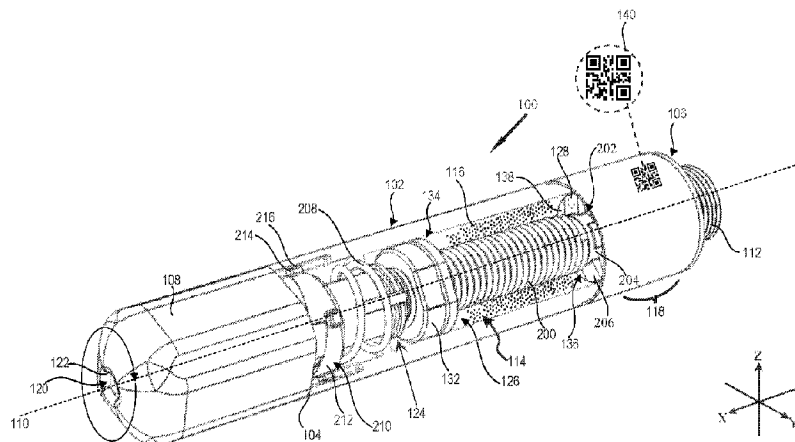




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(57) **Abrégé/Abstract:**

Provided is a system and method for a dosing vaporizer (100). More specifically, an embodiment of the system includes a housing (102) with a first end (104) opposite from a second end (106). A mouthpiece (108) disposed proximate to the first end (102), the mouthpiece (108) structured and arranged to rotate about the first end (102). An attachable component (112) disposed proximate to the second end (106), the attachable component (112) structured and arranged for removable attachment to a power source. A reservoir (114) of liquid concentrate (116) is disposed within the housing (102). A vaporizer (118) disposed proximate to the attachable component (112) and thermally isolated from the reservoir (114). A vapor conduit (120) passes generally from the vaporizer (118) through the housing (102) to the mouthpiece (108). A metered rotation driven dispenser (124), coupled to the mouthpiece (108), applies a predetermined force upon the reservoir (114) to dispense from the reservoir (114) into the vaporizer (118) a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate (116).

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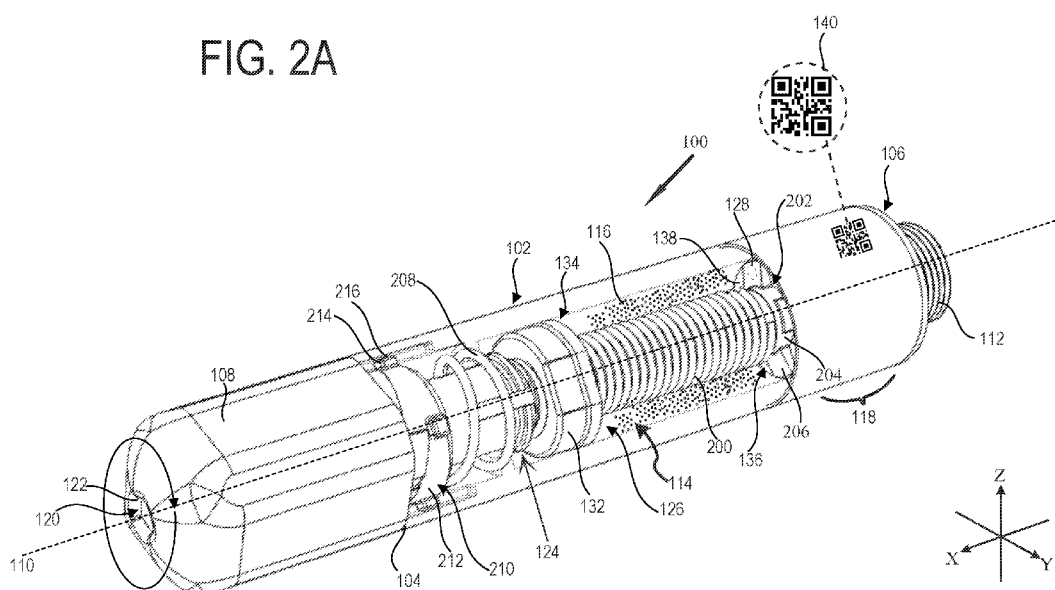
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FIG. 2A



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[0002] The following patent applications and patents are referenced: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 15/391,829 entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING CONCENTRATE USAGE OF A USER** (hereinafter “‘829 App”), U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 16/592,674 entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING CONCENTRATE USAGE OF A USER** (hereinafter “‘674 App”), U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 62/660,974 entitled **SMART VAPORIZER AND SYSTEM FOR CONCENTRATE PRODUCTS** (hereinafter “‘974 App”), U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 62/721,699 entitled **VAPORIZER CARTRIDGE SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE** (hereinafter “‘699 App”), U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 16/541,062 entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VAPORIZING CARTRIDGE SYSTEM WITH DIFFUSER** (hereinafter “‘062 App”), U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 16/559,556 entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING AN APPROPRIATE DOSE OF A PRODUCT** (hereinafter “‘556 App”), and U.S. Patent 10,888,665 entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MULTI-MODAL DOSING DEVICE** (hereinafter “‘665 Patent”), U.S. Patent 10,888,666 entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MULTI-MODAL DOSING DEVICE** (hereinafter “‘666 Patent”), and U.S. Patent 10,834,967 entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING CONCENTRATE USAGE OF A USER** (hereinafter “‘967 Patent”).

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0003] The present invention relates generally to a dosing vaporizer system structured and arranged so as to provide a dose of a given product in an inhalable form to a user. The product is generally understood to be a liquid or oil concentrate. In particular, the present invention presents a system for the precise dosing of a product by providing a self-contained vaporizer, reservoir, and dosing system.

BACKGROUND

[0004] Often referred to as e-cigarettes, hand held vaporizers, “vapes” or the like, the general device is understood and appreciated to be a hand-held electronic device that provides a user with a vapor for medical or recreational inhalation. In general, these devices are generally understood to comprise an electrically activated vaporizer, within a housing that provides a mouthpiece and typically encloses a cartridge or reservoir of the material to be vaporized.

[0005] For some models the battery powering the vaporizer may be removable, while in others it is permanent. Of course, the batteries may be rechargeable as well.

[0006] With a traditional smoking device where fire is used to combust a material into smoke, as with a pipe, cigarette or cigar, the inhalation by the user draws air through the burning medium which furthers the burning action, and creates the draw of smoke.

[0007] With vaporizer devices, although the draw of air by the user may be used to trigger device operation, the transition of the inhaled substance from an initial state to a vapor state is not accomplished by fire. Most commonly, the material to be vaporized is provided in a liquid form – such as an oil based liquid, that serves as a transport medium to initially store the inhalant compound, and later convey the inhalant compound into a vaporizer element such that the liquid is transformed into a vapor for inhalation by the user.

[0008] Because of differing product characteristics current vaporizer solutions may or may not involve additional thinning agents – i.e., propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, etc. More specifically, many products utilized in vaporizers rely upon a thinning agent in order to efficiently transport product to the vaporizer element – such as a heating coil in contact with or closely adjacent to a ceramic or metallic surface upon which the solution for vaporization is deposited.

[0009] With the increasing proliferation of plant based medicinal products, proper dosage is an important part of patient care for consistent and reliable treatment of a given condition or ailment. Indeed, in some cases different dosages of the same product may be appropriate for different conditions or ailments, thus further emphasizing the importance of proper product dosing for a specific condition or ailment.

[0010] Some vaporizing devices have intentionally positioned the reservoir of concentrate close to the heating element of the vaporizer, or other heating element so as to intentionally heat the concentrate within the reservoir / cartridge, so as to facilitate easy flow or wicking of the concentrate into the vaporizing element. In some cases, heating coils have even been disposed within or around at least a portion of the reservoir.

[0011] Although this was initially believed to be helpful, it has been realized that this additional and repeated heating can degrade the concentrate material leading to a breakdown or chemical change of the concentrate. This breakdown may result in decreased effectiveness and/or enjoyment of the vaporized concentrate, as well as other issues that are only just now being realized within the vaporization industry. Furthermore, the wick material, typically cotton, breaks down over use and has a negative impact on the flavor of the vapor.

[0012] As the vapor is provided from a liquid, not a burning product, it is also appreciated that the concentration of the inhalant, nicotine, CBD, or other compound, is largely dependent on the concentration provided in the liquid, and how much of that liquid is then dispensed and vaporized. Indeed, without accurate dispensing great variation from one vaporization to the next may occur.

[0013] Further, as variations of concentration may exist from one batch or manufacturer to another, precise dispensing, or dosing, is an important factor in reliable and repeatable vaporizing device usage. Moreover, for a given cartridge or reservoir of a vaporizable concentrate or product, for the using party to appreciate the benefits as truly intended it is highly desirable for the vaporizing system to achieve the same vaporizing affect upon all doses administered from the cartridge or reservoir, unless or until the user or other party intentionally directs a change, such as an alteration of dosing quantity, vaporizing temperature, vaporizing duration, etc.

[0014] Although some devices have attempted to provide dosage and vaporization based on inhalation as with a traditional smoking experience, such devices are subject to wild variability as the user may be completely unaware and unable to adjust the concentration of the product within the liquid suspension.

[0015] Hence there is a need for a method and system that is capable of overcoming one or more of the above identified challenges.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0016] Our invention solves the problems of the prior art by providing a novel dosing vaporizer system to provide controlled dosage delivery of the product, while maintaining the integrity of the yet to be used product in a safe and efficacious manner.

[0017] In particular, and by way of example only, according to at least one embodiment, provided is a metered dosing vaporizer system including: a housing providing a first end and opposite thereto a second end; a mouthpiece disposed proximate to the first end, the mouthpiece structured and arranged to rotate about the first end; an attacher disposed proximate to the second end, the attacher structured and arranged for removable attachment to a power source; a reservoir of liquid concentrate within the housing; a vaporizer disposed proximate to the attacher and thermally isolated from the reservoir; a vapor conduit passing generally from the vaporizer, through the housing to the mouthpiece; and a metered rotation driven dispenser structured and arranged to apply a predetermined force upon the reservoir to dispense from the reservoir into the vaporizer a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate, wherein the metered rotation driven dispenser is coupled to the mouthpiece.

[0018] In yet another embodiment, provided is a metered dosing vaporizer system including: a housing providing a first end and opposite thereto a second end; a mouthpiece disposed proximate to the first end, the mouthpiece structured and arranged to rotate about the first end; a 510 battery connector disposed proximate to the second end, the battery connector structured and arranged for removable attachment to a battery; a reservoir of liquid concentrate within the housing; a vaporizer disposed proximate to the 510 battery connector and thermally isolated from the reservoir; a central vapor conduit passing generally from the vaporizer, through the housing to the mouthpiece; an aperture disposed between the reservoir and the

vaporizer; and a screw plunger structured and arranged to apply a predetermined force upon the reservoir to dispense from the aperture a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate into the vaporizer, the rotation of the mouthpiece inducing a degree of rotation to the screw plunger, the degree of rotation pre-selected to advance the plunger against the liquid concentrate of the reservoir to dispense the predetermined amount of the liquid concentrate.

[0019] For yet another embodiment, provided is a metered dosing vaporizer system including: a handheld device having a first end and opposite thereto a second end, with a longitudinal axis therebetween; the first end defined by a mouthpiece structured and arranged for one way rotation about the longitudinal axis; the second end defined by an attacher, structured and arranged for removable attachment to a power source; a housing disposed between the mouthpiece and the attacher, the housing at least partially enclosing: a reservoir of liquid concentrate; a vaporizer disposed proximate to the attacher and thermally isolated from the reservoir; a vapor conduit coupling the vaporizer to the mouthpiece; a metered dispenser structured and arranged to dispense from the reservoir into the vaporizer a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate upon a pre-selected degree of rotation of the mouthpiece; and an activator, structured and arranged to activate the vaporizer by permitting a connection between the vaporizer and the power source for a first period of time, the power permitting the vaporizer to generate heat and vaporize the predetermined amount of liquid concentrate dispensed.

