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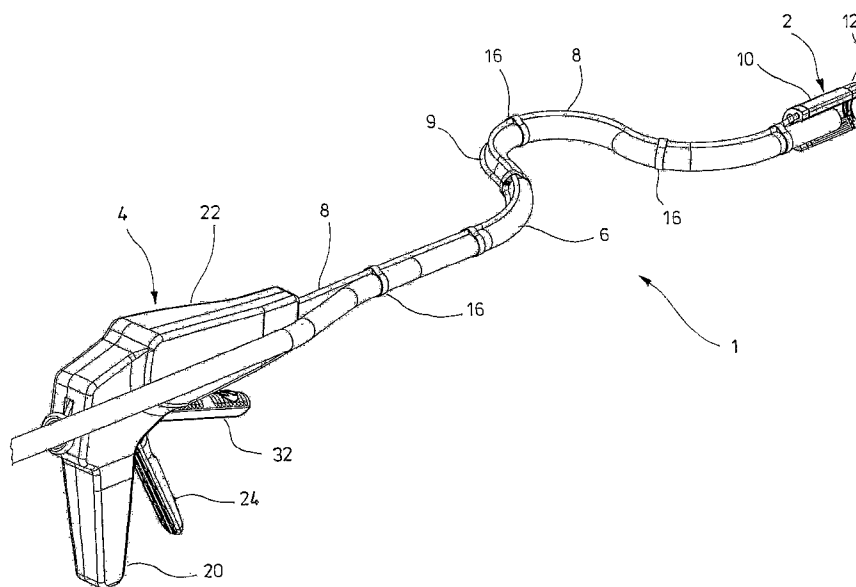
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(57) Abstract: A surgical stapling instrument (1) comprises a staple fastening assembly (2) including a curved cartridge device (10) and a curved anvil (12). The cartridge device (10) comprises at least one curved open row of staples which are formed by a staple forming face of the anvil (12). The anvil (12) can be moved relatively with respect to the cartridge device (10). A handle (4) in the proximal end region of the instrument is operatively connected to the staple fastening assembly (2). A flexible backbone, preferably an endoscope (6), is arranged between the handle (4) and the staple fastening assembly (2) and guides force transmitters (8, 9) of the moving device and the staple driving device.

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