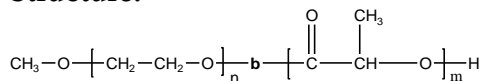


**Sample Name:****Poly(ethylene oxide -b- lactide) (DL form)****Sample #: P8911-EOLA (DL form)****Structure:****Composition:**

Mn x 10 <sup>3</sup> PEO-b-PLA	PDI
5.0-b-1.2	1.15

**Synthesis Procedure:**

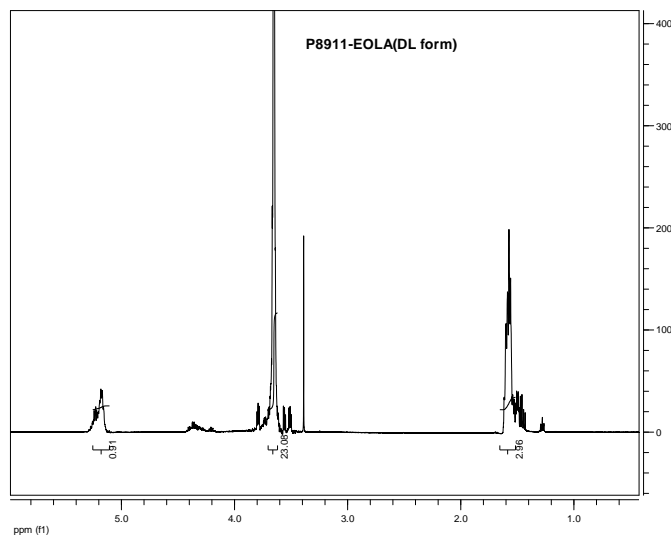
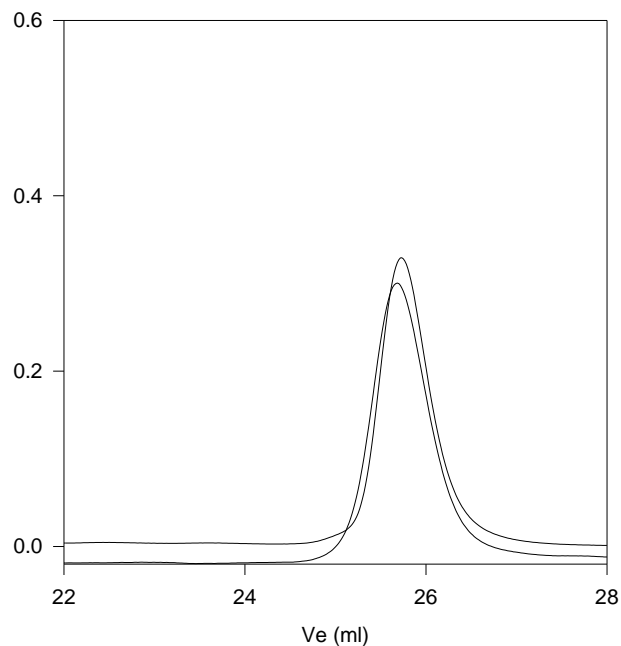
Poly(ethylene oxide -b- lactide) is prepared by living anionic polymerization of ethylene oxide and coordination polymerization of lactide.

**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 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy by comparing the peak area of the ethylene oxide protons at about 3.6 ppm with the lactide protons at about 5.1 ppm.

**Solubility:**

Poly(ethylene oxide -b- lactide) is soluble in chloroform, THF, DMF, toluene and precipitates from ethanol, ether and hexane.

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectrum of the block copolymer:****SEC of the block copolymer:****P8911- EOLA (DL form)**

Size exclusion chromatography:

- Poly(ethylene glycol), M<sub>n</sub>=5000, M<sub>w</sub>=5200, PI=1.05
  - Block Copolymer PEO(5000)-b-PLA(1200), PI=1.15
- Composition from <sup>1</sup>H NMR  
Dp: EO(114 units)-b-LA (17 units)

Thermal analysis of the sample# P8911-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 ( $T_g$ ).

