

Title (en)  
INJECTABLE BIODEGRADABLE BLOCK COPOLYMER GELS FOR USE IN DRUG DELIVERY

Title (de)  
INJIZIERBARE BIOLOGISCH ABBAUBARE BLOCKCOPOLYMERGELE ZUR VERWENDUNG IN DER ARZNEISTOFFVERABREICHUNG

Title (fr)  
COPOLYMERES BLOCS EN GELS INJECTABLES ET BIODEGRADABLES SERVANT A ADMINISTRER UN MEDICAMENT

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[origin: WO9907343A1] A system and method for the parenteral delivery of a drug in a biodegradable polymeric matrix to a warm blooded animal as an aqueous liquid with the resultant formation of a hydrogel depot for the controlled release of the drug. The system comprises an injectable biodegradable block copolymeric drug delivery liquid having thermal gelation properties. The copolymer has a gel/sol transition temperature such that, above the body temperature of the animal to which it is administered, it is a solution and when administered and cooled to body temperature it forms a hydrogel. The copolymer is made up of (i) a hydrophobic A polymer block of poly ( alpha -hydroxy acid) and (ii) a hydrophilic B polymer block comprising a poly(ethylene oxide). The drug is released at a controlled rate from the copolymer which biodegrades into non-toxic products. The gel/sol transition temperature and degradation rate can be adjusted by proper selection of the molecular weight and concentration of the poly ( alpha -hydroxy acid) and poly(ethylene oxide) polymer block components.

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