

## Supporting information

# Cellulose Nanocrystals as Stabilizers for Waterborne Fluorescent Non-Isocyanate Polyurethane Latexes

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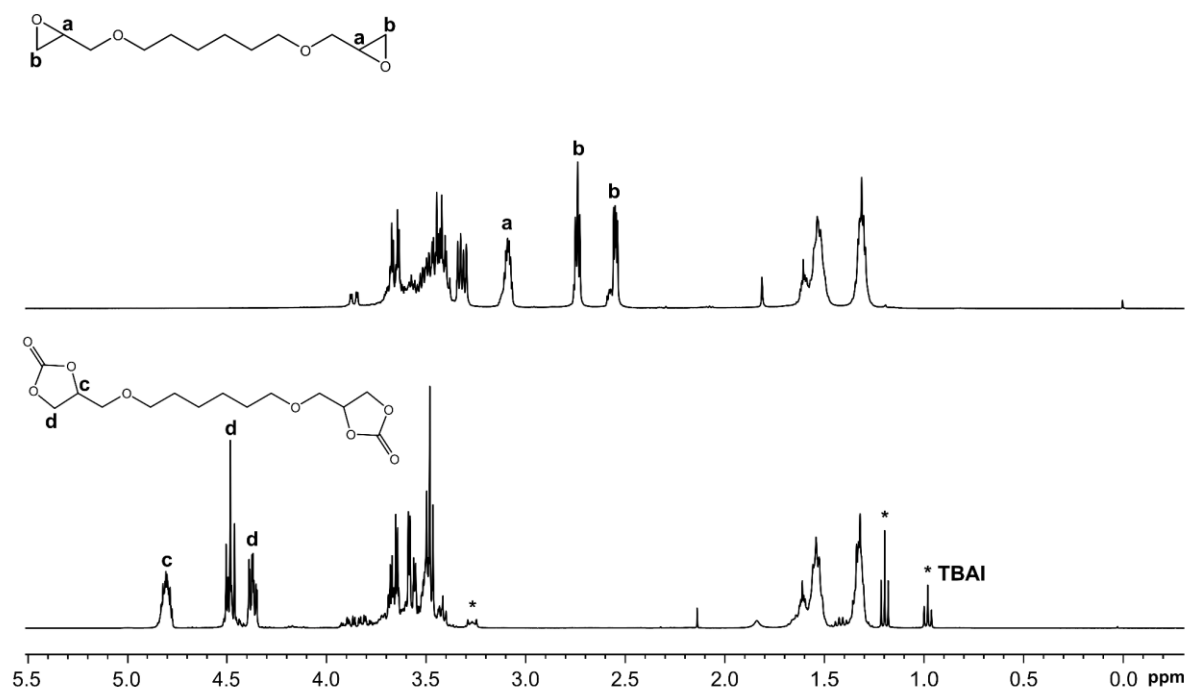
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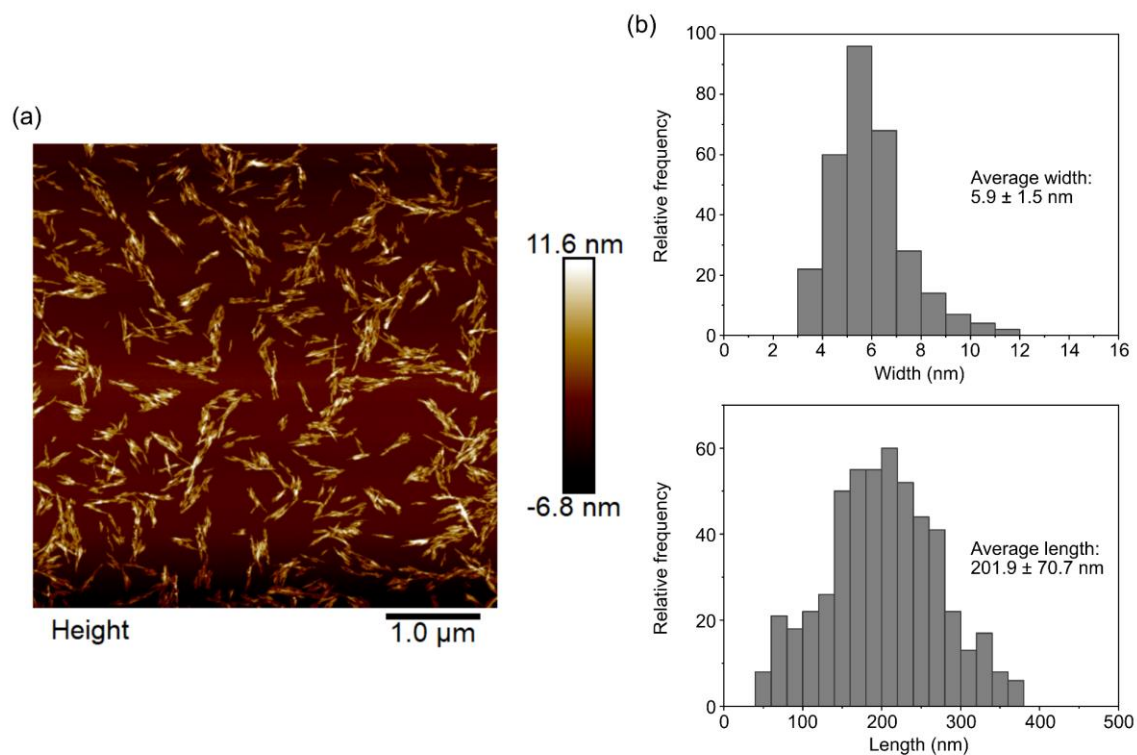
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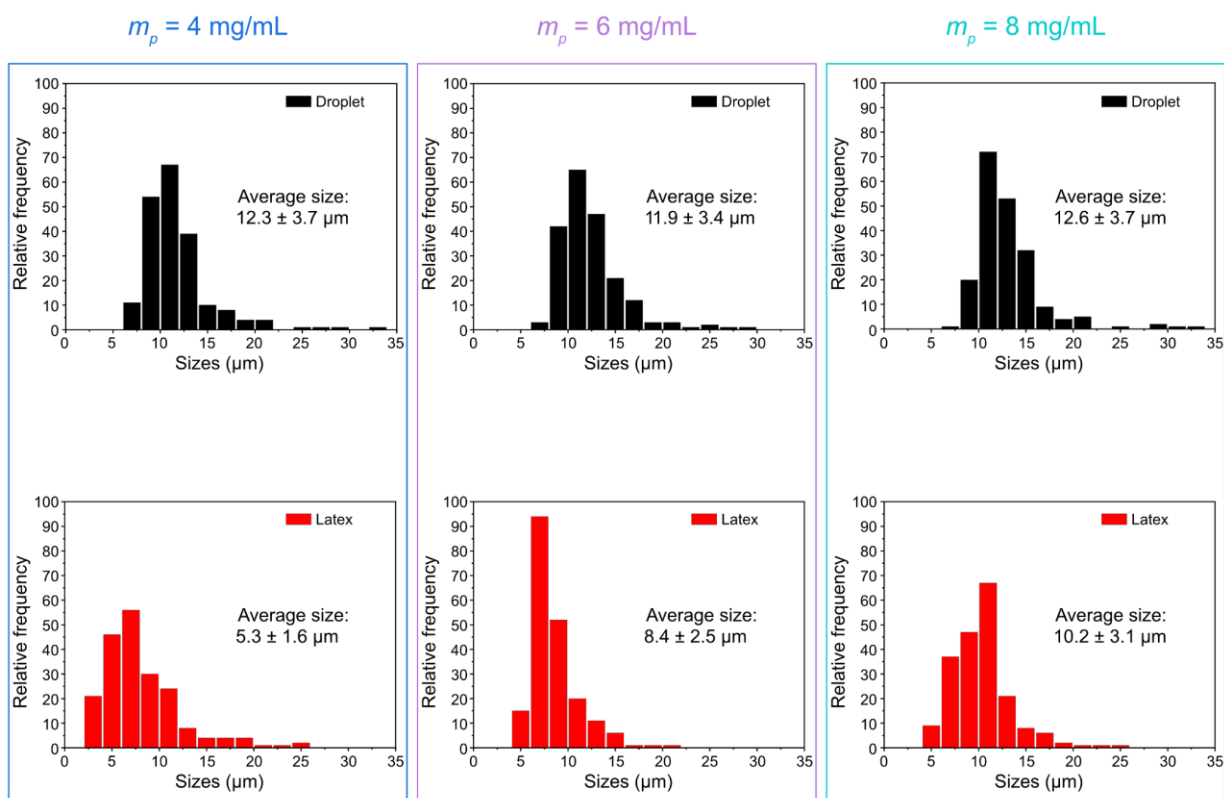
