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For good and valuable consideration received, we,  
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MARABOUT Benoît residing at ) 45bis, rue de Versailles, FR-91300 MASSY,  
MARGUET Frank residing at 17 rue Paul Doumer, FR-91370 VERRIERES LE BUISSON  
PUECH Frédéric residing at 3 allée de Savoie, FR-78170 LA CELLE SAINT CLOUD have  
sold, assigned and transferred and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer to  
Sanofi-Aventis, a société anonyme of France, having a place of business at 174 Avenue de  
France, 75013 Paris, France, and to its successors, assigns and legal representatives the entire  
right, title and interest in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all  
foreign countries in and to all of our inventions and any and all improvements thereof  
disclosed in an application for United States Letters Patent entitled 3-HETEROARYL -3,5-  
DIHYDRO-4-OXO-4H-PYRIDAZINO[4,5-B]INDOLE-1-ACETAMIDE DERIVATIVES, PREPARATION  
AND USE THEREOF IN MEDICAMENTS which

[ ] is being executed on even date herewith.

[ X ] was filed on 2 April 2003 in the form of an International Application which  
designated the United States of America under number PCT/FR03/01027, and which  
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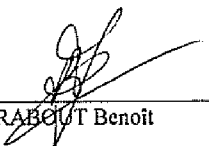
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will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment, and I authorize and  
request the Patent Office Officials in the United States and any and all foreign countries to  
issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Sanofi-Aventis., as the assignee  
of my entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behalf of said  
Sanofi-Aventis, its successors and assigns.

FURTHER, we agree that we will communicate to said Sanofi-Aventis, or its representatives, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all patent applications with respect thereto, including divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said Sanofi-Aventis, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Sanofi-Aventis, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries.

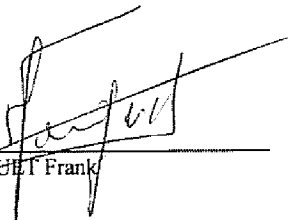
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on the dates indicated below:

  
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