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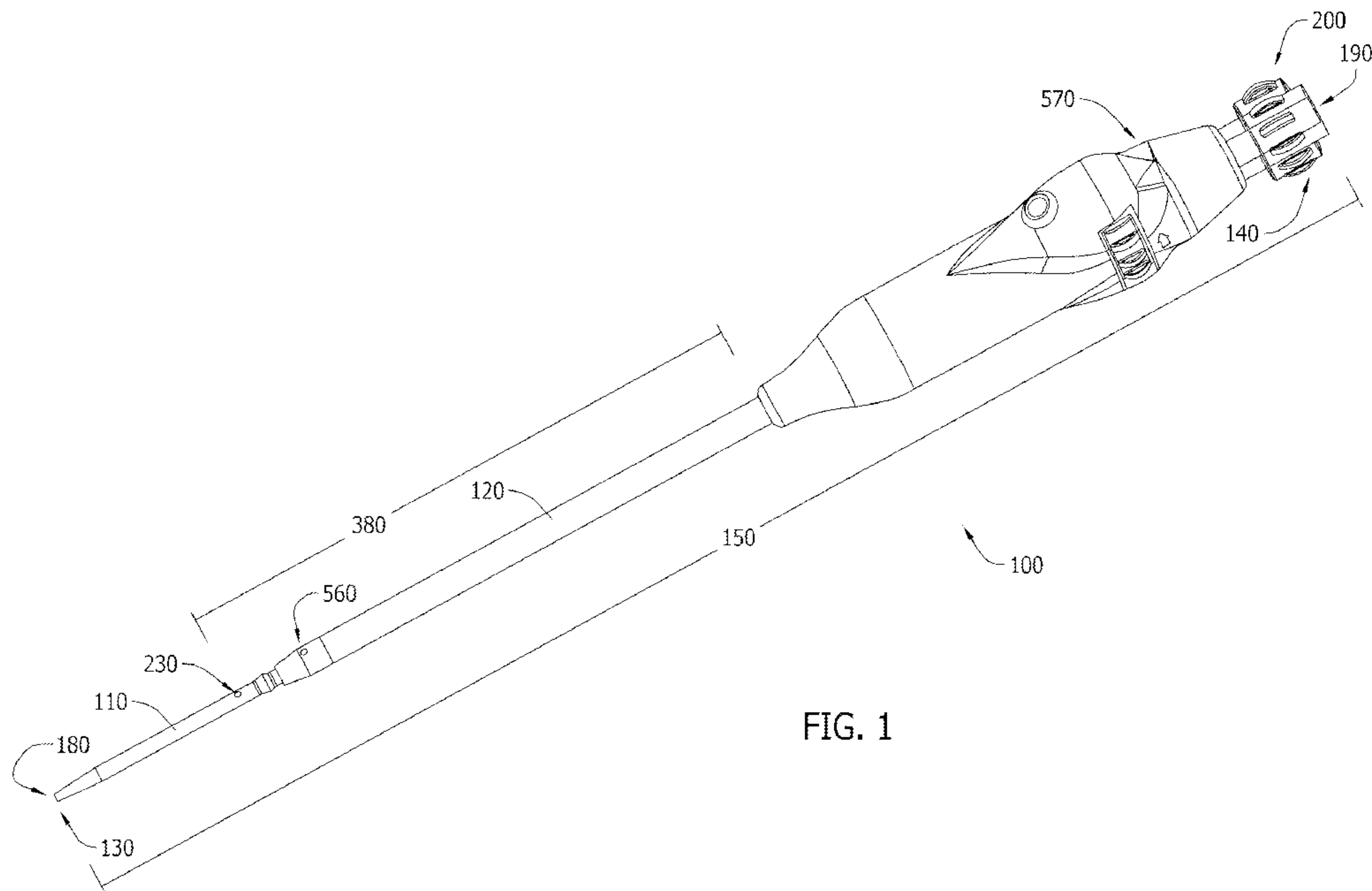


FIG. 1

(57) **Abrégé/Abstract:**

A hemostatic device includes a first tube defining a first lumen configured to channel a fluid therethrough, and a second tube housing at least a portion of the first tube and at least partially defining a second lumen configured to retain a hemocoagulant agent therein. The second tube is moveable with respect to the first tube, such that the hemocoagulant agent is at least substantially retained within the second lumen when the second tube is in a first position, and the hemocoagulant agent is at least partially exposed when the second tube is in a second position.

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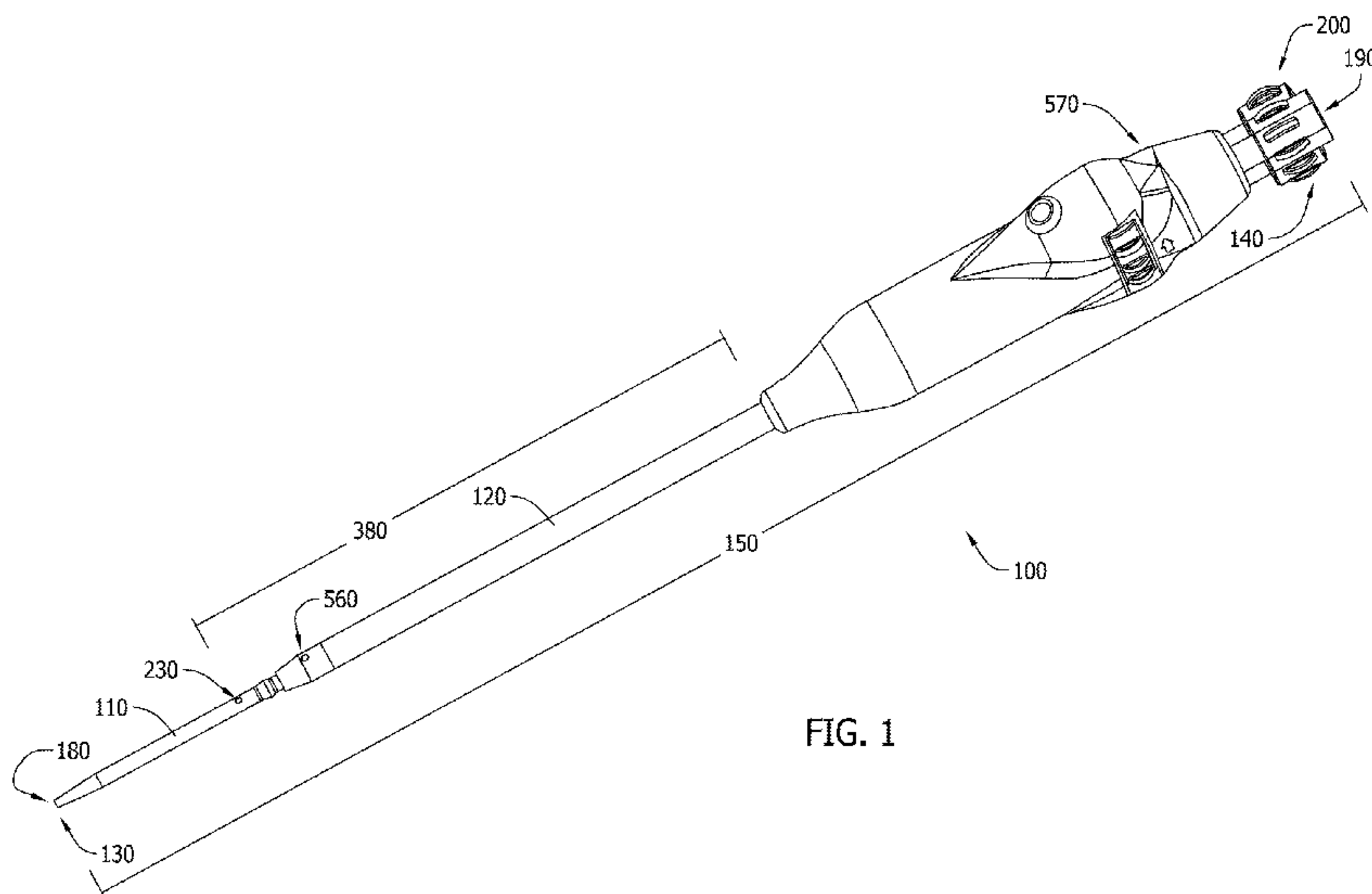


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A hemostatic device includes a first tube defining a first lumen configured to channel a fluid therethrough, and a second tube housing at least a portion of the first tube and at least partially defining a second lumen configured to retain a hemocoagulant agent therein. The second tube is moveable with respect to the first tube, such that the hemocoagulant agent is at least substantially retained within the second lumen when the second tube is in a first position, and the hemocoagulant agent is at least partially exposed when the second tube is in a second position.



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HEMOSTATIC DEVICE AND ITS METHODS OF USE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The subject matter described herein relates generally to medical devices and, more particularly, to a hemostatic device configured to seal a puncture of a vessel.

[0002] Catheter introducers are known to provide access to an artery for at least some medical procedures including, without limitation, cardiac catheterizations and peripheral endovascular procedures. After conducting such medical procedures, the catheter introducer is removed from the access site, leaving an arterial opening. At least some body fluids including, without limitation, blood are discharged from the arterial opening. Excess blood loss may endanger and/or traumatize the patient. One known method of controlling blood loss is through direct manual pressure over the arterial opening.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0003] In one aspect, a method is provided for sealing a puncture of a vessel using a hemostatic device that includes a first tube defining a first lumen, and a second tube housing at least a portion of the first tube and at least partially defining a second lumen. The method includes retaining a hemocoagulant agent in the second lumen defined by the second tube. The second tube is in a first position with respect to the first tube. The method further includes advancing the first tube into the vessel until a fluid is channeled through the first lumen defined by the first tube, and selectively moving the second tube towards a second position with respect to the first tube, such that the hemocoagulant is at least partially exposed.

[0004] In another aspect, a hemostatic device is provided for sealing a puncture of a vessel. The hemostatic device includes a first tube defining a first lumen configured to channel a fluid therethrough, and a second tube housing at least a portion of the first tube and at least partially defining a second lumen configured to retain a hemocoagulant agent therein. The second tube is moveable with respect to the first tube, such that the hemocoagulant agent is at least substantially retained within the second lumen

when the second tube is in a first position, and the hemocoagulant agent is at least partially exposed when the second tube is in a second position.

[0005] In yet another aspect, a hemostatic device is provided for sealing a puncture of a vessel. The hemostatic device includes a first tube defining a first lumen configured to channel a fluid therethrough, a second tube housing at least a portion of the first tube and at least partially defining a second lumen configured to retain a hemocoagulant agent therein, and an actuating mechanism configured to move the second tube with respect to the first tube, such that the hemocoagulant agent is at least substantially retained within the second lumen when the second tube is in a first position, and the hemocoagulant agent is at least partially exposed when the second tube is in a second position.

[0006] The features, functions, and advantages described herein may be achieved independently in various embodiments of the present disclosure or may be combined in yet other embodiments, further details of which may be seen with reference to the following description and drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an exemplary hemostatic device;

[0008] FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view of a distal portion of the hemostatic device shown in FIG. 1 in a closed configuration;

[0009] FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the distal portion shown in FIG. 2 in a deployed configuration;

[0010] FIG. 4 is a partial cross-sectional view of a proximal portion of the hemostatic device shown in FIG. 1 in a closed configuration;

[0011] FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view of the proximal portion shown in FIG. 4;

[0012] FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view of the proximal portion shown in FIG. 4 in a deployed configuration;

[0013] FIG. 7 is a flow chart illustrating an exemplary method of using the hemostatic device shown in FIG. 1;

[0014] FIG. 8 is a partial cross-sectional view of another exemplary hemostatic device;

[0015] FIG. 9 is a perspective view of yet another exemplary hemostatic device in a closed configuration;

[0016] FIG. 10 is a perspective view of the hemostatic device shown in FIG. 9 in an open configuration;

[0017] FIG. 11 is a cross-sectional view of the hemostatic device shown in FIG. 9;

[0018] FIG. 12 is a perspective view of yet another exemplary hemostatic device; and

[0019] FIGS. 13 and 14 are cross-sectional views of a portion of the hemostatic device shown in FIG. 12.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0020] The methods and apparatus described herein relate to medical devices and, more particularly, to a hemostatic device for use in sealing a puncture of a vessel. The hemostatic device described herein facilitates sealing an opening of a blood vessel. More particularly, in at least one embodiment, the hemostatic device includes a first tube defining a first lumen configured to channel a fluid therethrough, and a second tube housing at least a portion of the first tube and at least partially defining a second lumen configured to retain a hemocoagulant agent therein. The second tube is moveable with respect to the first tube, such that the hemocoagulant agent is at least substantially retained within the second lumen when the second tube is in a first position, and the hemocoagulant agent is at least partially exposed when the second tube is in a second position. The hemocoagulant agent is discharged from the second lumen and seals the opening to reduce a time required for hemostasis and/or ambulation.

