

## Supplementary Information

### Antimicrobial Cobaltocenium Copolymers: Tuning Amphiphilicity against NDM-1 Bacteria

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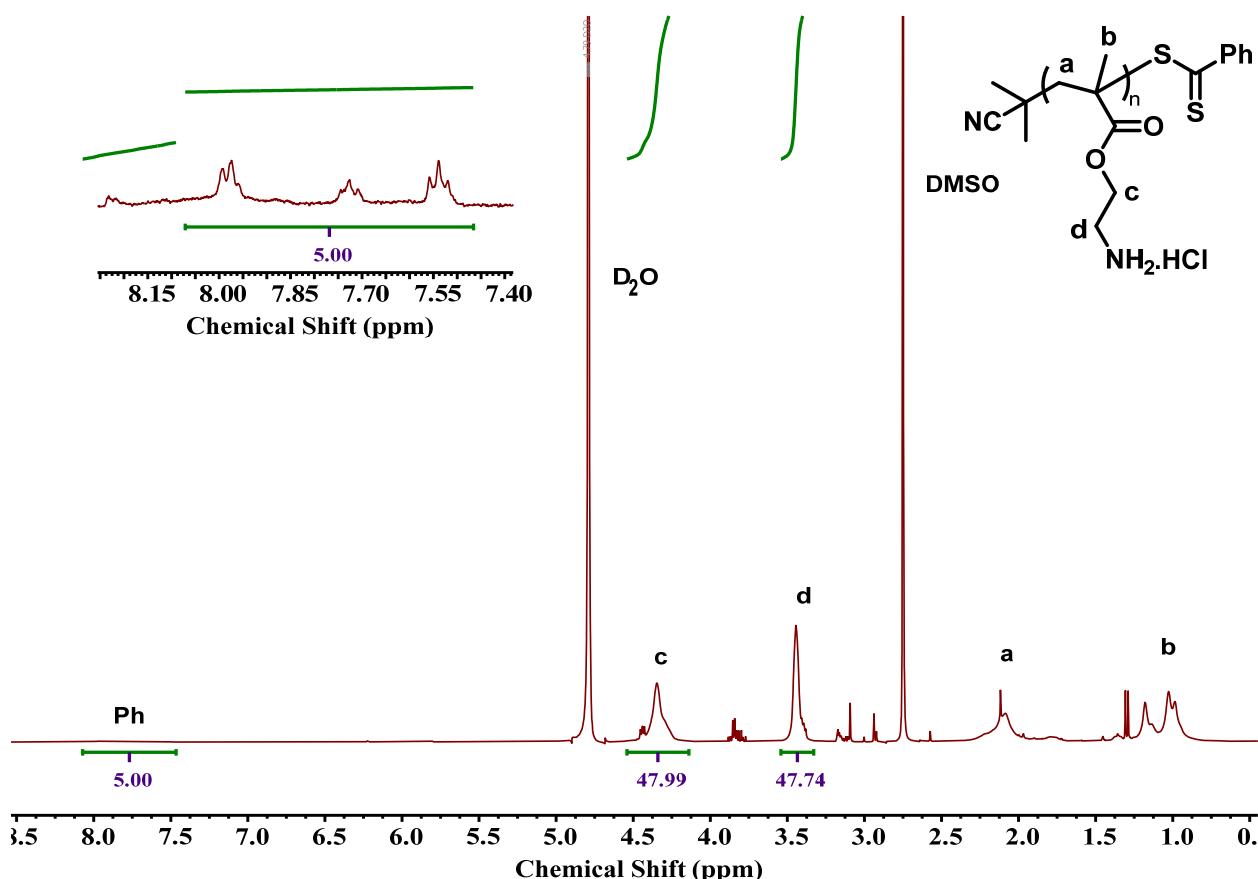
