What is claimed is:

1. A drip chamber, comprising:

a drip-chamber housing defining a fluid chamber;

a top cap coupled to the drip-chamber housing;

a bottom cap coupled to the drip-chamber housing at an opposite end of the drip-chamber housing from the top cap;

an inlet port coupled to the top cap and in fluid communication with the fluid chamber;

an outlet port coupled to the bottom cap and in fluid communication with the fluid chamber;

a drip orifice coupled to the top cap and fluidly coupled to the inlet port;

a downstream tube coupled to the bottom cap and in fluid communication with the fluid chamber of the drip-chamber housing, the tube having a first length; and

an anti-pinch member disposed on a portion of the downstream tube in spaced relation to the drip-chamber housing, the anti-pinch member defining a second length, the anti-pinch member configured to collapse the tube along the second length of the anti-pinch member to thereby impede fluid flow therethrough, the first length being greater than the second length.

~~a sleeve disposed adjacent to a section of the downstream tube including a plurality of parallel wires disposed within the sleeve, wherein:~~

~~the sleeve is configured to impede fluid flow in response to a plunger, and~~

~~the sleeve is configured to linearly impeded fluid flow in response to an actuation by the plunger.~~

2. The drip chamber according to claim 1, wherein the anti-pinch member is disposed on an inner periphery of the downstream tube. ~~the sleeve is disposed on an outer periphery of the downstream tube.~~

3. The drip chamber according to claim 1, wherein the anti-pinch member is a sleeve disposed adjacent to a section of the downstream tube including a plurality of parallel wires disposed within the sleeve. ~~the sleeve is disposed on an inner periphery of the downstream tube.~~

4. The drip chamber according to claim 1, wherein the anti-pinch member is a sleeve disposed on an inner periphery of the downstream tube. ~~the plurality of wires are parallel to the downstream tube.~~

5. The drip chamber according to claim 1, wherein the anti-pinch member is a sleeve having a plurality of wires that are parallel to the downstream tube.

6 ~~5~~. The drip chamber according to claim 5 ~~1~~, wherein the plurality of wires are metallic.

7 ~~6~~. The drip chamber according to claim 5 ~~1~~, wherein the plurality of wires are non-metallic.

8 ~~7~~. The drip chamber according to claim 5 ~~1~~, wherein the plurality of wires are embedded within the sleeve.

9. The drip chamber according to claim 1, wherein the tube is configured to collapse along substantially an entirety of the second length upon application of a force thereto.