

What is claimed is:

1. A filling system, comprising:
 - a reservoir holding a filling fluid for distribution;
 - at least one filling nozzle fluidly coupled to the reservoir and configured to distribute the filling fluid through a nozzle opening;
 - a pump fluidly coupled to the reservoir and the at least one filling nozzle and configured to distribute the filling fluid to the at least one filling nozzle and through the nozzle opening; and
 - at least one processor operatively coupled to the pump and a memory having a filling module stored therein, the at least one processor being configured to execute the filling module to:
 - receive at least one fluid property of the filling fluid;
 - generate, based at least partially on the at least one fluid property, at least one set of operating parameters for distributing the filling fluid through the nozzle opening such that a fluid interface with a stable resting profile forms in the filling fluid in the filling nozzle adjacent to the nozzle opening after the filling fluid is distributed from the at least one filling nozzle; and
 - output the at least one set of operating parameters, the at least one set of operating parameters enabling control of the pump to distribute the filling fluid through the nozzle opening during a filling procedure.
2. The filling system of claim 1, wherein the at least one set of operating parameters includes a reverse flow velocity of the pump.
3. The filling system of claim 1 or 2, wherein a reverse flow velocity is chosen to satisfy a Modified Taylor's Law equation of $\frac{h}{r} = \frac{1.34 * Ca^{2/3}}{1 + 1.34 * 2.5Ca^{2/3}}$ such that h/r is less than a predetermined maximum value, wherein h/r is a formed film thickness divided by a radius of the nozzle opening and Ca is equal to (a fluid viscosity of the filling fluid * a reverse flow velocity)/a fluid surface tension of the filling fluid relative to a surrounding environment fluid.
4. The filling system of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the filling module when executed further:

generates, based at least partially on the at least one fluid property, the at least one set of operating parameters for distributing the filling fluid through the nozzle opening such that a stable jet of filling fluid distributed through the nozzle opening does not break during filling.

5. The filling system of claim 4, wherein the at least one set of operating parameters is generated to produce an Ohnesorge number that results in the stable jet of filling fluid being distributed through the nozzle opening and down to a bottom of a filling vessel.

6. The filling system of claim 5, wherein the at least one set of operating parameters enables control of the pump to fill at least one container with the filling fluid.

7. The filling system of claim 5, wherein the at least one set of operating parameters includes a range of operating parameters.

8. The filling system of any one of claims 5 to 7, wherein, upon execution of the filling module, the filling module receives at least one additional system parameter and generates the at least one set of operating parameters based at least partially on the at least one additional system parameter.

9. The filling system of claim 8, wherein the at least one additional system parameter includes at least one of:

- a nozzle radius of the at least one nozzle;
- a nozzle material of the at least one nozzle;
- a contact angle between the at least one nozzle and the filling fluid; and
- a net acceleration of the filling fluid.

10. The filling system of any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the at least one set of operating parameters is generated to establish a Bond number less than 0.842.

11. The filling system of any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein the at least one fluid parameter includes at least one of a composition, a density and a surface tension of the filling fluid.

12. The filling system of any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein the filling module includes an input device operatively coupled to at least one of the processor and the memory and configured to receive an input of the at least one fluid property.
13. The filling system of any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the at least one set of operating parameters satisfies a time parameter for performing a filling operation.
14. A filling system, comprising:
 - a reservoir holding a filling fluid for distribution; and
 - at least one filling nozzle fluidly coupled to the reservoir to distribute the filling fluid through a nozzle opening defining a nozzle radius (r), the filling fluid defining a density differential (ρ), a fluid surface tension differential (γ), and a net acceleration (a) to form a stable fluid interface in the filling fluid adjacent to the nozzle opening after the filling fluid is distributed from the at least one filling nozzle, the stable fluid interface having a static interface and/or a controlled plug volume.
15. The system of claim 14, wherein the nozzle radius, the filling fluid, the density differential, the fluid surface tension differential, and the net acceleration are defined to satisfy the equation $((\rho \cdot a \cdot r^2) / \gamma) < 0.842$.
16. The system of claim 14 or 15, wherein the filling fluid has a fluid profile that minimizes mass loss due to convective drying within the at least one filling nozzle when the stable fluid interface is formed.
17. The system of any one of claims 14 to 16, wherein the net acceleration is the acceleration of gravity.
18. The system of any one of claims 14 to 17, wherein the at least one filling nozzle is a filling needle.
19. The system of claim 18, wherein the filling needle comprises stainless steel.
20. The system of claim 14, further comprising:
 - a pump fluidly coupled to the reservoir to distribute the filling fluid through the nozzle opening.

