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(54) **PHOTOCURABLE HYDROPHILIC POLYMER, AND COATING COMPOSITION, HYDROPHILIC LUBRICATING COATING AND ARTICLE BASED ON THE SAME**

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**Description****Field of the invention**

5 **[0001]** The present invention belongs to the field of the photocuring technology, in particularly to a photocurable hydrophilic polymer and a coating composition based thereon, and also relates to the field of the hydrophilic lubricating coating, which is used in medical devices such as catheters/guide wires.

**Background of the invention**

10 **[0002]** With the development of medical technology, the treatment of diseases through minimally invasive methods, such as interventional treatment, is increasingly favored by medical staff and patients. Many interventional medical devices, such as cardiovascular system guide wires/catheters, urinary system catheters, digestive system catheters, etc., need to be inserted into patients' body and directly contact with patients' tissues during use. Untreated guide  
15 wires/catheters usually have lower surface lubricity, leading to a great resistance, which easily causes discomfort and tissue damage to the patients and operation inconvenient to the medical staff when inserting or withdrawing from the body. Therefore, proper lubrication technology needs to be developed to improve the surface lubrication of medical guide wires/catheters.

20 **[0003]** At present, the commonly used lubrication method is coating the guide wire/ catheter with lubricants (such as paraffin oil, silicone oil, Vaseline, etc.) before using, but since lubricants can't be stabilized on the surface of the guide wire, the tissue is still easily damaged. Perfluorinated ethylene propylene and other materials are used to cover the catheter, which improves the lubricity of the catheter to a certain extent, but the lubricity of the catheter with such coating is still insufficient to avoid body damage. Therefore, methods of forming more lubricious hydrophilic coating on the surface of the guide wire/catheter are investigated.

25 **[0004]** Patent Document 1 discloses a process for preparing a composition including a hydrophilic polymer, a polyelectrolyte, a photoinitiator and a carrier liquid. The composition can form a lubricating coating under ultraviolet light. However, not adding effective cross-linking component to the composition is likely to cause insufficient cross-linking and weak coating. At the same time, using small molecular photoinitiators, which causes odor and easy fragment migration, also reduces the biological safety and comprehensive performance of the coating.

30 **[0005]** Patent Document 2 discloses a hydrophilic coating containing polyelectrolyte, in which a clear cross-linking component polyethylene glycol diacrylate is added to ensure the cross-linking extent and firmness of the coating. However, small molecule photoinitiator is used in this composition, and the problem of the migration of small molecules and fragments is still existed.

35 **[0006]** Patent Document 3 discloses a preparing method and a using method of coatings containing photoactive hydrophilic resins and photoactive hydrophilic cross-linking agents. Small molecule photoinitiators are polymerized with hydrophilic monomers, which can effectively prevent the residue and migration of small molecule initiators, and enhance the coating's firmness as well. The coating can meet the requirement of friction test of 15 times cycles. However, a certain amount of cross-linking agent needs to be copolymerized with a hydrophilic monomer and a small molecule photoinitiator in this system, which causes a theoretically gel generation problem during polymerization.

40 **[0007]** Patent Document 4 discloses a hydrophilic coating including a copolymer of N-vinylpyrrolidone and benzophenone vinyl monomers, and the hydrophilic coating has a friction coefficient of no more than 0.2. The small molecule benzophenone initiator is covalently bonded to the polymer chain in the copolymer, which can effectively avoid the migration of small molecules. However, the structure of the benzophenone vinyl monomer used in this copolymer is a (meth)acrylate group connected to a benzophenone group directly. The length of the molecular chain is shorter and the  
45 free radicals are not easy to collide. At the same time, the molecular chain does not have obvious co-initiator structure, leading to a lower initiation efficiency.

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## Summary of the Invention

## Technical Problem

**[0008]** In order to solve the problems and shortages of the prior art mentioned above, the present invention provides a photocurable hydrophilic polymer and a coating composition based thereon. The photocurable hydrophilic polymer has high photocuring efficiency, simple preparation method, high production efficiency, less environmental pollution, and hardly any cross-linking. A hydrophilic coating with high fastness, high lubricity, excellent biosafety and compatibility can be obtained by curing the coating composition.

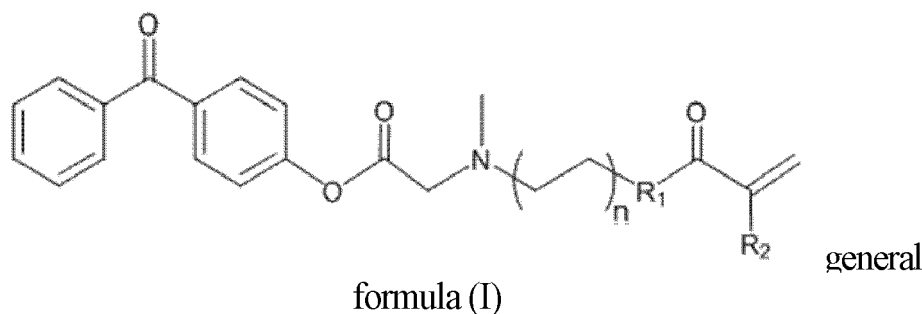
**[0009]** In addition, the present invention also provides a hydrophilic lubricating coating obtained from the coating composition and articles such as a medical device thereof.

## Solution to Problem

**[0010]** The present invention provides a photocurable hydrophilic polymer, which is formed by copolymerization of polymerizable photosensitive monomers and hydrophilic monomers; wherein the polymerizable photosensitive monomer, as set out in the appended claims, comprises: 1) units containing photosensitive structure; 2) units containing tertiary amine co-initiator structure; 3) units containing unsaturated bond;

**[0011]** Wherein, the units containing photosensitive structure are at least connected with units containing tertiary amine co-initiator structure through  $-OC(=O)-$ , the units containing unsaturated bond structure are connected with the units containing photosensitive structure through the units containing tertiary amine co-initiator structure.

**[0012]** Preferably, the polymerizable photosensitive monomer has the structure of general formula (I):



wherein,  $n$  is an integer of 1-20, preferably 1 or 2;  $R_1=O$  or  $NR$ ,  $R$  is  $H$ , a C1-C20 straight alkyl group or a C3-C20 branched alkyl group;  $R_2 = H$ , a C1-C20 straight alkyl group or a C3-C20 branched alkyl group.

**[0013]** Preferably, the hydrophilic monomer includes unsaturated carboxylic acid or carboxylate, unsaturated carboxylic acid ester, unsaturated acid hydroxyalkyl ester, unsaturated acid polyether ester, unsaturated anhydride, unsaturated amide, unsaturated lactam and alkylene oxide, or mixtures thereof; preferably, the hydrophilic monomer is selected from (meth)acrylic acid, (meth)acrylamide, vinyl pyrrolidone, hydroxyethyl (propyl) (meth)acrylate, polyethylene glycol methyl ether (meth)acrylate, dimethylacrylamide, or mixtures thereof; more preferably, the hydrophilic monomer is selected from polyethylene glycol methyl ether acrylate.

**[0014]** Preferably, the molar fraction of polymerizable photosensitive monomer in the hydrophilic polymer is 0.05-10%, preferably 0.5-5%, and further preferably 0.8-1.5%.

**[0015]** Preferably, the number average molecular weight of photocurable hydrophilic polymer is 2,000-1,500,000, preferably 50,000-600,000, further preferably 150,000-300,000.

**[0016]** Preferably, the present invention provides a coating composition, including:

- 1) photocurable hydrophilic polymer according to the present invention, which has a mass fraction of 0.1-20% based on the total amount of the coating composition, preferably 1-10%, further preferably 3-5%;
- 2) solvent, which has a mass fraction of 60-99.9%, preferably 90-99%, and more preferably 95-98%.

