**Supporting Information for** 

# Syntheses and Characteristics of Water-Soluble, Pyridine-Based Poly(aryleneethynylene)s

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#### 1. General Informations

**Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC)** was performed on Macherey & Nagel Polygram<sup>®</sup> SIL G/UV254 precoated plastic sheets. Components were visualized by observation under UV light (254 nm or 365 nm) or in the case of UV-inactive substances by using the suitably colouring solutions. The following colouring solutions were used for the visualization of UV-inactive substances:

KMnO<sub>4</sub> solution: 2.0 g KMnO<sub>4</sub>, 10.0 g K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, 0.3 g NaOH, 200 mL distilled water. Cer solution: 10.0 g Ce(SO)<sub>4</sub>, 25 g phosphomolybdic acid hydrate, 1 L distilled water, 50 mL conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

**Flash column chromatography** was carried out using silica gel S (0.032 mm-0.062 mm), purchased from Sigma Aldrich, according to G. Nill, unless otherwise stated.<sup>1</sup>

**Melting points** (m. p.) were determined in open glass capillaries on a Melting Point Apparatus MEL-TEMP (Electrothermal, Rochford, UK) and are not corrected.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR-spectra were recorded at room temperature on the following spectrometers: Bruker Avance III 300 (300 MHz), Bruker Avance III 400 (400 MHz) and Bruker Avance III 600 (600 MHz). The data were interpreted in first order spectra. The spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or D<sub>2</sub>O as indicated in each case. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  units relative to the solvent residual peak (CHCl<sub>3</sub> in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at  $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.27$  ppm, HDO in D<sub>2</sub>O at  $\delta_{\rm H} = 4.79$  ppm) or TMS ( $\delta_{\rm H} = 0.00$  ppm).<sup>2</sup> The following abbreviations are used to indicate the signal multiplicity: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quin (quintet), sext (sextet), dd (doublet of doublet), dt (doublet of triplet), ddd (doublet of doublet of doublet), etc., bs (broad signal), m (multiplet). All NMR spectra were integrated and processed using ACD/Spectrus Processor.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR-spectra were recorded at room temperature on the following spectrometers: Bruker Avance III 300 (75 MHz), Bruker Avance III 400 (100 MHz) and Bruker Avance III 600 (150 MHz). The spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or D<sub>2</sub>O as indicated in each case. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  units relative to the solvent signal: CDCl<sub>3</sub> [ $\delta_C$  = 77.16 ppm (central line of the triplet)] or TMS ( $\delta_C$  = 0.00 ppm).

**High resolution mass spectra (HR-MS)** were either recorded on a Bruker ApexQehybrid 9.4 T FT-ICR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) or a Finni-gan LCQ (ESI<sup>+</sup>) mass spectrometer at the Organisch-Chemisches Institut der Universität Heidelberg.

IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-4100. Substances were applied as a film, solid or in solution. The obtained data was processed with the software JASCO Spectra anager<sup>TM</sup> II.

Elemental analyses were carried out at the Organisch-Chemisches Institut der Universität Heidelberg.

Used **buffer solutions:** pH 1 (HCl/KCl), pH 2 (KH phthalate/HCl), pH 3 (citric acid/NaOH/NaCl), pH 4 (citric acid/NaOH/NaCl), pH 5 (citric acid/NaOH), pH 6 (citric acid/NaOH), pH 7 (KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>/Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>), pH 8 (borax/HCl), pH 9 (KH phthalate/NaOH), pH 10 (borax/NaOH), pH 11 (boric acid/NaOH/KCl), pH 12 (Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>/NaOH), pH 13 (glycine/NaOH/NaCl).

Gel Permeation Chromatography (GPC): Number-  $(M_n)$  and weight-average  $(M_w)$  molecular weights and polydispersities (PDI,  $M_w/M_n$ ) were determined by GPC versus polystyrene standards. Measurements were carried out at room temperature in chloroform with PSS-SDV columns (8.0 mm x 30.0 mm, 5 µm particles,  $10^2$ -,  $10^3$ - and  $10^5$ - Å pore size) on a Jasco PU-2050 GPC unit equipped with a Jasco UV-2075 UV- and a Jasco RI-2031 RI-detector.

All **absorption and emission spectra** were recorded using a Jasco V660 and Jasco FP6500 spectrometer.

**Pictures** were taken with a Canon EOS 7D camera equipped with an EF-S 60mm F/2.8 Macro lens.

**Fluorescence lifetimes T** were acquired by an exponential fit according to the least mean square with commercially available software HORIBA Scientific Decay Data Analyses 6 (DAS6) version 6.4.4. The luminescence decays were recorded with a HORIBA Scientific Fluorocube single photon counting system operated with HORIBA Scientific DataStation version 2.2.

**Quantum yields**  $\Phi$  were obtained by the absolute method described in ref.<sup>3</sup> using an Ulbricht sphere (band widths excitation: 2 nm; band widths emission: 3 nm). Given  $\Phi$  for each sample are **average** values of at least two independent measurements. Detailed informations are given in Table 1.

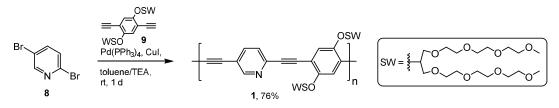
PAE	solvent	absolute absorbence at $\lambda_{max}$	excitation [nm]	emission range [nm]	Φ
1	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.087	440	430-750	0.07
	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.083	400	390-700	0.23
2	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.090	410	400-700	0.18
	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.118	410	400-700	0.23
3	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.097	450	440-750	0.17
	$CH_2CI_2$	0.101	420	410-700	0.42
4	H <sub>2</sub> O, pH 7 <sup>a</sup>	0.094	420	410-750	0.10
5	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.093	480	470-750	0.01
	$CH_2CI_2$	0.112	500	490-750	0.05
6	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.111	490	480-750	0.02
	$CH_2CI_2$	0.103	500	490-750	0.06
7	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.105	410	400-750	0.33
<i>(</i> ] <b>1</b> ()	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.105	400	390-750	0.38

Table 1. Parameters for the determination of quantum yields Φ.

