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## Supporting Information

### Effect of biopolyimide molecular design on their silica hybrids thermo-mechanical, optical and electrical properties

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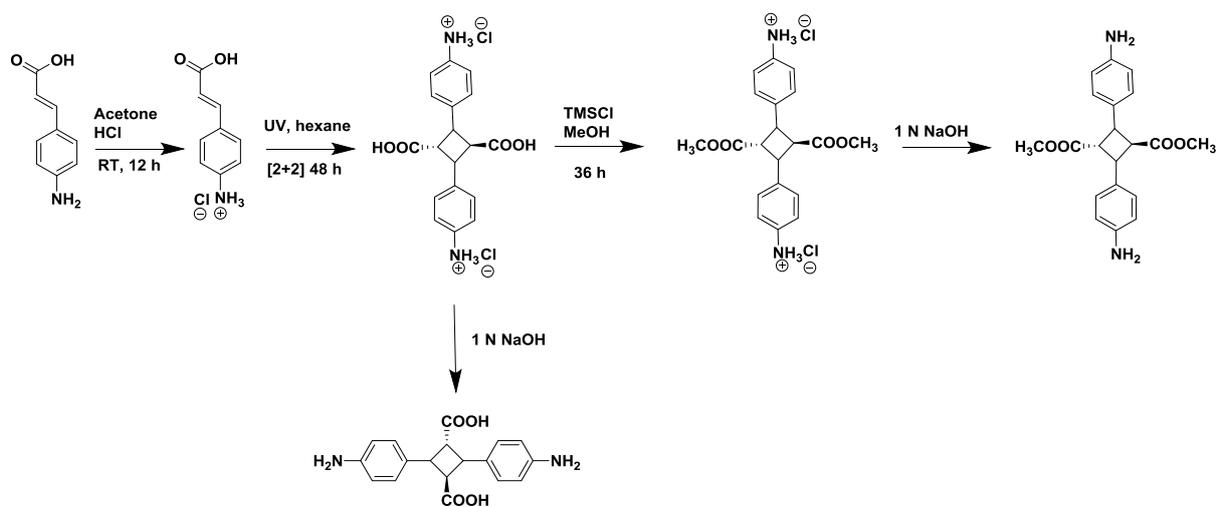
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**Scheme S1.** Monomer synthesis from 4-aminocinnamic acid (4ACA)

