

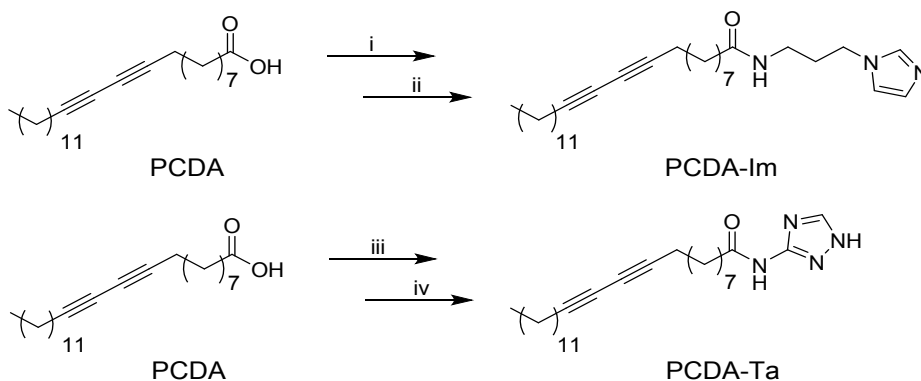
## Supporting Information for “Imidazole and triazole head group containing polydiacetylenes for colorimetric monitoring of pH and detecting HCl gas”

