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**A Facile Method for Colorimetric Determination of the Enantiomeric Purity of Amino Acids Using Poly(phenylacetylene) Possessing (*S*)-Mandelamide Receptors**

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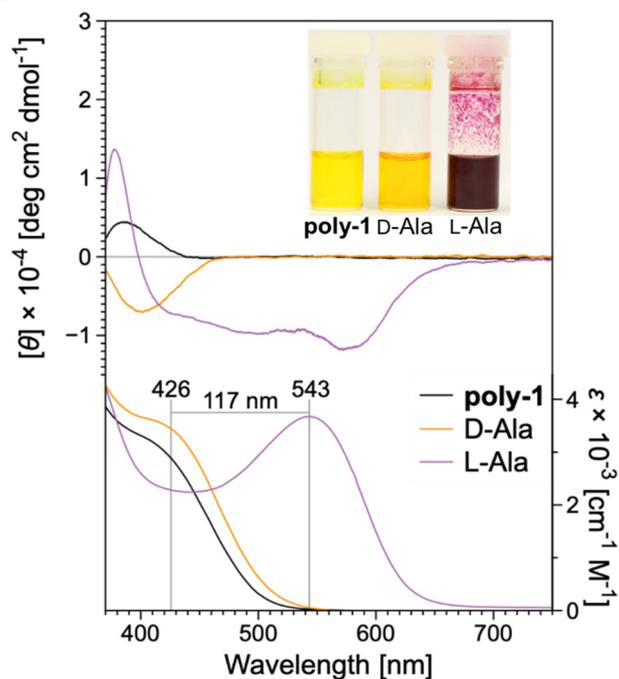
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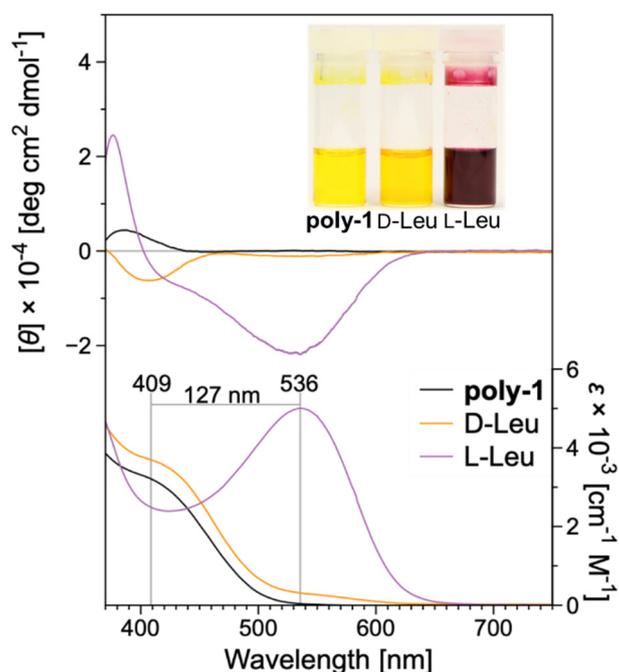
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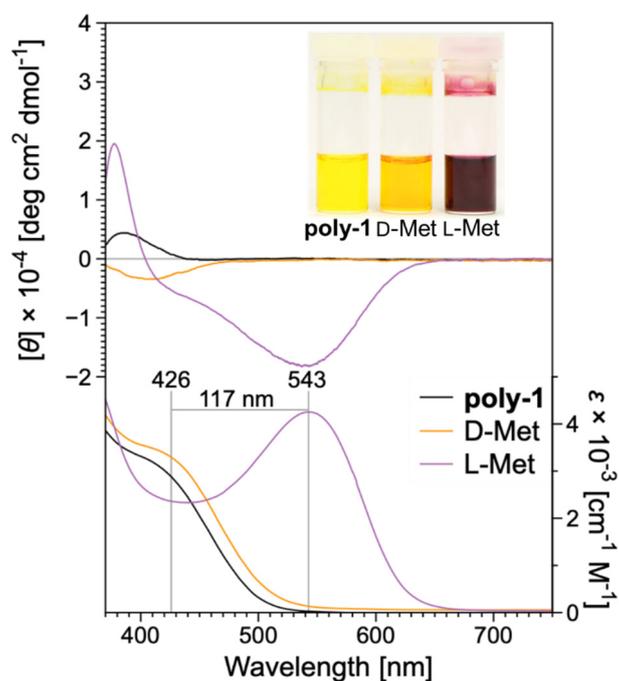
1. CD and UV-vis absorption spectra and photograph of the poly-1 solution in the presence of various amino acid guests



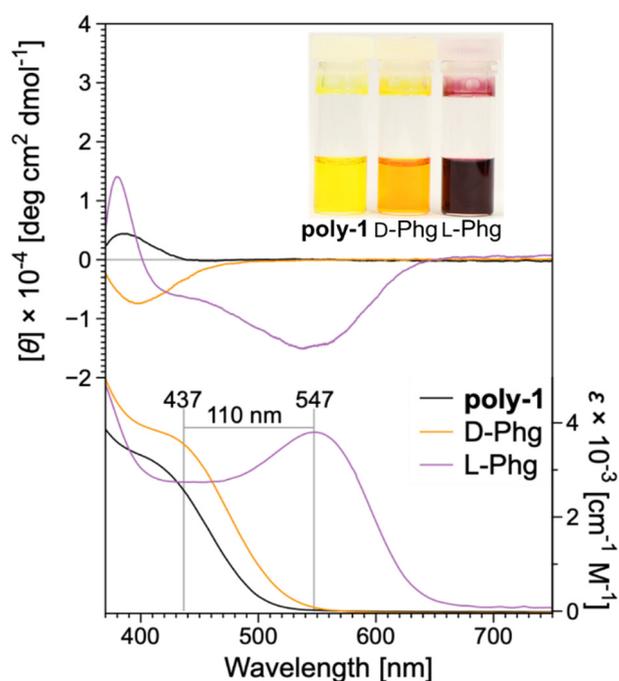
**Figure S1.** CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of **poly-1** in the presence of D- and L-Ala in THF at 20 °C. Inset shows the photograph of the THF solutions of **poly-1** in the presence of D- and L-Ala at 20 °C. The polymer concentration was 1.00 g L<sup>-1</sup> ([Ala]/[monomeric units in **poly-1**] = 20). Peak deconvolution was applied to the absorption spectrum obtained by the D-Ala addition to determine the  $\lambda_{\max}$  value. Gel-like precipitates partially formed with the addition of L-Ala.



