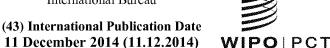
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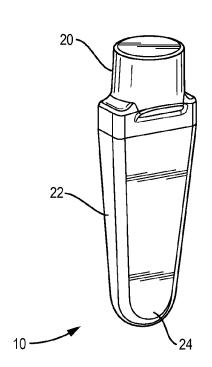


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: A dental implant includes an upper connector portion and lower implantation portion, the connector portion receiving a dental crown or similar prosthesis, the implantation portion having rectangular cross section and linear vertical profile with machine taper. An outer surface of the implantation portion provides frictional fit with a correspondingly shaped surrounding bone surface. A bone removal tool includes a hand-held actuator generating high-frequency, small-amplitude vibration, and an attached metal tool tip having elongated head portion and curved neck portion. The head portion has rectangular cross section and linear taper, and an outer surface of the head portion has a saw-toothed grinding pattern for removing bone. The neck portion is dimensioned and configured to establish mechanical resonance of the tool tip including axial reciprocating action of the head portion in response to the actuator vibration.



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1. claims: 1-8

A dental implant comprising a unitary body of a high-strength surgical metal suitable for implantation in a live jaw bone, the body including an upper connector portion and an elongated lower implantation portion, the connector portion being configured to extend above a ridge of the jaw bone at an implantation site and receive a separate dental prosthesis, the implantation portion having a substantially rectangular cross section and a linear vertical profile with a machine taper to a lower end, an outer surface of the implantation portion having sufficient roughness to provide a frictional fit with a correspondingly shaped surrounding bone surface at the implantation site upon application of axial implantation force to the dental implant.

2. claims: 9-12

A bone removal tool, comprising: a hand-held actuator operative to generate a high-frequency, small-amplitude mechanical vibration at an actuated end; and a metal tool tip at the actuated end of the hand-held actuator, the tool tip having a base portion, an elongated head portion and a curved neck portion, the base portion being rigidly attached to the actuated end of the actuator to receive the small-amplitude mechanical vibration therefrom, the head portion having a substantially rectangular cross section and a linear taper to a distal end, an outer surface of the head portion having a saw-toothed grinding pattern for removing bone, the curved neck portion being dimensioned and configured to establish a predetermined mechanical resonance of the tool tip including an axial reciprocating action of the head portion relative to the base portion in response to the small-amplitude mechanical vibration of the hand-held actuator.