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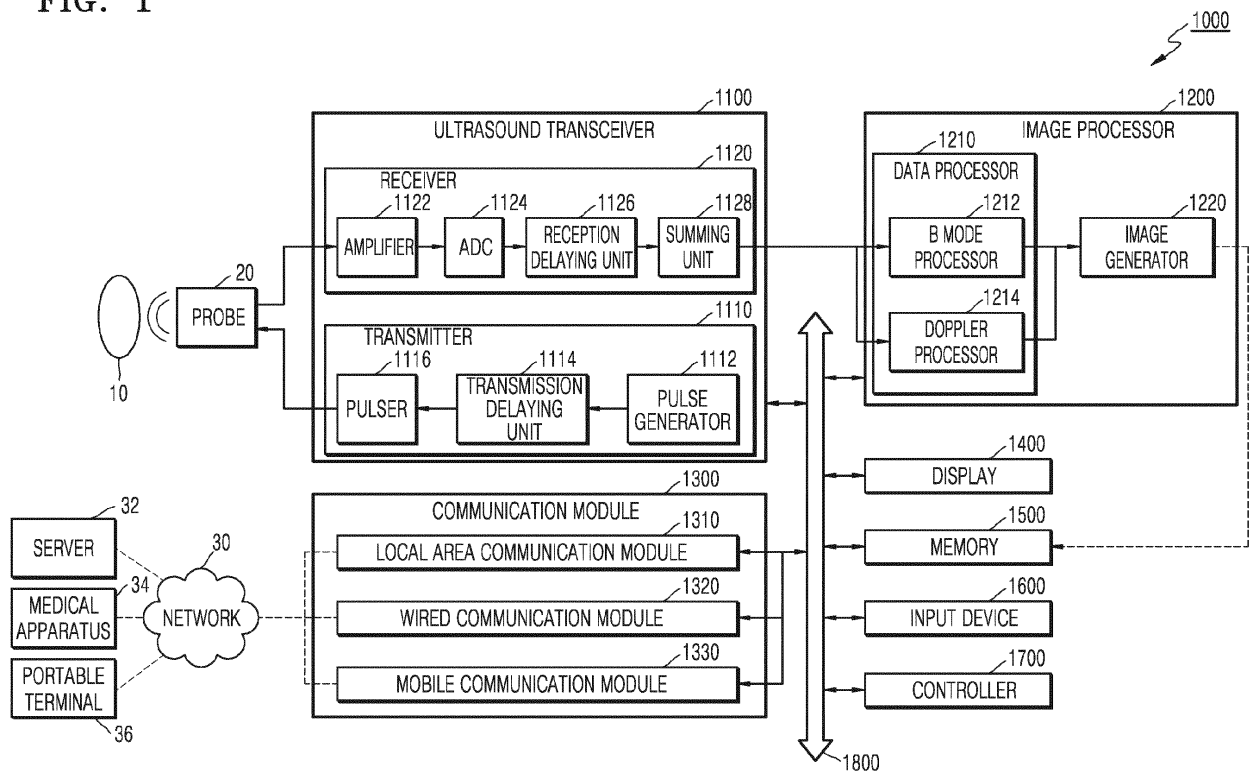
(54) **ULTRASOUND SYSTEM FOR DISPLAYING STIFFNESS OF BLOOD VESSEL**

(57) An ultrasound system includes a controller controlling generation of an ultrasound image showing a blood vessel based on an ultrasound echo signal obtained from an object including the blood vessel, and a display displaying the ultrasound image, in which the controller determines a first line and a second line spaced apart from each other with an inner space of the blood vessel interposed therebetween and indicating blood

vessel walls in the ultrasound image and determines a color based on information about a change in an interval between the first line and the second line, and the display displays a partial area of the ultrasound image with the determined color.

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FIG. 1





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#### 摘要(译)

超声系统包括：控制器，基于从包括血管的对象获得的超声回波信号，控制显示血管的超声图像的产生；以及显示器，显示超声图像，其中，控制器确定第一线和第二线，其间插入有血管的内部空间，并且指示超声图像中的血管壁，并且基于关于第一线和第二线之间的间隔的变化的信息来确定颜色，并且显示器以所确定的颜色显示超声图像的部分区域。

FIG. 1

