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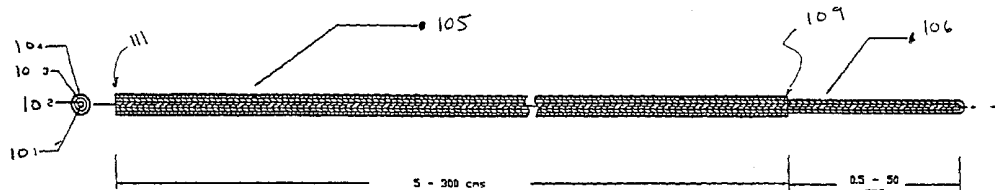
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(57) Abstract: The invention describes a system, method, and means for an MRI guidewire that can be visible on an MRI; can act as an antenna, and receive MRI signals from surrounding subject matter; and can allow the use of multiple interventional tools without removal of the guide wire from a subject. The antenna (106) extends beyond probe shaft (105) at distal end (109). The probe shaft (105) has a core (101), first electric (102), shield (103), and second dielectric (104).

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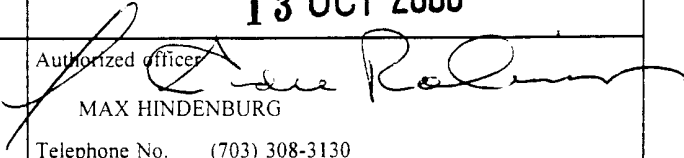
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