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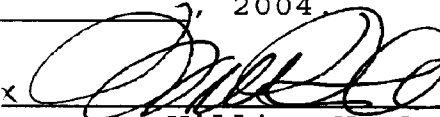
WHEREAS, I, **William W. Au**, a United States citizen, residing at 2802 Plymouth Colony Drive, Webster, Texas 77598, along with Carsten Harms, Holger Maul, and Boris Oberheitmann, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AND ISOLATING UNIQUE NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES** for which International Application No. PCT/EP03/04570, designating the United States, was filed on April 30, 2003 in the European Receiving Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, with its principal place of business at 201 West 7th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, desires to acquire my entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration including salary or payment for the making of inventions, or employee benefits, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, my entire right, title and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may have been or which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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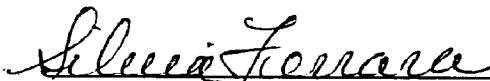
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

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William W. Au

STATE OF Texas  
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This 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004, before me personally came the above-named William W. Au, to me personally known as the individual who executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.



  
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