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(54) **BONE GRAFT MATERIAL MIXING AND DELIVERY DEVICE**

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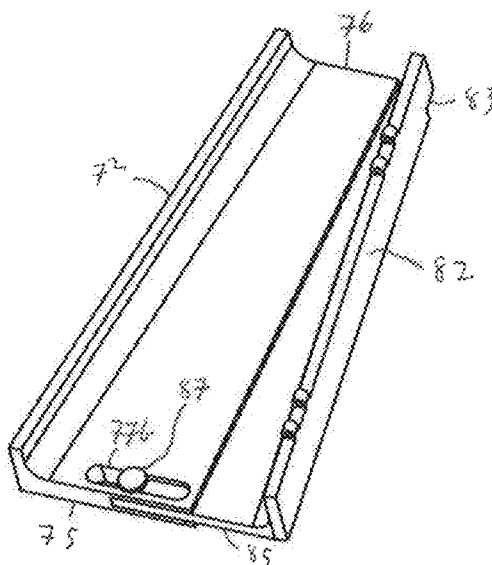
(57) **ABSTRACT**

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Described herein are bone graft material (BGM) delivery devices having a tray configured to provide a mixing and/or holding area for BGM to substantially prevent BGM from inadvertently being delivered to an unacceptable surgical site.

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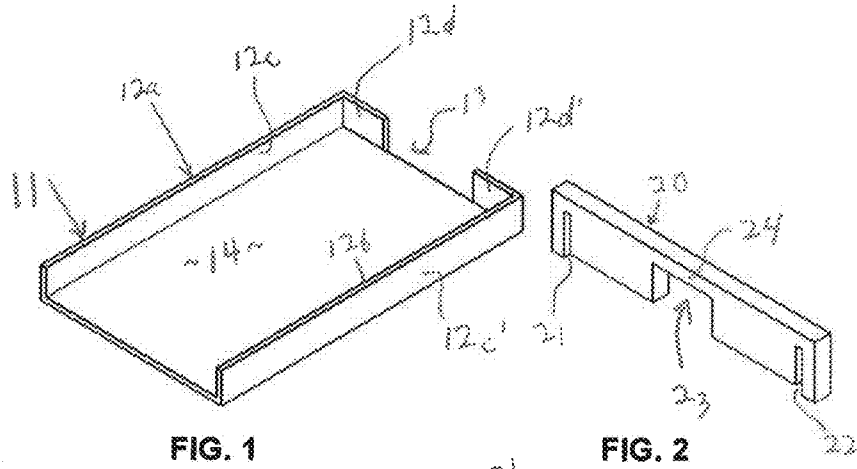


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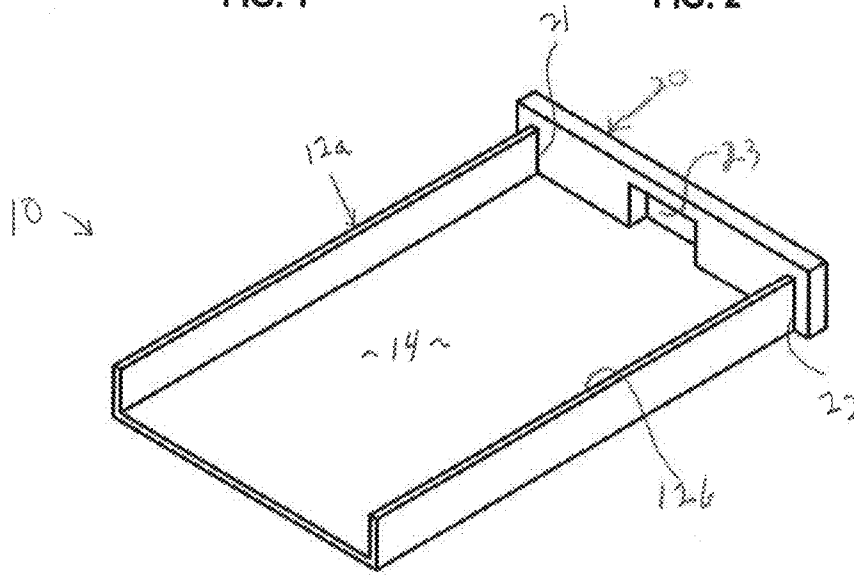


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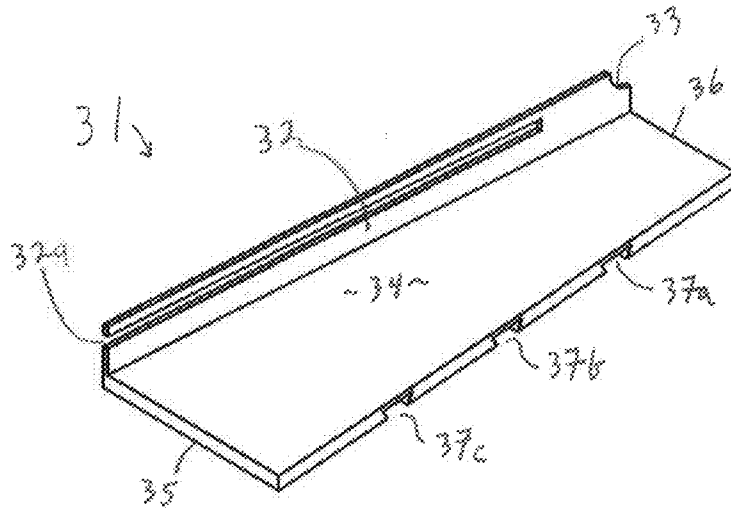


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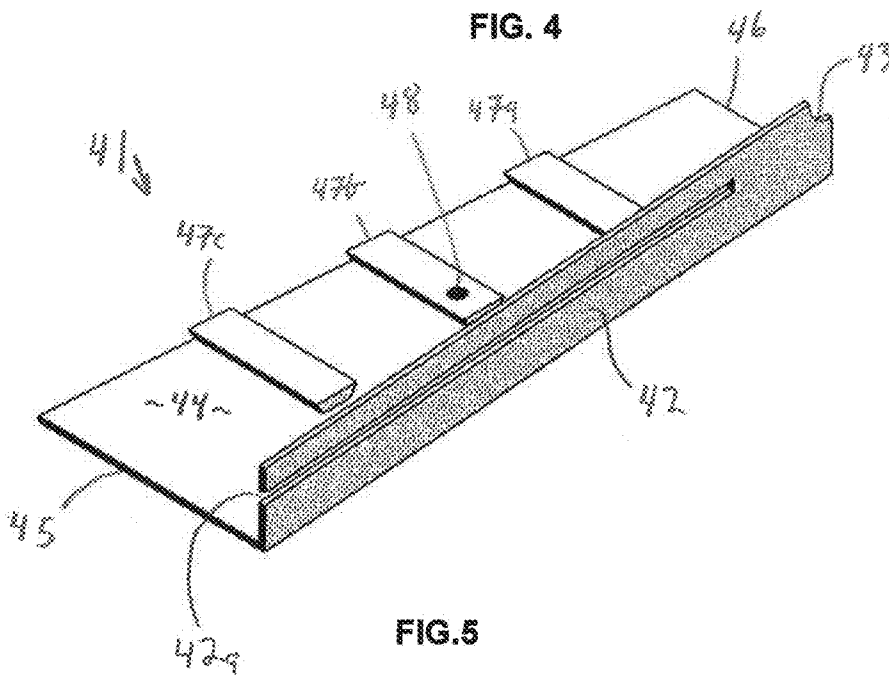


