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- (54) **ANTHURIUM PLANT NAMED
'ANTHIHPIXG'**
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *Anthurium* plant named 'ANTHIHPIXG' particularly distinguished by having medium blistered and weakly glossy, orange with white venation, cordate, and durable spathes that retain the original color for a very long period of time, with dark green, elliptical-cordate, durable leaves, white spadices with orange-yellow tips, early and rich flowering continuously throughout the year, and a plant height of 18.0 cm to 23.0 cm is disclosed.

3 Drawing Sheets

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Genus and species: *Anthurium andraeanum* L.
Variety denomination: 'ANTHIHPIXG'.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct variety of *Anthurium*, botanically known as *Anthurium andraeanum* L., and hereinafter referred to by the variety name 'ANTHIHPIXG'. The new *Anthurium* plant is a product of a planned breeding program conducted by the inventor in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands. The objective of this breeding program was to create a new plant with a height of 18.0 cm to 23.0 cm having medium blistered and weakly glossy, orange with white venation, cordate, and durable spathes. 10

The new variety originated from a cross-pollination made in May 2013 in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands. The female parent was a red with venation *Anthurium* pot plant designated '26918-01' (unpatented), and the male parent was an orange with venation *Anthurium* pot plant designated '27006-01' (unpatented). 15

A single plant was selected from the progeny of the stated cross in May 2015. Asexual reproduction of the new variety by tissue culture in 2016 in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands, has demonstrated that the new variety reproduces true to type 20 with all of the characteristics, as herein described, firmly fixed and retained through successive generations. 25

Community Plant Variety Rights for this variety have been applied for in the European Union on Nov. 12, 2019 (Application no. 2019/2944), by Applicant who obtained the subject matter disclosed directly from the inventor. 'ANTHIHPIXG' has not been made publicly available or sold anywhere in the world prior to the effective filing date of this application with the exception of sales or disclosures made one year or less before the effective filing date of this claimed invention by Applicant who obtained 'ANTHIHPIXG' directly from the inventor. 30

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The following are the most outstanding and distinguishing characteristics of this new variety when grown under 5 normal horticultural practices in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands:

- 1) Medium blistered and weakly glossy, orange with white venation, cordate spathes;
- 2) White spadices with orange-yellow tips; and
- 3) Green, elliptical-cordate leaves.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

This new *Anthurium* plant is illustrated by the accompanying photographs which show the overall plant habit 15 including blooms and foliage of the plant; the colors shown are as true as can be reasonably obtained by conventional photographic procedures. The photographs are of a 28-week-old plant grown in a greenhouse in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands, in November 2021. Colors in the photographs 20 may differ from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description, which accurately describe the actual colors of the new variety.

FIG. 1 shows the overall plant habit, including blooms and foliage. 25

FIG. 2 shows a close-up of the mature spathe.
FIG. 3 shows a close-up of the upper leaf blade surface.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following detailed description sets forth the distinctive characteristics of 'ANTHIHPIXG'. The data which define these characteristics were collected from asexual reproductions carried out in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands. The plant history was taken on 28-week-old plants which were 30 planted from tissue culture in 9-centimeter (diameter) pots and grown in a glass greenhouse between 19° C. and 24° C. Observations were made in November 2021. Color readings 35

were taken under 5000 lux natural light in the greenhouse. Color references are primarily to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural Society of London (RHS) (2015).

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

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Classification:

Family.—Araceae.*Botanical*.—*Anthurium andraeanum* L.*Common name*.—*Anthurium*.

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Denomination.—‘ANTHIHPIXG’.

Parentage:

Female parent.—*Anthurium* plant ‘26918-01’ (un-patented).*Male parent*.—*Anthurium* plant ‘27006-01’ (un-patented).

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Plant:

Propagation.—Tissue culture.*Root description*.—Fleshy-creamy (RHS 160D) colored roots with small pink (RHS 35C) lateral roots having yellow (RHS 9A) colored root tips.

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Time to produce a finished flowering plant.—26 to 30 weeks after planting in a 9-cm (diameter) pot.*Growth habit*.—Upright.*Height (measured from soil, including inflorescence)* 25.—18.0 cm to 23.0 cm.*Width (measured from leaf tips)*.—20.0 cm to 22.0 cm.

Leaves:

Immature leaves.—Length: 9.0 cm to 11.0 cm. Width: 5.0 cm to 6.0 cm. Color: Upper surface: RHS 146A. Lower surface: RHS 146C. Texture (both upper and lower surfaces): Glossy, leathery, and thin.