[0021] As used herein, an element or step recited in the singular and preceded with the word “a” or “an” should be understood as not excluding plural said elements or steps, unless such exclusion is explicitly stated. Further, references to an “embodiment” or an “implementation” are not intended to be interpreted as excluding the existence of additional embodiments or implementations that also incorporate the recited features. Moreover, unless explicitly stated to the contrary, embodiments or implementations “comprising,” “including,” or “having” an element or a plurality of elements having a particular property may include additional such elements not having that property.

[0022] FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an exemplary hemostatic device 100 for sealing a puncture of a vessel (not shown). In the exemplary embodiment, hemostatic device 100 includes a first or inner tube 110 and a second or outer tube 120. In the exemplary embodiment, hemostatic device 100 has a distal end 130, a proximal end 140, and a length 150. In the exemplary embodiment, length 150 is at least approximately 5 inches (in.). More particularly, length 150 is between approximately 8 in. and approximately 12 in. Even more particularly, length 150 is approximately 10.147 in. Alternatively, hemostatic device 100 may have any length that enables the methods and systems to function as described herein. In the exemplary embodiment, a distal end of inner tube 110 is tapered to facilitate traversing through subcutaneous tissue and into a lumen of the vessel.

[0023] FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view of a first portion of hemostatic device 100 in a closed configuration, and FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the first portion in a deployed configuration. In the exemplary embodiment, inner tube 110 includes a sidewall 170 that defines a first or inner lumen 160 configured to channel blood or, more broadly, a fluid therethrough. In the exemplary embodiment, sidewall 170 includes a first opening 180 (shown in FIG. 1) at a distal end of inner lumen 160, and a second opening 190 (shown in FIG. 1) at a proximal end of inner lumen 160. In the exemplary embodiment, first opening 180 is sized to receive a guidewire (not shown), and second opening 190 is sized to channel the fluid through inner lumen 160 about the guidewire. First opening 180 and/or second opening 190 may have any size, shape, and/or configuration that enables inner tube 110 to function as described herein.

[0024] In the exemplary embodiment, a valve 200 (shown in FIG. 1) proximate to second opening 190 is selectively movable between an open configuration and a closed configuration. More particularly, valve 200 is actuatable towards the closed configuration to selectively restrict access to second opening 190 and/or inner lumen 160. That is, in the exemplary embodiment, valve 200 enables second opening 190 to be at least partially closed such that a flow of the fluid through inner lumen 160 is decreased. Moreover, in the exemplary embodiment, valve 200 is actuatable towards the open configuration to selectively provide access to second opening 190 and/or inner lumen 160. That is, in the exemplary embodiment, valve 200 enables second opening 190 to be at least partially opened such that a flow of the fluid through inner lumen 160 is increased.

[0025] In the exemplary embodiment, inner tube 110 includes a distal portion 210 and a proximal portion 220 coupled to distal portion 210 by an interference fit. Alternatively, inner tube 110 may include any number of portions, and/or the portions may be coupled in any configuration and/or using any mechanism that enables inner tube 110 to function as described herein. In the exemplary embodiment, outer tube 120 houses proximal portion 220 of inner tube 110, and distal portion 210 is generally exposed, such that outer tube 120 does not house distal portion 210 of inner tube 110. In the exemplary embodiment, distal portion 210 includes a side opening 230 extending through sidewall 170 that is in fluid communication with inner lumen 160 such that fluid may enter inner lumen 160 through side opening 230.

[0026] In the exemplary embodiment, outer tube 120 includes a sidewall 260 that at least partially defines a second or outer lumen 240 (shown in FIG. 2) configured to retain a hemocoagulant agent 250 therein. In one implementation, hemocoagulant agent 250 is an FDA-approved hydrogel polymer or collagen patch. Alternatively, hemocoagulant agent 250 may be any substance and/or composition that enables outer tube 120 to function as described herein.

[0027] In the exemplary embodiment, outer tube 120 houses at least a portion of inner tube 110. In the exemplary embodiment, outer tube 120 is translatable or longitudinally moveable with respect to inner tube 110, such that hemocoagulant agent 250 is at least substantially retained within outer lumen 240 when outer tube 120 is in a first or closed position, and is at least partially exposed to the environment when outer tube 120 is

in a second or open position. Outer tube 120 is slideable in the distal direction towards the closed position to substantially retain hemocoagulant agent 250 within outer lumen 240, and is slideable in the proximal direction towards the open position to expose hemocoagulant agent 250 to the environment. Alternatively, inner tube 110 and outer tube 120 may move in any direction that enables hemostatic device 100 to function as described herein.

[0028] In the exemplary embodiment, hemostatic device 100 includes a plug 270 that at least partially circumscribes inner tube 110. In the exemplary embodiment, plug 270 includes a distal portion 280 having a distal apex 290 oriented towards the distal end of hemostatic device 100, and a proximal portion 300 having a step 310 and a proximal apex 320 oriented towards the proximal end of hemostatic device 100. In the exemplary embodiment, plug 270 is positioned with respect to inner tube 110, such that plug 270 and/or a distal end of outer tube 120 are positionable outside and substantially adjacent an access site and/or a vessel when inner tube side opening 230 is within the lumen of the vessel.

[0029] In the exemplary embodiment, plug distal portion 280 is substantially cone-shaped to facilitate traversing plug 270 through subcutaneous tissue, and plug proximal portion 300 is substantially cone-shaped to facilitate channeling or directing hemocoagulant agent 250 radially outward from hemostatic device 100. In the exemplary embodiment, plug proximal portion 300 is oriented and/or configured to channel or direct at least some of hemocoagulant agent 250 away from inner tube 110 and/or a center axis of hemostatic device 100 to facilitate reducing a coagulation of hemocoagulant agent 250 within outer lumen 240.

[0030] In the exemplary embodiment, step 310 is configured to interface and/or receive a distal end of outer tube 120, such that hemocoagulant agent 250 is at least substantially retained within outer lumen 240 when hemostatic device 100 is in a closed configuration. Step 310 enables outer tube 120 to be sealingly coupled to plug 270, such that hemocoagulant agent 250 is at least substantially retained within outer lumen 240. In the exemplary embodiment, plug 270 is fabricated at least partially from a soft and/or pliable material that enables a seal to be provided at the plug-outer tube interface, the vessel, and/or the access site. For example, plug 270 may be fabricated from, without

limitation, rubber and/or a rubber-like material. Alternatively, plug 270 may have any configuration that enables plug 270 to function as described herein.

[0031] FIGS. 4 and 5 are cross-sectional views of a second portion of hemostatic device 100 in a closed configuration, and FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view of the second portion in a deployed configuration. In the exemplary embodiment, hemostatic device 100 includes a housing 330 and an actuating mechanism 340 positioned within housing 330. More specifically, housing 330 includes a sidewall 350 that defines a cavity 360, and actuating mechanism 340 includes a first or an outer tube carrier 370 that is moveable within cavity 360 between a distal end of cavity 360 and a proximal end of cavity 360. In the exemplary embodiment, outer tube carrier 370 is coupled to outer tube 120 such that outer tube 120 moves between the closed position and the open position as outer tube carrier 370 is moved between the distal end of cavity 360 and the proximal end of cavity 360, respectively. Alternatively, outer tube 120 may be moved towards the open position and/or the closed position using any mechanism that enables outer tube 120 to function as described herein.

[0032] In the exemplary embodiment, a distance 380 (shown in FIG. 1) between side opening 230 and a distal end of housing 330 is at least approximately 2 in. More particularly, distance 380 is between approximately 3 in. and approximately 6 in. Even more particularly, distance 380 is approximately 4.2 in. Alternatively, distance 380 may be any length that enables the methods and systems to function as described herein. In the exemplary embodiment, distance 380 remains substantially constant as at least a portion of outer tube 120 is selectively retracted into and/or extended from housing 330 when outer tube 120 is moved between the closed position and the open position.

[0033] In the exemplary embodiment, hemostatic device 100 includes a rotating mechanism 390 coupled to outer tube carrier 370. In the exemplary embodiment, rotating mechanism 390 is configured to move outer tube carrier 370 towards the distal end of cavity 360 as rotating mechanism 390 is rotated in a first direction (e.g., a counterclockwise direction when looking from proximal end 140 towards distal end 130) and move outer tube carrier 370 towards the proximal end of cavity 360 as rotating mechanism 390 is rotated in a second direction (e.g., a clockwise direction when looking from proximal end 140 towards distal end 130). Rotating mechanism 390 is configured to

convert rotational movement into axial movement. In the exemplary embodiment, rotating mechanism 390 includes a wheel 400 and a body 410 extending from wheel 400 and at least partially positioned within outer tube carrier 370. In the exemplary embodiment, wheel 400 has a diameter that is greater than and/or equal to a width of housing 330.

[0034] In the exemplary embodiment, a peg (not shown) extending from an inner surface of outer tube carrier 370 is retained in a groove 420 (shown in FIG. 4) defined in an outer surface of body 410. In the exemplary embodiment, groove 420 includes a first segment 430 (shown in FIG. 4) that extends helically about a central axis of body 410 and a second segment 440 (shown in FIG. 4) that at least partially circumscribes body 410. In the exemplary embodiment, outer tube carrier 370 longitudinally moves with respect to rotating mechanism 390 between the distal end of cavity 360 and the proximal end of cavity 360 as wheel 400 is rotated when the peg is within first segment 430. Moreover, in the exemplary embodiment, outer tube carrier 370 is substantially longitudinally stationary with respect to rotating mechanism 390 as wheel 400 is rotated when the peg is within second segment 440. Alternatively, outer tube carrier 370 may be moved between the distal end of cavity 360 and the proximal end of cavity 360 using any mechanism that enables outer tube 120 to function as described herein. In at least some implementations, second segment 440 fully circumscribes body 410 to enable wheel 400 to be continuously rotated when the peg is within second segment 440. In at least some implementations, outer tube carrier 370 is at the proximal end of cavity 360 when the peg is within second segment 440.

[0035] In the exemplary embodiment, hemostatic device 100 includes a first retaining mechanism 450 (shown in FIG. 4) that facilitates preventing outer tube carrier 370 from rotating with respect to housing 330 as wheel 400 is rotated in the first direction and/or in the second direction. In the exemplary embodiment, retaining mechanism 450 includes a peg (not shown) extending from an inner surface of housing 330, and a slot 460 (shown in FIG. 4) defined in an outer surface of outer tube carrier 370 sized to retain the peg. In the exemplary embodiment, slot 460 extends substantially longitudinally along the outer surface of outer tube carrier 370, such that outer tube carrier 370 is longitudinally moveable, while substantially not rotating, with respect to housing 330 as the peg is moved between a distal end of slot 460 and a proximal end of slot 460.

Alternatively, outer tube 120 may be moved and/or restricted from movement using any mechanism that enables outer tube 120 to function as described herein.

[0036] In the exemplary embodiment, hemostatic device 100 includes a plunging mechanism 470 (shown in FIGS. 5 and 6) including a plunger 480 (shown in FIGS. 2, 3, 5, and 6) at least partially positioned within outer lumen 240 (shown in FIGS. 2 and 3), and a second or plunger carrier 490 (shown in FIGS. 5 and 6) moveable within a cavity defined by outer tube carrier 370 and/or a cavity defined by rotating mechanism body 410 to facilitate discharging hemocoagulant agent 250.

