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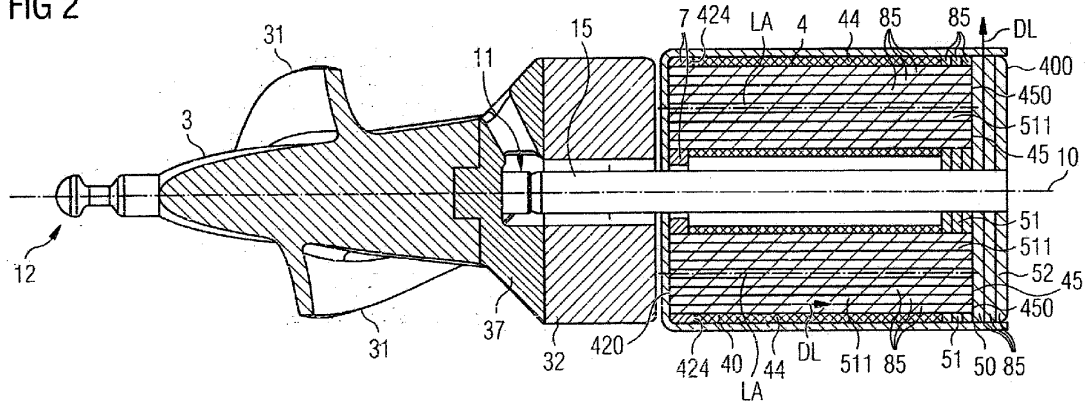


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FIG 2



(57) Abstract: This invention concerns an intravascular blood pump for percutaneous insertion into a patient's blood vessel. The blood pump comprises a pump casing (2) having a blood flow inlet (21) and a blood flow outlet (22), and an impeller (3) arranged in said pump casing (2) so as to be rotatable about an axis of rotation (10). The impeller (3) has blades (31) sized and shaped for conveying blood from the blood flow inlet (21) to the blood flow outlet (22). The blood pump comprises a drive unit (4) for rotating the impeller (3), the drive unit (4) comprising a plurality of posts (40) arranged about the axis of rotation (10). Each of the posts (40) has a longitudinal axis (LA) and an impeller-side end (420) pointing towards the impeller (3). A coil winding (44) is disposed around each of the posts (40) and has an impeller-side end pointing towards the impeller. The coil windings (44) are controllable so as to create a rotating magnetic field, wherein the impeller (3) comprises a magnetic structure (32) arranged to interact with the rotating magnetic field so as to cause rotation of the impeller (3). The posts (40) do not extend with their impeller-side ends (420) radially over the impeller-side ends of the coil winding (44) disposed around the respective posts (40), wherein the term radially relates to the longitudinal axis (LA) of the posts (40).

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