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[0021]

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0022] FIGs. 1A & 1B illustrate perspective views of embodiments of a Metered Dosing System Vaporizer in an initial state and a depleted state in accordance with at least one embodiment of the present invention;

[0023] FIGs. 2A & 2B illustrate perspective views of yet other embodiments of a Metered Dosing System Vaporizer in an initial state and a depleted state in accordance with at least one embodiment of the present invention;

[0024] FIG. 2C illustrates a side view of the Metered Dosing System Vaporizer as shown in FIG. 2A in accordance with at least one embodiment of the present invention;

[0025] FIG. 3 presents a cut through illustration of a Metered Dosing System Vaporizer and more specifically the metered rotation driven dispenser and the thermally isolated vaporization chamber in accordance with at least one embodiment of the present invention;

[0026] FIGS. 4A, 4B and 4C provide partial cut through perspective sections of the Metered Dosing System Vaporizer shown in FIG. 2 further illustrating the shutter in operation in accordance with at least one embodiment of the present invention;

[0027] FIG. 5 presents a partial side perspective view of an embodiment of Metered Dosing System Vaporizer having a valve in place of a shutter in accordance with at least one embodiment of the present invention;

[0028] FIG. 6 presents a partial side perspective view of an embodiment of Metered Dosing System Vaporizer as shown in FIGs. 3A-3C wherein the leading edge of the shutter fin is raised in accordance with at least one embodiment of the present invention;

[0029] FIG. 7 presents yet another embodiment of Metered Dosing System Vaporizer having a non-circular cross section in accordance with at least one embodiment of the present invention; and

[0030] FIG. 8 presents an exploded view of the Metered Dosing System Vaporizer as shown in FIG. 6 in accordance with at least one embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0031] Before proceeding with the detailed description, it is to be appreciated that the present teaching is by way of example only, not by limitation. The concepts herein are not limited to use or application with a specific dosing vaporizer system. Thus, although the instrumentalities described herein are for the convenience of explanation shown and described with respect to exemplary embodiments, it will be understood and appreciated that the principles herein may be applied equally in other types of systems involving dosing vaporizer systems.

[0032] This invention is described with respect to preferred embodiments in the following description with reference to the Figures, in which like numbers represent the same or similar elements. Further, with respect to the numbering of the same or similar elements, it will be appreciated that the leading values identify the Figure in which the element is first identified and described, e.g., element **100** first appears in FIG. 1.

[0033] Turning now to the figures, FIGs. 1A and 1B which show two perspective views of at least one embodiment for a Metered Dosing System vaporizer, hereinafter MDSV **100**. FIG. 1A, the top view, being an initial state of MDSV **100**, and the bottom FIG. 1B being a final / depleted state of MDSV **100**.

[0034] To facilitate the description of systems and methods for this MDSV **100** the orientation of MDSV **100**, as presented in the figures, is referenced to the coordinate system with three axes orthogonal to one another as shown in FIG. 1. The axes intersect mutually at the origin of the coordinate system, which is chosen to be the center of MDSV **100**, however the axes shown in all figures are offset from their actual locations for clarity and ease of illustration.

[0035] As shown, for at least one embodiment, the MDSV **100** is provide at least in part by a housing **102** providing a first end **104** and opposite thereto a second end **106**. A mouthpiece **108** is disposed proximate to the first end **104**, and structured and arranged to rotate about the first end **104**. More specifically, MDSV **100** may be appreciated to have a longitudinal axis **110**, the mouthpiece **108** rotating about the first end **104** with respect to the longitudinal axis **110**.

[0036] An attacher **112** is disposed proximate to the second end **106** and is structured and arranged for removable attachment to a power source, such as a battery, not shown. As is further described below, for at least one embodiment the attacher **112** is a threaded coupling. In alternative embodiment, the attacher **112** is a snap-on coupling. Moreover, as oppose to devices which incorporate a power source within their structure, it is to be appreciated that embodiments of MDSV **100** are intended to be removably coupled to a remote power source such as a battery, and more specifically for some embodiments a 510 type battery. The removal of the battery from the internal or integrated components of MDSV **100** advantageously simplifies many factors, including but not limited to cost of fabrication, weight for shipping, and issues as may be associated with the safety and transport of some types of batteries. In addition, as the MDSV **100** and power

source are separate elements, a battery is not potentially wasted simply because the MDSV **100** has been depleted, and likewise, MDSV **100** is not potentially wasted because the power source has been exhausted.

[0037] Within the housing **102** is shown a reservoir **114** of concentrate **116**. The term “concentrate,” as used herein, may include substances in the form of chemicals, distillates, and isolates. Moreover, as used herein, the terms “liquid concentrate,” “concentrate,” “extruded liquid concentrate,” “un-dispensed concentrate,” “different liquid concentrates” and variants thereof simply refer to fluid contained in the reservoir **114** and are therefore (in most instances) interchangeable. Examples of the concentrate include vaporizable pharmaceuticals or medications, such as tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), terpenes, cannabidiol (CBD), and other constituents of cannabinoids, as well as substances based on, or containing, nicotine. In many instances, the concentrate **116** may be of a type wherein exposure to air is undesirable for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to drying and oxidation. As such, it is an aspect of at least one embodiment of the present invention to provide an air tight seal for reservoir **114** so as to preserve the liquid concentrate **116** therein.

[0038] For the sake of ease of illustration and discussion, the concentrate **116** is represented by dots, however the space between dots is not intended to show or indicate a lack of concentrate **116** within the reservoir **114**. For at least one embodiment the concentrate **116** is understood and appreciated to be a liquid concentrate. It will be further understood and appreciated that the liquid concentrate **116** may have a viscosity ranging from very low, a centipoise at or less than 1 (e.g., water) to very high, a centipoise at or above 100,000 (e.g. a paste). For at least one embodiment the liquid concentrate **116** is a nicotine liquid concentrate. For at least one alternative embodiment the liquid concentrate **116** is a CBD liquid concentrate. For yet another embodiment the liquid concentrate **116** is a pharmaceutical liquid concentrate.

[0039] As shown in FIGs. 1A and 1B, a vaporizer **118** is also disposed proximate to the attacher **112**. As used herein, it will be understood and appreciated that “vaporizer” is a device, component or assemblage of parts that are structured and arranged to vaporize/atomize a liquid provided by the reservoir **114** into a vapor for inhalation through the mouthpiece **108**. Embodiments of a vaporizer **118** are more fully set forth below with respect to FIG. 2.

[0040] As is further set forth below, in varying embodiments the vaporizer **118** may be a ceramic or other thermal material configured as a heating chamber or platform. For at least one embodiment the heating chamber or platform may be configured with a heating coil disposed therein. The heating chamber or platform may also be configured as an area providing a screen, mesh or other thermally conductive porous material into which the liquid concentrate **116** is disposed and dispersed.

[0041] Whether the liquid concentrate **116** is dispensed / dispersed into, onto or across the various chamber or platform elements, energy, typically in the form of heat, is applied by an electric heater proximate thereto, or other element which is structured and arranged to vaporize a dispensed quantity of the liquid

concentrate **116** into a vapor which is then provided to the user through a vapor conduit **120** presenting to an opening **122** in the mouthpiece **108**.

[0042] It will be understood and appreciated that the heating element itself may be incorporated as an integral component of the of the heating chamber or platform such that the same element receiving the dispensed liquid concentrate is also primarily responsible for achieving the vaporization thereof. Sonic or vibratory nebulization, or the like, may also be suitable in various embodiments, as well as infrared energy such as may be provided from a light source, such as but not limited to a diode.

[0043] As the vaporizer **118** is shown proximate to the attacher **112** and opposite from the mouthpiece **108**, it is appreciated that within MDSV **100** is a vapor conduit **120** passing generally from the vaporizer **118** through the housing **102** to the mouthpiece **108**. For at least one embodiment, the vapor conduit **120** is disposed substantially along the longitudinal axis **110**. For yet another embodiment, the vapor conduit **120** may be disposed to one side of the inside of the housing **102**, or as a series of conduits that are in varying combinations, central and or along the sides.

[0044] A metered rotation driven dispenser **124** is also shown, disposed within the housing **102**, and structured and arranged to apply a predetermined force upon the reservoir **114** to dispense from the reservoir **114** into the vaporizer **118** a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate **116**. It will be appreciated that the metered rotation driven dispenser **124** is coupled to the mouthpiece **108**, such that rotation of the mouthpiece **108** drives the metered rotation driven dispenser **124**. It will also be understood and appreciated from the figures that rotation of the mouthpiece **108** is generally about the longitudinal axis **110**.

[0045] It will also be appreciated that MDSV **100** is a portable device and is intended for handheld use and operation by a human user. As used herein “handheld” will be understood and appreciated as designed to be held and used by hand.

[0046] FIG. 1A represents an initial state of MDSV **100** with the reservoir **114** essentially full of liquid concentrate **116**. In FIG. 1B, the mouthpiece **108** has been rotated many times and the screw shaft **130** is now exposed to further illustrate that the screw plunger **126** has advanced down such that the threaded shaft of the screw plunger is now exposed to further illustrate that the rotation driven dispenser has advanced down and expelled substantially all of the liquid concentrate **116** from the reservoir **114** – the MDSV **100** now being in a depleted state.

[0047] It will further be understood and appreciated, that the rotation of the mouthpiece **108** is limited to one direction: that is, for at least one embodiment the mouthpiece **108** can only be rotated clockwise, such that the metered rotation driven dispenser **124** cannot be backed up. Of course, for at least one alternative embodiment, the mouthpiece **108** can also be configured for counter-clockwise rotation to drive the metered rotation driven dispenser **124**. Moreover, the rotation may be either clockwise or counter-clockwise, but not both.

[0048] Those skilled in the art will appreciate that as the metered rotation driven dispenser is an active mechanical device, it actively provides accurate and repeatable dispensation of consistently known quantities of the liquid concentrate **116** from the reservoir **114** by extrusion. This is in sharp contrast to, and highly advantageous over, many conventional systems which rely on the passive property of a wick to passively draw concentrate from a reservoir by capillary action.

[0049] In varying embodiments, MDSV **100** may provide a unique identifier **140**, that may be scanned, read, or otherwise interpreted by a user, or a computing device such as a smart phone in the user's possession. The unique identifier may be provided to advantageously identify the MDSV **100** as well as specifically identify the liquid concentrate **116** contained therein. The unique identifier may be a compound element providing general or group information, e.g., company or DVS **100** model, as well as a unique component that may serve to uniquely identify the MDSV **100**, user, liquid concentrate **116**, or such other information as may be deemed relevant. For at least one embodiment, the unique identifier **140** is correlated to at least one database for the information associated therewith.

[0050] With respect to FIGs. 1A and 1B, it will be appreciated that the threads **142** of the screw shaft **130** are disposed above the reservoir **114** with the plunger seal **132** having a spacer **144** to permit the threads **142** to remain removed from the reservoir **114**. For the embodiment of MDSV **100** as shown in FIGs. 1A and 1B, the vapor conduit **120** passes through the screw shaft **130**. For at least one embodiment, the lower portion **146** of the screw shaft **130** that is disposed through the reservoir **114** (See FIG. 1A) will rotate as well when the mouthpiece **108** is rotated, which as described in further detail below may facilitate the operation of a shutter to alternatively expose and seal the aperture **128**. For yet another embodiment, what appears as the lower portion **146** of the screw shaft is a separate tube structure aligned with, and fluidly coupled to, the screw shaft **130**.

[0051] FIGs 2A and 2B present perspective views of MDSV **100** in accordance with yet another embodiment. As with FIGs. 1A and 1B described above, FIG. 2A represents an initial state of MDSV **100** with the reservoir **114** essentially full of liquid concentrate **116**. In FIG. 2B, the mouthpiece **108** has been rotated many times and the screw shaft **130** is now exposed to further illustrate that the screw plunger **126** has advanced down such that the threaded shaft of the screw plunger is now exposed to further illustrate that the rotation driven dispenser has advanced down and expelled substantially all of the liquid concentrate **116** from the reservoir **114** – the MDSV **100** now being in a depleted state.

[0052] It will also be appreciated that in FIG. 2A the threads **200** of the screw shaft **130** are visible and pass through the reservoir **114**. In contrast to the embodiment of MDSV **100** depicted in FIGs. 1A and 1B, the alternative embodiment of MDSV **100** depicted in FIGs 2A and 2B does not have a spacer **144**. FIG. 1A also illustrates a shutter **202** disposed at the distal end **204** of the screw shaft **130**. As is described in greater detail below with respect to FIGs. 3, 4A-4C and 6, the shutter **202** has at least one shutter fin **206** and operates to expose and seal an aperture **128**, presently shown in dotted relief as it is below a shutter fin.

[0053] As noted, it is again understood and appreciated, that the rotation of the mouthpiece **108** is limited to one direction: that is, for at least one embodiment the mouthpiece **108** can only be rotated clockwise, such that the metered rotation driven dispenser **124** cannot be backed up. Of course, for at least one alternative embodiment, the mouthpiece **108** can also be configured for counter-clockwise rotation to drive the metered rotation driven dispenser **124**. Moreover, the rotation may be either clockwise or counter-clockwise, but not both.

