PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified continuation application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete lines 3-6 and insert the following text in place thereof:

--This is a continuation of my co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/113,179, filed October 23, 1987, which is in turn a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 675,298, filed November 30, 1984, which issued as U.S. Letters Patent No. 4,703,008 on October 27, 1987, which was a continuation-in-part of my co-

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please add the enclosed formal drawing Figures 5 through 21.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claims:

--- 61. An erythropoietin-containing, pharmaceutically-acceptable composition wherein human serum albumin is mixed with erythropoietin.

62. A composition according to claim 61 containing a therapeutically effective amount of erythropoietin.

63. A composition according to claim 61 containing a therapeutically effective amount of recombinant erythropoietin. ---

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.607, the present continuation is being filed for the purpose of requesting an interference with all of the claims (claims 1-4) of U.S. Patent No. 4,879,272 issued to Naoto Shimoda et al on

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and/or take any other action in the interference, once declared, as may be deemed proper under the rules.

Respectfully submitted,
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