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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (FIG. 7)

"MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND MAGNETIC
RECORDING/REPRODUCTION APPARATUS"

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A magnetic recording medium is obtained by easily
patterning a magnetic recording layer without deterio-
rating its electromagnetic conversion characteristics,
by forming a silicon-based protective film between the
magnetic recording layer and a photoresist, and
performing dry etching and oxygen plasma processing.

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