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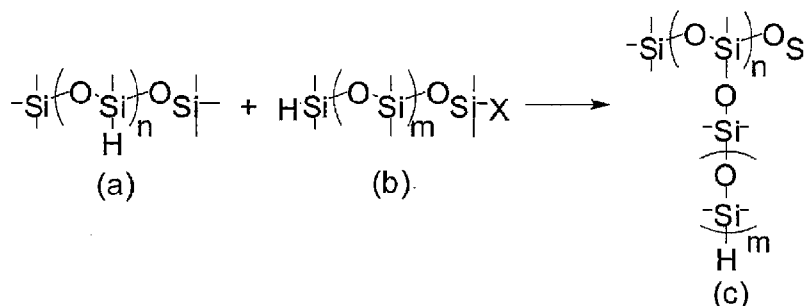


FIGURE 1

(57) Abstract: The present invention describes branched and functionalized siloxanes and methods for making such compounds. The compounds have a variety of uses. One preferred application is as novel planarizing material for lithography, in which case functionalized branched siloxane, such as an epoxy-modified branched siloxane is particularly useful.