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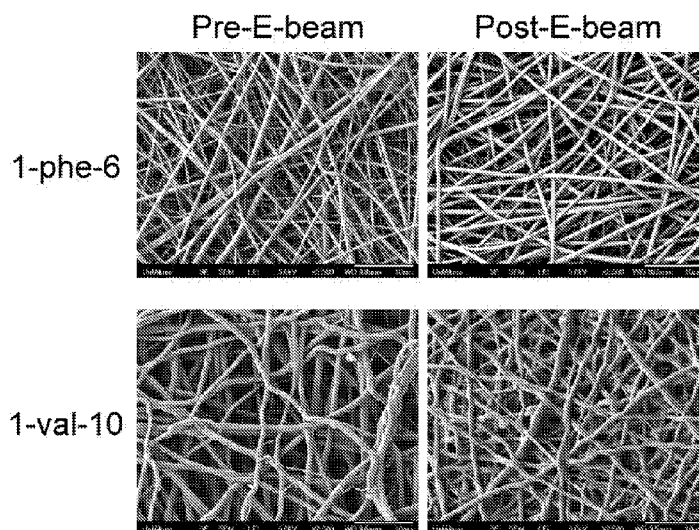


Fig. 2

(57) Abstract: Disclosed are bio-absorbable polymers comprising poly (ester urea) polymer fibers and sterilized by radiation in a manner that does not substantially affect the morphology of the fibers during the sterilization process. Such sterilized polymer fibers may have use as a bioabsorbable scaffold for implantation in a patient. In one embodiment, electron beam irradiation is used in the sterilization process.



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1. claims: 1-44, 51-88

Claim 1 defines a method of sterilising a material comprising poly(ester urea) polymer fibers by exposing the material to radiation.

Claims 41 and 85 define a medical device comprising poly(ester urea) polymer fibers sterilised according to claim 1.

2. claims: 45-50, 89-91

Independent claim 45 defines a medical product comprising a material containing sterile poly(ester urea) polymer fibers having a number average molecular weight of 5.000 - 200.000 daltons.

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