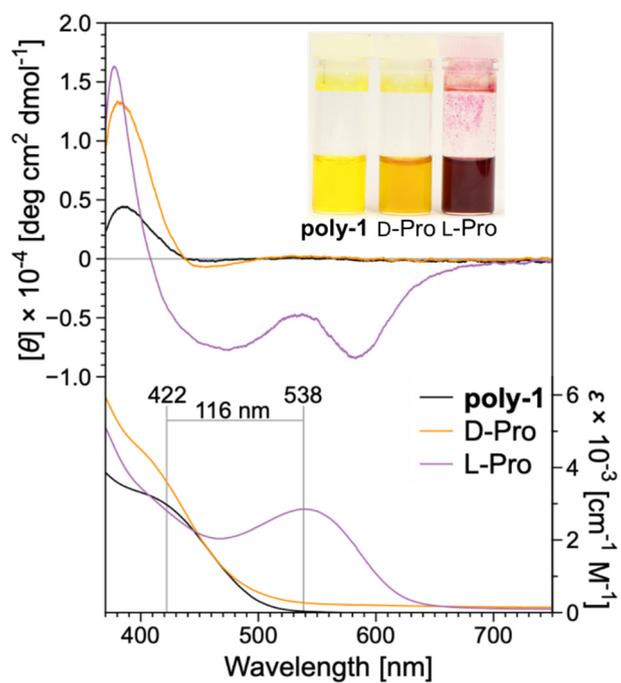
**Figure S2.** CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of **poly-1** in the presence of D- and L-Leu in THF at 20 °C. Inset shows the photograph of the THF solutions of **poly-1** in the presence of D- and L-Leu at 20 °C. The polymer concentration was 1.00 g L<sup>-1</sup> ([Leu]/[monomeric units in **poly-1**] = 20). Peak deconvolution was applied to the absorption spectrum obtained by the D-Leu addition to determine the  $\lambda_{\max}$  value.



**Figure S3.** CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of **poly-1** in the presence of D- and L-Met in THF at 20 °C. Inset shows the photograph of the THF solutions of **poly-1** in the presence of D- and L-Met at 20 °C. The polymer concentration was 1.00 g L<sup>-1</sup> ([Met]/[monomeric units in **poly-1**] = 50). Peak deconvolution was applied to the absorption spectrum obtained by the D-Met addition to determine the  $\lambda_{\max}$  value.

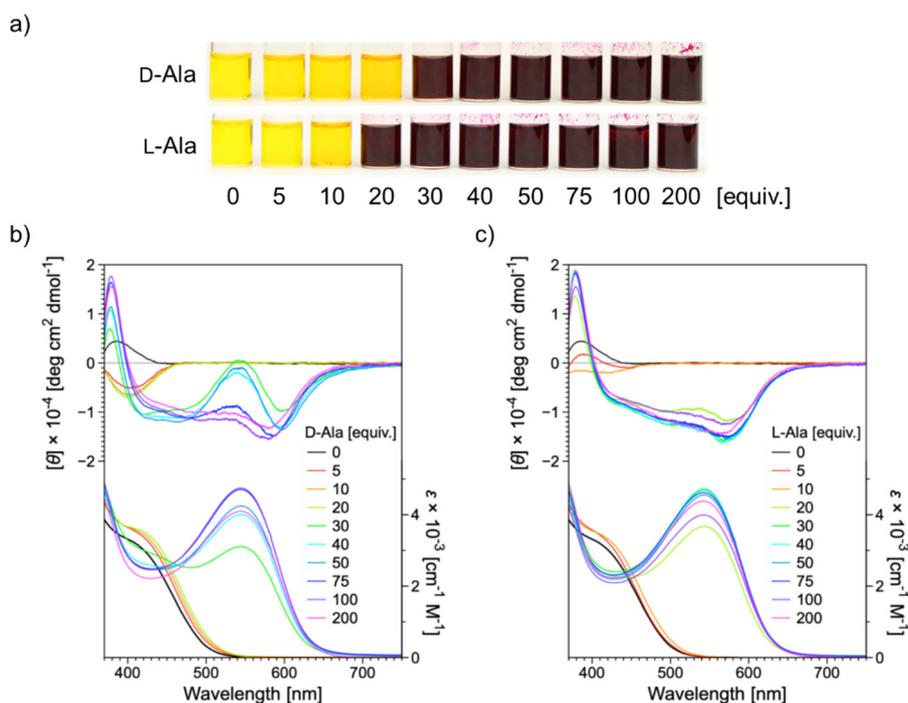


**Figure S4.** CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of **poly-1** in the presence of D- and L-Phg in THF at 20 °C. Inset shows the photograph of the THF solutions of **poly-1** in the presence of D- and L-Phg at 20 °C. The polymer concentration was 1.00 g L<sup>-1</sup> ([Phg]/[monomeric units in **poly-1**] = 100). Peak deconvolution was applied to the absorption spectrum obtained by the D-Phg addition to determine the  $\lambda_{\max}$  value.

