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(54) **NEW GUINEA *IMPATIENS* PLANT NAMED  
'SAKIMP008'**

(50) Latin Name: *Impatiens*×*hybrida*  
Varietal Denomination: **SAKIMP008**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A New Guinea *Impatiens* plant particularly distinguished by  
having salmon-orange flowers, a mounding growth habit, and  
strong rooting is disclosed.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Genus and species: *Impatiens*×*hybrida*.  
Variety denomination: 'SAKIMP008'.

**BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT**

The present invention comprises of a new and distinct  
cultivar of New Guinea *Impatiens*, botanically known as  
*Impatiens*×*hybrida*, and referred to by the variety name  
'SAKIMP008'. 'SAKIMP008' originated from an interspe-  
cific hybridization between the female *Impatiens* plant 'NG-  
02SM-1', an unpatented proprietary *Impatiens* breeding line  
with a deep, orange flower color, medium flower size and  
mounding plant growth habit and the male *Impatiens* plant  
'NC-229', an unpatented proprietary *Impatiens* breeding line  
with a magenta flower color, medium flower size and erect  
plant growth habit, in Misato, Japan.

In January 2004, the female parent line 'NG-02SM-1' and  
male parent line 'NC-229' were crossed and a population of  
F<sub>1</sub> plants was created. The F<sub>1</sub> plants were evaluated in Misato,  
Japan in an open field trial. The criteria for plant selection  
included salmon flower color, strong root system and mound-  
ing plant growth habit. At the completion of the trial, one  
single-plant selection was made based on the above criteria  
and vegetatively propagated. From May to August 2005, the  
selection was evaluated in an open field in Misato, Japan.

Shoot-tip cuttings of the variety were then shipped to Sali-  
nas, Calif., where the plants were regenerated and reevaluated  
for stability of traits. The selection subsequently was named  
'SAKIMP008' and found to have its unique characteristics  
reproduced true to type in successive generations of asexual  
propagation via vegetative cuttings in Salinas, Calif.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The following are the most outstanding and distinguishing  
characteristics of this new cultivar when grown under normal  
horticultural practices in Salinas, Calif.

1. Salmon-orange flowers;
2. Mounding growth habit; and
3. Strong rooting.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS**

This new *impatiens* plant is illustrated by the accompany-  
ing photographs which show the overall plant habit including

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blooms, buds, and foliage of the plant; the colors shown are as  
true as can be reasonably obtained by conventional photo-  
graphic procedures. The photographs are of plants that are 4  
months from propagation by terminal cutting in Salinas,  
Calif., under greenhouse conditions.

FIG. 1 shows overall plant habit including blooms, buds  
and foliage.

FIG. 2 shows the mature inflorescence.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW  
CULTIVAR**

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinctive  
characteristics of 'SAKIMP008'. The data which define these  
characteristics were collected from asexual reproductions  
carried out in Salinas, Calif. The plant history was taken on  
plants grown for about four months from propagation by  
terminal cuttings under greenhouse conditions. Color refer-  
ences are primarily to the R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal  
Horticultural Society of London (R.H.S.), 4<sup>th</sup> edition (2001).  
Anatomic labels are from *The Cambridge Illustrated Glos-  
sary of Botanical Terms*, by M. Hickey and C. King, Cam-  
bridge University Press.

**DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

Classification:

*Family*.—Balsaminaceae.

*Botanical*.—*Impatiens*×*hybrida*.

*Common name*.—*Impatiens*.

Parentage:

*Female parent*.—'NG-02SM-1', an unpatented propri-  
etary deep, dark orange flowered *Impatiens* plant.

*Male parent*.—'NC-229', an unpatented proprietary  
magenta flowered *Impatiens* plant.

Growth:

*Time to produce a rooted cutting*.—The terminal 1.0 to  
1.5 inches of an actively growing stem was excised.

The vegetative cuttings were propagated in five to six  
weeks. The base of each cutting was dipped for 1 to 2  
seconds in a 1:9 solution of Dip 'N Grow (1 solution:



9 water) root inducing solution immediately prior to sticking into the cell trays. Cuttings were stuck into plastic cell trays having 98 cells, and containing a moistened peat moss-based growing medium. The cuttings were misted with water from overhead for 10 seconds every 30 minutes until sufficient roots were formed.

*Environmental conditions for plant growth.*—Rooted cuttings were transplanted and grown in 6-inch plastic pots in a glass greenhouse located in Salinas, Calif. Pots contained a peat moss-based growing medium. Soluble fertilizer containing 20% nitrogen, 10% phosphorus and 20% potassium was applied once a day or every other day by overhead irrigation. Plants were fertilized every 2–3 days, 2 times in consecutive applications and then given one clear water application. Pots were top-dressed with a dry, slow release fertilizer containing 14% nitrogen, 14% phosphorus and 14% potassium. The typical average air temperature was 24° C.

