

Supporting Information

RAFT polymerisation of *N*-vinylformamide and corresponding double hydrophilic block copolymers

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Entry	Targeted M_n (g mol^{-1})	Time (h)	Conversion ^a (%)	$M_{n,\text{th}}$ ^b (g mol^{-1})	$M_{n,\text{SEC}}$ ^c (g mol^{-1})	D
1	-	2	22	-	192000	1.62
2		4	30	-	183000	1.44
3		8	80	-	221000	1.36
4		16	95	-	225000	1.40
5		24	95	-	200000	1.82
6	50000	2	36	18000	22100	1.03
7		8	80	39800	40100	1.03
8		24	93	46200	47800	1.13
9	20000	1.5	13	2500	4700	1.21
10		2	15	3100	6300	1.18
11		4	43	8700	10400	1.17
12		7	58	11700	13200	1.15
13		16	75	15100	14800	1.33
14		24	80	16100	18200	1.23
15	6000	4	27	1700	5100	1.14
16		7	42	2600	4000	1.19
17		16	60	3700	5100	1.19
18		24	66	4000	5100	1.26

^acalculated by $^1\text{H NMR}$, ^b $M_{n,\text{th}} = [\text{NVF}]_0 / [\text{CTA1}]_0 * M_{\text{NVF}} * \text{Conv.} + M_{\text{CTA1}}$, ^c $M_{n,\text{SEC}}$ measured with RI-MALS detection. $M_{\text{NVF}} = 71 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$; $M_{\text{CTA1}} = 161 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$.

Table S2. RAFT polymerization of NVF at 35°C in DMSO aiming for different $M_{n,th}$. $[V-70]_0/[CTA1]_0 = 0.33$. $[NVF]_0 = 4.5 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ (30% wt NVF in DMSO).

Entry	Targeted M_n (g mol^{-1})	Time (h)	Conversion ^a (%)	$M_{n,th}$ ^b (g mol^{-1})	$M_{n,SEC}$ ^c (g mol^{-1})	\mathcal{D}
1	100000	4	20	20300	17300	1.34
2		8	33	33300	29100	1.32
3		16	42	42400	43600	1.28
4		24	58	58500	53200	1.38
5	50000	2	14	7100	10700	1.18
6		4	24	12000	14600	1.19
7		8	43	21400	23300	1.12
8		16	57	28400	29600	1.19
9		24	66	32800	34300	1.19
10	10000	2	27	2800	5300	1.12
11		4	46	4700	5400	1.11
12		8	70	7100	8400	1.07
13		16	84	8400	9300	1.13
14		24	89	8900	8400	1.23
15	5000	2	35	1900	2600	1.12
16		4	57	2900	4300	1.01
17		8	79	4000	5900	1.10
18		16	90	4500	6200	1.05
19		24	92	4600	5300	1.03

^acalculated by $^1\text{H NMR}$, ^b $M_{n,th}=[NVF]_0/[CTA1]_0*M_{NVF}*Conv.+M_{CTA1}$, ^c $M_{n,SEC}$ measured with a RI-MALS detection. $M_{NVF}=71 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$; $M_{CTA1}=161 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$.

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Entry	Targeted M_n (g mol^{-1})	Time (h)	Conversion ^a (%)	$M_{n,th}$ ^b (g mol^{-1})	$M_{n,SEC}$ ^c (g mol^{-1})	\mathcal{D}
1	100000	2	18	18100	20700	1.31
2		4	32	32100	39200	1.19
3		8	51	51100	53900	1.18
4		16	79	79000	74300	1.22
5		24	87	87000	79500	1.22

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Entry	Polymer	Target. M_n (g mol^{-1})	Time (h)	Conv. ^a (%)	$M_{n,th}$ ^b (g mol^{-1})	$M_{n,SEC}$ ^c (g mol^{-1})	D_{SEC}	$M_{n,A4F}$ ^c (g mol^{-1})	D_{AF4}
1	PDMA-CTA2	5000	16	99	5000	6200	1.30	9900	1.23
2	PDMA- <i>b</i> -PNVF	32700	16	83	28100	-	-	28900	1.21
3	PVCL-CTA2	5000	16	99	5000	6400	1.11	6000	1.04
4	PVCL- <i>b</i> -PNVF	36000	16	82	30600	-	-	37200	1.27
5	PNIPAAm-CTA2	5000	16	99	5000	6300	1.31	9800	1.28
6	PNIPAAm- <i>b</i> -PNVF	40300	16	81	33800	-	-	46800	1.18

^acalculated by ¹H NMR. ^b $M_{n,th} = [Monomer]_0/[macro-CTA]_0 * M_{Monomer} * Conv. + M_{n,macro-CTA}$; ^c measured with a RI-MALS detection.