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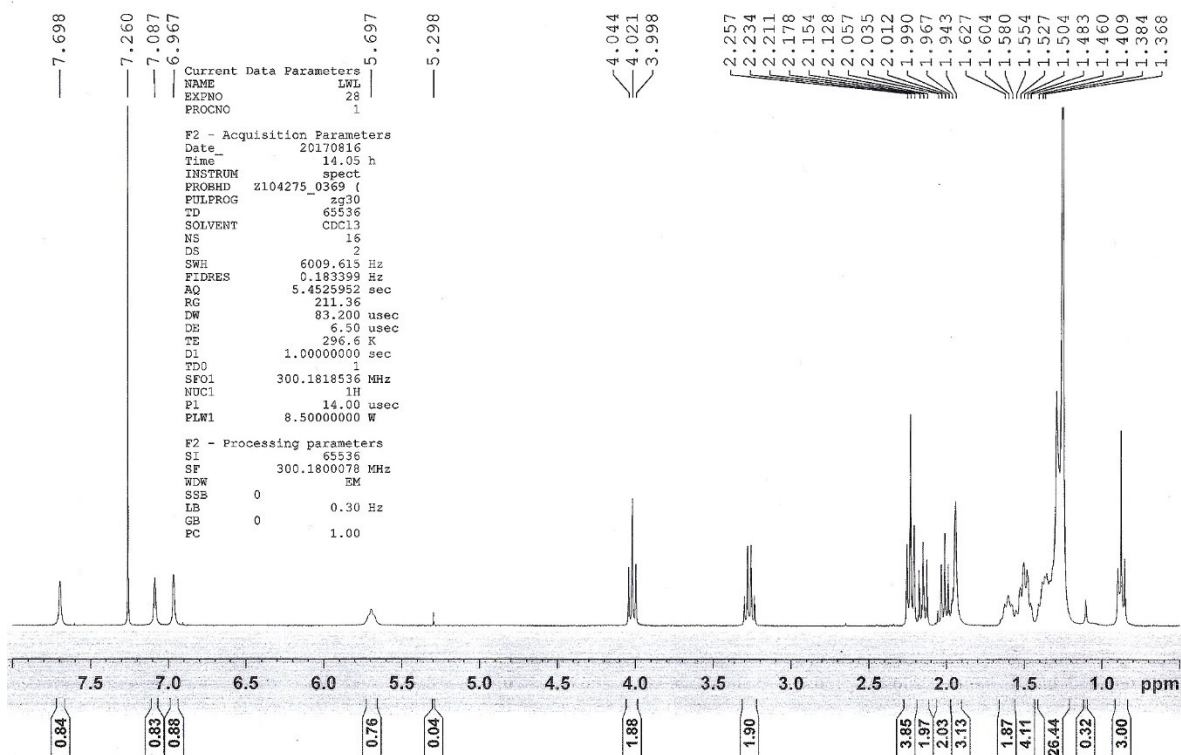
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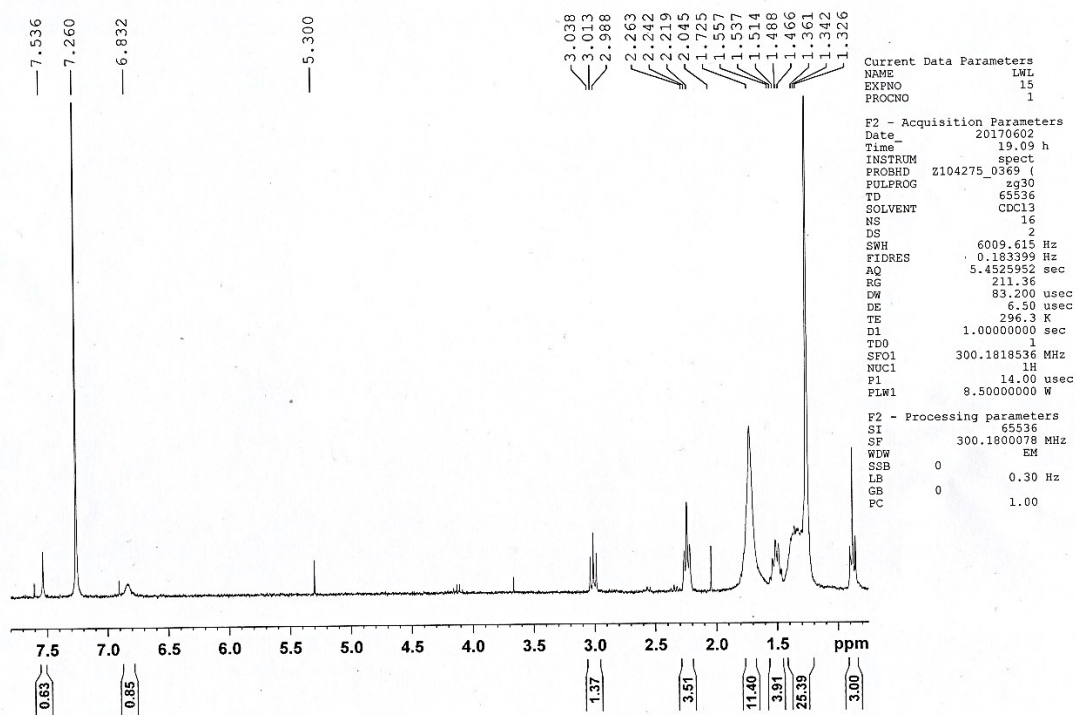


**Scheme S1.** Preparation of **PCDA-Im** and **PCDA-Ta**. (i) *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine, *N,N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 24 h. (ii) 1-(3-aminopropyl) imidazole,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 24 h. (iii) Oxalyl chloride,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 5 h. (iv) 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 24 h.

