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0-1	International Application No.	PCT/US09/42882
0-2	International Filing Date	05 MAY 2009 (05.05.09)
0-3	Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"	PCT INTERNATINAL APPLICATION RO/US
0-4	Form PCT/RO/101 PCT Request	
0-4-1	Prepared Using	PCT-SAFE [EASY mode] Version 3.51.038.214 MT/FOP 20090301/0.20.5.15
0-5	Petition The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)	United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (RO/US)
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference	7115/94465
I	Title of invention	MOTION PRESERVING ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC DEVICE
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IV-1	Agent or common representative; or address for correspondence The person identified below is hereby/ has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:	agent
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IV-1-5(a))	E-mail authorization The receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority are authorized to use this e-mail address to send, if the Office or Authority so wishes, advance copies of notifications in respect of this international application.	Yes
IV-1-6	Agent's registration No.	43,729
IV-2	Additional agent(s)	additional agent(s) with same address as first named agent
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V	DESIGNATIONS	
V-1	The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.	
V-3	Identification of parent application or patent grant	
V-3-1	Designation	US
V-3-1-1	Kind of parent application or grant	continuation-in-part
V-3-1-2	Parent application or grant No.	11/856,667
V-3-1-3	Parent application or grant date	17 September 2007 (17.09.2007)


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VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national application		
VI-1-1	Filing date	05 May 2008 (05.05.2008)	
VI-1-2	Number	61/050,612	
VI-1-3	Country	US	
VI-2	Priority document request		
	The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s):	VI-1	
VI-3	Incorporation by reference :		
	where an element of the international application referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) or a part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5(a) is not otherwise contained in this international application but is completely contained in an earlier application whose priority is claimed on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, that element or part is, subject to confirmation under Rule 20.6, incorporated by reference in this international application for the purposes of Rule 20.6.		
VII-1	International Searching Authority Chosen	United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (ISA/US)	
VIII	Declarations	Number of declarations	
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-	
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-	
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-	
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-	
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-	

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IX	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	5	✓
IX-2	Description	24	-
IX-3	Claims	5	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	✓
IX-5	Drawings	15	-
IX-7	TOTAL	50	
	Accompanying Items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-18	PCT-SAFE physical media	-	✓
IX-20	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract		
IX-21	Language of filing of the international application	English	
X-1	Signature of applicant, agent or common representative		
X-1-1	Name (LAST, First)	KRATZ, Rudy	
X-1-2	Name of signatory		
X-1-3	Capacity		

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10-1	Date of actual receipt of the purported international application	05 MAY 2009 (05.05.09)
10-2	Drawings:	
10-2-1	Received	
10-2-2	Not received	
10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application	
10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)	
10-5	International Searching Authority	ISA/US
10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

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11-1	Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau	
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