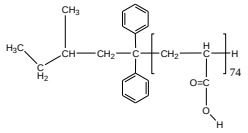
Sample Name: **Poly(acrylic acid)**

Sample #: **P43559A-AA**

Structure:



Composition:

Mn x 10^3	PDI
8.5	1.2

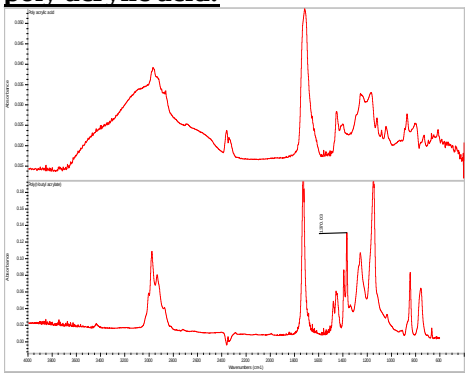
Synthesis Procedure:
Poly(acrylic acid) is synthesized by anionic polymerization of t-butyl acrylate followed by hydrolysis of the tert. butyl group.

Characterization:
The molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI) are obtained by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) in THF. SEC analysis was performed 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 triple detectors from Viscotek Co.

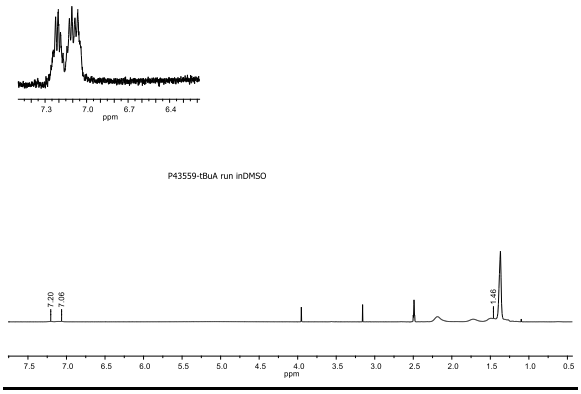
Hydrolyis:
The quantitative hydrolysis of the ester is confirmed by the disappearance of tert.butyl ester absorbance at around 1370cm-1.

Solubility:
Poly(acrylic acid) is soluble in THF, water, methanol, ethanol. The polymer precipitates from ether, acetone, hexane.

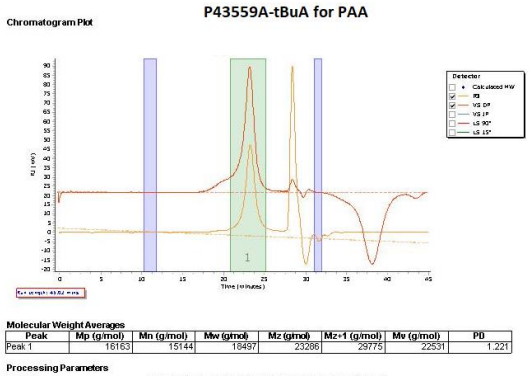
FTIR Spectra of Poly tert. butyl acrylate and poly acrylic acid:



H NMR spectrum of PtBuA precursor:



SEC of Homopolymer: PtBuA precursor



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