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A Facile Synthesis of Clickable and Acid-Cleavable PEO for Acid-Degradable Block Copolymers

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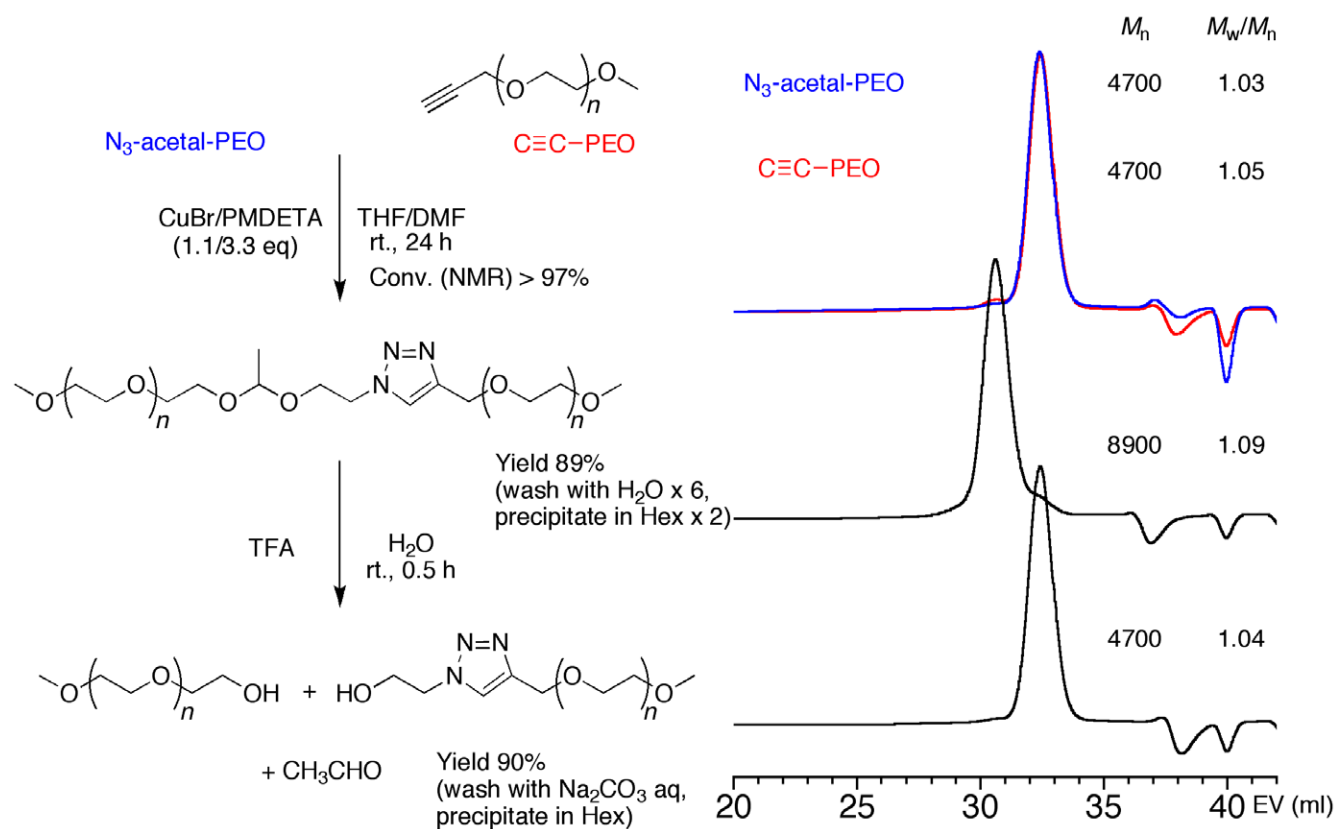


Figure S1. GPC curves during CuAAC click reaction between PEO-acetal- N_3 and PEO-alkyne: $[PEO\text{-acetal-}N_3]_0 = [PEO\text{-alkyne}]_0 = 0.21$ mmol (1.1 g), $[CuBr]_0 = 0.23$ mmol, $[PMDETA]_0 = 0.69$ mmol in 30 mL of THF/DMF (1/1 v/v) at r.t. for 24 h, and followed by intentional cleavage of acetal junction: $[PEO\text{-acetal-}PEO]_0 = 0.02$ mmol (0.2 g) and TFA (1.0 mL) in H_2O at r.t. for 0.5 h.

