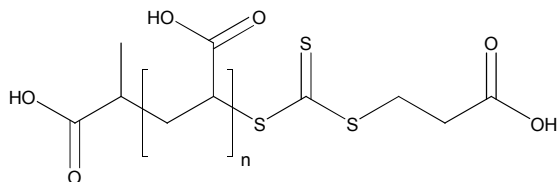


Sample Name:

Poly(acrylic acid) (by RAFT polymerization)

Sample #: **P14706-AA**

Structure:

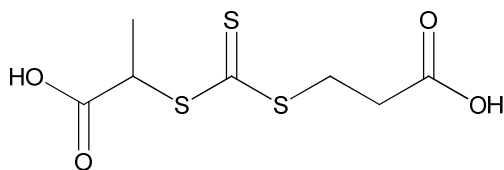


Composition:

$M_n \times 10^3$ (g/mol)	PDI
15.5	1.2

Synthesis:

Polyacrylic acid was synthesized by RAFT polymerization of acrylic acid using 2,2'-azobis isobutyrate (CAS 2589-57-3) as initiator and xanthate as chain transfer agent:



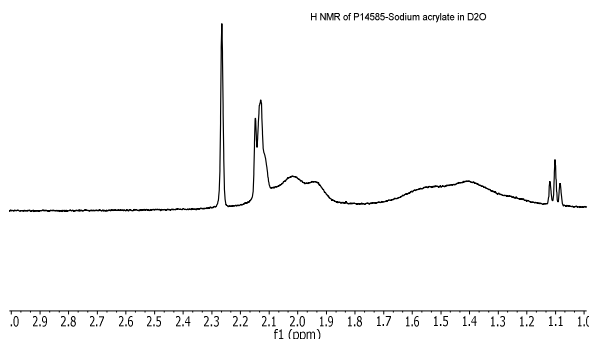
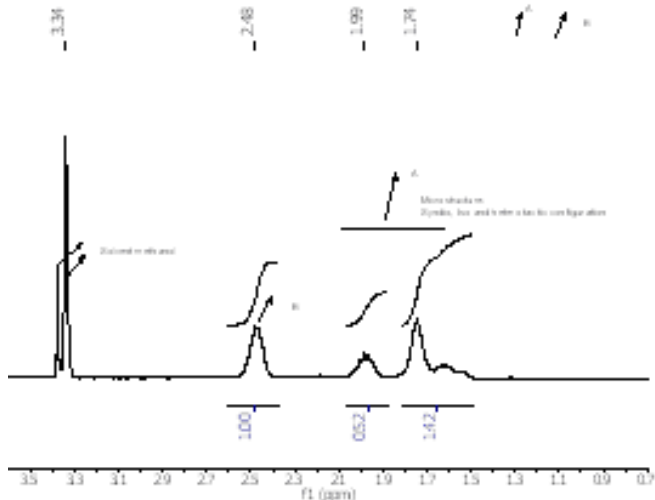
Solubility:

Polyacrylic acid is soluble in water.

Characterization:

The molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI) were obtained by size exclusion chromatography (SEC). To determine the molecular weight of polyacrylic acid, it was converted to its n-butyl ester form and characterized on a Varian liquid chromatograph equipped with refractive and UV light scattering detectors. Three SEC columns from Supelco (G6000-4000-2000 HXL) were used with dual detectors model 270 from Viscotek Co. THF was used as an eluent.

^1H NMR of the Polyacrylic acid in CD_3OD :

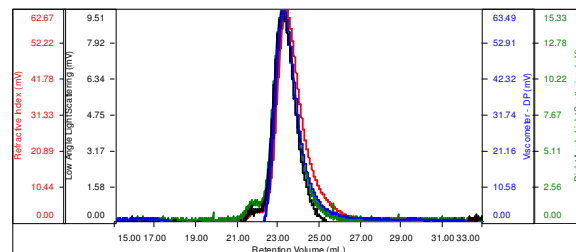


SEC:

To determine the molecular weight of PAA, it was converted to poly(n-butyl acrylate) (PnBuA). SEC was done using H_2O as an eluent in presence of aqueous buffer solution (NaHCO_3 0.05 M, NaNO_3 0.1 M, triethanolamine 0.02).

Sample ID: P14706A-nBuA

Concentration (mg/mL)	2.7477
Sample dn/dc (mL/g)	0.0840
Method File	PS80K-Feb25-2014-0000.vcm
Column Set	3x PL 1113-6300
System	System 1



Sample	M_n	M_w	M_p	M_w/M_n	IV
P14706A-nBuA_01.vdt	27,882	33,493	35,105	1.201	0.6082

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