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Mature leaves.—Length (fully expanded): 11.0 cm to 13.0 cm. Width: 6.0 cm to 8.0 cm. Shape: Elliptical cordate. Apex: Abruptly acuminate. Base: Cordate. Leaf blade angle with the petiole: Between 110 degrees and 130 degrees. Leaf margin: Entire. Color: Upper surface: RHS 147A. Lower surface: RHS 146B. Texture: Upper surface: Leathery and thick. Lower surface: Glossy, leathery, and thick. Venation: 40 Pinnate veining; the mid-vein and primary veins (the veins that radiate out from the junction of petiole and leaf) protrude at the underside of the leaf blade. Venation color: Upper surface: RHS 144A. Lower surface: RHS 144B.

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Lobes.—Present. Arrangement: Leaf blade has two lobes extending past the petiole. The lobes are non-touching. Length of lobes of mature leaf blades: 1.0 cm to 1.5 cm. Width of lobes of mature leaf blades: 2.0 cm to 3.0 cm. Distance from petiole/leaf junction to highest point on lobes of mature leaf blades: 1.0 cm to 2.0 cm.

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Petiole.—Cross-section: Round. Diameter: 0.2 cm to 0.3 cm. Length: 14.0 cm to 16.0 cm for a mature leaf size. Color: Mature leaf: RHS 144A. Immature leaf: RHS 144B. Cataphyll color surrounding the petiole: Outside: RHS 144B. Inside: RHS 145C.

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Geniculum.—Length: 1.0 cm to 1.5 cm. Width: 0.2 cm to 0.3 cm. Color: RHS 144B.

Inflorescence:

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Arrangement.—Single.*Flowering habit (length of flowering season)*.—Continuous.*Number of inflorescences per plant*.—4 to 6.*Fragrance*.—Absent.

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Longevity of inflorescence on plant.—Over a year.

Spathe:

Buds.—The spathe is tightly rolled around the spadix and extrudes from the peduncle sheath. After the spathe is fully opened the peduncle elongates some extra centimeters.*Arrangement*.—Spathe angle with the peduncle is between 100 degrees and 115 degrees; the spathe stands on a wiry peduncle about 3.0 cm to 6.0 cm above the foliage.*Shape*.—Cordate.*Apex*.—Acuminate.*Base*.—Cordate.*Texture*.—Medium blistered and weakly glossy.*Margin*.—Weakly undulated.*Size*.—Length: 6.0 cm to 7.0 cm. Width: 5.5 cm to 6.5 cm.*Lobes*.—Present. Arrangement: The spathe has two lobes extending past the peduncle. The lobes are non-touching. Length: 0.5 cm to 1.0 cm. Width: 1.5 cm to 2.5 cm.*Color*.—Just fully open: Upper surface: Orange (RHS 41A) with greenish-white venation (RHS 157C). Lower surface: Pink (RHS 41D) with greenish-white venation (RHS 157C) and light yellow-green middle vein (RHS 144C). This orange color remains for a very long period, at least more than 30 weeks after opening.

Peduncle:

Shape.—Erect.*Cross-section*.—Round.*Length*.—18.0 cm to 20.0 cm.*Diameter*.—0.2 cm to 0.3 cm.*Color*.—RHS 144A.

Flowering time:

General.—One small, rooted, untreated tissue culture plant of 8.0 cm tall will flower, depending on the season, after 26 to 30 weeks and 4 to 5 blossoms appear. More blossoms appear after some additional weeks so that a full flowering and commercial plant will have 5 to 6 orange with venation spathes. Smaller blossoms may occur on immature plants.

Spadix:

Size.—Length: 2.5 cm to 3.0 cm (depending on flower size). Width (at apex): 0.4 cm to 0.5 cm. Width (at base): 0.5 cm to 0.6 cm.*Shape*.—Columnar.*Angle of spadix tip with peduncle*.—140 degrees to 150 degrees.*Texture*.—When the spathe is unfurling, the spadix is smooth. When the spadix matures, small stigmata protrude. The stigmata are evenly distributed around the spadix. The spadix matures from base to top, slowly giving the spadix a somewhat rough appearance.*Color*.—Immature: RHS 23A. Mature: RHS N155C. Ages to: RHS 11C.

Flowers:

Quantity per spadix.—50 to 80.*Spadix flower arrangement*.—Bisexual, rounded in cross-section.*Shape*.—Rounded.*Size*.—Length: 0.05 cm to 0.10 cm. Diameter (maximum): 0.10 cm.*Color*.—RHS 158C.

Reproductive organs:

Stamens.—Not visible.

Pollen amount.—Absent.

Pistil.—Quantity: 50 to 80. Length: Less than 0.01 cm.

Color: RHS 158C.

Style.—Not observed to date.

Stigma.—Shape: Ovoid. Diameter: Less than 0.01 cm.

Color: RHS 158C.