Table S5. ¹H DOSY-NMR analysis data of the block copolymers and their first block.

Entry	Polymer	$M_{n,SEC}$ ^a ($M_{n,A4F}$ ^a) (g mol^{-1})	Diffusion coefficient of first block ^b ($\mu\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$)	Diffusion coefficient of second block ^b ($\mu\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$)
1	PDMA-CTA2	6200 (9900)	33.2 ± 0.4 (c)	-
2	PDMA- <i>b</i> -PNVF	(28900)	4.0 ± 0.6 (c)	3.8 ± 0.4 (f+g)
3	PVCL-CTA2	6400 (6000)	58 ± 3 (c)	-
4	PVCL- <i>b</i> -PNVF	(37200)	2.5 ± 0.3 (a+e+f)	2.5 ± 0.3 (h+i)
5	PNIPAAm-CTA2	6300 (9800)	32.6 ± 0.5 (e)	-
6	PNIPAAm- <i>b</i> -PNVF	(46800)	3.4 ± 0.6 (e)	2.9 ± 0.4 (h+i+c)

^a measured with a RI-MALS detection; ^b determined by DOSY-NMR technique applied on the attributed ¹H NMR signals of Fig. 6 for PDMA-CTA2 and PDMA-*b*-PNVF and of Fig. S4 for the two other copolymers.

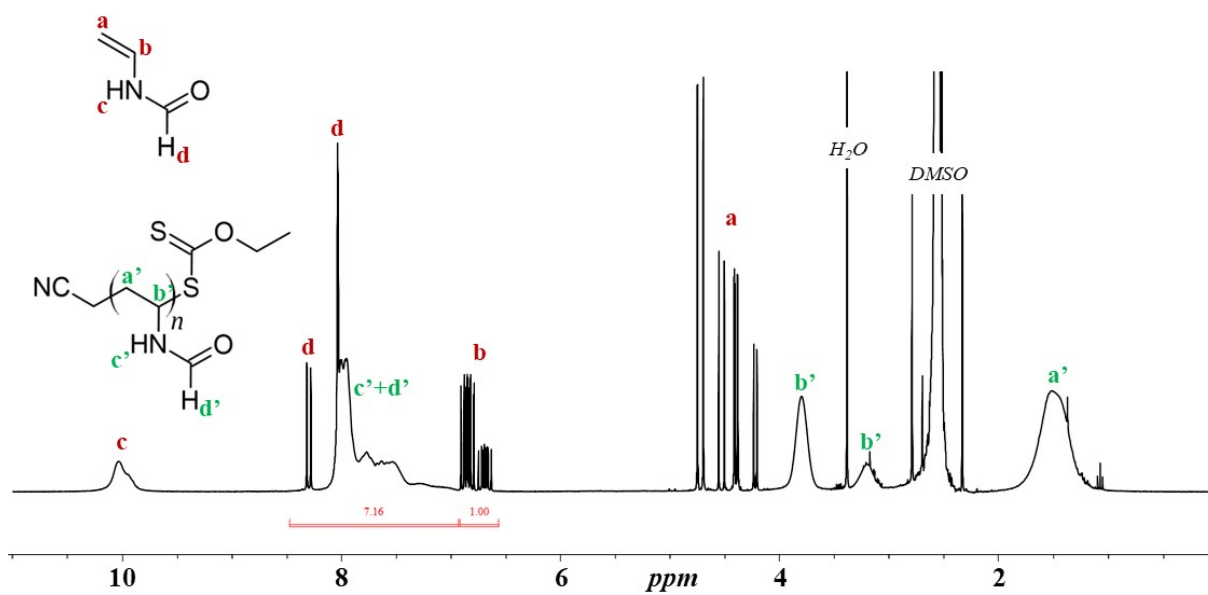


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$$\text{Conversion (\%)} = \frac{(d + c' + d') - b}{(d + c' + d') + b} \times 100$$

