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Supplemental information 1: Molecular Modelling Typical box for a) liquid 1,1,1,2-

tetrafluoroethane and b) poly(L-PheOEt).





Supplemental information 2: representative 1H NMR spectrum of the carbamate product formed when attempted polymerization reaction in scCO<sub>2</sub>



## Supplemental information 3: NMR analyses of the products

Representative 1H NMR (A) and 13C NMR (B) spectra protease Subtilisin Carlsbergmediated poly(L-LeuOEt) in liquid 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (40 °C, 25 bar)





Representative HMBCAD (A) and COSY (B) spectra for protease Subtilisin Carlsberg-mediated Poly(L-LeuOEt) in liquid 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (40 °C, 25 bar)





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Representative NMR spectra for protease of Subtilisin Carlsberg-mediated Poly(L-LeuOEt-co-L-PheOEt) in liquid 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (40 °C, 25 bar)





Representative HMBCAD (A) and COSY (B) spectra for protease Subtilisin Carlsberg-mediated Poly(L-PheOEt-co-L-LeuOEt) in liquid 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (40 °C, 25 bar)





Supplemental information 4. Representative ATR-FTIR spectra of each synthesized compounds. Poly(L-LueOEt) (A); Poly(L-PheOEt) (B) and Poly(L-LeuOEt-co-PheOEt) (C)







Supplemental information 5. UV spectra for poly(L-PheOEt) in solid line and L-PheOEt in dash line.



## Supplemental information 6. Graphical representation of the results of control polymerization reactions without enzyme

Bars: average molar mass by 1H NMR (Da) of poly(L-LeuOEt) (A); poly(L-PheOEt) (B), poly(L-LeuOEt-co-L-PheOEt) (C) products in reactions carried out in liquid 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (40 °C and 25 bar) Line: average yield of weight of the polymers (%). Error bars represents the standard deviation of 3 replicates.



Supplemental information 7. PXRD diffractograms for the poly(L-PheOEt) (A), poly(L-LeuOEt) (B), and poly(L-LeuOEt-co-L-PheOEt) (C) at different reaction times (h).



