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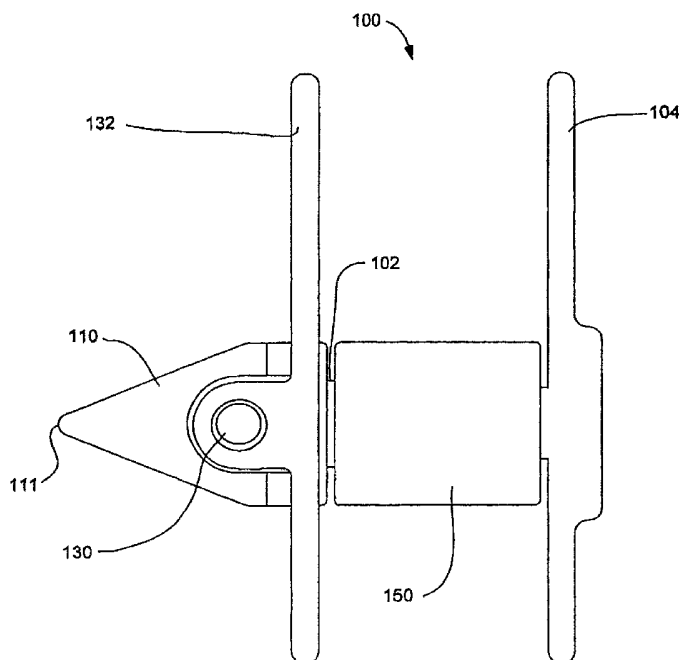
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is a interspinous process device (100) with a deflectable spacer (150, 250, 350, 450, 550) which can be placed between adjacent spinous processes to limit the movement of the vertebrae. The device limits the range of motion of the spinous processes.

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