<sup>*a*</sup>buffered (see above).

#### 2. Synthetic Details and Analytical Data



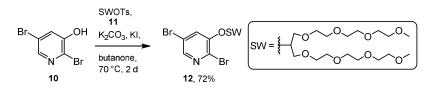


*Compound* **8** *was purchased by Sigma-Aldrich*<sup>®</sup>*.* 

*Compund* **9** *was synthesized according to the literature.*<sup>4</sup>

Synthesis of 1. Monomer 8 (178 mg, 0.75 mmol) and monomer 9 (668 mg, 0.75 mmol) were dissolved in degassed toluene/NEt<sub>3</sub> (1.5:1, 15 mL/10 mL). Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (43.3 mg, 37 µmol) and CuI (7.1 mg, 37 µmol) were added and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 h. Brine and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added, the aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and slowly added to an excess of *n*-hexane. The precipitate was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O and the resulting mixture was dialyzed against DI H<sub>2</sub>O for 3 d. After freezy-drying the residue was again dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and slowly added to an excess of *n*-hexane to gave 1 as spongy, red-brownish solid (548 mg, 76%). The  $M_n$  was estimated to be 2.0 x 10<sup>4</sup> with a PDI of 2.5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.56-8.71 (m, 1 H), 7.77-7.88 (m, 1 H), 7.50-7.59 (m, 1 H), 7.23-7.31 (m, 2 H), 4.49-4.61 (m, 2 H), 3.50-3.86 (m, 56 H), 3.36 (bs, 12 H) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): v 2868, 1498, 1463, 1408, 1350, 1281, 1200, 1100, 947, 848. Due to low solubility, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum could not be obtained.

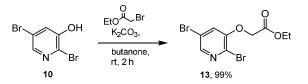
#### Scheme 2. Synthesis of monomer 12



Compounds  $10^5$  and  $11^4$  were synthesized according to the literature.

**Synthesis of 12.** A solution of compound **10** (1.00 g, 3.95 mmol), tosylate **11** (2.34 g, 4.35 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.74 g, 19.75 mmol) and KI (32.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) in butanone (20 mL) was stirred at 70 °C for 2 days. Water and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added, the aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel [petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (8/3/1.5/0.5)] to give compound **12** (1.75 g, 2.83 mmol, 72%) as colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.04 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.55 (m, 1 H), 3.50-3.80 (m, 28 H), 3.36 (s, 6 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 153.22, 142.64, 132.50, 126.60, 119.46, 80.82, 72.06, 71.39, 71.17, 70.77, 70.75, 70.71, 70.66, 59.17 ppm. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>38</sub>NO<sub>9</sub>Br<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 620.0887 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found 620.0895. C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>9</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (619.34): calcd. C 42.66, H 6.02, N 2.26, Br 25.80; found C 42.82, H 6.03, N 2.09, Br 25.34.

#### Scheme 3. Syntheis of monomer 13

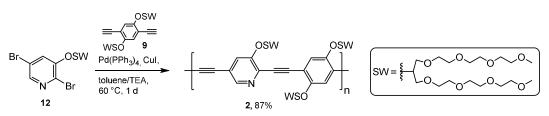


*Compound* **10** was synthesized according to the literature.<sup>5</sup>

Synthesis of 13. Ethylbromoacetate (526  $\mu$ L, 4.74 mmol) was added to a solution of compound 10 (1.00 g, 3.95 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.74 g, 19.75 mmol) in butanone (20 mL) and was stirred at ambient temperature for 2 h. Water and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added, the aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over

MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel [petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5/1)] to give compound **13** (1.33 g, 3.92 mmol, 99%) as colorless solid (m.p. 56-58 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.11$  (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (s, 2 H), 4.29 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 167.33$ , 151.94, 143.25, 131.71, 123.42, 119.46, 66.24, 62.13, 14.26 ppm. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Br<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 337.9022 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found 337.9018. C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (338.98): calcd. C 31.89, H 2.68, N 4.13, Br 47.14; found C 31.94, H 2.73, N 4.32, Br 47.13.

#### Scheme 4. Synthesis of PAE 2

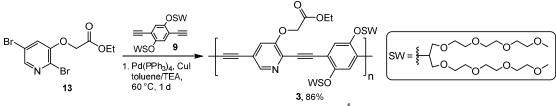


*Compound* **9** *was synthesized according to the literature.*<sup>4</sup>

Synthesis of 2. Monomer 12 (310 mg, 0.50 mmol) and monomer 9 (446 mg, 0.50 mmol) were dissolved in degassed toluene/NEt<sub>3</sub> (1.5:1, 9 mL/6 mL). Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (28.9 mg, 25 µmol) and CuI (4.8 mg, 25 µmol) were added and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. Brine and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added, the aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Two times, the crude product was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> and slowly added to an excess of *n*-hexane. The precipitate was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O, Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA (100 mg) was added, and the resulting mixture was dialyzed against DI H<sub>2</sub>O for 3 d. After freezy-drying the residue was again dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> and slowly added to an excess of *n*-hexane to gave 2 as sticky, dark orange oil (588 mg, 87%). The  $M_n$  was estimated to be 1.5 x 10<sup>4</sup> with a PDI of 2.7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.21-8.37 (m, 1 H), 7.51-7.79 (m, 1 H), 7.15-7.24 (m, 2 H), 4.44-4.70 (m, 3 H), 3.41-3.86 (m, 84 H), 3.34 (bs, 18 H) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): v 2868, 1498, 1455, 1399,

1350, 1199, 1095, 1039, 945, 850. Due to low solubility, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum could not be obtained.