[0037] In the exemplary embodiment, a peg (not shown) extending from an inner surface of rotating mechanism body 410 is retained in a groove 500 (shown in FIGS. 5 and 6) defined in an outer surface of plunger carrier 490. In the exemplary embodiment, groove 500 extends helically about a central axis of plunger carrier 490 in a direction that is opposite the direction associated with groove 420. In the exemplary embodiment, plunger 480 is longitudinally moveable, with respect to outer tube 120, in a direction that is opposite the direction outer tube carrier 370 moves with respect to housing 330 as wheel 400 is rotated. For example, in the exemplary embodiment, wheel 400 is selectively rotatable in the first direction to simultaneously move outer tube 120 towards the closed position and plunger 480 towards a retracted or proximal position, or move outer tube 120 towards the open position and plunger 480 towards a dispensing or distal position. Groove 420 extends at a first angle with respect to the longitudinal axis, and groove 500 extends at a second angle that is different from the first angle. The first angle and/or the second angle are predefined, such that outer tube 120 is configured to move a first distance with each rotation of wheel 400, and plunger 480 is configured to move a second distance with each rotation of wheel 400 that is less than the first distance. Alternatively, outer tube 120 and/or plunger 480 may be moved using any mechanism that enables hemostatic device 100 to function as described herein.

[0038] In the exemplary embodiment, hemostatic device 100 includes a second retaining mechanism 510 that facilitates preventing plunger carrier 490 from rotating with respect to outer tube carrier 370 as wheel 400 is rotated. In the exemplary embodiment, retaining mechanism 510 includes a peg 520 (shown in FIGS. 5 and 6) extending from an outer surface of plunger carrier 490, and a slot 530 (shown in FIG. 4)

defined in an inner surface of outer tube carrier 370 sized to retain peg 520. In the exemplary embodiment, slot 530 extends substantially longitudinally along the inner surface of outer tube carrier 370, such that plunging mechanism 470 is longitudinally moveable, while substantially not rotating, with respect to outer tube carrier 370 as peg 520 is moved between a distal end of slot 530 and a proximal end of slot 530. Alternatively, plunging mechanism 470 may be moved and/or restricted from movement using any mechanism that enables plunging mechanism 470 to function as described herein.

[0039] In the exemplary embodiment, hemostatic device 100 includes a third or intermediate tube 540 (shown in FIGS. 2 and 3) positioned radially between inner tube 110 and outer tube 120. More specifically, intermediate tube 540 is positioned such that outer lumen 240 is defined between intermediate tube 540 and outer tube 120, and a third or intermediate lumen 550 (shown in FIGS. 2 and 3) configured to channel blood or, more broadly, a fluid therethrough is defined between intermediate tube 540 and inner tube 110. In the exemplary embodiment, intermediate lumen 550 is in fluid communication with a first opening 560 (shown in FIGS. 1-3) extending through plug 270 and a second opening 570 (shown in FIG. 1) extending through housing 330 such that fluid may enter intermediate lumen 550 through first opening 560 and is dischargeable through second opening 570.

[0040] FIG. 7 is a flow chart illustrating an exemplary method 600 of using hemostatic device 100 to seal a puncture of an artery or vessel with a hydrogel polymer or collagen patch hemocoagulant agent 250. In at least some implementations, hemocoagulant agent 250 is preloaded into hemostatic device 100, such that hemocoagulant agent is retained 610 within outer lumen 240. Alternatively, hemocoagulant agent 250 is loaded into hemostatic device 100, such that hemocoagulant agent is retained 610 within outer lumen 240, by selectively rotating wheel 400 and/or substantially enveloping or circumscribing hemocoagulant agent 250 about inner tube 110.

[0041] During operation, inner tube 110 is aligned such that a guidewire (not shown) extends through first opening 180 and second opening 190, and inner tube 110 is advanced 620 along the guidewire through subcutaneous tissue until blood is channeled through inner lumen 160 and/or discharged from second opening 190. In the exemplary embodiment, the blood discharge (i.e., reflux) from second opening 190 is a visual

indication that inner tube side opening 230 is positioned within the vessel. Moreover, plug 270 provides a tactile indication (e.g., resistance) that plug 270 is positioned outside and substantially adjacent the vessel and/or inner tube side opening 230 is positioned within the vessel.

[0042] In the exemplary embodiment, valve 200 is moved towards the closed configuration to restrict access to second opening 190 and/or facilitate reducing blood flow through inner lumen 160. In at least some implementations, hemostatic device 100 is advanced along the guidewire too far through subcutaneous tissue. In such an implementation, the blood enters plug opening 560, is channeled through intermediate lumen 550, and/or is discharged from housing opening 570. In such an implementation, the blood discharge from housing opening 570 is a visual indication that hemostatic device 100 is advanced too far through subcutaneous tissue and/or should be at least partially withdrawn from the subcutaneous tissue until blood does not discharge from housing opening 570.

[0043] In the exemplary embodiment, wheel 400 is selectively rotated in the second direction to move hemostatic device 100 towards the deployed configuration and, thus, move 630 outer tube 120 towards the open position. Accordingly, in the exemplary embodiment, hemocoagulant agent 250 is at least partially exposed to the environment. As wheel 400 is selectively rotated in the second direction, plunger carrier 490 and, thus, plunger 480 is moved in the distal direction, such that hemocoagulant agent 250 is pushed at least partially in the distal direction towards plug 270. In at least some implementations, outer tube 120 is moved 630 towards the open position and plunger 480 is moved towards the distal direction simultaneously. In the exemplary embodiment, plug proximal portion 300 channels or directs at least some of hemocoagulant agent 250 radially outward and/or away from a center axis of hemostatic device 100.

[0044] FIG. 8 is a partial cross-sectional view of another exemplary hemostatic device 700 for sealing a puncture of a vessel (not shown). Hemostatic device 700 is similar to hemostatic device 100 and, in the absence of a contrary representation, the same reference numbers identify the same or similar elements.

[0045] FIG. 9 is a perspective view of another exemplary hemostatic device 800 for sealing a puncture of a vessel (not shown) in a closed configuration, and FIG. 10 is a perspective view of hemostatic device 800 in a deployed configuration. Hemostatic device 800 is similar to hemostatic device 100 and 700 and, in the absence of a contrary representation, the same reference numbers identify the same or similar elements.

[0046] In the exemplary embodiment, outer tube 120 is longitudinally moveable with respect to inner tube 110, such that hemocoagulant agent 250 is at least substantially retained within outer lumen 240 when outer tube 120 is in the closed position (shown in FIG. 9), and is at least partially exposed to the environment when outer tube 120 is in the open position (shown in FIG. 10).

[0047] FIG. 11 is a cross-sectional view of hemostatic device 800. In the exemplary embodiment, hemostatic device 800 includes an actuating mechanism 810 that facilitates moving outer tube 120 between the closed position and the open position. More specifically, actuating mechanism 810 is rotated in a first direction (e.g., a clockwise direction when looking from proximal end 140 towards distal end 130) to move outer tube 120 towards the closed position, and is rotated in a second direction (e.g., a counterclockwise direction when looking from proximal end 140 towards distal end 130) to move outer tube 120 towards the open position.

[0048] In the exemplary embodiment, plunger 480 is moveable within outer lumen 240 to facilitate discharging hemocoagulant agent 250 from outer lumen 240. More specifically, plunger 480 is coupled to a handle 820 (shown in FIGS. 9 and 10) configured to move plunger 480 between a retracted or proximal position and a dispensing or distal position.

[0049] FIG. 12 is a perspective view of another exemplary hemostatic device 900 for sealing a puncture of a vessel (not shown). Hemostatic device 900 is similar to hemostatic devices 100, 700, and 800 and, in the absence of a contrary representation, the same reference numbers identify the same or similar elements. In the exemplary embodiment, plunging mechanism 470 includes a wheel 910 configured to move plunger 480 between a retracted or proximal position and a dispensing or distal position.

[0050] FIGS. 13 and 14 are cross-sectional views of a portion of hemostatic device 800. In the exemplary embodiment, actuating mechanism 810 includes a plurality of threads 920 that enables outer tube 120 to be moved between the closed position and the open position as actuating mechanism 810 is rotated.

[0051] In the exemplary embodiment, plunging mechanism 470 includes a plunger shaft 930 coupled to wheel 910, and plunger 480 is threadably coupled to plunger shaft 930. In the exemplary embodiment, an inner surface of outer tube 120 and/or an outer surface of plunger 480 is keyed or otherwise not round (e.g., substantially square-shaped) to prevent plunger 480 from rotating with respect to outer tube 120 as plunger shaft 930 is rotated, such that a rotation of wheel 910 and, thus, plunger shaft 930 longitudinally moves plunger 480 with respect to outer tube 120.

[0052] The methods and apparatus described herein relate to medical devices and, more particularly, to a hemostatic device. Hemostatic device described herein facilitates sealing, for example, an arterial opening. The exemplary hemostatic device includes a first tube defining a first lumen configured to channel a fluid therethrough, and a second tube housing at least a portion of the first tube and at least partially defining a second lumen configured to retain a hemocoagulant agent therein. The second tube is at least partially withdrawn to expose at least some of the hemocoagulant agent to the environment while a plunger is moved through the second lumen to facilitate discharging the hemocoagulant agent. The hemocoagulant agent facilitates sealing the arterial opening to reduce a time required for hemostasis and/or ambulation.

[0053] Exemplary embodiments of medical devices are described above in detail. The methods and systems are not limited to the specific embodiments described herein, but rather, operations of the methods and components of the systems may be utilized independently and separately from other operations and/or components described herein. For example, the methods and apparatus described herein may have other industrial and/or consumer applications and are not limited to practice with medical devices as described herein. Rather, one or more embodiments may be implemented and utilized in connection with other industries.

[0054] This written description uses examples to disclose the invention, including the best mode, and also to enable any person skilled in the art to practice the invention, including making and using any devices or systems and performing any incorporated methods. The patentable scope of the invention is defined by the claims, and may include other examples that occur to those skilled in the art. Such other examples are intended to be within the scope of the claims if they have structural elements that do not differ from the literal language of the claims, or if they include equivalent structural elements with insubstantial differences from the literal language of the claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for sealing a puncture of a vessel using a hemostatic device that includes a first tube defining a first lumen, and a second tube housing at least a portion of the first tube and at least partially defining a second lumen, said method comprising:

retaining a hemocoagulant agent in the second lumen defined by the second
5 tube, wherein the second tube is in a first position with respect to the first tube;

advancing the first tube into the vessel until a fluid is channeled through the first lumen defined by the first tube; and

selectively moving the second tube towards a second position with respect to the first tube, such that the hemocoagulant is at least partially exposed.

2. A method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein selectively moving the second tube further comprises selectively moving a first carrier within a cavity defined by a housing, wherein the first carrier is coupled to the second tube.

3. A method in accordance with Claim 2, wherein selectively moving a first carrier further comprises selectively rotating a rotating mechanism, wherein the rotating mechanism is coupled to the first carrier.

4. A method in accordance with Claim 2 further comprising selectively moving a second carrier within a cavity defined by the first carrier to move a plunger with respect to the second tube, wherein the second carrier is coupled to the plunger.

5. A method in accordance with Claim 4, wherein selectively moving a second carrier further comprises selectively rotating a rotating mechanism to simultaneously move the second tube and the plunger in opposite directions, wherein the rotating mechanism is coupled to the first carrier and to the second carrier.

6. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising selectively moving a plunger with respect to the second tube.

7. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising:

selectively moving the second tube towards the first position; and

loading the hemocoagulant agent in the second lumen.

