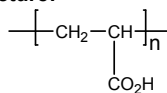


Sample Name:
Poly(acrylic acid)
Sample #: **P4451-AA**

Structure:

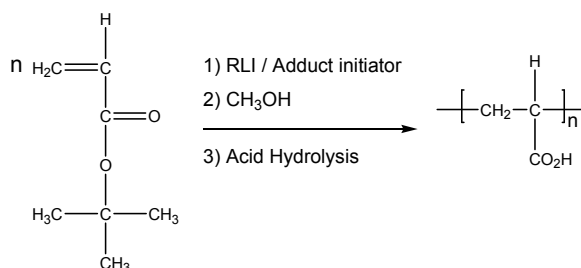


Composition:

Mn x 10 ³	PDI
53.0	1.25

Synthesis Procedure:

Poly(acrylic acid) is synthesized by anionic polymerization of t-butyl acrylate followed by hydrolysis of the tert. butyl group. The reaction scheme is below.



Characterization:

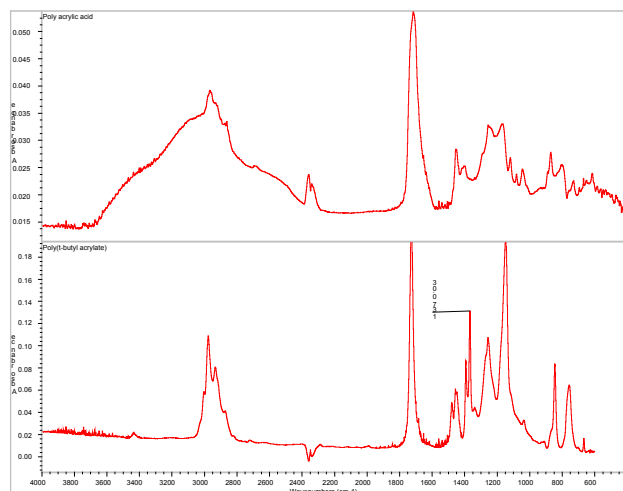
The molecular weight and polydispersity index (PDI) are obtained by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) in THF. SEC analysis was performed on a Varian liquid chromatograph equipped with refractive and UV light scattering detectors. Three SEC columns from Supelco (G6000-4000-2000 HXL) were used with triple detectors from Viscotek Co.

Hydrolysis: The quantitative hydrolysis of the ester is confirmed by the disappearance of tert.butyl ester absorbance at around 1370cm⁻¹.

Solubility:

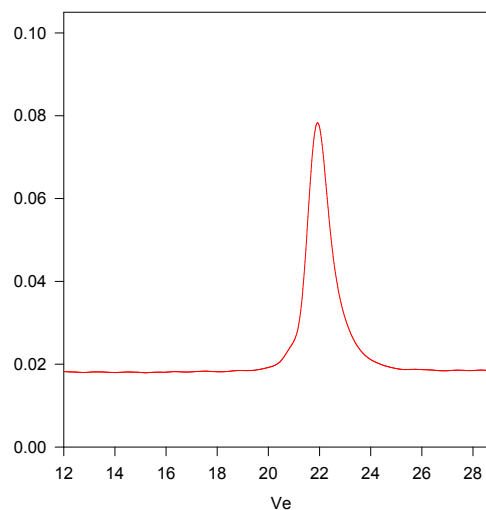
Poly(acrylic acid) is soluble in THF, water, methanol, ethanol. The polymer precipitates from ether, acetone, hexane.

FTIR Spectra of Poly(tert. butyl acrylate) and poly(acrylic acid)



SEC of Homopolymer:

P4451-tBuA Precursor for P4451-AA



Size Exclusion Chromatography of Poly tert-butyl acrylate:

M_n=95000, M_w=119000, PI=1.25 after hydrolysis of tert.butyl ester

Polyacrylic acid: M_n=53000 M_w/M_n=1.25

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