

Supplementary Information:

Crystallization Behavior, Structure, Morphology, and Thermal Properties of Crystalline and Amorphous Stereo Diblock Copolymers, Poly(L-lactide)-*b*-Poly(DL-lactide)

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S1. ^1H NMR spectra of synthesized PLLA, PLLA-*b*-PDLLA, and PDLLA polymers (Figure S1)

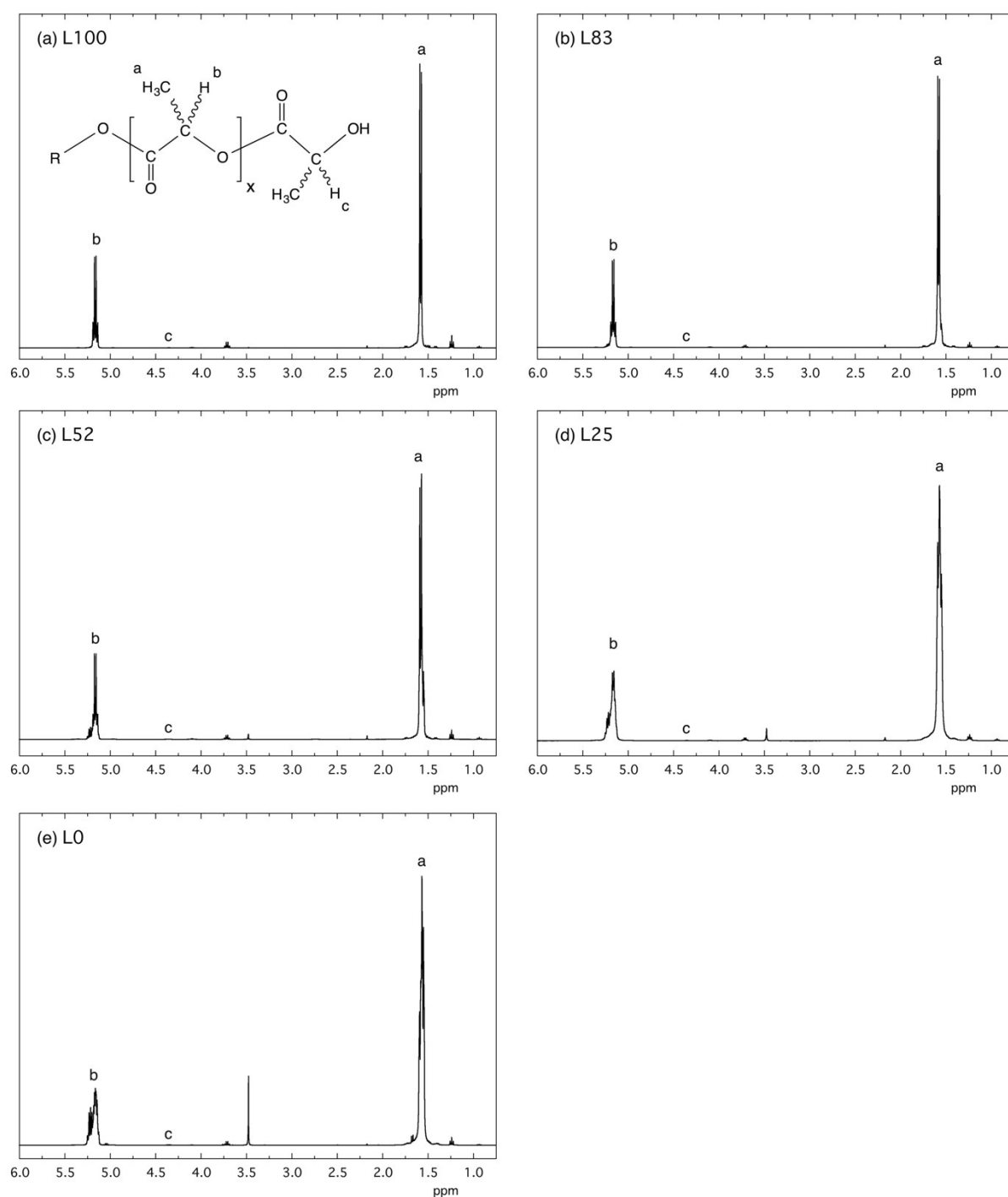


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectra of synthesized L100 (a), L83 (b), L852 (c), L25 (d), and L0 (e) polymers in CDCl_3 . The peak at 3.5 ppm is ascribed to methyl proton of methanol remaining in polymers.

