

**-Supporting Information -**

**Mechanochemical Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization: Development, Scope,  
and Mechano-Exclusive Copolymer Synthesis**

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## 1. General Considerations

All polymerization reactions were prepared under nitrogen atmosphere using a glove box to avoid contamination with moisture. All solvents were obtained as HPLC grade and dried over a mixture of pre-activated 3 Å molecular sieves and neutral alumina. Anhydrous solvents were prepared by drying them over a mixture of preactivated alumina and 3 Å molecular sieves.<sup>1</sup> The Grubbs **G3** was prepared according to a procedure in the literature.<sup>2</sup> Reagents from commercial sources were used without further purification. A Retsch Mixer Mill MM 400 instrument was used for the ball-milling experiments with a 10-mL zirconia vessel and zirconia balls with the diameters of 3, 5, 8, and 10 mm. A Teflon seal was placed between the vessel and the top closure.

## 2. Measurements

The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were measured by a Bruker AVANCE III HD-400 MHz Fourier transform NMR spectrometer at the Jeonbuk National University, department of chemistry shared facilities. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurements were recorded on TA Instruments DSC Q20 using a sealed aluminum pan/lid. The heating/cooling cycle from 0 °C to 250 °C at 10 °C/min was repeated twice under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The heat flow of the second heating was used for the data acquisition. The size exclusion chromatography (SEC) system was composed of a Waters 2414 differential refractive index detector, a Waters 1515 isocratic pump, and a column heating module to determine the relative number-average molecular weight ( $M_n$ ), and the weight-average molecular weight ( $M_w$ ).

1) THF system: Shodex HK-403 and HK-404 L columns were eluted with HPLC grade tetrahydrofuran (THF) at 40 °C at 1.0 mL/min. A calibration curve was obtained with 16 monodispersed polystyrene standards (Alfa Aesar).

2) DMF system: Shodex LF804 column were eluted with HPLC grade dimethylformamide (DMF) at 40 °C at 1.0 mL/min. A calibration curve was obtained with 13 monodispersed polystyrene standards (Alfa Aesar).

3) Water system: Shodex GF-510HQ column were eluted with HPLC grade water (0.02 wt% NaN<sub>3</sub>) at 40 °C at 1.0 mL/min. A calibration curve was obtained with 12 monodispersed poly(ethylene oxide) standards (Agilent, EasyCal).

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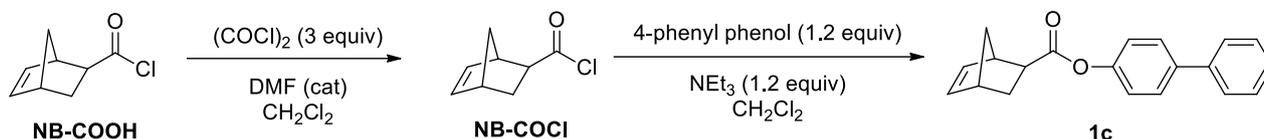
<sup>1</sup> D. B. G. Williams and M. Lawton, *J. Org. Chem.*, **2010**, *75*, 8351.

<sup>2</sup> M. S. Sanford, J. A. Love and R. H. Grubbs, *Organometallics*, **2001**, *20*, 5314

### 3. Monomer Synthesis

Monomers were prepared according to prior examples<sup>3</sup> except **1c**, **1e** and **1i**.

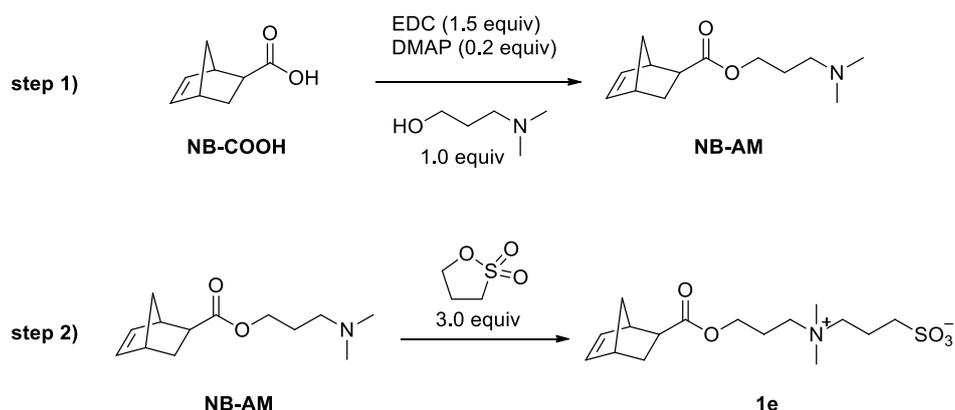
#### 3.1. Preparation of **1c**



Oxalyl chloride (3.6 mL) was added slowly to the solution of NB-COOH (1.51 g, 10.9 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) in a 100 mL round-bottom flask at 0 °C. After stirring for 1 h, the complete conversion to NB-COCl was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of an aliquot. The flask was placed under reduced pressure to afford a crude NB-COCl. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (80 mL) was added to the crude NB-COCl, then the mixture was placed in an ice bath. 4-Phenyl phenol (2.23 g) and triethylamine (1.83 mL) were added in sequence. After 6 h, the mixture was washed with 1 N HCl (100 mL), water (100 mL), and brine (100 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography in silica gel (hexanes:EtOAc = 9:1) to give the desired products **1c** (0.771 g, 24% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 7.3, 3.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.25 – 6.17 (m, 2H), 3.26 (s, 1H), 3.01 (s, 1H), 2.52 (ddd, *J* = 8.9, 4.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.54 – 1.44 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.9, 150.4, 140.5, 138.9, 138.4, 135.7, 128.8, 128.2, 127.3, 127.1, 121.8, 46.9, 46.4, 43.4, 41.8, 30.6. High Resolution MS (EI) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>, 290.1307; found, 290.1308.

<sup>3</sup> Compound **1a**: A. M. Rush, D. A. Nelles, A. P. Blum, S. A. Barnhill, E. T. Tatro, G. W. Yeo and N. C. Gianneschi, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2014**, *136*, 7615; compound **1b**: S. C. Radzinski, J. C. Foster, R. C. Chapleski, Jr., D. Troya and J. B. Matson, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2016**, *138*, 22, 6998; compound **1d**: S. C. Radzinski, J. C. Foster and J. B. Matson, *Macromol. Rapid Commun.*, **2016**, *37*, 616; compound **1g**: S. Malfait, S. Gérard, R. Plantier-Royon, G. Mignani and C. Portella, *J. Fluorine Chem.*, **2011**, *132*, 760; **1h**: A. E. Levi, J. Lequeieu, J. D. Horne, M. W. Bates, J. M. Ren, K. T. Delaney, G. H. Fredrickson and C. M. Bates, *Macromolecules*, **2019**, *52*, 1794; compound **1i**: S. Mukherjee, R. Xie, V. G. Reynolds, T. Uchiyama, A. E. Levi, E. Valois, H. Wang, M. L. Chabinyk and C. M. Bates, *Macromolecules*, **2020**, *53*, 1090.

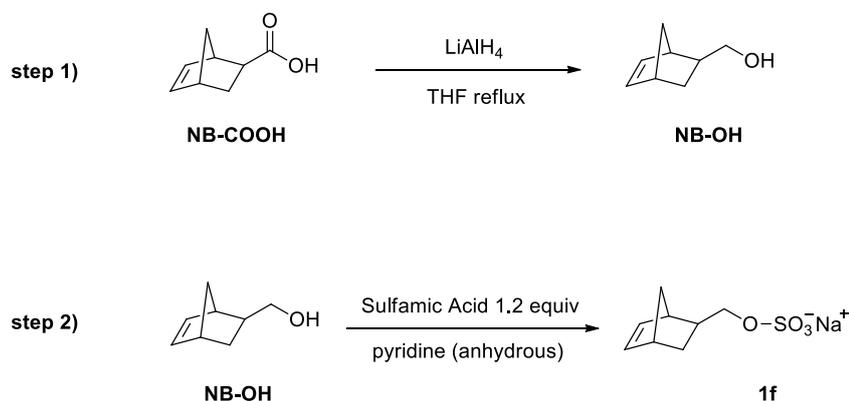
### 3.2. Preparation of 1e



**Step 1:** NB-COOH (1.0 g, 1.0 equiv), ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide (EDC, 2.1 g, 1.5 equiv), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 0.18 g, 0.20 equiv), and 3-(dimethylamino)-1-propanol (0.85 mL, 1.0 equiv) were dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20 mL). After 12 h, the reaction mixture was washed with aq.  $\text{CuSO}_4$  (X M, 100 mL), deionized water (100 mL), and brine (100 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give NB-AM (1.44 g, 89%).

**Step 2:** To a 20 mL vial, NB-AM (1.44g), 1,3-propanesultone (1.7 mL, 3.0 equiv) and MeCN (7 mL) were added. After stirring for 12 h, while precipitation **1e** was collected through filtration and dried in vacuo at 70 °C (0.96 g, 43%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  6.23 (ddd,  $J = 19.5, 5.6, 3.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.25 (t,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.57 – 3.45 (m, 4H), 3.17 (s, 6H), 3.12 – 3.06 (m, 1H), 3.02 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 2.99 (s, 1H), 2.36 (ddd,  $J = 9.1, 4.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.32 – 2.17 (m, 4H), 1.86 (ddd,  $J = 11.8, 4.4, 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.51 – 1.37 (m, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) 179.0, 138.4, 135.7, 62.2, 61.6, 61.4, 50.8, 47.2, 46.1, 46.0, 42.9, 41.4, 30.1, 21.7, 18.1. High Resolution MS (FAB) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , 346.1688; found, 346.1690.

### 3.3. Preparation of **1f**



**Step 1:** NB-OH was synthesized by following paper.<sup>4</sup> NB-OH (0.71 g 86%)

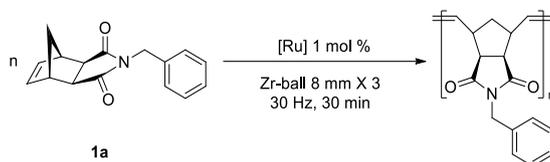
**Step 2:** To a 100 mL round bottom flask, NB-OH (0.71 g), sulfamic acid (0.67 g, 1.2 equiv) and anhydrous pyridine (13 mL) were added. After stirring for 16 h at 95 °C, the solution was cooled to room temperature. Methanol (40 mL) was added to the solution mixture. sat. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was added dropwise and the solution was stirring for 30 min. Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>(s) was added and continued for a further stirring for 20 min. The resulting mixture was filtered and the solution was concentrated in vacuo for remove water. The crude product washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and shaken. Then, while precipitation **1f** was collected through filtration and dried in vacuo at 70 °C (1.07 g, 83%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 6.18 (s, 2H), 4.13 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (s, 1H), 2.78 (s, 1H), 1.88 – 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 1.28 – 1.16 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O) 137.45, 136.4, 73.4, 44.4, 43.2, 41.4, 38.0, 28.7. High Resolution MS (FAB+) calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SNa<sub>2</sub> [M+Na], 249.0173; found, 249.0172.

<sup>4</sup> S. C. Radzinski, J. C. Foster and J. B. Matson, *Macromol. Rapid Commun.*, **2016**, *37*, 616.

## 4. ROMP Experiments

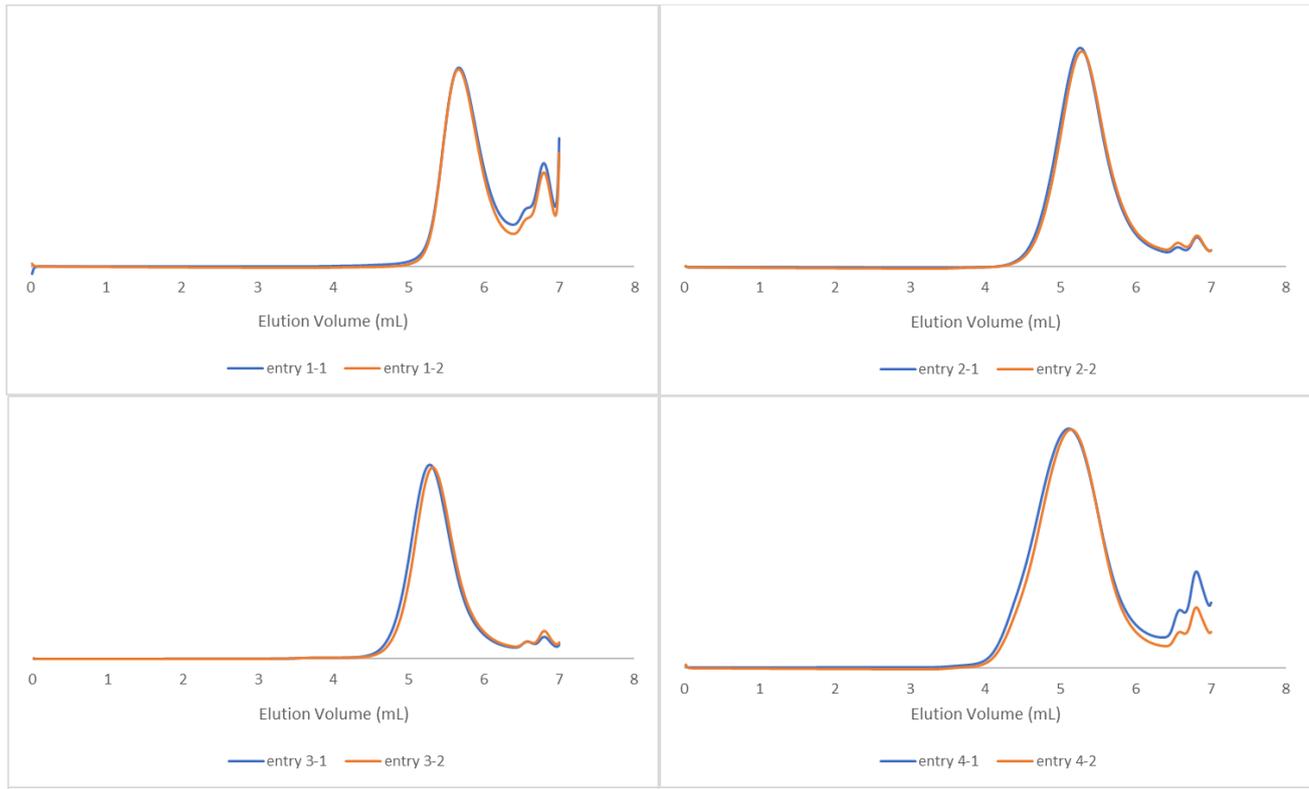
### 4.1. Initiator scope of ball-milling ROMP (Table 1)

**Table S1.** Raw data used for Table 1<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	[Ru]	Conv <sup>[b]</sup> (%)	$M_n$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$M_w$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$\bar{D}$	E/Z <sup>[b]</sup>
1-1	G1	22	6.4	8.2	1.29	77/23
1-2		24	6.4	8.3	1.29	75/25
2-1	G2	98	14.3	24.4	1.70	57/43
2-2		98	13.8	23.0	1.67	57/43
3-1	G3	96	15.1	23.2	1.54	57/43
3-2		97	13.8	21.1	1.52	57/43
4-1	HG	98	20.7	43.4	2.10	57/43
4-2		98	21.8	46.7	2.14	57/43

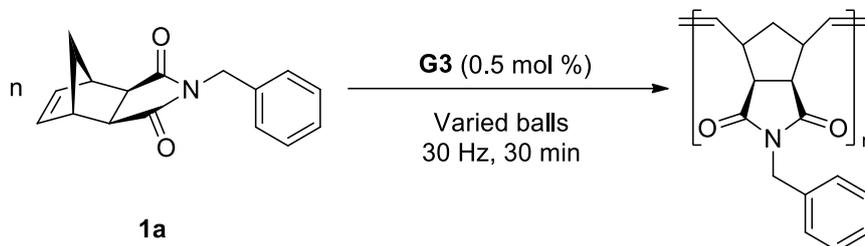
<sup>[a]</sup>Reaction condition: **1a** (50 mg) and [Ru] = 1 mol% in a 10 mL zirconia jar with three zirconia balls (8 mm diameter). 30 Hz vibration for 30 minutes. <sup>[b]</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy. <sup>[c]</sup>Determined by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) with polystyrene (PS) standards in tetrahydrofuran (THF) at 40 °C.



**Figure S1.** SEC diagrams of Table 1

#### 4.2. Effect of the ball-milling parameters (Table 2)

**Table S2.** Raw data used for Table 2<sup>[a]</sup>

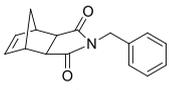
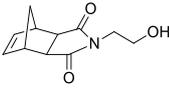
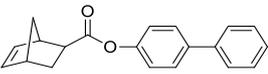
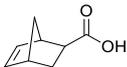
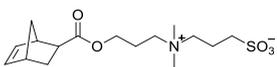
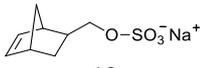


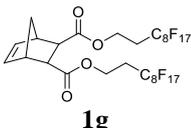
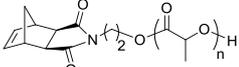
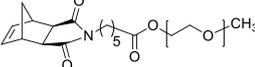
Entry	Balls	Conv. <sup>[b]</sup> (%)	$M_n$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$M_w$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$\bar{D}$
1-1	8 mm x 1	85	25.3	40.5	1.60
1-2		90	22.9	38.4	1.68
2-1	8 mm x 3	89	23.3	39.3	1.69
2-2		91	21.9	36.1	1.65
3-1	8 mm x 5	92	23.6	37.7	1.60
3-2		95	22.3	38.0	1.70
4-1	10 mm x 1	97	16.8	27.6	1.64
4-2		99	16.2	26.9	1.65
5-1	5 mm x 12	9	-	-	-
5-1		23	-	-	-
6-1	3 mm x 20	<5	-	-	-
6-1		<5	-	-	-
7-1	8 mm X3 (20 Hz)	16	-	-	-
7-2		24	-	-	-

<sup>[a]</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (50 mg) and **G3** in a 10 mL zirconia jar, followed by 30 Hz vibration for 30 min. <sup>[b]</sup> Determined using <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. Conv.(%) = A portion of polymeric alkenes of total alkenes. <sup>[c]</sup> Determined using SEC with PS standards in THF at 40 °C.

