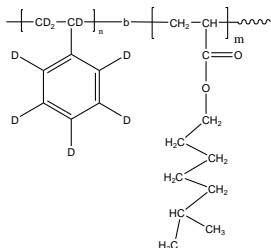


**Sample Name:** Deuterated Poly(styrene(d8)-b-isooctyl acrylate) (protonated)

**Sample #:** P9445B-dPSisoOctA

**Structure:**



**Composition:**

Mn x 10 <sup>3</sup> dPS-b-IsoOctA	PDI
10.0-b-10.0	1.15

T<sub>g</sub> for Iso OctylAcrylate block: -44 °C  
T<sub>g</sub> for PS block: 87 °C

**Synthesis Procedure:**

Deuterated Poly(styrene (d8) -b-isooctyl acrylate) is prepared by the transesterification of the deuterated poly (Styrene (d8)-b-tert.butyl acrylate) di block copolymer in presence of isooctanol (pure isooctanol with no isomer synthesized) . Esterification of tert-butyl ester to isooctanol ester is confirmed by complete disappearance of absorbance at 1360 cm<sup>-1</sup> characteristics for the tert.butyl ester.

**Purification:**

Purification of the obtained polymer was carried out rigorously as follows to ensure the removal of the catalyst side product:

1. Dissolved the polymer in CHCl<sub>3</sub> and wash with de-ionized distilled water to remove the any soluble organic catalyst used in the trans esterification side product.
2. Polymer extracted from water with chloroform.
3. Polymer solution in CHCl<sub>3</sub> was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate.
4. Solution filtered and then passed through a column packed with basic Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.
5. Solution concentrated on rota-evaporator
6. Solution precipitated in cold methanol
7. Final polymer freeze dried from dioxane.

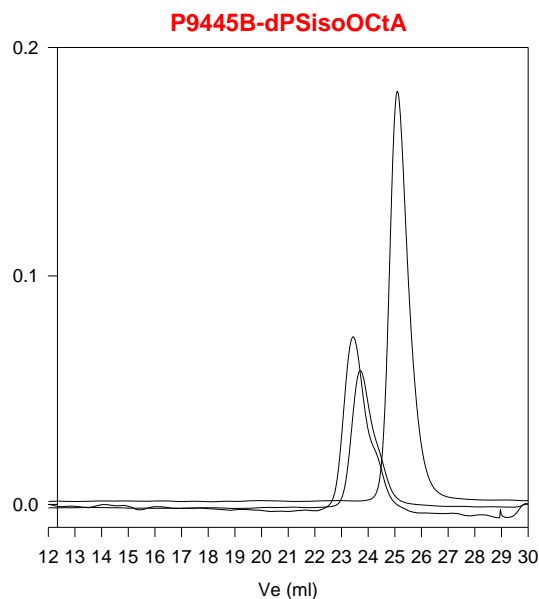
**Characterization:**

An aliquot of the polystyrene block was terminated before addition of tert.butyl acrylate and analyzed by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) to obtain the molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI). The final block copolymer composition and Mw/Mn (PDI) for the final polymer after trans-esterification to isooctyl acrylate is determined by SEC.

**Solubility:**

Polymer is soluble in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, THF and toluene.

**SEC of the block copolymer:**



Size exclusion chromatography of deuterated (d8) polystyrene-poly(isoOctA)

- Deuterated Polystyrene, M<sub>n</sub>=10000, M<sub>w</sub>=10500, PI=1.05
- Block Copolymer dPS(10000)-b-PtBuA(7000), PI=1.15  
After Transesterification of tert butyl ester:  
Mn: dPS Mn 10,000-b-isooctyl acrylate ( 10,000) Mw/Mn 1.15