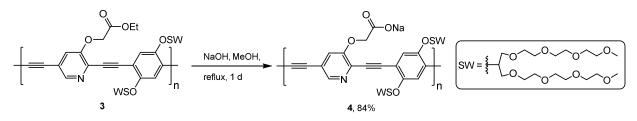
#### Scheme 5. Synthesis of PAE 3



Compound 9 was synthesized according to the literature.<sup>4</sup>

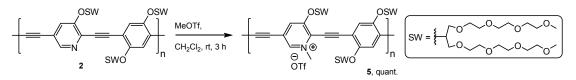
Synthesis of 3. Monomer 13 (170 mg, 0.50 mmol) and monomer 9 (446 mg, 0.50 mmol) were dissolved in degassed toluene/NEt<sub>3</sub> (1.5:1, 9 mL/6 mL). Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (28.9 mg, 25 µmol) and CuI (4.8 mg, 25 µmol) were added and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. Brine and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added, the aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> and slowly added to an excess of *n*-hexane. The precipitate was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O, Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA (100 mg) was added, and the resulting mixture was dialyzed against DI H<sub>2</sub>O for 3 d. After freezy-drying, the residue was again dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> and slowly added to an excess of *n*-hexane to give **3** as sticky, dark orange oil (459 mg, 86%). The  $M_n$  was estimated to be 1.4 x 10<sup>4</sup> with a PDI of 2.4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.30-8.42 (m, 1 H), 7.17-7.35 (m, 3 H), 4.82-4.91 (m, 2 H), 4.48-4.62 (m, 2 H), 4.24-4.32 (m, 2 H), 3.48-3.85 (m, 56 H), 3.35 (bs, 12 H), 1.28-1.33 (m, 3 H) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): v 2869, 1754, 1498, 1456, 1401, 1200, 1094, 947, 851. Due to low solubility, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum could not be obtained.

Scheme 6. Synthesis of PAE 4



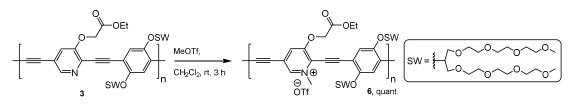
Synthesis of 4. NaOH (150 mg, 3.75 mmol) was added to a solution of polymer 3 (205 mg, 0.19 mmol) in MeOH (40 mL) and the resulting mixture was refluxed for 24 h. The solvent was reduced in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O and dialyzed against DI H<sub>2</sub>O for 3 d. After freezy-drying, the residue was dissolved in MeOH and slowly added to an excess of Et<sub>2</sub>O to give 4 as sticky, dark orange oil (171 mg, 84%). The  $M_n$  and PDI result from polymer 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta$  = 8.00-8.45 (m, 1 H), 6.95-7.83 (m, 3 H), 4.49-4.80 (m, 4 H), 3.41-4.07 (m, 56 H), 3.31 (bs, 12 H) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): v 2869, 1498, 1455, 1400, 1350, 1199, 1093, 945, 850. Due to low solubility, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum could not be obtained.

Scheme 7. Synthesis of PAE 5



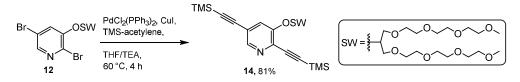
Synthesis of 5. Methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (6.3 µL, 55.7 µmol) was added to a solution of polymer 2 (37.2 mg, 27.6 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 3 h. The solvent and MeOTf were evapurated in vacuo to give 5 as red solid (42 mg, quant.). The  $M_n$  and PDI result from polymer 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta = 8.48-8.93$  (m, 2 H), 7.54-7.64 (m, 2 H), 5.10-5.19 (bs, 1 H), 4.84-4.95 (bs, 2 H), 4.44-4.63 (m, 3 H), 3.50-4.00 (m, 84 H), 3.30-3.34 (m, 18 H) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): v 2872, 1272, 1223, 1097, 1030, 948, 850, 637. Due to low solubility, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum could not be obtained.

Scheme 8. Synthesis of PAE 6



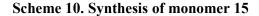
Synthesis of 6. Methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (42.6 µL, 0.38 mmol) was added to a solution of polymer 3 (201 mg, 0.18 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 3 h. The solvent and MeOTf were evapurated in vacuo to give 6 as red solid (232 mg, quant.). The  $M_n$  and PDI result from polymer 3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O):  $\delta = 8.46$ -8.92 (m, 1 H), 7.25-7.92 (m, 3 H), 5.14-5.40 (m, 2 H), 4.85-5.00 (bs, 2 H), 4.21-4.72 (m, 5 H), 3.37-4.18 (m, 56 H), 3.18-3.33 (m, 12 H), 1.28-1.49 (m, 3 H) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): v 2872, 1749, 1262, 1220, 1093, 1029, 851, 636. Due to low solubility, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum could not be obtained.

