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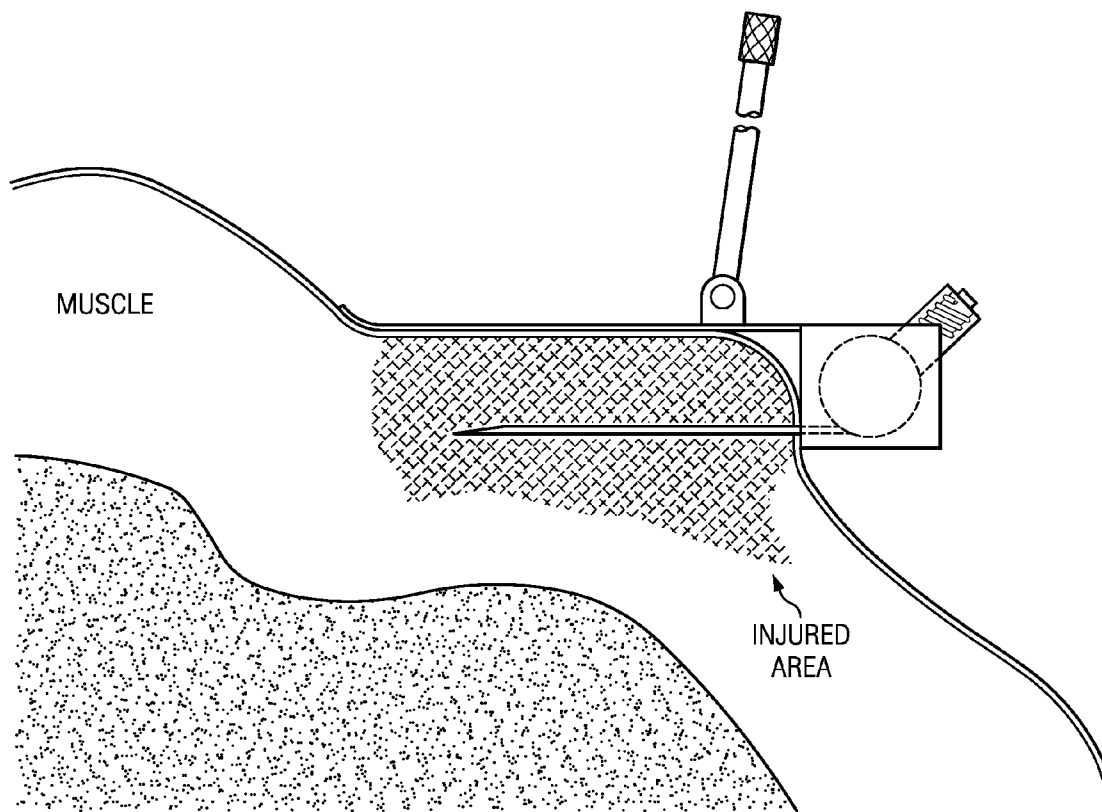
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A drug delivery system for delivering a drug may include a needle array to deliver the drug to the patient, a guide device to guide the needle array, and a base portion to connect the needle array to the guide device. The needle array may include a single row of needles. The guide device may include a concave end. The base portion may include a connector. The connector may include a luger type connector.



