

Supporting Information for

**Muscle-Mimetic Synergistic Covalent and Supramolecular
Polymers: Phototriggered Formation Leads to Mechanical
Performance Boost**

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Materials and general methods

All reagents were commercially available and used as supplied without further purification. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratory (Andover, MA). Compounds **4**^{S1}, **5**^{S2}, **8**^{S3,S4}, **11**^{S5} and **17**^{S6} were prepared according to the established methods. NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance DMX 400 spectrophotometer with use of the deuterated solvent as the lock and the residual solvent or TMS as the internal reference. Solid-state NMR spectra were recorded at ambient pressure on a Bruker AVANCE NEO 600 spectrometer using a standard Bruker magic angle-spinning (MAS) probe with 3.2 mm (o.d.) zirconia rotors. Melting point of solid compounds were tested on a WRX-4 micro melting point apparatus (Shanghai Yice instrument Co., LTD, China). High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Bruker Solarix 7.0T FT-ICR MS spectrometer. Gel permeation chromatograph (GPC) was obtained on a HLC-8320GPC (TOSOH, Japan) instrument using dimethylformamide (DMF) as eluent with polystyrene standards. The thermal stability analysis was conducted using a TA Instruments Q500 thermogravimetric analyzer (TGA) under the nitrogen. Each sample (~5 mg) was heated from 50 to 800 °C with a rate of 20 °C/min. Transition temperatures of materials determined on a TA Instruments Q2000 differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) under the nitrogen. Dynamic thermomechanical analysis (DMA) was carried out with a dynamic mechanical thermal analyzer (Discovery DMA 850, TA, USA) in the tensile mode at a frequency of 1.0 Hz. Rheological experiments were carried out using a TA Instruments ARES G2 stress-controlled rheometer with an 8 mm parallel plate attachment. Atomic force microscope (AFM) measurements were performed in a PeakForce QNM (Quantitative Nano-Mechanics) mode on a Bruker 9Bio-FastScan AFM at ambient conditions. Deprotection of UPy moiety was carried out by irradiating UV light (365 nm, 70 mW/cm²) from a UV-LED device (CSM-C6120200JTDX, IUVO, China).

Mechanical tests: The mechanical properties of the polymers were measured using an Instron 3343 machine in standard stress/strain experiments. As for the preparations of the specimens used for the tests, the CPs and SPs were mixed and irradiated in solution, then the resultant CSPs were dried and further molded by hot-pressing the samples into Teflon molds at 70 °C. Young's modulus was determined from the initial slope of the stress-strain curves. Toughness

was obtained by integrating the area under stress strain curve. Energy dissipation was calculated by integrating the area encompassed by the cyclic tensile curves. Damping capacity was defined as the ratio of the dissipated energy (the area encompassed by the loading and unloading curves) to the loading energy (the area encompassed by the loading curve).

Characterization of photo-induced integration of CPs and SPs in the solid state:

For the photographs, the CPs and SPs were mixed and dried, and then molded by hot-pressing. The photographs of the specimen before and after 2 h irradiation were taken.

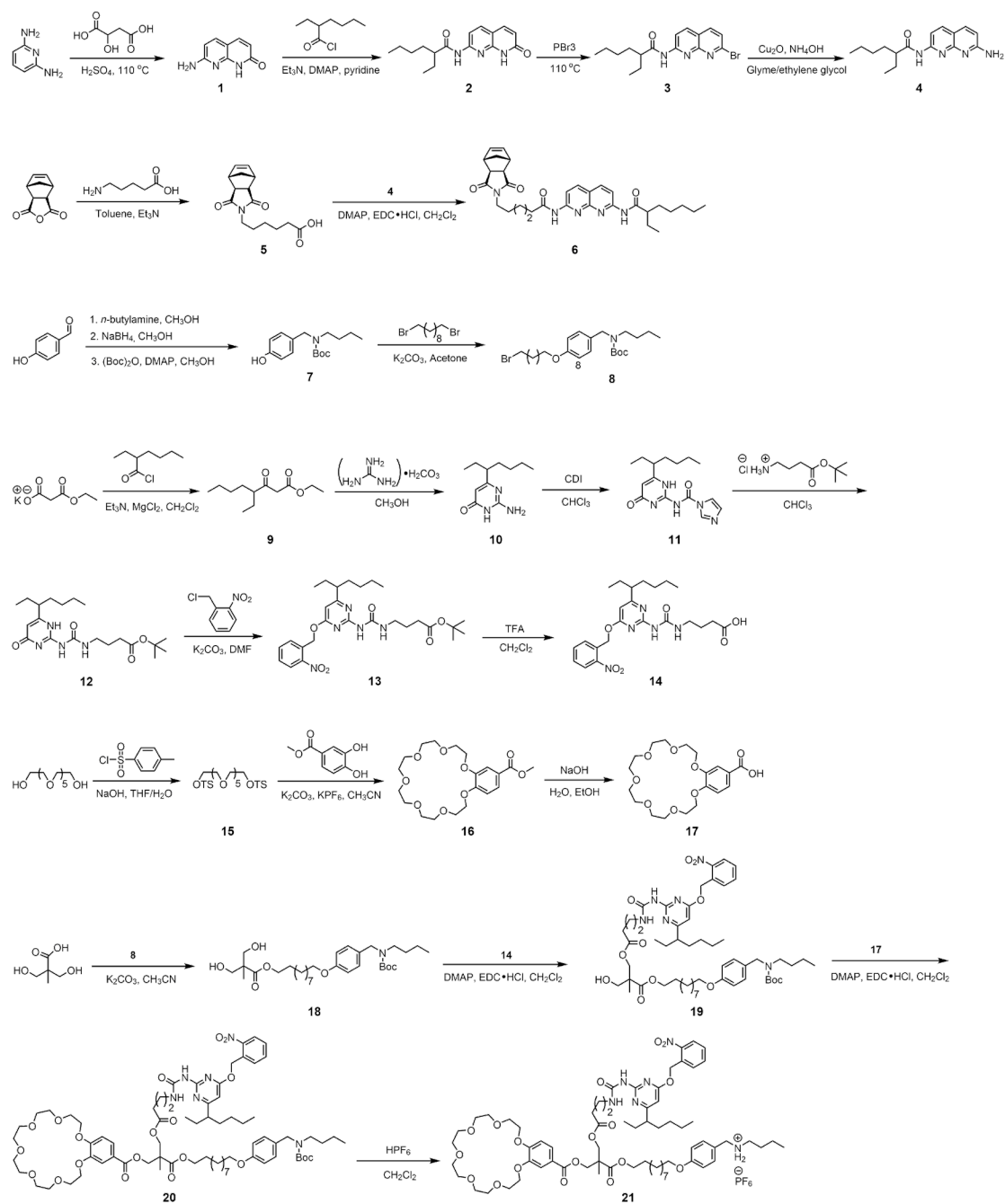
For the AFM measurements, rectangular film of the mixed CPs and SPs was formed by slowly evaporating the solvent of chloroform. Half of the specimen was wrapped by aluminium foil during the irradiation. Then the two regions of the specimen, namely the regions with and without irradiation, were measured by AFM.

For the *in situ* rheology characterization, the dried sample was pressed into a thin film with a thickness of 3.2 μm . The rheology test was carried out using a Kinexus Ultra rotational rheometer (NETZSCH Instruments) equipped with a LED device with the wavelength of 365 nm. The top fixture was made from quartz, and the irradiation from the LED device passes through the quartz window onto the sample.

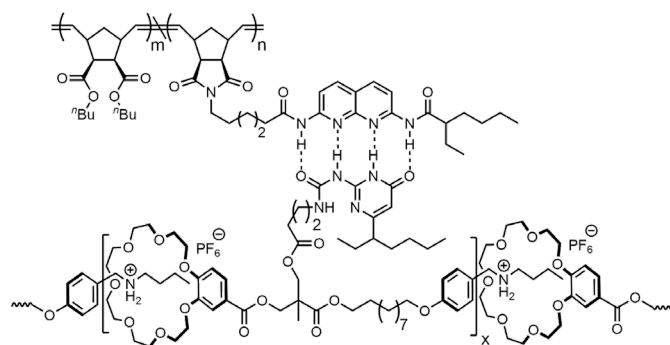
For the tensile tests, the dried sample was molded by hot-pressing to prepare two dumbbell-shaped specimens. Tensile test of one sample was conducted directly, that is, the measurement of sample before irradiation. And the tensile test of the other specimen was performed after a 2 h irradiation.

Photo-enhanced self-healing experiments: Two specimens were separately cut into two completely separate pieces, and the cut faces were gently pressed together. One sample was irradiated for 2 h, and the other sample was self-healed without irradiation.

Syntheses of monomers for covalent polymer and supramolecular polymer



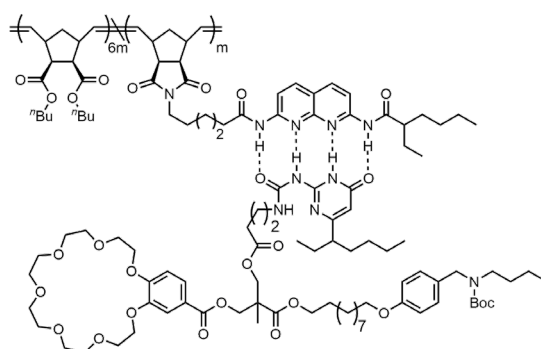
Scheme S1. Synthetic route to the monomers for CPs and SP.



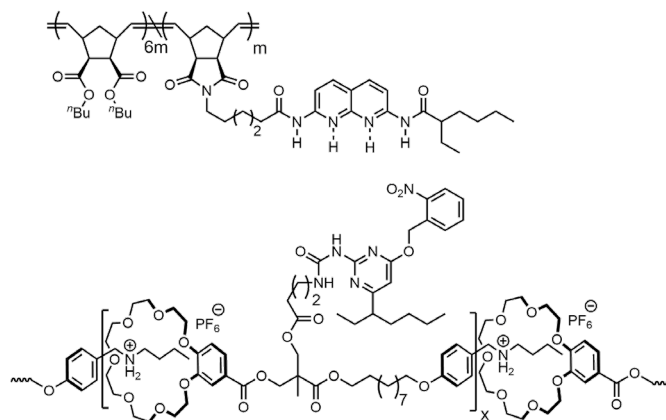
CSP-1: m:n = 2:1

CSP-2: m:n = 6:1

CSP-3: m:n = 12:1



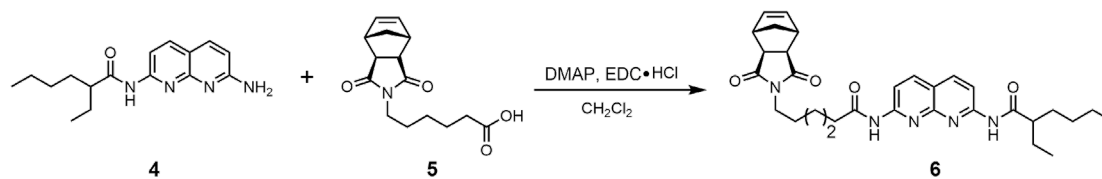
Control-1



Control-2

Scheme S2. Chemical structures of CSPs-1–3 and controls-1 and 2.

Synthesis of compound 6



A stirred solution of compound **4** (3.52 g, 12.6 mmol), DMAP (230 mg, 1.89 mmol), compound **5** (3.52 g, 12.6 mmol), in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL), in a round-bottomed flask with magnetic stir-bar was cooled to 0 °C via an ice-water bath. EDC·HCl (2.40 g, 12.5 mmol) was added and the reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature over several hours and was kept for 14 h. The solution was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with water, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, and finally with brine. The organic phase was dried using Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude was further purified by gel chromatography to afford compound **6** as a white powder (5.22 g, 76%). M.p. = 82 °C. The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **6** is shown in Figure S1. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) δ (ppm): 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.53–3.42 (m, 2H), 3.27–3.24 (m, 2H), 2.67 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.68 (m, 4H), 1.68–1.48 (m, 4H), 1.44–1.11 (m, 8H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.92–0.84 (m, 3H). The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **6** is shown in Figure S2. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 100 MHz) δ (ppm): 178.15, 175.58, 172.02, 153.95, 153.61, 139.06, 139.03, 137.80, 118.34, 113.60, 113.46, 50.80, 47.83, 45.14, 42.75, 38.38, 37.46, 32.35, 29.73, 27.34, 26.36, 25.98, 24.47, 22.72, 13.92, 11.99. HRESIMS is shown in Figure S3: *m/z* calcd for C₃₁H₃₉N₅O₄, 546.30748 [M + H]⁺; found 546.30493 [M + H]⁺.

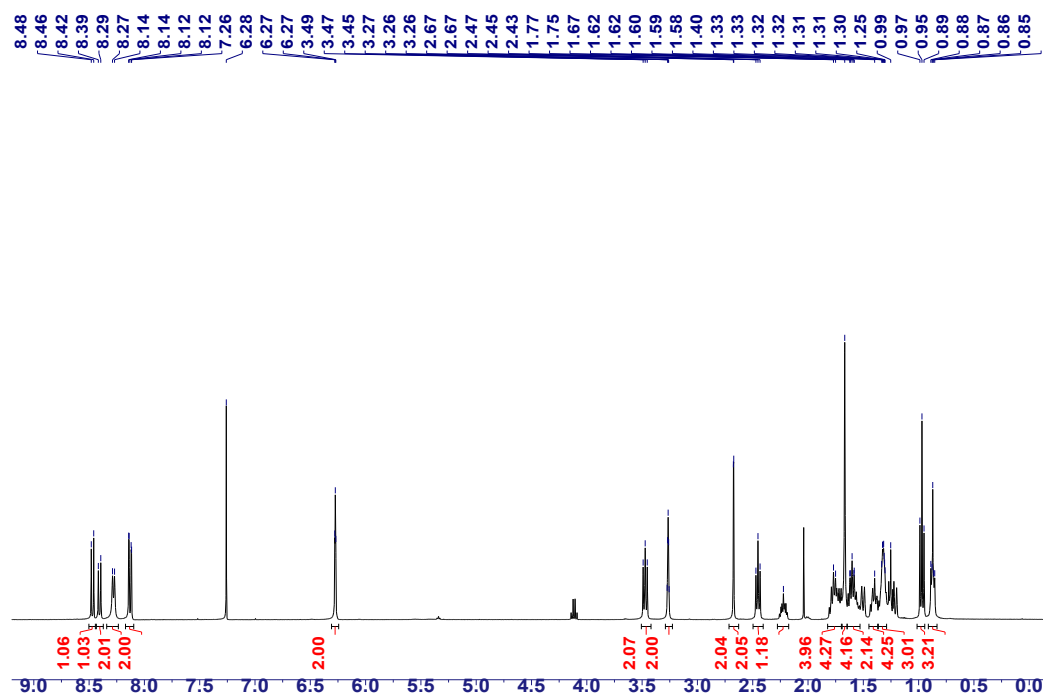


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) of compound **6**.

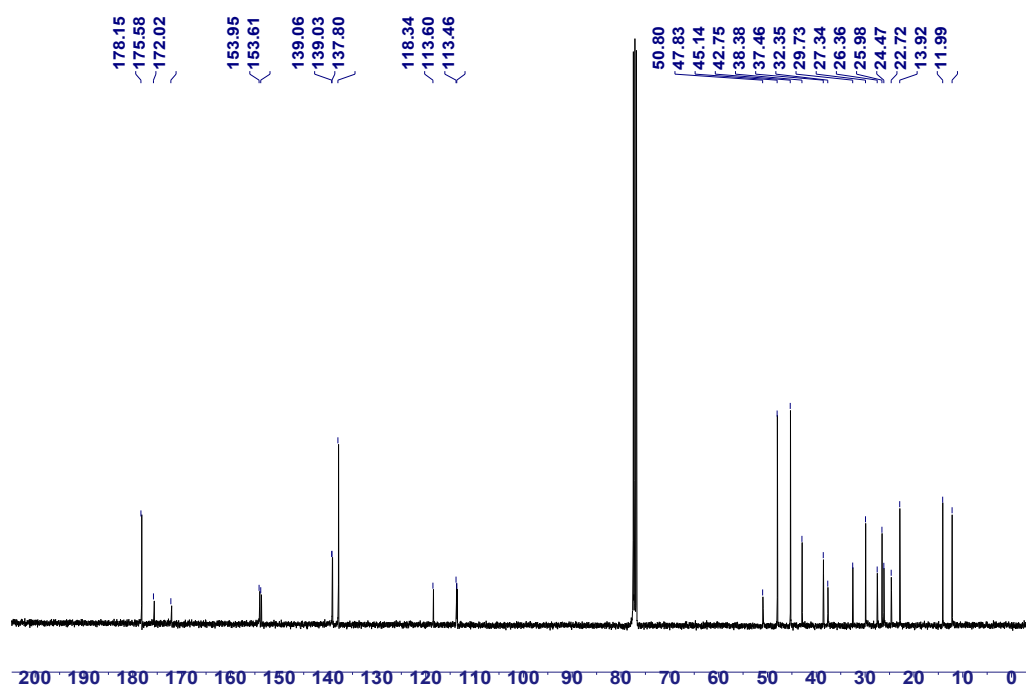


Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, room temperature, 100 MHz) of compound **6**.

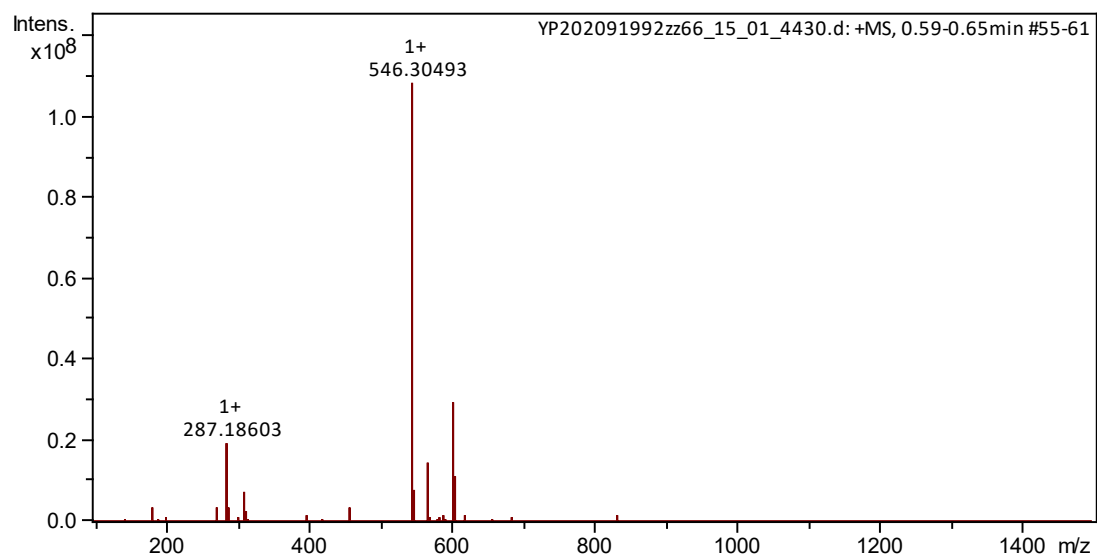
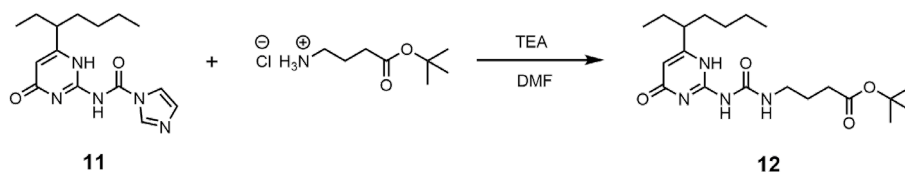


Figure S3. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **6**.

