

## Supporting Information

# Transesterification or Polymerization? Kinetics of 2-(diethylamino)ethyl methacrylate in methanol and its competitive effect on free- radical polymerization

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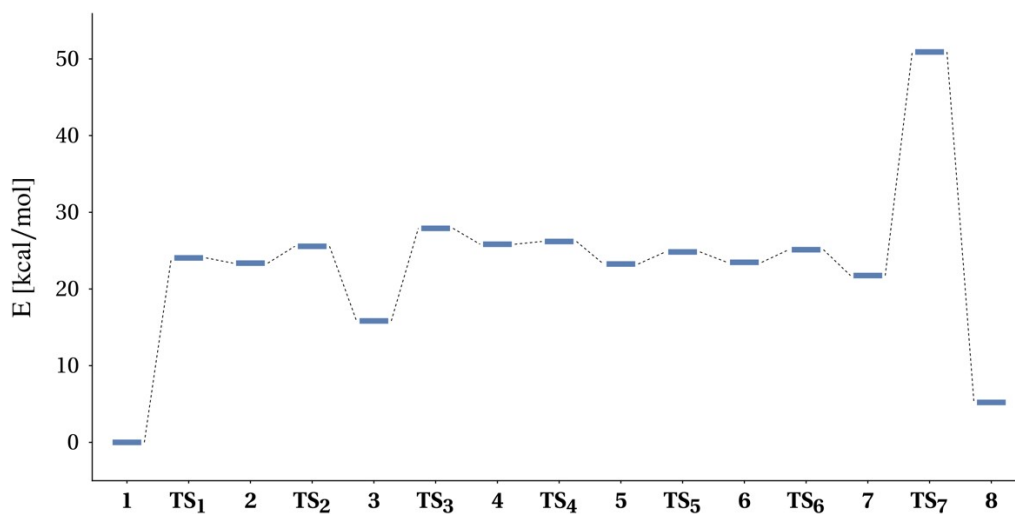
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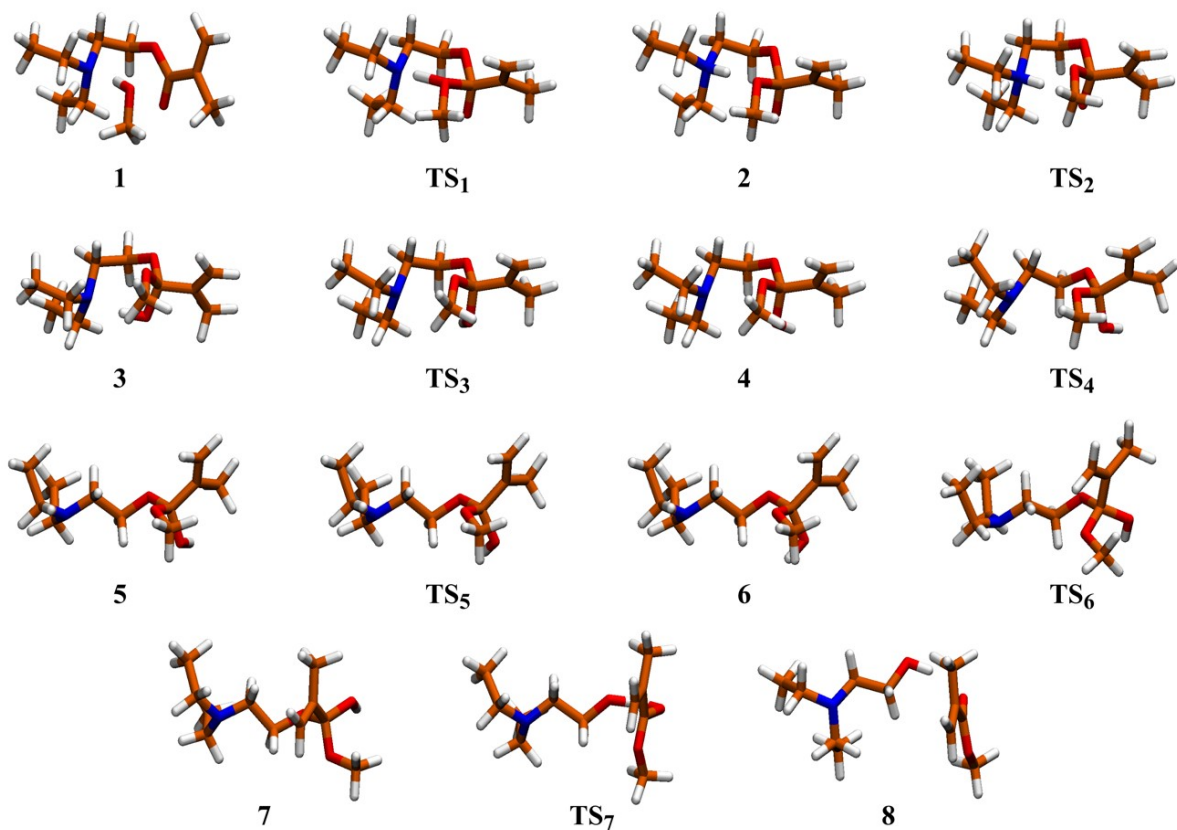
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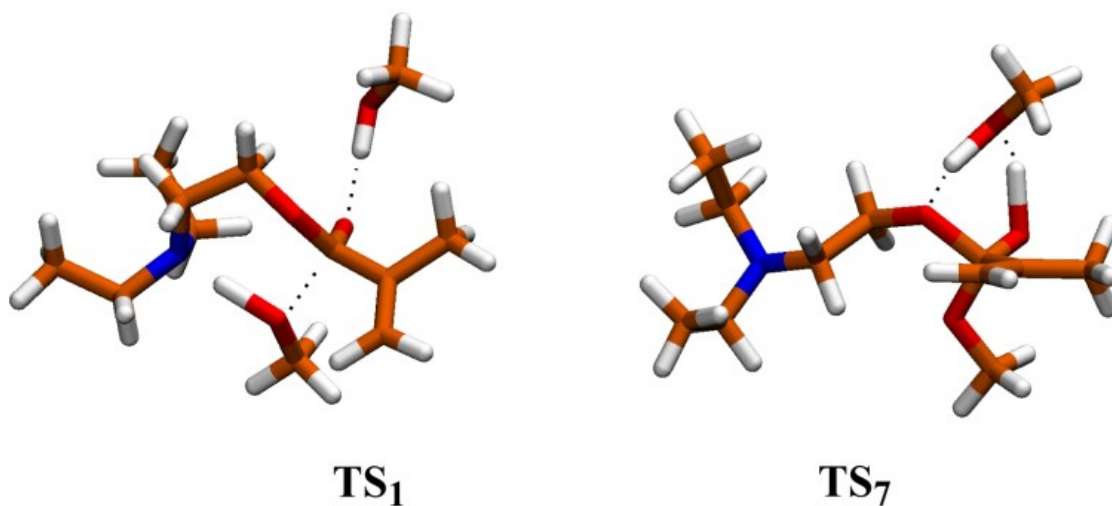
## S.1. Reaction coordinate diagram and species