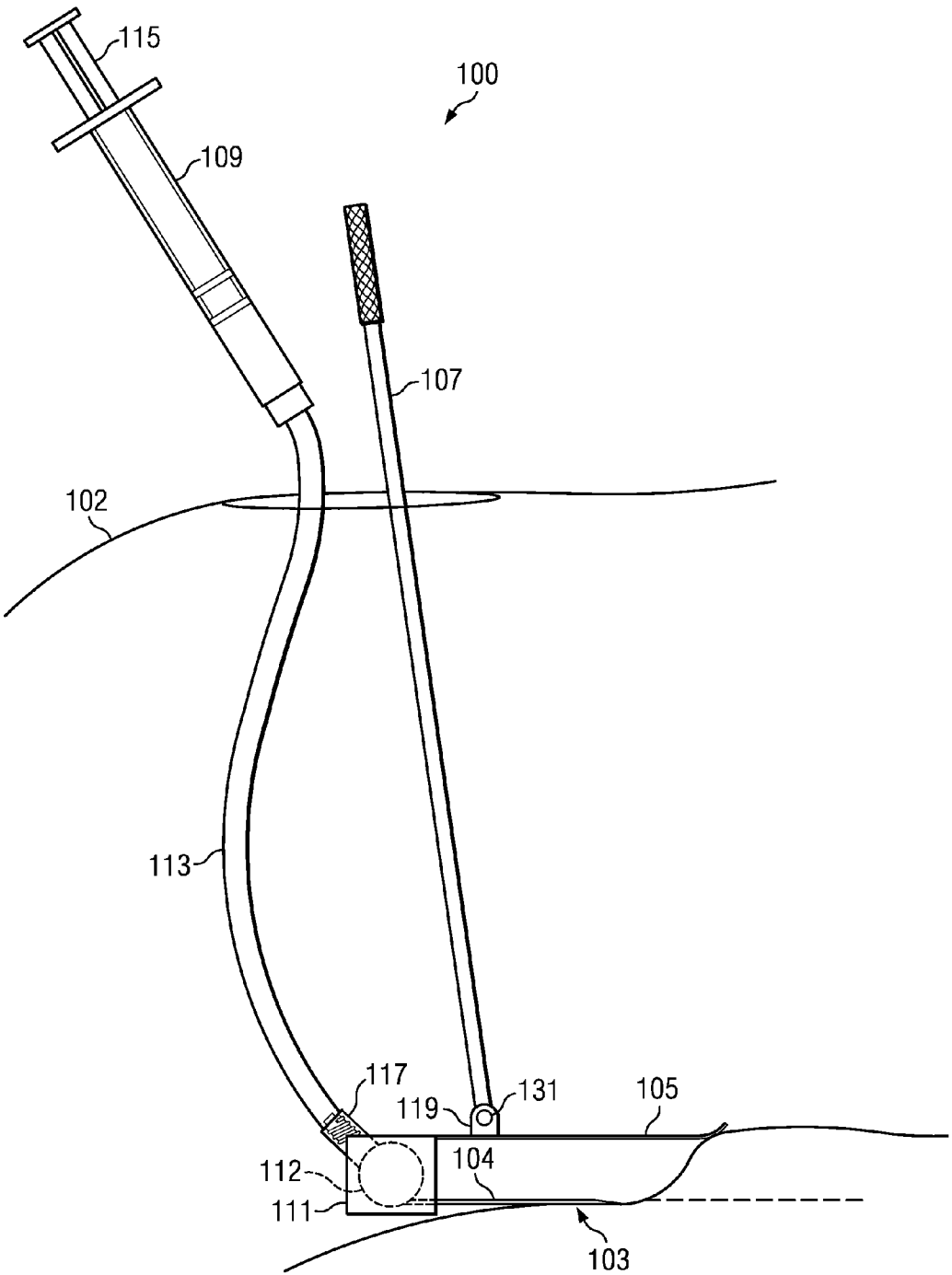


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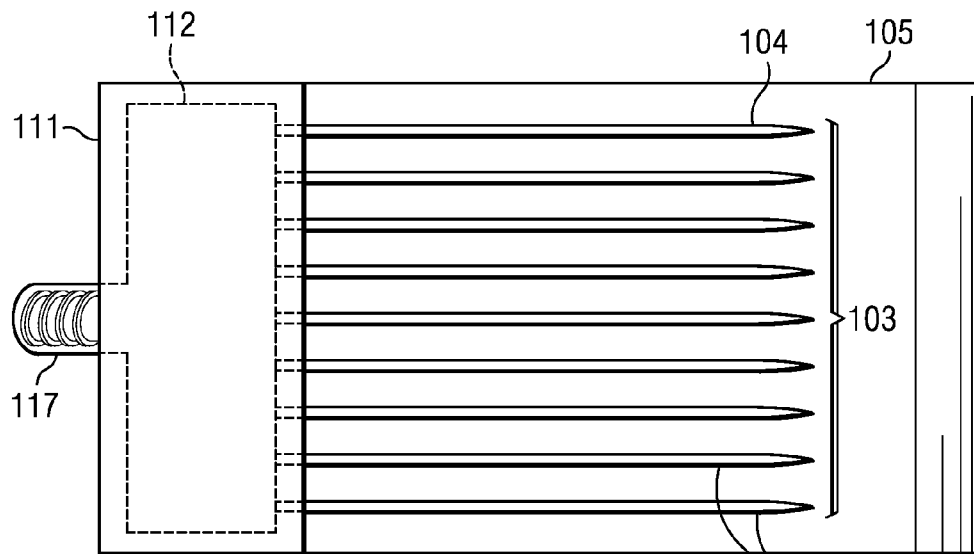