Synthesis of compound 12



Compound **11** (5.01 g, 16.5 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (100 mL), trimethylamine (2.10 mL) and N-(6-methyl-4-oxo-1,4-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl)-1H-imidazole-1-carboxamide (2.48 g, 12.7 mmol) were added and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under N₂. The solvent was evaporated and the solids suspended in chloroform and filtered. The filtrate was washed with water and the organic phase was dried using Na₂SO₄, and then purified via gel chromatography to afford compound **12** as a light yellow oil (4.78 g, 95%). The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **12** is shown in Figure S4. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) δ (ppm): 13.20 (s, 1H), 11.93 (s, 1H), 10.28 (s, 1H), 5.80 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (m, 2H), 2.30 (dd, J = 9.2, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 1.96–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.75 (s, 1H), 1.71–1.49 (m, 4H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.36–1.16 (m, 4H), 0.92–0.80 (m, 6H). The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **12** is shown in Figure S5. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 100 MHz) δ (ppm): 173.07, 172.42, 156.76, 155.40, 154.80, 106.23, 80.10, 45.34, 39.22, 32.92, 32.87, 29.29, 28.07, 26.59, 24.94, 22.44, 13.85, 11.67. HRESIMS is shown in Figure S6: m/z calcd for C₂₀H₃₄N₄O₄, 395.26528 [M + H]⁺; found 395.26424 [M + H]⁺.

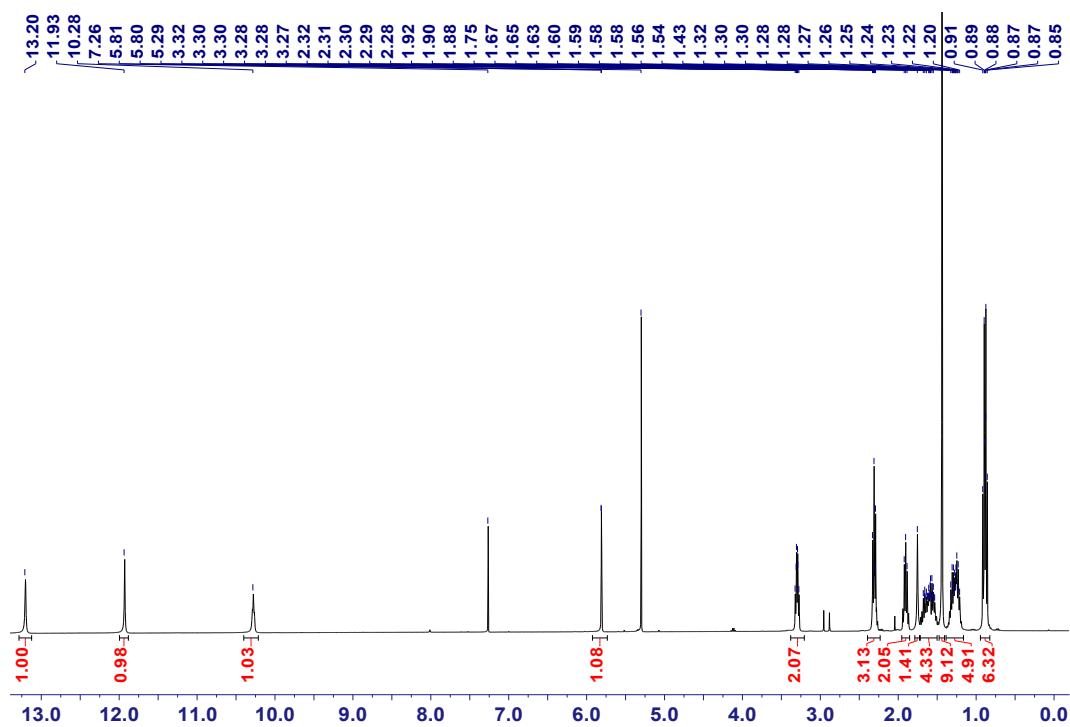


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 400 MHz) of compound **12**.

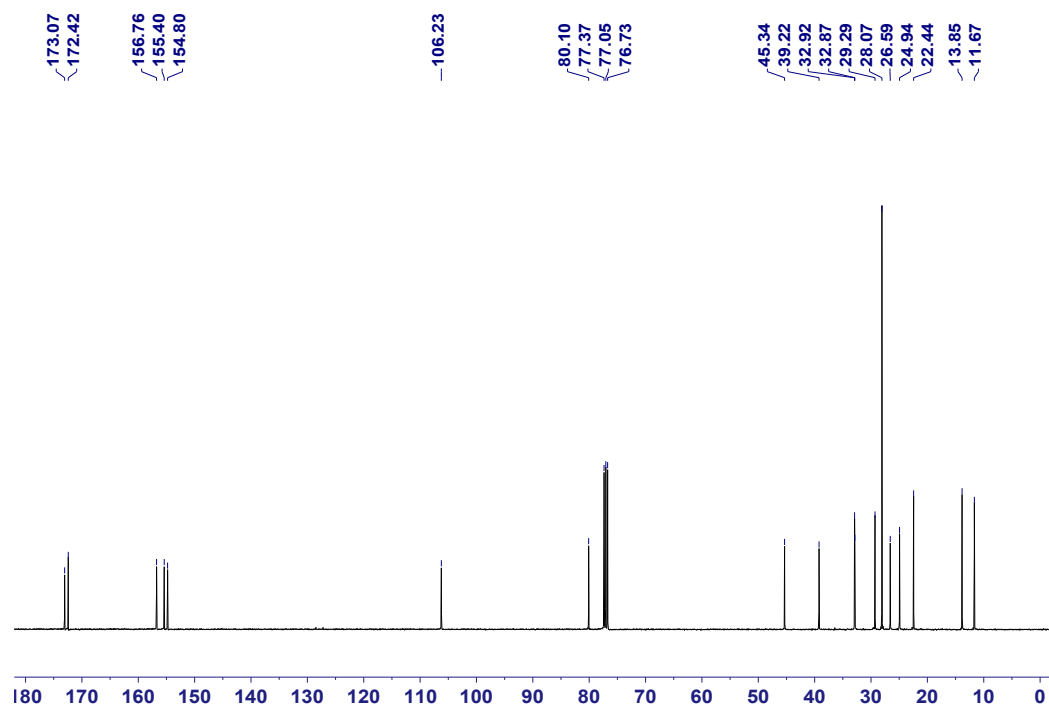


Figure S5. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 100 MHz) of compound **12**.

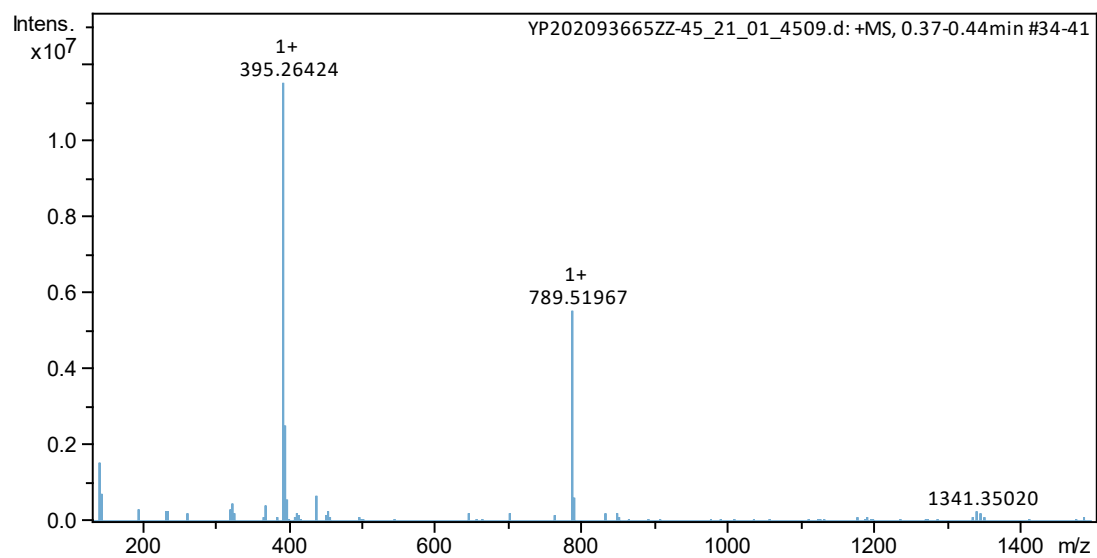
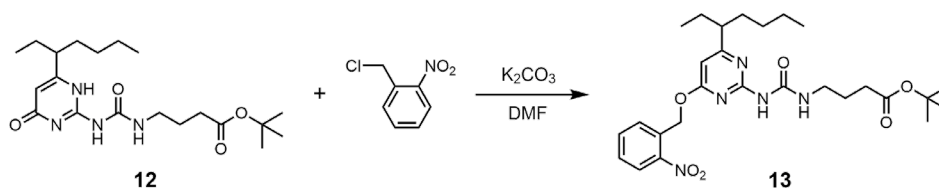


Figure S6. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **12**.

Synthesis of compound 13



Compound **12** (5.30 g, 13.4 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (80 mL) and then nitrogen was bubbled through for 15 minutes. Subsequently, 1-(chloromethyl)-2-nitrobenzene (3.69 g, 21.5 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (2.96 g, 21.5 mmol) were added and the mixture was stirred overnight at 80 °C under N₂. The solvent was evaporated, the residue suspended in a mixture of chloroform and water, the layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with chloroform. The organic phase was dried using Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude was further purified by gel chromatography to afford compound **13** as an orange-yellow oil (5.26 g, 74%). The ¹H NMR spectrum of monomer **13** is shown in Figure S7. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) δ (ppm): 9.31 (s, 1H), 8.15 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 5.76 (s, 2H), 3.45–3.35 (m, 2H), 2.55–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.94–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.73–1.55 (m, 4H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.37–1.25 (m, 4H), 0.92–0.80 (m, 6H). The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **13** is shown in Figure S8. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 100 MHz) δ (ppm): 172.32, 169.50, 157.45, 147.71, 133.67, 132.37, 129.19, 128.73, 124.98, 100.31, 80.27, 64.72, 60.38, 48.89, 39.24, 34.24, 32.99, 31.50, 31.43, 30.19, 30.13, 29.69, 29.65, 29.59, 28.07, 27.77, 25.42, 22.72, 22.68, 21.03, 14.19, 14.10, 13.95. HRESIMS is shown in Figure S9: m/z calcd for C₂₇H₃₉N₅O₆, 530.29731 [M + H]⁺; found 530.29542 [M + H]⁺.

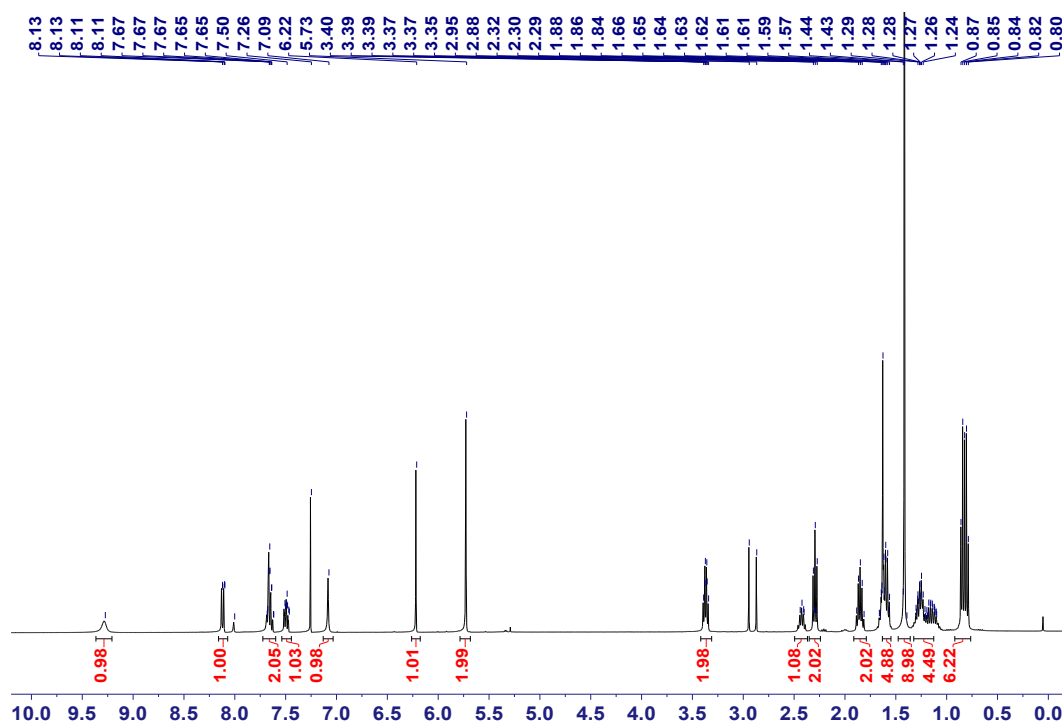


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 400 MHz) of compound **13**.

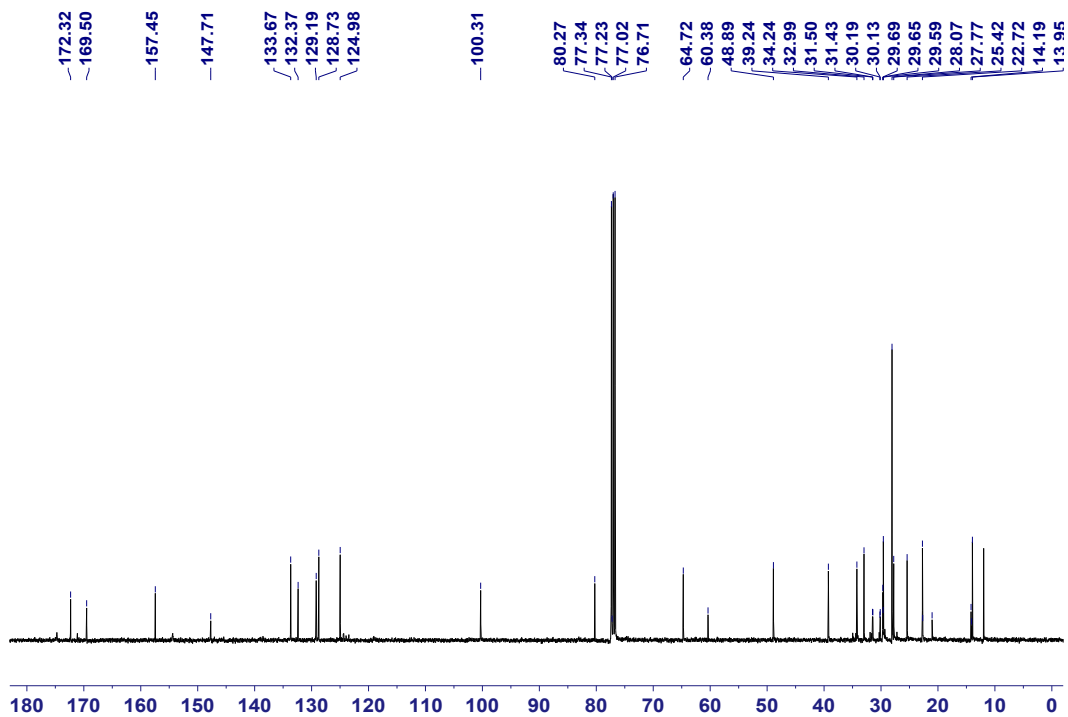


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 100 MHz) of compound **13**.

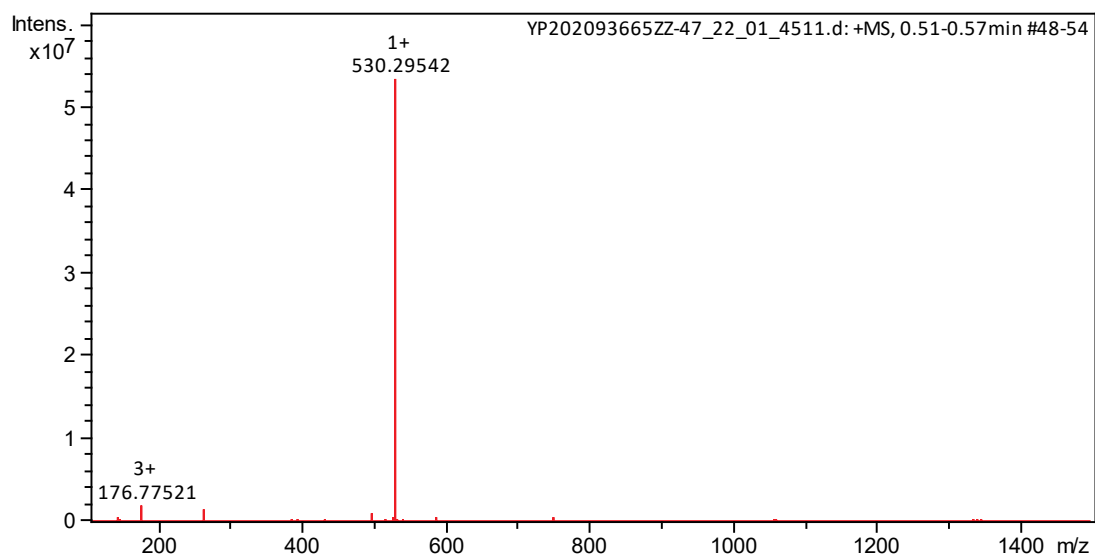
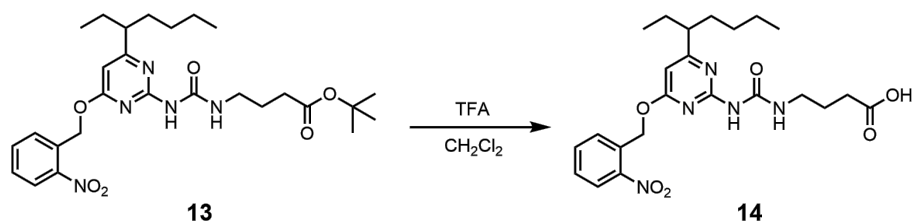


Figure S9. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **13**.