**Figure S1.** Reaction scheme for the transesterification process of DEAEMA with a methanol molecule, obtained from electronic structure calculations at the UB3LYP-PCM(methanol)/def2TZVP level of theory. Bold numbers denote minima (reactants, intermediaries and products) on the potential energy surface, while **TS<sub>i</sub>** denotes the *i*-th transition state. Energies are referenced to 1.



**Figure S2.** Molecular structures of the stationary points shown in the scheme of the transesterification reaction of DEAEMA with methanol (see Fig. S1).



**Figure S3.** Molecular structures of the transition states analogous to TS<sub>1</sub> and TS<sub>7</sub> (see Fig. S2), considering two explicit solvent molecules.

## S.2. Relevant molecular geometries for the DEAEMA-methanol transesterification reaction

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Structure 2

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#### Structure 4

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#### Structure TS4

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#### Structure 5

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#### Structure TS5

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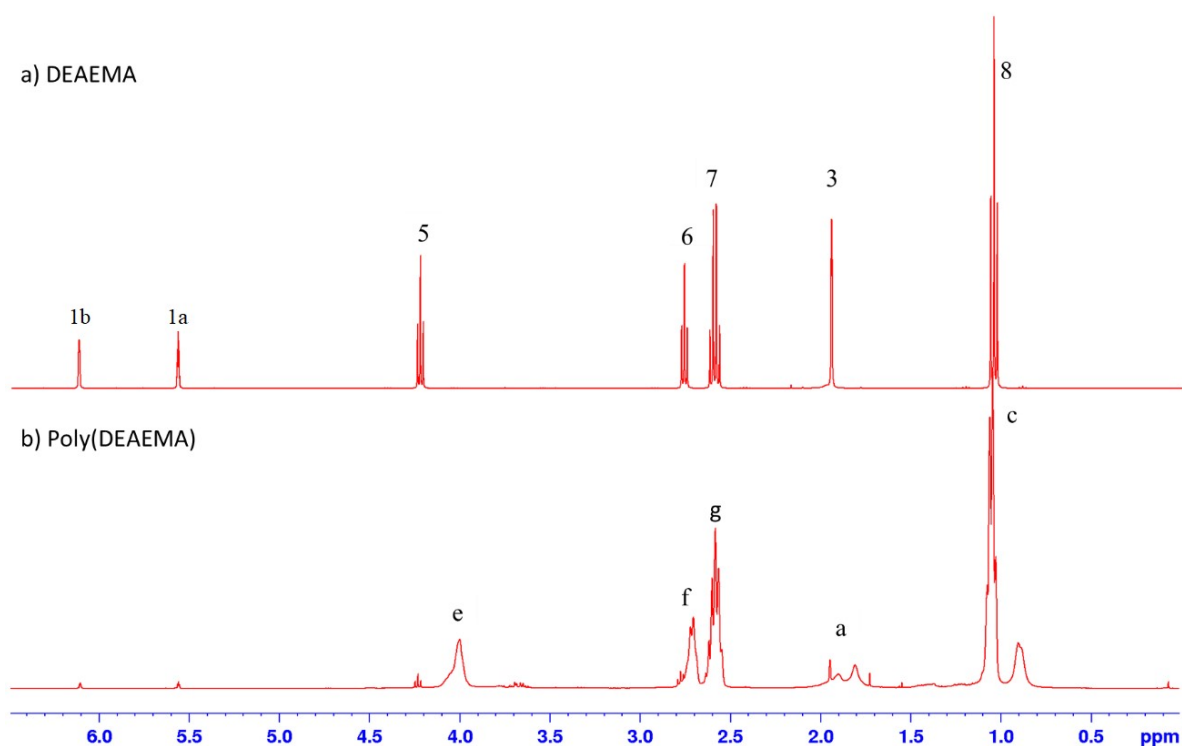
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### S.3. Relevant molecular geometries for the DEAEMA-methanol transesterification reaction

