

*Supporting Information for*

# **One-pot Two-Step Efficient Metal-Free Process for the Generation of PEO-*b*-PCL-*b*-PLA Amphiphilic Triblock Copolymers**

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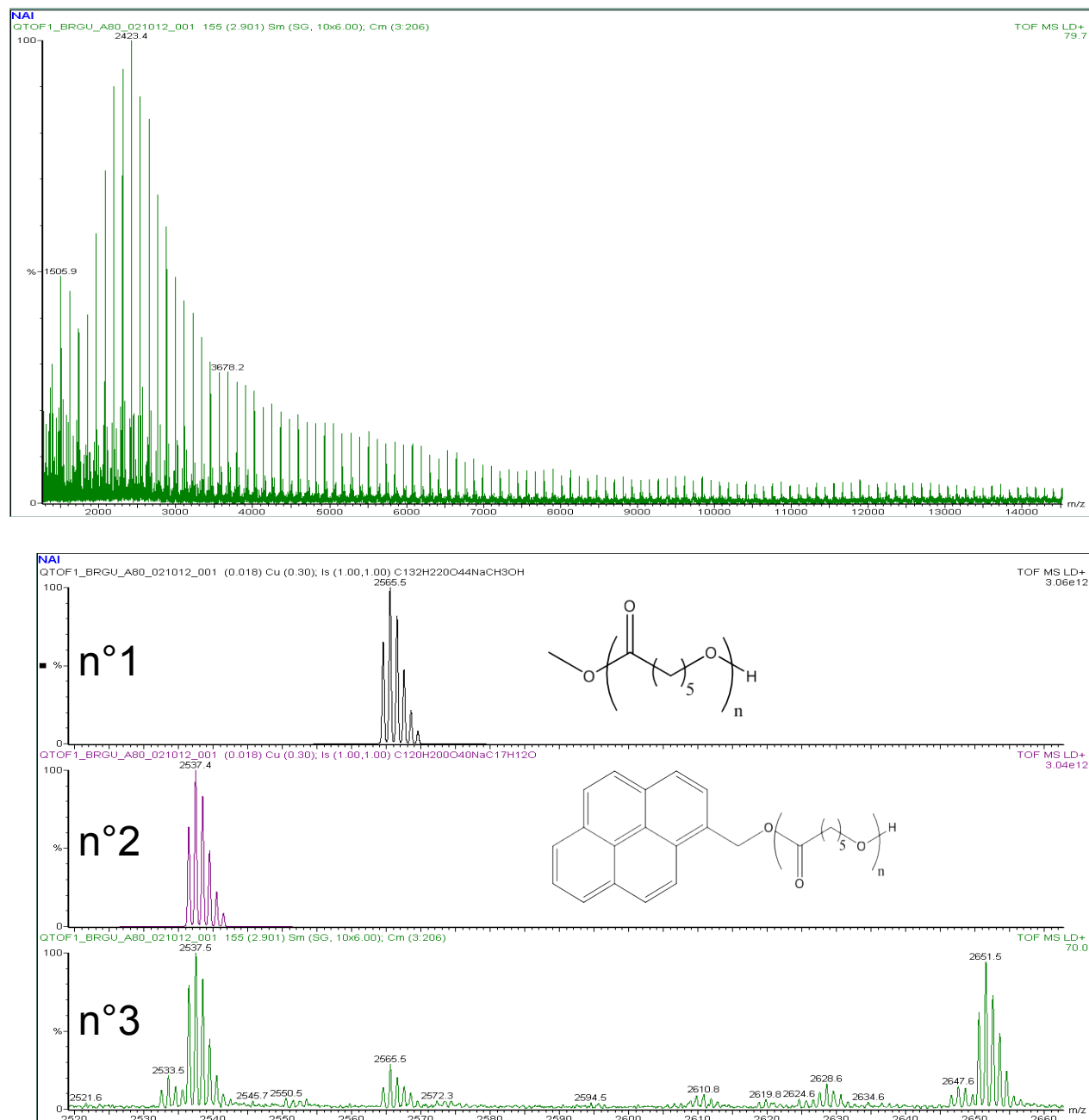
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