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STATE OF ALABAMA)
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

RESEARCH & LABORATORIES ASSOCIATES, INC.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, the undersigned incorporators, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Alabama Business Corporation Act, and do declare:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be Research & Laboratories Associates, Inc.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The purposes for which this Corporation is organized are:

(a) To place research studies; to perform laboratory evaluations and consultations; and to do any and all things necessary, convenient or desirable in connection with the placement of research studies, performing laboratory evaluations and consultations, and anything related thereto.

(b) To manufacture, purchase, acquire, hold, maintain, improve, construct, pledge, hypothecate, exchange, sell, invest and deal in and otherwise dispose of, alone or in syndicate or otherwise in conjunction with others,

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commodities, merchandise and other personal property of every kind, character, and description whatsoever and wheresoever situated, and any interest therein.

(c) To purchase, acquire, lease, own, hold, sell, convey or mortgage and otherwise deal in real estate, property, tenements, and hereditaments, as well as any interest therein, and directly or through the ownership of stock in any corporation, to maintain and improve the same by erecting, constructing, rebuilding, repairing, equipping, any and all kinds of buildings and other structures and erections, and to install therein such furniture and appliances which at any time may be necessary to the conduct thereof.

(d) To acquire bonds or stocks of this Corporation or otherwise, the good will, rights, assets and property; to undertake, guarantee or assume the whole or any part of the obligations or liabilities of any person, firm, association or corporation; to pay for the same in cash, the stock or other securities of the Corporation or otherwise; to hold, or in any manner dispose of the whole or any part of the property so acquired; to conduct in any lawful manner the whole or any part of the business so acquired, and to exercise all the powers necessary or convenient in and about the conduct and management of any such business.

(e) To acquire, hold, use, sell, assign, lease, grant licenses in respect of, mortgage or otherwise dispose of letters patent of the United States of America or any foreign country, patent rights, licenses and privileges, inventions, improvements and processes, copyrights, trademarks and trade names, relating to or useful in connection with any business of this Corporation.

(f) To acquire by purchase, subscription, contract, underwriting or otherwise, to hold for investment or otherwise, to pledge, hypothecate, exchange, sell, deal in and with and dispose of or to turn to account or to realize upon, alone or in syndicate or otherwise in conjunction with others, stocks, securities and investments of every kind and description, including, but not by way of limitation, shares, stocks, scrip, notes, bonds, debentures, rights, participating certificates, certificates of interest, mortgages, acceptances, commercial paper and choses in action, evidence of indebtedness and other obligations of every kind and description (all of which is hereinafter sometimes called "securities") of any private, public or quasi-public corporation, association, partnership, common law trust, syndicate, firm or individual or of any combinations, organizations or entities whatsoever, irrespective of their form or the names by which they may be described, and, while

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the owner or holder of any such securities, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership in respect thereto; and, to the extent now or hereafter permitted by law, to aid by loan, guarantee or otherwise those issuing, creating or responsible for any such securities.

(g) To borrow and lend money and to give or take security therefor by way of mortgage, pledge, transfer or assignment of real or personal property, of every nature and description.

(h) To enter into, make and perform contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount with any person, firm, association or corporation, town, city, county, state, territory, government or governmental subdivision.

(i) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and to issue promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange, warrants, debentures and other negotiable or transferable instruments.

(j) To issue bonds, debentures or obligations of this Corporation from time to time, for any of the purposes of the Corporation, and to secure the same by mortgage, pledge, deed of trust or otherwise.

(k) To have one or more offices to carry on all or any of its operations and business and, without restriction or limit as to amount, to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, own, mortgage, pledge, sell, assign and transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of, invest, trade, deal in and deal with goods, wares and merchandise, and real and personal property of every class and description in any of the states, districts, territories or colonies of the United States, and in any and all foreign countries, subject to the laws of such state, district, territory, colony and country.

(l) To purchase or otherwise acquire its own shares of stock (so far as may be permitted by law) and its bonds, debentures, notes, scrip or other securities, or evidence of indebtedness, and to hold, sell, transfer, or reissue the same.

(m) To enter into any plan or project for the assistance and welfare of its employees.