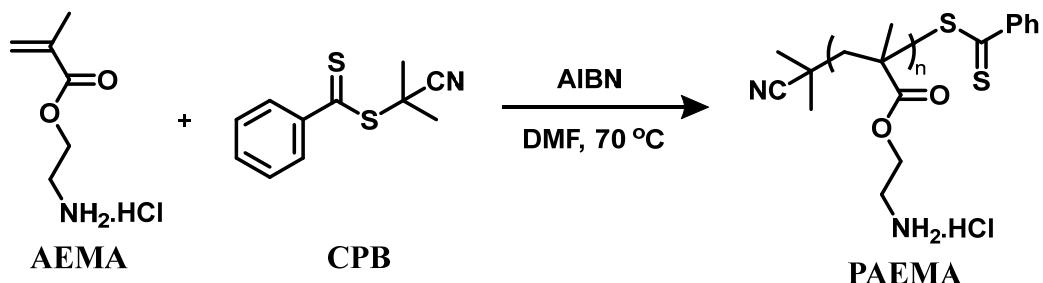
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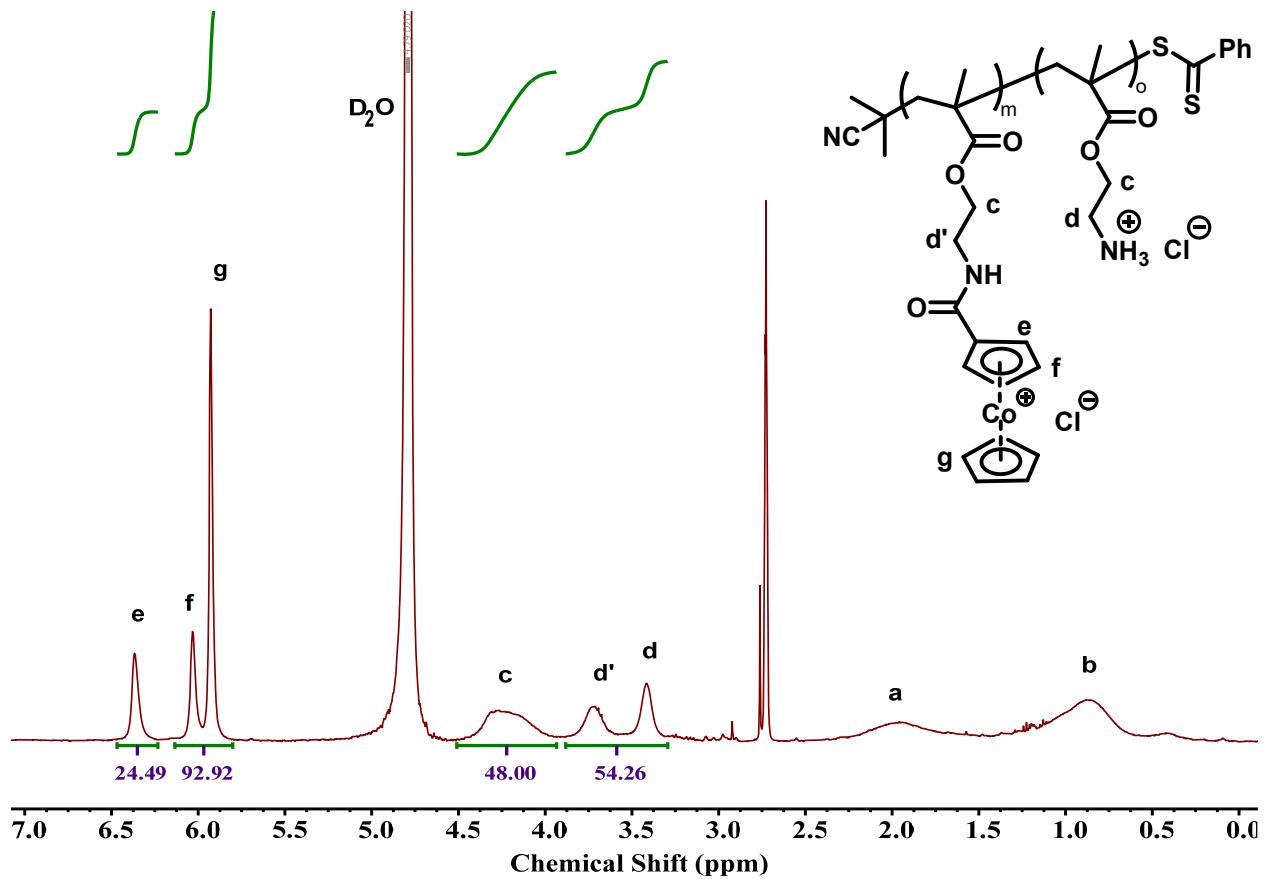
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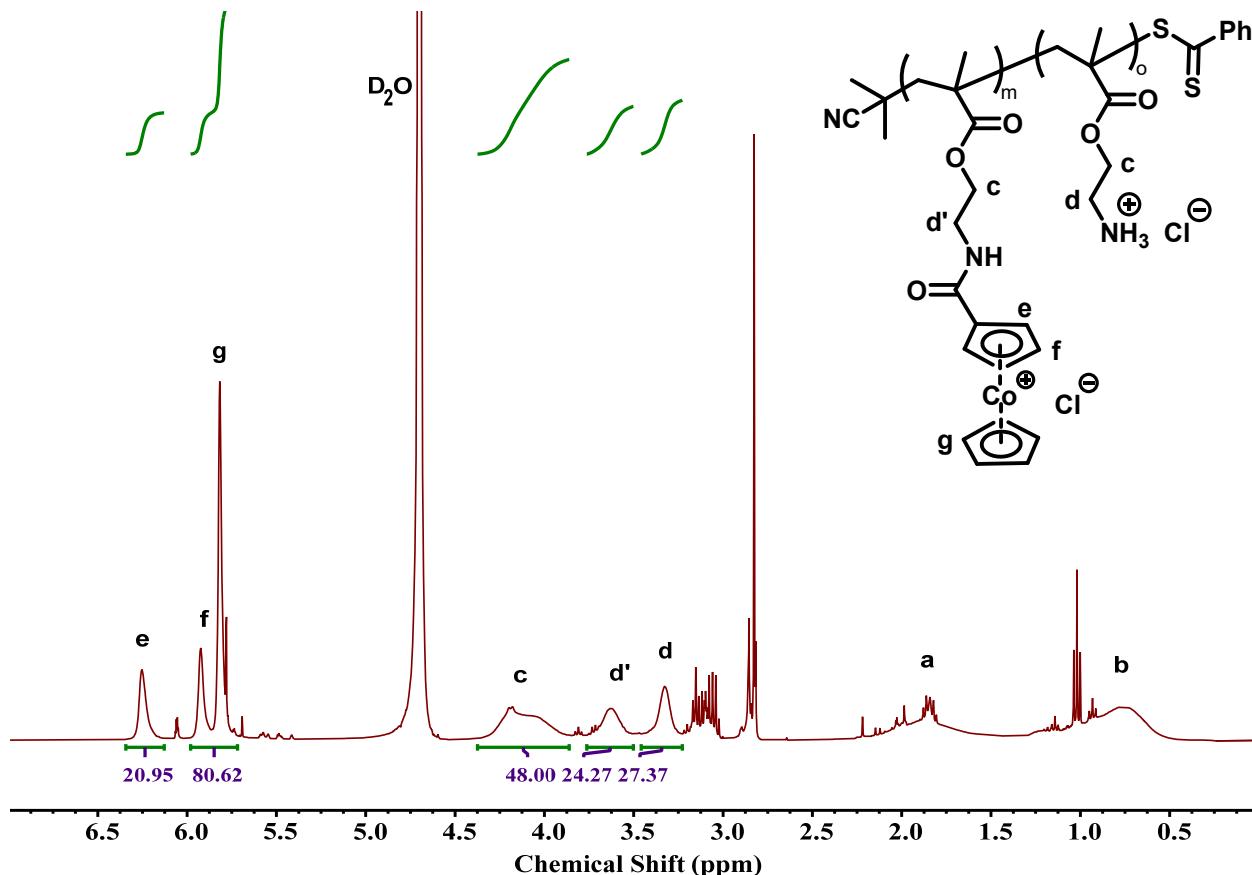