### 4.3. Scope of the monomer in the solid-state ROMP (Table 3)

**Table S3.** Raw data used for Table 3<sup>[a]</sup>

Entry	monomer	[M]/[G3]	Conv <sup>[b]</sup> (%)	$M_n$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$M_w$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$\bar{D}$
1-1	 <b>1a</b>	100 (Neat)	96	15.1	23.2	1.54
1-2			97	13.8	21.1	1.52
2-1	 <b>1b</b>	100 (Neat)	98	70.3 <sup>[d]</sup>	114 <sup>[d]</sup>	1.62 <sup>[d]</sup>
2-2			97	69.5 <sup>[d]</sup>	127 <sup>[d]</sup>	1.83 <sup>[d]</sup>
3-1	 <b>1c</b>	100 (Neat)	90	17.9	27.6	1.54
3-2			91	18.4	28.1	1.53
4-1	 <b>1d</b>	100 (Neat)	99	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>
4-2			97	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>
5-1	 <b>1e</b>	100 (Neat)	86	5.4 <sup>[f]</sup>	6.0 <sup>[f]</sup>	1.12 <sup>[f]</sup>
5-2			86	5.4 <sup>[f]</sup>	6.1 <sup>[f]</sup>	1.13 <sup>[f]</sup>
5-3		100 H <sub>2</sub> O ( $\eta = 0.4$ )	99	23.3 <sup>[f]</sup>	30.7 <sup>[f]</sup>	1.32 <sup>[f]</sup>
5-4			99	26.1 <sup>[f]</sup>	36.2 <sup>[f]</sup>	1.39 <sup>[f]</sup>
6-1			100 (Neat)	8	4.7 <sup>[f]</sup>	4.8 <sup>[f]</sup>
6-2	9	4.7 <sup>[f]</sup>		4.8 <sup>[f]</sup>	1.03 <sup>[f]</sup>	
6-3 <sup>[g]</sup>	 <b>1f</b>	100 H <sub>2</sub> O ( $\eta = 0.4$ )	57	42.6 <sup>[f]</sup>	60.0 <sup>[f]</sup>	1.41 <sup>[f]</sup>
6-4 <sup>[g]</sup>			51	46.7 <sup>[f]</sup>	65.5 <sup>[f]</sup>	1.40 <sup>[f]</sup>
6-5 <sup>[g]</sup>		100 DMF ( $\eta = 0.4$ )	99	55.1 <sup>[f]</sup>	70.9 <sup>[f]</sup>	1.29 <sup>[f]</sup>
6-6 <sup>[g]</sup>	99		59.8 <sup>[f]</sup>	80.4 <sup>[f]</sup>	1.34 <sup>[f]</sup>	

7-1	 <b>1g</b>	50 THF/HFE <sup>[d]</sup> (1:1) ( $\eta = 0.4$ )	99	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>
7-2			99	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>	N/A <sup>[e]</sup>
8-1 <sup>[g]</sup>	 $M_n$ (NMR) = 2.6 kg/mol <b>1h</b>	100 THF ( $\eta = 0.4$ )	96	94.7	125	1.31
8-2 <sup>[g]</sup>			97	99.9	126	1.26
9-1 <sup>[g]</sup>	 $M_n$ (NMR) = 1.9 kg/mol <b>1i</b>	50 THF ( $\eta = 0.4$ )	94	65.0 <sup>[d]</sup>	77.6 <sup>[d]</sup>	1.19 <sup>[d]</sup>
9-2 <sup>[g]</sup>			92	79.8 <sup>[d]</sup>	104 <sup>[d]</sup>	1.30 <sup>[d]</sup>
10-1 <sup>[h]</sup>	 <b>1j</b>	100 (Neat)	99	26.4	65.3	2.47
10-2 <sup>[h]</sup>			99	26.2	65.1	2.48

<sup>[a]</sup>Reaction conditions: monomer (50 mg), **G3**, and liquid (20  $\mu$ L) in a 10 mL zirconia jar containing three zirconia balls (8 mm diameter), followed by 30 Hz vibration for 30 min. <sup>[b]</sup>Determined using <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. <sup>[c]</sup>Determined using SEC with polystyrene standards in tetrahydrofuran at 40 °C. <sup>[d]</sup>Determined using SEC with polystyrene standards in dimethylformamide at 40 °C. <sup>[e]</sup> Products did not elude column. <sup>[f]</sup>Determined using SEC with poly(ethylene oxide) standards in H<sub>2</sub>O at 40 °C. <sup>[g]</sup>Milling time = 60min. <sup>[h]</sup>**1j** (57  $\mu$ L), **G3** in a 10 mL PTFE jar containing three zirconia balls

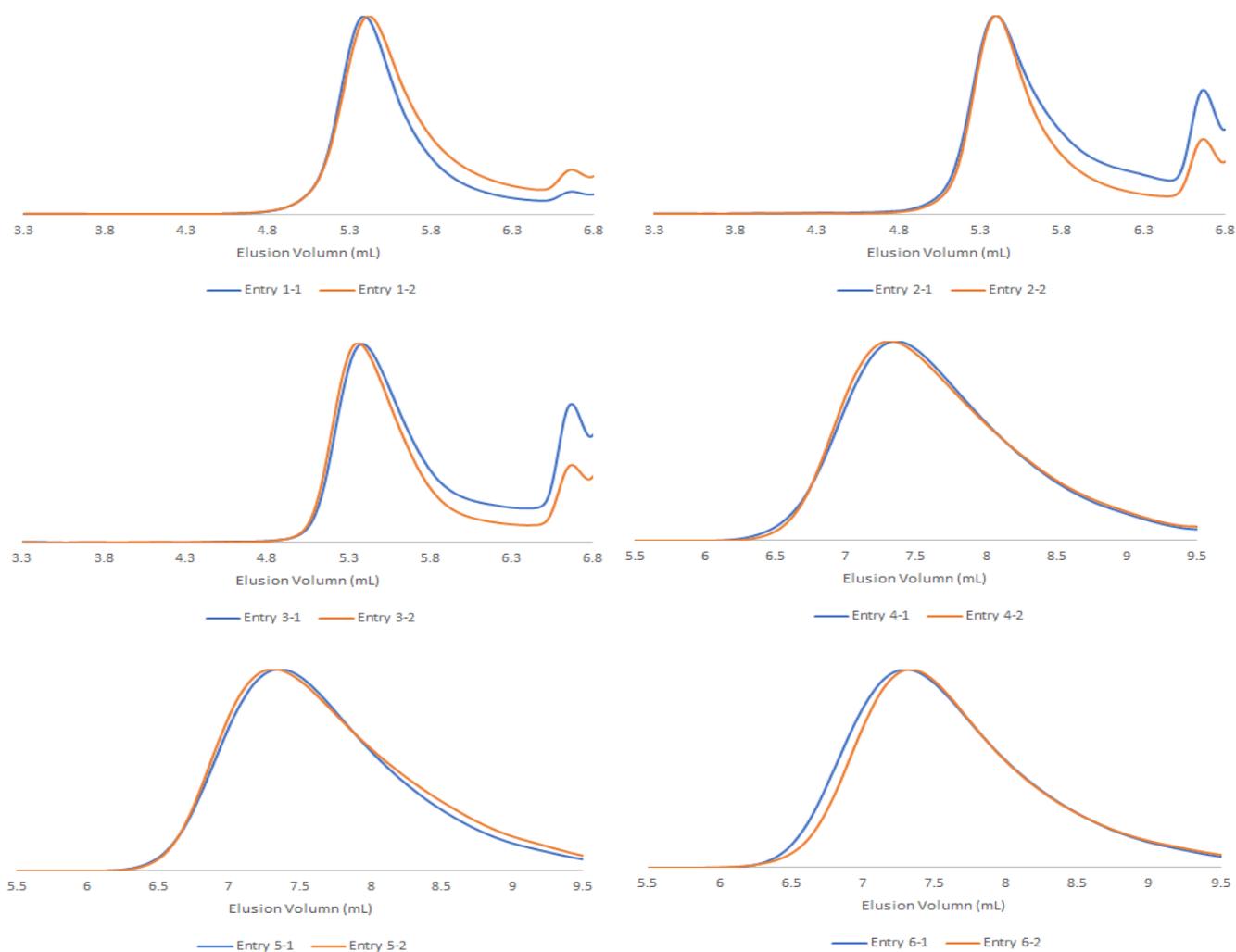
#### 4.4. Copolymerizations of immiscible monomers with G3. (Table 4)

**Table S4.** Raw data used for Table 4<sup>[a]</sup>

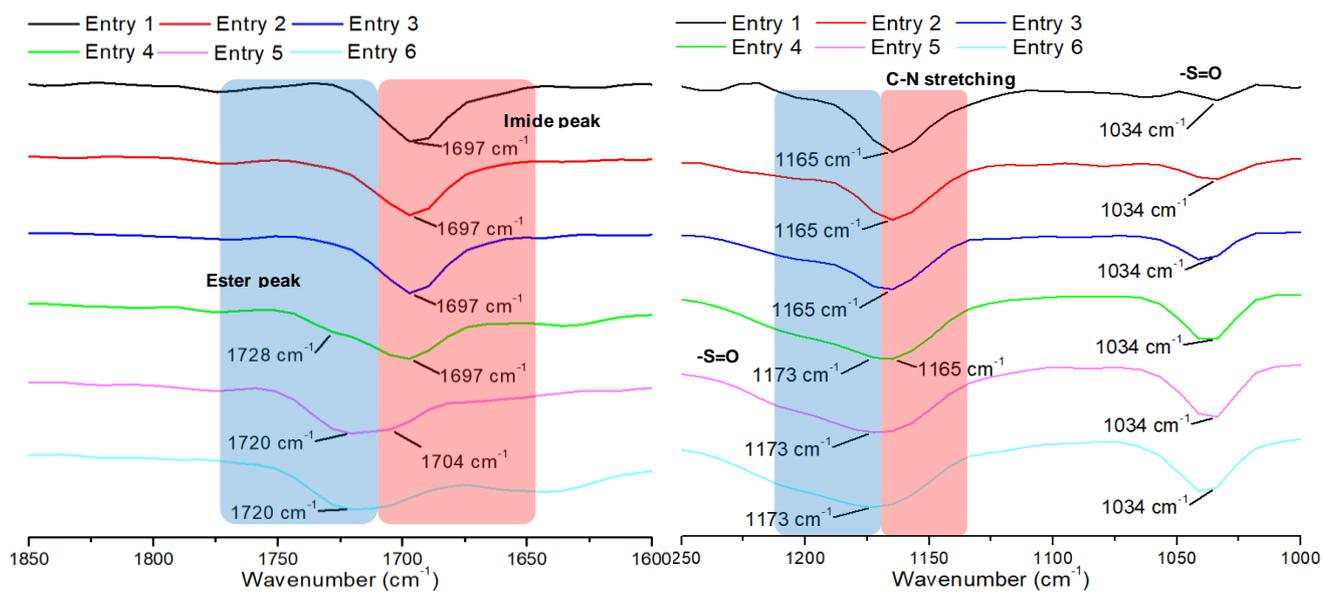


Entry	n : m	LAG	Time (min)	Conv <sup>[c]</sup> 1a/1e(%)	<i>M<sub>n</sub></i> (kg/mol)	<i>M<sub>w</sub></i> (kg/mol)	<i>Đ</i>
1-1 <sup>[a]</sup>	10 : 1	THF (18.2 μL) + H <sub>2</sub> O (1.8 μL)	30	97 / 99	14.3 <sup>[d]</sup>	19.9 <sup>[d]</sup>	1.40 <sup>[d]</sup>
1-2 <sup>[a]</sup>				95 / 99	14.0 <sup>[d]</sup>	18.8 <sup>[d]</sup>	1.35 <sup>[d]</sup>
2-3 <sup>[a]</sup>	4 : 1	THF (16 μL) + H <sub>2</sub> O (4 μL)	30	99 / 99	14.0 <sup>[d]</sup>	18.9 <sup>[d]</sup>	1.35 <sup>[d]</sup>
2-4 <sup>[a]</sup>				99 / 99	14.0 <sup>[d]</sup>	19.1 <sup>[d]</sup>	1.37 <sup>[d]</sup>
3-3 <sup>[a]</sup>	2 : 1	THF (13.3 μL) + H <sub>2</sub> O (6.7 μL)	30	99 / 99	15.5 <sup>[d]</sup>	19.7 <sup>[d]</sup>	1.27 <sup>[d]</sup>
3-4 <sup>[a]</sup>				99 / 99	15.5 <sup>[d]</sup>	20.5 <sup>[d]</sup>	1.32 <sup>[d]</sup>
4-3 <sup>[a]</sup>	1 : 2	THF (6.7 μL) + H <sub>2</sub> O (13.3 μL)	30	99 / 99	14.2 <sup>[e]</sup>	19.6 <sup>[e]</sup>	1.38 <sup>[e]</sup>
4-4 <sup>[a]</sup>				99 / 99	14.2 <sup>[e]</sup>	19.7 <sup>[e]</sup>	1.39 <sup>[e]</sup>
5-3 <sup>[a]</sup>	1 : 4	THF (4 μL) + H <sub>2</sub> O (16 μL)	30	99 / 99	17.5 <sup>[e]</sup>	24.1 <sup>[e]</sup>	1.38 <sup>[e]</sup>
5-4 <sup>[a]</sup>				99 / 99	17.2 <sup>[e]</sup>	24.3 <sup>[e]</sup>	1.41 <sup>[e]</sup>
6-3 <sup>[a]</sup>	1 : 10	THF (1.8 μL) + H <sub>2</sub> O (18.2 μL)	30	99 / 99	18.4 <sup>[e]</sup>	25.8 <sup>[e]</sup>	1.40 <sup>[e]</sup>
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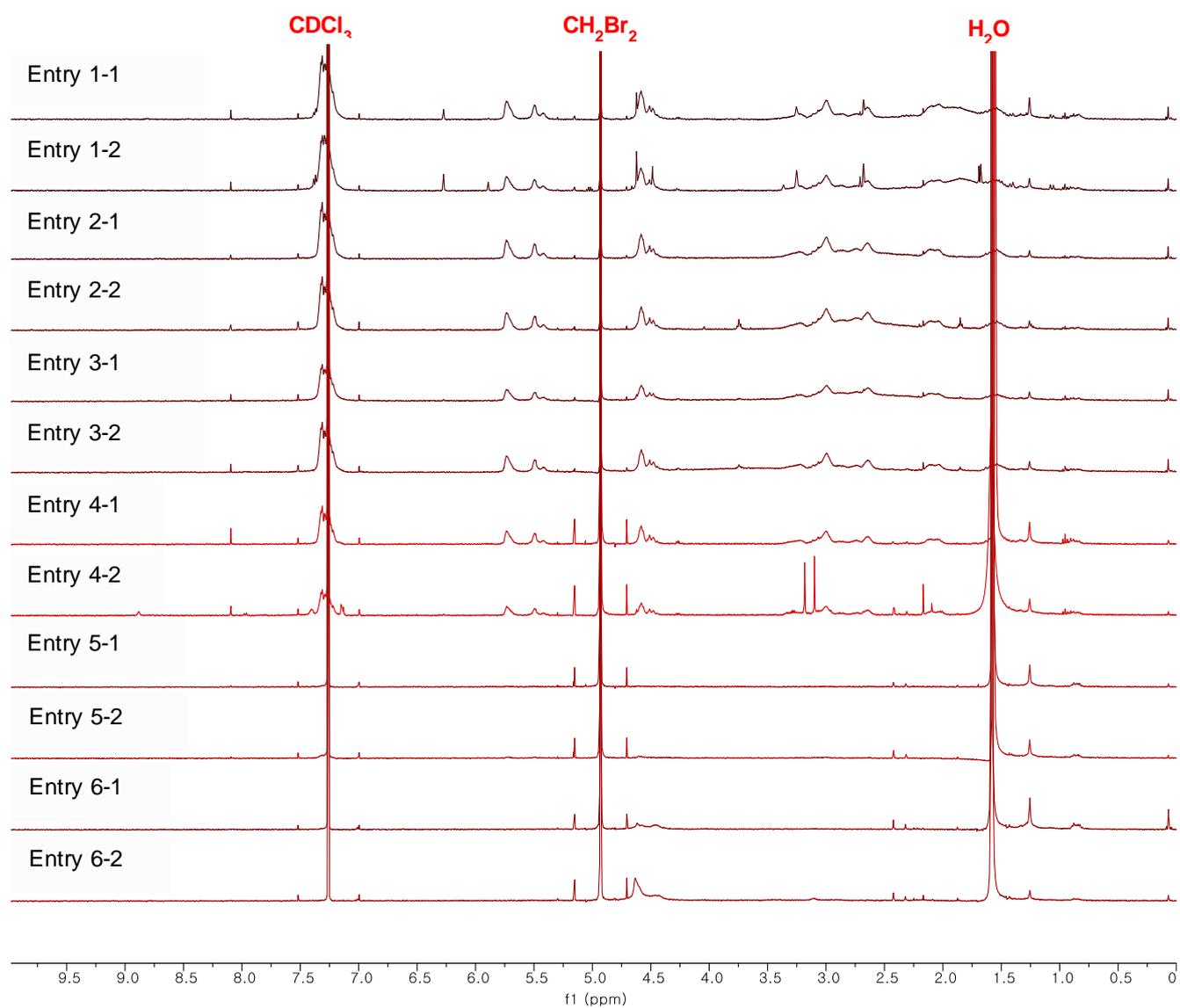
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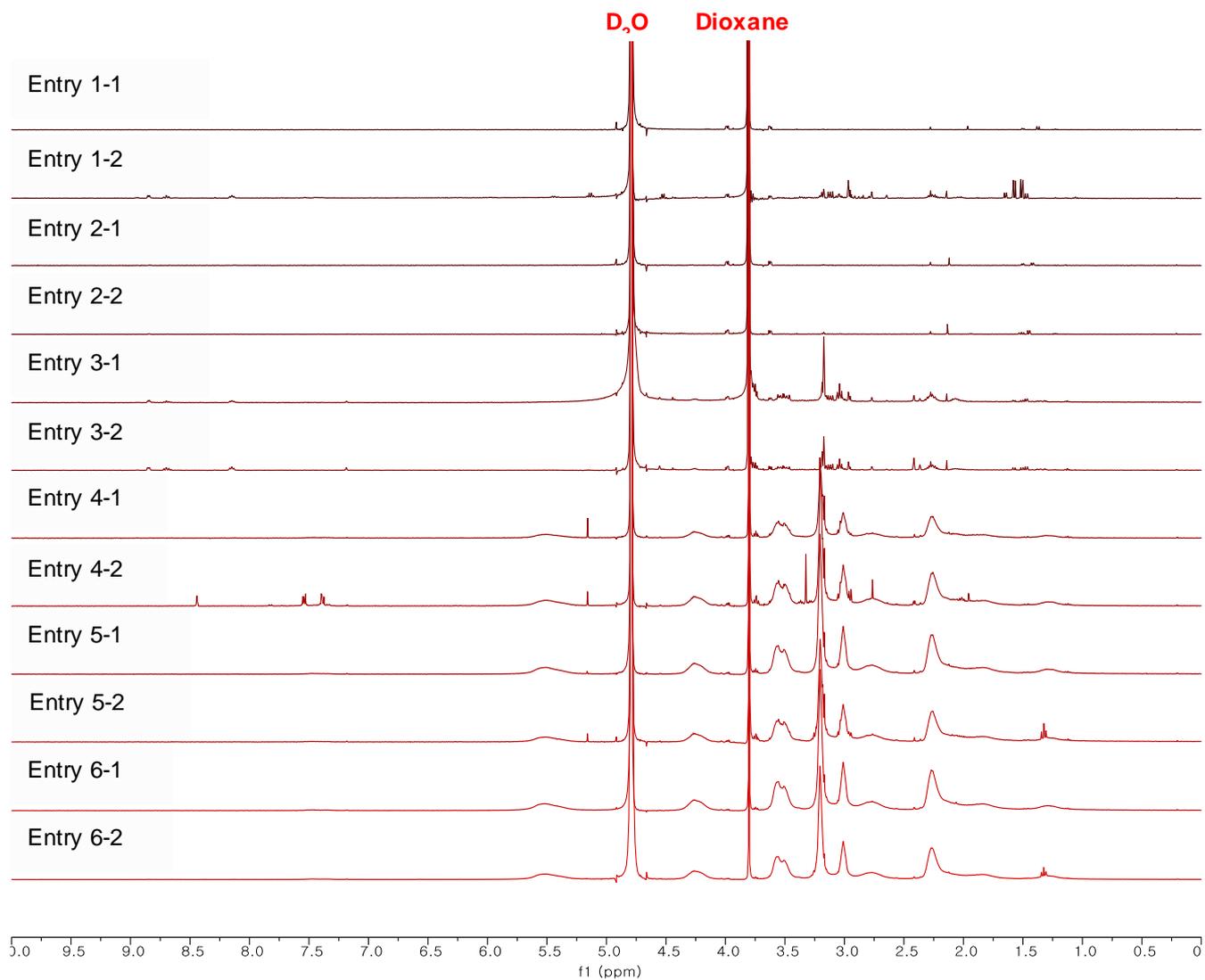
**Figure S2.** SEC diagrams of Table S4