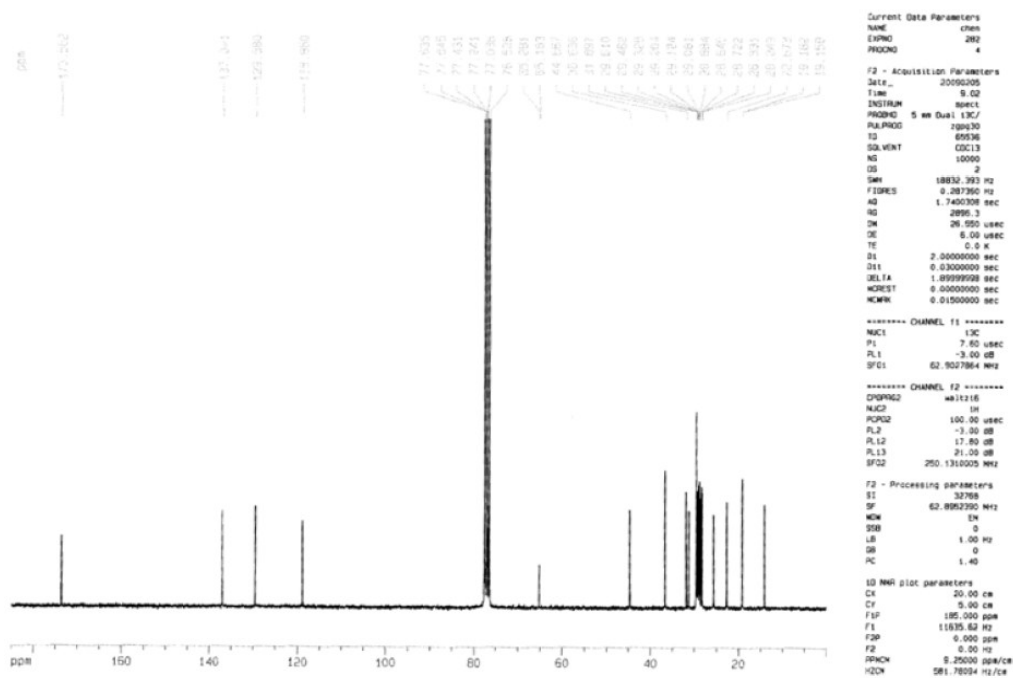
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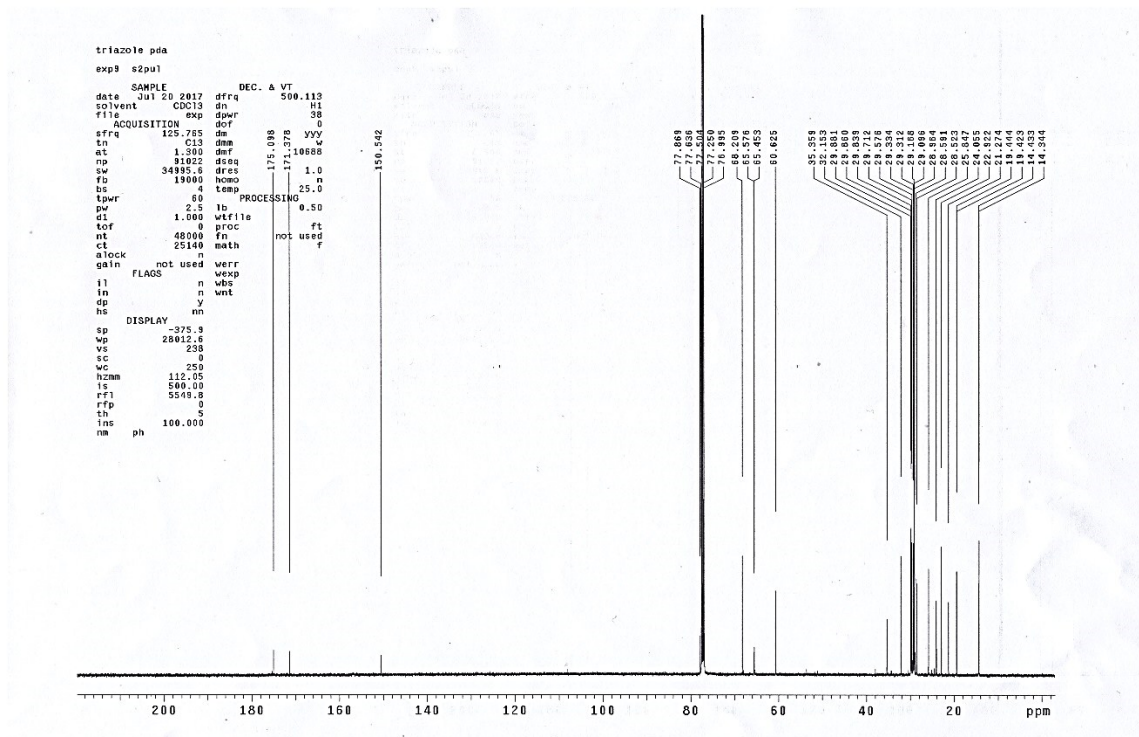
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz) spectrum of *N*-(3-(1H-imidazol-1-yl) propyl)pentacos-10,12-diyamide (**PCDA-Im**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



