

## ***Supporting Information***

# **Self-Assembled Poly(L-lactide)-Based Platelets Prepared via Seeded Growth**

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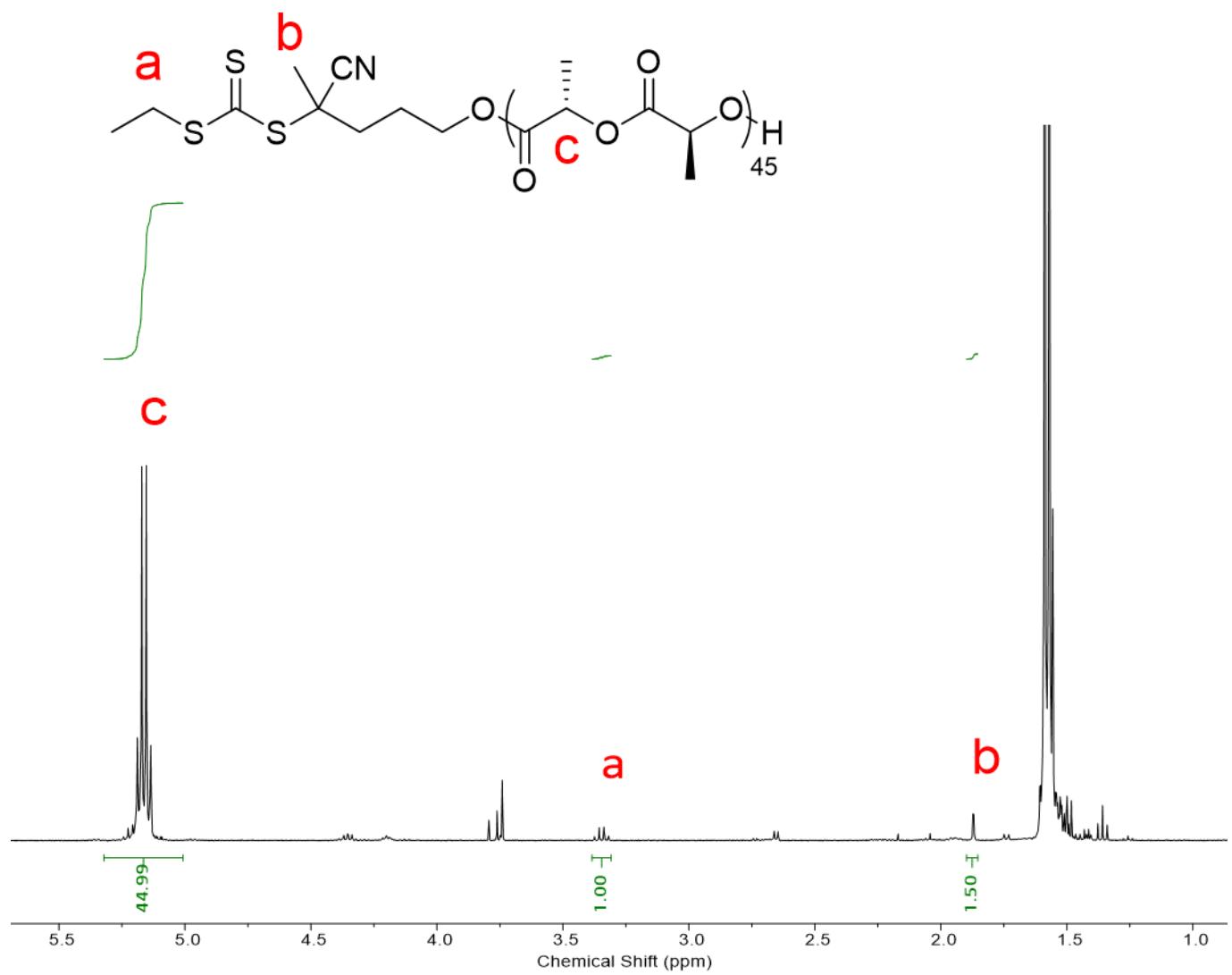
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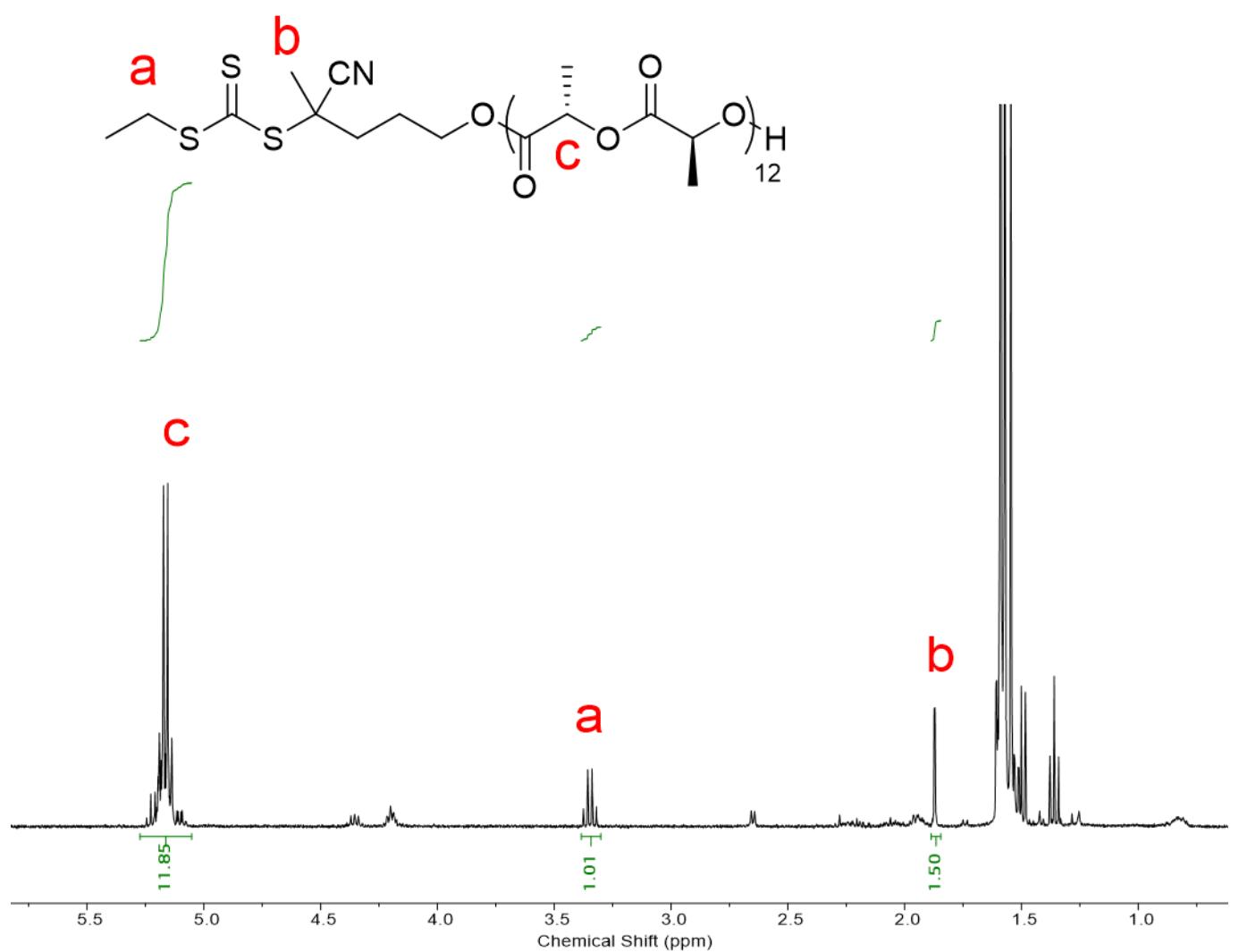
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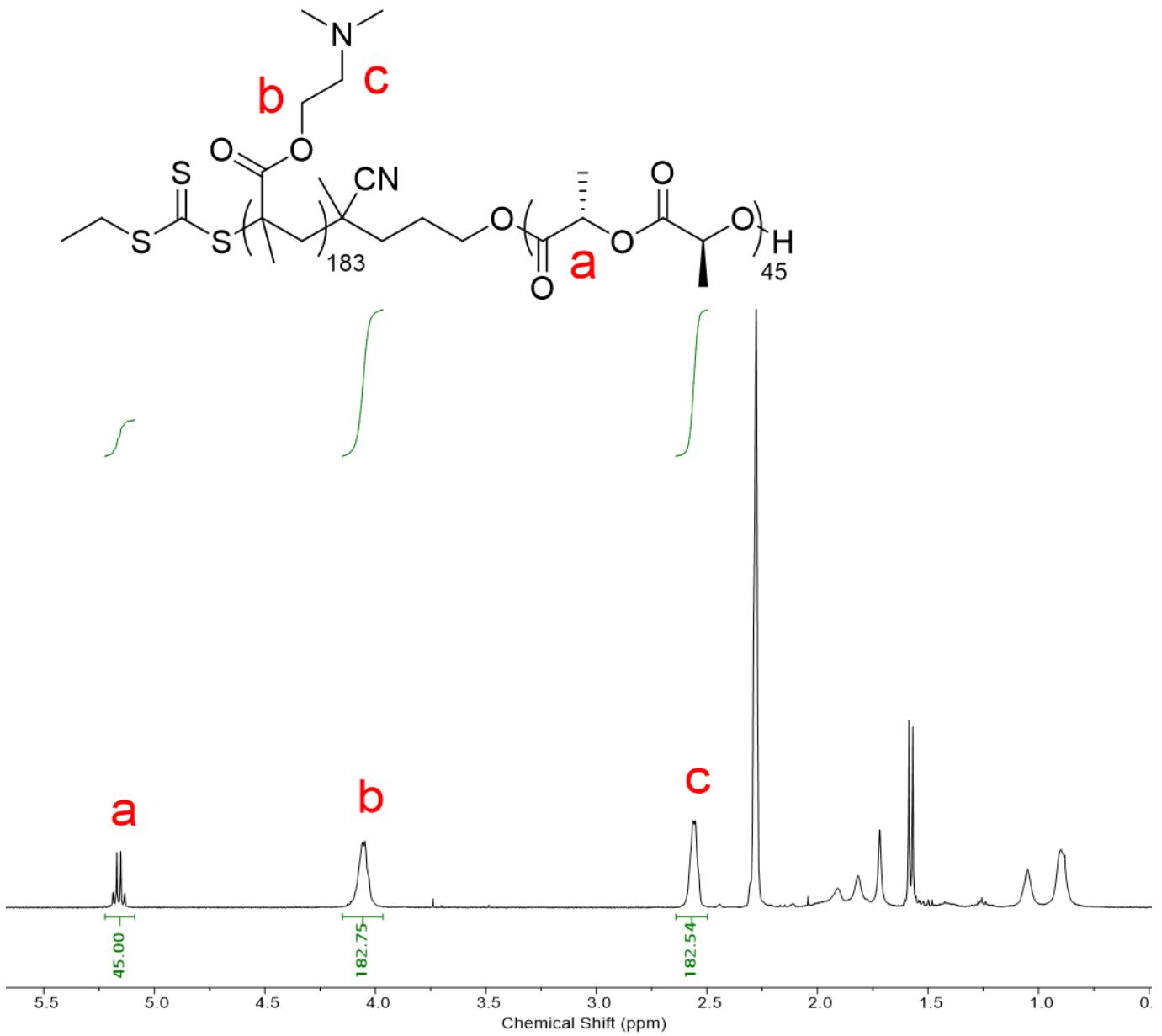