[0054] Insurance of one-way rotation / anti-backturn advantageously further permits consistent and repeatable dispensation of the intended metered dose of liquid concentrate **116**. Of course, alternative tactile or audible indicators and one-way rotation elements, such as but not limited to ratchets, may also be employed to inform the user of each proper rotation, or fraction thereof and/or assure one-way rotation.

[0055] As may also be appreciated in FIGs. 2A and 2B, for the embodiment of MDSV **100** as depicted, the engagement of the mouthpiece **108** to the screw shaft **130** further involves a spring **208** to provide an expansive force between the mouthpiece **108** and the general housing **102**. For at least one embodiment, the dosing vaporizer system may also include an indicator structured and arranged to indicate to the user that he or she has rotated the mouthpiece a predetermined amount. Such an indicator may be a clicker – producing an audible click, and or vibration as a haptic indicator.

[0056] For at least one embodiment, a ratchet **210** may be employed to achieve one-direction rotation as well as to provide the tactile and/or audible indicator for proper rotation of the mouthpiece **108** relative to the housing **102**. As is shown in FIGs. 2A and 2B, the ratchet **210** has a plurality of spring elements **212** with blocking elements **214** at their distal ends. A corresponding set of blocking receivers **216** (such as but not limited to semi rectangular indents) are formed in the internal sidewall of the housing.

[0057] For the direction in which rotation is permitted, either or both the blocking elements **214** and blocking receivers **216** are structured and arranged to permit the blocking elements **214** to slide up and out of the blocking receivers **216** as the mouthpiece **108** is rotated. For the direction in which rotation is not permitted either or both the blocking elements **214** and blocking receivers **216** are structured and arranged to prevent the blocking elements **214** from sliding up and out. For example, to permit rotation to occur between the mouthpiece **108** and housing **102**, the corresponding side of the blocking peg **214** and or blocking receivers **216** may be sloped to permit the blocking elements **214** to slide up and out.

[0058] In at least one embodiment the blocking elements **214** are the distal end of each spring element **212**. For yet another embodiment, a peg, block or other element may be further formed at or otherwise connected to the distal end of each spring element.

[0059] For yet another embodiment, there may be one or more internal ridges or elevation points disposed adjacent to one end of the spring **208** such that the mouthpiece **108** and housing **102** are rotated relative to one another, the spring is compressed during part of the rotation as the coil slides over a ridge and then released as the end passes beyond the internal ridge, providing a click and/or tactile sensation that an

interval of rotation has been achieved, corresponding to the delivery of a metered amount of oil/concentrate. For at least one embodiment, the rising and falling of the spring passing over one or more internal ridges may also ensure one-way rotation, for if rotation is attempted in reverse, the end of the spring abuts into an internal ridge and halts rotation.

[0060] For at least one alternative embodiment such a clicker may be provided by including a click plate between the mouthpiece **108** and the first end **104** of the housing **102**, the rotation of the mouthpiece in relation to the click plate driving one or more spring loaded balls, or spring biased pins such that they click / hit / impact another surface as relative rotation places them up and over the tabs of a click plate. Such a click plate is shown in the alternative embodiment presented in FIG. 7 and the exploded view thereof of FIG. 8 corresponding to an alternative embodiment of a MDSV **100** as shown in FIG. 7.

[0061] FIG. 2C is a side view corresponding to the embodiment of MDSV **100** as shown in FIG. 2A. FIG. 3 is a cross section view of MDSV **100** as shown in FIG. 2C. As is further illustrated and described with respect to FIGs. 3-6, and especially FIG. 3 presenting a cross section view of at least one embodiment for a MDSV **100**, the metered rotation driven dispenser **124** as shown in may be summarized as a screw plunger **126** structured and arranged to drive the liquid concentrate **116** from the reservoir **114** through at least one aperture **128** or valve and into the vaporizer **118**. More specifically, the screw plunger **126** is provided by at least a screw shaft **130** and a plunger seal **132**.

[0062] Moreover, it will be appreciated that the screw plunger **126** is operable to apply a predetermined force upon the reservoir **114** to dispense through the at least one aperture **128** or valve a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate into the vaporizer. More specifically, the rotation of the mouthpiece **108** induces a degree of rotation to the screw plunger **126**, and more specifically the screw shaft **130**. The degree of rotation is pre-determined to advance the plunger seal **132** against the liquid concentrate **116** of the reservoir **114** to dispense the predetermined amount of the liquid concentrate. For at least one alternative embodiment, the screw plunger **126** may provide external pressure against a reservoir **114** in the form of a bag or otherwise collapsible housing such that the moving end of the plunger does not directly encounter the liquid concentrate **116**, but rather compresses the outside of the reservoir **114**.

[0063] For at least one embodiment, the mouthpiece **108** is coupled directly to the metered rotation driven dispenser **124**. More specifically, for at least one embodiment the degree of rotation imparted to the mouthpiece **108** is the same degree of rotation imparted to the screw shaft **130**. For yet another embodiment, a coupling drive system may be employed such that there is a translation of the degree of rotation of the mouthpiece **108** and the resulting rotation of the screw shaft **130**.

[0064] For at least one embodiment, the rotation driven dispenser **124** is a cycloidal gear assembly as is set forth and described in the '665 Patent and the '666 Patent. Moreover, for at least one embodiment, cycloidal gear assembly provides advantageously high gear ratio (e.g., revolutions between the rotating mouthpiece **108** and the rotation of the screw shaft **130** to impart lateral motion to the plunger seal **132**, with

low friction, high torque, compact size and excellent wear resistance – desirable characteristics facilitating consistent extrusion of liquid concentrate **116** for consistent metered dosing.

[0065] Those skilled in the art will appreciate that a cycloidal gear assembly is a form of toothed gear assembly based on epicycloid and hypocycloid curves generated by a circle rolling around the outside or inside of another circle. When two toothed gears engage, an imaginary circle – the pitch circle – can be drawn around the center of either gear through the point of contact between their respective teeth. The curves of the teeth outside the pitch circle are known as the addenda and the curves of the tooth spaces inside the pitch circle are known as the dedenda. Moreover, the addendum of one gear rests inside the dedendum of the other gear. The addenda of the wheel teeth are convex epi-cycloidal and the dedenda of the pinion are concave hypocycloidal curves generated by the same generating circle. This ensures that the motion of one gear is transferred to the other at a locally consistent angular velocity.

[0066] For at least one alternative embodiment, the rotation driven dispenser **124** is adapted from one or more embodiments of the screw plunger embodiment of the vaporizing cartridge with diffuser as is set forth and described in '062 App for System and Method For Vaporizing Cartridge System With Diffuser .

[0067] For at least one embodiment, the plunger seal **132** forms or at least partially defines the upper end, or first end **134**, of the reservoir **114** opposite from the at least one aperture **128** or valve in the second end **136**. In addition, for at least one embodiment, the plunger seal **132** has corresponding threads **300** (see FIG. 2, not shown in FIGs. 1A & 1B) to mate with the threads **202** the screw shaft **130**.

[0068] It will be understood and appreciated that the pitch of the threads, or thread count per measured unit – Imperial (inches) or Metric (centimeters) – is preselected such that each quarter, half or full rotation of the mouthpiece **108** results in a known and intended linear advancement of the plunger seal **132**.

[0069] For at least one embodiment, the plunger seal **132** has an alignment element structured and arranged to keep the plunger seal **132** from rotating within the housing as the screw shaft **130** is rotated. Moreover, the alignment element ensures that as the screw shaft **130** rotates through the plunger seal **132**, the corresponding threads **300** and **202** ensure that the plunger seal **132** is driven towards the second end **136** of the reservoir **114**. For at least one embodiment, the alignment element is the cross-section geometry of the plunger seal **132** and the housing **102** (e.g., non-circular). More specifically, the plunger seal **132** and the inside of the housing **102** may be formed with corresponding ovality, or ovalness, e.g., corresponding non-circular shapes that permits the plunger seal **132** to move longitudinally within the housing **102** without freely rotating. For yet another embodiment, the alignment element may be a rail and groove arrangement as between the plunger seal **132** and the housing **102**.

[0070] Those skilled in the art will also realize and appreciate that changes to the thread pitch / thread count may be coordinated with the dimensions of the reservoir to advantageously provide precise metered

dosing. More specifically, the same screw shaft **130** may be used with multiple MDSV **100** systems, however to accommodate proper product dosing between different MDSV **100** systems having different liquid concentrates, the dimensions of each respective reservoir **114** may be intentionally adjusted such that the same linear advancement of the plunger seal **132** results in an intentionally different, but predetermined quantity of different liquid concentrates being dispensed.

[0071] It is also to be appreciated that by physical space or a physical isolator component such as thermal isolator **138** – such as insulation material – the vaporizer **118** is generally thermally isolated from the reservoir **114** of liquid concentrate **116**. As such, the processes of vaporizing the dispensed quantity of liquid concentrate **116** does not adversely impact (e.g., heat) the liquid concentrate **116** within the reservoir **114**, which may result in undesirable degradation or change to the liquid concentrate **116**. In other words, it will be understood and appreciated that the liquid concentrate **116** is stored/located in the reservoir **114** that is physically removed and/or physically isolated from the vaporizer **118** such that heat as applied for the process of vaporization to dispensed liquid concentrate, the heat is not transmitted to the remaining liquid concentrate **116** contained in the reservoir **114**.

[0072] Such isolation may be achieved by physical separation, thermal shielding, insulation or the transition of materials. It is of course understood and appreciated that as the dosing vaporizer system is a small and integrated device, some percentage of heat transfer may occur from the vaporizer **118** to the reservoir **114**. However, for purposes of this disclosure and the embodiments contemplated hereunder, thermal isolation between the reservoir **114** and the vaporizer **118** is understood and appreciated to be those conditions where any heat transfer that does occur between reservoir **114** and the vaporizer **118** (and most specifically the vaporizing chamber shown and described in FIG. 2) has a substantially negligible effect upon the liquid concentrate **116** within the reservoir **114**.

[0073] With respect to the above description, it will be understood and appreciated that a DVS **100** for at least one embodiment may be summarized as including: a housing **102** providing a first end **104** and opposite thereto a second end **106**; a mouthpiece **108** disposed proximate to the first end **104**, the mouthpiece **108** structured and arranged to rotate about the first end **104**; an attacher **112** disposed proximate to the second end **106**, the attacher **112** structured and arranged for removable attachment to a power source; a reservoir **114** of liquid concentrate **116** within the housing **102**; a vaporizer **118** disposed proximate to the attacher **112** and thermally isolated from the reservoir **114**; a vapor conduit **120** passing generally from the vaporizer, through the housing **102** to the mouthpiece **108**; and a metered rotation driven dispenser structured and arranged to apply a predetermined force upon the reservoir **114** to dispense from the reservoir **114** into the vaporizer a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate **116**, the metered rotation driven dispenser coupled to the mouthpiece **108**.

[0074] Yet another embodiment of MDSV **100** may be summarized as including: a housing **102** providing a first end **104** and opposite thereto a second end **106**; a mouthpiece **108** disposed proximate to the first end **104**, the mouthpiece **108** structured and arranged to rotate about the first end **104**; a 510 battery

connector disposed proximate to the second end **106**, the battery connector structured and arranged for removable attachment to a battery; a reservoir **114** of liquid concentrate **116** within the housing **102**; a vaporizer **118** disposed proximate to the **510** battery connector and thermally isolated from the reservoir **114**; a central vapor conduit **120** passing generally from the vaporizer, through the housing **102** to the mouthpiece **108**; an aperture **128** disposed between the reservoir **114** and the vaporizer; and a screw plunger structured and arranged to apply a predetermined force upon the reservoir **114** to dispense from the aperture **128** a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate **116** into the vaporizer, the rotation of the mouthpiece **108** inducing a degree of rotation to the screw plunger, the degree of rotation pre-selected to advance the screw plunger **126** against the liquid concentrate **116** of the reservoir **114** to dispense the predetermined amount of the liquid concentrate **116**.

[0075] As noted above, the aperture **128** may have a valve disposed therein, or a valve may be provided as a structure in place of the aperture **128**. For at least one embodiment where a valve is provided within or in place of the aperture **128**, the valve is at a first one-way valve. Varying embodiments may include a plurality of valves, and or one-way valves in parallel or series arrangement. Such configurations may be desired for ease of manufacturing, to better accommodate different liquid viscosities, to provide an airless pump chamber, or for other design parameters deemed beneficial for precise operation of the dosing vaporizer system.

