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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 17/641,737	<b>Applicant(s)</b> Kannan, Ganesh Prasad Durgam	
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/9/22.  
☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on \_\_\_\_; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
- 4) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims\*

- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.  
5a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 9) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement

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#### Application Papers

- 10) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 3/9/22 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

##### Certified copies:

- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\*\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 4) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

In the preliminary amendment filed 3/9/22, Applicant amended claims 1-14 and submitted amendments to the specification. Currently, claims 1-14 are pending.

### ***Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status***

The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

### ***Specification***

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words in length. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc. In addition, the form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of various informalities which require correction. See MPEP § 608.01(b). It is suggested that the abstract be amended as follows:

The securement device eliminates the drawbacks of prior venous ~~cannulas~~ cannula securement ~~method~~ methods by providing various plates, substrates and adhesive layers in the securement device which ~~secures~~ secure the article firmly onto the underlying substrate arresting movement in all ~~axis~~ axes and that does not need any additional form of securement.

### ***Drawings***

The drawings are objected to as follows:

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p) because they include written descriptions of the figures when only reference characters, sheet numbers and/or view numbers are permitted. Appropriate revision is required.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the

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filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 1, 3, 7-8, 10-11, 13 and 14 are objected to because of the following informalities which require appropriate correction:

In claim 1 line 1: "comprises" should be "comprising".

In claim 3 lines 1-2: "a first and second cross tapes" should be "~~a~~ first and second cross tapes".

In claim 7 line 2: "the first adhesive, the second adhesive" should be "the first ~~adhesive,~~ adhesive and the second adhesive".

In claim 8 line 2: "assist removing" should be "assist in removing".

In claim 10 line 1: "as claimed in as claimed in claim 1" should be "as claimed in ~~as~~ claimed in claim 1".

In claim 11 line 1: "securing the article" should be "securing ~~the~~ an article".

In claim 13 line 2: "comprising the steps of removing second protective cover" should be "~~comprising~~ comprises the steps of removing ~~a~~ second protective cover".

In claim 13 line 3: "having plurality" should be "having ~~a~~ plurality".

In claim 14, lines 1-2 should be amended to recite: "A method of removing the adhesive securement device ~~as claimed in claim 1, of claim 1~~ from ~~the~~ an underlying substrate...".

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