

Supporting Information for

**Ru-Catalyzed Polycondensation of Dialkyl 1,4-Phenylenebis(diazoacetate) with Dianiline:
Synthesis of Well-Defined Aromatic Polyamines Bearing an Alkoxy carbonyl Group at the
Adjacent Carbon of Each Nitrogen in the Main Chain Framework**

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Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectra of **3b-3e**.

Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectra of **3b-3e**.

Figure S3. Hydrogen/deuterium exchange ¹H NMR spectrum of **4a**.

Figure S4. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of **4d** and **4e**.

Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of the product obtained by polycondensation of **2** and *N,N'*-diethyl-1,6-diaminohexane.

Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectrum of the product obtained by polycondensation of **2** and **3a** using FeTPPCl.

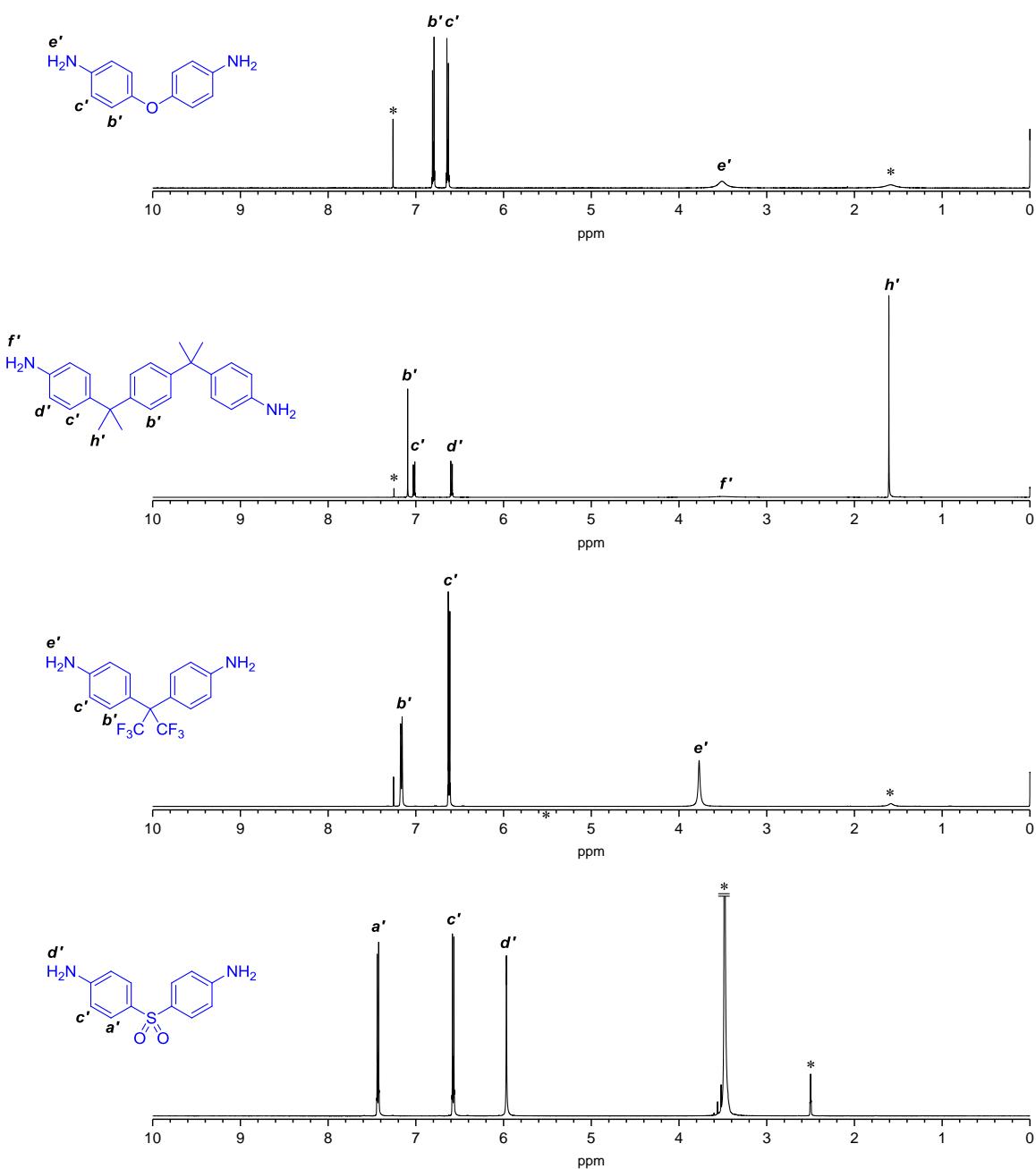


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectra of **3b-3e** recorded in CDCl_3 (**3b-3d**) or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (**3e**).

