Supporting Information

A New Route to Achieve Side-Chain-Type Sulfone-Containing Polysiloxanes via Sulfide Oxidation-Induced Cleavage and Rearrangement of Si–O–Si Bonds with Fine Selectivity Toward Cyclosiloxanes

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Experimental

Materials

2,2–Dimethoxy–2–phenylacetophenone (DMPA) and Oxone[®] were purchased from Aladdin Co. (China) and used as received. Tetramethyltetravinylcyclotetrasiloxane (D_4^{Vi}) was obtained as commercial products and used directly. Ethyl mercaptan and Methyl-mercaptopropionate were provided by Sigma–Aldrich and used as received. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was purified according to routine procedure and distilled over sodium before use. Octavinylsilsesquioxane (OVS) was synthesized using the classic procedure.

Characterization and measurements

The reaction was irradiated by UV on a Spectroline Model SB–100P/FA lamp (365 nm, 100 w). UV intensity is 4500µW/cm² at a distance of 38 cm. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, ²⁹Si NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 spectrometer at 25 °C using CDCl₃ as solvent and without tetramethylsilane as an interior label. Fourier transform infrared spectra (FT–IR) were recorded on a Bruker TENSOR27 infrared spectrophotometer using the KBr pellet technique within the 4000 cm⁻¹ to 400 cm⁻¹ region. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained using positive mode on Agilent Technologies 6510 Q-TOF LC-MS. The luminescence (excitation and emission) spectra of the samples were determined with a Hitachi F–4500 fluorescence spectrophotometer using a monochromated Xe lamp as an excitation source. Excitation and emission slits measured 5 nm and 2.5 nm, respectively. DSC measurements were studied using SDTQ 600 of TA Instruments. The heating and cooling temperature ramp rates were 10 °C/min. Thermogravimetric

analysis (TGA) was performed under N_2 using a TA SDTQ600 at a temperature range of room temperature to 800 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C/min.

Synthesis of D4-1

A cooled oven-dried 25 mL glass vessel was charged with D_4^{Vi} (0.86 g, 2.5 mmol), Ethyl mercaptan (0.62 g, 10 mmol), and DMPA (1 wt%, 0.02 g), and then capped. The vessel was placed under a 100 W UV light ($\lambda_{max} = 365$ nm). The reaction mixture was irradiated for 20 min with gentle stirring to yield **D4-1**. After the thiol-ene reaction, the product was purified by precipitation in methanol to eliminate photoinitiator. **D4-1** was obtained as a colorless liquid with a yield of 98%.

Data of **D4-1**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 0.10-0.25 (SiC*H*₃), 0.86-0.97 (SiC*H*₂CH₂), 1.29-1.37 (SCH₂C*H*₃), 2.61-2.72 (C*H*₂SC*H*₂CH₂Si). ¹³C NMR (100.62 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = 0.58$, (SiCH₃), 9.36 (SCH₂CH₃), 19.28, (-SiCH₂CH₂), 28.13, (SCH₂CH₂Si), 30.21, (SCH₂CH₃).

D4-2 was obtained as the same way to D4-1, yield 93%.

Data of **D4-2**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 0.13-0.25 (SiC*H*₃), 0.93-1.01 (SiC*H*₂CH₂), 2.59-2.64 (-C*H*₂SC*H*₂-), 2.79-2.82 (-SCH₂C*H*₂COOCH₃), 3.71 (-COOC*H*₃). ¹³C NMR (100.62 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = 0.03$ (-SiCH₃), 17.79 (-SiCH₂CH₂S-), 26.48 (-SiCH₂CH₂S-), 28.83 (-SCH₂CH₂COOCH₃), 34.47 (-CH₂COOCH₃), 51.68 (-COOCH₃), 171.23 (-COOCH₃).

D4-3 was obtained as the same way to **D4-1**, yield 90%.

Data of **D4-3**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 0.13-0.25 (SiC*H*₃), 0.90-0.95 (SiC*H*₂CH₂), 2.65-2.68 (SiCH₂C*H*₂SCH₂-), 2.70-2.83 (-SCH₂C*H*₂COOH), 11.64 (-COO*H*). ¹³C NMR (100.62 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = 0.05$ (-SiCH₃), 18.10 (-SiCH₂CH₂S-), 25.45 (-SiCH₂CH₂S-), 26.60 (-SCH₂CH₂COOH), 34.15 (-CH₂COOH), 172.17 (-COOH).

Data of T1:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 0.004 (s, 18H, SiC*H*₃), 0.58-0.63 (m, 4H, SiC*H*₂CH₂), 1.55-1.64 (m, 4H, SiC*H*₂C*H*₂), 2.55-2.58 (t, 4H, -SiCH₂CH₂CH₂SCH₂-), 2.72 (s, 4H, -SiCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂SC*H*₂-).

