

## Electronic Supplementary Information

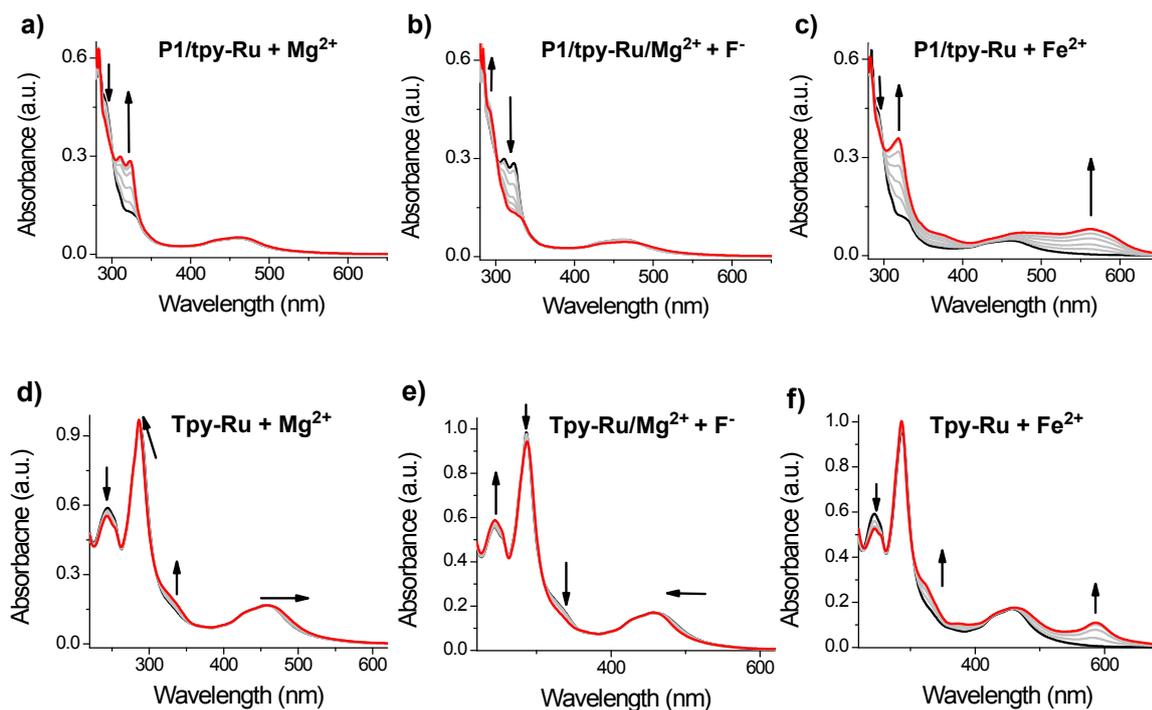
### Repairable photoactive polymer systems via metal-terpyridine-based self-assembly