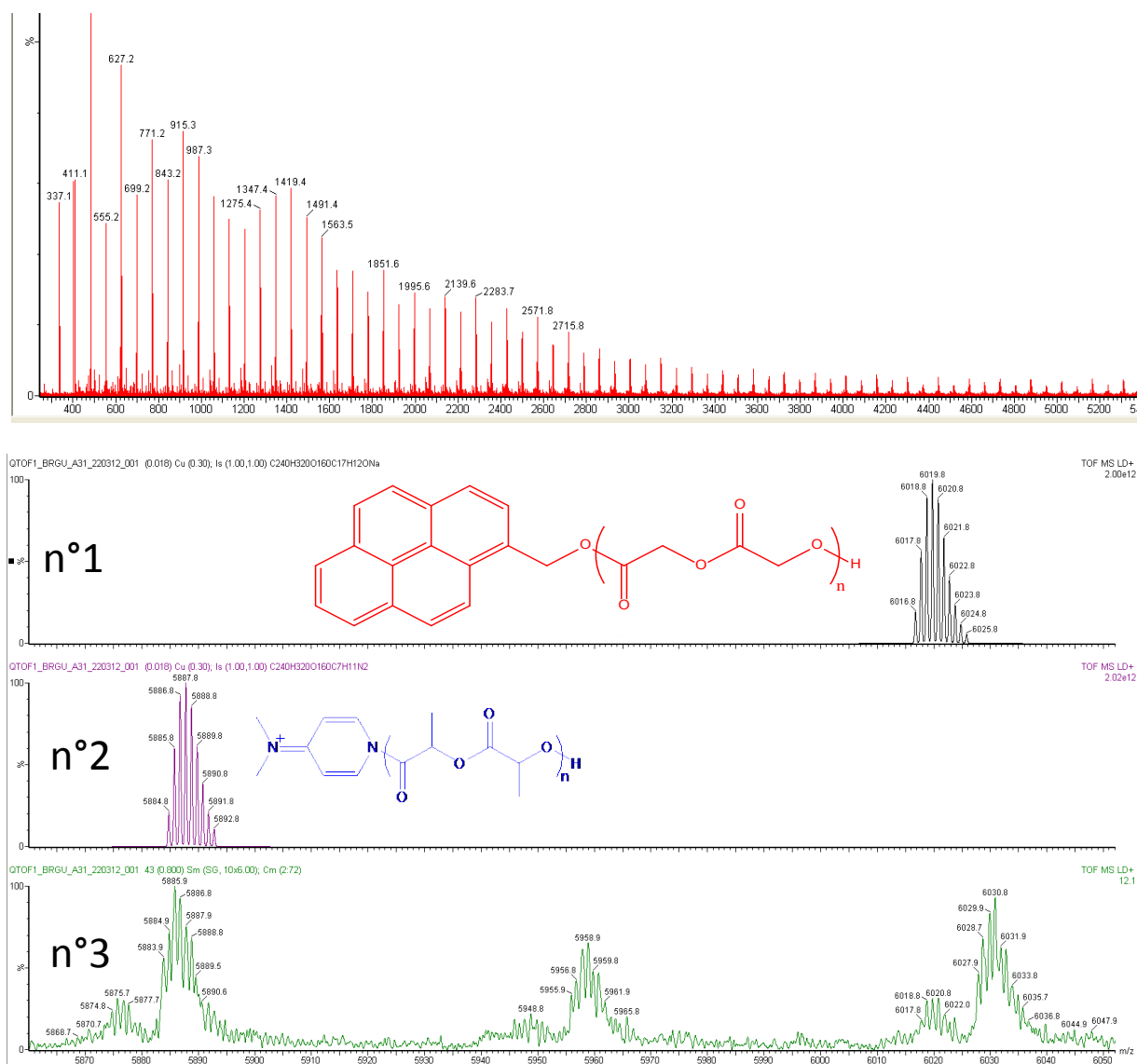
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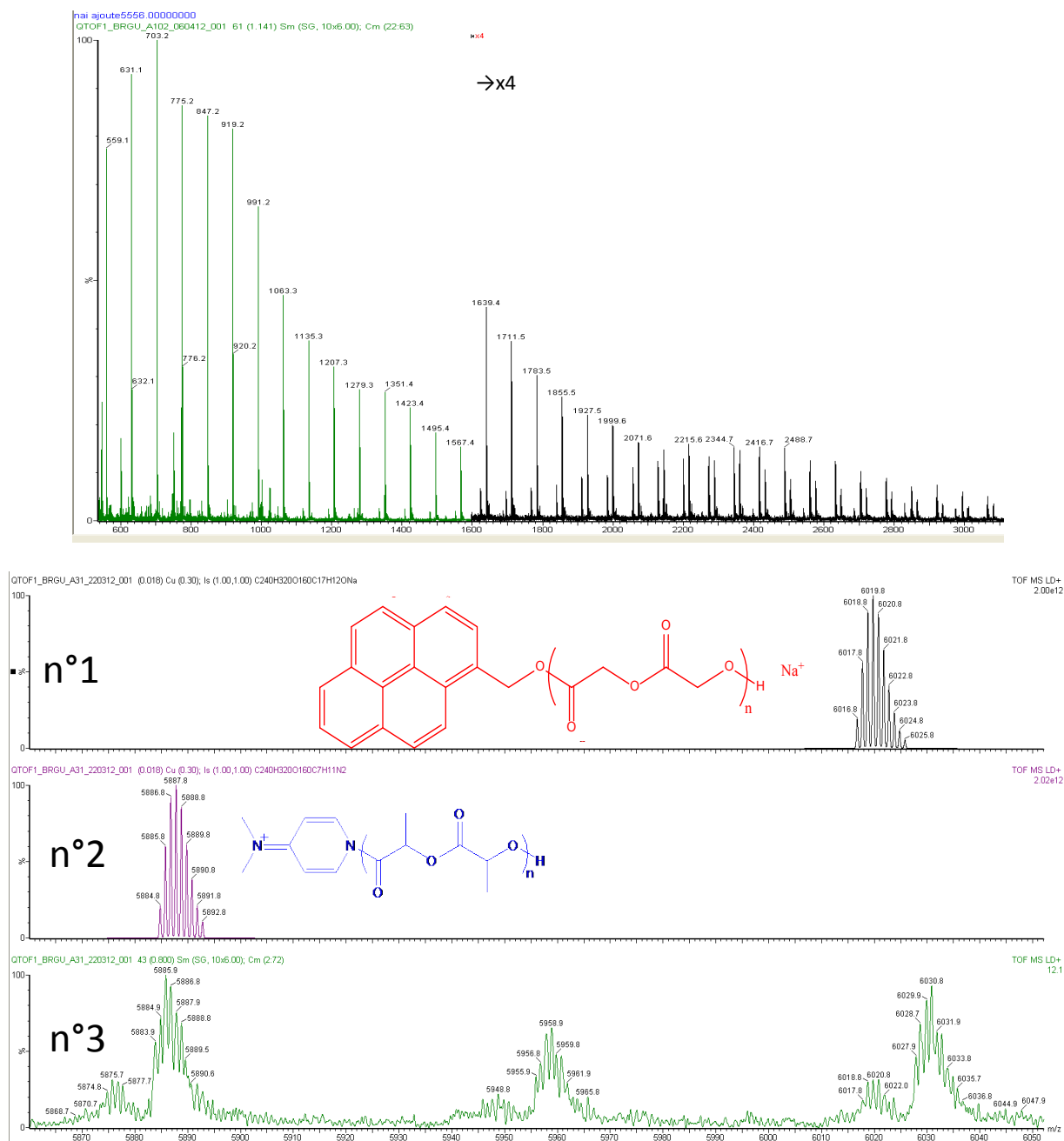
## A – MALDI-ToF spectra



