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We, B. Maria H. Eriksson, of Solna, Sweden, a citizen of Sweden, and Francis S. Collins, of Rockville, Maryland, a citizen of the United States of America, along with other inventors have invented a certain invention entitled LMNA GENE AND ITS INVOLVEMENT IN HUTCHINSON-GILFORD PROGERIA SYNDROME (HGPS) AND ARTERIOSCLEROSIS for which the following patent applications have been filed:

U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/419,541, filed on 18 October 2002;
U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/463,084, filed on 14 April 2003; and
PCT Application No. PCT/US03/33058 filed on 17 October 2003

all of which applications are collectively referred to herein as "the patent applications."

We were employed by the Department of Health and Human Services at the time the invention was made. The conditions under which said invention was made are such as to entitle the Government of the United States of America under Paragraph 1(a) of Executive Order 10096, to the entire right, title, and interest in the invention, in the United States and all other countries throughout the world.

In consideration of our obligations under Executive Order 10096, and other valuable consideration, we the undersigned, have sold, assigned, and transferred and do sell, assign, and transfer to The Government of the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (hereinafter THE GOVERNMENT), and successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in the patent applications and invention throughout the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, and all other countries. This includes an assignment of all Letters Patent that may be granted on the invention in the United States of America and all countries throughout the world, and any divisional, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof; and the right to claim priority from the patent applications as provided for by United States law, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, the Paris Convention, or other applicable law.

We authorize and request the issuance of said Letters Patent to THE GOVERNMENT as assignee of the entire right, title, and interest to be held as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment not been made.

We warrant that there are no outstanding assignments, grants, liens, encumbrances, or agreements either written, oral, or implied that will impair, diminish, limit, or abridge the interest herein conveyed at the time of the execution of the present assignment.

We also agree upon reasonable request to communicate to THE GOVERNMENT, its representatives, assigns or agents, any facts known to us respecting the invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, provide all requested documents, and do everything reasonably possible to aid THE GOVERNMENT and its assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the invention in the United States or any foreign country. These provisions are binding upon our heirs, legal representatives, administrators and assigns.

We have authorized THE GOVERNMENT to file and prosecute the patent applications, as well as any corresponding international or national applications that claim priority from them. THE GOVERNMENT has the right to select attorneys or agents of its choice to prosecute at its discretion the patent applications on its behalf.

We grant the law firm of Klarquist Sparkman, LLP, the power to insert on this Assignment any further information that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with all applicable legal requirements, including the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, for submitting and recording this document.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

Dated: May 15th, 2004

[Signature]
B. Maria H. Eriksson

CITY
STATE OF Huddinge
COUNTRY OF Sweden ss.
COUNTY OF

This 15 day of May, 2004, before me personally came the above-named B. Maria H. Eriksson, who executed the foregoing Assignment in my presence, and who acknowledged to me that it was executed under that person's own free will for the purposes set forth therein.



KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET

[Signature]
Notary Public for _____
My commission expires:

[SEAL]

Dated: April 21, 2004

[Signature]
Francis S. Collins

STATE OF Maryland)
COUNTY OF Montgomery) ss.

This 21 day of April, 2004, before me personally came the above-named Francis S. Collins, who executed the foregoing Assignment in my presence, and who acknowledged to me that it was executed under that person's own free will for the purposes set forth therein.

[Signature]
Notary Public for Maryland
My commission expires: May 1, 2007

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