**[0017]** Preferably, the solvent includes water, low molecular weight alcohol, N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, dimethylsulfoxide, acetone, phenol, or mixture thereof, preferably the solvent is a mixture of water and ethanol, more preferably, the volume ratio of water and ethanol is 2:3-3:2.

**[0018]** More preferably, the invention provides a hydrophilic lubricating coating obtained by curing the coating composition above.

**[0019]** In addition, the present invention also provides an article, such as a medical device, comprising at least one layer of the hydrophilic lubricating coating as described above.

#### Advantageous Effects of Invention

**[0020]** The present invention has following advantageous effects compared with the prior art:

1. By using a new polymerizable photosensitive monomer with a longer linking chain and a tertiary amine structure that can participate in co-initiation in the present invention, the prepared photocurable hydrophilic polymer has a high UV curing efficiency and firmly gelling property.
2. The photocurable hydrophilic polymer in the invention has the advantages of simple synthesis, easy control of reaction conditions and hardly any cross-linking.
3. A coating composition for further preparing a photocurable hydrophilic lubricating coating is prepared based on the curable polymer of the present invention. Compared with other existing photocurable coatings, the photocurable polymer used in the present invention contains a photosensitive structural unit itself, so it is unnecessary to add extra small molecular photoinitiators in the coating composition, which can overcome the residue and migration of small molecule photoinitiators in the coating. It has excellent biological safety and compatibility, and is suitable for medical field.
4. The coating composition can form a uniform and stable hydrophilic lubricating coating through a simple continuous dip coating-photo curing process, which feels like loach after wetting when being coated on the surface of medical equipment. The coating does not fall off and the lubricity did not decrease after 30 times cycles' friction test in a simulated human tissue environment, proving that the coating is firm.
5. By regulating the types of hydrophilic monomers, the molar ratio of polymerizable photosensitive monomers to hydrophilic monomers, and the molecular weight of photocurable hydrophilic polymers, the best polymer for preparing the hydrophilic coating is found.
6. By selecting the type and content of each component of the coating composition, a hydrophilic coating with high firmness and lubricity is prepared in the present invention.

#### Detail Description of the embodiments

**[0021]** The technical solutions of the present invention will be described in detail below in combination with the embodiments.

**[0022]** A "monomer" within the meaning of the invention is any chemical substance which can be characterized by a chemical formula, bearing polymerizable groups (including (meth)acrylate groups) which can be polymerized to oligomers or polymers thereby increasing the molecular weight. The molecular weight of monomers can usually simply be calculated based on the chemical formula given.

**[0023]** In the following, when a part of a molecule is described as "optionally substituted" or "substituted", it is meant that said part may be substituted by one or more substituents selected from: C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> linear, branched or cyclic alkyl, aryl, -OH, -CN, halogens, amines, amides, alcohols, ethers, thioethers, sulfones and derivatives thereof, sulfoxides and derivatives thereof, carbonates, isocyanates, nitrates and acrylates.

**[0024]** The meaning of the term "unit" in the present invention includes not only functional groups (such as photosensitive groups, quaternary ammonium salt groups, unsaturated groups), but also additional chemical groups, such as alkyl, alkylene, which have little influence on the functional groups.

**[0025]** The meaning of the term "polymer" in the present invention is a molecule comprising repeating units. In particular it may be composed of monomers which may be the same or different. As used herein, the term includes oligomers and prepolymers. The meaning of the term "molecular weight" in the present invention is the number average molecular weight ( $M_n$ ), and the  $M_n$  is defined as the  $M_n$  determined by light scattering (optionally in combination with Size Exclusion Chromatography SEC).

**[0026]** The meaning of the term "curing" in the present invention is understood to refer to physical or chemical hardening or solidifying by any method, for example heating, cooling, drying, crystallization or curing as a result of a chemical reaction, such as radiation-curing, heat-curing or curing by adding curing molecules or initiators.

**[0027]** The meaning of the term "UV curing" in the present invention can be taken place by an exemplary method as follows: a photoinitiation process takes place through light irradiation or UV irradiation in the wavelength range from 100 nm to 600 nm. Irradiation sources which may be used are sunlight or artificial lamps or lasers. For example, high-pressure, medium pressure or low-pressure mercury lamps and xenon and tungsten lamps are advantageous. Similarly, lasers based on excimer, solid-state and diode are advantageous. Diode-based light sources in general are advantageous for initiating the chemical reactions.

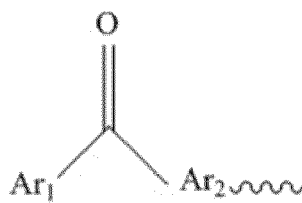
< First embodiment >

**[0028]** The first embodiment of the present invention provides a photocurable hydrophilic polymer, which is formed by copolymerization of polymerizable photosensitive monomers and hydrophilic monomers. The photosensitive structural unit of the photocurable hydrophilic polymer can be used as a macromolecular photoinitiator. Therefore, it is unnecessary to add extra small molecular photoinitiator when being prepared into a coating composition, which can overcome the residue and migration of small molecule photoinitiators in the coating. It has excellent biological safety and compatibility, and is suitable for medical field.

#### Polymerizable photosensitive monomer

**[0029]** The polymerizable photosensitive monomer comprises: 1) units containing photosensitive structure; 2) units containing tertiary amine co-initiator structure; 3) units containing unsaturated bond; wherein the units containing photosensitive structure are at least connected with units containing tertiary amine co-initiator structure through  $-OC(=O)-$ , the units containing unsaturated bond structure are connected with units containing photosensitive structure through units containing tertiary amine co-initiator structure.

**[0030]** The photosensitive structure-containing unit of the present invention is derived from an aryl ketone type photoinitiator structure, which includes a carbonyl functional group and one or more aromatic rings. The aryl ketone structure may further include a sulfur atom as well. The photosensitive unit can be derived from but not exclusively limited to substituted or unsubstituted benzophenone, acetophenone, thioxanthone, xanthone, fluorenone, and derivatives thereof. The unit typically containing a photosensitive structure may be a benzophenone having the general formula (II) in one embodiment of the invention:



general formula (II)

**[0031]** Wherein, Ar<sub>1</sub> and Ar<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from the same or different optionally substituted aryl groups, where the wavy line indicates that it is connected to the structural unit containing the tertiary amine co-initiator through a linking group. Preferably, both Ar<sub>1</sub> and Ar<sub>2</sub> may be optionally substituted phenyl, and further preferably both of them are phenyl. The structure unit containing the tertiary amine co-initiator is preferably in the para position of Ar<sub>2</sub>, which provides the greatest opportunity for electronic interaction with the carbonyl group and thus forms the maximum stabilization of free radicals.

**[0032]** It is found that when a benzophenone unit is used as the photosensitive structural unit of the present invention, better photoinitiation efficiency can be achieved compared with a small molecule photosensitizer or a combination thereof.

**[0033]** The unit with unsaturated bond contained in the polymerizable photosensitive monomer may be a polymerizable group containing a double bond. Such reactive groups can make the photosensitive structural units combined to the main chain of the polymer in the form of repeating units by free radical polymerization.

