
Synthesis and polymerization of some activated monomers

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In the present work, acrylic and methacrylic esters of N-hydroxyphthalimide were synthesized and polymerized. The synthesis of N-acryloyloxy- and N-methacryloyloxyphthalimides were accomplished in fair yield by the reaction of acryloyl and methacryloyl chlorides with N-hydroxyphthalimide in the presence of triethylamine. Also, N-acryloyloxy- and N-methacryloyloxyphthalimide monomers were prepared from the reaction of acrylic and methacrylic acids with N-hydroxyphthalimide in the presence of N,N-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, the prepared monomers were polymerized by solution polymerization and the polymers were collected by filtration washed and dried. The ability of the prepared activated polymers to enter an exchange reactions with amines (ethylamine, piperidine and p-anisidine) and alcohols (phenol and cyclohexanol) and the percent exchange reactions were almost quantitative as indicated by elemental and spectrophotometric analyses. Similarly, methacrylic ester of N-hydroxytetrabromophthalimide was synthesized and polymerized. The synthesis of N-methacryloyloxytetrabromophthalimide was carried out by the reaction of methacryloyl chloride with N-hydroxytetrabromophthalimide in presence of triethylamine, and also, from the reaction of methacrylic acid with N-hydroxytetrabromophthalimide in presence of N,N-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide as dehydrating agent. The exchange ability of the prepared poly-N-methacryloyloxytetrabromophthalimide with amines and amino acids was calculated from bromine analysis and the percent exchange was found to be: 85.75, 88.24, 92.52, 72.11 and 75.11 % for aniline, p-toluidine, p-anisidine, o-aminobenzoic acid and p-aminobenzoic acid, respectively. The percent exchange reaction of poly-N-methacryloyloxytetrabromophthalimide with hydroxylated compounds was also studied and calculated from bromine analysis and was found to be: 84.09, 84.19, 61.61 and 67.08 % for phenol, cyclohexanol, o-hydroxybenzoic acid and p-hydroxybenzoic acid, respectively. Also, a direct comparison between the exchange reactions of poly-N-methacryloyloxyphthalimide and poly-N-methacryloyloxytetrabromophthalimide with p-anisidine (as an example of amines) and cyclohexanol (as an example of hydroxylated compounds) was carried out at various times (15-120 min.) at 60 °C, and the percent exchange reaction in each case was calculated from ¹H NMR spectroscopy and elemental analysis. The results indicate that the percent exchange reactions of p-anisidine with both polymers was almost the same at various times of reaction, while in case of

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