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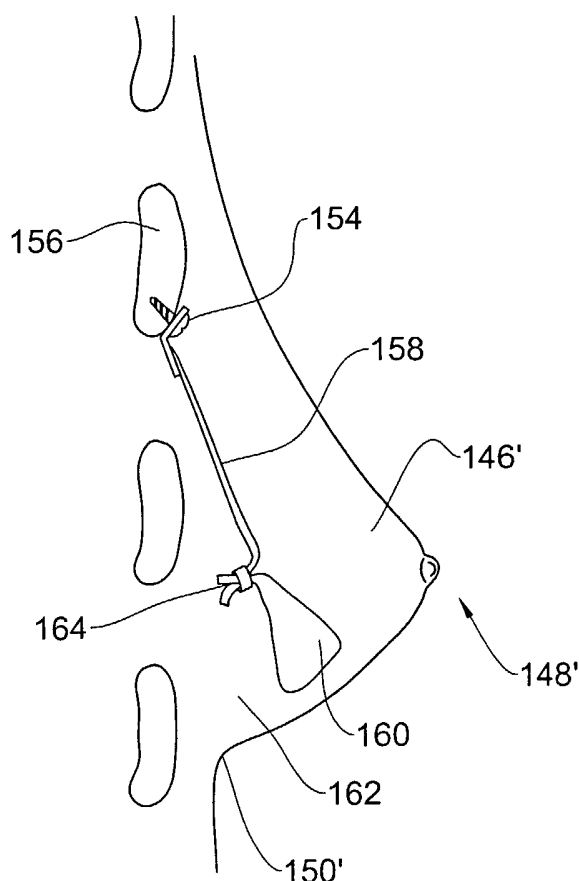
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(54) Title: SYSTEM FOR BREAST LIFTING



(57) Abstract: A system and a method and a surgical tool for breast lifting, wherein at least one anchor is fixed to a posture tissue, above a desired nipple level, with one or more suspending members suspended from the at least one anchor and extending through the breast for cradling the breast from below.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 20-23, 24-34
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery
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1-19, 45, 46

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-19,45,46

A system for breast lifting comprising an anchor and a suspension member
(Problem: reshaping a breast)

2. claims: 35-43,44,45,47,48

A surgical tool comprising a housing, a clamping mechanism and a cord trimming mechanism
(Problem: how to tension and clamp in one apparatus)

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