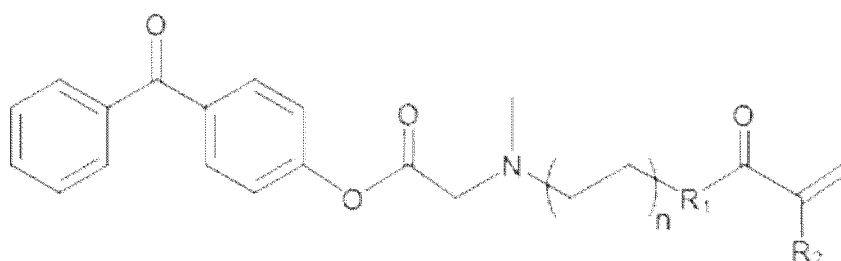
**[0034]** In the present invention, the unit with unsaturated bond may be selected from unit with a (meth)acryloyl group. For example, the unit may be (meth)acrylate or (meth)acrylamide. The presence of polymerizable groups can overcome the problems of toxicity and high mobility of conventional small molecule photoinitiators, promote the anchoring of photoinitiators in the polymer network, and also improve material properties by copolymerizing with other monomers, and inhibit the unexpected volatilization caused by the residual of small molecule photoinitiators as well.

**[0035]** The unit containing tertiary amine co-initiator structure contains a tertiary amine group, and may further contain several alkylene groups. Under UV irradiation, tertiary amines have the ability to capture protons from carbon atoms adjacent to the amino nitrogen, which can effectively act as H donors for reactive functional groups. Reactive groups that can initiate polymerization or cross-linking can be produced in this way.

**[0036]** The photosensitive structural unit is connected to the tertiary amine co-initiator structure through an ester bond ( $-OC(=O)-$ ) on the aromatic ring, and the unit with unsaturated bond is connected to the unit of the photosensitive structure through the tertiary amine co-initiator structure unit. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the nitrogen atom in the tertiary amine structure is connected to the above (meth)acryloyloxy or (meth)acrylamide and the ester bond on the aromatic ring of the photosensitive structural unit via an alkylene group, respectively.

**[0037]** In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the polymerizable photosensitive monomer containing

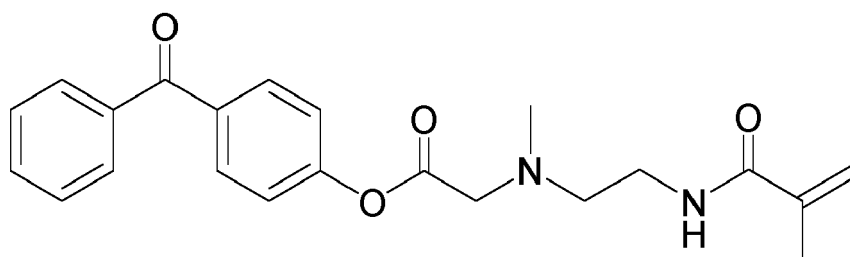
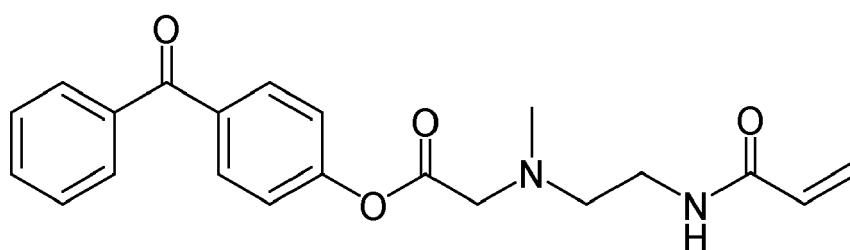
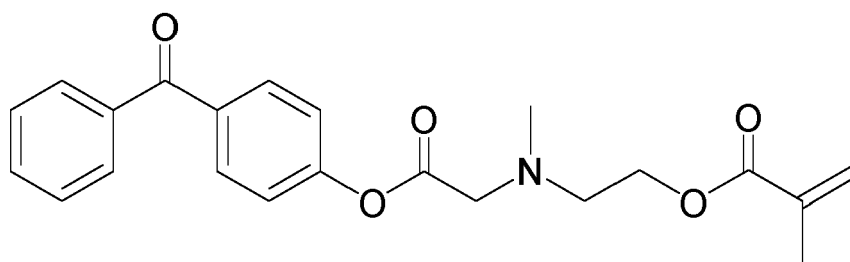
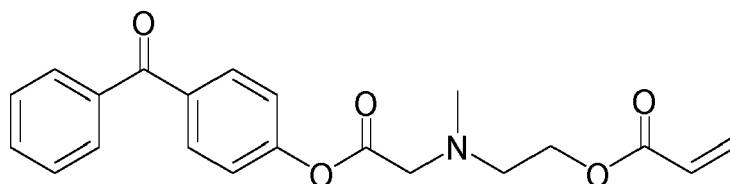
tertiary amine co-initiator has the following structure:

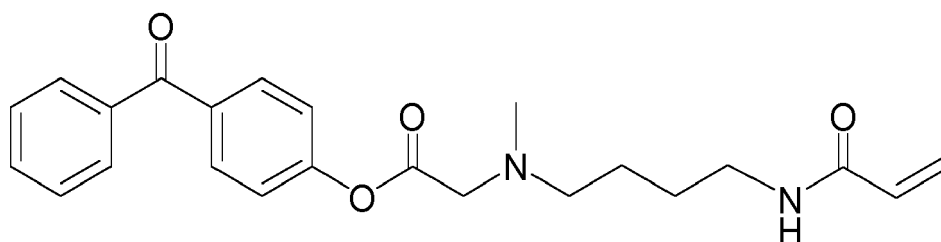


wherein, n is an integer of 1-20, preferably 1 or 2;  $R_1 = O$  or NR, R is H, a C1-C20 straight alkyl group or a C3-C20 branched alkyl group;  $R_2 = H$ , a C1-C20 straight alkyl group or a C3-C20 branched alkyl group.

**[0038]** In the present invention, the unit of the photosensitive structure is connected with the nitrogen atom in the structure unit containing tertiary amine co-initiator by a specific linking group, i.e. an ester group and a methylene group. The connection provides the greatest opportunity for the interaction between the two units, which can produce more free radical active species faster and improve the initiation efficiency.

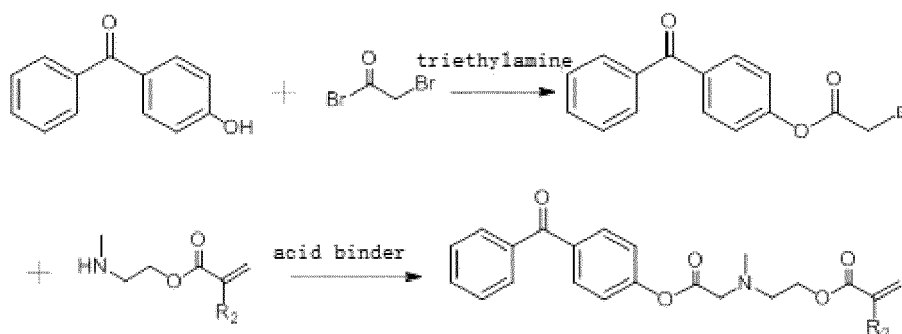
**[0039]** Further preferably, suitable polymerizable photosensitive monomers according to the present invention include one or more compounds of the following structure:





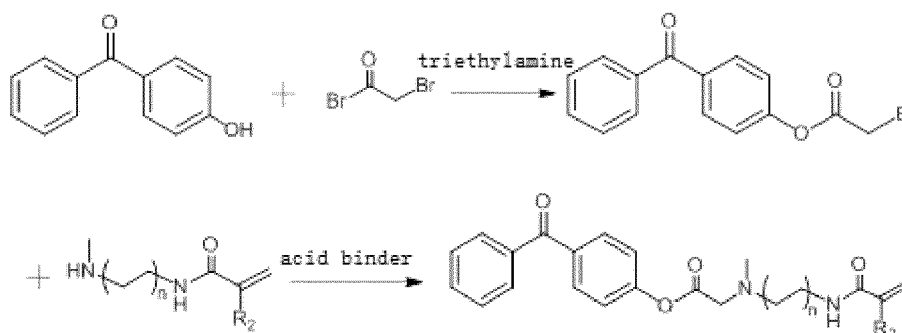
**[0040]** The polymerizable photosensitive monomer of the present invention is obtained by the reaction between the (meth) acrylate containing alkyl amino group or the (meth) acrylamide containing alkyl amino group and a substance which has a halogenated ester group and a photosensitive structure.

