

## **Supplemental Information**

### **Poly(butylene 2,5-furan dicarboxylate), a biobased alternative to PBT: synthesis, physical properties and crystal structure**

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**Table S1.** Bond lengths (Å) in PBF structure as shown in Fig. 8.

C2-O1	1.425	C1-C2	1.534
C3-O1	1.359	C1-C10	1.518
C3-O2	1.230	C4-C5	1.350
C4-O3	1.359	C5-C6	1.417
		C3-C4	1.495

**Table S2.** Comparison between cell parameters of PBF and  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -PBT.

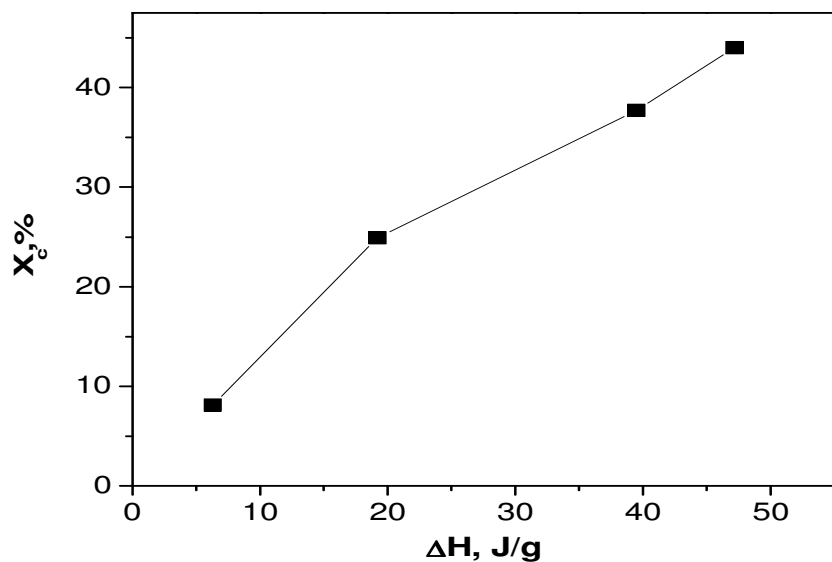
	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	$\alpha$ (°)	$\beta$ (°)	$\gamma$ (°)
$\alpha$ -PBT	4.83	5.94	11.59	99.7	115.2	110.8
$\beta$ -PBT	4.95	5.67	12.95	101.7	121.8	99.9
PBF	4.78	6.03	12.31	110.1	121.1	100.6

**Table S3.** Young's modulus, elongation to break and stress at break for PBF sample 6 differing in crystallinity.

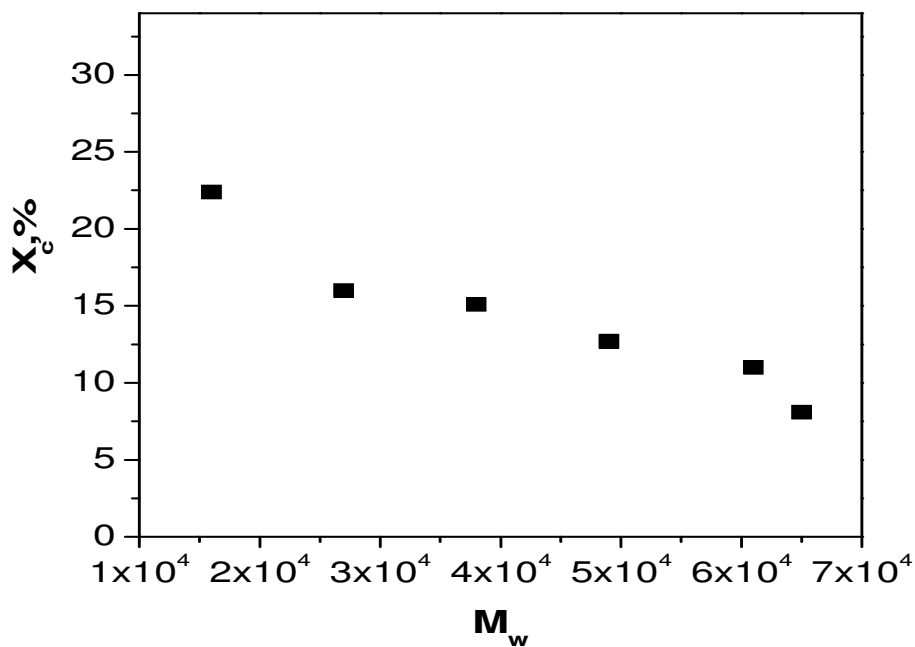
Sample No.	Melting enthalpy contribution to initial crystallinity, J/g	Crystallinity, % from X-ray	Young's Modulus (MPa)	Elongation at break, %	Stress at break (MPa)
6-1 <sup>*</sup>	6.3	8.1	959±58	1055±56	31.8±2.9
6-2	9.2	24.9	1054±60	445±32	27.5±0.4
6-3	39.5	37.7	1091±45	284±93	35.5±1.9
6-4	47.2	44.0	1112±53	7.4±2	43.2±8.5
PBT	48.0		950±70	272±71	37.6±2.5