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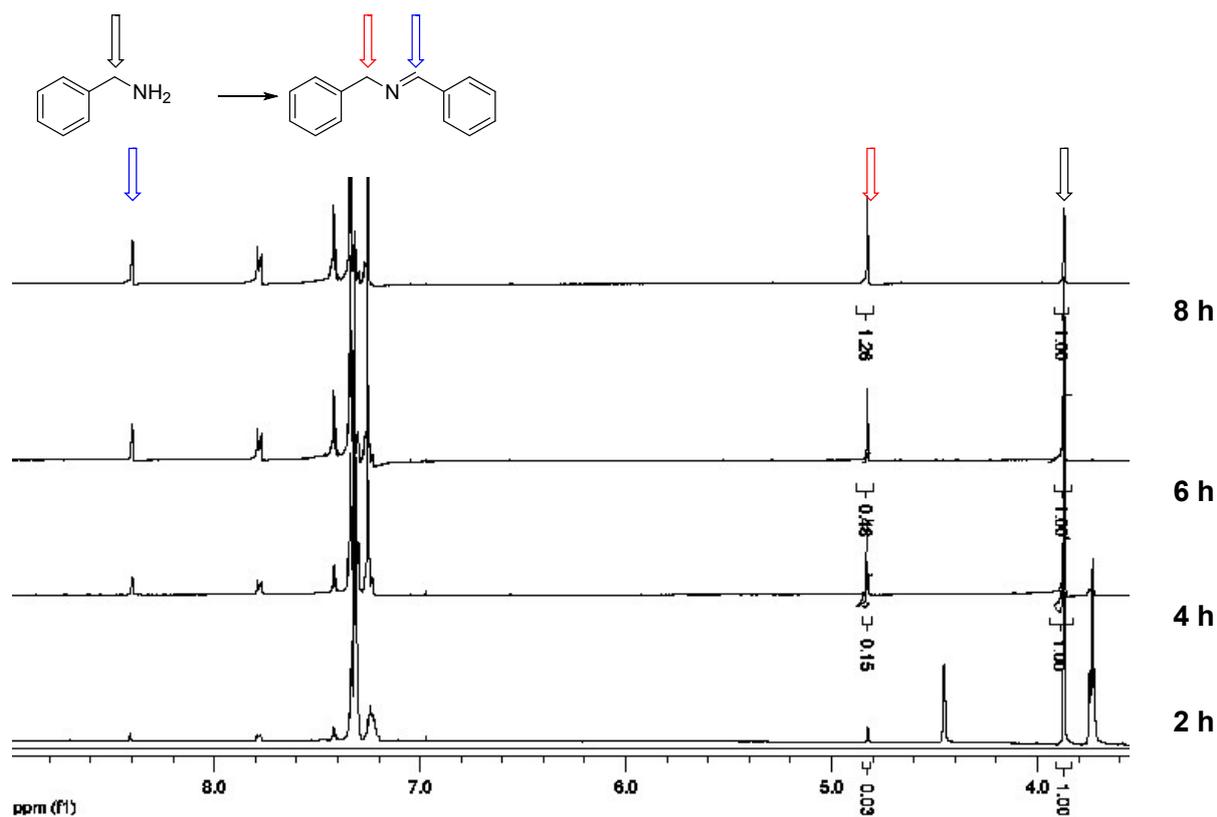
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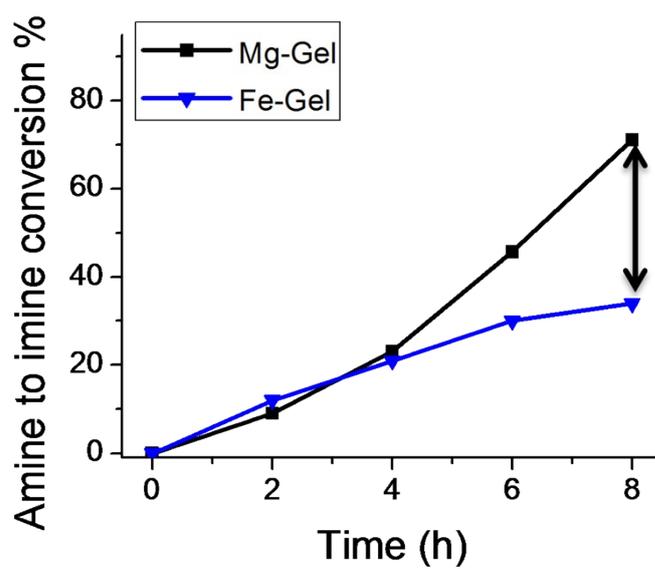
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**Figure S1.** (a-c) UV-vis absorption spectra of tpy-polymer P1 (0.1 mg) and tpy-Ru (0.01 mg) in THF (3 mL) with addition of Mg<sup>2+</sup> (a) or Fe<sup>2+</sup> (c) (1 mM, 5- $\mu$ L intervals) (assembly), and subsequent addition of TBAF (10 mM, 1- $\mu$ L intervals) in a (b, disassembly). (d-f) UV-vis absorption spectra of tpy-Ru (10  $\mu$ M) in THF with addition of Mg<sup>2+</sup> (d) or Fe<sup>2+</sup> (f) (1 mM, 5- $\mu$ L intervals) (assembly), and subsequent addition of TBAF (10 mM, 1- $\mu$ L intervals) in d (e, disassembly).

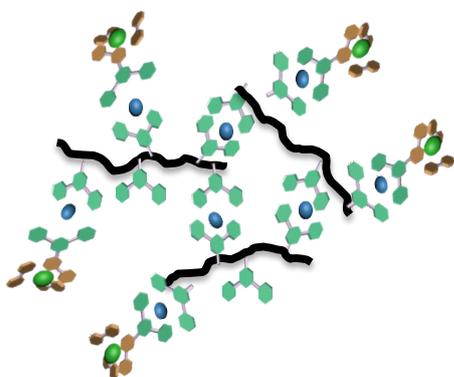
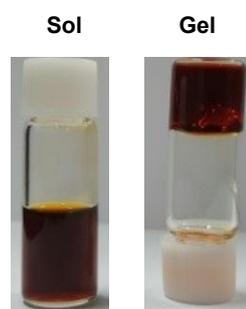


**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra with time in P1/tpy-Ru with Mg<sup>2+</sup> showing the photocatalytic conversion of benzylamine to benzylbenzaldimine.

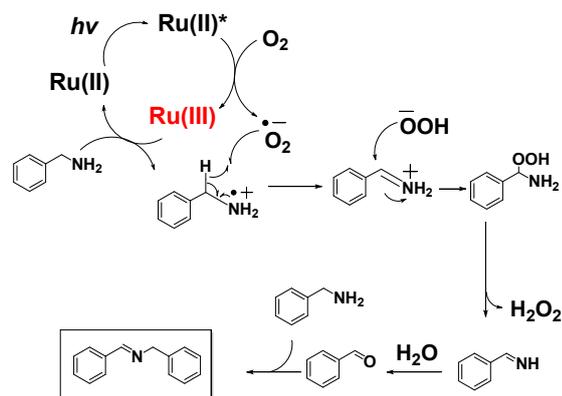


**Figure S3.** Comparison of conversion rates in photocatalytic oxidation of amine to imine with self-assembled gels P1/tpy-Ru with  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ .

