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Re: Zeev LEV et al - Appln. No. 09/076,095
METHOD FOR LABELING POLYNUCLEOTIDES
Your Reference: 110865.3 JP
Our Reference: LEV=1

Dear Ms. Maor:

We have received a telephone call from the examiner in charge of this case informing us of an oral restriction requirement between the following three groups:

Group I, comprising claims 1-12 and 14-23, drawn to methods of labeling;

Group II, comprising claim 13, drawn to a probe; and

Group III, comprising claims 24-28, drawn to kits.

At this stage we can either make an oral election with traverse (there is no need to advise the reasons for any such traverse at this time) or advise the examiner that we would prefer to have a written restriction requirement (which will probably have a thirty-day or one month term for response). In either event, we would appreciate your instructions by return facsimile because the examiner is holding this case on her desk awaiting our return phone call.

In the meantime, if any additional material information is now available, such as the search results from an examination in a related application or a corresponding application in another country, now would be the time to submit the required Information Disclosure Statement.

Sincerely,

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Dear Roger,

WE ELECT GROUP I WITH TRAVERSE,