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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to swellable polymeric materials comprising a synthetic polymer, or copolymer, comprising a carboxylic group and a biopolymer that is suitable for bio applications. Because of their ability to swell, the polymeric materials are suitable for use as stomach fillers for the treatment of being over weight or obese, or for inducing the feeling of being satiated. Methods for preparing the swellable polymeric materials comprising aqueous reaction systems are also disclosed.



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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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