

ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of good and valuable consideration, of which we, **Kurt L. Brillhart and Julie A. Whiteside**, acknowledge receipt, sell and assign to

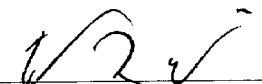
Beckman Coulter, Inc.


a Delaware Corporation, (hereinafter "Corporation") its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention entitled **Method For Reducing Non-Specific Aggregation of Latex Microparticles in the Presence of Serum or Plasma**, invented by us, and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said

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or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Corporation, we will communicate to said Corporation or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Corporation, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 7th day of December, 2001.


Kurt L. Brillhart

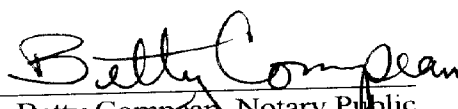

Julie A. Whiteside

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF ORANGE

On December 7, 2001 before me **Betty Compean**, Notary Public, personally appeared **Kurt L. Brillhart and Julie A. Whiteside**, the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacity, and that by their signatures on the instrument, the persons, or the entity upon behalf of which the persons acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.




Betty Compean, Notary Public