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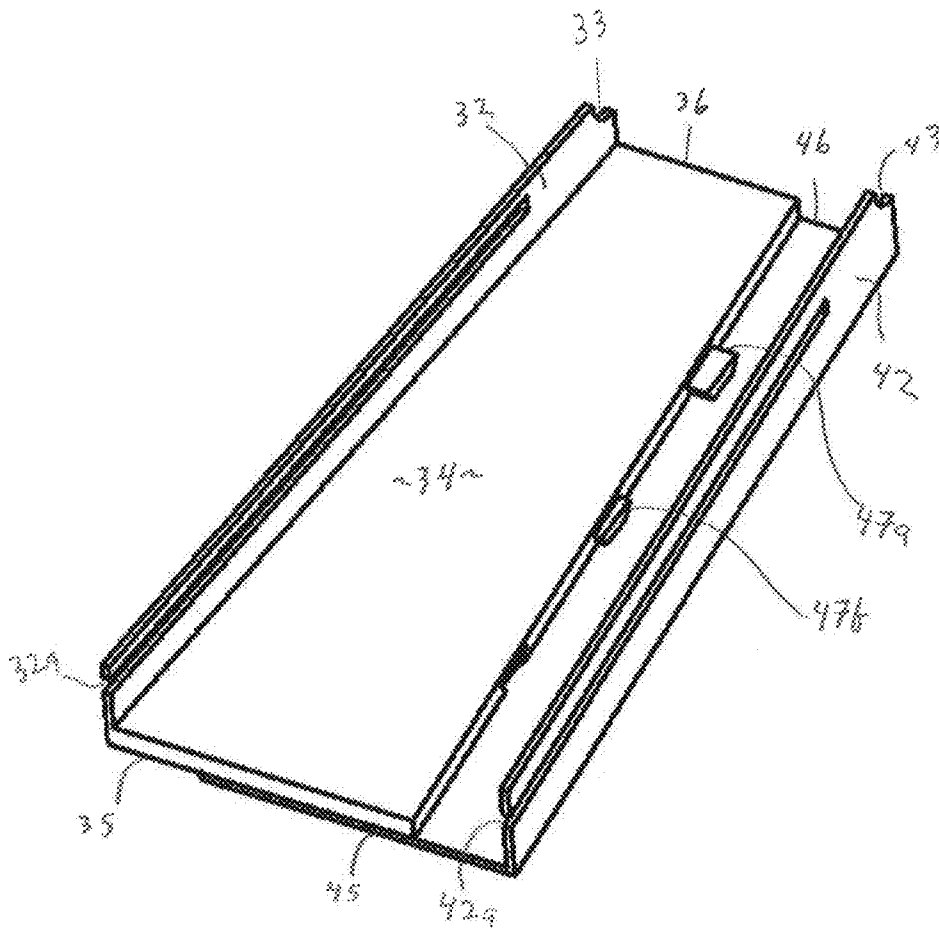


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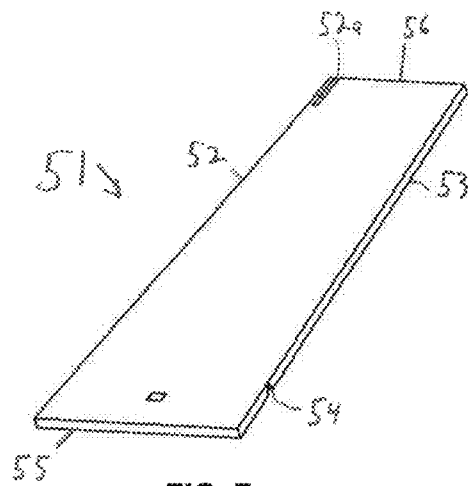


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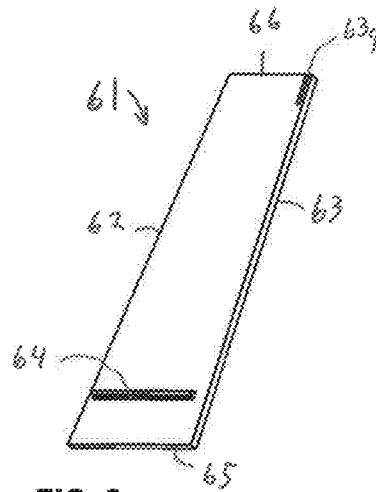


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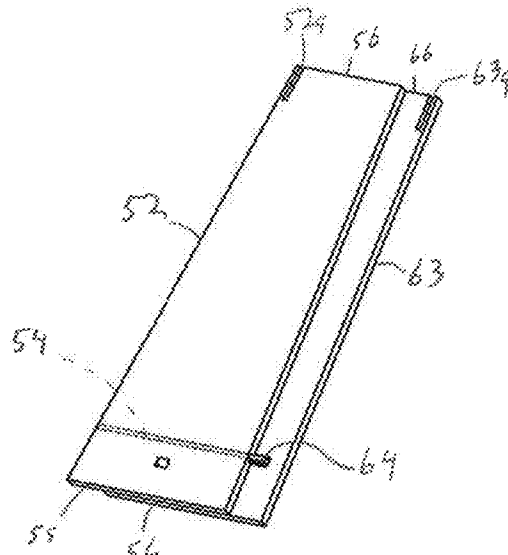


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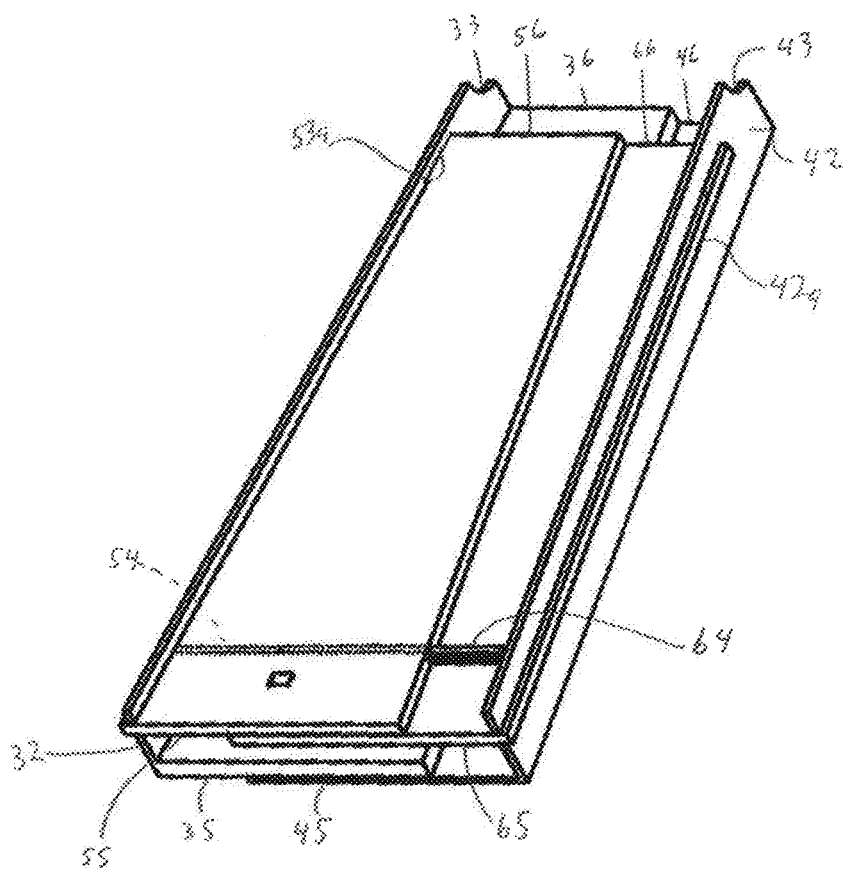


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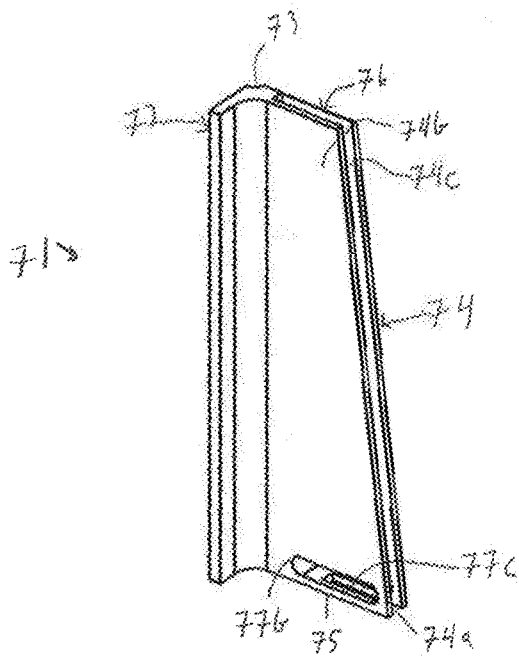