(n) To enter into any legal arrangements for sharing of profits, union of interests, reciprocal concessions or cooperation with any person, partnership, corporation, association, combination, organization, entity or body

whatsoever, domestic or foreign, carrying on or proposing to carry on any business which this Corporation is authorized to carry on, or any business or transaction deemed necessary, convenient or incidental to carrying out any of the objects of this Corporation.

(o) To assume, guarantee or become surety for the payment and performance of any and all debts and obligations of another or others, and to guarantee the payment of dividends upon any security or securities.

(p) To do all and everything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the objects herein enumerated or necessary or incidental to the protection and benefit of the Corporation, and in general, to carry on any lawful business necessary or incidental to the protection and benefit of the Corporation, and in general, to carry on any lawful business necessary or incidental to the attainment of the purposes of the Corporation, whether such business is similar in nature to the objects and powers hereinabove set forth or otherwise.

(q) To engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the laws of Alabama.

The foregoing clauses shall be construed as purposes for which the Corporation is organized, in addition to those powers specifically conferred upon the Corporation by law, and it is hereby expressly provided that the foregoing specific enumeration of powers shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the powers of the Corporation otherwise granted by law.

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ARTICLE III

LOCATION AND MAILING ADDRESS
OF INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND
NAME OF INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT THEREAT

The location of the initial registered office of the Corporation shall be/ 200 Mildred Street

Dean's Office Building
South Main Street
Columbiana, Alabama 35051

The mailing address of the initial registered office of the Corporation shall be/ 200 Mildred Street

P. O. Box 939
Columbiana, Alabama 35051

The name of the Corporation's initial registered agent at said address shall be William C. Wiygul, Ph.D.

ARTICLE IV

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL SHARES

The total number of shares which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is one thousand (1,000) shares of Common of the par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) per share, constituting a total authorized capital of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and consisting of such one class only.

ARTICLE V

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INCORPORATORS

The names and mailing addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>
William C. Wiygul, Ph.D.	P.O. Box 939 Columbiana, AL 35051
Harry L. Phillips, M.D.	P.O. Box 939 Columbiana, AL 35051
Frank B. Wall, Jr.	P.O. Box 939 Columbiana, AL 35051
Joseph L. Story, M.D.	P.O. Box 939 Columbiana, AL 35051

ARTICLE VI

NUMBER OF DIRECTORS AND NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INITIAL BOARD

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of six Directors. The names and mailing addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders, or until their successors are elected and qualified, are as follows:

200 Mildred Street

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>
William C. Wiygul, Ph.D.	P.O. Box 939 Columbiana, AL 35051
Harry L. Phillips, M.D.	P.O. Box 939 Columbiana, AL 35051
Katie Jeanette Hutchison	P.O. Box 939 Columbiana, AL 35051
Frank B. Wall, Jr.	P.O. Box 939 Columbiana, AL 35051
Thomas M. Nolen, M.D.	P.O. Box 939 Columbiana, AL 35051
Joseph L. Story, M.D.	P.O. Box 939 Columbiana, AL 35051

ARTICLE VII

DURATION

The duration of this Corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VIII

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The following provisions for the regulation of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, the Directors and the shareholders are hereby adopted:

(a) The initial By-Laws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the shareholders. The power to alter, amend, repeal the By-Laws or adopt new By-Laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors and the shareholders, or either of them, which power may be exercised in the manner and to the extent provided in the By-Laws; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may not alter, amend or repeal any By-Law which was adopted by the shareholders and specifically provides that it cannot be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors, or which is not permitted by applicable law to be altered, amended or repealed solely by action of the Board of Directors. The By-Laws may contain any provisions for the regulation of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, the Directors and shareholders not inconsistent with the Alabama Business Corporation Act or these Articles of Incorporation.

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(b) The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The number of Directors comprising the initial Board of Directors shall be the number of persons listed as Directors in Article VI hereof. Thereafter, the number of Directors of the Corporation shall be fixed by, or in the manner provided in, the By-Laws or, in the absence of a By-Law providing for the number of Directors, the number of Directors shall be the same as the number comprising the initial Board of Directors. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time, in the manner provided in the By-Laws, provided that no decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent Director, except that any Director may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of the holders of a majority of the shares then entitled to vote at an election of Directors at a meeting of shareholders held pursuant to the laws of Alabama.

