

1 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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3 **Bio-based Thermoplastic Poly(Butylene Succinate-co-Propylene Succinate)**

4 **Copolyesters: Effect of Glycerol on Thermal and Mechanical Properties**

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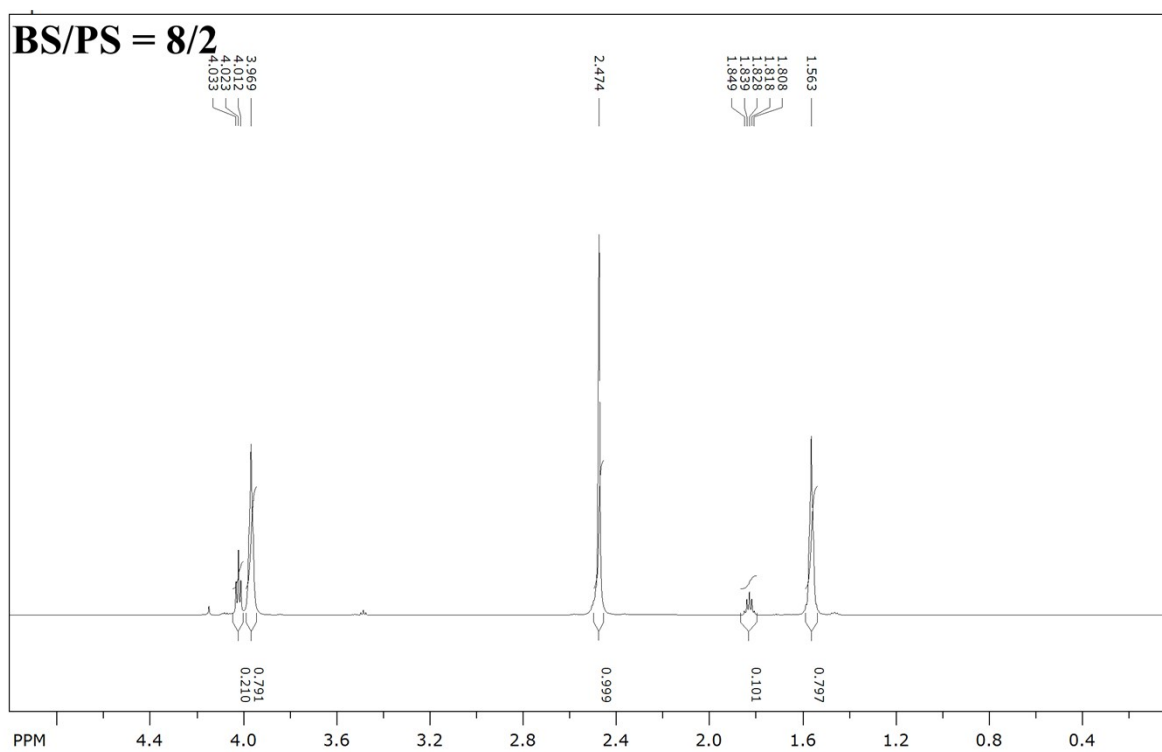
