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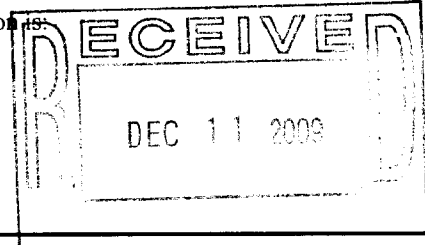
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## ASSIGNMENT

We, **Christof FATTINGER**, a citizen of Switzerland, residing at Emmengasse 7, CH-4223, Blauen, Switzerland; **Remo Anton HOCHSTRASSER**, a citizen of Switzerland, residing at Vorderberggrain 28, CH-4104 Oberwil, Switzerland; **Dieter VOEGELIN**, a citizen of Switzerland, residing at Lindenweg 23, CH-4450 Sissach, Switzerland; and **Thomas ZUMSTEIN**, a citizen of Switzerland, residing at Falkenstrasse 61, CH-4106 Therwil, Switzerland, the undersigned, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby assign and transfer to **F. HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE AG**, with offices at **Grenzacherstrasse 124, CH-4070 Basel, Switzerland** and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE: (1) our entire right, title and interest for the United States and in all countries, in and to any and all inventions, discoveries and applications which are disclosed in United States utility patent application entitled:

### SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ROBOTIC STORAGE OF MICROPLATES

filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on **September 30, 2009**<sup>1</sup> and assigned Serial No. **12/587,085**<sup>1</sup>, and described in priority application European Patent Application No. **08165472.5 of 30 September 2008**, including any renewals, revivals, reissues, reexaminations, extensions, continuations and divisions thereof and any substitute applications therefore; (2) the full and complete right to file patent applications in the name of the ASSIGNEE, its designee, or in my/our names at the ASSIGNEE, or its designee's election, on the aforesaid inventions, discoveries and applications in all countries of the world; (3) the entire right, title and interest in and to any Letters Patent which may issue on said utility application or on any continuation or divisional applications thereof in the United States or in any country, and any renewals, revivals, reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof, and any patents of confirmation, registration and importation of the same; and (4) the entire right, title and interest in all Convention and Treaty Rights of all kinds thereon, including without limitation all rights of priority in any country of the world, in and to the above inventions, discoveries and applications.

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We agree, at any time, upon the request of the ASSIGNEE, to execute and to deliver to the ASSIGNEE any additional applications for patents for said inventions and discoveries, or any part or parts thereof, and any applications for patents of confirmation, registration and importation based on any Letters Patent issuing on said inventions, discoveries, or applications and divisions, continuations, renewals, revivals, reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof.

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<sup>1</sup> Any attorney or agent of record and any registered attorney or agent of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., Chrysler Center, 666 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017, Telephone No. (212) 935-3000, is hereby authorized to insert, when known.

We further agree at any time to execute and to deliver upon request of the ASSIGNEE such additional documents, if any, as are necessary or desirable to secure patent protection on said inventions, discoveries and applications throughout all countries of the world, and otherwise to do the necessary to give full effect to and to perfect the rights of the ASSIGNEE under this Assignment, including the execution, delivery and procurement of any and all further documents evidencing this assignment, transfer and sale as may be necessary or desirable.

We hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment.

We further covenant that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

Date: October 12, 2009

Christof Fattinger  
Signature of: **Christof FATTINGER**

The undersigned declare(s) that he/she was/were personally present and did witness the above-named individual execute this Assignment of his/her own free will for the purposes set forth herein.

Signature of witness: S. Amann  
Name of witness: [Print or Type Name] Susanne Amann

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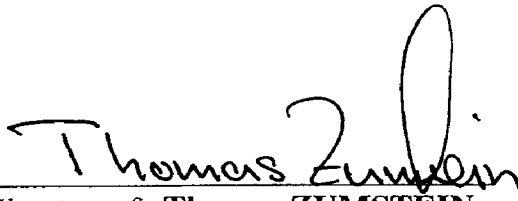
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