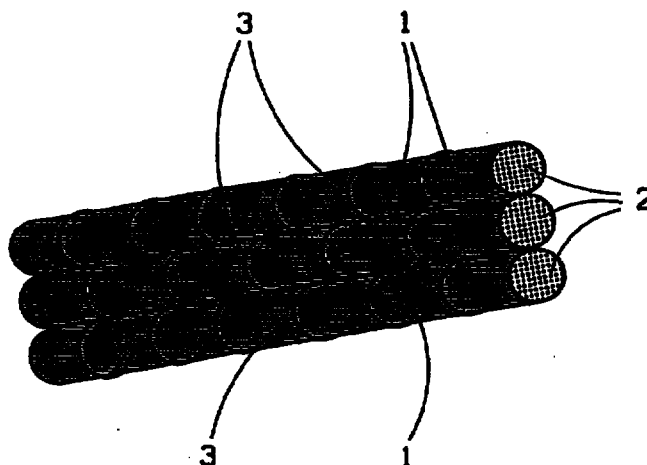




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(54) Title: IMPLANT FOR IMPLANTATION IN HUMANS OR ANIMALS COMPRISING FLEXIBLE, THREAD-SHAPED ELEMENTS

**(57) Abstract**

The present invention relates to a porous, in humans or animals biodegradable, biocompatible implant for implantation in humans or animals, which implant comprises flexible, thread-shaped elements. The thread-shaped elements consist of a number of thread bundles (1) containing up to several thousand threads (2) which in turn contain 50 to 500 filaments with a combined density of 5 to 120 tex. The thread bundles (1) have a twist of 0 to 150 revolutions per metre and are held together by weft threads (3) with a distribution density of a few threads per cm up to roughly 100 threads per cm calculated in the longitudinal direction of the thread-shaped element.