*Time to bloom from propagation.*—6 to 8 weeks.

Plant description:

*Habit.*—Mounding.

*Life cycle.*—Tender perennial.

*Height.*—25.0 cm to 26.0 cm from soil line to top of foliage.

*Spread.*—57.0 cm to 58.0 cm.

*Time to produce a rooted cutting.*—4 weeks.

*Flowering requirements.*—Will flower so long as temperature is above 5° C.

*Temperature tolerance.*—Plants have been observed to continuously flower at a temperature range of 5° C. to 36° C.; plants can withstand high heat and humidity.

Branches:

*Number.*—12 total with 4 main branches.

*Length.*—Approximately 2.0 cm from soil line to first node; approximately 18.0 cm to 20.0 cm total.

*Diameter (main branch).*—1.0 cm to 1.2 cm.

*Color.*—RHS 187B (Greyed-Purple).

Stems:

*Length.*—8.0 cm from first to second node; 13.0 cm to 14.0 cm total length.

*Diameter.*—0.6 cm to 0.7 cm.

*Internode length.*—2.2 cm to 2.3 cm.

*Color.*—RHS 187B (Greyed-Purple).

*Stem description.*—Strong; circular cross-section, smooth and shiny.

*Pubescence.*—Absent.

*Anthocyanin color.*—RHS 187B (Greyed-purple).

Leaves:

*Arrangement.*—Whorled with up to 5 leaves per node, opposite if only two leaves at one node.

*Length.*—8.0 cm to 8.5 cm.

*Width.*—2.8 cm to 3.0 cm.

*Shape.*—Lanceolate, curled.

*Margin.*—Ciliate.

*Apex.*—Acuminate.

*Base.*—Attenuate.

*Texture.*—Dull; waxy.

*Color.*—Upper surface: RHS 147A (Yellow-green). Lower surface: RHS 147B (Yellow-green).

*Fragrance.*—Absent.

*Pubescence (both surfaces).*—Absent.

*Variation.*—Absent.

*Venation.*—Pinnate.

*Venation color.*—Upper surface: RHS 147D (Yellow-green). Lower surface: RHS 185C (Greyed-purple).

*Petioles.*—Length: 0.5 cm to 1.0 cm. Diameter: 0.2 cm to 0.3 cm. Color: RHS 185C (Greyed-purple). Texture: Smooth, glabrous.

Flower buds:

*Shape.*—Deltoid, longitudinal cross-section.

*Length.*—2.2 cm.

*Diameter.*—1.3 cm.

*Color.*—RHS 50A (Red).

*Texture.*—Glabrous.

Inflorescence:

*Blooming habit.*—Will flower as long as the temperature is above 5° C.

*Inflorescence type.*—Single flower with spur.

*Number of flowers per node.*—1 to 3 in bloom at one time; about 4 to 6 flower buds.

*Number of flowers per plant.*—Approximately 110 in bloom.

*Lastingness of individual blooms on the plant.*—14 days.

*Fragrance.*—Absent.

Peduncles:

*Length.*—4.5 cm to 5.0 cm.

*Diameter.*—0.18 cm to 0.20 cm.

*Color.*—RHS 146D (Yellow-green).

*Texture.*—Smooth, glabrous.

Corolla:

*Shape.*—Roughly circular with 5 radial petals.

*Diameter.*—About 6.0 cm to 6.2 cm.

*Depth.*—0.2 cm.

Petals:

*Shape.*—Obovate.

*Length.*—3.5 cm.

*Width.*—2.5 cm.

*Apex.*—Emarginate (cleaved).

*Base.*—Attenuate.

*Margin.*—Entire.

*Texture.*—Glabrous.

*Color.*—Upper surface: RHS 40A (Red). Lower surface: RHS 47C (Red). Eye zone: RHS 55B (Red).

Spur:

*Shape.*—Tubular and curved downward.

*Color.*—RHS 47B (Red).

*Length.*—5.5 cm.

*Diameter.*—0.2 cm.

Sepals:

*Shape.*—Lanceolate.

*Number.*—Two.

*Color.*—RHS N144D (Yellow-green).

*Length.*—1.2 cm.

*Diameter.*—0.5 cm.

*Apex.*—Caudate.

*Base.*—Subcordate.

*Margin.*—Entire.

*Texture.*—Glabrous.

Reproductive organs:

*Stamens.*—Form: Fused; split into 4 lobes. Number: Many. Filament length: 0.4 cm. Filament color: RHS 50B (Red). Anther length: 0.5 cm. Anther color: RHS N155A (White). Pollen amount: Abundant. Pollen color: RHS N155A (White). Pollen description: Powdery.