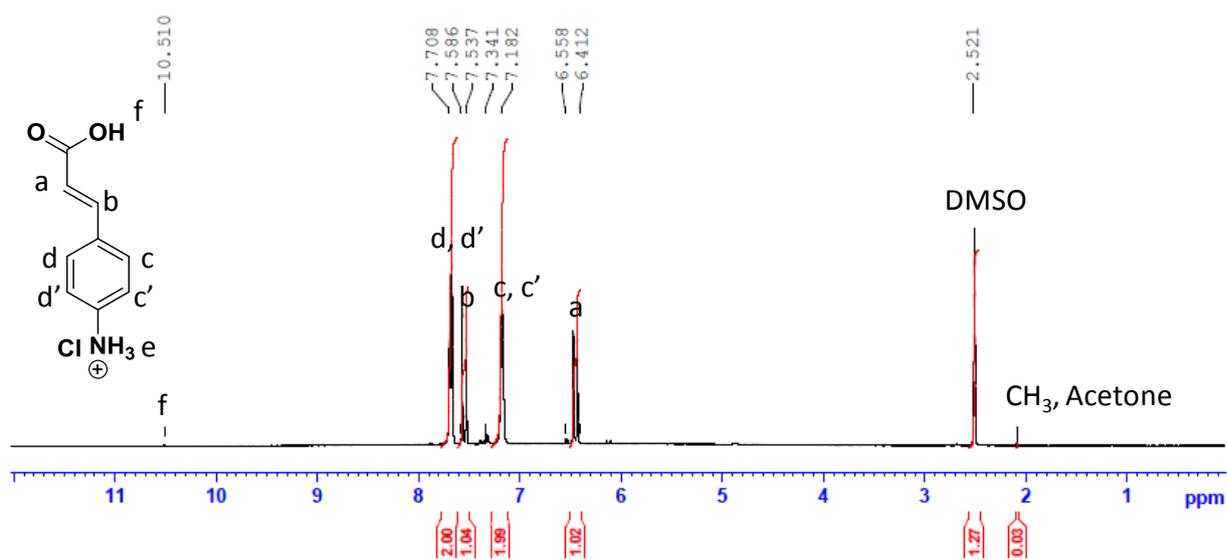


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR characterization