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ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

For value received, I/we, Stefania COLARUSSO; Joerg HABERMANN; Frank NARJES; Simona PONZI; Maria del Rosario RICO FERREIRA

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THIENOPYRROLES AS ANTIVIRAL AGENTS

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**ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT**

Signed at Rome, Italy this 12 day of May, 2008

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