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## ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, We, Fernando J. Muzzio, Dean Brone, Erinn K. Gleason and Carolyn Wightman of 44 Sheffield Avenue, Monroe, NJ 08884; 5 Green Valley Drive, Green Brook, NJ 08812; 23 Addison Drive, Fairfield, NJ 08850; and 6 Ross Avenue, Edison, NJ 08820, respectively, as employees of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, having a principle place of business in New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903 as assignee, have made certain inventions relating to End-Sampling Thief Probe with Priscilla A. Robinson, a joint inventor of said inventions.

Now, in consideration for and as a condition of our employment by Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and for other good and valuble consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby assign, sell, and transfer to Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, our entire right, title and interest, for all countries, in and to the inventions relating to: **End-Sampling Thief Probe** described in an application for patent as set forth under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and/or (b), or executed by each of us on even date herewith, or executed on the date shown in the Declaration and Power of Attorney relating to said application, and all the rights and privileges, including any and all benefits under any International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and related treaties, under any and all Letters Patents which may be granted in any foreign country, and under any and all extensions, divisions, reissues and continuations of said Letters Patent, including any foreign application derived therefrom, equivalent thereto or claiming priority thereof.

We authorize Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, its agents and attorneys to file patent applications for said inventions, including provisional and non-provisional applications, and request that any and all Patents for said inventions be issued to said assignee, its successor, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.

We agree that, when requested, we will, without charge to said assignee but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining Patents for said inventions in any and all countries and for vesting title thereto in said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

We covenant with said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that we have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

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We hereby authorize our attorney, **Valerie J. Camara** or an attorney with Power of Attorney in this application, of Merck & Co., Inc. to insert the Serial No. and Filing Date of said application(s) when known.

Signed at <u>Futgers</u>	University	this 13 day of August 1997.
Fernando J. Muzzio		Erinn K. Kleason  Erinn K. Gleason
Dean Brone		Carolyn Wightman
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Personally appeared before me the above-named Fernando J. Muzzio, Dean Brone, Erinn K. Gleason and Carolyn Wightman

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