**Figure S1.** MALDI-ToF spectrum of PCL (top) initiated by 1-pyrenemethanol, catalyzed by TBD and precipitated in heptane. Theoretical model (n°1 and 2) and zoom of the MALDI-ToF spectrum of PCL (n°3) (bottom).



**Figure S2.** MALDI-ToF spectrum of P(L-LA) (top) initiated by 1-pyrenemethanol, catalyzed by DMAP and precipitated in heptane. Theoretical model (n°1 and 2) and zoom of the MALDI-ToF spectrum of P(L-LA) (n°3) (bottom).



**Figure S3.** MALDI-ToF spectrum of P(L-LA) (top) initiated by 1-pyrenemethanol, catalyzed by DMAP/DCC and precipitated in methanol. Theoretical model (n°1 and 2) and zoom of the MALDI-ToF spectrum of P(L-LA) (n°3) (bottom).

## B – Synthesis of PEO-*b*-P(CL-*co*-(L or D,L)LA) amphiphilic statistical copolymers<sup>1</sup>

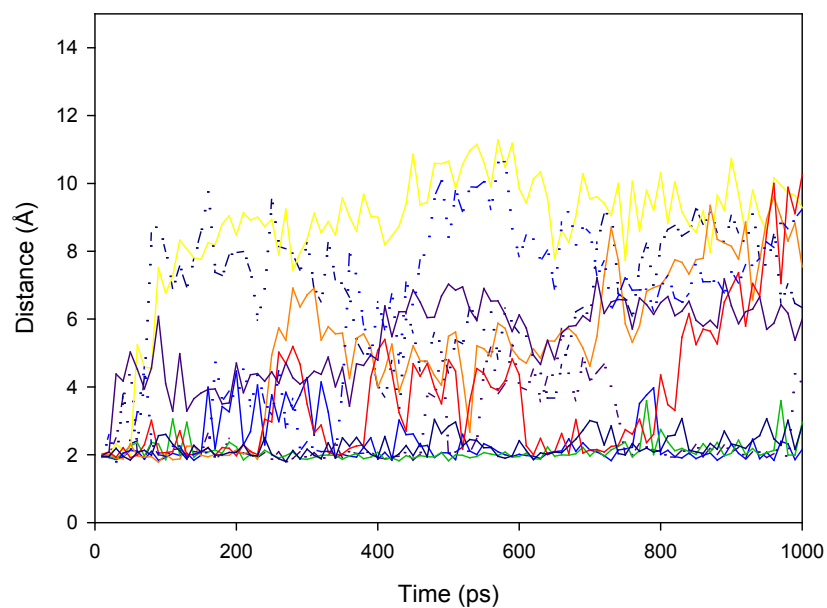
Statistical copolymers were synthesized by using 100 equivalents of  $\epsilon$ -CL, 100 equivalents of (L or D,L)LA and 0.01 equivalent of Sn(Oct)<sub>2</sub> relative to the initiator PEO-OH (5,000 g.mol<sup>-1</sup>). Copolymerizations were conducted at 160°C in bulk during 18 hours.

