## **Supporting Information**

## Synthesis of a renewable bisguaiacol amide and its hydrogen bonding effect on enhancing polybenzoxazine performance

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## Equations for calculating Ea of the polymerization

The apparent activation energy  $(E_a)$  of the polymerization was calculated basing on the following well-known Kissinger (eq S1) and the modified Ozawa (eq S2) methods.

$$-\ln\left(\frac{\beta}{T_p^2}\right) = \frac{E_a}{RT_p} - \ln\left(\frac{AR}{E_a}\right)$$

 $ln\beta = -1.052 \times \frac{E_a}{RT_p} + C$ 

where  $\beta$  is the heating rate, the exothermic peak temperature is  $T_p$ , and R is the gas constant.

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Proton number	Chemical shift (ppm) and integrated areas	
	BGA-fa	BGE-fa
1	4.51 (2.00)	5.23 (2.00)
2; 2'	4.00; 4.02 (4.00)	4.05; 4.06 (4.00)
3; 3'	4.97; 5.03 (3.98)	5.01; 5.09 (4.04)
4; 4', 5; 5'	3.92-3.94 (10.06)	3.92-3.97 (9.96)
6; 6'	6.76 (0.96); 7.32 (1.02)	6.88(0.98); 7.51 (1.02)
7; 7'	6.57 (0.96); 6.96 (0.98)	6.71(1.00); 6.97 (0.94)
8; 8'	7.41 (1.98)	7.44 (2.00)
9; 9', 10; 10'	6.26-6.33 (4.08)	6.28-6.36 (4.04)



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