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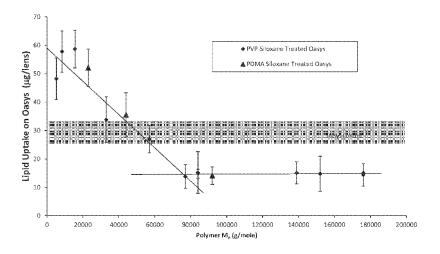


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: Provided are articles such as medical devices which comprise at least one water soluble, crosslinked copolymer. The primary polymer chains of the copolymer are hydrophilic and independently have a degree of polymerization in the range of about 10 to about 10,000. The water soluble, crosslinked copolymers of the present invention are free from terminal substrate associating segments. The copolymers may be incorporated into a formulation from which the article is made or may be contacted with the article post-formation.





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1. claims: 1-18, 77

A process comprising contacting a contact lens with a solution according to claim 1 as well as dependent claims 2 to 18 and 77

2. claims: 19-30, 77, 78

A composition comprising a hydrophilic nanogel material according to claim 19 as well as dependent claims 20 to 30 and 78 and a process according to claim 77.

3. claims: 31-35, 77

A process comprising forming a reaction mixture and curing said reaction mixture according to claim 31 as well as dependent claims 32 to 35 and 77.

4. claims: 36-41, 79

An ophthalmic device according to claim 36 as well as dependent claims 37 to 41 and 79

5. claims: 42-47, 80

An ophthalmic solution according to claim 42 as well as dependent claims 43 to 47 and 80 $\,$

6. claims: 48, 50-76

A composition comprising water soluble crosslinked polymers according to claim 48 as well as dependent claims 50 to 76

7. claims: 49-76

A composition comprising a water soluble crosslinked polymers according to claim 49 as well dependent claims 50 to 76

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