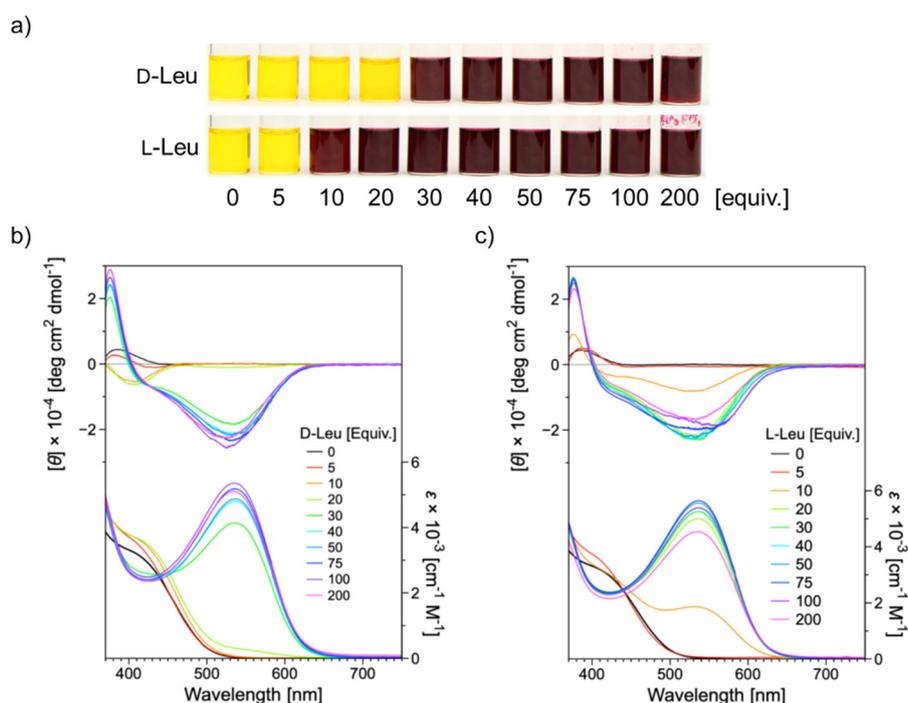


**Figure S5.** CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of **poly-1** in the presence of D- and L-Pro in THF at 20 °C. Inset shows the photograph of the THF solutions of **poly-1** in the presence of D- and L-Pro at 20 °C. The polymer concentration was 1.00 g L<sup>-1</sup> ([Pro]/[monomeric units in **poly-1**] = 10). Peak deconvolution was applied to the absorption spectrum obtained by the D-Pro addition to determine the  $\lambda_{\max}$  value. Gel-like precipitates partially formed with the addition of L-Pro.

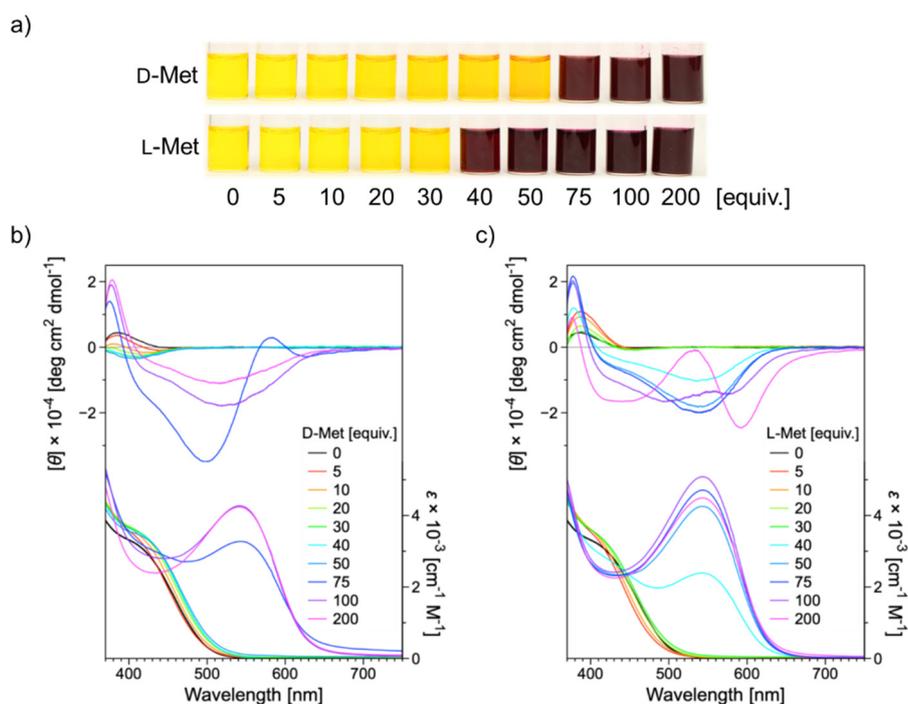
## 2. Colorimetric response and changes in CD and absorption spectra for titration experiment



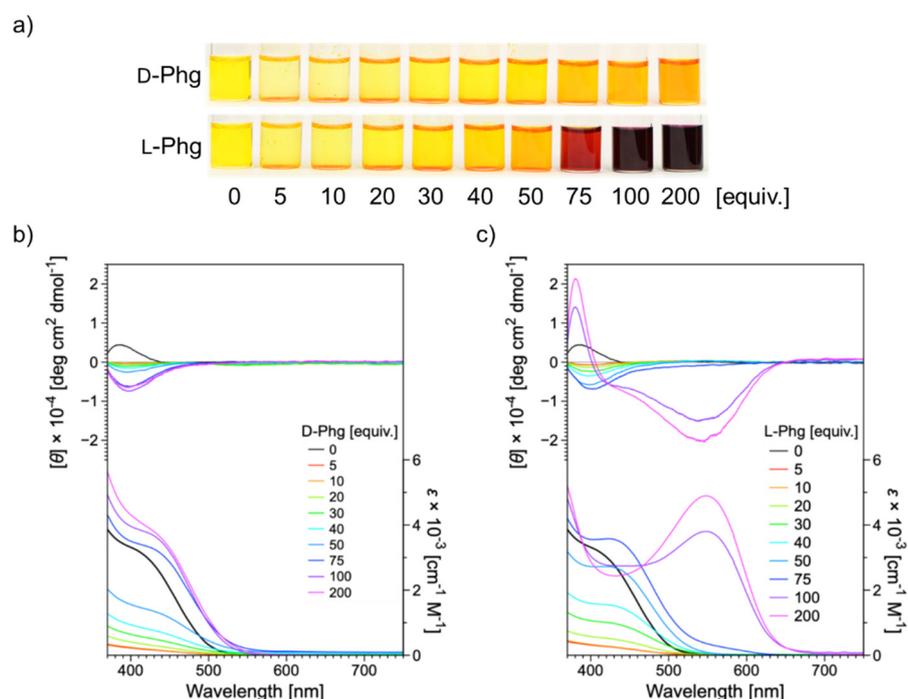
**Figure S6.** (a) Visible color change of **poly-1** upon the addition of D- and L-Ala guests in THF at 20 °C. Changes in the CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of **poly-1** in the presence of (b) D-Ala and (c) L-Ala guests in THF at 20 °C. The polymer concentration was 1.00 g L<sup>-1</sup> ([Ala]/[monomeric units in **poly-1**] = 0–200). Gel-like precipitates partially formed with the addition of more than 40 equiv. of D-Ala and more than 20 equiv. of L-Ala.



