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PART I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION				
PERSON SUBMITTING THE FORM				
Full name				
Are you the inventor	Yes No			
Submission date				
Mailing address				
Business telephone				
E-mail address				
Cell phone				
OWNER/ASSIGNEE APPLICANT				
Do the inventor(s) own the patent rights to this invention (check one). If not, elaborate.	Yes No			
Is the assignee also the applicant? If not, elaborate.	Yes No			
Applicant mailing address.				
Applicant physical address (if different than mailing address).				
Applicant telephone.				
Applicant email address.				
Applicant entity size (Select one).	Large Small Micro			
Provide this information for the Applicant.	Signatory Title: Signatory Name:			
If Applicant is not the assignee, identify the owner/assignee of the invention, address, telephone, and contact person.				
Other parties of interest. If you chose other, elaborate.	<ul> <li>University Contract</li> <li>Government Agreement or</li> <li>Joint Development</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>			

Licensees. Provide names of possible licensees, if any.

Other Information

PART II. APPLICATION FILING INSTRUCTIONS				
Is this application seeking expedited prosecution?	Yes No			
Is this application being filed internationally?	Yes No			
If application is being foreign filed, indicate any foreign countries within which you would suggest that the application should be filed, and why (e.g., market of interest, place of manufacture, competitor's place of manufacture).				
Are you requesting non-publication? (only if you don't plan to file outside of the U.S. and only available at time of filing)	Yes No			
Are you requesting early publication? (earlier than the 18 months from priority)	Yes No			
List the details for all the domestic (U.S.) applications this application claims priority from.				
List the details for all the foreign (non-U.S.) applications this application claims priority from.				
Do the priority applications have at least one inventor in common with this application?				

PART III. INVENTION INFORMATION						
<b>IDENTIFICATION OF INVENTOR(S).</b> Identify the inventor/s and place an asterisk * next to the name of the inventor to whom questions may be directed. For each inventor, provide the following.						
Full Legal Name (Last, First, Middle)	employer	MAILING ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	e-mail Address	RESIDENCY	SIGNATURE
ADD MORE	INVENTOR	S AS NEEDED				
<b>INVENTION CATEGORY.</b> Please categorize the potential uses of your invention below by checking all anticipated uses (check one or more):						
Service 🗌 Product – therapeutic 🗌 Product – device 🗌 Product – method 🗌						
Research – reagent 🗌 Drug – identification 🗌 Diagnostic – test 🗌 Bio 🗌 Software 🗌						
Do you expect to have FDA filing? If yes, remember to coordinate the patent application with your regulatory personnel.						

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OTHER INFORMATION					
SIGNIFICANT DATES					
Conception of the Invention.	Date				
Documentation.					
When the invention was first reduced to practice. Under the first to file, this may not have the same effect as it did in the older first to invent system.	Date				
USE AND DISCLOSURE (IMPORTANT)					
Have you described or shown your invention to anyone? If yes, when and how?	Yes No				

Have you made any attempts to commercialize your invention (for example, have you approached any companies about purchasing or manufacturing your invention)? If yes, elaborate.	Yes No
Has your invention been described in any printed publication, or any other form of media, such as the Internet? If yes, elaborate.	Yes No
Have you used, or do you plan to use, the invention in commerce? If yes, elaborate.	Yes No
Have you attempted to manufacture or sell your invention, or offered it for sale? If yes, elaborate.	Yes No
Are there any witnesses who can corroborate the making of the invention, from the early days of conception to the reduction to practice? If yes, give their names, addresses and/or telephone numbers.	Yes No
If you have answered yes to any of the above questions, please give full details of the activity, including dates when activities have occurred. Please indicate if party(ies) where under obligation of confidentiality.	
Have you conducted any state-of-the-art searches? If yes, elaborate and complete below.	Yes No

REFERENCES FOR DISCLOSURE							
REF#	DOCUMENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE/PUBLICATION DATE	NAME OF APPLICAN/TPATENEE	RELEVANT PAGE/LINE NUMBERS	DISCUSSED IN THE DISCLOSURE?		
AD	D MORE REF	ERENCES AS NEEDED					

## PART IV. INVENTION

## MECHANICAL (and some other) INVENTIONS

#### Descriptive invention title.

**Purpose.** State the purpose of the invention. What were the goals of this invention? What problem are you solving with this invention?

**Prior knowledge.** Describe the previous old methods, materials or apparatus used by others to perform the purpose of the invention. Prior knowledge may be patent publications, websites, literature, conference, products or other information that you may be aware of.

**Prior knowledge limitations and/or shortcomings.** What are the limitations/disadvantages of how, the same or similar objective/purpose (as of the present invention) have been delivered by current industry or academic knowledge and know-how.

**Reasons for Prior knowledge shortcomings.** If the purpose has not been achieved using the current industry or academic knowledge and know-how, why is that? What have been the barriers preventing or making it difficult for others to deliver.

