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In this paper we reported on the kinetics of the simultaneous polymerization of ϵ -caprolactone and methyl methacrylate by enzymatic ring-opening polymerization and atom transfer radical polymerization, respectively. We proved the existence of copolymer by numerous techniques, including GPC and NMR spectroscopy. However, in this report we stated that MALDI-TOF analysis of low molecular weight materials clearly showed the presence of block copolymer and NOT a mixture of homopolymers. However, detailed analyses of the MALDI-TOF data reveal the presence of PCL homopolymer; both cyclic and linear. Furthermore, while some peak masses and isotopic patterns may have been indicative of low molecular weight (ca. 1700 Da) PMMA-block-PCL copolymer, continuation of these series beyond these masses—as is typical for copolymer series in MALDI spectra-was not observed. Hence, in contrast to the GPC and hydrolysis experiments presented in the report, the MALDI-TOF data do not irrefutably prove the presence of block copolymer. We intend to discuss the effectiveness of MALDI-TOF as an analytical technique for the characterization of these types of block copolymers in a future publication.

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