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WHEREAS, we,

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(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), having post office addresses as listed above next to our names, are joint inventors, along with Val Goodfellow, Martin Rowbottom, Brian P. Dyck, Junko Tamiya, Mingzhu Zhang, Jonathan Grey, Troy D. Vickers, Mehrak Kiankarimi, Warren Wade, and Sarah Clough Hudson, of the patent application entitled:

MELANIN-CONCENTRATING HORMONE RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS
AND COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS RELATED THERETO

as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on March 8, 2004, and assigned Application No. 10/797,487. This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/452,709 filed on March 7, 2003.

WHEREAS, Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Delaware having a place of business at 12790 El Camino Real, San Diego, California 92130-1102, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would

have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNORS agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

March 3, 2005
Date

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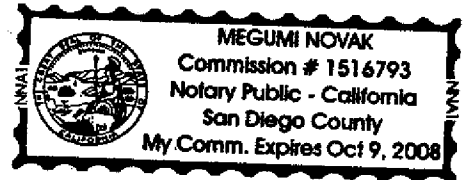
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On March 3, 2005, before me, Megumi Novak, Notary Public, personally appeared Joseph Pontillo, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(Seal)

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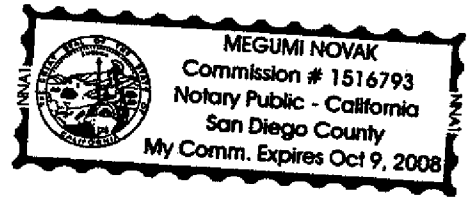
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