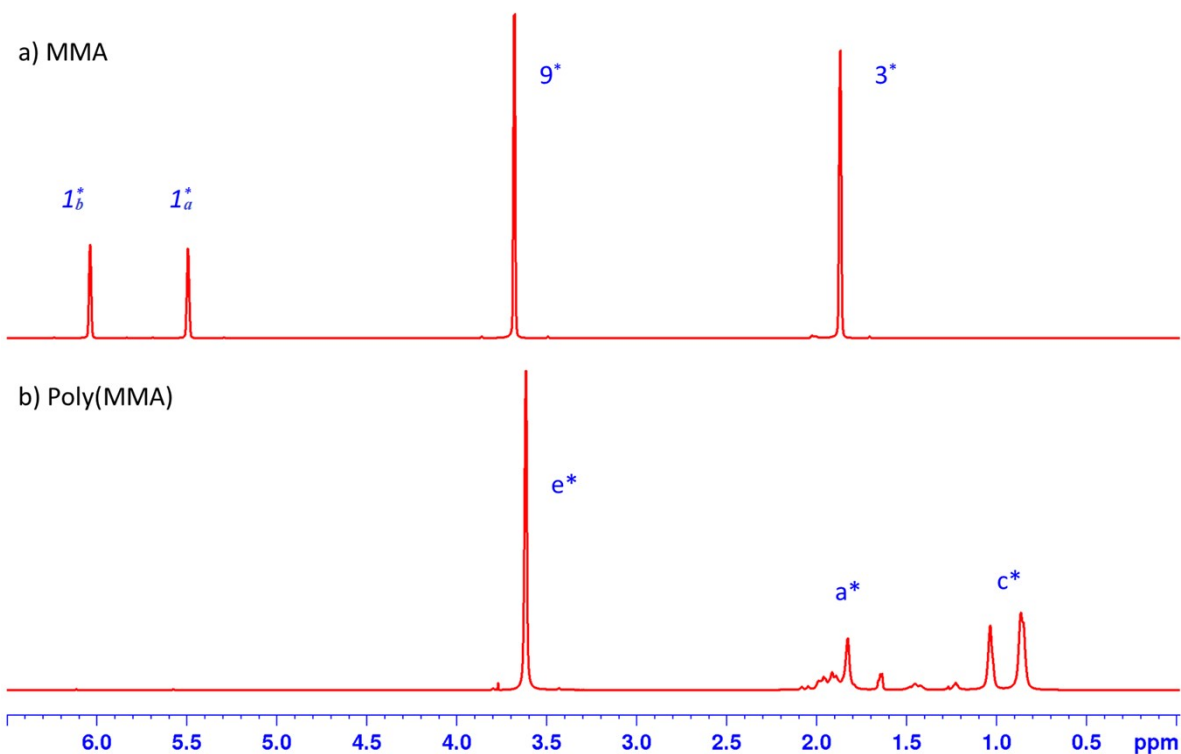
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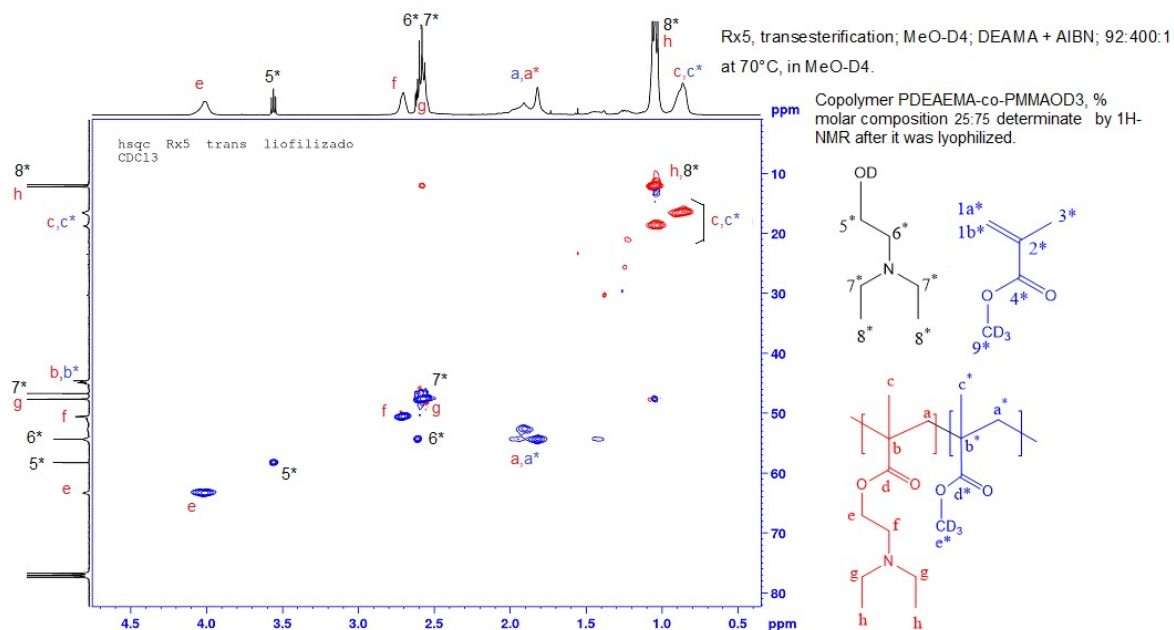
#### S.4. $^1\text{H}$ -NMR Spectra and Peak Assignments



**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400 MHz) spectra in  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$  at  $26.80^\circ\text{C}$  of: a) DEAEEMA monomer and b) poly(DEAEEMA). The peak assignments correspond to the structures shown in Scheme 1 and 2.



**Figure S5.** a) MMA monomer and b) Poly(MMA) spectra of  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$  at 300 K. The peak assignments correspond to the structures shown in Scheme 1 and 2.



**Figure S6.** a) Edited HSQC (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.) of copolymer Poly(DEAEMA-co-MMA- $\text{OD}_3$ ), % molar composition 25:75 determined by  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  after it was lyophilized at the end of kinetic.

### S.5. Kinetic study using a *pseudo*-first-order reaction.

A *pseudo*-first-order reaction is used to the kinetic analysis of the transesterification, and the apparent rate coefficients ( $k_{obs} = k_{tran}[CD_3OD]_0$ ) are estimated using the following expression, Equation (S1):

$$\ln\left(\frac{[DEAEMA]}{[DEAEMA]_0}\right) = k_{tran}[CD_3OD]_0t = k_{obs}t \quad (S1)$$

$$\ln(k_{obs}) = \ln(A) - \frac{E_A}{RT} \quad (S2)$$

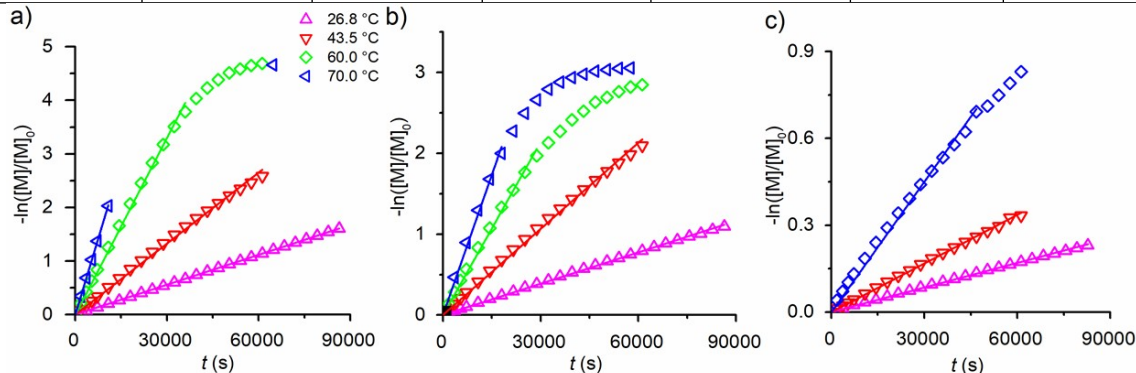
where  $k_{obs}$  ( $s^{-1}$ ) denotes the observed rate coefficients,  $A$  ( $s^{-1}$ ) is the preexponential factor,  $E_A$  ( $kJ\ mol^{-1}$ ) is the activation energy,  $T$  (K) is the temperature. **Figure S7** shows the plots and the linear regressions where the slopes are proportional to the estimated value of  $k_{obs}$  showed in **Table S1**. A nonlinear behavior is seen for the experiments at high temperatures (60 and 70 °C) and low values of  $\omega_{M0}$  (10 and 30 wt%). **Table S1** also shows the half-lives ( $\tau_{1/2}$ ) of each reaction condition. For the experiment with  $\omega_{M0} = 10$  wt% and  $T = 70$  °C, the half of initial concentration of DEAEMA is converted to MMA-*d3* in only 1 h and increasing  $\omega_{M0} = 30$  wt% the time  $t_{1/2}$  is extended to 1.6 h.