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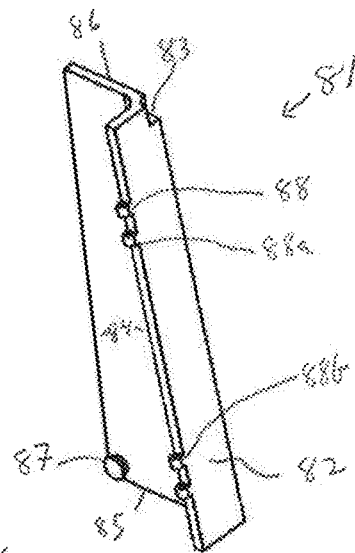


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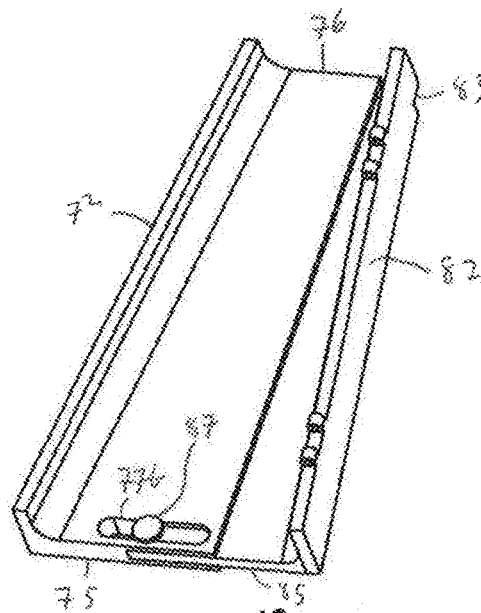


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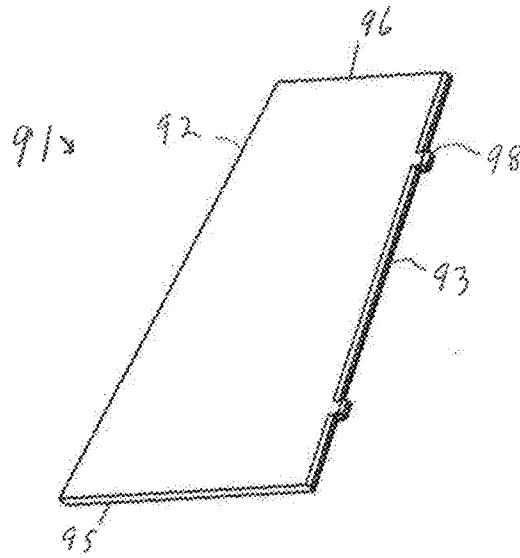


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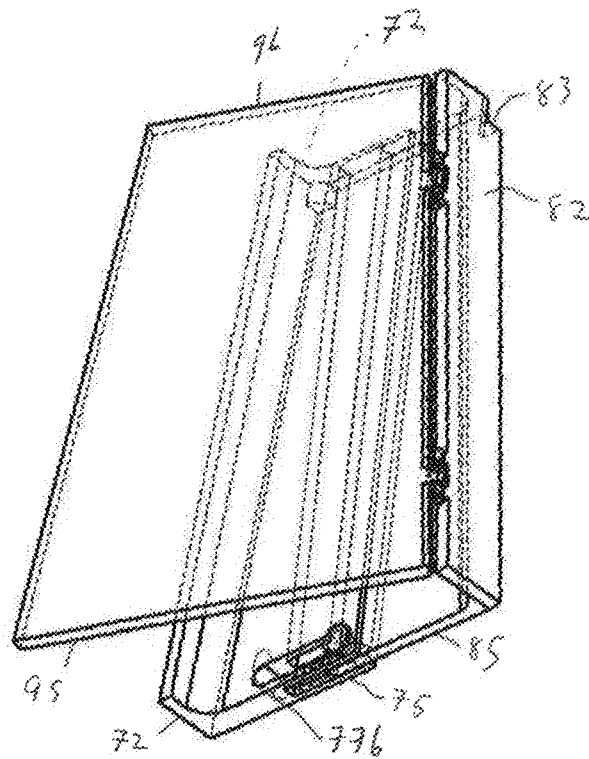


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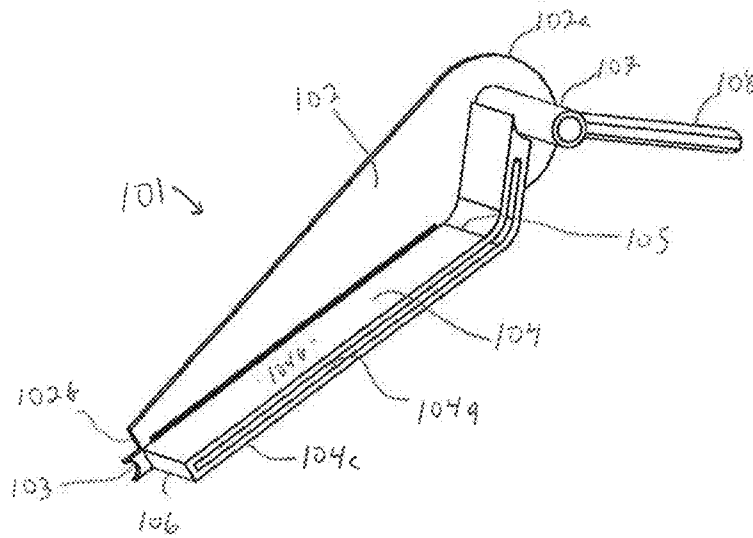


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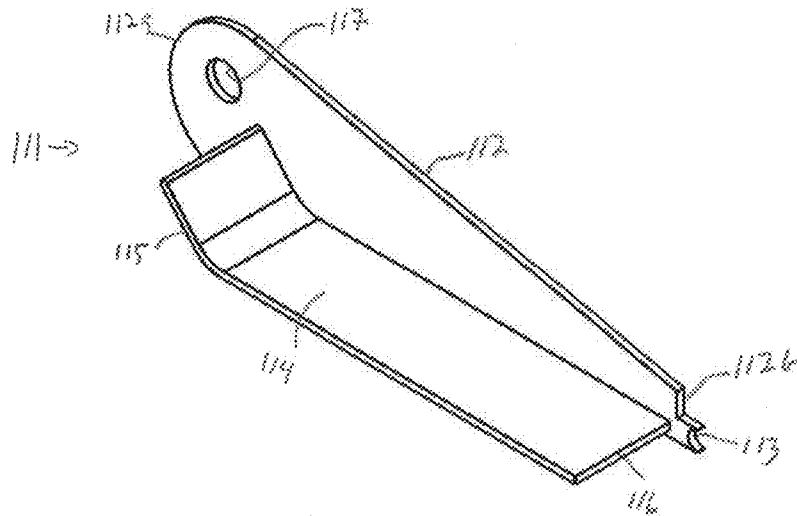


