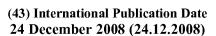
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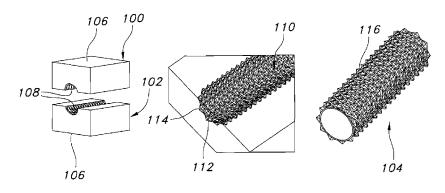


FIG. 1A

FIG. 1B

FIG. 1C

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a radially-expandable stent for implantation in a bodily passageway, being expandable from an initial unexpanded state to an expanded state, having an outer surface with a geometric pattern covering said outer surface to minimize migration after implantation.



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