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Attorney Docket No. ITR0031PU.S. Serial No. 10/221,943Filing Date 09/17/2002**ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT**

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of Via Vigorelli 7, 00144 - Roma, Italy; Via G. De Lullo 130, 00126 - Acilia, Italy; Pz. S. Maria Liberatrice 18, 00153 - Roma, Italy; respectively;

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We request that any and all Patents for said inventions be issued to said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.

We agree that, when requested, we will, without charge to said assignee but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining Patents for said inventions in any and all countries and for vesting title thereto in said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

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We hereby authorize our attorney, Sheldon O. Hober or an attorney with Power of Attorney in this application, of the said Istituto di Ricerche di Biologia Molecolare P. Angeletti, S.p.A. to insert the Serial No. and Filing Date of said application(s) when known.

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Signed at POMEZIA this 5 day of APRIL, 2005.

Christian Steinkuhler
Christian Steinkuhler

Personally appeared before me the above-named Christian Steinkuhler
to me known and known to me to be the person(s) who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged said instrument to be
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Emanuela Fiella
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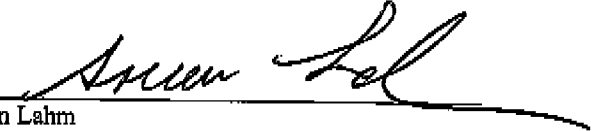
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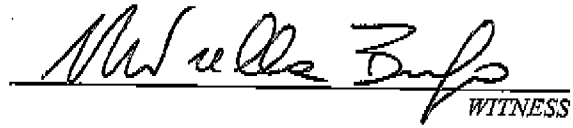
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