a. Minimum duration of refractory NeuP

- 3 months
- 6 months
- More than one year
- Duration irrelevant

b. Number of drugs of known effectiveness for NeuP that have been tried

- Two
- Three
- Four
- More than four

c. Adequate trial of NeuP treatment

- One week
- One month
- Three months
- Until adverse events prevent reaching adequate dosage

d. Outcomes of NeuP treatment that would make it “refractory”

- Pain levels of 5 or more on a 0-10 pain scale
- Less than 30% pain intensity reduction
- No period of pain remission
- An increase in pain severity
- Quality of life remains significantly affected by pain (e.g. sleep, activity limitations, mood, disability)

e. Usefulness of non-drug therapies

- Non-pharmacological therapies must be tried before neuropathic pain is considered refractory (e.g. TNS, physical therapy, psychological therapy, relaxation)
- No response to dorsal column stimulator