

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **BASF Aktiengesellschaft** hereinafter called the "Assignors", has acquired through Assignment from the inventors the inventions described in the United States Patent 5,579,541 entitled "Recombinant Fibrinogenases, the Preparation and Use Thereof", which issued on June 2nd, 1998;

WHEREAS, Empire Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of New York, having a place of business at 4916 Route 8, Greenville, NY 12083, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and to the patent and all patents, foreign and domestic, which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and elsewhere in and to the inventions and the patent, 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 therefor 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 Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for both the Assignors and the Assignors legal representative, that Assignors have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment and that the Assignors 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 Assignors have executed this agreement.

ASSIGNOR:

Signature:

Mr. Bieberbach Dr. Dörper

Print name:

Bieberbach Dörper

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

On this 16th day of April, 2004, Dr. Andreas Bieberbach and Dr. Thomas Dörper personally appeared before me, executed the foregoing Assignment, and duly acknowledged to me that such Assignment was executed by his/her free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

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Witness name (please print)