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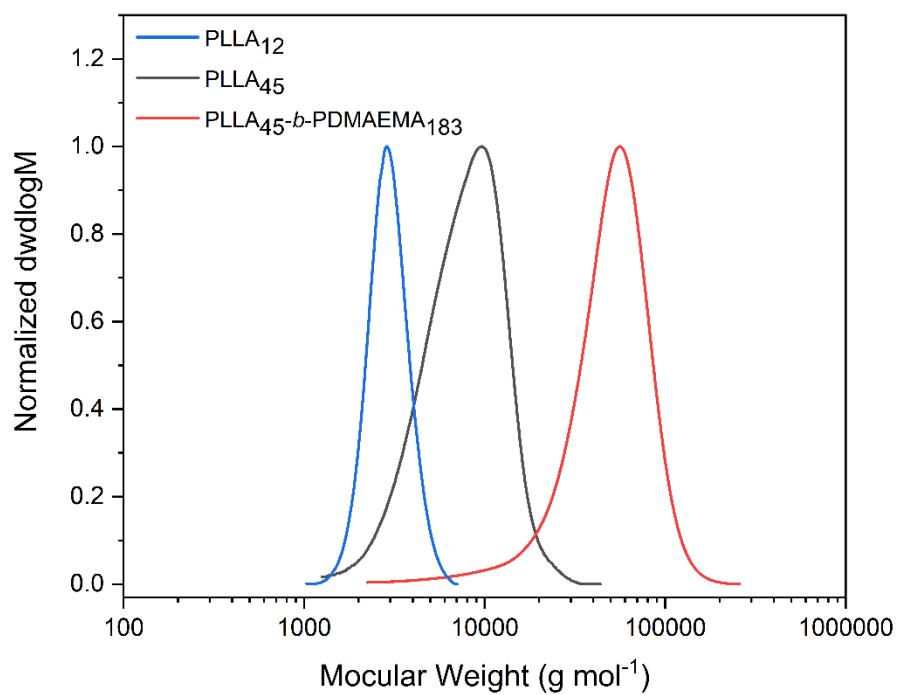
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of PLLA<sub>45</sub> homopolymer (400 MHz, in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PLLA<sub>12</sub> homopolymer (400 MHz, in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