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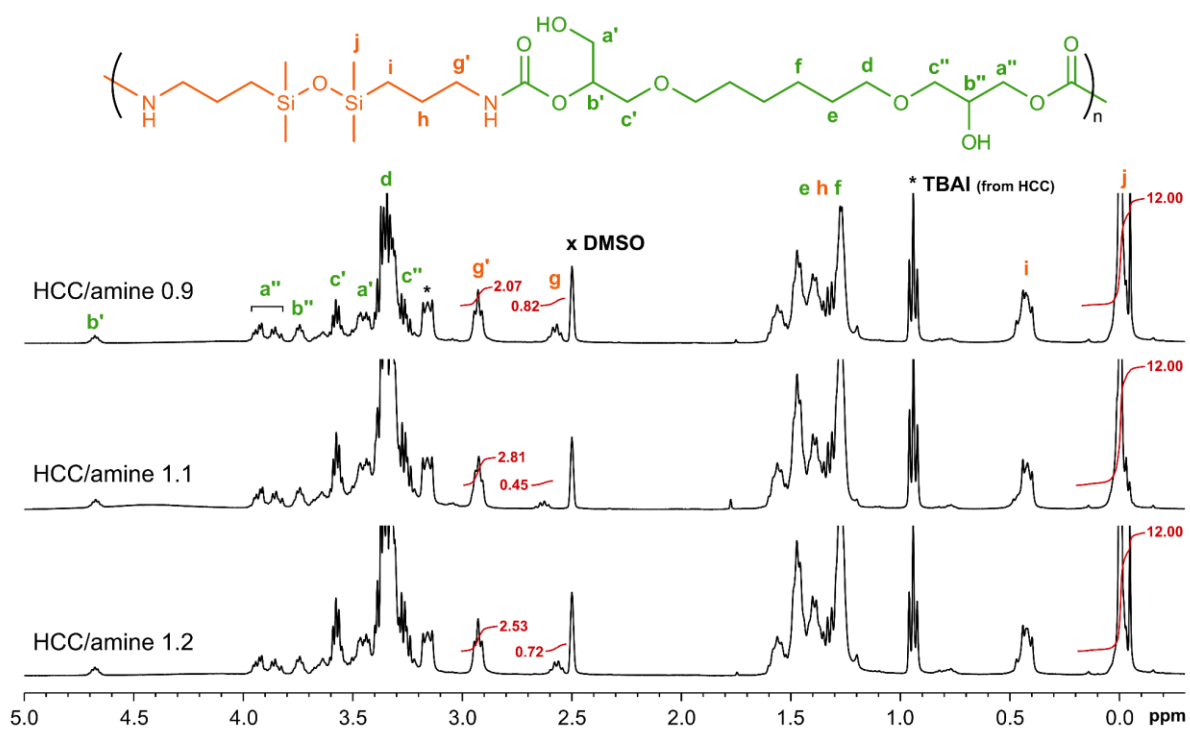
**Fig. S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 1,6-hexanediol diglycidyl ether as the starting material and 1,6-hexanediol bis(cyclic carbonate) after  $\text{CO}_2$  carbonation reaction. The samples were dissolved in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