Synthesis of compound 14



Compound **13** (3.30 g, 4.07 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of DCM (70 mL) and TFA (3.50 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under N₂. The solvent was evaporated and the crude product was purified using column chromatography to yield compound **14** as an orange-yellow oil (2.23 g, 54%). The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **14** is shown in Figure S10. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) δ (ppm): 9.45 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97–7.87 (m, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 5.86 (s, 2H), 3.47–3.32 (m, 2H), 2.60–2.48 (m, 1H), 2.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.00–1.87 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.49 (m, 4H), 1.39–1.07 (m, 5H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **14** is shown in Figure S11. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 100 MHz) δ (ppm): 177.29, 171.29, 162.40, 156.15, 148.04, 133.93, 129.72, 125.03, 101.09, 39.29, 33.57, 31.43, 29.34, 29.30, 27.26, 24.73, 22.52, 13.80, 11.72. HRESIMS is shown in Figure S12: m/z calcd for C₂₃H₃₁N₅O₆, 474.23471 [M + H]⁺; found 474.23314 [M + H]⁺.

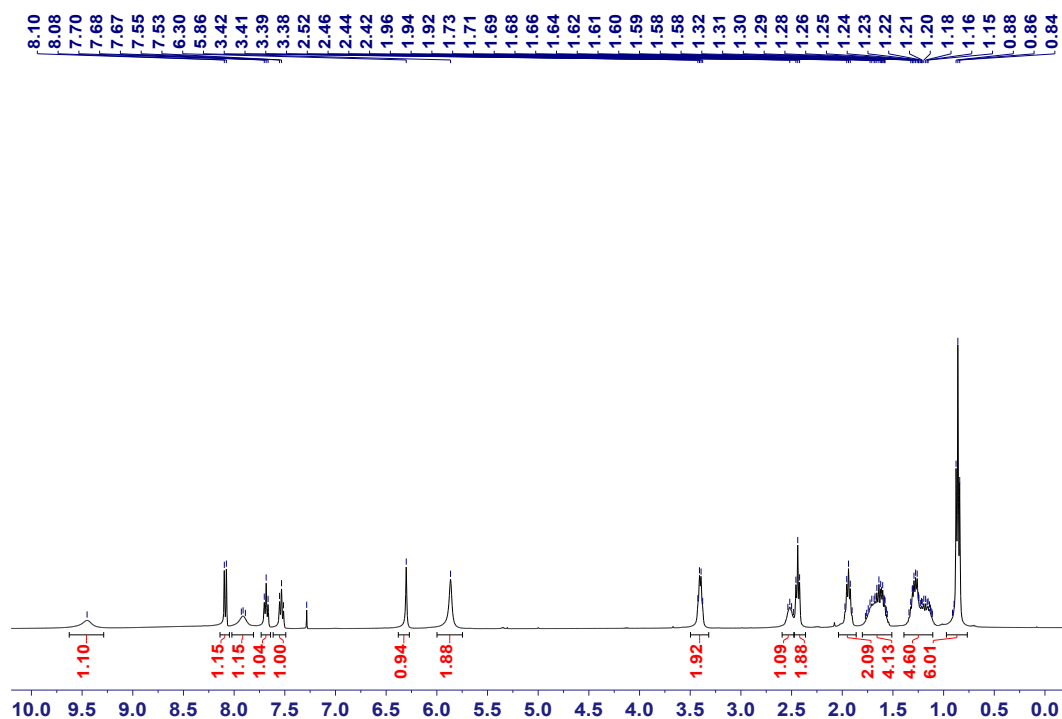


Figure S10. ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 400 MHz) of compound **14**.

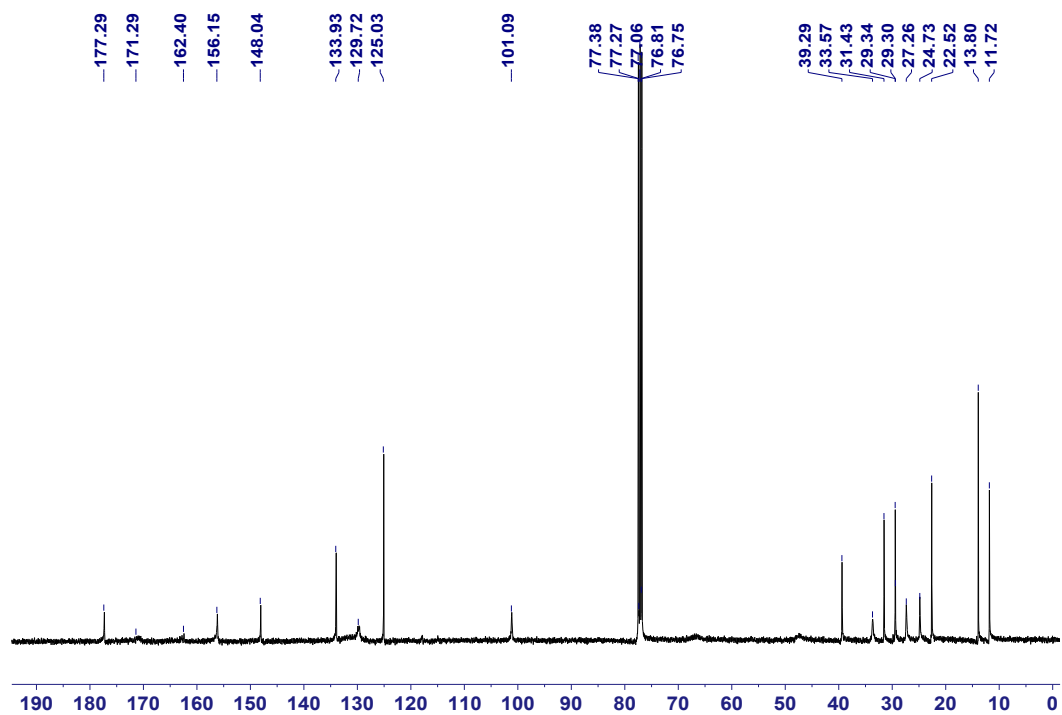


Figure S11. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 100 MHz) of compound **14**.

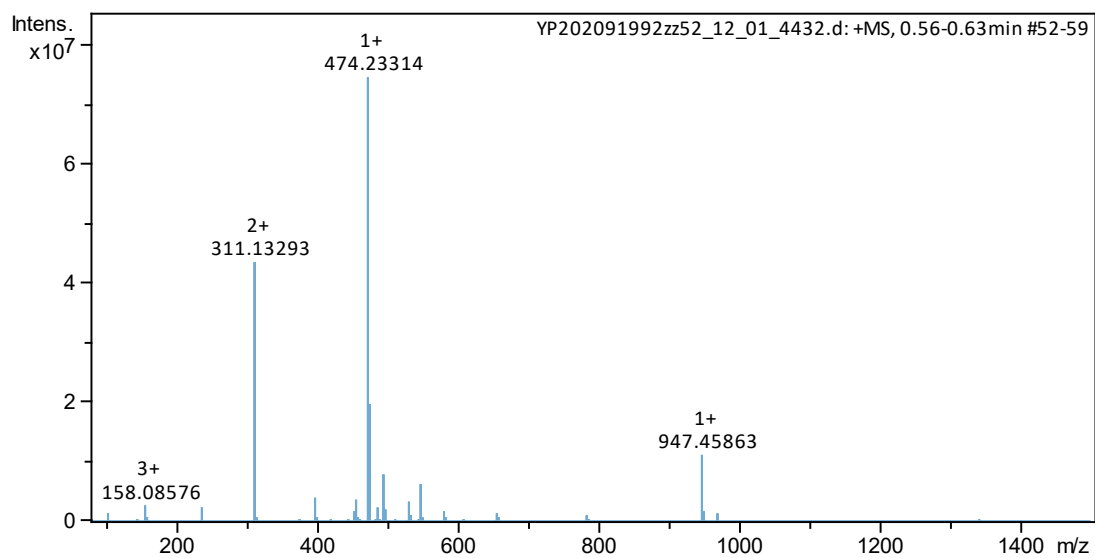
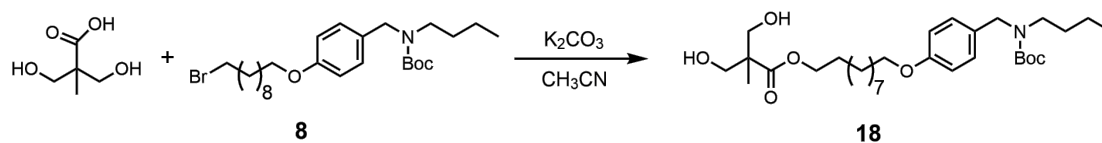


Figure S12. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **14**.

Synthesis of compound 18



A vial was charged with 2,2-bis(hydroxymethyl)propionic acid (0.80 g, 6.00 mmol), compound **8** (2.50 g, 5.01 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (1.66 g, 12.0 mmol). The vial was degassed, and then 40 mL of acetonitrile was added via syringe under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction was heated to reflux for 12 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to filter salts out and the filtrate was evaporated under vacuum. The crude was dissolved in DCM and washed by water and saturated aqueous sodium chloride. The organic phase was dried using Na_2SO_4 and the crude was further purified by gel chromatography to afford compound **18** as a colorless oil (1.19 g, 43%). The 1H NMR spectrum of compound **18** is shown in Figure S13. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, room temperature, 400 MHz) δ (ppm): 7.16 (s, 2H), 6.91–6.80 (m, 2H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 4.18 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.00–3.88 (m, 4H), 3.80–3.68 (m, 2H), 3.26–3.04 (m, 2H), 2.88 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.85–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.68 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 1.37–1.26 (m, 13H), 1.41–1.21 (m, 10H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **18** is shown in Figure S14. ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, room temperature, 100 MHz) δ (ppm): 176.00, 158.26, 130.47, 128.97, 128.40, 114.39, 79.41, 68.16, 67.98, 65.16, 49.70, 49.11, 46.05, 30.14, 29.44, 29.39, 29.33, 29.27, 29.16, 28.51, 28.48, 26.03, 25.83, 20.02, 17.17, 13.86. HRESIMS is shown in Figure S15: m/z calcd for $C_{31}H_{53}NO_7$, 552.38948 $[M + H]^+$; found 552.38714 $[M + H]^+$.

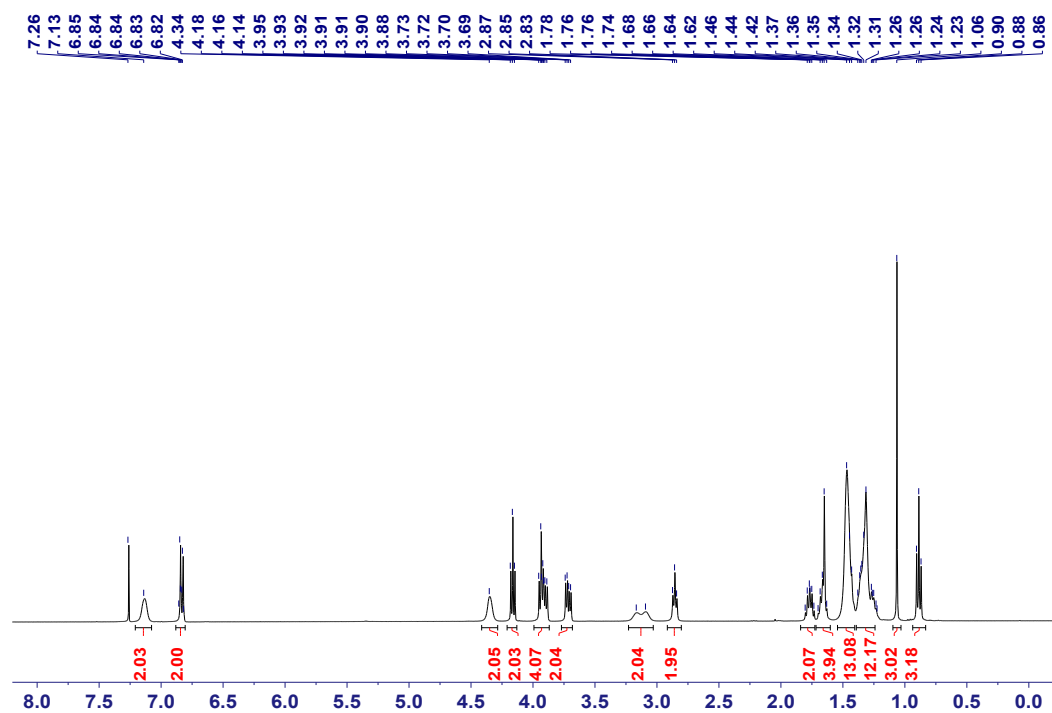


Figure S13. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) of compound **18**.

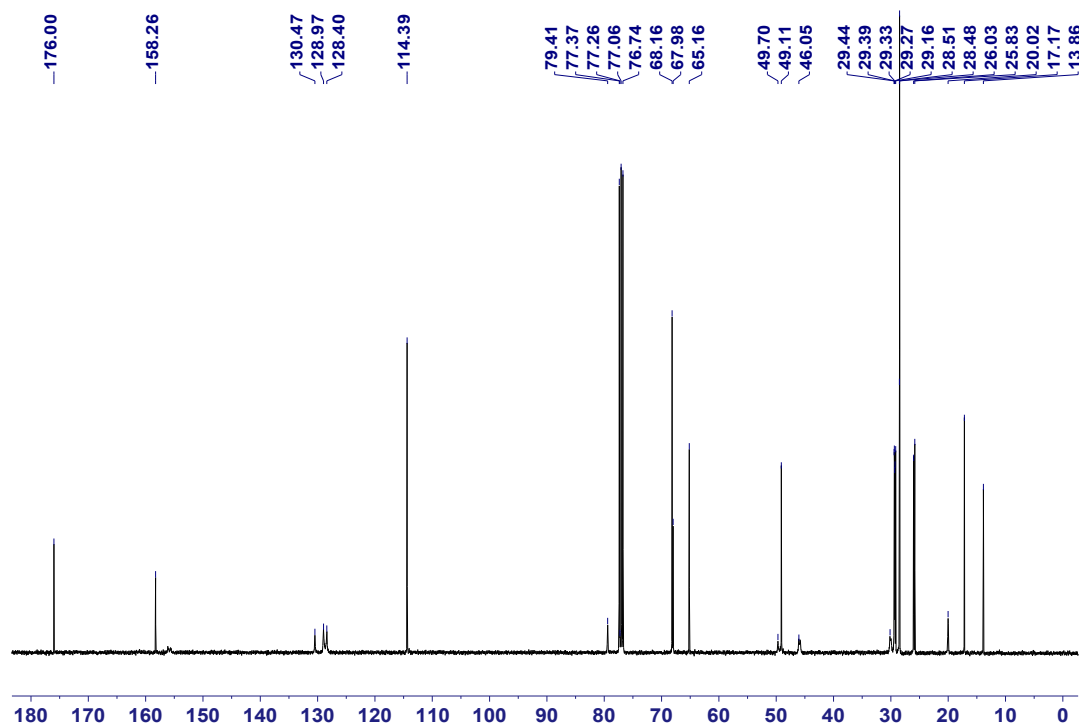


Figure S14. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, room temperature, 100 MHz) of compound **18**.

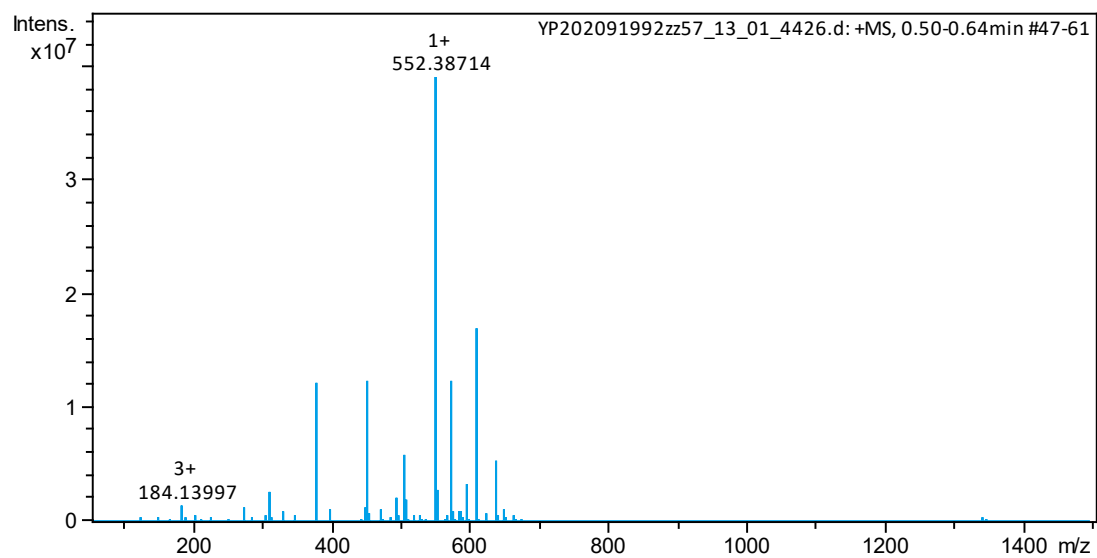
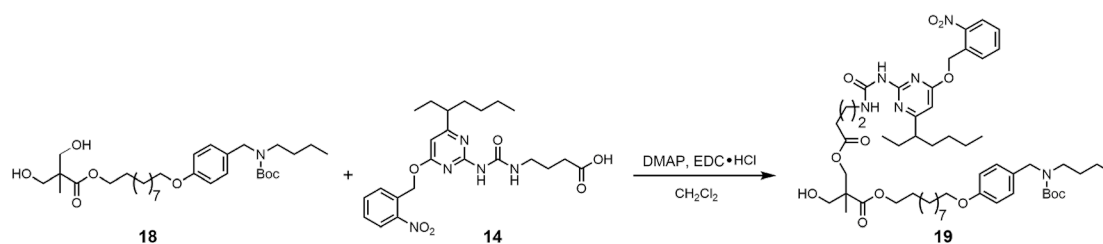


Figure S15. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **18**.