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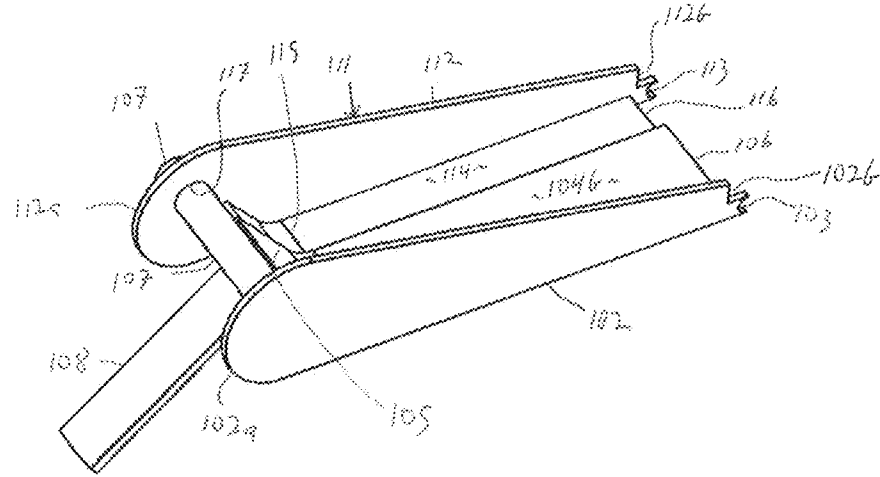


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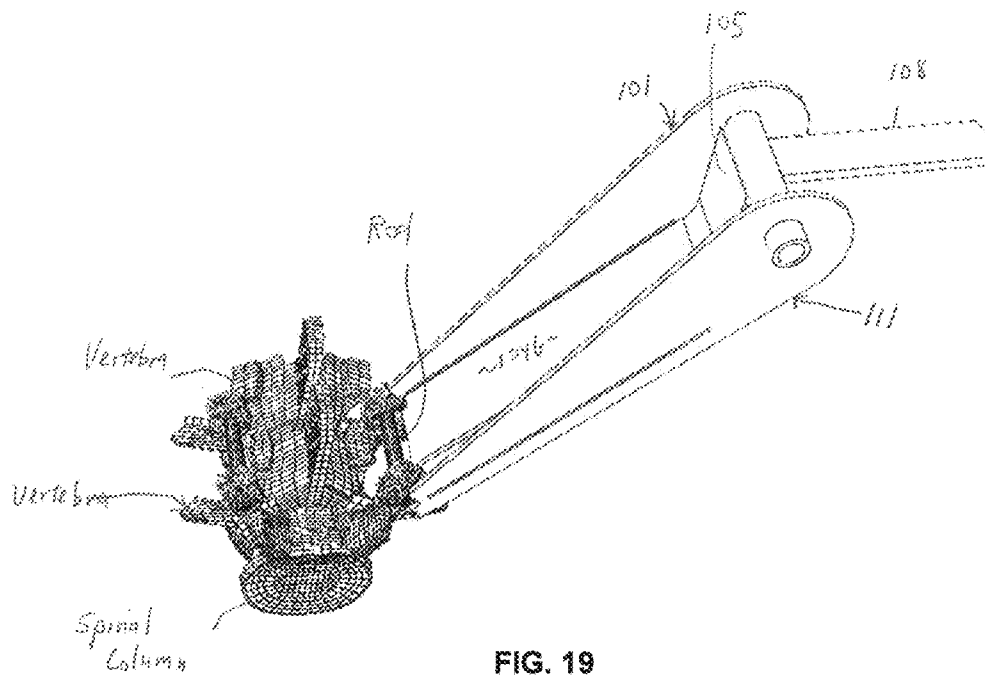


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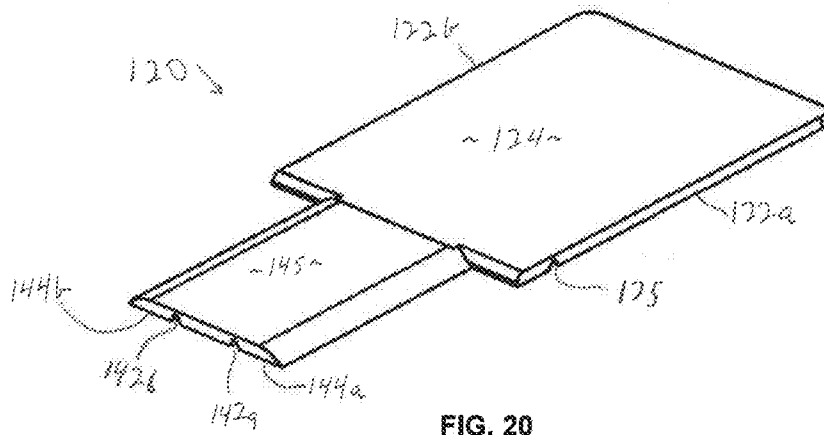


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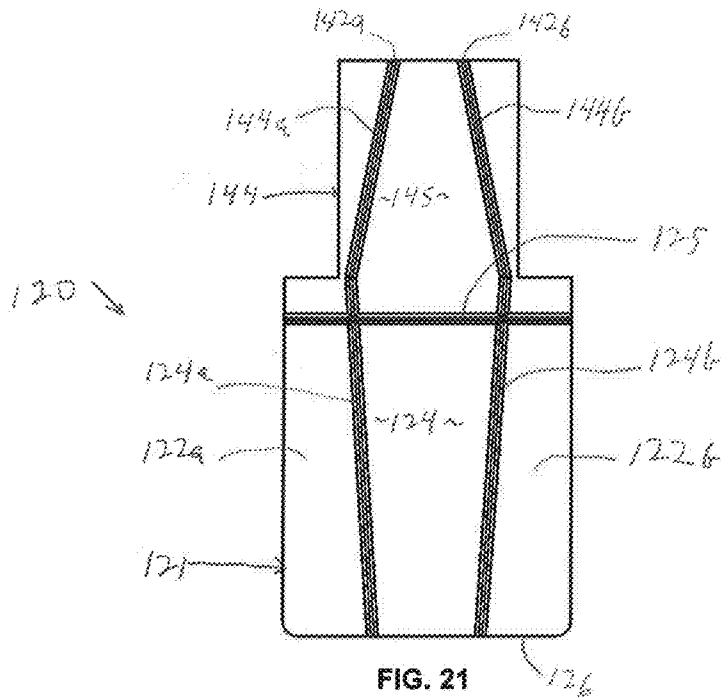


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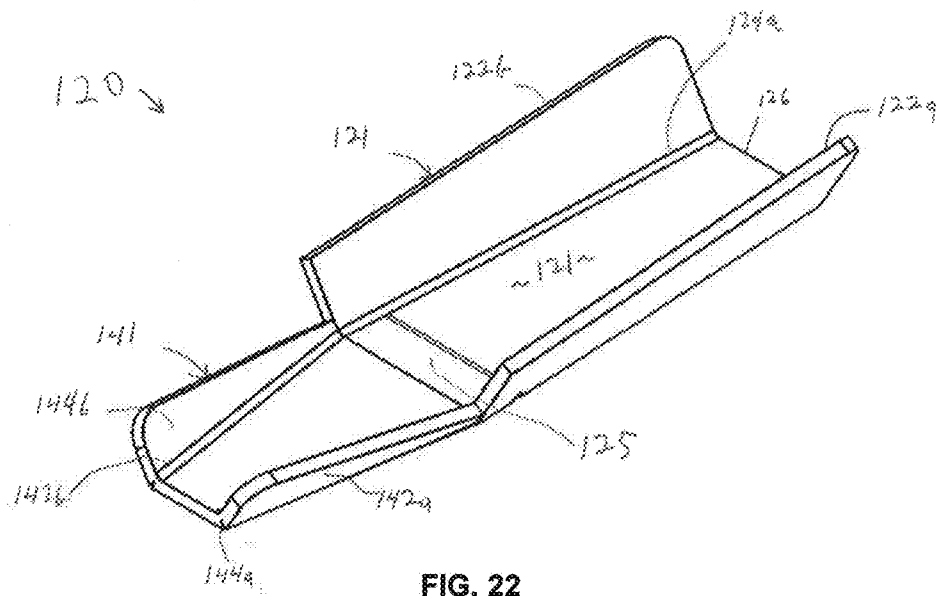


FIG. 22

BONE GRAFT MATERIAL MIXING AND DELIVERY DEVICE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS AND STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH

This application claims the priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/972,864 filed Mar. 31, 2014, the entire disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference. This invention was not made with any government support, and the government has not rights in the invention.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

There is a need for a device which allows for the efficient mixing and delivering of bone graft materials by a practitioner at a point in time before or during a surgical procedure, and at a place adjacent to a surgical site.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Described herein is a bone graft material (BGM) delivery device for use by a practitioner in delivering BGM at a surgical site in a patient. The BGM delivery device is particularly useful for being positioned adjacent intervertebral joints in a human spine during fusion surgery. In a particular embodiment, the BGM delivery device is useful in surgeries which achieve a desired fusion between the transverse processes of the human spine.

