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Whereas SANKYO LIFETECH COMPANY LIMITED, of 4-23-14, Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan (referred to hereinafter as the "Assignee"), a Corporation organized under the laws of Japan, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said U.S. Patents;

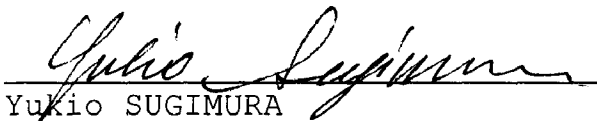
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