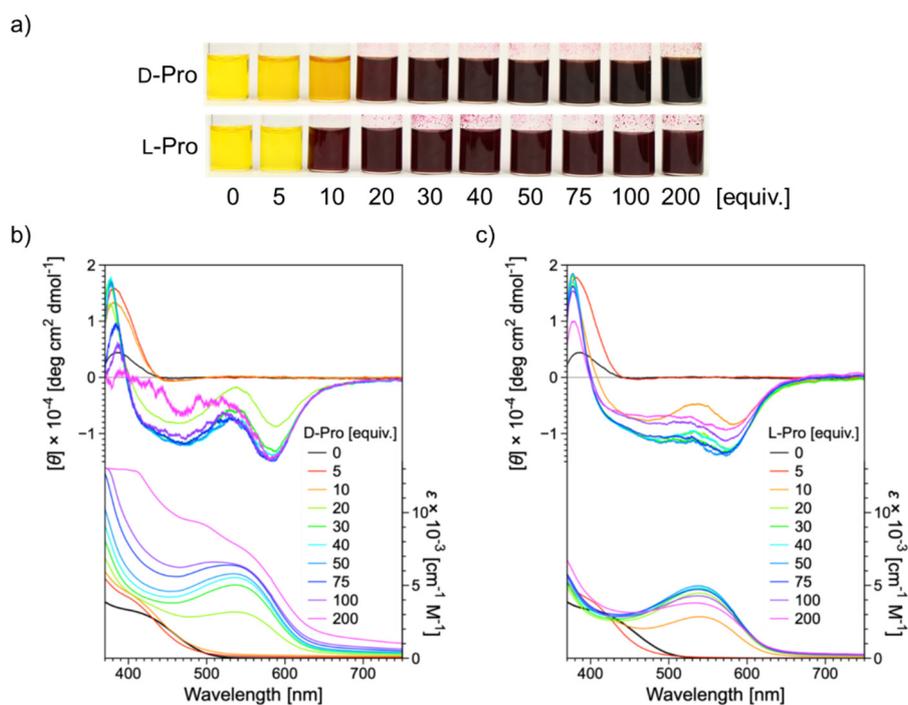
**Figure S7.** (a) Visible color change of **poly-1** upon the addition of D- and L-Leu guests in THF at 20 °C. Changes in the CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of **poly-1** in the presence of (b) D-Leu and (c) L-Leu guests in THF at 20 °C. The polymer concentration was 1.00 g L<sup>-1</sup> ([Leu]/[monomeric units in **poly-1**] = 0–200). Gel-like precipitates partially formed with the addition of 200 equiv. of L-Leu.



**Figure S8.** (a) Visible color change of **poly-1** upon the addition of D- and L-Met guests in THF at 20 °C. Changes in the CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of **poly-1** in the presence of (b) D-Met and (c) L-Met guests in THF at 20 °C. The polymer concentration was 1.00 g L<sup>-1</sup> ([Met]/[monomeric units in **poly-1**] = 0–200).

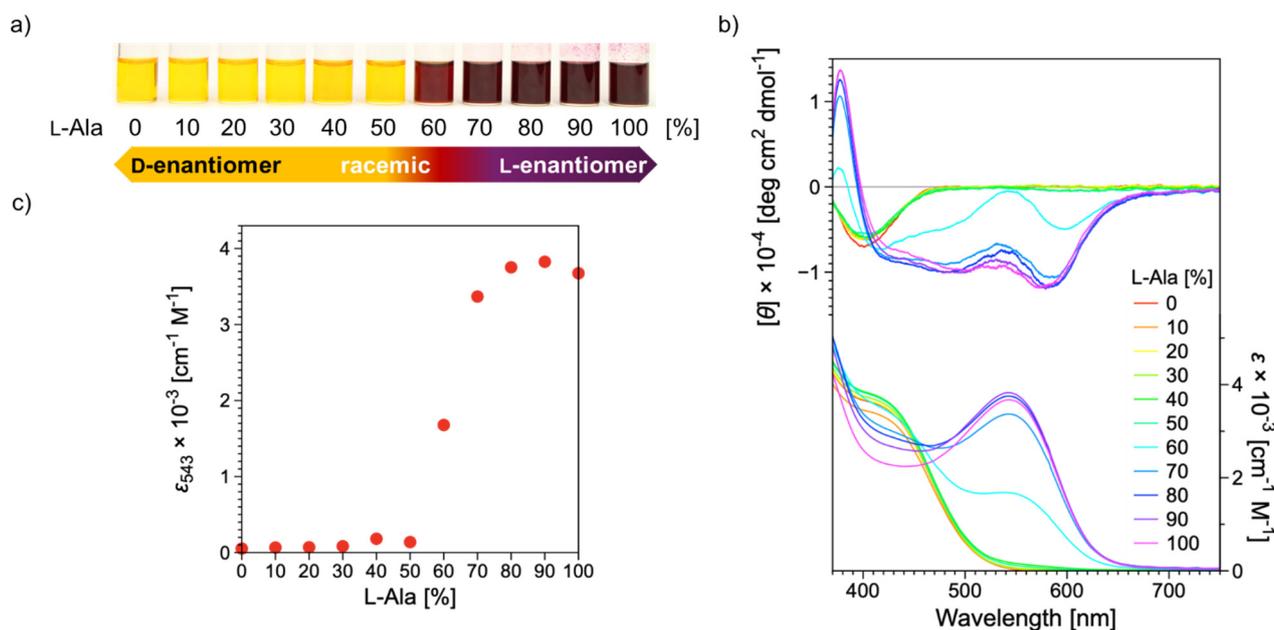


**Figure S9.** (a) Visible color change of **poly-1** upon the addition of D- and L-Phg guests in THF at 20 °C. Changes in the CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of **poly-1** in the presence of (b) D-Phg and (c) L-Phg guests in THF at 20 °C. The polymer concentration was 1.00 g L<sup>-1</sup> ([Phg]/[monomeric units in **poly-1**] = 0–200). Precipitates partially formed with the addition of 5–75 equiv. of D-Phg and 5–50 equiv. of L-Phg. Due to the precipitate formation, the decrease in the apparent polymer concentration was observed in both photographs and absorption spectra.