Synthesis of POSS-1

In cold glass vessel, OVS (1.0g, 1.58 mmol), Ethyl mercaptan (0.79 g, 12 mmol) and 2 wt% of DMPA were dissolved in 10 ml THF. The mixture was irradiated with stirring for 15 min with UV light at room temperature and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was washed by CH₃OH and the residual solvent was removed under vacuum overnight at room temperature. POSS-1 was obtained as a white powder with a yield of 96%.

Data of **POSS-1**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = 1.06-1.15$ (t, -SiCH₂-, 16H), 1.35-1.39 (t, SCH₂CH₃, 24H), 2.63-2.70 (t, -SiCH₂CH₂-, 16H), 2.71-2.77 (t, -SCH₂CH₃, 16H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): 12.41 (-SiCH₂-), 16.80 (SCH₂CH₃), 26.04 (-SiCH₂CH₂S-), 27.09 (-SCH₂CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (79 Hz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = -68.30$.

POSS-2 was obtained as the same way to D4-1, yield 93%.

Data of **POSS-2**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = 1.01-1.06$ (t, -SiCH₂-, 16H), 2.60-2.65 (m, -SiCH₂CH₂SCH₂-, 32H), 2.79-2.82 (t, -SCH₂CH₂COOCH₃, 16H), 3.70 (s, -COOCH₃, 16H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): 12.87 (-SiCH₂-), 26.04 (-SiCH₂CH₂S-), 33.09 (-SiCH₂CH₂S-), 52.40 (-SCH₂CH₂CO-), 52.68 (-COOCH₃), 172.67 (-COOCH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (79 Hz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = -68.54$.

Synthesis of P1-ox. (post-oxidation of D4-1)

D4-1 (7.40g, 5.00 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL THF, set under an argon atmosphere and cooled with an ice bath. Subsequently, 8.00 g oxone (26.0 mmol) was added in and the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 hours slowly warming to room temperature. Another portion of oxone (6.0 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for further 12 hours. Afterwards, reaction mixture was filtered, 100 mL trichloromethane was added and the reaction mixture was sagain extracted with saturated NaCl solution (3×40 mL). The aqueous phase was again extracted with trichloromethane and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. The solution was concentrated and the product was purified by precipitation in petroleum ether. **P1-ox** was obtained as a viscous liquid with a yield of 55%.

Data of **P1-ox**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 0.24-0.35 (SiC*H*₃), 1.16-1.20 (SiC*H*₂CH₂), 1.30-1.34 (SCH₂C*H*₃), 2.79-2.94 (SO₂C*H*₂CH₂Si), 2.94–3.18 (SO₂C*H*₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100.62 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ = -0.58, (SiCH₃), 6.44, (SCH₂CH₃), 25.49, (-SiCH₂CH₂), 46.55, (SO₂CH₂CH₂Si), 67.80, (SO₂CH₂CH₃).

P2-ox was obtained using the same procedure to **P1-ox** as a viscous liquid with a yield of 48%.

Data of **P2-ox**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 0.26 (SiC*H*₃), 1.14-1.17 (SiC*H*₂CH₂), 2.89-2.91 (-SiCH₂C*H*₂SO₂-), 3.01-3.06 (-SO₂C*H*₂CH₂COOCH₃), 3.34-3.39, (-SO₂CH₂C*H*₂COOCH₃), 3.75 (-COOC*H*₃). ¹³C NMR (100.62 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = 0.90$ (-SiCH₃), 25.49 (-SiCH₂CH₂SO₂-), 26.72 (-CH₂COOCH₃), 51.68 (-SiCH₂CH₂SO₂-), 67.79 (-SO₂CH₂CH₂COOCH₃), 76.94 (-COOCH₃), 171.03 (-COOCH₃).

Data of P3-ox:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDOD₃): 0.26-0.28 (SiC*H*₃), 1.12-1.29 (SiC*H*₂CH₂), 2.79-2.82 (-SiCH₂C*H*₂SO₂-), 3.11-3.12 (-SO₂C*H*₂CH₂COOCH₃), 3.30-3.41, (-SO₂CH₂C*H*₂COOH). ¹³C NMR (100.62 MHz, CDOD₃, ppm): $\delta = 0.95$ (-SiCH₃), 24.35 (-SiCH₂CH₂SO₂-), 31.12 (-CH₂COOH), 56.38 (-SiCH₂CH₂SO₂-), 62.51 (-SO₂CH₂CH₂COOH), 170.18(-COOCH).

