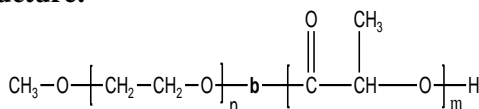


Poly(ethylene oxide -b- lactide) (DL form)

Sample #: **P43940-EOLA (DL form)**

Structure:

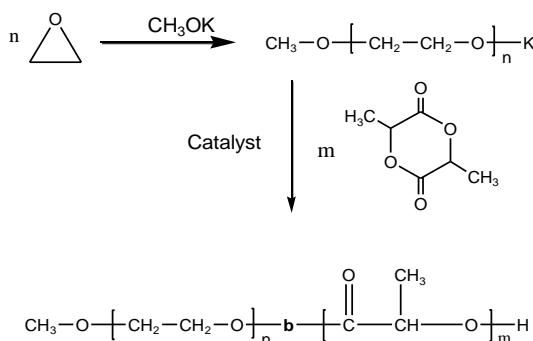


Composition:

Mn x 10 ³ PEO-b-PLA	PDI
5.0-b-23.0	1.22

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:



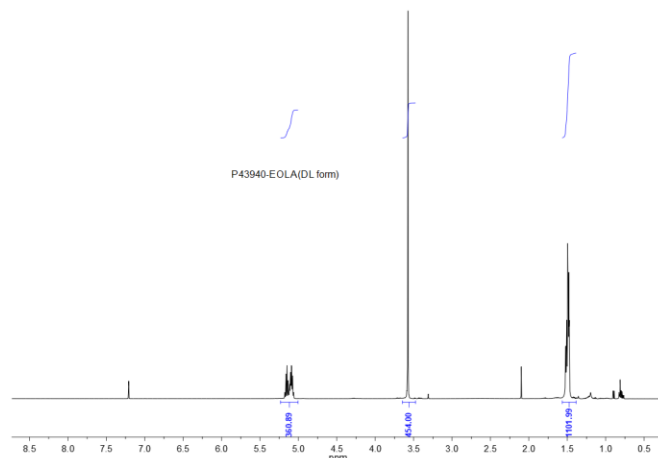
Characterization:

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 methoxyl protons of poly(ethylene oxide) at about a 3.6 ppm with the polylactide protons at about 5.1 and 1.55 ppm.

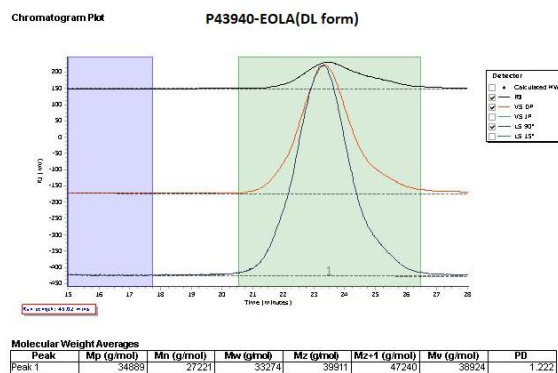
Solubility:

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

¹H-NMR Spectrum of the block copolymer:



SEC profile of the Polymer:



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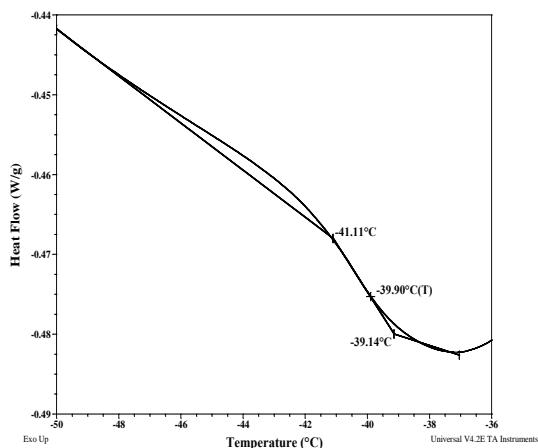
Thermal analysis of the sample# P43940-EOLA

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 heating scan was considered as the glass transition temperature (T_g).

Melting and crystallization curve for the sample

The melting temperature (T_m) was taken as the maximum of the endothermic peak where as the crystallization temperature (T_c) was considered as the minimum of the exothermic peak.

For PEO block



Thermal analysis results briefly:

For PLA block		
T_g : Not distinct	T_m : Not found	T_c : Not found
For PEO block		
T_g : -40°C	T_m : 51°C	T_c : Not found

Melting curve for PEO block:

