

Supporting information for the manuscript entitled

**New Thermal-Responsive Polymers Based on Alanine and  
(Meth)acryl Amides**

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Table S1. Monomer solubility in water and common solvents

|                            | H <sub>2</sub> O | MeOH | THF | CHCl <sub>3</sub> | Toluene | DMF |
|----------------------------|------------------|------|-----|-------------------|---------|-----|
| MA-L-Ala-OMe               | √                | √    | √   | √                 | √       | √   |
| MA-L-Ala-OEt               | √                | √    | √   | √                 | √       | √   |
| MA-L-Ala-O <sup>i</sup> Pr | ×                | √    | √   | √                 | √       | √   |
| MA-L-Ala- <sup>i</sup> PA  | ×                | √    | √   | √                 | ×       | √   |
| Ac-L-Ala-OMe               | √                | √    | √   | √                 | √       | √   |
| MA-D-Ala-OMe               | √                | √    | √   | √                 | √       | √   |

√: soluble (>20 mg/mL) ×: insoluble (< 1 mg/mL)

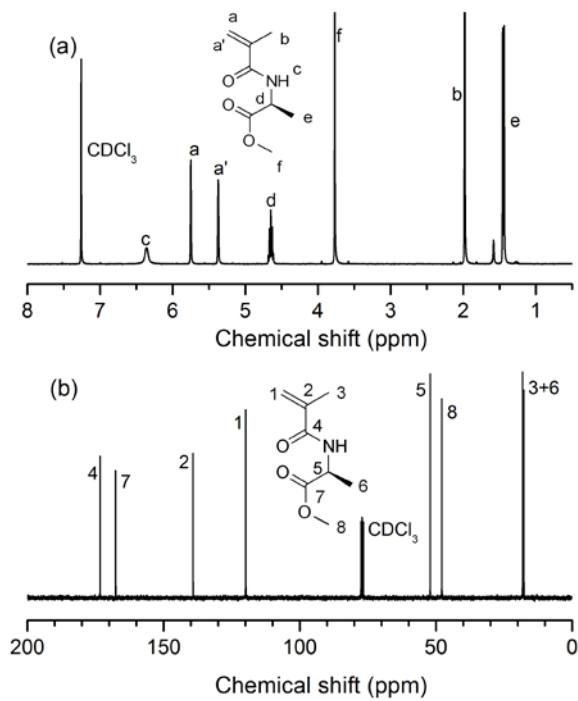


Figure S1. (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of MA-L-Ala-OMe.

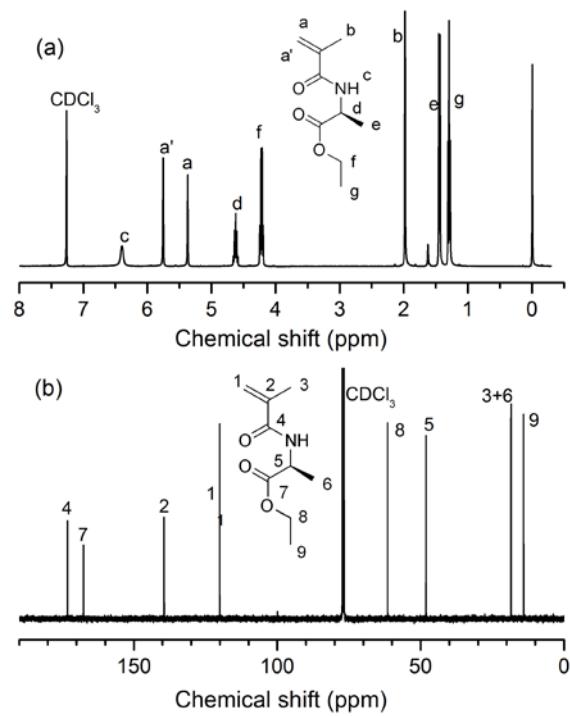


Figure S2. (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of MA-L-Ala-OEt.

