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ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

For value received and intending to be legally bound, I/we, the undersigned joint inventor(s) (Assignor(s)), sell, assign and transfer to **Aventis Pharma S.A.** (Assignee), 20, Avenue Raymond Aron, Antony, France 92165; **Institut National De La Sante Et De La Recherche Medicale** (Assignee), 101 rue de Tolbiac, Paris, France 75654; **Centre National De La Recherche Scientifique** (Assignee), 3 rue Michel Ange, Paris, France 75016 and their successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and to my/our invention and any improvements thereon for all countries of the world, relating in and to the application for United States Letters Patent therefor, assigned Attorney Docket No. **FRAV2003/0005USNP** and (if filed prior to the execution hereof) filed on **February 9, 2004**, as Serial No. **10/774.721**, entitled

**OLIGONUCLEOTIDES WHICH INHIBIT EXPRESSION OF THE OB-RGRP PROTEIN AND
METHOD FOR DETECTING COMPOUNDS WHICH MODIFY THE INTERACTION
BETWEEN PROTEINS OF THE OB-RGRP FAMILY AND THE LEPTIN RECEPTOR**

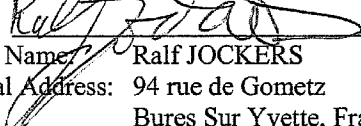
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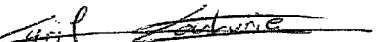
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