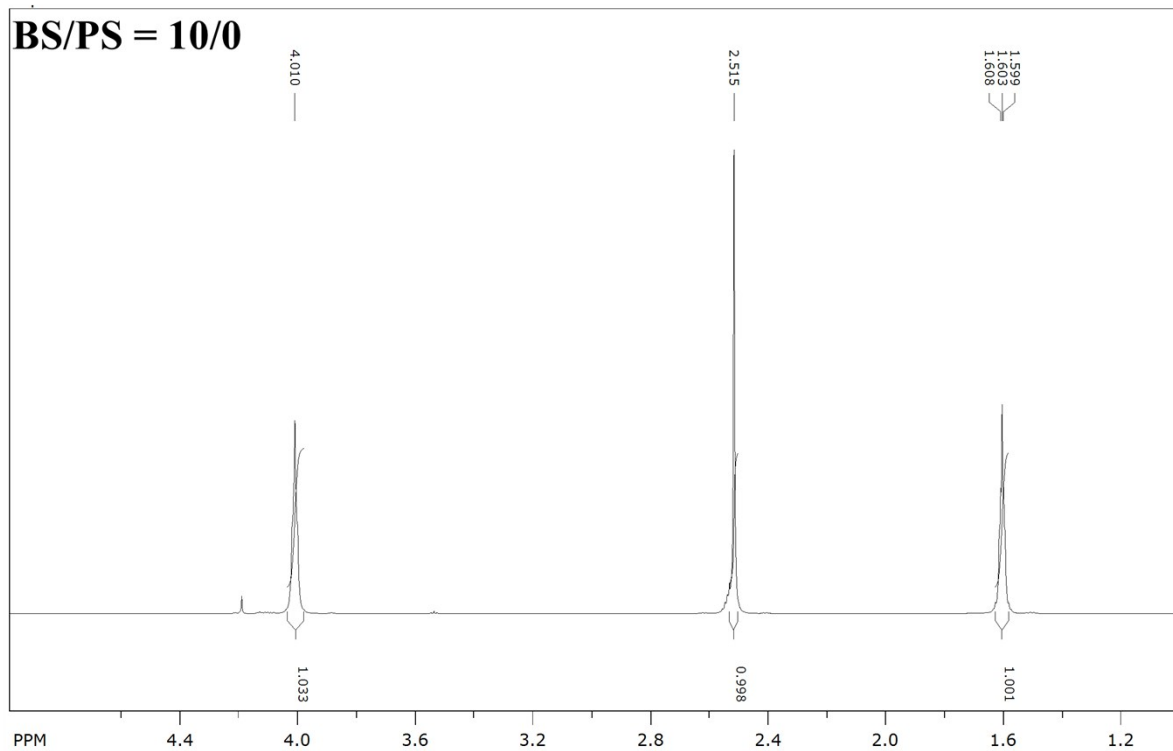
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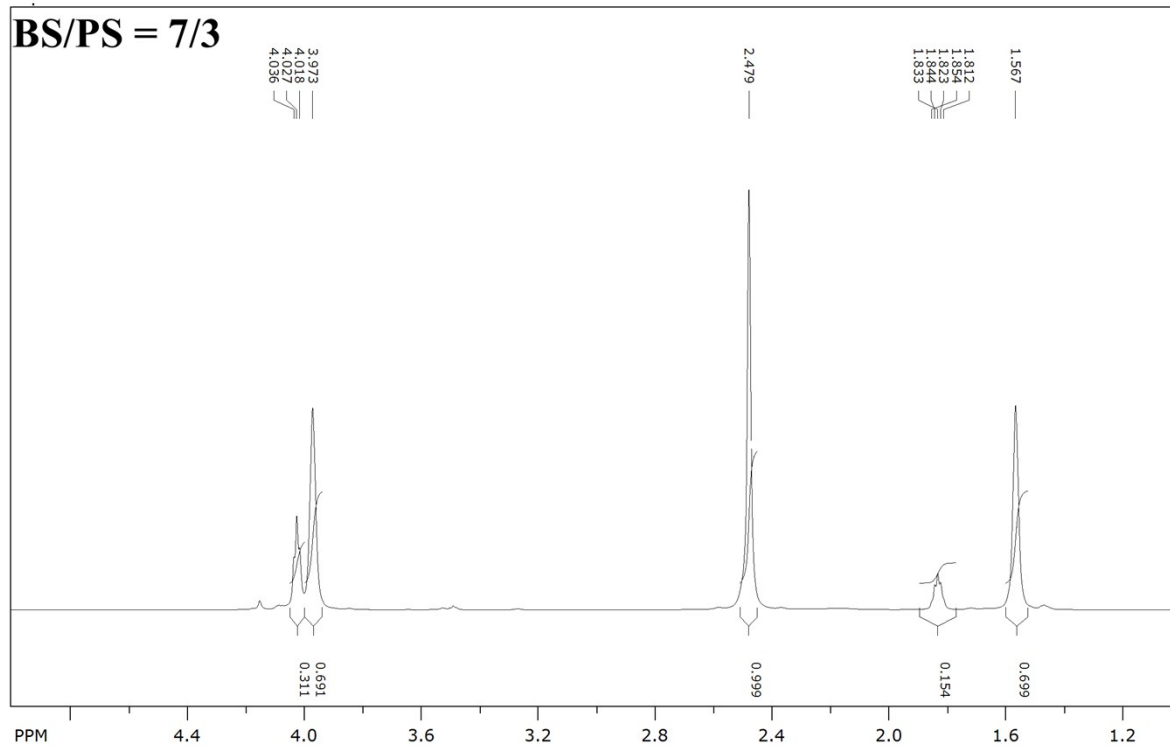
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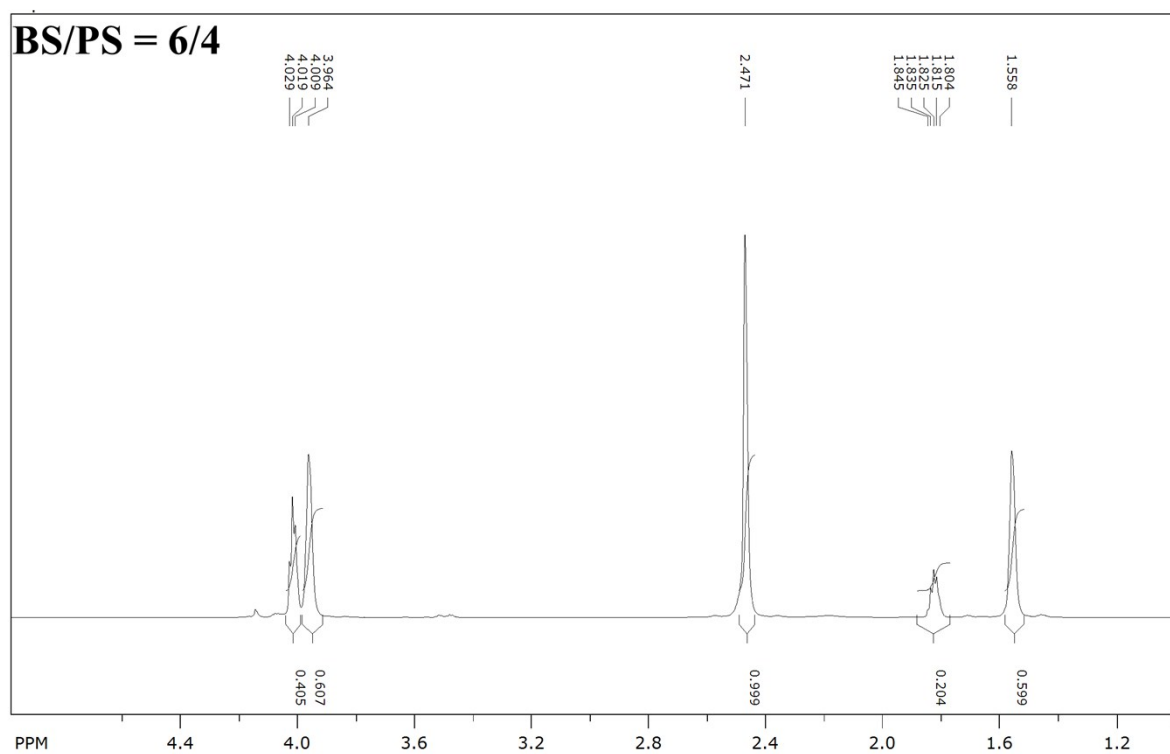
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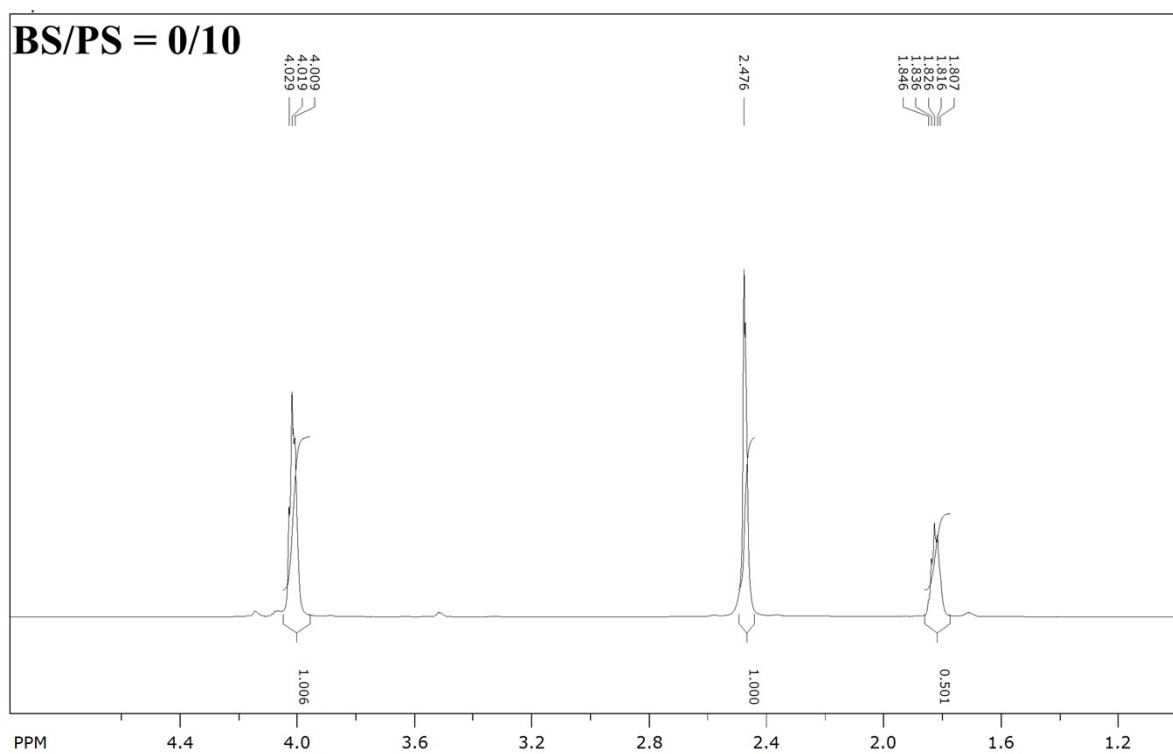
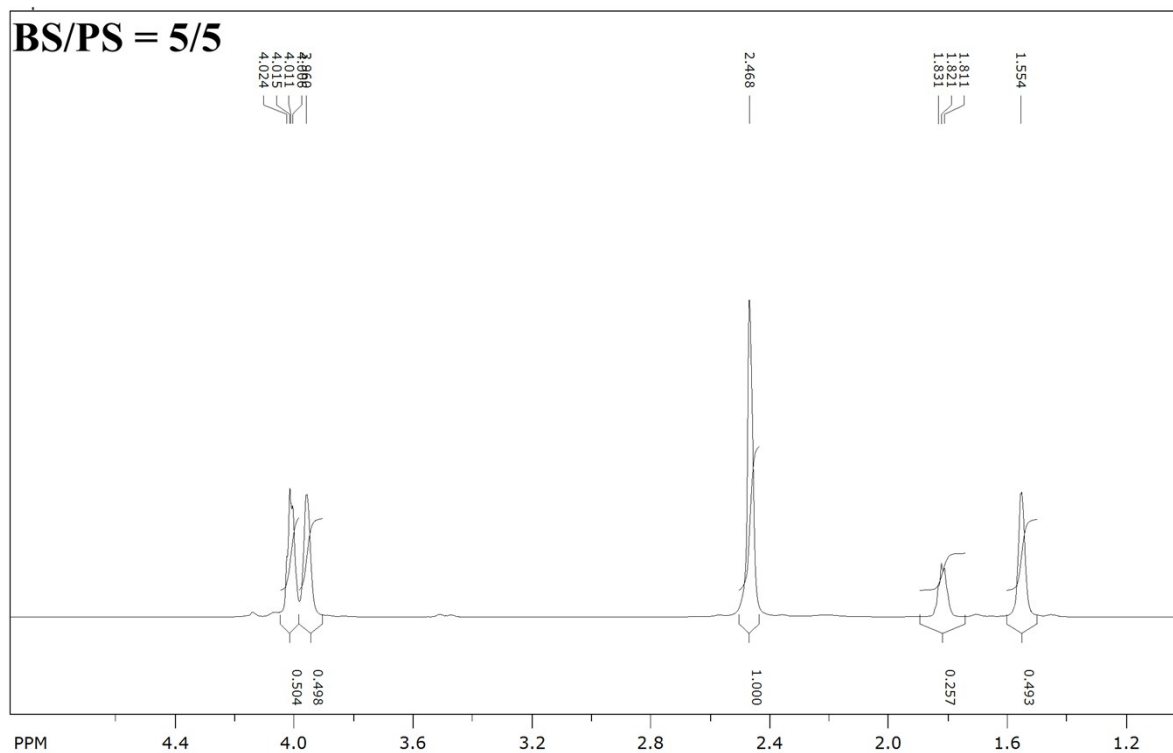