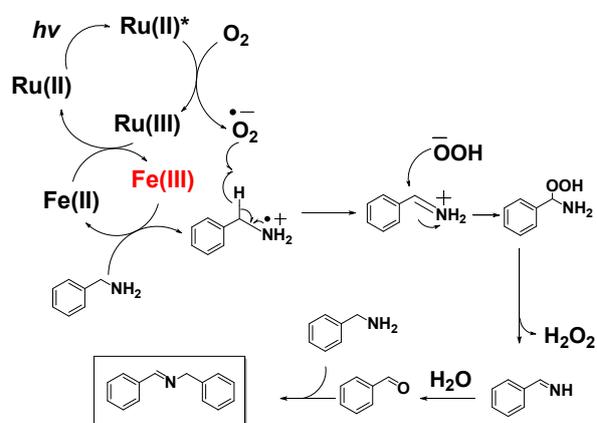
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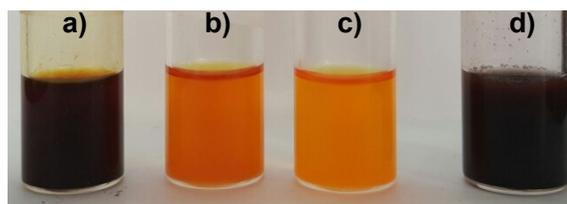
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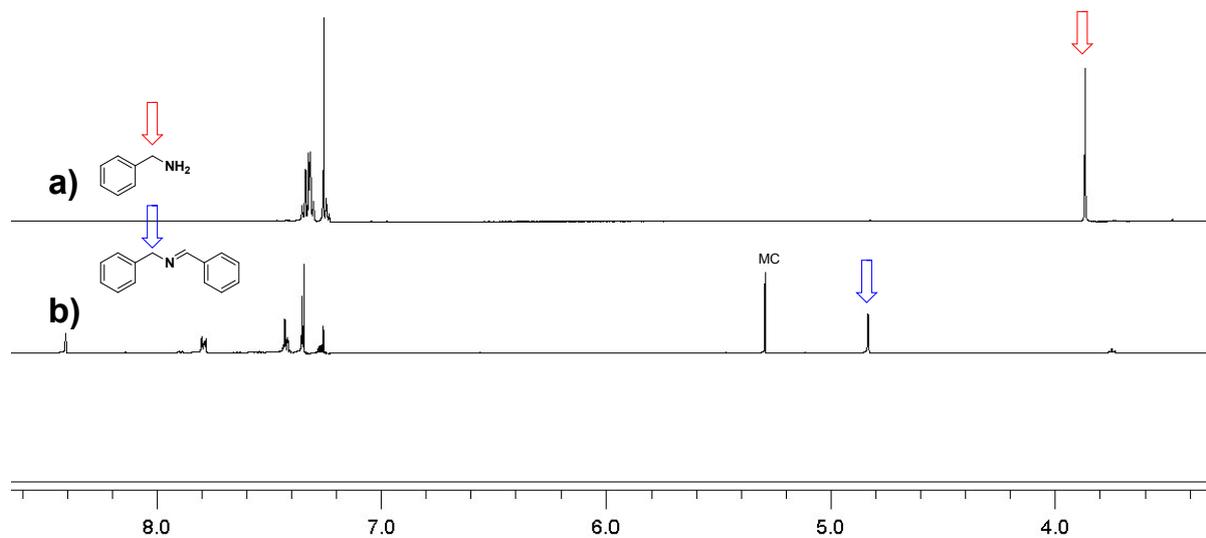
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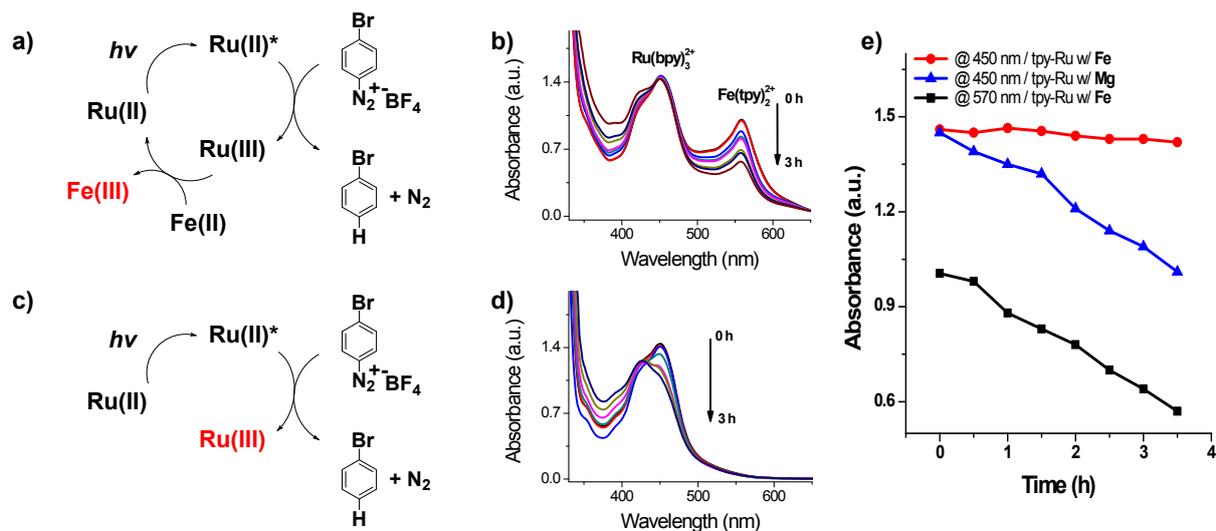
**Figure S4.** (a) Sol-gel phase change of P1 with  $Mg^{2+}$ . (b, c) Proposed mechanisms of photoinduced oxidation of benzylamine to benzylbenzaldimine in tpy-Ru/Mg(II) complex (b) and in tpy-Ru/Fe(II) complex (c).