S2. Thermal properties of PLLA, PLLA-*b*-PDLLA, and PDLLA polymers for heating (Table S1)

Table S1. Thermal properties of PLLA, PLLA-*b*-PDLLA, and PDLLA polymers for heating.

Code	PLLA fraction (%)	Crystallization ^{a)}	T_g ^{b)} (°C)	T_{cc} ^{b)} (°C)	T_m ^{b)} (°C)	ΔH_{cc} ^{c)} (J g ⁻¹)	ΔH_m ^{c)} (J g ⁻¹)	$\Delta H(\text{tot})$ ^{d)} (J g ⁻¹)		
L100	100	SE	47.5	90.3	173.9	-4.1	68.1	64.0		
		Pr	61.2		174.1		62.1	62.1		
		MC (160°C)	50.1		182.7 ^{e)}		83.3	83.3		
		MC (140°C)			163.1, 176.0 ^{e)}		79.2	79.2		
		MC (120°C)			171.7 ^{e)}		68.0	68.0		
		MC (110°C)			172.0		68.8	68.8		
		MC (100°C)			165.6, ^{f)} 173.7		63.7	63.7		
		MC (90°C)			164.0, ^{f)} 173.2		52.9	52.9		
		MC (80°C)			135.4		162.7, ^{f)} 172.9	-5.0	56.5	51.5
		MC (0°C) ^{g)}	56.5		98.5		163.5, 173.1	-59.8	59.9	0.1
L83	82.8	SE		132.2	170.0	-3.1	46.5	43.4		
		Pr	52.6		158.2, 169.4		38.5	38.5		
		MC (160°C)	49.2, 57.5	107.6, 155.1	164.6	-42.1	42.4	0.3		
		MC (140°C)	51.1		169.1 ^{e)}		51.0	51.0		
		MC (120°C)	51.2		163.8, ^{e)} 169.7		52.3	52.3		
		MC (110°C)	43.8		155.7, ^{f)} 168.6		48.6	48.6		
		MC (100°C)	48.1, 56.3		147.5, ^{f)} 168.6		38.8	38.8		
		MC (90°C)	55.2	149.7	168.9	-5.3	40.8	35.5		
		MC (80°C)	52.0	148.0	169.0	-7.0	44.6	37.6		
		MC (0°C) ^{g)}	54.6	107.9, 154.2	168.1	-40.3	41.5	1.2		
L52	52.4	SE	43.9	99.2	163.9	-9.7	26.5	16.8		
		Pr	50.2		154.8, 164.4		35.5	35.5		
		MC (160°C)	48.4, 56.1	125.7	154.5, 163.1	-24.7	25.5	0.8		
		MC (140°C)	48.0		162.1 ^{e)}		36.1	36.1		
		MC (120°C)	50.6		156.9, ^{e)} 163.6		27.6	27.6		
		MC (110°C)	47.2		126.0, 154.2, ^{e)} 163.1		29.3	29.3		
		MC (100°C)	45.4		119.9, 151.7, ^{e)} 163.3		31.4	31.4		
		MC (90°C)	42.1, 54.2	148.0	108.7, 163.4	-2.0	29.1	27.1		
		MC (80°C)	51.9	144.5	163.1	-3.9	28.4	24.5		
		MC (0°C) ^{g)}	53.6	125.9	154.5, 163.2	-24.8	25.0	0.2		
L25	25.4	SE	41.0, 49.1	107.6	147.8	-4.0	4.4	0.4		
		Pr	52.8	114.4	144.1, 154.9	-1.0	11.1	10.1		
		MC (160°C)	48.1, 54.8							
		MC (140°C)	49.1		152.4		0.7	0.7		
		MC (120°C)	48.5		131.5, ^{e)} 142.9, 148.6		11.9	11.9		
		MC (110°C)	46.6		124.2, ^{e)} 138.9, 146.6		13.8	13.8		
		MC (100°C)	47.7		116.7, ^{e)} 135.7, 144.5		13.2	13.2		
		MC (90°C)	45.3, 53.2		108.2, ^{e)} 131.8, 144.5		11.2	11.2		
		MC (80°C)	50.4		146.5		8.2	8.2		
		MC (0°C) ^{g)}	50.2							
L0	0	SE	10.1							
		Pr	29.1							
		MC (160°C)	45.9							
		MC (140°C)	52.4							
		MC (120°C)	47.9							
		MC (110°C)	47.8							
		MC (100°C)	48.7							
		MC (90°C)	45.7							
		MC (80°C)	48.4							
		MC (0°C) ^{g)}	48.9							

^{a)} SE, Pr, and MC indicate that the samples were prepared correspondingly by solvent-evaporation, precipitation, and melt-crystallization at shown T_c .