**Table S1.** Characterization data of amphiphilic statistical copolymers PEO-*b*-P(CL-*co*-(L or D,L)LA).

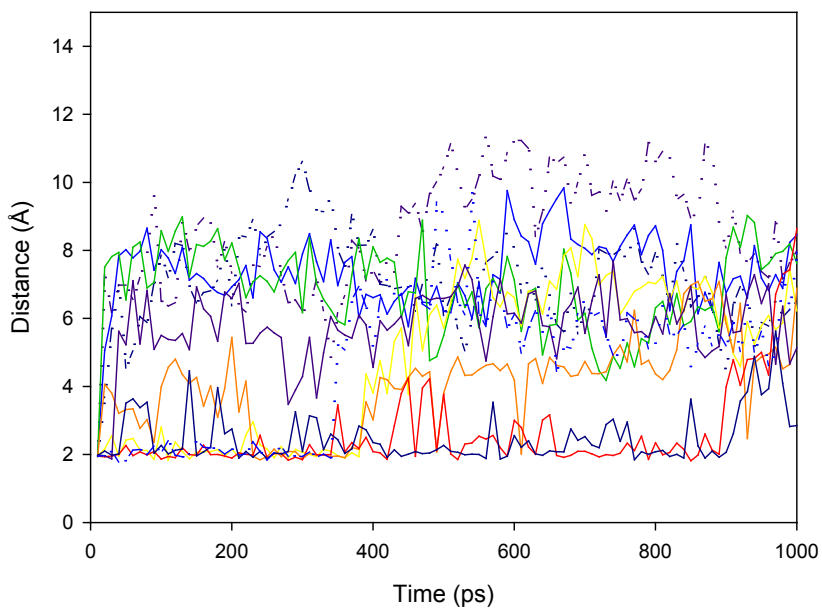
polymer	[Sn(Oct) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>0</sub> /[PEO] <sub>0</sub>	M <sub>n,th</sub> (g.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	M <sub>n,NMR</sub> (g.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	M <sub>n,exp</sub> <sup>a</sup> (g.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Đ <sup>a</sup>	Yield (%)
PEO- <i>b</i> -P(CL- <i>co</i> -L-LA)	0.01/1	13,800	14,800	22,500	1.62	77
PEO- <i>b</i> -P(CL- <i>co</i> -D,L-LA)	0.01/1	14,100	15,900	20,000	1.65	79

a: SEC in THF (+2% TEA), PS standards, 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>, T = 35°C.

## C – Molecular modeling



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(b)

