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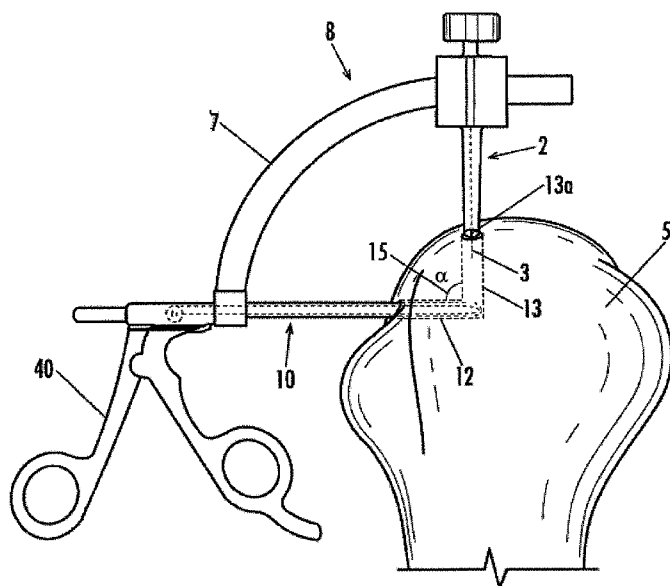


Fig. 4

(57) Abstract: A surgical drill guide device for drilling an angled osteal tunnel having a support rack having a first end and a second end; a drill guide sleeve having a passage for receiving a drill therethrough, the drill guide sleeve being adjustably securable and positionable on the rack between the first end and the second end of the rack; and a guide component secured on the first end of said rack, the guide component having a suture seizing mechanism for seizing a suture. The device can be used in a method for drilling an angled osteal tunnel into a bone by drilling or punching at least one first tunnel portion into the bone from a first surface location on the bone, the at least one first tunnel portion having an interior end within the bone and then drilling or punching at least one second tunnel portion into the bone from a second surface location on the bone using a guide component to guide a drill to the interior end of the first tunnel portion, whereby the at least one first tunnel portion and the at least one second tunnel portion intersect and connect at an angle, resulting in an angled osteal tunnel.

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