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Facile Synthesis, Structure and Properties of CO₂-sourced Poly(thioether-co-carbonate)s Containing Acetyl Pendants via Thio-Ene Click Polymerization

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1. Synthesis of polymeric monomers

4-Methyl-4-vinyl-5-methylene-1,3-dioxolan-2-one (**2**) was synthesized by the carboxylative cyclization of propargylic alcohol (**1**) with CO₂ according to previous literatures.¹

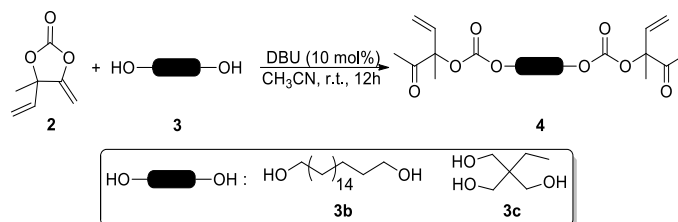


Figure S1. Synthesis of 4-methyl-4-vinyl-5-methylene-1,3-dioxolan-2-one (**2**) with diol **3**.

4-Vinyl substituted α CC **2** (10 mmol), 1,18-octadecanediol (**3b**, 5 mmol) and CH₃CN (20.0 mL) were added successively into a 100 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer. Then 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU, 0.5 mmol, 10 mol%) was introduced and the mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. After the reaction was over, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The resulting crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatograph on silica gel to afford monomer **4b** (white solid, isolated yield: 75%). **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 6.01 (dd, $J = 17.4, 11.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.44 (d, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.30 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (d, $J = 6.7, 2.0$ Hz, 4H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 1.70 – 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.60 (s, 6H), 1.38 – 1.21 (m, 28H). **¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 204.2, 153.9, 135.9, 117.0, 87.4, 77.3, 77.1, 76.9, 68.7, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.3, 28.7, 25.7, 23.7, 21.3. **IR(KBr):** $\nu = 3432, 2924, 2853, 1745(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1728(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1677, 1633, 1462, 1391, 1370, 1356, 1275, 1181, 1123, 1050, 993, 932, 790, 617$ cm⁻¹. **HRMS:** m/z calculated for C₃₂H₅₄O₈[M+Na⁺]:589.3716; found 589.3690.

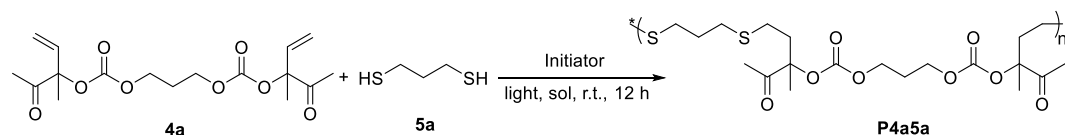
4-Vinyl substituted α CC **2** (15 mmol), trimethylolpropane (**3c**, 5 mmol) and CH₃CN (20.0 mL) were added successively into a 100 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer. Then 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU, 0.5 mmol, 10 mol%) was introduced and the mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. After the reaction was over, the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. The resulting crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatograph on silica gel to afford monomer **4c** (coreless oil, isolated yield: 71%). **¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 5.98 (dd, $J = 17.4, 11.0$ Hz, 3H), 5.40 (d, $J = 17.4$ Hz, 3H), 5.29 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 3H), 4.12 (s, 7H), 2.10 (s, 9H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.52 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 0.91 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). **¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 203.6, 153.5, 135.6, 117.3, 87.8, 77.3, 77.1, 76.9, 67.0, 41.5, 23.7, 22.4, 21.1, 7.2. **IR(KBr):**

$\nu=3435, 2973, 2943, 1747(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1726(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1639, 1458, 1393, 1356, 1267, 1180, 1102, 1081, 988, 937, 904, 791, 661 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS**: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_{12}[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$: 577.2261; found 577.2258.

2. Optimization of polymerization conditions

To a Schlenk tube, 1,3-dimercaptopropane (**5a**, 1.0 mmol), **4a** (1.0 mmol), [Ir (4,4'-*t*Bu₂-bpy)(bpy)₂]PF₆ (**[Ir]**, 0.05 mmol, 5.0 mol%), *p*-Toluidine (0.05 mmol, 5.0 mol%) were added, following by the addition of 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (NMP) (1.0 mL). The Schlenk tube was irradiated with a 450 nm LED for 24 h. After that, a small amount of the crude product was taken to determine monomer conversion by ¹H NMR spectrum. The remaining product was repeatedly dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, precipitated with cold methanol, isolated by centrifuge, and dried under vacuum at 35 °C for 24 h to afford polymer **P4a5a** (light yellow sticky liquid, 84% yield.).

Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions for the synthesis of polymers.



Entry	Polymer	Solvent	Initiator (5 mol%)	M_n (g/mol) ^e	Conv. (%) ^f	D^e
1 ^a	P4a5a	THF	DMPA	5900	>99%	2.12
2 ^b	P4a5a	THF	[Ir]+ <i>p</i> -Toluidine	7800	90%	1.46
3	P4a5a	DMF	[Ir]+ <i>p</i> -Toluidine	5100	>99%	1.37
4	P4a5a	NMP	[Ir]+ <i>p</i> -Toluidine	7800	>99%	1.37
5 ^b	P4a5a	NMP	[Ir]+ <i>p</i> -Toluidine	10400	>99%	1.43
6 ^c	P4a5a	NMP	[Ir]+ <i>p</i> -Toluidine	5300	>99%	1.45
7 ^d	P4a5a	NMP	[Ir]+ <i>p</i> -Toluidine	4800	89%	1.32
8	P4a5a	NMP	[Ir]	4500	>99%	1.48

[a]. 365 nm. [b]. 24 h. [c]. Initiator = 10 mol%. [d]. Initiator = 1 mol%. [e]. Molecular weights were measured by GPC. [f]. Conversions was determined by ¹H-NMR spectroscopy on the crude samples. **[Ir]** = [Ir (4,4'-*t*Bu₂-bpy)(bpy)₂]PF₆ (*t*Bu: *tert*-butyl). 2,2-Dimethoxy-2-phenyl acetophenone (DMPA).

3. Synthesis of polymers via thiol-ene click reaction

3.1 Synthesis of polymer P4a5

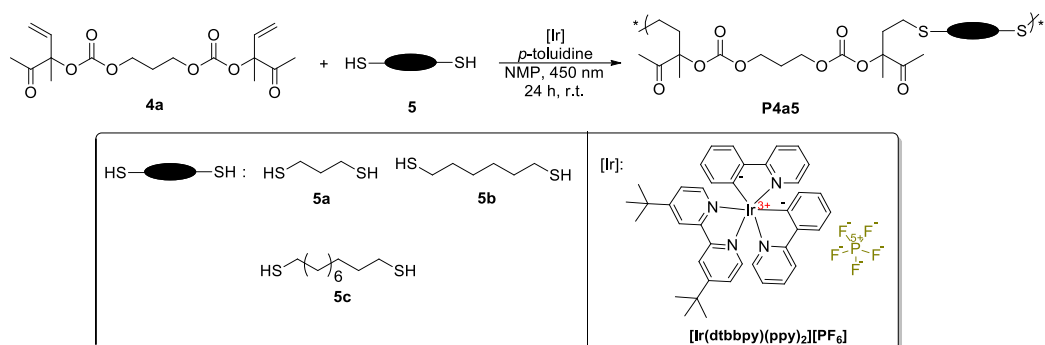
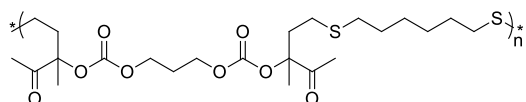
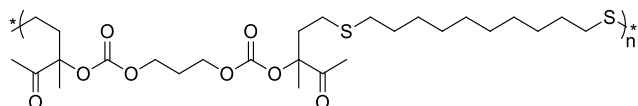


Figure S2. Synthesis of P4a5 from 4a and dithiol 5.

To a Schlenk tube, dithiol (**5**, 1.0 mmol), **4a** (1.0 mmol), [Ir (4,4'-^tBu₂-bpy)(ppy)₂][PF₆] (**[Ir]**, 0.05 mmol, 5.0 mol%), *p*-toluidine (0.05 mmol, 5.0 mol%) were added, following by the addition of 1.0 mL of 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (NMP). The Schlenk tube was irradiated with a 450 nm LED for 24 h. After that, a small amount of the crude product was taken to determine monomer conversion by ¹H NMR spectrum. The remaining product was repeatedly dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, precipitated with cold methanol, isolated by centrifuge, and dried under vacuum at 35 °C for 24 h to afford polymer **P4a5**.



P4a5b (light yellow sticky liquid. 82% yield.) $M_n = 9300$ g/mol. PDI = 1.43. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.23 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 4H), 2.55 – 2.39 (m, 8H), 2.25 – 2.11 (m, 8H), 2.03 (m, 4H), 1.63 – 1.49 (m, 10H), 1.37 (s, 4H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.9, 153.7, 87.4, 77.3, 77.1, 76.9, 64.5, 36.9, 32.2, 29.4, 28.5, 28.2, 25.8, 24.4, 20.5. IR(KBr): ν=2927, 2854, 1746(C=O), 1721(C=O), 1461, 1379, 1360, 1331, 1268, 1165, 1102, 1072, 1032, 913, 791 cm⁻¹.



P4a5c (light yellow sticky liquid. 87% yield.) $M_n = 14700$ g/mol. PDI = 1.37. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.23 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 4H), 2.58 – 2.38 (m, 8H), 2.23 – 2.12 (m, 8H), 2.03 (m, 4H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 10H), 1.35 (s, 4H), 1.26 (s, 10H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.9, 153.7, 87.5, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8, 64.5, 36.9, 32.3, 29.6, 29.6, 29.3, 29.0, 28.2, 25.8, 24.4, 20.5. IR(KBr):

$\nu=3433, 2925, 2853, 1743(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1715(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1459, 1399, 1358, 1332, 1265, 1165, 1102,$
 $1071, 914, 871, 792 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

3.2 Synthesis of polymer **P4b5**

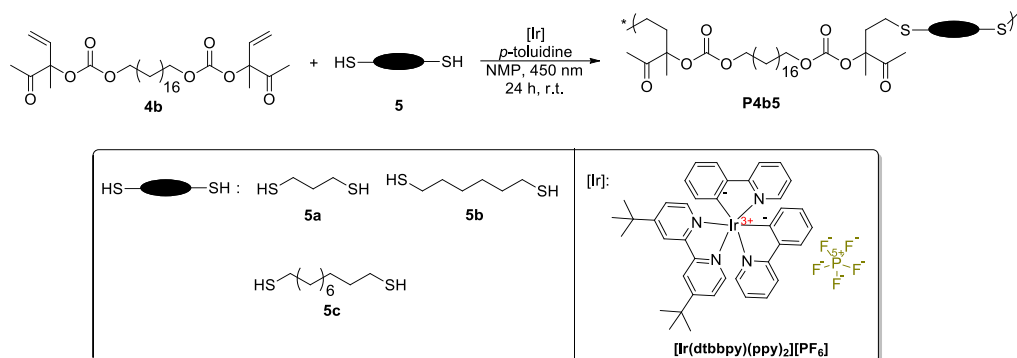
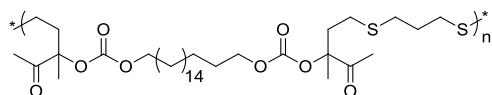
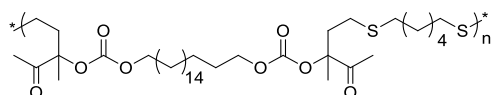


Figure S3. Synthesis of **P4b5** from **4b** and dithiol **5**.

To a Schlenk tube, dithiol (**5**, 1.0 mmol), **4b** (1.0 mmol), [Ir (4,4'-^tBu₂-bpy)(bpy)₂][PF₆] (**[Ir]**, 0.05 mmol, 5.0 mol%), *p*-toluidine (0.05 mmol, 5.0 mol%) were added, following by the addition of 1.0 mL of 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (NMP). The Schlenk tube was irradiated with a 450 nm LED for 24 h. After that, a small amount of the crude product was taken to determine monomer conversion by ¹H NMR spectrum. The remaining product was repeatedly dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, precipitated with cold methanol, isolated by centrifuge, and dried under vacuum at 35 °C for 24 h to afford polymer **P4b5**.

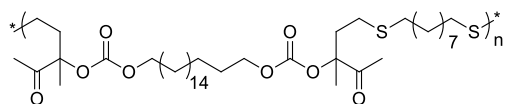


P4b5a (light yellow solid. 85% yield.) $M_n = 12500 \text{ g/mol}$. PDI = 1.14. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.12 (t, $J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}$, 4H), 2.60 (dd, $J = 13.8, 6.8 \text{ Hz}$, 4H), 2.50 (m, 4H), 2.23 – 2.11 (m, 10H), 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.54 (s, 6H), 1.25 (s, 28H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.2, 153.9, 87.2, 77.3, 77.1, 76.9, 68.6, 36.8, 32.2, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 29.3, 28.76, 28.5, 25.8, 25.7, 24.3, 20.4. IR(KBr): $\nu=3430, 2927, 2853, 1746(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1720(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1463, 1394, 1356,$
 $1276, 1166, 1101, 1075, 915, 793 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.



P4b5b (light yellow solid. 81% yield.) $M_n = 16700 \text{ g/mol}$. PDI = 1.35. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.12 (t, $J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}$, 4H), 2.73 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.55 – 2.42 (m, 6H), 2.17 (s, 6H), 2.08 –

1.95 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.62 (m, 6H), 1.62 – 1.51 (m, 10H), 1.24 (s, 32H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.2, 153.9, 87.1, 77.3, 77.1, 76.9, 68.7, 36.8, 32.2, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 29.3, 28.7, 28.5, 25.8, 25.7, 24.3, 20.4. IR(KBr): $\nu=3425, 2923, 2853, 1743(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1723(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1465, 1398, 1358, 1277, 1168, 1130, 1104, 1077, 1029, 917, 792\text{ cm}^{-1}$.



P4b5c (light yellow solid. 89% yield.) $M_n = 23900\text{ g/mol}$. PDI = 2.15. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.12 (t, $J = 6.8\text{ Hz}$, 4H), 2.59 – 2.39 (m, 8H), 2.24 – 2.10 (m, 8H), 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.57 – 1.52 (m, 10H), 1.38 – 1.30 (m, 8H), 1.26 (d, $J = 6.5\text{ Hz}$, 32H), 1.24 – 1.24 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.3, 153.9, 87.1, 68.7, 36.8, 32.3, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.3, 29.0, 28.7, 25.8, 25.7, 24.3, 20.4. IR(KBr): $\nu=3428, 2922, 2853, 1744(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1724(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1463, 1393, 1356, 1276, 1165, 1073, 916, 793\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

3.3 Synthesis of polymer **P4c5**

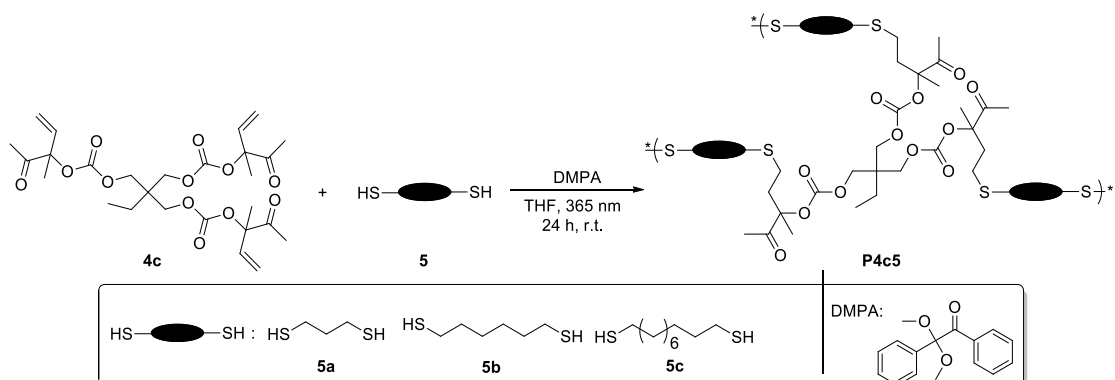
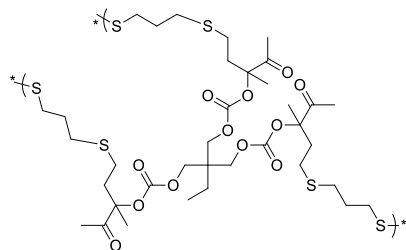
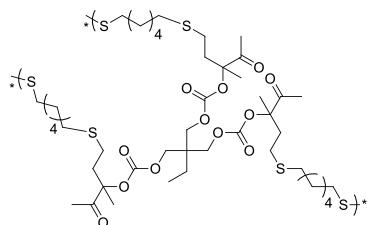


Figure S4. Synthesis of **P4c5** from **4c** and dithiol **5**.

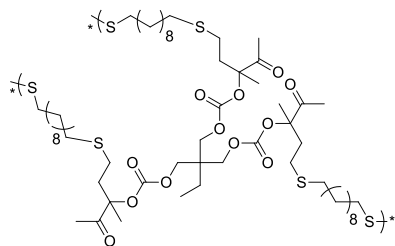
To a Schlenk tube, dithiol (**5**, 1.5 mmol), **4c** (1.0 mmol) and benzoin dimethyl ether (DMPA 0.05 mmol, 5.0 mol%) were added, following by the addition of THF (1.0 mL). The Schlenk tube was irradiated with a 365 nm LED for 24 h. After that, a small amount of the crude product was taken to determine monomer conversion by ^1H NMR spectrum. The remaining product was repeatedly dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 , precipitated with cold methanol, isolated by centrifuge, and dried under vacuum at 35 °C for 24 h to afford polymer **P4c5**.



P4c5a (colorless sticky liquid. 86% yield.) $M_n = 6600$ g/mol. PDI = 1.83. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.12 (s, 6H), 2.69 – 2.56 (m, 8H), 2.56 – 2.41 (m, 6H), 2.17 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 9H), 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.85 (m, 4H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 1.56 (s, 8H), 1.54 (s, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.7, 153.6, 87.6, 77.3, 77.1, 76.9, 67.0, 41.6, 36.9, 36.7, 33.3, 31.0, 30.5, 29.0, 25.8, 25.7, 24.5, 23.5, 22.4, 20.5, 20.5, 7.4. **IR(KBr)**: $\nu=3453, 2972, 2936, 1746$ (C=O), 1721 (C=O), 1461, 1380, 1358, 1267, 1165, 1102, 1074, 963, 918, 788 cm^{-1} .



P4c5b (colorless sticky liquid. 82% yield.) $M_n = 6300$ g/mol. PDI = 2.27. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.11 (s, 6H), 2.60 – 2.37 (m, 14H), 2.17 (s, 9H), 2.09 – 1.94 (m, 3H), 1.74 – 1.45 (m, 26H), 1.47 – 1.34 (m, 10H), 0.93 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.7, 153.6, 87.6, 77.3, 77.1, 76.9, 67.0, 41.6, 36.9, 36.8, 33.9, 32.3, 32.2, 29.4, 29.4, 28.6, 28.3, 28.0, 25.85, 25.8, 24.6, 24.4, 22.4, 20.4, 20.4, 7.4. **IR(KBr)**: $\nu=3474, 2929, 2855, 1804, 1746$ (C=O), 1721 (C=O), 1461, 1395, 1357, 1266, 1164, 1102, 1074, 962, 917, 789, 734 cm^{-1} .



P4c5c (colorless sticky liquid. 85% yield.) $M_n = 6800$ g/mol. PDI = 1.85. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.11 (s, 6H), 2.56 – 2.39 (m, 14H), 2.16 (s, 9H), 2.09 – 1.95 (m, 3H), 1.60 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 6H), 1.58 – 1.48 (m, 18H), 1.43 – 1.20 (m, 31H), 0.92 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.7, 153.6, 87.6, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8, 66.9, 41.6, 36.9, 34.1, 32.3, 32.3, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5,

29.3, 29.3, 29.1, 29.0, 28.9, 28.4, 25.8, 24.7, 24.3, 22.4, 20.4, 7.4. **IR(KBr)**: $\nu=3461, 2925, 2853, 1746(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1723(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1462, 1391, 1357, 1266, 1165, 1072, 962, 917, 788\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

4. Degradation of monomers 4 via cascade reaction

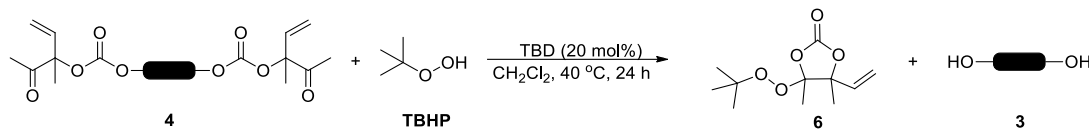
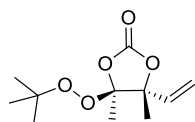
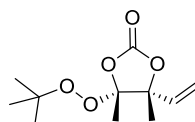


Figure S5. Degradation reaction of monomers 4.