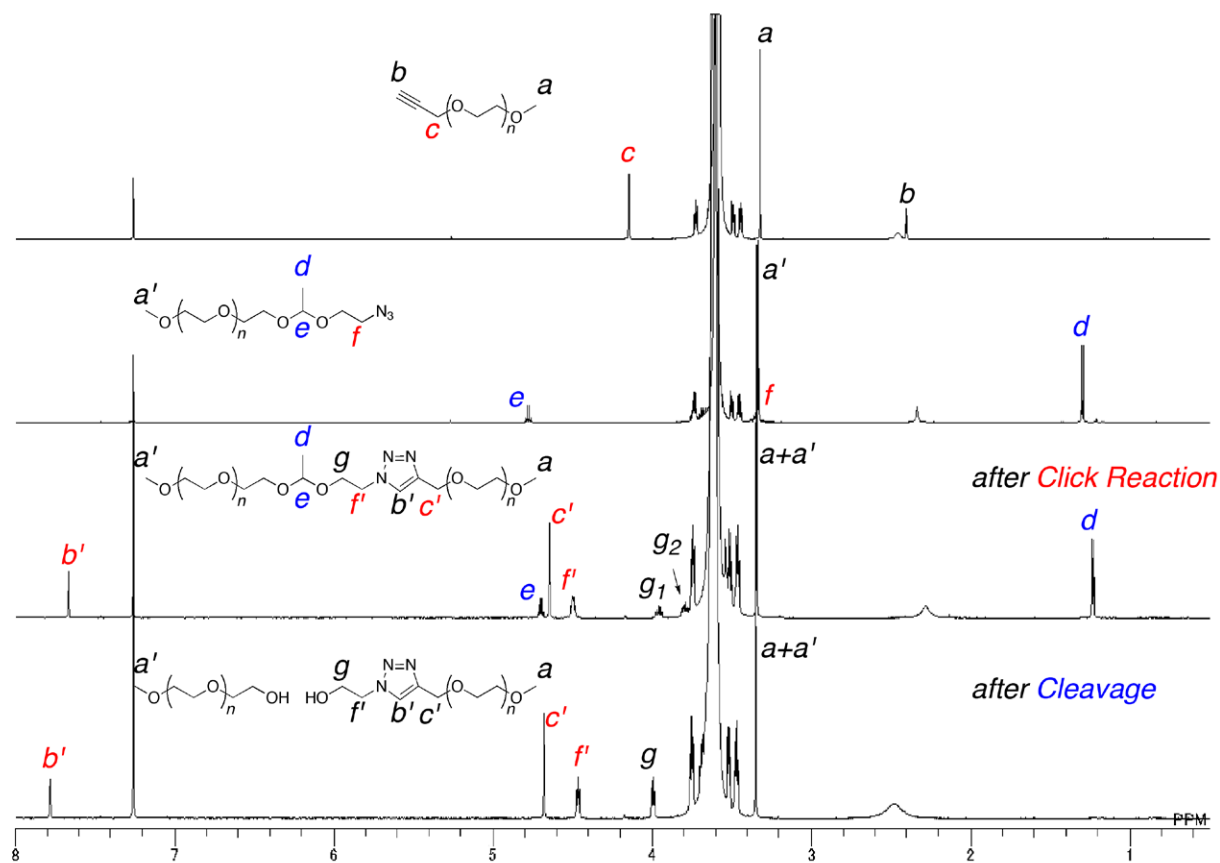


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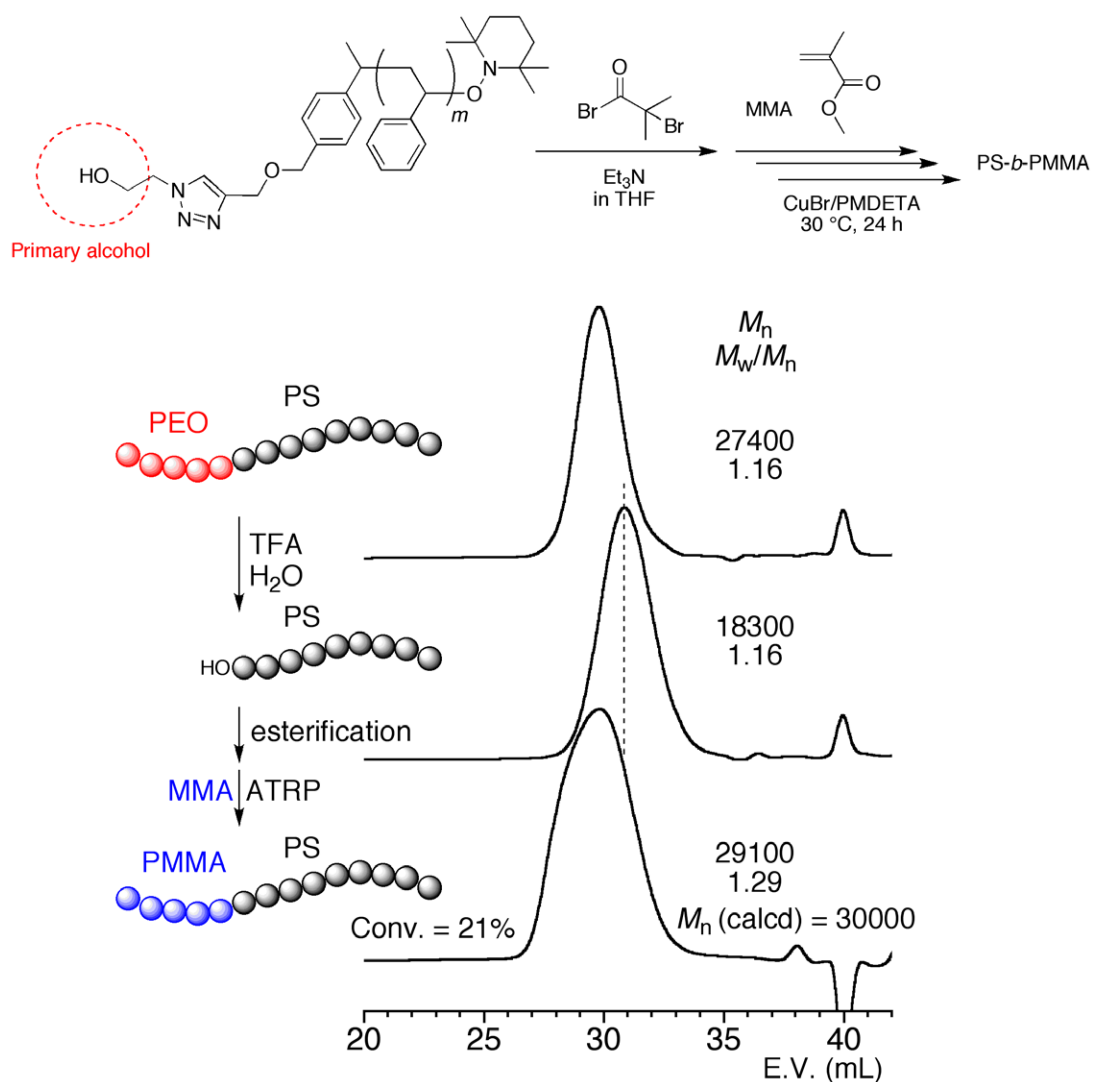


Figure S3. GPC curves for removal PEO segment from PEO-acetal-PS diblock copolymer, followed by Cu-catalyzed ATRP of MMA. For esterification: [PS-OH]₀ = 9.0 μmol (177 mg), [2-bromoisobutyryl bromide]₀ = 0.81 mmol, [Et₃N]₀ = 7.2 mmol in THF (5mL) at 0 °C for 15 h. For ATRP: [PS-Br]₀ = 4.0 μmol (79 mg), [MMA]₀ = 2.0 mmol, [CuBr]₀ = 0.04 mmol, [PMDTA]₀ = 0.08 mmol in toluene (1.8 mL) at 30 °C for 24 h (MMA conversion = 21%).

