

ABSTRACTChemical Compounds

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Polymers containing diester units of the formula (I)



- 10 where R^1 and R^2 each represents a hydrogen atom or a carbon-attached monovalent organic group or R^1 and R^2 together form a carbon-attached divalent organic group, with the proviso that where such units are attached at both ends to carbon atoms and the polymers are
- 15 polyolefinic, then the polymers are biodegradable and/or are water-swellable and/or are associated with a biologically active or diagnostic agent.