Appendix II-B: Example of amendments to description page
(Deletion of paragraphs)

CONJUGATES HAVING A DEGRADABLE LINKAGE AND POLYMERIC REAGENTS
USEFUL IN PREPARING SUCH CONJUGATES

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates generally to polymeric reagents useful in providing a
conjugate having a degradable linkage between a polymer and another moiety. In addition, the
invention relates to, among other things, conjugates of the polymeric reagents, methods for
synthesizing the polymeric reagents and methods for conjugating the polymeric reagents to
active agents and other moieties.

Paragraphs 0002 to 0003 have been intentionally deleted

[0004] Some success has been achieved in addressing the problems of delivering active agents
via injection. For example, conjugating the active agent to a water-soluble polymer has resulted
in polymer-active agent conjugates having reduced immunogenicity and antigenicity. In
addition, these polymer-active agent conjugates often have greatly increased half-lives compared
to their unconjugated counterparts as a result of decreased clearance through the kidney and/or
decreased enzymatic degradation in the systemic circulation. As a result of having a greater half-
life, the polymer-active agent conjugate requires less frequent dosing, which in turn reduces the
overall number of painful injections and inconvenient visits with a health care professional.