**Scheme S1.** Synthesis of poly(2-aminoethyl methacrylate) (PAEMA) via RAFT polymerization.



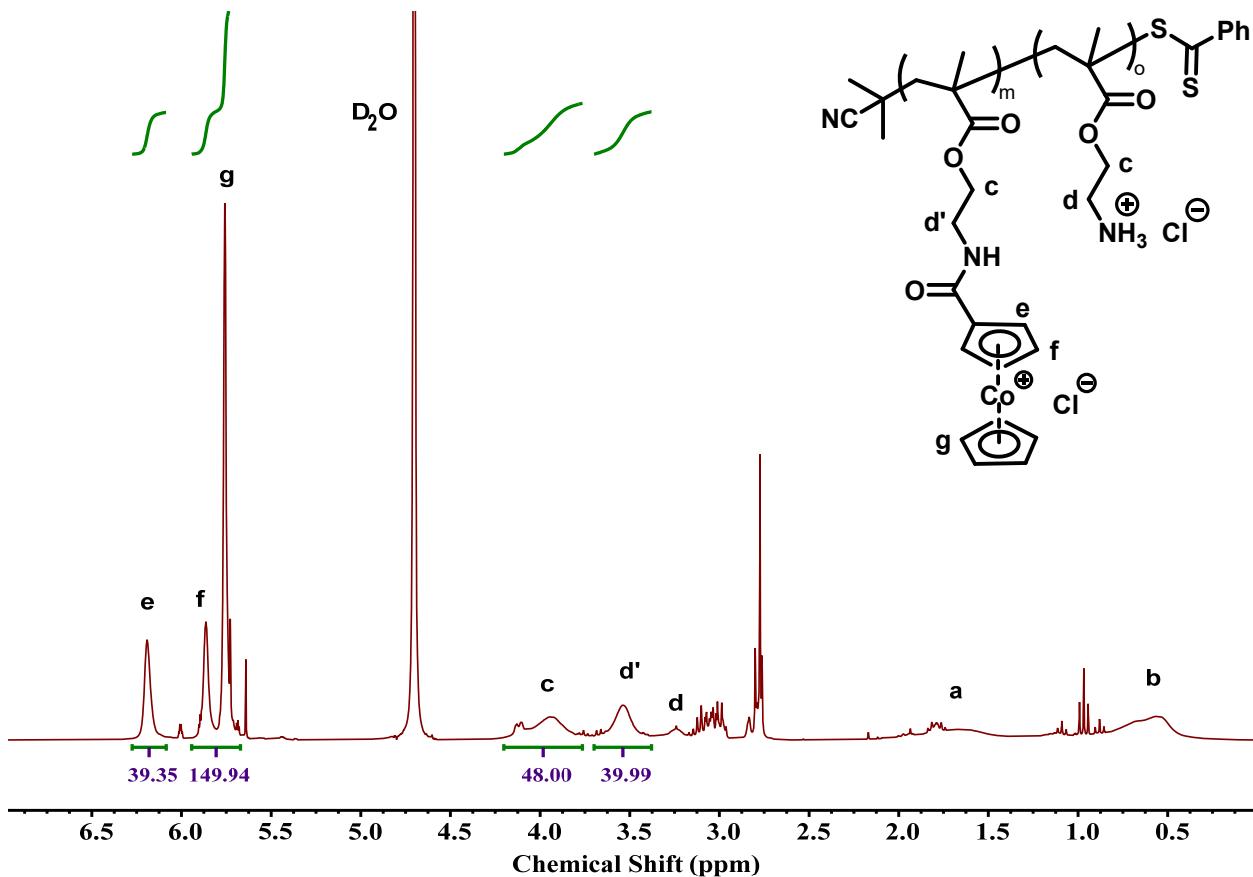
**Figure S1:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of