for 4ACA salt

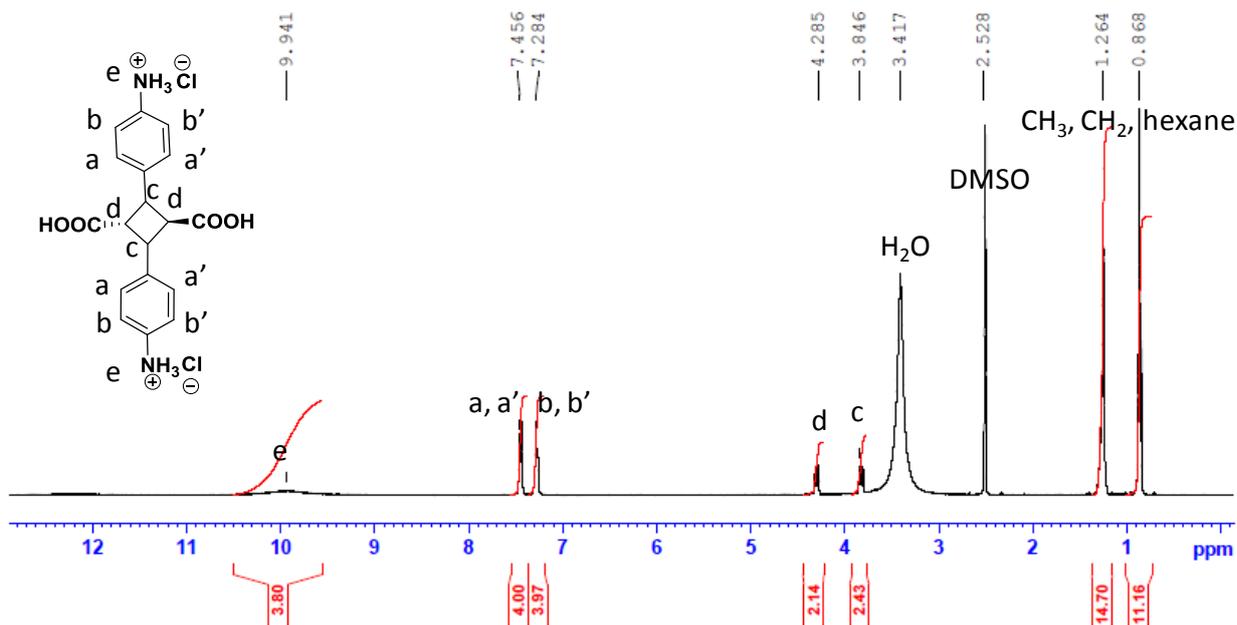
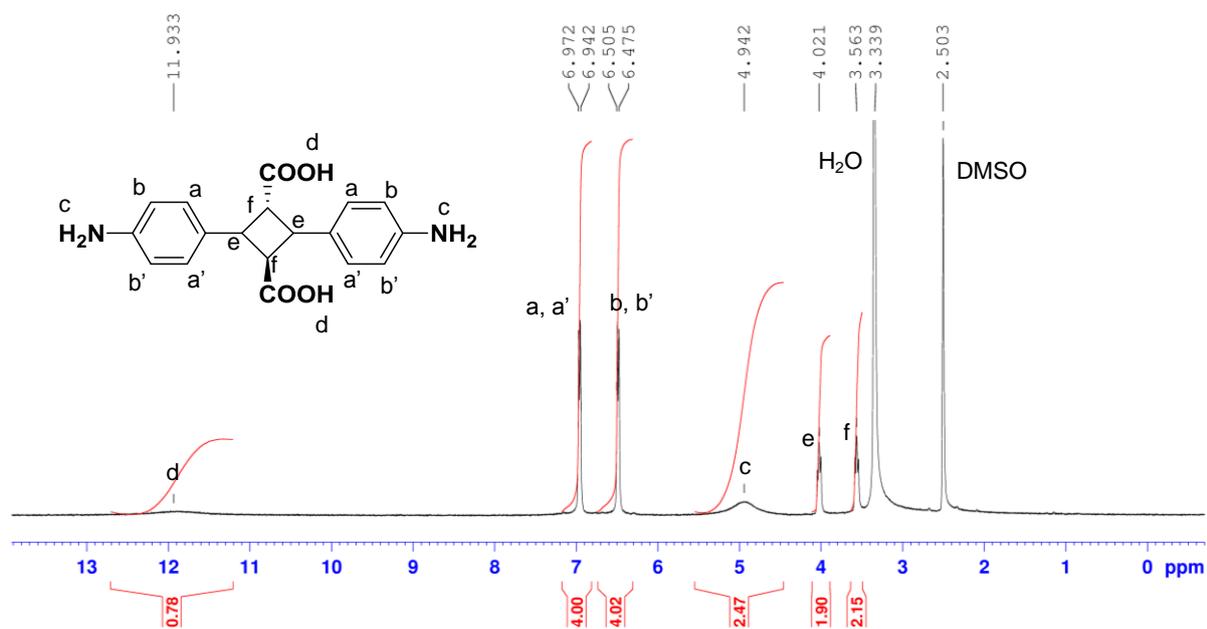


