

BLOOD CULTURE APPARATUS HAVING A BELL-SHAPED DRUM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 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 reliability is high, and the production cost should be low. The apparatus also includes an
10 "auto-unloading" and sorting mechanism for sorting final "negative" and "positive" bottles.

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