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## ASSIGNMENT

FOR valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, HUMPHREY J. MARIS, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of 9 ECHO DRIVE, BARRINGTON, RI 02806, U.S.A., have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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hereby assigns to BROWN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, a NON-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION having its principal office at BOX 1949, PROVIDENCE, RI, 02912 (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), of the entire right, title and interest in and to such invention, together with the patent rights and rights of protection to the same throughout the world, including any patent rights which may result from the application for United States Letters Patent which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on SEPTEMBER 23, 1999, and assigned Application Serial No. 09/404,939, and any continuation, divisions, continuation-in-part applications, inventor's certificate and extensions thereof, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said Assignees for their own use and behoof and for the use and behoof of their successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent or other rights of protection may be granted as entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had the assignment not been made.

AND I COVENANT and AGREE and WARRANT that I have a full and unencumbered title to the invention hereby assigned, and I further covenant and agree that I have the right to grant such rights to said invention and application and Letters Patent and that I will, at any time upon request without cost to us or further compensation, execute and deliver any and all papers or instruments that, in the

opinion of the Assignee, may be necessary or desirable to secure said Assignee the full enjoyment of the rights and properties herein conveyed or intended to be conveyed by this instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and seal:

Date: 11/22 /           , 1999 Humphrey J. Maris  
By: HUMPHREY J. MARIS

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND    )  
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COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE    )

Sworn to before me this 22nd day of November, 1999.

Joann H. Tillman  
Notary Public

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