(54) Title: IMPLANT SYSTEM AND METHOD TO TREAT DEGENERATIVE DISORDERS OF THE SPINE

(57) Abstract: An implant has a first hook and a second hook. A connector is coupled to the first and second hooks. The implant is adapted in a preferred embodiment to hook and look onto a spine.
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