To a 2 mL high-pressure tube, monomer (**4**, 1.0 mmol), *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (5.5 mmol/mL in decane) (TBHP, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), 1,5,7-triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene (TBD, 20 mol%) and CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) were added. Then the mixture was stirred for 24 h at 40 °C. The reaction solution was cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation. Two isomers (*E* and *Z*) could be purified and isolated by flash column chromatograph as a colorless oil.



(*E*)-Isomer **6a** (colorless oil, 48% yield). **^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 5.79 (dd, $J = 17.1, 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 9H). **^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 153.4, 136.4, 116.1, 110.0, 87.8, 82.3, 26.4, 18.3, 17.9. **IR(KBr)**: $\nu=2987, 1813(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1366, 1265, 1195, 1179, 1158, 1141, 1115, 1067, 1025, 1009, 932, 891, 863, 767\text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS**: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4^+$]: 248.1498; found 248.1492.



(*Z*)-Isomer **6b** (colorless oil, 48% yield). **^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 6.15 (dd, $J = 17.5, 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, $J = 17.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 9H). **^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 153.3, 133.3, 117.9, 110.3, 88.0, 82.1, 26.4, 22.7, 16.6. **IR(KBr)**: $\nu=2984, 1812(\text{C}=\text{O}), 1386, 1366, 1263, 1219, 1193, 1108, 1058, 1024, 935\text{ cm}^{-1}$. **HRMS**: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4^+$]: 248.1498; found 248.1493. All the resonances in ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were in good agreement with literature values.²

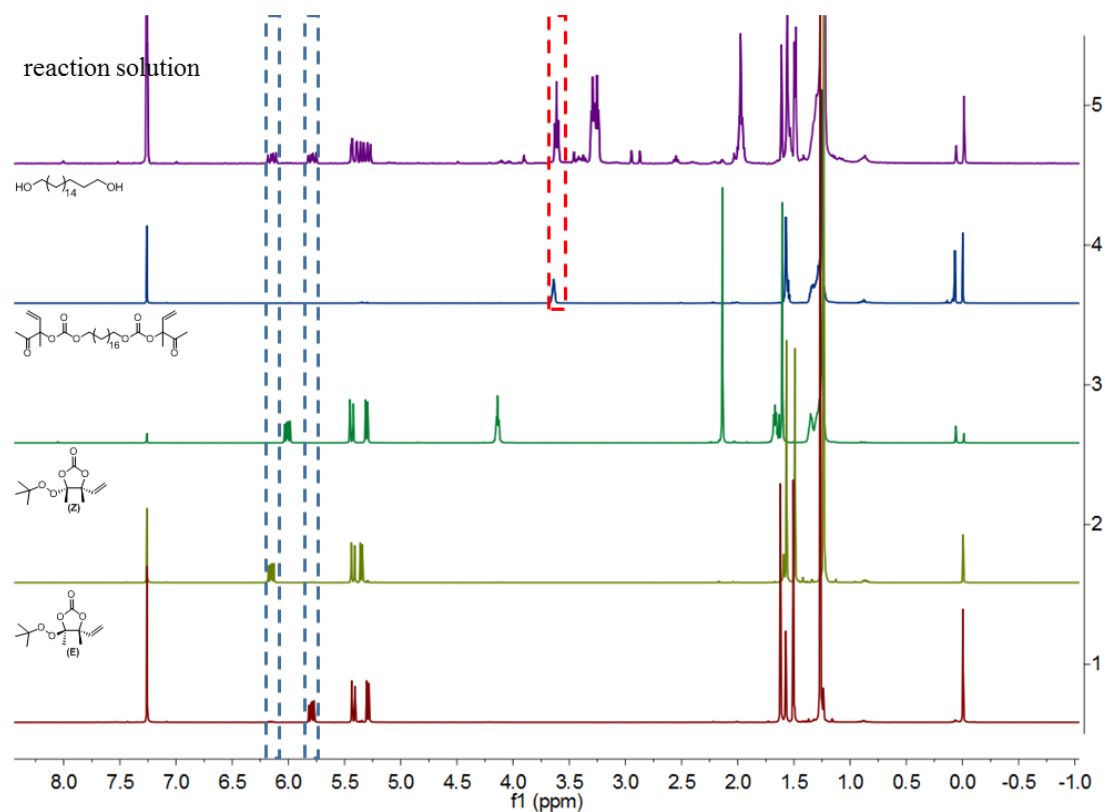


Figure S6. Stacked ^1H NMR spectra of the selective depolymerisation of **4b**.

5. Degradation of polymer **P-4b5a** via cascade reaction

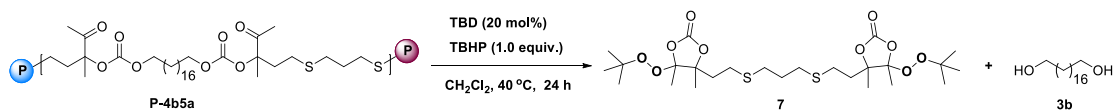


Figure S7. Degradation of polymer **P-4b5a**.

5.1 Degradation of **P4b5a** via cascade reaction

To a 2 mL high-pressure tube, **P4b5a** (175 mg, 0.254 mmol), *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (5.5 mmol/mL in decane, 0.508 mmol, 45 mg, 0.1 mL), 1,5,7-triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene (TBD, 0.05 mmol, 20 mol%, 6,96 mg) and CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) were added. Then the mixture was stirred for 24 h at 40 °C. The reaction solution was cooled to room temperature. The solution was then evaporated to a minimum amount by evaporation, dissolved with a small amount of CH_2Cl_2 precipitated in hexane, and the product was isolated by centrifuge. Repeated the above steps twice, and vacuum-dried to obtain **3b** (white solid, 65% yield). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.64 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 4H), 1.60 – 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.36 – 1.23 (m, 28H), 1.21 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 62.8, 32.8,

29.4, 25.6. All the resonances in ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were in good agreement with literature values.³ Then the filtrate was removed by rotary evaporation. The resulting crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatograph on silica gel to afford **7** (colorless oil, 13% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.66 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 4H), 2.64 – 2.56 (m, 4H), 2.38 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 1.94 (m, 4H), 1.94 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.56 (s, 6H), 1.40 (s, 6H), 1.26 (s, 19H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.9, 110.2, 87.9, 82.3, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8, 33.5, 30.9, 29.0, 26.5, 26.4, 22.5, 17.2. IR(KBr): $\nu=2924$, 1809(C=O), 1630, 1401, 1366, 1248, 1189, 1146, 1045, 1006, 963, 927, 892, 771.05, 729, 519 cm^{-1} . HRMS: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_{10}\text{S}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$]: 591.2274; found 591.2283.

5.2 The depolymerization reaction of **P4b5a** were detected by means of In-situ FT-IR

To a 10 mL flask, equipped with a magnetic stir bar, was charged with **P4b5a** (175 mg, 0.254 mmol), *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide (5.5 mmol/mL in decane, 0.1 mL, 2.0 equiv.), 1,5,7-triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene (TBD, 0.05 mmol, 20 mol%) and CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL), then in-situ FT-IR probe was equipped to check the IR signals. Then the mixture was stirred for 24 h at 40 °C.

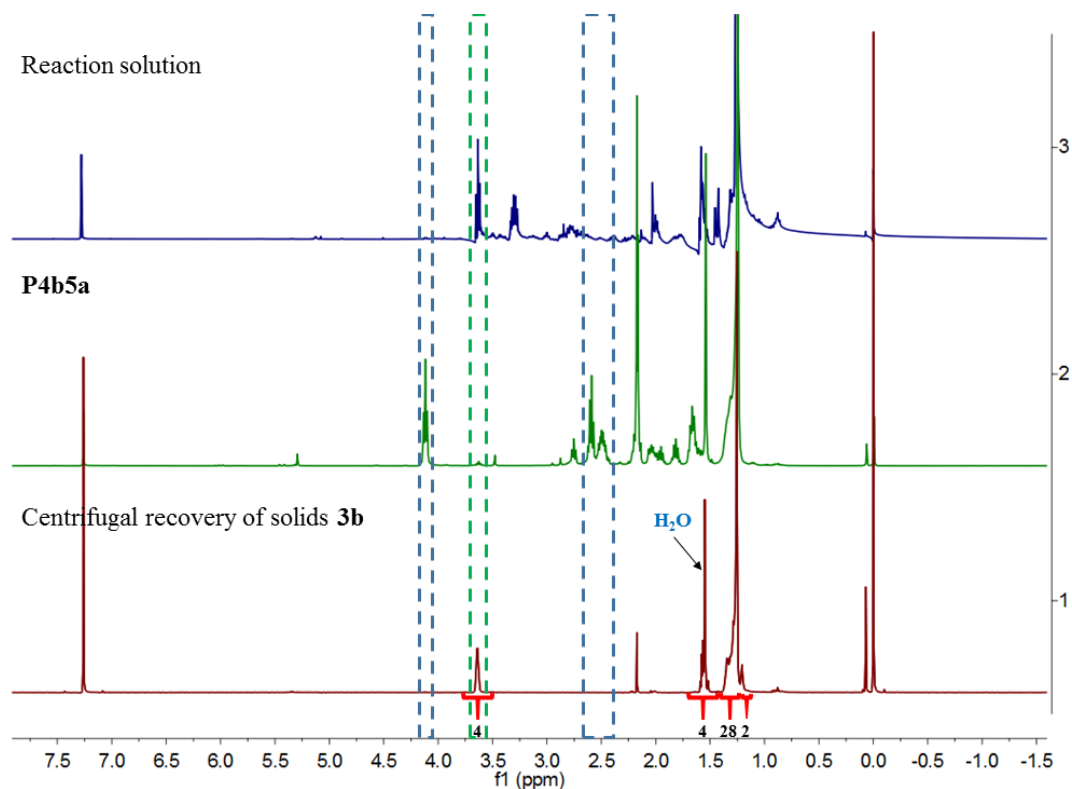


Figure S8. Stacked ^1H NMR spectra of the selective depolymerization of **P4b5a**.

6. GPC curves of the polymers P45 and degradable polymer D-P45

Table S2. GPC comparison of polymers **P45** and degradable polymers **D-P45**.

Entry	Polymer	M_n (g/mol) ^a	D-Polymer	M_n' (g/mol) ^a
1	P4a5a	10400	D-P4a5a	298
2	P4a5b	9300	D-P4a5b	311
3	P4a5c	14700	D-P4a5c	626
4	P4b5a	12500	D-P4b5a	1100
5	P4b5b	16700	D-P4b5b	1300
6	P4b5c	23900	D-P4b5c	979
7	P4c5a	6600	D-P4c5a	417
8	P4c5b	6300	D-P4c5b	339
9	P4c5c	6800	D-P4c5c	373

[a]. Number average molecular weights (M_n) were determined by gel permeation chromatography in THF, calibrated with polystyrene.

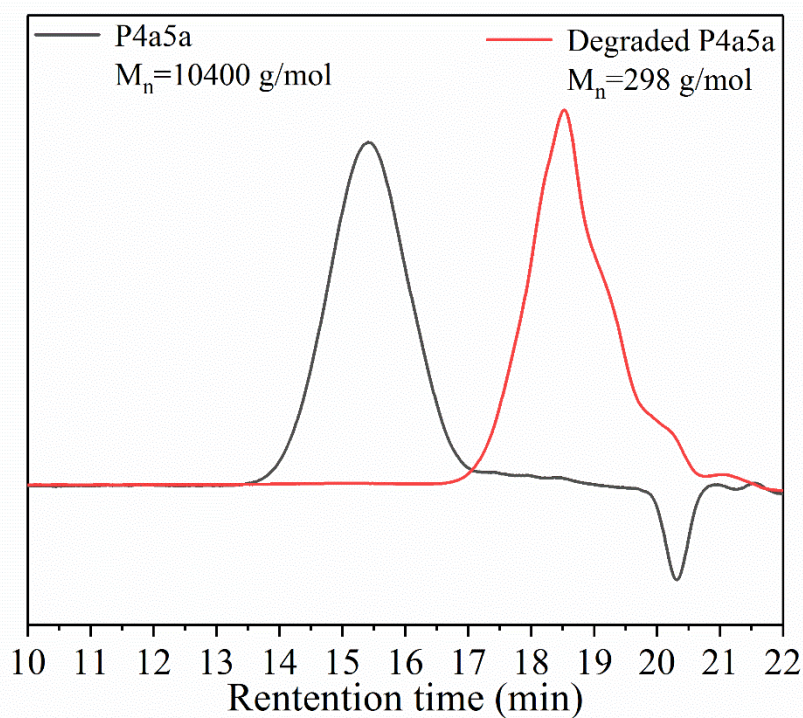


Figure S9. GPC curves of polymer **P-4a5a** and degraded polymer **D-P4a5a**.

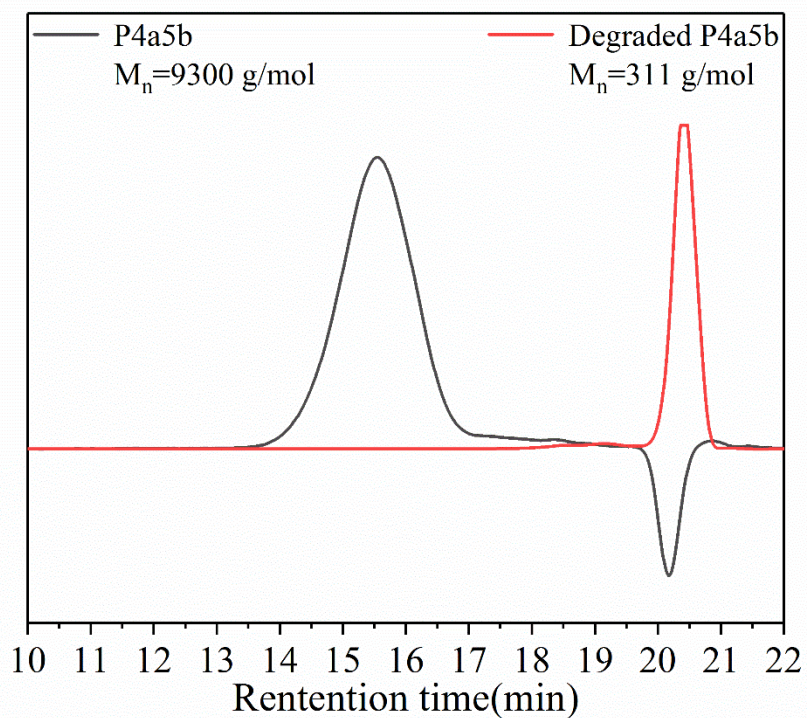


Figure S10. GPC curves of polymer **P-4a5b** and degraded polymer **D-P4a5b**.

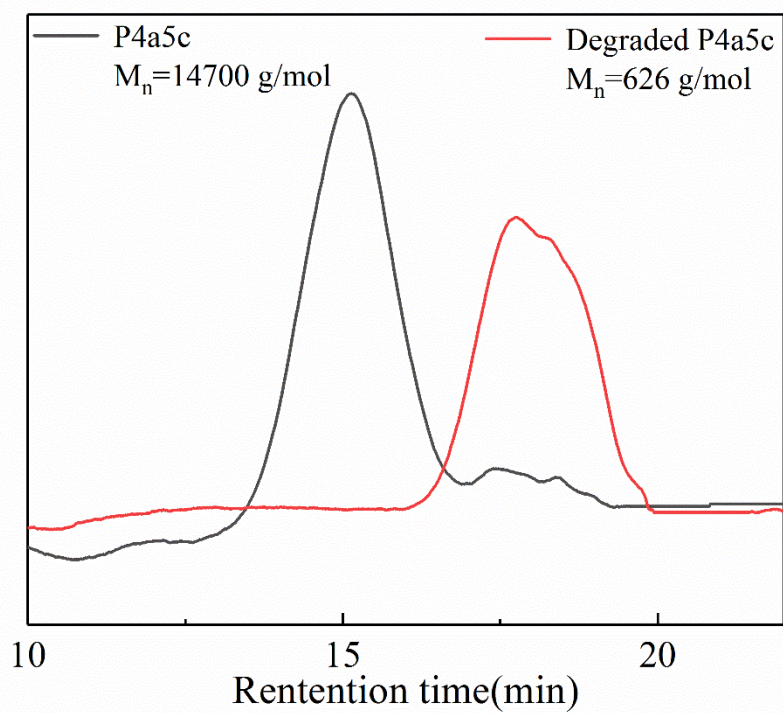


Figure S11. GPC curves of polymer **P-4a5c** and degraded polymer **D-P4a5c**.

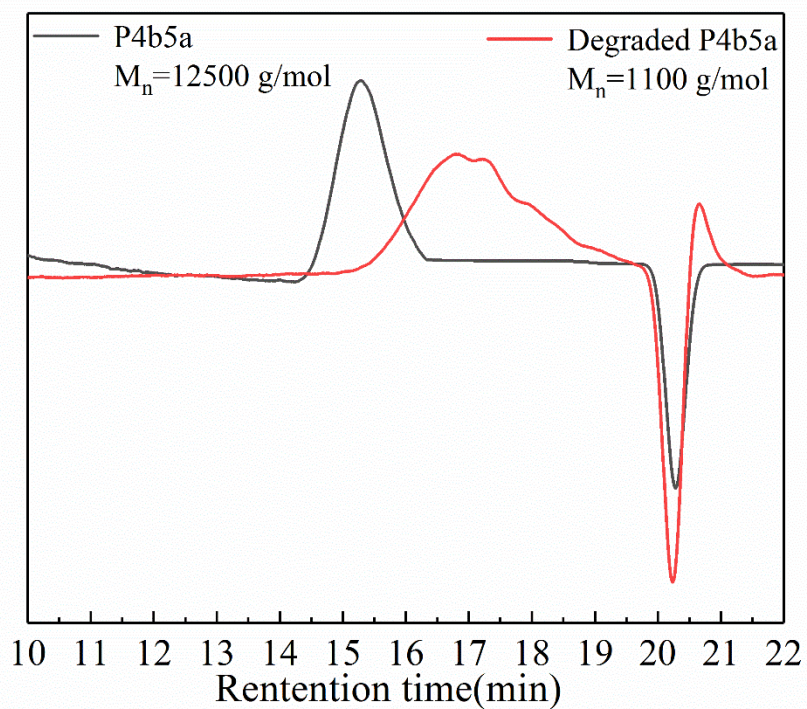


Figure S12. GPC curves of polymer **P-4b5a** and degraded polymer **D-P4b5a**.

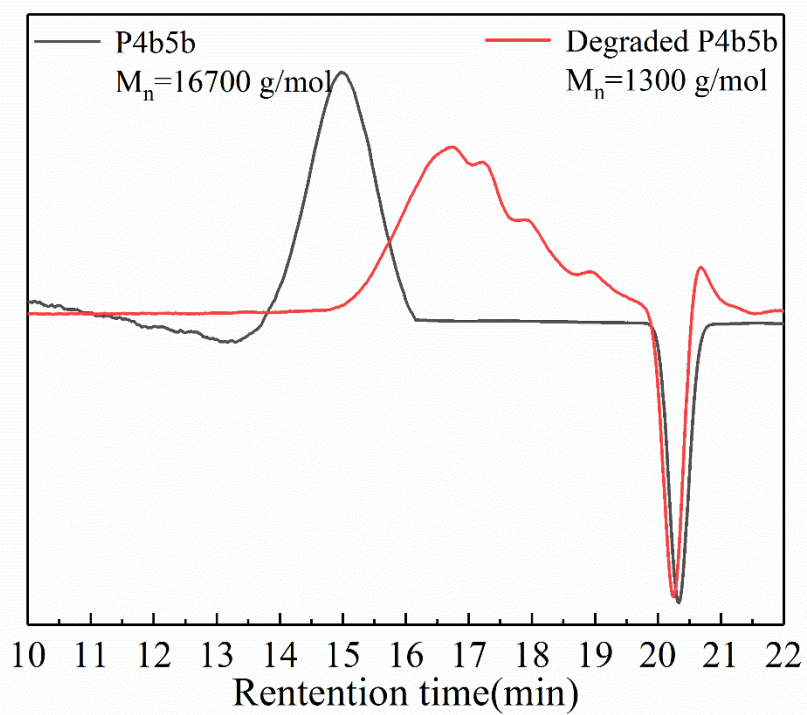


Figure S13. GPC curves of polymer **P-4b5b** and degraded polymer **D-P4b5b**.