**[0041]** The reaction process of the polymerizable photosensitive monomer of the present invention is as follows:



wherein,  $R_2 = H$  or a C1-20 straight alkyl group or a C3-20 branched alkyl group.

Or,



wherein,  $R_2 = H$  or a C1-20 straight alkyl group or a C3-20 branched alkyl group,  $n$  is an integer of 1-20.

**[0042]** It is found that the molar fraction of the polymerizable photosensitive monomer in the polymer, i.e., the copolymer, will affect the lubricity of the hydrophilic coating prepared by the polymer. If the molar fraction is too high, the content of hydrophilic monomers will be relatively reduced, leading to a poor initial lubricity and high friction of the obtained hydrophilic coating. If the molar fraction is too low, the curing efficiency will be affected, and as the increase of the friction test cycles, the friction of the coating increases rapidly. In the present invention, the molar fraction of the water-soluble polymerizable photosensitive monomer in the copolymer is 0.05-10%, preferably 0.5-5%, and further preferably 0.8-1.5%. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the molar fraction of the water-soluble polymerizable photosensitive monomer in the copolymer is 1%, which obtains a lowest frictional force (0.12N), and the frictional force hardly increases with the increase of the friction test cycles, even after more than 30 times of friction cycles.

#### Hydrophilic monomer

**[0043]** Hydrophilic monomers refer to monomers that can dissolve 1 g or more in 100 g water at 25 °C. Hydrophilic monomers are mainly used to provide hydrophilicity to the polymer.

**[0044]** Hydrophilic monomers include, but are not limited to, unsaturated carboxylic acids or carboxylate, unsaturated carboxylic acid ester, unsaturated acid hydroxyalkyl ester, unsaturated acid polyether ester, unsaturated acid anhydride,



unsaturated amide, unsaturated lactam, alkylene oxide, or mixtures thereof; preferably, hydrophilic monomers are selected from (meth)acrylic acid, (meth)acrylamide, vinylpyrrolidone, (meth)hydroxyethylene(propylene) acrylate, polyethylene glycol methyl ether (methyl) acrylate, dimethylacrylamide, or mixtures thereof; more preferably, hydrophilic monomers are selected from polyethylene glycol methyl ether acrylate.

**[0045]** It is found that when using polyethylene glycol methyl ether acrylate ( $M_n=480$ , Sigma-Aldrich) as hydrophilic monomers, the obtained hydrophilic coating has better lubricating effect, which is prominently reflected in the low friction and the friction is almost unchanged with the increase of the friction test cycles, even lower than the first cycle.

#### Polymerization

**[0046]** The photocurable polymer in the present invention is prepared by a radical polymerization method, including but not limited to ordinary radical polymerization and living/controlled radical polymerization. Preferably, the curable hydrophilic polymer is prepared by ordinary radical polymerization methods. The photocurable polymer is prepared in a certain medium, including but not limited to solution polymerization, emulsion polymerization, inverse emulsion polymerization, suspension polymerization and bulk polymerization. From the perspective of easy operation, the photocurable polymer is prepared by solution polymerization preferably. From an environmental protection perspective, the photocurable polymer is prepared in an aqueous solution more preferably. In one embodiment of the present invention, polymerizable photosensitive monomers and hydrophilic monomers are dissolved in water, radical initiators are added to the system, the oxygen is removed, and the reaction is performed at a specific temperature. When the reaction is completed, the reaction solution is precipitated with 95% ethanol, and the obtained precipitate is dried in an oven to obtain a photocurable polymer.

**[0047]** In the polymerization reaction, the radical initiator refers to a substance that can produce free radicals under the activation energy, including thermally activated initiators, such as organic peroxides, organic hydrogen peroxides, and azo compounds. Representative examples of these initiators include, but are not limited to, benzoyl peroxide, tert butyl peroxybenzoate, diisopropyl peroxydicarbonate, cumene hydroperoxide, azodiisobutyronitrile. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the free radical initiator is azodiisobutyronitrile. The thermal initiator is usually used in the amount of 0.01 to 5% by mass of the monomers, preferably 0.05 to 0.15%.

**[0048]** In order to reduce the mobility, the number average molecular weight of the photocurable polymer is at least 2000, and a relatively high molecular weight photocurable polymer is preferred. But for ease of application of the coating, it is preferably 1.5 million or less. It is found that the molecular weight of the photocurable polymer will affect the lubricity of the hydrophilic coating as well. In order to obtain a hydrophilic coating with good lubricity after multiple times cycles, the number average molecular weight of the photocurable polymer is preferably 50,000-600,000, and further preferably 150,000-300,000.

< Second embodiment >

**[0049]** The second embodiment of the present invention provides a coating composition, including:

- 1) photocurable polymer according to the invention, which has a mass fraction of 0.1-20%, preferably 1-10%, further preferably 3-5%;
- 2) solvent, which has a mass fraction of 60-99.9%, preferably 90-99%, and more preferably 95-98%.

#### Photocurable Polymer

**[0050]** The photocurable polymer is a polymer according to the first embodiment of the present invention, which has photo-initiated activity. Since the photocurable polymer itself is hydrophilic, it can be directly prepared into a coating composition and coated on the surface of the substrate to obtain a hydrophilic coating by photocuring. Another hydrophilic polymer can also be added optionally. The amount of the photocurable polymer has an important influence on the curing speed of the coating composition, the firmness and the lubricity of the coating. In the present invention, the mass fraction of the photocurable polymer in the coating composition is 0.1-20%, further preferably 1-10%, more preferably 3-5% from the perspective of improving the lubricity.

#### Solvent

**[0051]** Any solvent that allows a coating composition with hydrophilicity to be coated on the surface is satisfactory. Preferably, the solvent is a single or mixed solvent that can dissolve the photocurable hydrophilic polymer and form a homogeneous solution of the hydrophilic polymer.

**[0052]** Solvents include water, low molecular weight alcohols (methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, butanol, pentanol,

ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, glycerol), N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, dimethylsulfoxide, acetone, phenol, or mixtures thereof. Preferably, the solvent is a single or mixed solvent that can dissolve the photocurable hydrophilic polymer to form a homogeneous solution. Preferably, the solvent is a mixture of water and ethanol, and further preferably, the volume ratio of water to ethanol is 2:3-3:2.

**[0053]** The mass fraction of the solvent in the coating composition is 60%-99.9%, preferably 75-98%, further preferably 90-98%.

#### Optional Components

**[0054]** Lubricating additives such as surfactants, waxes, lubricants, soaps and detergents can also be added to the coating composition as needed. These lubricant additives will not increase the osmotic concentration to the coating, but can increase the wetting lubricity and reduce the adhesion. Their low solubility in water helps to keep them in the coating. Other additives may include support polymers, polyelectrolytes, wetting agents, leveling agents, defoamers, film-forming additives, thickeners, pigments, antibacterial agents, colorants, surfactants. In the specific embodiment of the present invention, good lubricity and firmness of the coating composition can be obtained without adding additional optional components except for photocurable polymer, solvent and optional hydrophilic polymer.