21. The system of claim 20, further comprising:
a controller operatively coupled to the pump and configured to maintain a fluid interface with a stable resting profile by adjusting at least one pump parameter of the pump.
22. The system of claim 21, further comprising:
a nozzle actuator coupled to the at least one filling nozzle and operatively coupled to the controller, the controller configured to maintain the fluid interface with the stable resting profile by adjusting at least one actuator parameter of the nozzle actuator.
23. The system of claim 14, wherein the at least one filling nozzle defines a first radius and a second radius that is smaller than the first radius, the at least one filling nozzle having a narrowed portion with the second radius that is formed between the nozzle opening and a body of the at least one filling nozzle, the body and the nozzle opening of the at least one filling nozzle having the first radius.
24. A processor-implemented method of distributing a filling fluid from a reservoir holding the filling fluid to a container, using at least one pump and at least one filling nozzle fluidly coupled to the reservoir, the at least one pump configured to distribute the filling fluid to the at least one filling nozzle, the at least one filling nozzle including a nozzle opening configured to deliver the filling fluid to the container, the method comprising:
receiving via an input mechanism an input specifying at least one fluid property of the filling fluid;
generating, based at least partially on the at least one fluid property, at least one set of operating parameters for controlling the pump during a filling procedure to distribute the filling fluid through the nozzle opening such that a fluid interface with a stable resting profile forms in the filling fluid adjacent to the nozzle opening after the filling fluid is distributed from the at least one filling nozzle; and
outputting the at least one set of operating parameters.
25. The method of claim 24, wherein the at least one set of operating parameters includes a reverse flow velocity of the pump.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein the reverse flow velocity is chosen to satisfy a Modified Taylor's Law equation of $\frac{h}{r} = \frac{1.34 * Ca^{2/3}}{1 + 1.34 * 2.5Ca^{2/3}}$ such that h/r is less than a predetermined maximum value, wherein h/r is a formed film thickness divided by a radius of the nozzle opening and Ca is equal to (a fluid viscosity of the filling fluid * the reverse flow velocity)/a fluid surface tension of the filling fluid.
27. The method of claim 26, further comprising:
generating, based at least partially on the at least one fluid property, the at least one set of operating parameters for distributing the filling fluid through the nozzle opening such that a stable jet of filling fluid distributed through the nozzle opening does not break during filling.
28. The method of claim 27, wherein the at least one set of operating parameters is generated to produce an Ohnesorge number that results in the stable jet of filling fluid being distributed through the nozzle opening to a bottom of a container being filled.
29. The method of claim 28, further comprising:
controlling the pump in accordance with the at least one set of operating parameters;
and
filling at least one container with the filling fluid.
30. The method of claim 29, wherein the at least one set of operating parameters includes a range of operating parameters.
31. The method of claim 29, further comprising:
receiving at least one additional system parameter, wherein the at least one set of operating parameters is generated based at least partially on the at least one additional system parameter.
32. The method of claim 31, wherein the at least one additional system parameter includes at least one of:
a nozzle radius of the at least one nozzle;
a nozzle material of the at least one nozzle;
a contact angle between the at least one nozzle and the filling fluid; and

a net acceleration of the filling fluid.

33. The method of claim 27, wherein the at least one set of operating parameters is generated to establish a Bond number less than 0.842.
34. The method of any one of claims 24 to 33, wherein the at least one fluid parameter includes at least one of a composition, a density and a surface tension of the filling fluid.
35. The method of any one of claims 24 to 34 wherein the at least one set of operating parameters satisfies a time parameter for performing a filling operation.
36. The system of anyone of claims 1 to 23 for use in manufacturing a liquid formulation of antibody A.
37. A method of filling a container with a liquid formulation of antibody A comprising the method of anyone of claims 24 to 35.