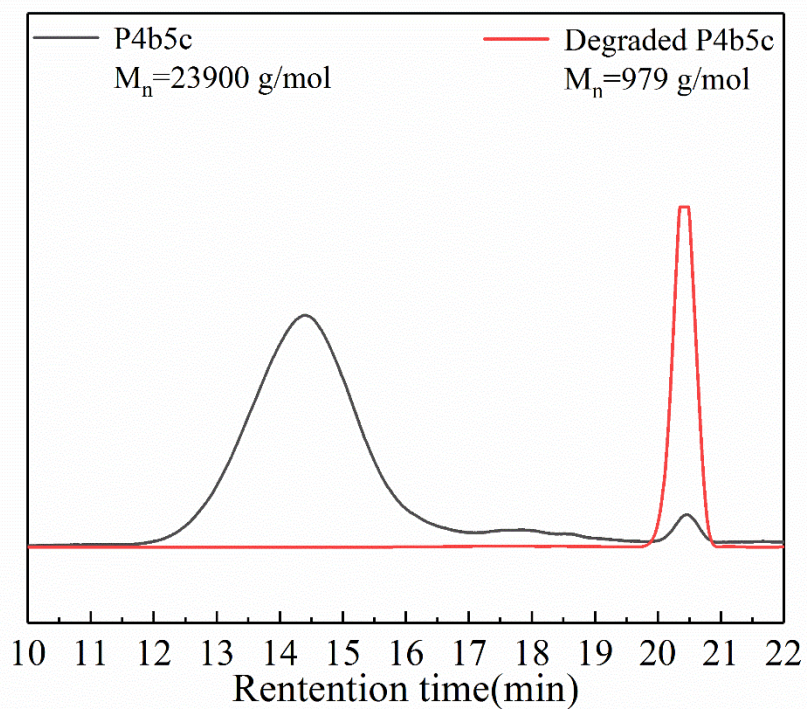


Figure S14. GPC curves of polymer **P-4b5c** and degraded polymer **D-P4b5c**.

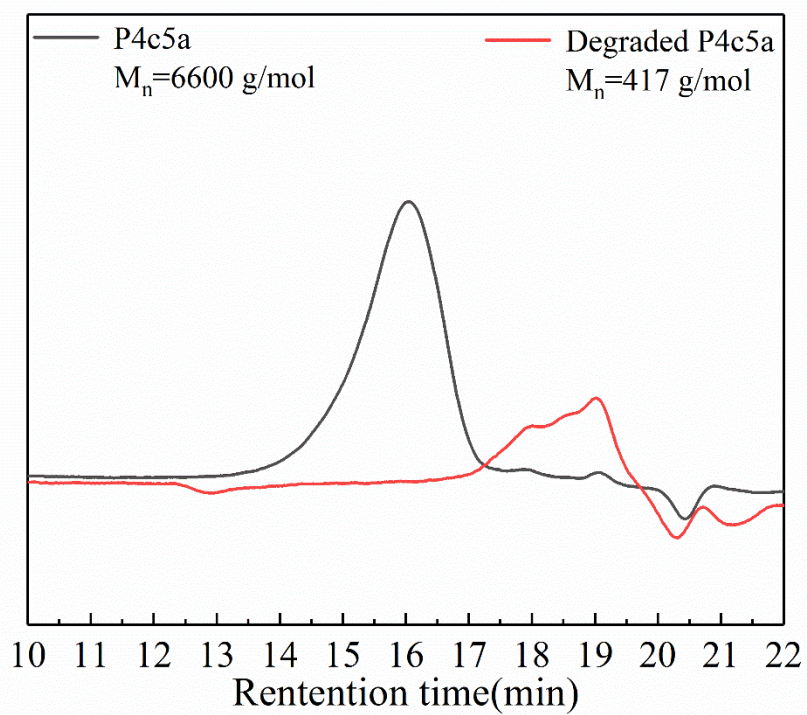


Figure S15. GPC curves of polymer **P-4c5a** and degraded polymer **D-P4c5a**.

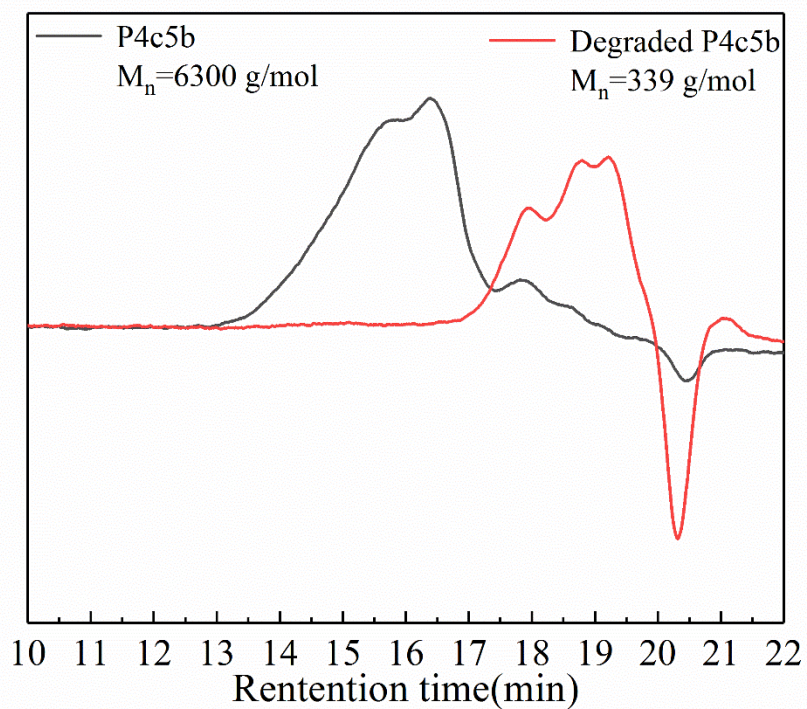


Figure S16. GPC curves of polymer **P-4c5b** and degraded polymer **D-P4c5b**.

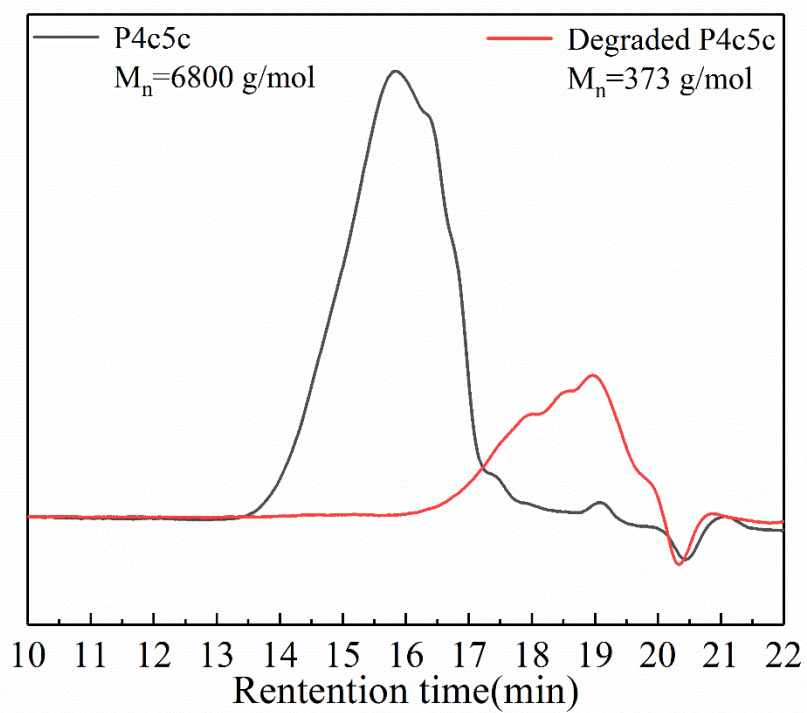


Figure S17. GPC curves of polymer **P-4c5c** and degraded polymer **D-P4c5c**.

8. FT-IR spectra

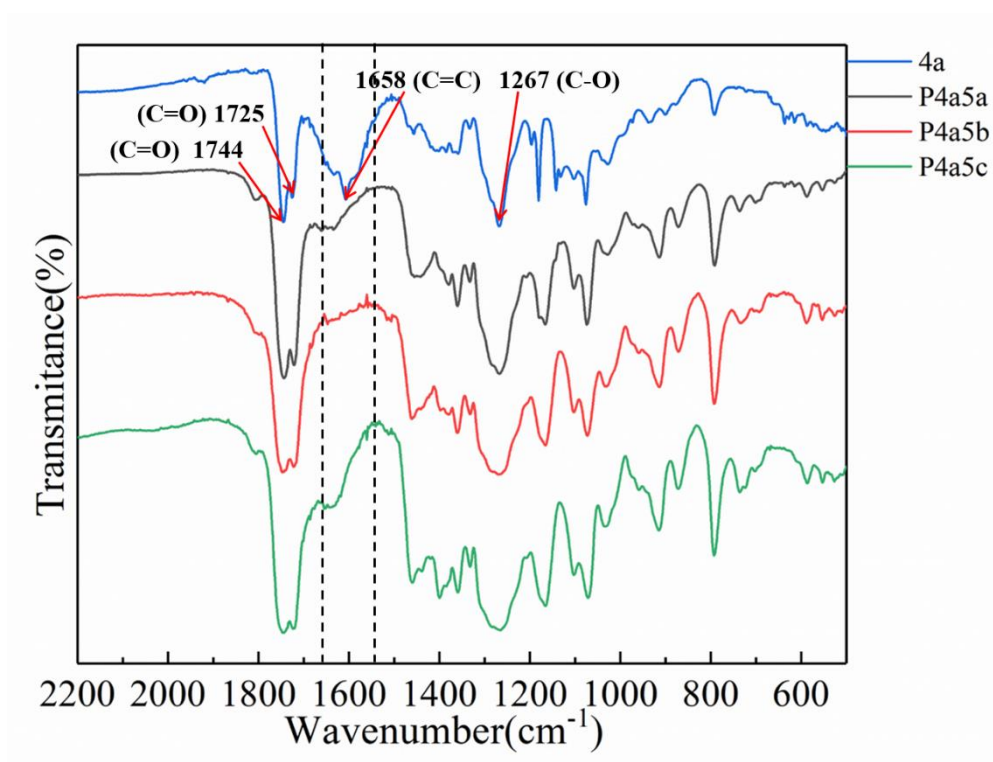


Figure S18. FT-IR spectra of polymers **P4a5**.

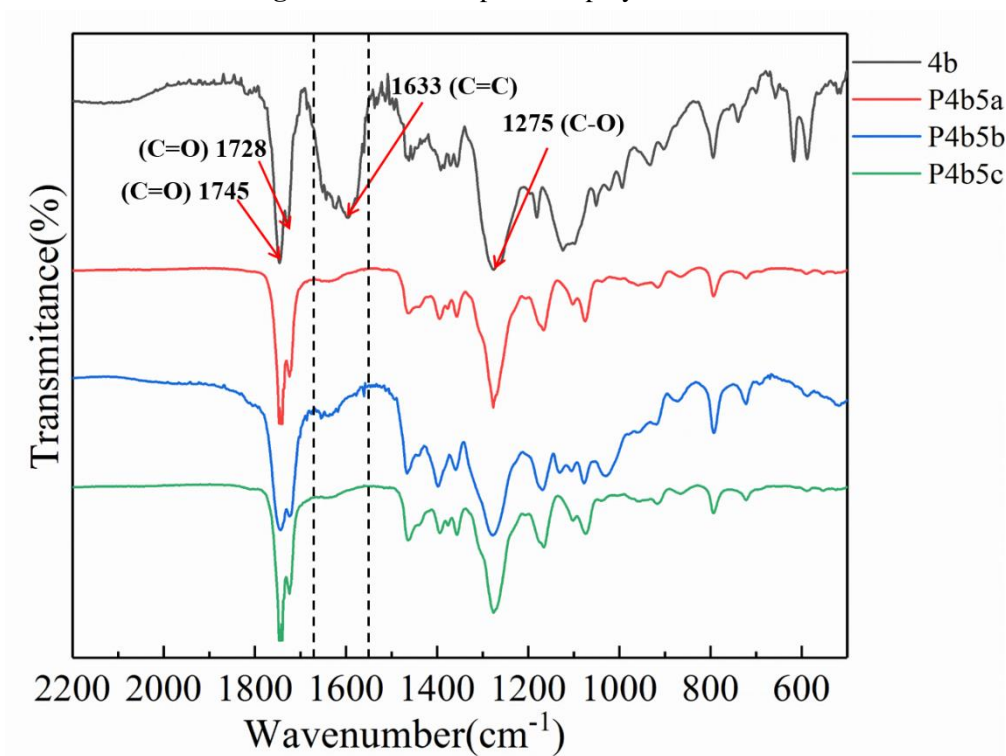


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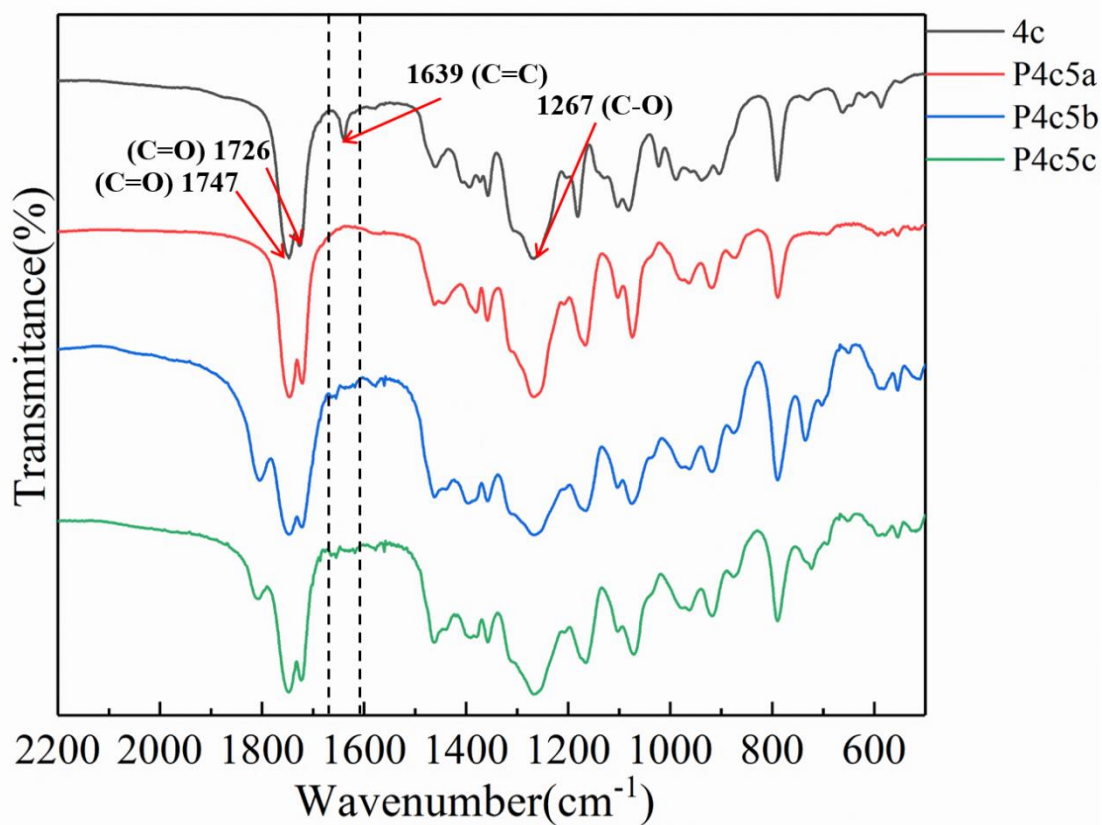


Figure S20. FT-IR spectra of polymers **P4c5**.

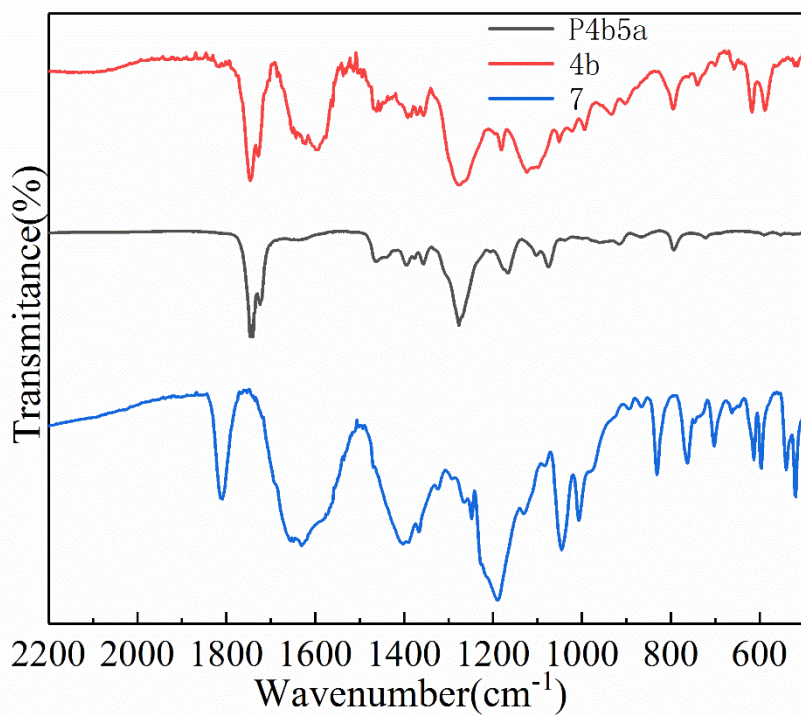


Figure S21. FT-IR spectra of **P4b5a**, **4b** and **7**.

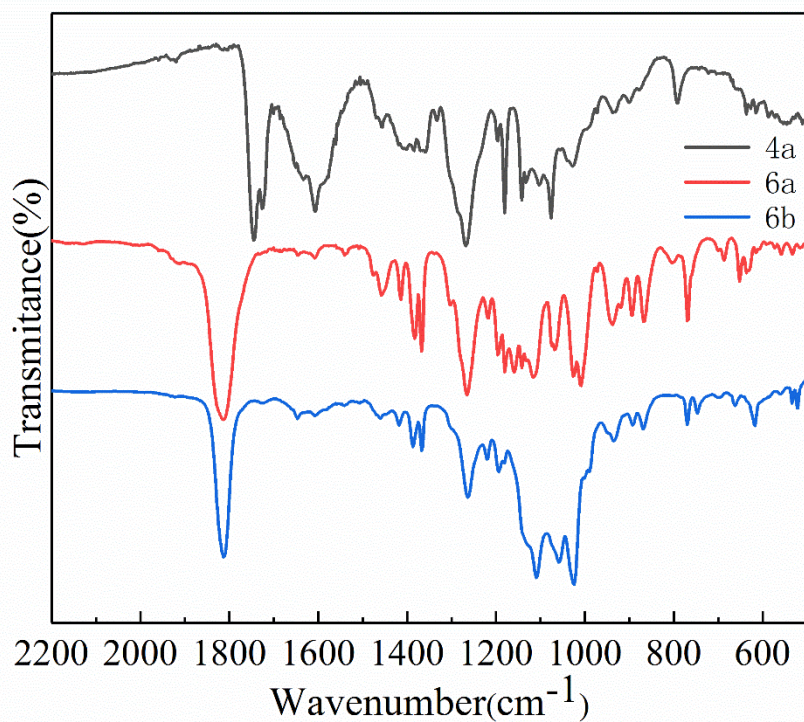


Figure S22. FT-IR spectra of **4a**, **6a** and **6b**.

