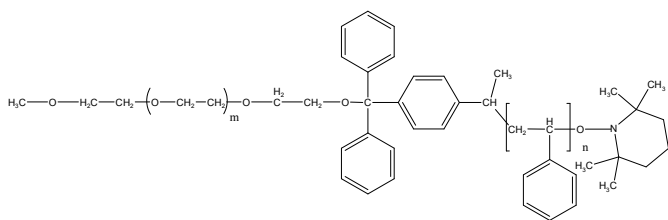


**Sample Name:** Poly(styrene-b-ethylene oxide)Cleavage

**Sample #:** P6503-SEOCleavable

**Structure:**



**Composition:**

Mn x 10 <sup>3</sup>	PDI
S-b-EO	
22.0-b-6.0	1.14

**Synthesis Procedure:**

1. Synthesis of poly(styrene-block-ethylene oxide) copolymers by anionic polymerization and acid cleavage into its constituent homopolymers for the formation of ordered nanoporous thin films: e-polymer, 2008, 094, 1618

**Characterization:**

The molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI) of the block copolymer are characterized by size exclusion chromatography (SEC). The composition of the block copolymer was calculated from <sup>1</sup>H-NMR by comparing the peak area of the phenyl polystyrene protons between 6.4 to 7.2 ppm and the ethylene oxide protons at 3.65 ppm.

**Solubility:**

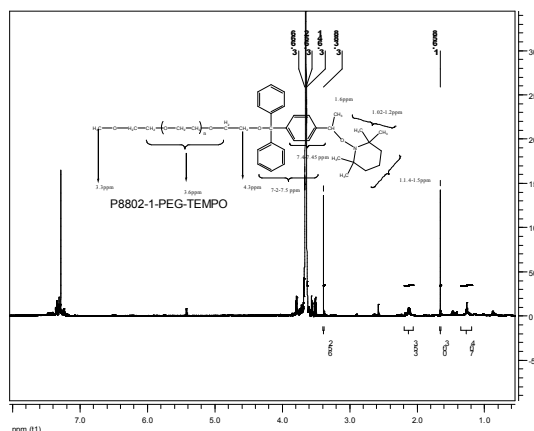
The polymer is soluble in THF (at 35 °C), CHCl<sub>3</sub>, benzene, toluene, dioxane. Low molecular weight SEO with high contents of the polyethylene oxide block can also be solubilized in methanol and water.

**Quick test for the presence of cleavage group at the junction:**

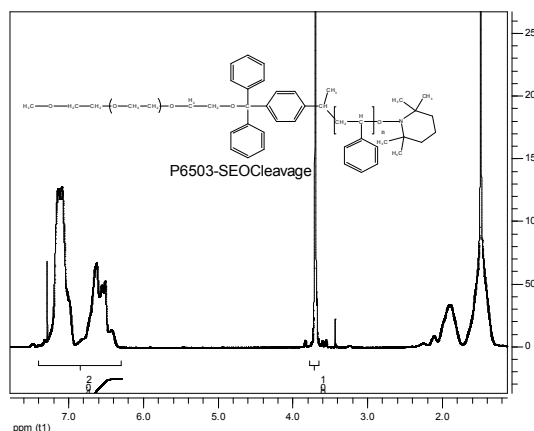
Prepare the solution of polymer in toluene 10mg in 1 ml of toluene and add a drop of trifluoroacetic acid . Immediately the color turn yellow. This indicate the formation of Phenyl moiety (Phenyl-C<sup>+</sup>) charge with cation. This indicate the cleavage of PEO block from Polystyrene block at the junction.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the sample**

### 1. PEG- end functionalized TEMPO



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR of The polymer:**



**SEC profile of the block copolymer**

**P6503-SEO cleavage**

