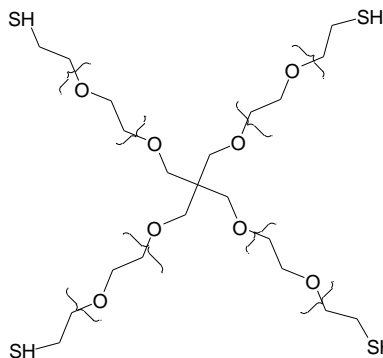


-Sample Name:

**Four-Arm Poly(ethylene oxide) Thiol  
Terminated, Pentaerythritol Core**

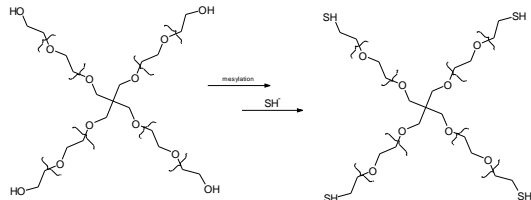
**Sample #: P10069-4EOSH**



Mn x 10 <sup>3</sup> (total)	PDI	SH Functionality
10.0	1.10	>95%

**Synthesis Procedure:**

The polymer was prepared by anionic living polymerization of ethylene oxide using pentaerythritol potassium salt as the initiator followed by modification of terminal groups OH to SH. The scheme of the reaction is illustrated below:



**Characterization.**

By Size exclusion chromatography (SEC): Varian liquid chromatograph equipped with UV and refractive detector. SEC columns from Supelco were used with THF containing 2 vol% (Et)<sub>3</sub>N as the eluent. The molecular weights were determined using light scattering detector and viscosity detector. The molecular weights and the polydispersity indices were calculated.

An aqueous GPC column from Supelco (G5000 PWXL) was also used with 0.5 M acetic acid and 0.8 M NaNO<sub>3</sub> as the eluent. It was kept at a constant temperature of 50°C. The flow rate was 1.0 ml/min. The column was calibrated with monodisperse poly(ethylene oxide) standards. The molecular weights and the polydispersity index of polyethylene oxide were calculated by using a Visual Basic GPC software.

**Purification of the obtained polymer:**

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

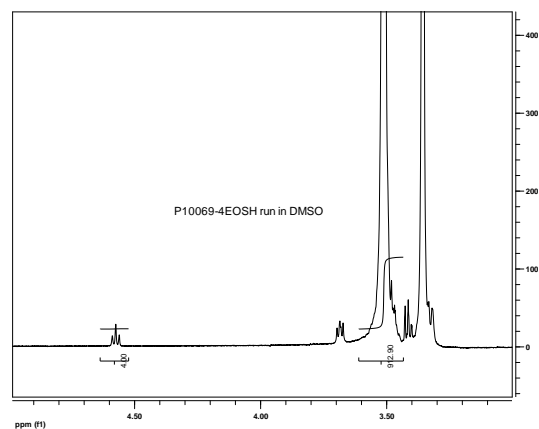
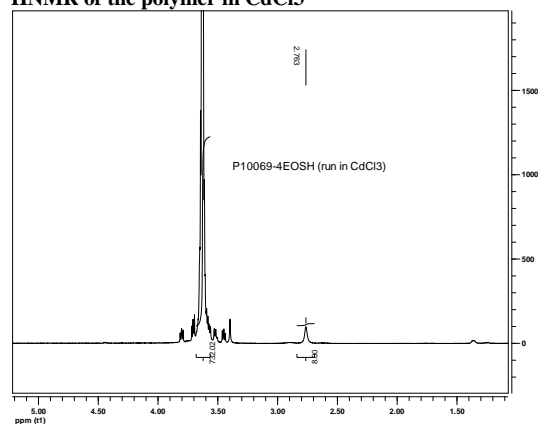
1. Dissolved the polymer in de-ionized distilled water to remove the any insoluble organic catalyst side product.
2. Polymer extracted from water with dichloromethane.
3. Polymer solution in dichloromethane was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate.
4. Solution filtered and then passed through a column packed with basic Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.
5. Solution concentrated on rota-evaporator
6. Solution precipitated in cold diethyl ether.

7. Dried under vacuum for 48h at 38 oC.

**Solubility:**

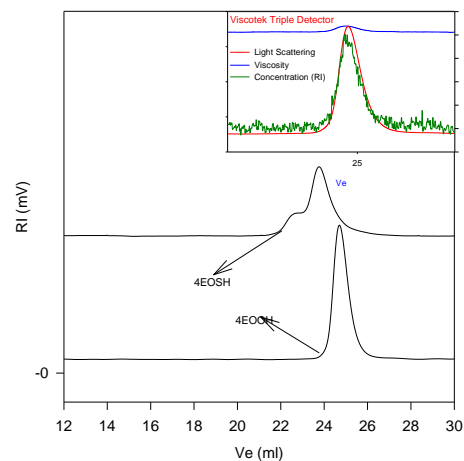
Polymer is soluble in THF, water and CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The polymer is insoluble in hexane, ether, cold isopropanol and cold ethanol.

**HNMR of the polymer in CdCl<sub>3</sub>**



**SEC of the product**

P10069-4EOOH and 4EOSH



Size Exclusion Chromatography of four arm poly(ethylene oxide)

— M<sub>n</sub> = 10,000, M<sub>w</sub> = 11,000, M<sub>w</sub>/M<sub>n</sub> = 1.10

Each arm Mn: 2500

After converting to SH end functionalized: It shows about 10% disulfide formation and elution is shifted to higher value