Synthesis of compound 19



Compound **18** (3.71 g, 6.72 mmol), EDC·HCl (1.29 g, 6.73 mmol), and DMAP (247 mg, 2.02 mmol) were dissolved in 150 mL DCM. Compound **14** (3.20 g, 6.73 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and purified via gel chromatography to afford compound **19** as a light yellow oil (5.88 g, 87%). The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **19** is shown in Figure S16. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) δ (ppm): 9.32 (s, 1H), 8.12 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.10 (m, 3H), 6.92–6.77 (m, 2H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 2H), 4.39–4.26 (m, 3H), 4.19 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.76–3.61 (m, 2H), 3.45–3.32 (m, 2H), 3.22–3.01 (m, 2H), 2.49–2.37 (m, 3H), 1.93–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.69 (m, 4H), 1.68–1.54 (m, 6H), 1.50–1.39 (m, 13H), 1.37–1.25 (m, 15H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 0.93–0.78 (m, 9H). The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **19** is shown in Figure S17. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 100 MHz) δ (ppm): 174.48, 173.02, 169.50, 158.28, 157.35, 154.60, 147.64, 133.75, 132.32, 129.09, 128.77, 125.03, 114.39, 100.43, 79.37, 68.00, 65.59, 65.11, 64.80, 64.51, 48.85, 48.00, 38.82, 34.21, 31.32, 29.57, 29.48, 29.43, 29.37, 29.30, 29.18, 28.50, 28.48, 27.76, 26.05, 25.82, 25.48, 22.73, 20.01, 17.74, 13.96, 13.85, 11.97. HRESIMS is shown in Figure S18: m/z calcd for C₅₄H₈₂N₆O₁₂, 1007.60006 [M + H]⁺; found 1007.60635 [M + H]⁺.

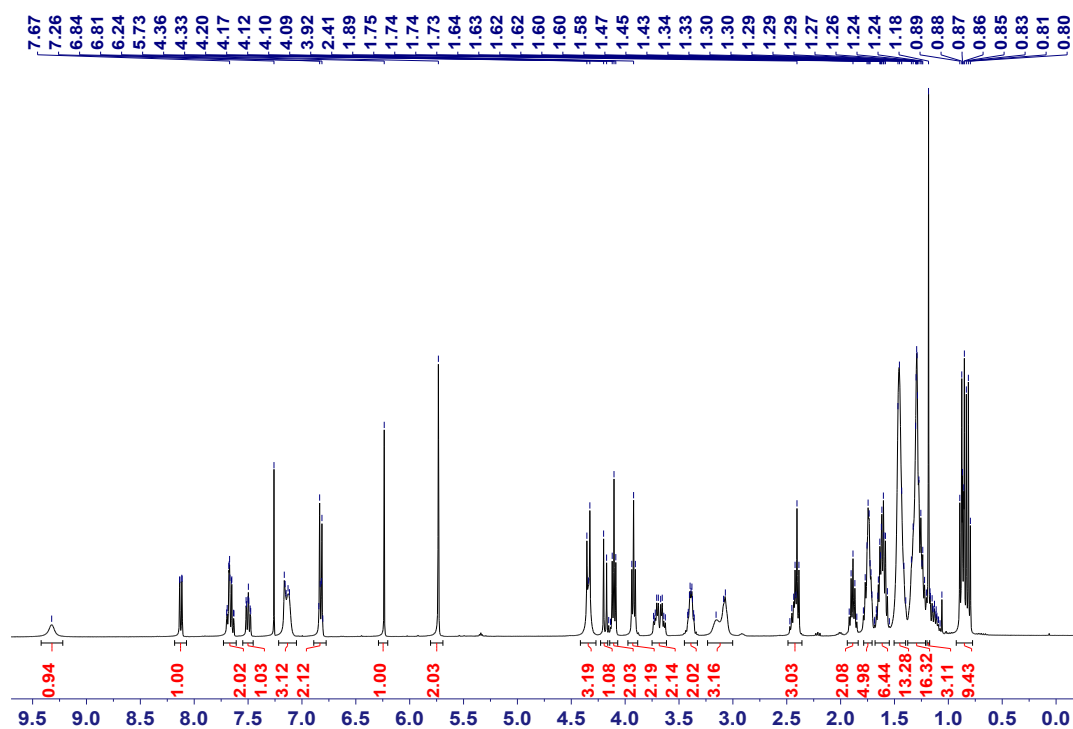


Figure S16. ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 400 MHz) of compound **19**.

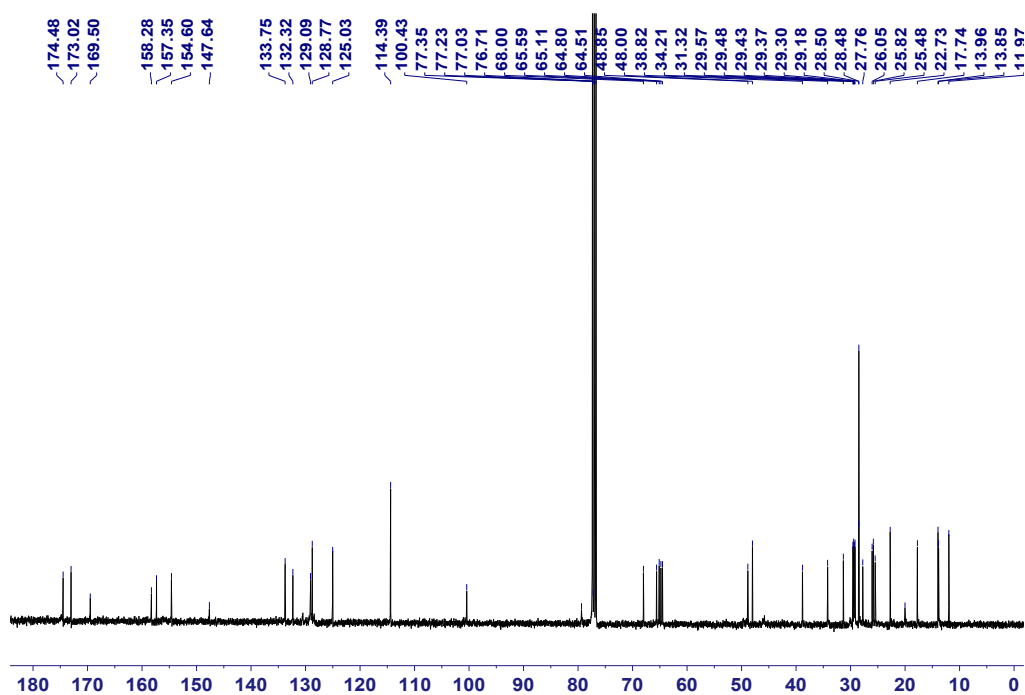


Figure S17. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 100 MHz) of compound **19**.

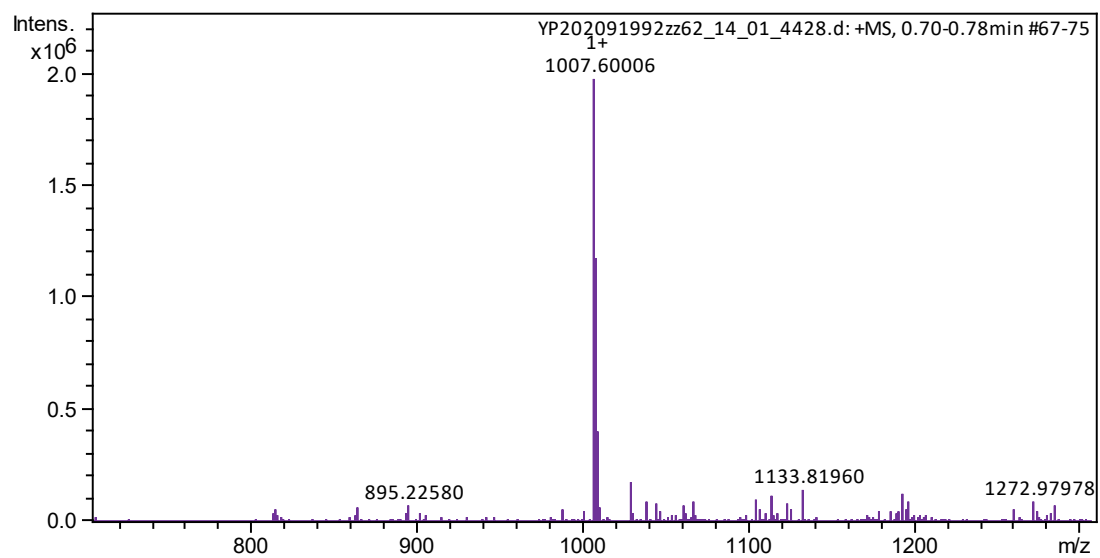
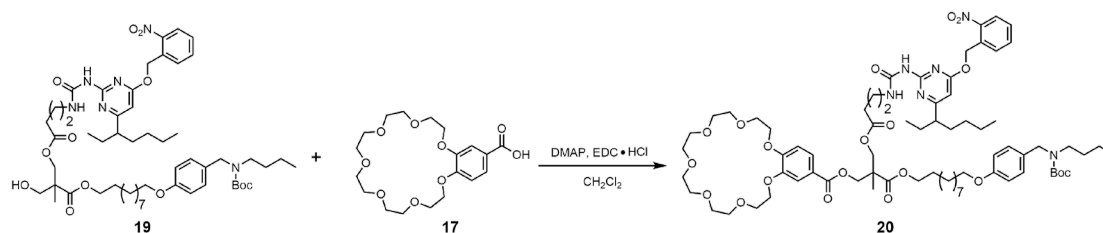


Figure S18. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **19**.

Synthesis of compound 20



Compound **19** (5.30 g, 5.26 mmol), EDC·HCl (1.52 g, 7.93 mmol), and DMAP (326 mg, 2.60 mmol) were dissolved in 100 mL DCM. Compound **17** (3.20 g, 8.00 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and purified via gel chromatography to afford compound **20** as a light yellow oil (4.31 g, 59%). The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **20** is shown in Figure S19. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) δ (ppm): 9.28 (s, 1H), 8.11 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.57 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 3H), 6.90–6.74 (m, 3H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 5.73 (s, 2H), 4.41 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.37–4.28 (m, 4H), 4.23–4.15 (m, 4H), 4.11 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.98–3.88 (m, 6H), 3.83–3.76 (m, 4H), 3.76–3.70 (m, 4H), 3.67 (s, 8H), 3.42–3.31 (m, 2H), 3.12 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 2.48–2.37 (m, 3H), 1.80–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.69 (m, 6H), 1.65–1.55 (m, 6H), 1.51–1.37 (m, 13H), 1.34–1.06 (m, 15H), 0.92–0.76 (m, 9H). The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **20** is shown in Figure S20. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature, 100 MHz) δ (ppm): 172.79, 172.50, 169.48, 165.64, 158.27, 157.38, 154.32, 153.10, 148.32, 147.63, 133.73, 132.36, 129.08, 128.74, 125.01, 123.92, 122.35, 114.46, 114.38, 112.20, 100.34, 71.30, 71.20, 71.10, 70.99, 70.97, 70.55, 69.61, 69.45, 69.24, 69.08, 68.00, 65.87, 65.60, 65.38, 64.75, 48.85, 46.53, 39.11, 34.21, 31.48, 29.57, 29.49, 29.43, 29.39, 29.31, 29.19, 28.53, 28.49, 27.76, 26.06, 25.83, 25.30, 22.72, 17.90, 13.97, 13.86, 11.98. HRESIMS is shown in Figure S21: m/z calcd for C₇₃H₁₀₈N₆O₂₀, 1406.79567 [M + NH₄]⁺; found 1406.73021 [M + NH₄]⁺.

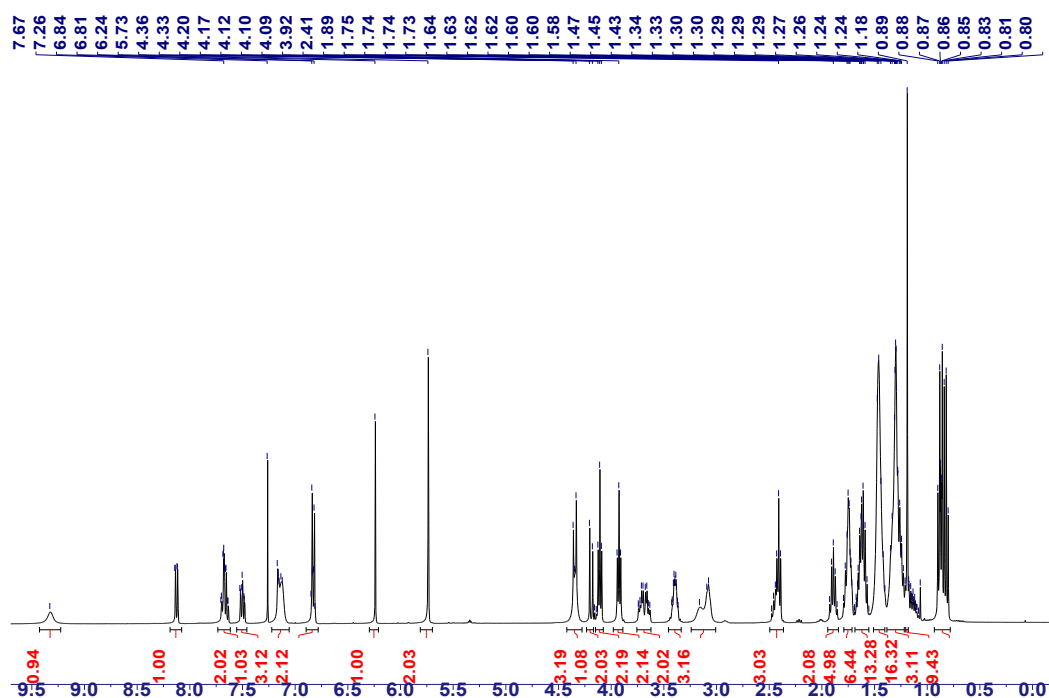


Figure S19. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) of compound **20**.

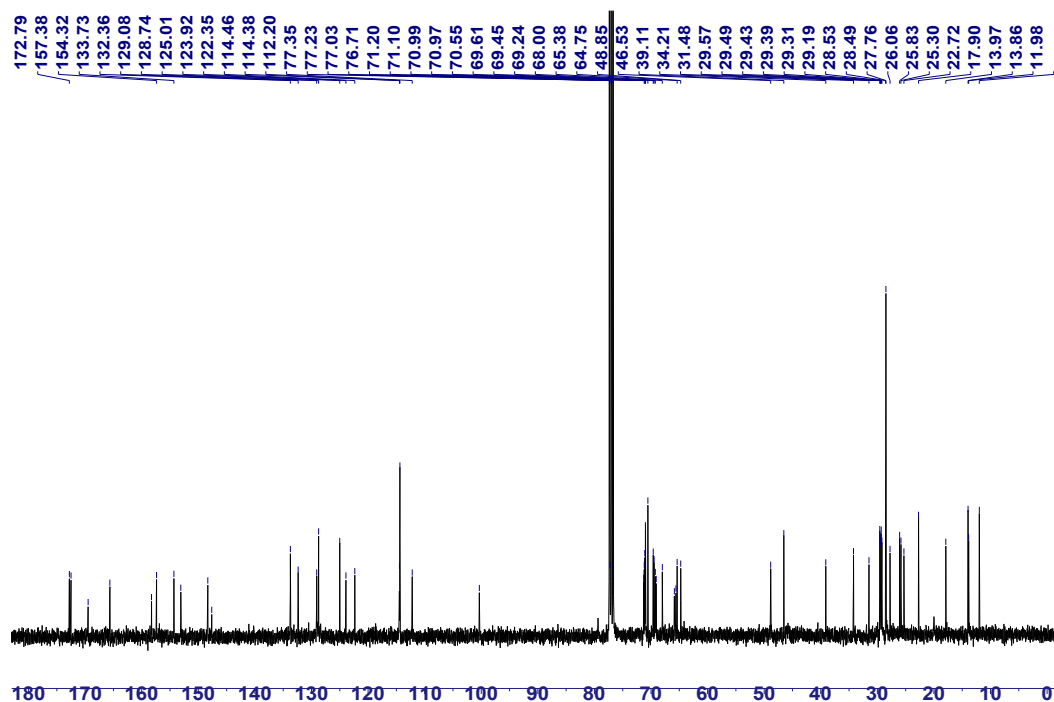


Figure S20. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, room temperature, 100 MHz) of compound **20**.

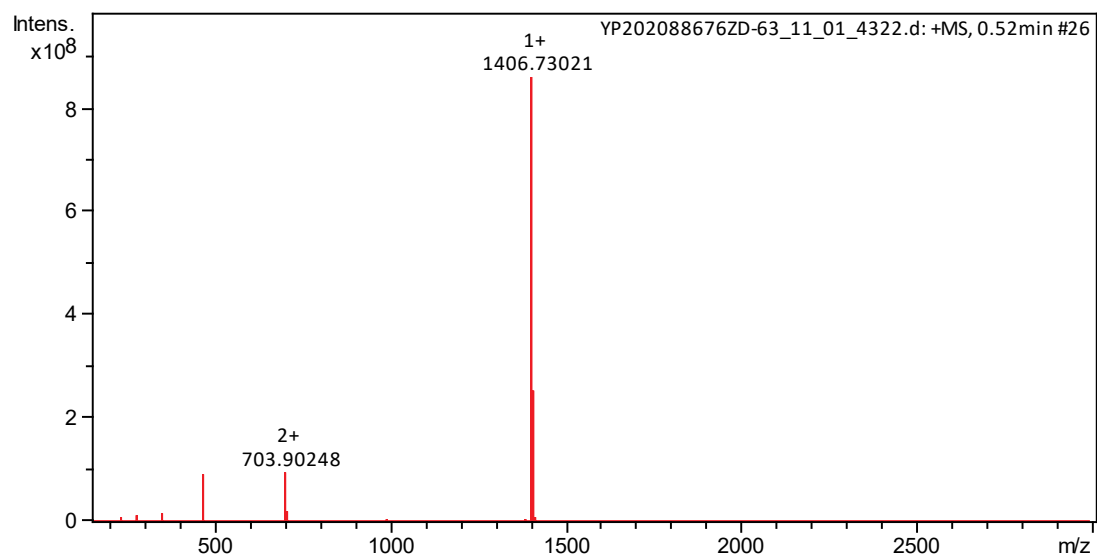
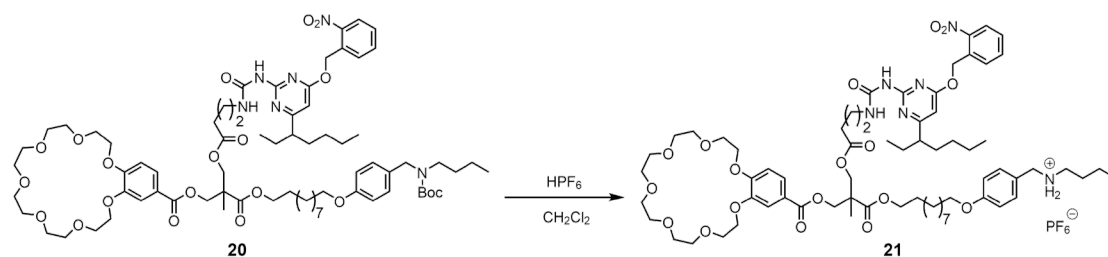


Figure S21. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **20**.

