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have invented a certain improvement in and relating to "Gene therapeutic treatment of blood vessel associated disorders"


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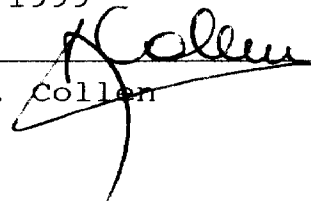
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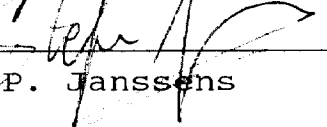
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