Ovary.—Rarely visible.

Ovary color.—Not measured.

Fruit and seed set: None observed to date.

Disease and pest resistance: No specific resistance or susceptibility observed to pathogens or pests common to *Anthurium* under commercial conditions to date.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL AND SIMILAR COMMERCIAL VARIETIES

The female parent plant of 'ANTHIHPIXG', cultivar '26918-01' (unpatented), is no longer in existence, therefore a meaningful comparison cannot be made.

The male parent plant of 'ANTHIHPIXG', cultivar '27006-01' (unpatented), is no longer in existence, therefore a meaningful comparison cannot be made.

'ANTHIHPIXG' differs from similar commercial variety 'ANTHFYTWAL' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 29,774) in that 'ANTHIHPIXG' has elliptical-cordate leaves, spathes with a main upper surface color of orange, and an angle of the spadix tip with the peduncle of 140 degrees to 150 degrees, whereas 'ANTHFYTWAL' has deltoid leaves, spathes with a main upper surface color of red, and an angle of the spadix tip with the peduncle of 170 degrees to 180 degrees.

'ANTHIHPIXG' differs from similar variety 'ANTHGNOBIC' (unpatented) in that 'ANTHIHPIXG' has spathes with medium blistering that are straight in cross section of middle zone and have a main upper surface color of orange, whereas 'ANTHGNOBIC' has spathes with very weak to weak blistering that are concave in cross section of middle zone and have a main upper surface color of red.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Anthurium* plant named 'ANTHIHPIXG', substantially as illustrated and described herein.

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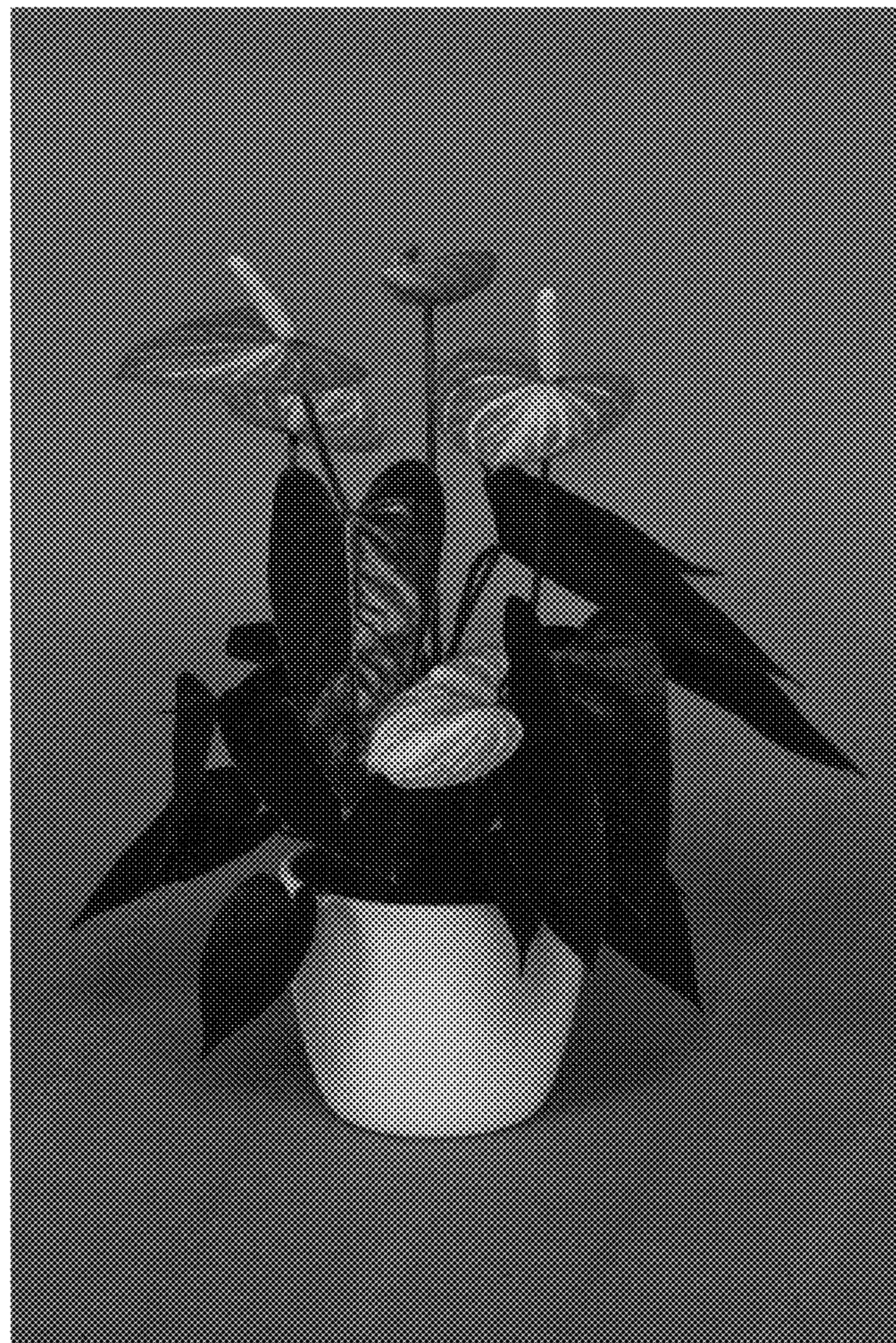