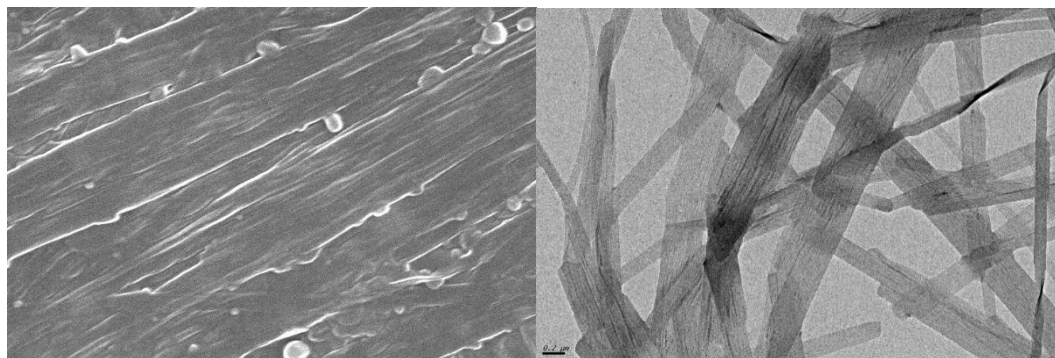
**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz) spectrum of *N*-(2H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pentacosano-10,12-diyamide (PCDA-Ta) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



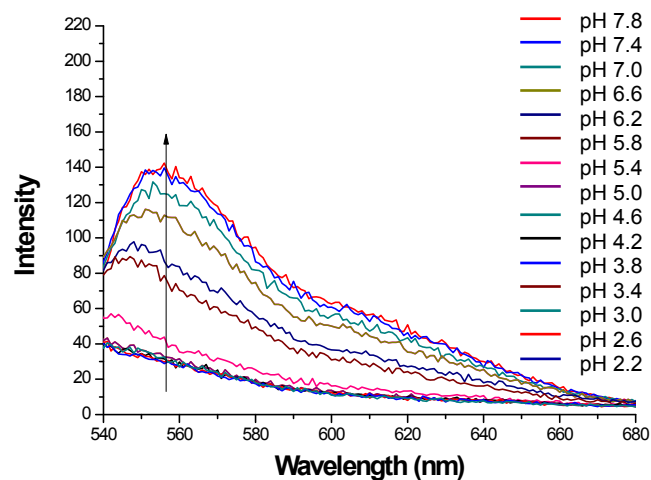
**Figure S3.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (62.5 MHz) spectrum of *N*-(3-(1H-imidazol-1-yl) propyl)pentacosano-10,12-diyamide (PCDA-Im) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



