

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Facile Synthesis of Cylindrical Molecular Brushes via Lewis Pair-Mediated Polymerization

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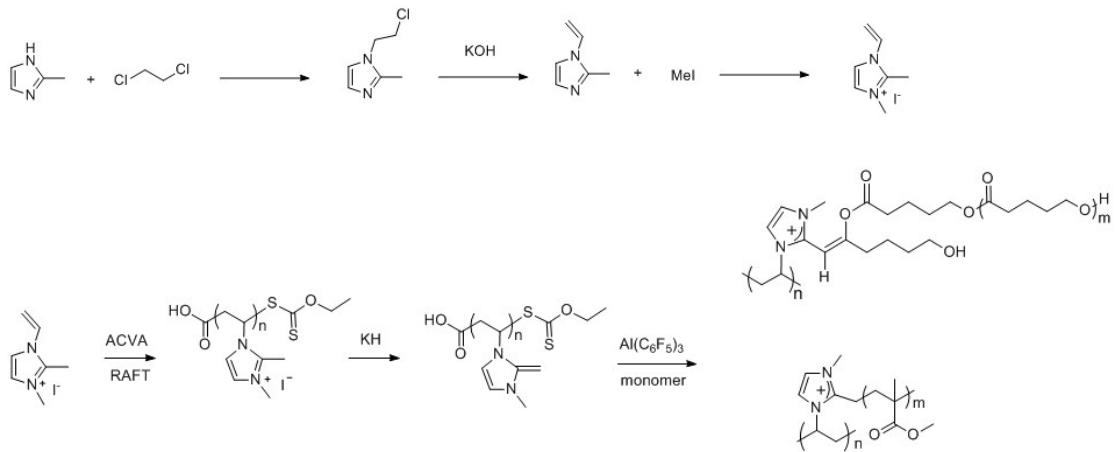
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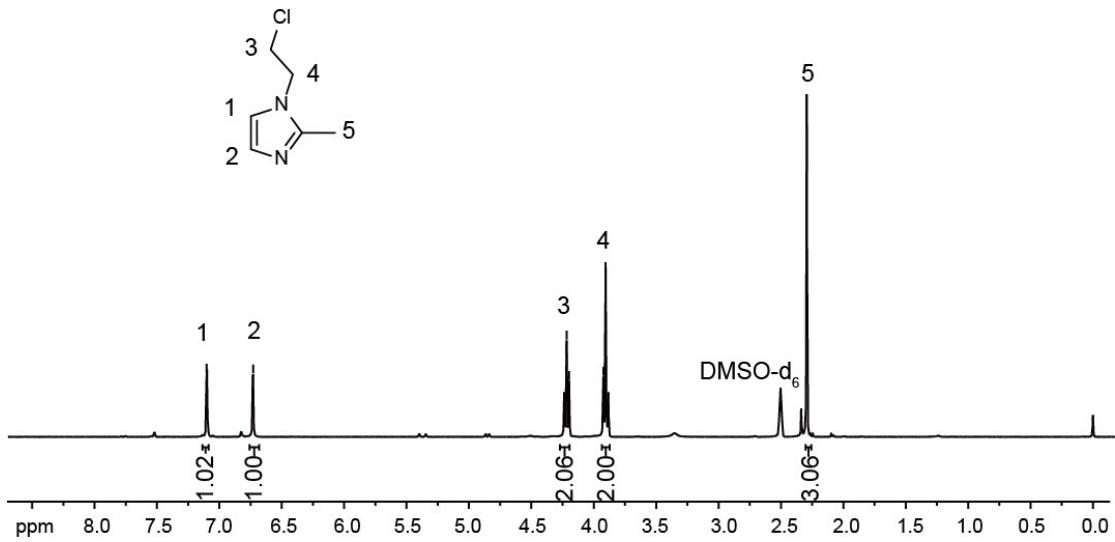
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## 1. Experimental Procedure