poly(2-aminoethyl methacrylate) P1 (PAEMA).



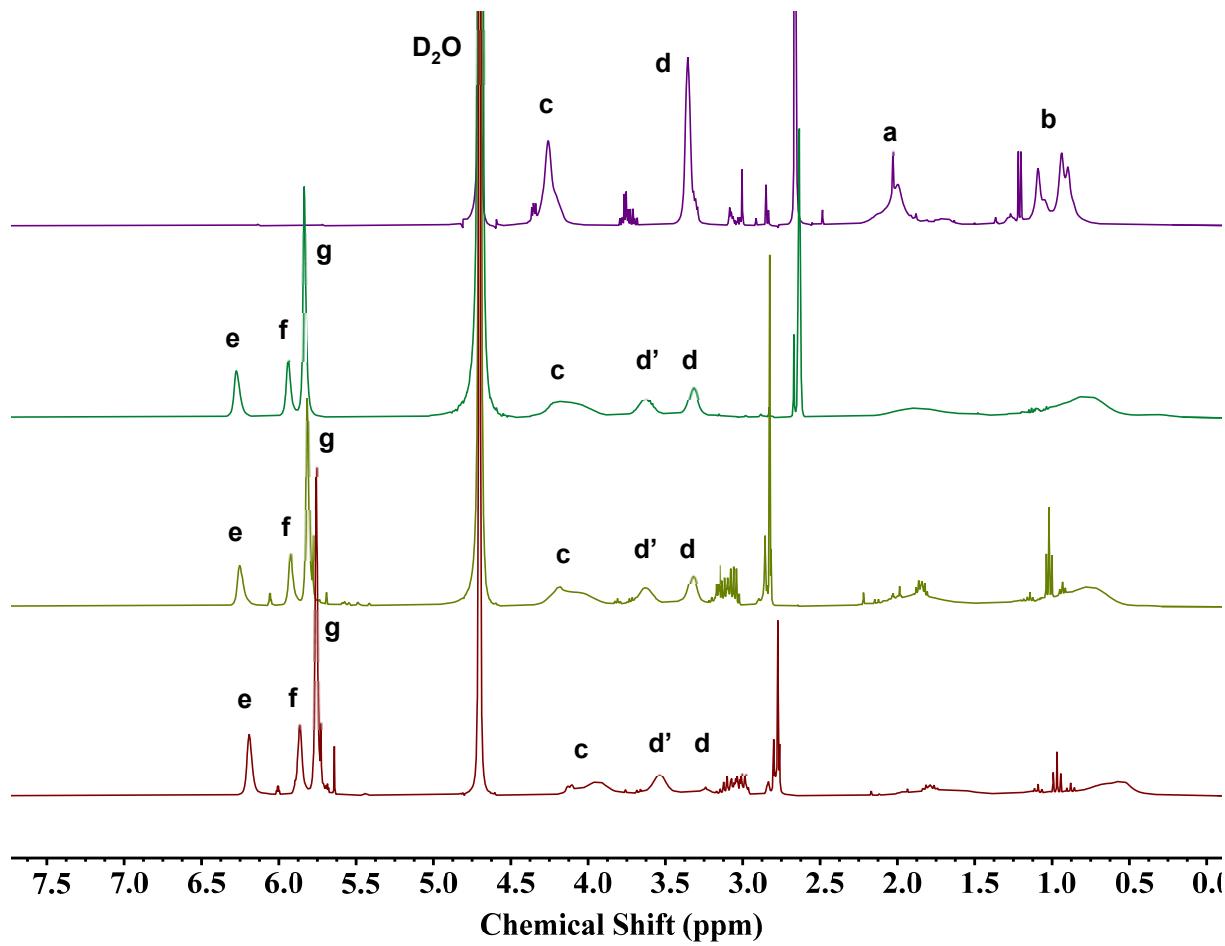
**Figure S2:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of cobaltocenium copolymer **P2** (PAEMA-CC42%).