**Figure S3.** FT-IR spectra of Table S4.



**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Table S4 (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )



**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Table S4 (in D<sub>2</sub>O)

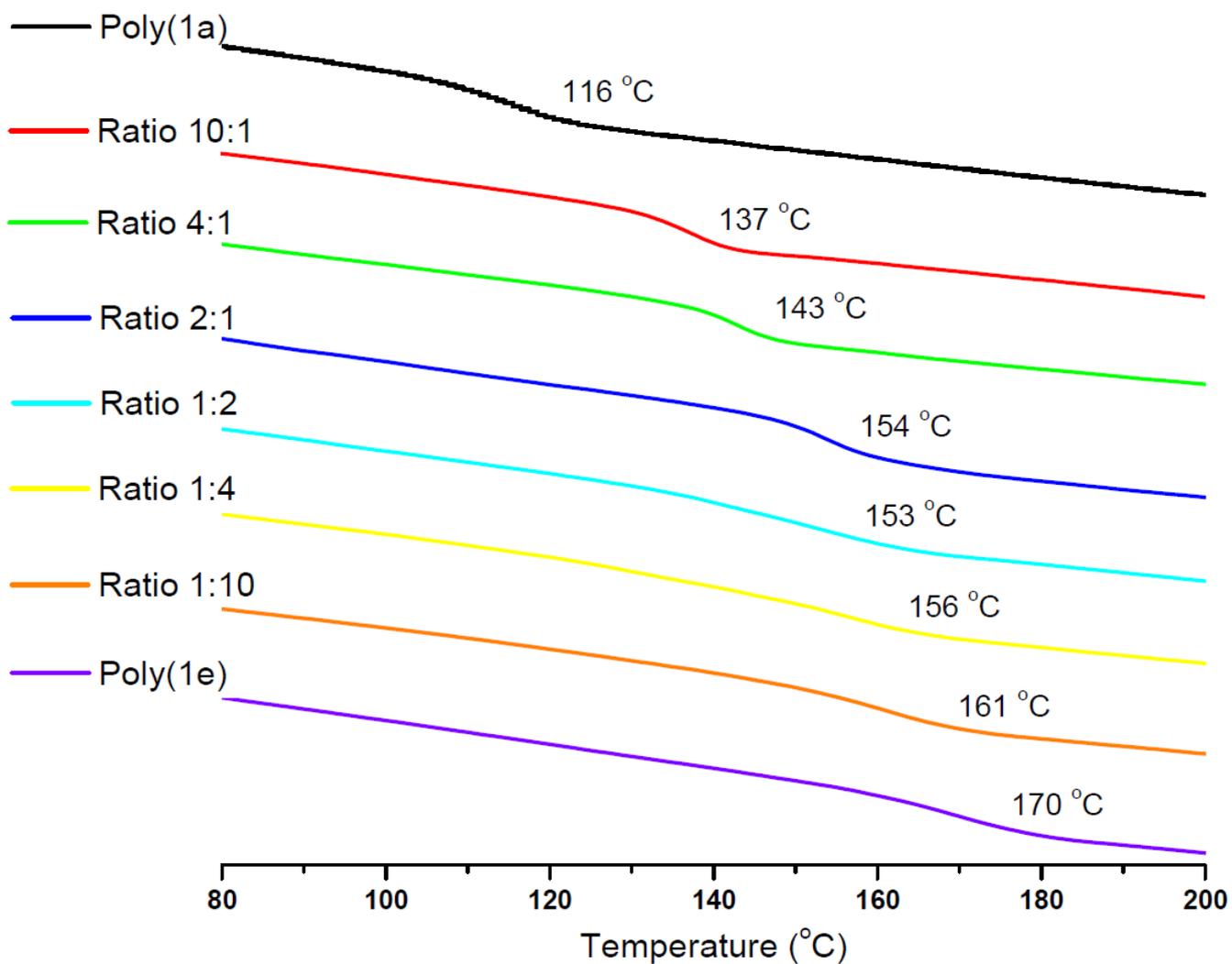
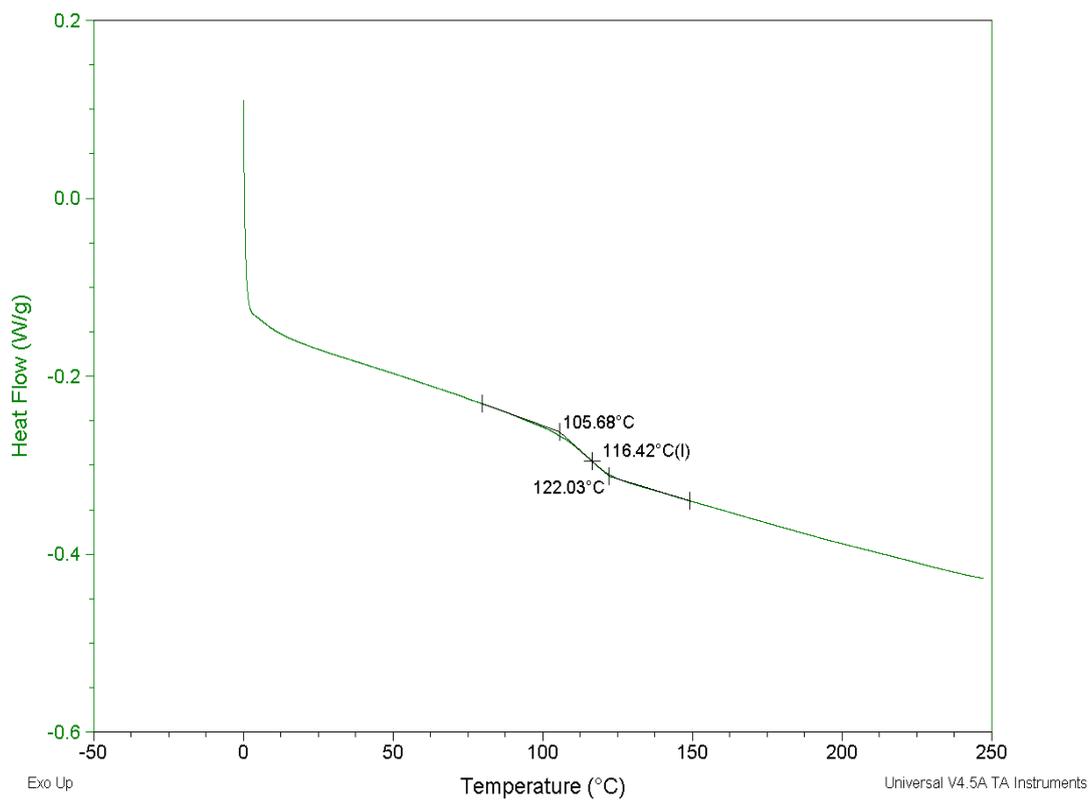
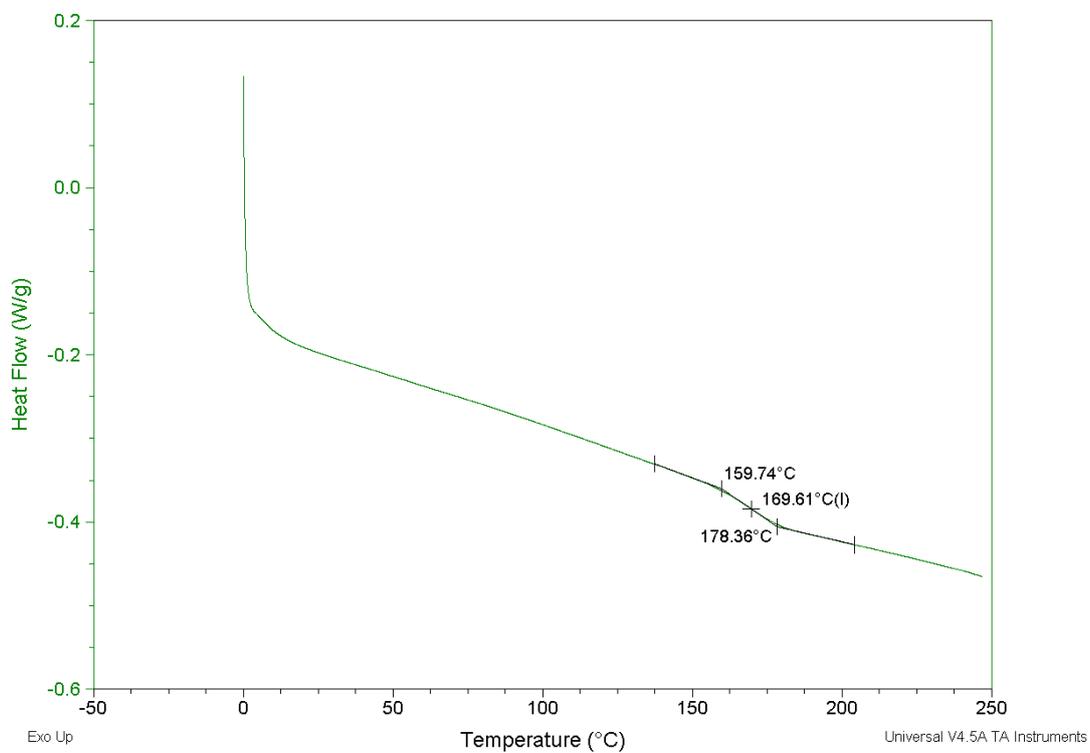


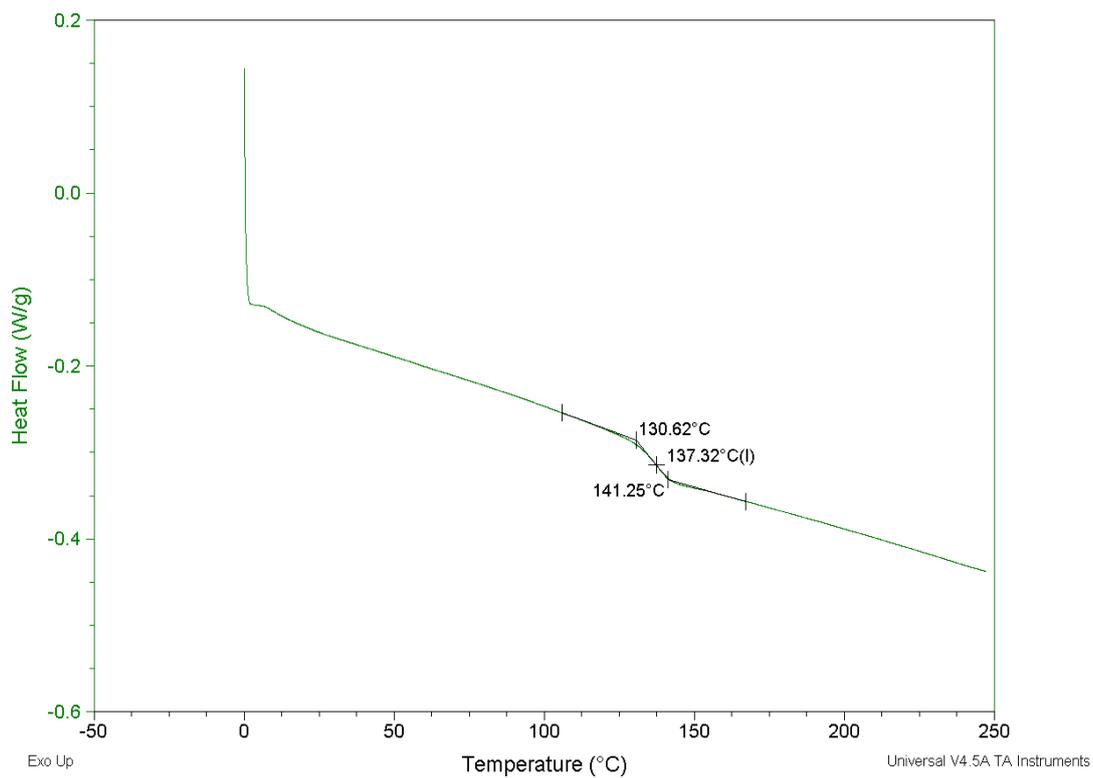
Figure S6. DSC thermograms of Poly(1a+1e) copolymer



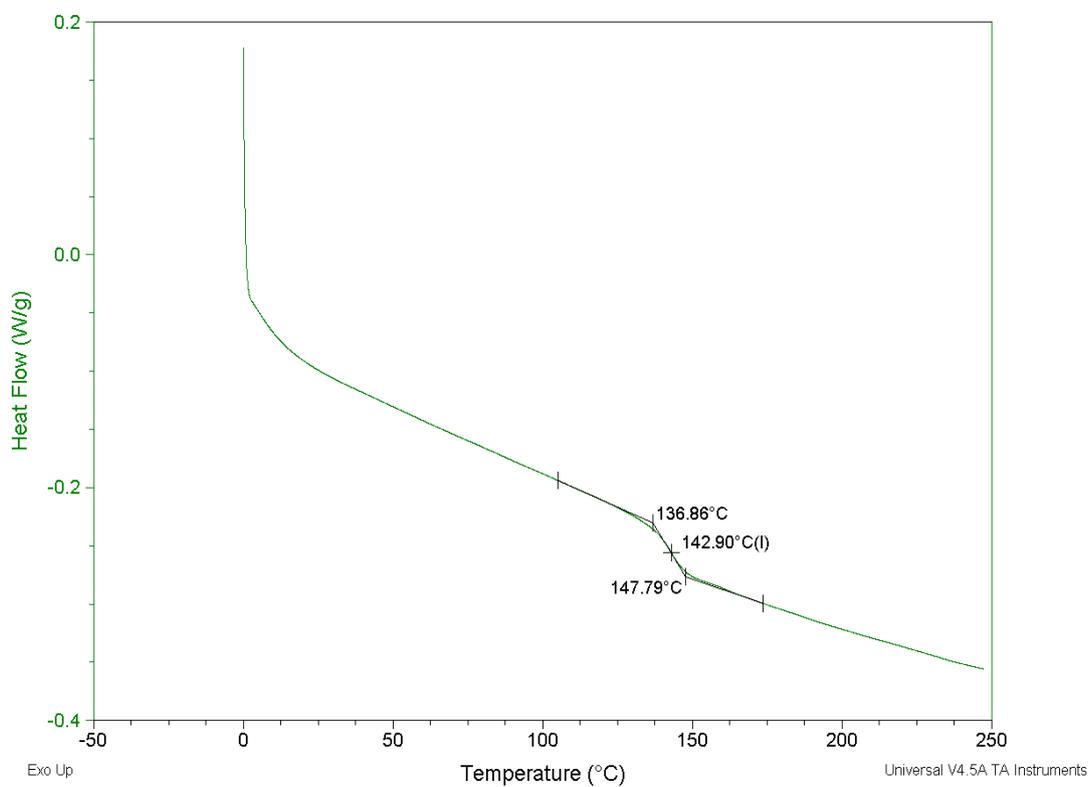
**Figure S7.** DSC Curve of Product of Table 1, entry 1