The various embodiments of the BGM delivery device provides the practitioner with a desired flexibility in the manner in which BGM is delivered to one or more motion segments of the human spine at once.

Thus, there is a need to improve the efficacy and consistency of delivery systems by mixing the constituents of the BGMs (for example, BGMs include bone materials, synthetic materials and/or other bioactive agents) to be positioned, and then delivered in a timely manner. It is to be understood that the types of BGMs that can be delivered using the embodiments described herein are known to those skilled in the art. Non-limiting examples of BGMs include bioactive agents or bioactive compounds such as a compound or entity that alters, inhibits, activates, or otherwise affects biological or chemical events. Bone, as used herein, refers to bone that is cortical, cancellous or cortico-cancellous of allogenic, autogenous, transgenic or xenogenic origin.

More specifically, the assembled devices of the present disclosure allow various angular approaches to a targeted area. The BGM delivery devices enables repeatable, controlled delivery of BGMs to a target area in the patient.

The BGM delivery device can be positioned against an implant or a portion of the bone to substantially prevent any BGMs from falling into the spinal canal, or other undesirable part of the surgical site.

The BGM delivery device provides a readily accessible holding area for allowing the practitioner to mix the BGMs immediately before use. The BRM delivery device also allows the practitioner, after mixing of the BGMs to fold such materials if desired, and then deliver the mixed/folded BGMs into the patient without requiring the practitioner to need to transfer the BGMs into various different containers.

The BGM delivery devices described herein are configured such that the BGM delivery device is positionable in a generally stabilized and lateral alignment with respect to the surgical area.

5 Various aspects of this invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the following detailed description of the preferred embodiments, when read in light of the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a tray of a first embodiment of a BGM delivery device.

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a width-adjustment member useful with the tray of FIG. 1 in a first embodiment of a bone graft material (BGM) delivery device.

FIG. 3 is a perspective view showing the tray of FIG. 1 and the width-adjustment member of FIG. 2 assembled into a first embodiment of a BGM delivery device.

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a tray that is part of a second embodiment of a BGM delivery device.

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a width-adjustment member that is useful with the tray of FIG. 4, that forms part of the second embodiment of a BGM delivery device.

FIG. 6 is a perspective view showing the tray of FIG. 4 and the width-adjustment member of FIG. 5 assembled into a second embodiment of a BGM delivery device.

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of an upper lid assembly useful with the BGM delivery device shown in FIG. 6.

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a lower lid assembly useful with the BGM delivery device shown in FIG. 6.

FIG. 9 is a perspective view, partially in phantom, of the assembled upper lid assembly of FIG. 7 and the lower lid assembly of FIG. 8.

FIG. 10 is a perspective view, partially in phantom, showing the assembly upper lid assembly and the lower lid assembly of FIG. 9, assembled with the BGM delivery device of FIG. 6.

FIG. 11 is a perspective view of a tray that is part of a third embodiment of a BGM delivery device.

FIG. 12 is a perspective view of a width-adjustment member useful with the tray of FIG. 11, that forms the third embodiment of a BGM delivery device.

FIG. 13 is a perspective view showing the tray of FIG. 11 and the width-adjustment member of FIG. 12 assembled into the third embodiment a BGM delivery device.

FIG. 14 is a perspective view of a lid assembly useful with the BGM delivery device shown in FIG. 13.

FIG. 15 is a perspective view, partially in phantom, showing the assembled BGM delivery device of FIG. 13 with the lid assembly of FIG. 14.

FIG. 16 is a perspective view of a tray of a fourth embodiment of a BGM delivery device.

FIG. 17 is a perspective view of a width-adjustment member useful with the tray of FIG. 17, that forms the fourth embodiment of the BGM delivery device.

FIG. 18 is a perspective view showing the assembled tray of FIG. 16 and the width-adjustment member of FIG. 17, assembled into the fourth embodiment of the BGM delivery device.

FIG. 19 is a perspective view of the assembled BGM delivery device of FIG. 19, in phantom, shown in use adjacent a spinal implant having a rod positioned adjacent a spinal column and vertebrae (also shown in phantom).

FIG. 20 is a perspective view of a top surface of a tray of a fifth embodiment of a BGM delivery device, shown in an unfolded state.

FIG. 21 is a bottom plan view of the bottom surface of the tray shown in FIG. 20, shown in an unfolded state.

FIG. 22 is a perspective view of the tray shown in FIGS. 20 and 21, shown in a folded state.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

For the purposes of this specification and appended claims, unless otherwise indicated, all numbers expressing quantities of ingredients, percentages or proportions of materials, reaction conditions, and other numerical values used in the specification and claims, are to be understood as being modified in all instances by the term “about.” Accordingly, unless indicated to the contrary, the numerical parameters set forth in the following specification and attached claims are approximations that may vary depending upon the desired properties sought to be obtained by the present invention. At the very least, and not as an attempt to limit the application of the doctrine of equivalents to the scope of the claims, each numerical parameter should at least be construed in light of the number of reported significant digits and by applying ordinary rounding techniques.

The terms “upper”, “lower”, “top”, “bottom”, “side”, “proximal”, “distal” and so forth have been used herein merely for convenience to describe the present invention and its parts as oriented in the drawings. It is to be understood, however, that these terms are in no way limiting to the disclosure since the delivery systems described herein may obviously be disposed in different orientations when in use.

Notwithstanding the numerical ranges and parameters set forth herein, the broad scope of the invention are approximations, the numerical values set forth in the specific examples are reported as precisely as possible. Any numerical value, however, inherently contains certain errors necessarily resulting from the standard deviation found in their respective testing measurements. Moreover, all ranges disclosed herein are to be understood to encompass any and all subranges subsumed therein. For example, a range of “1 to 10” includes any and all subranges between (and including) the minimum value of 1 and the maximum value of 10, that is, any and all subranges having a minimum value of equal to or greater than 1 and a maximum value of equal to or less than 10, e.g., 5.5 to 10.

Reference will now be made in detail to certain embodiments of the invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. While the invention will be described in conjunction with the illustrated embodiments, it will be understood that they are not intended to limit the invention to those embodiments. On the contrary, the invention is intended to cover all alternatives, modifications, and equivalents that may be included within the invention as defined by the appended claims.

FIGS. 1 through 3 illustrate a first embodiment of a BGM delivery device 10 having a tray 11 and a width-adjustment member 20 which can be used together as an assembly. As best shown in FIG. 1, the tray 11 has a generally U-shape, as defined by two opposing L-shaped arms 12a and 12b, and a platform 14 that spans between the opposing arms 12a and 12b.

The opposing arms 12a, 12b define an opening 13 that is adjacent to one end of the platform 14. It is to be understood that while the embodiment of the platform 14 shown has a substantially planar surface, other embodiments of the platform 14 can have, for example, curved, frustoconical or other useful configurations. The platform 14 can serve as a mixing and/or holding area for the BGMs.

Each arm 12a, 12b has longitudinally extending portions 12c, 12c' (i.e., the long portion of an L-shape) that extend along a length of the platform 14 at an angle with respect to a plane defined by the platform 14. Each arm 12a, 12b has transverse extending portions 12d, 12d' (i.e., the short portion of an L-shape) that extend along a length of the platform 14 at an angle with respect to a plane defined by the platform 14. In the embodiment shown, longitudinally extending portions 12c, 12c' are at a right angle with respect to the transverse extending portions 12d, 12d'; however, it is to be understood that either or both of the angles defined by portions 12c and 12d and/or 12c' and 12d' can be other than right angles. For example, the portions 12c/12d and/or 12c'/12d' can form a V-shape, that aids in allowing the practitioner to funnel the BGM into the surgical site.

