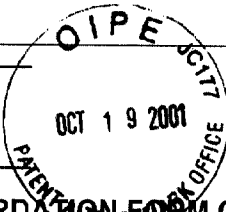


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WHEREAS, we, Scott E. Kern, a United States citizen, residing at 7 Blueleaf Court, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030 have and Gloria Su, a United States citizen, residing at 3 Reldas Court #E, Cockeysville, Maryland 21030 invented "METHODS AND REAGENTS FOR FACILITATING TRANSCRIPTION" for which a nonprovisional application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed on January 3, 2001, and accorded U.S. Serial No. 09/752,673; and

WHEREAS, The Johns Hopkins University, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Maryland, having a place of business in Baltimore, Maryland, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign country which may be granted therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, we, the said Scott E. Kern and Gloria Su, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto The Johns Hopkins University, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the full and exclusive right to the said invention as described in the said application, and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefore in the United States and its territorial possessions, including all priority rights for other countries arising there from, and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof;

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and seal.

Date: 5-15-01


Inventor:



Scott E. Kern

Date: 5/15/01

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On this 15th day of May, 2001, before me a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Scott E. Kern and Gloria Su, to me known to be the persons of those names, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.

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