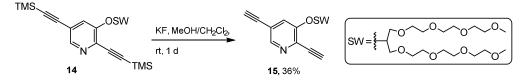
#### Scheme 9. Synthesis of compound 14



Synthesis of 14. Compound 12 (500 mg, 0.81 mmol) was dissolved in degassed toluene/piperidine (1:1, 2 mL/2 mL).  $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$  (28.3 mg, 40 µmol) and CuI (8.0 mg, 40 µmol) were added. Subsequently TMS-acetylene was added dropwise and the resulting mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (15 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel [petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (7/1/1/0.5)] to give compound **14** (427 mg, 0.65 mmol, 81%) as brown oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.25$  (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.56

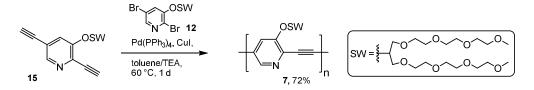
(m, 1 H), 3.53-3.80 (m, 28 H), 3.38 (s, 6 H), 0.27 (s, 18 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 155.82$ , 145.43, 133.67, 125.26, 120.13, 101.15, 100.99, 100.39, 99.71, 79.61, 71.90, 71.28, 70.83, 70.63, 70.60, 70.56, 70.51, 59.03, 0.24 ppm. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>56</sub>NO<sub>9</sub>Si<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 654.3488 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found 654.3495. C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>55</sub>NO<sub>9</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> (653.96): calcd. C 58.77, H 8.48, N 2.14; found C 58.95, H 8.40, N 2.15.





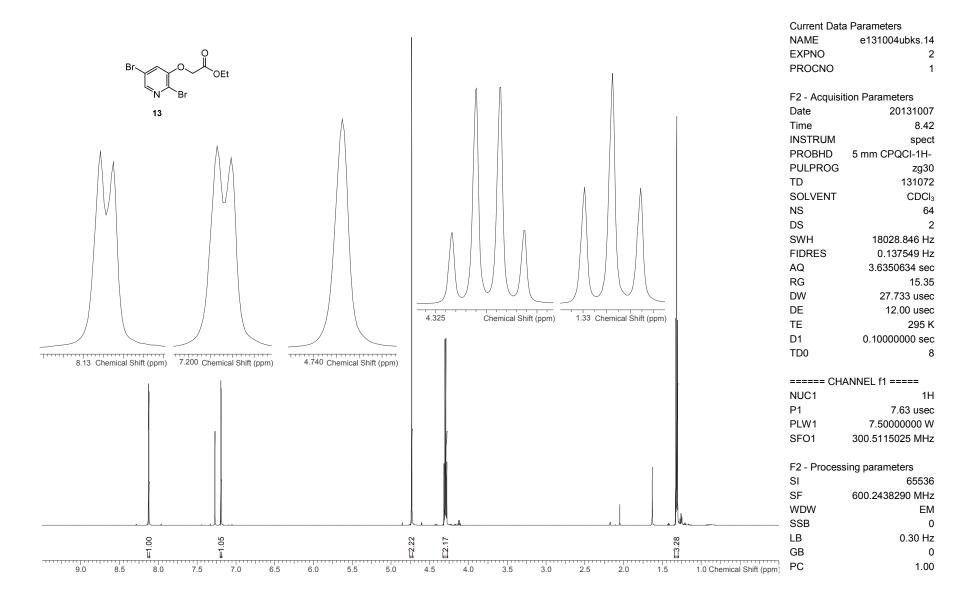
Synthesis of 15. Compound 14 (409 mg, 0.62 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (10 mL). KF (145 mg, 2.50 mmol) in Methanol (10 mL) was added and stirred at ambient temperature over night. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of SiO<sub>2</sub>, filtrated and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography on silica gel [petroleum ether/ethyl acetate/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (5/3/1/1)] of the crude product afforded compound 15 (114 mg, 0.22 mmol, 36%) as yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.29$  (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.58 (m, 1 H), 3.53-3.82 (m, 28 H), 3.46 (s, 1 H), 3.38 (s, 6 H), 3.29 (s, 1 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 156.22$ , 145.44, 133.35, 125.26, 119.52, 82.99, 81.88, 80.02, 79.74, 79.49, 71.92, 71.25, 70.94, 70.63, 70.56, 70.51, 59.01 ppm. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>40</sub>NO<sub>9</sub><sup>+</sup> 510.2698 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; found 510.2699. C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>39</sub>NO<sub>9</sub> (509.60): calcd. C 61.28, H 7.71, N 2.75; found C 61.01, H 7.81, N 2.83.