#### Preparation

**[0055]** The coating composition of the present invention can be prepared by adding the photocurable polymer and the optional hydrophilic polymer to a mixed solvent prepared in advance in the dark, stirring and dissolving the mixture overnight. The resulting solution is colorless and clear.

#### < Third embodiment >

**[0056]** The third embodiment of the present invention provides a hydrophilic lubricating coating, which is obtained by curing the coating composition described in the second embodiment of the present invention.

**[0057]** The hydrophilic lubricating coating can be formed as follows:

The coating composition of the present invention is coated on at least one surface of the substrate; and then the coating composition is cured by exposing to electromagnetic radiation, preferably ultraviolet radiation, to excite the photosensitive structural units in the photocurable polymer.

**[0058]** In general, the coating composition can be applied to the substrate by, for example, dip-coating. Other methods of application include spray, wash, vapor deposition, brush, roller and other methods known in the art. Curing can be performed at any suitable temperature, depending on the substrate, provided that the mechanical or other properties of the substrate are not adversely affected to an unacceptable degree. Preferably, the ultraviolet light intensity during curing is 5-25 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>, and the curing time is 2-7 minutes, preferably 3-5 minutes. The thickness of the hydrophilic coating may be controlled by altering the soaking time, drawing speed, or viscosity of the coating composition and the times of applying steps. Typically the thickness of a dry hydrophilic coating on a substrate ranges from 0.1-200 μm, preferably 0.5-100 μm, more preferably 1-20 μm.

**[0059]** In one embodiment of the present invention, the catheter is immersed in a cylinder containing the coating liquid composition of the present invention, placing for 0.5-2min, and pulled at a speed of 0.5-1cm/s. The catheter with the coating liquid is irradiated by an ultraviolet lamp within 3-5 minutes for curing treatment, and the cured sample is dried in the air to obtain a catheter with a hydrophilic lubricant coating.

#### < Forth embodiment >

**[0060]** The fourth embodiment of the present invention provides an article including at least one layer of the hydrophilic lubricating coating according to the third embodiment of the present invention.

**[0061]** According to the above, various articles with the hydrophilic lubricating coating according to the present invention can be obtained by applying and curing. The shape of the article is not limited, including films, sheets, rods, tubes, molded parts, fibers, fabrics and particles. The hydrophilic lubricating coating can be applied directly to the surface of the product, or to a pre-treated or coated surface. The pre-treatment method includes wiping the surface of the article with ethanol and then drying it.

**[0062]** In one embodiment of the invention, the hydrophilic lubricating coating according to the invention is applied to a biomedical substrate such as a medical device to reduce friction under wet conditions. The coated medical devices can be inserted into various living tissues and medium-contained physiological solutions. These tissues include, for example, mucous membranes such as the urethras, blood vessels, hearts, kidneys, lungs, throats, and eyes. The invention provides medical devices that feel as lubricated as loach, so that they can be easily inserted into body tissues

or cavities, and can maintain hydrophilicity and lubricity after being in contact with tissues, such as mucous membranes for a long time, and easily be taken out. The coating does not fall off and the lubricity did not decrease after 30 times cycles' friction tests in a simulated human tissue environment, proving that the coating is firm. In one specific embodiment of the present invention, the friction force of coating does not significantly increase after 30 times cycles' friction tests, which reflects its excellent firmness. It is known in the art that the increasing frictional force of the coating means that the coating falls off with poor fastness, while on the contrary, it means that the coating is stable and firm.

**[0063]** The "medical device" in the present invention should be interpreted in a broad sense. The medical device can be an implantable device or an extracorporeal device. The device can be of short-term temporary use or of long-term permanent implantation. Suitable examples of medical devices are catheters, guide wires, endoscopes, laryngoscopes, feeding tubes, drainage tubes, medical wires, condoms, barrier coatings such as for gloves, stents, stent grafts, anastomotic connectors, extracorporeal blood catheters, membranes such as those used in dialysis, blood filters, circulation aids, wound dressings, urine collection bags, ear tubes, intraocular lens, and any tubes used in minimally invasive surgery. Typically, the medical device is selected from catheters, guide wires, endoscopes, laryngoscopes, feeding tubes, drainage tubes, and medical wires. Articles that are particularly suitable to be used in the present invention include catheters (e.g., intermittent catheters, balloon catheters, PTCP catheters, stent delivery catheters), guide wires, wires, syringes, contact lenses, medical tubes and stents, and other implants based on metals or polymers. In particular, the present invention is suitable for catheters/guide wires of various materials, including polyurethane, silicone rubber, latex, nylon, polyvinyl chloride, Pebax, nickel-titanium alloy.

## Examples

**[0064]** The following examples are used to illustrate the present invention, and those skilled in the art can understand that this example is only an exemplary description, not an exhaustive description.

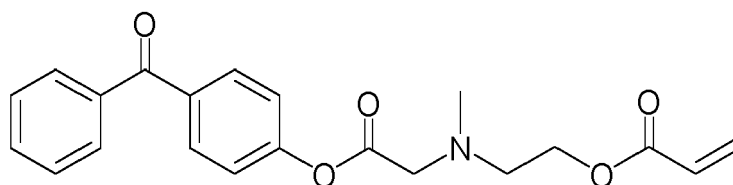
## Test Methods

**[0065]** The lubricity of the present invention is tested using a clip-type friction tester. In particular, the pipe is clamped by double clamps which are placed in deionized water. A certain force is applied through the clamps to test the force required to pull the pipe. The ratio of the certain force to the clamping force is the friction coefficient, which is used to evaluate the lubricity of the coating. The clamping force used is 300 g, the pulling speed is 10 mm / s, and the test repeats for 30 cycles' times.

## Example 1:

### Step 1: Synthesis of polymerizable photosensitive monomers

**[0066]** 3.35 g (26 mmol) of 2- (methylamino) ethyl acrylate, 3.95 g (28 mmol) of potassium carbonate and 0.02 g of hydroquinone were dissolved in 30 mL of acetonitrile and placed in a 100 mL flask, heated and refluxed for 2 h. 20 mL of 4-benzoylphenyl bromoacetate (8.3 g, 26 mmol) in acetonitrile was slowly dropped into the flask. The addition was completed within 1 h. The reaction was carried out at 80 °C for 10 h. After the reaction, the crude product was cooled to room temperature and dissolved in dichloromethane, washed in sequence with saturated salt water, hydrochloric acid (1M) and saturated sodium bicarbonate twice, dried by anhydrous magnesium sulfate overnight, then filtered and dried the solvent by SFD, purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate and n-hexane as the eluent. 5.12g light yellow solid was obtained, as shown in formula 1. NMR results: 2.24 ppm (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.58 ppm (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 ppm (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.46 ppm (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.83-6.42 ppm (m, H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.12 ppm (m, H, CH), 7.43-7.82 ppm (m, 9H, benzene ring).



Formula 1

## Step 2: Synthesis of photocurable hydrophilic polymer

**[0067]** 47.52 g (0.099 mol) of polyethylene glycol methyl ether acrylate, 0.367 g (0.001 mol) of the polymerizable photosensitive monomer prepared in step 1, 0.048 g of azobisisobutyronitrile were added to a 500 mL round bottom flask. Then 150 mL of deionized water and 80 mL of methanol were added and dissolved by mechanical stirring. N<sub>2</sub> was purged for 30 minutes to remove the oxygen, and the reaction flask was heated in a 65 °C oil bath to start the reaction. After 6 hour, the reaction solution was removed and cooled to room temperature, and precipitated in 95% ethanol. The precipitate was dried in a vacuum oven at 35 °C in the dark for 36 hours. The number average molecular weight Mn of the obtained photocurable polymer measured by GPC was 254 k, and the PDI was 2.21.