Synthesis of compound 21



HPF₆ (2.41 g, 14.4 mmol) was added to a solution of compound **20** (2.02 g, 1.45 mmol) in DCM and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The solution was washed by pure water 3 times. Then the solvent was removed by evaporation to afford compound **21** as light yellow solid (1.99 g, 96%). M.P. = 46 °C. The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **21** is shown in Figure S22. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, room temperature, 400 MHz) δ (ppm): 9.52 (s, 1H), 9.27 (s, 1H), 9.05–8.22 (m, 2H), 8.16–8.07 (m, 1H), 7.83–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.52 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 5.71 (s, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.20–4.13 (m, 2H), 4.12–4.09 (m, 2H), 4.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.81–3.72 (m, 4H), 3.58–3.63 (m, 4H), 3.57–3.52 (m, 4H), 3.50 (s, 8H), 3.25–3.17 (m, 2H), 2.90–2.81 (m, 2H), 2.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.68–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.43 (m, 8H), 1.38–1.27 (m, 4H), 1.27–1.07 (m, 18H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.82–0.68 (m, 6H). The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **21** is shown in Figure S23. ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, room temperature, 100 MHz) δ (ppm): 174.53, 172.78, 172.40, 169.56, 165.27, 159.61, 158.22, 154.46, 153.11, 148.17, 147.97, 134.53, 132.11, 131.84, 130.33, 129.80, 125.27, 124.21, 123.79, 121.88, 114.96, 113.71, 112.76, 99.98, 70.86, 70.78, 70.73, 70.68, 70.65, 70.62, 70.36, 69.26, 69.14, 68.99, 68.94, 68.00, 66.15, 65.67, 65.12, 64.68, 55.34, 50.11, 48.16, 46.71, 46.56, 34.04, 31.38, 29.49, 29.35, 29.28, 29.21, 29.07, 29.00, 28.48, 27.96, 27.66, 25.94, 25.74, 25.38, 22.59, 19.75, 17.82, 14.23, 13.92, 12.16. HRESIMS is shown in Figure S24: m/z calcd for C₆₈H₁₀₁N₆O₁₈⁺, 1289.71669 [M – PF₆]⁺; found 1289.72280 [M – PF₆]⁺.

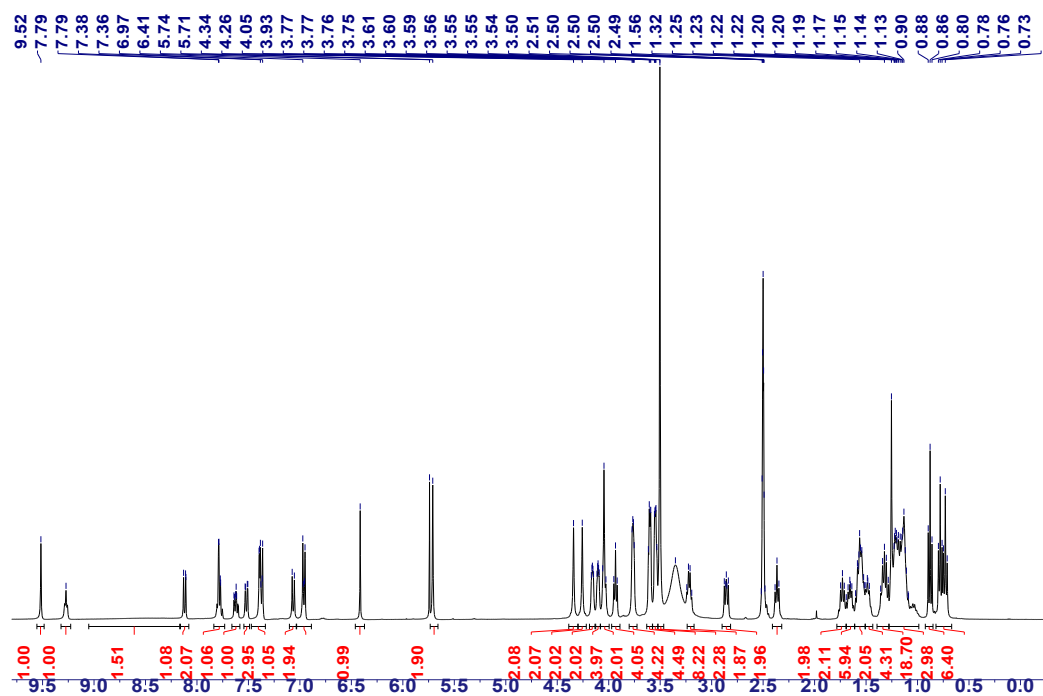


Figure S22. ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆, room temperature, 400 MHz) of compound **21**.

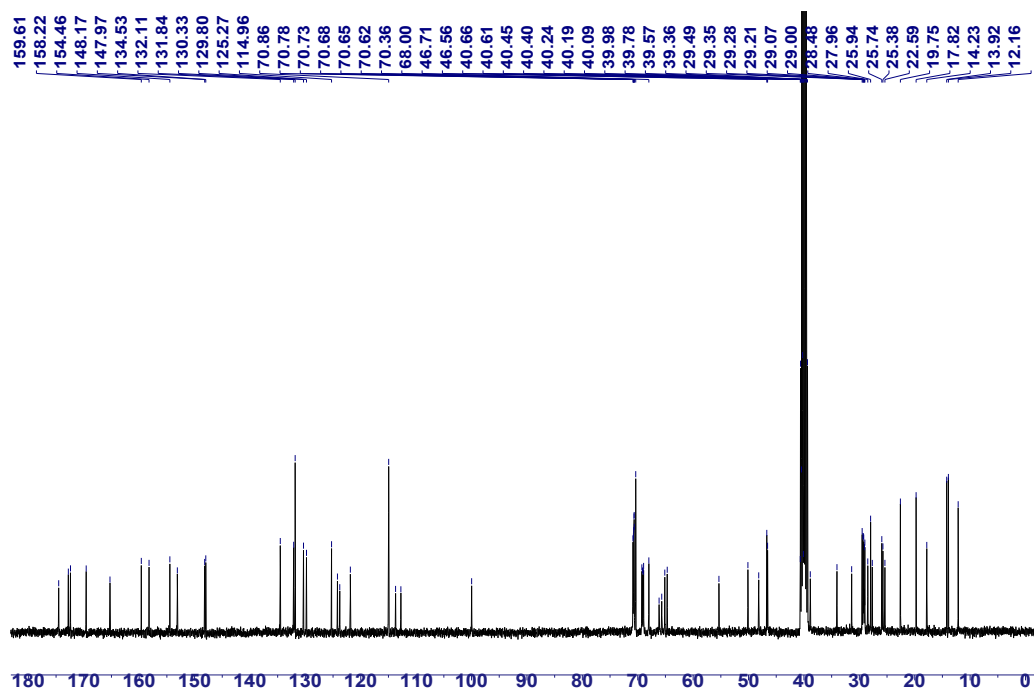


Figure S23. ¹³C NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*₆, room temperature, 100 MHz) of compound **21**.

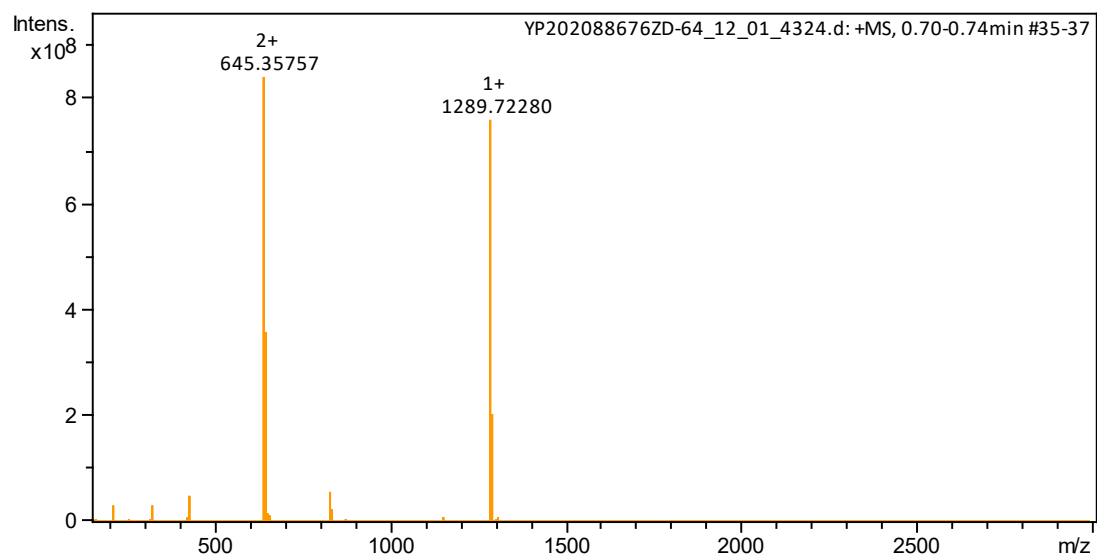


Figure S24. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **21**.

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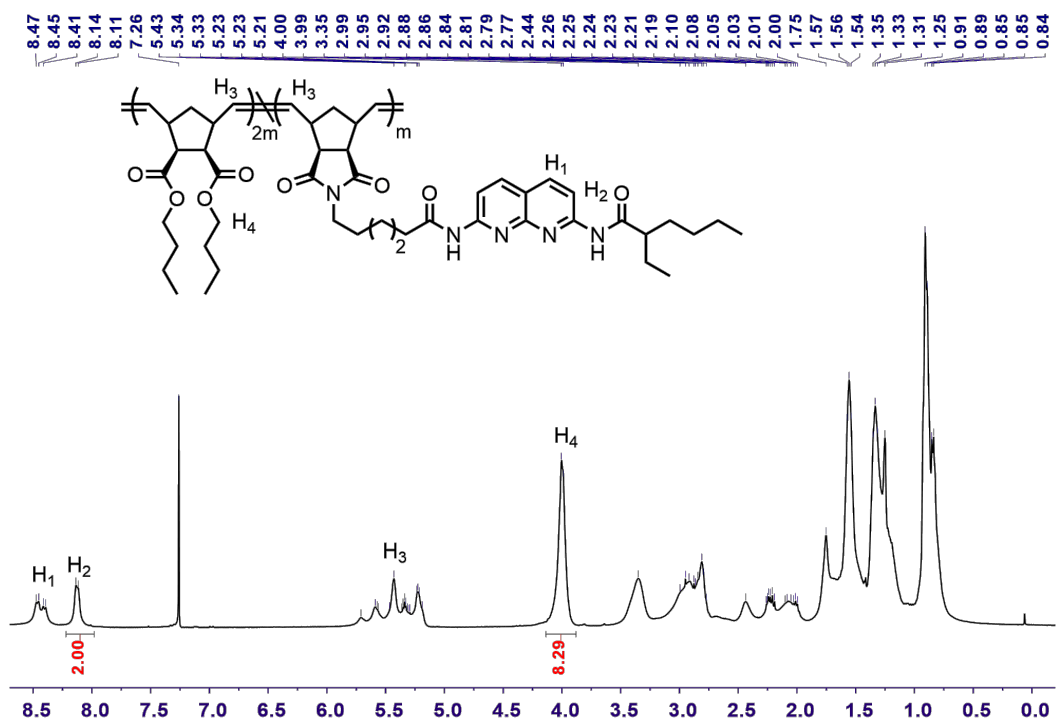


Figure S25. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) of CP-1.

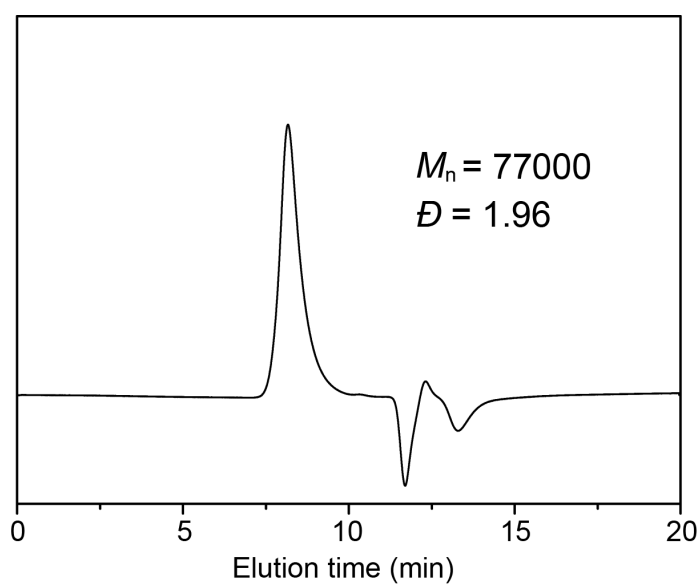
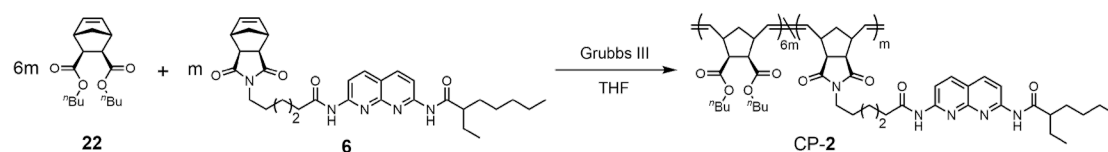


Figure S26. GPC elution curve of CP-1 with DMF as the eluent and PS as the standard.

Synthesis of CP-2



An oven-dried vial was charged with compound **22** (1.77 g, 6.01 mmol), compound **6** (546 mg, 1.01 mmol) and a stir bar. The vial was then degassed, and the 26 mL of degassed anhydrous THF was added via syringe under a nitrogen atmosphere to dissolve the monomer. The Ru catalyst (25.6 mg, 28.9 μmol) in 2 mL degassed anhydrous THF was injected into the monomer solution to initiate the polymerization. The solution was stirred for 8 h at room temperature and then quenched by the addition of 0.2 mL of neat ethyl vinyl ether. After stirring for an additional 60 min, the mixture was added dropwise to 500 mL of rapidly stirring methanol and a yellow-green precipitate formed immediately. The suspension was then centrifuged and collected. The solid was dried under vacuum for 24 h to afford CP-**2** (1.99 g, 86%). The ^1H NMR spectrum of CP-**2** is shown in Figure S27. The SEC curve of CP-**2** is shown in Figure S28 with $M_n = 73000$ g/mol and $D = 1.79$.

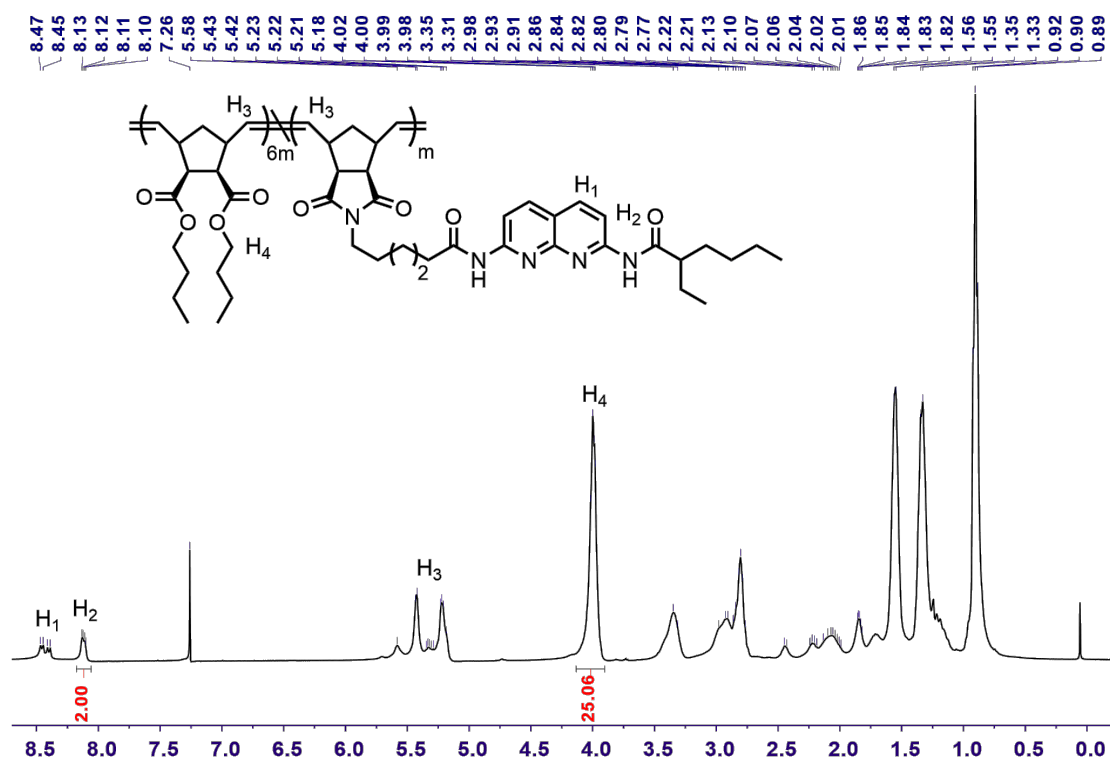


Figure S27. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) of CP-2.

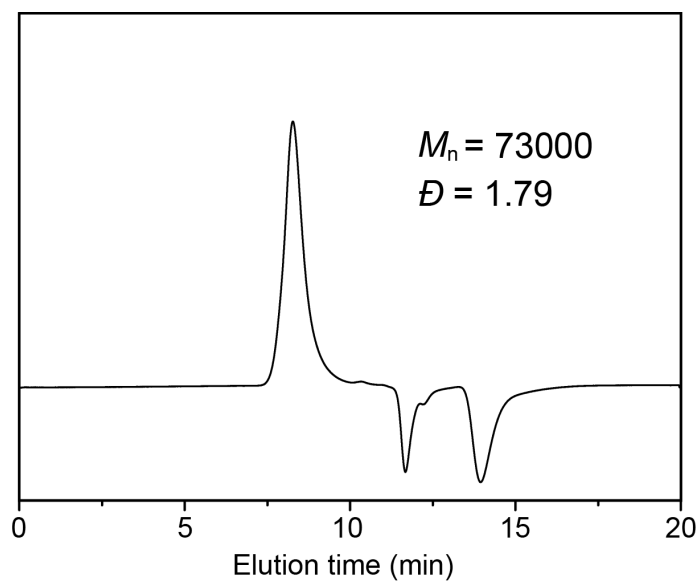
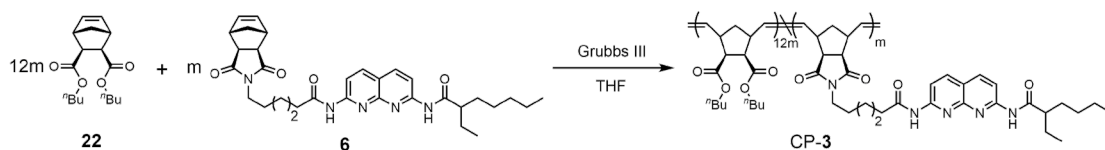


Figure S28. GPC elution curve of CP-2 with DMF as the eluent and PS as the standard.