8. A hemostatic device for sealing a puncture of a vessel, said hemostatic device comprising:

a first tube defining a first lumen configured to channel a fluid therethrough;

and

5 a second tube housing at least a portion of the first tube and at least partially defining a second lumen configured to retain a hemocoagulant agent therein, wherein the second tube is moveable with respect to the first tube, such that the hemocoagulant agent is at least substantially retained within the second lumen when the second tube is in a first position, and the hemocoagulant agent is at least partially exposed when the second tube is
10 in a second position.

9. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 8 further comprising:

a housing comprising a sidewall defining a cavity; and

a first carrier coupled to the second tube and moveable within the cavity to move the second tube between the first position and the second position.

10. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 9 further comprising a rotating mechanism coupled to the first carrier, wherein the rotating mechanism is rotatable in a first direction to move the second tube towards the first position, and rotatable in a second direction to move the second tube towards the second position.

11. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 9 further comprising a retaining mechanism that facilitates preventing the first carrier from rotating with respect to the housing.

12. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 9 further comprising:

a plunger; and

a second carrier coupled to the plunger and moveable within a cavity defined by the first carrier to move the plunger with respect to the second tube to facilitate
5 discharging the hemocoagulant agent.

13. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 12 further comprising a rotating mechanism coupled to the first carrier and to the second carrier, wherein the rotating mechanism is rotatable to simultaneously move the second tube and the plunger in opposite directions.

14. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 12 further comprising a retaining mechanism that facilitates preventing the second carrier from rotating with respect to the first carrier.

15. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 8 further comprising a plunging mechanism moveable with respect to the second tube to facilitate discharging the hemocoagulant agent.

16. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 8 further comprising a plug that is configured to channel the hemocoagulant agent radially outward from the first tube.

17. A hemostatic device for sealing a puncture of a vessel, said hemostatic device comprising:

a first tube defining a first lumen configured to channel a fluid therethrough;

a second tube housing at least a portion of the first tube and at least partially
5 defining a second lumen configured to retain a hemocoagulant agent therein; and

an actuating mechanism configured to move the second tube with respect to the first tube, such that the hemocoagulant agent is at least substantially retained within the second lumen when the second tube is in a first position, and the hemocoagulant agent is at least partially exposed when the second tube is in a second position.

18. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 17, wherein the actuating mechanism is rotatable in a first direction to move the second tube towards the first position, and in a second direction to move the second tube towards the second position.

19. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 17 further comprising a plunger configured to move within the second lumen.

20. A hemostatic device in accordance with Claim 19 further comprising one of a handle and a wheel coupled to the plunger, wherein the one of the handle and the wheel is configured to move the plunger within the second lumen.

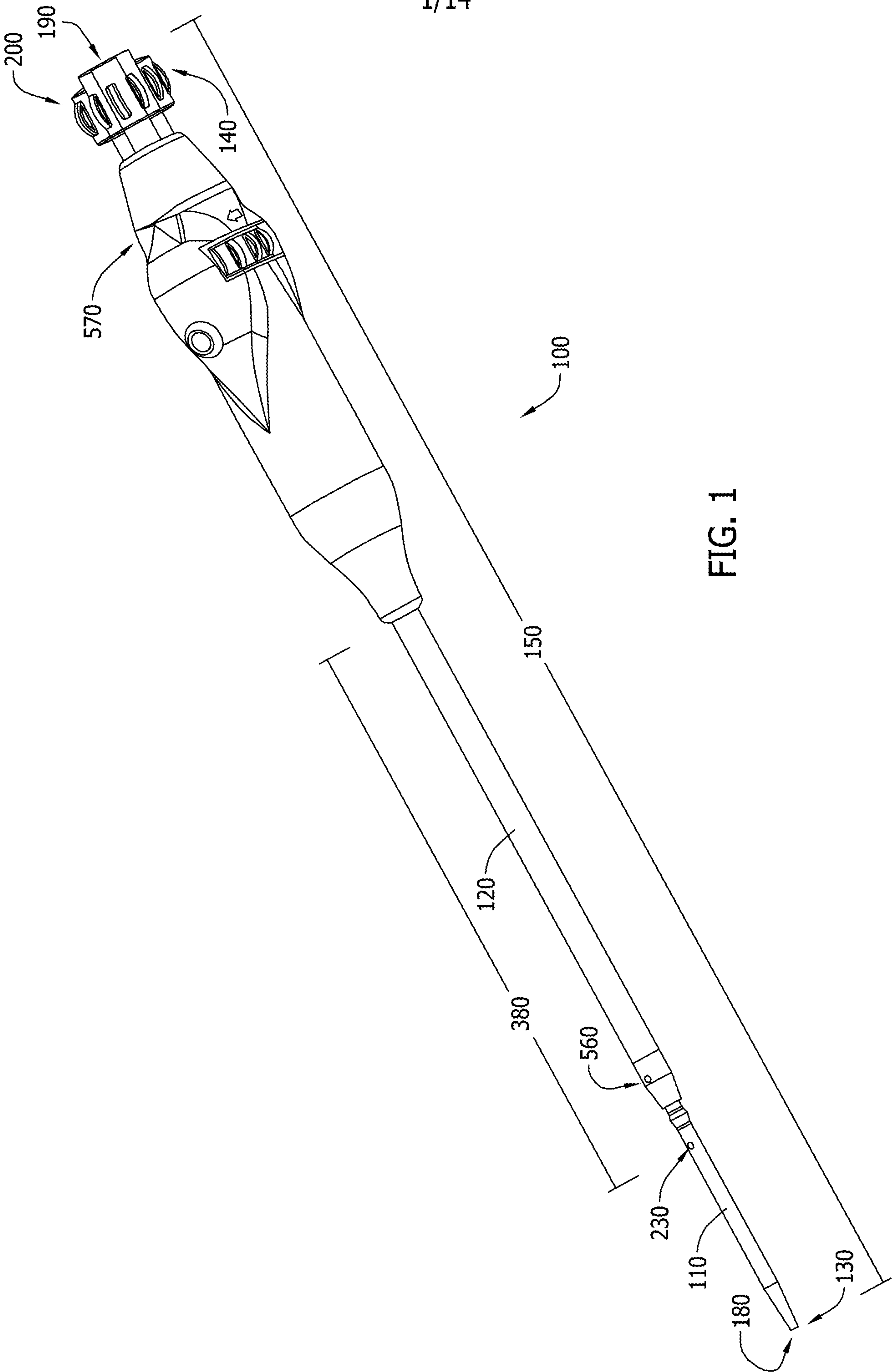
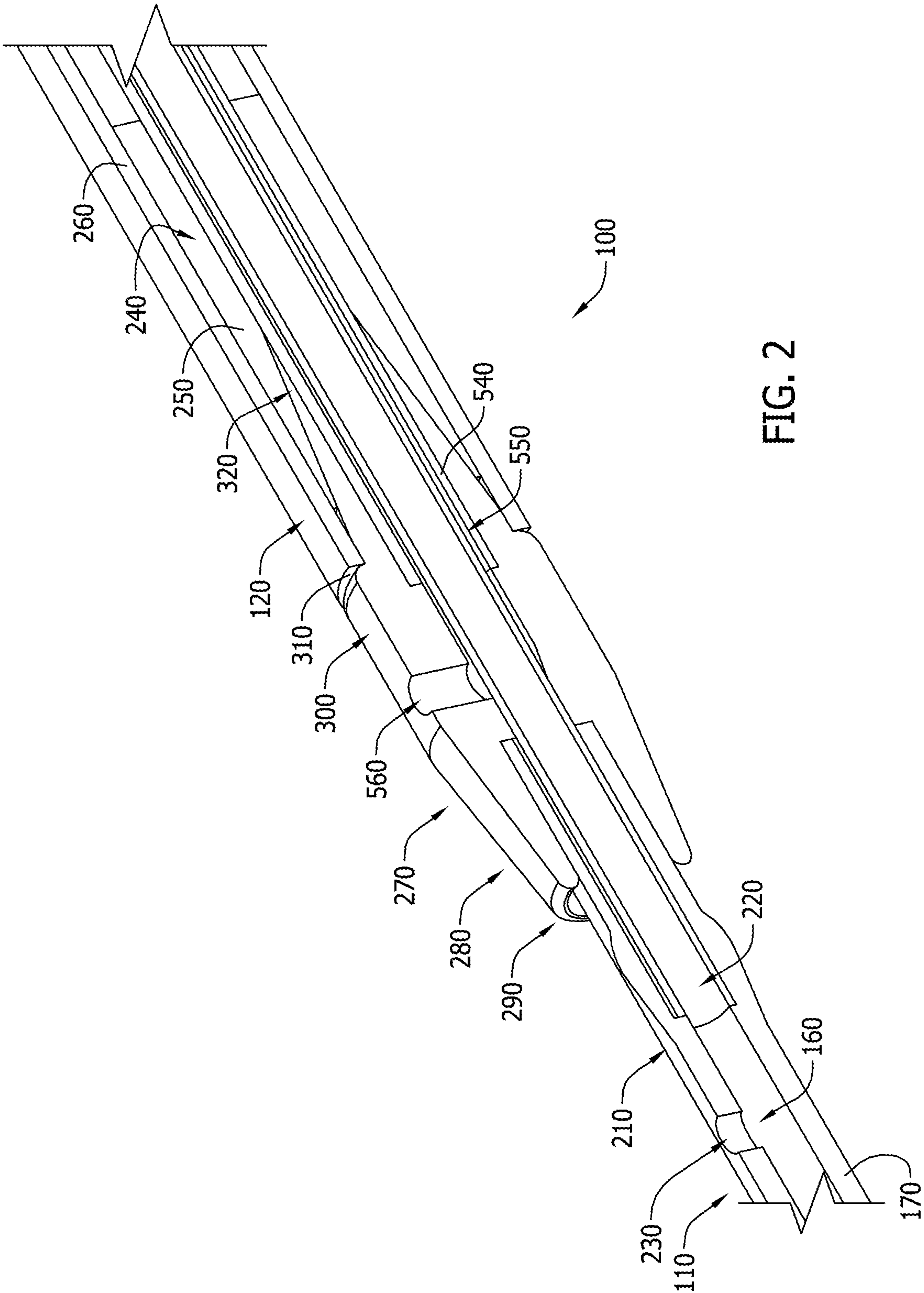


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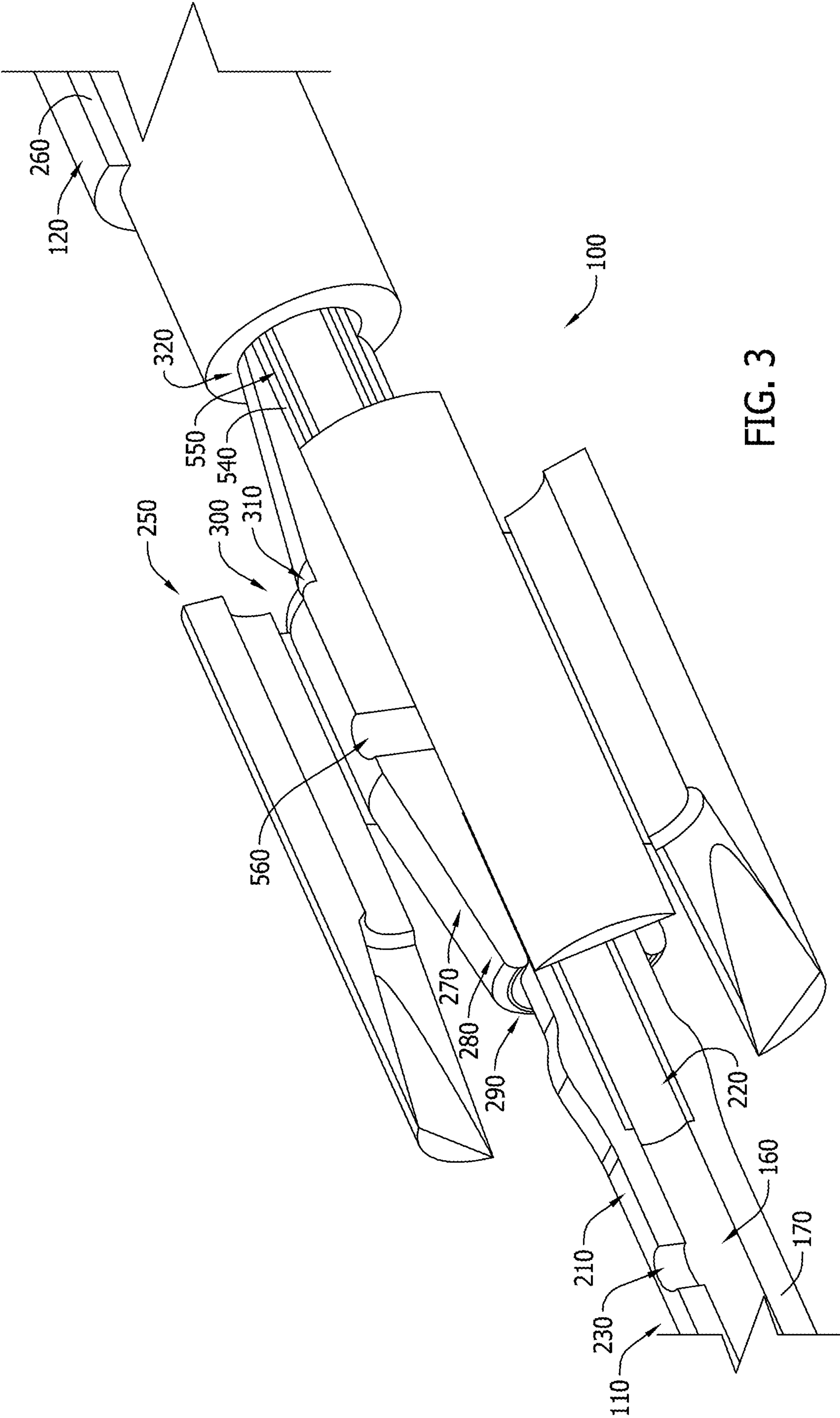