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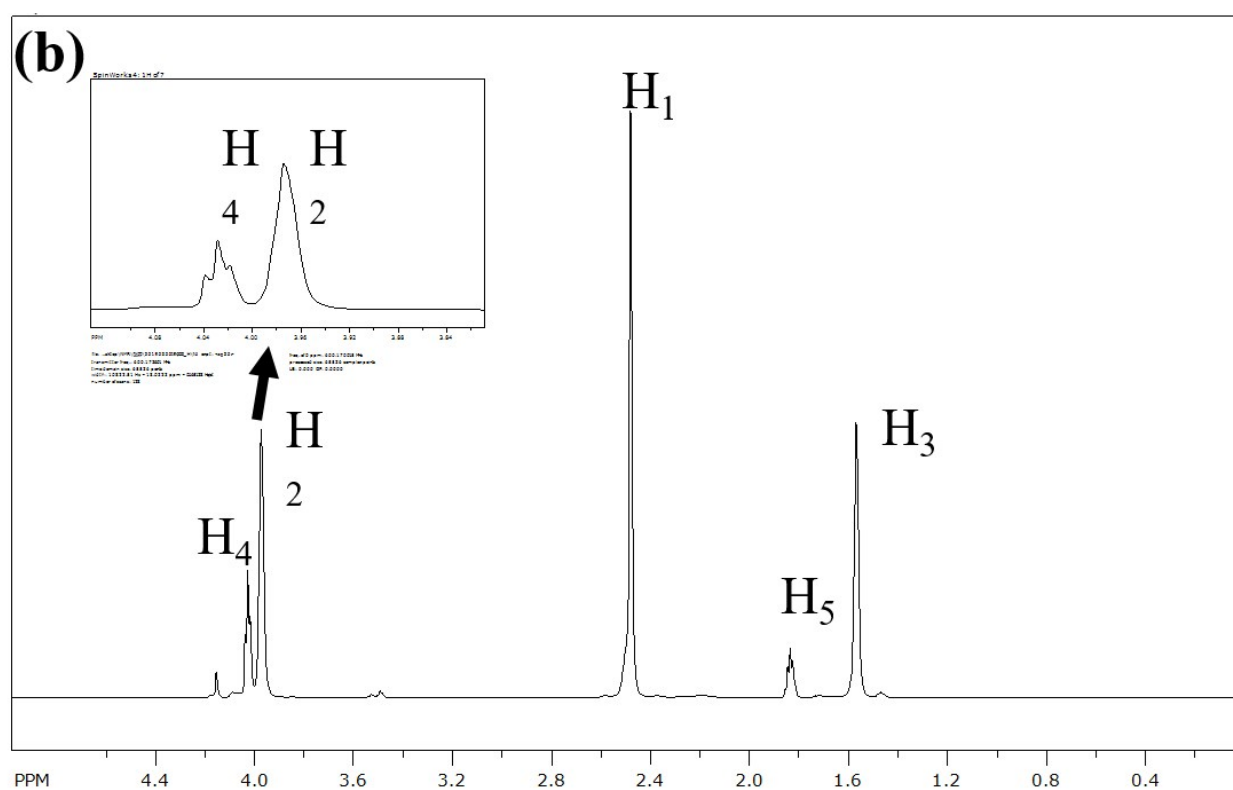
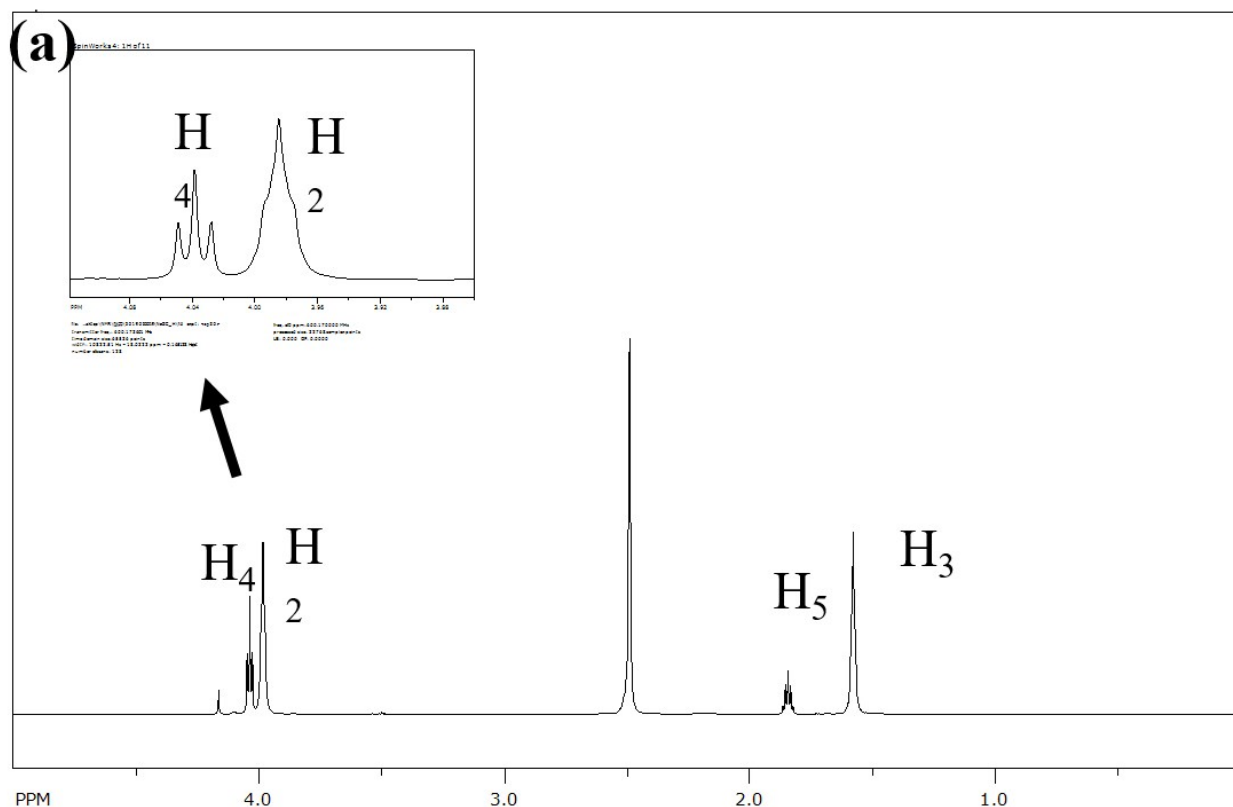
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