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have invented certain new and useful improvements in

HCV NS3 protease inhibitors

and have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based thereon the
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we/I, the saidElisabetta BIANCHI
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have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Istituto Di Ricerche Di Biologia Molecolare P
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we/I have hereunto affixed our/my seal(s) and set our/my hand(s)

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