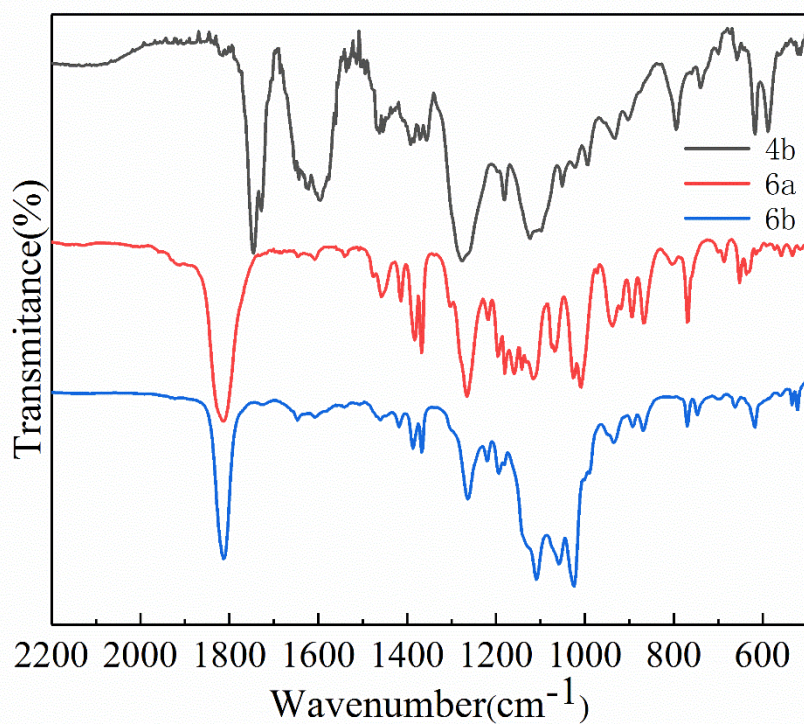


Figure S23. FT-IR spectra of **4b**, **6a** and **6b**.

8. NMR Spectra

8.1 NMR spectra of 4a

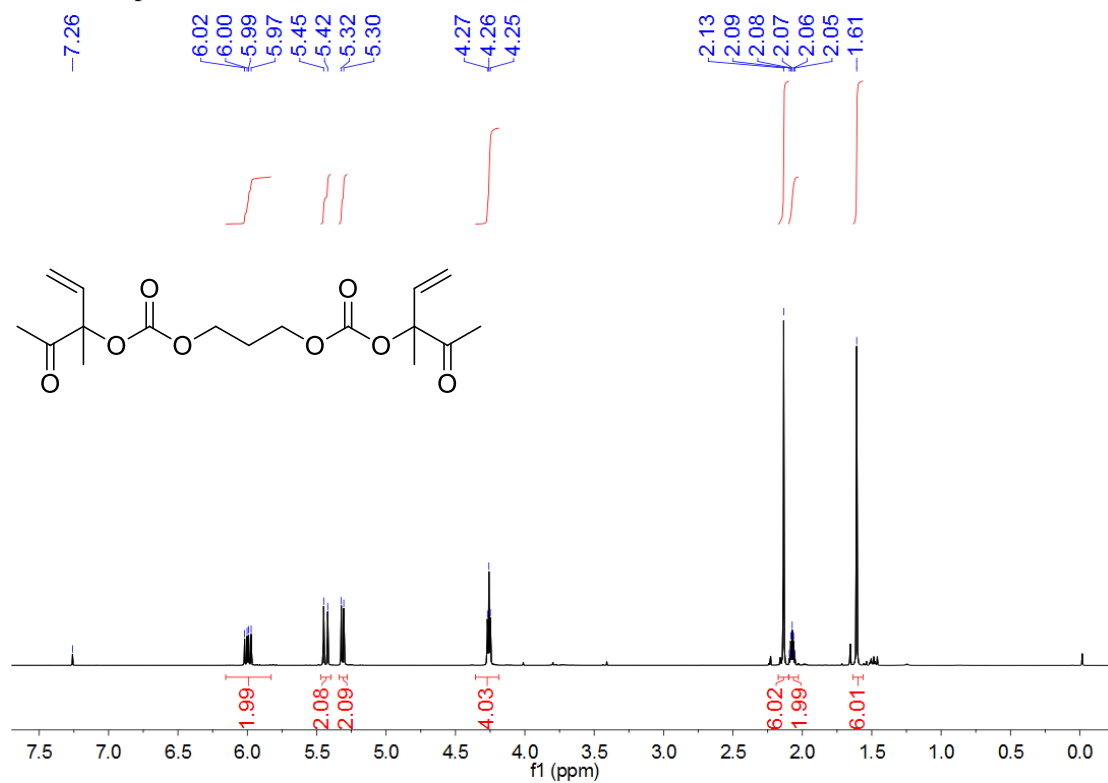


Figure S24. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4a.

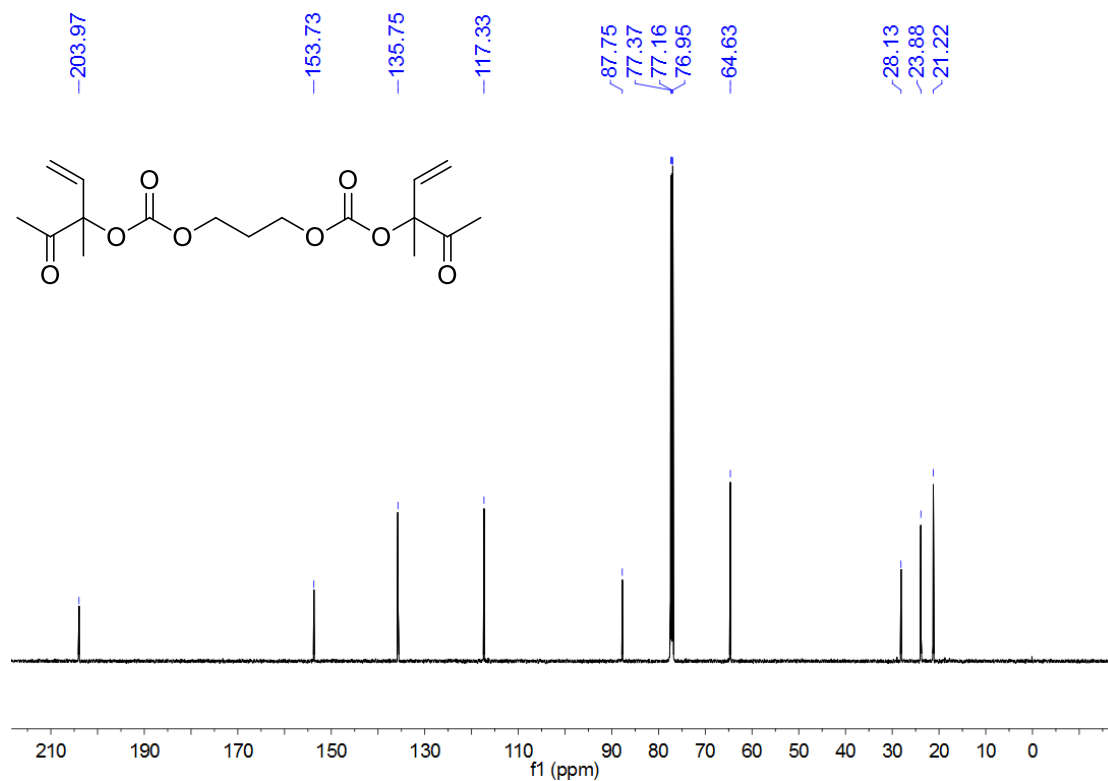


Figure S25. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 4a.

8.2 NMR spectra of **4b**

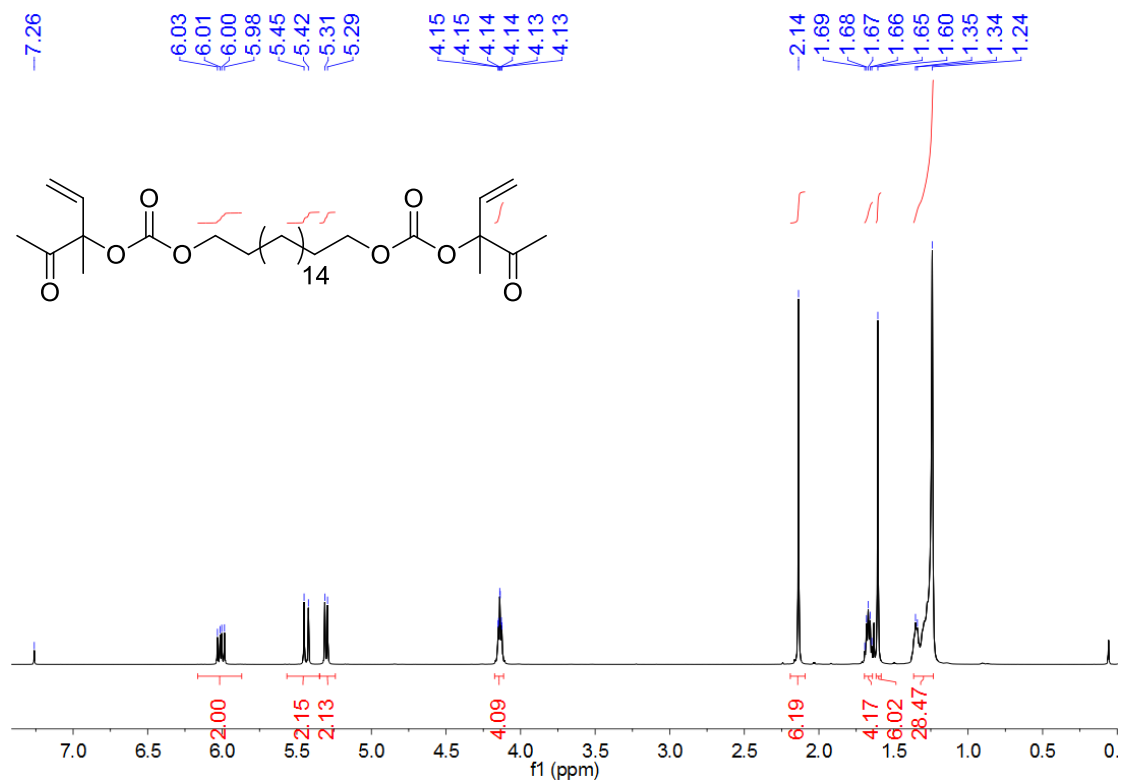


Figure S26. ¹H NMR spectrum of **4b**.

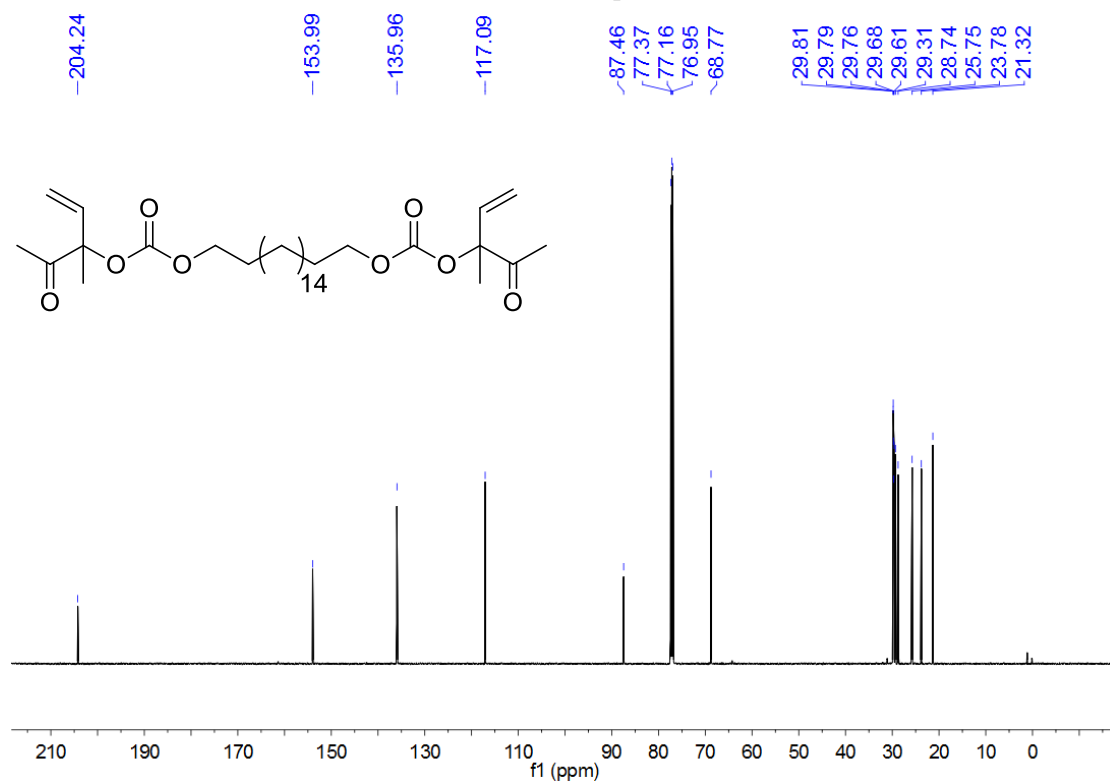


Figure S27. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **4b**.

8.3 NMR spectra of **4c**

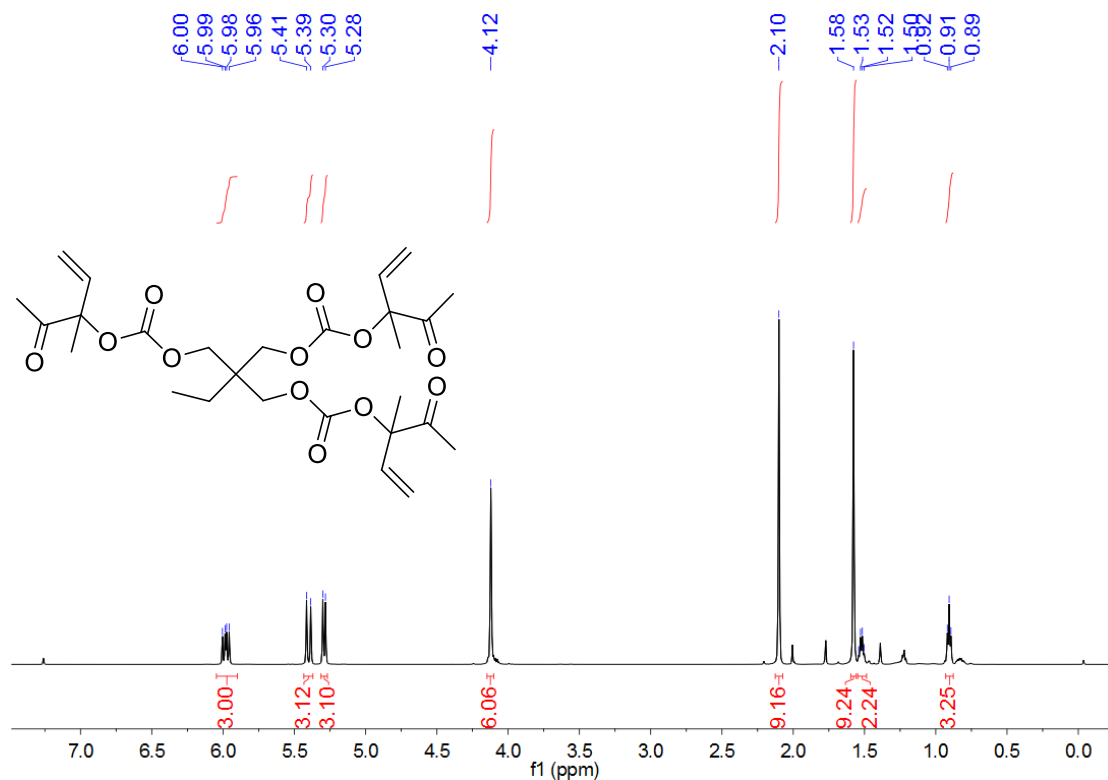


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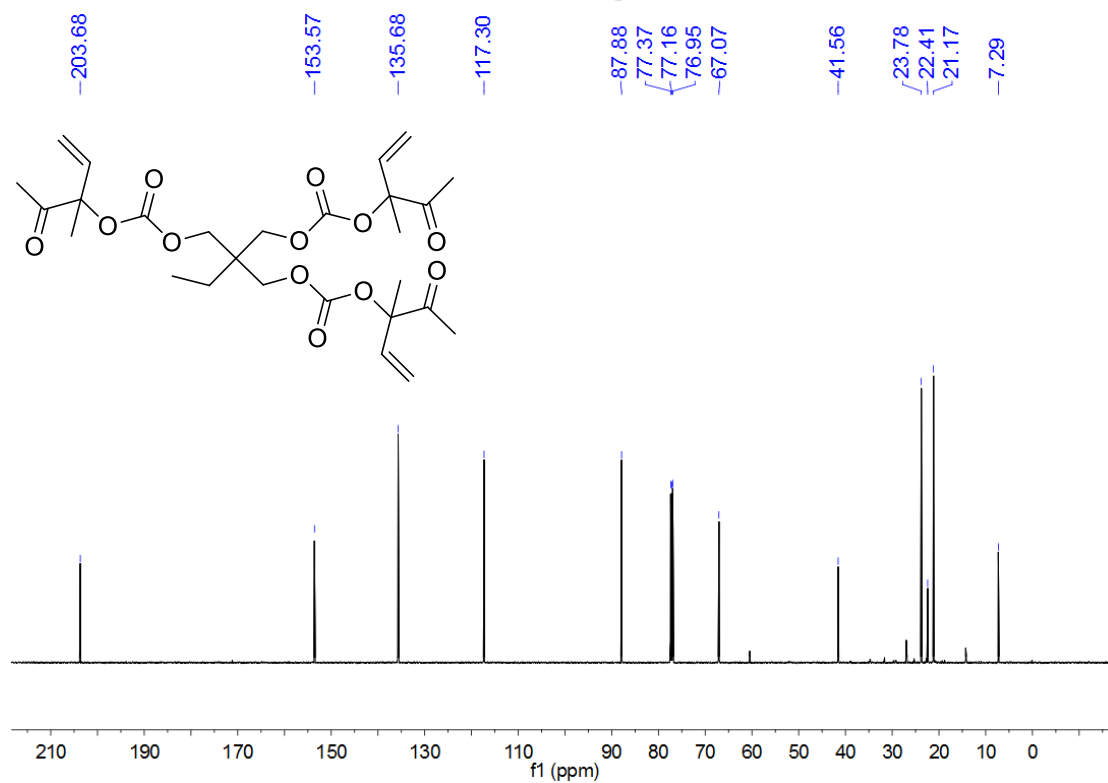


Figure S29. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **4c**.

8.4 NMR spectra of **P4a5a**

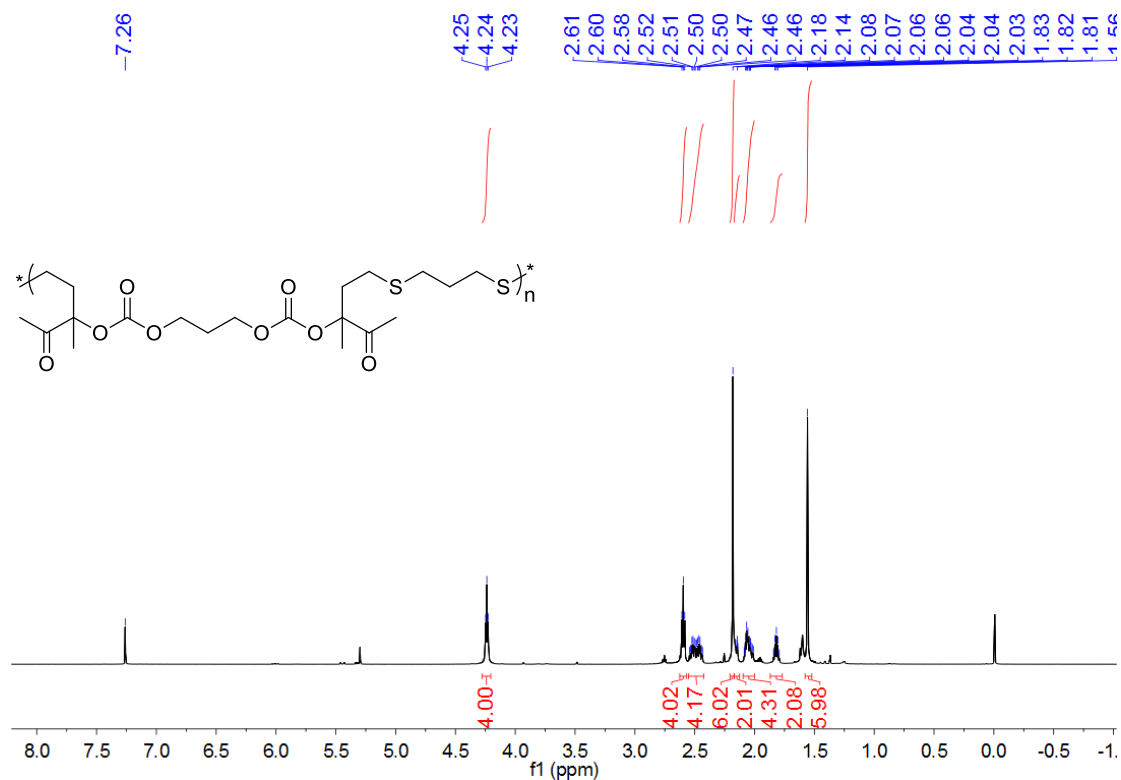


Figure S30. ^1H NMR spectrum of **P4a5a**.