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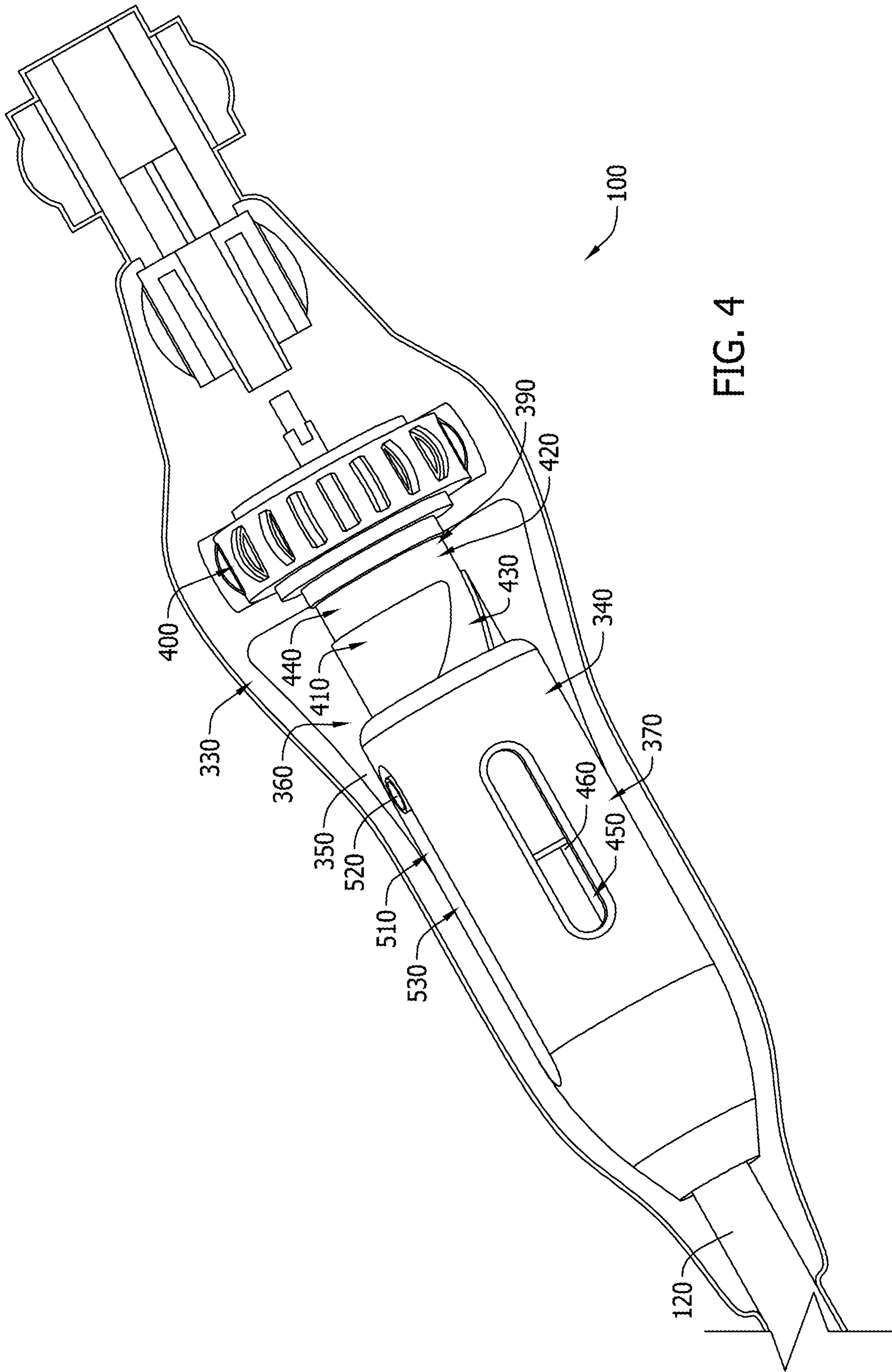


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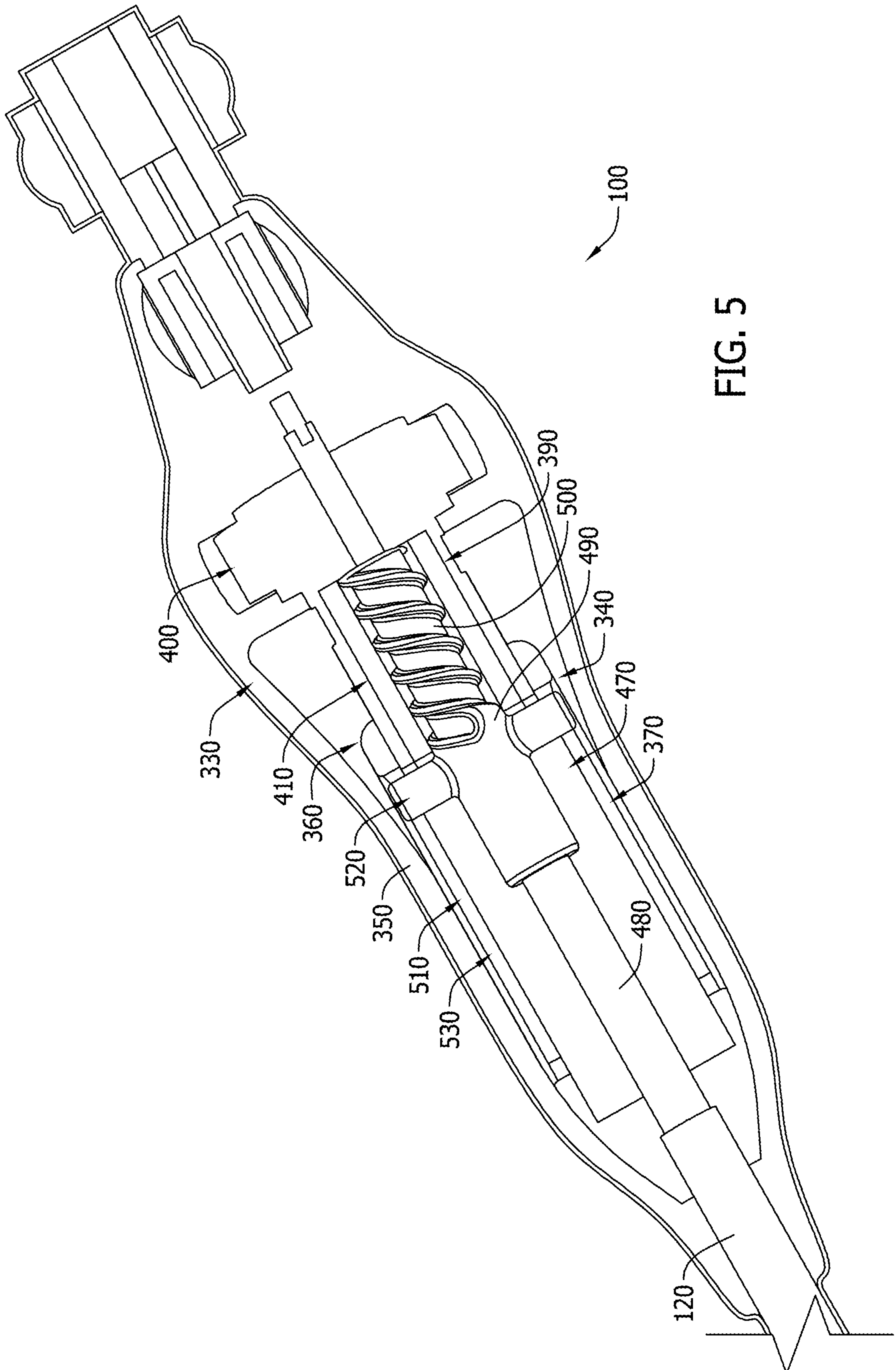


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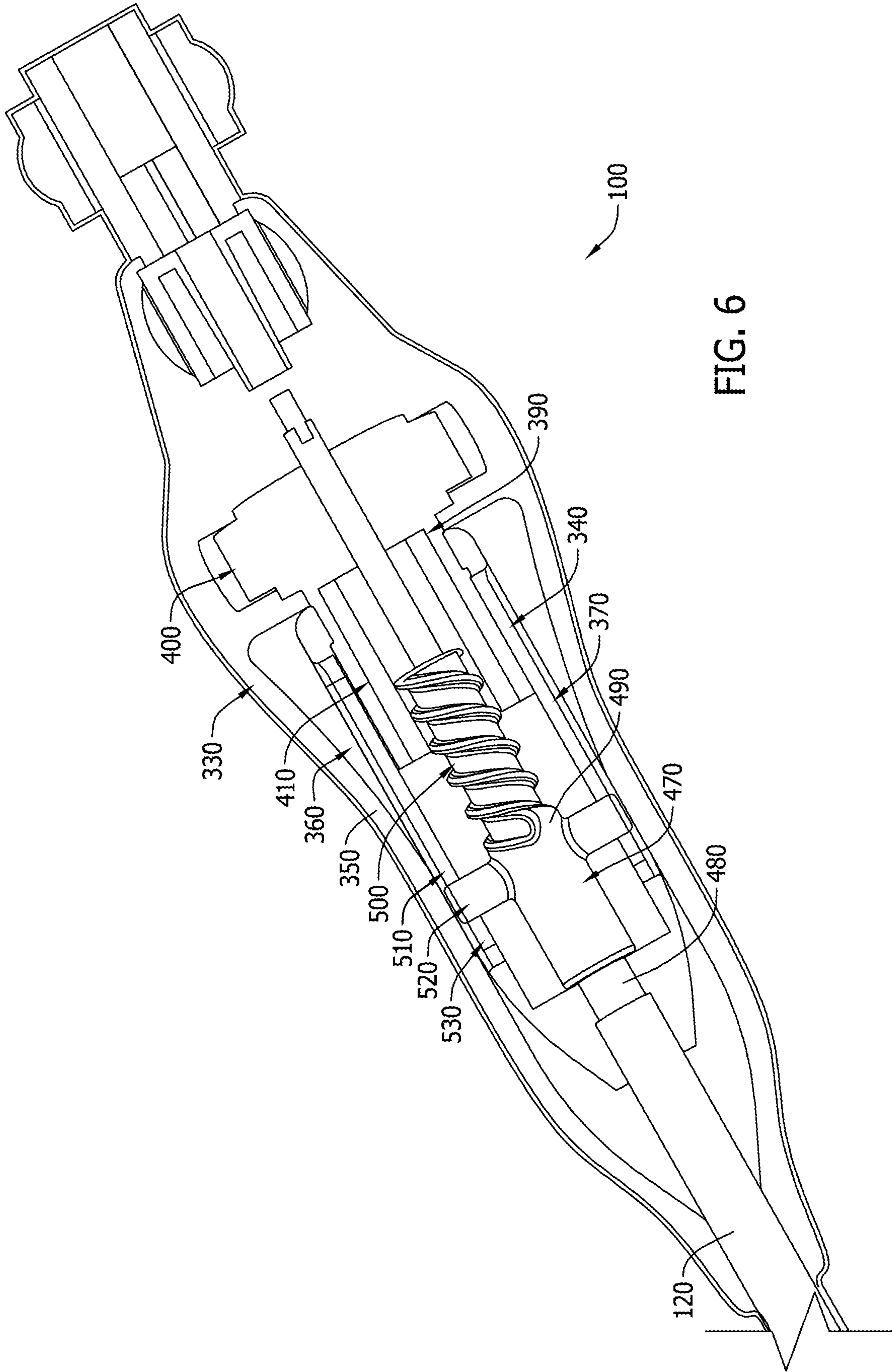