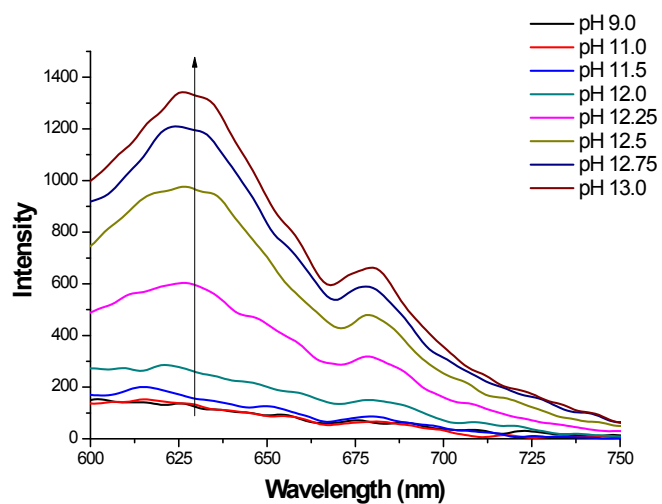
**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz) spectrum of N-(2H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)pentacosanoic acid (PCDA-Ta) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



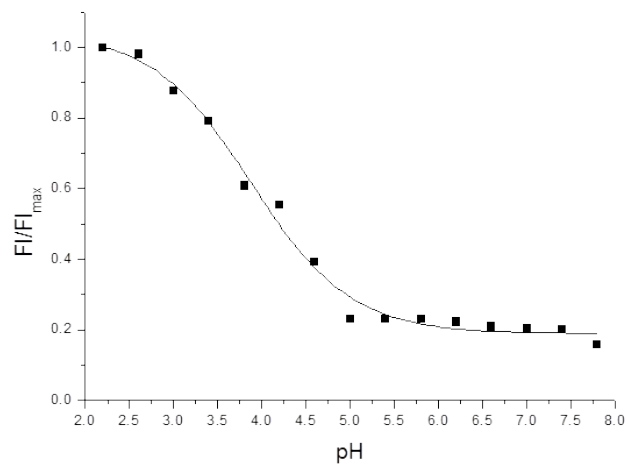
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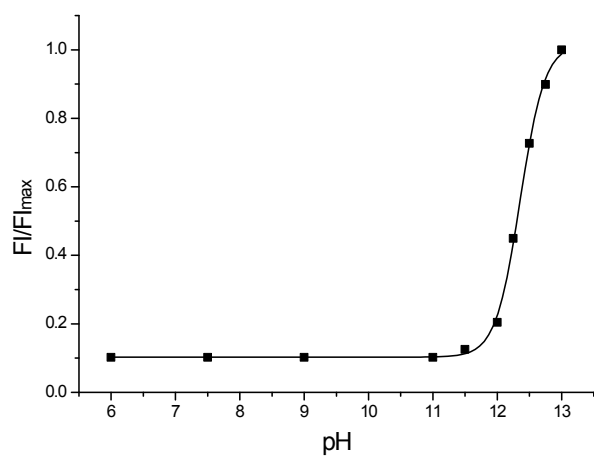
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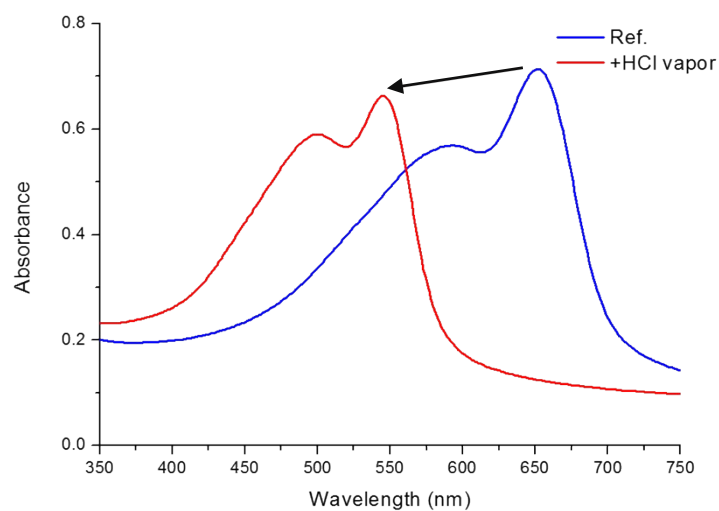
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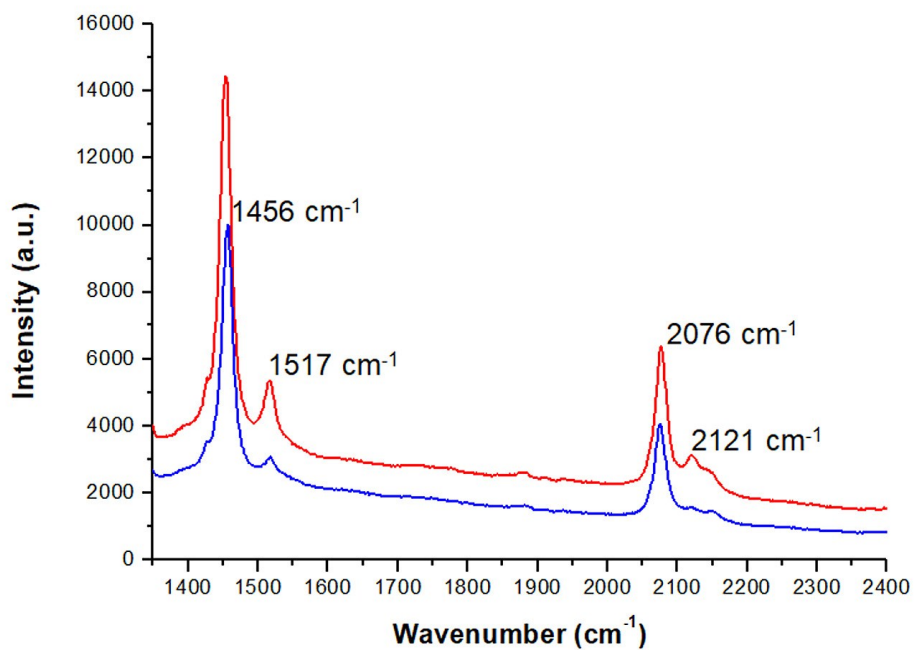
