

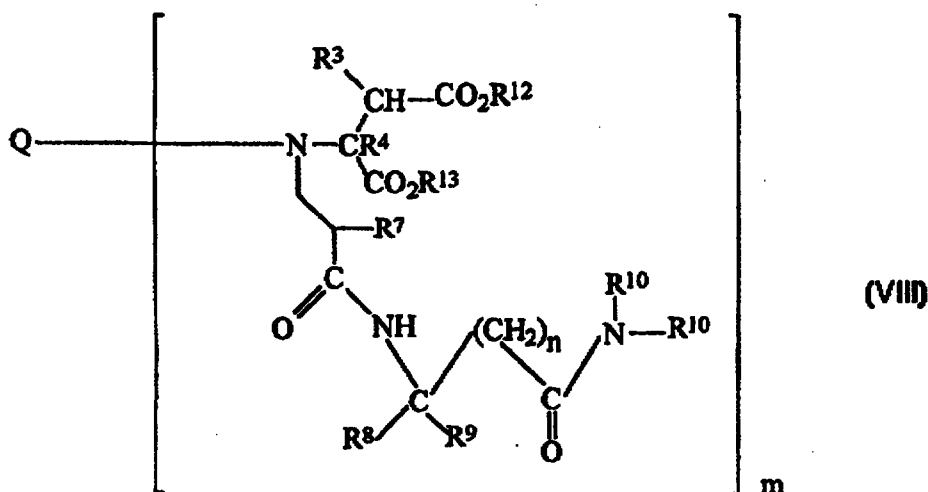


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A compound of formula (VIII), wherein Q is an organic group of at least two carbon atoms having at least m substituents, m is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, and n is 0 or 1. R³ is H or methyl, R⁸ and R⁹ are independently hydrogen, alkyl group or aryl, R¹² and R¹³ are independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group or a cation, and R¹⁰ is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alkyl group, aryl group, and highly-fluorinated alkyl group, R⁴ may be hydrogen or alkyl group, and R⁷ may be hydrogen or lower alkyl group, provides excellent stability to dispersions.