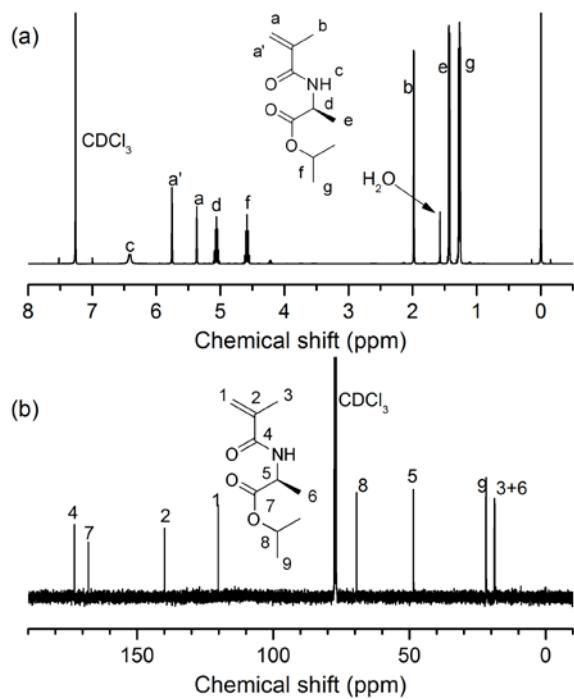


Figure S3. (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of MA-L-Ala-O<sup>i</sup>Pr.

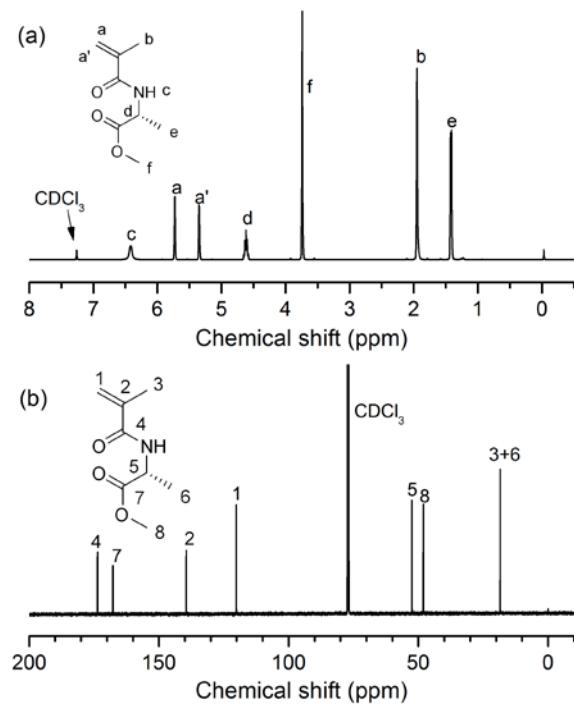


Figure S4. (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of MA-D-Ala-OMe.

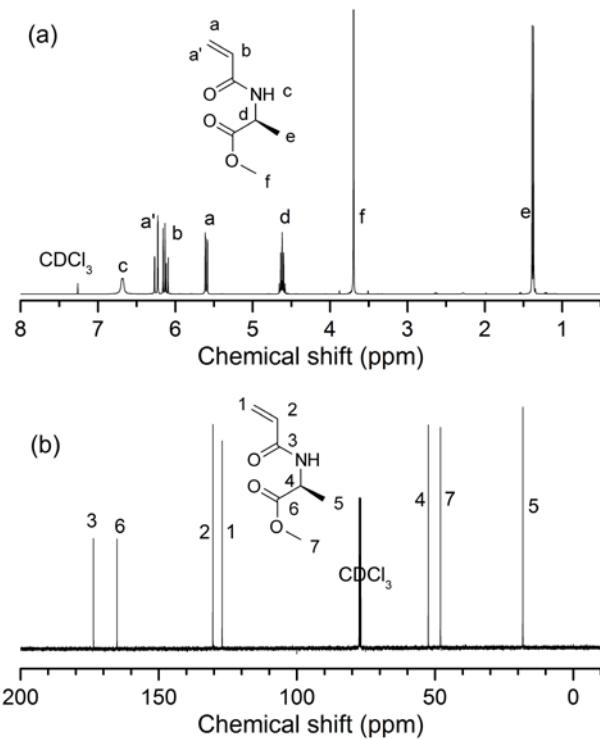


Figure S5. (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of Ac-L-Ala-OMe.

