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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		Attorney Docket No. P03045-1NUS (128729-1881)
		U.S. Application No. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
International Application No. PCT/US2025/050217	International Filing Date 10/9/2025	Priority Date Claimed 10/10/2024
Title of Invention JOINT ASSEMBLY FOR ROBOTIC APPENDAGE		
First Named Inventor Michael LEDDY		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and information. 1. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). NOTE: The express request under 35 U.S.C. 371 (f) will not be effective unless all of the requirements referred to in Items 2-5 below have been satisfied. <u>35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) Requirements</u> 2. ☒ The basic national fee (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1)) 3. A copy of the International Application (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))* a. ☒ not attached because the International Application was published by the International Bureau and/or was filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). b. ☐ attached hereto because the International Application was neither published by the International Bureau nor filed with the RO/US. The copy of the International Application must include the Request, description, claims, abstract, and any drawings. NOTE: If the International Application contains a sequence listing part of the description in computer readable form, Item 6. a. is required. *Not required if the International Application was published by the International Bureau or was filed with the RO/US. In such case, the Office will use the description, claims, abstract and any drawings from the published application or filed with the RO/US (if not published) for the U.S. national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371. 4. An English translation of the International Application (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) a. ☐ attached hereto. NOTE: If the International Application contains a sequence listing in computer readable form, Item 6. b. may be required. b. ☒ not attached because the International Application was filed or published in English. c. ☐ not attached because the translation was previously filed during the international phase under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 5. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)) a. ☐ attached hereto. b. ☐ previously filed during international phase under PCT Rule 4.17(iv). <u>Sequence Listing</u> 6. A sequence listing in computer readable form (i.e. ST.25 text file where the international filing date is before July 1, 2022, or ST.26 XML file where the international filing date is on or after July 1, 2022) provided as: ST.25 text ST.26 XML a. ☐ ☐ Part of the copy of the International Application, under 35 U.S.C. 371 (f) for express entry prior to publication of the International Application by the International Bureau (37 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). b. ☐ ☐ A translation into English of the sequence listing part of the description of the International Application (37 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). c. ☐ ☐ A preliminary amendment to add a "Sequence Listing XML" under 37 CFR 1.835(a), where the International Application does not comprise a sequence listing, or to replace the sequence listing contained in the International Application, under 37 CFR 1.835(b). d. ☐ ☐ A preliminary amendment to add a "Sequence Listing" in text format under 37 CFR 1.825(a), where the International Application does not comprise a sequence listing, or to replace the sequence listing (text format) contained in the International Application, under 37 CFR 1.825(b). e. ☐ ☐ A "Sequence Listing" in text format under 37 CFR 1.821 (e) only for search purposes, which is a copy of sequence listing in PDF (image) format contained as a separate part of the description in the International Application.		

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PCT Article 19 and 34 amendments

7. ☐ Amendment to the claims under PCT Article 19 (not required if published by the International Bureau) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
8. ☐ English translation of the PCT Article 19 amendment (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ English translation of Article 19 and/or 34 amendments (i.e. annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
10. A request to cancel amendments made during international phase.
- a. ☐ Do not enter the amendment made in the international phase under PCT Article 19.
- b. ☐ Do not enter the amendment made in the international phase under PCT Article 34.

NOTE: A proper amendment made in English under Article 19 or 34 will be entered in the U.S. national phase application absent a clear instruction from applicant not to enter the amendment(s).

Additional documents

11. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
12. ☐ A substitute specification. NOTE: A substitute specification cannot include claims. See 37 CFR 1.125(b).
13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ Applicant hereby requests that the name of the applicant be corrected or updated under 37 CFR 1.46(c)(1). An Application Data Sheet (ADS) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76(c) with the corrected or updated information is included. Note: Requests under 37 CFR 1.46(c)(1) may be filed to correct typographical errors in the name of the § 1.46 applicant, or for updating the name of the § 1.46 applicant (i.e., where there is no change in the applicant itself but just in the applicant's name). See the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) section 605.01 and 1893.01(b).
16. ☐ Applicant hereby requests that the applicant be changed under 37 CFR 1.46(c)(2). An application data sheet (ADS) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76(c) identifying the change and a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(c) (Form PTO/AIA/96 or equivalent) are included. See MPEP 605.01, 1893.01(b) and 325.
17. ☒ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
18. ☐ Assignment papers (*coversheet and document(s)*). Name of Assignee: _____
19. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(c) Statement (*when there is an Assignee*).
20. ☐ Other items or information:

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a)) must be filed in the national phase application and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

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FEE CALCULATION		Fee Amounts
21. ☒ Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)).....	\$350	\$ 350
22. ☒ Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c))		\$ 880
• If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates that all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....	\$0	
• All other situations.....	\$880	
23. ☒ Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))		\$ 150
• If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates that all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....	\$0	
• If the search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as International Searching Authority.....	\$150	
• If the International Search Report was prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the International Bureau.....	\$580	
• All other situations.....	\$770	
SUBTOTAL: 21 + 22 + 23		= \$ 1,380
24. ☐ Application size fee (37 CFR 1.492(j))		
Fee for each additional 50 sheets, or fraction thereof, of the published International Application specification (including description, claims, abstract and, if present, sequence listing in PDF format) and drawings, in excess of 100 sheets.		
Total sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 sheets, or fraction thereof (round up to whole number)
35	- 100 =	/ 50 = 0
		x \$450 =
		+ \$
25. ☐ Excess claim fees (37 CFR 1.492(d-f))		
Total claims	Extra claims	Fee Due
20	- 20 = 0	x \$200 = 0.00
		+ \$ 0
Independent claims	Extra claims	Fee Due
3	- 3 = 0	x \$600 = 0.00
		+ \$ 0
Multiple dependent claim(s), if applicable.....		\$925 + \$
26. ☒ Surcharge for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).....	\$170	+ \$ 170
27. ☐ Processing fee for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).....	\$150	+ \$
28. ☐ Continuing Application fee (37 CFR 1.17(w))		+ \$ 0
• If the international filing date of the application is more than six years, and no more than nine years, after the earliest benefit date.....	\$2,700	
• If the international filing date of the application is more than nine years after the earliest benefit date.....	\$4,000	
29. ☐ Fee for very lengthy sequence listing (mega-sequence listing) (37 CFR 1.21(o))		+ \$
• Sequence listing in electronic form of 300MB to 800MB (without file compression).....	\$1,140	
• Sequence listing in electronic form of more than 800MB (without file compression).....	\$11,290	
30. TOTAL OF ABOVE FEES		= 1,550
☐ Applicant asserts small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 60%.		
☐ Applicant certifies micro entity status. See 37 CFR 1.29. Fees above are reduced by 80%. Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/15A or PTO/SB/15B or equivalent.		
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE		= \$ 1,550
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)(2)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31).....		\$54.00 per property + \$
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED		= \$ 1,550

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