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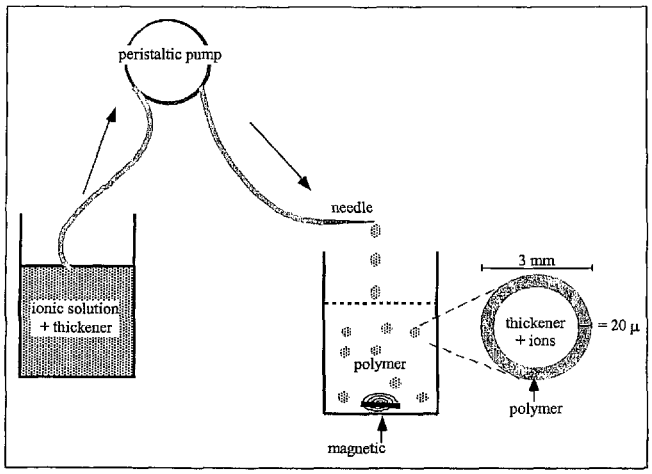
(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods and hosts for rearing insect parasitoids are provided. Particularly, polymer beads (alginate, carrageenan, and chitosan) are used to rear endoparasitoids in vitro.

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