Synthesis of CP-3



An oven-dried vial was charged with compound **22** (1.41 g, 4.79 mmol), compound **6** (218 mg, 0.399 mmol) and a stir bar. The vial was then degassed, and the 26 mL of degassed anhydrous THF was added via syringe under a nitrogen atmosphere to dissolve the monomer. The Ru catalyst (25.6 mg, 20.4 μ mol) in 2 mL degassed anhydrous THF was injected into the monomer solution to initiate the polymerization. The solution was stirred for 8 h at room temperature and then quenched by the addition of 0.2 mL of neat ethyl vinyl ether. After stirring for an additional 60 min, the mixture was added dropwise to 500 mL of rapidly stirring methanol and a yellow-green precipitate formed immediately. The suspension was then centrifuged and collected. The solid was dried under vacuum for 24 h to afford CP-**3** (1.76 g, 79%). The ^1H NMR spectrum of CP-**3** is shown in Figure S29. The SEC curve of CP-**3** is shown in Figure S30 with $M_n = 81000$ g/mol and $D = 1.73$.

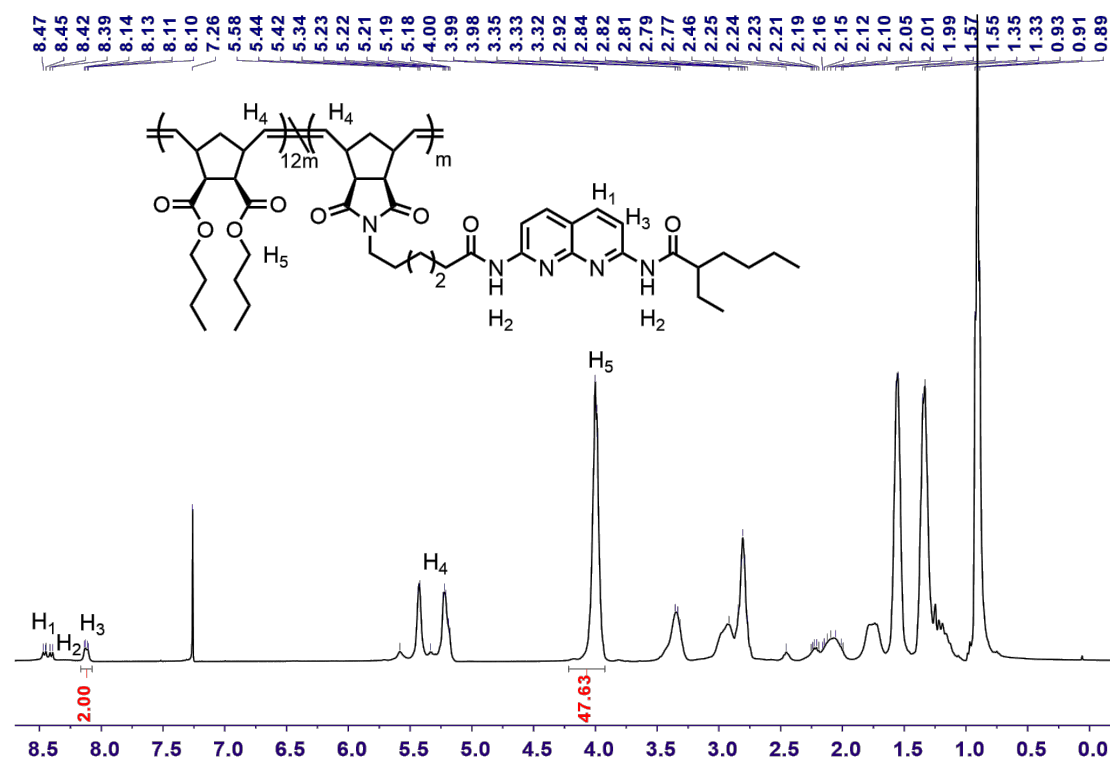


Figure S29. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) of CP-3.

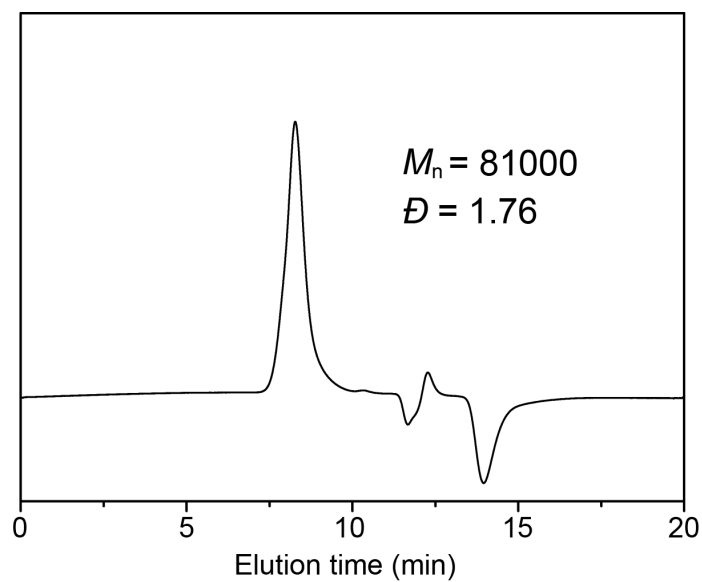
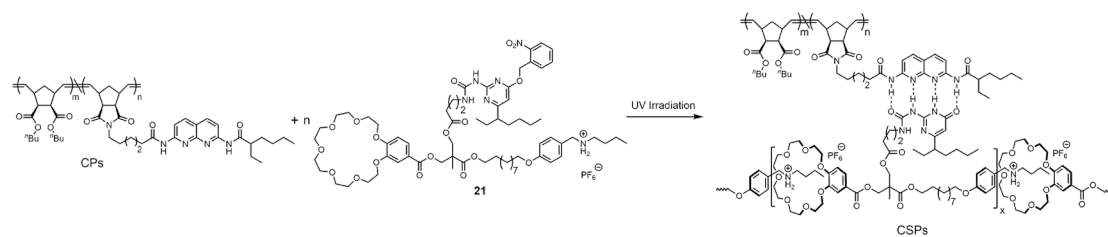


Figure S30. GPC elution curve of CP-3 with DMF as the eluent and PS as the standard.

Syntheses of CSPs-1–3



A vial was charged with CPs and compound **21** in a 1:1 molar ratio of DAN and UPy moieties. Then stir bar and DCM were added. The solution was stirred and irradiated by UV-LED with the wavelength of 365 nm. After 1.5 h irradiation, the solution was concentrated and poured into a teflon mould to allow the solvent to evaporate slowly. The solid samples were further dried under vacuum for 24 h. The ¹H NMR spectra of CSPs-1–3 are shown in Figures S29–S31, respectively.

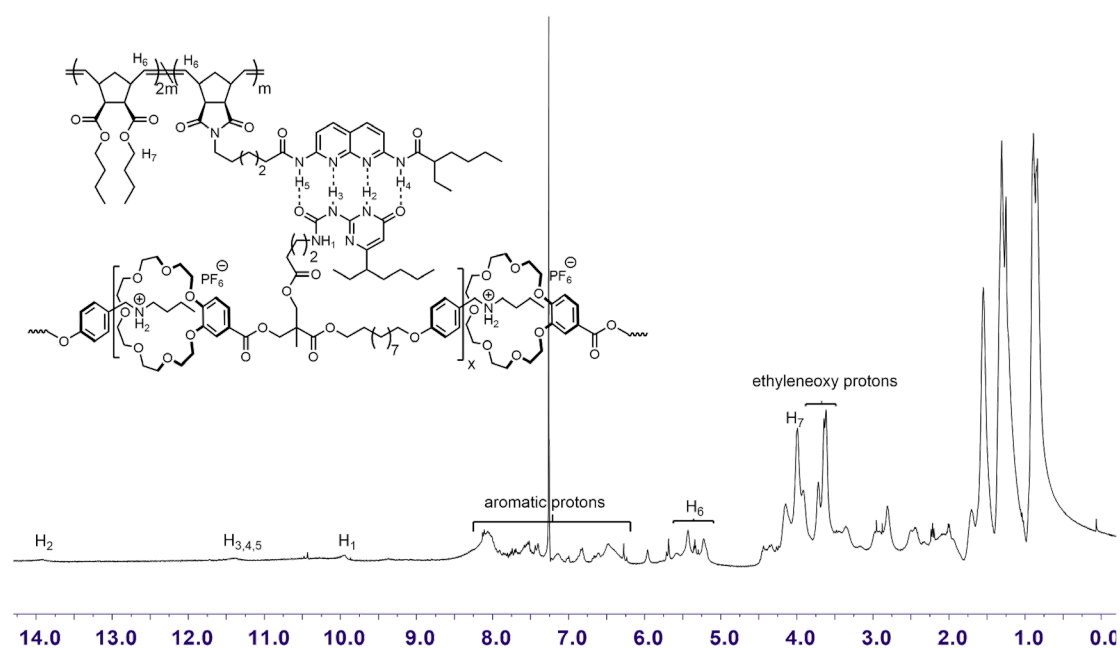


Figure S31. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, room temperature, 400 MHz) of CSP-1.

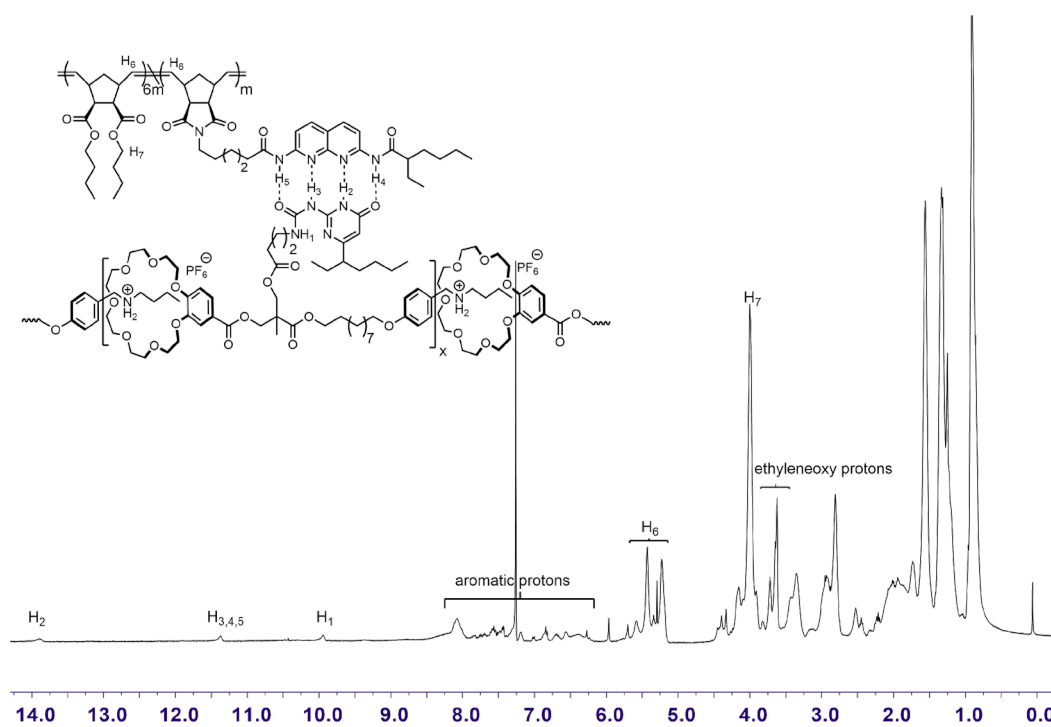


Figure S32. ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 400 MHz) of CSP-2.

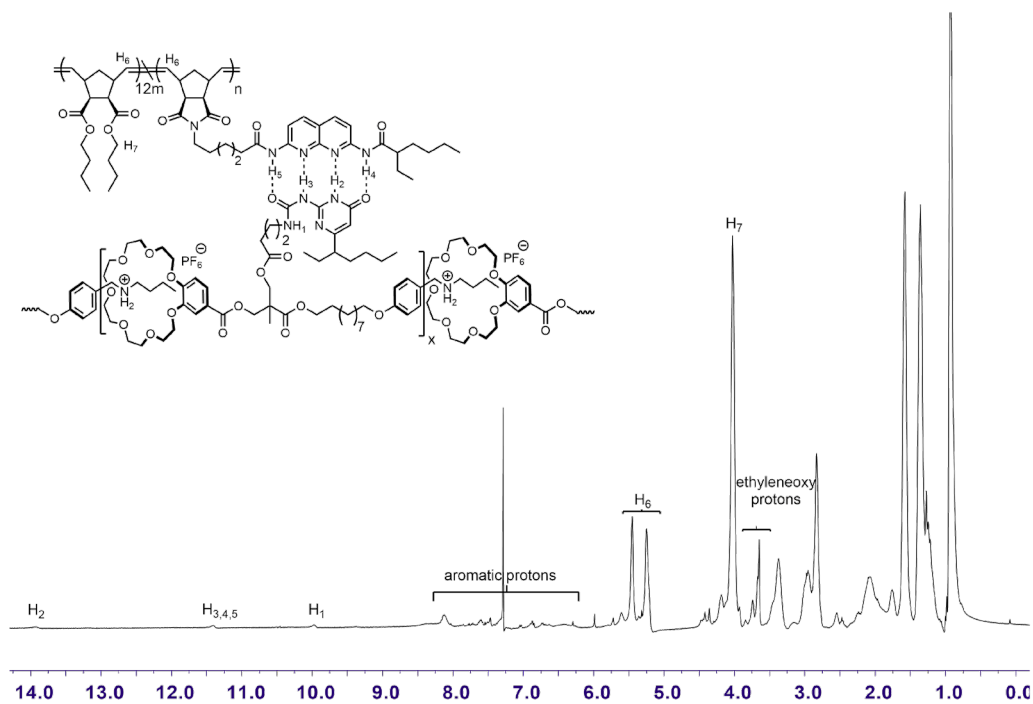
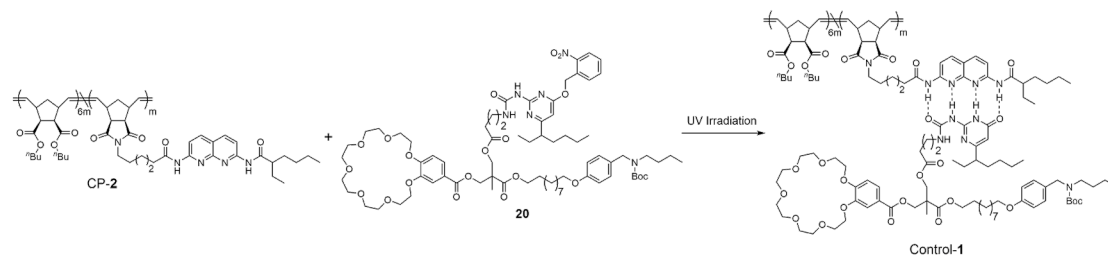


Figure S33. ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 400 MHz) of CSP-3.

Synthesis of control-1



CP-2 (277 mg, 1.20 mmol (DAN moiety)), and compound **20** (167 mg, 1.20 mmol) were dissolved in 6 mL DCM. The solution was stirred and irradiated by LED lamp with the wavelength of 365 nm. After 1.5 h irradiation, the solution was concentrated and poured into a teflon mould to allow the solvent to evaporate slowly. The solid samples were further dried under vacuum for 24 h. The ^1H NMR spectrum of control-1 was shown in Figure S32.

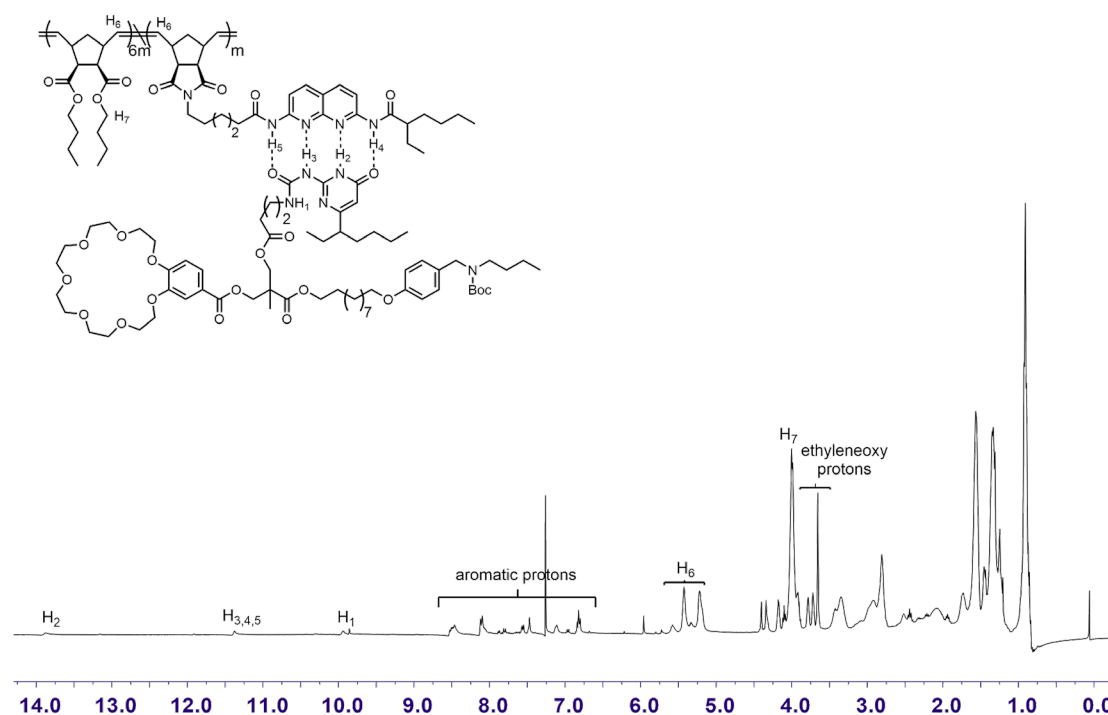
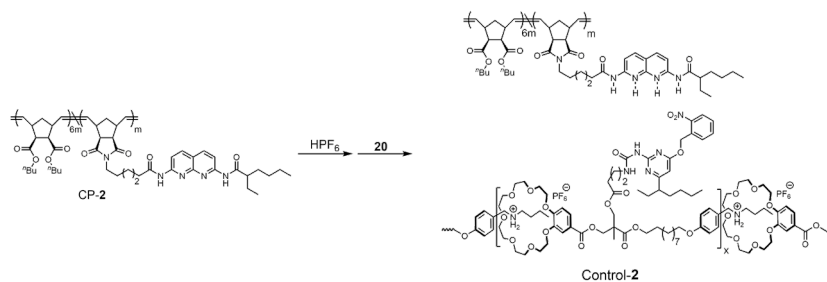


Figure S34. ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 400 MHz) of control-1.

