



(11) **EP 2 249 712 B8**

(12) **CORRECTED EUROPEAN PATENT SPECIFICATION**

(15) Correction information:
Corrected version no 1 (W1 B1)
Corrections, see
Bibliography INID code(s) 73

(51) Int Cl.:
A61B 17/068 ^(2006.01) **A61B 17/03** ^(2006.01)
A61B 17/06 ^(2006.01) **A61B 17/00** ^(2006.01)
D02J 3/10 ^(2006.01)

(48) Corrigendum issued on:
26.12.2018 Bulletin 2018/52

(86) International application number:
PCT/US2009/034703

(45) Date of publication and mention
of the grant of the patent:
21.11.2018 Bulletin 2018/47

(87) International publication number:
WO 2009/105663 (27.08.2009 Gazette 2009/35)

(21) Application number: **09713378.9**

(22) Date of filing: **20.02.2009**

(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELEVATING RETAINERS ON SELF-RETAINING SUTURES**

VERFAHREN UND GERÄT ZUR ANHEBUNG VON HALTEELEMENTEN AN SELBSTTRAGENDEN NÄHTEN

PROCÉDÉ ET APPAREIL PERMETTANT DE RELEVER DES ÉLÉMENTS DE RÉTENTION SUR DES SUTURES AUTORÉTENTIVES

(84) Designated Contracting States:
AT BE BG CH CY CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GB GR
HR HU IE IS IT LI LT LU LV MC MK MT NL NO PL
PT RO SE SI SK TR

(30) Priority: **21.02.2008 US 30423 P**
21.02.2008 US 30391 P

(43) Date of publication of application:
17.11.2010 Bulletin 2010/46

(60) Divisional application:
18207363.5

(73) Proprietor: **Ethicon LLC**
00969 Guaynabo (PR)

(72) Inventors:
• **GORALTCHOUK, Alexei**
Richmond
British Columbia V6Y 3Z1 (CA)
• **HERRMANN, Robert, A.**
Vancouver
British Columbia V6B 1X9 (CA)

- **DRUBETSKY, Lev**
Coquitlam
British Columbia V3E 2S9 (CA)
- **GROSS, Jeffrey, Mendel**
Vancouver
British Columbia V6L 1N1 (CA)
- **D'AGOSTINO, William, L.**
Hamden
Connecticut 06518 (US)
- **GONZALEZ RESENDIZ, Carlos**
Richmond
British Columbia V6Y 4H3 (CA)

(74) Representative: **Small, Gary James et al**
Carpmaels & Ransford LLP
One Southampton Row
London WC1B 5HA (GB)

(56) References cited:
WO-A1-2006/079469 WO-A2-2009/042841
US-A1- 2007 005 110 US-A1- 2007 065 663
US-B2- 7 225 512 US-B2- 7 225 512

Note: Within nine months of the publication of the mention of the grant of the European patent in the European Patent Bulletin, any person may give notice to the European Patent Office of opposition to that patent, in accordance with the Implementing Regulations. Notice of opposition shall not be deemed to have been filed until the opposition fee has been paid. (Art. 99(1) European Patent Convention).

EP 2 249 712 B8