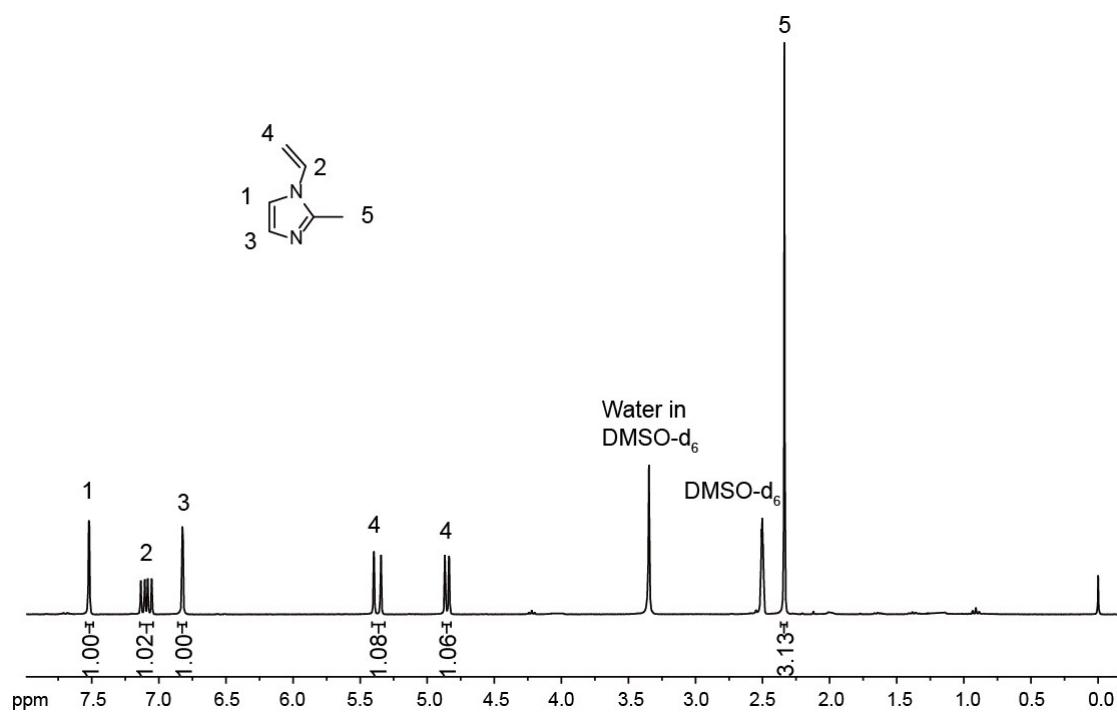
**Scheme S1.** Schematic illustration for the synthesis of vinylimidazolium salt and molecular brushes.



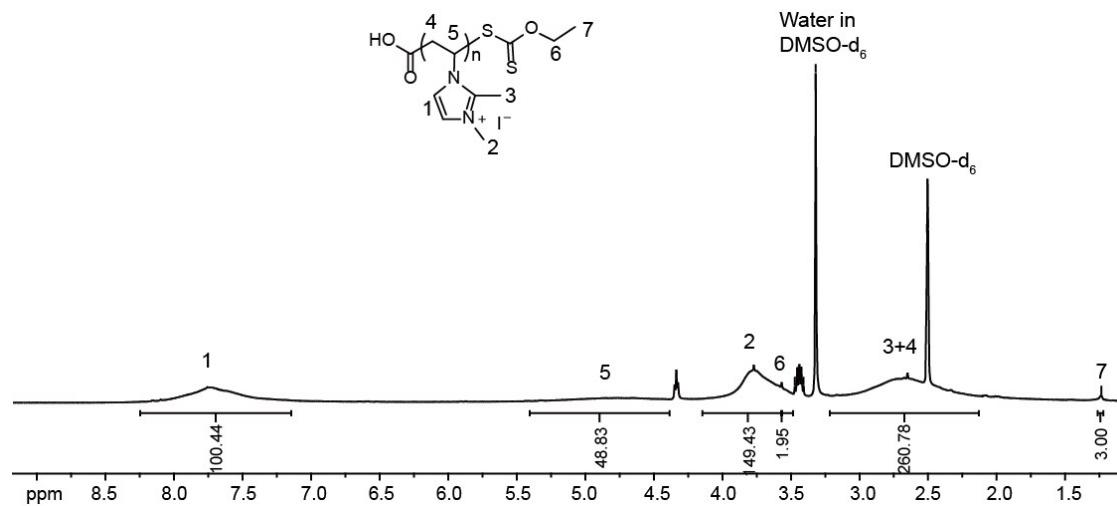
## 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra



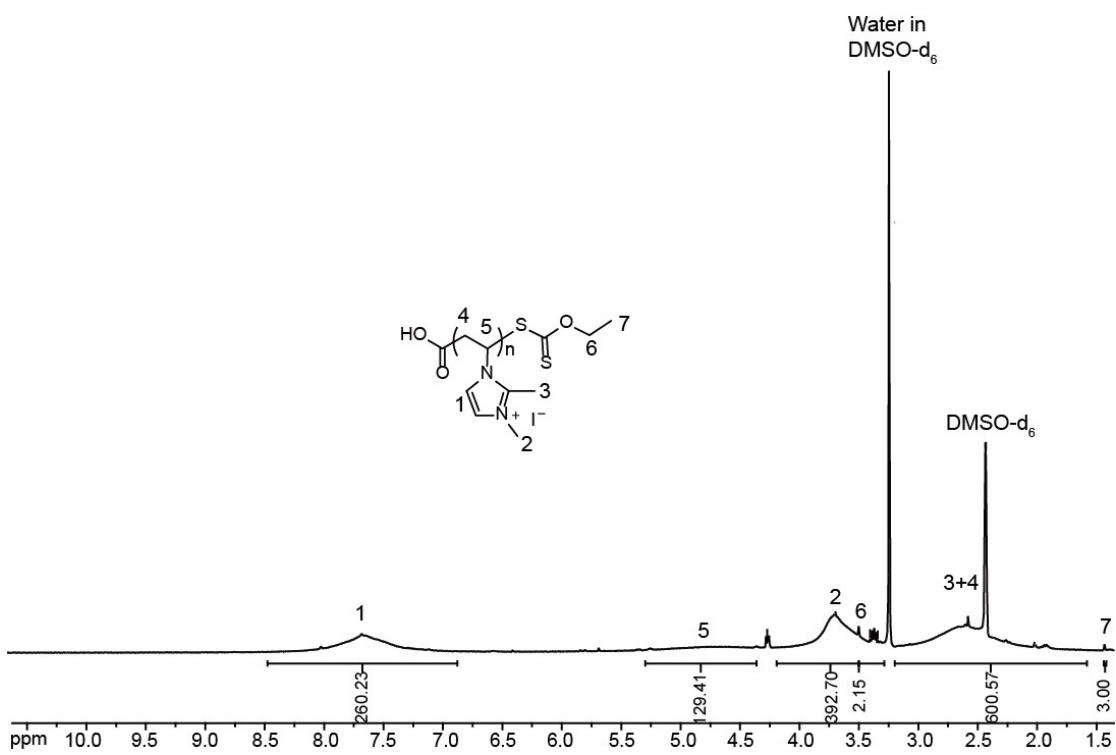
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1-(2-chloroethyl)-2-methyl-1*H*-imidazole. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$ =7.10 (s, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NCH=), 6.73 (s, 1H, =CHN=C), 4.22 (t, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>Cl), 3.90 (t, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N), 2.29 (s, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-methyl-1-vinyl-1H-imidazole. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ=7.51 (s, 1H, NCH=CHN), 7.08 (m, 1H, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.82 (s, 1H, NCH=CHN), 5.37, 4.85 (2H, =CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of polyimidazolium salt (PDMVII-2).



**Figure S4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of polyimidazolium salt (PDMVII-3).