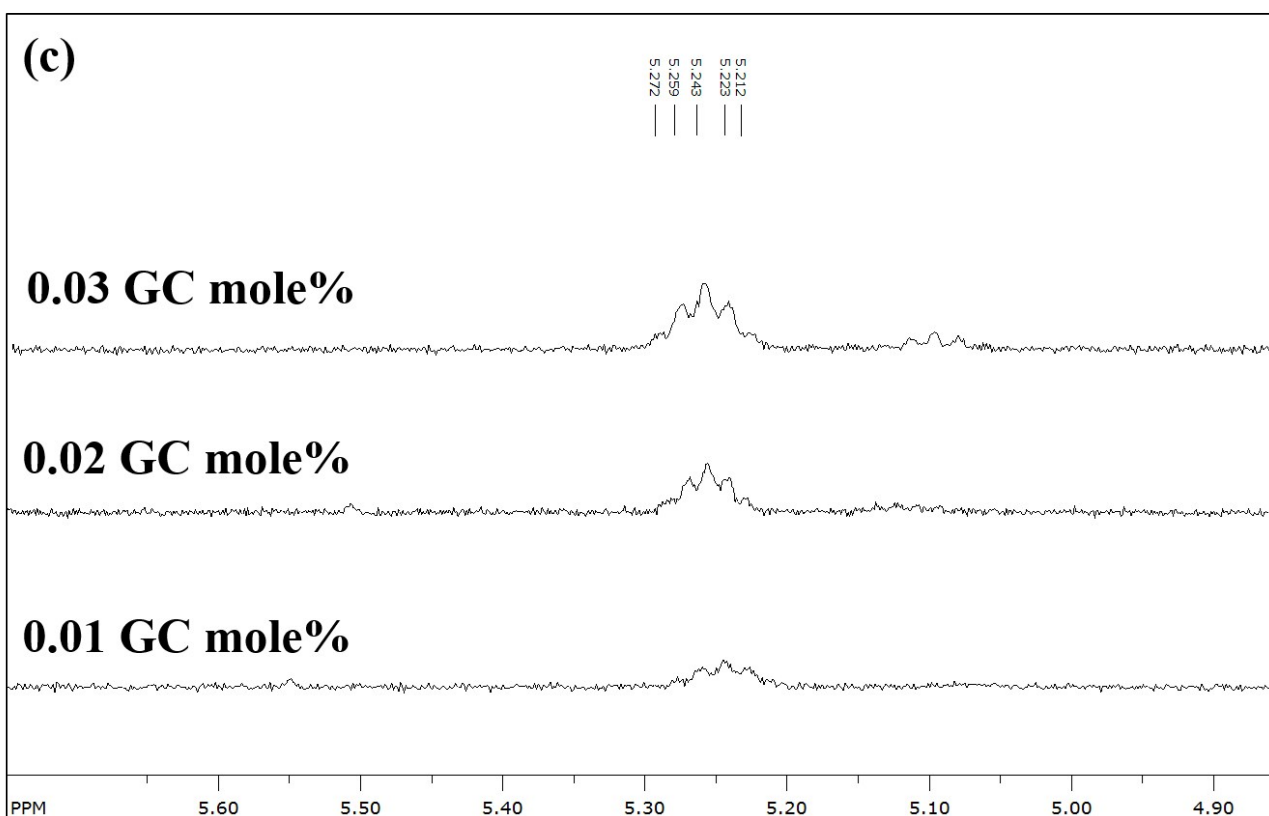
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36 **Fig. S1** ^1H NMR spectra for the poly(butylene succinate-co-propylene succinate)PBSPS copolyesters