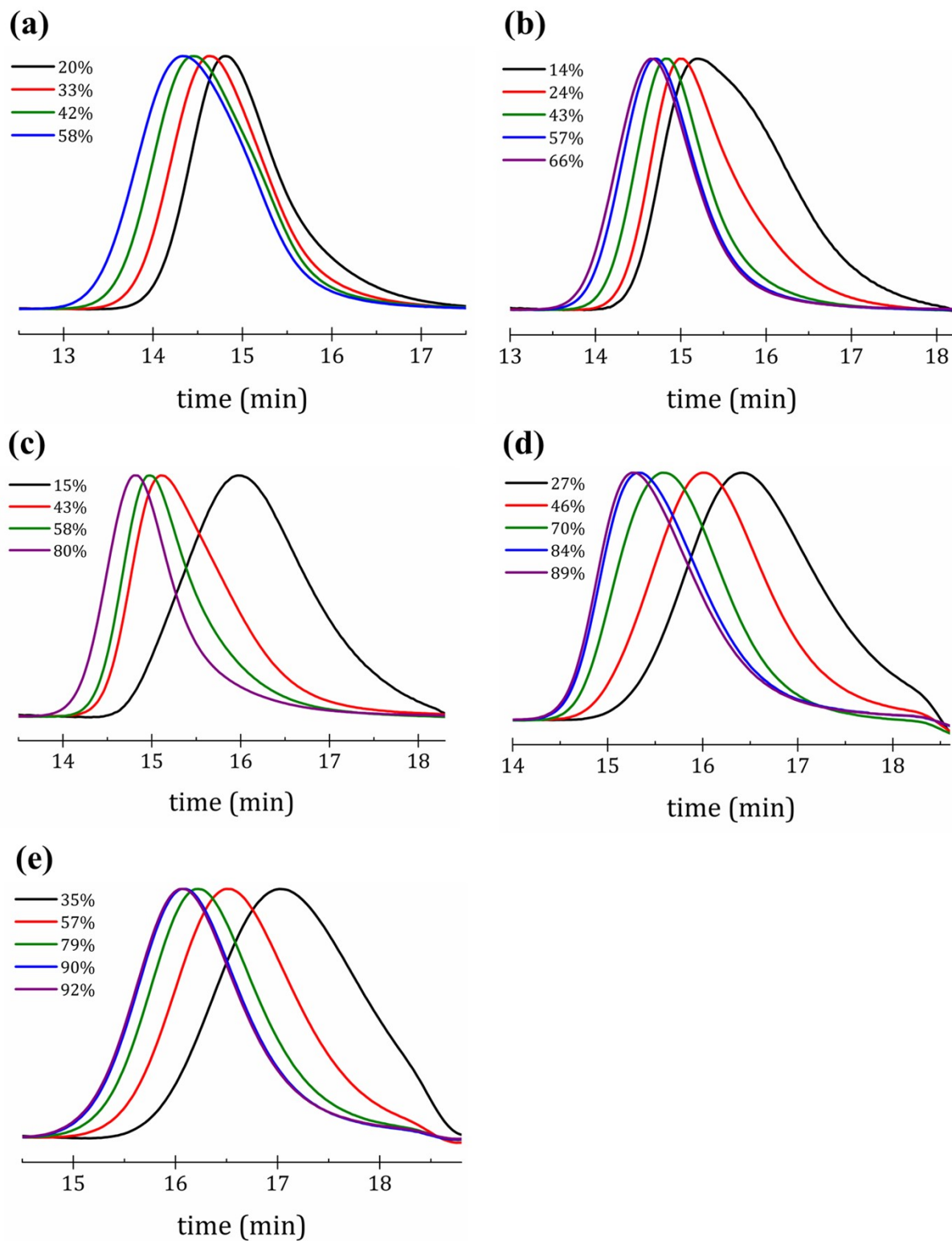


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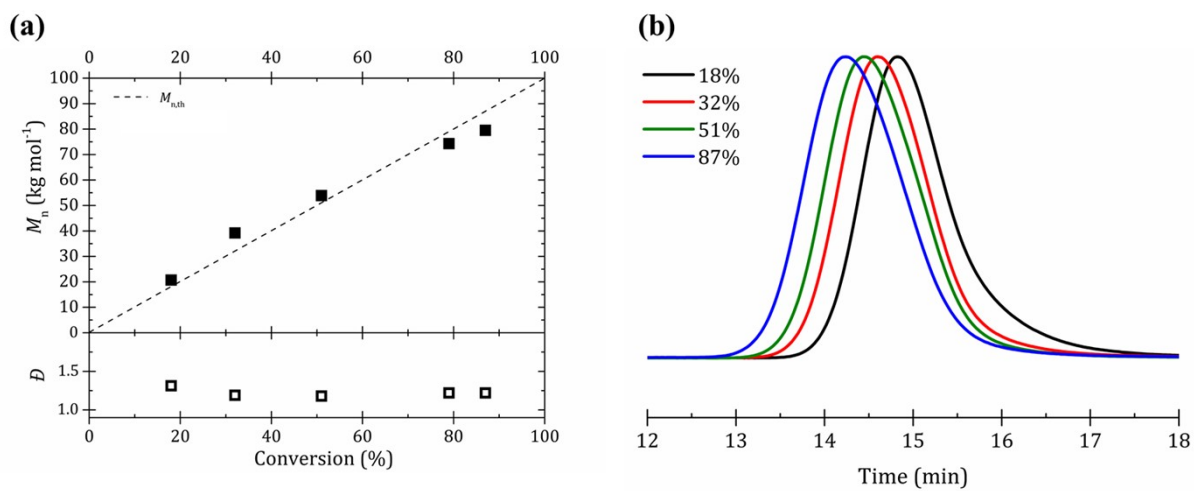