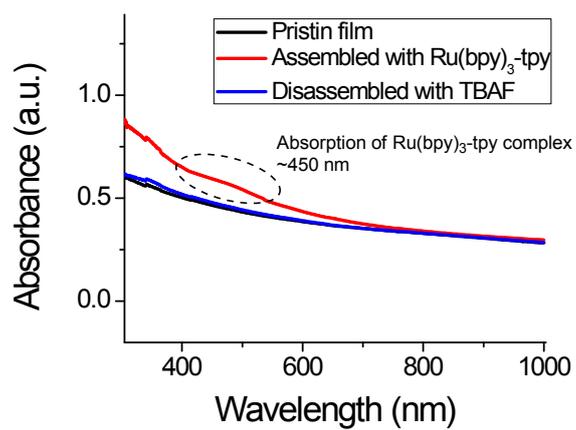
**Figure S5.** (a) Image of a redox titration using a KI/starch solution, which consists of starch (5 mg), 0.1 M KI, and 0.1 M acetic acid, for generation of hydrogen peroxide in photoinduced oxidative coupling of benzylamine (122 mM) to benzylbenzaldimine with Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>·2PF<sub>6</sub> (1 mol%) in 3 mL THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (2:1) after irradiation for 12 h using a 455-nm LED lamp under air atmosphere. (b) Negative control without benzylamine. (c) Negative control without 455-nm irradiation. (d) Direct addition of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (35%, 40 μL) to the KI/starch solution.



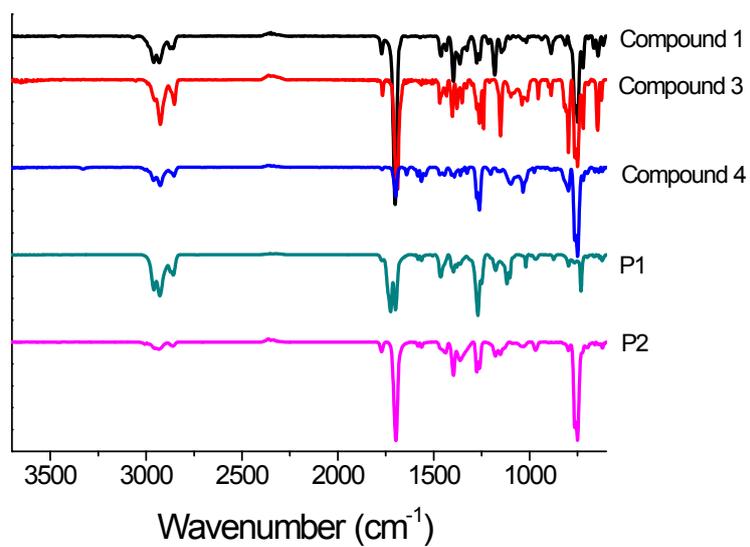
**Figure S6.** Comparison of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra to confirm the generation of superoxide ( $O_2^{\cdot-}$ ) in photoinduced oxidative coupling of benzylamine to benzylbenzaldimine. (a) In the presence of superoxide dismutase (SOD,  $O_2^{\cdot-}$  scavenger) in the photocatalytic reaction mixture, the yield was less than 1% using benzylamine (122 mM) and  $Ru(bpy)_3 \cdot 2PF_6$  (1 mol%) in 3 mL THF/ $H_2O$  (2:1) after irradiation for 12 h using a 455-nm LED lamp under air atmosphere. (b) Without SOD, the yield was ~99% under similar conditions.