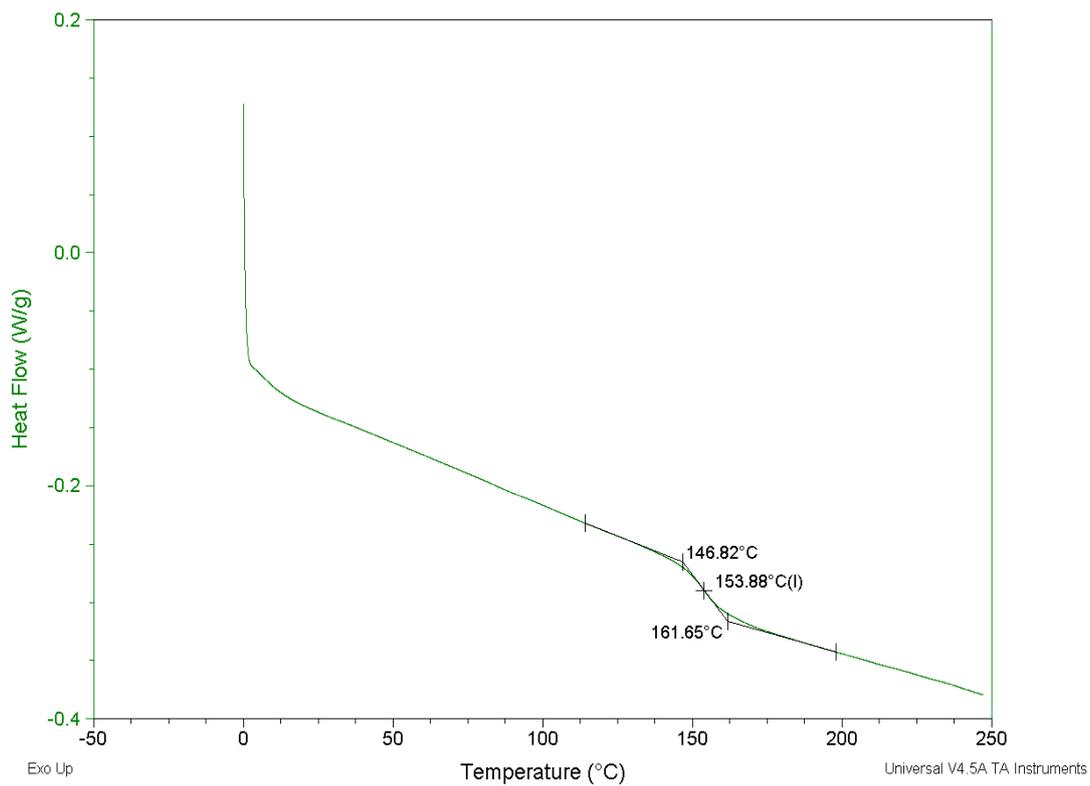
**Figure S8.** DSC Curve of Product of Table 3, entry 5



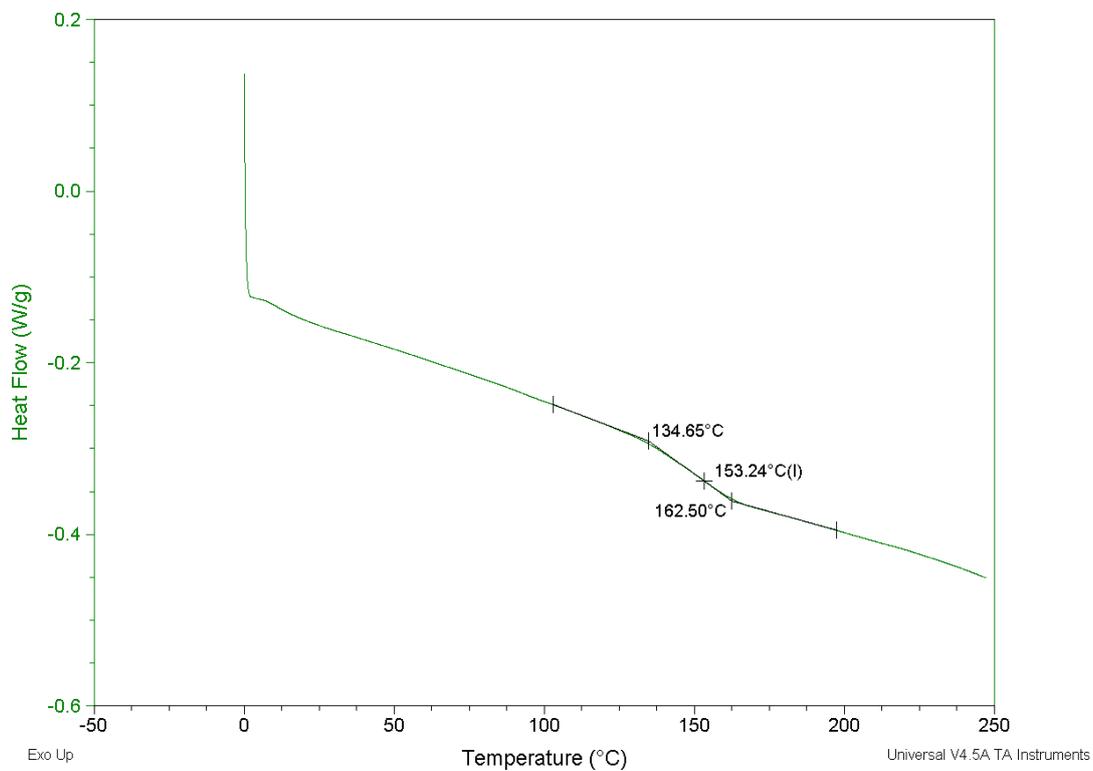
**Figure S9.** DSC Curve of Product of Table 4, entry 1



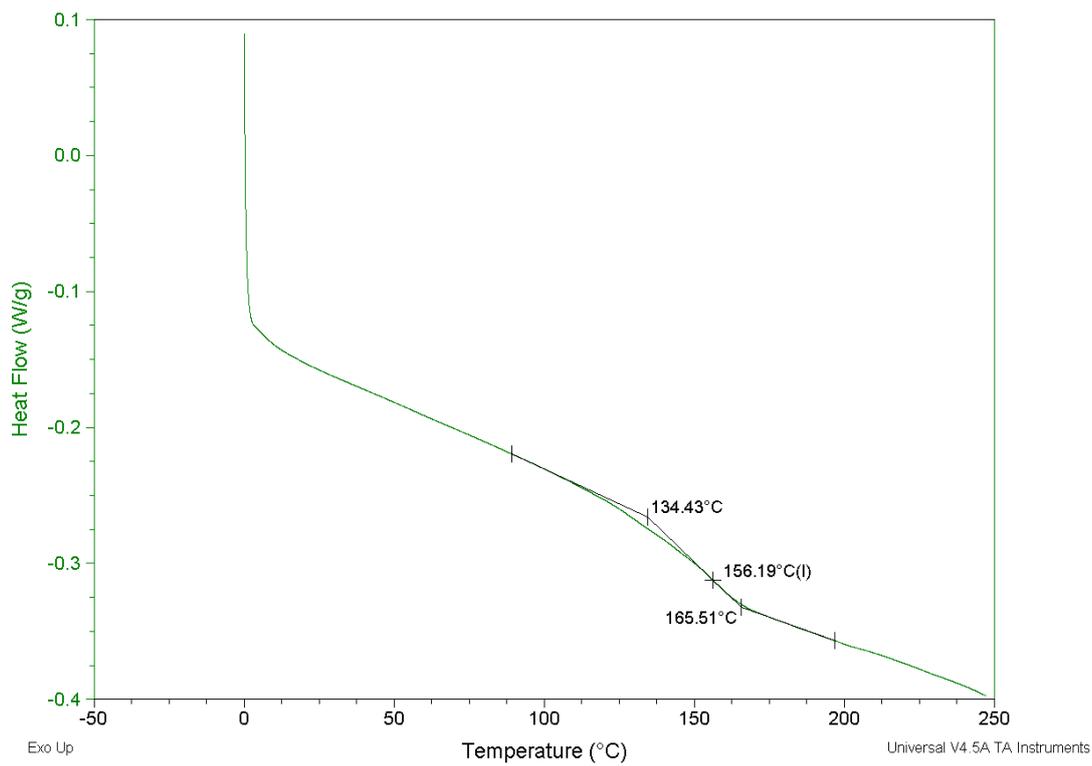
**Figure S10.** DSC Curve of Product of Table 4, entry 2



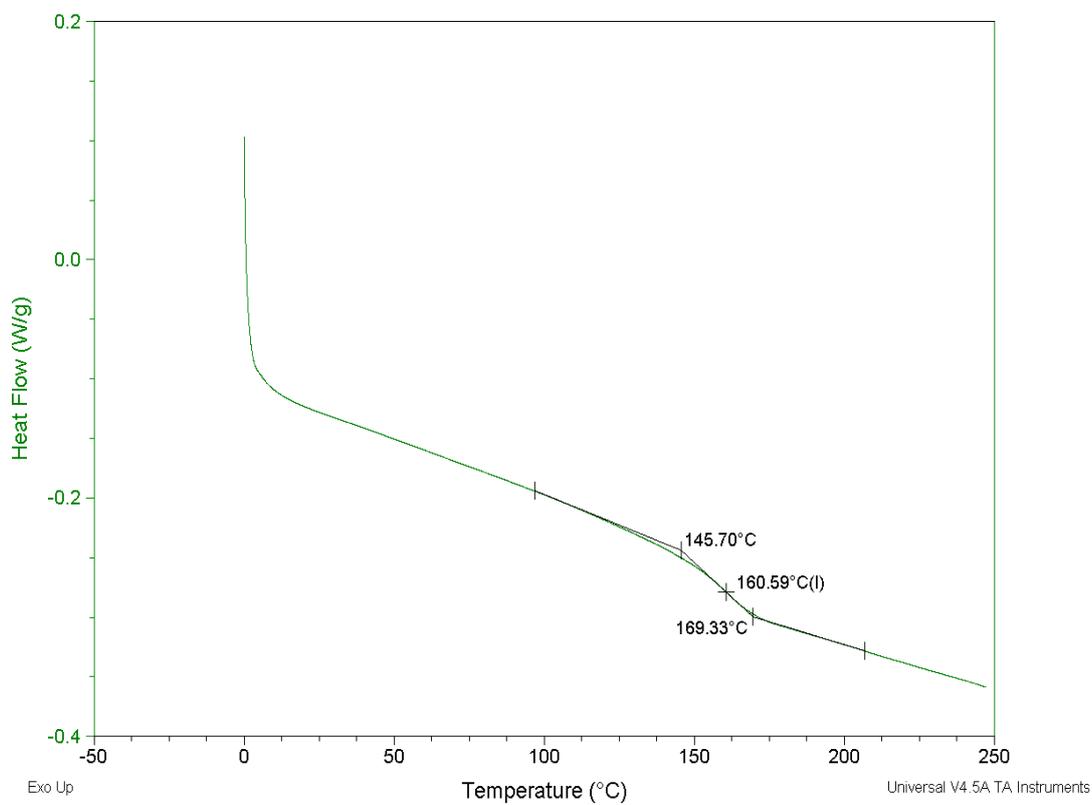
**Figure S11.** DSC Curve of Product of Table 4, entry 3



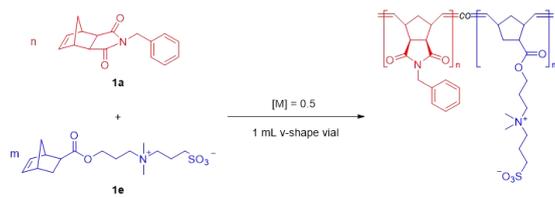
**Figure S12.** DSC Curve of Product of Table 4, entry 4



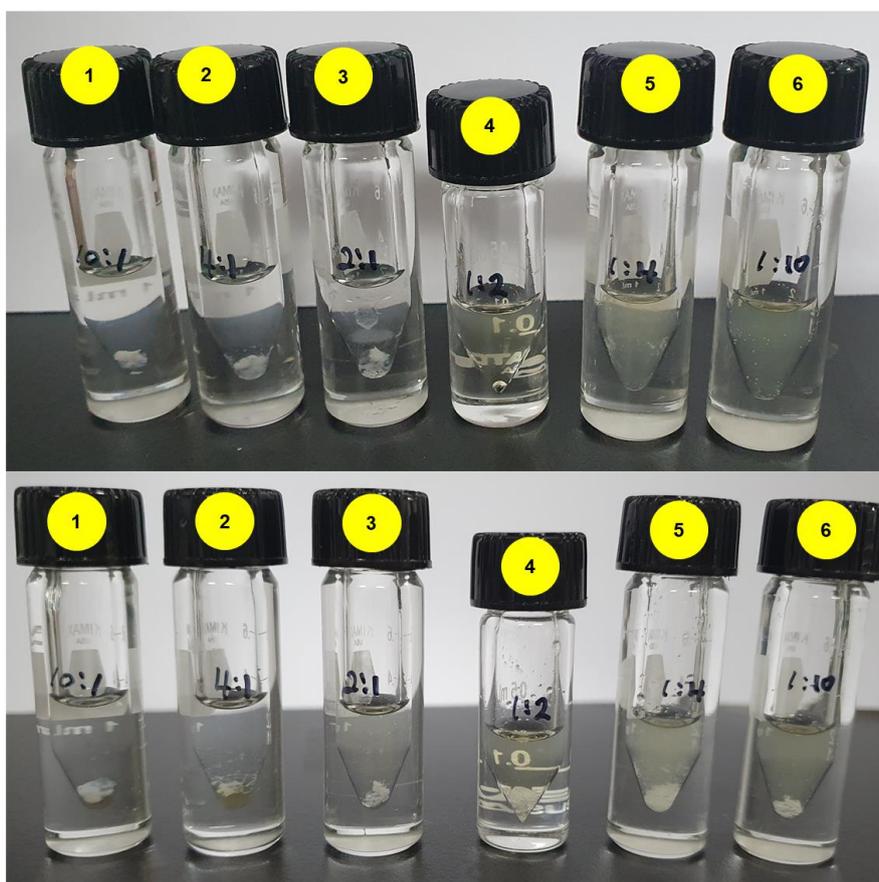
**Figure S13.** DSC Curve of Product of Table 4, entry 5



**Figure S14.** DSC Curve of Product of Table 4, entry 6



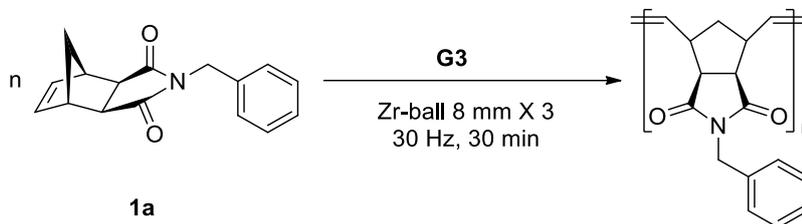
Entry	Solvent ratio		Major monomer	Minor monomer
	THF	H <sub>2</sub> O	Step 1	Step 2
1 (10 : 1)	344 $\mu$ L	38 $\mu$ L	<b>1a</b> 44 mg Partially soluble	<b>1e</b> 6 mg Insoluble
2 (4 : 1)	294 $\mu$ L	74 $\mu$ L	<b>1a</b> 38 mg Partially soluble	<b>1e</b> 13 mg Insoluble
3 (2 : 1)	235 $\mu$ L	117 $\mu$ L	<b>1a</b> 30 mg Partially soluble	<b>1e</b> 20 mg Insoluble
4 (1 : 2)	106 $\mu$ L	212 $\mu$ L	<b>1e</b> 37 mg Soluble	<b>1a</b> 13 mg Insoluble
5 (1 : 4)	61 $\mu$ L	245 $\mu$ L	<b>1e</b> 42 mg Soluble	<b>1a</b> 7 mg Insoluble
6 (1 : 10)	27 $\mu$ L	270 $\mu$ L	<b>1e</b> 47 mg Soluble	<b>1a</b> 3 mg Insoluble



**Figure S15.** Solubility evaluation of monomer **1a** and **1e** in one solvent.

#### 4.5. Conversion and number average molecular weight vs. ball-milling time (Figure 2)

Table S6. Raw data used for Figure 2



##### [M]/G3 = 100

Entry	Conv <sup>[b]</sup> (%)	$M_n$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$M_w$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$\bar{D}$	E/Z <sup>[b]</sup>
5 min	42	16.2	52.8	3.25	51/49
	30	7.7	12.6	1.64	54/46
10 min	70	16.9	24.1	1.43	57/43
	64	13.3	20.5	1.54	56/44
30 min	90	16.8	24.1	1.44	57/43
	91	16.5	23.3	1.42	57/43
60 min	97	14.2	21.5	1.51	58/42
	95	14.2	21.5	1.51	57/43

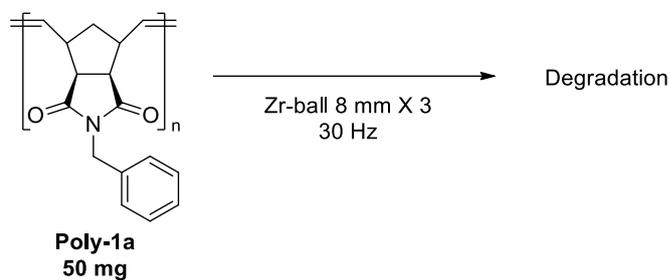
##### [M]/G3 = 200

Entry	Conv <sup>[b]</sup> (%)	$M_n$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$M_w$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$\bar{D}$	E/Z <sup>[b]</sup>
5 min	26	13.5	23.1	1.71	56/44
	24	8.5	15.6	1.84	51/49
10 min	53	25.0	37.4	1.50	56/44
	53	23.5	36.2	1.54	56/44
30 min	89	23.3	39.4	1.69	56/44
	91	21.9	36.1	1.65	57/43
60 min	96	15.8	25.2	1.60	58/42
	94	16.6	26.6	1.61	57/43

<sup>[a]</sup>Reaction condition: **1a** (50 mg) and **G3** in a 10 mL zirconia jar with three zirconia balls (8 mm diameter). 30 Hz vibration. <sup>[b]</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy. <sup>[c]</sup>Determined by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) with polystyrene (PS) standards in tetrahydrofuran (THF) at 40 °C.