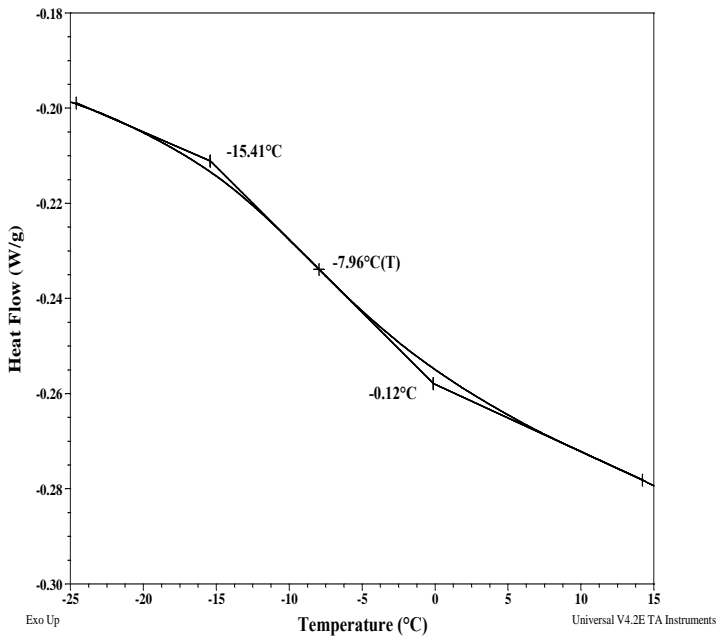
Melting and crystallization curve for the sample

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. A comparison of thermal properties between poly (ethylene glycol) methyl ether ( $M_n \approx 5000$ ) and PEO block ( $M_n \approx 5000$ ) in EOLA is tabulated below:

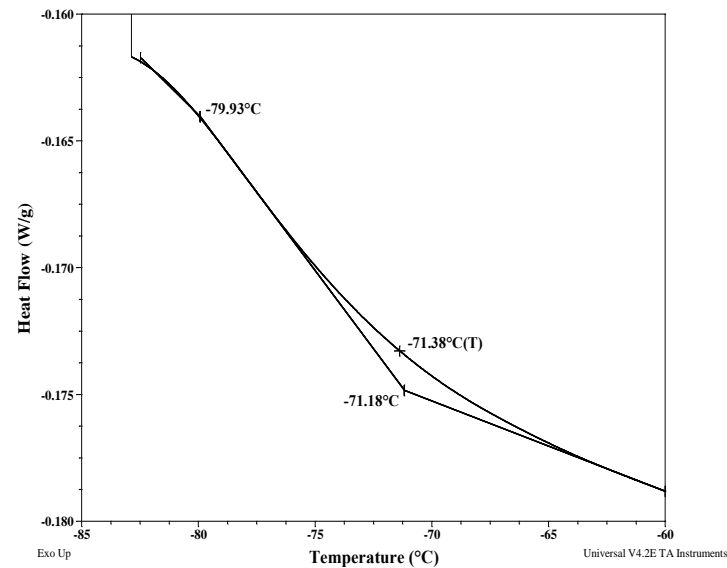
Thermal analysis results at a glance

Sample	$T_m$ (°C)	$T_c$ (°C)	$T_g$ (°C)
EO	61	29	-65
PLA block (DL form)	-	-	-08
PEO block	55	29	-71

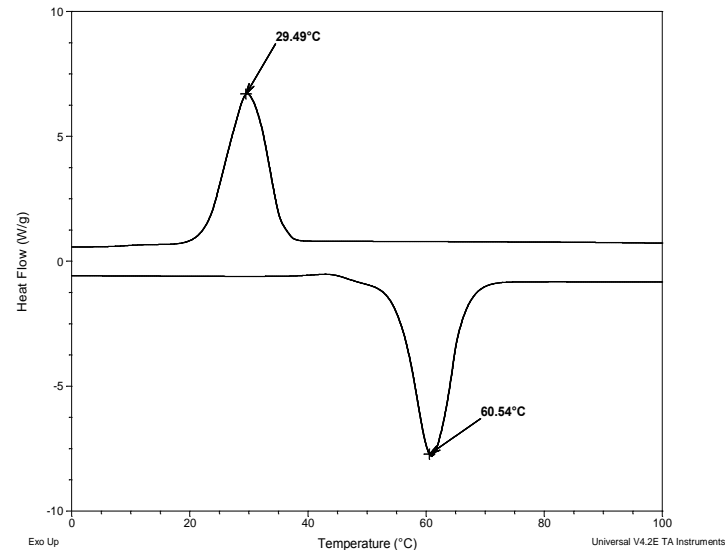
Thermogram for the sample  
For PLA block:



For PEO block



Melting & crystallization of poly (ethylene glycol) methyl ether ( $M_n \approx 5000$ )



Melting & crystallization for PEO block