**Table S1.** Kinetic rate coefficients estimated by a *pseudo*-first order reaction.

$\omega_{M0}$ (wt.%)	$[DEAEMA]_0$ M	$T$ (°C)	$k_{obs}$ ( $s^{-1}$ )	$k_{tran}$ ( $L\ mol^{-1}\ s^{-1}$ )	$R^2$	$t_{1/2}$ (h)
10	0.44	26.80	$1.86 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.36 \times 10^{-7}$	1.00	10.35
		43.50	$4.42 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-6}$	0.99	4.35
		60.00	$1.10 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.94 \times 10^{-6}$	0.99	1.75
		70.00	$1.89 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.50 \times 10^{-6}$	1.00	1.02
30	1.31	26.80	$1.30 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.40 \times 10^{-7}$	1.00	14.82
		43.50	$3.55 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.02 \times 10^{-6}$	0.99	5.42
		60.00	$7.14 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.05 \times 10^{-6}$	0.99	2.70
		70.00	$1.15 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.53 \times 10^{-6}$	0.99	1.67
60	2.85	26.80	$2.3 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.29 \times 10^{-7}$	1.00	83.72



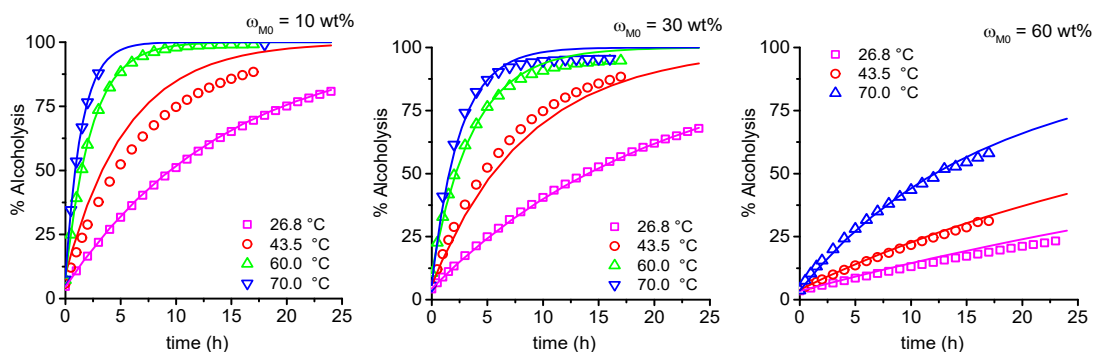
		43.50	$5.62 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.77 \times 10^{-7}$	0.99	34.27
		70.00	$1.50 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.53 \times 10^{-6}$	0.99	12.83



**Figure S7.** *Pseudo*-first-order kinetic plots for the transesterification analyzed with Eqn. S1, varying the temperature (labels) and  $\omega_{M0}$ : a) 10 wt%, b) 30 wt% and c) 60 wt%. Symbols are the experimental data and lines are regressions with the estimated values shown in Table S2.

### S.6. Validation of *pseudo*-first-order reaction, experimental data versus model.

In Figure S8 is the comparison between the experimental data and the predicted curves obtained by a *pseudo*-first-order reaction. Data are well described by the model for experiments with an excess of  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ , also for that experiment with  $\omega_{M0} = 60$  wt%, but the last points of the latter present considerable discrepancies.



**Figure S8.** Evolution of the alcoholysis degree ( $D_A$ , mol%) in time and the variation of the reaction temperature (labels). The value of  $\omega_{M0}$  was varying at: a) 10, b) 30, and c) 60 wt%. Symbols are the experimental data obtained via  $^1\text{H-NRM}$  *in situ* measurements and lines

represent a model prediction with a *pseudo*-first-order kinetic equation and using Equations (X6-8).

### S.7. Estimation of the Arrhenius parameters $A$ and $E_a$ as a function of $[DEAEMA]_0$ or $\omega_{M0}$ .

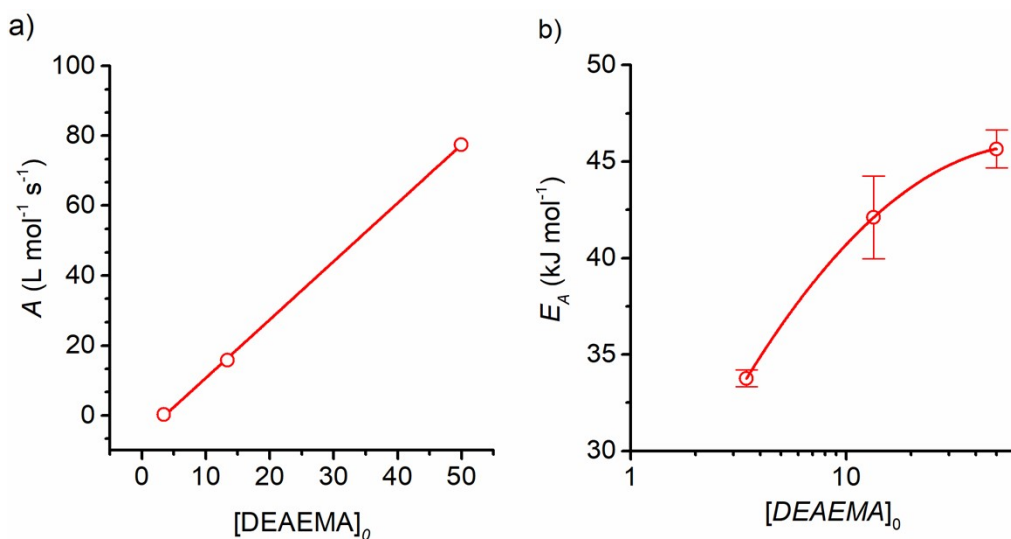
#### $A$ and $E_a$ as a function of $[DEAEMA]_0$

