

Supplemental Information

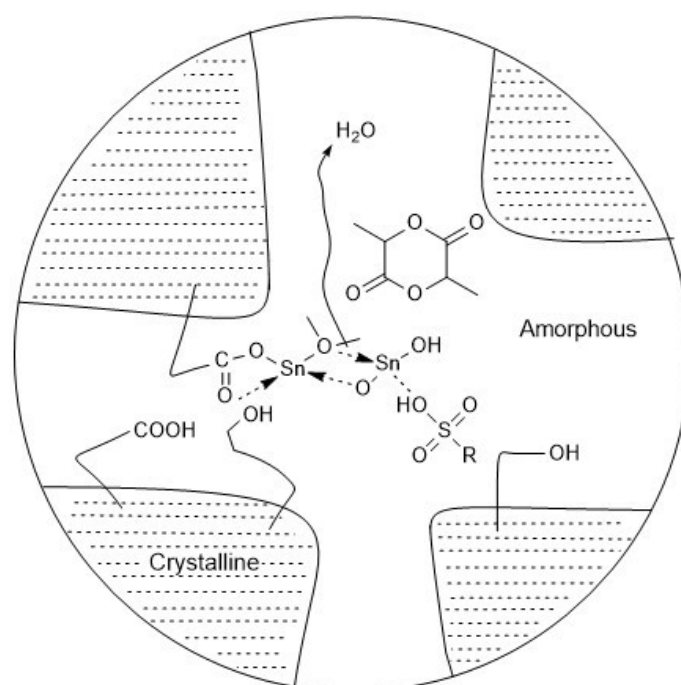
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Polycondensation of L-Lactic Acid: A Deeper Look into Solid State Polycondensation

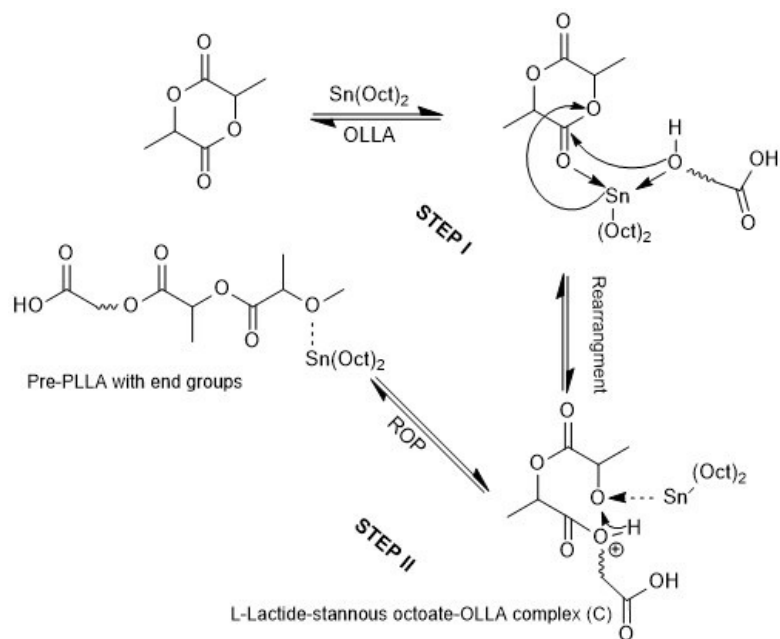
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Scheme S1 Scheme of reactions occurring in the amorphous phase of solid PLA as formulated by Moon et al. [16] (reproduced with permission from Elsevier)



Scheme 2 Reaction mechanisms postulated by Katyar et al. [21] (reproduced with permission from Wiley)

