



JointASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Stephen Randall Holmes-Harley and W. Harry Mandeville, III, have invented a certain improvement in METHOD FOR REDUCING OXALATE, described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 08/964,918, filed November 5, 1997;

WHEREAS, GelTex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having a usual place of business at Nine Fourth Avenue, Waltham, Massachusetts 02154, desires to acquire an interest therein in accordance with agreements only entered into with us;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for and in consideration of said agreements and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and transferred and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title, and interest in and throughout the United States of America, its territories, and all foreign countries, in and to said invention as described in said application, together with the entire right, title, and interest in and to said application and such Letters Patent as may issue thereon; said invention, application, and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE for its own use and benefit and for its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, wholly and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made; we hereby convey all rights arising under or pursuant to any and all international agreements, treaties, or laws relating to the protection of industrial property by filing any such applications for Letters Patent. We hereby acknowledge that this assignment, being of the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, carries with it the right in ASSIGNEE to apply for and obtain from competent authorities in all countries of the world any and all Letters Patent by attorneys and agents of ASSIGNEE's selection and the right to procure the grant of all such Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE for its own name as assignee of the entire right, title, and interest therein;

AND, we hereby further agree for ourselves and our executors and administrators to execute upon request any other lawful documents and likewise to perform any other lawful acts which may be deemed necessary to secure fully the aforesaid invention to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, but at its or their expense and charges, including the execution of applications for patents in foreign countries, and the execution of substitution, reissue, divisional or continuation applications and preliminary or other statements and the giving of testimony in any interference or other proceeding in which said invention or any application or patent directed thereto may be involved;

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AND, we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue such Letters Patent as shall be granted upon said application or applications based thereon to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives;

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