## Step 3: Preparation of the coating composition

**[0068]** 3g of the photocurable hydrophilic polymer (M<sub>n</sub>=254k, mole fraction of polymerizable photosensitive monomer=1 %) prepared in step 2 was added into a brown bottle, and then 97g of ethanol/water mixed solvent (volume ratio 1: 1) was added and dissolved in the dark with stirring for 24 h. A colorless, clear solution was obtained.

## Step 4: Preparation of hydrophilic coating and its products

**[0069]** The surface of the polyurethane catheter (catheter diameter Fr = 5.5 mm) was wiped by dust-free papers with 75% ethanol and dried. The catheter was immersed in a cylinder containing the coating solution composition prepared in step 3 for 1 minute, and then pulled out at a speed of 0.5 cm/s. The catheter with the coating solution was irradiated and cured by an ultraviolet lamp for 5 minutes. The intensity of UV light was 10 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>, and the rotation speed of the catheter was 4 rpm. The cured sample was dried in air.

## Step 5: Test the lubricity

**[0070]** The coated catheter obtained in step 4 was observed to avoid obvious unevenness, and placed in a clamp friction tester to test the lubricity. The results were in Table 2

## Example 2:

**[0071]** The amount of the photocurable hydrophilic polymer in step 3 was changed, and the amount of the ethanol/water mixed solvent was adaptively adjusted. The formulations of the coating composition were shown in Table 1 while other steps were the same as Example 1. The results of lubricity were tested and shown in Table 2.

Table 1: Formulations of coating compositions with different mass fractions of photocurable hydrophilic polymer

Component	Mass fraction
Example 1 Photocurable hydrophilic polymer (M <sub>n</sub> =254k, Mole fraction of polymerizable photosensitive monomers: 1%)	0.1-20%
Ethanol/water	80-99.9%

Table 2: Effects of photocurable hydrophilic polymer concentration on coating properties

Concentration of photocurable hydrophilic polymer	Friction force of the first cycle	Friction force of the 30th cycle
/%		
0.1	0.73	0.87
0.5	0.44	0.53
1	0.37	0.45
2	0.26	0.35
3	0.12	0.14
4	0.11	0.13
5	0.09	0.14

(continued)

Concentration of photocurable hydrophilic polymer	Friction force of the first cycle	Friction force of the 30th cycle
/%		
7.5	0.08	0.21
10	0.08	0.57
20	0.07	0.64

**[0072]** As shown in Table 2, when the concentration of photocurable hydrophilic polymer was 3% to 5%, an article with excellent lubricating performance was obtained. In contrast, the initial friction was higher when the amount is 0.1%, and the friction was significantly increased after the 30th cycle's friction test when the amount was increased to 20%.

Example 3:

**[0073]** The reaction time and the amount of initiator in step 2 in Example 1 were changed to obtain photocurable hydrophilic polymers with different molecular weights (the molecular weights in Table 4 were rounded). The formulation of the coating composition was shown in Table 3 while other steps were the same as in Example 1. The results of lubricity were tested and shown in Table 4.

Table 3: Formulations of coating compositions of photocurable hydrophilic polymers with different molecular weights

Component	Mass fraction
Photocurable hydrophilic polymer ( $M_n=2\text{-}1500k$ , Mole fraction of polymerizable photosensitive monomers: 1%)	3%
Ethanol/water	97%

Table 4: Effects of photocurable hydrophilic polymer molecular weight on coating properties

$M_n$ of photocurable hydrophilic polymer/k	Friction force of the first cycle	Friction force of the 30th cycle
2	0.60	0.82
20	0.55	0.78
50	0.36	0.33
100	0.19	0.21
150	0.14	0.15
250	0.12	0.14
300	0.11	0.10
600	0.09	0.45
1500	0.07	0.56

**[0074]** According to Table 4, a relatively high molecular weight of the photocurable hydrophilic polymer was preferably, which can reduce the initial frictional force. Considering the lubricity after the 30th cycle, the molecular weight was most preferably 150k-300k.

Example 4:

**[0075]** The mole fraction of the polymerizable photosensitive monomer of the copolymer in step 2 in Example 1 was changed. The formulation of the coating composition was shown in Table 5, while other steps were the same as in Example 1. The results of lubricity were tested and shown in Table 6.

**[0076]** According to Table 6, the molar fraction of the polymerizable photosensitive monomer of the copolymer had a great influence on the lubricity. The mole fraction in the range of 0.8-1.5% showed a best lubricity. The cycle times that

can maintain low friction was decreased if the mole fraction was too low.

Table 5: Formulations of coating composition of photocurable polymer synthesized by polymerizable photosensitive monomer with different molar fraction

Component	Mass fraction
Photocurable hydrophilic polymer (Mn=254k, Mole fraction of polymerizable photosensitive monomers: 0.05-10%)	3%
Ethanol/water	97%

Table 6: Effects of mole fraction of polymerizable photosensitive monomer on coating properties

Mole fraction of polymerizable photosensitive monomer/%	Friction force of the first cycle	Friction force of the 30th cycle
0.05	0.17	0.93
0.5	0.14	0.59
0.8	0.13	0.21
1	0.12	0.14
1.5	0.13	0.14
3	0.24	0.23
5	0.33	0.35
10	0.45	0.51

Example 5:

**[0077]** In step 2 of Example 1, the hydrophilic monomer polyethylene glycol methyl ether acrylate was replaced with acrylic acid, acrylamide, vinylpyrrolidone, hydroxyethyl acrylate, and dimethylacrylamide to prepare a series of photocurable polymers of similar molecular weights. The formulations of the coating compositions were shown in Table 7, while other steps were the same as in Example 1. The results of lubricity were tested and shown in Table 8.

**[0078]** According to Table 8, the friction force using the polyethylene glycol methyl ether acrylate was the lowest, while an excellent lubricity can also be obtained using the hydroxyethyl acrylate.

Table 7: Formulations of photocurable hydrophilic polymer coating composition synthesized by different hydrophilic monomers

Component	Mass fraction
Photocurable hydrophilic polymer (Mn=210-270k, Mole fraction of polymerizable photosensitive monomers: 1%)	3%
Ethanol/water	97%

Table 8: Effect of hydrophilic monomers on coating properties

Hydrophilic monomer	Friction force of the first cycle	Friction force of the 30th cycle
Acrylic acid	0.37	0.28
Acrylamide	0.24	0.29
Vinyl pyrrolidone	0.19	0.26
Hydroxyethyl acrylate	0.16	0.18
Polyethylene glycol methyl ether acrylate	0.12	0.14
Dimethylacrylamide	0.31	0.32

## Comparative Example 1:

## Preparation of 4-benzoyl phenyl acrylate

**[0079]** 19.8 g (0.1 mol) of 4-hydroxybenzophenone, 16.6 mL of triethylamine were added to a 500 mL round bottom flask. 200 mL of dichloromethane were added and stirred to dissolve. The reaction solution was cooled in ice-water-bath for 15 min, and then 9.78 mL of acryloyl chloride was added dropwise to the solution within half an hour. The solution was reacted in ice-water-bath for 1 h, and then at room temperature for 3 h. Then filtered the solution, and the filtrate was washed three times with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution and three times with saturated sodium chloride solution. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated by rotary evaporation, and the product was obtained by column chromatography.

