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WHEREAS, we, Marc Lecomte, Ulriche Denis, Clarisse Paget, Nicolas Wiernsperger and Michel Lagarde citizens of France, residing at Domaine de Bois-Dieu, 12 allée des Coteaux, F-69380 Lissieu, France, 411 Allée du 11 Novembre 1918, F-69300 Caluire et Cuire, France, 41 Fontaine au Roi, F-75011 Paris, France, 920 rue du Paradis, F-69530 Orlenas, France and 10 rue des Vignes, F-69150 Decines, France respectively, (hereinafter referred to as "the undersigned"), having made an invention entitled USE OF PERICYTE APOPTOSIS INHIBITORS FOR TREATING AND/ORPREVENTING DIABETIC RETINOPATHY for which on the date set forth below, unless otherwise indicated here, 4/24/03, 5/14/03, , the undersigned executed an application for United States Letters Patent, 5/2/03, 4/22/03 and 5/9/03, respectively,

WHEREAS, Merck Sante and Inserm, corporations of France, with offices at 37, rue Saint-Romain, F-69379 Lyon Cedex 08 France and 101 rue de Tolbiac, F-75654 Paris Cedex 13, France, (hereinafter referred to as "assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention, said application and all letters patent issuing for said invention,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and of other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the assignee the entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in said invention, including said patent application, all divisions and continuations thereof, all rights to claim priority based thereon, all rights to file foreign applications on said invention, and all letters patent and reissues thereof, issuing for said invention in the United States of America and in any and all foreign countries.


It is agreed that the undersigned shall be legally bound, upon request of the assignee, or its successors or assigns or a legal representative thereof, to supply all information and evidence of which the undersigned has knowledge or possession, relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all instruments proper to patent the invention in the United States of America and foreign countries in the name of the assignee, and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument. If the undersigned includes more than one individual, these obligations shall apply to all of the undersigned both individually and collectively.

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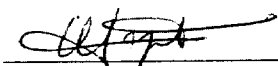
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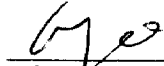
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