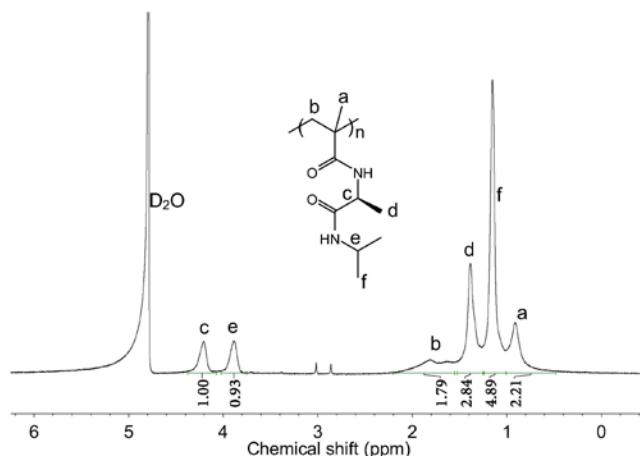


Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of poly(MA-L-Ala-<sup>i</sup>PA)<sub>96</sub> in D<sub>2</sub>O.

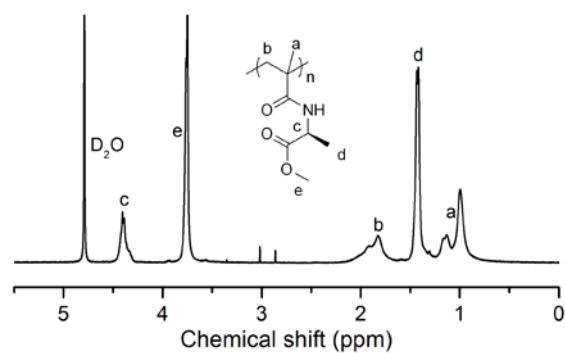


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of poly(MA-L-Ala-OMe)<sub>89</sub> in D<sub>2</sub>O.

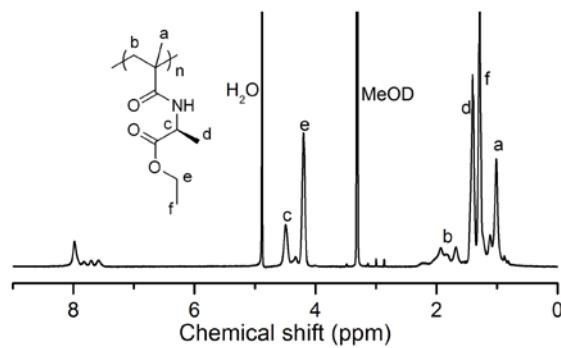


Figure S8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of poly(MA-L-Ala-OEt)<sub>76</sub> in MeOD.

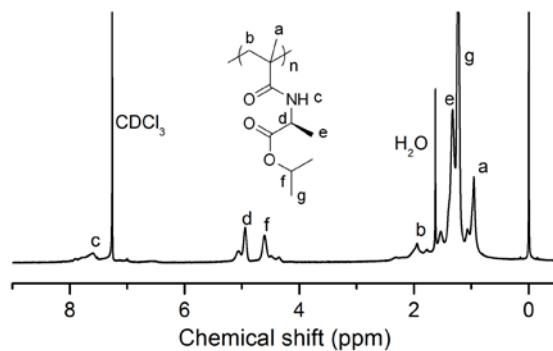


Figure S9.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of poly(MA-L-Ala-O<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>47</sub> in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

