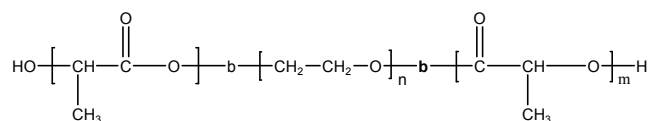


Sample Name:

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

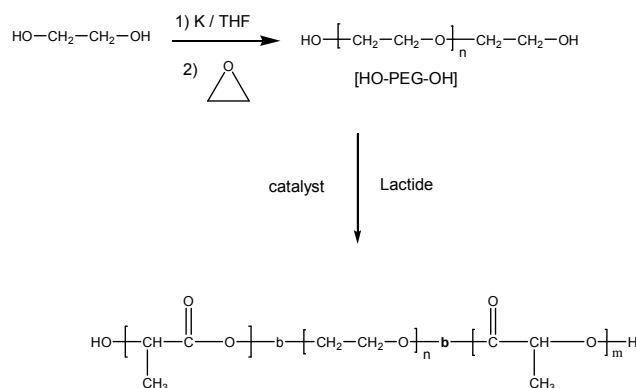
Sample #: P2240-LAEOLA (DL form)

Structure:**Composition:**

Mn x 10 ³	PDI
3*.0-b-2.0-b-3*.0 *degree of polymerization	1.06

Synthesis Procedure:

Poly(lactide-b-ethylene oxide-b-lactide) was prepared by of living anionic polymerization of ethylene oxide (EO) followed by living coordination polymerization of D,L-lactide (LA) using tin catalyst. The scheme of the reaction is illustrated below:

**Characterization:**

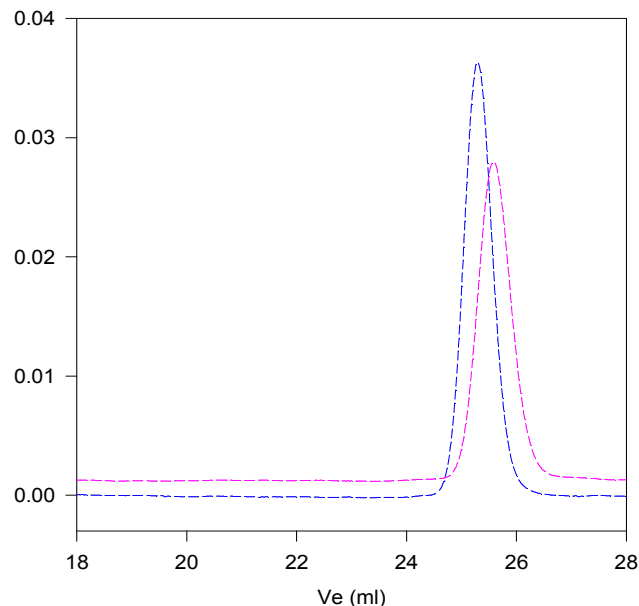
The molecular weight and polydispersity index of the poly(ethylene oxide) block was determined by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) using a Varian liquid chromatograph equipped with a UV and refractive index detector. The composition of the lactide ABA triblock copolymer was determined using ¹H-NMR spectroscopy by comparing the integration of the lactide peaks (5.2ppm and 1.56ppm) with that of the ethylene oxide peaks (3.6ppm).

Solubility:

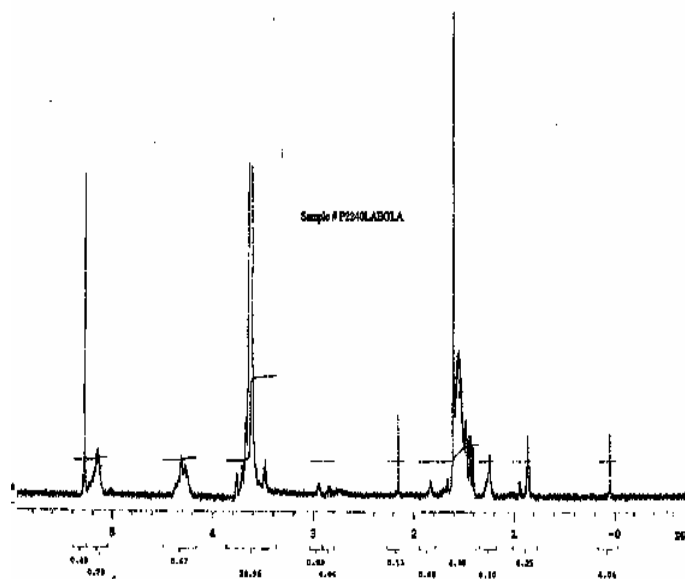
The polymer is soluble in THF, chloroform, DMF and toluene, but not soluble in hexane.