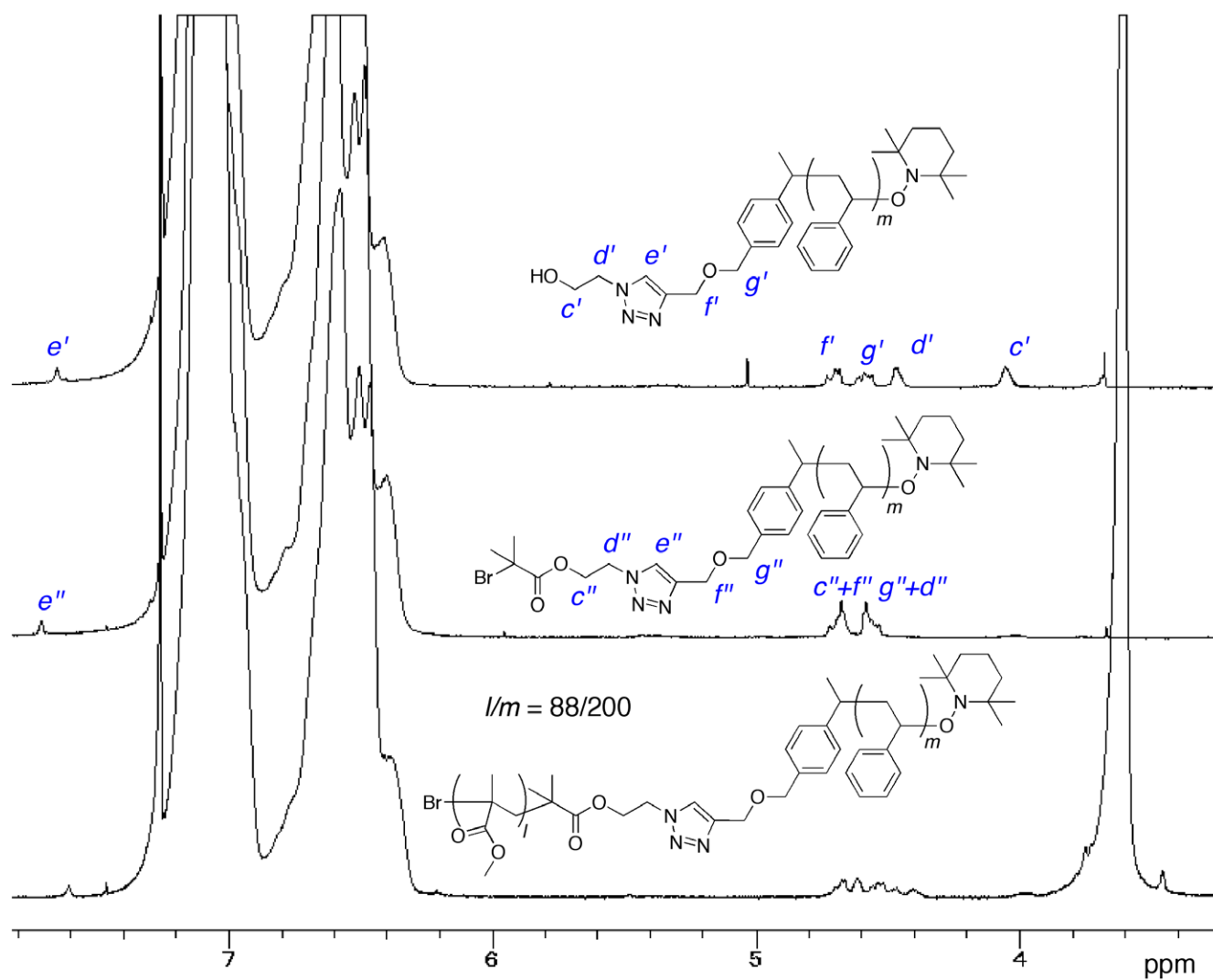


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