37 at BS/PS = 10/0, 8/2, 7/3, 6/4, 5/5, and 0/10.

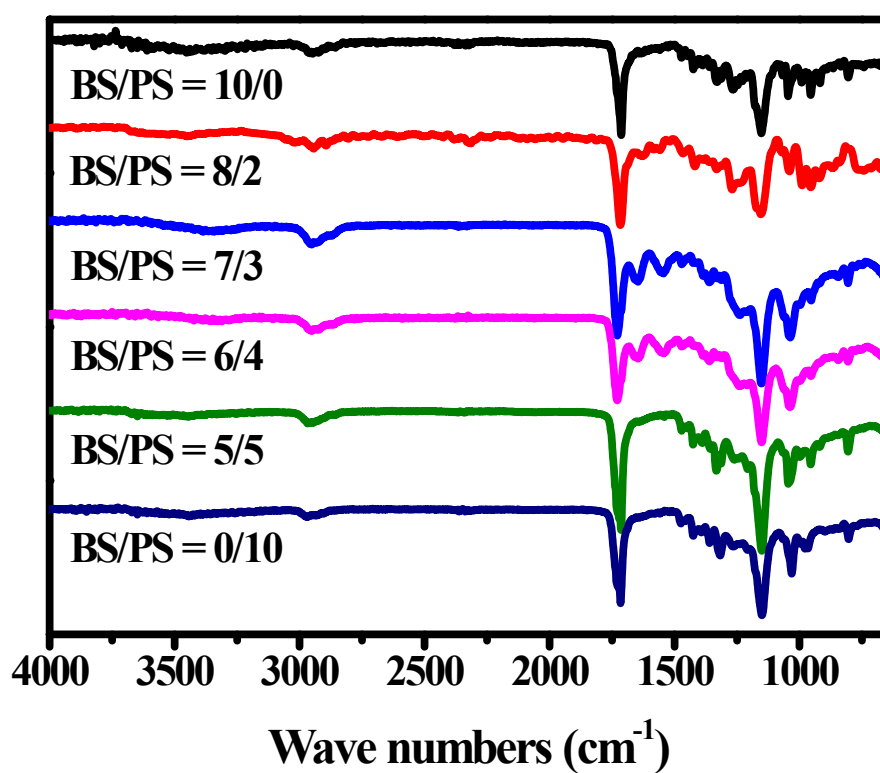
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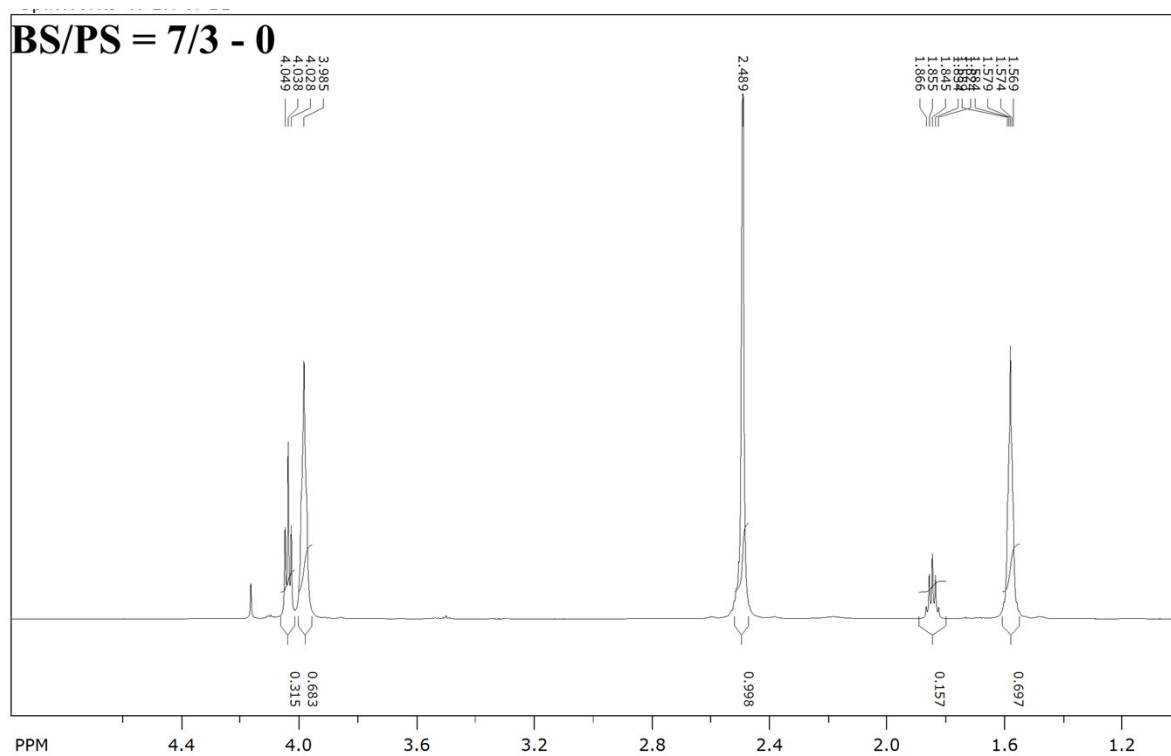


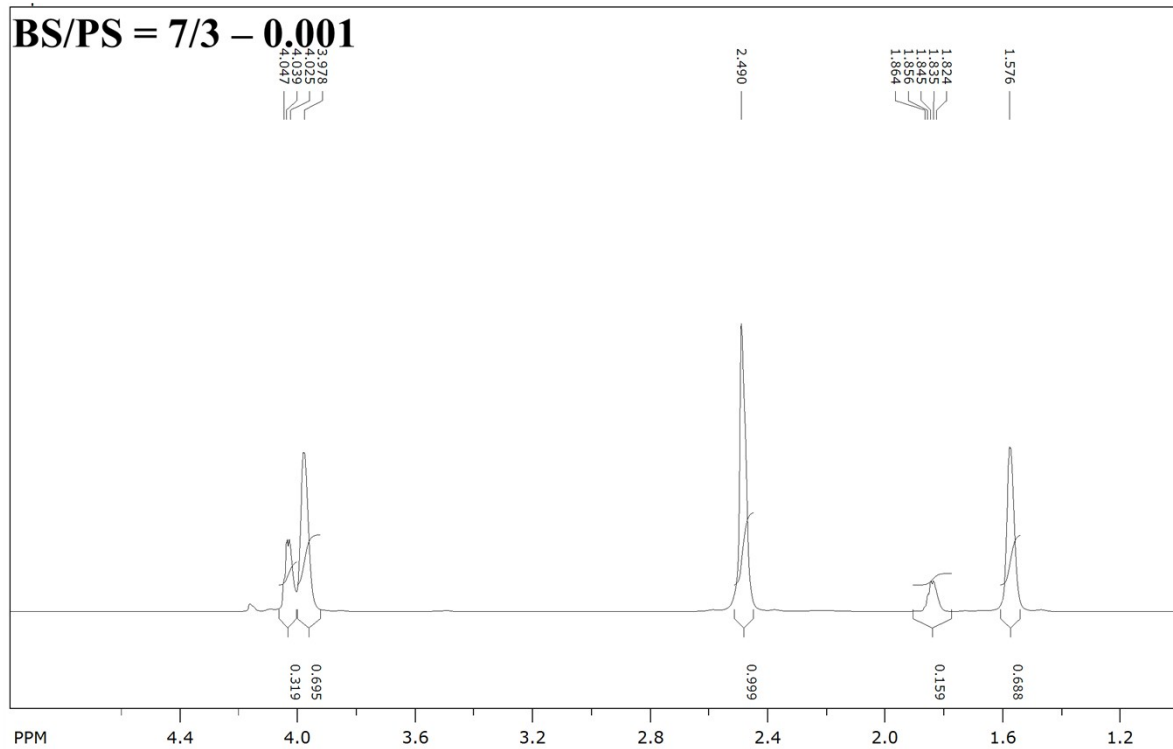
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41 **Fig. S2** ^1H NMR spectra (a) without GC and (b) with GC at 0.02 mol% (c) with GC at 0.01, 0.02,
42 and 0.03 mol% for the poly(butylene succinate-co-propylene succinate) PBSPS copolyesters at a
43 BS/PS ratio of 7/3.