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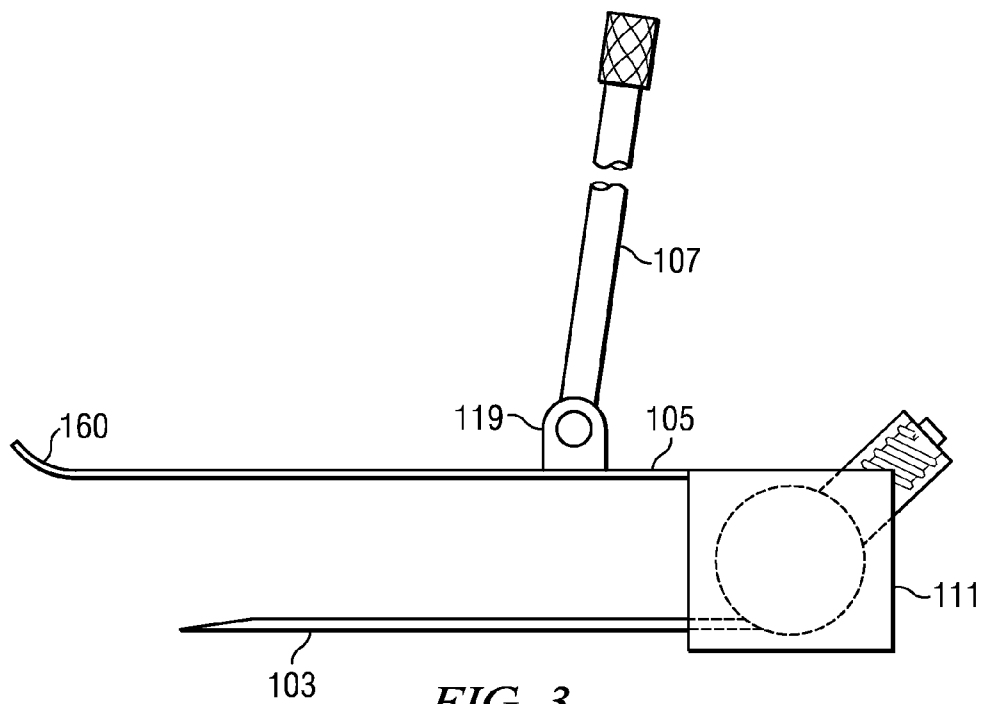


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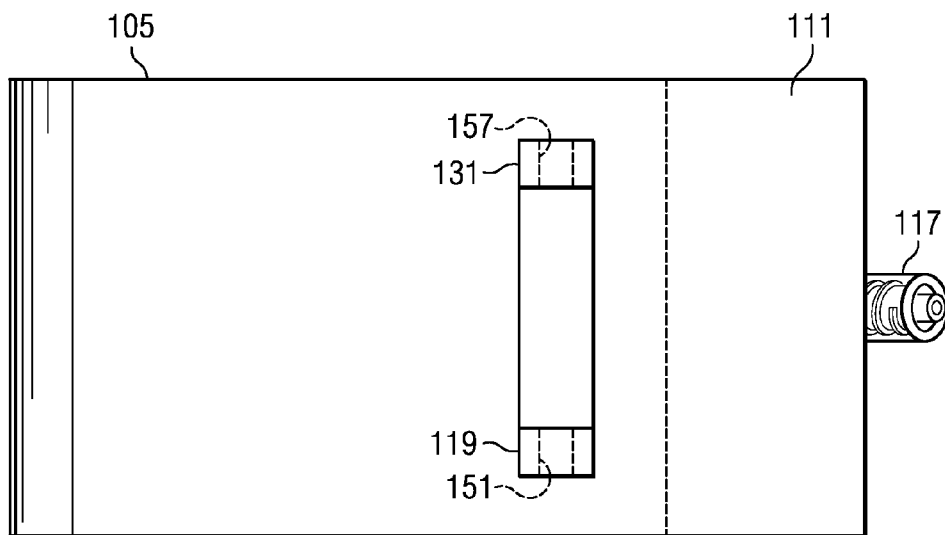


