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[57] ABSTRACT

A novel polymer and polymer treatment method are provided. The method involves irradiation of a polymer under non-gelling conditions at a temperature above the polymer melting temperature and in the absence of oxygen. The polymer is characterized by a unique long chain Y-branched molecular structure.

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