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR characterization for 4ATA salt



**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR characterization for 4ATA acid

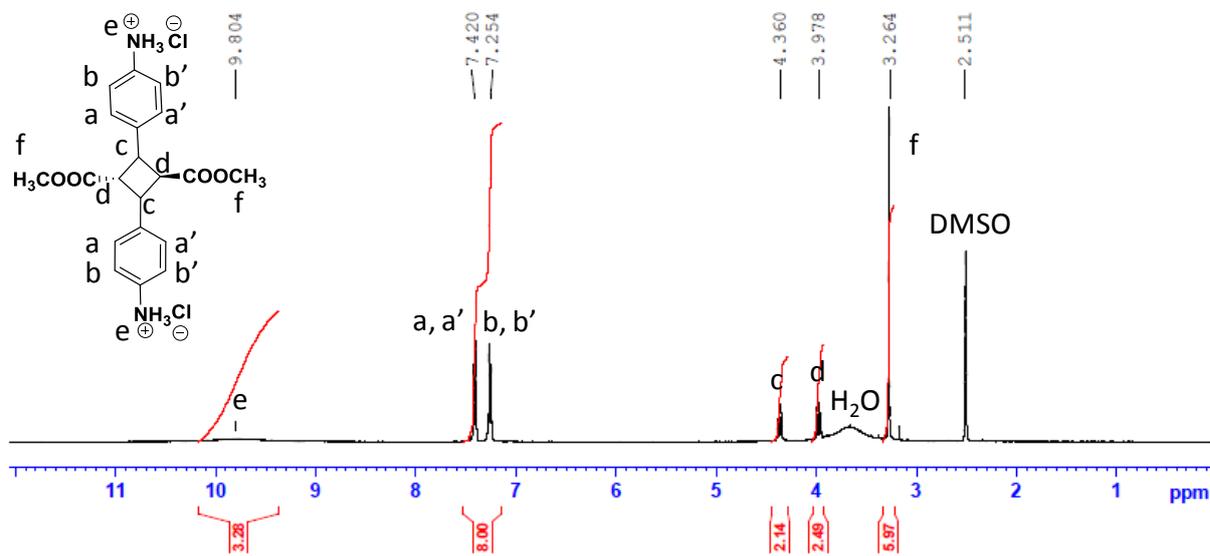
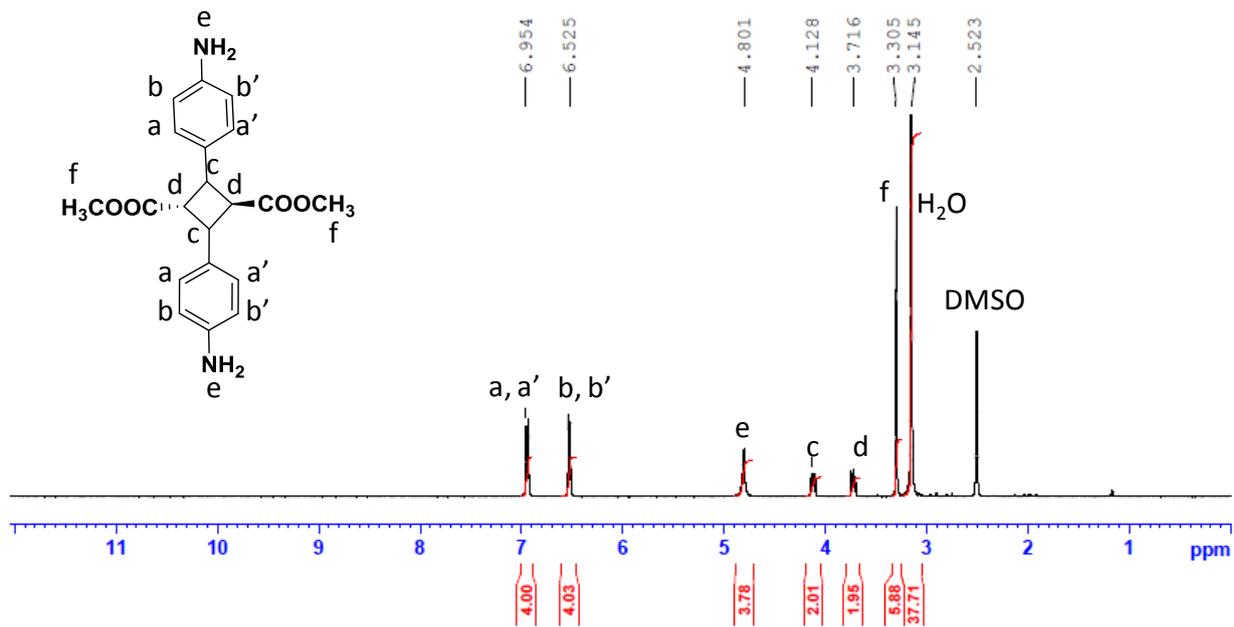


Figure S4.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR characterization for 4ATA methyl ester salt



