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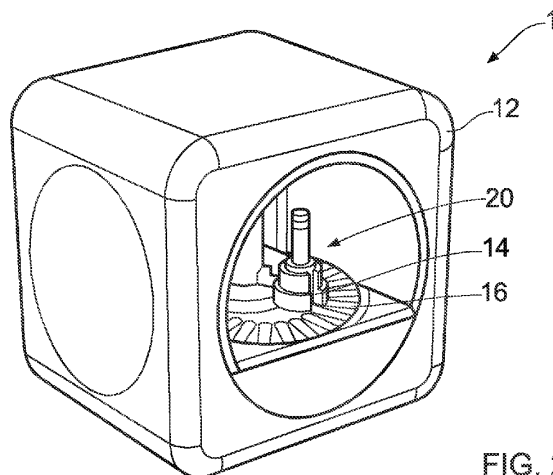


FIG. 2

(57) Abstract: There is described an assembly for handling biological material, including a planar interface having at least one port, and a component retaining element, spaced apart from the planar interface, configured to retain a component for handling biological material, in which at least one of the planar interface and the component retaining element are moveable to bring the port and the component retaining element into registration with one another. Thus, when in use, a fluid communication pathway may be provided between a component retained by the component retaining element and a container associated with the planar interface through the port.

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