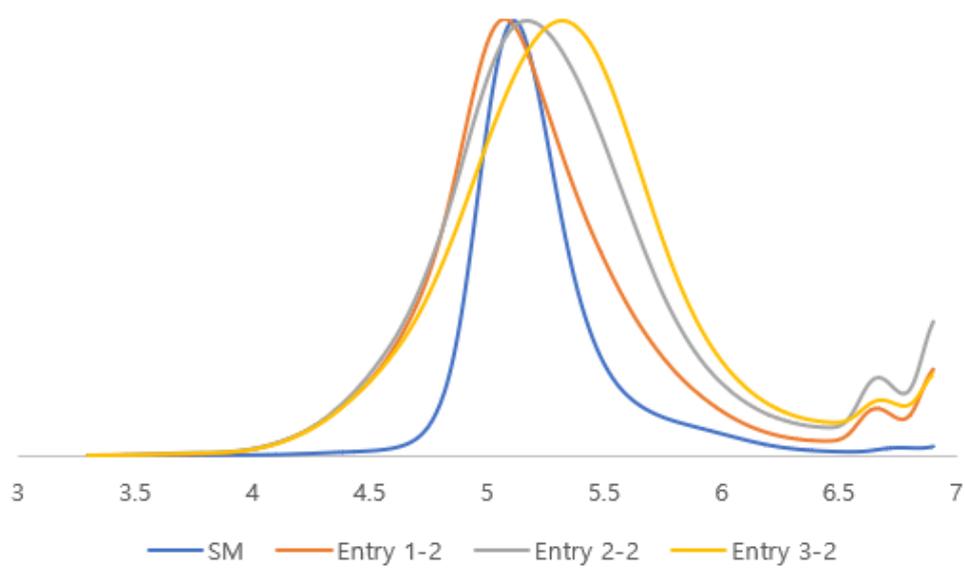
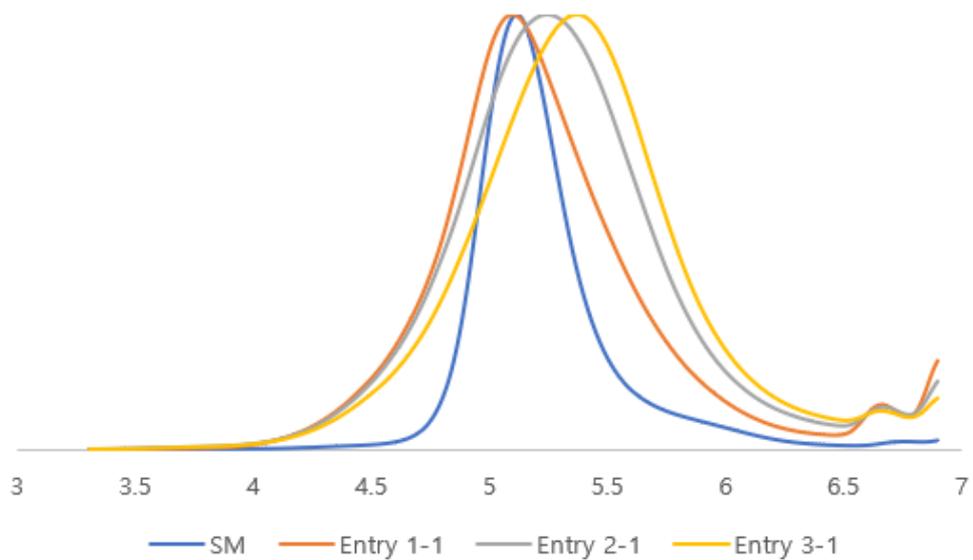
#### 4.6. Ball-milling induced degradation of poly-1a

**Table S7.** Degradation of Poly(1a)<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	Time (min)	$M_n^{[b]}$ (kg/mol)	$M_w^{[b]}$ (kg/mol)	$\bar{D}$
SM		33.0	38.6	1.17
1-1	10	24.8	47.9	1.93
1-2		26.2	50.5	1.93
2-2	20	20.1	40.5	2.02
2-2		22.2	44.5	2.00
3-1	30	17.2	35.3	2.05
3-2		19.1	39.7	2.08

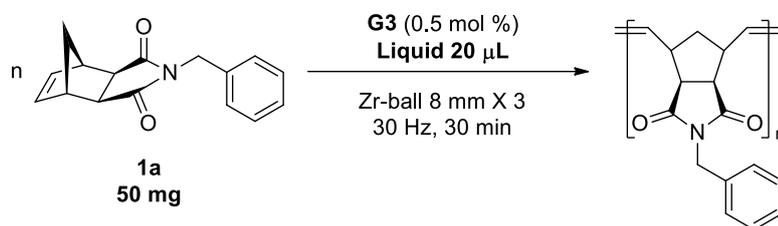
<sup>[a]</sup>Reaction conditions: **Poly-1a** (50 mg) in a 10 mL zirconia jar containing three zirconia balls (8 mm diameter), followed by 30 Hz vibration. <sup>[b]</sup>Determined using SEC with polystyrene standards in tetrahydrofuran at 40 °C.



**Figure S16.** SEC diagrams of Table S7.

#### 4.7. Effect of liquid-assisted grinding (Table 5)

**Table S8.** Raw data used for Table 5<sup>[a]</sup>

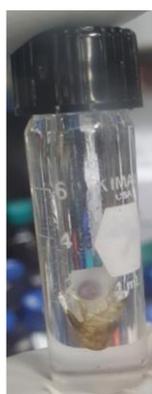


Entry	Liquid	Conv <sup>[b]</sup> (%)	$M_n$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$M_w$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$M_p$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$\bar{D}$
1-1	None	89	23.3	39.3	35.0	1.69
1-2		91	21.9	36.1	32.4	1.65
2-1	Toluene	99	23.2	39.6	48.2	1.71
2-2		99	22.9	38.2	45.1	1.67
3-1	THF	97	27.0	45.6	56.5	1.69
3-2		95	24.3	43.6	55.0	1.79
4-1	DCE	99	30.3	42.6	45.5	1.41
4-2		99	34.3	44.2	46.7	1.29
5 <sup>[d]</sup>	DCE (solution)	99	40.4	48.1	51.4	1.19
6 <sup>[e]</sup>	DCE (20uL)	< 1	-	-	-	-

<sup>[a]</sup>Reaction condition: **1a** (50 mg), G3, and liquid (20 uL) in a 10 mL zirconia jar with three zirconia balls (8 mm diameter). 30 Hz vibration for 30 minutes. <sup>[b]</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy. <sup>[c]</sup>Determined by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) with polystyrene (PS) standards in tetrahydrofuran (THF) at 40 °C. <sup>[d]</sup>Reactions were proceeded in 0.4 mL solvent ([M] = 0.5 M) for 30 min in room temperature. <sup>[e]</sup>Reaction is proceeded in 20 uL solvent in V-shaped vial.



G3 cat + NB-Bn



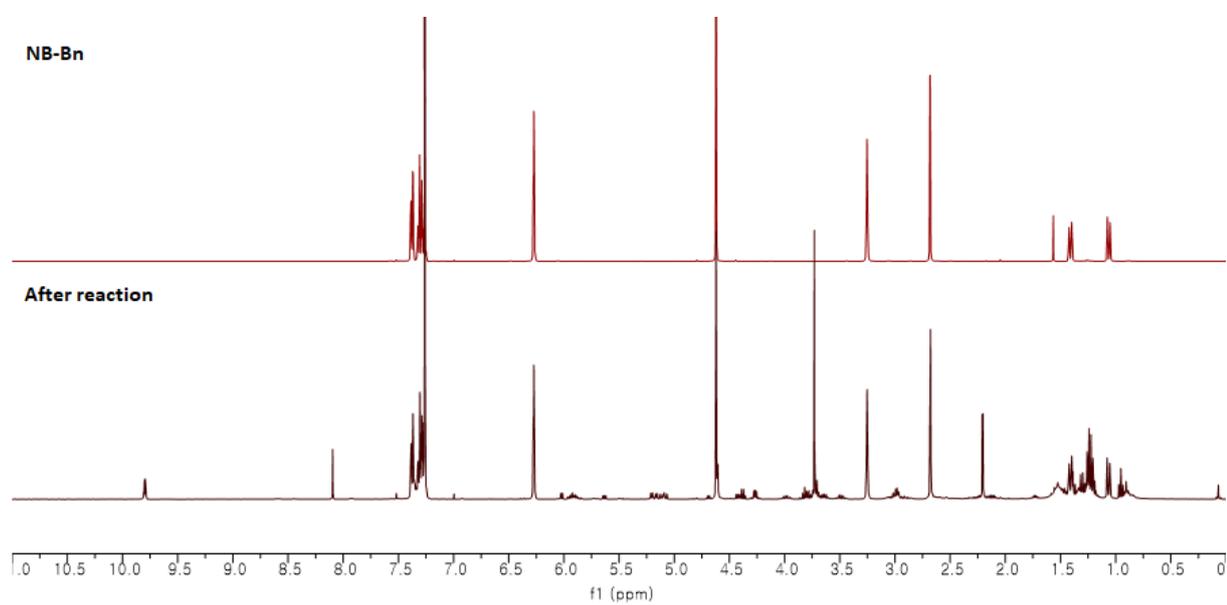
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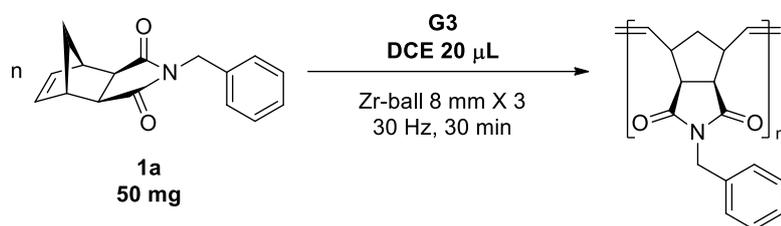
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**Figure S17.** Reactions procedure of Table S8, En 6 and Crude NMR spectra.

#### 4.8. Effect of liquid-assisted grinding (Figure 4)

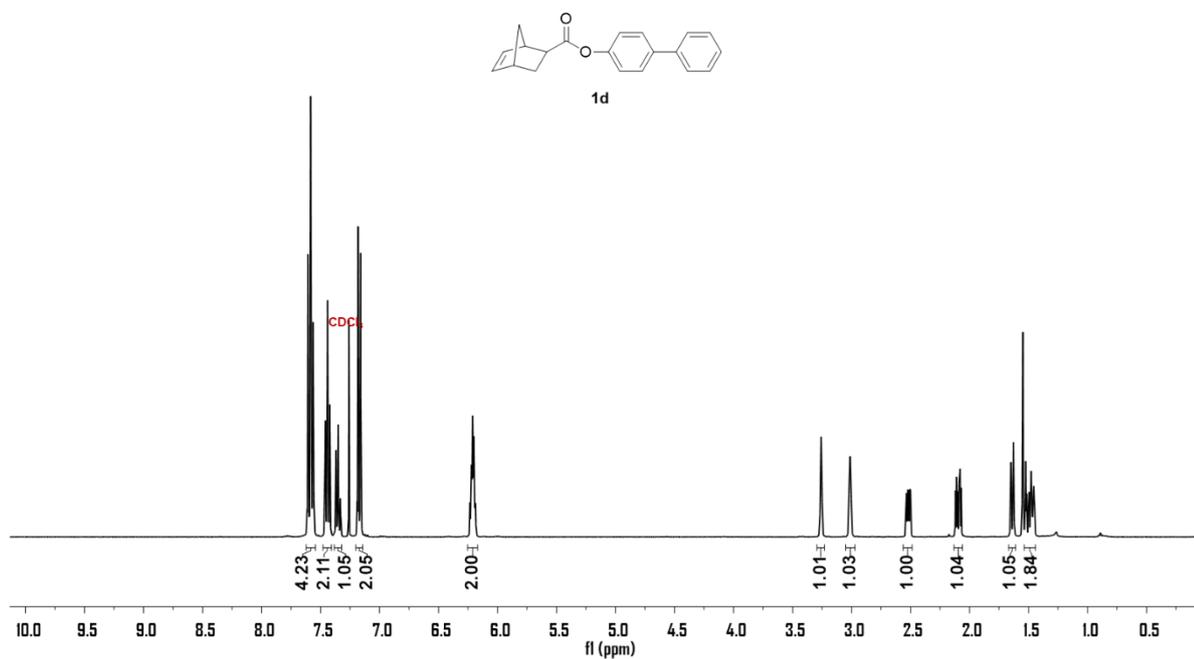
Table S9. Raw data<sup>[a]</sup>



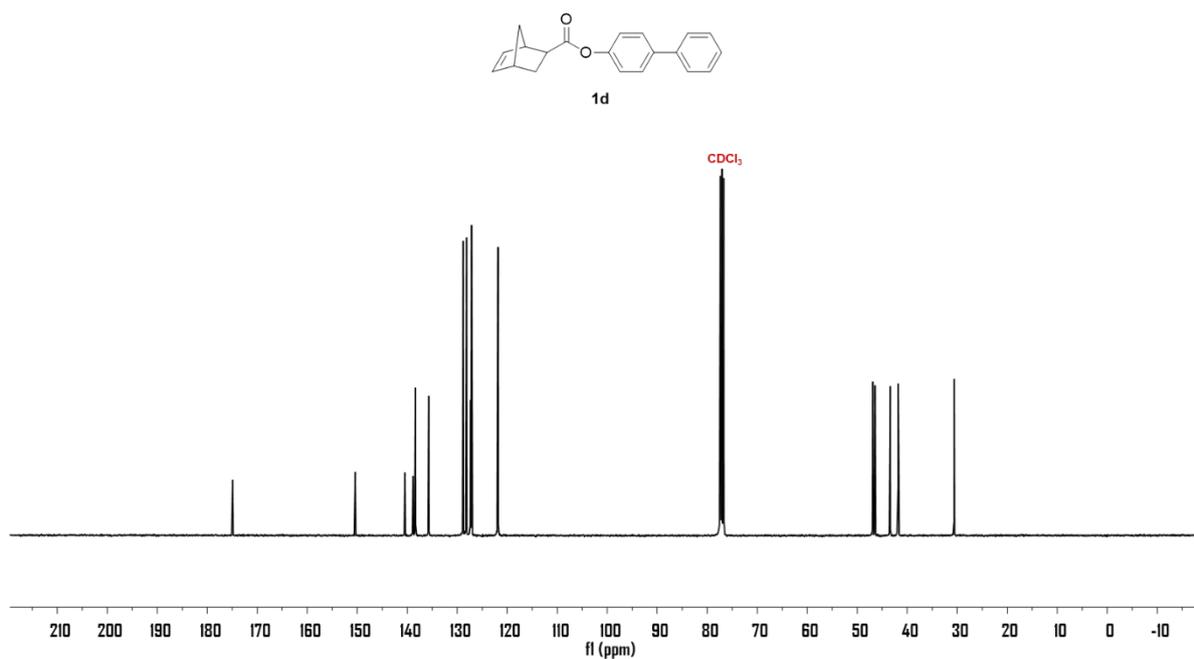
Entry	[1a]/[G3]	Conv <sup>[b]</sup> (%)	$M_n$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$M_w$ <sup>[c]</sup> (kg/mol)	$\bar{D}$
1-1	100	96	15.1	23.2	1.54
1-2		97	13.8	21.1	1.52
1-3		95	16.1	25.0	1.55
1-4		93	15.9	24.4	1.53
2-1	200	99	30.3	42.6	1.41
2-2		99	34.3	44.2	1.29
2-3		99	32.4	47.2	1.46
2-4		99	29.8	47.1	1.59
3-1	300	98	56.5	65.6	1.16
3-2		97	53.2	62.3	1.17
3-3		99	51.2	55.9	1.09
3-4		99	51.3	56.5	1.10

<sup>[a]</sup>Reaction condition: **1a** (50 mg), G3, and DCE (20  $\mu\text{L}$ ) in a 10 mL zirconia jar with three zirconia balls (8 mm diameter). 30 Hz vibration for 30 minutes. <sup>[b]</sup>Determined by  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectroscopy. <sup>[c]</sup>Determined by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) with polystyrene (PS) standards in tetrahydrofuran (THF) at 40  $^\circ\text{C}$ .