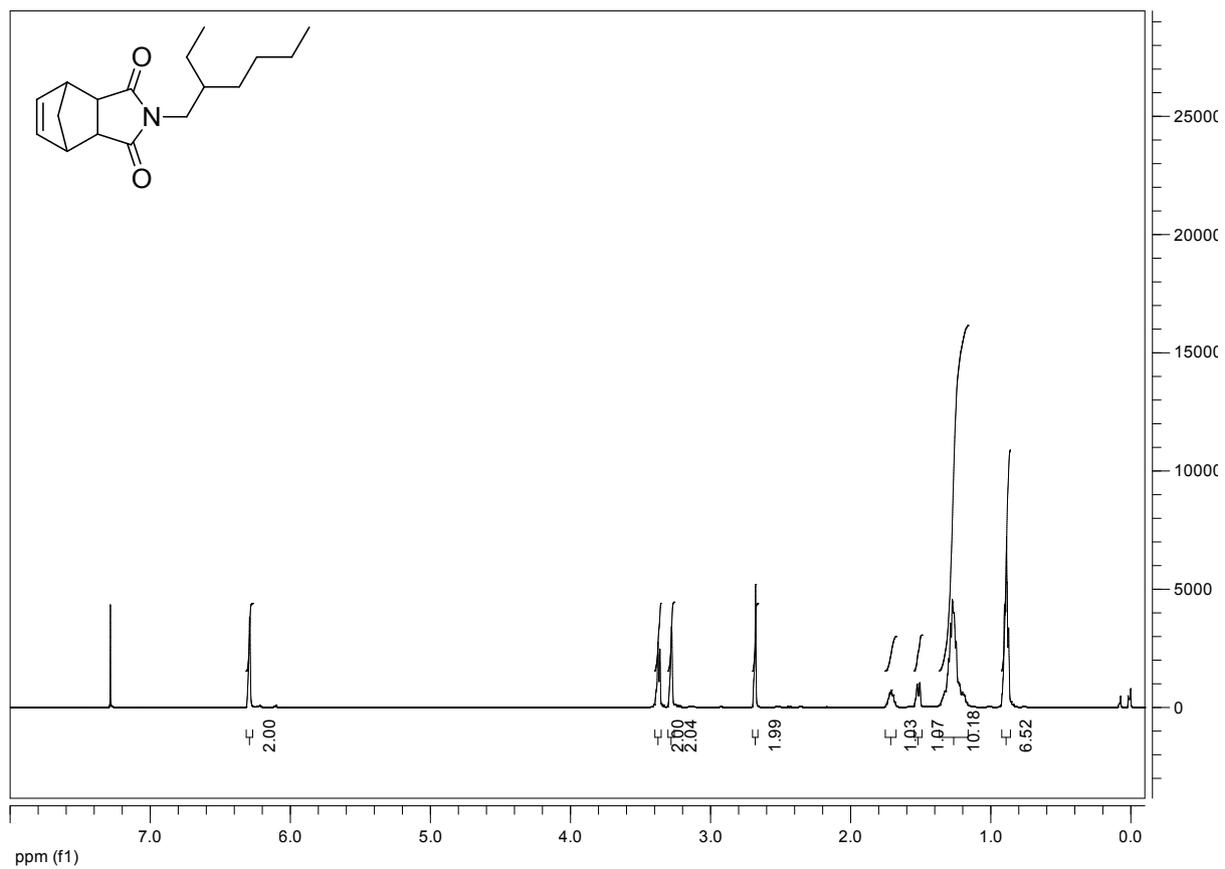
**Figure S7.** Comparisons of photoinduced electron transfer mechanism between a tpy-Ru/Fe(II) complex (a) and a tpy-Ru/Mg(II) complex (c) in the presence of an irreversible electron acceptor, 4-bromophenyl diazonium salt. Changes of UV-vis absorption spectra during the irradiation using assembled tpy-Ru/Fe(II) (b) and tpy-Ru/Mg(II) (d), and time-elapsd absorbance changes (e).



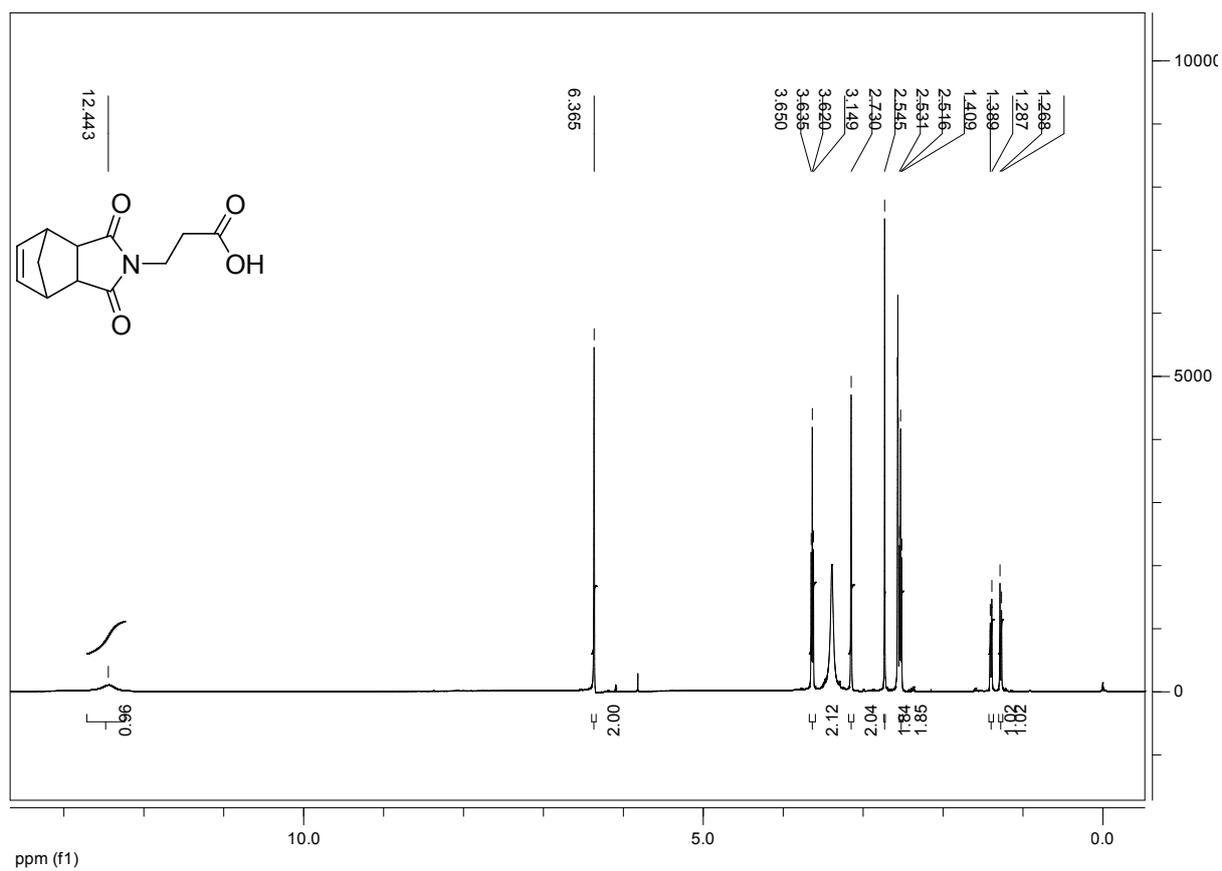
**Figure S8.** UV-vis absorption spectra of tpy-functionalized polymer P1 and tpy-MWNT hybrid film (black line), tpy-Ru assembled hybrid film with  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  (red line), and disassembled hybrid film using TBAF (blue line).