[0076] For at least one embodiment, the aperture **128** is gated by a shutter **206** – a mechanism or element structured and arranged to shut and open the aperture **128**. Moreover, the shutter **206** allows liquid concentrate **116** to pass through the aperture **128** for a determined period of time before the aperture **128** is closed and the ability of the liquid concentrate **116** to pass, halted. In other words, the shutter **206** exposes the aperture **128** and then covers or otherwise seals the aperture **128**. When exposed, the aperture **128** permits liquid concentrate **116** to be extruded therethrough so as to be deposited into the vaporizing chamber **306**. When covered or closed, accidental or inadvertent leakage of the liquid concentrate **116** is essentially prevented such that liquid concentrate **116** does not inadvertently enter the vaporizing chamber **306** except in direct response to a dosing event.

[0077] For at least one embodiment the shutter **206** is provided by one or more shutter fins **208**. For at least one embodiment, the distal end **204** of the screw shaft **130** may provide one or more shutter fins **208**. More specifically, as the screw shaft **130** rotates, each shutter fin **208** rotates as well, and in so doing exposes and then seals each of the at least one aperture(s) **128** or valve(s), permitting the liquid concentrate **116** to be extruded from the reservoir.

[0078] The rotation of the screw shaft **130**, and more specifically the movement of the shutter fins **208** is further shown in partial perspective views of MDSV **100** presented by FIGs. 3A, 3B and 3C. In FIG. 3A, shutter fin **208A** is shown to be covering aperture **128** or valve. In FIG. 3B, the screw shaft **130** has been partially rotated such that shutter fin **208A** is now removed from covering aperture **128** or valve, and shutter fin **208B** has not yet rotated into place to cover aperture **128** or valve. In FIG. 3C, the screw shaft **130** has

continued rotation and shutter fin **208B** is now partially covering aperture **128** or valve. As the screw shaft **130** finishes the partial rotation, shutter fin **208B** will assume the position of shutter fin **208A** covering aperture **128** or valve as shown in FIG. 3A. Of course, other shutters **206** may be employed in varying embodiments that do not rely upon one or more shutter fins **208** extending from the screw shaft **130**.

[0079] FIG. 3B also presents alternative embodiment options for a valve **400** disposed within aperture **128**. In varying embodiments, valve **400** may be provided as a septum **402**, or a more robust one-way valve **404** operating to allow the extrusion of liquid concentrate **116** from within the reservoir **114** when and as pressure is applied by the plunger seal **132** being advanced along the screw shaft **130** by rotation of the mouthpiece **108**.

[0080] Moreover, as is shown in FIGs. 3A, 3B and 3C, an embodiment of MDSV **100** wherein the screw shaft **130** provides shutter fins **208**, the liquid concentrate **116** may be simply extruded through aperture **128** when exposed. However, it will be understood and appreciated that valve **400** may be used in cooperation with a screw shaft **130** providing shutter fins **208**, or in an alternative embodiment with a screw shaft **130** that does not provide shutter fins.

[0081] FIG. 4 presents an alternative embodiment for MDSV **100** wherein the screw shaft **130** does not provide shutter fins, and aperture **128** has been enhanced as a valve **400**, and more specifically a septum **402**.

[0082] As shown in FIG. 5, for at least one embodiment, the leading-edge **600** of each shutter fin **208** is angled up, such that as the rear portion is in flat contact with the bottom (second end **136**) of the reservoir **114**, such as the thermal isolator **138**, the leading edge **600** is raised above the bottom (second end **136**) of the reservoir **114** as indicated by dimension **602**. Moreover, as the shutter fins(s) **208** rotates, the raised leading-edge scoops and directs liquid concentrate **116** into each of the at least one at least one aperture(s) **128** or valve(s), an action that may advantageously assist with the precise dispensation of the liquid concentrate **116**.

[0083] With respect to FIG. 2 and especially the enlarged section **302** of MDSV **100**, the location of thermal isolator **138** may also be appreciated for at least one embodiment. The thermal isolator **138** may also perform additional functions, such as also sealing the second end **136** of the reservoir **114** when each shutter fin **208** is disposed to cover each of the at least one at least one aperture(s) **128** or valve(s). For at least one embodiment the thermal isolator is a flexible material such as, but not limited to rubber or Teflon®. For at least one alternative embodiment the thermal isolator may be formed from but not limited to a glass, ceramic or composite material. In addition, the surface of the thermal isolator **138** exposed to the reservoir may be coated or treated with a smoothing / slickening agent.

[0084] It will also be appreciated that below the at least one aperture **128** or valve, is a port **304** structured and arranged to direct the extruded liquid concentrate **116** into the vaporizing chamber **306**, and more specifically onto the diffuser element **308** which is disposed in thermal contact with a heater **310**. For

at least one embodiment, port **304** is provided by a metal element, such as stainless steel, which may be formed as an, or intended to further thermally isolate the reservoir **114** from the vaporizing chamber **306**.

[0085] As is also shown in the enlarged section **302**, the vaporizing chamber **306** is a substantially enclosed space defined by outer walls **312** that generally surround the vaporizing element such as the diffuser element **308** and thus substantially insulates the reservoir **114** and liquid concentrate **116** therein from detrimental heat exposure when the heater **310** is activated to achieve vaporization. More simply stated, the element(s) achieving vaporization within the vaporizing chamber **306** are configured achieve vaporization of the dispensed liquid concentrate **116** to properly and consistently, but these elements are also disposed in a specific location and isolated so as not to inadvertently degrade the un-dispensed liquid concentrate **116** remaining in the reservoir **114** thorough exposure to high temperatures. For at least one embodiment, the vaporizing chamber **306** may also have insulation between the heater **310** and the attacher **112** so as not to inadvertently heat the attached power support, such as a 510 battery.

[0086] For at least one embodiment the diffuser element **308** is structured and arranged to receive the liquid concentrate **116** and present it proximately to a heat source provided by the MDSV **100** such that the liquid concentrate **116** may be vaporized. Further still, for at least one embodiment the diffuser element **308** is a thermally conductive porous material. Surface tension of the liquid concentrate **116** and choice of materials, such as but not limited to metal, glass, ceramic or composite screens, perforated sheets, or woven constructs permit the diffuser element **308** to receive, and in at least one embodiment, wick the liquid concentrate across / throughout the diffuser element **308** to promote uniform and substantially consistent vaporization. It will be understood and appreciated that the use of capillary action within the vaporizing chamber to advantageously facilitate substantially complete vaporization is entirely different from, and unrelated to the active extrusion of the metered dose of a known quantity of liquid concentrate **116** as described above.

[0087] For at least one embodiment, the diffuser element **308** is metal, such as but not limited to gold, stainless steel, brass or tungsten steel. For another embodiment, the diffuser element **308** may be provided by metal plating/deposition upon a substrate. For yet another embodiment the diffuser element **308** is ceramic, glass or glass fiber. For still yet another embodiment, the diffuser element **308** is synthetic or organic fiber. It will also be understood and appreciated that as different embodiments of MDSV **100** may provide different liquid concentrates, different diffuser elements **308** may be specifically selected that are most suitable for the different liquid concentrates **116**.

[0088] As such, MDSV **100** advantageously permits the most suitable diffuser element **308** to be paired with the liquid concentrate **116** of a given MDSV **100**. In other words, for at least one embodiment the operation and efficiency of the MDSV **100** is improved as the need to provide a generic diffuser element suitable for many liquid concentrates, but not specifically optimized for one liquid concentrate is eliminated as each MDSV **100** provides its own optimized diffuser element **308**.

[0089] It will also be noted that for at least one embodiment, the diffuser element **308** is angled relative to the longitudinal axis **110** of the MDSV **100** so as to further assist with the dispersal of the extruded liquid concentrate **116** for vaporization. In varying embodiments, the diffuser element **308** may also be disposed at least partially within a protective sleeve as a porous insert, the protective sleeve having a plurality of apertures, which in combination with pores within the porous insert permit air to flow through the diffuser element **308** thereby assisting in removing the resulting vapor and conducting it into the vapor conduit **120** for delivery from the opening in the mouthpiece **108** to the user.

[0090] It will be appreciated that, for at least one embodiment, MDSV **100** provides one or more air intake ports **314** for the intake of air which is conducted into the vaporizing chamber **306**. In varying embodiments, the air may be conducted through ports in the bottom of the vaporizing chamber **306**, and/or the sidewalls of the vaporizing chamber **306**. It will also be appreciated that in varying embodiments the air intake ports **314** may be protected with mesh or filter material so as to reduce the possible contamination of the vaporizing chamber and diffuser element **308** with foreign airborne particulates.

[0091] With respect to FIG. 2, it may also be appreciated that the vapor conduit **120** fluidly interconnecting the vaporizing chamber to the opening **122** in the mouthpiece **108** is substantially straight, providing no turns, bends or elements of redirection. As such it is appreciated that the vapor traveling through the vapor conduit **120** has minimal interaction with the sidewalls of the vapor conduit **120**. As such, although for at least one embodiment the vapor conduit **120** passes centrally through the reservoir **114**, there is a negligible transfer of heat from the passing vapor to the remaining liquid concentrate **116** within the reservoir **114**. For at least one embodiment, the vapor conduit **120** may be structured and arranged to provide some measure of heat insulation between the vapor conduit and the reservoir through the choice of materials, dual wall construction, or combinations thereof. The vapor conduit **120** may also be coated internally or externally with an insulating material.

[0092] As is shown in the enlarged section of **302** of FIG. 2, air (represented as light dotted lines **320**) has been illustrated entering through air intake ports **314**. This air passes through internal passageways so as to be delivered proximate to the diffuser element **308**. In varying embodiments these passages may be through the outer walls **312** or bottom of the vaporizing chamber **306**. For at least one embodiment, the air **320** passes through the diffuser element **308** upon which has been dispensed a metered dose of liquid concentrate **116** (again represented as dots). As this liquid concentrate is vaporized, the air **320** becomes enriched (represented as heavy dotted lines **332**), and continues through the vapor conduit **120** to the mouthpiece **108** where it is provided to the user.

[0093] With respect to FIG. 2 the nature of the attacher **112** for connecting the MDSV **100** to a power source, such as a 510 battery may also be further appreciated. Use of an external power supply may advantageously reduce the costs and complexity of manufacturing each MDSV **100**, as well as ensure that external power sources are not wasted simply because the reservoir has been depleted, or that remaining concentrate is wasted upon the depletion of an internal power supply.

[0094] For at least one embodiment, the MDSV 100 may be dependent upon an external trigger, such as a button, that is provided as a component of the remote power supply for activation of the MDSV 100 to vaporize the metered dose of liquid concentrate disposed into the vaporizing chamber. For at least one embodiment, the MDSV 100 may further include an engager, such as a trigger switch that is reset with the rotation of the mouthpiece 108 and activation of the metered rotation driven dispenser 124, such a trigger preventing re-activation of the heating element when liquid concentrate has not been disposed into the vaporizing chamber.

[0095] For all embodiments described herein of MDSV 100, there is intended to be an activator, structured and arranged to activate the MDSV 100 by permitting an electrical connection between the MDSV 100, and more specifically heater 310 or other electrical device that is primarily responsible for transforming the predetermined amount of extruded liquid concentrate 116, and the and the power source (such as the 510 battery) for a first period of time, the power permitting the MDSV 100 to generate heat and vaporize the predetermined amount of extruded liquid concentrate 116.

[0096] In varying embodiments, the activator may be a component of the power source (such as the 510 battery) or the activator may be a component of the MDSV 100 itself, such as a push button 316.

[0097] Although the dosing vaporizer system as shown and described herein is generally intended for embodiments of stand-alone operation (when coupled to a power source), for at least one alternative embodiment, the MDSV 100 system may be further enhanced with a controller, e.g. control unit 318 having electrical circuitry with a processor configured and/or adapted to control the heat energy generated by the heater 310 to achieve vaporization of the metered dose of liquid concentrate 116 disposed into the vaporizing chamber 306.

[0098] For at least one embodiment, the control unit 318 may further include memory and/or wireless communication circuitry, e.g., a transceiver, that may interface with one or more external computing devices to receive instructions and/or parameters for operation. Moreover, for at least one embodiment, the processor of the control unit 318 is operable to interface with the vaporizing element, such as heater 310 or nebulizer, as well as the transceiver to provide operation characteristics such as but not limited to use cycle, duty cycle, remaining dosages, frequency of use, etc. The processor may be further operable to interface with the transceiver to receive parameters for use, such as heating duration and heating temperature or other operational characteristics that may be affected by the user's location, i.e., a dry climate vs. a humid climate.

