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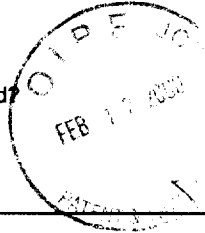
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Boehringer Mannheim Italia S.p.A.

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Yes No



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Name: Hoffmann-La Roche Inc.

Address: 340 Kingsland Street
Nutley, New Jersey 07110-1199

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?

Yes No

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WHEREAS, Boehringer Mannheim Italia (hereinafter ASSIGNOR) a company having its principal office and place of business at Monza (MI) Italy owns inventions for which Letters Patent of the United States have issued (See Attached Exhibit A).

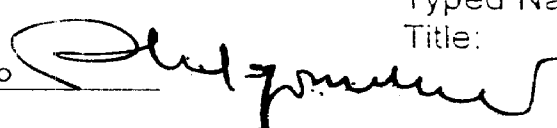
AND, WHEREAS, Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), a company having its principal office and place of business at Nutley, New Jersey is desirous of acquiring an interest therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the above said ASSIGNOR by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the said invention in the United States, as described in the aforesaid patents.

Boehringer Mannheim Italia S.p.A.

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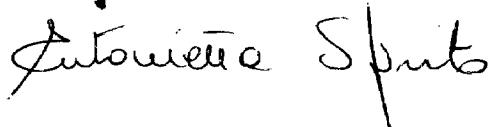
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EXHIBIT "A"

U.S. Patents

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