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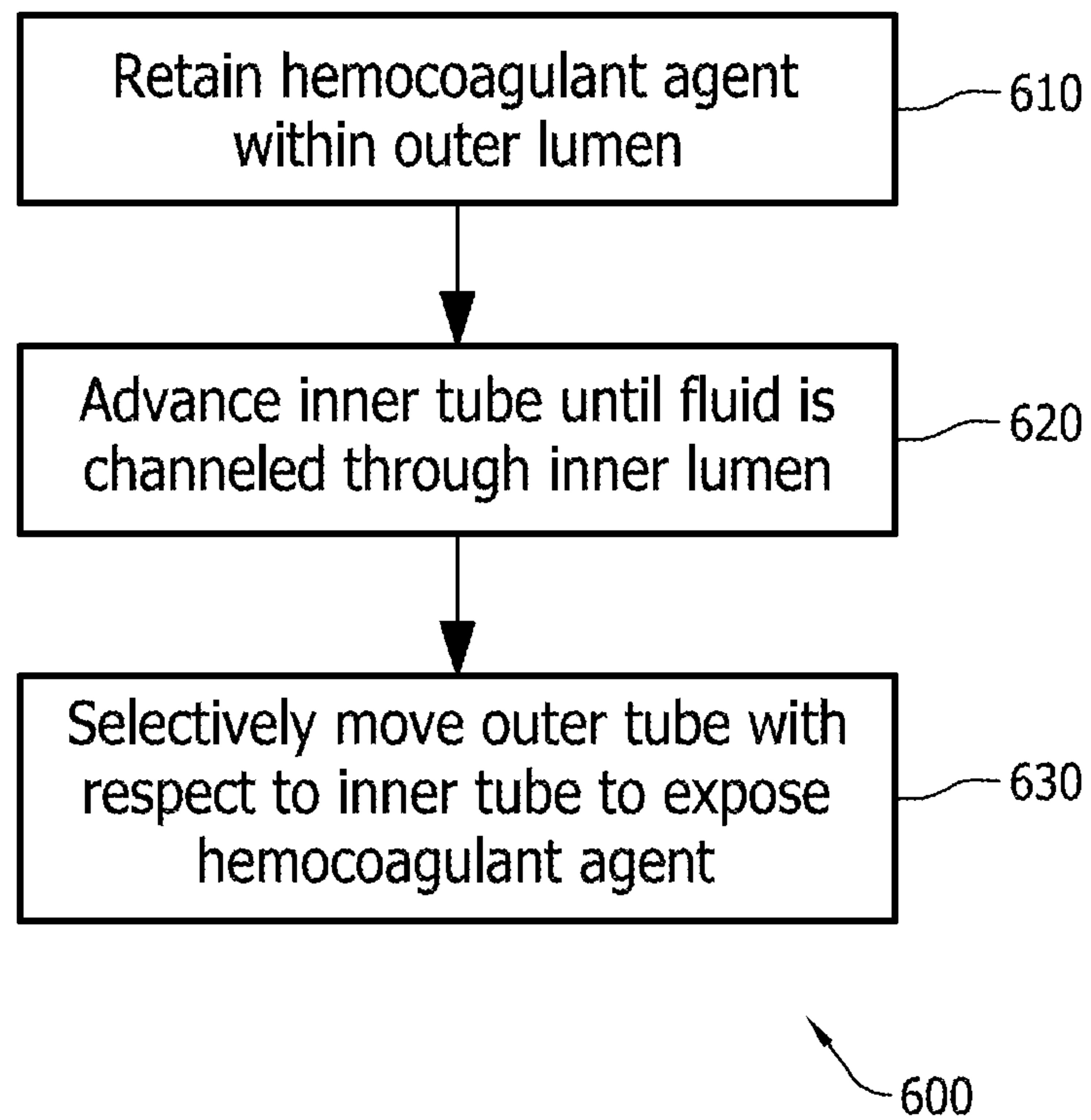
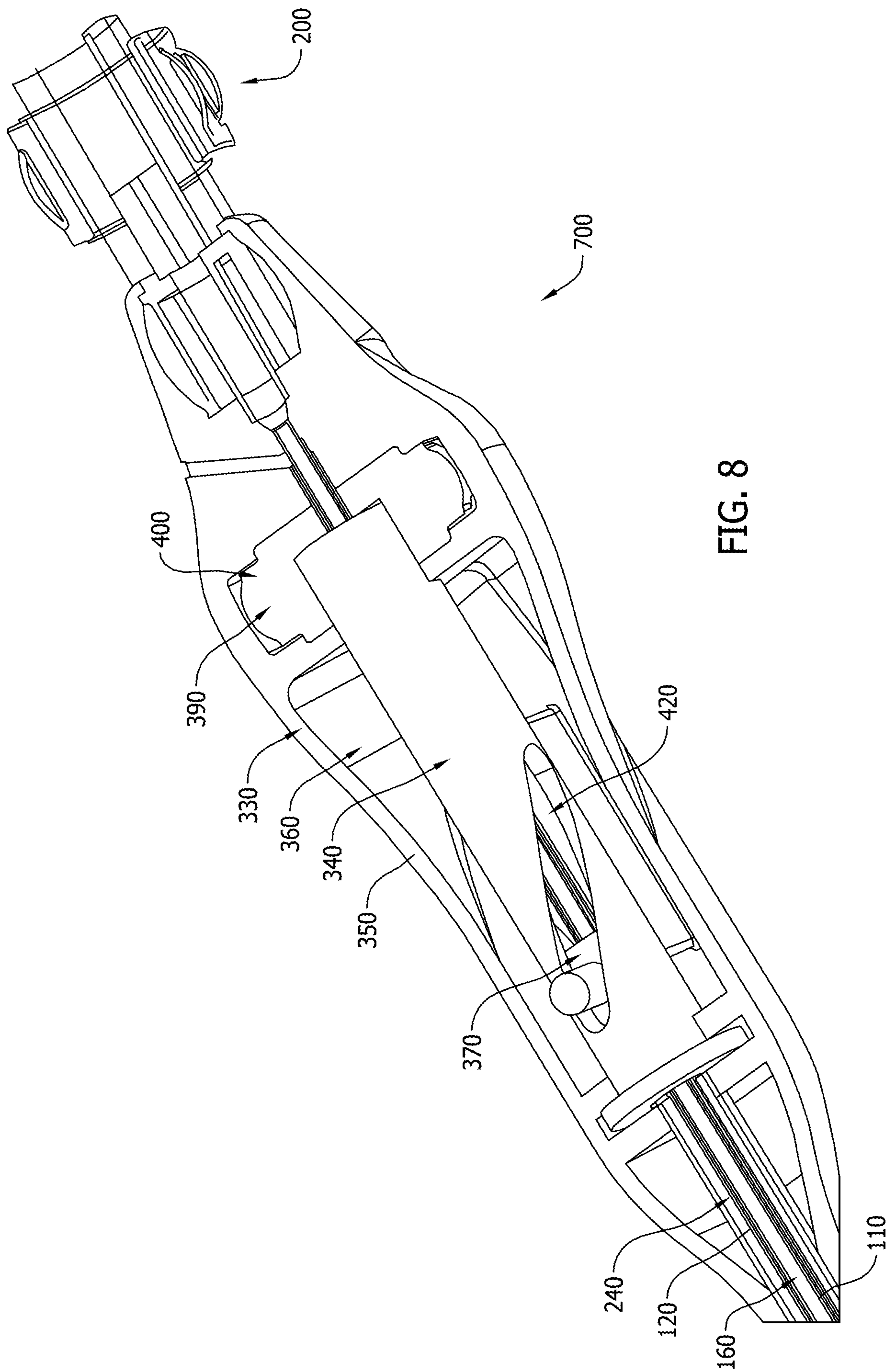
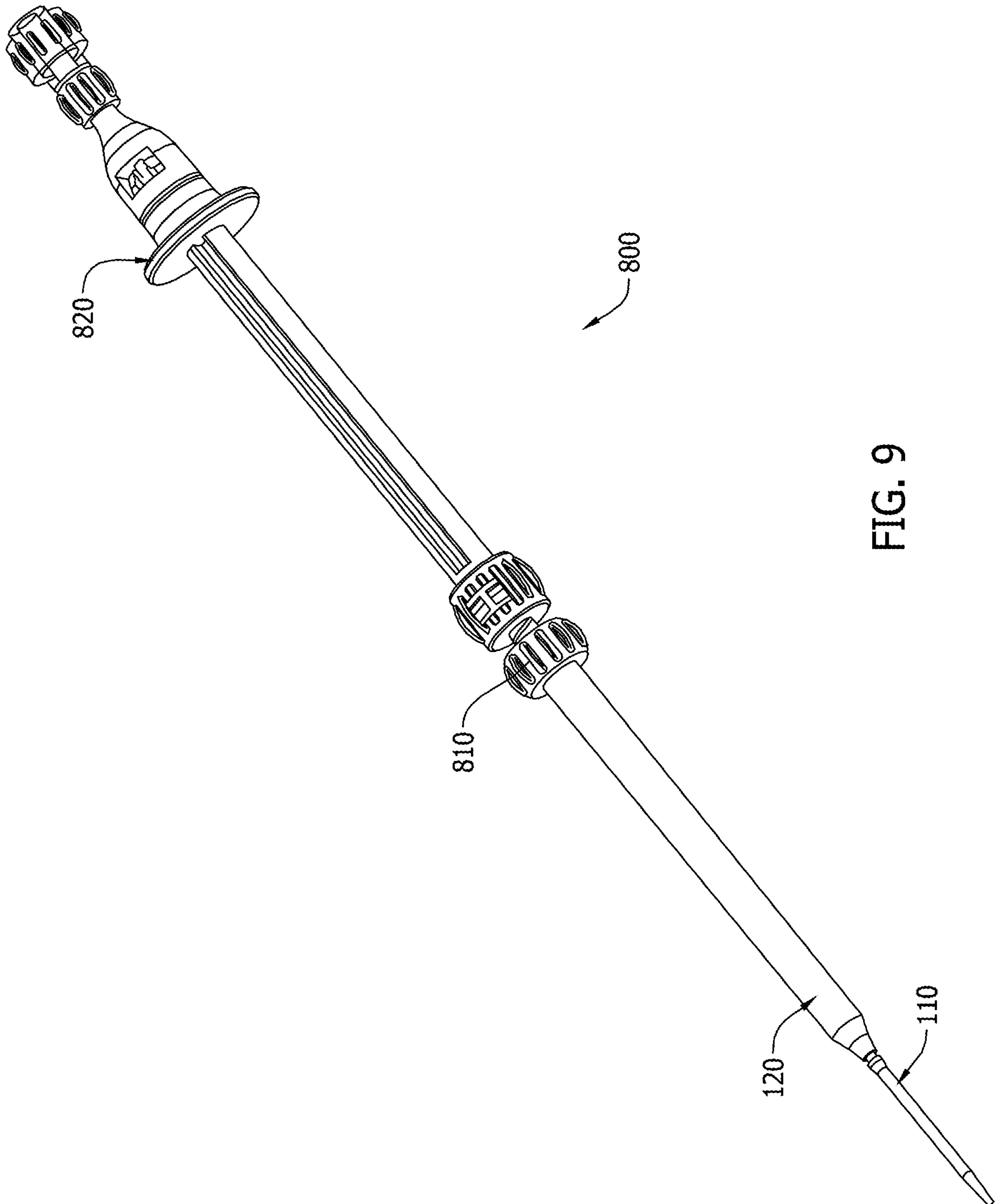