^{b)} T_g , T_{cc} , and T_m are glass transition, cold crystallization, and melting temperatures, respectively.

^{c)} ΔH_{cc} and ΔH_m cold crystallization and melting enthalpies, respectively.

^{d)} $\Delta H(\text{tot}) = \Delta H_{cc} + \Delta H_m$. ^{e)} T_m values of α -form used to obtain T_m^0 values. ^{f)} T_m values of δ -form used to obtain T_m^0 values.

^{g)} Melt-quenched samples.

S3. Thermal properties of PLLA, PLLA-*b*-PDLLA, and PDLLA polymers for cooling (Table S2)

Table S2. Thermal properties of PLLA/PDLA, PLLA-*b*-PDLLA blends, and PDLLA for cooling.

Code	PLLA fraction (%)	T_c^a (°C)	ΔH_c^b (J g ⁻¹)
L100	100	117.8	-55.6
L83	82.8	105.3	-35.5
L52	52.4		
L25	25.4		
L0	0		

^{a)} Crystallization temperature.

^{b)} Crystallization enthalpy.

S4. Magnified WAXD profiles (Cu-K α) of PLLA and PLLA-*b*-PDLLA polymers (Figure S2)

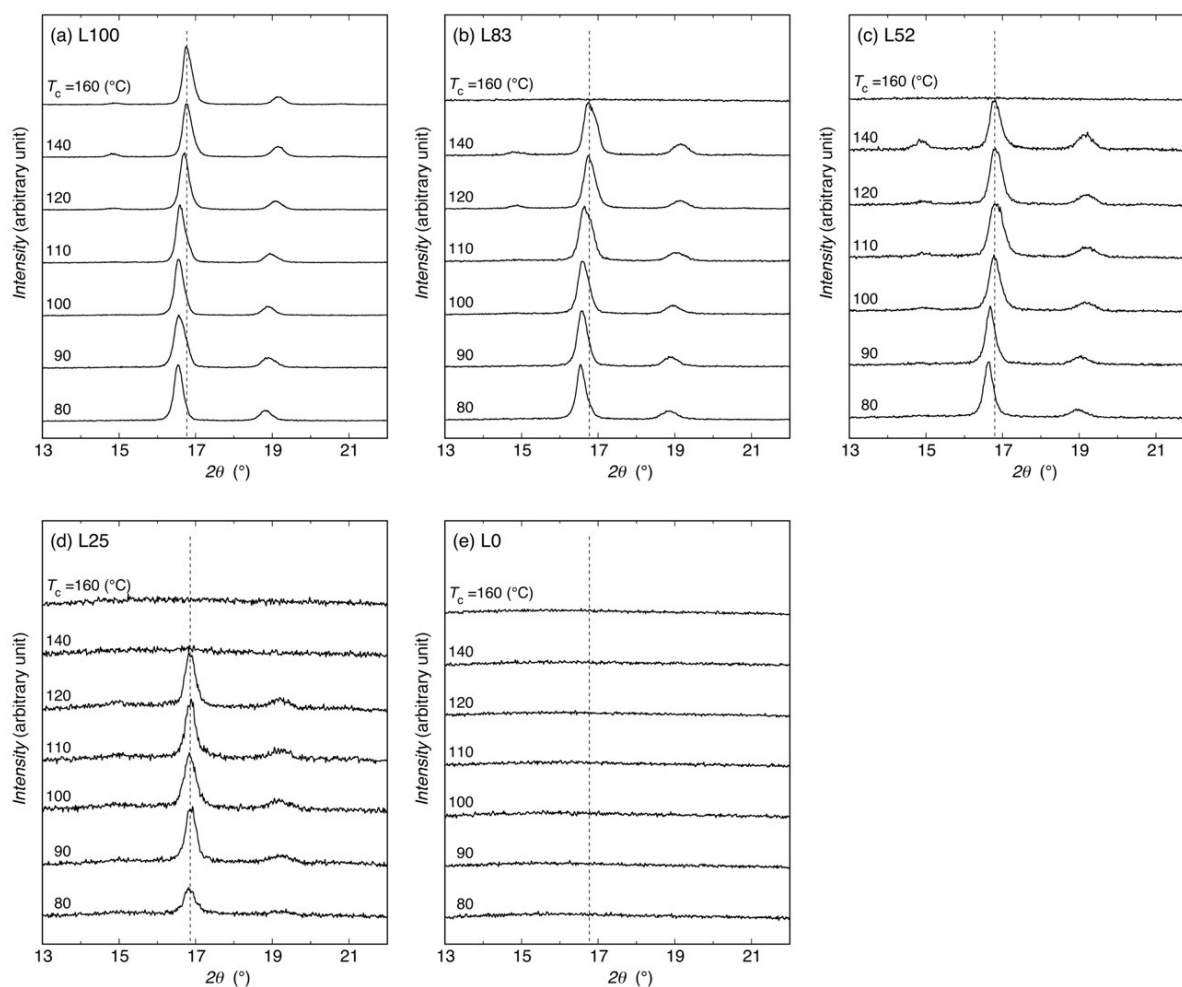


Figure S2. Magnified WAXD profiles (2θ range of 13–22°, Cu-K α) of PLLA (L100) (a), PLLA-*b*-PDLLA polymers, L83 (b), L52 (c), L25 (d), and PDLLA (L0) (e) crystallized at different crystallization temperature (T_c) values from the melt.

S5. Structural parameters of PLLA and PLLA-*b*-PDLLA polymers (Table S3)

Table S3. Structural parameters of PLLA and PLLA-*b*-PDLLA polymers crystallized at 130°C for 10h from the melt.

Code	PLLA fraction (%)	L^a (Å)	d_c^b (Å)	d_a^c (Å)	d_{tr}^d (Å)	X_c (%)
L100	100	168.2	83.5	84.7	32.2	68.1
L83	82.8	182.2	90.4	91.8	34.9	51.9
L52	52.4	231.5	116.4	115.1	44.5	36.3
L25	25.4	270.5	137.3	133.2	51.3	19.6

a) Long period.

b) Mean lamellar thickness.

c) Mean thickness of amorphous layer.

d) Mean thickness of transition layer between the crystalline and amorphous layers.

S6. Avrami plot of PLLA and PLLA-*b*-PDLLA polymers (Figure S3)

