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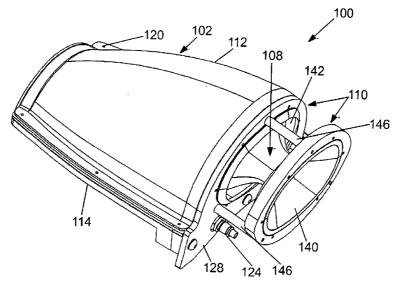
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(57) Abstract: Methods and devices for manipulating the thermoregulatory status of a mammal are provided. In the subject methods, thermal energy is transferred between the environment and both of the thoracic/abdominal core body and head of the mammal under negative pressure conditions. The subject methods and devices can be used to increase or decrease the thoracic/abdominal core body temperature of a mammal, in which case thermal energy is introduced or removed into the thoracic/abdominal core body and removed or introduced from the head, respectively. The subject devices include at least the following components: a means for causing a transfer of thermal energy with the thoracic/abdominal core body under negative pressure conditions (100); and a means for causing a transfer of thermal energy with the head. The subject methods and devices find use in a variety of applications, particularly for causing the temperature of one or more regions of the core body and/or temperature gradients to deviate from normal.



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