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ASSIGNMENT

We, **Bernhard Zimmermann, Matthew Hill, Philippe Lacroute, Michael Dodd and Alexander Wong**, the undersigned, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, confirm that we have sold and assigned, and do hereby assign, sell and transfer to **Natera Inc.**, a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at **201 Industrial St. Suite 410, San Carlos, CA 94070**, and to its successors, assigns and legal representatives, collectively hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE: (1) our entire right, title and interest for the United States and in all countries, in and to any and all inventions, discoveries and applications which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent entitled:

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filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on **November 12th, 2014**, and assigned Application No. **14/538,982**, including any subsequently filed domestic and/or international applications, which claim priority to this application, and including any renewals, revivals, reissues, reexaminations, extensions, continuations and divisions thereof and any substitute applications therefor; (2) the full and complete right to file patent applications in the name of the ASSIGNEE, its designee, or in my/our names as the ASSIGNEE, or its designee's election, on the aforesaid inventions, discoveries and applications in all countries of the world; (3) the entire right, title and interest in and to any Letters Patent which may issue thereon in the United States or in any country, and any renewals, revivals, reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof, and any patents of confirmation, registration and importation of the same; and (4) the entire right, title and interest in all Convention and Treaty Rights of all kinds thereon, including without limitation all rights of priority in any country of the world, in and to the above inventions, discoveries and applications.

We hereby authorize and request the competent authorities to grant and to issue any and all such Letters Patents in the United States and throughout the world to the ASSIGNEE of the entire right, title and interest therein, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment, sale and transfer not been made.

We agree, at any time, upon the request of the ASSIGNEE, to execute and to deliver to the ASSIGNEE any additional applications for patents for said inventions and discoveries, or any part or parts thereof, and any applications for patents of confirmation, registration and importation based on any Letters Patent issuing on said inventions, discoveries, or applications and divisions, continuations, renewals, revivals, reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof.

We further agree at any time to execute and to deliver upon request of the ASSIGNEE such additional documents, if any, as are necessary or desirable to secure patent protection on said inventions, discoveries and applications throughout all countries of the world, and otherwise to do the necessary to give full effect to and to perfect the rights of the ASSIGNEE under this Assignment, including the execution, delivery and procurement of any and all further documents evidencing this assignment, transfer and sale as may be necessary or desirable.

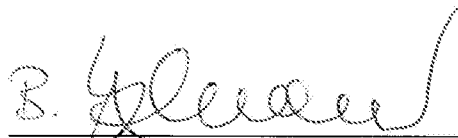
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We hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment.

We further covenant that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said inventions and said Letters Patents and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said inventions and said Letters Patents and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

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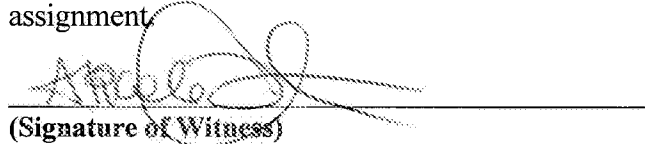
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Signature of:
Bernhard Zimmermann

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Nicole Fong, hereby declare
(Printed Name of Witness)

that I was personally present and did see the above named person duly sign and execute the assignment.


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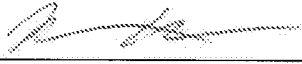
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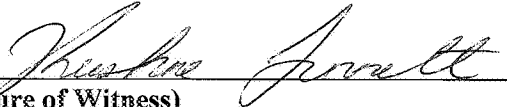

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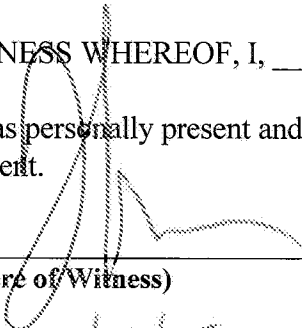
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Matthew Hill

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, KRISTINE SINNETT, hereby declare
(Printed Name of Witness)
that I was personally present and did see the above named person duly sign and execute the
assignment.