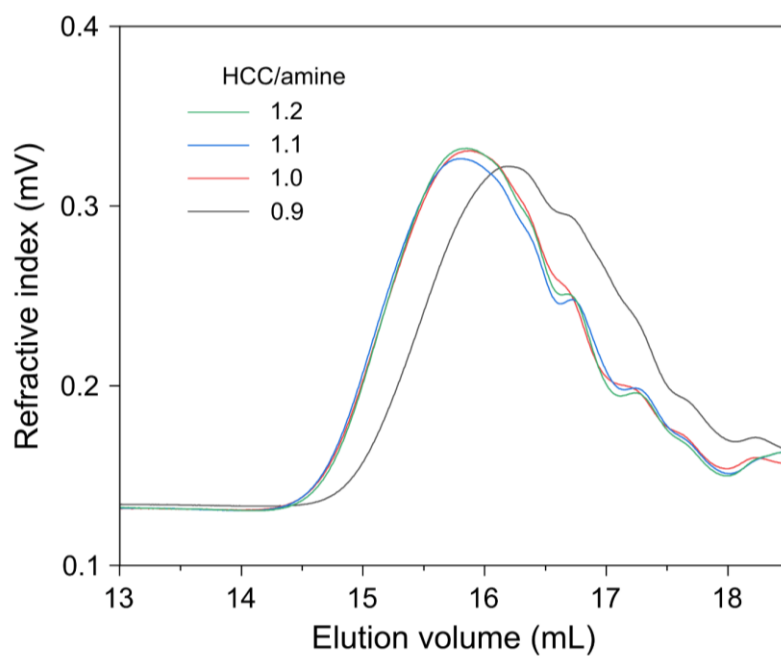
**Fig. S2.** (a) AFM height image of the CNCs, which was deposited on a silicon wafer and dried. (b) Corresponding histograms of the width and length distribution of CNCs.