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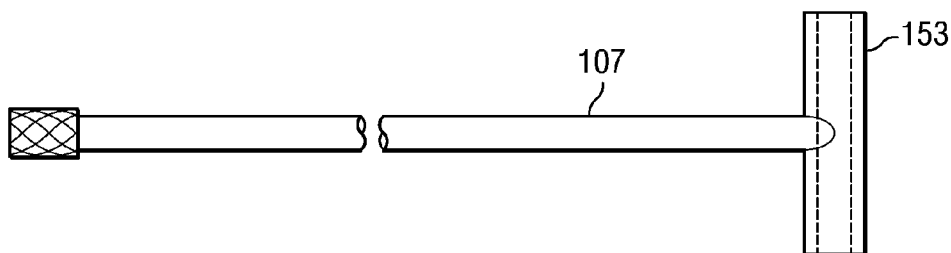


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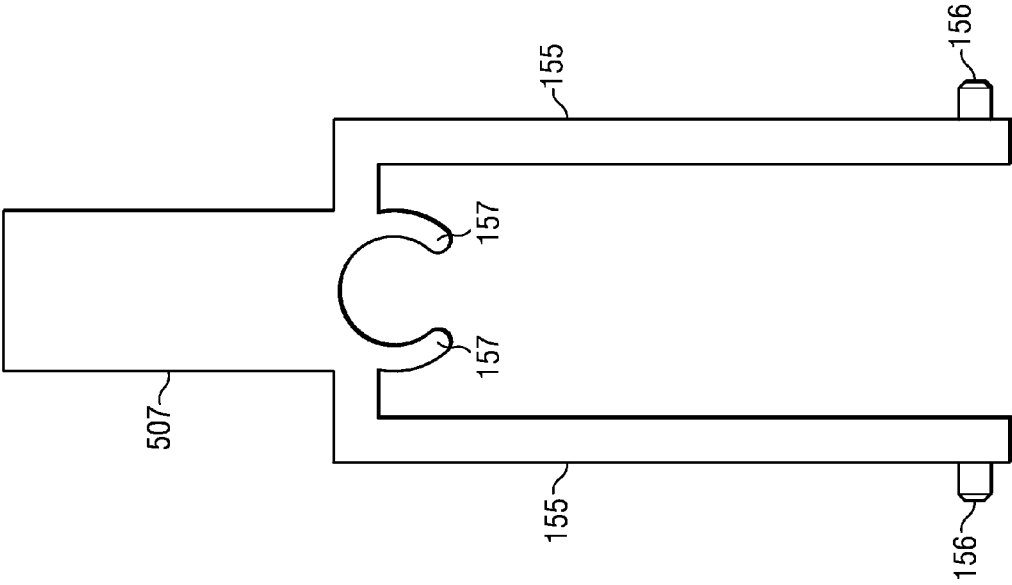


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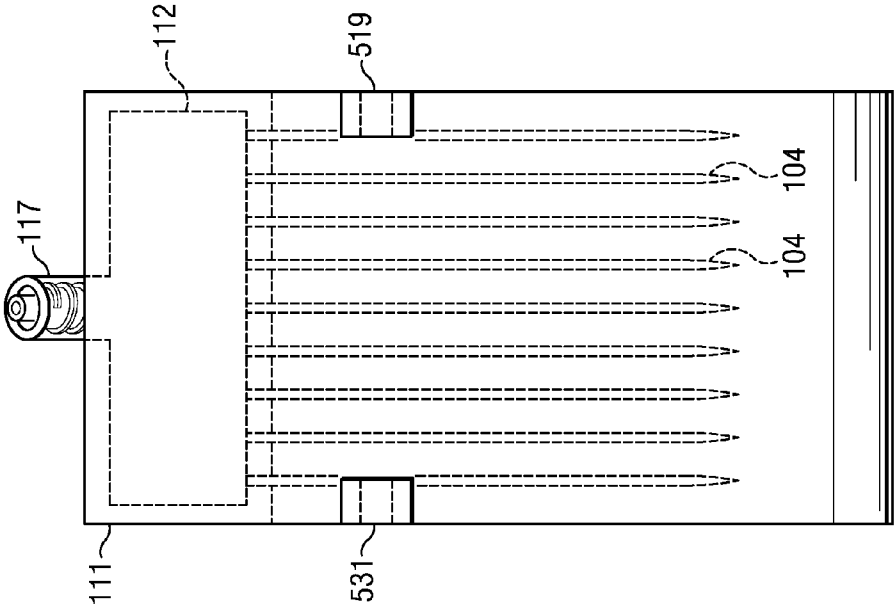


