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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-3, 12, 15(completely); 13, 14(partially)

An endoscopic tissue retraction system comprising: an element configured to be movably mounted to an endoscope; and a connector configured to be secured to the element and to the tissue which is to be retracted. Further details of the element.

2. claims: 4-11(completely); 13, 14(partially)

An endoscopic tissue retraction system comprising: an element configured to be movably mounted to an endoscope; and a connector configured to be secured to the element and to the tissue which is to be retracted. Further details of the connector.

3. claim: 16

Apparatus for endoscopic tissue retrieval, the apparatus comprising: a balloon configured to be movably mounted to an endoscope; the balloon comprising an axial opening extending therethrough; a flap mounted in the axial opening of the balloon so as to form, in conjunction with the surrounding portions of the balloon, a concave pouch for receiving dissected tissue.

Only part of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present (supplementary) European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the inventions in respect of which search fees have been paid, namely claims: 1-15

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