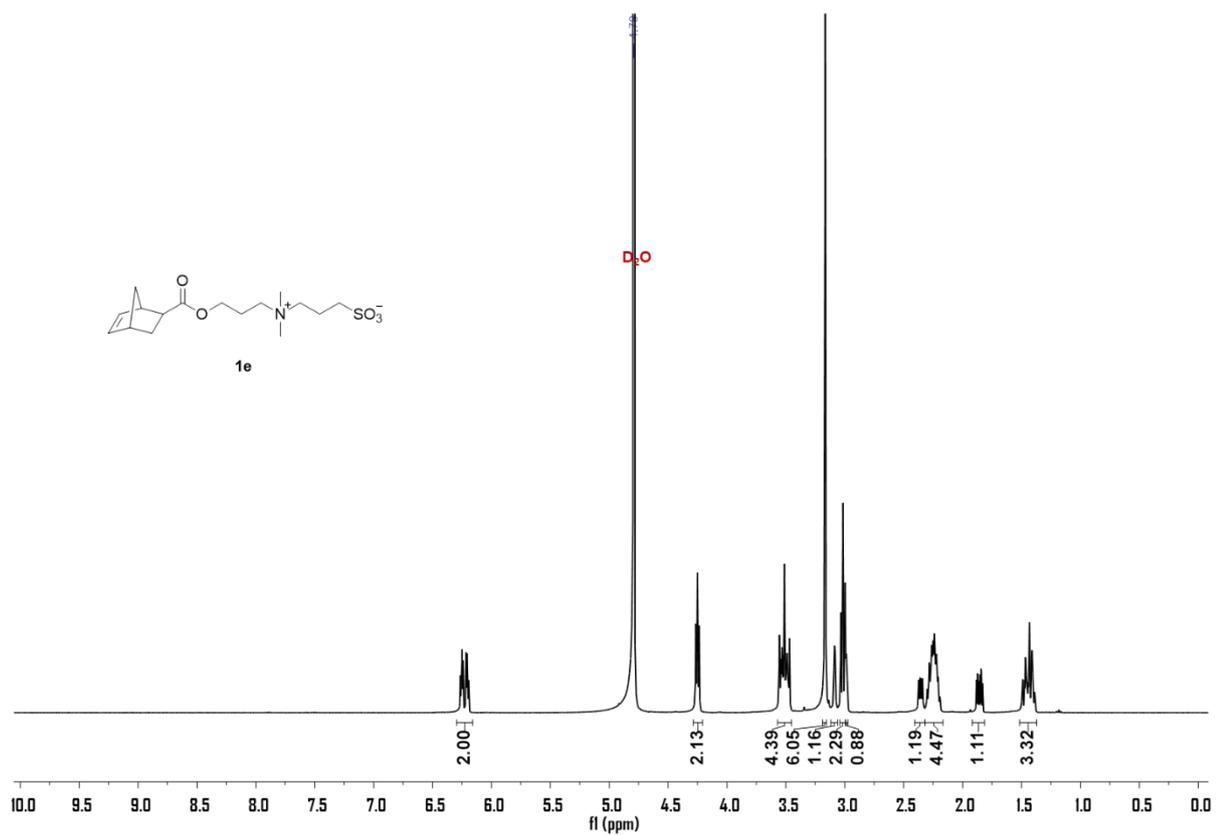
## 5. Copies of NMR Spectra



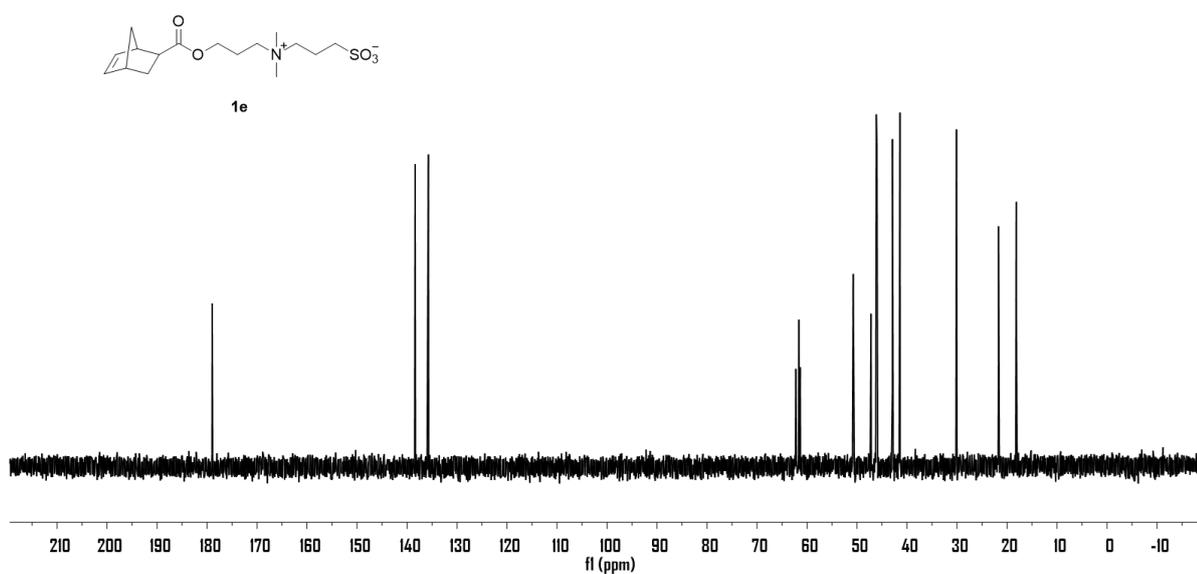
**Figure S18.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Compound 1d (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S19.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Compound 1d (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S20.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Compound 1e (in D<sub>2</sub>O).



**Figure S21.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Compound 1e (in D<sub>2</sub>O).

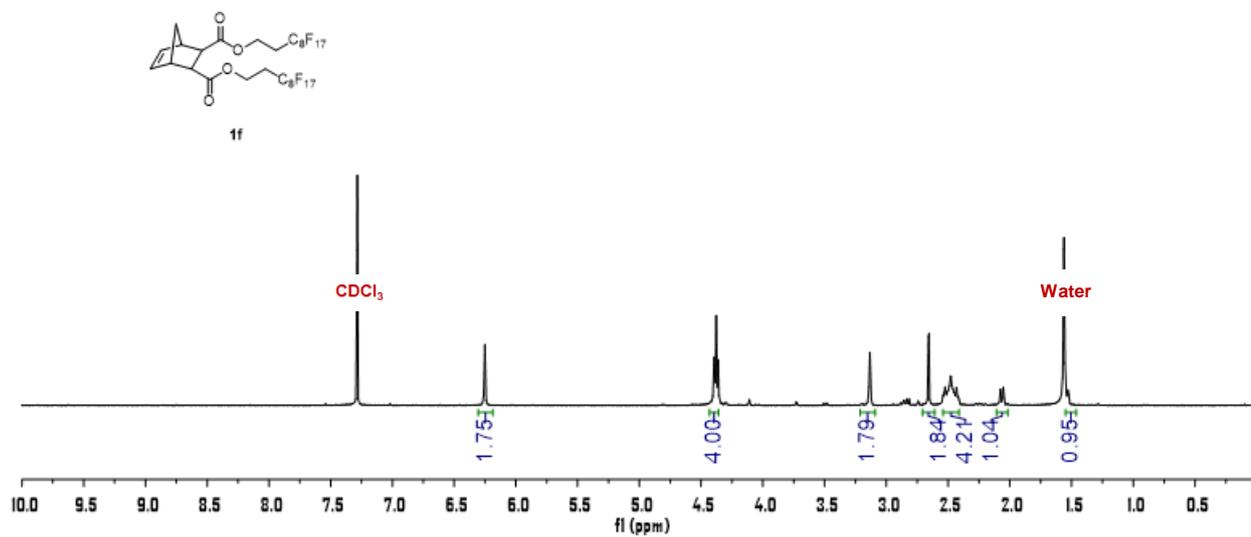


Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Compound 1f (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

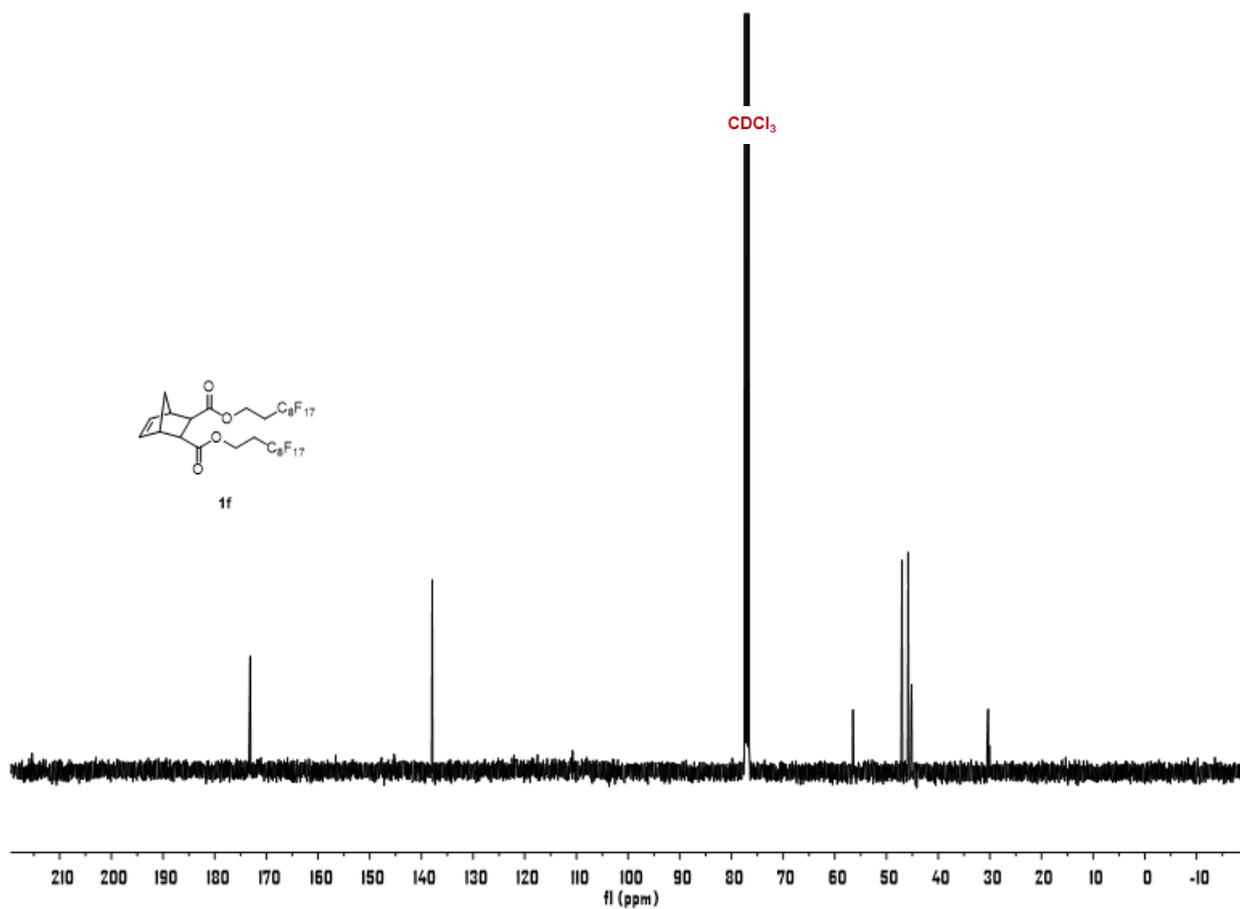


Figure S22. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Compound 1f (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

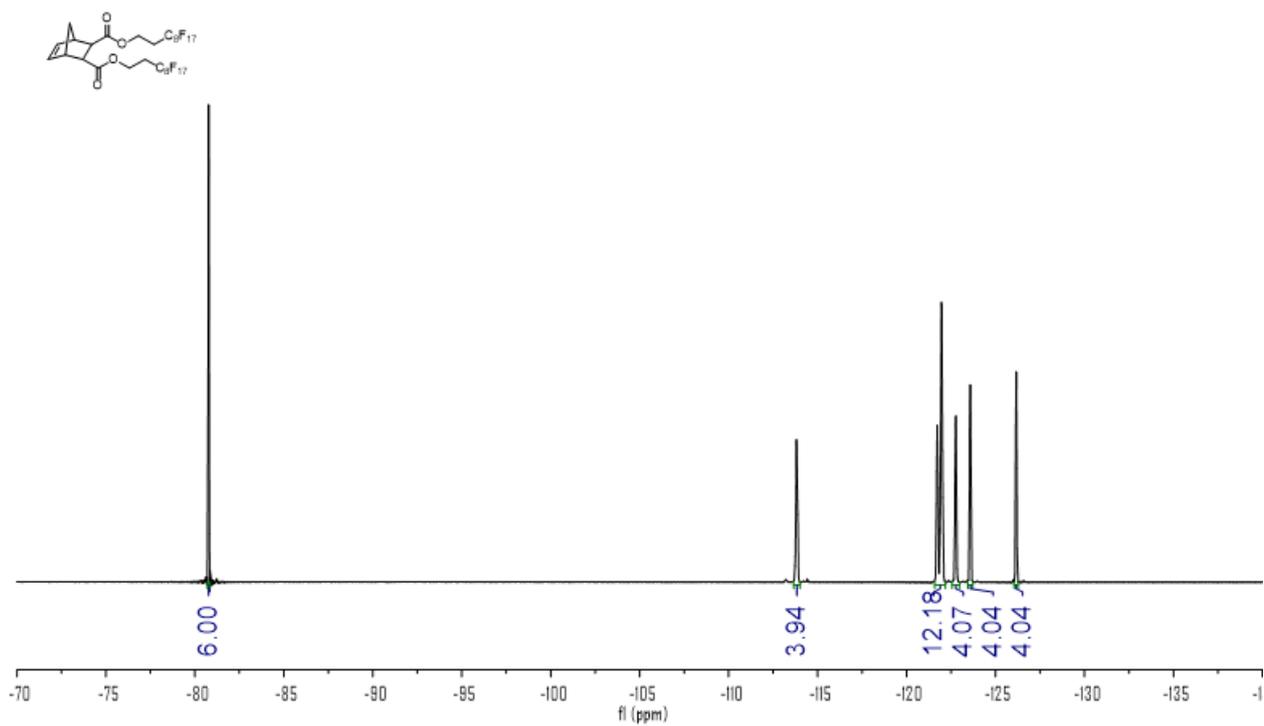


Figure S23.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of Compound 1f (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

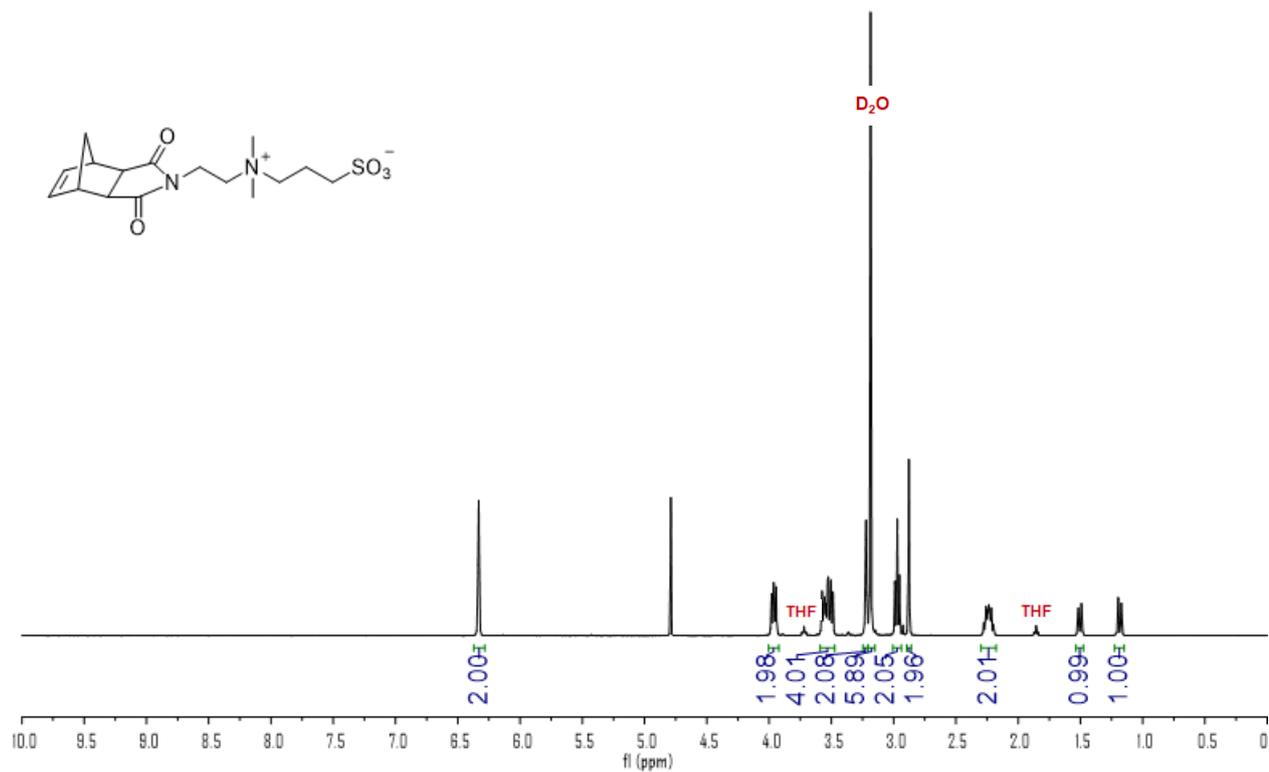
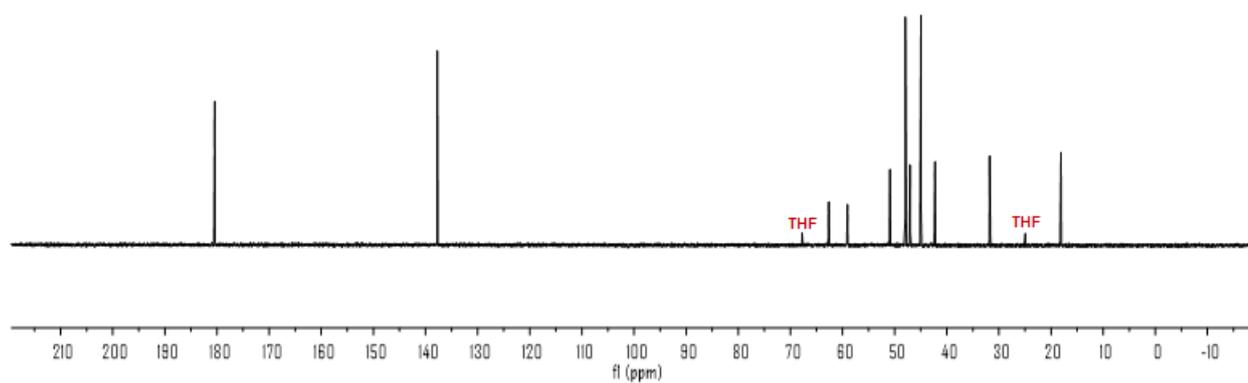
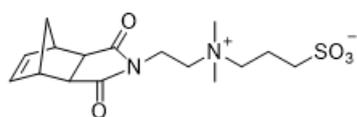
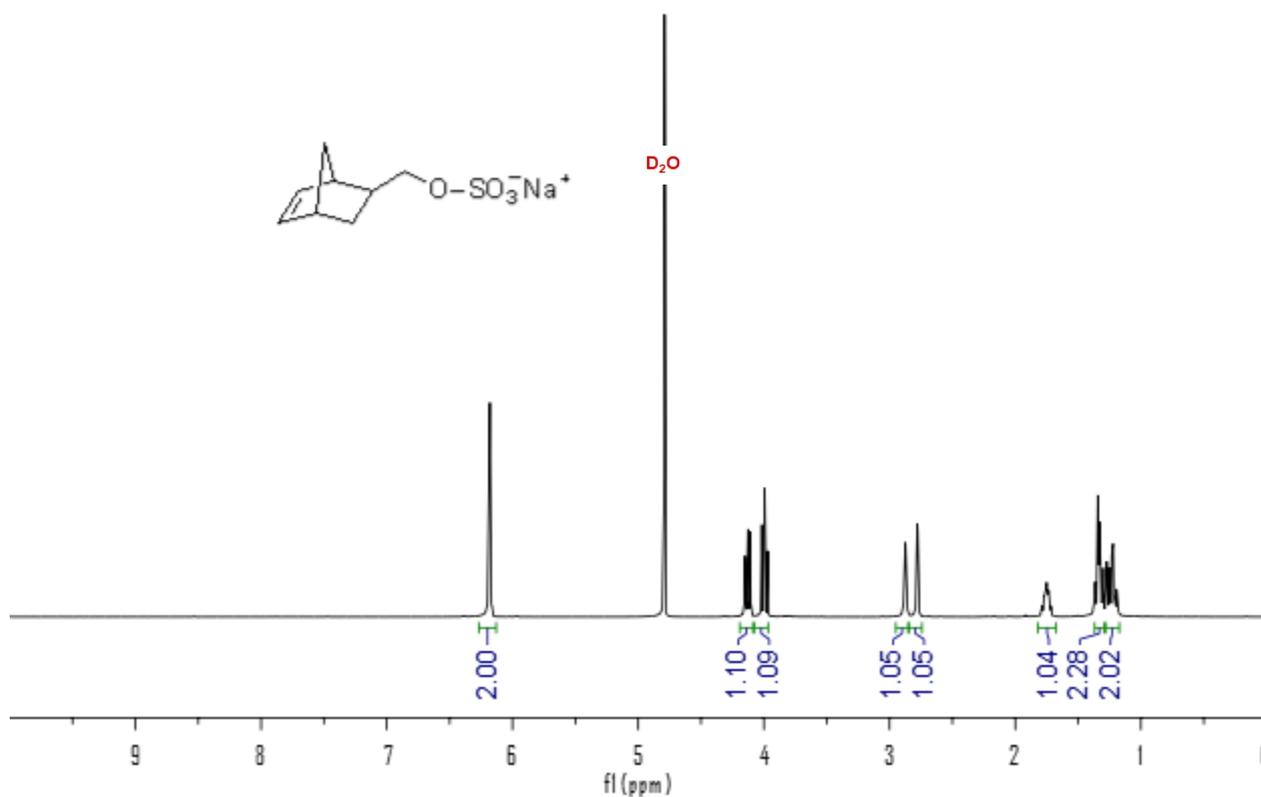
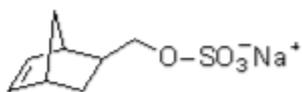