The values of  $\ln(A)$  and  $E_A$  from **Table 2** of the main report, were used to know their dependency on the initial concentration of DEAEMA,  $[DEAEMA]_0$ . The preexponential factor,  $A$ , is linearly dependent on  $[DEAEMA]_0$  as shown in **Figure S9**  $[DEAEMA]_0$ , **Equation S3** obtained by a linear regression in Origin software (), resulting in a value of  $R^2 = 0.9997$ .

$$A \text{ (L mol}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}\text{)} = -5.9726 (\pm 0.6141) + 1.6688 (\pm 0.0205)[DEAEMA]_0 \text{ (S3)}$$

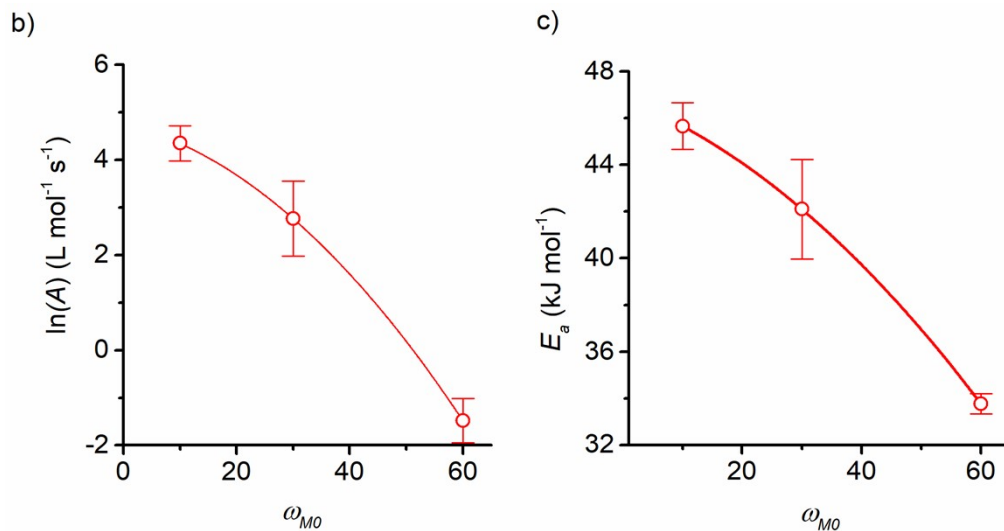
Also,  $E_A$  is described by **Equation X8** with a second-order polynomial expression as shown in Figure Xb and using the dependent variable in logarithmic base.

$$E_A \text{ (kJ mol}^{-1}\text{)} = 22.0200 + 25.4789 \ln [DEAEMA]_0 - 6.8067 \ln [DEAEMA]_0^2 \text{ (S4)}$$



**Figure S9.** Best fit Arrhenius parameters (a)  $\ln(A)$  and (b)  $E_A$  values (data, see Table X3) determined for DEAEMA transesterification as a function of  $[DEAEMA]_0$ . Lines show fits summarized by **Equation S3 and S4**.

**A and  $E_a$  as a function of  $\omega_{M0}$**



**Figure S10.** Best fit Arrhenius parameters (a)  $\ln(A)$  and (b)  $E_A$  values (data, see Table X3) determined for DEAEMA transesterification as a function of  $\omega_{M0}$ . Lines show quadratic fits summarized by **Equations 5 and 6** of the article.

### S.8. Calculations of transesterification, conversion, remaining monomer composition and copolymer composition.

i. Alkanolamine moles:

$$Am \text{ (moles)} = \frac{\int H_{7,6^*,7^*,g} - 2 \int H_5 - 2 \int H_e}{6} \quad (\text{S5})$$

ii. PMMA moles:

$$PMMA \text{ (moles)} = \frac{\int H_{5^*} + 9^* - 2 Am}{2} \quad (S6)$$

iii. Degree of alcoholysis

$$D_a \text{ (mol \%)} = \frac{2 Am}{\int H_{5^*} + \int H_5 + 2 Am} \times 100 \quad (S7)$$

iv. DEAEMA conversion

$$X_{DEAEMA} \text{ (mol \%)} = \frac{\int H_5}{\int H_{5^*} + \int H_5 + 2 Am} \times 100 \quad (S8)$$

v. % of remaining DEAEMA monomer in the reaction mixture

$$X_{DEAEMA} \text{ (mol \%)} = \frac{\int H_{5^*}}{\int H_{5^*} + \int H_5 + 2 Am} \times 100 \quad (S9)$$

vi. Remaining DEAEMA composition in the reaction mixture,  $f_{DEAEMA}$

$$f_{DEAEMA} \text{ (mol \%)} = \frac{\frac{\int H_5}{2}}{\frac{\int H_5}{2} + \frac{\int H_9}{3}} \quad (S10)$$