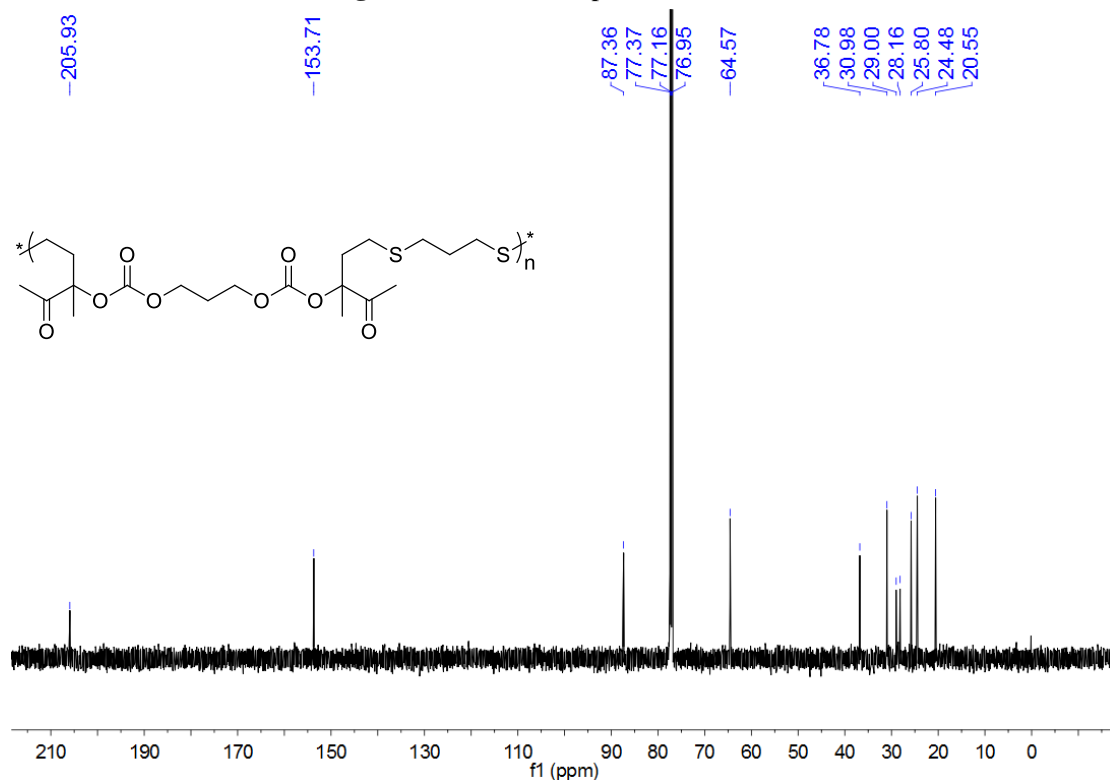


Figure S31. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **P4a5a**.

8.5 NMR spectra of **P4a5b**

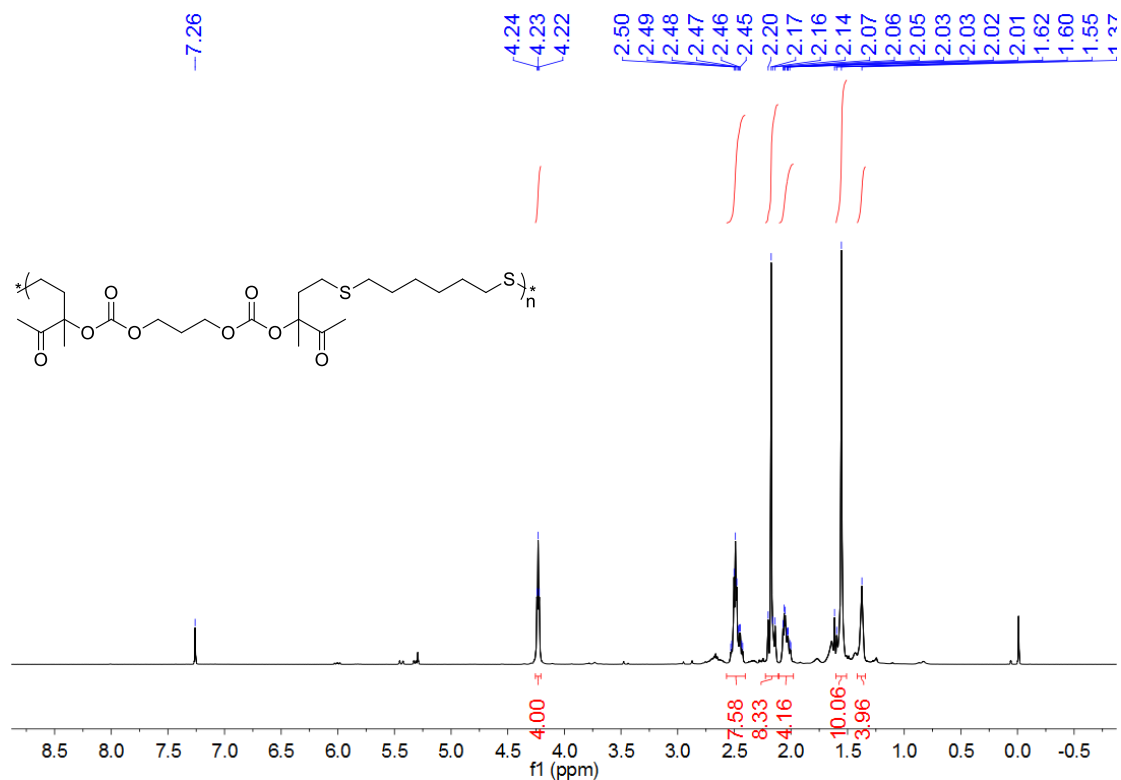


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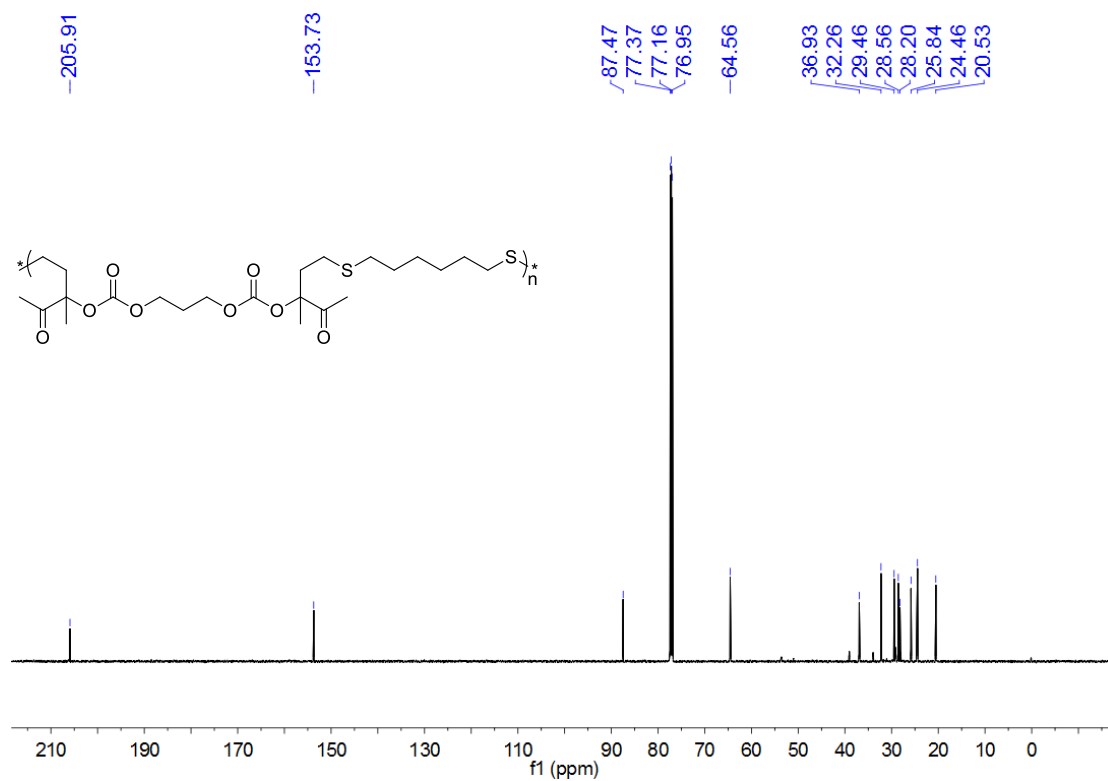


Figure S33. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **P4a5b**.

8.6 NMR spectra of **P4a5c**

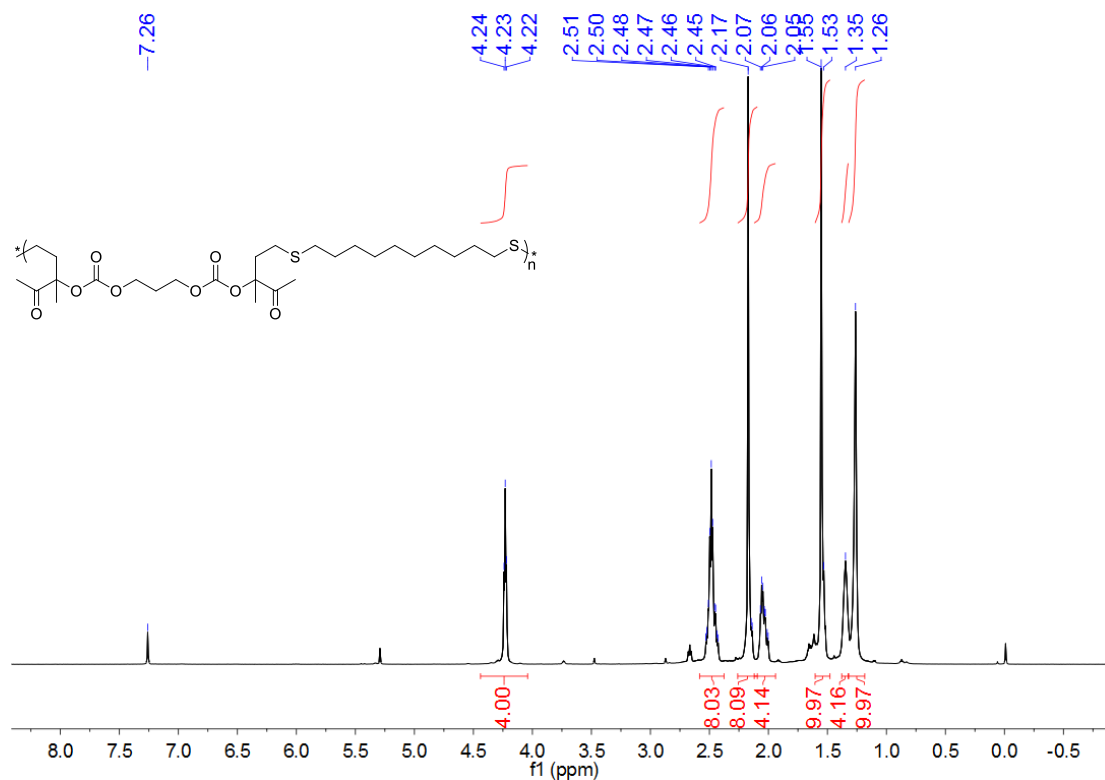


Figure S34 ^1H NMR spectrum of **P4a5c**.

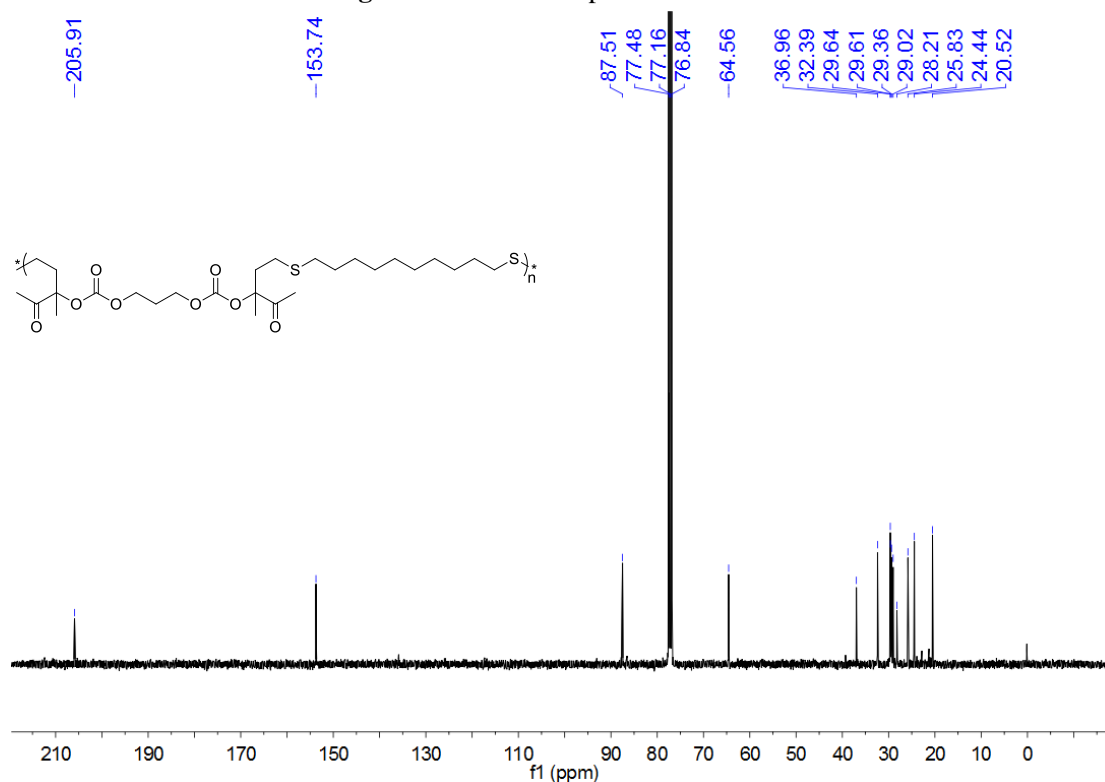


Figure S35. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **P4a5c**.

8.7 NMR spectra of **P4b5a**

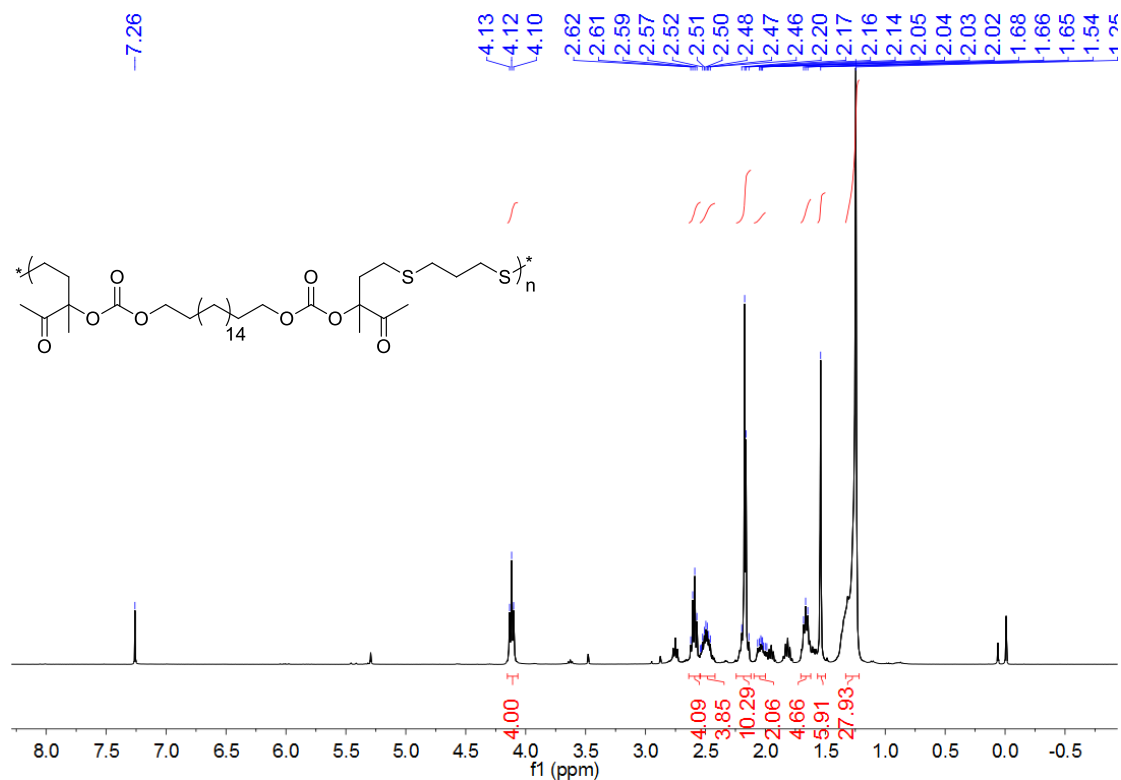


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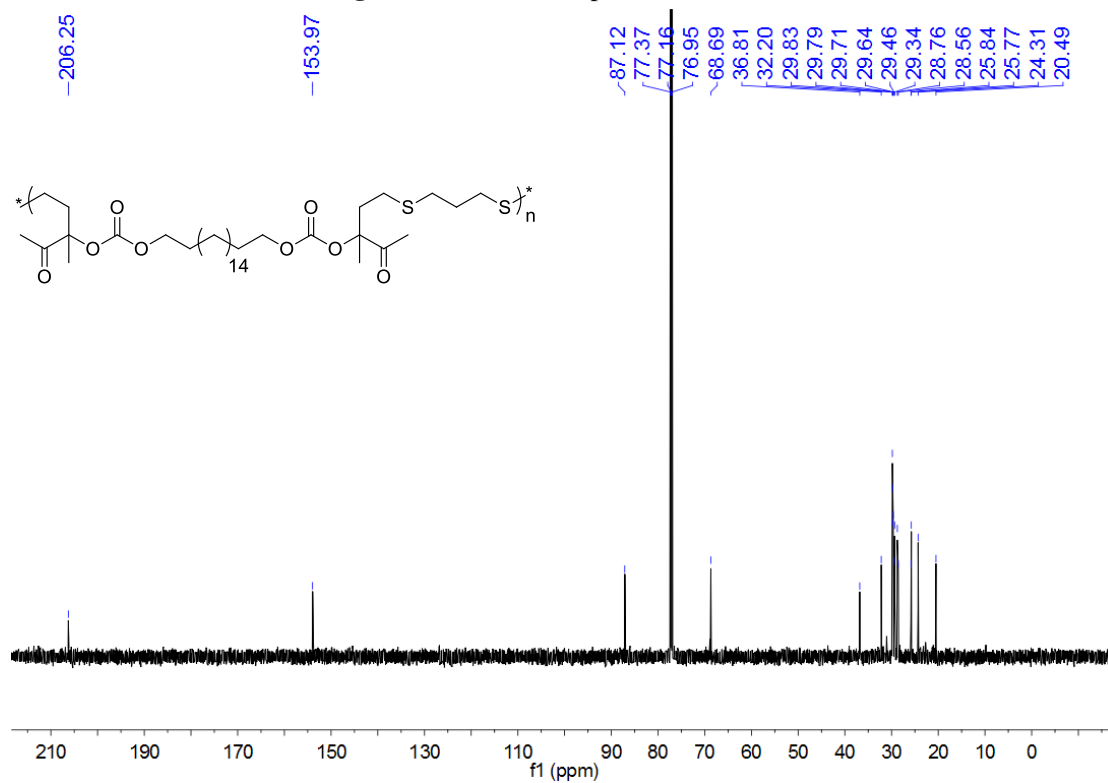


Figure S37. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **P4b5a**.