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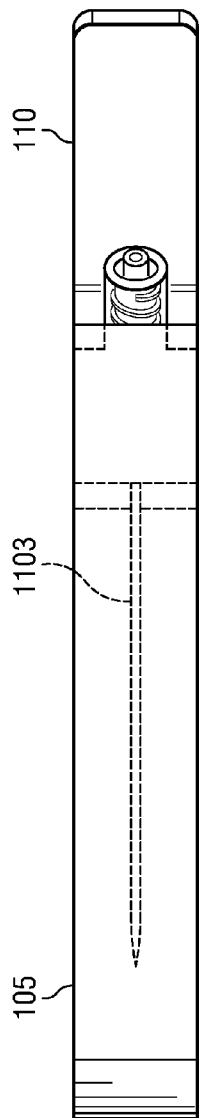


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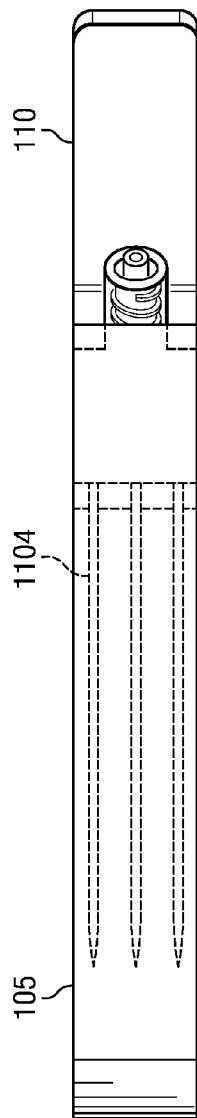