*Pistil.*—Number: 5. Stigma color: RHS 137A (Green). Style color: RHS 137A (Green). Style length: 0.7 cm.

*Ovary arrangement.*—Parietal.  
*Ovary surface color.*—RHS 147A (Yellow-green).  
 Fruit and seed set: No seed set observed.  
 Disease and insect resistance: No particular resistance or susceptibility has been observed.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL AND COMMERCIAL CULTIVARS

‘SAKIMP008’ is similar to the female parent ‘NG-02SM-1’ and the male parent ‘NC-229’, however, there are differences as listed in the table below:

TABLE 1

Comparison of Characteristics between ‘SAKIMP008’ and parental cultivars			
Characteristic	‘SAKIMP008’	Male Parent ‘NC-229’	Female Parent ‘NG-02SM-1’
Flower color	Salmon Orange	Magenta	Deep Orange
Plant growth habit	Mounding	Mounding	Erect

‘SAKIMP008’ is similar to the commercial *Impatiens* variety ‘Misato FG2’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 17,663) (known commercially as ‘SunPatiens Orange’) however, there are differences as listed in Table 2 below:

TABLE 2

Comparison of Characteristics between ‘SAKIMP008’ and ‘Misato FG2’		
Characteristic	‘SAKIMP008’	‘Misato FG2’
Growth habit	Mounding	Upright
Petal color, upper surface	RHS 40A (Red)	RHS N30C (Orange-Red)
Spur color	RHS 47B (Red)	RHS 63A (Red-Purple) at base fading to RHS 62D (Red-Purple) at tip

I claim:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of New Guinea *Impatiens* plant as shown and described herein.

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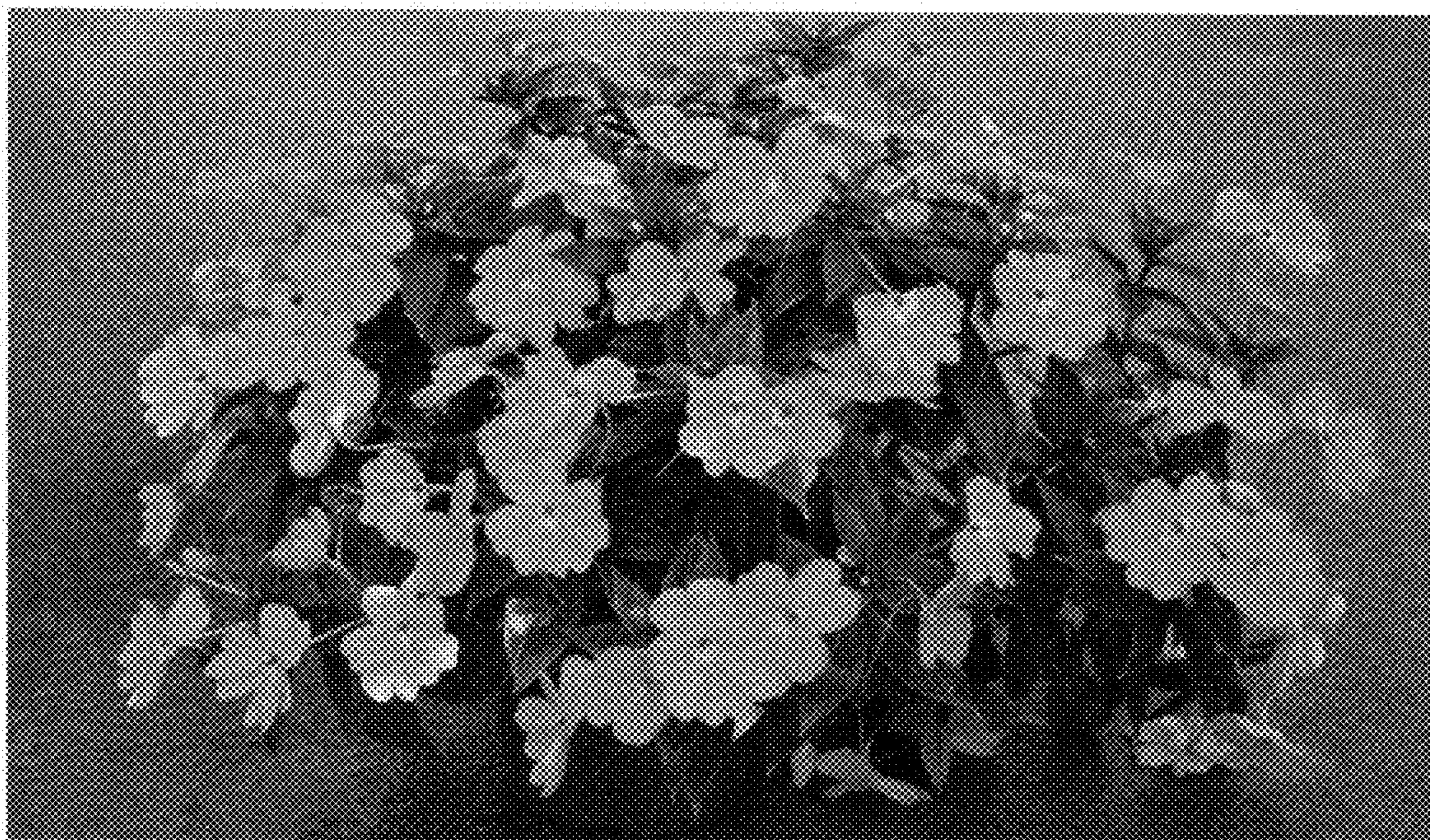


