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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Jerome Strauss, III, a citizen of the United States with a post office address of 805 East Gravers Lane, Wyndmoor, PA 19038, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNOR", have invented a certain new and useful

**METHOD OF DELAYING FETAL MEMBRANE RUPTURE BY
INHIBITING MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASE-9 ACTIVITY**

for which I have executed a United States patent application, Application No. 08/993,900, filed December 18, 1997, and

ASSIGNOR authorizes ASSIGNEE or ASSIGNEE's representative to insert the Application Number and Filing date of this application if they are unknown at the time of execution of this Assignment.

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having its principal place of business at 3700 Market Street, Suite 300, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104-3147, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNEE", is desirous of acquiring said invention and said patent application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable executed consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, I, the undersigned ASSIGNOR, hereby agree to sell, assign, transfer and convey and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the above-named ASSIGNEE, the whole and entire right, title and interest

in and to said invention as described in the above patent application, for the territory of the United States and its possessions and territories and all foreign countries;

in and to the above patent application and any and all related United States and foreign patent applications disclosing said invention, including provisionals, non-provisionals, divisions and continuations thereof, along with all rights of priority created by said patent application under any treaty relating thereto; and

in and to all United States and foreign patents which may be granted on any and all of said patent applications, including extensions, reissues and reexamination certificates thereof;

said invention, application(s) and patent(s) to be held and enjoyed by the above-named ASSIGNEE, for ASSIGNEE's own use and benefit, and for ASSIGNEE's legal representatives and assigns to the full end of the term or terms for which said patent(s) may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the undersigned ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the aforesaid consideration ASSIGNOR hereby covenants, agrees and undertakes to execute, whenever requested by the above-named ASSIGNEE, all patent applications, assignments, lawful oaths and any other papers which ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable for securing to ASSIGNEE or for maintaining for ASSIGNEE all the patent(s) hereby assigned or agreed to be assigned; all without further compensation to the undersigned ASSIGNOR.

Jan 8, 1998
(Date)

Jerome Strauss, III
JEROME STRAUSS, III

STATE OF Pennsylvania :

COUNTY OF Philadelphia, PA : ss.

Before me, a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this 8th day of January, 1998, personally appeared **Jerome Strauss, III**, who being to me personally known, and who having first executed the foregoing instrument in my presence and have been by me first duly sworn, did acknowledge the foregoing instrument as his free deed and act, signed, sealed and delivered by him for the purpose therein stated and intending to be legally bound thereby and intending that said instrument be recorded.

Felecia J. Williams
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