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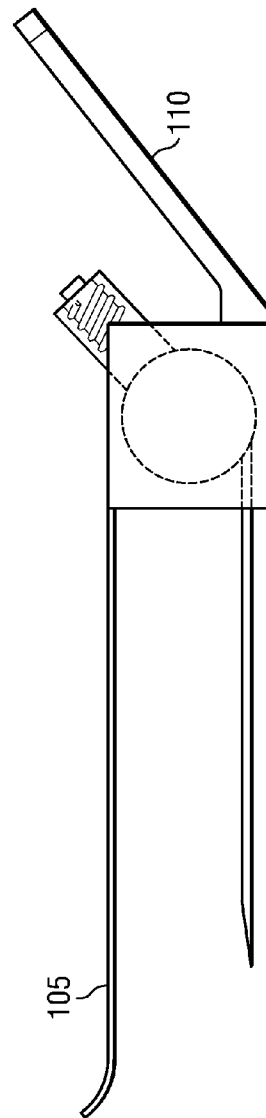
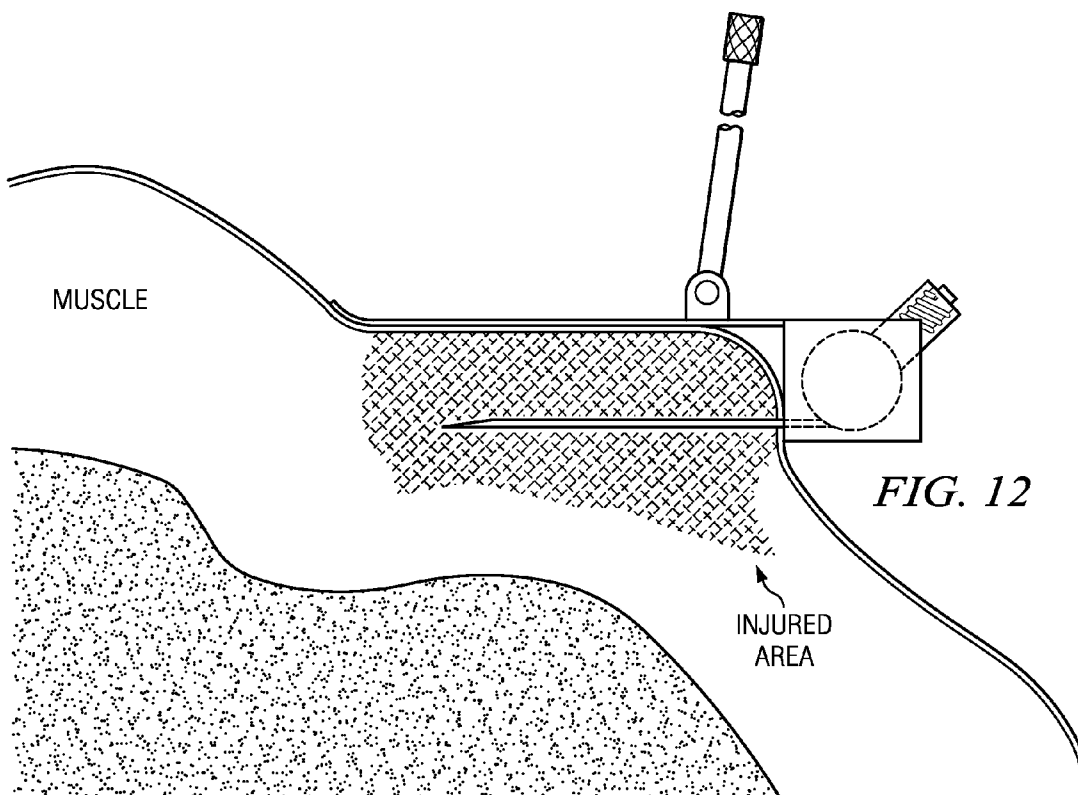
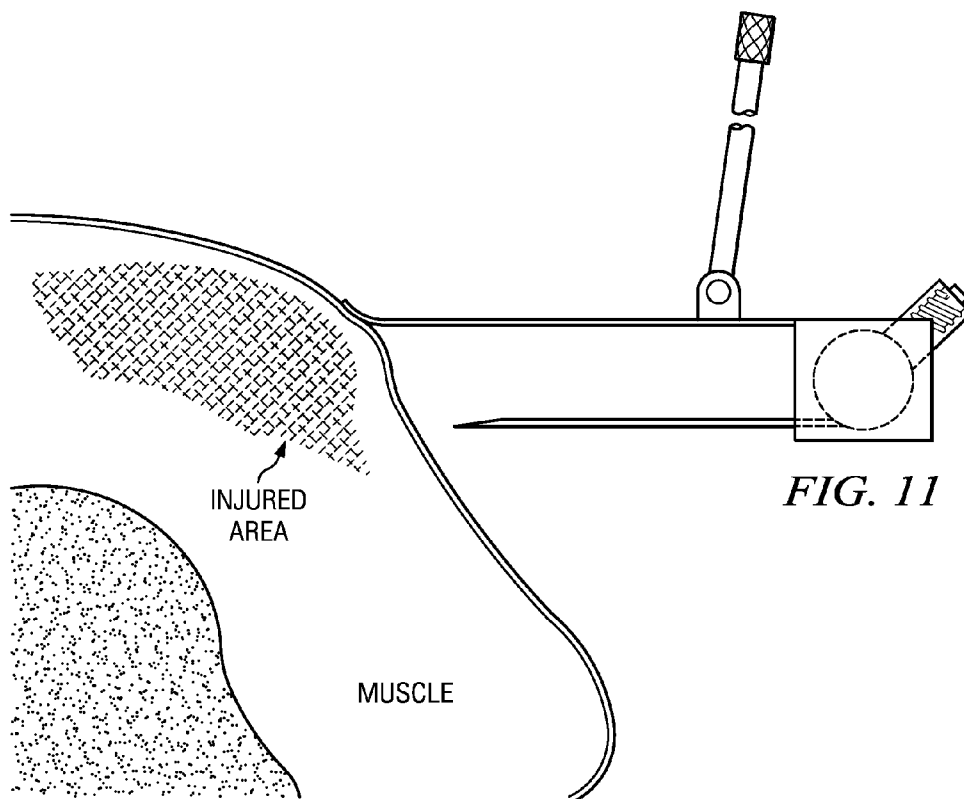