vii. Remaining MMA composition in the reaction mixture,  $f_{MMA}$

$$f_{MMA} \text{ (mol \%)} = 1 - f_{DEAEMA} \quad (S11)$$

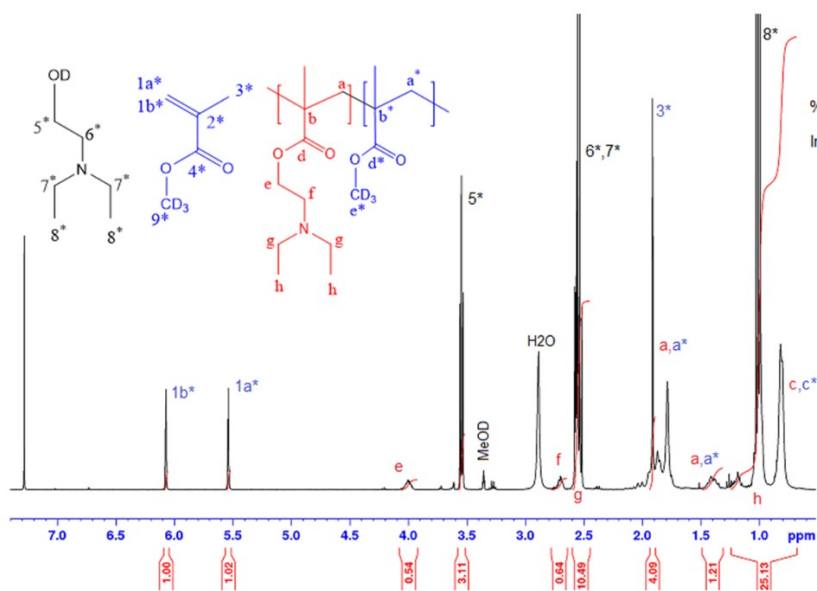
viii. Cumulative copolymer composition of DEAEMA

$$F_{DEAEMA}(mol\%) = \frac{\int H_e}{\int H_e + 2PMMA} \quad (S12)$$

ix. Cumulative copolymer composition of MMA

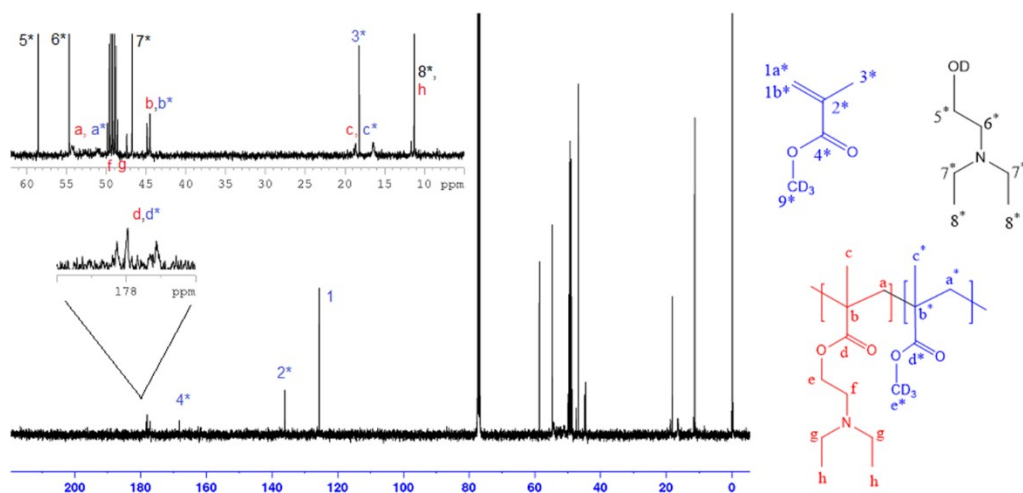
$$F_{MMA}(mol\%) = 1 - F_{DEAEMA} \quad (S13)$$