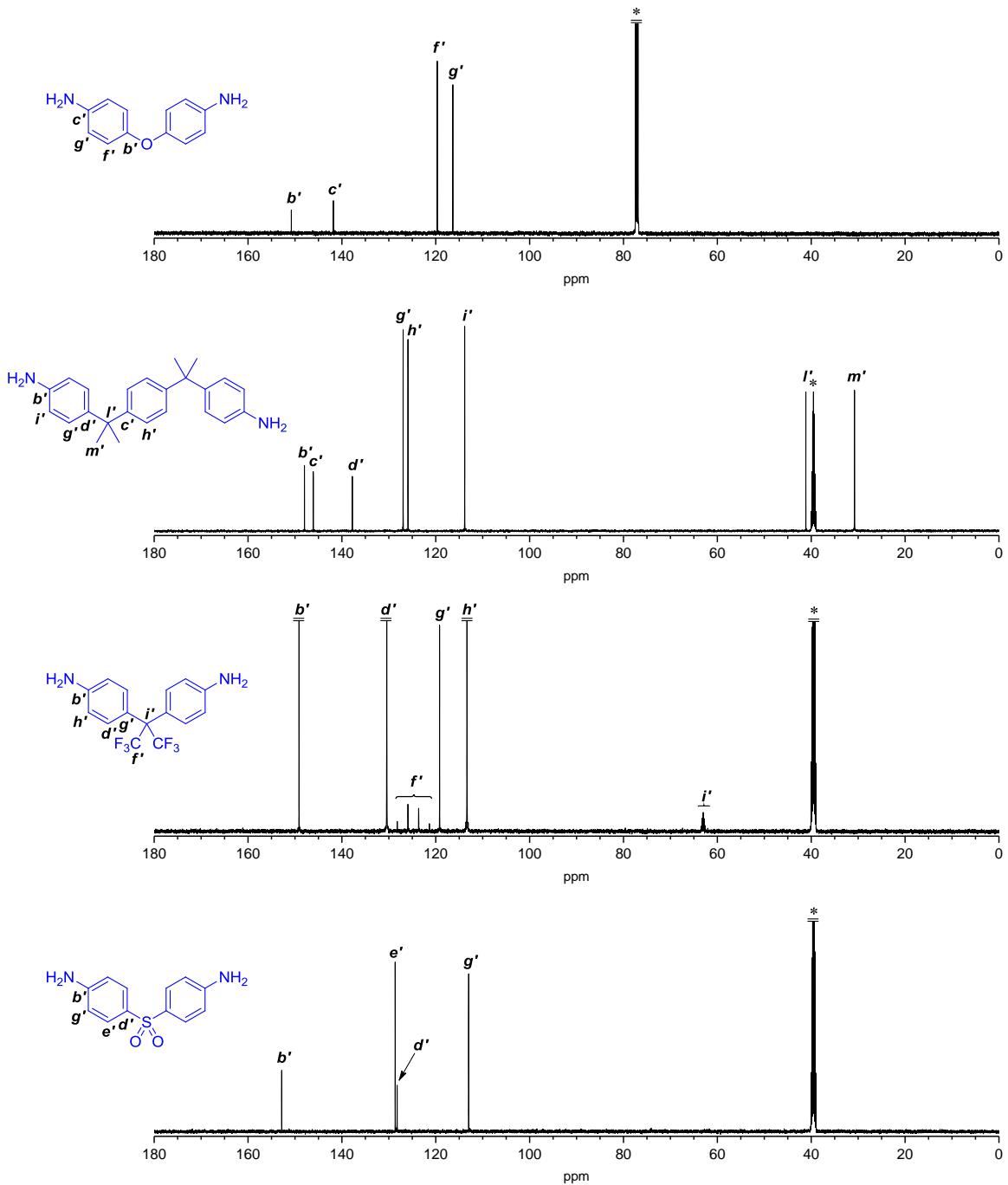


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectra of **3b-3e** recorded in CDCl_3 (**3b**) or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (**3c-3e**).

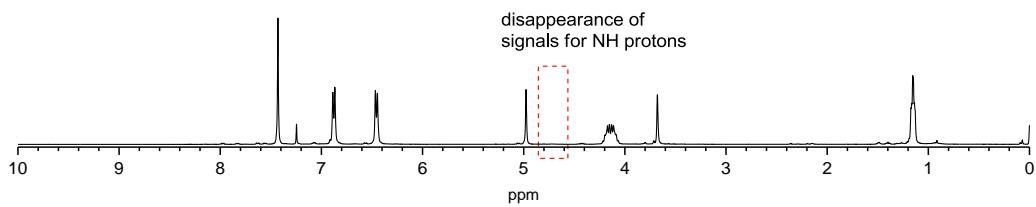


Figure S3. Hydrogen/deuterium exchange ¹H NMR spectrum of **4a** (run 2 in Table 1).

