

# Photoinduced Metal-Free Atom Transfer Radical Polymerization of Biomass Based Monomers

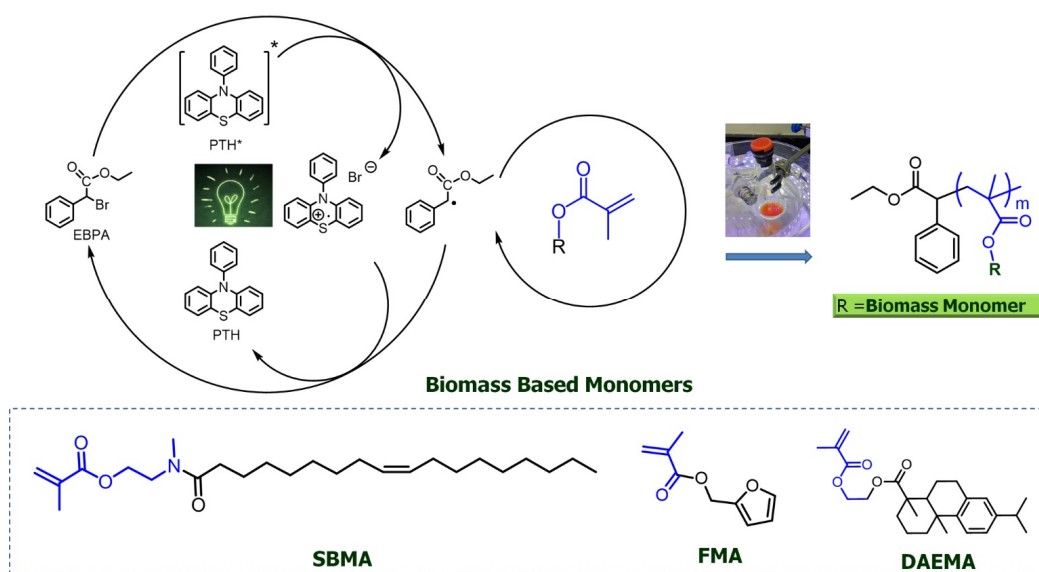
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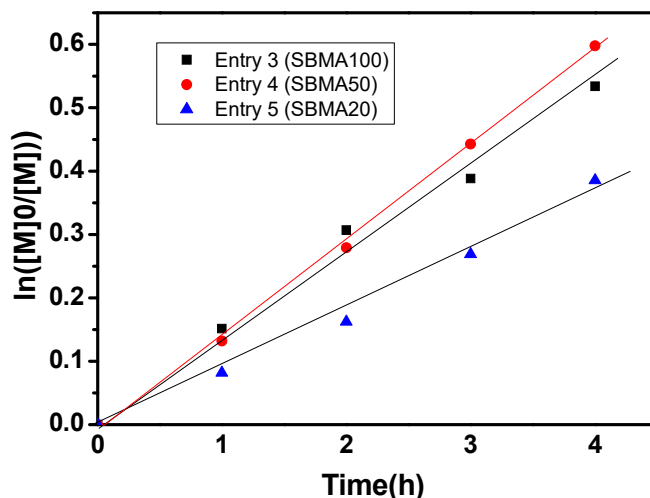
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## Supporting Information

Scheme S1. Metal-free ATRP of biomass based monomers



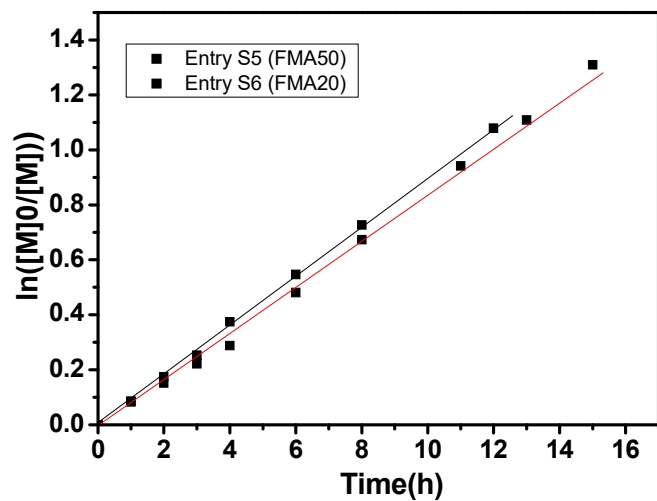


**Figure S1.** Semilogarithmic kinetic plots of polymerization of SBMA with metal-free ATRP with [SBMA]/[EBPA]:[Catalyst]=100, 50 or 20:1:0.1.