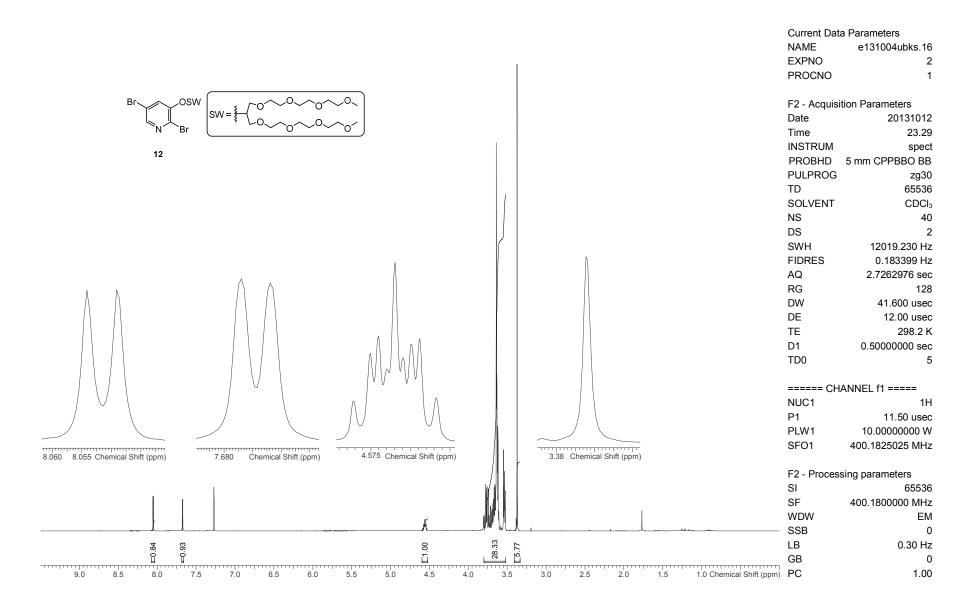
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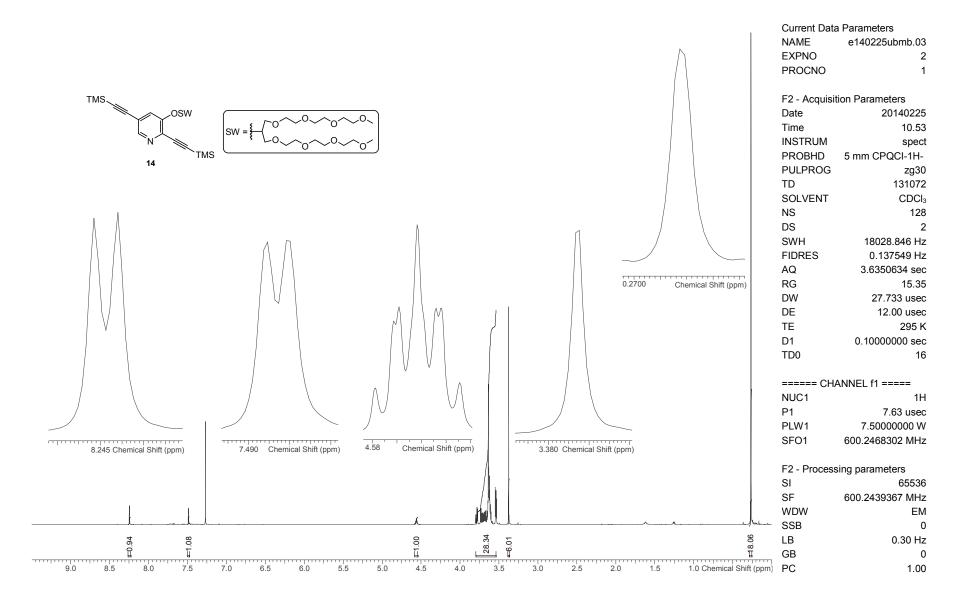


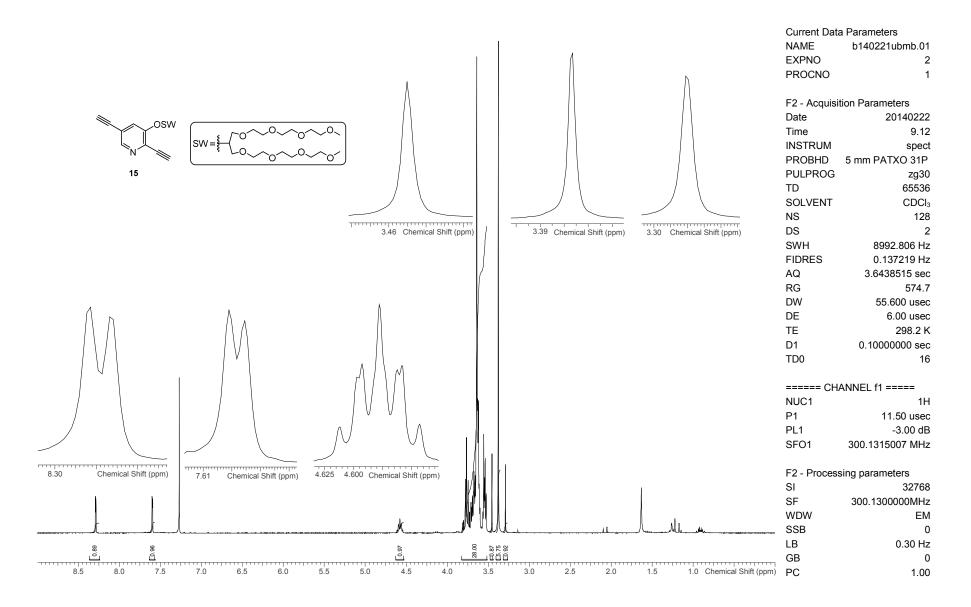
Synthesis of 7. Monomer 15 (230 mg, 0.45 mmol) and monomer 12 (451 mg, 0.45 mmol) were dissolved in degassed toluene/NEt<sub>3</sub> (1.5:1, 9 mL/6 mL). Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (26.1 mg, 23 µmol) and CuI (4.3 mg, 23 µmol) were added and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. Brine and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added, the aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Two times, the crude product was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> and slowly added to an excess of *n*-hexane. The precipitate was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O, Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA (100 mg) was added, and the resulting mixture was dialyzed against DI H<sub>2</sub>O for 3 d. After freezy-drying the residue was again dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> and slowly added to an excess of *n*-hexane to gave **2** as sticky, dark brown oil (316 mg, 72%). The  $M_n$  was estimated to be 1.4 x 10<sup>4</sup> with a PDI of 3.1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.26-8.40 (m, 1 H), 7.62-7.80 (m, 1 H), 4.62-4.69 (m, 1 H), 3.45-3.86 (m, 28 H), 3.34 (bs, 6 H) ppm. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): v 2871, 1720, 1578, 1471, 1404, 1351, 1233, 1198, 1095, 940, 849, 756, 542, 446, 404. Due to low solubility, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum could not be obtained.