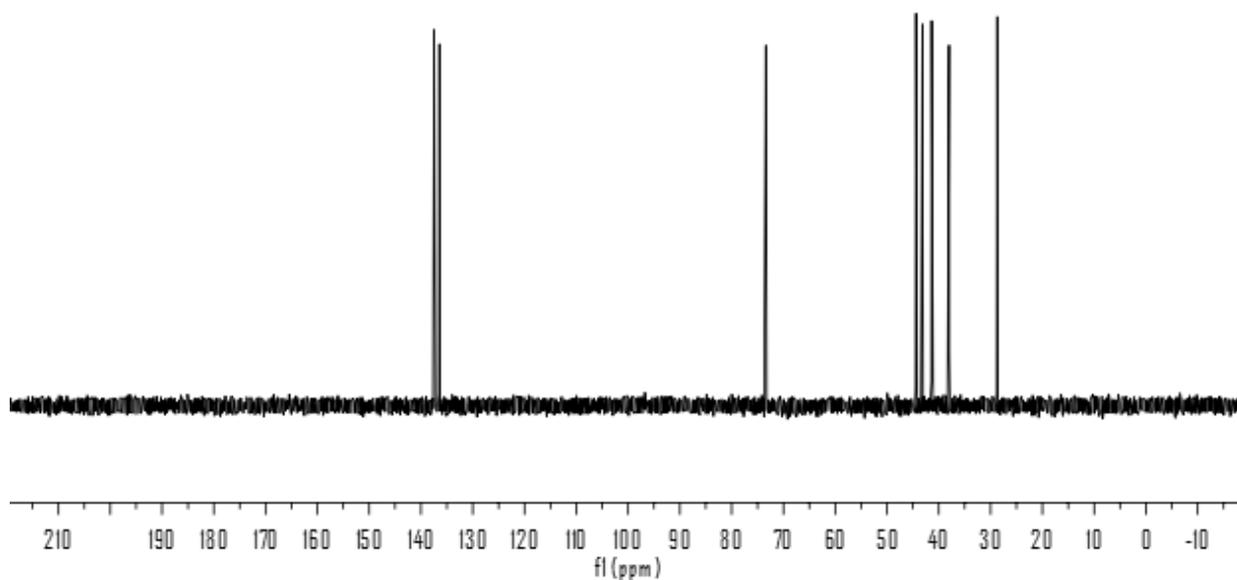
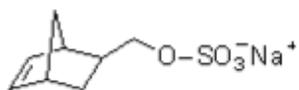
Figure S24.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Compound 1i (in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).



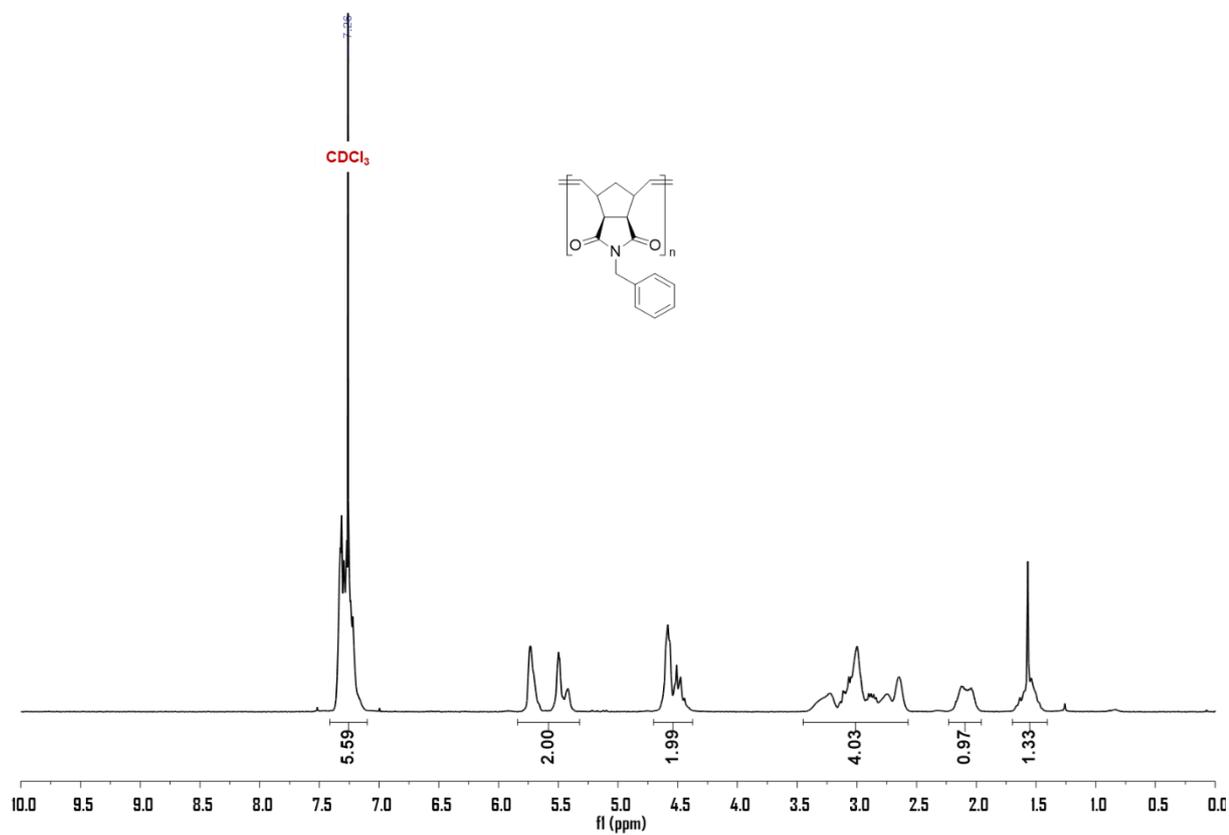
**Figure S25.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of Compound 1i (in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).



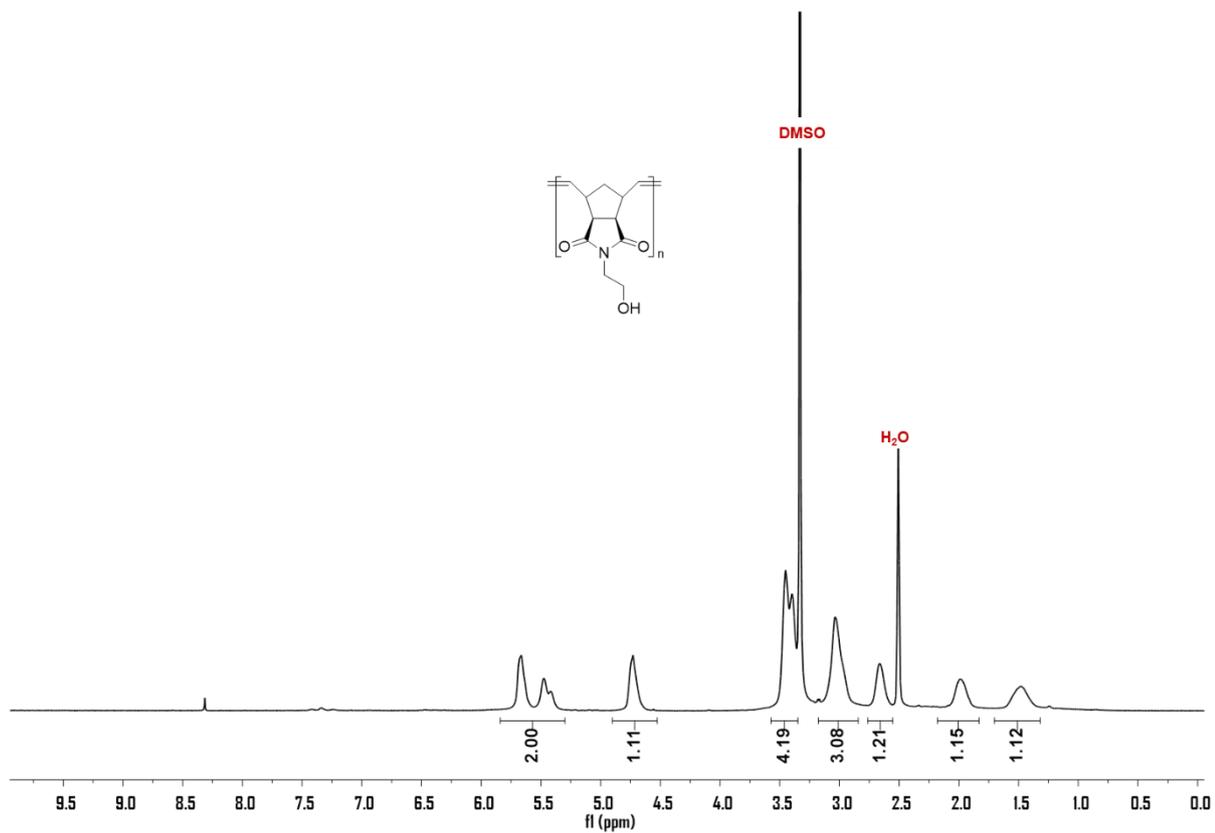
**Figure S26.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Compound 1f (in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).



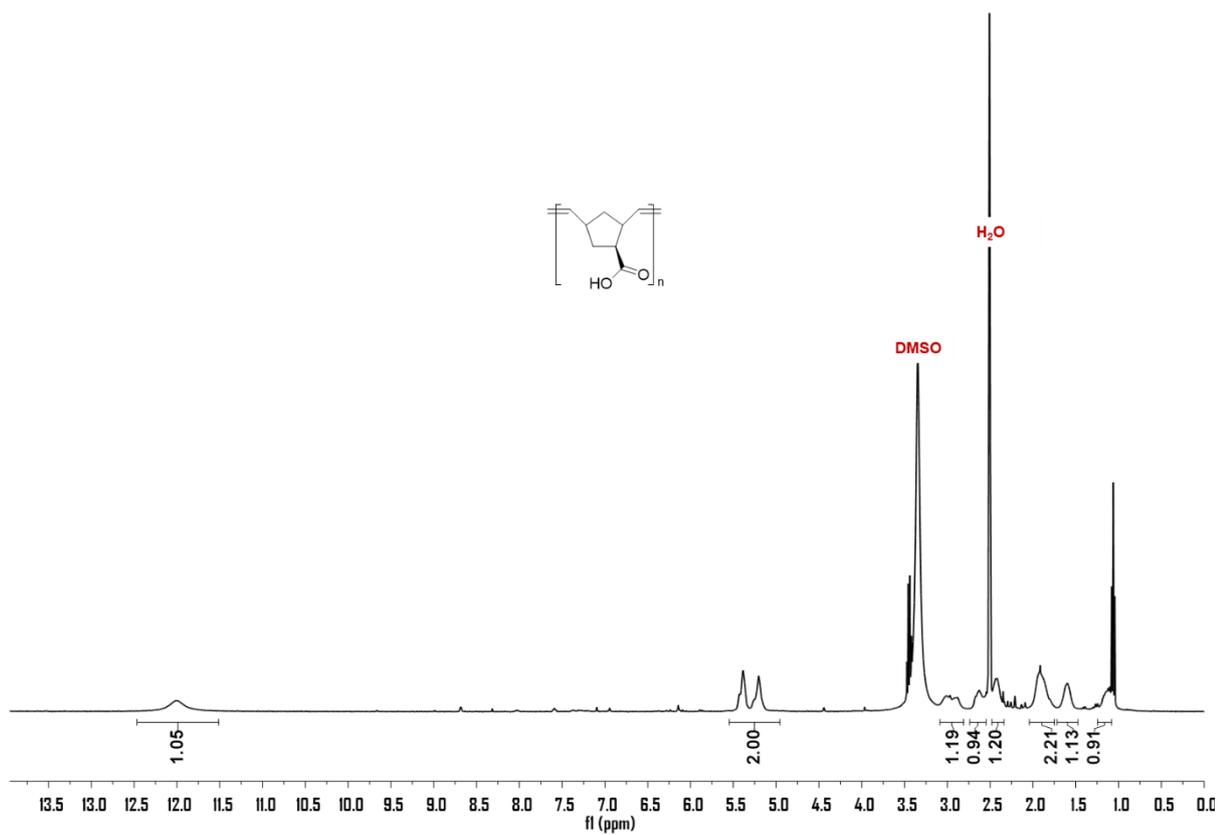
**Figure S27.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of Compound 1f (in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).



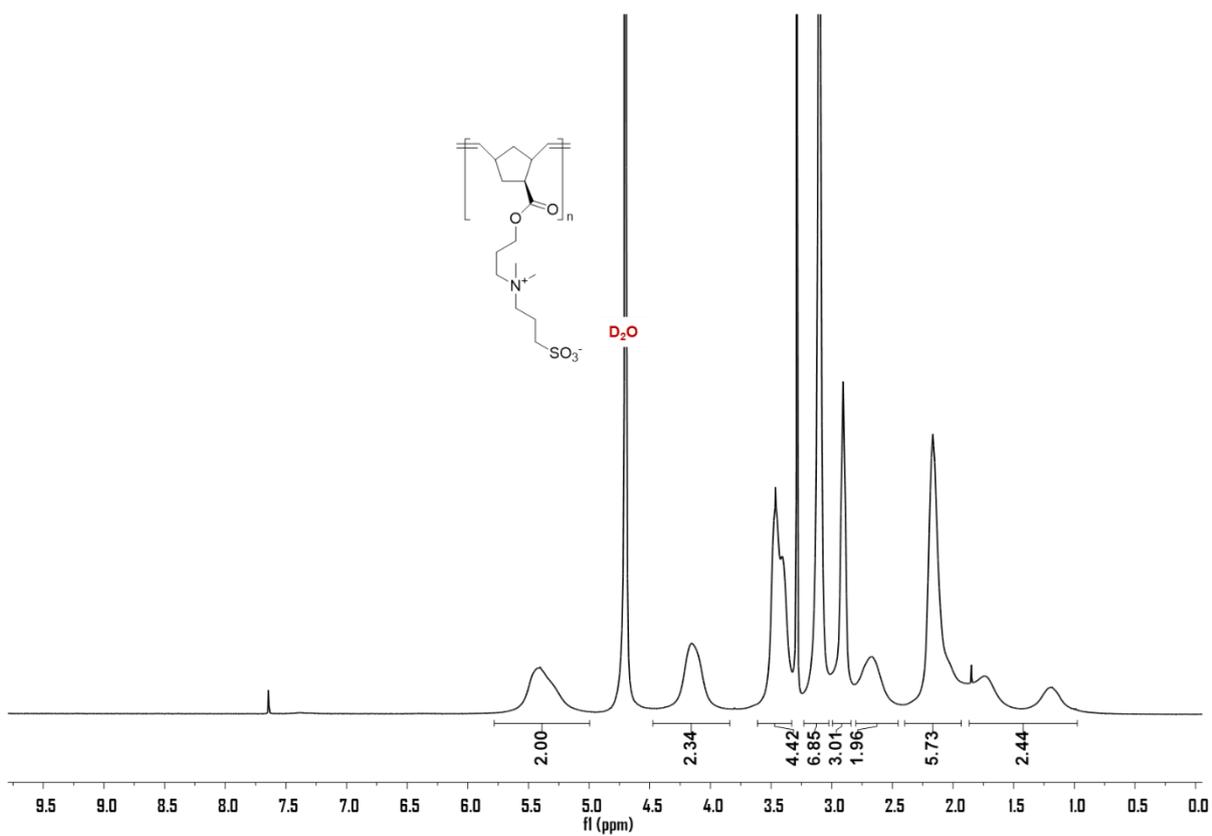
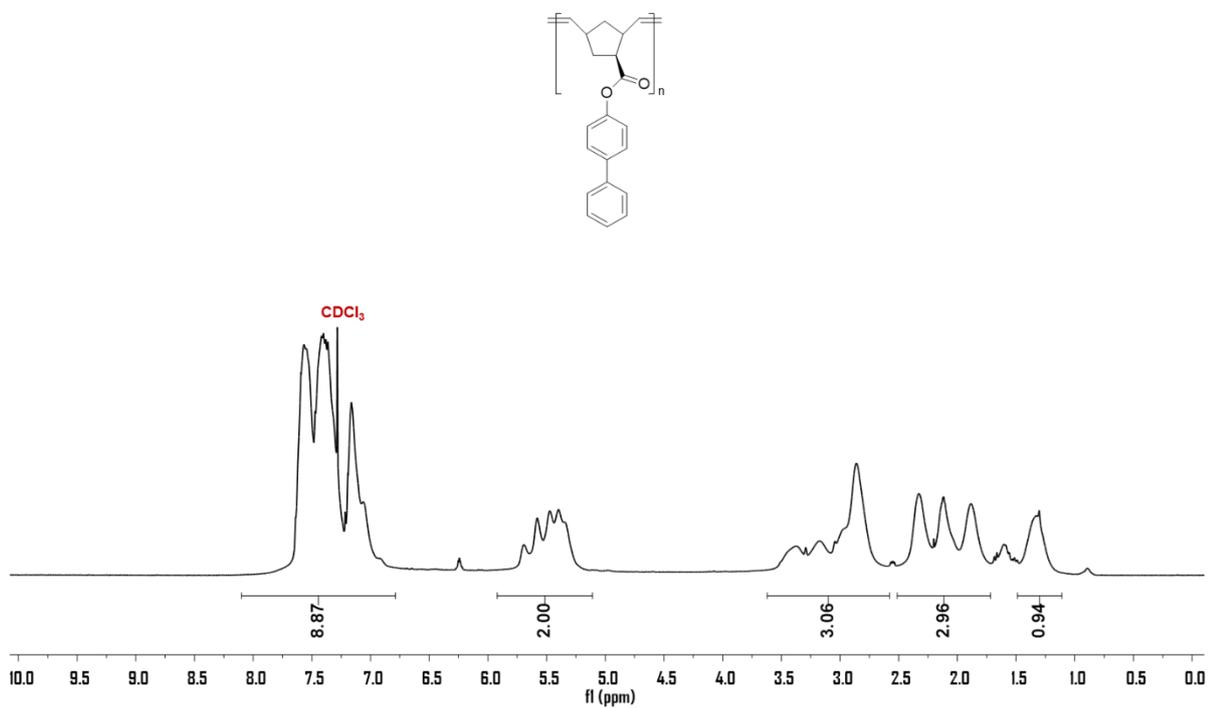
**Figure S28.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Product of Table 3, entry 1 (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

