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Title of the Invention: **METHOD FOR TREATING OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP DISORDER INCLUDES REMOVING TISSUE FROM THE BASE OF TONGUE**

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