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Development of PEO -PEO triblock copolymer matrix for high -resolution CE -SSCP analysis system

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Electrophoresis -based DNA separation is a widely used method due to its convenience and precision, and furthermore, it is easy to be automized as the various formats from bench -top instrument to lab -on - a -chip. Unlike conventional electrophoretic methods, capillary electrophoresis -single strand conformation polymorphism (CE -SSCP) is capable of simple analysis of DNA sequence variation because the mobility difference comes from conformational difference of single strand DNA. However, CE -SSCP suffers from low resolution; thus its application has been limited in very few cases. A higher -resolution CE -SSCP system was developed with poly(ethyleneoxide) -poly(propyleneoxide) -poly(ethyleneoxide) triblock copolymers (PEO -PPO -PEO). By a series of experiments, a high -resolution CE -SSCP analysis system was demonstrated, and baseline separations between the targets were possible which were overlapped in conventional systems. The results strongly suggest that the PEO -PPO -PEO is an ideal polymer for high resolution analysis.