WE CLAIM:

1. An unworn contact lens immersed in a packaging solution and sealed in a package, said contact lens comprising:

(a) a hydrogel comprising integral phosphorylcholine groups; and

(b) a releasable ionic agent electrostatically bound to the phosphorylcholine groups, wherein the ionic agent is polyionic or comprises at least one guanidinium group or is both polyionic and comprises at least one guanidinium group.

2. The contact lens of claim 1, wherein the hydrogel comprises a hydrated polymerization product of a monomer mixture comprising 2- methacryloyloxyethyl phosphorylcholine (MPC).

3. The contact lens of claim 2, wherein the monomer mixture comprises about 10 wt.% to 20 wt.% MPC.

4. The contact lens of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein the ionic agent is epinastine.

5. The contact lens of claims 1, 2 or 3, wherein the ionic agent is polyionic.

6. The contact lens of claims 1, 2, 3 or 5, wherein the ionic agent comprises at least one guanidinium group.

7. The contact lens of claim 6, wherein the ionic agent comprises at least two guanidinium groups.

8. The contact lens of claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the ionic agent is PHMB.

9. The contact lens of claim 1, 2, 3 or 5, wherein the ionic agent comprises at least two arginine groups.

10. The contact lens of claim 9 wherein the ionic agent is polyarginine.

11. The contact lens of claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the ionic agent is epsilon polylysine.

12. The contact lens of claim 1, 2, 3 or 5, wherein the ionic agent comprises at least two sulfonate groups.

13. The contact lens of claim 12, wherein the ionic agent is polystyrene sulfonate.

14. The contact lens of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the ionic agent is polyquaternium-55.

15. A method of manufacturing a contact lens, said method comprising:

a) polymerizing a monomer mixture comprising 2- methacryloyloxyethyl phosphorylcholine (MPC) to provide an non-hydrated lens-shaped polymerization product;

b) immersing the unworn non-hydrated lens-shaped polymerization product in a package containing a packaging solution comprising an ionic agent; and

c) sealing the package, wherein the ionic agent electrostatically attaches to phosphorylcholine groups on the MPC,

wherein the ionic agent is polyionic or comprises at least one guanidinium group or is both polyionic and comprises at least one guanidinium group.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the monomer mixture comprises 10 wt.% to 20 wt.% MPC.

17. [Cancelled]

18. The method of claim 15 or 16, wherein the ionic agent is cationic.

19. The method of claim 15 or 16, wherein the ionic agent is anionic.

20. The method of claim 15 or 16, wherein the ionic agent is polyquaternium-55.

21. The method of any one of claims 15 to 20, further comprising:

d) autoclaving the sealed package.

22. [Withdrawn] A method of administering an ionic agent to ocular tissue of a patient in need thereof, said method comprising administering the patient the contact lens of any one of claims 1 to 14.

23. [Withdrawn] The method of claim 22, further comprising storing the contact lens after it has been worn by the patient overnight in a storage solution comprising additional ionic agent which electrostatically binds to the phosphorylcholine groups thereby replenishing ionic agent released during the previous wear by the patient.

24. A composition for use in therapy, comprising (a) a hydrogel comprising integral phosphorylcholine groups and (b) a releasable ionic agent electrostatically bound to the phosphorylcholine groups, wherein the ionic agent is polyionic or comprises at least one guanidinium group or is both polyionic and comprises at least one guanidinium group, wherein the composition is in the form of a contact lens.

25. The composition of claim 24, wherein the hydrogel and/or the ionic agent are as further defined in any one of claims 2 to 14.

26. [Cancelled]

27. The composition of any one of claims 24 to 25 immersed in a packaging solution and sealed in a package.

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1. An unworn contact lens immersed in a packaging solution and sealed in a package, said contact lens comprising:

(a) a hydrogel comprising integral phosphorylcholine groups; and

(b) a releasable ionic agent electrostatically bound to the phosphorylcholine groups, wherein the ionic agent is polyionic or comprises at least one guanidinium group or is both polyionic and comprises at least one guanidinium group.

2. The contact lens of claim 1, wherein the hydrogel comprises a hydrated polymerization product of a monomer mixture comprising 2- methacryloyloxyethyl phosphorylcholine (MPC).

3. The contact lens of claim 2, wherein the monomer mixture comprises about 10 wt.% to 20 wt.% MPC.

4. The contact lens of claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the ionic agent is epinastine.

5. The contact lens of claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the ionic agent is polyionic.

6. The contact lens of claims 1, 2, 3 or 5, wherein the ionic agent comprises at least one guanidinium group.

7. The contact lens of claim 6, wherein the ionic agent comprises at least two guanidinium groups.

8. The contact lens of claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the ionic agent is PHMB.

9. The contact lens of claim 1, 2, 3 or 5, wherein the ionic agent comprises at least two arginine groups.

10. The contact lens of claim 9 wherein the ionic agent is polyarginine.

11. The contact lens of claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein the ionic agent is epsilon polylysine.

12. The contact lens of claim 1, 2, 3 or 5, wherein the ionic agent comprises at least two sulfonate groups.

13. The contact lens of claim 12, wherein the ionic agent is polystyrene sulfonate.

14. The contact lens of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the ionic agent is polyquaternium-55.

15. A method of manufacturing a contact lens, said method comprising:

a) polymerizing a monomer mixture comprising 2- methacryloyloxyethyl phosphorylcholine (MPC) to provide an non-hydrated lens-shaped polymerization product;

b) immersing the unworn non-hydrated lens-shaped polymerization product in a package containing a packaging solution comprising an ionic agent; and

c) sealing the package, wherein the ionic agent electrostatically attaches to phosphorylcholine groups on the MPC,

wherein the ionic agent is polyionic or comprises at least one guanidinium group or is both polyionic and comprises at least one guanidinium group.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the monomer mixture comprises 10 wt.% to 20 wt.% MPC.

17. The method of claim 15 or 16, wherein the ionic agent is cationic.

18. The method of claim 15 or 16, wherein the ionic agent is anionic.

19. The method of claim 15 or 16, wherein the ionic agent is polyquaternium-55.

20. The method of any one of claims 15 to 19, further comprising:

d) autoclaving the sealed package.

21. A composition for use in therapy, comprising (a) a hydrogel comprising integral phosphorylcholine groups and (b) a releasable ionic agent electrostatically bound to the

phosphorylcholine groups, wherein the ionic agent is polyionic or comprises at least one guanidinium group or is both polyionic and comprises at least one guanidinium group, wherein the composition is in the form of a contact lens.

22. The composition of claim 21, wherein the hydrogel and/or the ionic agent are as further defined in any one of claims 2 to 14.

23. The composition of any one of claims 21 to 22 immersed in a packaging solution and sealed in a package.