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WHEREAS, Alfred E. Mann Institute for Biomedical Engineering at the University of Southern California, (ASSIGNEE) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware having a place of business at 1042 Downey Way, DRB B21, Los Angeles, California 90089-1112. ASSIGNEE desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the inventions, applications and letters patent to be granted and issued for the inventions and applications;

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