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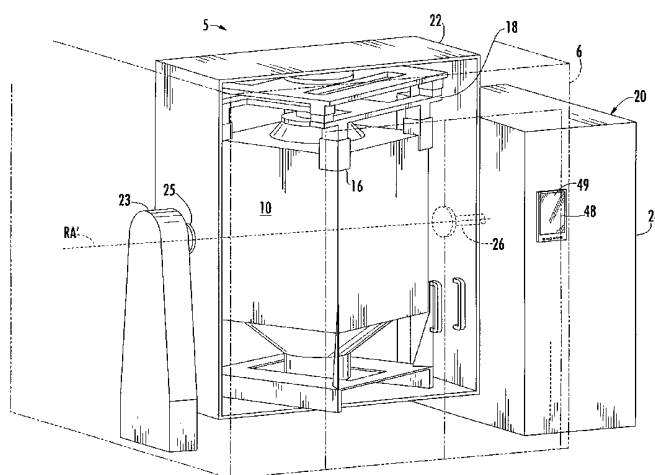
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(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for detecting on-line the homogeneity and constituent concentration of pharmaceutical compositions comprising mixing means for mixing the compositions of matter; and spectroscopic means for detecting on-line the homogeneity and constituent concentration of the compositions of matter, the spectroscopic means including a plurality of spectroscopic detection means disposed on the mixing means for providing light to the compositions of matter and detecting emission light from the compositions of matter, first control means for providing the light to the plurality of spectroscopic detection means and analyzing the emission light from the plurality of spectroscopic detection means, and second control means in communication with the first control means and the plurality of spectroscopic detection means for controlling the transmission of the light from the first control means to the plurality of spectroscopic detection means and the emission light from the plurality of spectroscopic detection means to the first control means, the second control means including switch means for connecting a respective one of the plurality of spectroscopic detection means to the first control means.



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