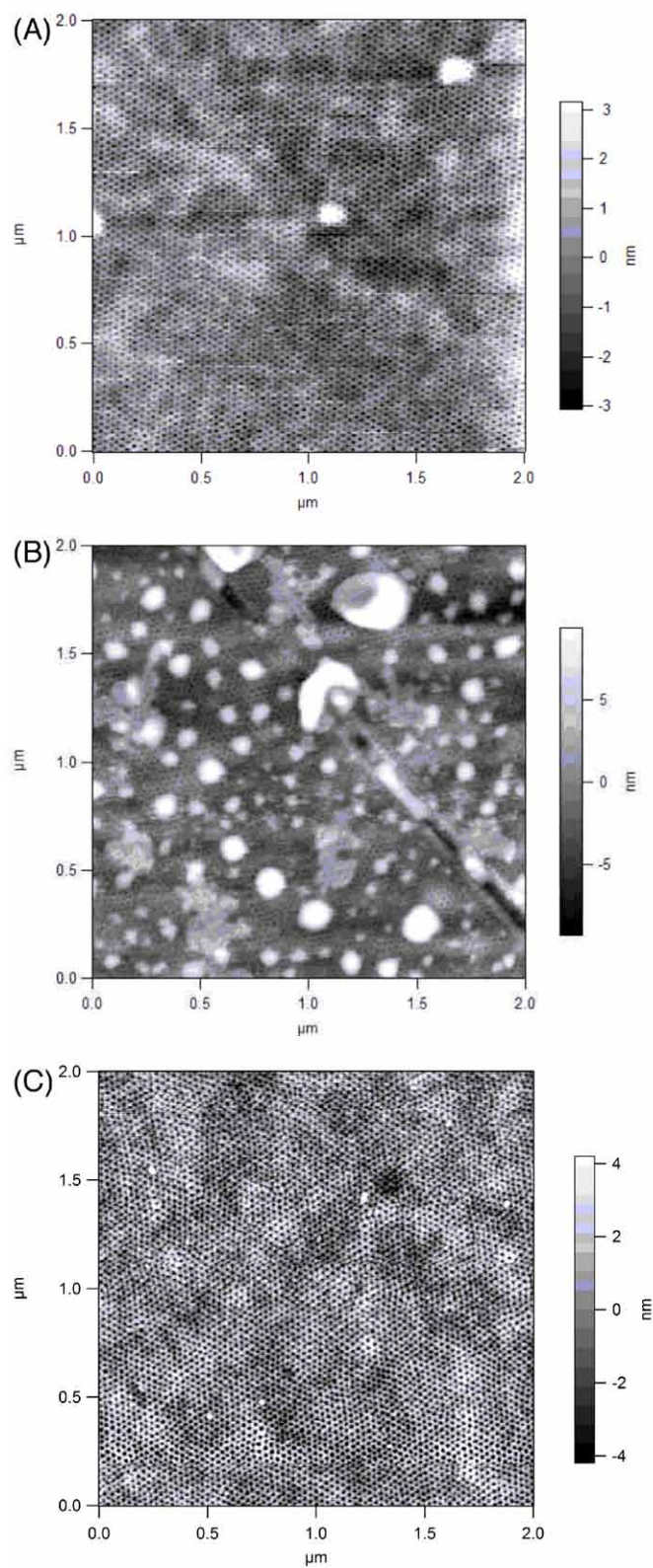


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