

Abstract

ANCHOR AND SUTURE ASSEMBLY

An anchor for a suture assembly, the anchor comprising: a rigid portion having a closed leading end; a longitudinal blind hole formed in the rigid portion from a trailing end of the rigid portion towards the closed leading end; a transverse through hole formed in the rigid portion, the transverse through hole intersecting the longitudinal blind hole at a distance from an inner surface of the leading end; and a retaining pin configured to be inserted into the transverse through hole to engage the rigid portion; wherein a suture retaining space is defined around the retaining pin in the longitudinal blind hole when the retaining pin is inserted into the transverse through hole and engages the rigid portion, the suture retaining space configured to retain a central portion of a length of suture therein and to allow free ends of the length of suture to extend out of the longitudinal blind hole from the trailing end of the rigid portion.

FIG. 4(c)