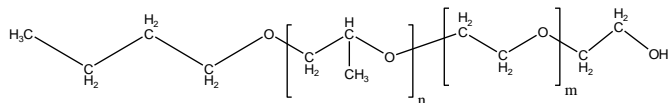


Sample Name:

**Poly(Ethylene Oxide -b- Propylene Oxide)**

Sample #: **P1960A-EOPO**

**Structure:**



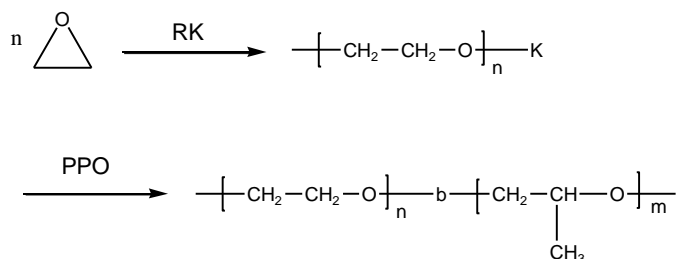
**Composition:**

Mn x 10 <sup>3</sup> PEO-b-PPO	PDI
19.0-b-3.5	1.11

**Synthesis Procedure:**

Poly(ethylene oxide -b- propylene oxide) is prepared by living anionic polymerization with sequence addition of ethylene oxide followed by propylene oxide or *vis versa* depending on the chemical compositions.

The scheme of the reaction is illustrated below:



**Characterization:**

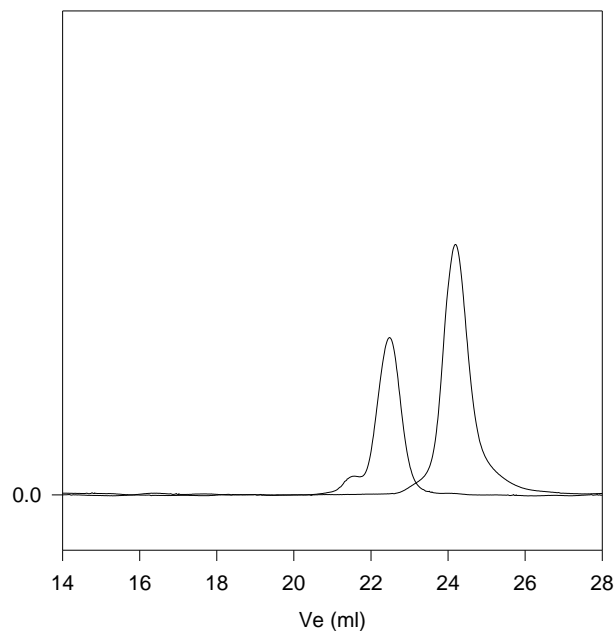
An aliquot of the anionic poly(ethylene oxide) block was terminated before addition of propylene oxide and analyzed by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) to obtain the molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI). The final block copolymer composition was calculated from <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy by comparing the peak area of the ethylene oxide protons at about 3.6 ppm with the propylene oxide protons (CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)) at about 1.08 ppm.

**Solubility:**

Poly(ethylene oxide -b- propylene oxide) is soluble in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, THF, methanol, and ethanol. The polymer precipitates from hexane and ether.

SEC of the block copolymer:

**P1960<sub>A</sub>-EOPO**



— PPO Block M<sub>n</sub>=3500, M<sub>w</sub>=3950, PI=1.13

— Block Copolymer PPO(3500)-b-PEO(19000), PI=1.11