SEC of Sample:

P2240-LAEOLA



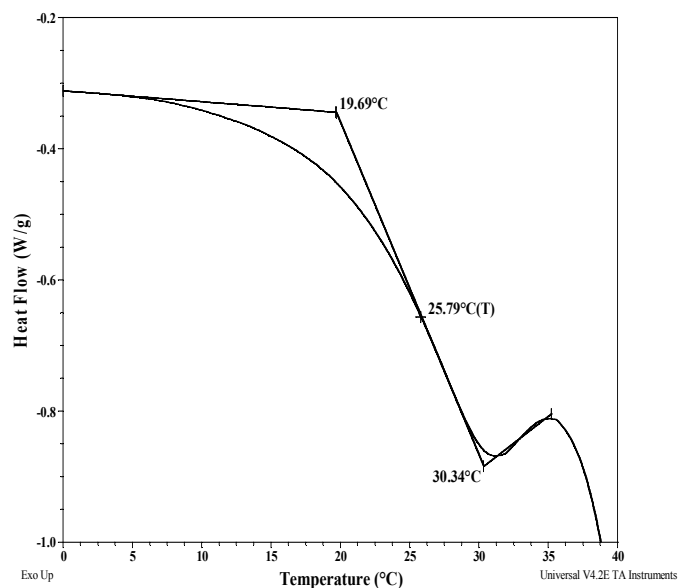
Size Exclusion Chromatography of:
Poly(lactide-b-ethylene glycol-b-lactide) triblock copolymer:

¹H-NMR of the polymer:

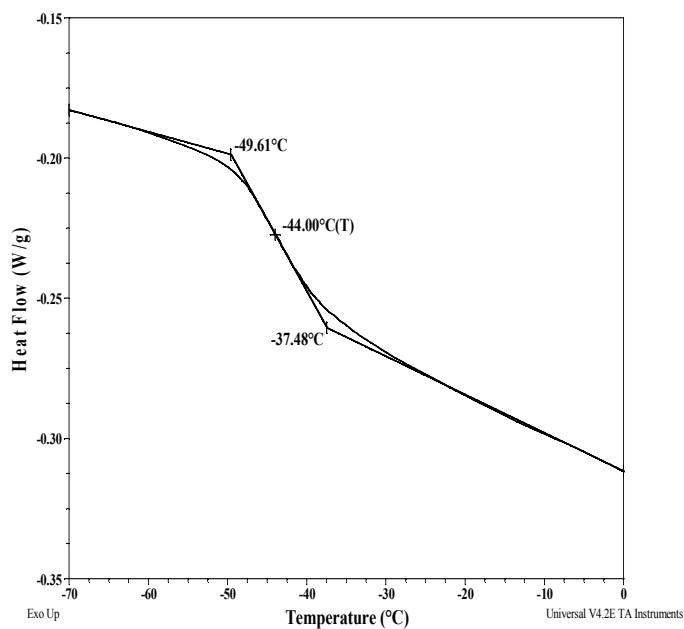
Thermal analysis of the sample# P2240-LAEOLA

Thermal analysis of the samples was carried out on a TA Q100 differential scanning calorimeter at a heating rate of 20°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).

Thermogram for PLA block:



For PEO block



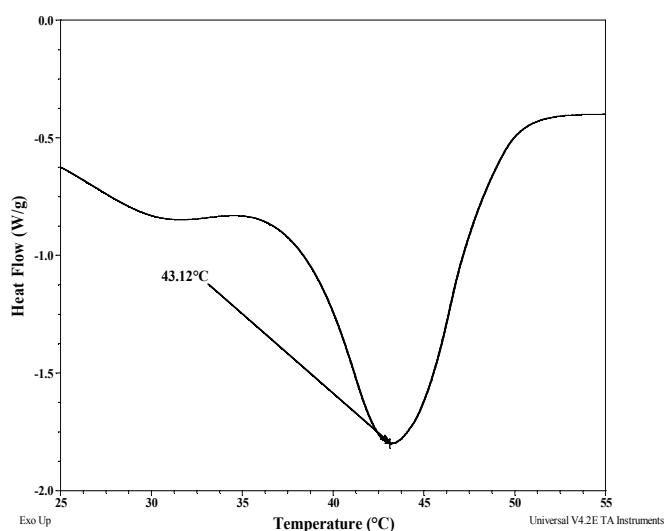
Thermal analysis results at a glance

For PLA block (DL)		
T_g : 26°C	T_m : -	T_c : -
For PEO block		
T_g : -44°C	T_m : 43°C	T_c : 11°C

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.

Melting curve for PEO block



Crystallization curve For PEO block