Data of M1:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 0.04 (s, 18H, SiC*H*₃), 0.62-0.67 (m, 4H, SiC*H*₂CH₂), 1.85-1.93 (m, 4H, SiC*H*₂C*H*₂), 3.09-3.13 (t, 4H, -SiCH₂CH₂C*H*₂SO₂C*H*₂-), 3.44 (s, 4H, -SiCH₂CH₂CH₂SO₂C*H*₂-). ¹³C NMR (100.62 MHz, CDOD₃, ppm): δ = -1.85 (-SiCH₃), 15.97 (-SiCH₂CH₂SO₂-), 17.13 (-SiCH₂CH₂CH₂SO₂-), 44.72 (-SiCH₂CH₂CH₂SO₂-), 57.73 (-SiCH₂CH₂CH₂SO₂CH₂-). MS-ESI: 409.1388 [M + Na]⁺. **POSS-1'** was obtained using the same procedure to P1-ox as a white powder with a yield of 50%.

Data of **POSS-1'**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = 1.24-1.28$ (t, -SiCH₂-, 16H), 1.41-1.45 (t, SCH₂CH₃, 24H), 3.05-3.11 (m, -SiCH₂CH₂SCH₂, 32H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): 14.27 (-SiCH₂-), 17.93 (SO₂CH₂CH₃), 48.31 (-SiCH₂CH₂SO₂-), 50.13 (-SO₂CH₂CH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (79 Hz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = -68.80$ ppm. MS-ESI: 1406.9970 [M + Na]⁺, 1385.0198 [M + H]⁺.

POSS-2' was obtained using the same procedure to P1-ox as a light yellow liquid with a yield of 57%.

Data of **POSS-2'**:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = 1.25 \cdot 1.29$ (t, -SiC*H*₂-, 16H), 2.86-2.90 (m, -SiCH₂C*H*₂SO₂-, 16H), 3.11-3.15 (m, -SO₂C*H*₂CH₂COOCH₃, 16H), 3.35-3.38 (m, -SO₂CH₂C*H*₂COOCH₃, 16H), 3.73 (s, -COOC*H*₃, 16H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): 14.81 (-SiCH₂-), 39.01 (-SiCH₂CH₂SO₂-), 45.55 (-SO₂CH₂CH₂CO-), 49.07 (-SO₂CH₂CH₂CO-), 51.87 (-COOCH₃), 172.68 (-COOCH₃). ²⁹Si NMR (79 Hz, CDCl₃, ppm): $\delta = -68.61$. MS-ESI: 1868.0706 [M + NH₄]⁺.

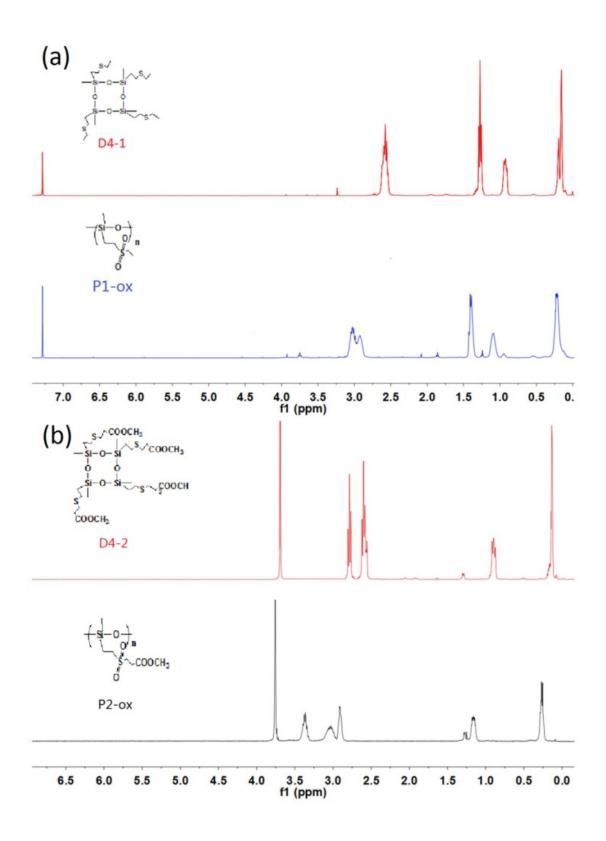


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectra of D4-1 and P1-ox (a) and D4-2 and P2-ox (b).

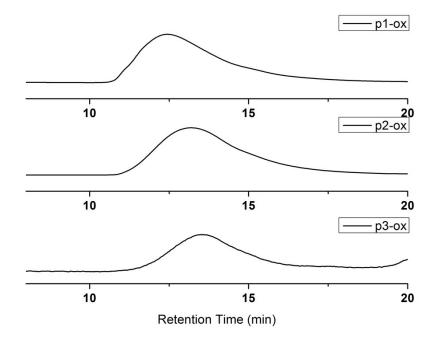


Figure S2. GPC traces of P1-ox, P2-ox and P3-ox.