Describe the invention in detail. Fill in or attach a full description of the invention.

Technical problem. What technical problem did you solve?

New features. Identify the features of the invention believed to be new.

**Advantages.** State the advantages of the invention over the prior/current existing technology described above. (e.g., cheaper, faster, or more reliable). How is my solution better than the prior art?

**New capabilities.** What capability does this provide and why is it useful?

**Operating principle of invention.** What is the invention's operating principle?

**Operating principle differences.** Is there an operating principle that represents a departure from the operating principles of state-of-the-art equipment?

**System diagram.** Is there a system diagram showing the major components? Detailed figures taken along different lines, and views will be very helpful. Attach the system diagram to the final downloaded form.

**Component diagram.** Is there a component diagram showing the actual stepper circuitry? Attach the diagram to the final downloaded form.

**Physical structure.** Describe the physical structure of your invention. Sketches, photos, or other illustrations should be attached to this form to fully illustrate your invention. Attach the diagram to the final downloaded form.

**Processes of making.** How would you assemble the product? Please provide details. For example, what would connect to what in what order? Attach the diagram to the final downloaded form.

**Operation/function/use.** How would you use the device/system? Attach the diagram to the final downloaded form.

**Applications.** What are applications of my invention besides solving my specific technical problem or in the particular market in which i plan to sell my product?

**Other fields.** Is my invention applicable to other technical fields, other than the one i am working in? What are they?

Material. What are the materials from which each component will be made?

**Alternatives.** Indicate any alternatives to the components, methods, materials, etc. As listed above. What are variants of my invention? Think broader than the specific technical problem that you solved. For example, this design may be the most commercially feasible and robust design, but if a competitor were to try and "design around" the invention, what that design might look like?

**Distinctions.** Describe the optional and necessary components.

# SOFTWARE RELATED INVENTIONS

Describe the language used to develop application.

What operating system or platform is needed for the proper function of the software? Is the software easily portable to other platforms?

What application software is needed for the proper function of the software?

What hardware and system configuration are required for the proper function of the software? Does the software improve operation of the hardware that hosts the software? (For example, does the software permit the hardware to operate more efficiently, perform operations faster, provide greater accuracy for the same computing resources, or does it require fewer input parameters while providing accurate results?)

Does the software have a graphical user interface? **Yes No.** If yes, elaborate.

Is this one-size-fits-all software or does it have to be customized for use by each customer?

Do you anticipate the customer would need on-going maintenance and support? If yes, please explain.

What do you see as commercial uses of your software?

Please describe the likely end users of the software. Does the invention have applicability beyond the likely end users?

Please indicate (choose one) the anticipated distribution model for the current version of the software.

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Provide a flow chart of the operations being performed by the software and attach it to the final downloaded form.

## SOFTWARE MANUSCRIPT

Have you prepared a manuscript describing the technology (for example, for publication in a journal or exhibition or marketing material)? **Yes No** 

If yes, the manuscript can be a large part of the disclosure. Please submit the manuscript along with: A fully completed Software Disclosure Form; and

A short description of the invention (usually one page or less) specifically identifying the invention in broader terms that might not be appropriate for use in the manuscript, e.g., the general purpose of the invention, the improvements over existing methods, devices or materials, the best mode of utilizing the Software, and a description of the details necessary to understand the invention. Please either attach or use the Part IV Invention Details.

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## **BIO INVENTIONS**

Mechanism of action or core concept.

**Key components or reagents**. Outline biological materials (e.g., cell lines, plasmids, proteins, antibodies, enzymes, or genetically modified organisms). If needed, add it as an attachment to the final downloaded form for your records.

**Methods, protocols, or processes**. Include step-by-step procedures, experimental conditions, and any unique protocols. If needed, add it as an attachment to the final downloaded form for your records.

Experimental data. Summarize results (e.g., tables, figures, charts) that demonstrate proof of concept or advantages over existing technologies. If needed, add it as an attachment to the final downloaded form for your records.

Advantages and improvements. Emphasize the invention's benefits (e.g., efficiency, safety, specificity, scalability). If needed, add it as an attachment to the final downloaded form for your records.

If a material, whether biological or non-biological, from a secondary source is incorporated or was used in the research that lead to the development of the invention, was this material obtained from some source other than your laboratory? (check one) **Yes No** If, yes, elaborate.

If yes, with whom?

What is (are) the material(s)?

Please specify the source of the material(s):

What is (are) the material(s)?

Was this material(s) covered by a Material Transfer Agreement, Sponsored Research Agreement, Collaboration Agreement, or any other type of agreement? **Yes No** If, yes, elaborate.

**Current readiness level**. Lab prototype, proof of concept, preclinical data, or near-commercial prototype. Future steps: Any ongoing or planned experiments, validation studies, or scale-up processes. If needed, add it as an attachment to the final downloaded form for your records.

Enter any additional information that may be helpful.

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