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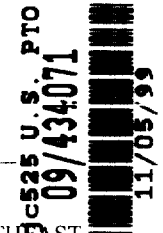
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hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS, have invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention entitled:

**POROUS SYNTHETIC VASCULAR GRAFTS WITH  
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