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(57) Abstract: A system for preparing a serum includes a containment device, a cage positioned inside the containment device, a cap attachable to the containment device and configured to cover the cage, an inlet port configured to introduce an autologous fluid into the containment device, and an outlet port configured to remove a serum from the containment device.

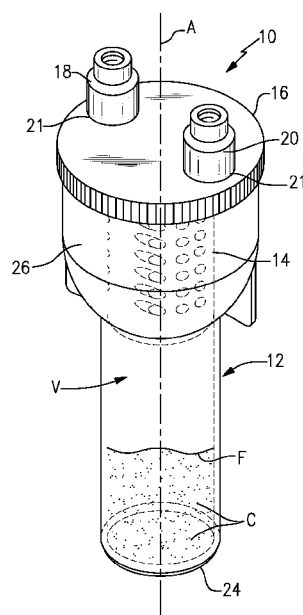


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1. claims: 1-10

A system for preparing a serum, comprising: a containment device; a cage positioned inside said containment device; a cap attachable to said containment device and configured to cover said cage; an inlet port configured to introduce an autologous fluid into said containment device; and an outlet port configured to remove a serum from said containment device.

2. claims: 11-20

A method for preparing a serum, comprising: contacting an autologous fluid to cartilage inside a containment device, the containment device including a cage housed therein and configured to hold the cartilage; incubating the containment device; and centrifuging the containment device to separate the serum from the autologous fluid.

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