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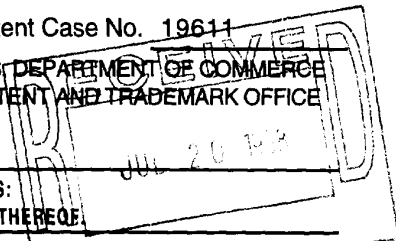
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SHENG-SHUNG PONG, JAMES M. SCHAEFFER AND ROY G. SMITH

of 305 RIVEREDGE DRIVE, CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY 07928; 2637 CREST LANE, SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY 07076; 3 BOSKO DRIVE, EAST BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY 08816; 1501 RAHWAY ROAD, SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY 07076; 124 FLOYD STREET, EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08820; 36 SUNNYWOOD DRIVE, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090; AND 122 EAST DUDLEY AVENUE, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090; RESPECTIVELY

hereby sell, assign and transfer to MERCK & CO., Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, having an office at Lincoln Avenue, City of Rahway, State of New Jersey, and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest, for all countries, in and to certain inventions relating to  
RADIOLABELED GROWTH HORMONE SECRETAGOGUE

described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed by each of us on even date herewith, or executed on the date shown in the Declaration and Power of Attorney relating to said application, and all the rights and privileges, including any and all benefits under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and related treaties, under any and all Letters Patents which may be granted in any foreign country, and under any and all extensions, divisionals, reissues and continuations of said Letters Patents.

We request that any and all Patents for said inventions be issued to said assignee, its successor, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.

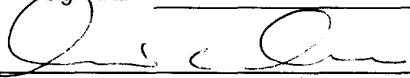
We agree that, when requested, we will, without charge to said assignee but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining Patents for said inventions in any and all countries and for vesting title thereto in said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

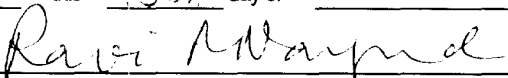
We covenant with said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that we have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

We hereby authorize our attorney, J. ERIC THIES or an attorney with Power of Attorney in this application, of the said MERCK & CO., Inc., to insert **Serial No.**, and **Filing Date** of said application(s) when known.

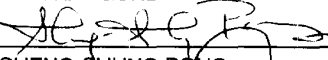
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this 13<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 1996

  
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Signed at RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY this 12TH day of DECEMBER, 1996

*David G. Melillo*  
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Personally appeared before me the above-named DENNIS C. DEAN, RAVI NARGUND, SHENG-SHUNG PONG, LEONARDUS VAN DER PLOEG, JAMES M. SCHAEFFER, AND ROY G. SMITH

to me known and known to me to be the person(s) who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged said instrument to be their free act and deed this 13 day of DECEMBER, 1996

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