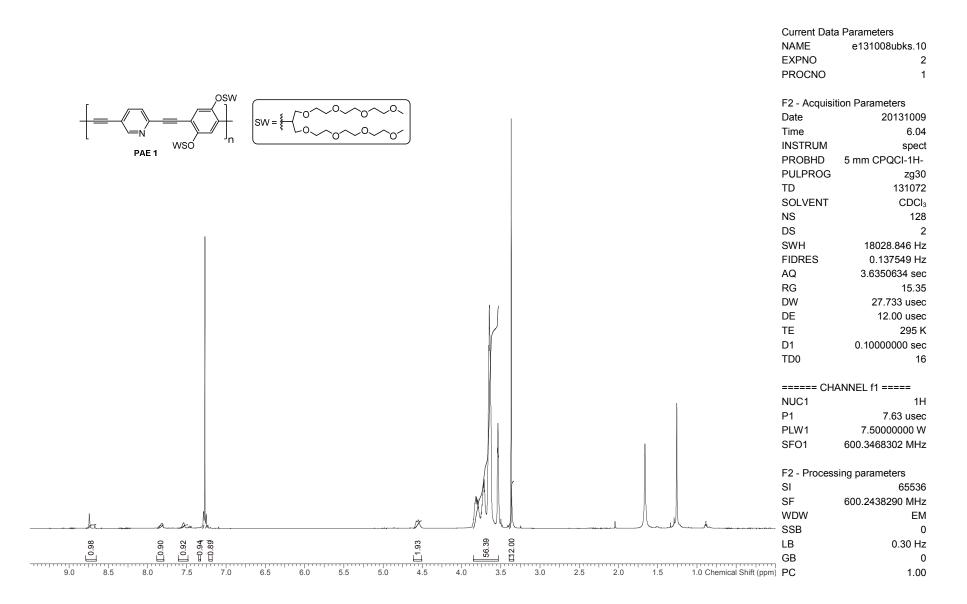
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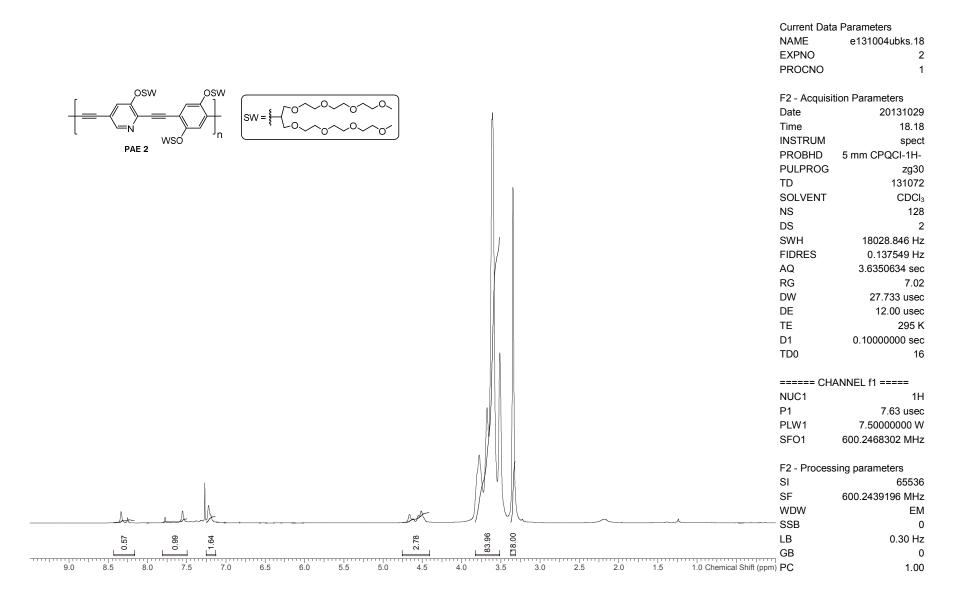