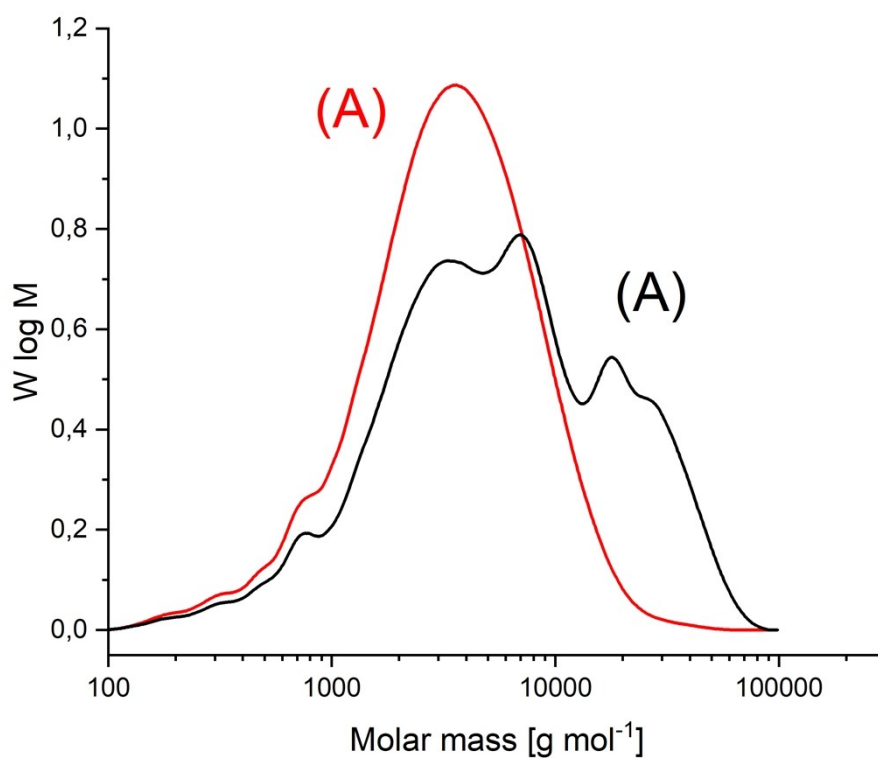


Figure S1 GPC mass distribution curves of PLAs prepared by polycondensation of LA catalyzed by TSA: (A) after 2 d, (B) after 6 d

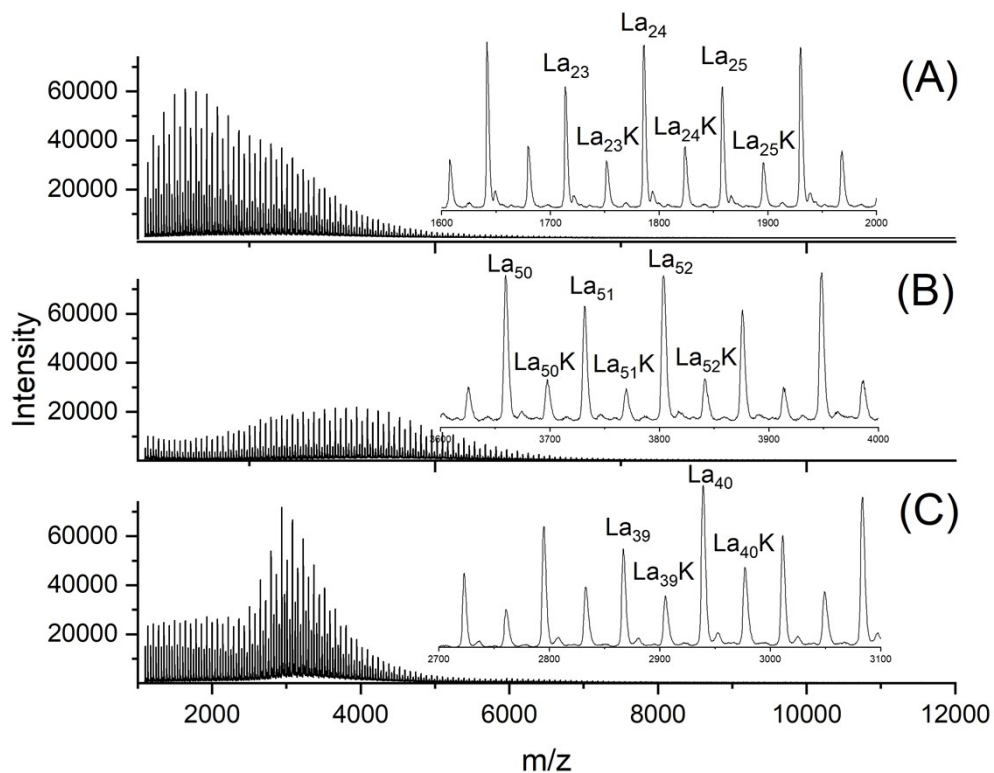


Figure S2 MALDI TOF mass spectra of the starting materials: (A) HOPLA-12, (B) HOPLA-25, (C) HOPLA-50