(Signature of Witness)

Date: 1/7/2015

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, ZACHARY DEMKO, hereby declare
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that I was personally present and did see the above named person duly sign and execute the
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Signature of:
Philippe Lacroute

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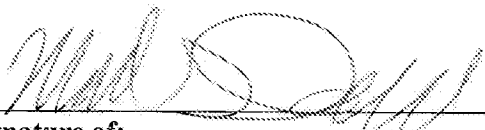
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Michael Dodd

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Natalie Hill, hereby declare
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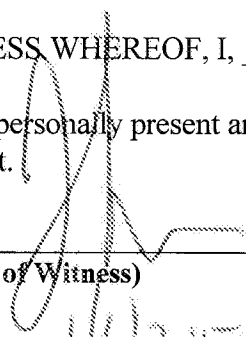
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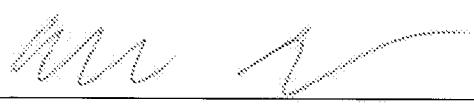
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Signature of:
Alexander Wong

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Rahelk Salari, hereby declare

(Printed Name of Witness)

that I was personally present and did see the above named person duly sign and execute the assignment.


(Signature of Witness)

Date: 1/7/15

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Zachary Dembs, hereby declare

(Printed Name of Witness)

that I was personally present and did see the above named person duly sign and execute the assignment.


(Signature of Witness)

Date: 1/7/15

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND INVENTIONS AGREEMENT

The following confirms and memorializes an agreement that Natera, Inc. formerly known as Gene Security Network, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") and I (Philippe Lacroute) have had since the commencement of my employment (which term, for purposes of this agreement, shall be deemed to include any relationship of service to the Company that I may have had prior to actually becoming an employee) with the Company in any capacity and that is and has been a material part of the consideration for my employment by Company:

1. I have not entered into, and I agree I will not enter into, any agreement either written or oral in conflict with this Agreement or my employment with Company. I will not violate any agreement with or rights of any third party or, except as expressly authorized by Company in writing hereafter, use or disclose my own or any third party's confidential information or intellectual property when acting within the scope of my employment or otherwise on behalf of Company. Further, I have not retained anything containing any confidential information of a prior employer or other third party, whether or not created by me.
2. Company shall own all right, title and interest (including patent rights, copyrights, trade secret rights, mask work rights, *sui generis* database rights and all other intellectual property rights of any sort throughout the world) relating to any and all inventions (whether or not patentable), works of authorship, mask works, designs, know-how, ideas and information made or conceived or reduced to practice, in whole or in part, by me during the term of my employment with Company to and only to the fullest extent allowed by California Labor Code Section 2870 (which is attached as Appendix A) (collectively "Inventions") and I will promptly disclose all Inventions to Company. Without disclosing any third party confidential information, I will also disclose anything I believe is excluded by Section 2870 so that the Company can make an independent assessment. I hereby make all assignments necessary to accomplish the foregoing. I shall further assist Company, at Company's expense, to further evidence, record and perfect such assignments, and to perfect, obtain, maintain, enforce, and defend any rights specified to be so owned or assigned. I hereby irrevocably designate and appoint Company as my agent and attorney-in-fact, coupled with an interest and with full power of substitution, to act for and in my behalf to execute and file any document and to do all other lawfully permitted acts to further the purposes of the foregoing with the same legal force and effect as if executed by me. If I wish to clarify that something created by me prior to my employment that relates to Company's actual or proposed business is not within the scope of the foregoing assignment, I have listed it on Appendix B in a manner that does not violate any third party rights or disclose any confidential information. If anything created by me prior to my employment relates to Company's actual or proposed business, I have listed it on Appendix B in a manner that does not violate any third party rights or disclose any confidential information. Without limiting Section 1 or Company's other rights and remedies, if, when acting within the scope of my employment or otherwise on behalf of Company, I use or (except solely on Appendix B pursuant to this Section 2) disclose my own or any third party's confidential information or intellectual property (or if any Invention cannot be fully made, used, reproduced, distributed and otherwise exploited without using or violating the foregoing), Company will have and I hereby grant Company a perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide royalty-free, non-exclusive,

sublicensable right and license to exploit and exercise all such confidential information and intellectual property rights.

3. To the extent allowed by law, paragraph 2 includes all rights of paternity, integrity, disclosure and withdrawal and any other rights that may be known as or referred to as "moral rights," "artist's rights," "droit moral," or the like (collectively "Moral Rights"). To the extent I retain any such Moral Rights under applicable law, I hereby ratify and consent to any action that may be taken with respect to such Moral Rights by or authorized by Company and agree not to assert any Moral Rights with respect thereto. I will confirm any such ratifications, consents and agreements from time to time as requested by Company.