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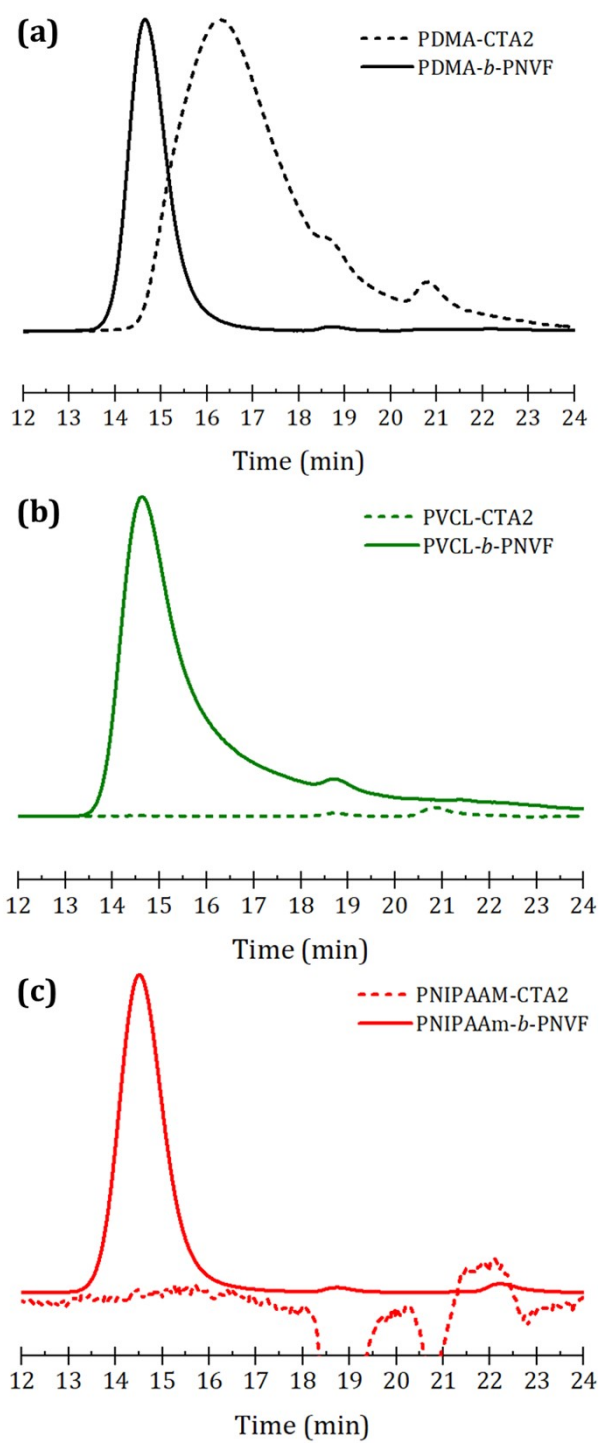


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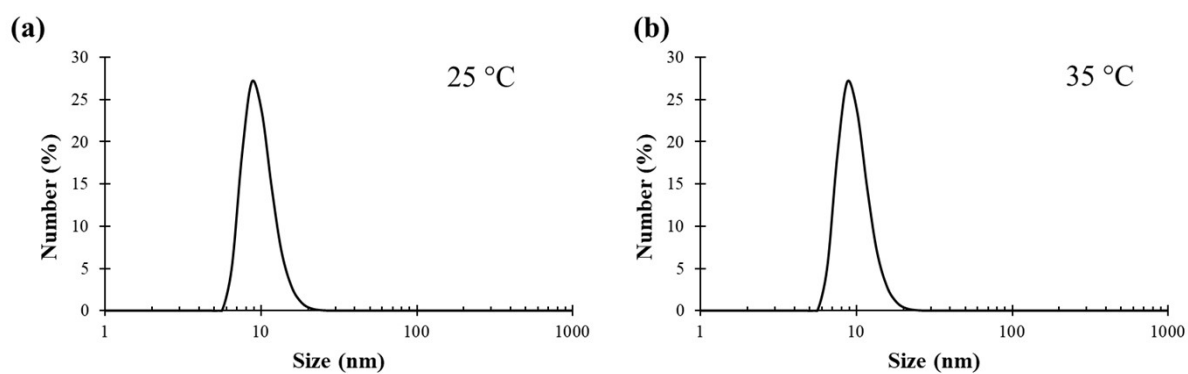