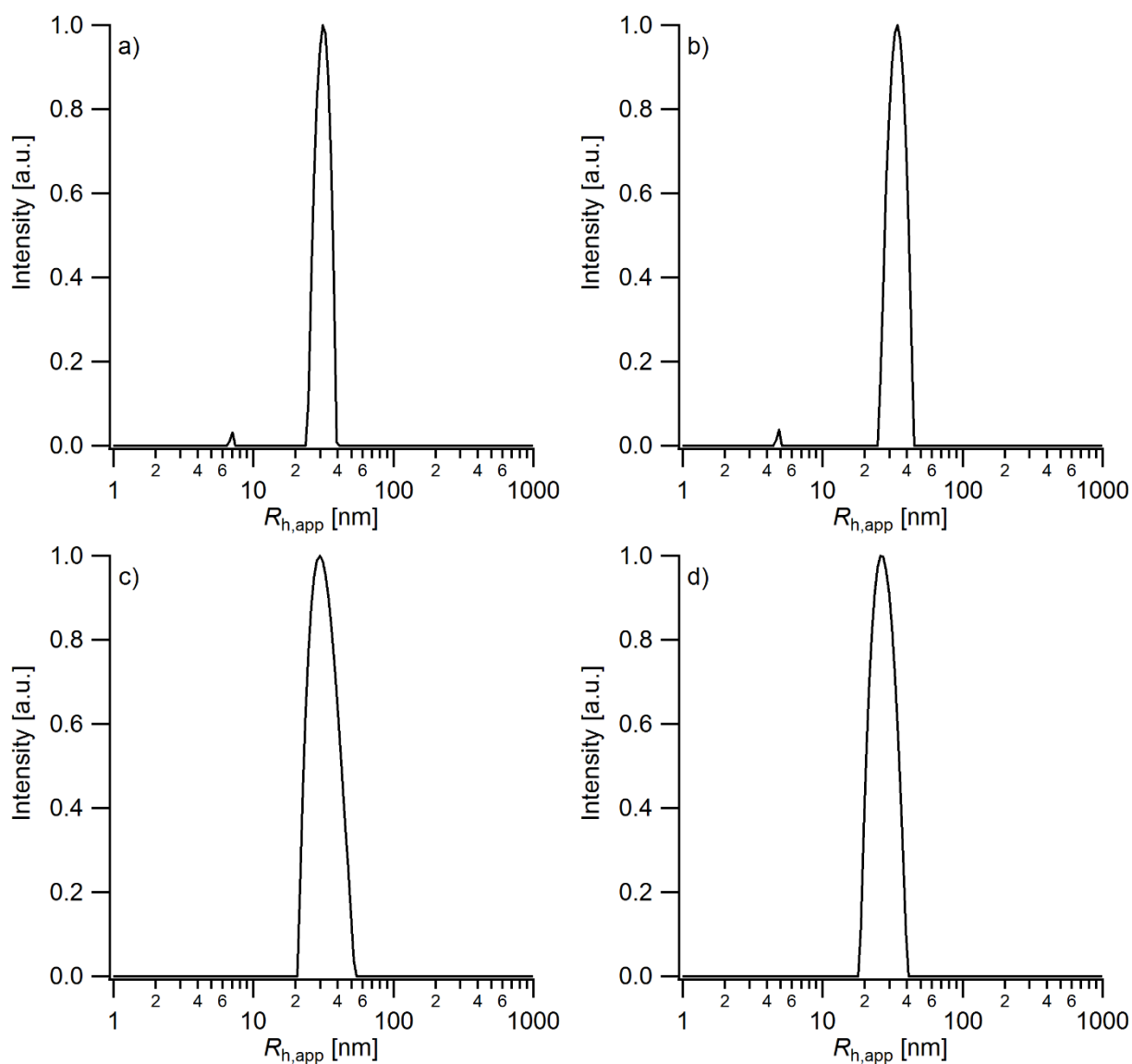
**Figure S4.** Evolution of the distance between the nitrogen atom #4 (see Table 4) of TBD and the hydrogen atom of the hydroxyl group of the initiator ( $d_{N-H}$ ) as a function of the time in the first ns of

the MD runs for system 1 (a) (1-pyrenemethanol initiator, top) and system 2 (b) (PEO initiator, bottom).

#### D – Physico-chemical characterization of amphiphilic copolymers

**Table S2.** Characterization of amphiphilic copolymers in water by DLS experiments.

Copolymer	CONTIN	Cumulant		Angle (°)
	$R_{H,app}$	$R_{H,app}$	PDI	
	31	31	0.04	60
<b>PEO-<i>b</i>-P(CL-<i>co</i>-L-LA)</b>	31.5	31.5	0.04	90
	32	31.5	0.07	120
	35.5	36	0.12	60
<b>PEO-<i>b</i>-P(CL-<i>co</i>-D,L-LA)</b>	35.5	35	0.10	90
	35.5	34.5	0.11	135
	32.5	32	0.07	60
<b>PEO-<i>b</i>-PCL-<i>b</i>-P(L-LA)</b>	32	32	0.07	90
	32.5	32	0.07	135
	27	27.5	0.02	60
<b>PEO-<i>b</i>-PCL-<i>b</i>-P(D,L-LA)</b>	27.5	27.5	0.04	90
	28	27.5	0.04	135



**Figure S5.** Distribution of the hydrodynamic radius calculated by CONTIN algorithm for 0.1% wt measured by DLS at scattering angle equal to  $\theta = 90^\circ$  and at 25 °C ((a) PEO-*b*-P(CL-*co*-L-LA), (b) PEO-*b*-P(CL-*co*-D,L-LA), (c) PEO-*b*-PCL-*b*-P(L-LA) and (d) PEO-*b*-PCL-*b*-P(D,L-LA)).

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