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The cost of preparing alumatrane complexes is generally high because a multistep process is used and the starting materials are expensive. Recently, a new one step method was developed for synthesizing alumatrane directly from aluminum hydroxide [Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>] and triisopropanolamine (TIS) both of which are inexpensive materials and readily available. Triethylenetetramine (TETA), a stronger base than TIS, was found to accelerate the dissolution rate of Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>. The product was characterized using TGA, FTIR, and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR. Viscometric properties of the product in dilute solution were investigated by viscosity measurement in terms of TIS concentration, reaction time, reaction temperature, and catalyst, TETA, concentration. It was found that the intrinsic viscosity and the overlap concentration were affected by the reaction conditions. The more organic content gave the higher viscosity. The hydrodynamic radius of the synthesized products was also investigated by dynamic light scattering as a function of catalyst concentration. The product with a higher catalyst concentration gave a larger hydrodynamic radius R<sub>H</sub>; and therefore a higher molecular weight polymer was produced.

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