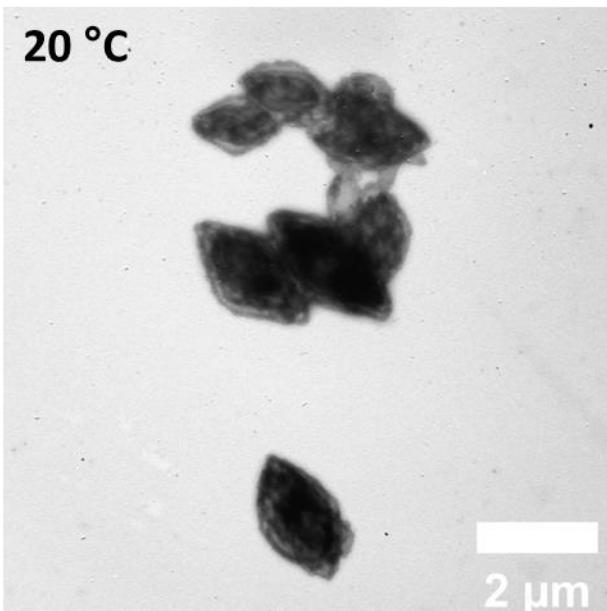
**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PLLA<sub>45</sub>-*b*-PDMAEMA<sub>183</sub> diblock polymer (400 MHz, in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



