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FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE  
MANUFACTURING AND PACKAGING AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
CARDINAL HEALTH PTS, LLC  
AND  
LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED  
 THIS FIRST AMENDMENT (the “Amendment”) to the Manufacturing and Packaging Agreement dated 13 February 2004 (the “Agreement”), is made and entered into on this day of May, 2006, between Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (“Ligand”) and Cardinal Health PTS, LLC (“Cardinal Health”). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.  
 WHEREAS, Ligand and Cardinal Health are parties to the Agreement, pursuant to which Cardinal Health manufactures AVINZA for Ligand at certain agreed upon initial prices, subject to adjustment as set forth therein and with certain minimum orders;