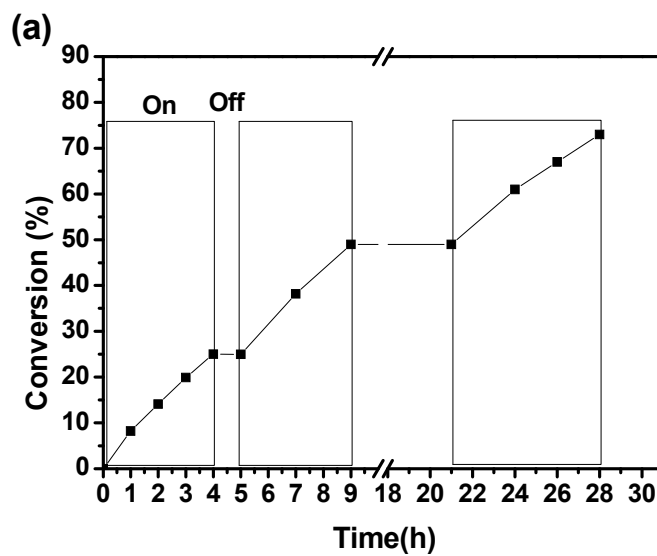
**Table S1.** Optimization of photoinduced ATRP of FMA<sup>a</sup>

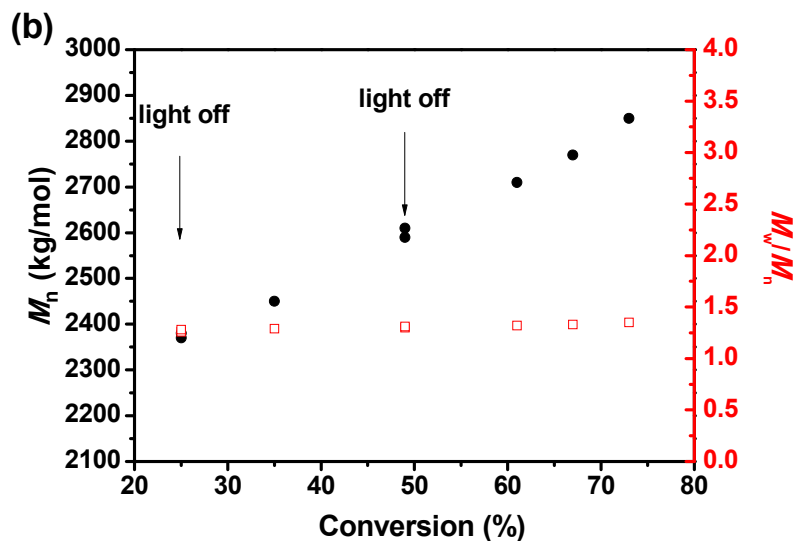
Entry	[FMA]:[EBPA]: [catalyst]	Conv. (%)	$M_n$ in theory <sup>d</sup>	$M_n$ by GPC	$\bar{D}$
S1 <sup>b</sup>	50:0:0	17	N/A	107.1 k	1.64
S2 <sup>c</sup>	50:0:0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
S3	50:0:0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
S4 <sup>c</sup>	50:1:0.1	19	1.9 k	2.3 k	1.21
S5	50:1:0.1	31	3.1 k	2.6 k	1.31
S6	20:1:0.1	25	1.1 k	2.5 k	1.29

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: FMA (20, 50 or 100 equiv), EBPA (1 equiv), PTH (0.1 equiv), FMA/THF = 1:2 (v/v), 4 h, at room temperature with irradiation by 380 nm UV light (LED strips with 0.05 mW/cm UV light intensity); <sup>b</sup> Irradiation by 2.2 mW/cm UV light; <sup>c</sup> Irradiation by visible light (with 0.07 mW/cm UV light intensity).<sup>d</sup> Calculated based on conversion obtained by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