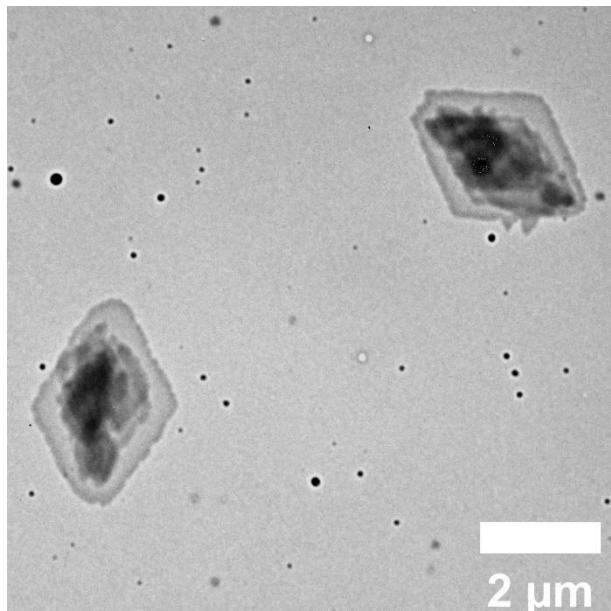
**Figure S4.** Normalized SEC curves (in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  with 0.5%  $\text{NEt}_3$ , detected by refractive index).

Table S1. Summary of detailed polymer information.

