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WHEREAS, Perclose, Inc., a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business located 400 Saginaw Drive, Redwood City, CA 94063 ("Assignor"), is the owner of record, as reflected by the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office having reel number 9032, frame 0961, recorded on January 12, 1998 of the issued United States patent entitled *Method for the Percutaneous Suturing of a Vascular Puncture Site* having a U.S. Patent Application Serial Number of 08/916,353 and was filed on August 22, 1997 and has issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,860,991;

WHEREAS, Abbott Laboratories, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Illinois, having a place of business at Abbott Park, Illinois 60064, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and to the patent application identified above, and all patents, foreign and domestic, which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and elsewhere in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States and elsewhere; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications, patents, utility models and designs therefore in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications, patents, utility models and designs defined above; to have and to hold for sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

The Assignor hereby covenants and agrees, for both the Assignor and the Assignor's legal representative, that Assignor has the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment; and that the Assignor will assist the Assignee in the prosecution of the patent application identified above, in the making and prosecution of any other applications that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention identified above, in vesting in the Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other patent applications and patents, in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any such patent application or patent, and in assisting Assignee in enforcement of any rights arising out of this Assignment; and that the Assignor will execute and deliver to the Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the Assignee to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignor has executed this agreement.

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