

Title (en)

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RENDERING AN ELECTROCOAGULATION IMAGE WATER-FAST

Title (de)

METHODE UND APPARAT ZUM WASSERFESTMACHEN VON ELEKTROKOAGULIERTEN BILDERN

Title (fr)

PROCEDE ET APPAREIL DESTINES A RENDRE UNE IMAGE OBTENUE PAR ELECTROCOAGULATION RESISTANTE A L'EAU

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Abstract (en)

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