8.8 NMR spectra of **P4b5b**

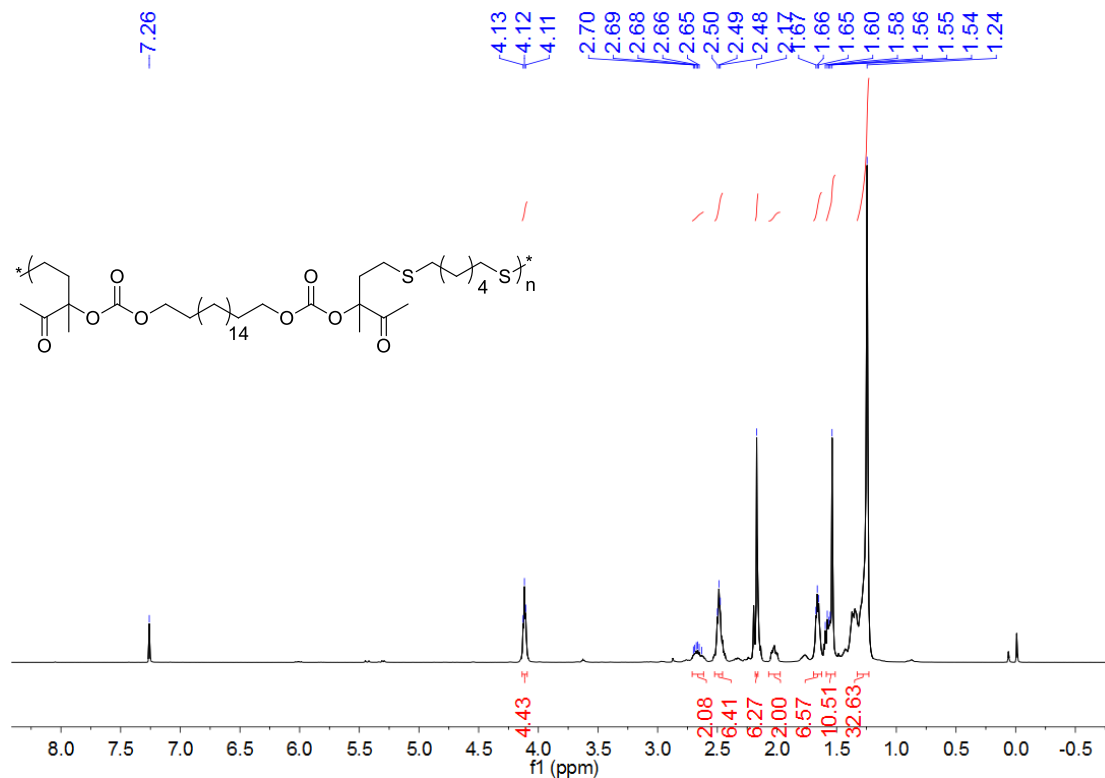


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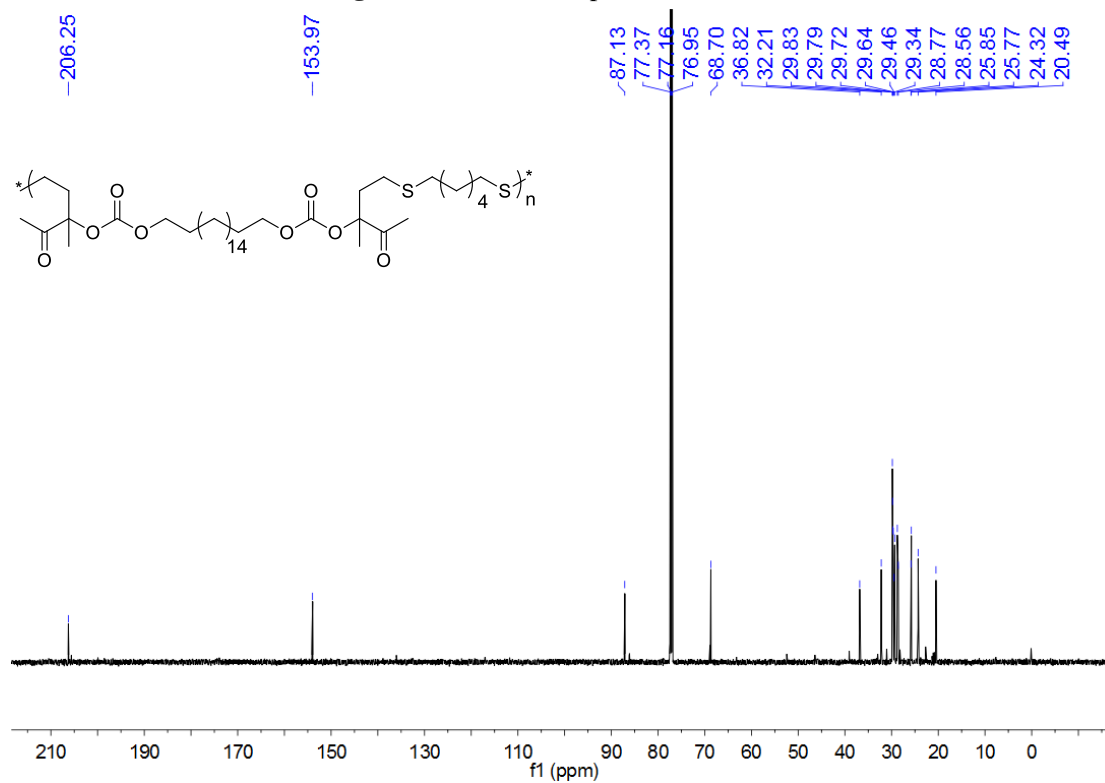


Figure S39. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **P4b5b**.

8.9 NMR spectra of **P4b5c**

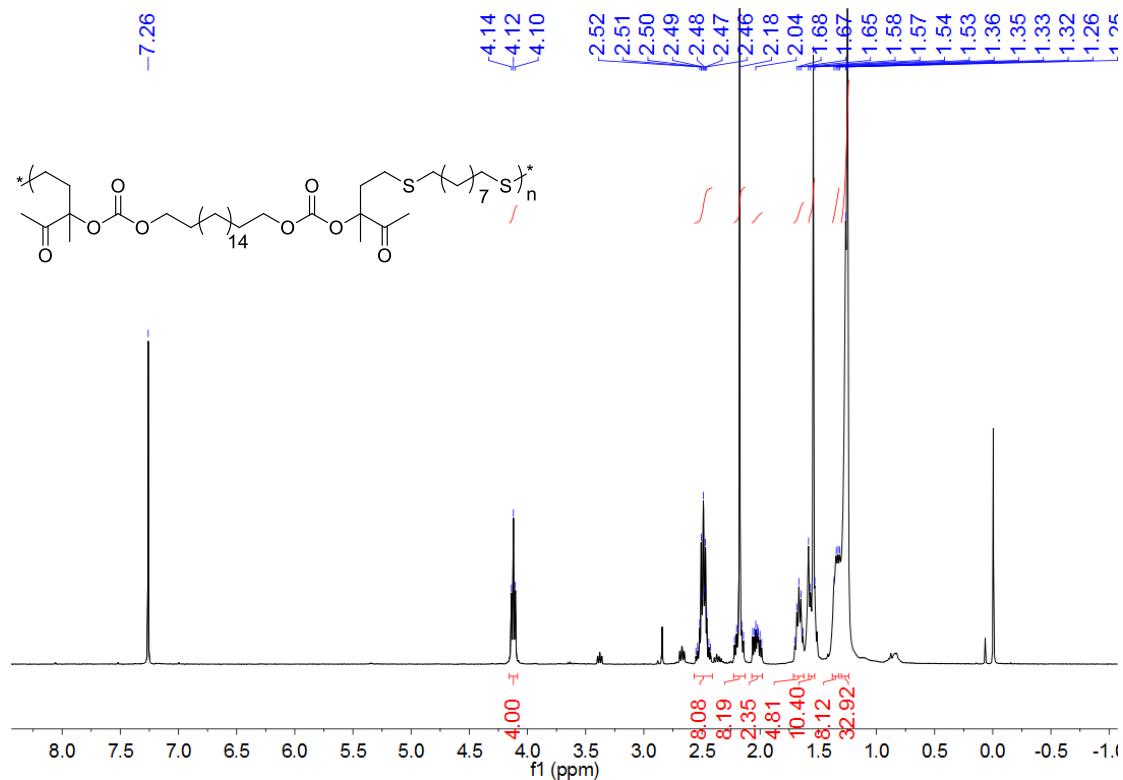


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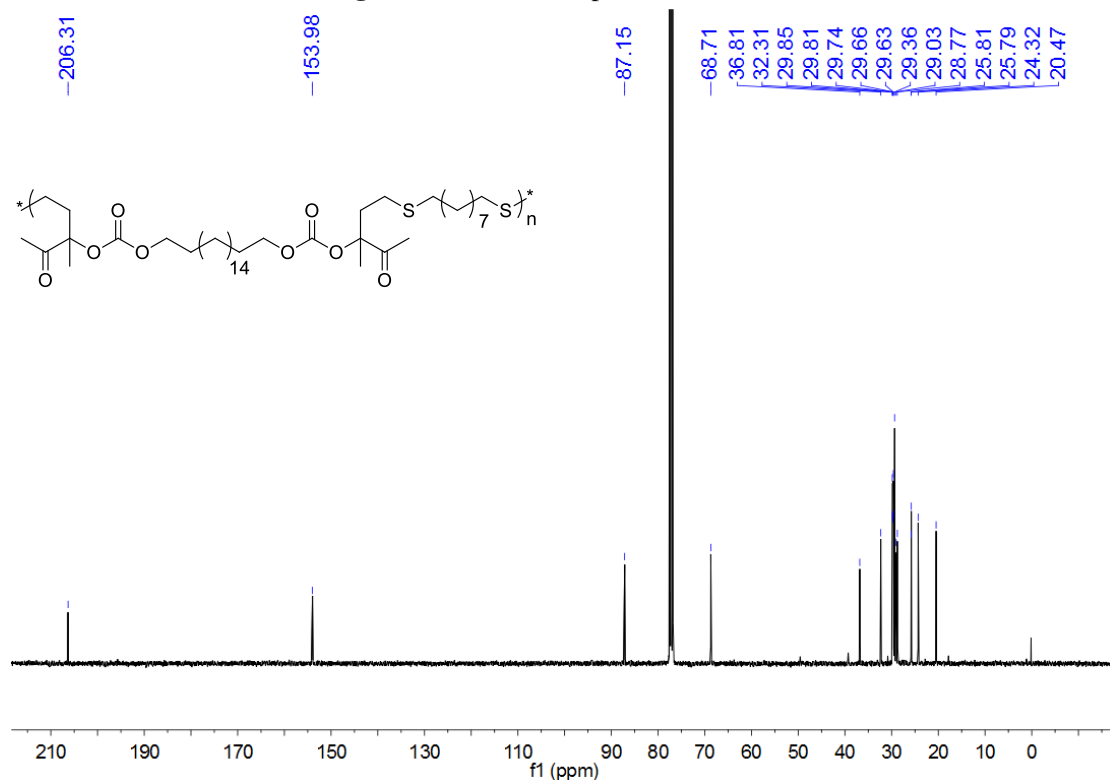


Figure S41. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **P4b5c**.

8.10 NMR spectra of **P4c5a**

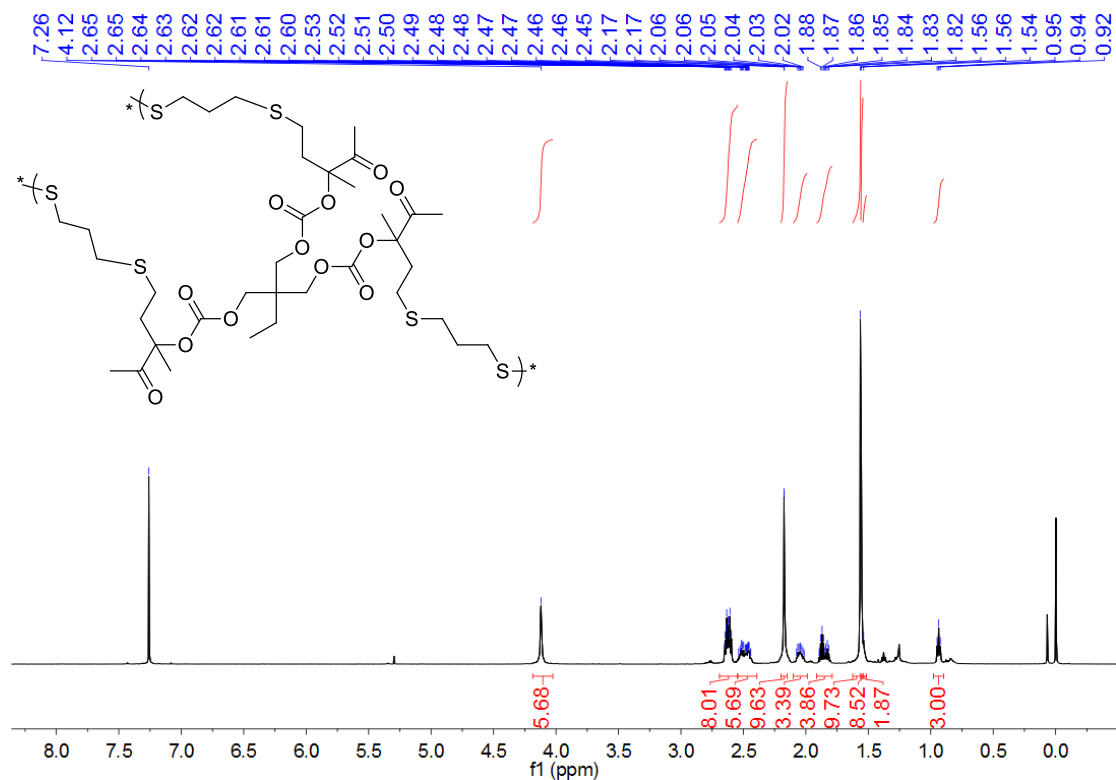


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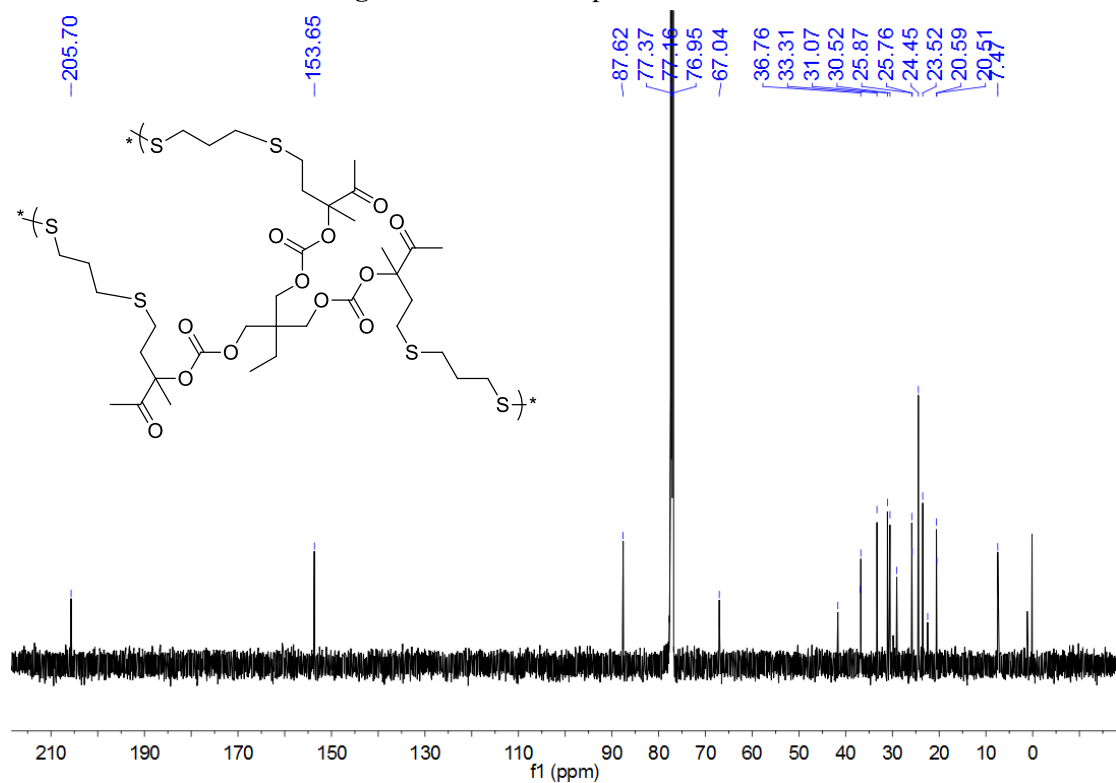


Figure S43. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **P4c5a**.