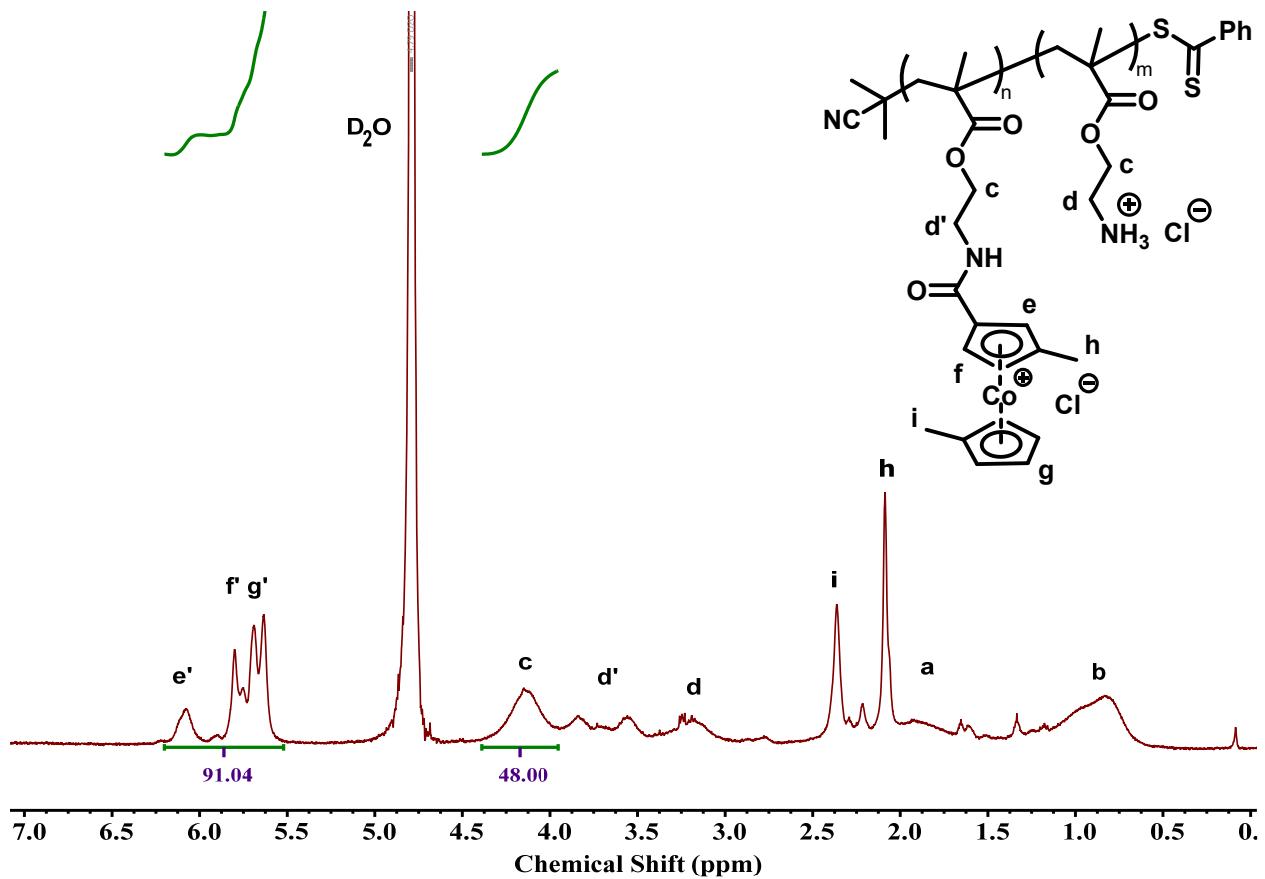
**Figure S3:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of cobaltocenium copolymer **P3** (PAEMA-CC50%).