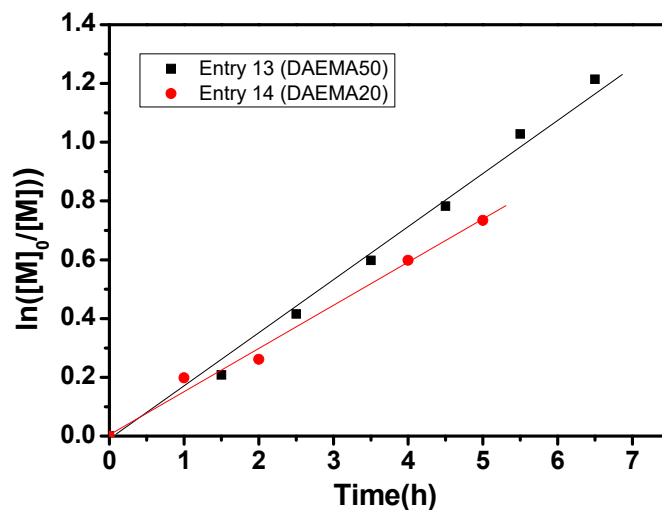


**Figure S2.** Semilogarithmic kinetic plots of polymerization of FMA with metal-free ATRP under condition  $[FMA]/[EBPA]= 50$  or  $20:1$ .





**Figure S3.** Preparation of PFMA with metal-free ATRP of FMA (Table 2, entry 4) (a) conversion vs time with repeated "on-off"; (b) number-average molecular weight ( $M_n$ ) and dispersity ( $M_w/M_n$ ) vs conversion with repeated "on-off".



**Figure S4.** Semilogarithmic kinetic plots of polymerization of DAEMA with metal-free ATRP under condition  $[DAEMA]:[EBPA]= 50$  or  $20:1$ .

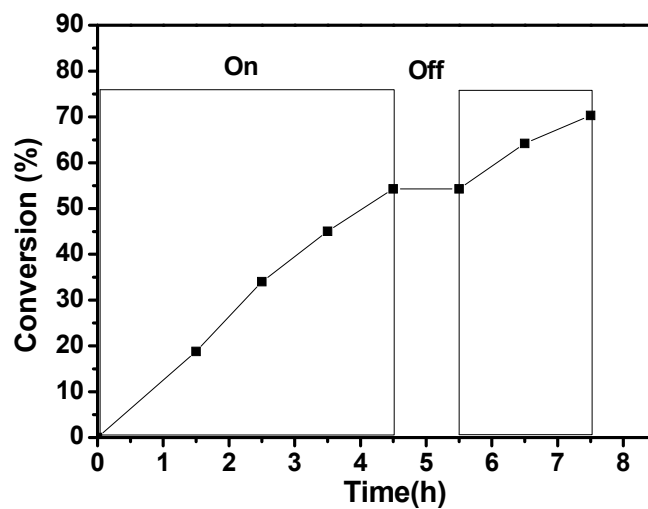
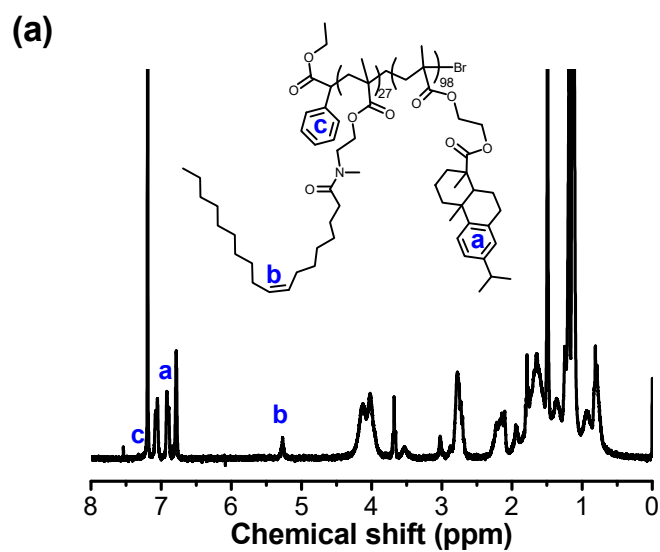
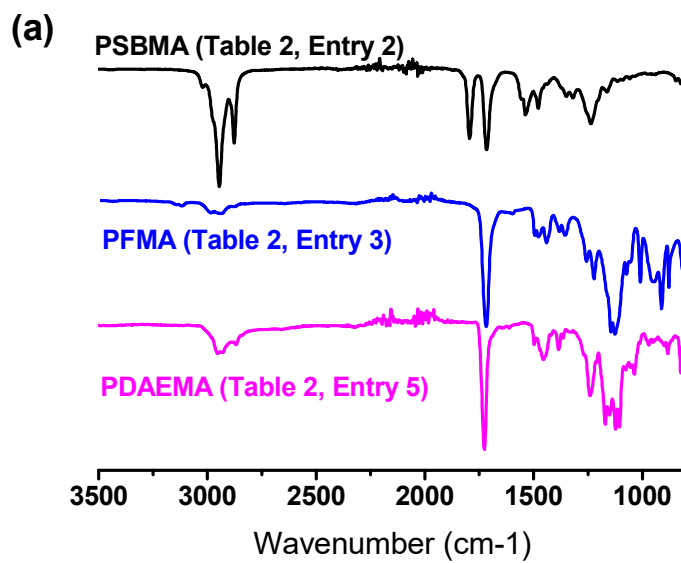
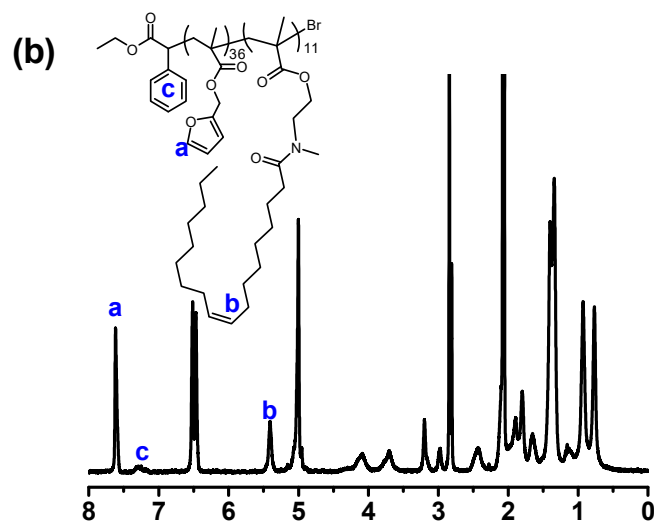