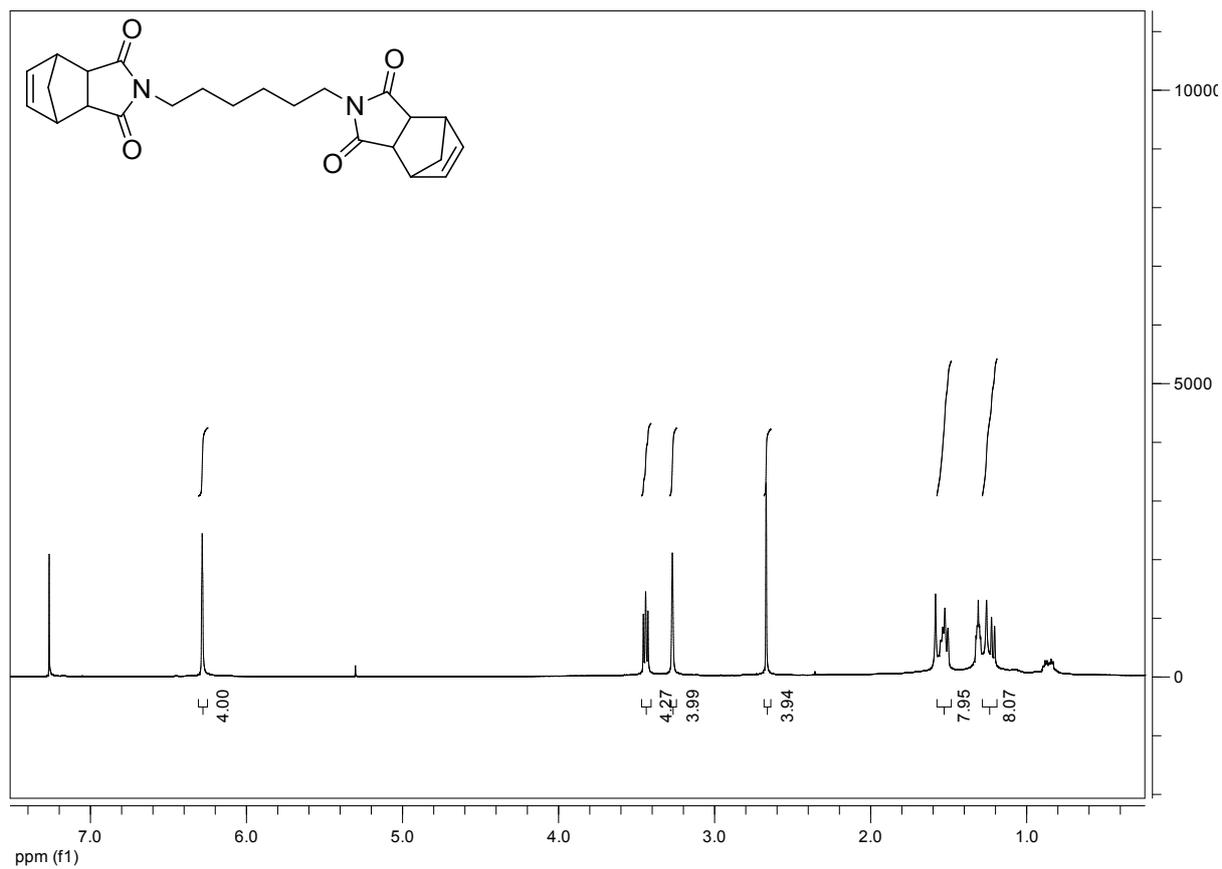
**Figure S9.** FT-IR spectra of norbornene derivatives, compounds 1, 3, 4, P1 and P2.