**[0080]** Preparation of hydrophilic polymer containing 4-benzoylphenyl acrylate  
47.52 g (0.099 mol) of polyethylene glycol methyl ether acrylate, 0.252 g (0.001 mol) of the 4-benzoyl phenyl acrylate mentioned above, and 0.048 g of azobisisobutyronitrile were added into a 500 mL round bottom flask. Then 150 mL of deionized water and 80 mL of methanol were added and dissolved by mechanical stirring. The solution was surged with N<sub>2</sub> for 30 minutes to remove the oxygen, and the reaction flask was heated in a 65 °C oil bath to start the reaction. After 6 hours, the reaction solution was removed and cooled to room temperature, and precipitated in 95% ethanol. The precipitate was dried in a vacuum oven at 35 °C in the dark for 36 hours. The number average molecular weight M<sub>n</sub> of the obtained photocurable polymer measured by GPC was 217 k, and the PDI was 2.08.

## Curing experiment

**[0081]** 0.1g of the hydrophilic polymer prepared in Example 1 and Comparative Example 1 were weighed, respectively, and dissolved in 1 mL of water, then irradiated with UV light at 10 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> for 2 minutes. The curing states of the two solutions were observed.

**[0082]** The results showed that the coating liquid containing the hydrophilic polymer prepared in Example 1 was cured and formed into glue after irradiation without flowing. The coating liquid containing the hydrophilic polymer prepared in Comparative Example 1 became slightly viscous but flowing after irradiation, uncured into glue. According to the comparison between Example 1 and Comparative Example 1 that the photocurable hydrophilicity prepared by using the polymerizable photoinitiator according to the present invention had a longer link chain and a tertiary amine structure that can participate in co-initiation, which showed a high curing efficiency and firmly gelling property after irradiated with ultraviolet light.

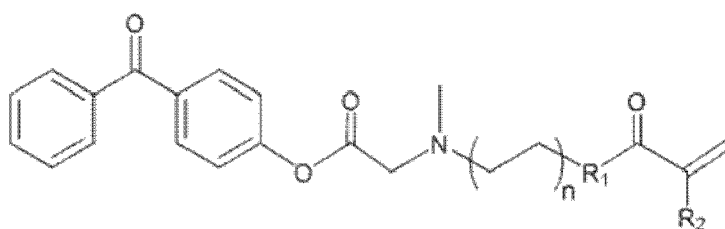
## Claims

1. A photocurable hydrophilic polymer, which is formed by copolymerization of polymerizable photosensitive monomer and hydrophilic monomer;

Wherein, the polymerizable photosensitive monomer comprises: 1) units containing photosensitive structure; 2) units containing tertiary amine co-initiator structure; 3) units containing unsaturated bond;

Wherein, the units containing photosensitive structure are derived from an aryl ketone type photoinitiator structure, which includes a carbonyl functional group and one or more aromatic rings, and wherein the units containing photosensitive structure are at least connected with units containing tertiary amine co-initiator structure through -OC(=O)-, the units containing unsaturated bond structure are connected with units containing photosensitive structure through units containing tertiary amine co-initiator structure.

2. The photocurable hydrophilic polymer according to claim 1, wherein the polymerizable photosensitive monomers have the structure of general formula (I):



general formula (I)

wherein, n is an integer of 1-20, preferably 1 or 2;  $R_1=O$  or NR, R is H, a C1-C20 straight alkyl group or a C3-C20 branched alkyl group;  $R_2=H$ , a C1-C20 straight alkyl group or a C3-C20 branched alkyl group.

3. The photocurable hydrophilic polymer according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the hydrophilic monomer includes unsaturated carboxylic acid or carboxylate, unsaturated carboxylic acid ester, unsaturated hydroxyalkyl ester, unsaturated polyether ester, unsaturated anhydride, unsaturated amide, unsaturated lactam and alkylene oxide, or mixtures thereof; preferably, the hydrophilic monomer is selected from (meth)acrylic acid, (meth)acrylamide, vinyl pyrrolidone, hydroxyethyl(propyl) (meth)acrylate, polyethylene glycol methyl ether (meth) acrylate, dimethylacrylamide, or mixtures thereof; more preferably, the hydrophilic monomer is selected from polyethylene glycol methyl ether acrylate.
4. The photocurable hydrophilic polymer according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the molar fraction of polymerizable photosensitive monomer in the hydrophilic polymer is 0.05-10%, preferably 0.5-5%, and further preferably 0.8-1.5%.
5. The photocurable hydrophilic polymer according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the the number average molecular weight of photocurable hydrophilic polymer, as determined according to description, is 2,000-1,500,000, preferably 50,000-600,000, further preferably 150,000-300,000.
6. A coating composition, comprising:
  - 1) photocurable hydrophilic polymer according to any of claim 1 to 5, which has a mass fraction of 0.1-20%, preferably 1-10%, further preferably 3-5%, based on the total amount of the coating composition;
  - 2) solvent, which has a mass fraction of 60-99.9%, preferably 90-99%, and more preferably 95-98%.
7. The coating composition according to claim 6, wherein the solvent includes water, low molecular weight alcohol, N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, dimethylsulfoxide, acetone, phenol, or mixture thereof, preferably the solvent is a mixture of water and ethanol, more preferably, the volume ratio of water and ethanol is 2:3-3:2.
8. A hydrophilic lubricating coating obtained by curing the coating composition of any of claim 6 or 7.
9. An article, such as a medical device, comprising at least one layer of the hydrophilic lubricating coating of claim 8.

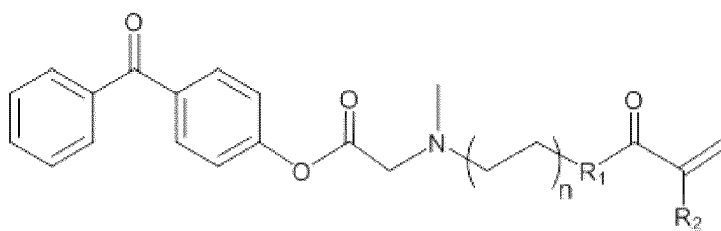
## Patentansprüche

1. Lichthärtbares hydrophiles Polymer, das durch Copolymerisation von polymerisierbarem lichtempfindlichem Monomer und hydrophilem Monomer gebildet wird;

wobei das polymerisierbare lichtempfindliche Monomer umfasst: 1) Einheiten, die eine lichtempfindliche Struktur enthalten; 2) Einheiten, die eine tertiäre Amin-Coinitiatorstruktur enthalten; 3) Einheiten, die eine ungesättigte Bindung enthalten,

wobei die Einheiten, die eine lichtempfindliche Struktur enthalten, von einer Arylketon-Photoinitiatorstruktur abgeleitet sind, die eine funktionelle Carbonylgruppe und einen oder mehrere aromatische Ringe enthält, und wobei die Einheiten, die eine lichtempfindliche Struktur enthalten, zumindest mit Einheiten, die eine tertiäre Amin-Coinitiatorstruktur enthalten, durch  $-OC(=O)-$  verbunden sind, wobei die Einheiten, die eine ungesättigte Bindungsstruktur enthalten, mit Einheiten, die eine lichtempfindliche Struktur enthalten, durch Einheiten, die eine tertiäre Amin-Coinitiatorstruktur enthalten, verbunden sind.

2. Lichthärtbares hydrophiles Polymer nach Anspruch 1, wobei die polymerisierbaren lichtempfindlichen Monomere die Struktur der allgemeinen Formel (I) aufweisen:



allgemeine Formel (I)



wobei n eine ganze Zahl von 1-20, vorzugsweise 1 oder 2, ist;  $R_1 = O$  oder NR, R ist H, eine geradkettige C1-C20-Alkylgruppe oder eine verzweigte C3-C20-Alkylgruppe ist;  $R_2 = H$ , eine geradkettige C1-C20-Alkylgruppe oder eine verzweigte C3-C20-Alkylgruppe ist.

