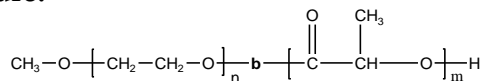


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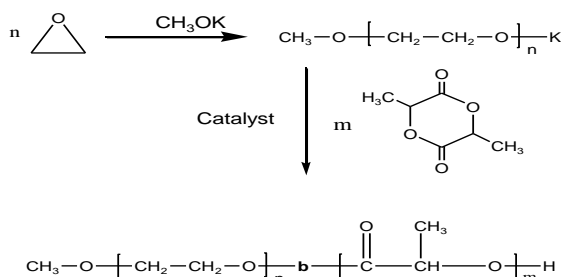
Poly(ethylene oxide -b- lactide) (D/L form)

Sample #: P6532-EOLA**Structure:****Composition:**

Mn x 10 ³ PEO-b-PLA	PDI
10.0-b-15.0	1.35
T _g for PLA block	53°C
T _g for PEO block	-12°C

Synthesis Procedure:

Poly(ethylene oxide -b- lactide) is prepared by living anionic polymerization of ethylene oxide and coordination polymerization of lactide with Tin octoate as catalyst. The scheme of the reaction is illustrated below:

**Characterization:**

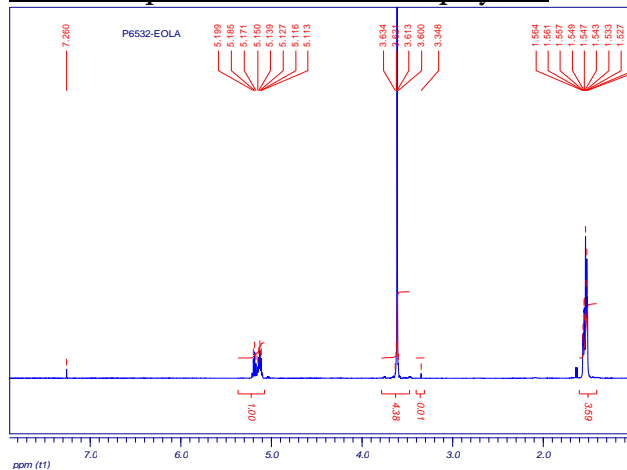
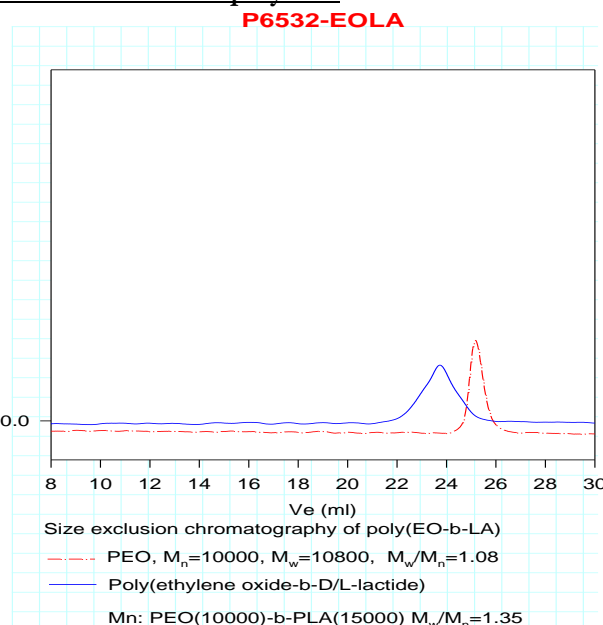
An aliquot of the anionic poly(ethylene oxide) block was terminated before addition of lactide and analyzed by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) to obtain the molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI). The final block copolymer composition was calculated from ¹H-NMR spectroscopy by comparing the peak area of the methoxy protons of poly(ethylene oxide) at about 3.6 ppm with the polylactide protons at about 5.1 and 1.55 ppm.

Thermal Analysis:

Thermal analysis of the samples was carried out on a TA Q100 differential scanning calorimeter at a heating rate of 10°C/min. The midpoint of the slope change of the heat flow plot of the second cooling scan was considered as the glass transition temperature (T_g).

Solubility:

The polymer is soluble in CHCl₃, THF, DMF, toluene and precipitates from ethanol, ether and hexane.

¹H-NMR Spectrum of the block copolymer:**SEC of the block copolymer:****DSC thermograms for PLA & PEO block:**