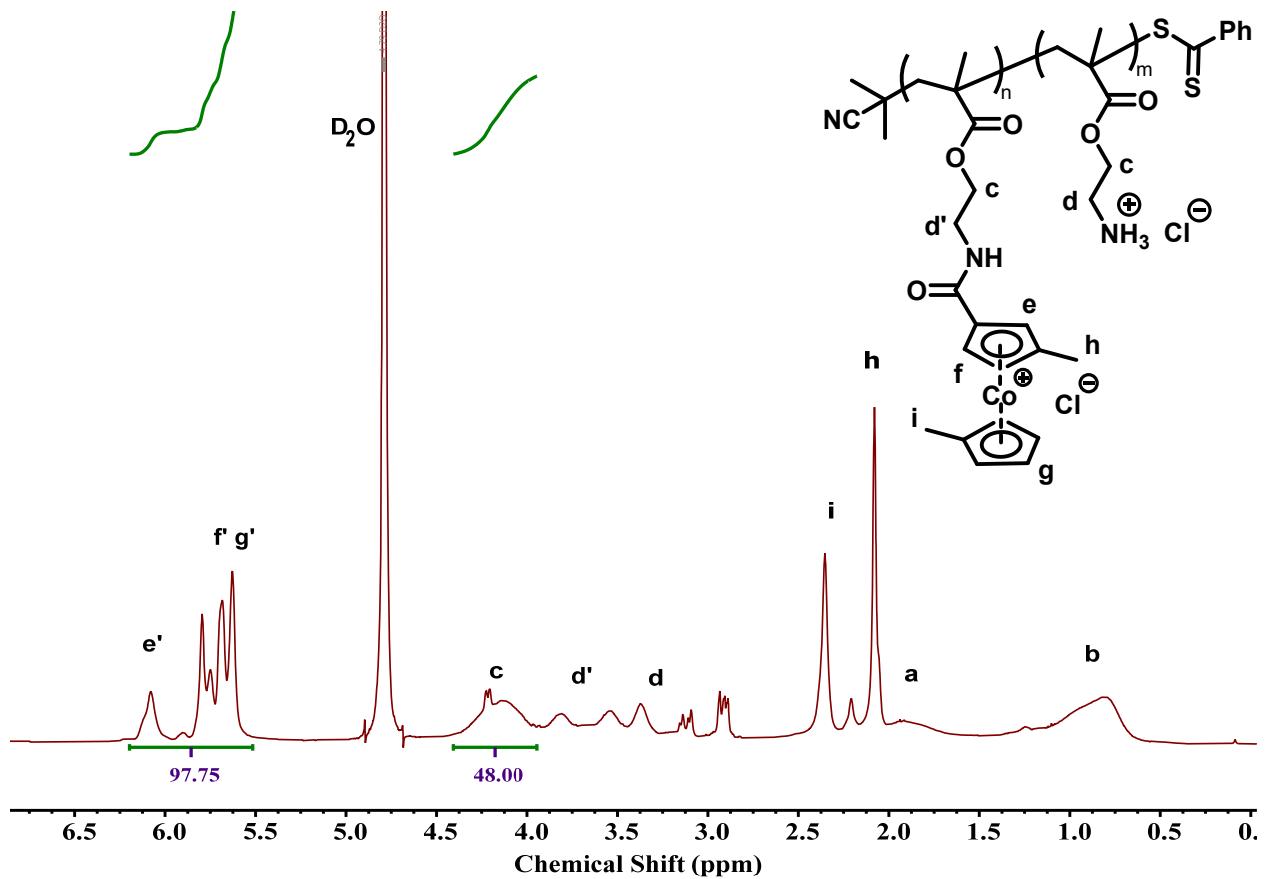
**Figure S4:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of cobaltocenium copolymer **P4** (PAEMA-CC80%).



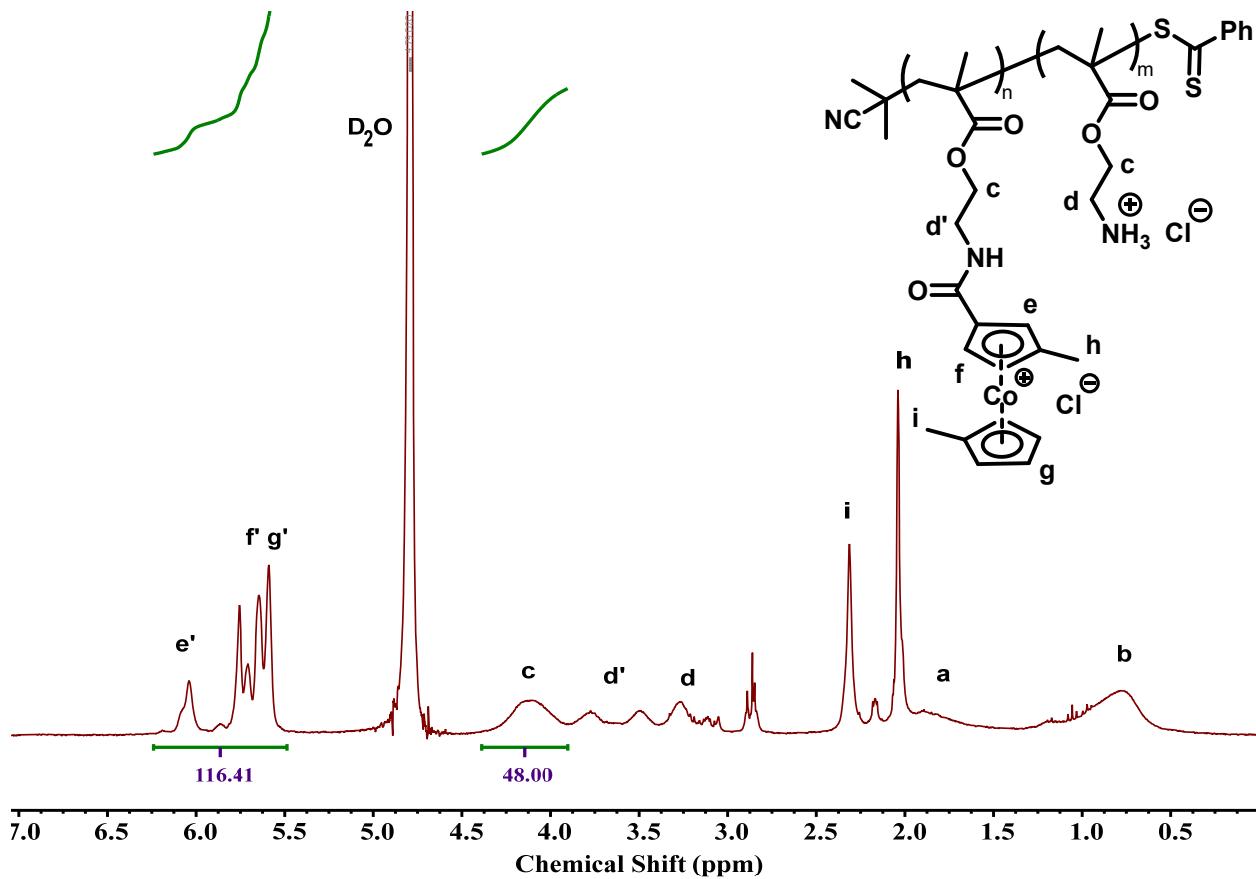
**Figure S5:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of PAEMA (P1-top) before and after cobaltocene incorporation (bottom up: P4, P3, P2).

