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### **Supporting Information**

#### Synthesis and Properties of Novel Isopropyl-Functionalized Polyglycolide-PEG

#### Copolymers

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## **ATR-FTIR Spectra**



Figure 1. ATR-FTIR spectrum of *l*-2-hydroxy-3-methylbutanoic acid (2)



Figure 2. ATR-FTIR spectrum of *l*-3,6-diisopropyl-1,4-dioxane-2,5-dione (3)



Figure 3. ATR-FTIR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (6)



Figure 4. ATR-FTIR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (7)



Figure 5. ATR-FTIR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (8)



Figure 6. ATR-FTIR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (10)



Figure 7. ATR-FTIR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (11)



Figure 8. ATR-FTIR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (12)



Figure 9. ATR-FTIR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (13)



Figure 10. ATR-FTIR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (14)



Figure 11. ATR-FTIR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (15)



Figure 12. ATR-FTIR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (16)

# <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectra



Figure 13. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of *l*-2-hydroxy-3-methylbutanoic acid (2)



Figure 14. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of *l*-3,6-diisopropyl-1,4-dioxane-2,5-dione (3)



Figure 15. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (6)



Figure 16. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (7)



Figure 17. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (8)



Figure 18. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (10)



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Figure 22. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (14)



Figure 23. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (15)



Figure 24. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (16)



Figure 25. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of *l*-2-hydroxy-3-methylbutanoic acid (2)



Figure 26. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of *l*-3,6-diisopropyl-1,4-dioxane-2,5-dione (3)



Figure 27. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (6)



Figure 28. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (7)



Figure 29. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (8)



Figure 30. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of MePEG-PDIPG (10)

The conversion of the copolymer **10** was about 95.6 % after purification. Therefore, the peaks of 4.4 % monomer were observed in NMR spectrum. The slight carbonyl group at 166.3 ppm, and aliphatic carbon peaks at 79.8, 29.3, 15.7 ppm came from the DIPG monomer.



Figure 31. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (11)



Figure 32. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (12)



Figure 33. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (13)



Figure 34. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (14)



Figure 35. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (15)



Figure 36. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (16)

## GPC Chromatogram



Figure 37.GPC chromatogram of MePEG-PDIPG (6)

Peak	Retention Time Area		Height	Peak Start	Peak End	Area%
1	14.3	253104	6220	13.3	15.7	98.5
2	18.6	1541	103	18.4	18.8	0.6
3	19.1	2189	147	18.8	19.3	0.9

Table1. Peak table for MePEG-PDIPG (6)



Figure 38. GPC chromatogram of MePEG-PDIPG (7)

Peak	Retention Time	tetention Time Area H		Peak Start	Peak Start Peak End	
1	14.1	207717	4668	12.9	15.3	98.5
2	18.6	636	66	18.4	18.7	1.5

Table 2. Peak table for MePEG-PDIPG (7)



Figure 39. GPC chromatogram of MePEG-PDIPG (8)

Peak	Retention Time	'ime Area He		Peak Start	Peak End	Area%	
1	13.7	180717	3706	12.7	15.9	98.2	
2	18.6	5522	442	18.4	18.8	1.8	

Table 3. Peak table for MePEG-PDIPG (8)



Figure 40. GPC chromatogram of MePEG-PDIPG (9)

Peak	Retention Time	Retention Time Area Heigh		Peak Start	Peak End	Area%	
1	13.6	133371	2654	12.6	14.9	97.6	
2	18.6	3345	257	18.4	18.8	2.4	

Table 4. Peak table for MePEG-PDIPG (9)



Figure 41.GPC chromatogram of MePEG-PDIPG (10)

Peak	Retention Time	Area	Height	Peak Start	Peak End	Area%	
1	12.3	203661	2444	11.3	14	93.5	
2	18.6	14166	949	18.2	18.9	6.5	

Table 5. Peak table for MePEG-PDIPG (10)



Figure 42. GPC chromatogram of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (11)

Table 6. Peak table for PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (11)	

Peak	ak Retention Time Area		Height	Peak Start	Peak End	Area%	
1	13.9	163083	4410	13.2	15.2	97.8	
2	18.6	1016	82	18.4	18.9	2.2	



Figure 43. GPC chromatogram of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (12)

Peak	Retention Time	Retention Time Area Height		Peak Start	Peak End	Area%	
1	13.8	228437	5742	13.1	15.1	99.3	
2	18.6	1509	126	18.4	18.8	0.7	

 Table 7. Peak table for PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (12)



Figure 44. GPC chromatogram of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (13)

Table 8. Peak table for PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (13)	
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Peak	k Retention Time Are		Height	Peak Start	Peak End	Area%
1	1 13.7 2		5259	12.9	14.9	98.8
2	18.6	1377	116	18.3	18.8	1.2



Figure 45. GPC chromatogram of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (14)

Peak	Retention Time	Area	Height	Peak Start	Peak End	Area%
1	13.6	172435	4133	12.6	14.9	98.4
2	18.6	2843	194	18.4	18.8	1.6

Table 9. Peak table for PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (14)



Figure 46. GPC chromatogram of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (15)

Table 1	10.	Peak	table	for	PDIP	G-PE	G-PD	DIPG	(15)

Peak	Retention Time	Area	Height	Peak Start	Peak End	Area%
1	13.3	171670	4240	12.4	14.3	96.1
2	18.6	6987	495	18.4	18.9	3.9



Figure 47. GPC chromatogram of PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (16)

Peak	Retention Time	Area	Height	Peak Start	Peak End	Area%
1	12.3	209415	3817	11.5	13.9	94.7
2	18.6	11819	806	18.2	18.8	5.3

Table 11. Peak table for PDIPG-PEG-PDIPG (16)