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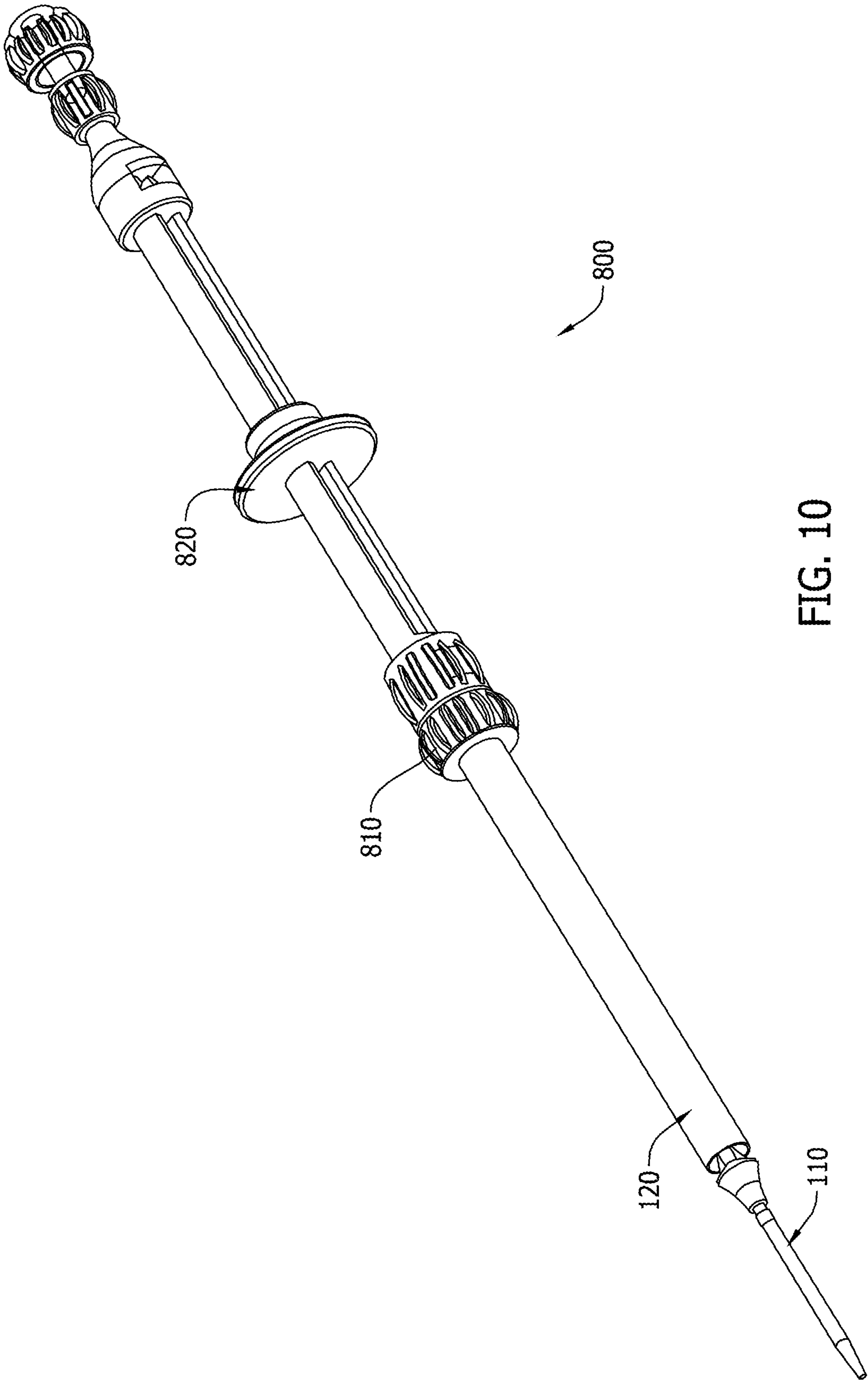
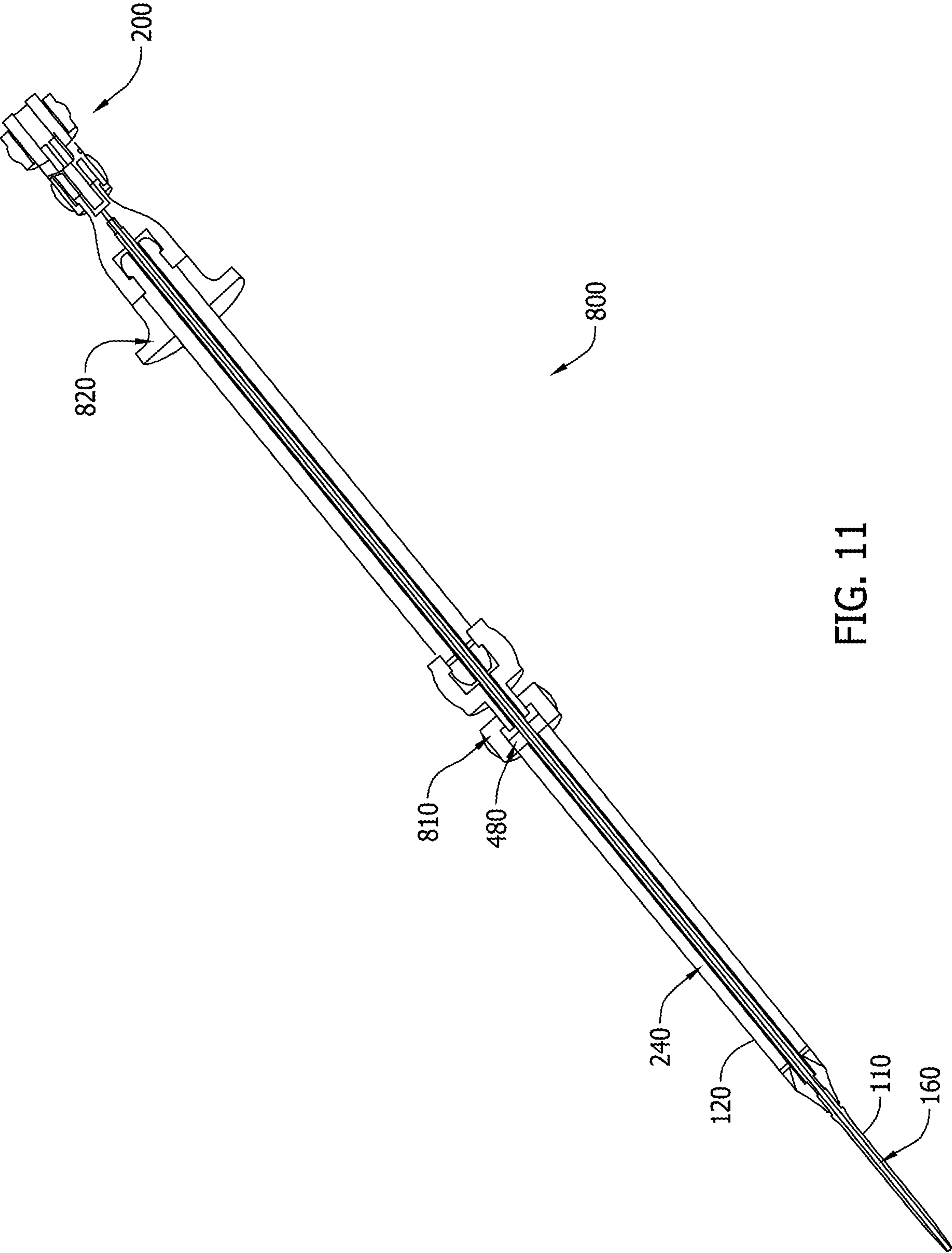


FIG. 10



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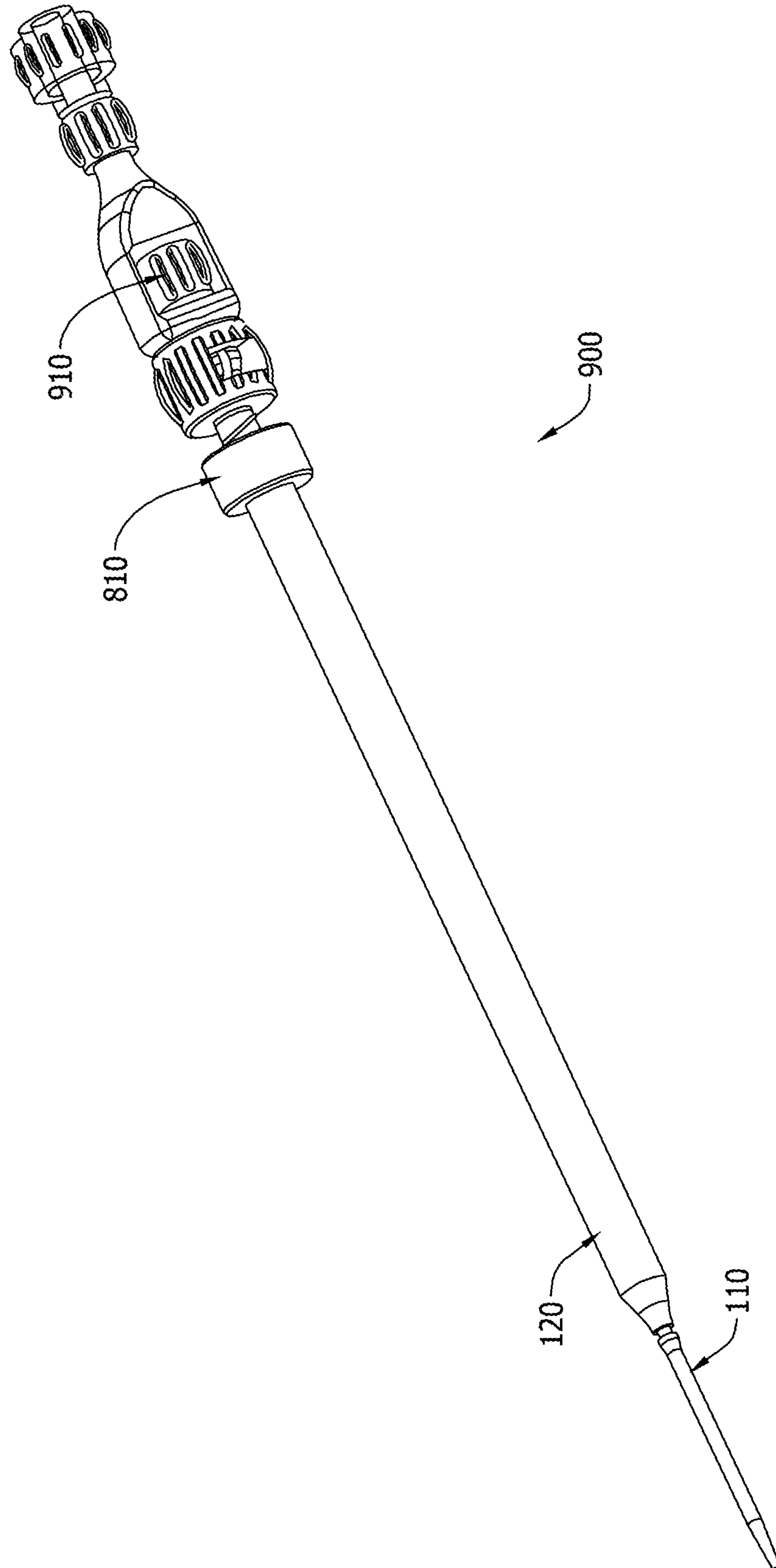


