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moplastic polymer, and a pharmaceutically-acceptable, water-soluble organic solvent.

13. The kit according to claim 12, further comprising an item selected from the group consisting of:

a hinge connecting the support to the compressing structure; the hinge being positioned along one edge of the support and the compressing structure, wherein the compressing structure may be pivoted and placed onto the polymer composition on the support;

a spacer for maintaining a gap between the support and compressing structure of the apparatus when the compressing structure is placed on the support;

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a latch to connect the support to the compressing structure;

a vial containing an aqueous medium;

a device for lifting and holding the formed implant precursor;

a device for measuring dimensions of a tissue defect or the implant precursor;

a grid for measuring dimensions of the implant precursor;

a device for cutting the implant precursor; and

a device for removing the aqueous medium from the implant precursor surface.

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