CLAIMS

1. A blood collection set comprising:

a sampling holder comprising a tubular body having an opening portion, a lid configured to open and close the opening portion of the tubular body, and a fitting portion provided on a surface of the lid on a side opposite to the tubular body; and

a needlestick-preventive needle cover configured to fit into the fitting portion,

wherein the fitting portion comprises:

a rib portion; and

a catching portion comprising one or more protrusions or recesses provided on the rib portion, and

wherein the needlestick-preventive needle cover comprises an engaging portion configured to engage with the catching portion.

2. The blood collection set according to claim 1, wherein the catching portion comprises a plurality of protrusions or a plurality of recesses.

3. The blood collection set according to claim 2, wherein

the rib portion comprises a circumferential rib, and

the plurality of protrusions or the plurality of recesses are arranged symmetrically with respect to an imaginary line perpendicular to a central axis of the circumferential rib.

4. The blood collection set according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein

the catching portion comprises the protrusions, and

holes are provided in a boundary portion between the rib portion and the

surface of the lid on the side opposite to the tubular body and at positions corresponding to the protrusions.

5. The blood collection set according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein

the catching portion comprises the protrusions, and

distal ends of the catching portion extend toward a surface of the lid on a side of the tubular body.

6. The blood collection set according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein

a click portion is provided on an end portion of the lid; and

a click engaging portion engaging with the click portion is provided near the opening portion of the tubular body.

7. A sampling holder comprising:

a tubular body comprising an opening portion, a lid configured to open and close the opening portion of the tubular body, and a fitting portion provided on a surface of the lid on a side opposite to the tubular body,

wherein the fitting portion comprises:

a rib portion; and

a catching portion comprising one or more protrusions or recesses provided on the rib portion.

8. The sampling holder according to claim 7, wherein the catching portion comprises a plurality of protrusions or a plurality of recesses.

9. The sampling holder according to claim 7 or 8, wherein

the catching portion comprises the protrusions, and

holes are provided in a boundary portion between the rib portion and the surface of the lid on the side opposite to the tubular body and at positions corresponding to the protrusions.

10. A needlestick-preventive needle cover comprising an engaging portion configured to engage with the catching portion of the sampling holder according to claim 7.

AMENDED CLAIMS

(Received by International Bureau on October 28, 2010)

1. (amended) A blood collection set comprising:

a sampling holder comprising a tubular body having an opening portion, a lid configured to open and close the opening portion of the tubular body, and a fitting portion provided on a surface of the lid on a side opposite to the tubular body; and

a needlestick-preventive needle cover configured to fit into the fitting portion,

wherein the fitting portion comprises:

a rib portion; and

a catching portion comprising at least one protrusion provided on the rib portion, and

wherein the needlestick-preventive needle cover comprises an engaging portion configured to engage with the catching portion, and

wherein a hole is provided in a boundary portion between the rib portion and the surface of the lid on the side opposite to the tubular body and at a position corresponding to the protrusion.

2. (amended) The blood collection set according to claim 1, wherein the catching portion comprises a plurality of protrusions.

3. (amended) The blood collection set according to claim 2, wherein

the rib portion comprises a circumferential rib, and

the plurality of protrusions are arranged symmetrically with respect to an imaginary line perpendicular to a central axis of the circumferential rib.

4. (amended) The blood collection set according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a distal end of the catching portion extends toward a surface of the lid on a side of the tubular body.

5. (amended) The blood collection set according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein

a click portion is provided on an end portion of the lid; and

a click engaging portion engaging with the click portion is provided near the opening portion of the tubular body.

6. (amended) A sampling holder comprising:

a tubular body comprising an opening portion, a lid configured to open and close the opening portion of the tubular body, and a fitting portion provided on a surface of the lid on a side opposite to the tubular body,

wherein the fitting portion comprises:

a rib portion; and

a catching portion comprising at lest one protrusion provided on the rib portion, and

wherein a hole is provided in a boundary portion between the rib portion and the surface of the lid on the side opposite to the tubular body and at a position corresponding to the protrusion.

7. (amended) The sampling holder according to claim 6, wherein the catching portion comprises a plurality of protrusions.

8. (amended) A needlestick-preventive needle cover comprising an engaging

portion configured to engage with the catching portion of the sampling holder according to claim 6.

9. (deleted)

10. (deleted)

AMENDED CLAIMS

(Received by International Bureau on October 28, 2010)

1. (amended) A blood collection set comprising:

a sampling holder comprising a tubular body having an opening portion, a lid configured to open and close the opening portion of the tubular body, and a fitting portion provided on a surface of the lid on a side opposite to the tubular body; and

a needlestick-preventive needle cover configured to fit into the fitting portion,

wherein the fitting portion comprises:

a rib portion; and

a catching portion comprising at least one protrusion provided on the rib portion, and

wherein the needlestick-preventive needle cover comprises an engaging portion configured to engage with the catching portion, and

wherein a hole is provided in a boundary portion between the rib portion and the surface of the lid on the side opposite to the tubular body and at a position corresponding to the protrusion.

2. (amended) The blood collection set according to claim 1, wherein the catching portion comprises a plurality of protrusions.

3. (amended) The blood collection set according to claim 2, wherein

the rib portion comprises a circumferential rib, and

the plurality of protrusions are arranged symmetrically with respect to an imaginary line perpendicular to a central axis of the circumferential rib.

4. (amended) The blood collection set according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a distal end of the catching portion extends toward a surface of the lid on a side of the tubular body.

5. (amended) The blood collection set according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein

a click portion is provided on an end portion of the lid; and

a click engaging portion engaging with the click portion is provided near the opening portion of the tubular body.

6. (amended) A sampling holder comprising:

a tubular body comprising an opening portion, a lid configured to open and close the opening portion of the tubular body, and a fitting portion provided on a surface of the lid on a side opposite to the tubular body,

wherein the fitting portion comprises:

a rib portion; and

a catching portion comprising at lest one protrusion provided on the rib portion, and

wherein a hole is provided in a boundary portion between the rib portion and the surface of the lid on the side opposite to the tubular body and at a position corresponding to the protrusion.

7. (amended) The sampling holder according to claim 6, wherein the catching portion comprises a plurality of protrusions.

8. (amended) A needlestick-preventive needle cover comprising an engaging

portion configured to engage with the catching portion of the sampling holder according to claim 6.

9. (deleted)

10. (deleted)