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Junji Kato of 2-10, Minami 17 jo nishi 12-chome, Chuo-ku, Sapporo-shi,  
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Masato Higuchi of c/o Chugai Seiyaku Kabushiki Kaisha, 135,  
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\_\_\_\_\_, respectively,  
have invented certain new and useful improvements in: A PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOSITION FOR TREATMENT OF HEPATIC DISEASES  
for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on November 26, 1998  
(Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_), and

WHEREAS, Chugai Seiyaku Kabushiki Kaisha  
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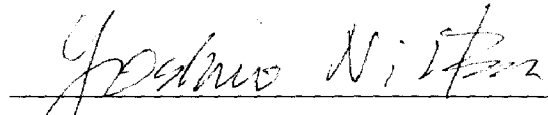
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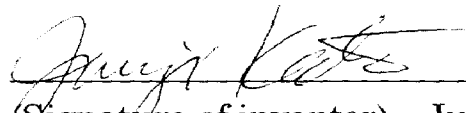
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