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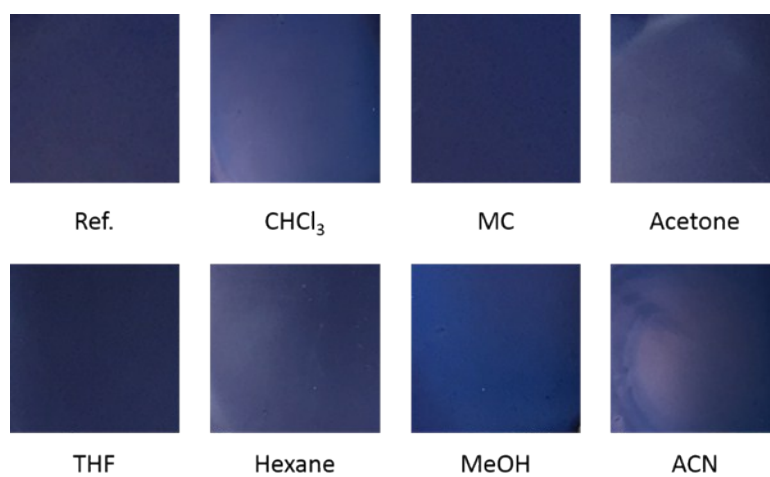
**Figure S9.** pH titration curve of **PDA-Ta** (1 mM),  $pK_a=12.3$ .



**Figure S10.** UV absorption spectra of **PDA-Im**-coated glass before and after introducing vapor of 4  $\mu\text{L}$  HCl in 100 mL chamber for 3 sec.



**Figure S11.** Raman spectra of **PDA-Im**-coated glasses (bottom) and after exposure to HCl gas for 3 s (top).



**Figure S12.** Images of PDA-Im-coated glasses after exposure to vapor of various organic solvents (10  $\mu\text{L}$  in 100 mL chamber) for 30 s.