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# Cationic Polyurethane from CO<sub>2</sub>-polyol as Effective Barrier

# **Binder to Polyaniline-based Metal Anti-corrosion Material**

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Synthesis of BDE



To a 250 ml single-neck round bottom flask with a magnetic stir bar was added 1,4butanediol diglycidyl ether (16.18 g, 80 mmol), excess amount of diethylamine, and H<sub>2</sub>O (30 ml), a yellow solution was formed upon vigorous stirring at room temperature overnight. The reaction process was monitored with thin layer chromatograph (TLC), when the 1,4butanediol diglycidyl ether was consumed completely, another 30 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O was added, after 10 min stirring the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether for three times (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford BDE. (Yield: 95%)

#### Synthesis of TDTD



A similar synthesis process to BDE, the only difference is the remaining N,N,N'-Trimethylethylenediamine was removed by vacuum distillation. (Yield: 89%)

#### Synthesis of 4'-(3-hydroxypropyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde



3-(4-bromophenyl)propan-1-ol (4.628 g, 21.52 mmol) and 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzaldehyde (4.76 g, 20.50 mmol) as well as Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (22.81g, 215.2 mmol) were dissolved in 300 mL of tetrahydrofuran and 60ml H<sub>2</sub>O. After the addition of tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (1.24g, 1.076mmol), the mixture was refluxed for 12 h.

When it was cooled to room temperature, the solution was extracted twice with dichloromethane ( $3 \times 50$  mL). The obtained organic layer was washed with plenty of water and the solvent was removed at reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column to give yellow solid with 77 % yield.



Fig. S1 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of BDE in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S2 The mass spectrometry of BDE in positive mode.



Fig. S3 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of TDTD in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S4 The mass spectrometry of TDTD in positive mode.



**Figure S5.** The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 4'-(3-hydroxypropyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S6.** The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 4'-(3-hydroxypropyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S7 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of CO<sub>2</sub>-polyol in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S8 The FT-IR spectrum of CO<sub>2</sub>-polyol.



Fig. S9 The GPC spectrum of  $CO_2$ -polyol.



Fig. S10 Synthetic route to prepare CPUD using DPA as internal emulsifier with different

## Synthesis of PPC-DPA-4

neutralization degree.

Synthesized using the same method as PPC-TDTD-4.

14.31 g of PPC-diol; 6.30 g of IPDI; 0.92 g of DPA; 1.58 g of BDO; 0.51 g of HOAc

### Synthesis of PPC-DPA-4(1)

Synthesized using the same method as PPC-TDTD-4.

16.20 g of PPC-diol; 7.128 g of IPDI; 1.023 g of DPA; 1.79 g of BDO; 0.28 g of HOAc



**Fig. S11** Synthetic route to prepare CPUD using BDE as internal emulsifier with different neutralization degree.

### **Synthesis of PPC-BDE-4**

Synthesized using the same method as PPC-TDTD-4.

13.40 g of PPC-diol; 5.90 g of IPDI; 0.87 g of BDE; 1.62 g of BDO; 0.30 g of HOAc

### Synthesis of PPC-BDE-4(1)

Synthesized using the same method as PPC-TDTD-4.

17.10 g of PPC-diol; 7.524 g of IPDI; 1.116 g of BDE; 2.06 g of BDO; 0.19 g of HOAc



Fig. S12 Synthetic route to prepare PPC-TDTD-4(1).

## Synthesis of PPC-TDTD-4(1)

Synthesized using the same method as PPC-TDTD-4.

20.10 g of PPC-diol; 8.84 g of IPDI; 1.30 g of TDTD; 2.47 g of BDO; 0.20 g of HOAc



Fig. S13 FT-IR spectrum for various CPUDs.



Fig. S14 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of PPC-DPA-4.



Fig. S15 GPC traces of PPC-DPA-4.



Fig. S16 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of PPC-DPA-4(1).



Fig. S17 GPC traces of PPC-DPA-4(1).



Fig. S18 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of PPC-BDE-4.



Fig. S19 GPC traces of PPC-BDE-4.

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Fig. S20 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of PPC-BDE-4(1).



**Fig. S21** GPC traces of PPC-BDE-4(1).



Fig. S22 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of PPC-TDTD-4.



Fig. S23 GPC traces of PPC-TDTD-4.

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Fig. S24 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of PPC-TDTD-4(1).



Fig. S25 GPC traces of PPC-TDTD-4(1).

Content (N<sup>+</sup>, %) = 
$$\frac{\text{content of hydrophilic group (wt %)} \times \frac{M(N)}{M(CE)} \times \frac{n(HOAc)}{n}}{n}$$

M(N) means the sum of relative atomic mass of nitrogen in a molecule and M(CE) is the relative molecular mass of the corresponding chain extender, so the second term represents the mass fraction of nitrogen atoms; n(HOAc) refers to the actual molar amount of HOAc used in the preparation process and n is the theoretical molar amount of HOAc required under the assumption of 100% neutralization, therefore the third term represents the degree of neutralization.



**Fig. S26** The photographs of CS plates coated with PPC-DPA-4, PPC-DPA-4(1), PPC-BDE-4, PPC-BDE-4(1), PPC-TDTD-4 and PPC-TDTD-4(1).