Synthesis of control-2



CP-2 (277 mg, 1.20 mmol (DAN moiety)) was dissolved in 5 mL acetone, and then excess HPF_6 solution was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, and then was added dropwise to rapidly stirring water. The product was collected and dissolved in 5 mL acetone again. Compound **20** (166 mg, 1.19 mmol) was added to the solution. After stirring for 2 h, the solution was concentrated and poured into a teflon mould to allow the solvent to evaporate slowly. The solid samples were further dried under vacuum for 24 h. The ^1H NMR spectrum of control-2 was shown in Figure S33.

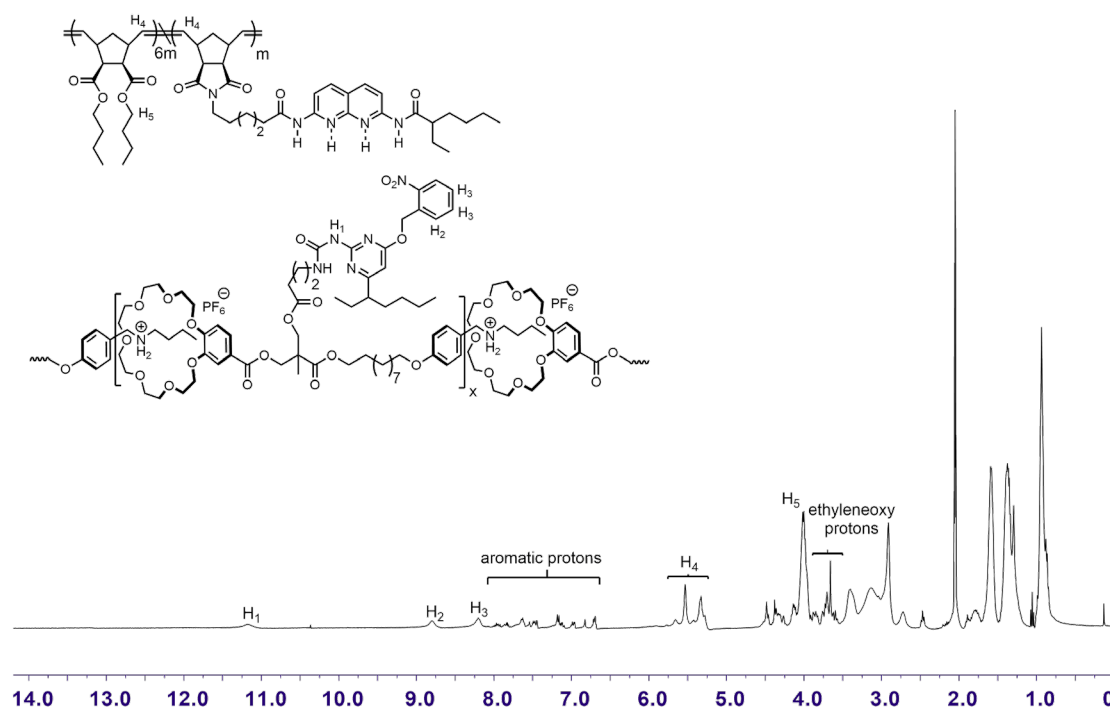


Figure S35. ^1H NMR spectrum (Acetone- d_6 , room temperature, 400 MHz) of control-2.

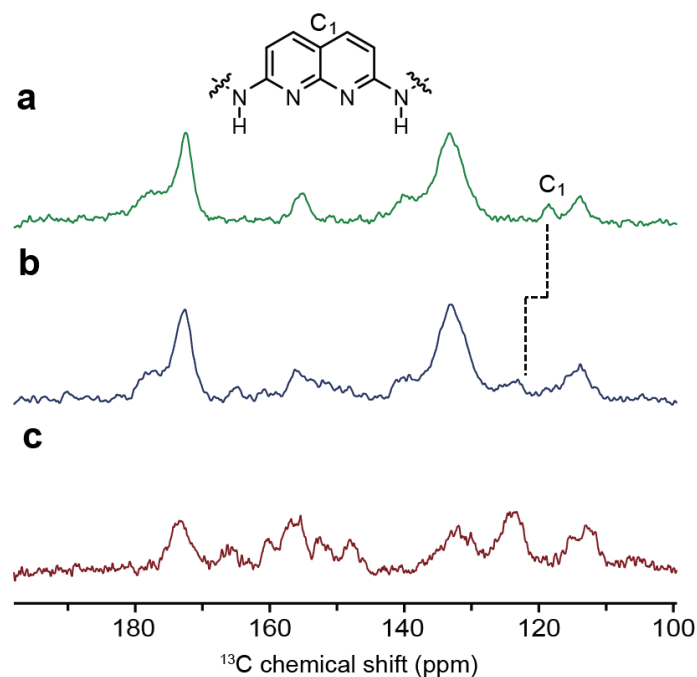


Figure S36. Partial ^{13}C CP/MAS solid-state NMR (150 MHz, 298 K) of the CP-2 (a), CSP-2 (b) and pure SP after irradiation (c). In the spectrum of CSP-2, the signal of C_1 on DAN moiety almost disappeared, and shifted downfield, indicating the formation of heterocomplementary quadruple H-bonding.

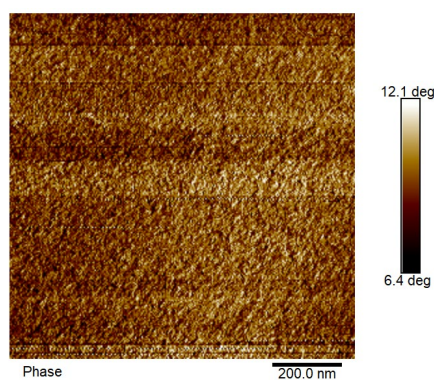


Figure S37. AFM phase image of control-1. Different from the results of control-2, no obvious phase separation could be observed, which further confirms the speculation that the formation of heterocomplementary quadruple H-bonding is beneficial to the blend of the two components to inhibit their self-aggregation.

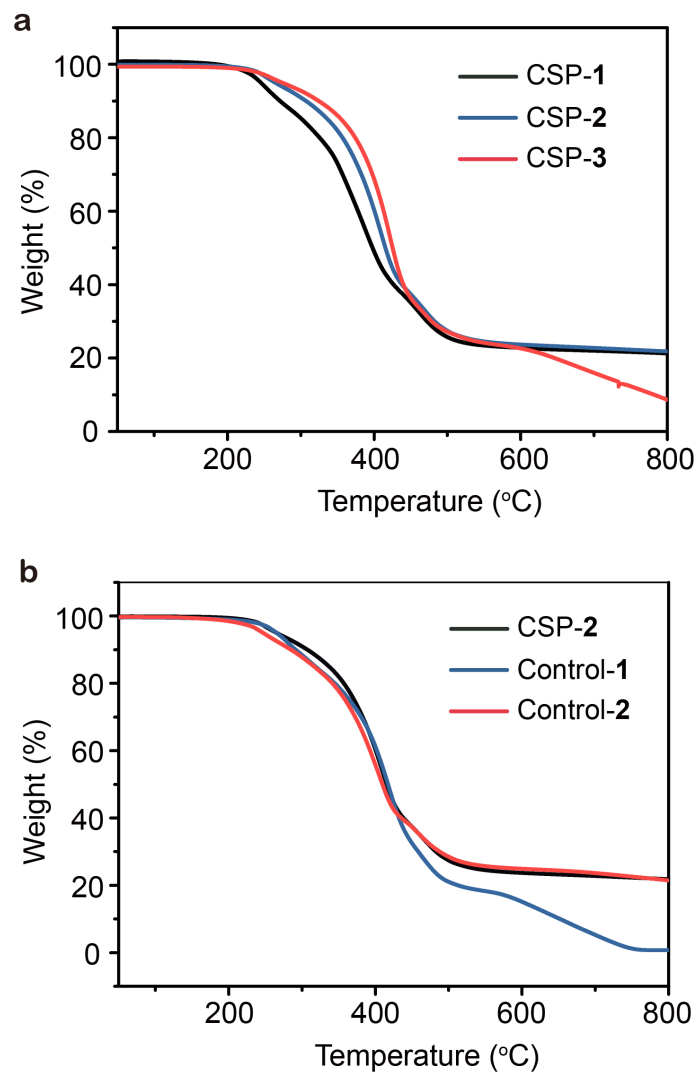


Figure S38. TGA curves of CSPs-1–3 (a) and CSP-2 as well as controls-1 and 2 (b) recorded under N₂ flow (50 mL/min) with a heating rate of 20 °C/min.

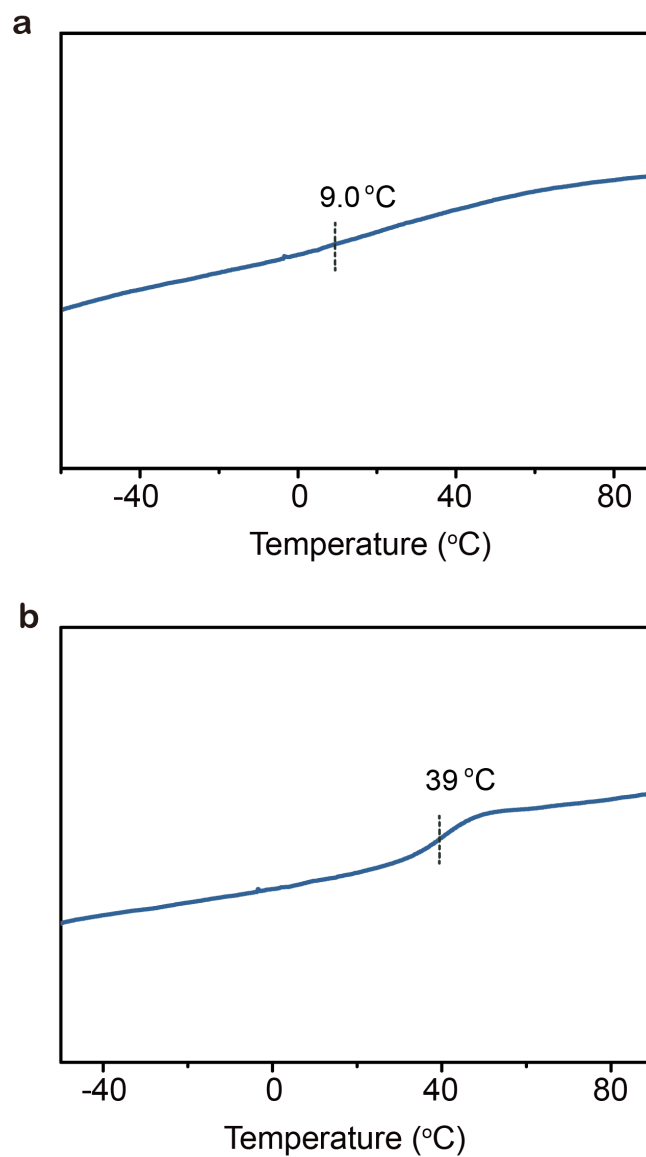


Figure S39. DSC curves of CP-2 (a) and pure SP after irradiation (b) recorded by the second heating scan from -50 to 90 °C with a heating rate of 20 °C/min.

Ref.	Stress (MPa)	Strain (%)	Young's modulus (MPa)	Toughness (MJ/m ³)
CSP-2	12.0	1506	145	136
S7	132	40.0	3500	43.0
S8	1.40	600	21.1	7.80
S9	2.80	275	–	5.40
S10	4.13	808	39.2	23.0
S11	4.60	520	22.6	22.0
S12	11.4	25.0	–	1.70
S13	30.7	623	2.40	10.4
S14	3.60	640	–	9.20
S15	5.00	90.0	–	4.00
S16	1.92	780	17.3	10.0
S17	3.20	500	0.30	1.70

Table S1. Comparison of the mechanical properties of CSP-2 with the reported supramolecular polymer networks in the bulk state.

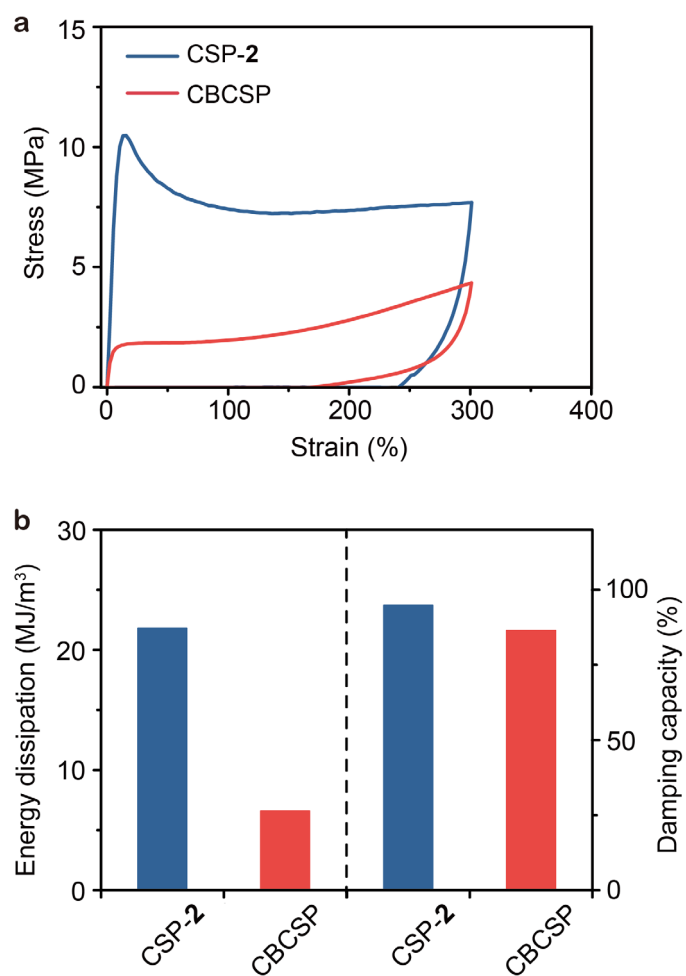


Figure S40. (a) Cyclic tensile test curves of CSP-2 and covalent bond connected CSP (CBCSP) at a strain of 300% under the deformation rate of 100 mm/min. (b) Energy dissipation and damping capacity of CSP-2 and CBCSP calculated based on the loading/unloading curves.

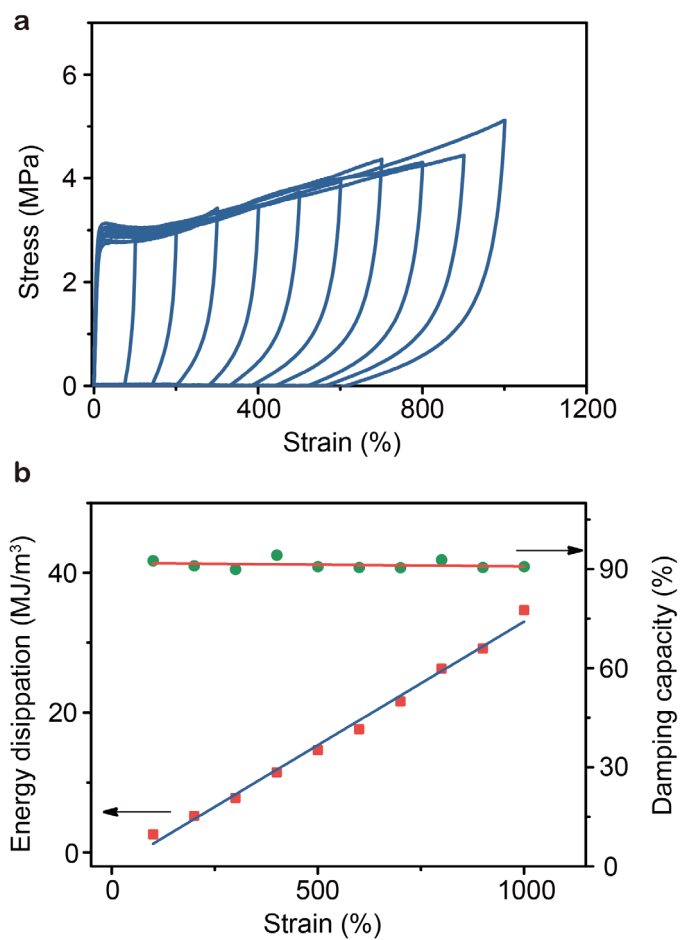


Figure S41. (a) Cyclic tensile test curves of CSP-3 recorded with increased maximum strains. (b) Energy dissipation and damping capacity for each circle of the cyclic tensile test curves.

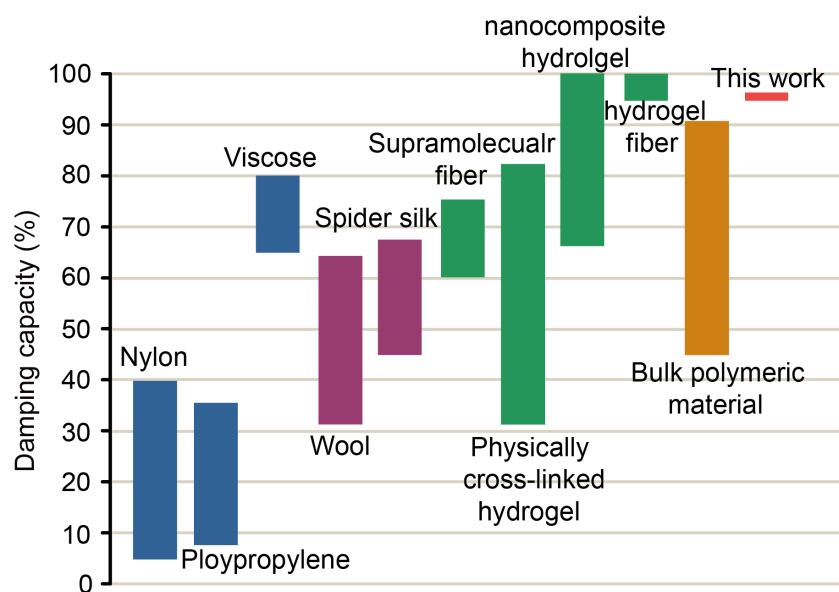


Figure S42. Comparison of the damping capacity of CSP-2 with other typical energy-dissipation materials. Corresponding data are extracted from the references S19–S32.

