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PATENT**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, ROBERT M. HNASKO and CATHRIN E. BRUEDERLE, residing at Port Costa, California and Portland, Oregon; respectively having invented an improvement in PEPTIDE SEQUENCES FOR BINDING INFECTIOUS PRIONS, for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, and identified as Department of Agriculture Case No. 0131.07; and Serial No. 12/571,275 filed On September 30, 2009;

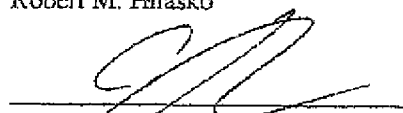
WHEREAS, the WORLDWIDE patent rights in our share of said invention are assignable to the United States by virtue of our having made the invention while in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture under applicable law and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture which render the patent rights so assignable; and

WHEREAS, the United States, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, is desirous of acquiring an assignment of said patent rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises, we hereby assign said WORLDWIDE patent rights to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture.

  
Robert M. Hnasko

November 19, 2009  
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Cathrin E. Bruederle

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