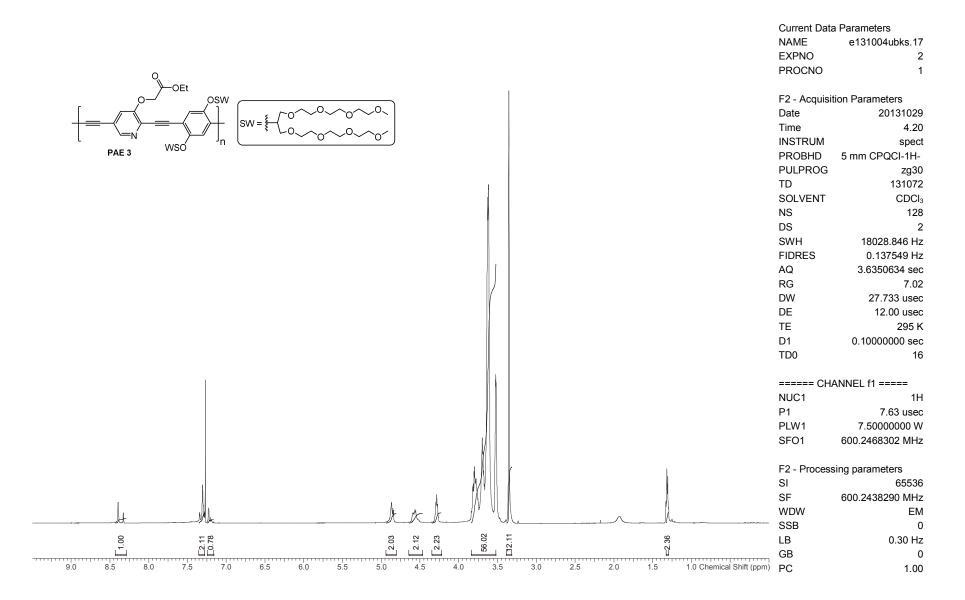


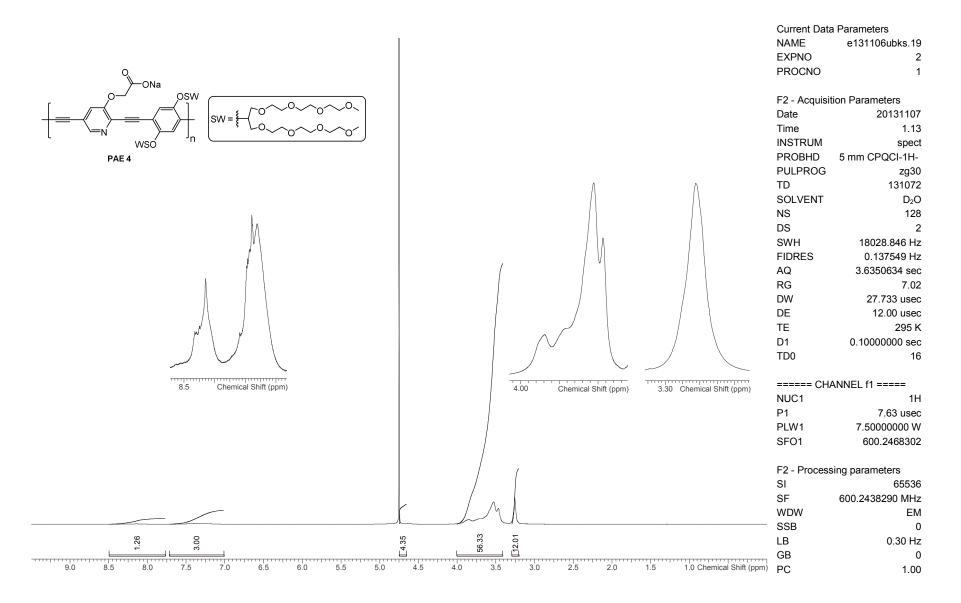


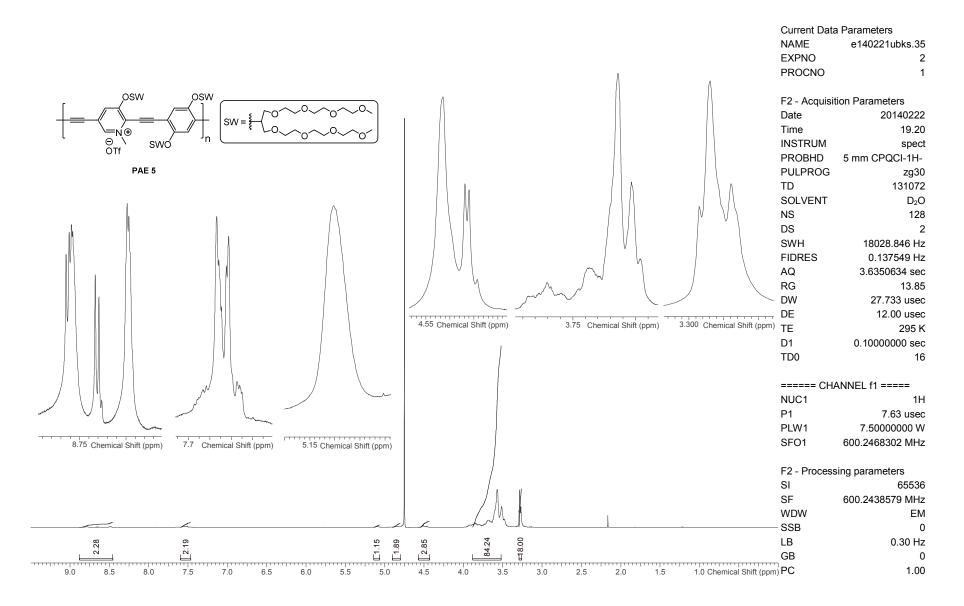


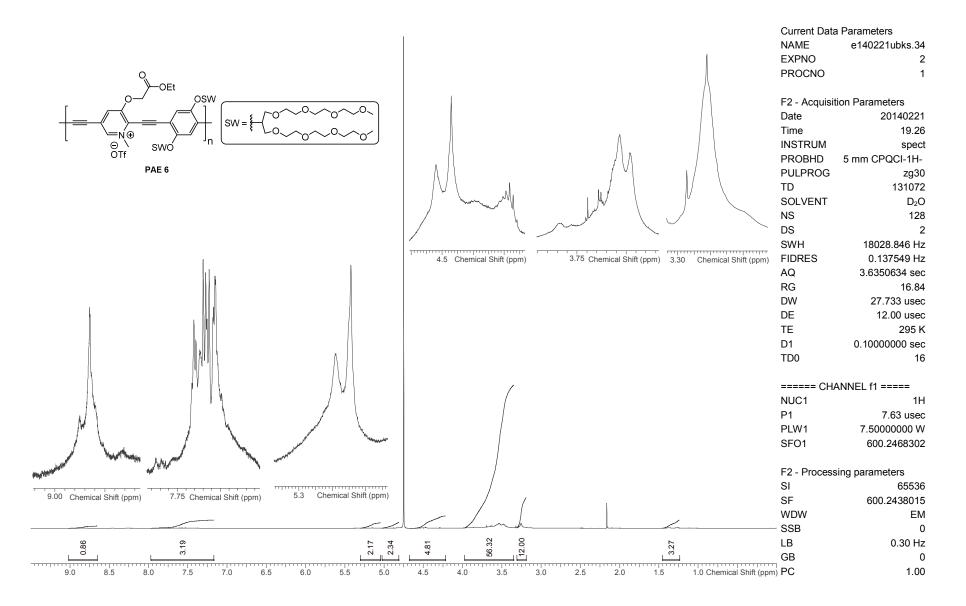


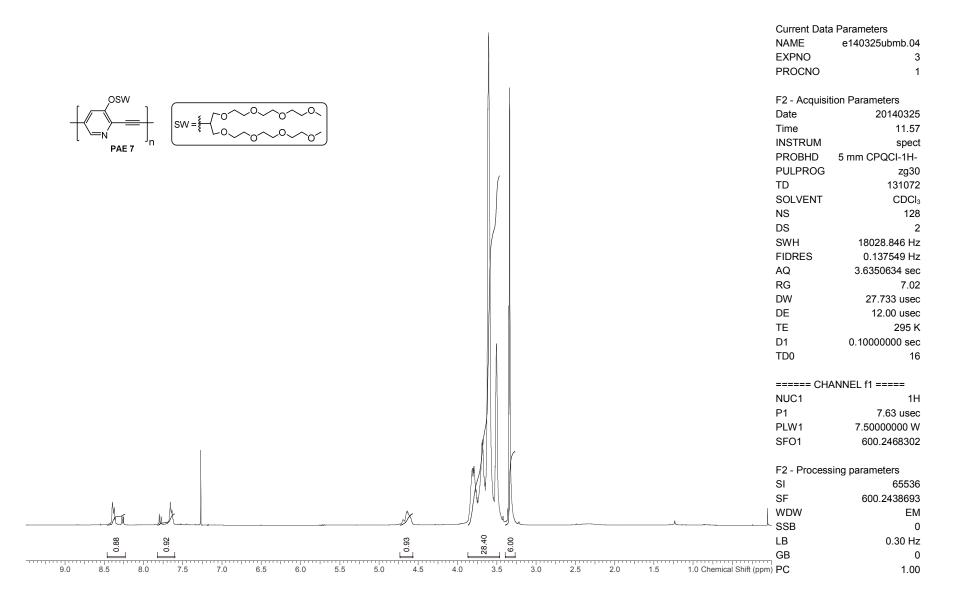




