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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Whereas, I, Maurizio C. Capogrossi, M.D., citizen of Italy and resident at Via Cavour, 325, 00184 Rome, Italy, have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

METHOD OF INDUCING ANGIOGENESIS IN NONISCHEMIC SKELETAL MUSCLE

for which invention I have executed an application (provisional or non-provisional) for Letters Patent of the United States, which was filed on May 17, 2000, under Application No. 09/573,457; and

Whereas, Istituto Dermopatico dell'Immacolata, of Via dei Monti di Creta, 104, 00167 Rome, Italy (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in the United States and every foreign country in and under the invention described in the application for Letters Patent.

Now, therefore, for good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I hereby assign and transfer to the Assignee and the Assignee's legal representatives, successors and assigns the full and exclusive rights in and to the invention in the United States and every foreign country and the entire right, title, and interest in and to the applications for Letters Patent and other such applications (e.g., continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals and reissues) that may be filed in the United States and every foreign country, and the Letters Patents or extensions thereof, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue thereon; and I do hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the Letters Patent in the United States to the above-mentioned Assignee agreeably with the terms of this assignment document.

Upon said consideration, I convey to the Assignee the right to make application in its own behalf for protection of the invention in countries foreign to the United States and to claim under the International Convention or other international arrangement for any such application the date of the United States application (or other application if any there be) to gain priority with respect to other applications.

I hereby authorize the Assignee to insert in this assignment document the filing date and serial number of the application if the date and number are unavailable at the time this document is executed.

I do hereby covenant and agree with the Assignee that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with the terms of this assignment document set forth herein, and that I will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee may deem necessary or

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In witness whereof, I have hereunder set my hand on the date shown below.

Maurizio C. Capogrossi, M.D.

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