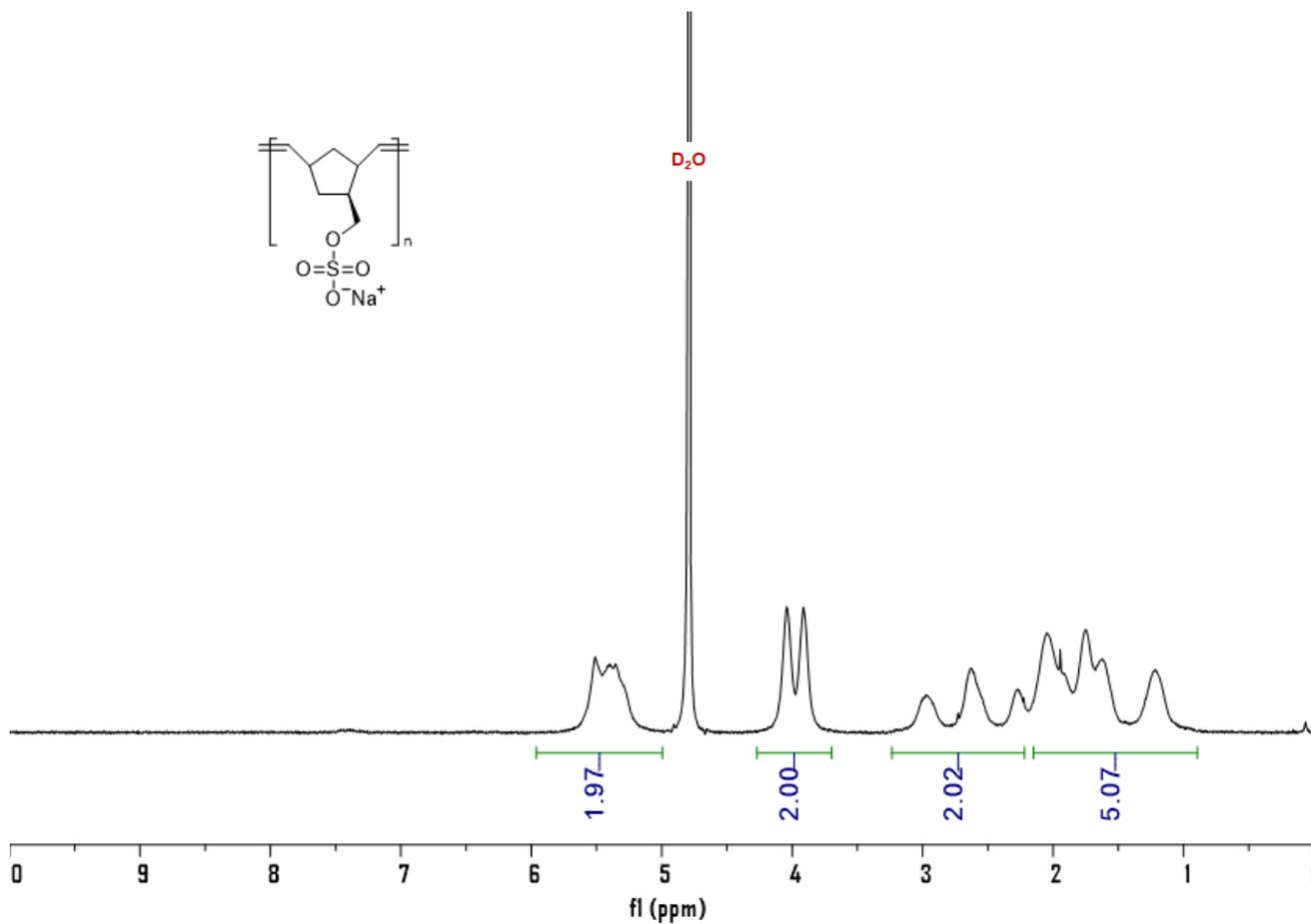


**Figure S29.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Product of Table 3, entry 2 (in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>).

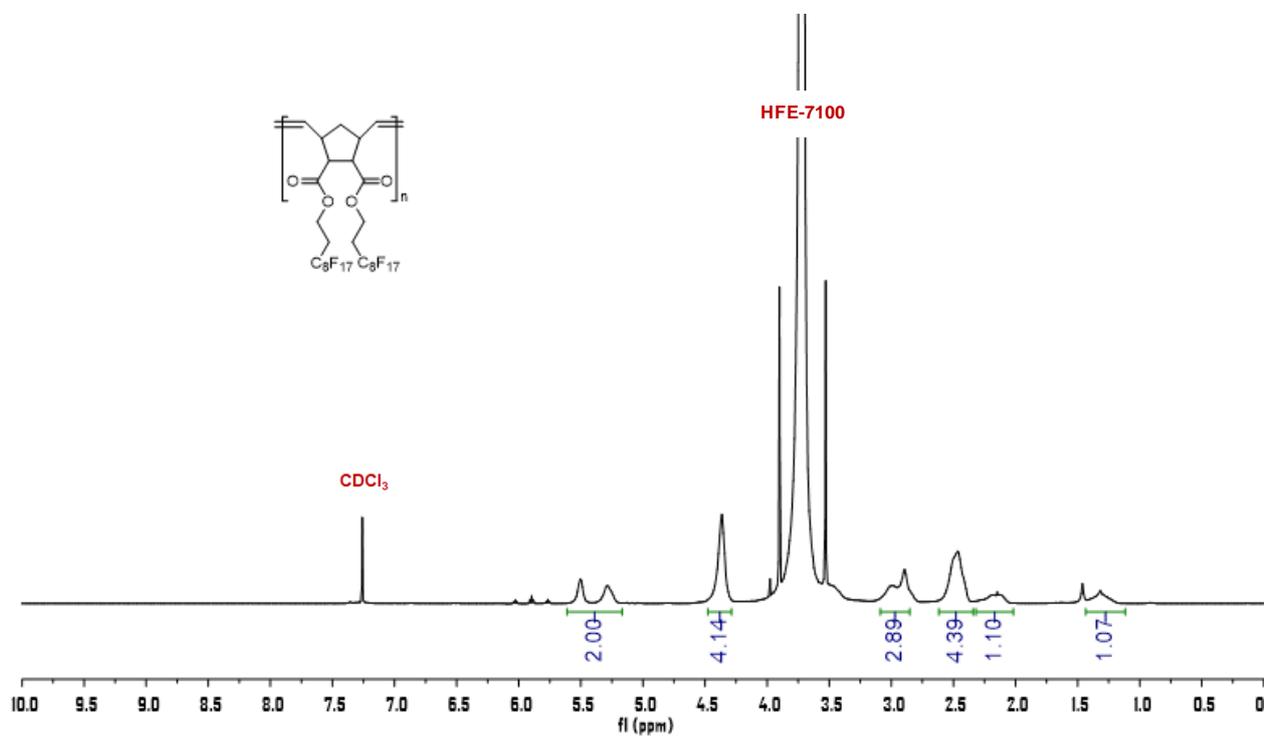


**Figure S30.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Product of Table 3, entry 3 (in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>).

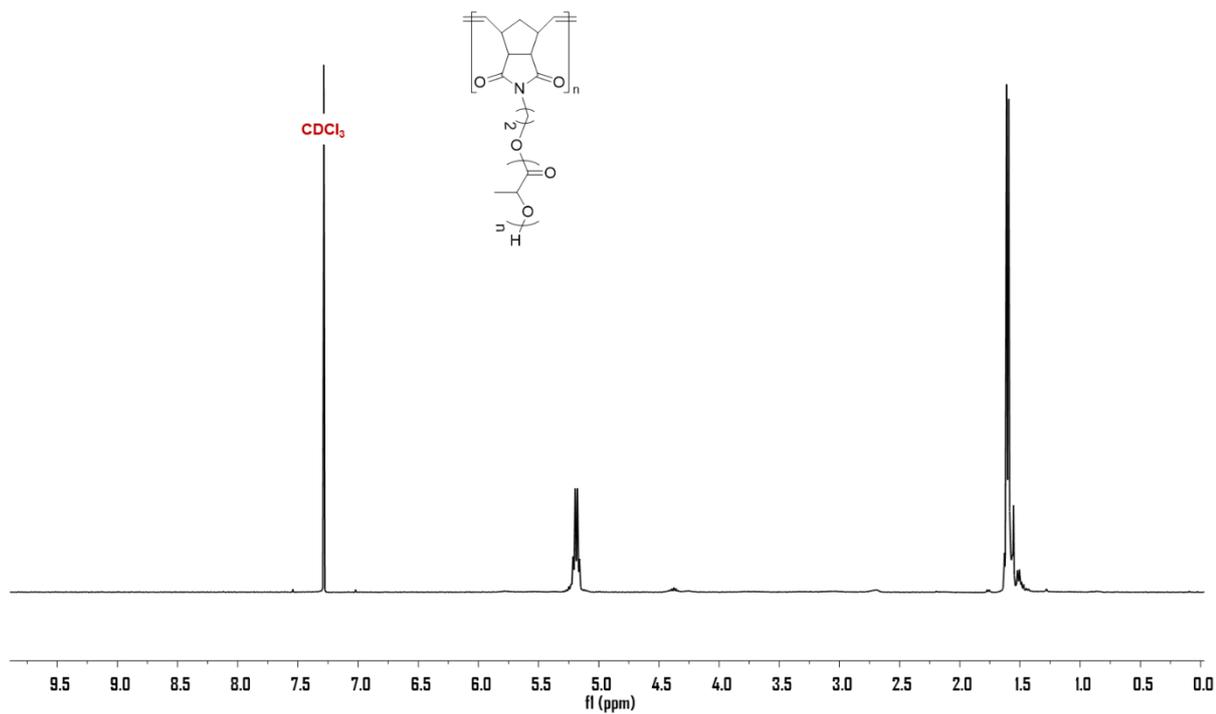




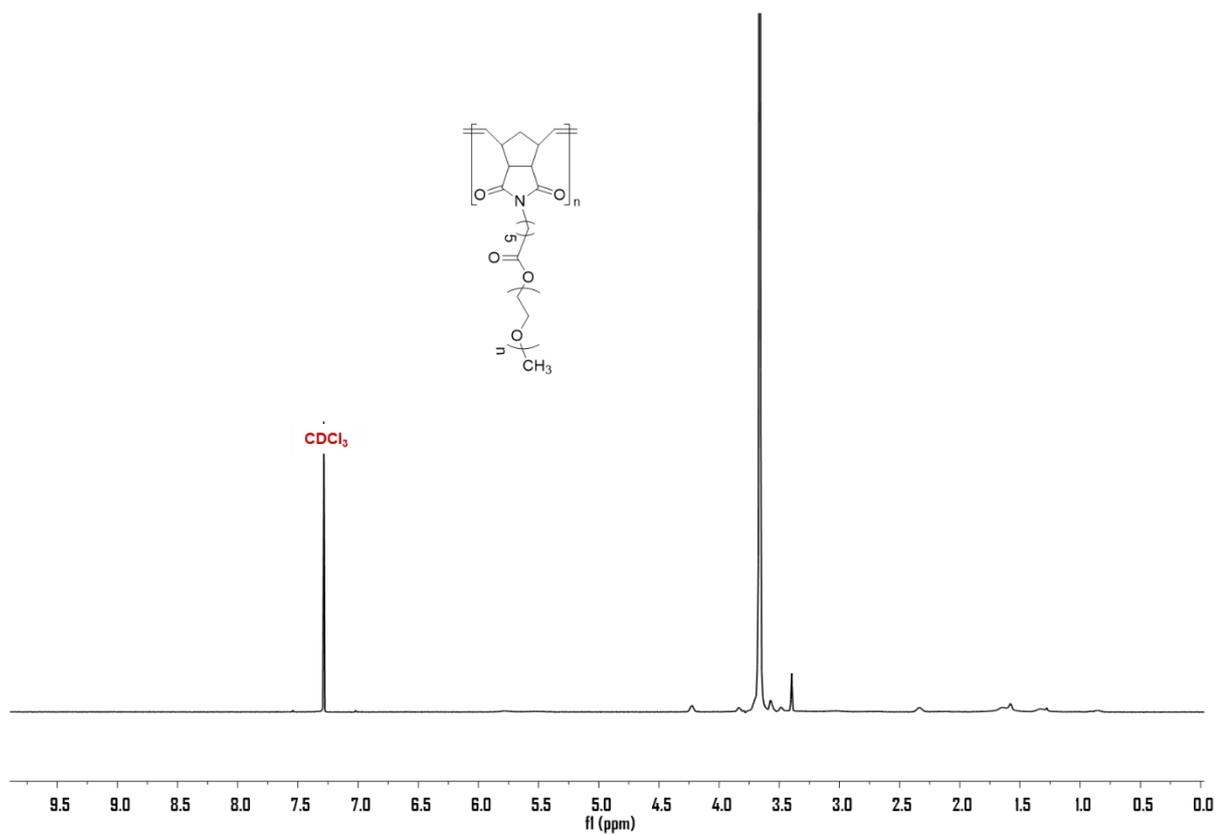
**Figure S33.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Product of Table 3, entry 6 (in D<sub>2</sub>O).



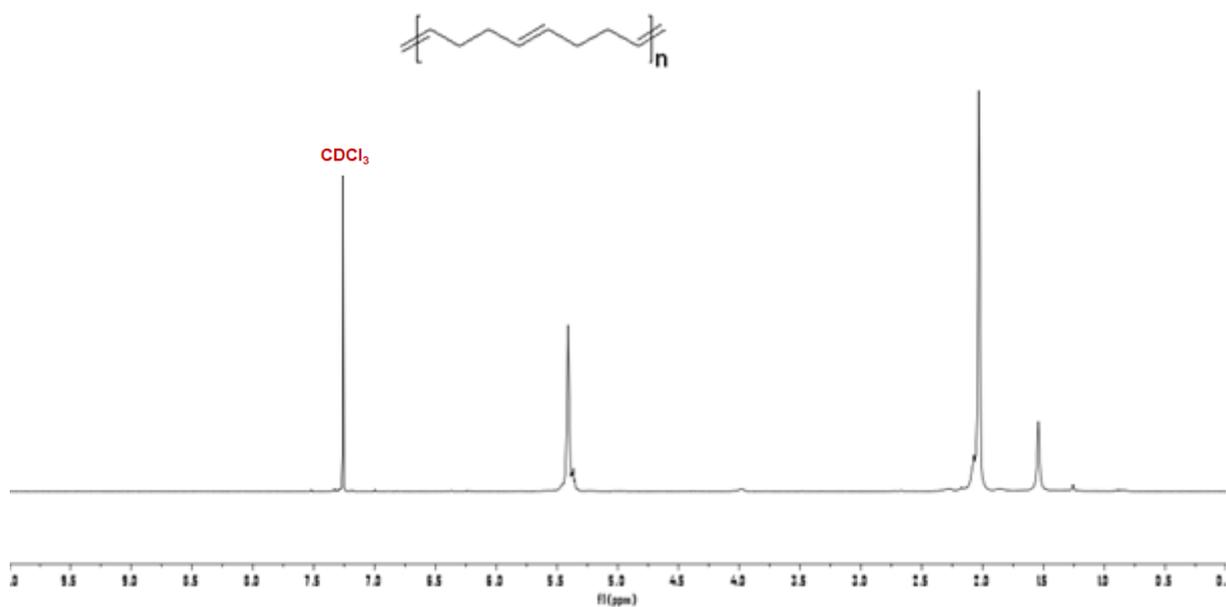
**Figure S34.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Product of Table 3, entry 7 (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S35.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Product of Table 3, entry 8 (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



**Figure S36.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Product of Table 3, entry 9 (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



**Figure S37.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Product of Table 3, entry 10 (in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).