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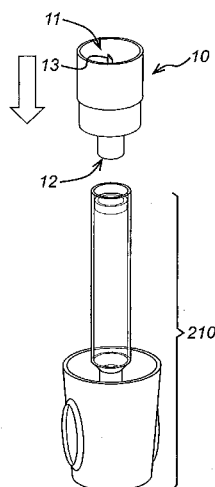
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FIG. 3a



(57) Abstract: A fluid transfer assembly (10) comprises means (12) for connection to a syringe and receiving means (11) for receiving a vial (14) having a closure element (14a). The receiving means (11) is adapted to engage and open the closure element (14a) and permit fluid in the vial (14) to be transferred to the syringe from the vial, for example by gravity acting on the fluid in the vial.