### S.9. NMR spectroscopy and DCS of copolymers and

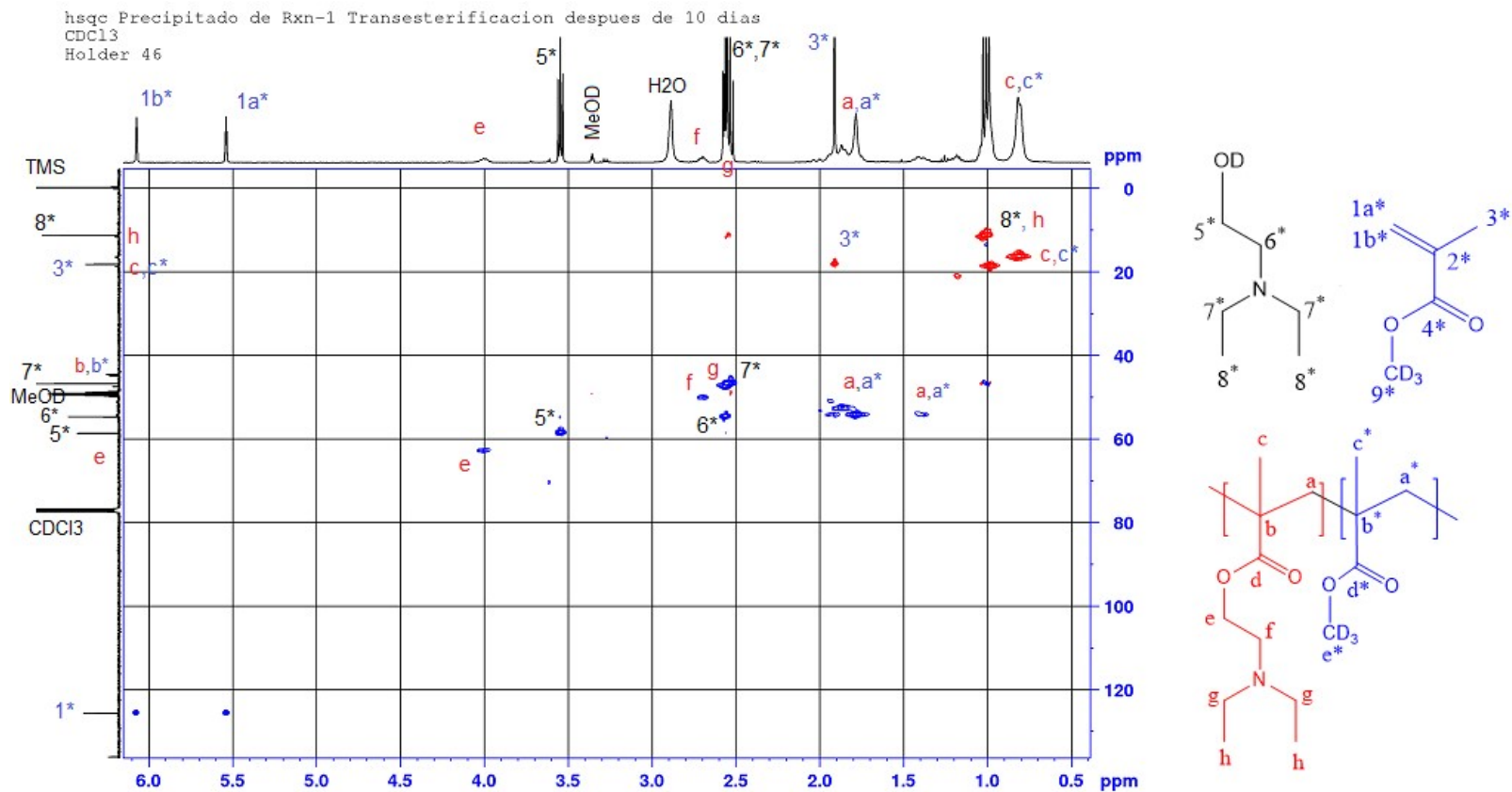


**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>Cl, r.t.) spectra of the precipitated polymer with a resulting copolymer composition of (DEAEMA: MMA-*d*<sub>3</sub>) = 5:95 mol%. Initial conditions of the reaction: initial ratio  $\omega_{M0} = 10$  wt% and molar ratio DEAEMA: AIBN = 92:1 in CD<sub>3</sub>OD at 70°C, and a total time reaction of 17 h.

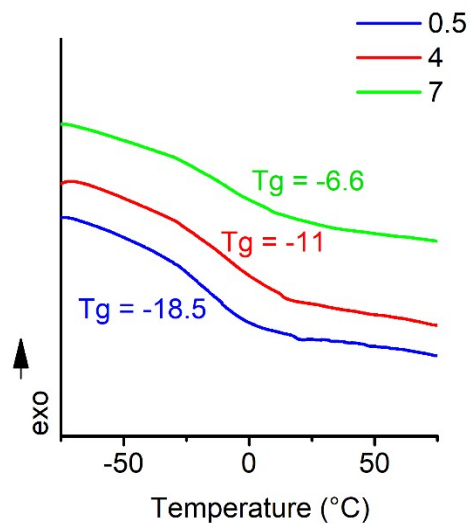
copolymer PDEAEMA-co-PMMA-OD<sub>3</sub> obtained by precipitation from CDCl<sub>3</sub> during 10 days.



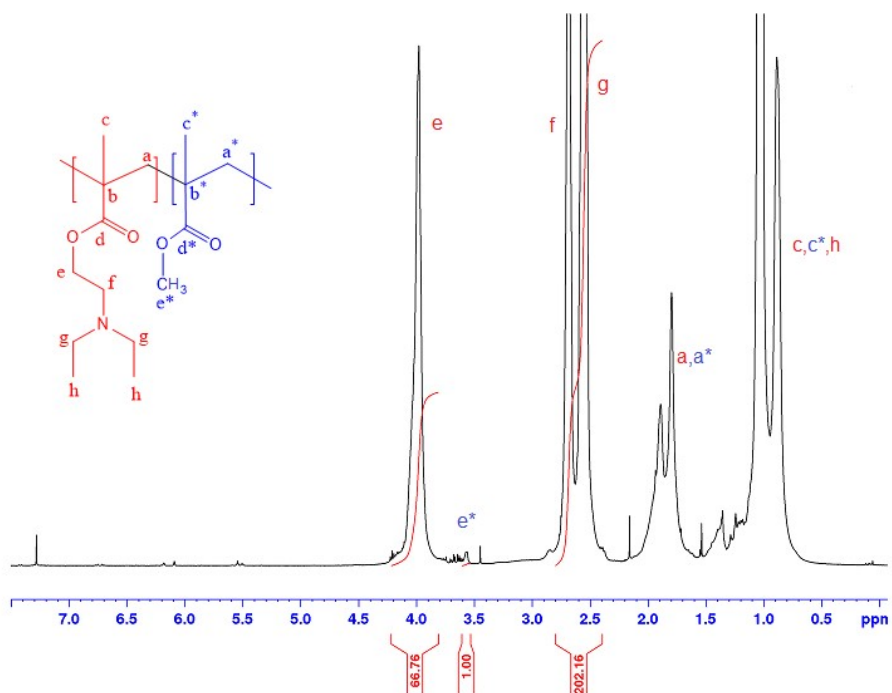
**Figure S12.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t) spectrum of copolymer PDEAEMA-co-PMMAOD<sub>3</sub>, % molar composition 5:95 obtained by  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR after it was precipitate from  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ . Initial conditions of the reaction: 1:46 (DEAEMA:  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) initial molar ratio,  $\omega_{M0} = 10$  wt% and molar ratio DEAEMA: AIBN = 92:1 in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  at  $70^\circ\text{C}$ , and a total time reaction of 17 h.



**Figure S13.** Edited HSQC (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.) of copolymer PDEAEMA-co-PMMAOD<sub>3</sub>, after it was precipitate from CD<sub>3</sub>OD. Initial conditions of the reaction: initial molar ratio of DEAEMA: CD<sub>3</sub>OD = 1:46,  $\omega_{M0}$  = 10 wt% and molar ratio DEAEMA: AIBN = 92:1 in CD<sub>3</sub>OD at 70°C, and a total time reaction of 17 h.



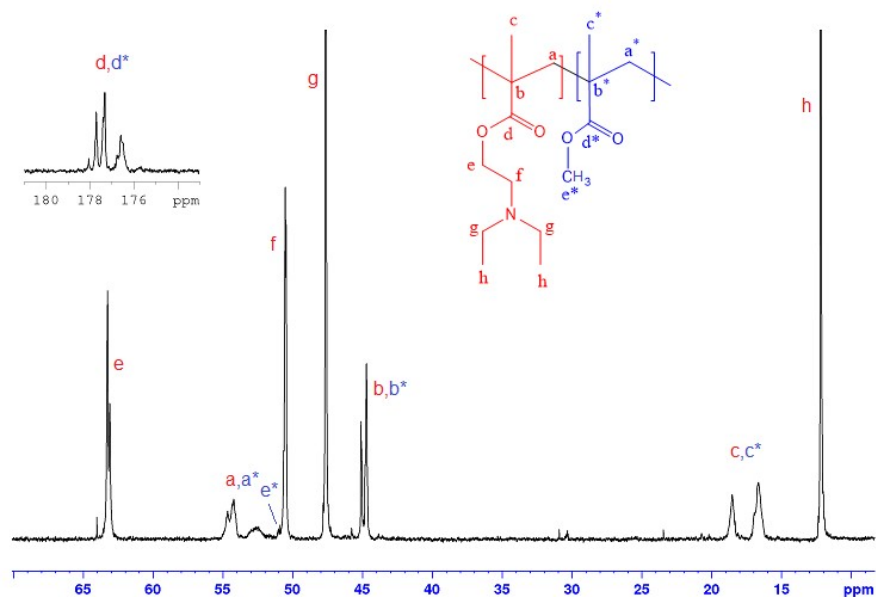
**Figure S14.** Stacked DSC thermograms for experiment with a mixture of methanol/  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at  $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , DEAEMA: AIBN molar ratio of 92: 1 and DEAEMA: methanol molar ratio of 1:8. Labels indicate the time reaction (hours).



