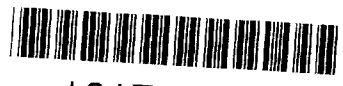


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WHEREAS we, the following named inventors in this application, have made a certain new and useful invention as set forth in an application for United States Letters Patent entitled **5-Substituted Benzimidazole Compounds with Improved Metabolic Stability**, Attorney's Docket No. **6950M** and filed as Serial No. **PCT/US98/24694**, filed **November 20, 1998** (the hereinafter named assignee being authorized to insert said US Serial Number or Number of International Application designating the US and filing date when ascertained) and also set forth in whole or in part in the following United States Provisional Patent Applications: **60/066,700**, filed **November 25, 1997** and **60/066,767**, filed **November 25, 1997**:

Thomas Lee Cupps of **Norwich**, County of **Chenango**, State of **New York**, executed the above-referenced application on 2-2-99;

Sophie Eva Bogdan of **Maineville**, County of **Warren**, State of **Ohio**, executed the above-referenced application on 2-2-99;

Nick (NMN) Nikolaides of **Mason**, County of **Warren**, State of **Ohio**, executed the above-referenced application on 2-2-99;

Sheri Ann Gilbert of **Cincinnati**, County of **Hamilton**, State of **Ohio**, executed the above-referenced application on 2-2-99;

Michael (NMN) Gazda of **Mason**, County of **Warren**, State of **Ohio**, executed the above-referenced application on 2-2-99;

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Charles Andrew III Cruze of **West Chester**, County of **Butler**, State of **Ohio**, executed the above-referenced application on 2-2-99;

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We made said invention set forth in said patent application while employed by The Procter & Gamble Company or one of its Affiliates (including, Procter & Gamble Asia Pacific Ltd.; Procter & Gamble Australia Pty. Ltd.; Procter & Gamble Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd.; Procter & Gamble Far East, Inc.; Procter & Gamble Hong Kong Ltd.; Procter & Gamble India, Ltd.; Procter & Gamble Indonesia; Procter & Gamble Korea, Inc.; Procter & Gamble Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.; Procter & Gamble Philippines, Inc.; Procter & Gamble Taiwan Ltd; and Procter & Gamble Manufacturing (Thailand) Ltd.), and acknowledge our obligation at the time the invention was made to assign said invention to The Procter & Gamble Company or the Affiliate, respectively. Pursuant to said obligation and (in the case of employment by an Affiliate) at the request of the Affiliate, we assign to The Procter & Gamble Company, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest, including the right to claim priority of the filing date of said patent application under international conventions, in said invention as set forth in said patent application, and in all patents of the United States and of any other country which may be issued for said invention, as fully and completely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment not been made. The entire right, title and interest shall vest irrevocably in The Procter & Gamble Company. We further agree upon request, without additional compensation but at no expense to us, to execute or assent to applications in countries other than the United States, and to execute all other legal documents as may be necessary or desirable to vest the enjoyment of the rights assigned to The Procter & Gamble Company, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, or as said Company may direct.

AND we request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said invention to said The Procter & Gamble Company, its legal representatives, successors or assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in said patent and the invention covered thereby.

Thomas Lee Cupps

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On this 2 day of February, 1999, before me personally appeared Thomas Lee Cupps, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Michael Alishauskas

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