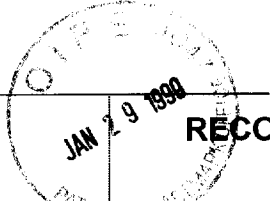


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WHEREAS, GENSIA SICOR INC., a Delaware corporation having offices at 19 Hughes, Irvine, California 92718-1902 ("GENSIA SICOR"), owns, by assignment, all right, title, and interest in an application for U.S. Patent No. 5,573,772, entitled METHODS FOR PROTECTING TISSUES AND ORGANS FROM ISCHEMIC DAMAGE, and any invention claimed therein, and related applications and patents; and

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS, INC., a Delaware corporation having offices at 9390 Towne Centre Drive, San Diego, California 92121 ("METABASIS"), desires to own GENSIA SICOR's entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, in all countries throughout the world, and in and to U.S. Patent No. 5,573,772.

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and pursuant to a prior agreement, effective as of December 18, 1997, GENSIA SICOR hereby assigns, transfers, and sets over to METABASIS, its lawful successors and assigns, GENSIA SICOR's entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 5,573,772, the invention claimed therein, any other patent application directed to the invention, and all Letters Patent of the United States that may be granted thereon, and all reissues, reexaminations, and extensions thereof; and all rights to claim priority on the basis of such application both in U.S. and foreign applications, and all applications for Letters Patent that may be filed for the invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent that may be granted on the invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and GENSIA SICOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue patents on

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applications as described above, to issue all Letters Patent for this invention to METABASIS, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

AND, GENSIA SICOR HEREBY further covenants that GENSIA SICOR has the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, GENSIA SICOR will take all action and execute all documents necessary to perfect the interest assigned hereby, and GENSIA SICOR has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment;

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, each party has caused its authorized representative to execute this Assignment.

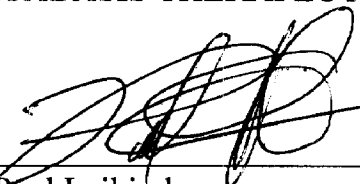
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Paul Laikind

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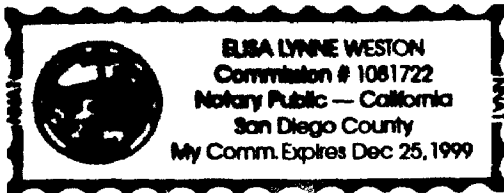
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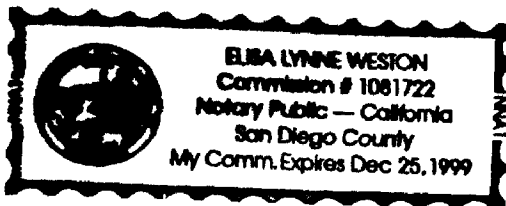
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