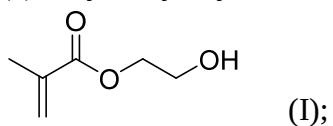


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

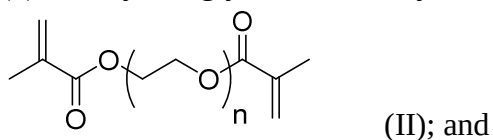
ROBUST POLYMERIC MEMBRANE

Hydrophilic porous membranes comprising a random copolymer of:

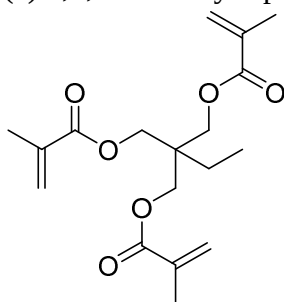
(a) 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate of formula (I):



(b) an ethylene glycol dimethacrylate of formula (II):



(c) 1,1,1-trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate of formula (III):



, and a hydrophobic polymer; filters including the membranes, and methods of making and using the membranes, are disclosed.

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