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Free Radical Polymerization of Alkyl Methacrylates with N,N-Dimethylanilinium *p*-Toluenesulfonate at Above Ambient Temperature: A Quasi Living System

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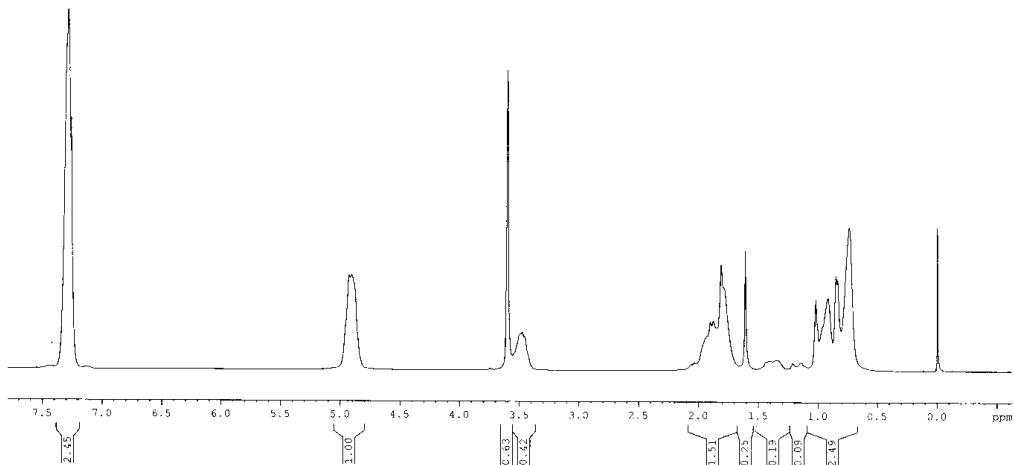


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectra of the block copolymer P(MMA)-b-P(BzMA-co-MMA) synthesized by PTSA-DMA initiator

Calculation of M_n of P(MMA)-b-P(BzMA-co-MMA)

M_n of P(MMA)-b-P(BzMA-co-MMA) was calculated by using the following equation¹:

$$M_{n, \text{cal}} = [M_{n, \text{emp}} + \{(M_{n, \text{emp}} / MW_{\text{MMA}}) (1 - f_{\text{MMA}}) / (F_{\text{MMA}} - f_{\text{MMA}})\} \times \{(f_{\text{MMA}} MW_{\text{MMA}}) + (1 - f_{\text{MMA}}) MW_{\text{BzMA}}\}]$$

Where, $M_{n, \text{emp}}$ is the experimentally determined molecular weight of the first block, MW_{MMA} and MW_{BzMA} are the molar masses of the two monomers, f_{MMA} is the mole fraction of MMA in the monomer feed during the second step (assuming no compositional drift), F_{MMA} is the cumulative mole fraction of MMA in the copolymer determined by NMR.

In our case, $M_{n, \text{emp}} = 28000$ (M_n of the first block i.e. PMMA measured by GPC),

$MW_{\text{MMA}} = 100$, $MW_{\text{BzMA}} = 176.22$, $f_{\text{MMA}} = [1.17 / (1.1 + 5.59)] = 0.16$, $F_{\text{MMA}} = 0.51$,

Then $M_{n, \text{cal}}$ of P(MMA)-b-P(BzMA-co-MMA) = 92000.

Reference

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