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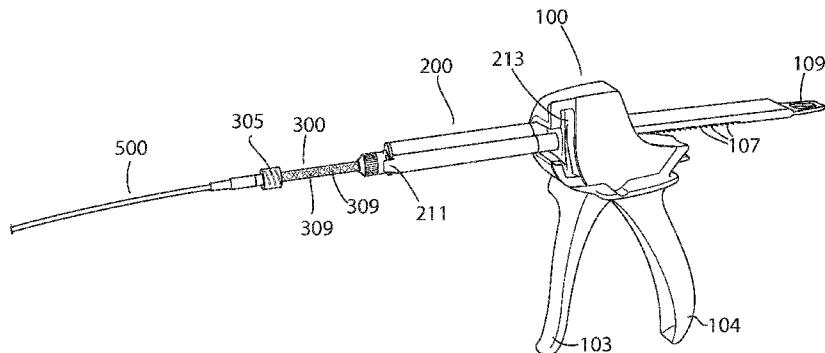


Fig. 16

(57) **Abstract:** The invention relates to a delivery system, device and method for delivering biomaterials for fracture fixation (including augmented fixation), in particular, for delivery of bone cements. The mixing system ensures the biomaterial only commences setting upon extrusion from the mixer, cannula or during injection through an appropriate internal fracture fixation device, allowing for rapid closing by the surgeon. The system also permits the surgeon to cease injecting the cement for an extended period of time before continuing the injection in another area using the same cartridge, through the simple removal of one mixer and attaching another in its place. The invention also provides a method of delivery of biomaterials to a desired implantation site.

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Biomaterial delivery system with locking means or release button

2. claim: 16

Biomaterial delivery system with stop member

3. claims: 17, 20, 21

Biomaterial delivery system with removable sealing means

4. claims: 38-43

Biomaterial delivery system with internal fracture fixation device

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