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**ASSIGNMENT WITH DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)****ASSIGNMENT**

Whereas, I/We, the undersigned inventor(s) hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements described in the application identified below; and

Whereas, QIAGEN GMBH of Hilden, Germany, whose business address is Qiagen Strasse 1, 40724 Hilden, Germany and QIAGEN INSTRUMENTS AG of Hombrechtikon, Switzerland, whose business address is Garstligweg 8, CH-8634 Hombrechtikon, Switzerland (assignees), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

I/We, the above named assignor(s), hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, my/our entire right, title and interest, if any, in the invention and the application for the United States of America, including all direct and indirect divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part thereof, and all original, extended, reissued, reviewed, and reexamined Letters Patent of the United States, and all countries foreign thereto, that may be granted thereon, including rights of priority under the International Convention of Paris (1883) as amended, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and I/we request the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we hereby agree that the assignee may apply for foreign Letters Patent on the invention and I/we will without further consideration, communicate all facts know to me/us and execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the assignee in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by the assignee, its successors, legal representatives, or assigns. I/We further represent and warrant that I/We have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this assignment, and that I/We have not granted any rights inconsistent with the rights granted herein. I/We further acknowledge an obligation of assignment of this invention to assignee at the time the invention was made.

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**DECLARATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that this assignment with declaration is directed to:

☐ The attached application, OR ☒ United States Application or PCT International Application  
Number PCT/EP2014/057122 filed on 9 April 2014

**PRE-AIA**

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention titled:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

**POST-AIA**

The above identified application was made or was authorized to be made by me.

I believe I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.


I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this assignment with declaration is punishable under 18 USC 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

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