A scapula component (1) for a reverse shoulder prosthesis comprises a part spherical, convex, surface (3) which is less than a hemisphere. The part spherical surface does not have a rotational axis of symmetry, and may include a main circular surface portion and one or more subsidiary surface portions (5, 6, 7) depending from an edge of the main surface portion. A humerus component (200) for a reverse shoulder prosthesis comprises a cup member (202) having a part spherical, concave bearing surface (206) surrounded by an oval rim (208).
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Claims 30-32 rely only on references to the figures which renders the claims unclear in a way that a meaningful search is not possible (Art. 6 PCT).

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1. ☐ Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☑ Claims Nos.: 30-32 because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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   A scapula component for a reverse shoulder prosthesis comprising

2. claims: 24-29

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