(c) In furtherance, and not in limitation, of the powers conferred by statute, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized:

(1) To fix and determine and to vary the amount of working capital of the Corporation; to determine whether any, and if any, what part of any, accumulated profits shall be declared and paid as dividends; to determine the date or dates for the declaration and payment of dividends; to

direct and determine the use and disposition of any surplus or net profits over and above the capital shares paid in;

(2) To make, from time to time (so far as may be permitted by federal or state law and regulations), temporary secured or unsecured loans when, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, the money so loaned is not at the time required in the conduct of the business of the Corporation.

(3) To distribute to the shareholders of any class of shares as a stock dividend shares of any other class which the Corporation is authorized to issue, subject to the restrictions and limitations as set forth in the Alabama Business Corporation Act as presently in effect, or as hereafter amended.

(4) To distribute to the shareholders of the Corporation, either out of its capital surplus or out of its earned surplus, a portion of the Corporation's assets, in cash or in property, subject to the restrictions and limitations as set forth in the Alabama Business Corporation Act as presently in effect, or as hereafter amended, or as set forth in the By-laws of the Corporation.

(d) Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of the shareholders may be taken without a meeting, if prior to such action a written consent thereto is signed by all members of the Board, if action by Directors is involved, or by all of the shareholders entitled to vote thereon, if action by

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shareholders is involved, and if such written consent is filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors or of the shareholders, as the case may be.

(e) At any time and from time to time when authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors and, except as otherwise provided in the within Articles of Incorporation and by statute, without any action by its shareholders, the Corporation may

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(1) issue or sell for such consideration as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors, any number of its capital shares, and whether out of the unissued shares thereof authorized by these Articles of Incorporation, as from time to time amended, or out of shares of its capital shares acquired by it after the issuance thereof;

(2) issue and sell its obligations, secured or unsecured, and in bearer, registered or such other form, and including such provisions as to redeemability, convertibility or otherwise, as the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may determine, and mortgage or pledge as security therefor, any property of the Corporation, real or personal, including after-acquired property; and

(3) issue or grant, for such consideration as may from time to time be fixed by the Board of Directors, warrants or options, in bearer, registered or such other form as the Board of Directors may determine, for the purchase of its capital shares with or without par value of any class

within such period of time, or without limit as to time, to such aggregate number of shares, and at such price per share as the Board of Directors may determine. Such warrants or options may be issued or granted separately or in connection with the issue of any bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness or capital shares of any class of the Corporation and for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors in its sole discretion may determine.

BOOK 039 PAGE 384 (f) The Corporation shall have a lien upon all shares subscribed for or issued for the full subscription price thereof or any debt or liability incurred to it by the subscriber or shareholder, which lien may be exercised by cancellation, forfeiture, or public or private sale, upon reasonable notice, of such subscription, which remedies are cumulative to an action to enforce payment or other remedies provided by law. At the election of the Corporation, a subscriber shall not be considered as a shareholder until said subscription shall have been paid in full.

(g) The Corporation shall have the right to purchase, take, receive or otherwise acquire, hold, own, pledge, and transfer or otherwise dispose of its own shares, but purchases of its own shares, whether direct or indirect, shall be made only to the extent of unreserved and unrestricted earned surplus available therefor, or to the

extent of unreserved and unrestricted capital surplus available therefor.

ARTICLE IX

RIGHT TO AMEND PROVISIONS IN ARTICLES

The Corporation reserves the right from time to time to amend, alter or repeal each and every provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or to add one or more additional provisions, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed or permitted by the Alabama Business Corporation Act, and all rights conferred upon shareholders at any time are granted subject to this reservation.

ARTICLE X

DENIAL OF PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

No holder of shares of any class of this Corporation shall, as such holder, have any pre-emptive rights in, or pre-emptive rights to purchase or subscribe to, any shares of this Corporation, or any bonds, debentures or other securities or obligations convertible into or exchangeable with any shares of this Corporation, other than such rights of conversion or exchange and such rights under options or warrants or purchase or subscription arrangements, as shall be expressly granted by the Board of Directors or shareholders at such prices and upon such other terms and conditions as the

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Board of Directors, in its discretion, or the shareholders may fix or designate.