In one embodiment, the tray opening 13 can, for example, be about 38 mm in width. Referring now to FIG. 2, the width-adjustment member 20 can also have a generally U-shape, as defined by two opposing slots 21 and 22 connected together by a central portion 24 such that the central portion defines an opening 23. The two slots 21 and 22 of the width-adjustment member 20 can be slidably assembled onto the opposing arms 12a and 12b of the tray 11, as shown in FIG. 3. When so assembled, the tray 11 and the width-adjustment member 20 cooperate such that the tray opening 13 is reduced by the width defined by the opening 23 in the width-adjustment member 20. In one embodiment, the width of the opening 24 can be about 19 mm.

During use in, for example, a posterolateral spinal fusion surgery, the BGM delivery device is positioned such that the tray opening 13 (or the width-adjustment member opening 23—if the width-adjustment member 20 is in position on the tray 11), is held by the practitioner at an angle with respect to an implant device, such as, for example a metal rod connecting two or more pedicle screws. The practitioner can urge the BGMs that are on the platform 14 through either the opening 13 (or opening 23) a controlled and precise manner to an exact location.

FIGS. 4 through 6 illustrate a second embodiment of a BGM delivery device having a tray 31 and a width-adjustment member 41 which can be used together as an assembly. As shown in FIG. 4, the tray 31 has a generally L-shape, as defined by a platform 34 and an arm 32. The platform 34 has a trapezoidal or tapering design, such that a first end 35 has a larger width (for example, about 41.5 mm) and a second end 36 has a smaller width (for example, about 25.5 mm). It is to be understood that while the embodiment of the platform 34 shown has a substantially planar surface, other embodiments of the platform 34 can have, for example, curved, frustoconical or other useful configurations.

The arm 32 in the tray 31 has a slot 32a provided therein that extends along its length. The arm 32 includes a curved cut 33 that is adjacent the second, smaller end 36 of the platform 34. The curved cut 33 is provided at a top corner of the arm 32. The bottom surface of the tray 31 has one or more trapezoidal shaped slots—here shown as 37a, 37b, 37c. It is to be understood, that in other embodiments, the tray 31 can have fewer or greater numbers of slots 37; and that, in certain embodiments, the slots can have a different configuration than trapezoidal. In the embodiment shown, the slots 37a, 37b, 37c are aligned in generally in a parallel manner with respect to a line defined either by the first end 35 or the second end 36 of the platform 34.

The width-adjustment member 41, as shown in FIG. 5, is similar in shape and dimensions to the tray 31. The width-adjustment member 41 includes a base 44 and an arm 42

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having a slot **42a** provided therein that extends along its length and a curved cut **43** provided therein at its top corner. The base **44** of the width-adjustment member **41** has a tapering design, such that a first end **45** has a larger width than a second end **46**. The top surface of the base **44** of the width-adjustment member **41** has three trapezoidal shaped protrusion **47a**, **47b**, **47c** provided therein. It is to be understood, that in other embodiments, the width-adjustment member **41** can have fewer or greater numbers of protrusions **47**, and that the protrusions can have a shape other than trapezoidal. In the embodiment shown, the protrusions **47a**, **47b**, **47c** are aligned in generally in a parallel manner with respect to a line defined either by the first end **45** or the second end **46** of the width-adjustment member **41**.

Also, in certain embodiments, the top surface of the width-adjustment member **41** can have a threaded hole **48** provided therein, the diameter of which may, for example, be about 2.54 mm, for receiving a suitable retaining member, such as, for example, a screw, pin, bolt, and the like.

When the tray **31** and the width-adjustment member **41** are put together as an assembly (as shown in FIG. 6), the protrusions **47a**, **47b**, **47c** on the width-adjustment member **41** slide into and are received within the slots **37a**, **37b**, **37c**, respectively, provided on the bottom of the tray **31**. Using this sliding mechanism involving the slots **37a**, **37b**, **37c** and the protrusions **47a**, **47b**, **47c**, an opening that is to be proximal to the patient is defined by the distance between the arm **32** of the tray **31** and the arm **42** of the width-adjustment member **41**. In certain embodiments, such distance can be varied, such as, for example, from about 25.5 mm to about 50.0 mm. The width of the opening (as defined by the smaller, second end **36**) of the tray **31** can be locked as per demand by inserting a threaded screw (not shown) having, for example, a length of about 5 mm and a diameter of about 3 mm into the threaded hole **48** and tightening it.

Also, during posterolateral spinal fusion surgery, for example, the tray **31** and the width-adjustment member **41** can be restingly held at a desired angle with respect to the patient and/or the implant. This can be achieved by allowing the practitioner to position, and rest, the curved notches **33** and **43** against an outer curvature of the metal rods connecting the pedicle screws of the implant.

Referring now to FIGS. 7-10, if desired, a lid assembly of adjustable width can be used in conjunction with the second embodiment shown in FIG. 6. The lid assembly can include an upper lid assembly **51**, as shown in FIG. 7, and a lower lid assembly **61**, as shown in FIG. 8. The upper lid assembly **51** has a tapering design, such that a first end **55** has a larger width than a second end **56**. The upper lid assembly **51** has opposing first and second edges **52**, **53**, respectively. The first edge **52** defines a slot **52a** which extends along the length of the first edge **52** from the smaller width second end **56**. The bottom surface of the upper lid assembly **51** has an inverted recess **54** (such as, for example, the t-shaped recess shown in FIG. 7). Referring now to FIG. 8, the lower lid assembly **61** is similar in shape to the upper lid assembly **51**, and also has a tapering design, such that a first end **65** has a larger width than a second end **66**. The lower lid assembly **61** has opposing first and second edges **62**, **63**, respectively. The second edge **63** defines a slot **63a** which extends along the length of the second edge **63** from the smaller width second end **66**. The lower lid assembly **61** has a protrusion **64** an upper surface thereof. The protrusion **64** can have a complementary shape with respect to the recess in the upper lid assembly **52**; for example, the protrusion **64** can have an inverted T-shape.

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When used in conjunction with the second embodiment of the BGM delivery device, as shown in FIG. 10, the slot **52a** of the upper lid assembly **51** slidingly mates with the slot **32a** in the tray **31**. Also, the slot **63a** in the lower lid assembly **61** slidingly mates with the slot **42a** in the width-adjustment member **41**. The protrusion **64** on lower lid assembly **61** fits into the recess **54** on upper lid assembly **51**, and forms a rail-like mechanism that can be used to adjust the width of the lid assembly, as best shown in FIG. 9.

During use of the embodiment shown in FIG. 10, the practitioner can have a first BGM held on the platform **34**, while also having a second BGM held of the top surface of the upper lid assembly **51**. The upper/lower lid assembly **51/61** can be in a first position; where the first position has the second narrower ends **56/66** that are slidingly positioned at a distance from the second narrower ends **35**, **45** of the platform **31** and width-adjustment member **41**, respectively. When in this first position, the practitioner can mix/hold/delivery the first BGM being held on the platform **34**. Thereafter, without any need for repositioning of the delivery device, the practitioner can slide the assembled lid assembly **51/61** holding the second material in a direction towards the narrow second ends **36**, **46** of the platform **31**, width-adjustment member **41**, respectively.

Alternatively, the practitioner can mix/hold the BGM on the platform **34**; then, slide the assembled lid assembly **51/61** over the mixed material to protect the mixed material until such time that the practitioner is able to deliver the material at an appropriate time and place into the patient.

FIGS. 11 through 15 illustrate a third embodiment of a BGM delivery device having a tray **71** and a width-adjustment member **81** which can be used together as an assembly. As shown in FIG. 11, the tray **71** has a generally L-shape, as defined by a platform **74** and an arm **72**.