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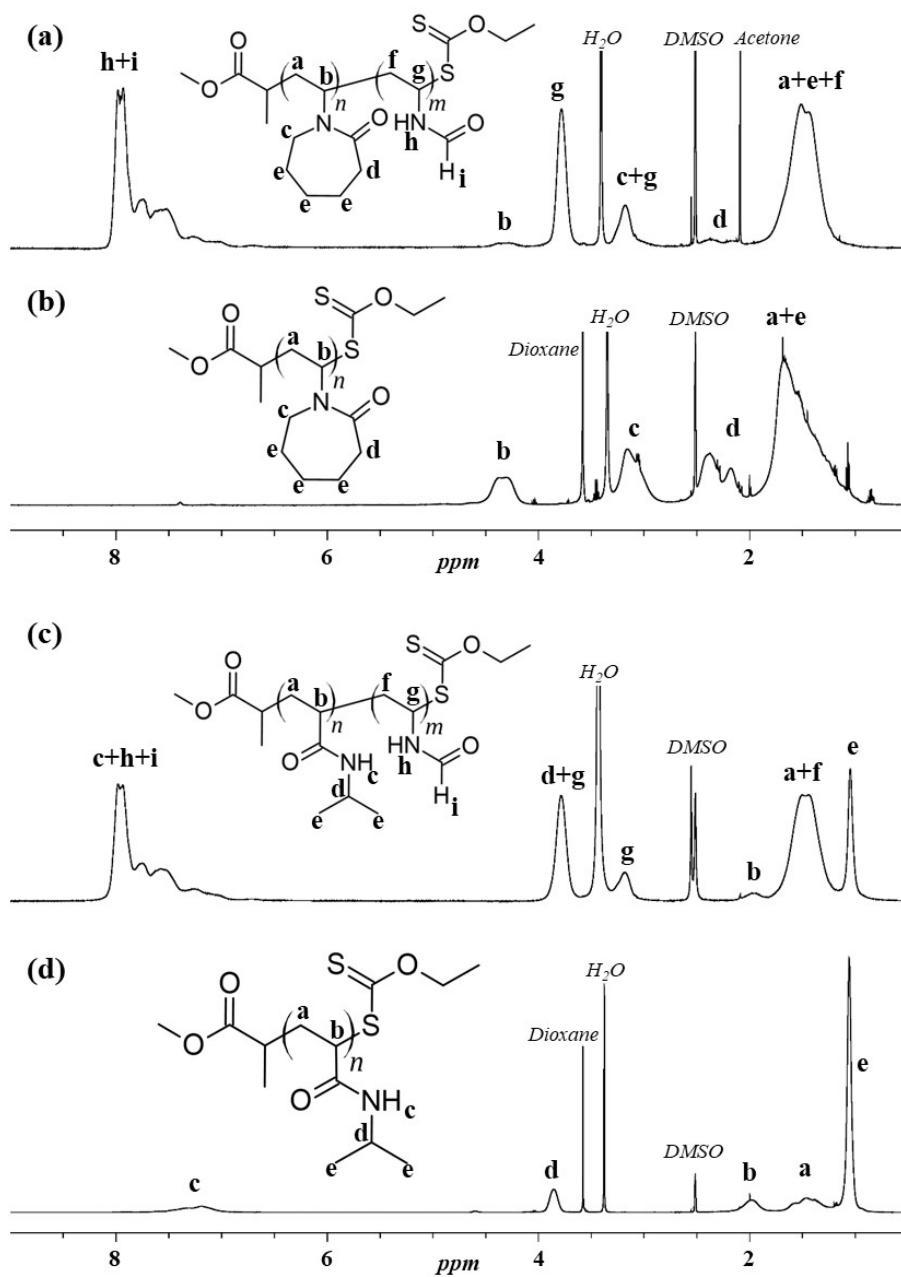


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