[0099] The processor may also be operable to receive and/or confirm that the user is authorized to use the vaporizing device. For example, does the user have an account, are the of the proper age, do they have a prescription, has a sufficient time passed since the last activation, etc.

[00100] Indeed, for at least one embodiment, such further operational advantages may be facilitated by a remote application operating on a user's mobile device such as a smart phone (i.e., an iPhone®, Android® or another portable device). Such devices may further scan, read or otherwise obtain a unique marking or

characteristic (e.g., QR code, RFID chip, barcode, serial number, etc.) that is provided by or upon the MDSV **100** as a unique identifier **140** (see FIGs. 1A & 1B) to provide unique identification of the vaporizing device and/or the liquid concentrate therein. For at least one embodiment, the unique identifier **140** may be encoded in the memory of the control unit as well as externally provided. The unique identifier **140** may also be associated with a user and/or the provider of the liquid concentrate for life cycle tracking, usage tracking, and or other data collecting and utilization efforts as may be desired to improve performance of MDSV **100**, and/or the user's interactions therewith.

[00101] With such unique identification, the application can determine and/or specify various operational parameters for the vaporizing device, and/or further communicate with one or more remote systems (such as databases) to further confirm user identity through verification of the user account and/or local biometric data (picture, finger print, etc.), Global Positioning System "GPS:" location and comparison for verification that use of the dosing vaporizer system is permitted (or not prohibited), and other such activities and features to improve and enhance the users experience and utility with the vaporizing system.

[00102] The remote computing device such as a smart phone (i.e., an iPhone®, Android® or other portable device), a remote application suitable and adaptable for controlling an embodiment of MDSV **100** with a control unit **318**, and a remote database providing information relating to the unique identifier as may be determined by a user's computing device such as a smart phone, are detailed in the '967 Patent, the '674 Application, the '665 Patent, and '666 Patent.

[00103] FIG. 6 presents an alternative embodiment of a MDSV **100**, with clicker **700** disposed between the mouthpiece **108** and the housing **102**. In contrast to the embodiment shown in FIGs. 1A and 1B, the housing **102** and mouthpiece **108** as shown in FIG. 4 have a different cross section geometry. Moreover, the cross section of the mouthpiece and housing may vary in different embodiments without departing from the scope of the present invention. Indeed, for at least one embodiment, it may be desirable for the housing **102** and the mouthpiece **108** to have non-circular cross sections, such that they may be more easily grasped by a user to facilitate the user's rotation of the mouthpiece **108** relative to the housing **102** to drive the metered rotation driven dispenser **124**.

[00104] In addition, the orientation of MDSV **100** in FIG. 6 is reversed from that shown in FIGs. 1A and 1B. In this reversed orientation, the nature of the attacher **112** as a screw fitting for a 510 battery may be more fully appreciated.

[00105] FIG. 8 presents a partially exploded view of the embodiment of the MDSV **100** as shown in FIG. 4. FIG. 8 should be understood and appreciated not to be a definitive presentation of the elements and components providing a MDSV **100**, but rather as an overview of the general elements and components as may be utilized in providing at least one embodiment of a MDSV **100**. Moreover, in FIG. 8, the base post **800**, insulating gromet **802** and metallic screw base **804** of the 510 battery attacher base are shown, as is a

screw shaft **130/806** disposed upon thermal isolator **138/808** having an aperture **128/810**. A plunger seal **132/812** with outer O-Ring seal **814** are engaged about the screw shaft **130/806**.

[00106] An insulated vaporizing chamber assembly **816** providing appropriate electrical connections to the screw base **804**, and incorporating a control unit (not shown) receives a ceramic heater **310/818** disposed within an insulating sleeve **820**, and collectively disposed in an outer metal and insulating housing **822** with one or more O-rings **824** to seal, support and isolate the vaporizing chamber assembly within the housing **102/826** of the MDSV **100**. For the embodiment shown, an optional exterior metal collar **828** is also provided to be disposed about the housing **102/626** proximate to the vaporizer chamber assembly **816**.

[00107] A click plate **830** is disposed between the housing **102/826** and the mouthpiece **108/832**. The click plate may be further structured and arranged so as to permit only one-way rotation of the mouthpiece **108/832** relative to the housing **102/826**. Such one-way rotation may be facilitated by the use of springs, spring teeth or arms, a ratchet element, or such other element as may be deemed appropriate in one or more embodiments. For at least one embodiment, the housing **102/826** is translucent, if not transparent, such that a user may visually observe the amount of liquid concentrate within the reservoir of the assembled MDSV **100**.

[00108] Having disclosed various embodiments for MDSV **100** as described above with respect to FIGS. 1-8, it will be understood and appreciated that a method for vaporizing a product, such as liquid concentrate **116** may be performed with any of the above noted embodiments.

[00109] More specifically, according to at least one embodiment a method for vaporizing a product, is provided by: providing a housing **102** providing; a first end **104** and opposite thereto a second end **106**; a mouthpiece **108** disposed proximate to the first end **104**, the mouthpiece **108** structured and arranged to rotate about the first end **104**; an attacher **112** disposed proximate to the second end **106**, the attacher **112** structured and arranged for removable attachment to a power source; a reservoir **114** of liquid concentrate **116** within the housing **102**; a vaporizer **118** disposed proximate to the attacher **112** and thermally isolated from the reservoir **114**; an vapor conduit **120** passing generally from the vaporizer, through the housing **102** to the mouthpiece **108**; a metered rotation driven dispenser structured and arranged to apply a predetermined force upon the reservoir **114** to dispense from the reservoir **114** into the vaporizer a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate **116**, the metered rotation driven dispenser coupled to the mouthpiece **108**; rotating the mouthpiece **108** to activate the metered rotation driven dispenser to dispense a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate **116** into the vaporizer; and activating the vaporizer to vaporize the dispensed liquid concentrate **116** into a vapor that is provided to a user through the mouthpiece **108**.

[00110] Changes may be made in the above methods, systems and structures without departing from the scope hereof. It should thus be noted that the matter contained in the above description and/or shown in the accompanying drawings should be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense. Indeed, many other embodiments are feasible and possible, as will be evident to one of ordinary skill in the art. The claims that

follow are not limited by or to the embodiments discussed herein, but are limited solely by their terms and the Doctrine of Equivalents.

EMBODIMENTS IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A metered dosing vaporizer system comprising:
 - a housing providing a first end and opposite thereto a second end;
 - a mouthpiece disposed proximate to the first end, the mouthpiece structured and arranged to rotate about the first end;
 - an attacher disposed proximate to the second end, the attacher structured and arranged for removable attachment to a power source;
 - a reservoir of liquid concentrate within the housing;
 - a vaporizer disposed proximate to the attacher and thermally isolated from the reservoir;
 - a vapor conduit passing generally from the vaporizer, through the housing to the mouthpiece; and
 - a metered rotation driven dispenser structured and arranged to apply a predetermined force upon the reservoir to dispense from the reservoir into the vaporizer a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate, wherein the metered rotation driven dispenser is coupled to the mouthpiece.
2. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 1, wherein the metered rotation driven dispenser comprises:
 - an aperture disposed between the reservoir and the vaporizer; and
 - a screw plunger structured and arranged to apply a predetermined force upon the reservoir to dispense from the aperture a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate into the vaporizer, the rotation of the mouthpiece inducing a degree of rotation to the screw plunger, the degree of rotation pre-selected to advance the screw plunger against the liquid concentrate of the reservoir to dispense the predetermined amount of the liquid concentrate.
3. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 2, wherein the aperture is gated by a shutter.

4. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 3, wherein the screw plunger further provides at least one shutter fin structured and arranged to alternatively cover and expose the aperture as the screw plunger is rotated.
5. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 4, wherein the at least one shutter fin has a raised leading edge providing an angled surface to direct liquid concentrate into the aperture as the screw plunger is rotated.
6. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 2, wherein the aperture is a one way valve.
7. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 1, wherein the attacher is a 510 battery connector.
8. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 1, wherein the mouthpiece is structured and arranged for one way rotation.
9. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 1, further including a thermal isolator disposed between the vaporizer and the reservoir of liquid concentrate.
10. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 1, further including an audible indicator structured and arranged to produce an audible indication that a predetermined dosage of liquid concentrate has been extruded from the reservoir, by activation of the metered rotation driven dispenser.
11. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 1, further including a unique identifier permitting unique identification of the dosing vaporizer system and determination of the liquid concentrate.
12. A metered dosing vaporizer system comprising:
 - a housing providing a first end and opposite thereto a second end;
 - a mouthpiece disposed proximate to the first end, the mouthpiece structured and arranged to rotate about the first end;
 - a 510 battery connector disposed proximate to the second end, the battery connector structured and arranged for removable attachment to a battery;
 - a reservoir of liquid concentrate within the housing;

- a vaporizer disposed proximate to the 510 battery connector and thermally isolated from the reservoir;
- a central vapor conduit passing generally from the vaporizer, through the housing to the mouthpiece;
- an aperture disposed between the reservoir and the vaporizer; and
- a screw plunger structured and arranged to apply a predetermined force upon the reservoir to dispense from the aperture a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate into the vaporizer, the rotation of the mouthpiece inducing a degree of rotation to the screw plunger, the degree of rotation pre-selected to advance the screw plunger against the liquid concentrate of the reservoir to dispense the predetermined amount of the liquid concentrate.
13. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 12, wherein the aperture is gated by a shutter.
 14. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 13, wherein the screw plunger further provides at least one shutter fin structured and arranged to alternatively cover and expose the aperture as the screw plunger is rotated.
 15. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 14, wherein the at least one shutter fin as a raised leading edge providing an angled surface to direct liquid concentrate into the aperture as the screw plunger is rotated.
 16. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 12, wherein the mouthpiece is structured and arranged for one way rotation.
 17. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 12, wherein the central vapor conduit extends through the screw plunger.
 18. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 12, further including a thermal isolator disposed between the vaporizer and the reservoir of liquid concentrate.
 19. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 12, further including an audible indicator structured and arranged to produce an audible indication that a predetermined dosage of liquid concentrate has been extruded from the reservoir, by activation of the metered rotation driven dispenser.

