

JOINT Merck Case 20243

U.S. Serial No. 09/894,921

Filing Date 06/28/2001

ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

For value received, we, Udit Batra, Raymond J. Higgins, Ashok V. Katdare and Karen C. Thompson

of 2253 Mann Road, Lansdale, PA 19446; 449 Wade Avenue, Lansdale, PA 19946; 801 East Fomance Street, Norristown, PA 19401; and 120 East Fourth Street, Lansdale, PA 19446; respectively,

hereby sell, assign and transfer to MERCK & CO., Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, having an office at Lincoln Avenue, City of Rahway, State of New Jersey, and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest, for all countries, in and to certain inventions relating to Compressed Tablet Formulation

described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed by each of us on even date herewith, or executed on the date shown in the Declaration and Power of Attorney relating to said application, and all the rights and privileges, including any and all benefits under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and related treaties, under any and all Letters Patents which may be granted in any foreign country, and under any and all extensions, divisionals, reissues and continuations of said Letters Patents.

We request that any and all Patents for said inventions be issued to said assignee, its successor, 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.

We covenant with said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that we have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

We hereby authorize our attorney, Valerie J. Camara or an attorney with Power of Attorney in this application, of the said MERCK & CO., Inc., to insert Serial No., and Filing Date of said application(s) when known.

Signed at West Point, Pennsylvania

this 19th day of March 1999

Udit Batra

Karen C. Thompson

Raymond J. Higgins

PATENT

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Signed at _____ this _____ day of _____

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }
County of Montgomery } SS.

Personally appeared before me the above-named Udit Batra Raymond J. Higgins Karen C. Thompson

to me known and known to me to be the person(s) who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged said instrument to be their free act and deed this 18th day of March 1999

Notarial Seal
Brenda Myers, Notary Public
Upper Gwynedd Twp., Montgomery County
My Commission Expires Apr. 11, 2002
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

Brenda Myers
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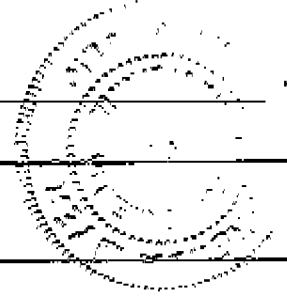
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