FIG. 10



FLUID DELIVERY SYSTEM

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] This invention called "An Injection Sled" is generally in the field of devices for the administration of drugs and biological materials to patients. More particularly, this invention relates to needle arrays and methods for a precise depth and pattern control during insertion.

BACKGROUND

[0002] Drug and biological materials require a delivery system that provides direct precise administration to the targeted tissue or organ. Without a means to control depth and pattern control, drugs and biological materials cannot be safely and accurately delivered to achieve the desired effect.

[0003] In summary, there is a need for a simple, effective, and economically desirable device for the administration of a variety of drug and biological material types to a patient while precisely controlling the depth, distance and pattern of the injection.

SUMMARY

[0004] A drug and biological materials delivery system may include a needle array to deliver the drug to the patient, a guide or sled device to direct the needle array to a specific depth, distance and pattern, and a base portion to connect the needle array to the reservoir containing the drugs, biological materials, etc. to be delivered.

[0005] The needle array may include a single needle or row of needles.

[0006] The guide device may include a curved, roller or concave end.

[0007] The base portion may include a connector.

[0008] The connector may include a luger type connector.

[0009] The connector attaches to a tubing or directly to a reservoir containing drugs, biological materials, etc. to be delivered.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0010] The invention may be understood by reference to the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which, like reference numerals identify like elements, and in which:

[0011] FIG. 1 illustrates a perspective view of the drug delivery system of the present invention;

[0012] FIG. 2 illustrates a bottom view of the needle array, the guide device and the base portion of the drug delivery system of the present invention;

[0013] FIG. 3 illustrates a side view of the needle array, the guide device and the base portion of the drug delivery system of the present invention;

[0014] FIG. 4 illustrates a top view of the guide device and the base portion of the present delivery system of the present invention;

[0015] FIG. 5 illustrates a handle of the drug delivery system of the present invention which may be used with one or multiple needle array;

[0016] FIG. 6 illustrates another top view of the guide device and base portion of the drug delivery system of the present invention;

[0017] FIG. 7 illustrates a handle which is attachable to the guide device of the drug delivery system of the present invention;

[0018] FIG. 8 illustrates a top view of the guide device having a single needle;

[0019] FIG. 9 illustrates a top view of the guide device having multiple needles

[0020] FIG. 10 illustrates a side view of the guide device including a angled thumb handle;

[0021] FIG. 11 illustrates a side view of the guide device in a first position;

[0022] FIG. 12 illustrates a side view of the guide device in a second position.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0023] The present invention provides a drug delivery system 100 for the easy insertion of a needle or needles at a predetermined and controllable depth with respect to the top surface of the tissue of the patient. FIG. 1 illustrates a perspective view of the drug delivery system 100 of the present invention which may include a needle array 103, a guide device or sled 105 to guide the drug delivery system 100, a base portion 111 to interconnect the drug and biological materials source 109, the guide device 105 and the needle array 103. While the present invention discusses the delivery of drugs and biological materials by the delivery system 100, drugs can be interpreted to mean any fluid. The fluid source 109 may include a flexible tube 113 so that the drug source 109 may be in fluid communication with the base portion 111 and the needle array 103 and may include a plunger 115 so that a user may transmit the drug from the drug source 109 to a connector 117 of the base portion 111 and the needle array 103.

[0024] The guide device 105 may have a pivoting connection to the handle 107 so that the user can control the guide device 105 and the needle array 103. FIG. 1 illustrates the drug and biological materials delivery system 100 operating at a predetermined/controlled depth under the skin or tissue surface 102.