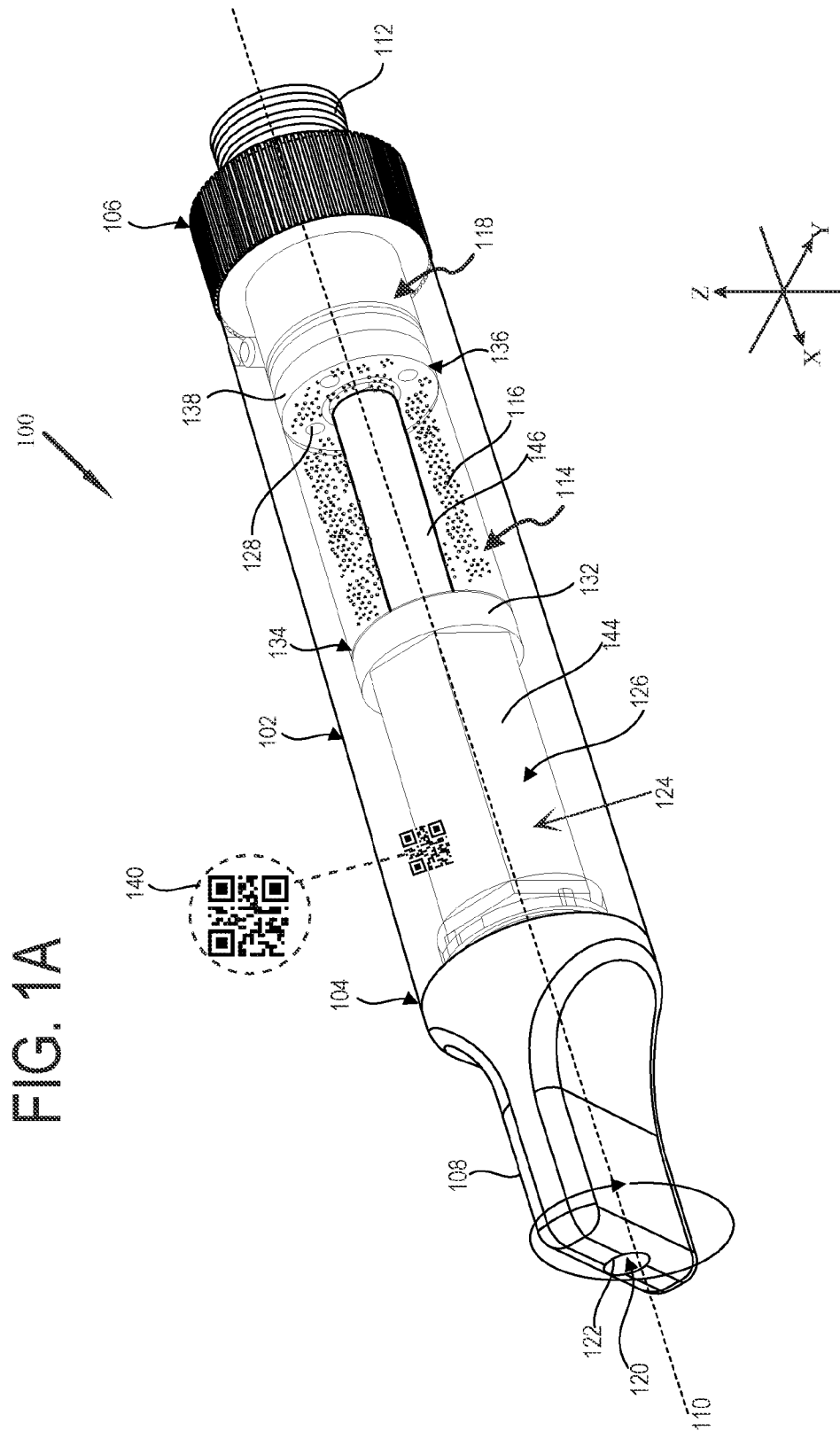
20. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 12, further including a unique identifier permitting unique identification of the dosing vaporizer system and determination of the liquid concentrate.
21. A metered dosing vaporizer system comprising:
- a handheld device having a first end and opposite thereto a second end, with a longitudinal axis therebetween;
 - the first end defined by a mouthpiece structured and arranged for one way rotation about the longitudinal axis;
 - the second end defined by an attacher, structured and arranged for removable attachment to a power source;
 - a housing disposed between the mouthpiece and the attacher, the housing at least partially enclosing:
 - a reservoir of liquid concentrate;
 - a vaporizer disposed proximate to the attacher and thermally isolated from the reservoir;
 - a vapor conduit coupling the vaporizer to the mouthpiece; and
 - a metered dispenser structured and arranged to dispense from the reservoir into the vaporizer a predetermined amount of liquid concentrate upon a pre-selected degree of rotation of the mouthpiece; and
 - an activator, structured and arranged to activate the vaporizer by permitting a connection between the vaporizer and the power source for a first period of time, the power permitting the vaporizer to generate heat and vaporize the predetermined amount of liquid concentrate dispensed.
22. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 21, wherein the metered dispenser comprises:
- a rotatable shaft disposed generally about the longitudinal axis, the rotatable shaft having a first end in mechanical connection with the mouthpiece, and
 - a second portion in mechanical connection with a plunger seal disposed as a first end of the reservoir of liquid concentrate opposite from the vaporizer;

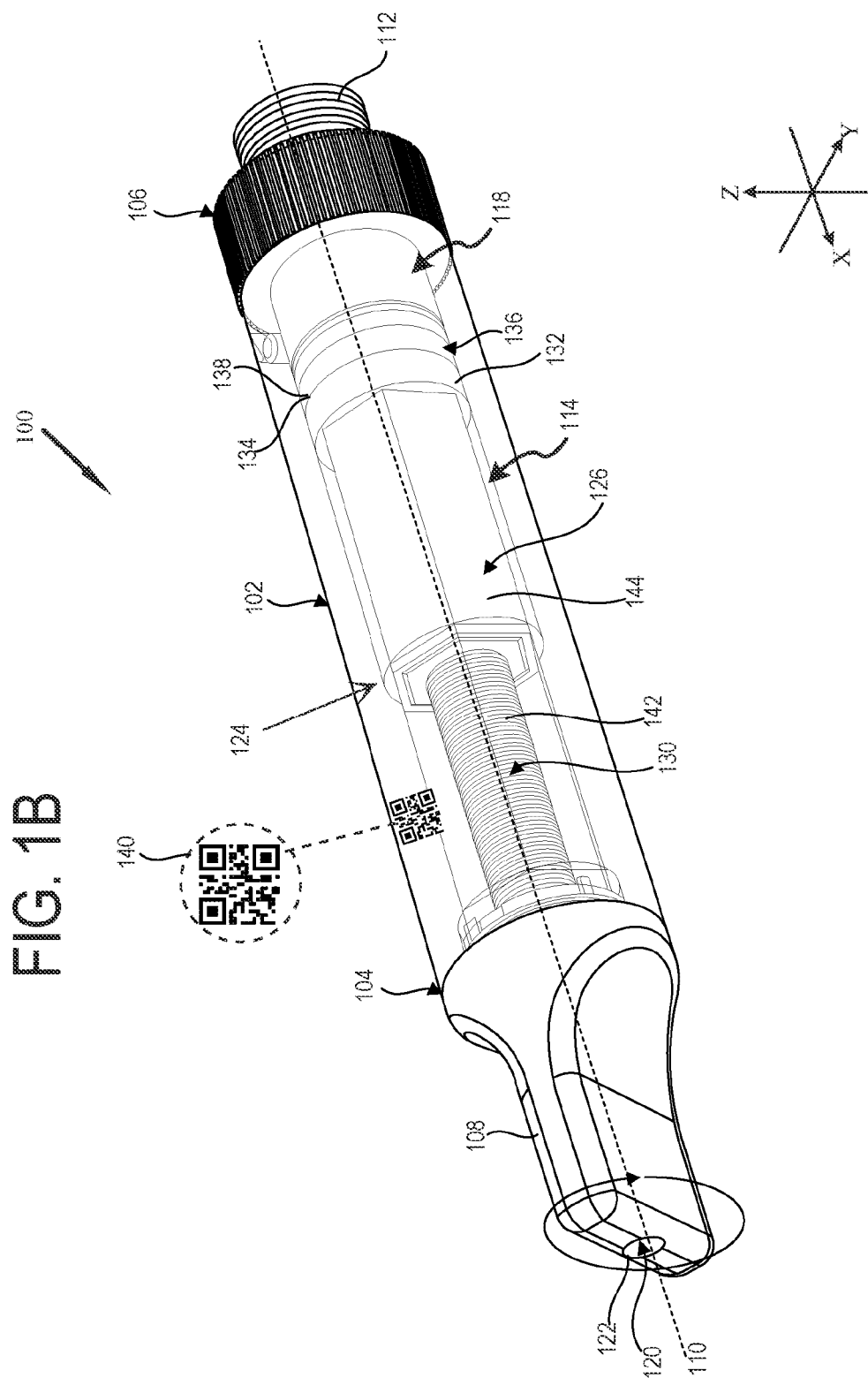
an aperture opposite from the plunger seal and disposed between the reservoir and the vaporizer; and

wherein the rotatable shaft is structured and arranged to move the plunger seal towards the vaporizer, applying a predetermined force upon the reservoir to dispense the predetermined amount of liquid from a one way valve into the vaporizer.

23. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 22, wherein the aperture is gated by a shutter.
24. The dosing vaporizer system of claim 23, wherein the rotatable shaft further provides at least one shutter fin structured and arranged to alternatively cover and expose the aperture as the rotatable shaft is rotated.
25. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 24, wherein the at least one shutter fin as a raised leading edge providing an angled surface to direct liquid concentrate into the aperture as the rotatable shaft is rotated.
26. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 22, wherein the attacher is a 510 battery connector.
27. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 22, wherein the vaporizer is disposed physically separate from the reservoir of liquid concentrate.
28. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 22, further including a thermal isolator disposed between the vaporizer and the reservoir of liquid concentrate.
29. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 22, wherein the vapor conduit is provided at least in part by a hollow passage through the rotatable shaft.
30. The metered dosing vaporizer system of claim 22, further including a unique identifier permitting unique identification of the dosing vaporizer system and determination of the liquid concentrate.

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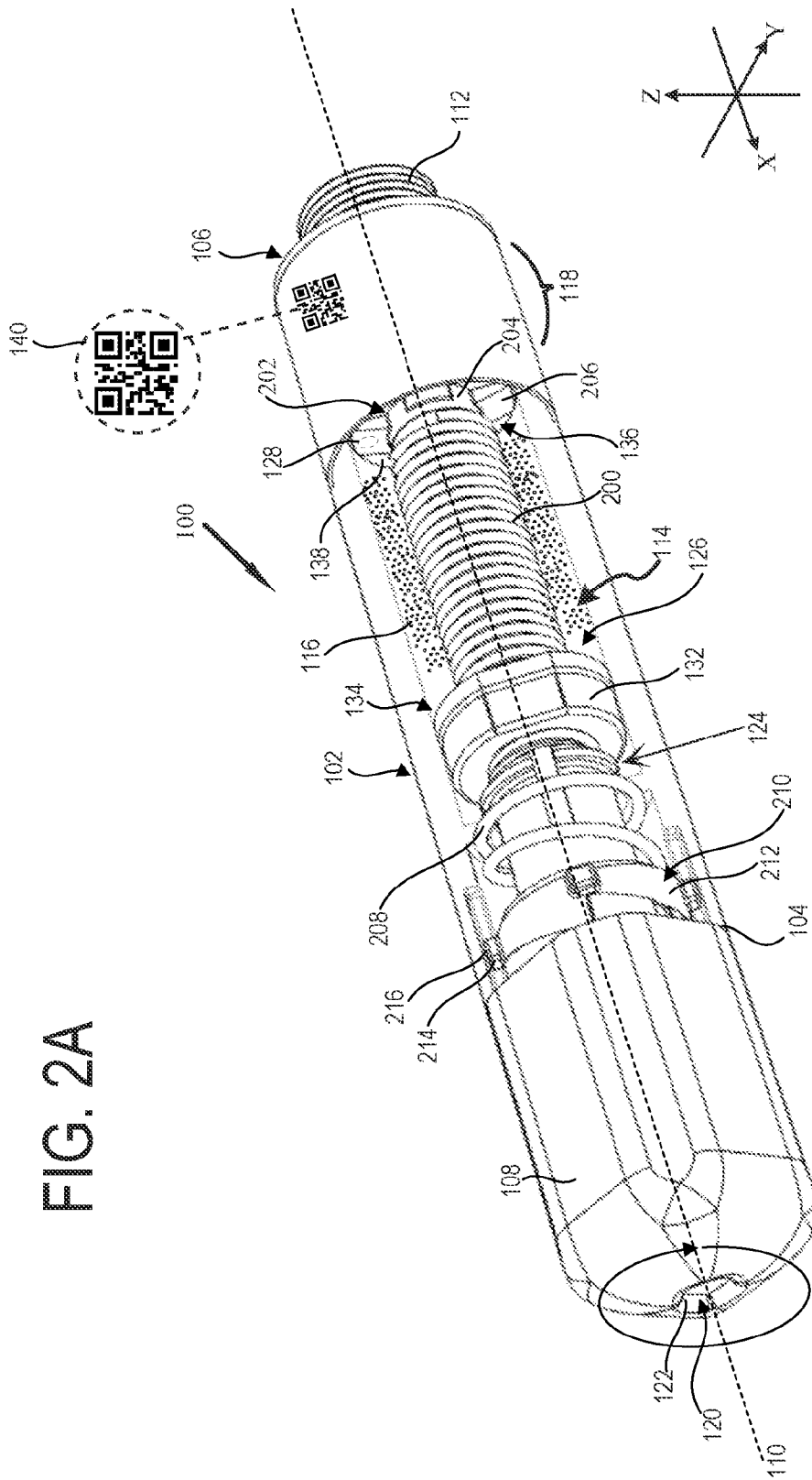


