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[U.S. Patent No. 11,303,469](#) entitled “Contactless Sensor for Vehicle Digital Communications Network” issued April 12, 2022 to Bridgestone Mobility Solutions B.V. of Amsterdam, Netherlands. Invented by Henrik Schiller, Thomas Hagenau, Andre Ponsel, Karsten Fischer and Steffen Kurzke also of Amsterdam, Netherlands. Abstract: A sensor 1 is arranged to read data transmitted on a digital vehicle network. The sensor comprises a wire holding unit 3, and a sensing unit 5. The wire holding unit and sensing unit are connectable to one another, the sensor further comprising a locking mechanism to lock the wire holding unit and the sensing unit together, when the wire holding unit and sensing unit are connected to one another.

[U.S. Patent No. 11,298,440](#) entitled “Microstructured Haptotaxic Implant” issued April 12, 2022 to BVW Holding AG of Cham, Switzerland. Invented by Lukas Bluecher of Eurasberg, Germany and Michael Milbocker of Holliston, Massachusetts. Abstract: The invention relates to the field of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, and particularly to a three-dimensional biomimetic tissue scaffold that exploits the use of three-dimensional print technology. Surface energy is controlled by precisely placing polymers with differing surface chemistry, and using surface texture and bulk composition to pattern absorbable and non-absorbable polymers for the purpose of promoting functional healing in a mammalian body.