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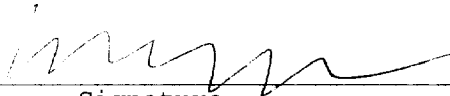
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We,

F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG (Assignor), a Swiss Company
of 124 Grenzacherstrasse, CH-4070 Basle (Switzerland)

hereby assign to

HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE INC. (Assignee)

a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey, and having its principal place of business at Nutley, New Jersey, U.S.A.,

all of our right, title and interest within the United States of America and its territorial possessions in and to the invention described and claimed in a patent application entitled

Erythropoietin Composition

which is about to be filed in the U.S. Patent Office in the name(s) of the inventor(s)

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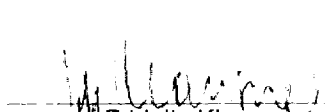
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Basle, Switzerland, this 7th day of May, 2001

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