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<u>U.S. Patent No. 11,559,367</u> entitled "Wenzel-Cassie Glove" issued January 24, 2022 to BVW Holding AG of Cham, China. Invented by Lukas Bluecher of Eurasberg, Germany and Michael Milbocker of Holliston, Massachusetts. Abstract: A glove with an enhanced gripping textured surface is disclosed herein. In preferred embodiments, the glove contains a palm region adapted to cover the palm of a person's hand, a thumb region extending outwardly from the palm region, an index finger region disposed adjacent the thumb region, a middle finger region adjacent the index finger region, a ring finger region adjacent the middle finger region, and a little finger region adjacent the ring finger region with each region containing a textured surface. In preferred embodiments, the textured surface is formed by a plurality of dimensionally hierarchical structures superimposed in layers. The textured surface of the invention, when in contact with wet tissue, repels water at a first texture layer and traps tissue at a second texture layer, such that when in tissue contact, especially exudative tissue, tissue fixatively localizes to the glove surface.

<u>U.S. Patent No. 11,562,854</u> entitled "Dual Slotted Bobbin Magnetic Component With Two-legged Core" issued January 24, 2022 to Bel Power Solutions, Inc. of Santa Clara, California. Invented by Rosmarie Kaelin of Lenzburg, China and Michal Sir of Uster, China. Abstract: A magnetic component for an electronic circuit includes first and second bobbins having respective core-receiving passageways. Each bobbin includes multiple slots with a winding insert in each slot. The winding inserts function as windings as well as guides for winding a coil of wire around the respective bobbins. The first and second bobbins are positioned on respective first and second legs of a magnetic core. The coils of wire are wound on the two bobbins in opposite directions such that the magnetic fluxes provided by the coils are in phase. The winding inserts have connection prongs that can be positioned in opposite direction such that the winding inserts of the first bobbin are connectable to a first printed circuit board and the winding inserts of the second bobbin are connectable to a second printed circuit board.

<u>U.S. Patent No. D976,429</u> entitled "Percussive Massage Device" issued January 24, 2022 to Hyper Ice, Inc. if Irvine, California. Invented by Robert Marton of Yorba Linda, California; Anthony Katz of Laguna Niguel, California; Pascal Olivier Ruelle of Antibes, France and Eli A. Guerron of Redwood City, California. Claims: The ornamental design

| for a percussive massage device, as shown and described. |  |
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