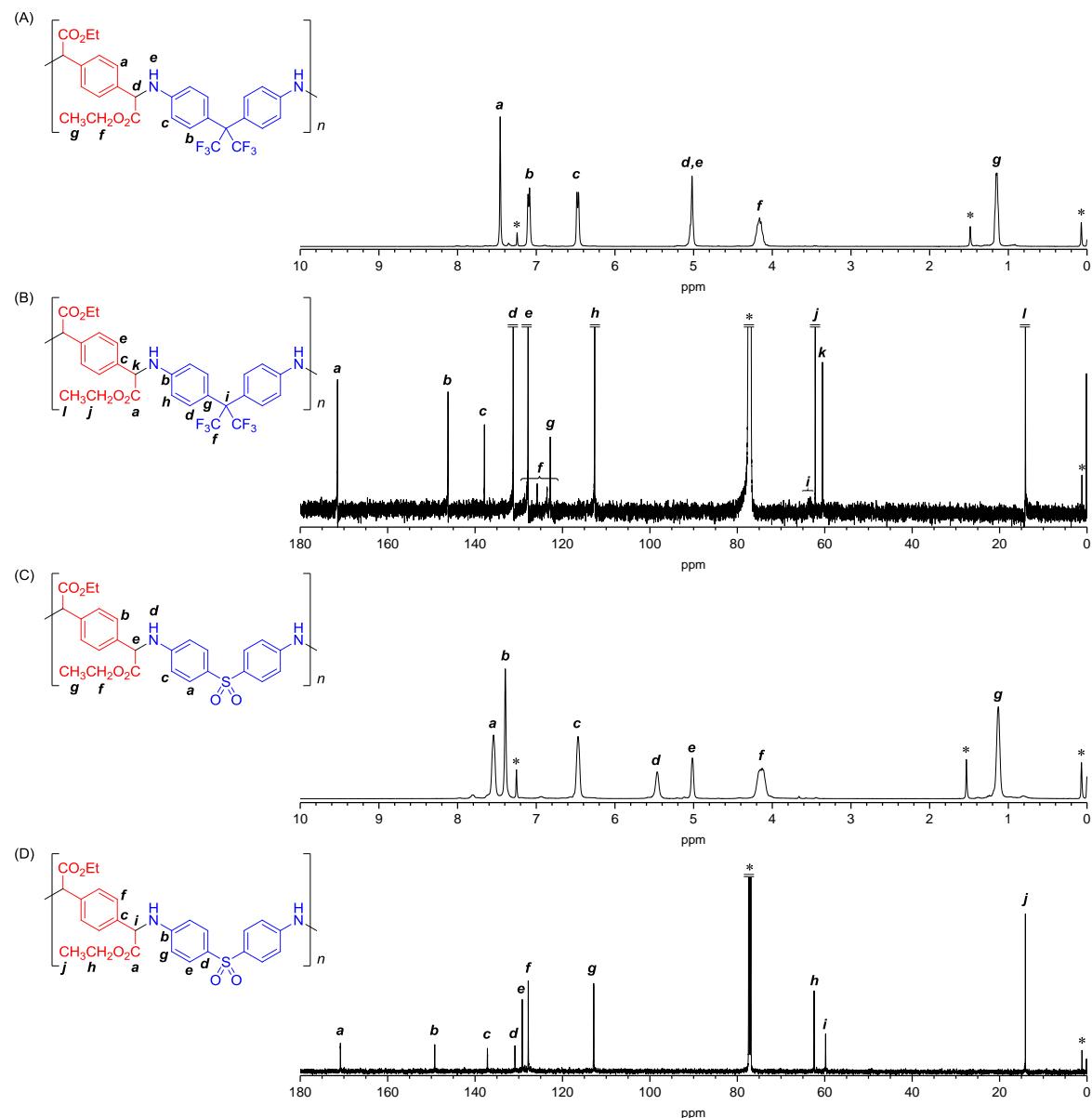


Figure S4. (A) ¹H and (B) ¹³C NMR spectra of **4d** (Table 1, run 7) and (C) ¹H and (D) ¹³C NMR spectra of **4e** (Table 1, run 8) (* solvent, water, or grease).