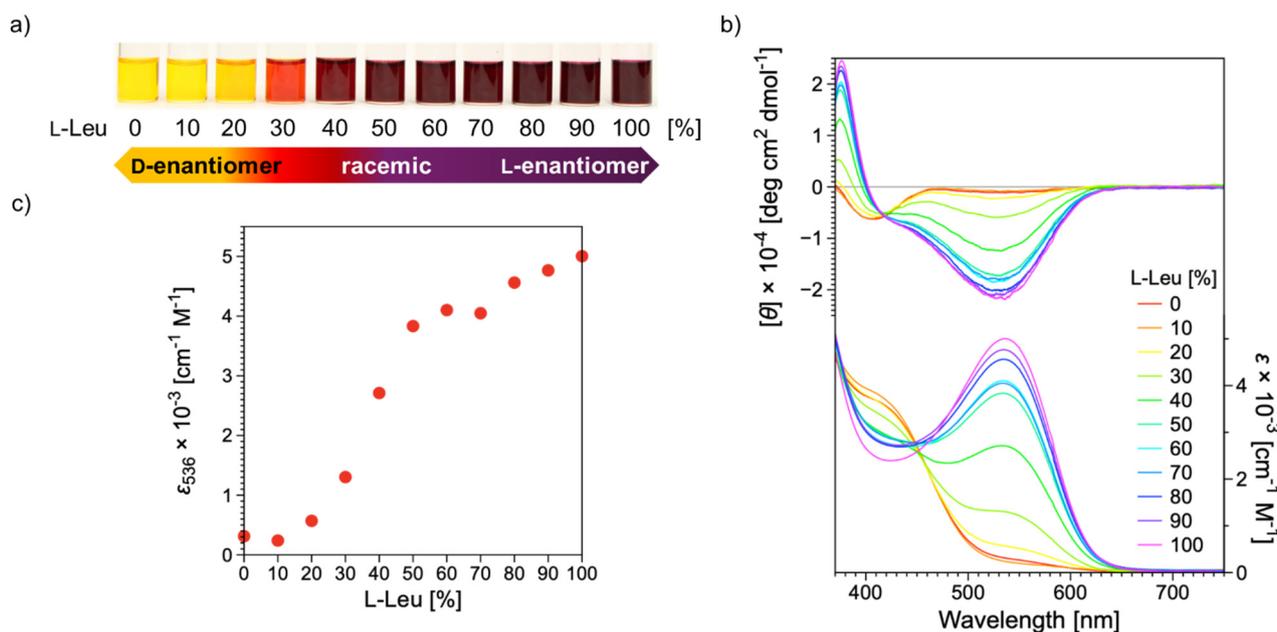


**Figure S10.** (a) Visible color change of **poly-1** upon the addition of D- and L-Pro guests in THF at 20 °C. Changes in the CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of **poly-1** in the presence of (b) D-Pro and (c) L-Pro guests in THF at 20 °C. The polymer concentration was 1.00 g L<sup>-1</sup> ([Pro]/[monomeric units in **poly-1**] = 0–200). Gel-like precipitates partially formed with the addition of more than 20 equiv. of D-Pro and more than 10 equiv. of L-Pro.

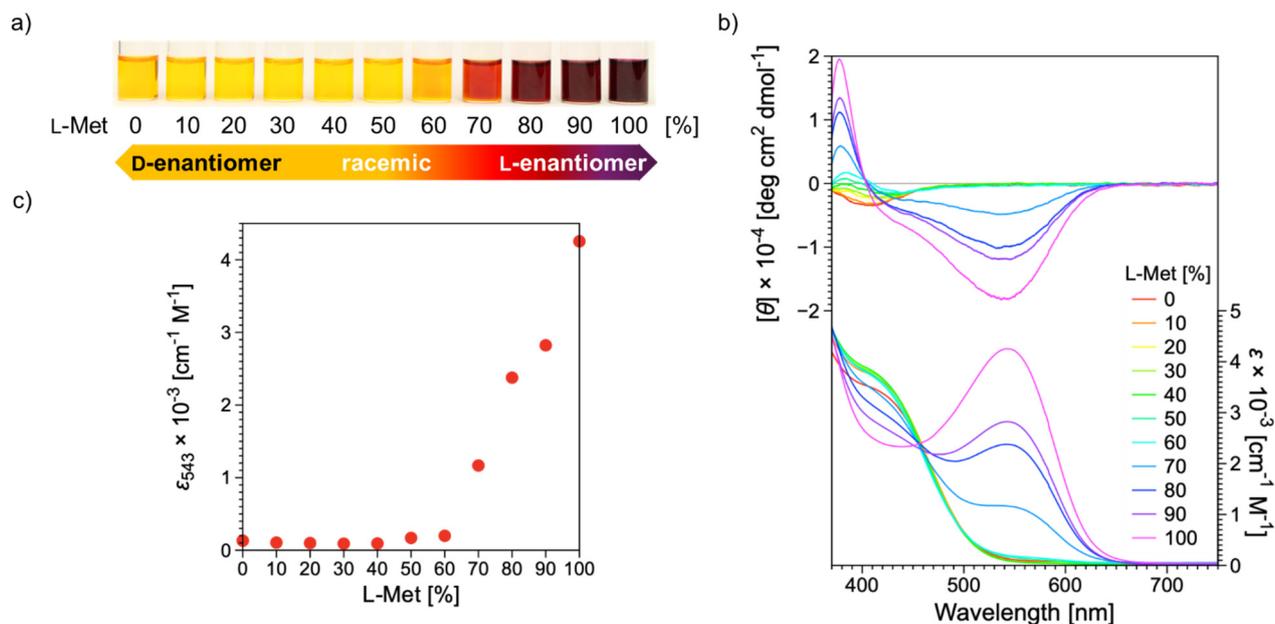
### 3. CD and UV-vis absorption spectra and photograph of poly-1 in the presence of guest with a varying composition of D- and L-enantiomers



