## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

## Successful synthesis of blocked polyisocyanates using easily cleavable

## phenols as blocking agents and their deblocking and cure studies.

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**Fig. S1.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of phenol-blocked polyisocyanate (Solvent:CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Fig. S2.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 2,4-dichlorophenol-blocked polyisocyanate (Solvent:CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Fig. S3.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of methyl 3-chloro-4-hydroxybenzoate-blocked polyisocyanate (Solvent:CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Fig. S4.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 2-chloro-4-nitrophenol-blocked polyisocyanate (Solvent:CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Fig. S5.** FT-IR spectra recorded for different time intervals at isothermal conditions for the blocking reaction of polyisocyanate with phenol; (a)  $40 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (b)  $50 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and (c)  $60 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



**Fig. S6.** FT-IR spectra recorded for different time intervals at isothermal conditions for the blocking reaction of polyisocyanate with methyl 3-chloro-4-hydroxybenzoate; (a)  $40 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (b)  $50 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and (c)  $60 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



**Fig. S7.** FT-IR spectra recorded for different time intervals at isothermal conditions for the blocking reaction of polyisocyanate with 2-chloro-4-nitrophenol; (a) 40  $^{\circ}$ C (b) 50  $^{\circ}$ C and (c) 60  $^{\circ}$ C.



**Fig. S8.** Amine-catalyzed second-order kinetic plots of blocking reaction of polyisocyanate with phenol.

**Fig. S9.** Amine-catalyzed second-order kinetic plots of blocking reaction of polyisocyanate with 3-chloro-4-hydroxybenzoate.

**Fig. S10.** Amine-catalyzed second-order kinetic plots of blocking reaction of polyisocyanate with 2-chloro-4-nitrophenol.



**Fig. S11.** FT-IR spectra of phenol -blocked polyisocyanate recorded at (a) different temperatures. (b) Zoomed range of isocyanate absorption region.



**Fig. S12.** FT-IR spectra of methyl 3-chloro-4-hydroxybenzoate-blocked polyisocyanate recorded at (a) different temperatures. (b) Zoomed range of isocyanate absorption region.



**Fig. S13.** FT-IR spectra of 2-chloro-4-nitrophenol -blocked polyisocyanate recorded at (a) different temperatures. (b) Zoomed range of isocyanate absorption region.



Fig. S14. FT-IR spectra recorded for different time intervals at isothermal conditions for the deblocking reaction of phenol -blocked polyisocyanate: (a)  $110 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (b)  $120 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and (c)  $130 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



Fig. S15. FT-IR spectra recorded for different time intervals at isothermal conditions for the deblocking reaction of methyl 3-chloro-4-hydroxybenzoate -blocked polyisocyanate: (a) 90 °C (b) 100 °C and (c) 110 °C.



**Fig. S16.** FT-IR spectra recorded for different time intervals at isothermal conditions for the deblocking reaction of 2-chloro-4-nitrophenol -blocked polyisocyanate: (a) 90  $^{\circ}$ C (b) 100  $^{\circ}$ C and (c) 110  $^{\circ}$ C.



Fig. S17. Aminecatalyzed first-order kinetic plots of deblocking reaction of phenol-blocked

**Fig. S18.** Amine-catalyzed first-order kinetic plots of deblocking reaction of 3-chloro-4-hydroxybenzoate -blocked polyisocyanate.

**Fig. S19..** Amine-catalyzed first-order kinetic plots of deblocking reaction of 2-chloro-4-nitrophenol - blocked polyisocyanate.