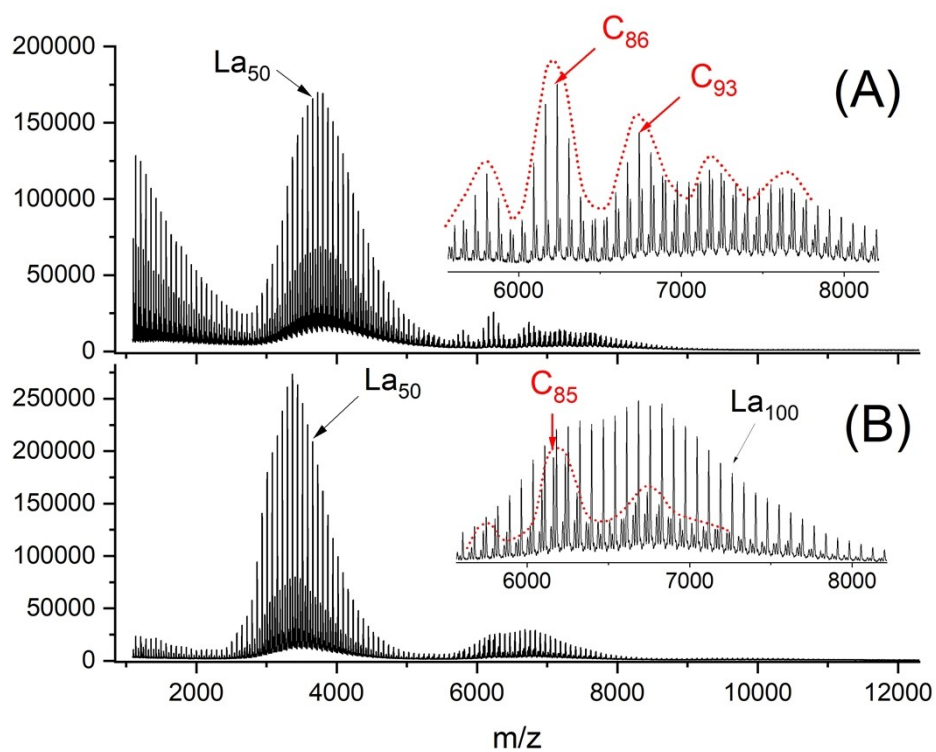


Figure S3 MALDI TOF mass spectra of PLAs obtained by annealing of HOPLA-25 at 140 °C/14 d: (A) doped with SnO_2 , (B) doped with TSA

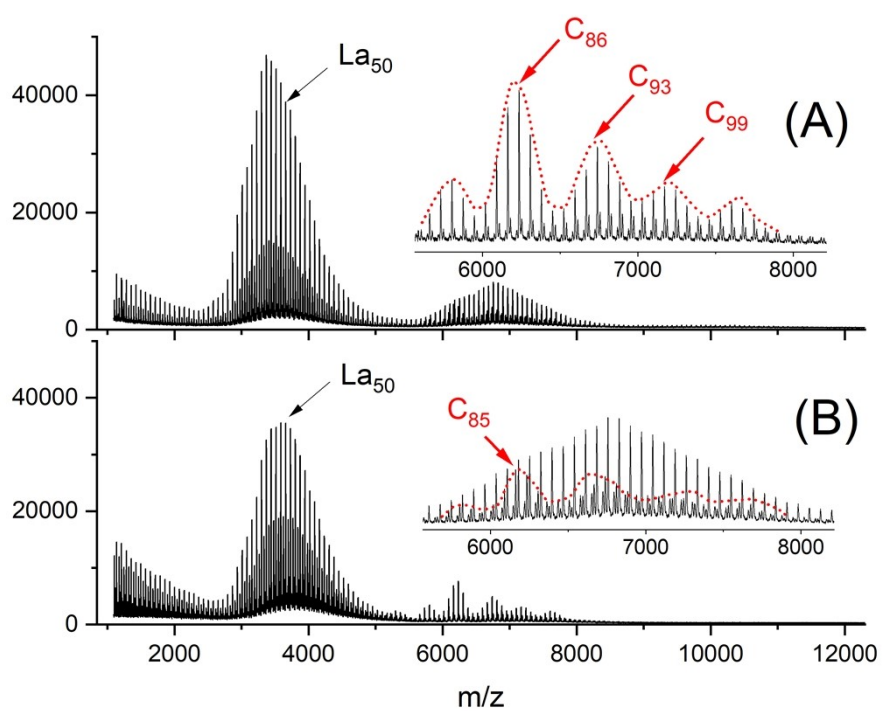


Figure S4 MALDI TOF mass spectrum of PLA obtained by annealing of HOPLA-25 at 140 °C/14 d followed by annealing at 160 °C/6 d, (A) doped with SnOct_2 , (B) doped with TSA