The platform **74** has a tapering design, such that a first end **75** has a larger width than an opposing second end **76**. The platform **74** has a slot **74a** provided therein that extends along its length from the first end **75** to the second end **76**. The platform **74** can thus be generally described as having an upper surface **74b** and a lower surface **74c**. Further, the platform **74** has one or more slots—here shown as **77b** and **77c** (for example, 30 mm wide) which extend through the upper and lower surfaces **74b**, **74c**, respectively, of the platform **74**. It is to be understood, that in other embodiments, the platform **74** can have fewer or greater numbers of slots **77**; for example, the platform **74** can have only a slot **77c** that is in the lower surface **74c**. In the embodiment shown, the slot **77b**, **77c** are aligned in generally in a parallel manner with respect to a line defined either by the first end **75** of the platform **74**. It is to be understood that while the embodiment of the platform **71** shown has a substantially planar surface, other embodiments of the platform **71** can have, for example, curved, frustoconical or other useful configurations.

In certain embodiments, the arm **72** can have a cut **73** that is adjacent the second, smaller end **76** of the platform **74**. The cut **73** is provided at a bottom corner of the arm **72**.

The width-adjustment member **81**, as shown in FIG. 12, is similar in shape and dimensions to the tray **71**. The width-adjustment member **81** includes a base **84** and an arm **82**; in certain embodiments, the arm **82** can have and a cut **83** provided therein at its bottom corner. The base **84** of the width-adjustment member **81** has a tapering design, such that a first end **85** has a larger width than a second end **86**. The top surface of the base **84** of width-adjustment member **81** has one or more shaped protrusion **87** provided therein. It is to be understood, that in other embodiments, the

width-adjustment member **81** can have a greater numbers of protrusions **87**. In the embodiment shown, the protrusion **87** is aligned in generally in a perpendicular manner with respect to the slots **77a**, **77b** in the platform **74**.

When the tray **71** and the width-adjustment member **81** are put together as an assembly (as shown in FIG. **13**), the protrusion **87** on the width-adjustment member **81** slides into and is received within the slots **77b**, **77c**, respectively, provided on the platform **74**. Using this sliding mechanism involving the slots **77b**, **77c** and the protrusion **87**, an opening that is to be proximal to the patient is defined by the distance between the arm **72** of the tray **71** and the arm **82** of the width-adjustment member **81**. In certain embodiments, such distance can be varied, such as, for example, from about 25.5 mm to about 50.0 mm. In certain embodiments, the tray **71** and width-adjustment member **81** can be locked into a non-movable position, by having the protrusion **87** be configured to be capable of being tightened against the platform **74**.

When put together as an assembly, the base **84** of width-adjustment member **81** slides into the slot **74a** created in the platform **74** of the tray **71**. During posterolateral spinal fusion surgery, the assembly can be held at an angle with the horizontal plane, with the cuts **73** and **83** resting against the outer curvature of the metal rods connecting the pedicle screws.

Further referring to the width-adjustment member **81**, the arm **82** can define one or more hollow cylindrical shaped extrusions **88** configured for receiving a pin-like member. That is, in the embodiment shown in FIGS. **12-13**, the arm **83** of the width-adjustment member **81** has rectangular cuts **88a** and **88b** near its top edge that are in spaced apart relationship, such that the protrusions **88** form a knuckle-like feature of a hinge.

Referring now to FIGS. **14-15**, if desired, a lid assembly **91** can be used in conjunction with the third embodiment shown in FIG. **13**. The lid assembly **91** has a tapering design, such that a first end **95** has a larger width than a second end **96**. The lid assembly **91** has opposing first and second edges **92**, **93**, respectively. The second edge **93** defines one or more hollow cylindrical shaped extrusions **98** configured for receiving a pin-like member. That is, in the embodiment shown in FIGS. **12-13**, the lid assembly **91** has rectangular cuts **98a** and **98b** near its second edge **93** that are in spaced apart relationship, such that the protrusions **98a**, **98b** form knuckle-like features of a hinge. That is, the protrusions **98a**, **98b**, are sized and shaped to be positioned adjacent to the protrusions **88** on the arm **82** of the width-adjustment member **81** to form hinge joints that allow for opening and closing of the lid assembly **91**, as shown in FIG. **15**.

When used in conjunction with the third embodiment of the BGM delivery device, as shown in FIG. **15**, the upper lid assembly **91** pivotably mates with the arm **82** of the width-adjustment member **81**.

During use of the embodiment shown in FIG. **15**, the practitioner can mix/hold the BGM on the platform **74**; then, pivotably rotate the assembled lid assembly **91** over the mixed material to protect the mixed material until such time that the practitioner is able to deliver the material at an appropriate time and place into the patient.

FIGS. **16** through **19** illustrate a fourth embodiment of a BGM delivery device having a tray **101** and a width-adjustment member **111** which can be used together as an assembly. As shown in FIG. **16**, the tray **101** has a generally L-shape, as defined by a platform **104** and an arm **102**.

The platform **104** has can either have a generally rectangular shape, or in other embodiments, the platform **104** can

have a tapering design, such that a first end **105** has a larger width than an opposing second end **106**. The platform **104** has a slot **104a** provided therein that extends along its length from the first end **105** to the second end **106**. The platform **104** can thus be generally described as having an upper surface **104b** and a lower surface **104c**. In the embodiment shown, the slot **104a** is closed at the end adjacent to the second, smaller end **106** of the platform **104**, and the slot **104a** (which may be 30 mm in length, for example) is generally continuously extends along a length of the platform **104** between the upper and lower surfaces **104b**, **104c**, respectively, of the platform **104**. It is to be understood, that in other embodiments, the platform **104** can have fewer or greater numbers of slots **104**; for example, the platform **104** can have a series of shorter slot that extend for limited distances along the length of the platform **104**. Further, the first end **105** can be configured to have a first end **105** that extends upwardly from a plane defined by the platform **104**. In the embodiment shown in in FIGS. **16** and **18**, the first end **105** has a curved shape. Also, it is to be understood that while the embodiment of the platform **104** shown has a substantially planar surface, other embodiments of the platform **104** can have, for example, curved, frustoconical or other useful configurations.

Referring again to FIG. **16**, the arm **102** of the tray **101** can have a cut **103** that is adjacent the second, smaller end **106** of the platform **104**. The cut **103** can extend beyond the second end **106** of the platform **104**. Also, as in the embodiment shown in FIG. **16**, the arm **102** can have a shape that is tapering in height; for example, the arm **102** can have a first end **102a** that is adjacent to the first end **105** of the platform **104**. The first end **102a** of the arm **102** can have a first height that is greater than a second end **102b** of the arm **102**. In the embodiment shown in FIG. **16**, the second end **102b** of the arm **102** is adjacent to, and co-terminus with, the second end **106** of the platform **104**.

The first end **102a** of the arm **102** can include an inwardly extending member **107**; for example, the inwardly extending member **107** can, for example, be a hollow cylindrical extrusion (having an inner diameter of, for example, 10 mm). In certain embodiments, the inwardly extending member **107** can include a handle **108** that extends in a radial or perpendicular manner from an axis defined by the inwardly extending member **107**.

Referring now to FIG. **17**, the width-adjustment member **111**, can have a generally similar in shape and dimensions to the tray **101**. The width-adjustment member **111** can either have a generally rectangular shape; or, in other embodiments, the width-adjustment member **111** has a tapering design, such that a first end **115** has a larger width than a second end **116**.

The width-adjustment member **111** includes a base **114** and an arm **112**. Also, as in the embodiment shown in FIG. **17**, the arm **112** can have a shape that is tapering in height; for example, the arm **112** can have a first end **112a** that is adjacent to the first end **115** of the base **114**. The first end **112a** of the arm **112** can have a first height that is greater than a second end **112b** of the arm **112**. In the embodiment shown in FIG. **17**, the second end **112b** of the arm **112** is adjacent to, and co-terminus with, the second end **116** of the base **114**. Also, in certain embodiments, the arm **112** can have a cut **113** that is adjacent the second end **116** of the arm **112**. The cut **113** can extend beyond the second end **116** of the arm **112**.

