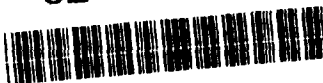


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WHEREAS, We, Paul David Cannon and Suryanarayana Sankuratri, having the respective addresses indicated below, have invented certain subject matter entitled "**Human Intestinal Npt2B**" (the "Invention"), for which we have executed U.S. patent application Attorney Docket No. R0058B-REG for Letters Patent of the United States of America (the "Application").

AND WHEREAS, Syntex (U.S.A.) Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having an address at 3401 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, California 94304 ("Syntex"), desires to perfect its right to the Invention and in the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor from the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, We, Paul David Cannon and Suryanarayana Sankuratri, acknowledge Syntex's interest in the Invention and hereby assign to Syntex for the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto all our rights, title and interest, including all rights under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, in the Invention, as described and claimed in U.S. patent application Attorney Docket No. R0058B-REG, or in any subsequent nonprovisional application(s) filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), claiming benefit of said Application under 35 U.S.C. §119(e), or 35 U.S.C. §120, or in any continuation, continuation-in-part, continued prosecution application, divisional, substitute, reissue, reexamination or extension thereof and any legal equivalent thereof in a country foreign to the United States of America; the Invention, application and Letters Patent to be

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I have read and understand this Assignment document for the Application, and agree hereto, as indicated by my signature as set forth below.

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Paul David Cannon
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*Signature Suryanarayana Sankuratri Date 1/20/00
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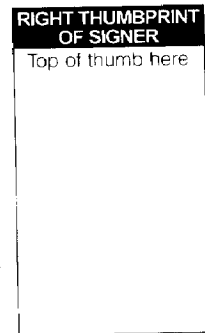
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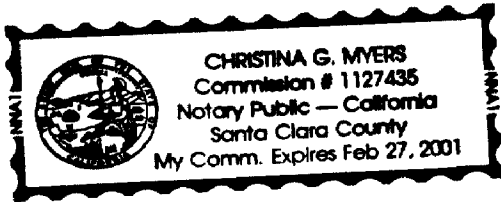
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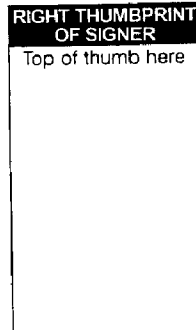
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