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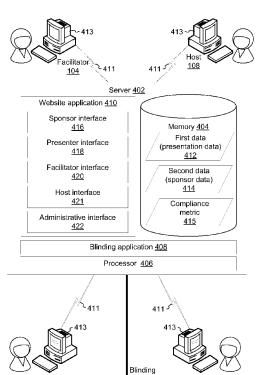


FIG. 4

(57) Abstract: The disclosed methods and systems may broker blind exchanges between and/or among the parties in the process of creating sponsored biomedical education programs, such as commercial interest sponsors, presenters, hosts, and/or facilitators. Blinding may introduce a separation between a source of funding and a biomedical presentation being funded, effectively eliminating real and/or apparent financial conflicts of interest. In a blinding transaction, first data describing an aspect of a biomedical presentation may be received. The biomedical presentation may be associated with a presenter. Second data indicative of an intent of a sponsoring entity to sponsor delivery of the biomedical presentation may be received. The first data may be associated with the identity of the sponsor. An indication to deliver the biomedical presentation may be generated. The indication preferably does not disclose the identity of the sponsoring entity to the presenter.

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