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WHEREAS I am the below named inventor of the invention entitled:

**REGENERATION OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DAMAGED BY
GRADE I AND II OSTEOARTHRITIS BY MEANS OF THE
INTRAARTICULAR APPLICATION OF A MIXTURE OF SODIUM
HYALURONATE AND CHONDROITIN SULFATE IN A GEL VEHICLE**

described and claimed in the foregoing specification, which was filed with the Mexican Patent Office on November 13, 2001, and assigned Mexican Patent Application Serial No. PA/a/2001/011542, and which was subsequently filed February 22, 2002, with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Attorney Docket No. P/188-9 and assigned United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/082743.

WHEREAS, ALCON, INC., having its principal place of business at Bösch 69, P.O. Box 62, CH-6331 Hünenberg, Switzerland, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer to ALCON, INC., its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as set forth in the above-mentioned applications, and in and to any and all patents of the United States, Mexico and other countries which may be issued for said invention;

UPON SAID CONSIDERATIONS, I hereby agree that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that I will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of said assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuation-in-part, reexamined, reissued, or other Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all other

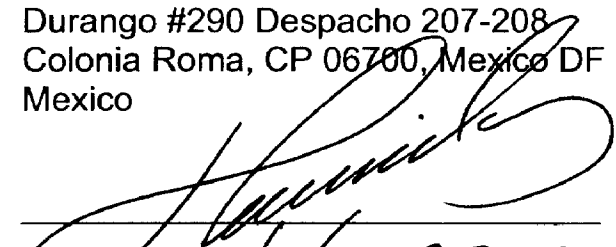
countries on said invention and in enforcing any rights in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, said assistance to include my cooperation in all prosecution associated with obtaining such applications or patents and my provision of testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of assignor and assignee.

AND I request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said invention to said ALCON, INC. its legal representatives, successors or assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in said patent and the invention covered thereby.

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Inventor's signature:



Date: July 30 2002

On this 30th day of July, 2002, before me personally appeared ELIAS HERMIDA OCHOA to me known to be person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Dawn Fedyniak
Notary Public

