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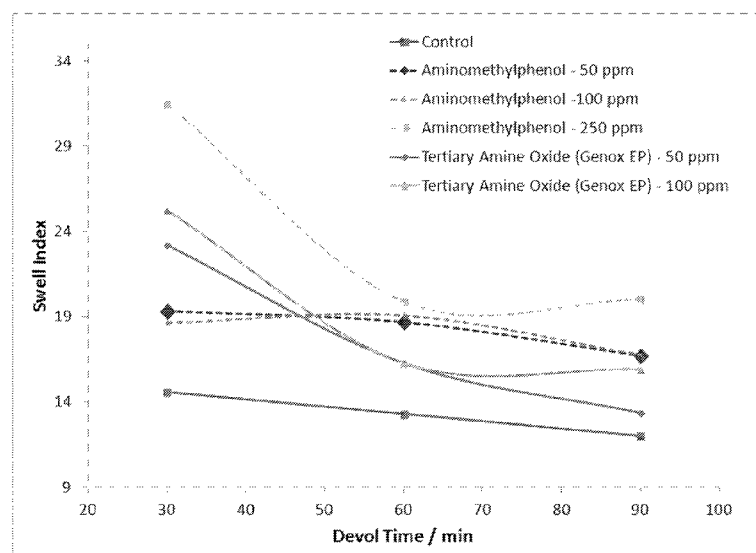


FIG. 3

(57) Abstract: The method includes providing a high impact polystyrene (HIPS) reaction system, wherein the HIPS reaction system has a devolitalizer downstream of a reactor and injecting a retarding agent into the HIPS reaction system prior to the devolitalizer.