now, the second question that



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