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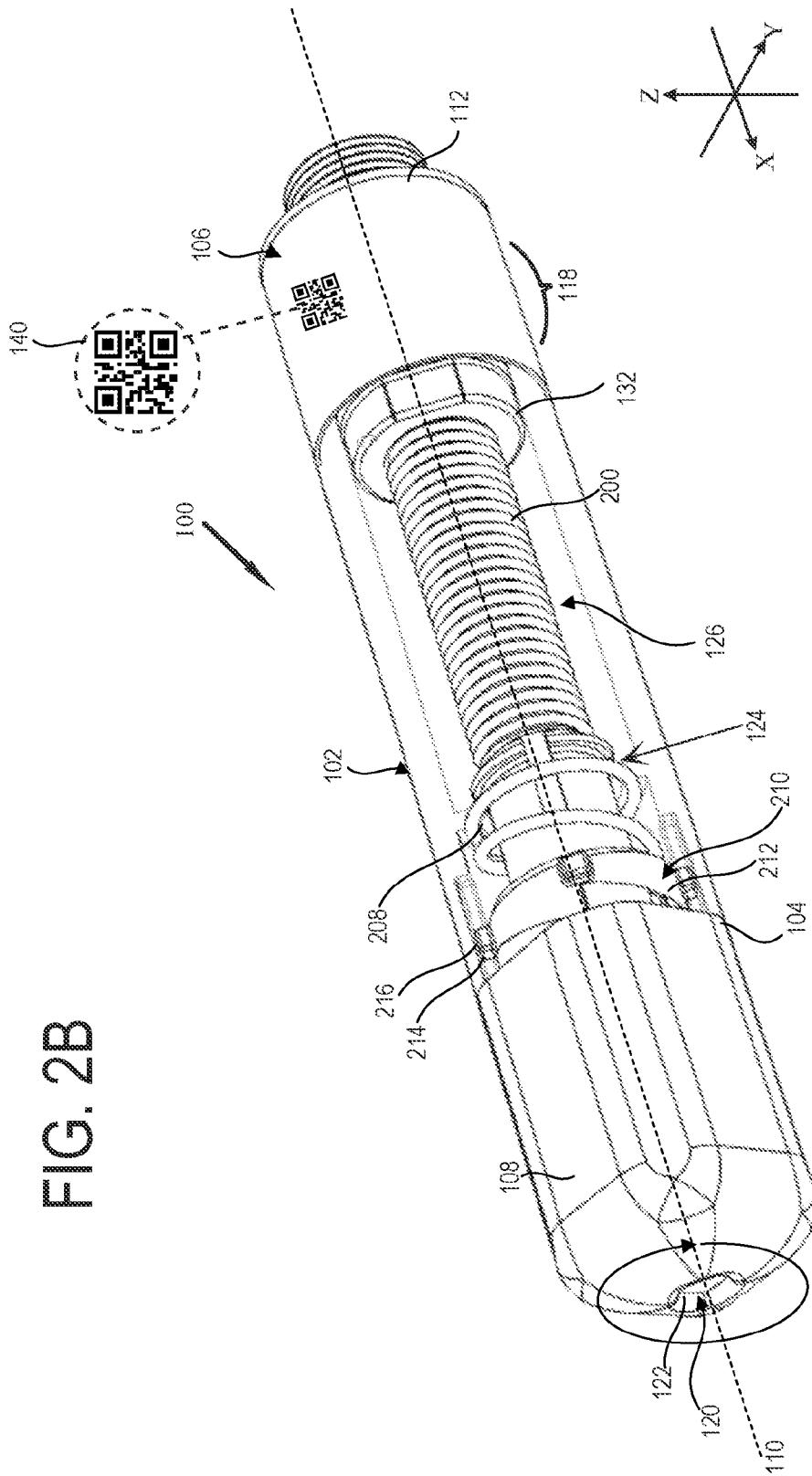
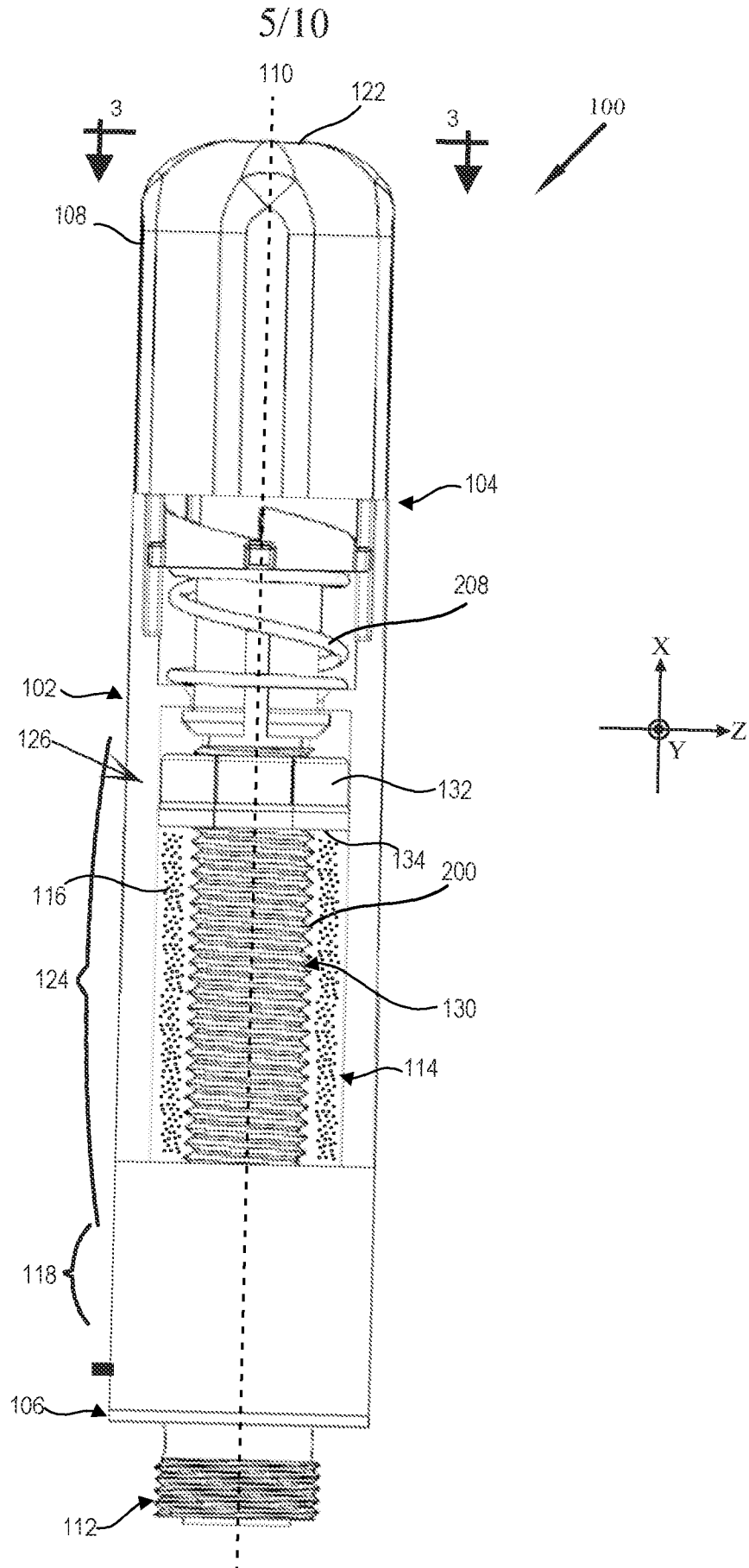


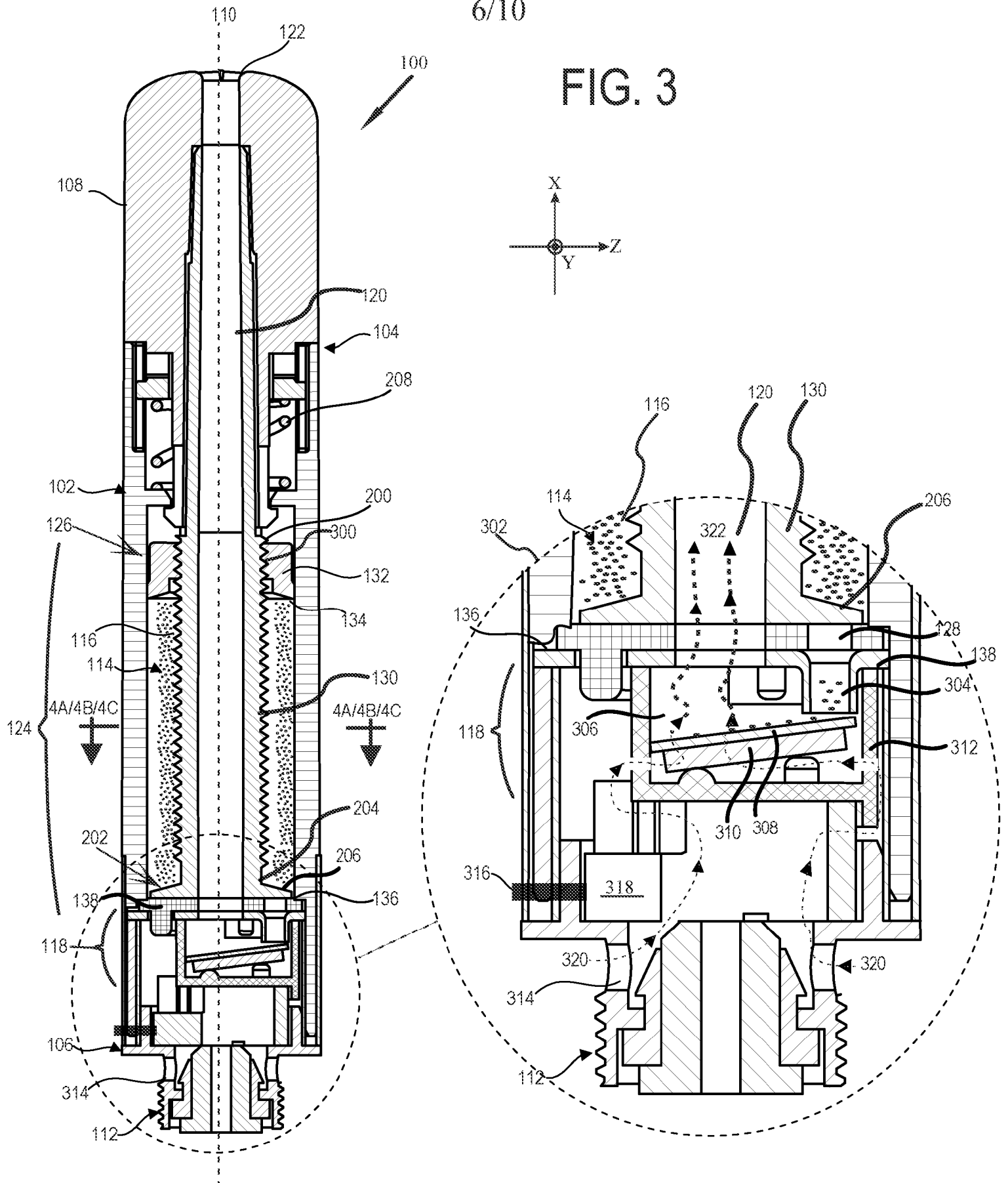
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FIG. 4A

