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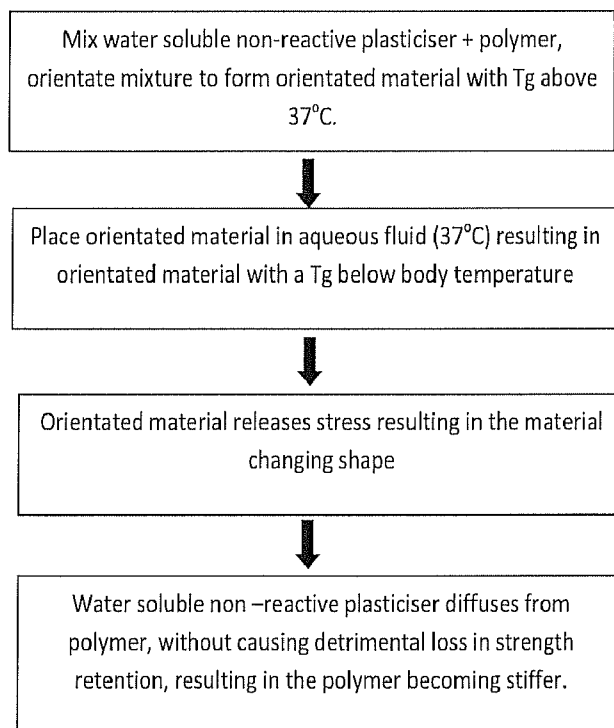
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Figure 1

(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to shape memory polymers (SMP) and especially to shape memory polymer containing a water soluble non-reactive plasticiser and to uses thereof.



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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 6-9, 30, 46(completely); 1-5, 12-23, 31-34, 36-39, 47-57(partially)

A biodegradable polymer composition that is a shape memory polymer composition comprising a polymer and a water soluble plasticiser wherein (i) the plasticiser and polymer are miscible; and (ii) where on placing the polymer composition in an aqueous medium results in the polymer softening and deforming where after it hardens. The polymer composition comprises a polylactic acid containing L- and D,L-lactide.

2. claims: 10, 11, 35(completely); 1-4, 12-21, 23, 31-33, 36-39, 47-57(partially)

A non-biodegradable polymer composition that is a shape memory polymer composition comprising a polymer and a water soluble plasticiser wherein (i) the plasticiser and polymer are miscible; and (ii) where on placing the polymer composition in an aqueous medium results in the polymer softening and deforming where after it hardens.

3. claims: 1-5, 12-23, 31-34, 36-39, 47-57(all partially)

A biodegradable polymer composition that is a shape memory polymer composition comprising a polymer and a water soluble plasticiser wherein (i) the plasticiser and polymer are miscible; and (ii) where on placing the polymer composition in an aqueous medium results in the polymer softening and deforming where after it hardens. The polymer composition comprises a polyglycolide.

4. claims: 24-29, 40-45(completely); 1-4, 12-21, 23, 31-33, 36-39, 47-57(partially)

A polymer composition that is a shape memory polymer composition comprising a polymer and a water soluble plasticiser wherein (i) the plasticiser and polymer are miscible; and (ii) where on placing the polymer composition in an aqueous medium results in the polymer softening and deforming where after it hardens. The polymer composition comprises a filler.

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