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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Ronald L. Leech, Jr., with a post office address of **12475 Dee Drive, Plymouth, IN 46563**, hereinafter generally referred to as "**ASSIGNOR**" has invented certain new and useful inventions entitled:

"METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR INTERFERING WITH EXTRACTION OR CONVERSION OF A DRUG SUSCEPTIBLE TO ABUSE"

that are described in U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. **14/734,364** filed **June 9, 2015**; ("**Invention**") naming the above **ASSIGNOR** as inventor.

WHEREAS, ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., a corporation having a place of business at **616 N. North Court, Palatine, IL 60067** hereinafter generally referred to as "**ASSIGNEE**," is desirous of acquiring and/or confirming the acquisition of the Inventions.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged and intending to be legally bound hereby, I, **ASSIGNOR**, has assigned and/or by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey unto **ASSIGNEE**, the whole and entire right, title and interest in and to:

all Inventions;

the above patent application and any and all United States and foreign patent applications disclosing one or more of the Inventions including, without limitation, applications for patents including provisionals, non-provisionals, divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, requests for continued examinations, utility models, PCT applications and designs and any other related United States and foreign applications and equivalents thereof ("**Applications**"), along with the right to claim priority to the Applications under any treaty relating thereto;

all United States and foreign patents, utility models, inventor's certificates and designs and all equivalents thereof which may be granted for the Inventions or Applications, including extensions, renewals, reissues and reexamination certificates thereof ("**Patents**"); and

all rights to sue for and collect damages resulting from past, present and future infringement of all granted or to be granted Patents;

the Inventions, Applications and Patents to be held and enjoyed by **ASSIGNEE**, for **ASSIGNEE**'s own use and benefit, and for **ASSIGNEE**'s legal representatives and assigns to the full end of the term or terms of said granted or to be granted Patents, as fully and entirely as the

same would have been held by ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the aforesaid consideration ASSIGNOR hereby covenant, agree and undertake to execute, whenever requested by the above-named ASSIGNEE, all patent applications, assignments, lawful oaths and any other papers which ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable for securing to ASSIGNEE or for maintaining for ASSIGNEE all the Inventions, Applications and Patents hereby assigned or agreed to be assigned; all without further compensation to the undersigned ASSIGNOR.

It is agreed that ASSIGNOR shall be legally bound, upon request and at the expense of ASSIGNEE or its successors or assigns or a legal representative thereof, to supply all information and evidence of which the undersigned has knowledge or possession, relating to the making and practicing of the Inventions, and to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto.

ASSIGNOR hereby represents and warrants that he has full right, power and authority to assign their entire right, title, and interest in the Patents, Applications, and Inventions, and to consummate the assignment contemplated herein. ASSIGNOR also represents and warrants that he has full right, power, and authority to enter into, execute, and deliver this Assignment, the execution and delivery of which have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of ASSIGNOR, and no other authorization or proceedings on the part of ASSIGNOR are necessary to authorize this Assignment. This Assignment has been duly executed and delivered and constitutes a valid, binding and enforceable assignment of the entire right, title, and interest in the Patents and Applications, and Inventions disclosed therein.

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

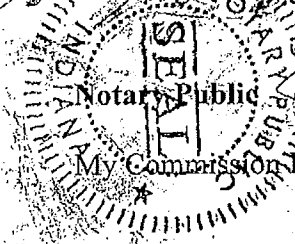
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7-6-15
Date

Ronald L. Leech, Jr.
Ronald L. Leech, Jr.

STATE OF Indiana :
: ss.
COUNTY OF Marshall :

Before me, a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this 6th day of July, 2015, personally appeared **Ronald L. Leech, Jr.**, who being known to me (or satisfactorily proven), and who having first executed the foregoing Assignment in connection with the inventions entitled **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR INTERFERING WITH EXTRACTION OR CONVERSION OF A DRUG SUSCEPTIBLE TO ABUSE** in my presence and have been by me first duly sworn, did acknowledge the foregoing instrument as his, free deed and act, signed, sealed and delivered by him for the purpose therein stated and intending to be legally bound thereby and intending that said instrument be recorded.

 Marian Wamsley
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My Commission Expires: 03 May 2017