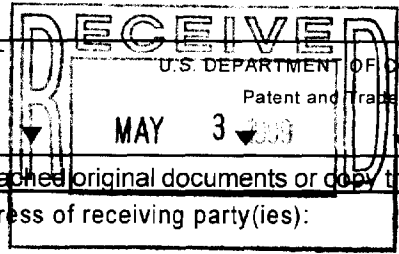


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WHEREAS, Abbott Laboratories, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Illinois, having a place of business at Abbott Park, Illinois 60064, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and to the patent application identified above, and all patents, foreign and domestic, which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignor from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States and elsewhere; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications and patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and

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