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PATENTKRAV

1. Fremgangsmåte for fremstilling av en mykvevsfyllstoffblanding, hvor fremgangsmåten omfatter trinnene:
 - 5 å tilveiebringe en hyaluronsyrekomponent tverrbundet med minst ett tverrbindingsmiddel valgt fra gruppen bestående av 1,4-butandiol diglycidyleter (BDDE), 1,2-bis(2,3-epoxypropoksy)etylen og 1-(2,3-epoksypropyl)-2,3-epoksycykloheksan, eller kombinasjoner derav;
 - 10 hvor hyaluronsyrekomponenten omfatter 10 til 20% fri hyaluronsyre i volum; justering av pH i nevnte hyaluronsyrekomponent til en justert pH over 7,5; og å tilsette en løsning inneholdende minst ett anestesimiddel til nevnte hyaluronsyrekomponent som har den justerte pH for å oppnå en hyaluronsyrebaseret fyllstoffsammensetning,
 - 15 hvor det minst ene anestesimidlet er lidokain HCl.