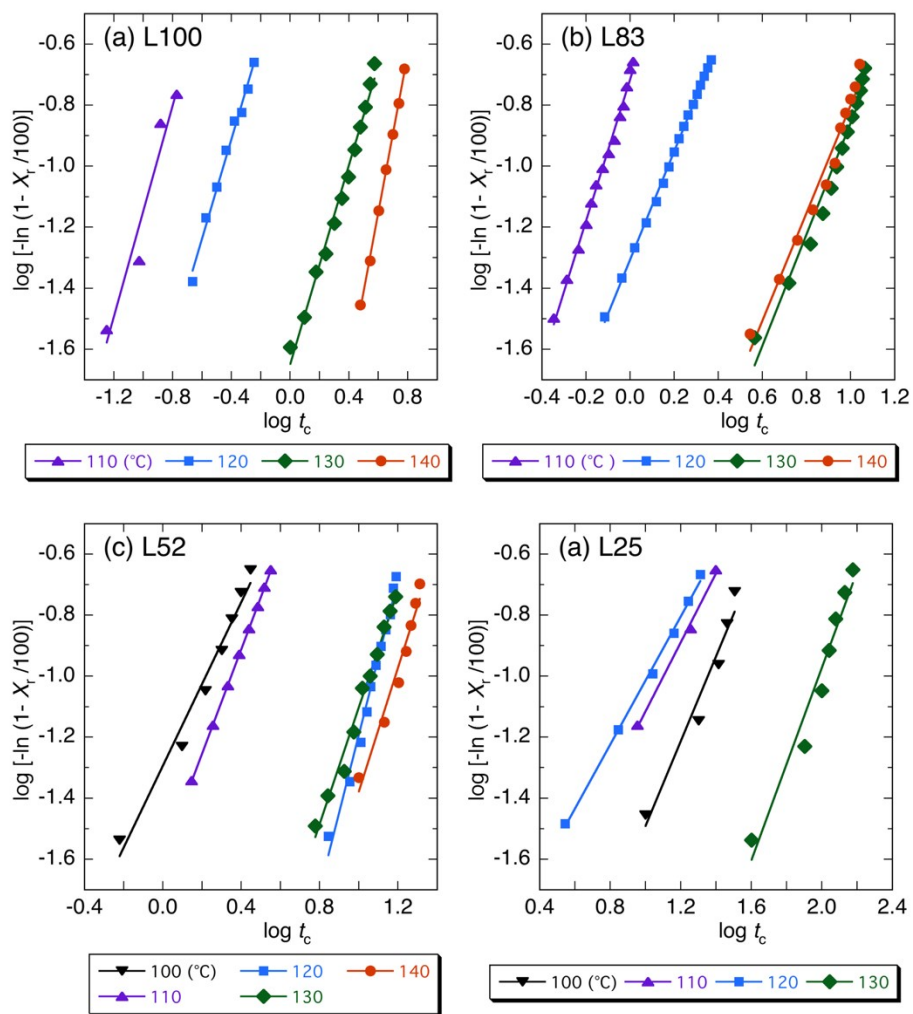


Figure S3. Avrami plot of PLLA (L100) (a), PLLA-*b*-PDLLA polymers, L83 (b), L52 (c), and L25 (d) crystallized at different crystallization temperature (T_c) values from the melt.

S7. WAXD profiles (Mo-K α) of PLLA and PLLA-*b*-PDLLA polymers (Figure S4)

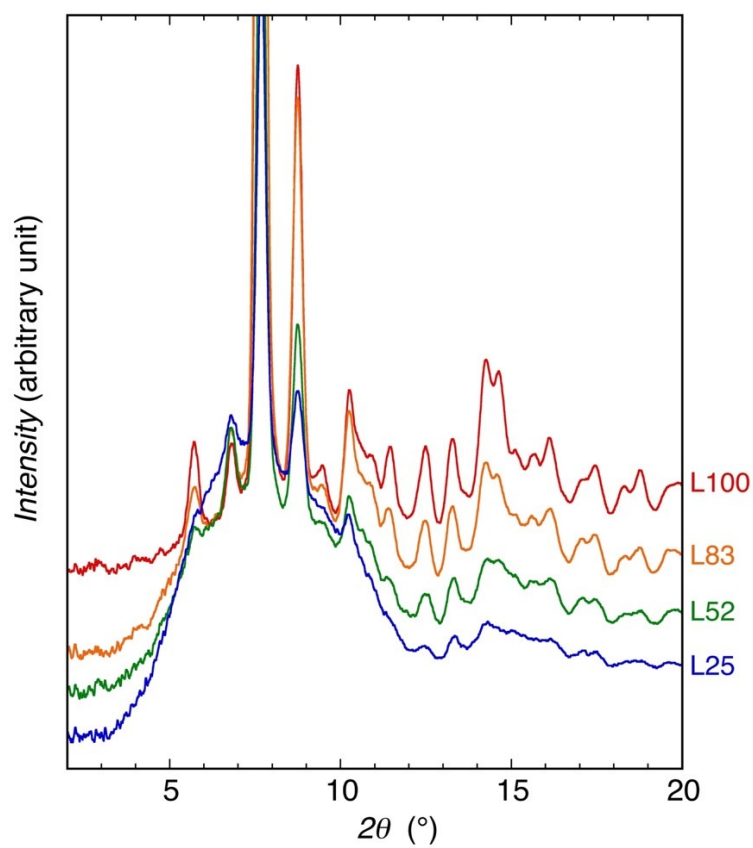


Figure S4. WAXD profiles (Mo-K α) of PLLA, PLLA-*b*-PDLLA polymers crystallized at 130°C for 10 h from the melt.

S8. WAXD half-width of PLLA and PLLA-*b*-PDLLA polymers (Table S4)

Table S4. WAXD half-width of PLLA and PLLA-*b*-PDLLA polymers (113/203) obtained from Figure S4.

Code	PLLA fraction (%)	Half-width (°)
L100	100	0.299
L83	82.8	0.322
L52	52.4	0.348
L25	25.4	0.355