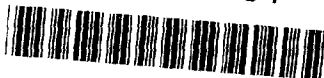


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WHEREAS, LEWIS ISBELL, of 818 Scott Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95050; JASPER JACKSON, of 7319 Carter Avenue, Newark, CA 94560; KATHERINE WHITIN, of 632A N. Claremont Street, San Mateo, CA 94401; hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR HANDLING A
 PLURALITY OF SUTURE ELEMENTS DURING A
 SUTURING PROCEDURE

Date(s) of execution of Declaration:

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Application No.: 09/610,099; and

WHEREAS, ABBOTT LABORATORIES, a corporation of the state of Illinois located at Dept. 324, Bldg. AP6D, 100 Abbott Park Road, Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6034, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

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