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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, PRADIP MUKERJI and SUZETTE L. PEREIRA, hereinafter called the "Assignors", have made the invention described in the United States patent application entitled "GENES INVOLVED IN POLYKETIDE SYNTHASE PATHWAYS AND USES THEREOF" that has a U.S. Patent Application Serial Number of 10/619,532 and was filed on July 15, 2003;

WHEREAS, Abbott Laboratories, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Illinois, having a place of business at Abbott Park, Illinois 60064, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and to the patent application identified above, and all patents, foreign and domestic, which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and elsewhere in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States and elsewhere; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications, patents, utility models and designs therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications, patents, utility models and designs defined above; to have and to hold for sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

The Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for both the Assignors and the Assignors' legal representative, that Assignors have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment; and that the Assignors will assist the Assignee in the prosecution of the patent applications identified above, in the making and prosecution of any other applications that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention identified above, in vesting in the Assignee

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this agreement.

DATED: 1/8/04

Pradip Mukerji  
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