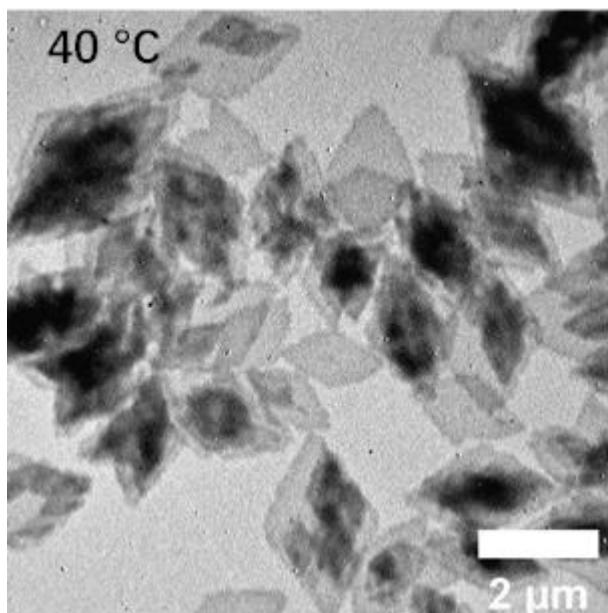
Polymer	$M_n$ (NMR) (kg·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$M_n$ (SEC) (kg·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$M_w$ (SEC) (kg·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$D_M$
PLLA <sub>12</sub>	1.6	2.8	3.0	1.07
PLLA <sub>45</sub>	5.4	6.2	8.1	1.30
PLLA <sub>45</sub> -PDMAEMA <sub>183</sub>	34.2	39.3	54.8	1.39



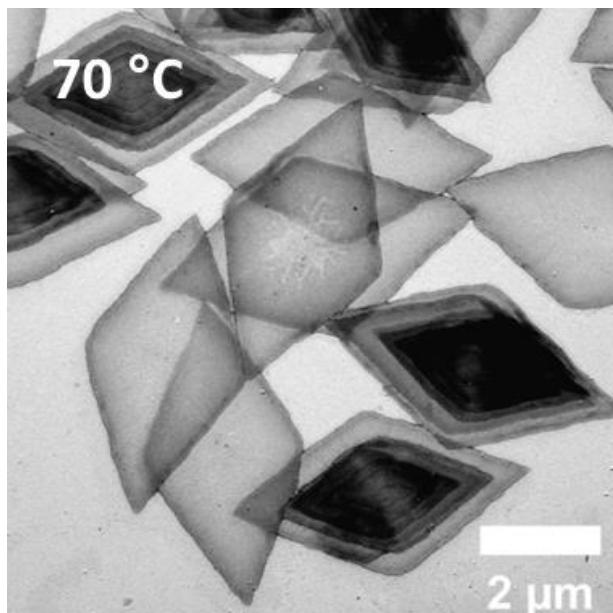
**Figure S5.** Platelets prepared by living CDSA at 20 °C.



**Firure S6.** Platelets prepared by adding unimer into ethanol without seed particles.



**Firure S7.** Platelets prepared by living CDSA at 40 °C.



**Firure S8.** Platelets prepared by living CDSA at 70 °C.

Table S2. Size of platelets prepared by various methods.

Sample	Unimer/Seed (w/w)	Homo/Diblock (w/w)	Temperature (°C)	$A_n$ ( $\mu\text{m}^2$ )	$A_w$ ( $\mu\text{m}^2$ )	$A_w/A_n$
1	10	1/1	50	4.47	4.68	1.05
2	10	1/1	60	0.97	0.99	1.02
3	10	1/1	65	2.24	2.30	1.02
4	10	1/1	70	8.31	8.41	1.01
5	10	1/2	50	0.27	0.30	1.10
6	10	1/4	50	0.18	0.19	1.07
7	10	1/8	50	0.16	0.17	1.08
8	10	1/1	50	0.44	0.47	1.05
9	20	1/1	50	0.66	0.68	1.03
10	30	1/1	50	0.93	1.00	1.08
11	10	1/1	50 and 20	0.39	0.42	1.08
12	20	1/1	50 and 20	0.66	0.68	1.03
13	30	1/1	50 and 20	0.95	1.00	1.05

Shading colors represent the parameters studied: orange—temperature; gold—homopolymer-to-diblock polymer ratio in the unimer solution; blue—short homopolymer used as unimer with varying unimer-to-seed ratios; green—flow-seeded growth with varying unimer-to-seed ratios.