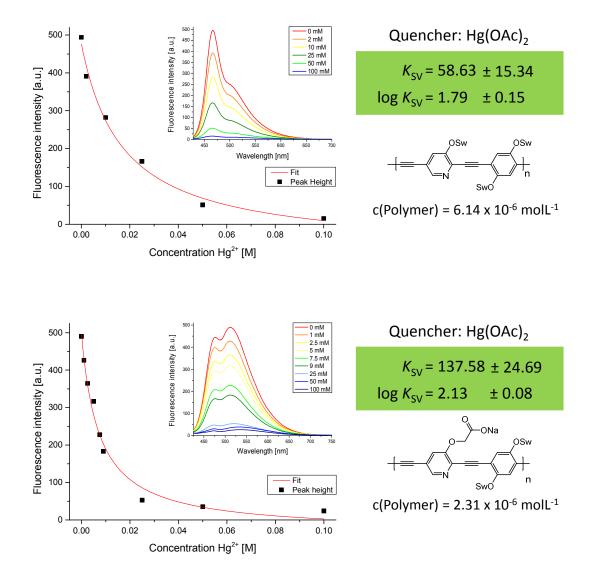


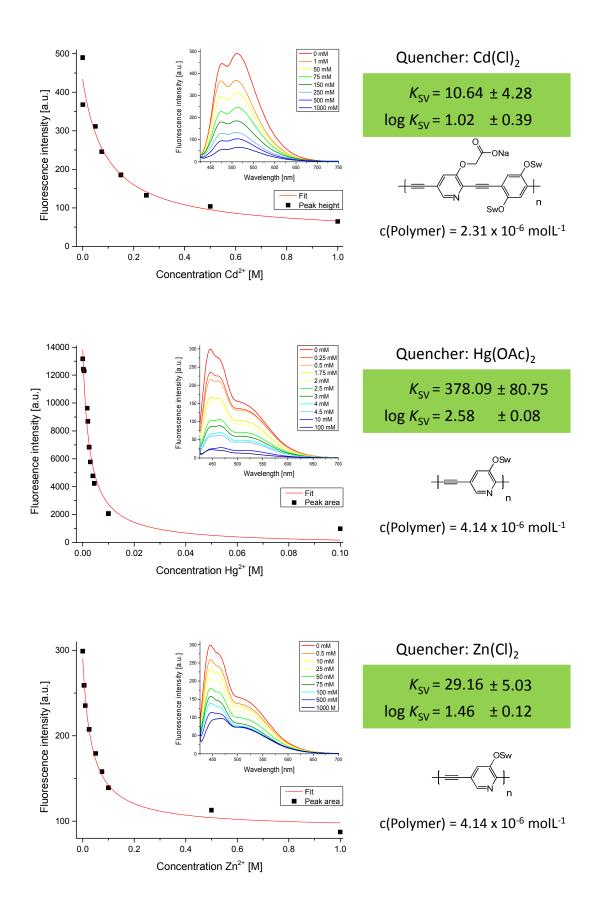






## 4. Evaluation of Stern-Volmer Constants





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