

## Supplementary Information

### **Molecular Design, Synthesis and Characterization of Aromatic Polythioester and Polydithioester**

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**Table S1.** Geometrical parameters of PETS<sub>2</sub>, used in the refined RIS calculations<sup>a</sup>

conformation						
bond			$l_j^b$	$\angle(j-1) \wedge j^c$	$\angle j \wedge (j+1)^d$	$\phi_j^e$
$j-1$	$j$	$j+1$				
bond a (c)						
t	t	t	1.803	98.5	117.3	0.0
$\sigma^+$			1.802	99.4	117.3	0.4
$\sigma^-$			1.802	99.4	117.3	-0.4
t	t	cis	1.804	98.7	118.5	0.0
$\sigma^+$			1.803	99.3	118.7	-0.4
$\sigma^-$			1.803	99.3	118.7	0.4
bond b						
t	t	t	5.787	117.3	117.3	-0.7
		cis	5.786	118.5	118.5	178.7
bond d (f)						
t	t	t	1.835	98.6	108.6	-0.2
$\sigma^+$			1.833	99.4	112.3	99.4
$\sigma^-$			1.833	99.4	112.3	-99.4
t		$\sigma^+$	—	—	—	—
$\sigma^+$			1.829	99.3	115.0	99.1
$\sigma^-$			1.830	100.6	114.0	-69.4
t		$\sigma^-$	—	—	—	—
$\sigma^+$			1.830	100.6	114.0	69.4
$\sigma^-$			1.830	99.3	115.0	-99.1
bond e						
t	t	t	1.522	108.6	108.6	0.0
		$\sigma^+$	1.520	112.3	111.7	113.6
		$\sigma^-$	1.520	112.3	111.7	-113.6
$\sigma^+$		t	—	—	—	—
		$\sigma^+$	—	—	—	—
		$\sigma^-$	—	—	—	—
$\sigma^-$		t	—	—	—	—
		$\sigma^+$	—	—	—	—
		$\sigma^-$	—	—	—	—
t		$\sigma^+$	—	—	—	—
		$\sigma^+$	—	—	—	—
		$\sigma^-$	—	—	—	—
$\sigma^+$		t	1.525	111.9	111.9	7.0
		$\sigma^+$	1.523	115.0	115.0	116.3
		$\sigma^-$	—	—	—	—
$\sigma^-$		t	1.523	112.3	112.3	0.0
		$\sigma^+$	1.525	114.0	115.0	113.1
		$\sigma^-$	1.525	115.0	114.0	-113.1
t		$\sigma^-$	—	—	—	—
		$\sigma^+$	—	—	—	—
		$\sigma^-$	—	—	—	—
$\sigma^+$		t	1.523	112.3	112.3	0.0
		$\sigma^+$	1.525	115.0	114.0	113.1
		$\sigma^-$	1.525	114.0	115.0	-113.1
$\sigma^-$		t	1.525	111.9	111.9	-7.0
		$\sigma^+$	—	—	—	—
		$\sigma^-$	1.523	115.0	115.0	-116.3

<sup>a</sup>For bonds a, b, and c, obtained from S<sup>1</sup>,S<sup>1</sup>-ethane-1,2-diyl S<sup>4</sup>,S<sup>4</sup>-dimethyl bis(benzene-1,4-bis(carbothioate)). For bonds d, e, and f, obtained from EDDBS<sub>2</sub>. The symbol  $j$  denotes the current bond. <sup>b</sup>Length of bond  $j$ . <sup>c</sup>Angle formed between bonds  $j-1$  and  $j$ . <sup>d</sup>Angle formed between bonds  $j$  and  $j+1$ . <sup>e</sup>Dihedral angle of bond  $j$ .

**Table S2.** Geometrical parameters of PETS<sub>4</sub>, used in the refined RIS calculations<sup>a</sup>

conformation			bond	$l_j^b$	$\angle(j-1) \wedge j^c$	$\angle j \wedge (j+1)^d$	$\phi_j^e$
$j-1$	$j$	$j+1$					
bond a (c) <sup>f</sup>							
t	t	t-t	1.760	103.5	112.7	3.1	
$\sigma^+$			1.762	104.4	112.7	-3.7	
$\sigma^-$			1.762	104.4	112.7	3.7	
t	t	t-c	1.761	103.5	112.9	-4.3	
$\sigma^+$			1.762	104.5	112.6	-3.6	
$\sigma^-$			1.762	104.5	112.6	3.6	
t	t	c-t	1.760	103.4	113.1	2.9	
$\sigma^+$			1.763	104.5	112.8	-2.9	
$\sigma^-$			1.763	104.5	112.8	2.9	
t	t	c-c	1.761	103.5	113.2	3.5	
$\sigma^+$			1.763	104.4	113.0	-3.8	
$\sigma^-$			1.763	104.4	113.0	3.8	
bond b <sup>f</sup>							
t	t-t	t	5.788	113.0	113.0	-0.5	
	t-c		5.788	113.1	113.1	-71.5	
	c-t		5.786	113.4	113.4	-106.3	
	c-c		5.788	113.4	113.4	177.8	
bond d (f)							
t	t	t	1.829	103.6	108.1	1.9	
$\sigma^+$			1.827	104.6	112.4	96.7	
$\sigma^-$			1.827	104.6	112.4	-96.7	
t	$\sigma^+$		1.829	103.4	111.0	4.6	
$\sigma^+$			1.824	104.1	114.8	93.4	
$\sigma^-$			1.828	105.6	113.4	-64.8	
t	$\sigma^-$		1.829	103.4	111.0	-4.6	
$\sigma^+$			1.828	105.6	113.4	64.8	
$\sigma^-$			1.824	104.1	114.8	-93.4	
bond e							
t	t	t	1.526	108.1	108.1	0.0	
	$\sigma^+$		1.523	111.0	111.0	111.3	
	$\sigma^-$		1.523	111.0	111.0	-111.3	
$\sigma^+$	t		1.525	111.9	108.3	1.3	
	$\sigma^+$		1.524	115.6	111.0	117.4	
	$\sigma^-$		-	-	-	-	
$\sigma^-$	t		1.525	111.9	108.3	-1.3	
	$\sigma^+$		-	-	-	-	
	$\sigma^-$		1.524	115.6	111.0	-117.4	
t	t	$\sigma^+$	1.525	108.3	111.9	1.3	
	$\sigma^+$		1.524	111.0	115.6	117.4	
	$\sigma^-$		-	-	-	-	
$\sigma^+$	t		1.527	111.3	111.3	9.3	
	$\sigma^+$		1.524	114.9	114.9	117.0	
	$\sigma^-$		1.528	114.0	114.0	-113.4	
$\sigma^-$	t		1.524	112.4	112.4	0.0	
	$\sigma^+$		1.526	113.4	114.8	110.9	
	$\sigma^-$		1.526	114.8	113.4	-110.9	
t	t	$\sigma^-$	1.525	108.3	111.9	1.3	
	$\sigma^+$		-	-	-	-	
	$\sigma^-$		1.524	111.0	115.6	-117.4	
$\sigma^+$	t		1.524	112.4	112.4	0.0	
	$\sigma^+$		1.526	114.8	113.4	110.9	
	$\sigma^-$		1.526	113.4	114.8	-110.9	
$\sigma^-$	t		1.527	111.3	111.3	-9.3	
	$\sigma^+$		1.528	114.0	114.0	113.4	
	$\sigma^-$		1.524	114.9	114.9	-117.0	

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