8.11 NMR spectra of **P4c5b**

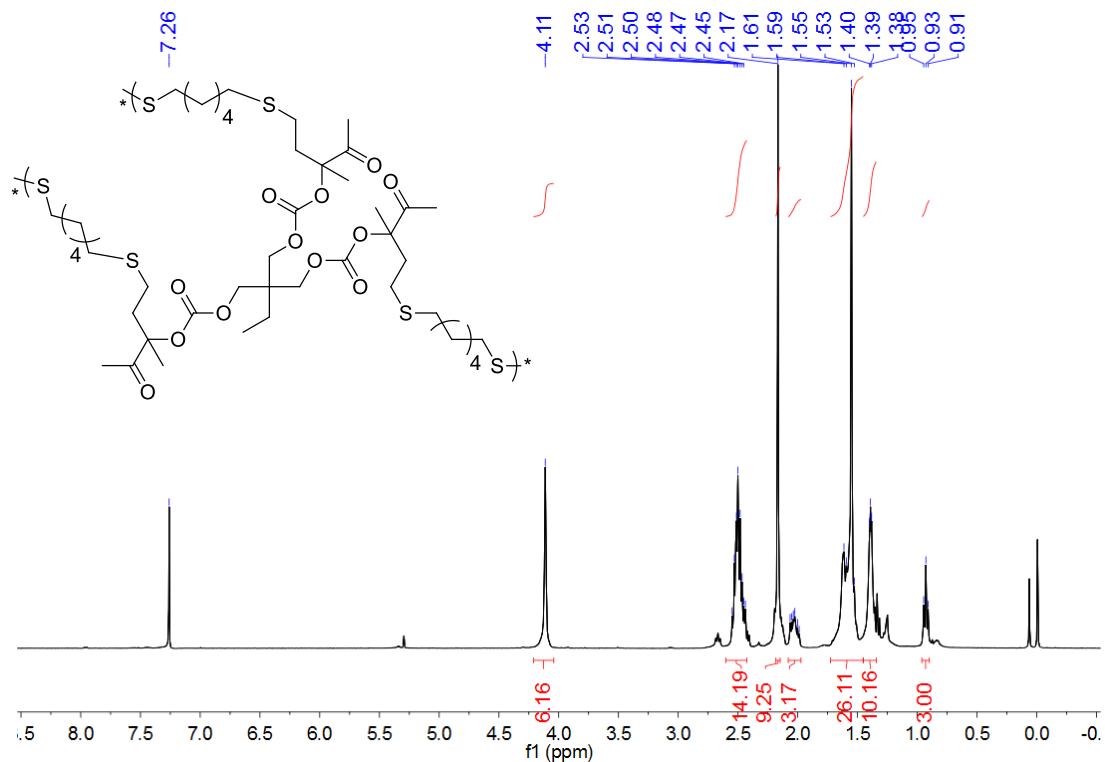


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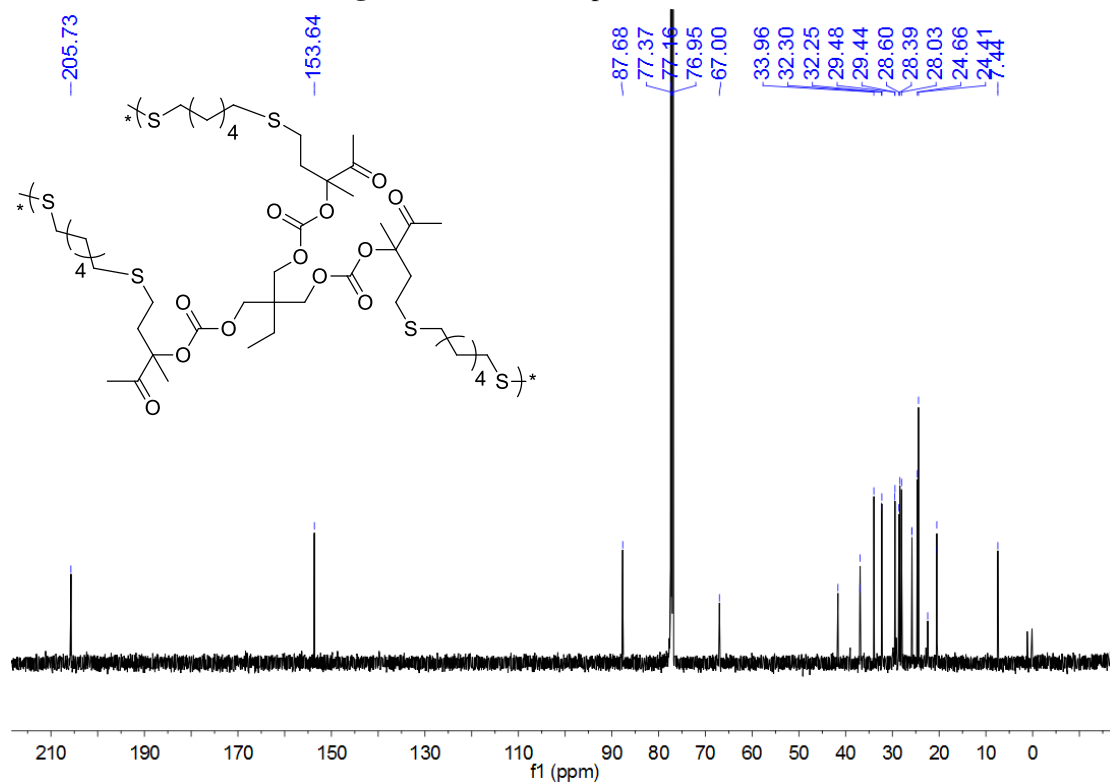
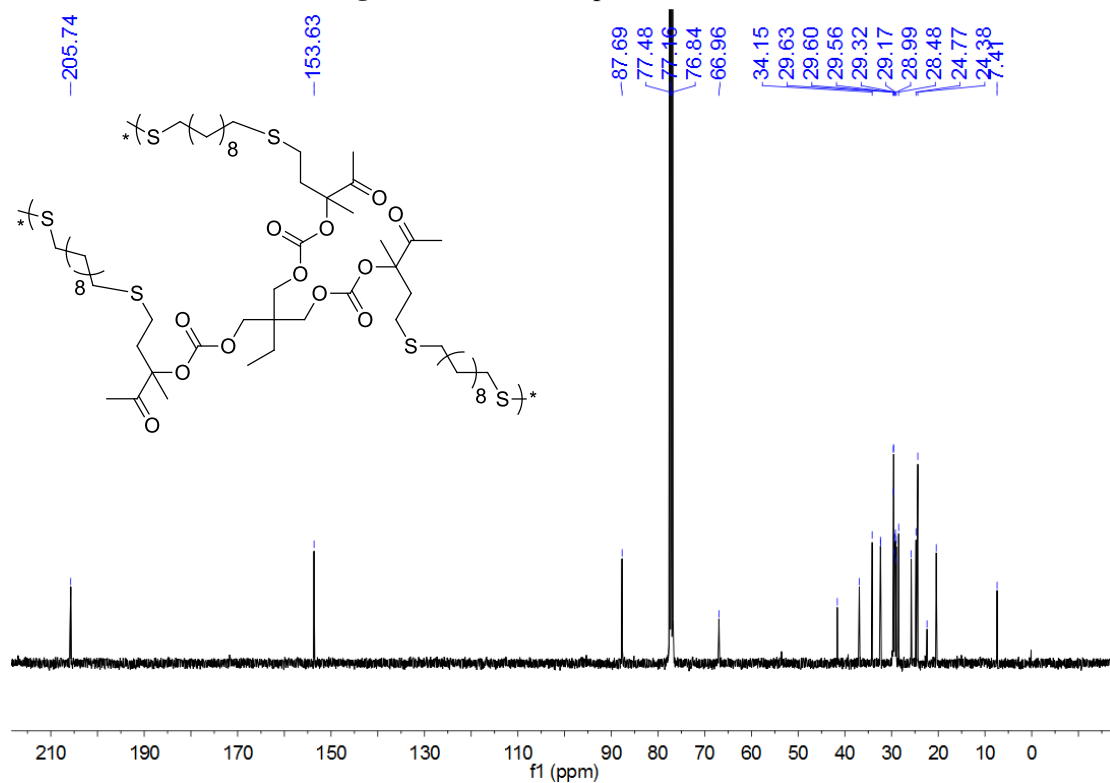
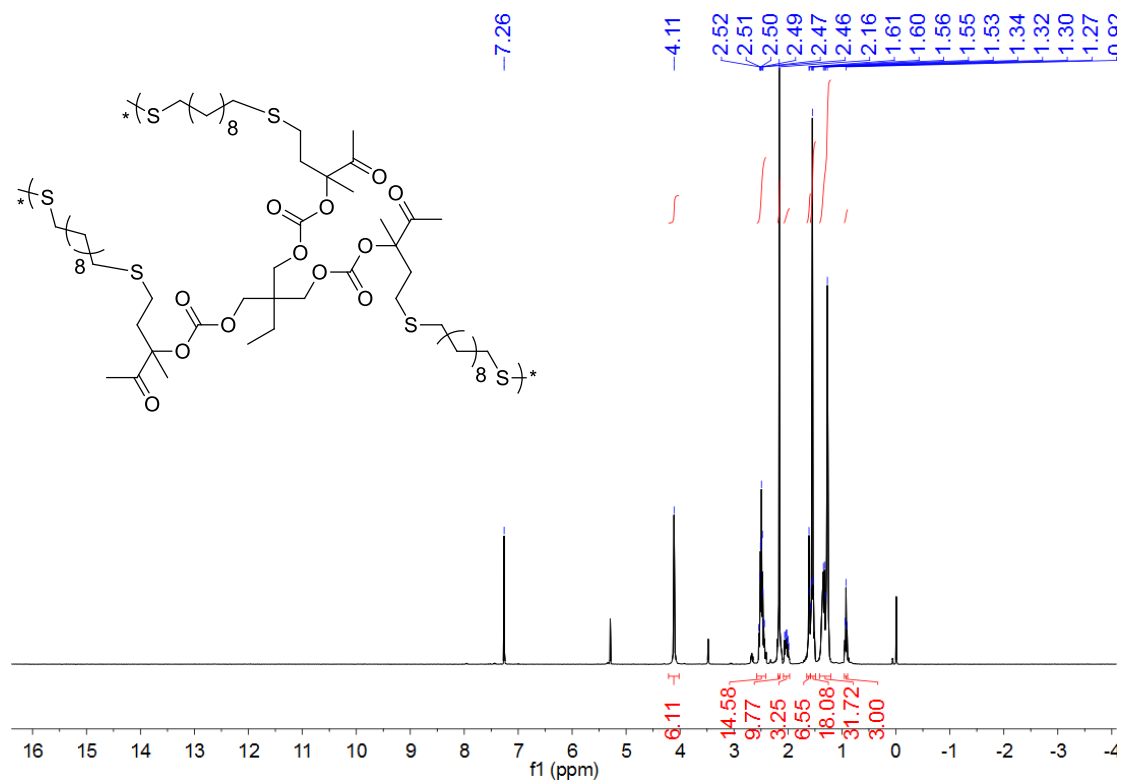


Figure S45. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **P4c5b**.

8.12 NMR spectra of **P4c5c**



8.13 NMR spectra of **6**

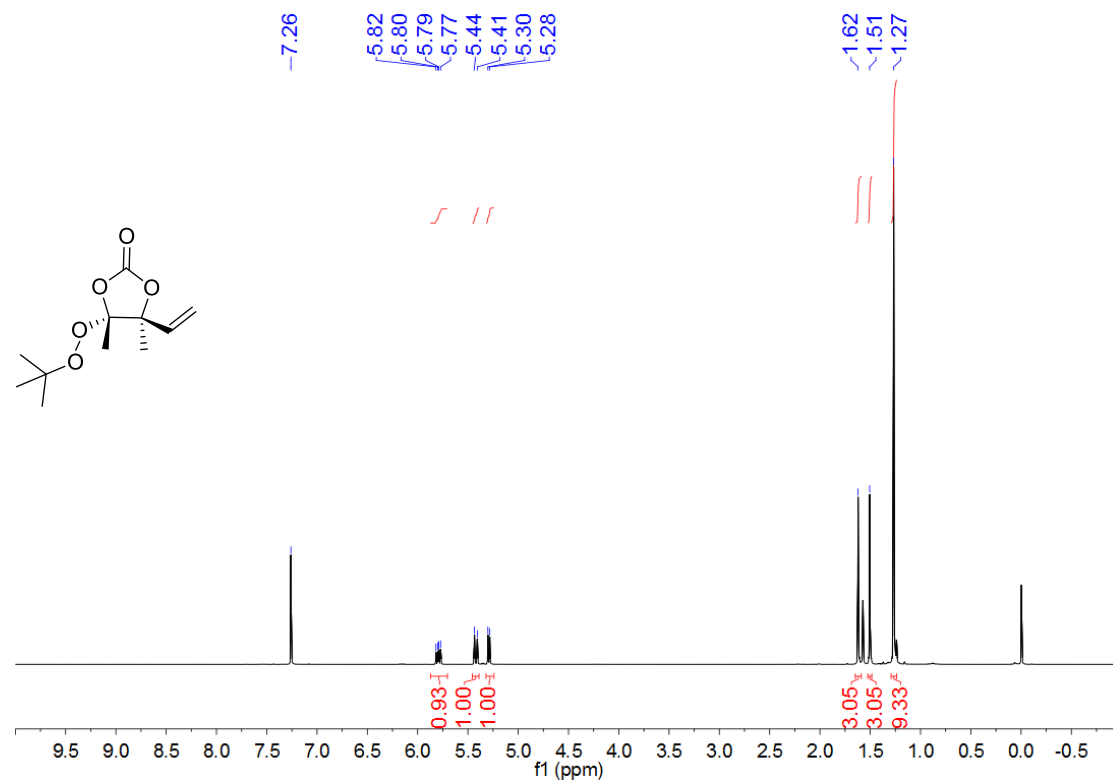


Figure S48. ¹H NMR spectrum of **6a**.

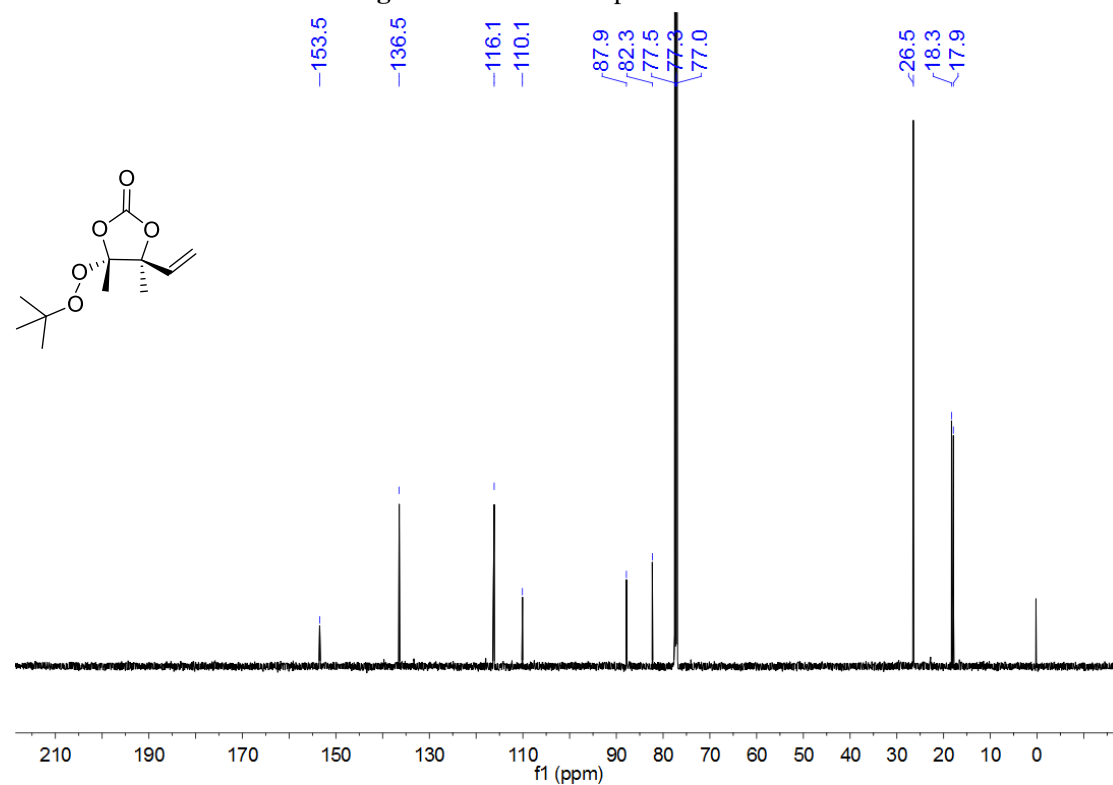


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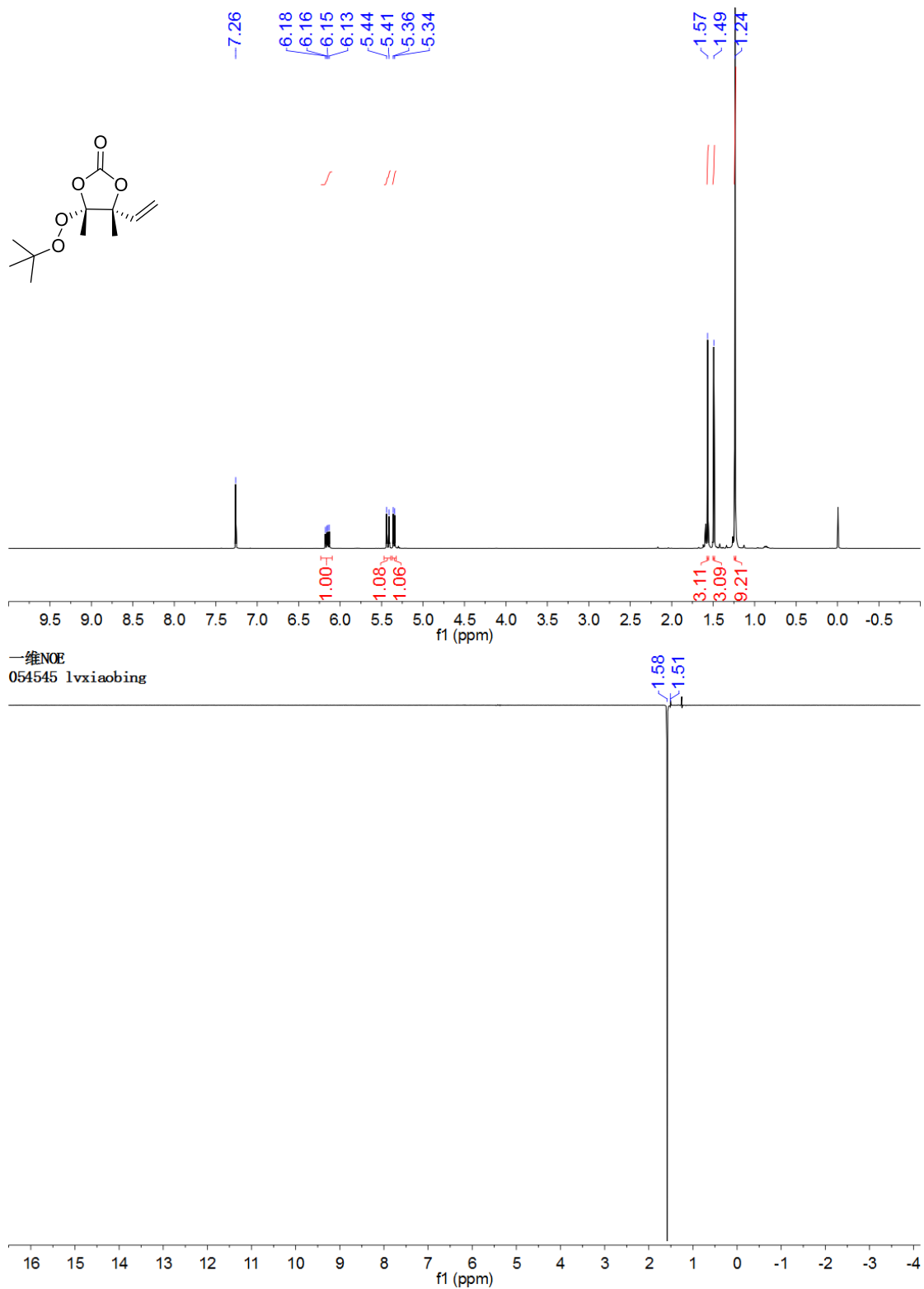
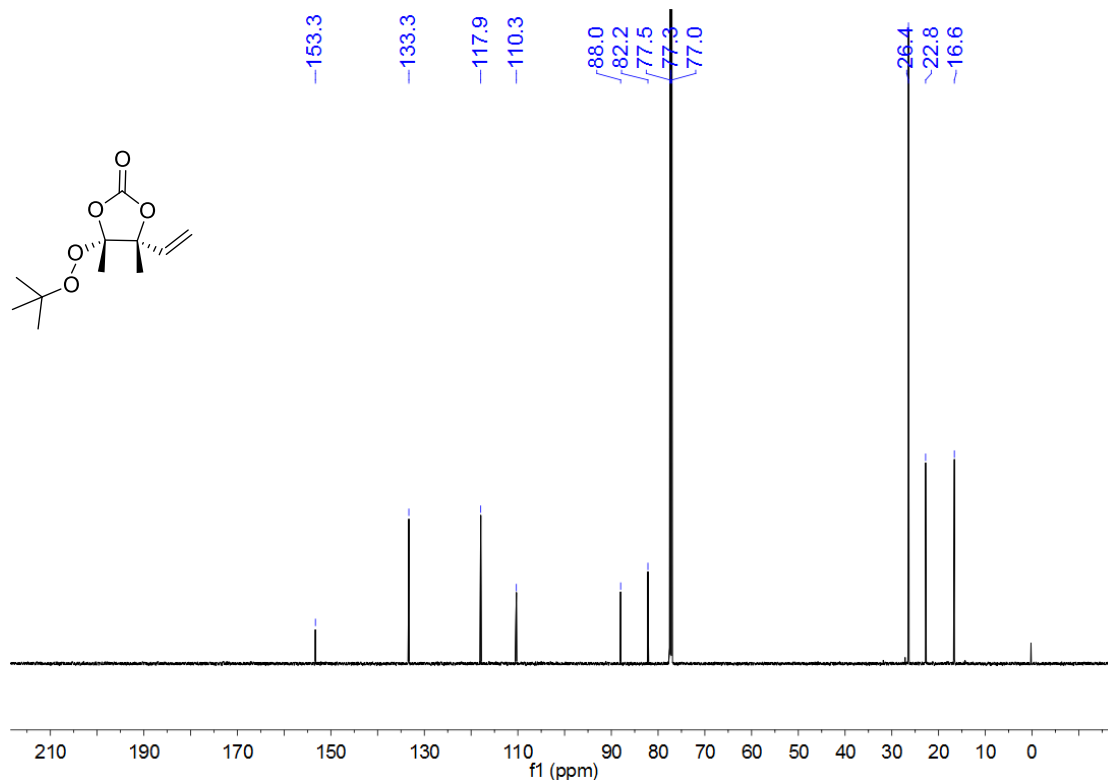
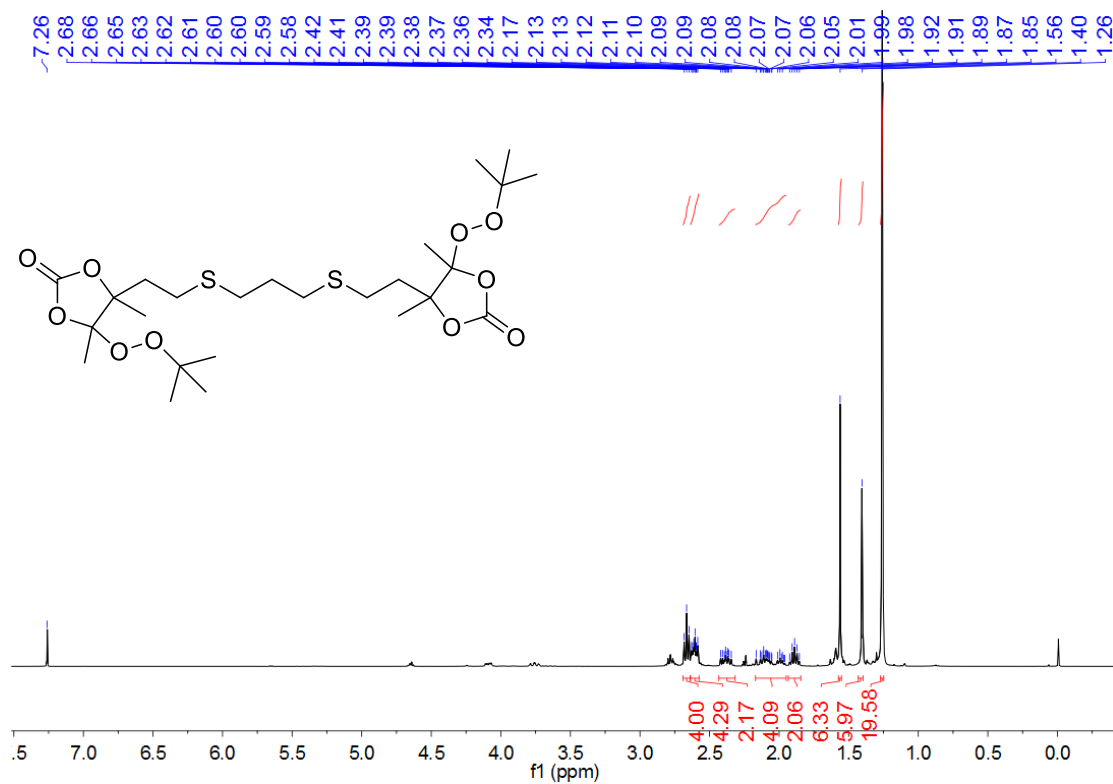


Figure S50. ¹H NMR spectrum and NOE spectrum of **6b**.



