

BLOOD CULTURE APPARATUS HAVING
AN AUTO-UNLOADING AND SORTING DEVICE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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The present invention describes an automated blood culture apparatus having a bell-shaped hollow rotatable drum for holding a number of blood culture bottles. All bottles are interrogated by sensor stations located within the drum with the whole system having only one moving part, and no flexible electric or optic cables. Consequently, the expected
10 reliability is high, and the production cost should be low. The apparatus also includes an "auto-unloading" and sorting mechanism for sorting final "negative" and "positive" bottles.

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