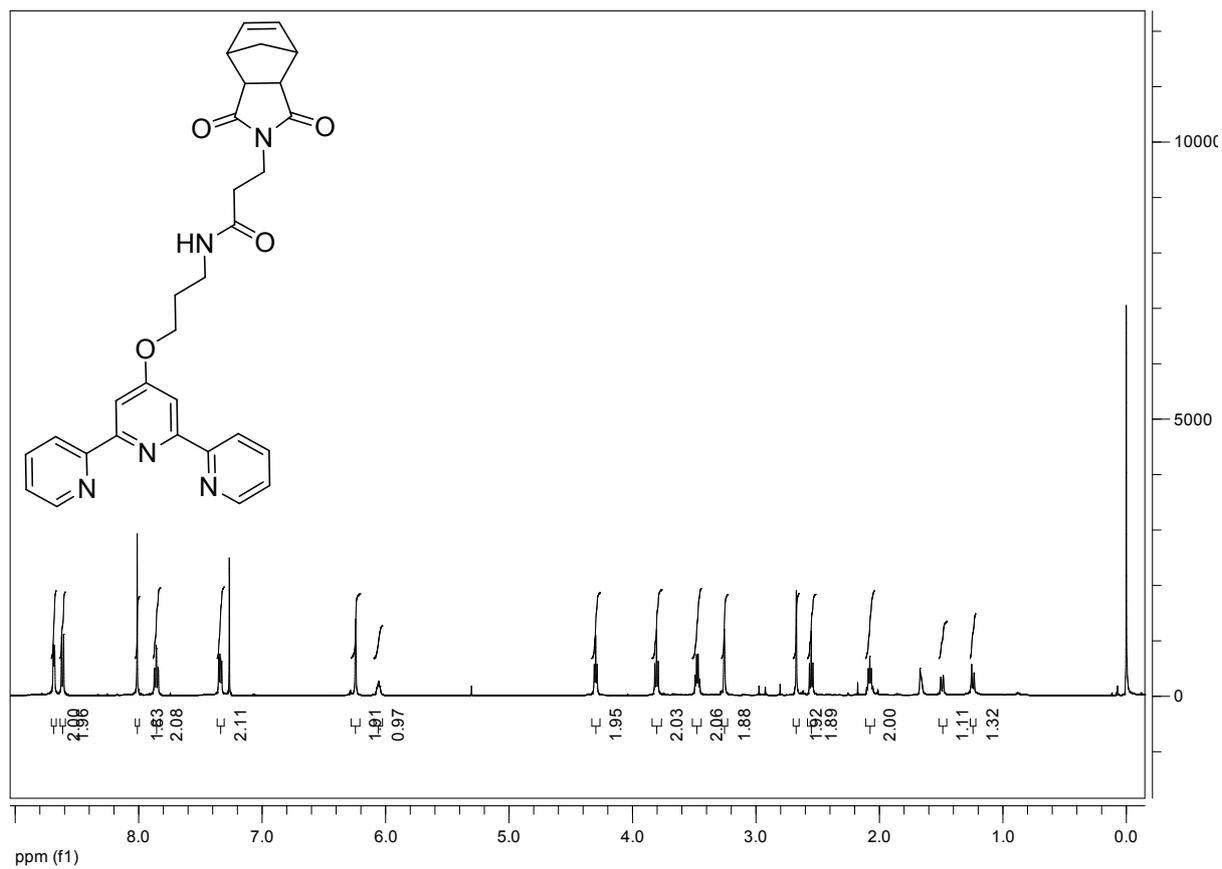
**Figure S10.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **1**.



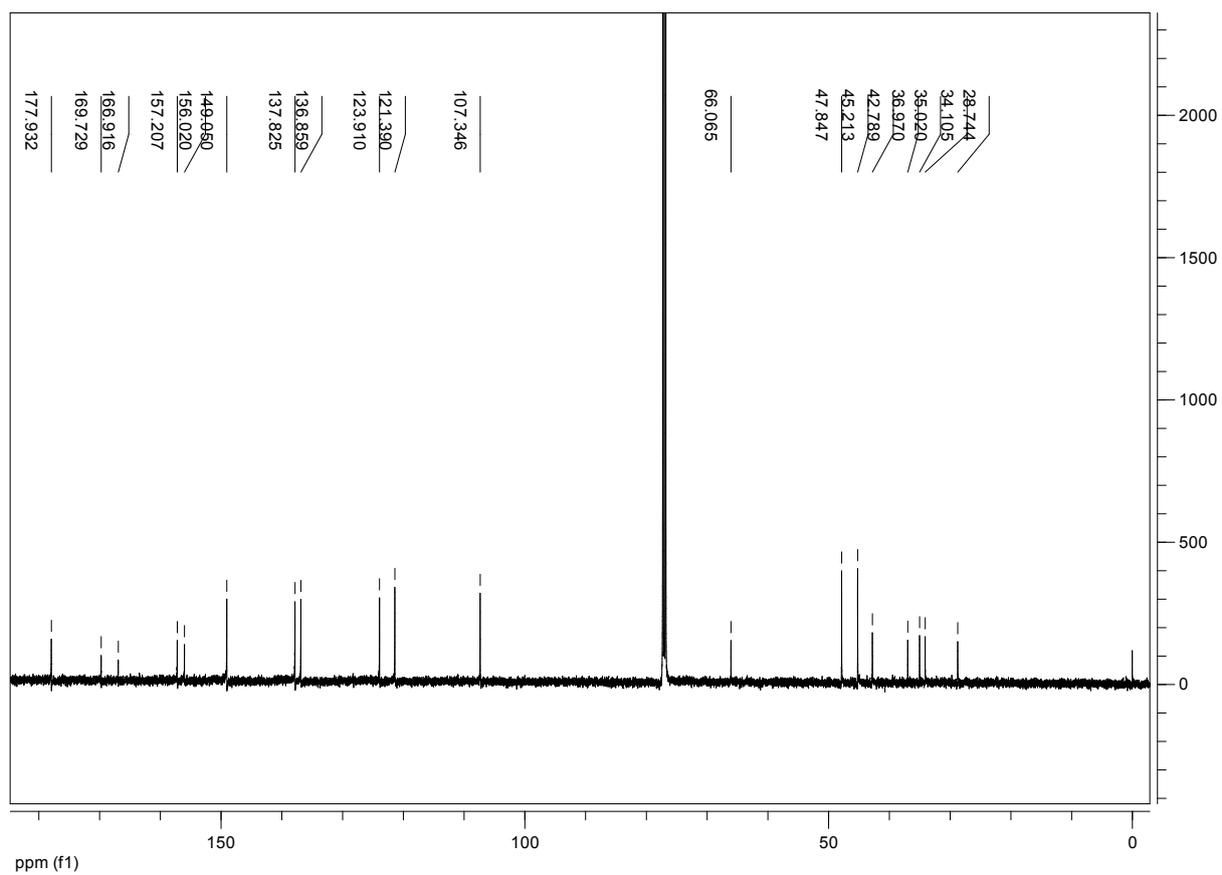
**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of compound **2**.