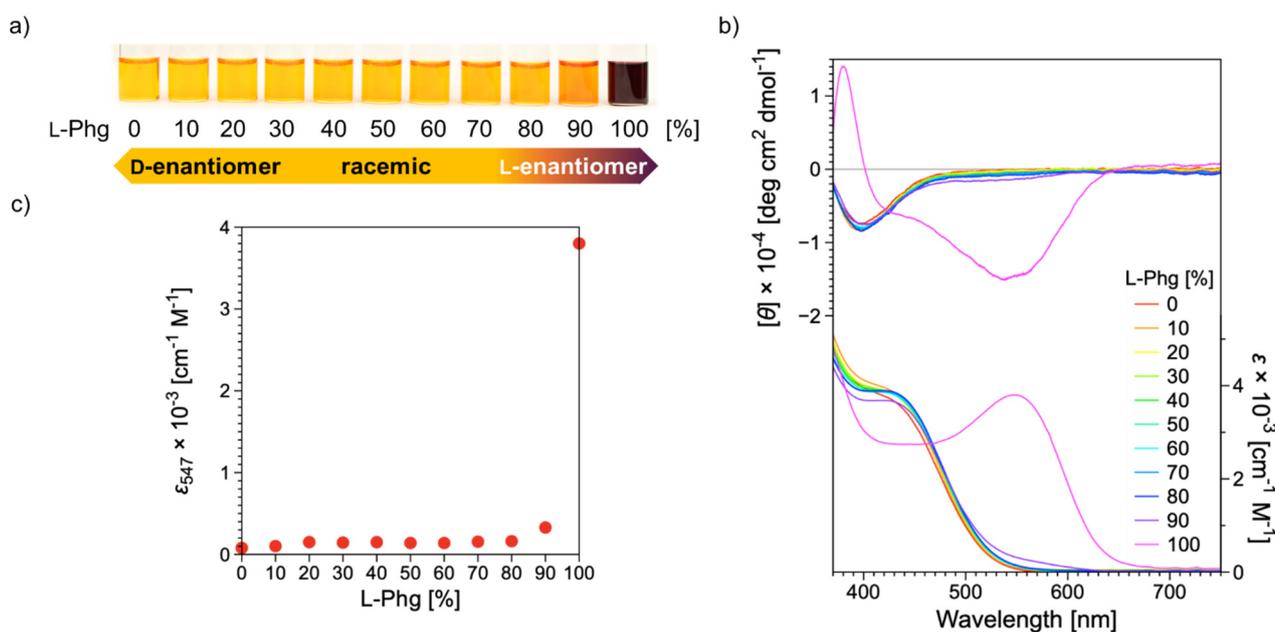
**Figure S11.** (a) Photograph and (b) CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of the THF solution of **poly-1** in the presence of Ala guests with a varying composition of D- and L-enantiomers. (c) The relationship between the resulting  $\epsilon$  value at 543 nm and the composition of L-Ala (mol%) in the added guest. The polymer concentration was  $1.00 \text{ g L}^{-1}$  ( $[\text{Ala}]/[\text{monomeric units in } \mathbf{poly-1}] = 20$ ). The experiments were conducted at  $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



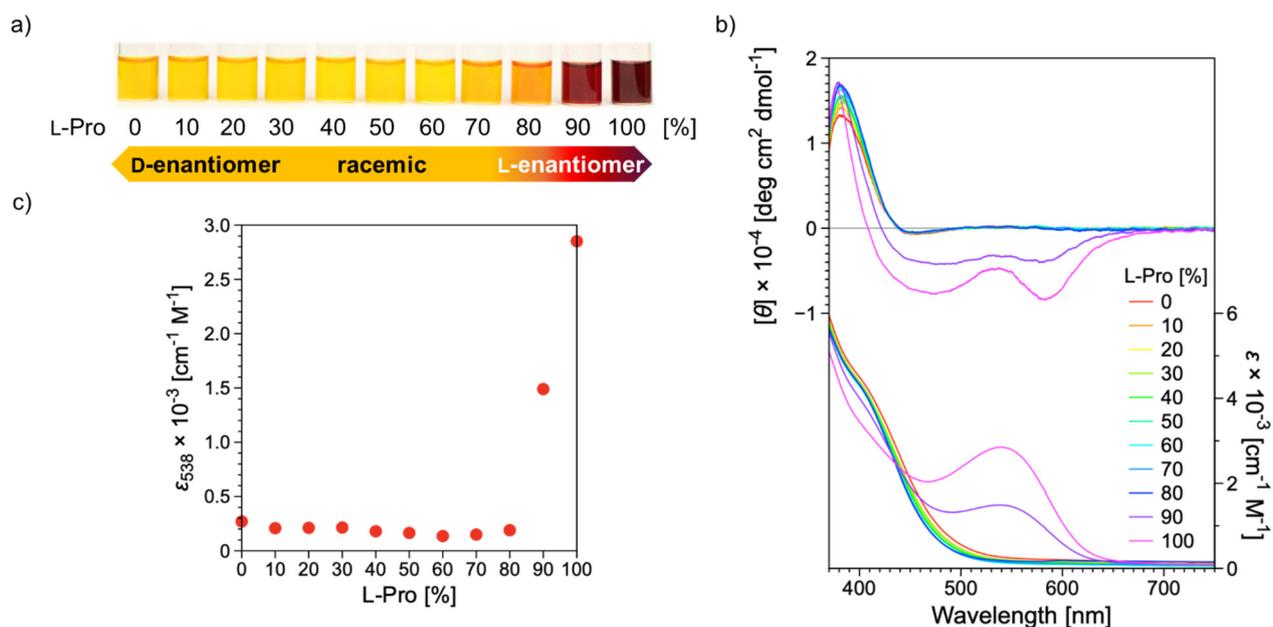
**Figure S12.** (a) Photograph and (b) CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of the THF solution of **poly-1** in the presence of Leu guests with a varying composition of D- and L-enantiomers. (c) The relationship between the resulting  $\epsilon$  value at 536 nm and the composition of L-Leu (mol%) in the added guest. The polymer concentration was  $1.00 \text{ g L}^{-1}$  ( $[\text{Leu}]/[\text{monomeric units in } \mathbf{poly-1}] = 20$ ). The experiments were conducted at  $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure S13.** (a) Photograph and (b) CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of the THF solution of **poly-1** in the presence of Met guests with a varying composition of D- and L-enantiomers. (c) The relationship between the resulting  $\epsilon$  value at 543 nm and the composition of L-Met (mol%) in the added guest. The polymer concentration was  $1.00 \text{ g L}^{-1}$  ( $[\text{Met}]/[\text{monomeric units in } \mathbf{poly-1}] = 50$ ). The experiments were conducted at  $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure S14.** (a) Photograph and (b) CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of the THF solution of **poly-1** in the presence of Phg guests with a varying composition of D- and L-enantiomers. (c) The relationship between the resulting  $\epsilon$  value at 547 nm and the composition of L-Phg (mol%) in the added guest. The polymer concentration was  $1.00 \text{ g L}^{-1}$  ( $[\text{Phg}]/[\text{monomeric units in } \mathbf{poly-1}] = 100$ ). The experiments were conducted at  $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure S15.** (a) Photograph and (b) CD (upper) and UV-vis absorption (lower) spectra of the THF solution of **poly-1** in the presence of Pro guests with a varying composition of D- and L-enantiomers. (c) The relationship between the resulting  $\epsilon$  value at 538 nm and the composition of L-Pro (mol%) in the added guest. The polymer concentration was  $1.00 \text{ g L}^{-1}$  ( $[\text{Pro}]/[\text{monomeric units in } \mathbf{poly-1}] = 10$ ). The experiments were conducted at  $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