The first end **112a** of the arm **112** can include at least one opening **117** (for example, a circular hole of 10 mm diam-

eter) that is configured to accept a distal end of the inwardly extending member 107 on the arm 102 of the platform 101.

When the tray 101 and the width-adjustment member 111 are put together as an assembly (as shown in FIG. 18), a distal end of the inwardly extending member 107 on the tray 101 slides into and is received within the opening 117 on the arm 112 of the width-adjustment member 112. Using this sliding mechanism involving the inwardly extending member 107 and the opening 117, an opening that is to be proximal to the patient is defined by the distance between the arm 102 of the tray 101 and the arm 112 of the width-adjustment member 111. In certain embodiments, such distance can be varied, such as, for example, from about 25.5 mm to about 50.0 mm. In certain embodiments, the tray 101 and width-adjustment member 101 can be locked into a non-movable position.

When put together as an assembly, the base 114 of the width-adjustment member 101 slides into the slot 104a created in the platform 104 of the tray 101. During posterolateral spinal fusion surgery, such assembly can be held at an angle with the horizontal plane, with the cuts 103 and 113 resting against the outer curvature of the metal rods connecting the pedicle screws.

Also, this assembly can be held at an angle with the horizontal plane using the handle 108, with the semicircular cuts 103 and 111 resting against the outer curvature of the metal rods connecting the pedicle screws, as shown in FIG. 19.

FIGS. 20 through 22 illustrate a fifth embodiment of a unitary BGM delivery device 120 generally having a tray portion 121 and a handle portion 141.

FIG. 20 shows a top side of an unfolded device 120, and FIG. 21 shows a bottom side of the unfolded BGM device 120, while FIG. 22 show a perspective view of the unitary BGM device in a folded state, ready for use.

Referring now to the bottom side shown in FIG. 21, the tray portion 121 generally defines a platform portion 124 that can either have a generally rectangular shape, or as shown in the embodiment in FIGS. 20-23, can have a tapering design. The platform portion 124 is generally defined by opposing scored lines 124a and 124b that extend from a first end 125 which is adjacent to the handle portion 140, to a second end 126. When viewing the unitary BGM device 120 in its unfolded state, the score lines 124a, 124b, extend at acute angles from a line defined by the first end 125, such that the first end 125 has a larger width than the opposing second end 126. It is to be understood that while the embodiment of the platform portion 124 shown has a substantially planar surface, other embodiments of the platform portion 124 can have, for example, curved, frustoconical or other useful configurations.

The opposing score lines 124a, 124b define opposing arm portions 122a, 122b that extend beyond the tray portion 121 when in an unfolded state. When folded, as shown in FIG. 22, the arm portions 122a, 122b can have a shape that is tapering in height; for example, the arm portions 122 can have a first end 122a that is adjacent to the first end 125 of the platform portion 124. The first ends 122a of the arm portions 122 can have first heights that are less than second end portions 122b of the arm portions 122. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 20, the second end portions 122b of the arm portions 122 are adjacent to, and co-terminus with, the second end 126 of the platform portion 124.

Referring again to FIG. 21, the handle portion 141 can have a generally mirror image of the shape and dimensions to the tray portion 121. The handle portion 141 can either have a generally rectangular shape; or as shown in FIGS.

20-22 can have a tapering design. The handle portion 141 has a base 144 that is generally defined by opposing scored lines 144a and 144b that extend from a first end 145 which is adjacent to the tray portion 124, to a second end 146. When viewing the unitary device 120 in its unfolded state, the score lines 144a, 144b, extend at acute angles from a line defined by the first end 145, such that the first end 145 has a larger width than the opposing second end 146.

The opposing score lines 144a, 144b define opposing arm portions 142 that extend beyond the base 144. When folded, as shown in FIG. 22, the arm portions 142 can have a shape that is tapering in height; for example, the arm portions 142 can have a first end 142a that is adjacent to the first end 145 of the handle portion 141. The first ends 142a of the arm portions 142 can have first heights that are less than second end portions 142b of the arm portions 142. In the embodiment shown in FIGS. 20-22, the second end portions 142b of the arm portions 142 are adjacent to, and co-terminus with, the second end 146 of the handle portion 141.

During the spinal surgery, the mixing of BGM is performed on the tray portion 124. The tray portion 124 can be held at an angle with the horizontal plane using the rectangular handle during delivery of the BGM.

Using this folding state involving the score lines 124a, 124b, an opening that is to be proximal to the patient is defined by the distance between the opposing arm portions 122 of the tray portion 124. In certain embodiments,

In the embodiment shown, the score lines 124a, 124, 144a, and/or 144b can be defined by sets of parallel extending fold lines, such that the distance (or width between opposing tray arm portions 122 and/or handle arm portions) can be varied, depending on which particular score line in the sets of score lines are used as a fold.

The principle and mode of operation of this invention have been explained and illustrated in its preferred embodiments. However, it must be understood that this invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically explained and illustrated without departing from its spirit or scope.

What is claimed is:

1. A bone graft material delivery device comprising:
 - a tray comprising a first L-shaped arm formed by a sidewall and a base member, wherein the base member defines a platform, the platform comprising a first end at a proximal end of the device, a second end at a distal end of the device, an upper platform, and a lower platform parallel to the upper platform; and
 - a width adjustment member comprising a second L-shaped arm formed by a sidewall and a base member; wherein the platform defines a slot that extends along a length of the platform from the first end to the second end between the upper platform and the lower platform, and the base member of the width adjustment member slides into the slot;
- the platform being configured to provide a mixing and/or holding area for a bone graft material being delivered to a surgical site where an implant rod is being surgically inserted into a patient,
- the tray being configured to substantially prevent bone graft materials from inadvertently being delivered to an unacceptable area of the surgical site;
- wherein the first and second L-shaped arms define an opening between the respective sidewalls;
- wherein at least one of the base members of the first and second L-shaped arms is tapered from the proximal end to the distal end with respect to the opening;
- and wherein the upper platform and the lower platform are trapezoidal.

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2. The bone graft material delivery device of claim 1, wherein the second end is positionable toward the implant rod, the second end having rounded cuts configured to be restingly positioned against the implant rod for stability during mixing and/or delivery of the bone graft material.

3. The bone graft material delivery device of claim 1, wherein the platform has a tapering design, such that the first end has a larger width than the second end.

4. The bone graft material delivery device of claim 1, wherein the width adjustment member includes at least one protrusion that slidably mates with a second slot in the platform such that the width of the bone graft material delivery device can be expanded laterally to fit different size fixations of the implant rod.

5. The bone graft material delivery device of claim 4, wherein the base member of the width adjustment member is configured to freely slide within the slot.

6. The bone graft material delivery device of claim 1, further comprising an upper lid assembly that pivotably mates with the second L-shaped arm.

7. The bone graft material delivery device of claim 6, wherein the lid assembly has a tapering design such that a first end of the lid assembly has a larger width than a second end of the lid assembly.

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8. The bone graft material delivery device of claim 7, wherein the lid assembly comprises opposing first and second edges, wherein the second edge defines one or more hollow cylindrical shaped extrusions for receiving a pin-like member.

9. The bone graft material delivery device of claim 7, wherein the lid assembly and the second L-shaped arm form hinge joints that allow for opening and closing of the lid assembly.

10. The bone graft material delivery device of claim 1, wherein the second L-shaped arm comprises one or more hollow cylindrical shaped extrusions for receiving a pin-like member.

11. The bone graft material delivery device of claim 1, wherein the first L-shaped arm comprises a first cut adjacent to the second end at a bottom corner of the first L-shaped arm.

12. The bone graft material delivery device of claim 11, wherein the second L-shaped arm comprises a second cut at a corner thereof.

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