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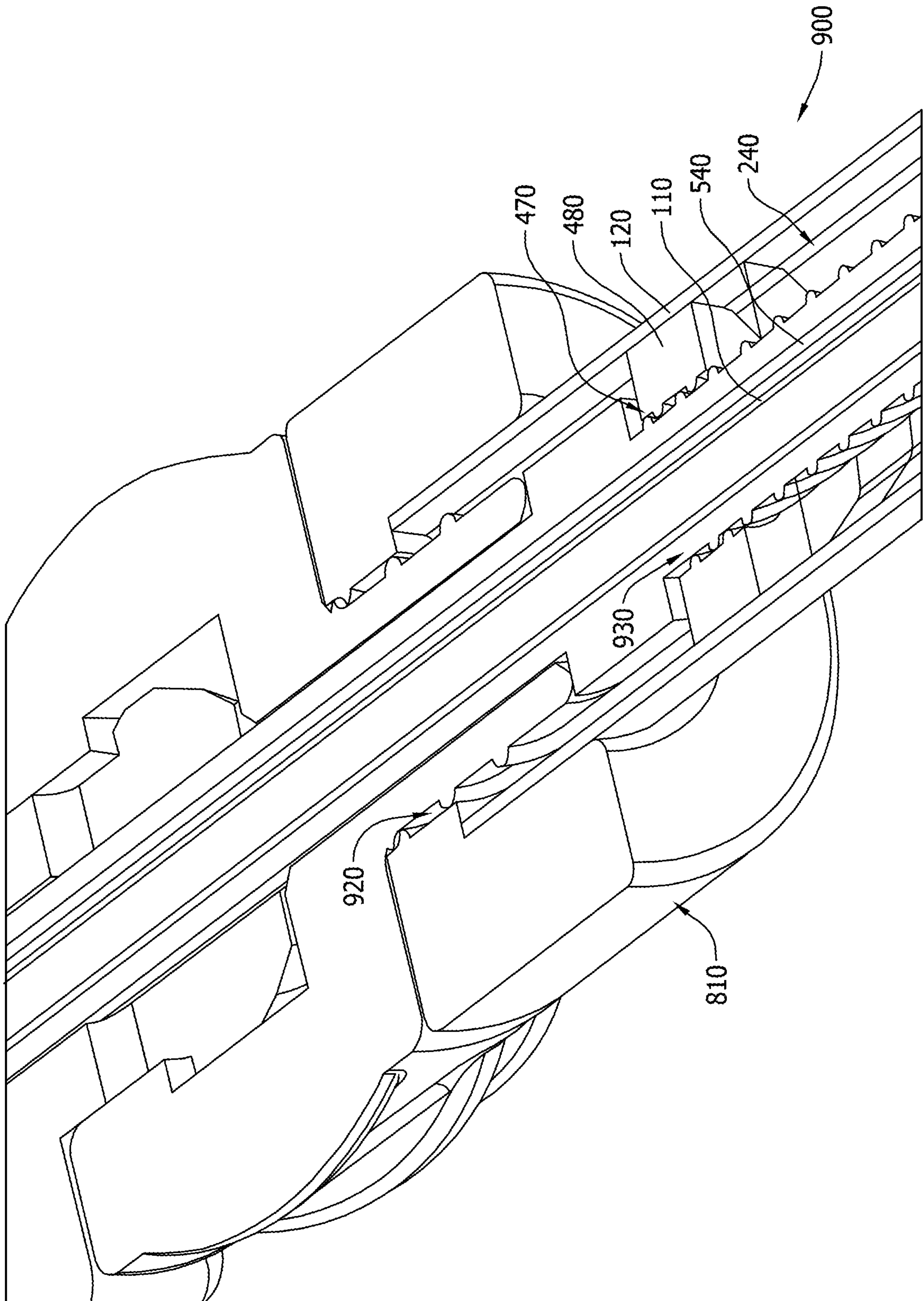


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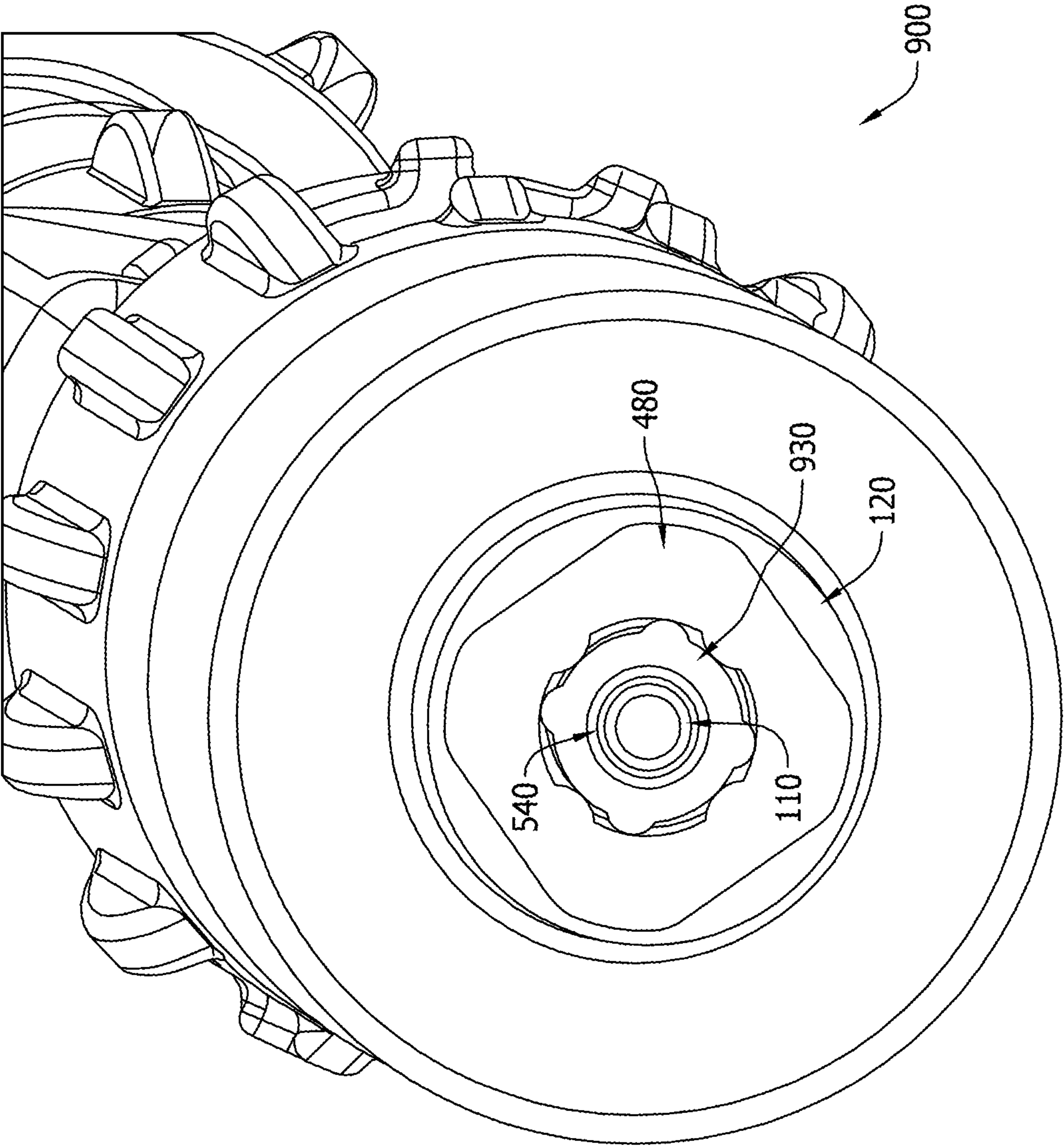


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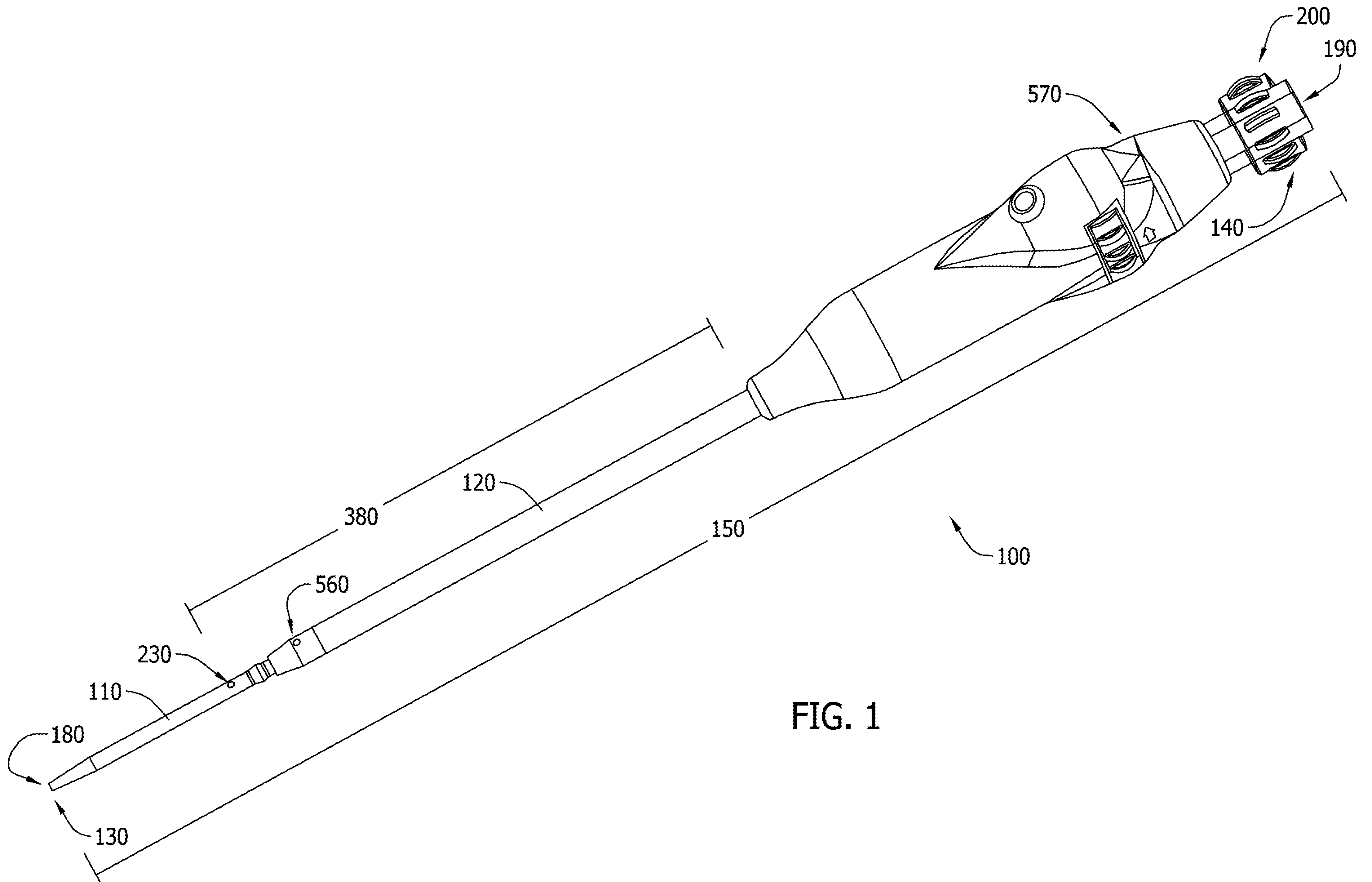


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