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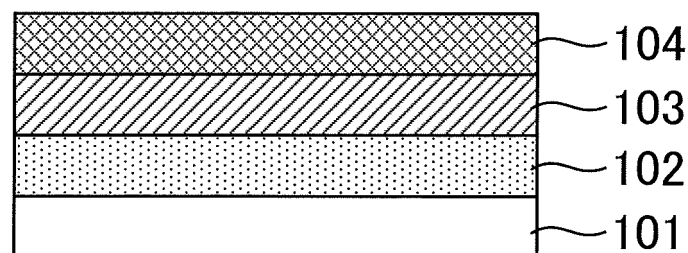
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(54) **Thermosensitive recording medium and image processing method**

(57) A thermosensitive recording medium, including:
a support (101); an image recording layer (102), which
is provided on the support, and contains a leuco dye, a
color developer, and a metal oxide having absorbance
in the near infrared region; an oxygen barrier layer (104);
and a light-blocking layer (103), wherein the oxygen bar-
rier layer (104) and the light-blocking layer (103) are pro-
vided on the surface of the image recording layer, which

is on the opposite side to the surface thereof where the
support is provided, and wherein an average transmit-
tance of the light-blocking layer (103) to light in a wave-
length range of 300 nm to 400 nm is 5% or less, and an
average transmittance of the light-blocking layer (103) to
light in a wavelength range of 380 nm to 495 nm is 20%
or less.

FIG. 1A



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