#### 4. NMR spectra

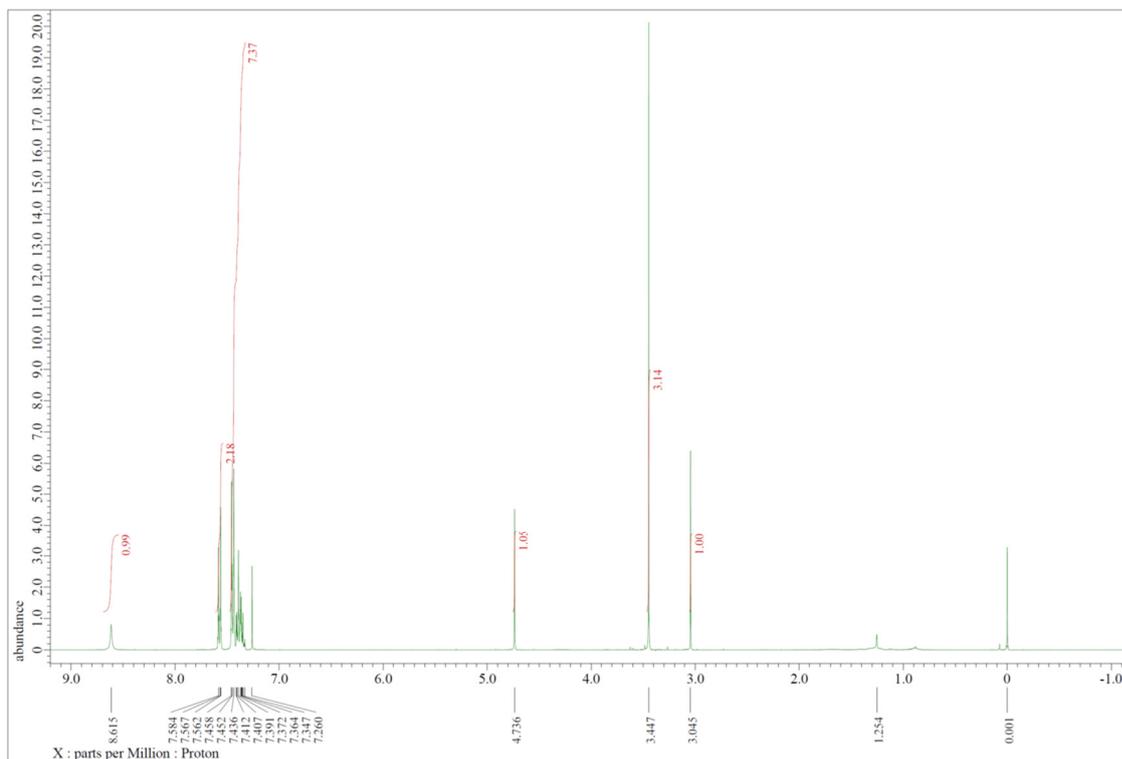


Figure S16.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature (400 MHz).

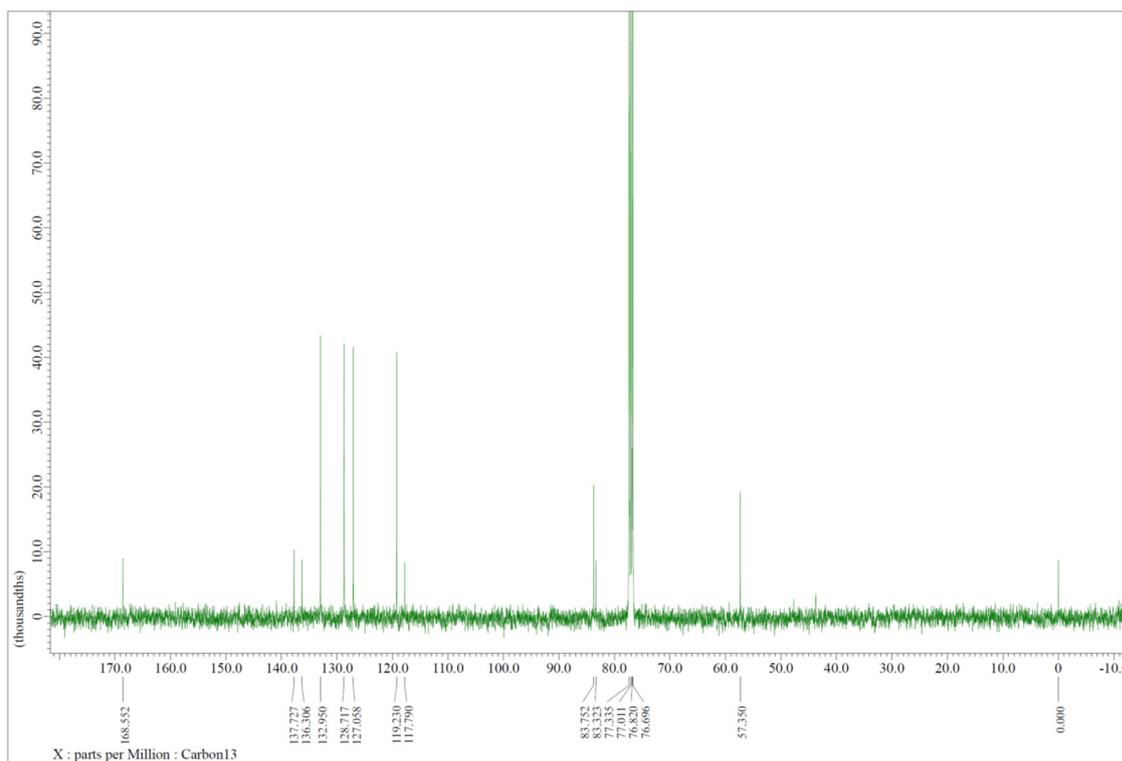


Figure S17.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature (101 MHz).