Figure S5. DAEMA conversion vs time with light "on-off" (Table 2, entry 5).





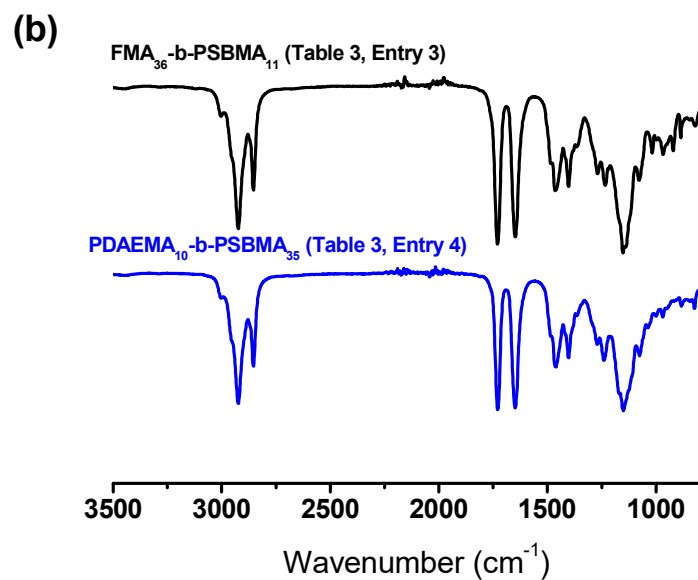


Figure S7. FTIR spectra (a) homopolymers; (b) diblock copolymers.

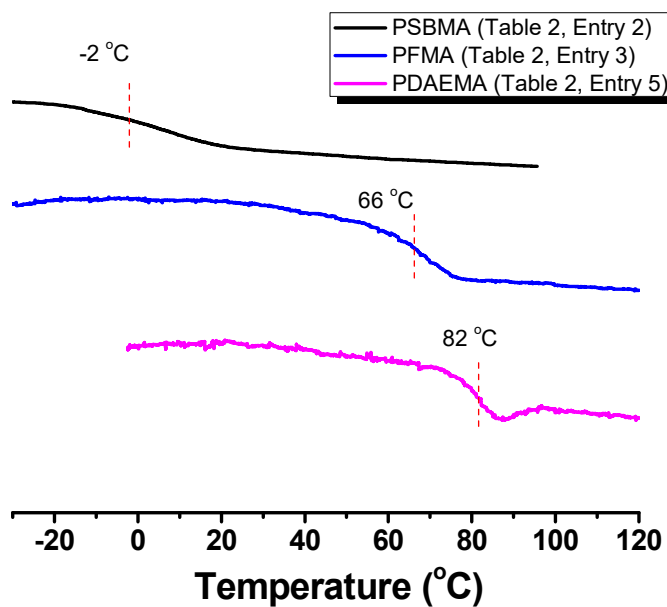


Figure S8. DSC curves of homopolymers.