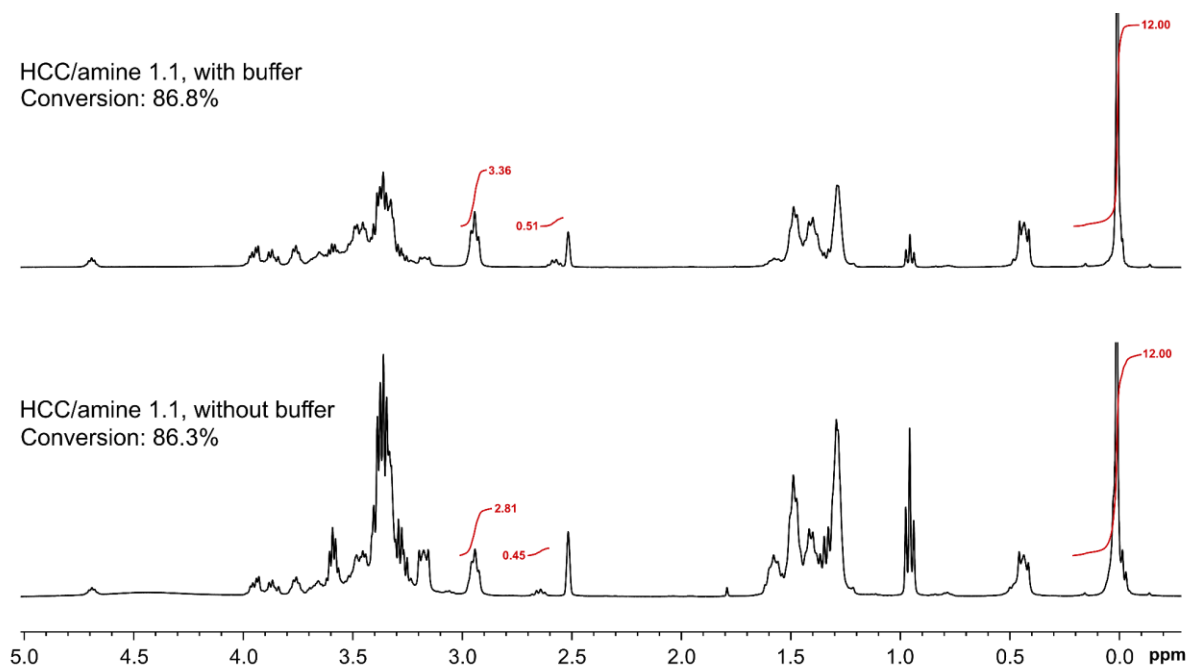
**Fig. S3.** Size histogram of the HCC/siloxane amine emulsion droplets and WNIPU latexes with CNC concentrations ( $m_p$ ) of 4, 6, and 8 mg/mL measured from confocal laser scanning microscopy images.



