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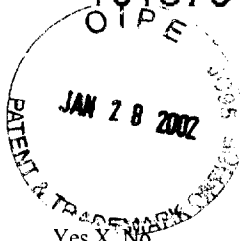
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WHEREAS, **Hiroyuki KAGECHIKA**, a citizen of Japan, whose post office address is 2-39-6, Oizumi-machi, Nerima-ku, Tokyo 178-0062, Japan, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNOR, has invented a certain improvement relating to

Heterocyclic Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

for which an application for Letters Patent in the United States was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 26, 2001 and awarded Serial No.09/926,407, and which Application is a National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP00/02726.

AND WHEREAS, **Institute of Medicinal Molecular Design, Inc.**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan, whose post-office address is 4th Floor, Kadokawa-hongo Bldg., 24-5, Hongo 5-chome, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan, hereinafter known as the ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof.

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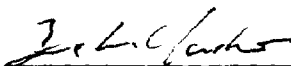
AND said ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute all papers necessary to file applications in the United States for said invention and to assign the same to said ASSIGNEE, or any assignee acquiring title to said invention, and to execute any other papers that may be needed in connection with filing said application and securing Letters Patent thereon.

AND said ASSIGNOR authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue Letters


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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this assignment is executed by said ASSIGNOR, on the respective date indicated below.

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Hiroyuki KAGECHIKA

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