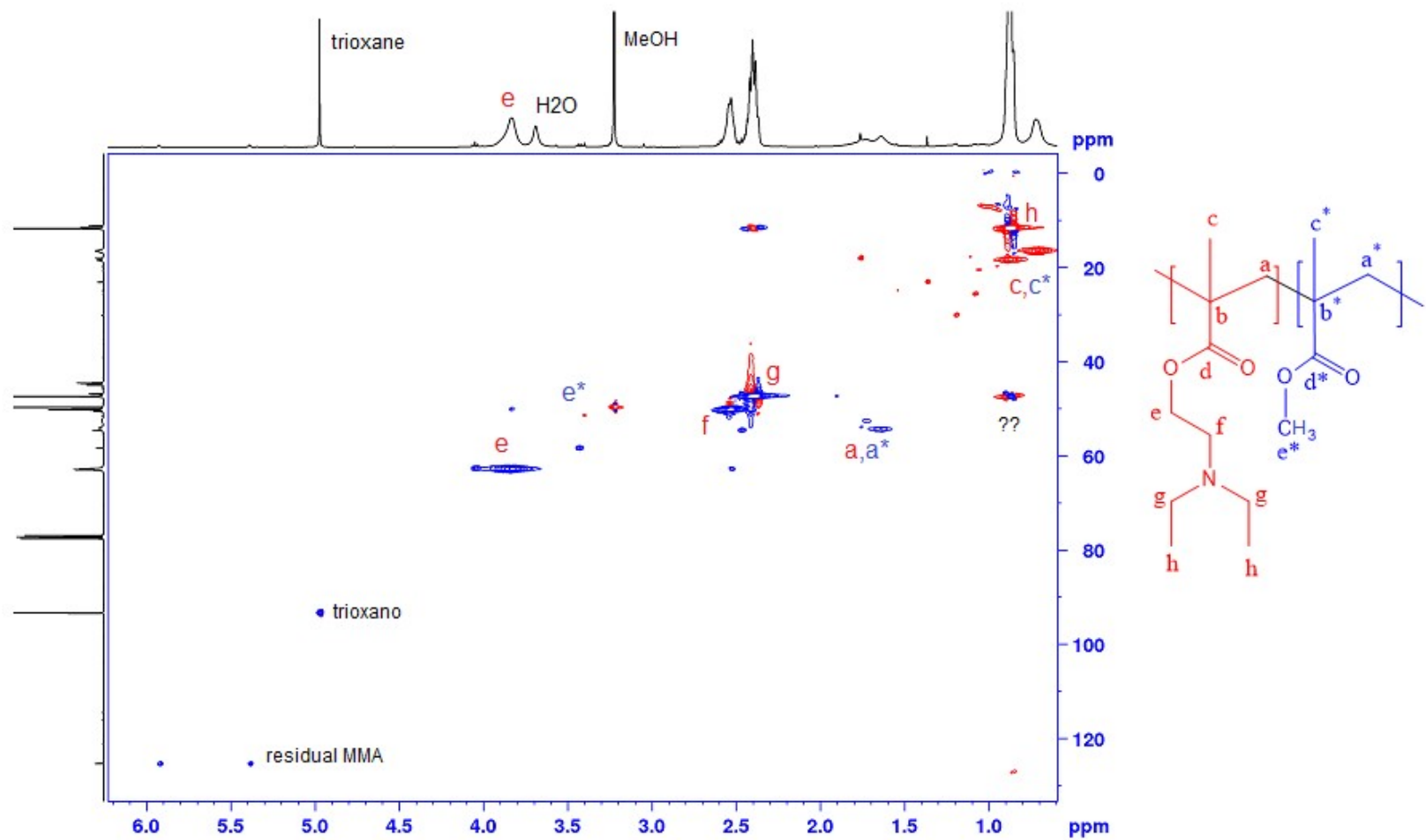
**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t) spectrum of copolymer poly(DEAEMA-co-MMA- $d_3$ ), after it was lyophilized twice at the end of the kinetic. Initial conditions of the



reaction: initial molar ratio of DEAEMA: CH<sub>3</sub>OH = 1:1,  $\omega_{M0}$  = 58 wt% and molar ratio DEAEMA: AIBN = 92:1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 70°C, and a total time reaction of 17 h.



**Figure S16.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H}-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t) spectrum of copolymer poly(DEAEMA-co-MMA-d<sub>3</sub>), % molar composition 99:1 obtained by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR after it was lyophilized at the end of kinetic. Initial conditions of the reaction: initial molar ratio of DEAEMA: CH<sub>3</sub>OH = 1: 1,  $\omega_{M0}$  = 58 wt% and molar ratio DEAEMA: AIBN = 92:1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 70°C, and a total time reaction of 17 h.



**Figure S17.** Edited HSQC (400MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.) of copolymer PDEAEMA-coPMMAOD<sub>3</sub>, after purified. Initial conditions of the reaction: 1:1 (DEAEMA:  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) molar ratio,  $\omega_{M0}$  = 58 wt% and 92:1 (DEAEMA: AIBN) molar ratio in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  at 70°C and a total time reaction of 17 h.

## S.10. Precipitated polymer



**Figure S18.** Picture of the precipitated polymer with a resulting copolymer composition of (DEAEMA: MMA-d3) = 96: 4 mol%. Initial conditions of the reaction: initial ratio  $\omega_{M0} = 10$  wt% and molar ratio DEAEMA: AIBN = 92: 1 in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  at  $70^\circ\text{C}$ , and a total time reaction of 17 h.