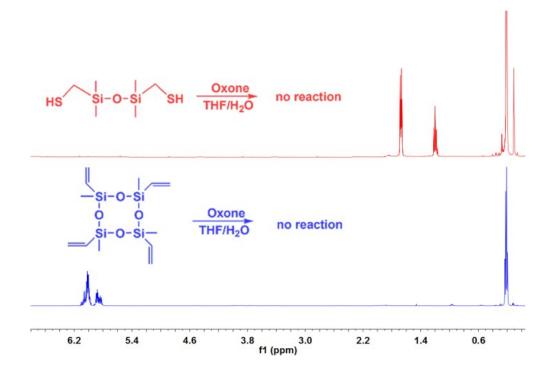
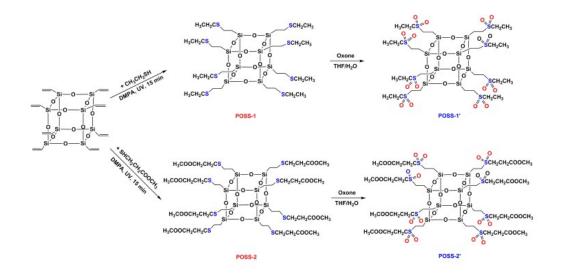


Figure S3. Control experiments of MM^{SH} and D_4^{Vi} , and the ¹H NMR spectra of the products obtained after oxidation.



Scheme S1. Synthesis routes of POSS-1, POSS-2, POSS-1', and POSS-2'.

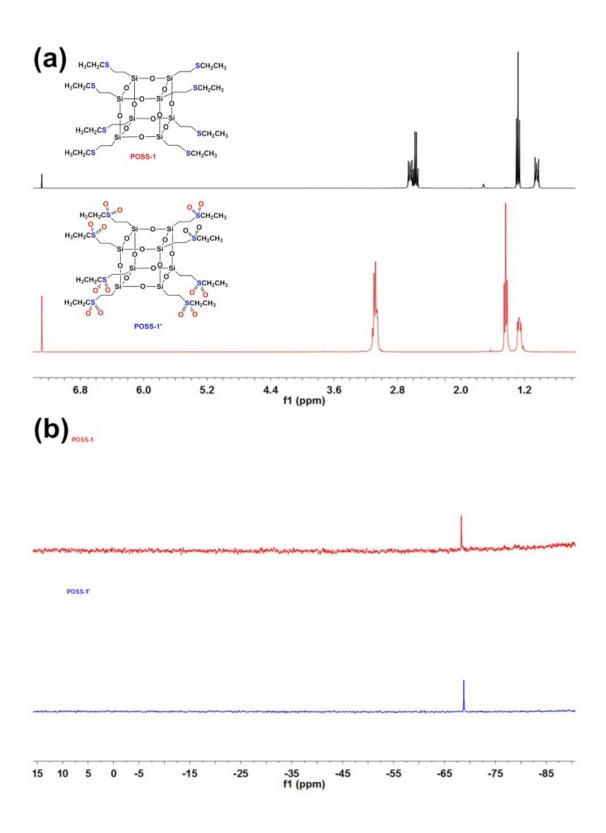


Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectra of POSS-1 and POSS-1' (a) and ²⁹Si NMR spectra of POSS-1 and POSS-1' (b).

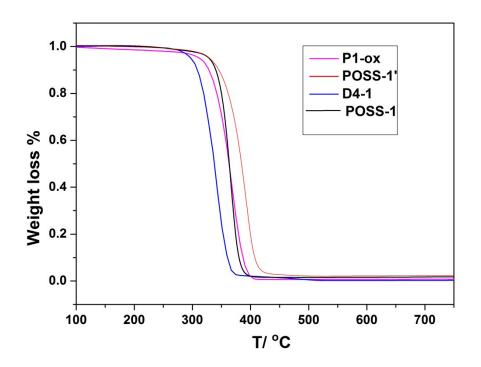


Figure S5. TGA curves of the obtained moleculars.

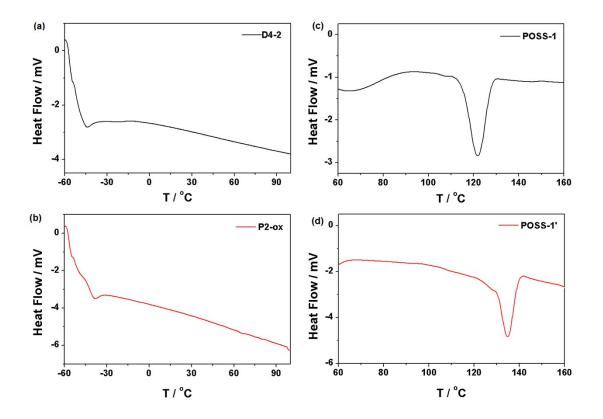


Figure S6. DSC curves of D4-2 (a), P2-ox (b), POSS-1 (c), and POSS-1'(d).