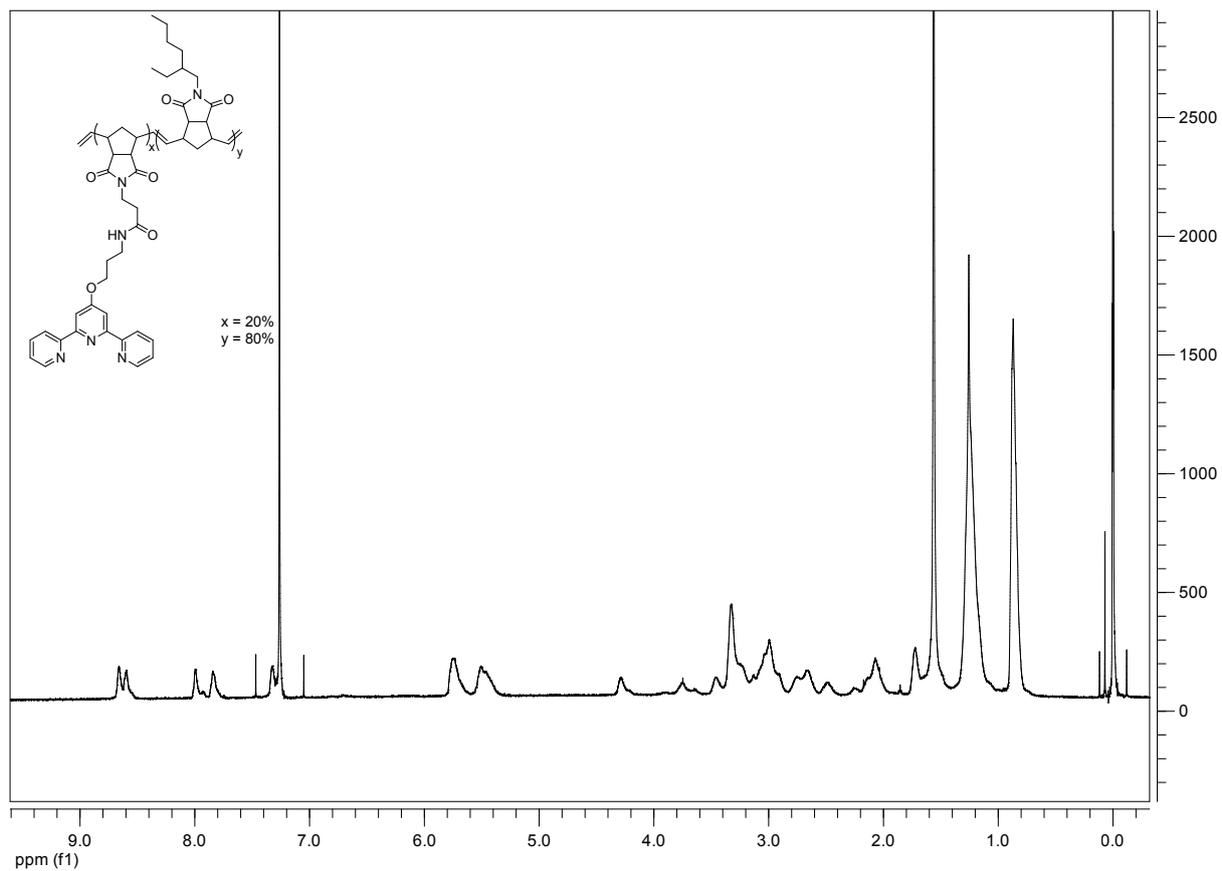
**Figure S12.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 3.



**Figure S13.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 4.



**Figure S14.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 4.



**Figure S15.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of P1.