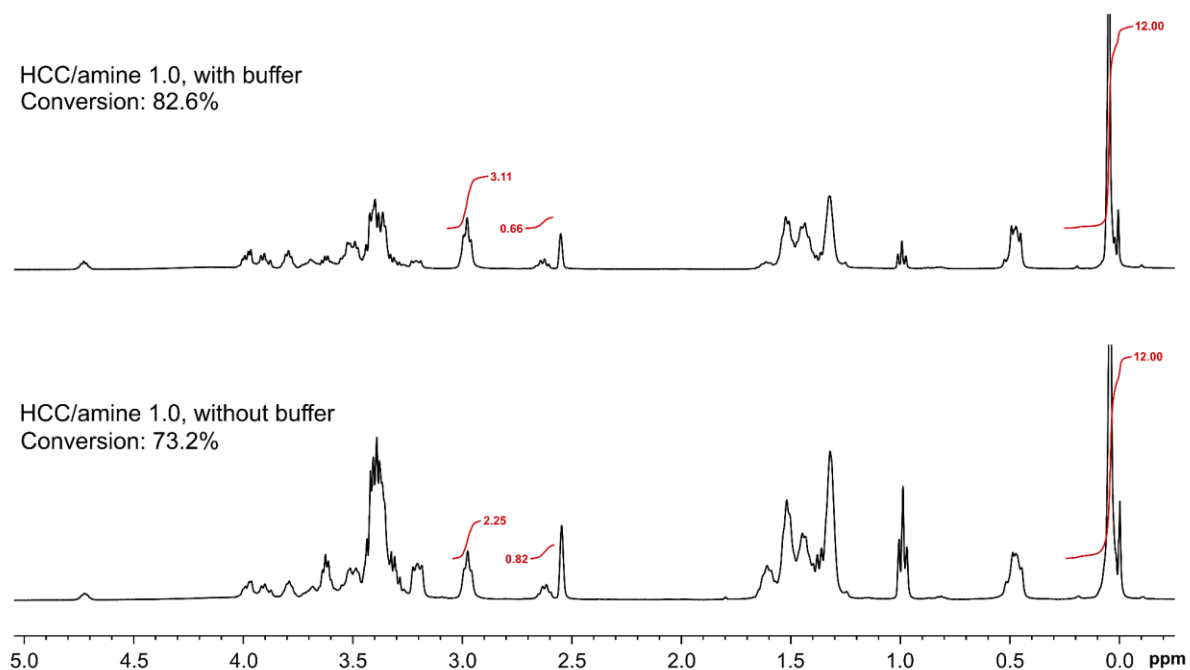
**Fig. S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the dried WNIPU latexes in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ :  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (1:1 v/v) with varied HCC/amine ratio of 0.9, 1.1, and 1.2.



**Fig. S5.** Effect of HCC/amine ratio on molecular weight distribution measured by SEC.



**Fig. S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the WNIPU (CC/amine ratio of 1.1) polymerized (a) without and (b) with ammonium hydroxide buffer at pH 10.



**Fig. S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the WNIPU (CC/amine ratio of 1.0) polymerized (a) without and (b) with ammonium hydroxide buffer at pH 10.