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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Huntington Medical Research Institutes a California corporation with a principal place of business at 734 Fairmont Ave., Pasadena, California 91105 (hereinafter called "ASSIGNOR") for the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10) and other good and valuable consideration paid to it by

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a French corporation with its principal place of business at B.P. 313, Gaïa II, 2455 route des Dolines, 06906 Sophia Antipolis, France (hereinafter called the "ASSIGNEE"), does hereby sell and assign (subject to the terms of an Agreement dated May 2004 between Assignor and Assignee) to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, all its right, title and interest, if any, throughout the world, including priority rights, in and to the invention entitled:

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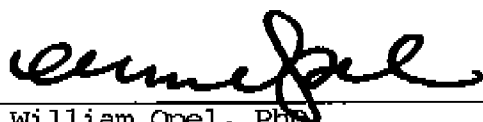
owned by it and described in Application Serial No. 09/942,180, filed August 29, 2002, for United States Letters Patent therefor (now U.S. Patent No. 6,538, 033, issued March 25, 2003), and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all foreign counterparts thereof, said interest being the entire ownership interest in said invention, said application and all Letters Patent granted therefrom, to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE, its successors,

assigns or other legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNOR if this assignment and sale had not been made;

And ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to sign and execute any further documents or instruments which may be necessary, lawful, and proper in the prosecution of said above-named application or in the preparation and prosecution of any continuing, continuation-in-part, substitute, divisional, renewal or reissue applications, or in any amendment, extension, or interference proceedings, or otherwise to secure the title thereto in said ASSIGNEE;

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that I am an officer of the above-identified ASSIGNOR, that I have signed this document on behalf of ASSIGNOR with the full authority of its board of directors, and that all of the foregoing is true and correct.

HUNTINGTON MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES

Name:   
Title: William Opel, PhD  
Title: Executive Director  
Date: May 17, 2004