ARTICLE XI

CUMULATIVE VOTING

In all elections for Directors, every shareholder shall have the right to vote, in person or by proxy, the number of shares owned by him, for as many persons as there are Directors to be elected, or to accumulate said shares and to give one candidate as many votes as the number of Directors multiplied by the number of his shares shall equal, or to distribute them on the same principle among as many candidates as he shall see fit.

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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being all of the incorporators hereinabove named, for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to the Alabama Business Corporation Act, have executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation on this 2nd day of August, 1989.

William C. Wiygul, Ph.D.
William C. Wiygul, Ph.D.

Harry A. Phillips, M.D.
Harry A. Phillips, M.D.

Frank B. Wall, Jr.
Frank B. Wall, Jr.

Joseph L. Story, M.D.
Joseph L. Story, M.D.
(INCORPORATORS)

Ref: MS/97383A



STATE OF ALABAMA

I, Perry A. Hand, Secretary of State, of the State of Alabama, having custody of the Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that

pursuant to the provisions of Section 10-2A-26, Code of Alabama 1975, the corporate name _____

Research & Laboratories Associates, Inc. is reserved as available based only upon an examination of the corporation records on file in this office for the exclusive use of

Research & laboratories Associates, Inc.

for a period of one hundred twenty days from this date. In the case of a domestic corporation, the name of the county in which the corporation was or is proposed to be incorporated is Shelby

I further certify that as set out in the application for reservation of corporate name, the Secretary of State's office does not assume any responsibility for the availability of the corporate name requested nor for any duplication which might occur.

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In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this day.

Date June 23, 1989 expire - 10-22-89

Perry A. Hand

Secretary of State

State of Alabama

SHELBY

County

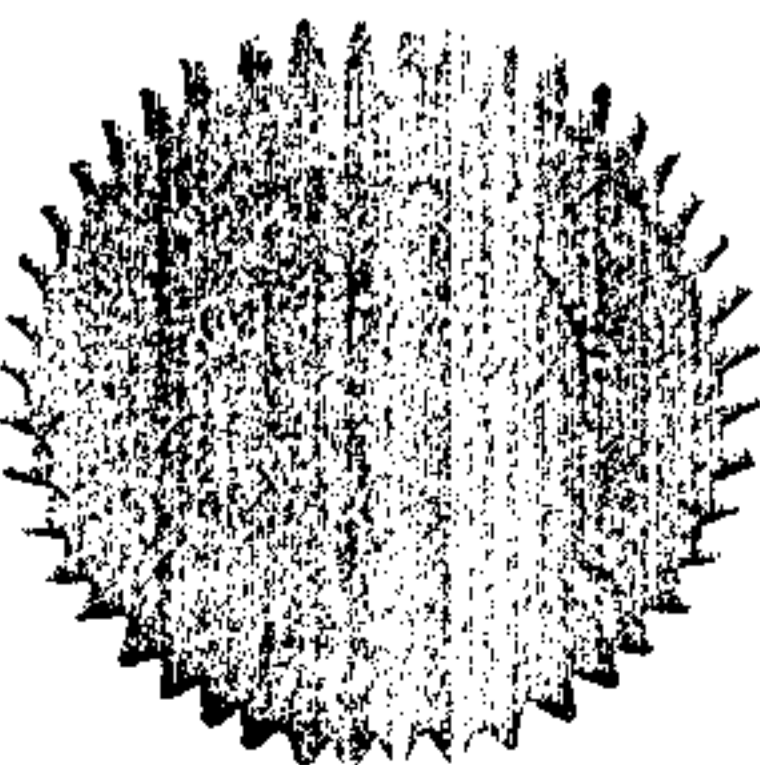
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF

RESEARCH & LABORATORIES ASSOCIATES, INC.

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of SHELBY County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation for the incorporation of RESEARCH & LABORATORIES ASSOCIATES, INC., duly signed pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Judge of Probate, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Incorporation of RESEARCH & LABORATORIES ASSOCIATES, INC., and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

GIVEN Under My Hand and Official Seal on this the 2ND day of AUGUST, 19 89.



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JUDGE OF PROBATE

Thomas A. Snowden Jr.
Judge of Probate

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