**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR characterization for 4ATA methyl ester

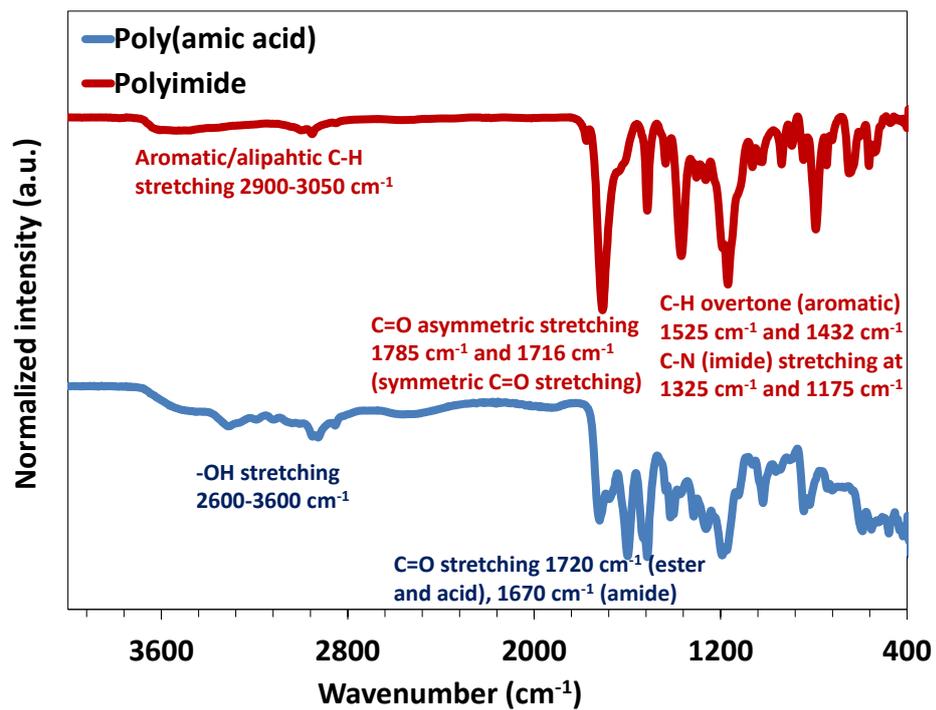


Figure S6. FTIR characterization for the prepared poly(amic acid) and polyimide

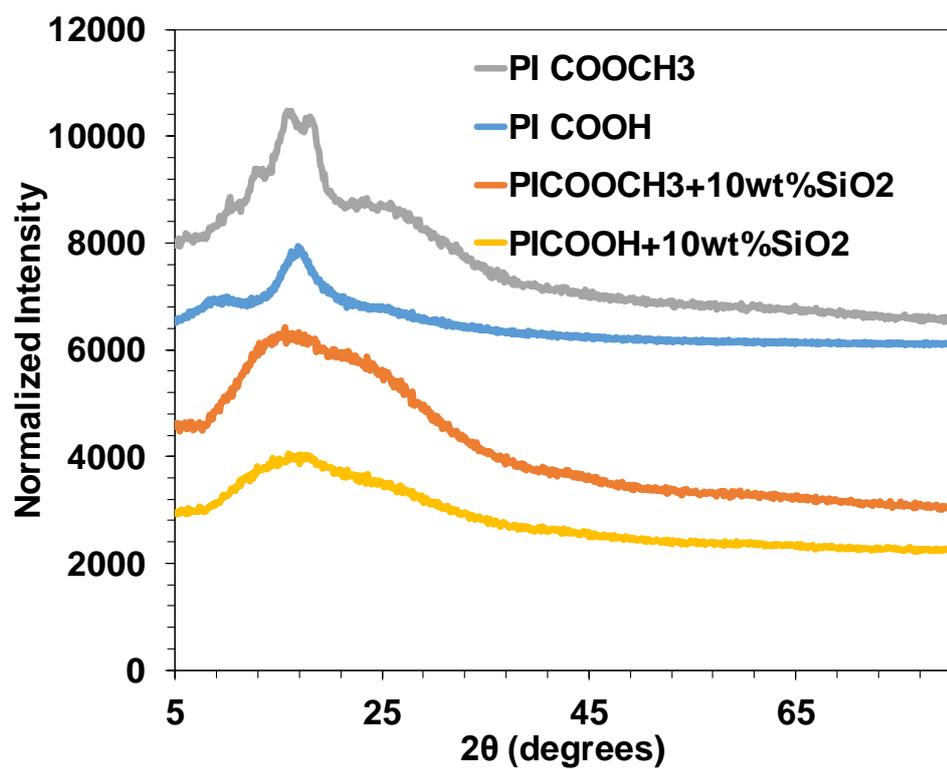
