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JOINT ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration received, we,
 Bernard ABRAMOVICI residing at 56, rue du Luminaire, 34990 Juvignac, France ;
 Jean-Claude GAUTIER residing at 13, rue Gustave Courbet ; 34830 Clapiers ; France,
 Jean-Claude GROMENIL residing at 6, La Voie Romaine ; 34560 Mounthazin ; France,
 Jean-Marie MARRIER residing at Avenue de la Fontvin ; 34970 Lattes ; France
 have sold, assigned and transferred and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer to
 SANOFI-SYNTHELABO, a société anonyme of France, having a place of business at 174,
 Avenue de France, 75013 Paris, France, and to its successors, assigns and legal representatives
 the entire right, title and interest in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any
 and all foreign countries in and to all of our inventions and any and all improvements thereof
 disclosed in an application for United States Letters Patent entitled Solid pharmaceutical
 composition containing benzofurane derivatives which

- is being executed on even date herewith.
- was filed on 19 June 1998 in the form of an International Application which designated the
 United States of America under number PCT/FR98/01285, and which entered the
 National Stage in the United States of America under Serial Number 09/446,601 on 22
 December 1999 .
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and the entire right, title and interest in and to said United States patent application and any
 divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application and any patent applications
 claiming subject matter common thereto or corresponding thereto filed in the United States
 and/or foreign countries including all rights to claim priority and in and to any and all Letters
 Patent which may be granted on said applications in the United States and its territorial
 possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all reissues, re-
 examinations and extensions of such Letters Patent.

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, and I authorize and
 request the Patent Office Officials in the United States and any and all foreign countries to issue
 any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said SANOFI-SYNTHELABO., as the

assignee of my entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behalf of said SANOFI-SYNTHELABO, its successors and assigns.

FURTHER, we agree that we will communicate to said SANOFI-SYNTHELABO, or its representatives, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all patent applications with respect thereto, including divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said SANOFI-SYNTHELABO, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said SANOFI-SYNTHELABO, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on the dates indicated below:


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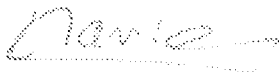
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