4. I agree that all Inventions and all other business, technical and financial information (including, without limitation, the identity of and information relating to customers or employees) I develop, learn or obtain during the term of my employment that relate to Company or the business or demonstrably anticipated business of Company or that are received by or for Company in confidence, constitute "Proprietary Information." I will hold in confidence and not disclose or, except within the scope of my employment, use any Proprietary Information. However, I shall not be obligated under this paragraph with respect to information I can document is or becomes readily publicly available without restriction through no fault of mine. Upon termination of my employment, I will promptly return to Company all items containing or embodying Proprietary Information (including all copies), except that I may keep my personal copies of (i) my compensation records, (ii) materials distributed to shareholders generally and (iii) this Agreement. I also recognize and agree that I have no expectation of privacy with respect to Company's telecommunications, networking or information processing systems (including, without limitation, stored computer files, email messages and voice messages) and that my activity and any files or messages on or using any of those systems may be monitored at any time without notice.

5. Until one year after the term of my employment, I will not encourage or solicit any employee or consultant of Company to leave Company for any reason (except for the bona fide firing of Company personnel within the scope of my employment).

6. I agree that during the term of my employment with Company (whether or not during business hours), I will not engage in any activity that is in any way competitive with the business or demonstrably anticipated business of Company, and I will not assist any other person or organization in competing or in preparing to compete with any business or demonstrably anticipated business of Company.

7. I agree that this Agreement is not an employment contract for any particular term and that I have the right to resign and Company has the right to terminate my employment at will, at any time, for any or no reason, with or without cause. In addition, this Agreement does not purport to set forth all of the terms and conditions of my employment, and, as an employee of Company, I have obligations to Company which are not set forth in this Agreement. However, the terms of this Agreement govern over any inconsistent terms and can only be changed by a subsequent written agreement signed by the President of Company.

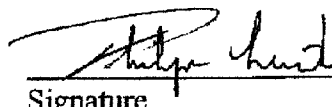
8. I agree that my obligations under paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Agreement shall continue in effect after termination of my employment, regardless of the reason or reasons for termination, and whether such termination is voluntary or involuntary on my part, and that Company is entitled to communicate my obligations under this Agreement to any future employer or potential employer of mine. My obligations under paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 also shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, assigns, and administrators and shall inure to the benefit of Company, its subsidiaries, successors and assigns.

9. Any dispute in the meaning, effect or validity of this Agreement shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of California without regard to the conflict of laws provisions thereof. I further agree that if one or more provisions of this Agreement are held to be illegal or unenforceable under applicable California law, such illegal or unenforceable portion(s) shall be limited or excluded from this Agreement to the minimum extent required so that this Agreement shall otherwise remain in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms. This Agreement is fully assignable and transferable by Company, but any purported assignment or transfer by me is void. I also understand that any breach of this Agreement will cause irreparable harm to Company for which damages would not be an adequate remedy, and, therefore, Company will be entitled to injunctive relief with respect thereto in addition to any other remedies and without any requirement to post bond.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY AND I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH IT IMPOSES UPON ME WITHOUT RESERVATION. NO PROMISES OR REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME TO INDUCE ME TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT. I SIGN THIS AGREEMENT VOLUNTARILY AND FREELY, IN DUPLICATE, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COMPANY WILL RETAIN ONE COUNTERPART AND THE OTHER COUNTERPART WILL BE RETAINED BY ME.

21 March, 2012

Employee



Signature

Philippe Lacroute

Name (Printed)

Accepted and Agreed to:

By _____

APPENDIX A

California Labor Code Section 2870. **Application of provision providing that employee shall assign or offer to assign rights in invention to employer.**

(a) Any provision in an employment agreement which provides that an employee shall assign, or offer to assign, any of his or her rights in an invention to his or her employer shall not apply to an invention that the employee developed entirely on his or her own time without using the employer's equipment, supplies, facilities, or trade secret information except for those inventions that either:

(1) Relate at the time of conception or reduction to practice of the invention to the employer's business, or actual or demonstrably anticipated research or development of the employer; or

(2) Result from any work performed by the employee for his employer.

(b) To the extent a provision in an employment agreement purports to require an employee to assign an invention otherwise excluded from being required to be assigned under subdivision (a), the provision is against the public policy of this state and is unenforceable.

APPENDIX B
PRIOR MATTER

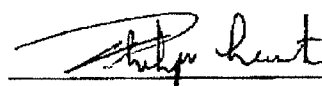
Please check one of the following:

☒ none

☐ as per below:

21 March, 2012

Employee Philippe Lacroute



Signature