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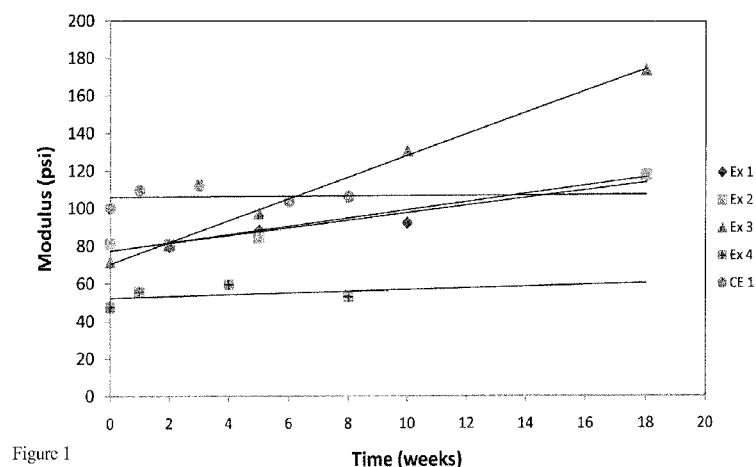


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: Ionic silicone hydrogel polymers displaying improved thermal stability. More specifically, the present application relates to a polymer formed from reactive components comprising at least one silicone component and at least one ionic component comprising at least one anionic group more specifically methacrylic acid (MAA). The polymers of the present invention display good thermal stability and desirable protein uptake.