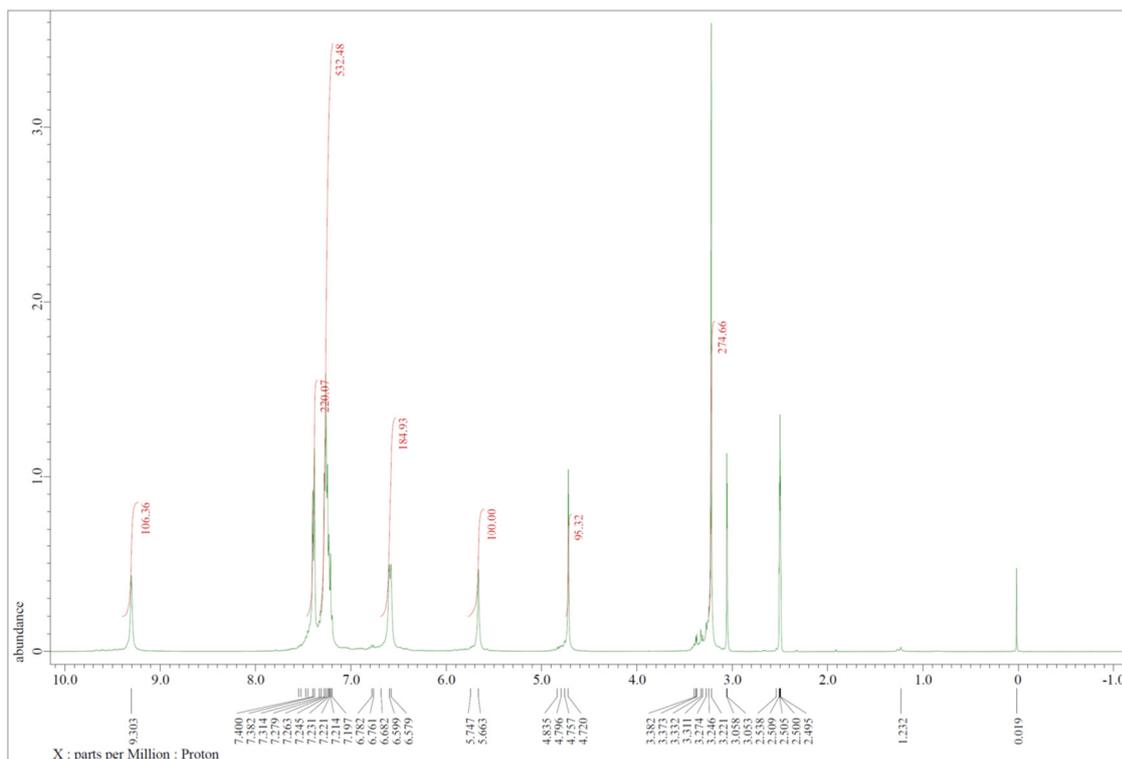


Figure S18.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of poly-1 in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (400 MHz).

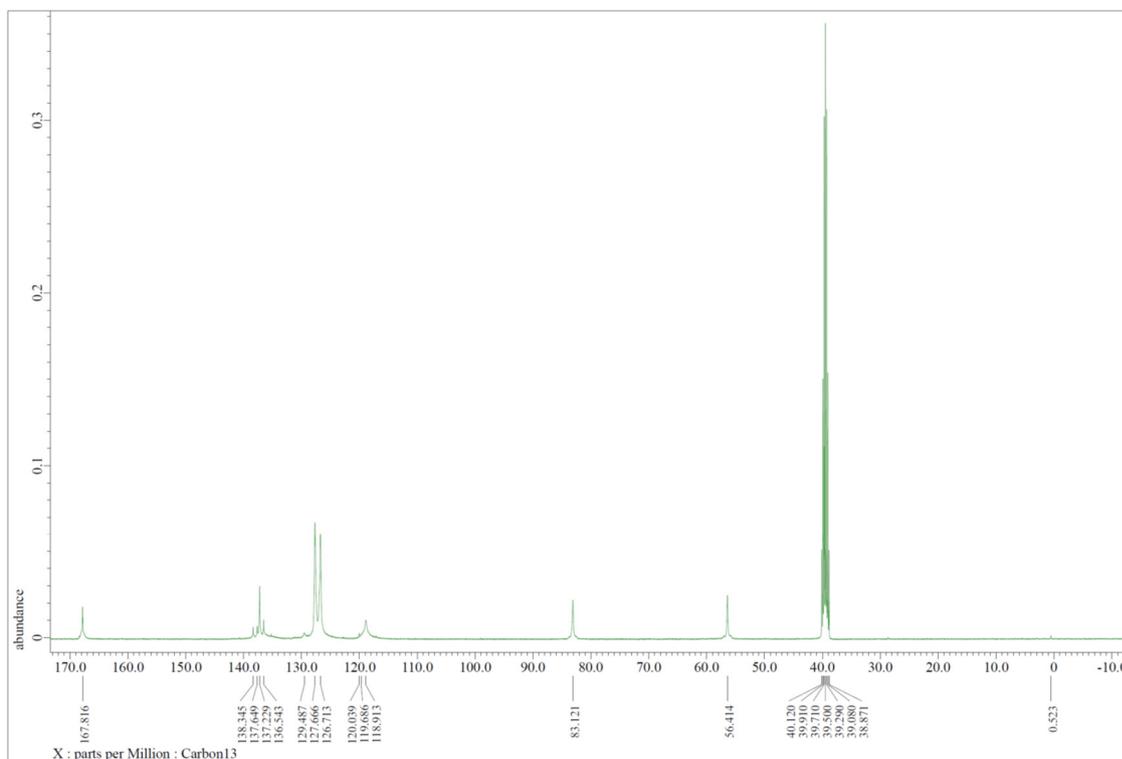


Figure S19.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of poly-1 in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  at  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (101 MHz).