Fig. 1

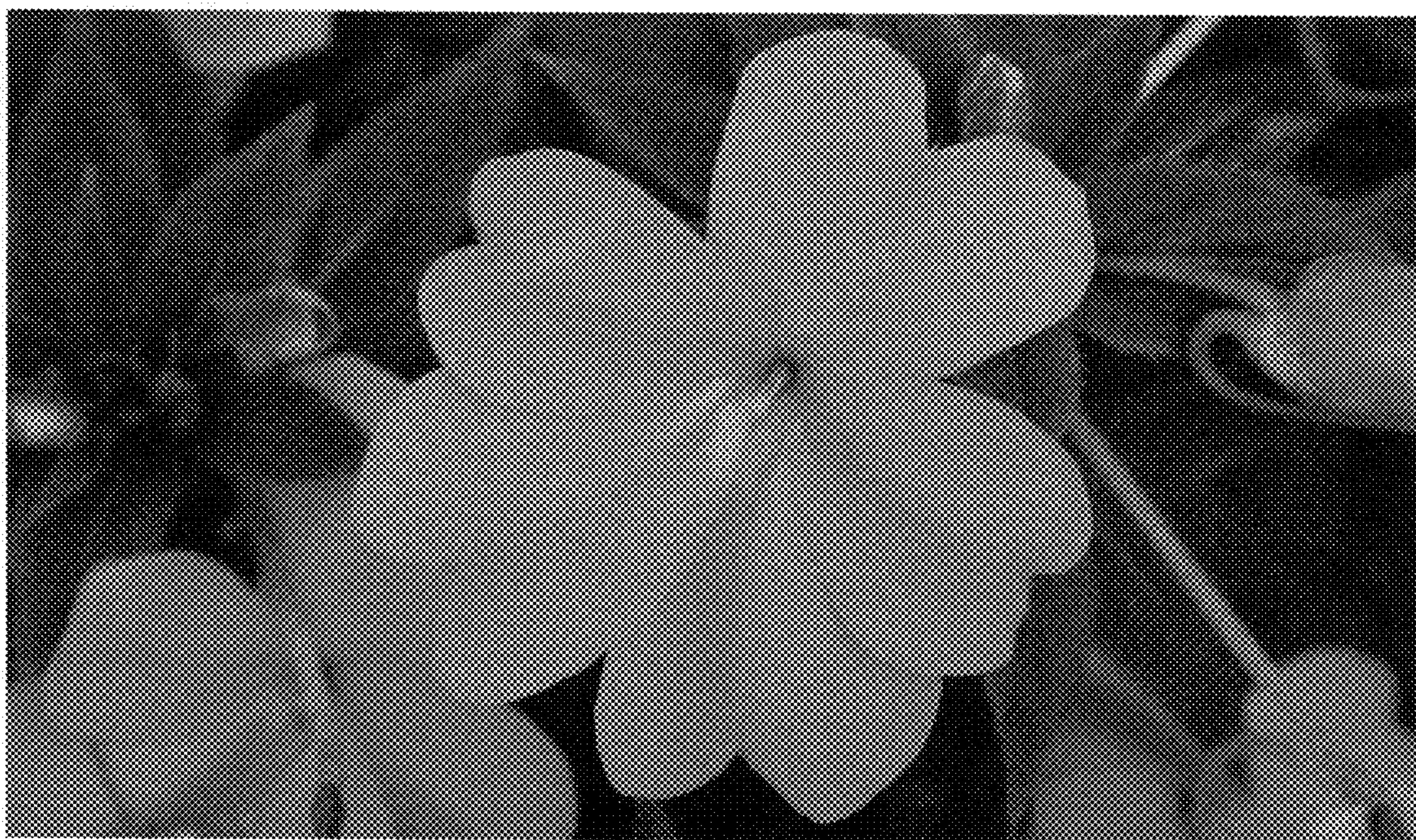


Fig. 2