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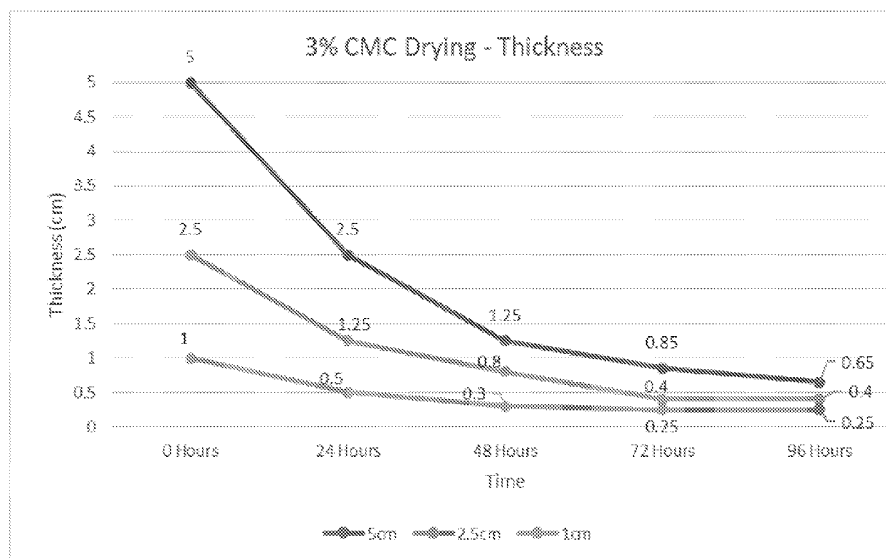


FIGURE 1

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for dewatering microbial cellulose, the method comprising: contacting a wet microbial cellulose material with a hydrophilic polymer solution; maintaining contact between the wet microbial cellulose material and the hydrophilic polymer solution for a treatment period to remove at least a portion of the water from the wet microbial cellulose material; and removing the dewatered microbial cellulose from the hydrophilic polymer solution. the present invention further relates to a dewatered microbial cellulose material, the dewatered microbial cellulose material comprising: 25-95 % microbial cellulose by dry weight; and 5-75 % hydrophilic polymer by dry weight.

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