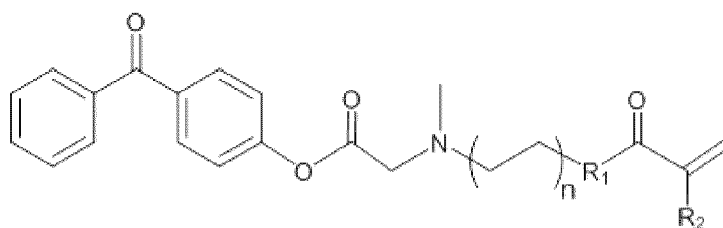
3. Lichthärtbares hydrophiles Polymer nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, wobei das hydrophile Monomer eine ungesättigte Carbonsäure oder ein ungesättigtes Carboxylat, einen ungesättigten Carbonsäureester, einen ungesättigten Hydroxyalkylester, einen ungesättigten Polyetherester, ein ungesättigtes Anhydrid, ein ungesättigtes Amid, ein ungesättigtes Lactam und ein Alkylenoxid oder Mischungen davon enthält, vorzugsweise ist das hydrophile Monomer ausgewählt aus (Meth)acrylsäure, (Meth)acrylamid, Vinylpyrrolidon, Hydroxyethyl(propyl)(meth)acrylat, Polyethylenglycolmethylether(meth)acrylat, Dimethylacrylamid oder Mischungen davon; mehr bevorzugt ist das hydrophile Monomer ausgewählt aus Polyethylenglycolmethyletheracrylat.
4. Lichthärtbares hydrophiles Polymer nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, wobei der Molanteil des polymerisierbaren lichtempfindlichen Monomers in dem hydrophilen Polymer 0,05-10%, vorzugsweise 0,5-5% und weiter bevorzugt 0,8-1,5% beträgt.
5. Lichthärtbares hydrophiles Polymer nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, wobei das zahlenmittlere Molekulargewicht des lichthärtbaren hydrophilen Polymers, wie in der Beschreibung bestimmt, 2.000-1.500.000, vorzugsweise 50.000-600.000, weiter bevorzugt 150.000-300.000 beträgt.
6. Beschichtungszusammensetzung, umfassend:
  - 1) lichthärtbares hydrophiles Polymer nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5, das einen Massenanteil von 0,1-20%, vorzugsweise 1-10%, weiter bevorzugt 3-5%, bezogen auf die Gesamtmenge der Beschichtungszusammensetzung, aufweist;
  - 2) Lösungsmittel, das einen Massenanteil von 60-99,9%, vorzugsweise 90-99% und weiter bevorzugt 95-98% aufweist.
7. Beschichtungszusammensetzung nach Anspruch 6, wobei das Lösungsmittel Wasser, niedermolekularen Alkohol, N,N-Dimethylformamid, N,N-Dimethylacetamid, Dimethylsulfoxid, Aceton, Phenol oder eine Mischung davon umfasst, wobei das Lösungsmittel vorzugsweise eine Mischung aus Wasser und Ethanol ist, wobei das Volumenverhältnis von Wasser und Ethanol weiter bevorzugt 2:3-3:2 beträgt.
8. Hydrophile Gleitbeschichtung, erhalten durch Härten der Beschichtungszusammensetzung nach einem der Ansprüche 6 oder 7.
9. Gegenstand, wie etwa eine medizinische Vorrichtung, umfassend mindestens eine Schicht der hydrophilen Gleitbeschichtung nach Anspruch 8.

## Revendications

1. Polymère hydrophile photodurcissable, qui est formé par copolymérisation d'un monomère photosensible polymérisable et d'un monomère hydrophile ;
 

dans lequel le monomère photosensible polymérisable comprend : 1) des motifs contenant une structure photosensible ; 2) des motifs contenant une structure de co-initiateur d'amine tertiaire ; 3) des motifs contenant une liaison insaturée ;

dans lequel les motifs contenant une structure photosensible sont dérivés d'une structure de photo-initiateur de type arylcétone, qui comprend un groupe fonctionnel carbonyle et un ou plusieurs cycles aromatiques, et dans lequel les motifs contenant une structure photosensible sont au moins reliés à des motifs contenant une structure de co-initiateur d'amine tertiaire par l'intermédiaire de - OC(=O)-, les motifs contenant une structure de liaison insaturée sont reliés à des motifs contenant une structure photosensible par l'intermédiaire de motifs contenant une structure de co-initiateur d'amine tertiaire.
2. Polymère hydrophile photodurcissable selon la revendication 1, dans lequel les monomères photosensibles polymérisables ont la structure de formule générale (I) :



formule générale (I)

dans laquelle n est un nombre entier de 1 à 20, de préférence 1 ou 2 ;  $R_1 = O$  ou  $NR$ , R est H, un groupe alkyle linéaire en C1 à C20 ou un groupe alkyle ramifié en C3 à C20 ;  $R_2 = H$ , un groupe alkyle linéaire en C1 à C20 ou un groupe alkyle ramifié en C3 à C20 .

3. Polymère hydrophile photodurcissable selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel le monomère hydrophile comprend un acide ou carboxylate carboxylique insaturé, un ester d'acide carboxylique insaturé, un ester d'hydroxyalkyle insaturé, un ester de polyéther insaturé, un anhydride insaturé, un amide insaturé, un lactame insaturé et un oxyde d'alkylène, ou des mélanges de ceux-ci ; de préférence, le monomère hydrophile est choisi parmi l'acide (méth)acrylique, le (méth)acrylamide, la vinylpyrrolidone, le (méth)acrylate d'hydroxyéthyl(propyle), le (méth)acrylate d'éther méthylique de polyéthylène glycol, le diméthylacrylamide, ou des mélanges de ceux-ci ; plus préférablement, le monomère hydrophile est choisi parmi l'acrylate d'éther méthylique de polyéthylène glycol.

4. Polymère hydrophile photodurcissable selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel la fraction molaire du monomère photosensible polymérisable dans le polymère hydrophile est de 0,05 à 10 %, de préférence de 0,5 à 5 %, et plus préférablement de 0,8 à 1,5 %.

5. Polymère hydrophile photodurcissable selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel le poids moléculaire moyen en nombre du polymère hydrophile photodurcissable, tel que déterminé selon la description, est de 2 000 à 1 500 000, de préférence de 50 000 à 600 000, plus préférablement de 150 000 à 300 000.

6. Composition de revêtement, comprenant :

1) un polymère hydrophile photodurcissable selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 5, qui a une fraction massique de 0,1 à 20 %, de préférence de 1 à 10 %, plus préférablement de 3 à 5 %, sur la base de la quantité totale de la composition de revêtement ;

2) un solvant, qui a une fraction massique de 60 à 99,9 %, de préférence de 90 à 99 %, et plus préférablement de 95 à 98 %.

7. Composition de revêtement selon la revendication 6, dans laquelle le solvant comprend de l'eau, un alcool de faible poids moléculaire, du N,N-diméthylformamide, du N,N-diméthylacétamide, du diméthylsulfoxyde, de l'acétone, du phénol, ou un mélange de ceux-ci, de préférence le solvant est un mélange d'eau et d'éthanol, plus préférablement, le rapport en volume de l'eau et de l'éthanol est de 2:3 à 3:2.

8. Revêtement lubrifiant hydrophile obtenu par durcir la composition de revêtement selon l'une quelconque des revendications 6 ou 7.

9. Article, tel qu'un dispositif médical, comprenant au moins une couche du revêtement lubrifiant hydrophile selon la revendication 8.

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