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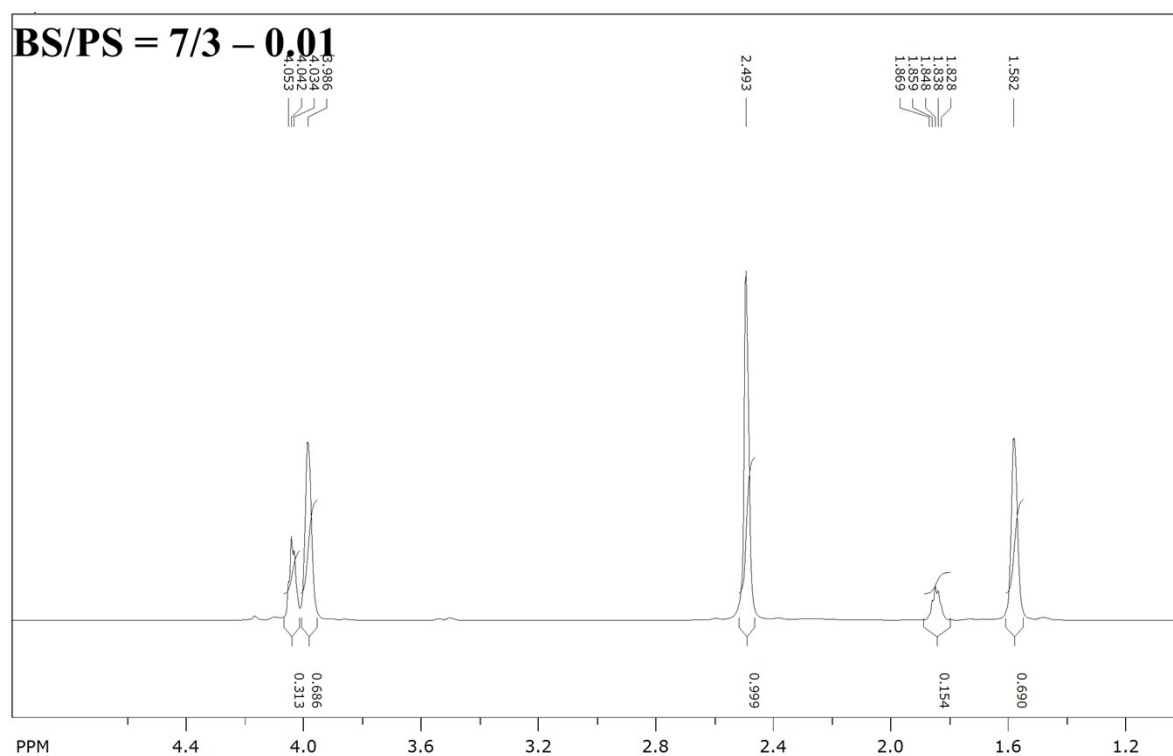


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 46 **Fig. S3** FTIR spectra of the poly(butylene succinate-co-propylene succinate) PBSPS copolyesters
 47 with different BS/PS ratios with 0.02 mole% GC.

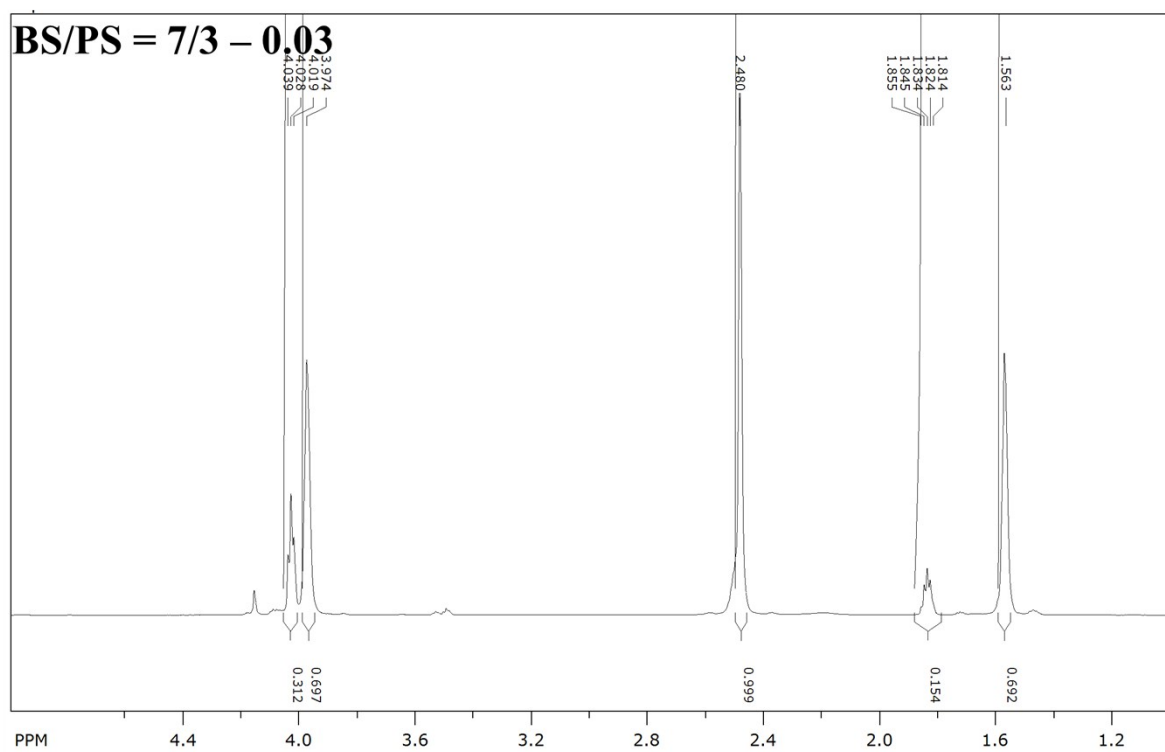
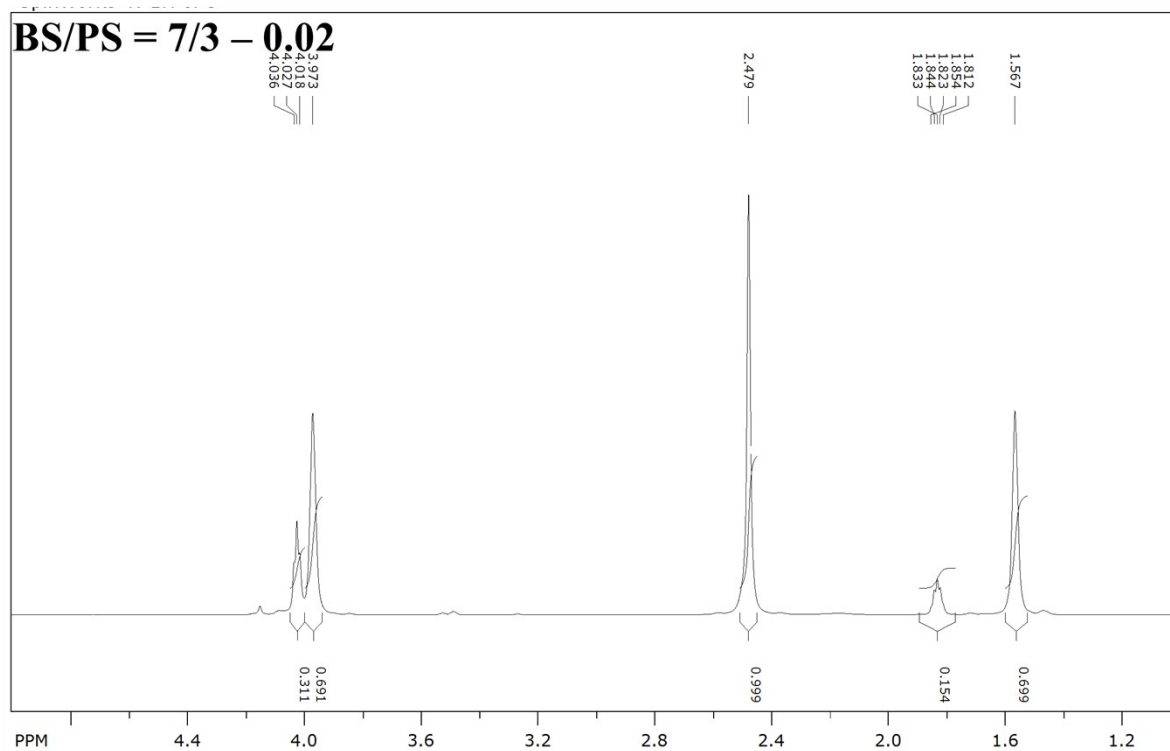




