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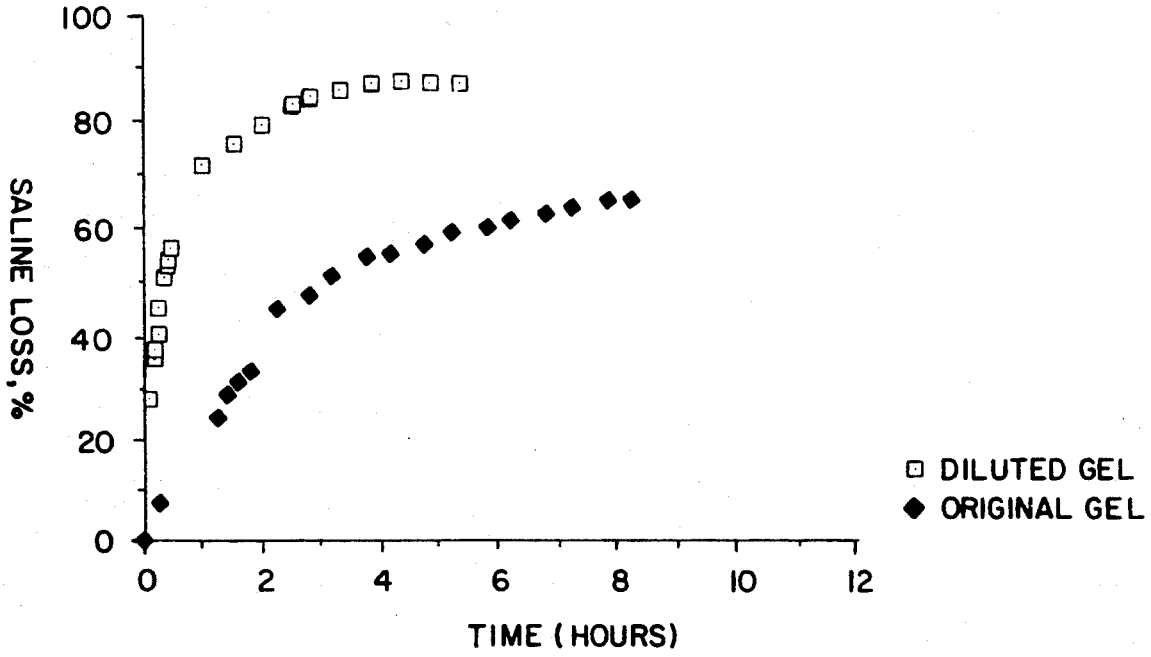
[57] **ABSTRACT**

Disclosed are biocompatible viscoelastic gel slurries formed from a polymeric gel, preferably a hyaluronan or a derivative thereof such as hylan swollen in an aqueous medium and a fluid phase which is an aqueous solution of a polymer which may also but not necessarily be a hyaluronan or derivative thereof. Also disclosed are methods of making such slurries, controlling their rheological properties and the uses thereof.

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