8.14 NMR spectra of **7**



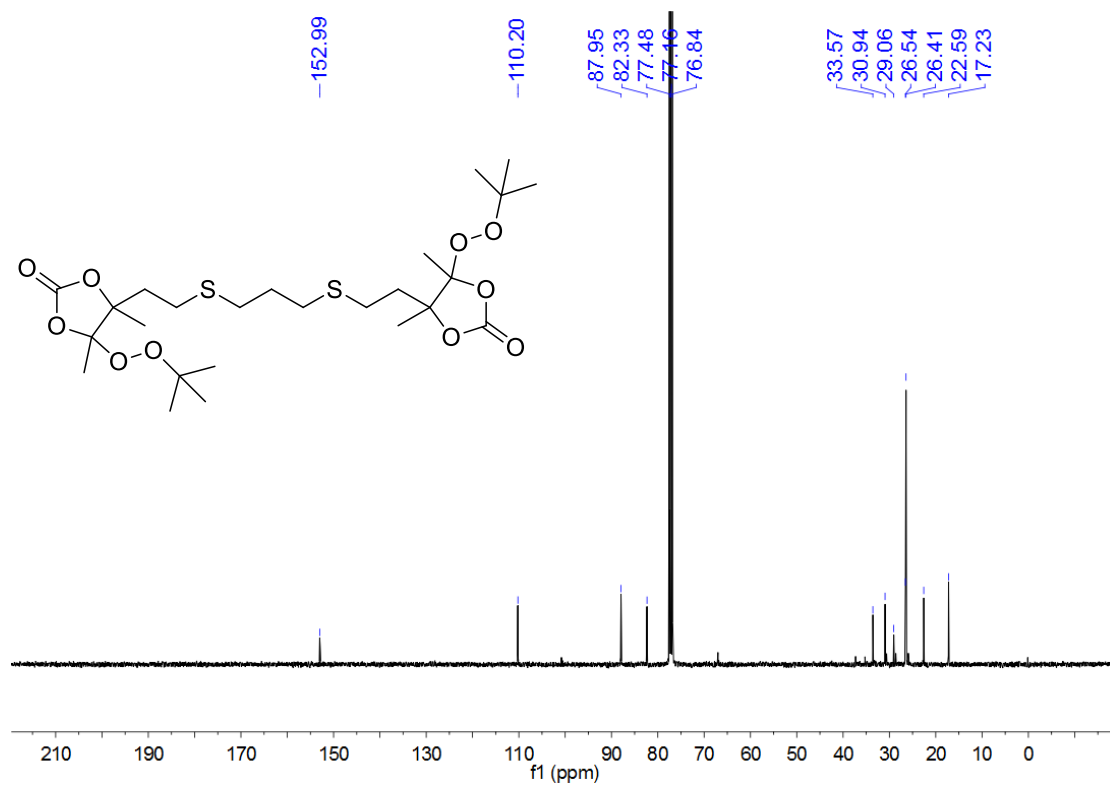


Figure S53. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 7.

9. ESI MS Spectra

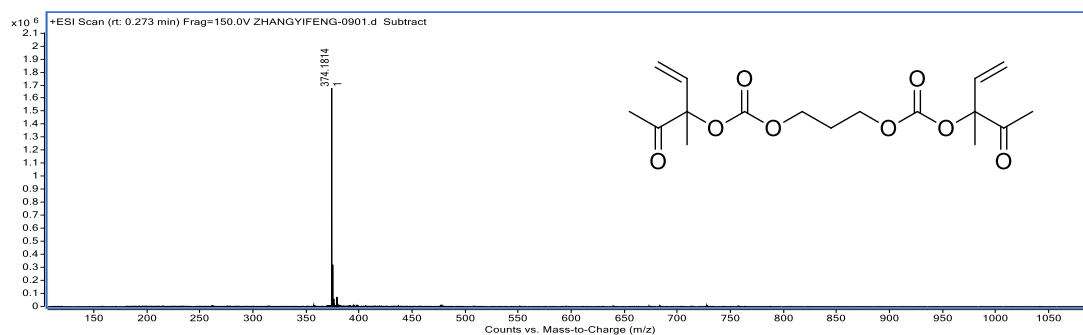


Figure S54. ESI MS spectrum of 4a.

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Figure S55. ESI MS spectrum of **4b**.

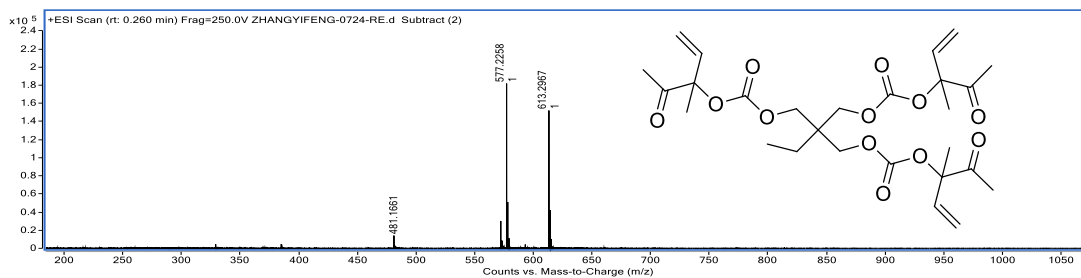


Figure S56. ESI MS spectrum of **4c**.

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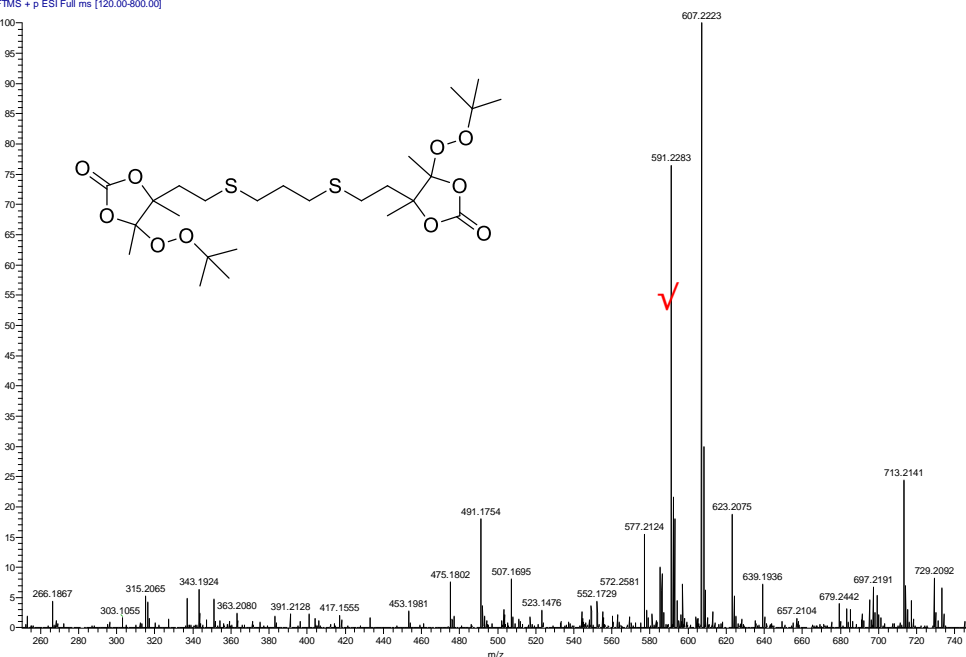


Figure S57. ESI MS spectrum of **7**.

10. Fluorescence spectra of the pure P4c5

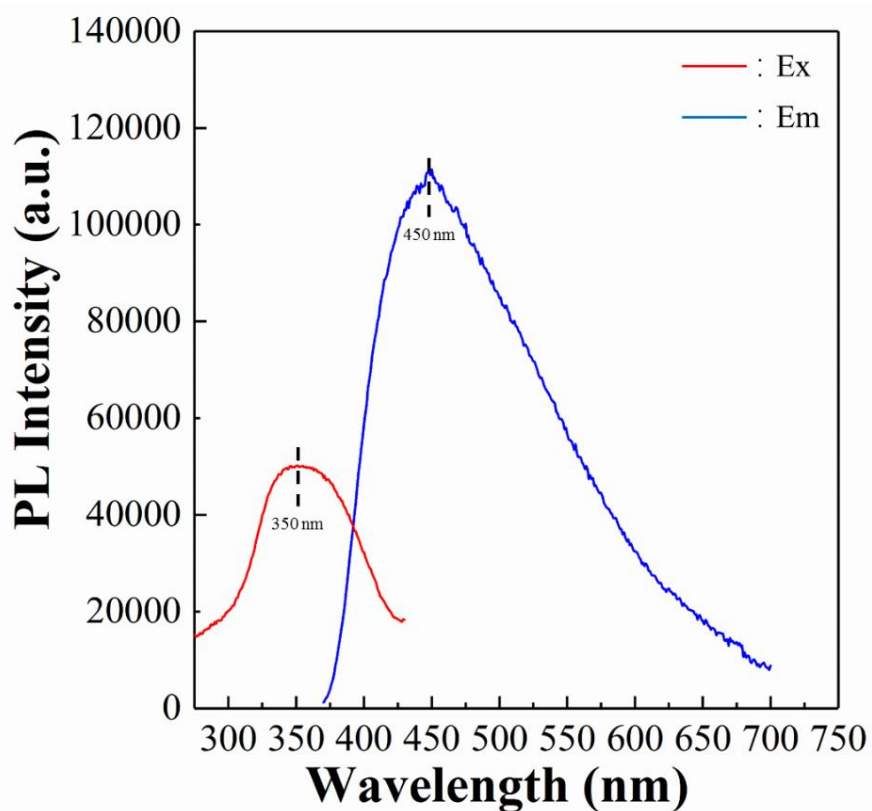


Figure S58. Fluorescence spectra of the pure P4c5a.

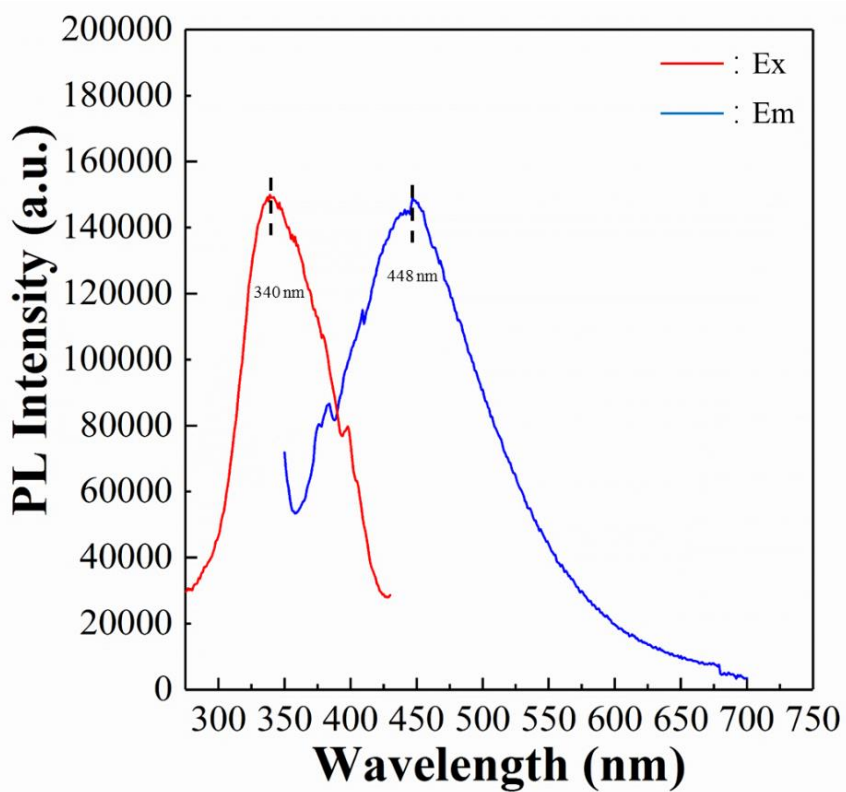


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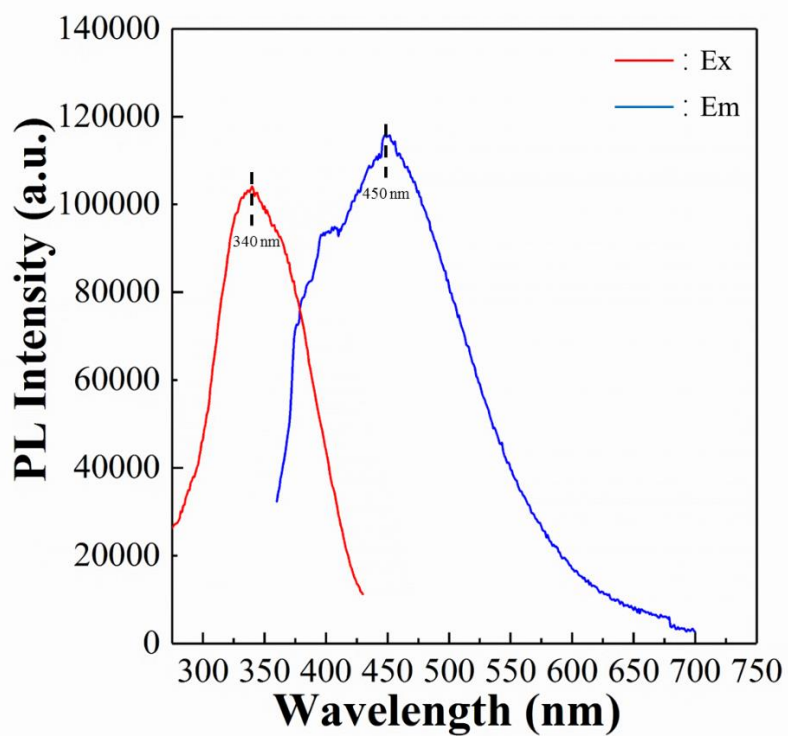


Figure S60. Fluorescence spectra of the pure P4c5c.

11. Transient photoluminescence decay curve of the pure P4c5

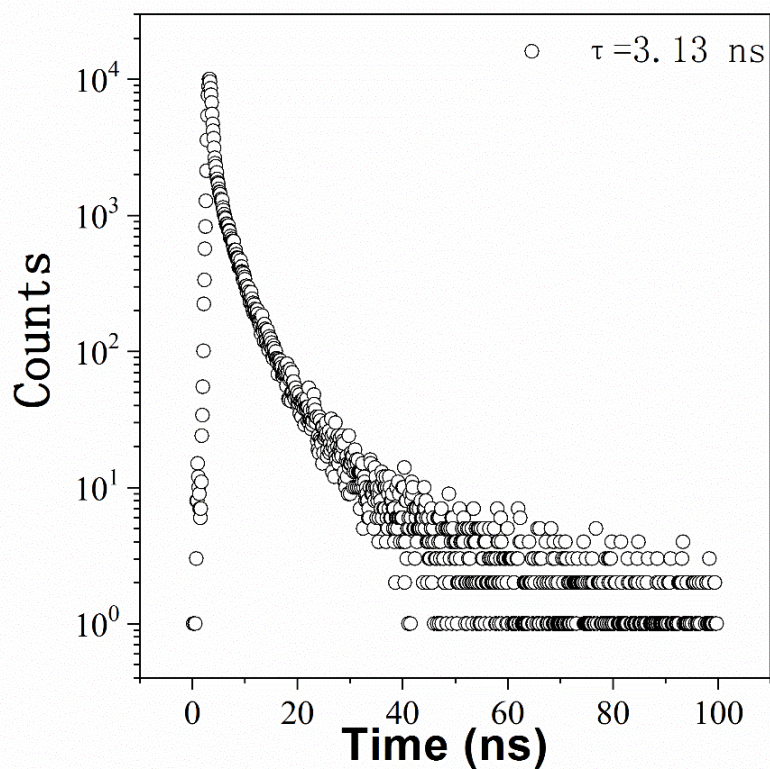


Figure S61. Transient photoluminescence decay curve of the pure P4c5a at 450 nm after excited at 350 nm

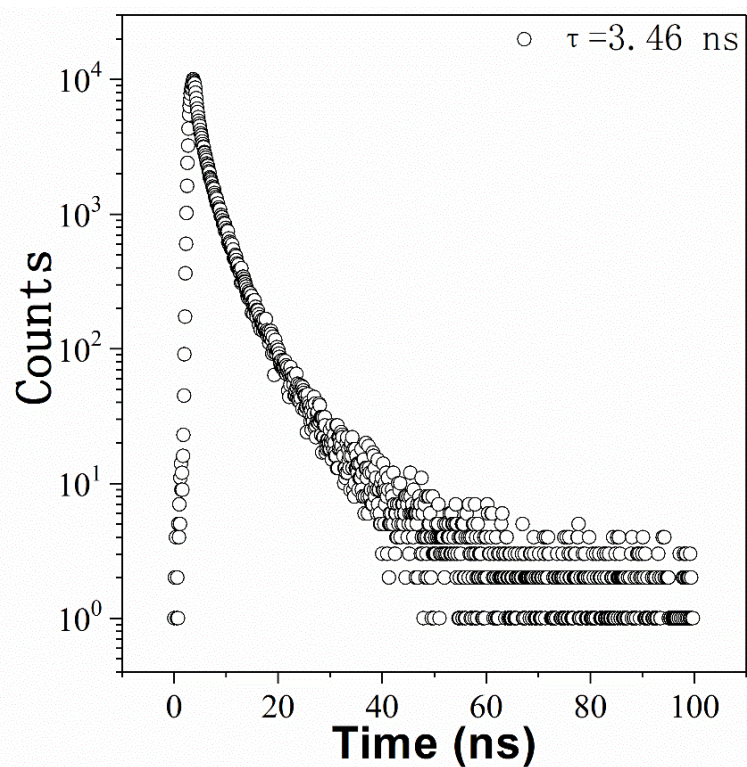


Figure S62. Transient photoluminescence decay curve of the pure **P4c5b** at 448 nm after excited at 340 nm

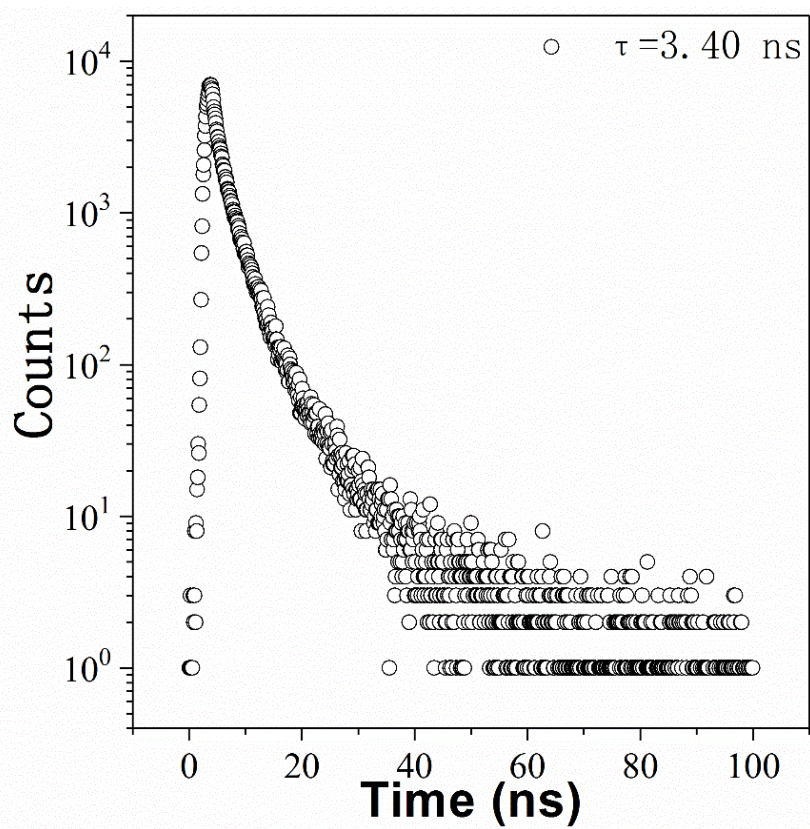


Figure S63. Transient photoluminescence decay curve of the pure **P4c5c** at 450 nm after excited at 340 nm

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