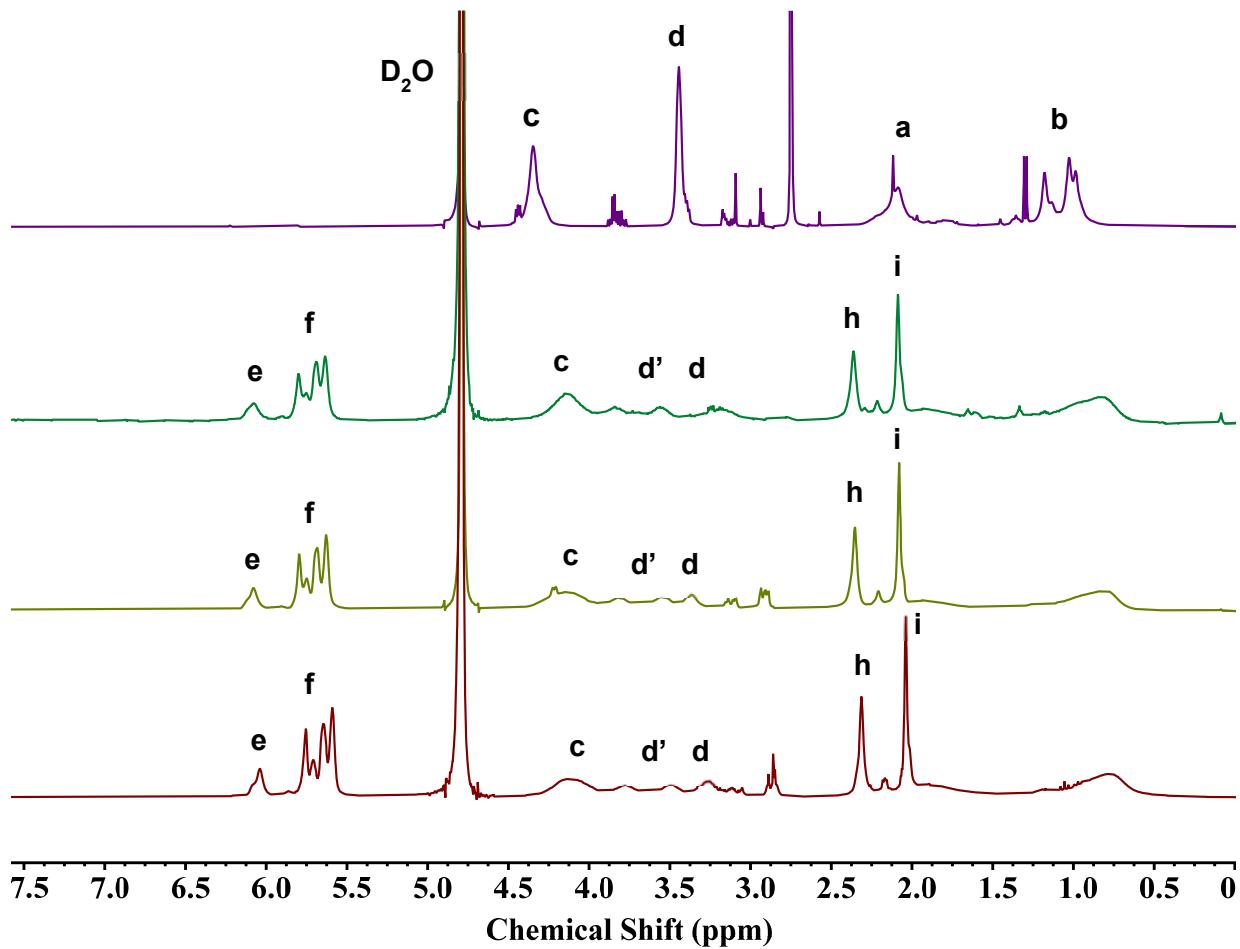


**Figure S6:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of dimethyl substituted cobaltocenium copolymer **P5** (PAEMA-dmCC54%).



**Figure S7:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of dimethyl substituted cobaltocenium copolymer **P6** (PAEMA-dmCC58%).





**Figure S9:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of PAEMA (P1- top) before and after dimethyl substituted cobaltocenium incorporation (bottom up: P7, P6, and P5).

**Table S1.** Polymer size and Zeta potential using Dynamic Light Scattering.

Polymer	Concentration (mg/mL)	Hydrodynamic diameter, D <sub>H</sub> (nm)	Average D <sub>H</sub> (nm)	Zeta potential (mV)	Average Zeta potential (mV)
P1	0.5	ND	ND	14.4	9.67
	1	ND		7.73	
	2	ND		6.87	
P2	0.5	20.54	19.92	25.8	24.7
	1	18.83		20.2	
	2	20.39		28.1	
P3	0.5	33.09	22.35	13.4	14
	1	14.37		10.6	
	2	19.60		18	
P4	0.5	8.508	6.90	14.6	18.9
	1	5.934		13.7	
	2	6.247		28.5	
P5	0.5	40.99	44.34	34.0	29.33
	1	35.18		28.3	
	2	56.85		25.7	
P6	0.5	26.97	40.88	49.6	46.73
	1	42.52		46.3	
	2	53.15		44.3	
P7	0.5	31.96	71.92	45.9	43.83
	1	83.7		41.8	
	2	100.1		43.8	