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For valuable consideration, I, K. RAJA REDDY of San Diego, California and a citizen of the U.S.A., WILLIAM CRAIGO of San Diego, California and a citizen of the U.S.A., ZHILI SUN of San Diego, California and a citizen of the U.S.A., SERGE H. BOYER of San Diego, California and a citizen of France, and BHEEMARAO, G. UGARKAR of Hebbal Bangalore, India and citizen of the U.S.A. (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee") hereby assign to METABASIS THERAPEUTICS, INC., a corporation organized and existing under and by the virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware and having a place of business at 9390 Towne Centre Drive, Building 300, San Diego, California, 92121, and its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the invention and improvements which are the subject of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/698,924, entitled "NOVEL CYCLIC PHOSPHATE DIESTERS OF 1,3-PROPANE-1-ARYL DIOLS AND THEIR USE IN PREPARING PRODRUGS," and related applications and patents, this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents granted for any of said inventions or improvements, including all divisions, continuations, reissues, continuations-in-part and extensions thereof, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application and based on the filing date of any provisional application of which said application claims the benefit under the United States Patent Laws, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Paris Convention), the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; and we authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our names or in its own name for patents and like rights of exclusion and for inventor's certificates for said inventions and improvements; and we agree for

ourselves and our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation, upon request to perform such lawful acts, to promptly provide Assignee with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention or application as may be known and accessible to us, to testify in any interference or litigation related to said invention or application and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

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

WITNESS my hand at <u>Sin Diego</u>, CA, this <u>5th</u> day of <u>December</u>, 2005.

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\mathbf{X}	K. RAJA REDDY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)	
COUNTY OF) ss	
Onbefore me,	, personally appeared
K. RAJA REDDY	

personally known to me - OR - proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



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	WILLIAM CRAIGO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)	
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Onbefore me,	, personally appeared
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