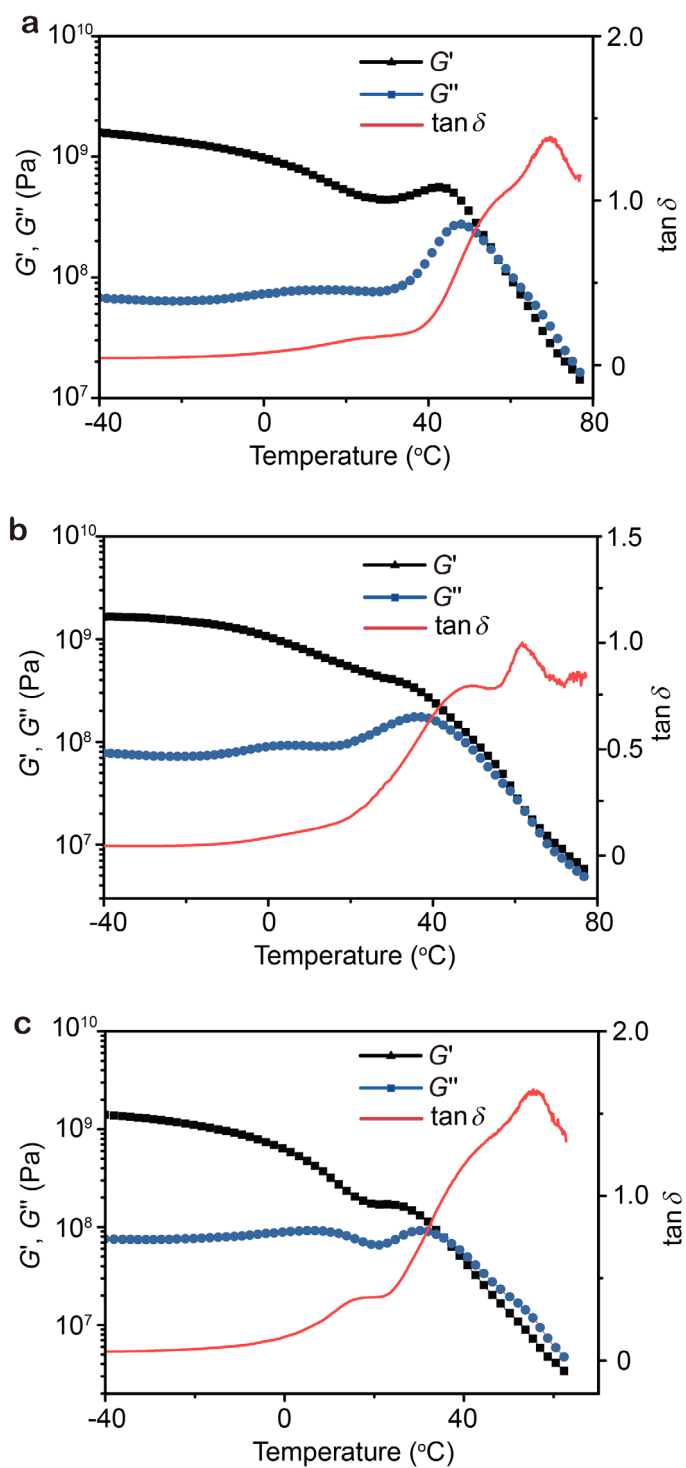


Figure S43. DMA temperature sweeps of CSP-2 (a), CSP-3 (b), and control-2 (c).

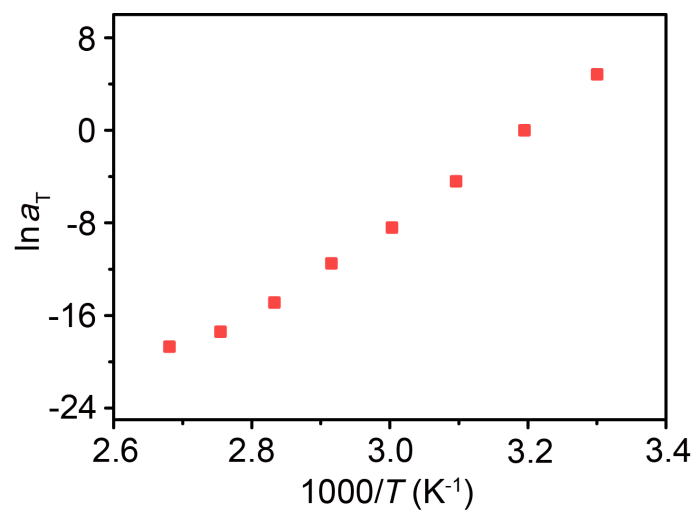


Figure S44. Temperature dependence of horizontal shift factors α_T of the master curves of CSP-2 at a reference temperature of 40 °C.

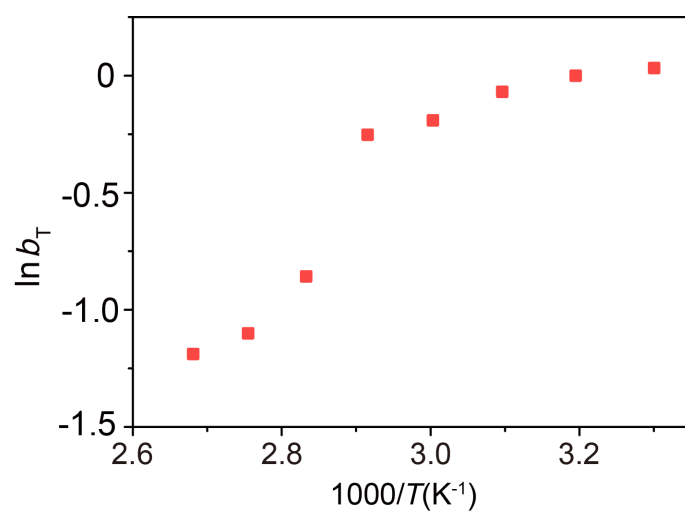


Figure S45. Temperature dependence of vertical shift factors b_T of the master curves of CSP-2 at a reference temperature of 40 °C.

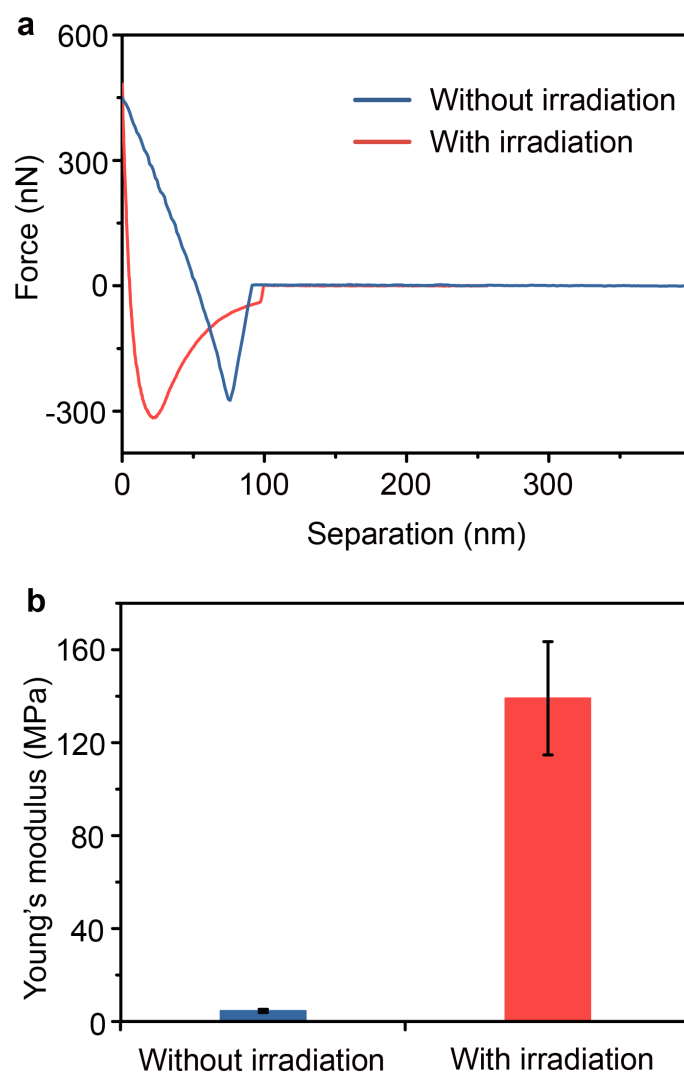


Figure S46. (a) Force separation curves of the films without and with irradiation during the annealing process at 50 °C. (b) Young's moduli extracted from the force separation curves of the film without and with irradiation. As shown above, when photo-irradiation and heating of 50 °C were simultaneously applied to a film, the Young's moduli of the film after 2 h irradiation was up to 139.1 MPa which was higher than that obtained by irradiation at room temperature (104.3 MPa). This could be interpreted that the produced uncovering UPy cannot completely combine with DAN group because their motion in solid state is restricted in a certain degree whereas the high temperature could promote their motion.

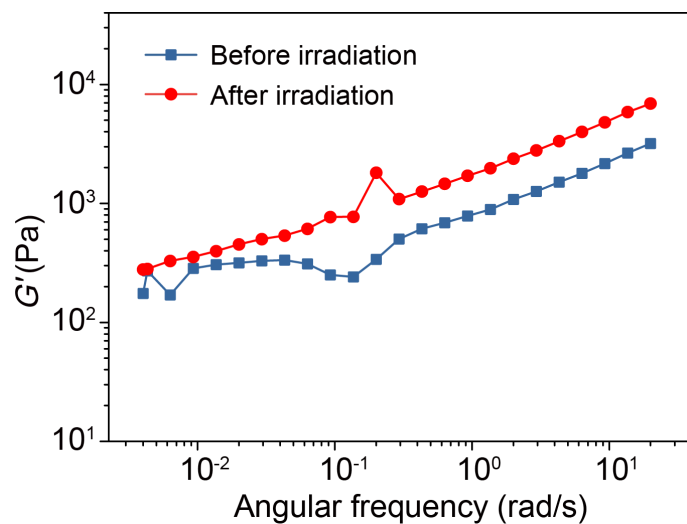


Figure S47. Storage modulus (G') versus frequency (ω) for the CSP-2 film before and after irradiation. These results were recorded before and after the *in situ* rheological measurements of photo-induced combination of CPs and SPs in the solid state.

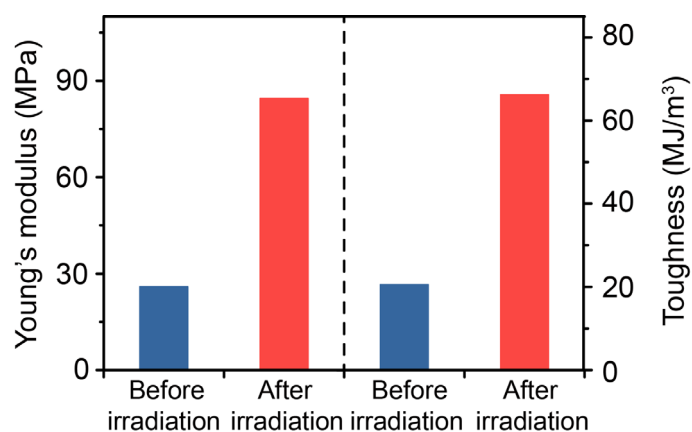


Figure S48. Young's moduli and toughness calculated based on the stress-strain curves of the film before and after irradiation.

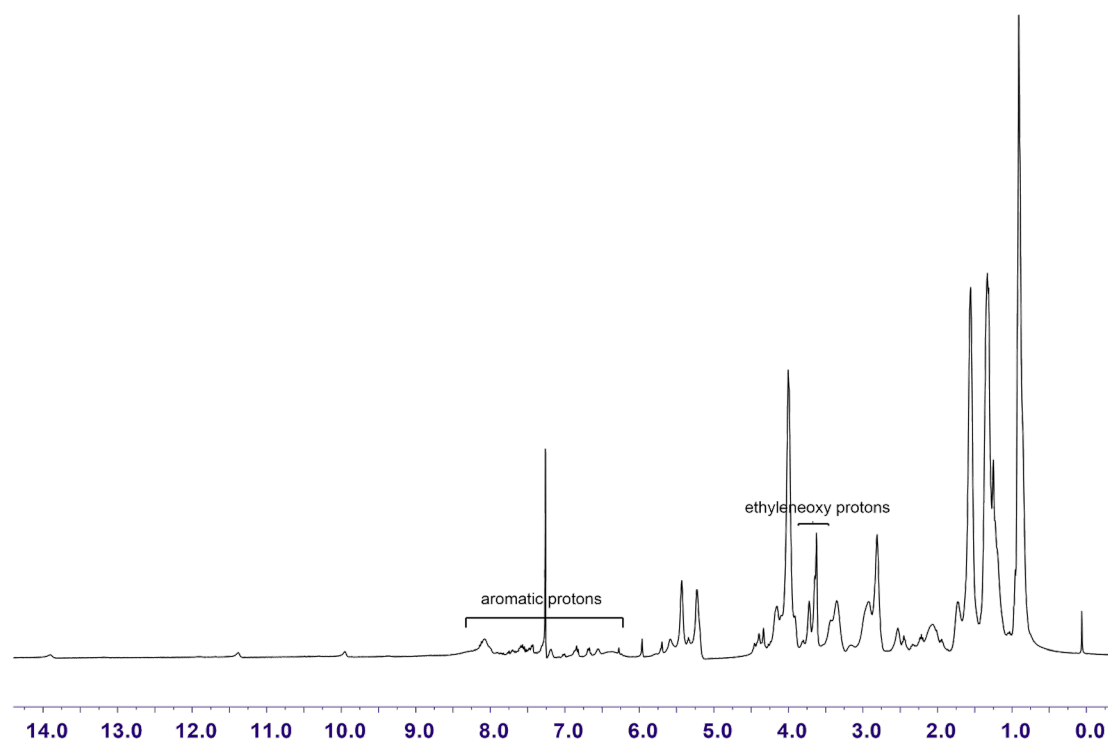


Figure S49. ^1H NMR spectrum (CDCl_3 , room temperature, 400 MHz) of the mixture of CPs and SPs in the solid state after a 2 h irradiation.

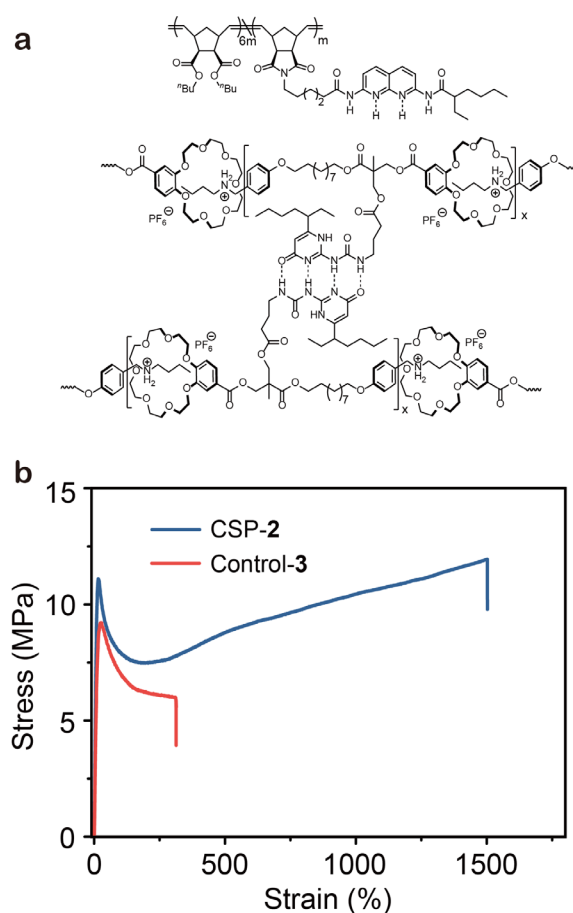


Figure S50. (a) Chemical structure of control-3 in which DAN moiety on the CPs is acidized, and doesn't involve in the formation of hetero-quadruple H-bonding. Without the competition of DAN, the deprotected UPy moiety only forms self-complementary dimer. (b) Stress-strain curves of CSP-2 and control-3 recorded with a deformation rate of 100 mm/min. The purpose to design this control was to confirm that the irradiation-enhanced mechanical properties of the mixed CPs and SPs in the solid state mainly resulted from the formation of UPy-DAN hetero-dimer rather than the UPy self-complementary dimer. As shown in Figure S50b, the cross-linked SPs could enhance the stiffness of the material but the ductility of the specimen was poor with the strain at break of about 310%. This value was not only much lower than that of CSP-2, but also much lower than that shown by the mixed CPs and SPs after irradiation in the solid state (Figure 6e). Hence, the irradiation-enhanced mechanical properties of the CPs and SPs mixture are not due to the self-crosslinking of the SPs, but more likely arise from the combination of the CPs and SPs.

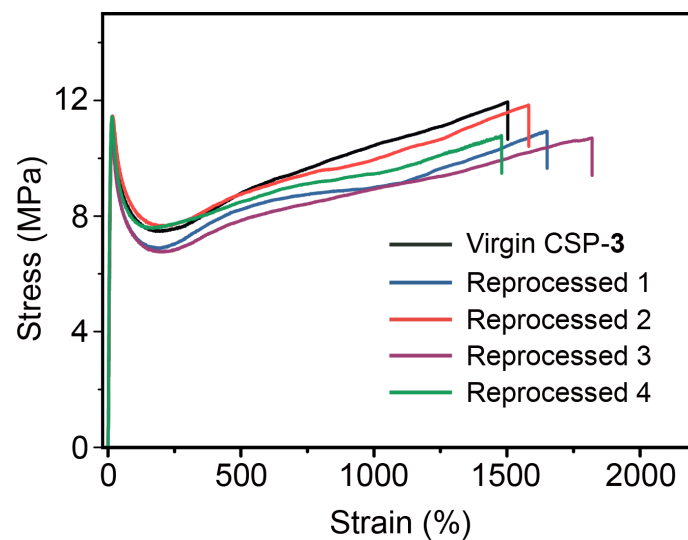


Figure S51. Stress-strain curves of CSP-2 after multiple cycles of recycle. The stress-strain curves of the reprocessed samples only changed slightly after four cycles, which indicates that CSP-2 has good malleability.

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