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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TENSIONING A SUTURE

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a novel forceps for use in suturing. The forceps include a pulley or pulley-like feature that provides an advantageous mechanism for putting tension on a suture. In certain embodiments, the pulley or pulley-like device can measure or set the tension applied to a suture. Use of the forceps is especially advantageous in endoscopic or robot assisted surgeries.
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