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ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, ORATEC INTERVENTIONS, INC., a corporation of the State of Delaware, with a place of business at 3700 Haven Court, Menlo Park, California 94025 ("Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring all rights Assignor has or may have in and to the Patent;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the Patent and any and all rights Assignor has or may have in inventions relating thereto, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the rights to any divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions with respect thereto and all claims for damages for past infringement thereof and the right to sue and collect such damages, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, rights to file and obtain letters patents or divisions, continuations, reissues or extensions thereof, for said inventions in the United States; the said inventions and patents divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions to be held by Assignee for its own use and enjoyment and for the use and enjoyment of its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as they would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had such assignment and sale not been made.

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Executed in Mutlangen, Germany, this 19th day of July, 2000

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