



Polymer Mass Spectrometry

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Message from the Guest Editors

Mass spectrometry (MS) can be successfully applied for the characterization of natural polymers, and their derivatives. It may also be helpful in the synthesis of (co)polymers from natural and non-renewable sources. Moreover, MS is applied for the evaluation and understanding of the relationships among structure, properties, and behavior of polymers important for civilization and social function.

The soft ionization techniques, which permits the production of gas-phase ions from a wide variety of polymers and enables sequence analysis of natural and synthetic macromolecules, helped to solve the difficult question regarding the molecular structure of (co)polymers. Multistage mass spectrometry (MS_n) enables the structural analysis of mass selected macromolecular ions of (co)polymers at the molecular level. Therefore, it may be expected that MS will become a routine and accurate analytical technique of (co)polymers for years to come.

In this Special Issue, we aim to present a contemporary overview of recent developments in the field of polymer mass spectrometry. Reviews, full papers, and short communications of the current trends in this area of knowledge are all welcome.





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