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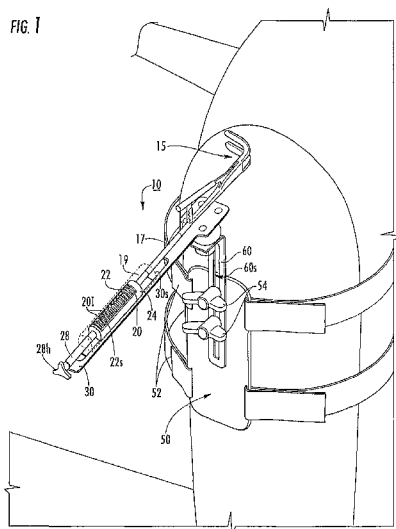
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(57) Abstract: Surgical devices configured to apply and hold a defined pre-set or pre-load tension to target tissue, such as, for example, a blood vessel, tendon or ligament during a surgical procedure.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Korean utility models and applications for utility models

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

eKOMPASS(KIPO internal) & Keywords: rotary cuff, tissue grasper, tension measurement element, circuit

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 2001-0049483 A1 (CLIVE REAY-YOUNG) 06 December 2001 See paragraphs 39-40, claims 1, 6, 8 and Figures 1a, 2	1-21,24-27
A	US 06001106A A (RYAN; JAMES P. et al.) 14 December 1999 See column 3, line 33 - column 4, line 32, claim 1 and Figures 3, 12	1-21,24-27
A	US 05289826A A (KOVACEVIC; NEBOJSA) 01 March 1994 See column 2, line 8 - column 4, line 12, claim 1 and Figures 2, 3	1-21,24-27



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