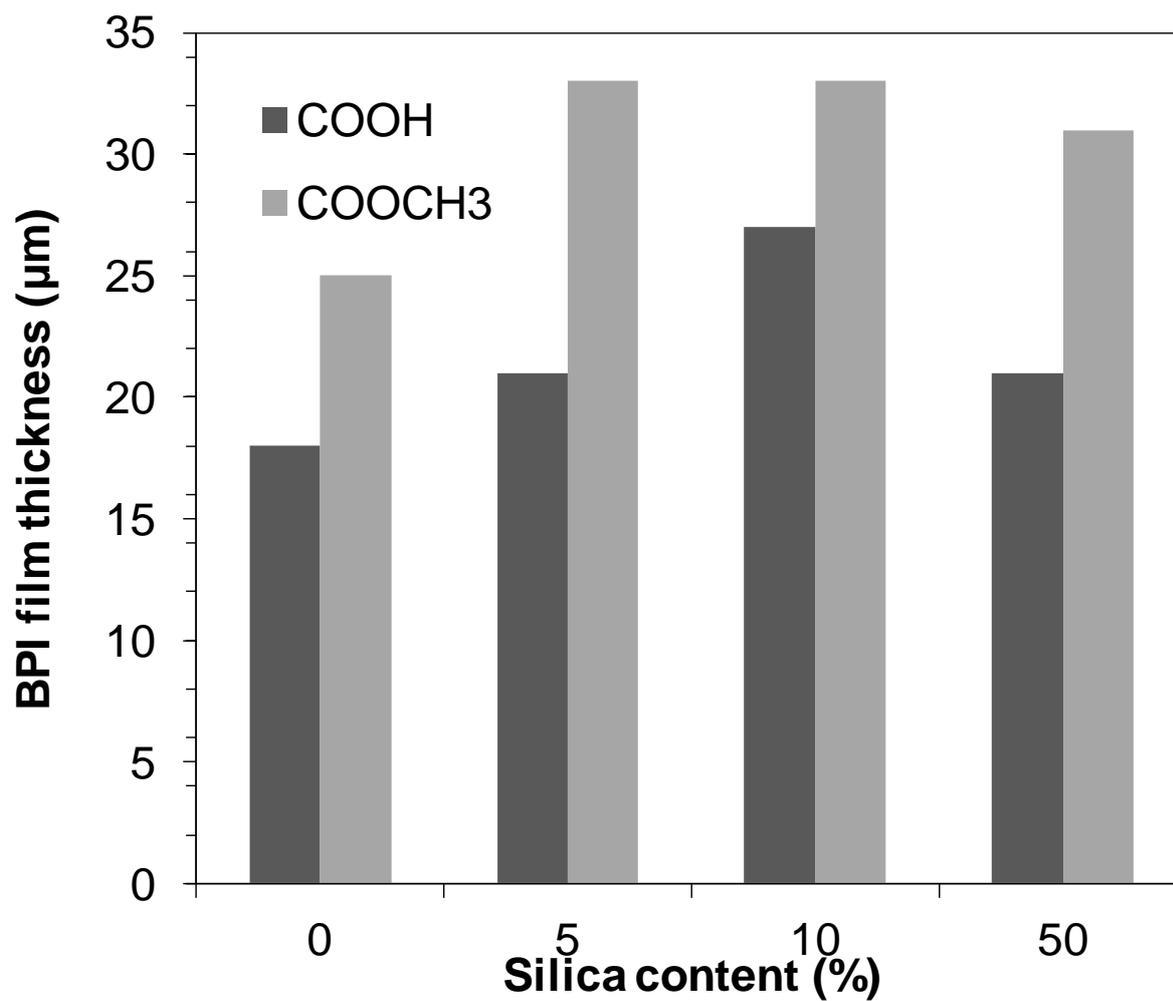


Figure S7. XRD patterns for the neat biopolyimide and after introducing 10 wt% of silica



**Figure S8.** BPI film thickness with/without silica used for the electric breakdown voltage test