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Good Morning,

It has been a few weeks since our last call and we wanted to touch base with everyone regarding where we stand on launching into abstract reviewing for this systematic review. Here is a table breaking down the topics, abstract numbers, and reviewers assigned thus far.

Adverse Event Topic	**Abstracts**	**Reviewers Assigned**
Congestive Heart Failure	1,142	
Secondary Malignancies	344	Ayse Tezcan
Cognitive Impairment	224	Ayse Tezcan
Ovarian Failure	767	
Peripheral Neuropathy	340	Donna Rivera
Miscellaneous	3,326	
Total	**6,143**	
Quality of Life	*Bruce has not done a search specific to quality of life; he has used it as a search term within the other adverse event topic searches.* ***Do we want another search specific to quality of life and patient reported outcomes?***	

We are using the program Abstrackr for the abstract review process (http://abstrackr.cebm.brown.edu/). This is a free, online program that allows us to upload each batch of abstracts, assign reviewers, and export the results of the review to excel. The abstract review is set-up to undergo dual review, so each adverse event topic needs at least two reviewers. However, the program is set-up in such a way that we can assign more than 2 reviewers to some of the larger topics, and the program will ensure that each abstract is screened twice by only two different people.

The “Miscellanous” topic has such a large number of abstracts because it includes abstracts that might have broad titles (ex: “Long-term complications of adjuvant chemotherapy for early stage breast cancer”) or titles that could be indirectly related to a topic (ex: “Adjuvant chemotherapy does not affect employment in patients with early-stage breast cancer” could end up in the quality of life section). This is one topic that would benefit from having more than two assigned reviewers!

Please let me know if you would like to be assigned to a particular abstract review topic and I’ll work with you to get set-up on Abstrackr. For those already reviewing abstracts, Joy thought it might be helpful to send along the AJCC cancer staging guidelines as a reference tool. Some people involved in this project are working on other portions of this project, such as the B30 analysis, so you can disregard this email unless you’re particulalry intersted in screening abstracts.

We will be scheduling a call for early October once we’re further along in the abstract review process.

Thanks!
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