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Serial No.: 13/235,998)	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: September 19, 2011)	
For: ANATOMIC SPINAL IMPLANT)	
HAVING ANATOMIC BEARING)	
SURFACES (as amended))	

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated October 3, 2011 and prior to the examination of the above-identified application, the following amendments and remarks are submitted:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and includes an attached new sheet.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a replacement drawing sheet and new sheet is attached following page 6 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the title of the invention with the following title:

– ANATOMIC SPINAL IMPLANT HAVING ANATOMIC BEARING
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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following paragraphs after the first full paragraph on page 14:

– As shown in Figs. 13 and 14, the Implant 300 includes a first terminal part defining a first bearing surface adapted to bear against an endplate of the vertebrae V_1 , and an opposite second bearing surface adapted to bear against an endplate of the vertebrae V_2 . The implant 300 also includes a second terminal part opposite the first terminal part. The second terminal part defines a third bearing surface adapted to bear against the endplate of the vertebrae V_1 and a fourth bearing surface adapted to bear against the endplate of the vertebrae V_2 .

In addition to the first and second terminal parts, the implant 300 also includes a first side extending between the first terminal part and the second terminal part, and a second side opposite the first side and extending between the first terminal part and the second terminal part. --.

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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the "ABSTRACT" on page 25 with the following new Abstract:

-- The present application is directed to an interbody spinal implant having a structural configuration that provides for maintaining the normal anatomic relationship of two adjacent vertebrae of the spine. The spinal implant is sized to fit within the disc space created by the removal of disc material between two adjacent vertebrae and conform wholly, or in part, to the disc space created. The spinal implant of the present invention has first and second sides with upper and lower bearing surfaces that form a support structure for bearing against the end plates of the adjacent vertebrae. The upper and lower bearing surfaces of the first and second sides are shaped to create an anatomic fit with the endplates of the adjacent vertebrae. --.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include replacement sheet 5/11 (containing Figs. 13 and 14) and new sheet 11/11 (containing Figs. 15-17). Replacement sheet 5/11 and new sheet 11/11 replace sheet 5/10 (containing original Figs. 13-17).

Replacement sheet 5/11 incorporates annotations to original Figs. 13 and 14 indicating the location of inherent features of the implant 300. These inherent features include a first terminal part defining first and second bearing surfaces, a second terminal part defining third and fourth bearing surfaces, a first side, and a second side of the implant 300. New sheet 11/11 includes original Figs. 15-17 which (due to space considerations) were moved from original sheet 5/10.

Attachment: Replacement sheet 5/11 containing Figs. 13 and 14, and new sheet 11/11 containing Figs. 15-17.

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