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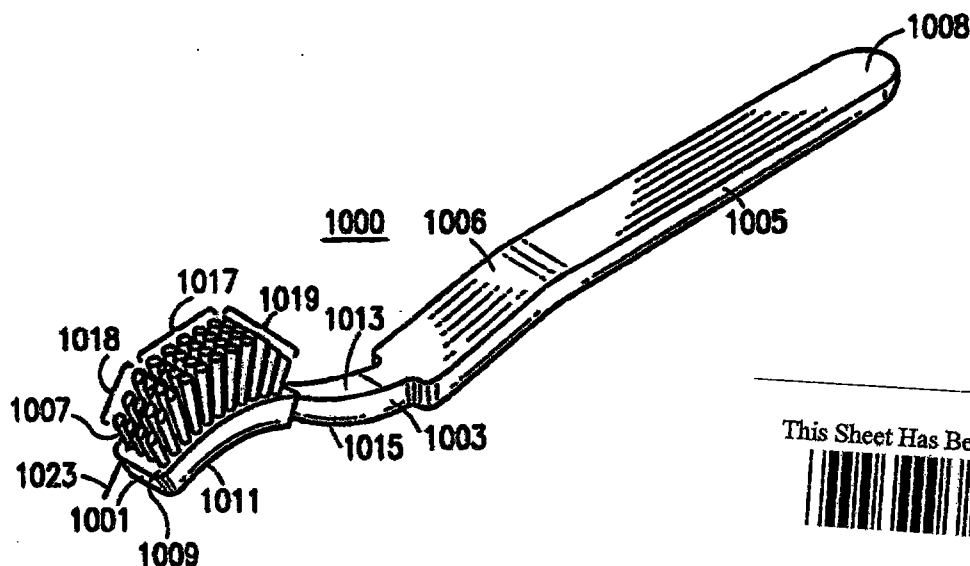
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(57) Abstract

A toothbrush (1000) that facilitates improved brushing of a lingual side of the teeth includes at least a head (1001) and an arrangement of bristles (1007) secured to a bristle-bearing surface (1009) of the head. In one embodiment, at least the bristle-bearing surface of the head is formed to approximate the geometric shape of the mouth on the lingual side of the teeth by, for example, including a convex curvature with respect to a brushing surface of the teeth. In another embodiment, bristles of varying lengths are secured to the bristle-bearing surface of the head to form an overall profile that approximates the general geometric shape of the mouth on the lingual side of the teeth. A curved or angled neck (1003) and an angled handle (1005) may also be included to improve maneuverability of the toothbrush in the mouth.