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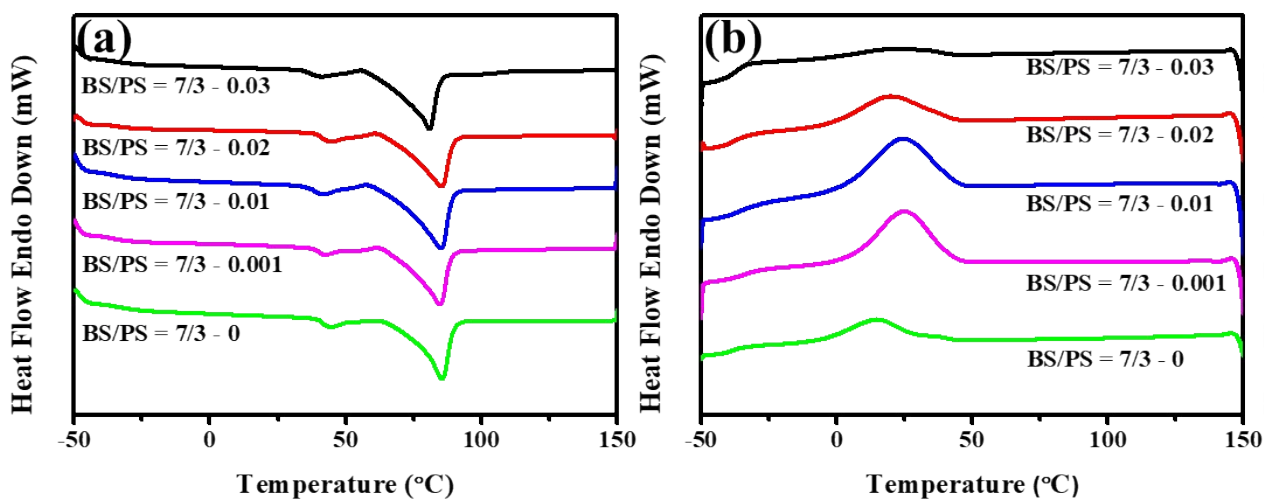
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53 **Fig. S4** ^1H NMR spectra for the poly(butylene succinate-co-propylene succinate) copolyesters with
 54 BS/PS = 7/3 and glycerol contents 0, 0.001, 0.01, 0.02, and 0.03 mol%

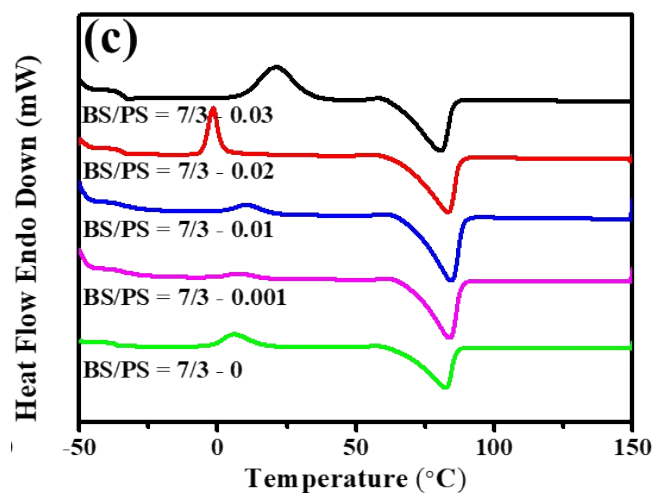
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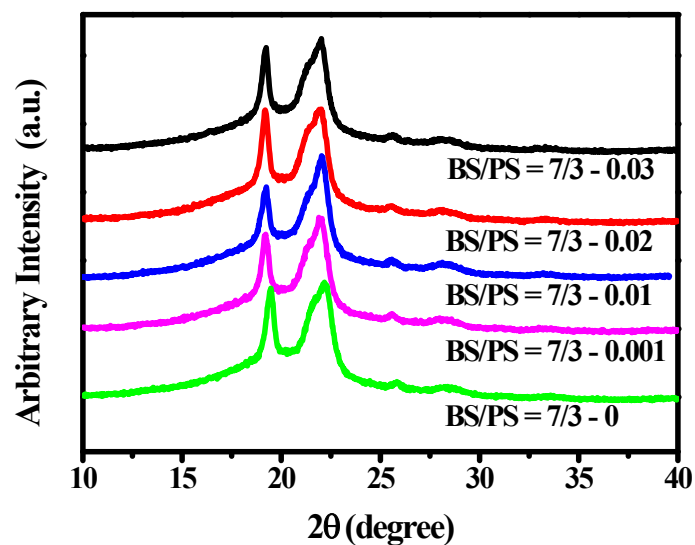
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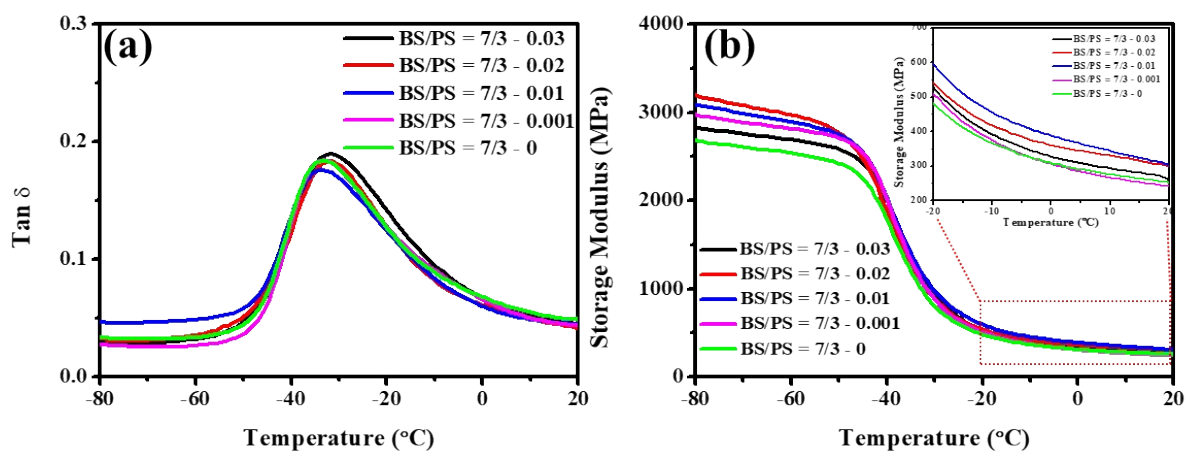
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60 **Fig. S5** DSC traces of the poly(butylene succinate-co-propylene succinate)PBSPS copolyesters at
 61 fixed BS/PS = 7/3 with various GC content at a heating rate of 10 °C/min: (a) heating curves in the
 62 first cycle, (b) cooling curves in the first cycle, and (c) heating curves in the second cycle.

