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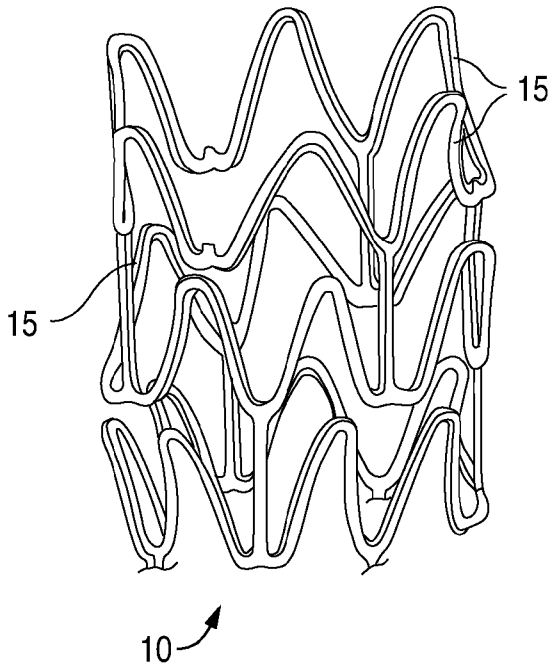


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Various embodiments of the present invention include implantable medical devices such as stents manufactured from polymers, and more particularly, biodegradable polymers including biodegradable polyesters. Other embodiments include methods of fabricating implantable medical devices from polymers. The devices and methods utilize one or more stabilizers, where each stabilizer may be chosen from the following categories: free radical scavengers, peroxide decomposers, catalyst deactivators, water scavengers, and metal scavengers.

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