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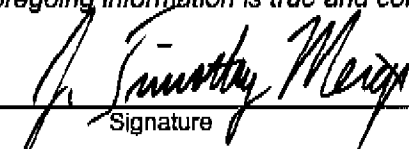
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<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:</p> <p>Name: <u>Thomas Hoxie</u></p> <p>Internal Address: <u>Novartis</u></p> <p><u>Corporate Intellectual Property</u></p> <p>Street Address: <u>One Health Plaza, Bldg. 430</u></p> <p>City: <u>East Hanover</u> State: <u>NJ</u> ZIP: <u>07936-1080</u></p>	<p>6. Total number of applications and patents involved: <u>1</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ <u>40</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account and any other additional fees required.</p> <p>8. Deposit account number: <u>19-0134 (in the name of Novartis Corporation)</u></p> <p>(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)</p>
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SyStemix, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, with a principal business address of 9 West Watkins Mill Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby assign to **NOVARTIS AG**, a corporation organized under the laws of the Swiss Confederation, with a principal business address of Lichtstrasse 35, CH-4056, Basel, Switzerland, (hereinafter Assignee), its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all its right, title and interest, which includes the right to and full benefit of such priorities as may now or hereafter be granted to it by local laws or by treaty, including any international convention for the protection of industrial property, in and for all countries of the world, including the United States and its territories and possessions, in and to the invention described in the following:

U.S. Application No. 08/340,047, filed November 14, 1994 and issued as U.S. Patent 5,677,136 on October 14, 1997; and Canadian Application No. 2,203,525, filed November 13, 1995; and European Application No. 95 935 547; and Japanese Application No. 515883/96, filed November 13, 1995

and in and to all Convention and Treaty rights of all kinds, in all countries throughout the world, for all such subject matter, including the right to claim for any such foreign applications and U.S. applications any priority rights to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties or otherwise, and, and in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said subject matter by the above application or any continuation, division, continuation-in-part, extension, conversion to 35 USC 111(b) or substitute thereof, and any reissue, reexamination or extension of said Letters Patent.

SyStemix, Inc. agrees to do all acts and sign all documents necessary to secure, defend and maintain all said Letters Patent and rights, including any continuations, divisionals, reissues, renewals and extensions, and request issuance of all said Letters Patent to the above Assignee in accordance with this assignment.

SYSTEMIX, INC.

Dated: 1.24.03

By David Langham
David Langham
Executive Director of Finance

STATE OF MARYLAND)
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COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY)

On January 24, 2003, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Maryland, personally appeared David Langham personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity and that by his signature on the instrument the person or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Maria Russell
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 8/1/2006