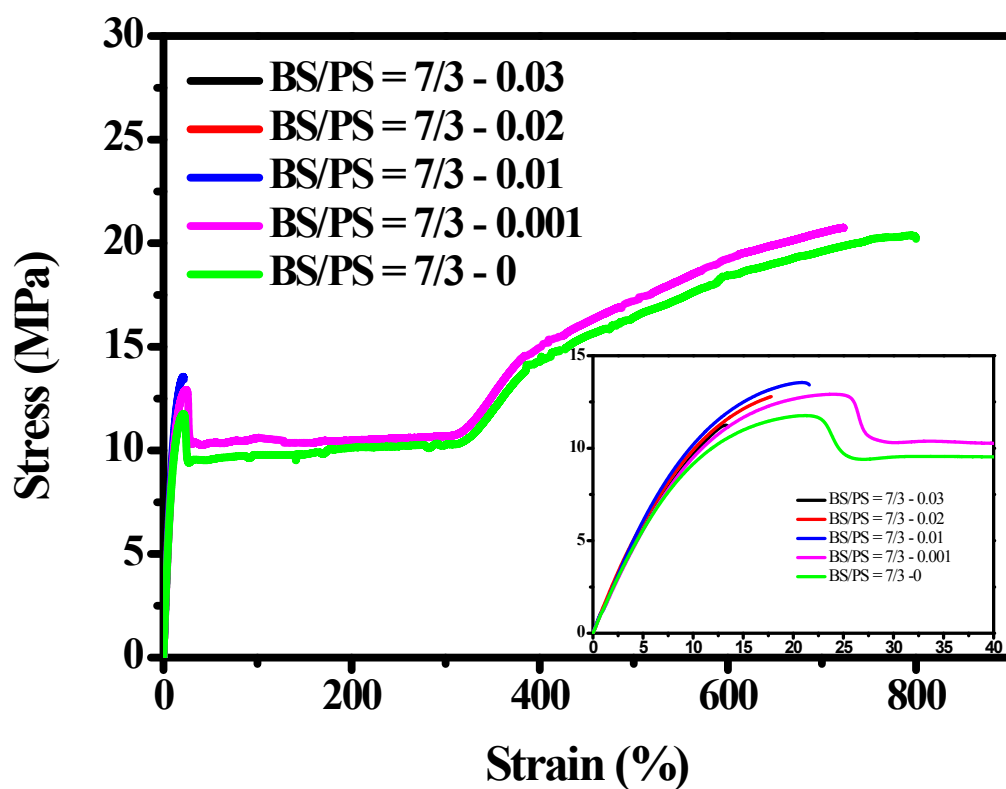
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 65 **Fig. S6.** WAXD patterns of the poly(butylene succinate-co-propylene succinate) PBSPS
 66 copolyesters at fixed BS/PS = 7/3 with different GC contents.



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 69 **Fig. S7** (a) Tan δ curves and (b) storage moduli of copolyesters at fixed BS/PS = 7/3 with different
 70 GC content at a heating rate of 5 °C/min and a frequency of 1 Hz.



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 73 **Fig. S8** Stress-strain curves of copolyesters at fixed BS/PS = 7/3 with different GC contents at a
 74 testing speed of 50 mm/min.

87 copolyesters; chemical shifts of H₁ to H₅ (ppm) and their integral ratios (value in brackets) of ¹H

88 NMR spectra for PBSPS copolyesters with 0.02 mole% GC.

Item	Feed	Calculated	H₁	H₂	H₃	H₄	H₅	H₇
BS/PS	ratio	ratio	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)	(ppm)
10/0	100	100	2.515 (1.000)	4.010 (1.003)	1.603 (1.001)			
8/2	80	79.7	2.474 (1.000)	3.969 (0.791)	1.563 (0.797)	4.023 (0.210)	1.828 (0.101)	5.245 (0.006)
7/3	70	69.9	2.479 (1.000)	3.973 (0.691)	1.567 (0.699)	4.027 (0.311)	1.823 (0.154)	5.244 (0.006)
6/4	60	59.9	2.471 (1.000)	3.964 (0.607)	1.558 (0.599)	4.019 (0.405)	1.825 (0.599)	5.246 (0.006)
5/5	50	49.3	2.468 (1.000)	3.968 (0.498)	1.554 (0.493)	4.015 (0.493)	1.821 (0.257)	5.245 (0.006)
0/10	0	0	2.476 (1.000)			4.019 (1.006)	1.826 (0.501)	5.246 (0.006)

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91 **Table S2** Molar fractions, probabilities of triad sequences, randomness factors (B), and average
 92 sequence lengths (Ln_{BS} and Ln_{PS}) at a fixed ratio of BS/PS = 7/3 with different GC contents.

BS/PS = 7/3 GC mole%	Normalized peak areas of carbonyl carbons (%)				Triad sequence probabilities (%)		
	BSB	BSP-B	BSP- P	PSP	P(BSB)	P(BSP)	P(PSP)
GC = 0.03	45.9	19.2	16.8	18.1	45.9	36.0	18.1
GC = 0.02	46.3	17.4	19.9	16.4	46.3	37.3	16.4
GC = 0.01	43.8	22.2	18.0	16.0	43.8	40.2	16.0
GC = 0.001	44.7	20.0	20.6	14.7	44.7	40.6	14.7
GC = 0	44.5	22.7	19.3	13.5	44.5	42.0	13.5

BS/PS 7/3 GC mole%	¹ H NMR			¹³ C NMR				
	BS(%)	PS(%)	GC(%)	BS(PS(%)	B	Ln _{BS}	Ln _{PS}
				%)				
GC = 0.03	69.2	30.8	0.002	63.9	36.1	0.78	3.55	2.01
GC = 0.02	69.9	30.1	0.0015	64.9	35.1	0.82	3.48	1.88
GC = 0.01	69.0	31.0	0.00125	63.9	36.1	0.87	3.18	1.79
GC = 0.001	69.8	30.2	*	65.0	35.0	0.89	3.20	1.62
GC = 0	69.7	30.2	--	65.5	34.5	0.93	3.11	1.64

93 *GC can not be observed in ¹H NMR.

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