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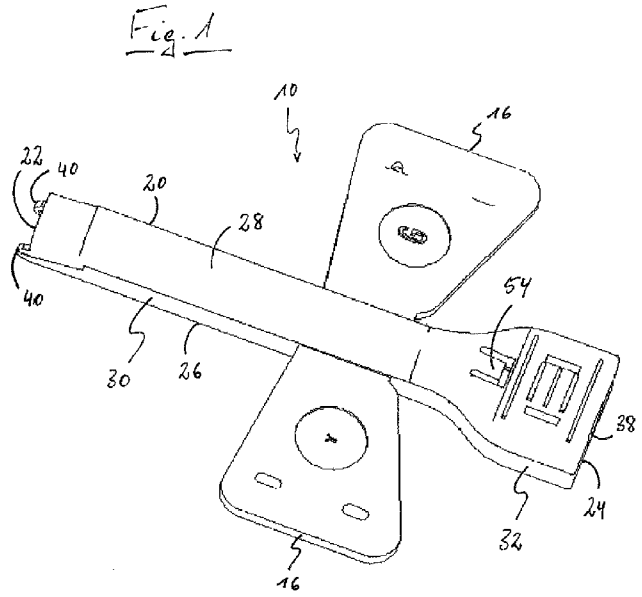
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(54) **Title**: NEEDLE PROTECTOR ASSEMBLY



(57) **Abstract**: The invention relates to a needle protector assembly (10) comprising a needle defining an axial direction and a protective cover for the needle. The needle is attached to a needle hub which is provided with wings on opposite sides thereof and which can be moved relative to the protective cover between a distal position in which at least a tip of the needle protrudes from the protective cover, and a proximal position in which the needle is fully received in the protective cover. The protective cover comprises first (26) and second parts (28) which together form an elongate housing along which the needle hub can move between the distal and proximal positions, wherein the first and second parts define elongate slots on opposite sides of the housing through which the wings (16) protrude.

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