[0025] The needle array device 103 may include at least a single row of substantially parallel hollow cylinders 104 (needles), each having a substantially center passageway which extends from the proximate end of the hollow cylinder 104 to the distal end of the hollow cylinder 104 of the needle array device 103. The hollow cylinders may include a sharpened distal end. The needle array device 103 may include more than a single row of substantially parallel hollow cylinders 104 which may deliver a drug/material into the tissue at a predetermined/controlled spacing based upon the number of needles and the distance between the needles which may be a controlled design variable.

[0026] The base portion 111 may include a central cavity 112 which may be in fluid communication with each hollow cylinder 104 of the needle array 103 and maybe in fluid communication with the connector 117 in order to transmit the drug and/or biological materials from the base portion 111 to the needle array 103 and to the patient.

[0027] The guide device 105 which may be referred to as an injection sled may include a planar substrate which may be substantially rectangular, an oval or other appropriate shape and may include a first hinge portion 119 and a opposed second hinge portion 131 which may be connected to the surface of the guide device 105 in order to pivotably connect to the handle member 107.

[0028] FIG. 2 illustrates a bottom view of the needle array 103, the base portion 111 to connect the guide device 105, the needle array 103 and the drug source 109, and a guide device

105 and illustrates the connector **117** to connect the flexible tube **119** to the base portion **111**, the cavity **112** and the hollow cylinder **104**.

[0029] FIG. 3 illustrates a side view of the needle array **103**, the base portion **111** and the guide device **105** and illustrates the first hinge portion **119** and the handle **107**. The distal end of the guide device **105** may include a concave curved portion **106**.

[0030] FIG. 4 illustrates a top view of the drug delivery system **100** and illustrates the guide device which may include the first hinge portion **119** and the opposing second hinge portion **131** which may be attached to the top surface of the guide device **105**. The first end portion **119** and the second hinge portion **113** includes an aperture **115** to cooperate with a cylinder portion **153** of the handle **107** so that the handle **107** may pivot in order to guide the drug delivery system **100**. FIG. 4 illustrates the base portion **111** and the connector **117**.

[0031] FIG. 7 illustrates a handle **107** which may be adapted to cooperate with the guide device **105** includes a cylinder portion **153**. Any number of designs of the handle **107** may be used to support the injection sled **105**.

[0032] FIG. 5 illustrates an alternate handle **507** which may include a pair of opposing arms **155** which may include outward extending cylinders **156** and which may include a pair of opposing jaws **159** to cooperate and secure the flexible tubing **113**.

[0033] FIG. 6 illustrates a first hinge portion **519** and a second hinge portion **531** to cooperate with the cylinders **156** so that the handle **507** can pivot. FIG. 6 additionally illustrates the connector **117**, the central cavity **112** of the base portion **111** and the hollow cylinders **104** to deliver the drug to the patient.

[0034] FIG. 8 illustrates a guide device **105** which may include a single needle **1103**.

[0035] FIG. 9 illustrates a guide device **105** which may include multiple needles **1104**.

[0036] FIG. 10 illustrates a guide device **105** which may include an angled handle **1107**.

[0037] FIG. 11 illustrates the guide device **105** in a first position being adjacent to an injured area.

[0038] FIG. 12 illustrates the guide device **105** in a second position being positioned within the injured area.

[0039] While the invention is susceptible to various modifications and alternative forms, specific embodiments thereof have been shown by way of example in the drawings and are herein described in detail. It should be understood, however, that the description herein of specific embodiments is not intended to limit the invention to the particular forms disclosed.

1) A drug delivery system for delivering a drug, comprising:

- a needle array to deliver the drug or biological materials to the patient;
- a guide device to guide and control the depth and distance of penetration into the target tissue of the needle array;
- a base portion to connect the needle array to the guide device.

2) A drug delivery system for delivering a drug as in claim 1, wherein the needle array includes a single row of needles.

3) A drug delivery system for delivering a drug as in claim 1, wherein the guide device includes a concave end.

4) A drug delivery system for delivering a drug as in claim 1, wherein the base portion includes a connector.

5) A drug delivery system for delivering a drug as in claim 4, wherein the connector includes a luer type connector.

6) A drug delivery system for delivering a drug as in claim 1, wherein the needle array includes multiple rows of needles.

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