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Policy on Handling Reviews

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The review of L3 results, ADRIANI 93M, PRPL 236 1, 146 pages, stimulated discussions on how to handle reviews. This paper reviews results from L3 on many different particles so it belongs in several encoders areas. It probably has only published results. It occupies Charles and my literature searching time to determine which particles it covers. It would occupy a significant amount of each encoder's time and would probably result in everyone saying to mark the paper EMPTY. To avoid this Charles and I can comment that Betty should mark it EMPTY without entering a particular particle or just entering the main particle as EMPTY, Z in this case. We can comment that Betty should contact the spokesperson (or someone better, in this case Gurtu) to ask if there are any new results (not published or soon to be published) which need to be encoded from this paper. Betty would send EMAIL (see sample below). The paper would not be put on the list for Gail to copy or for encoders to look at. Only if the spokesperson says there are new results would EMPTY be removed and the paper added to the next batch sent to encoders. The comment field from Charles' and my literature search would look like:

L3 review, mark EMPTY, contact Gurtu re new results.

Many reviews would not be handled like this. If there were a review on a more specific top which the encoders should be made aware of, we would not mark it EMPTY, but we would tell the encoder (via the comment field on the list) that it is for a possible reference but that we don't expect them to encode the data:

K0L rare decay review, possible reference, not for data encoding.

Sample letter for Betty to send

RE: ADRIANI 93M, PRPL 236 1

Dear Colleague,

It is our policy not to consider reviews such as your review (listed above) for inclusion in the Review of Particle Properties, because they usually do not include new data. However, if this review DOES include new data which have not been published AND which are not soon to be published, then we would like to include them in the Review of Particle Properties. If there are any new data in this paper, please tell us explicitly which data and which pages, so we can include them. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
 Michael Barnett
 Head, Particle Data Group