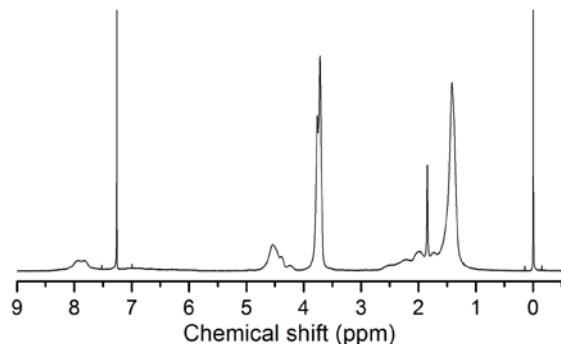


Figure S10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of poly(Ac-L-Ala-OMe)<sub>92</sub> in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

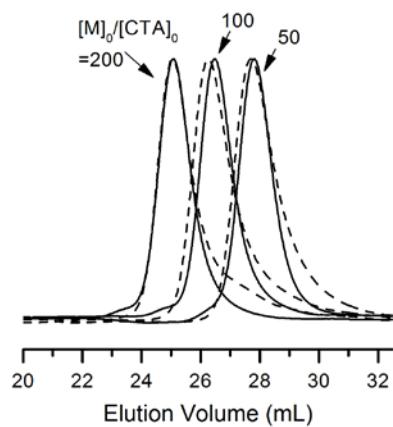


Figure S11. GPC traces of poly(MA-L-Ala-OEt) before (dash lines) and after (solid lines) end-group modification.

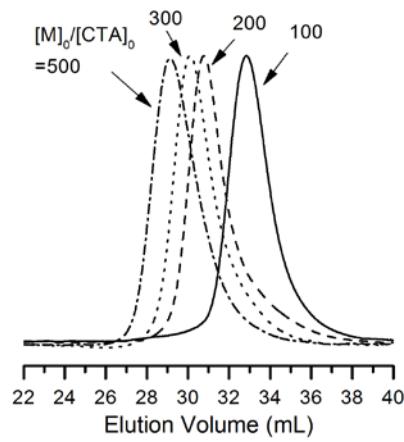


Figure S12. SEC traces of poly(Ac-L-Ala-OMe) prepared by RAFT polymerization.

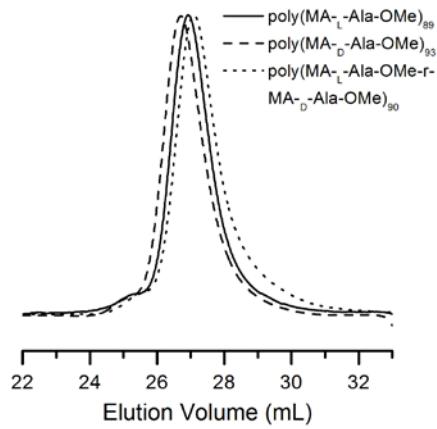


Figure S13. SEC traces of poly(MA-L-Ala-OMe)<sub>89</sub>, poly(MA-D-Ala-OMe)<sub>93</sub>, and poly(MA-L-Ala-OMe-r-MA-D-Ala-OMe)<sub>90</sub>.

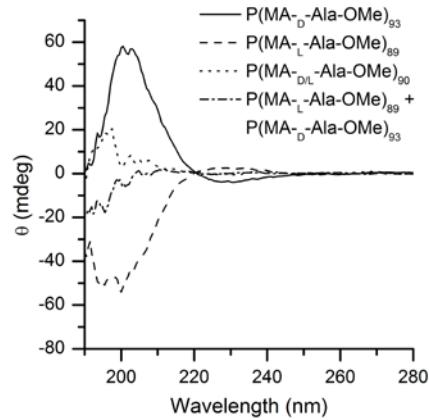


Figure S14. CD spectra of poly(MA-L-Ala-OMe)<sub>89</sub>, poly(MA-D-Ala-OMe)<sub>93</sub> and poly(MA-D/L-Ala-OMe)<sub>90</sub> in aqueous solution (0.1mg/mL).