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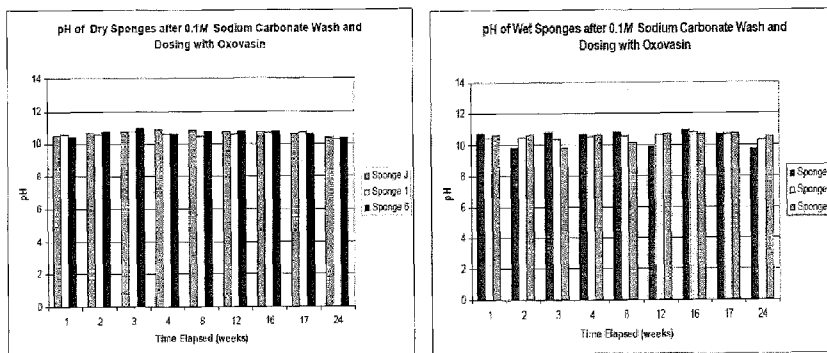


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: This application described a wound dressing comprising an absorbent material, an effective amount of chlorite and an amount of a base to provide a pH of the dressing material greater than or equal to about (10). Advantageously, the wound dressings of the present application provide a convenient source of chlorite that is stable and easy to use.

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