

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

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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.

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