FIG. 1

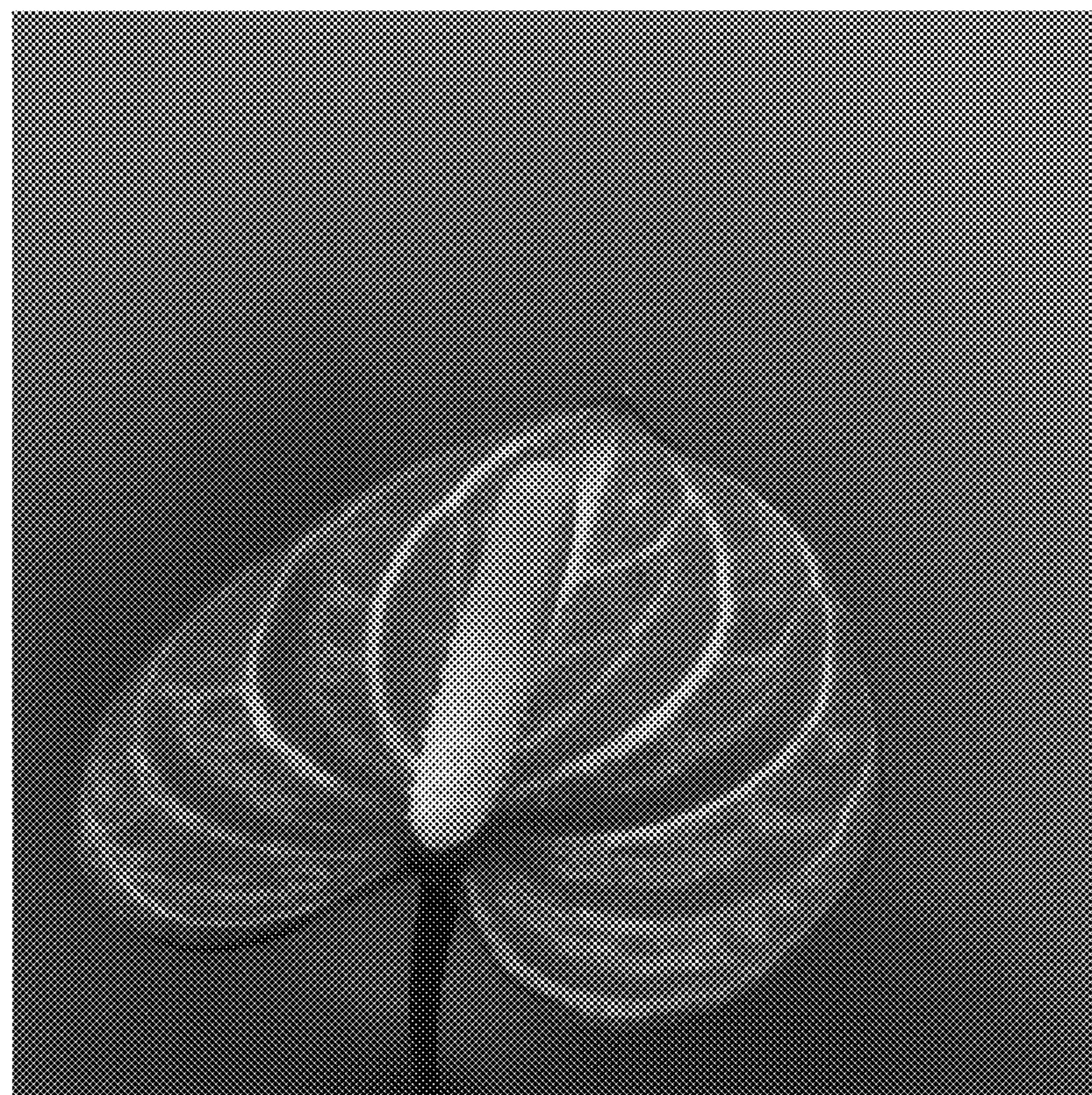


FIG. 2



FIG. 3