<sup>a</sup> The true stress at break calculated after correction for the cross-sectional area.

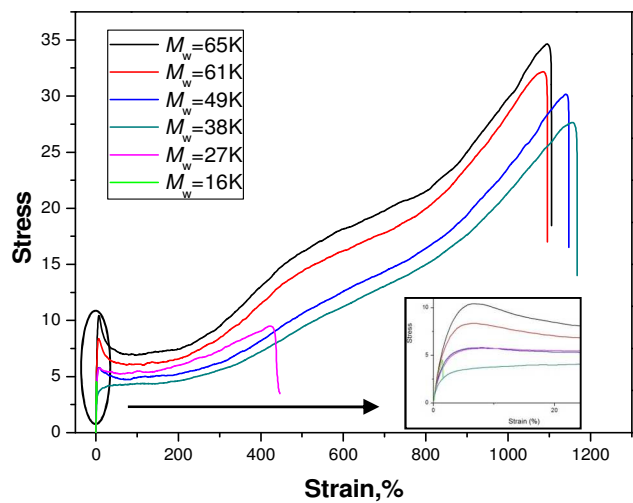
\*Different thermal processing on sample 6 , the details were described in experimental section.



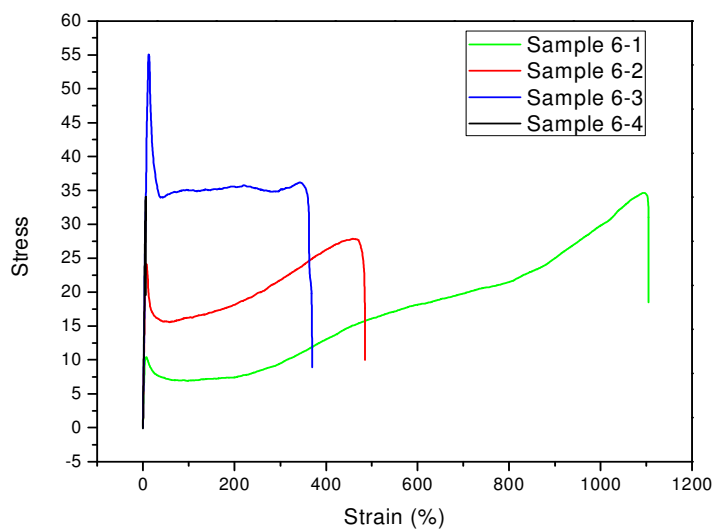
**Figure S1a** Relationship of %-crystallinity, determined by X-ray diffraction, and DSC determined values of enthalpy difference ( $\Delta H$  = difference between the melting enthalpy and the cold crystallization enthalpy) for PBF sample 6 annealed under different conditions.



**Figure S1b.** Percent crystallinity of PBF sample bars for tensile testing as a function of molecular weight. Values of  $\chi_c$  were determined from experimental  $\Delta H$  values. That is, the plot shown in Figure S1a was used to correlate experimental  $\Delta H$  and  $\chi_c$ .



**Figure S2.** Stress-strain curves for the series of PBF Samples 1-6 with different  $M_w$ .



**Figure S3.** Stress-strain curves for the series of PBF Sample 6 with different crystallinity.