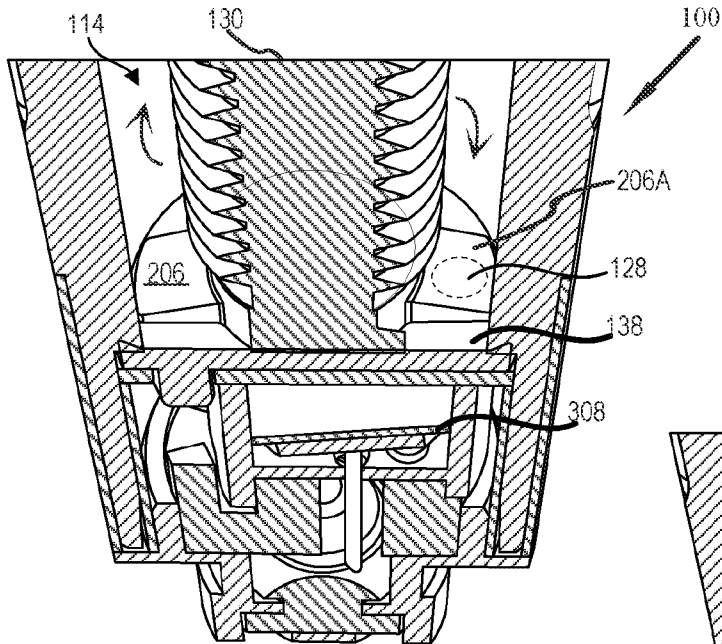


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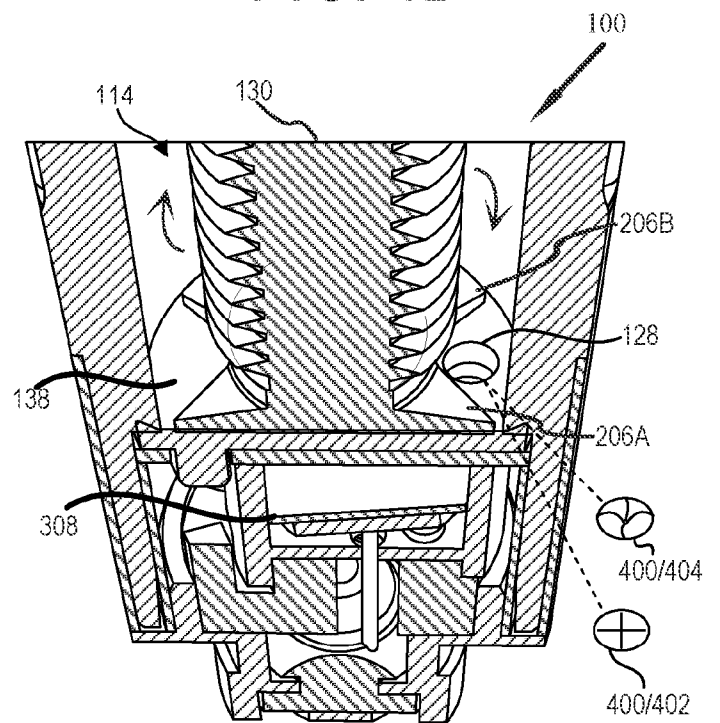
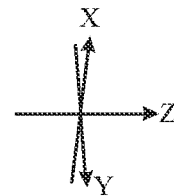
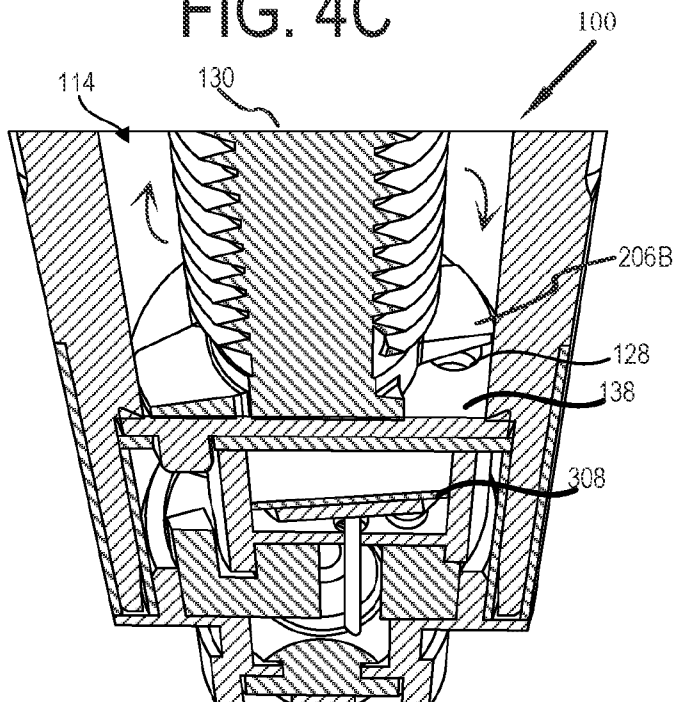


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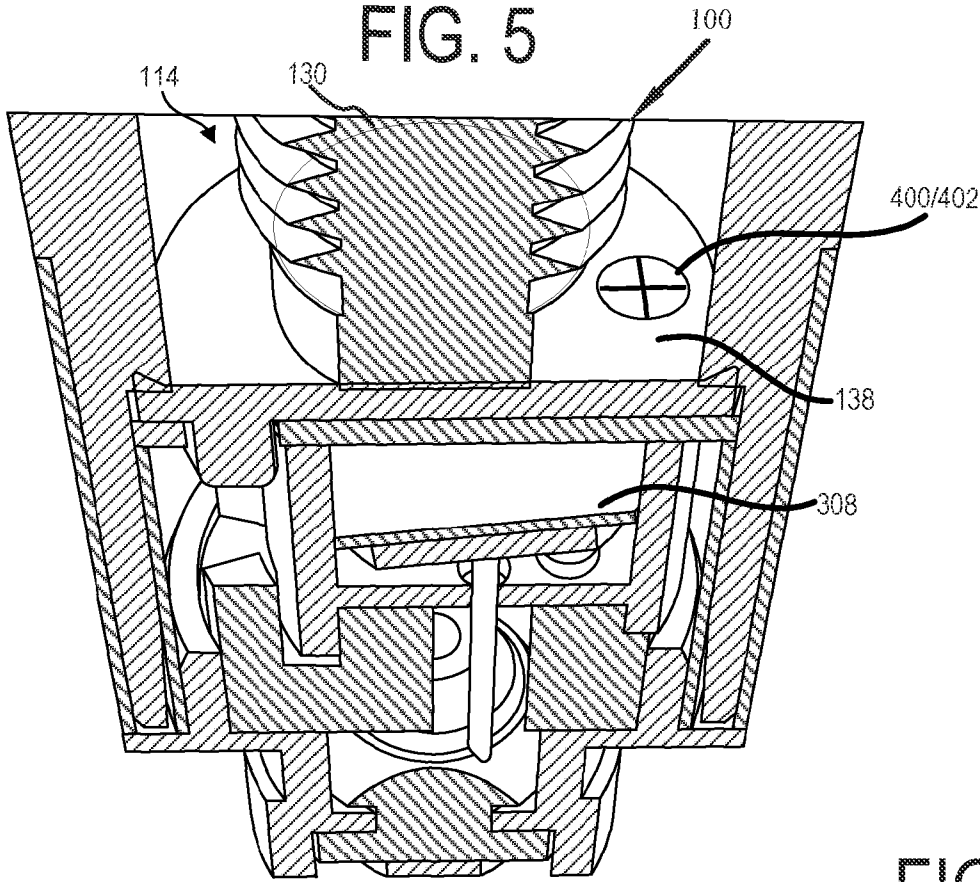
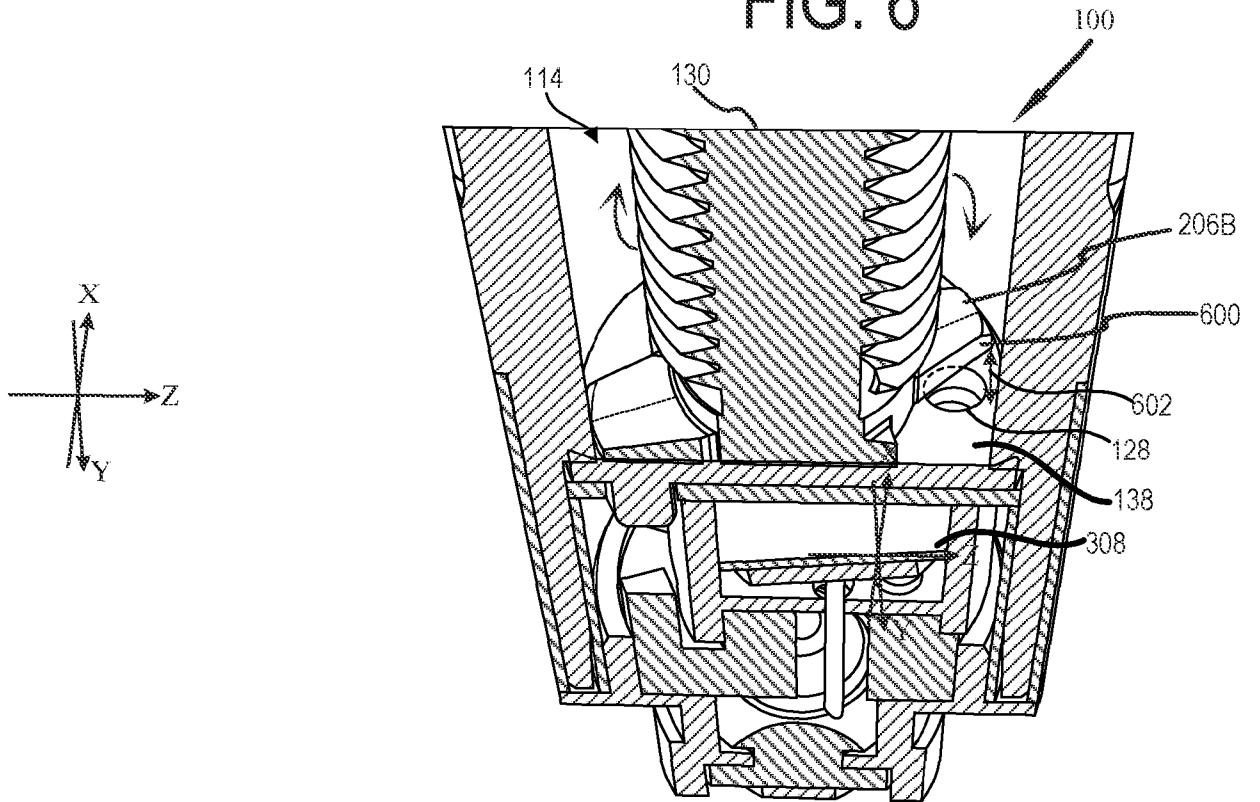
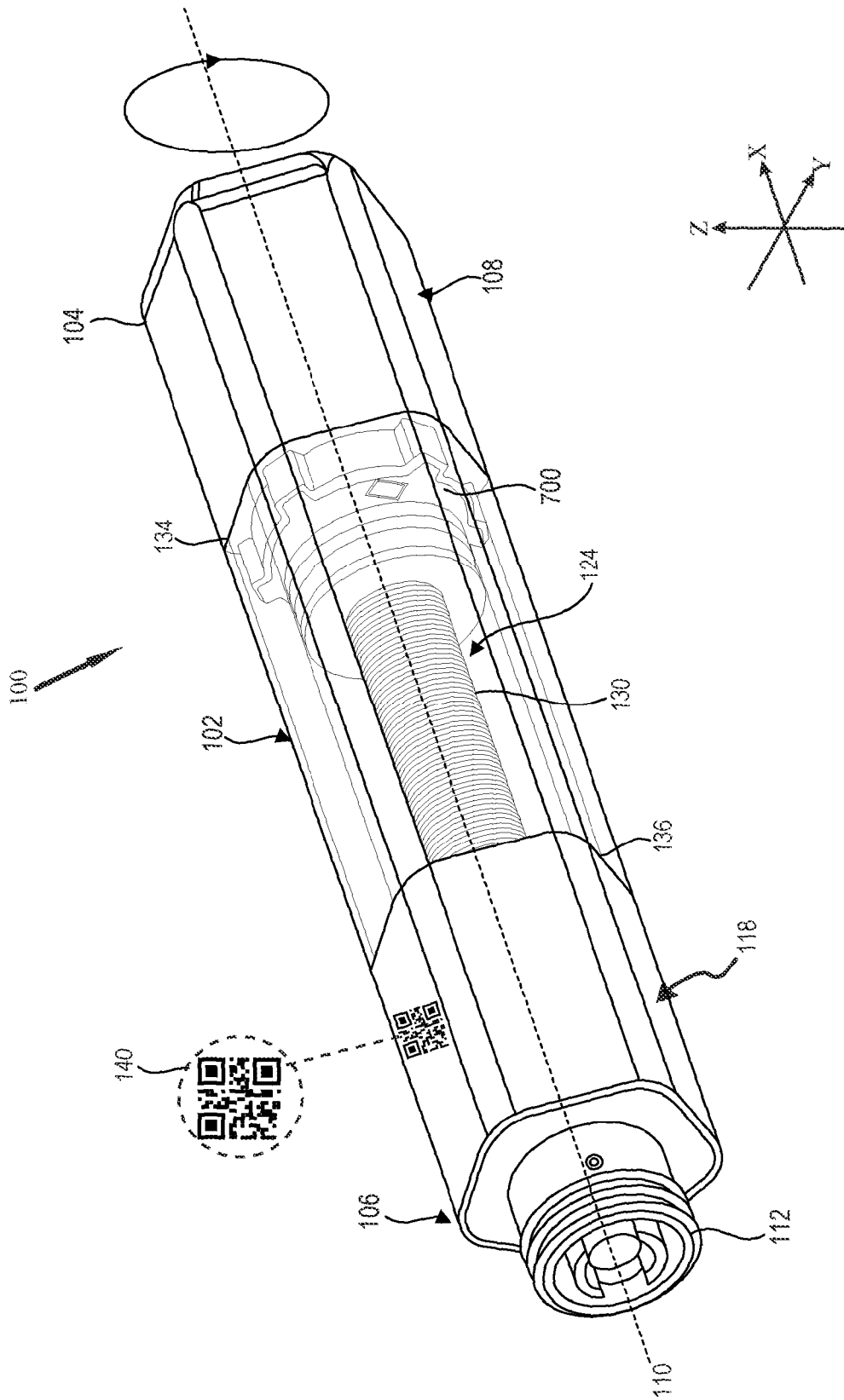


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