4a: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 7.43 (s, 4H, $-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{CH}_2$), 6.45 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{CH}_2$), 4.98 (s, 2H, $-\text{Ph}\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{NH}$), 4.72 (s, 2H, $-\text{NH}$), 4.14 (m, 4H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 3.68 (s, 2H, $-\text{Ph}\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$), 1.15 (dt, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 7.0 Hz, 6H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 171.9 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 144.3 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}_2$), 138.0 ($-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 131.6 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}_2$), 129.7 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}_2$), 127.8 ($-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 113.6 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}_2$), 61.9 ($\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 60.9 ($-\text{Ph}\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{NH}$), 40.2 ($-\text{Ph}\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$), 14.1 ($\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$). Anal. Calcd for $(\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4)_n$: C, 72.95; H, 6.35; N, 6.30. Found: C, 68.25; H, 6.22; N, 5.75.

4b: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 7.44 (s, 4H, $-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{O}$), 6.48 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{O}$), 4.97 (s, 2H, $-\text{Ph}\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{NH}$), 4.67 (s, 2H, $-\text{NH}$), 4.15 (m, 4H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.16 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 171.9 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 150.4 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}_2$), 141.9 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}_2$), 138.0 ($-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 127.8 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}_2$), 119.6 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}_2$), 114.6 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}_2$), 62.0 ($\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 61.3 ($-\text{Ph}\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{NH}$), 14.2 ($\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$). Anal. Calcd for $(\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5)_n$: C, 69.63; H, 6.29; N, 6.25. Found: C, 67.24; H, 5.71; N, 5.91.

4c: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 7.46 (s, 4H, $-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 7.04 (s, 4H, $-\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2$), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]$), 6.46 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]$), 5.00 (s, 2H, $-\text{Ph}\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{NH}$), 4.74 (s, 2H, $-\text{NH}$), 4.14 (m, 4H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.56 (s, 12H, $-\text{Ph}\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2\text{Ph}$), 1.15 (dt, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 7.0 Hz, 6H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 172.0 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 148.0 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2$), 143.9 ($-\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2$), 140.7 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2$), 138.0 ($-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 127.8 ($-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 127.7 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2$), 126.3 ($-\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2$), 113.1 ($-\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2$), 61.9 ($\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 61.3 ($-\text{Ph}\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{NH}$), 41.8 ($-\text{Ph}\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2\text{Ph}$), 31.0 ($-\text{Ph}\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2\text{Ph}$), 14.2 ($\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$). Anal. Calcd for $(\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4)_n$: C, 77.26; H, 7.17; N, 4.74. Found: C, 72.73; H, 6.95; N, 4.40.

4d: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 7.46 (s, 4H, $-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{C}[\text{CF}_3]_2$), 6.47 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{C}[\text{CF}_3]_2$), 5.04 (s, 2H, $-\text{Ph}\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{NH}$); 2H, $-\text{NH}$), 4.16 (m, 4H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.14 (m, 6H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 171.5 (s, $-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 148.0 (s, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{C}[\text{CH}_3]_2$), 146.2 (s, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{C}[\text{CF}_3]_2$), 137.7 (s, $-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 131.3 (s, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{C}[\text{CF}_3]_2$), 128.1, 125.8, 123.5, and 121.2 (a pair of s, $-\text{Ph}\text{C}[\text{CF}_3]_2\text{Ph}$), 127.9 (s, $-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 122.8 (s, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{C}[\text{CF}_3]_2$), 112.6 (s, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{C}[\text{CF}_3]_2$), 63.9-63.1 (m, $-\text{Ph}\text{C}[\text{CF}_3]_2\text{Ph}$), 62.2 (s, $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 60.5 ($-\text{Ph}\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{NH}$), 14.1 ($\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$). Anal. Calcd for $(\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{F}_6)_n$: C, 59.38; H, 5.50; N, 4.78. Found: C, 58.65; H, 4.59; N, 4.74.

4e: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 7.54 (s, 4H, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{SO}_2$), 7.39 (s, 4H, $-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 6.47 (s, 4H, $-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{H}]\text{SO}_2$), 5.46 (s, 2H, $-\text{NH}$), 5.02 (s, 2H, $-\text{Ph}\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{NH}$), 4.15 (br, 4H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.16 (br, 6H, $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ): 170.8 ($-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$), 149.2 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{SO}_2$), 138.0 ($-\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]$), 130.9 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{SO}_2$), 129.2 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{SO}_2$), 127.8 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{CH}_2$), 112.8 ($-\text{NH}\text{Ph}[-\text{C}]\text{SO}_2$), 62.0 ($\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$), 59.8 ($-\text{Ph}\text{CH}[\text{CO}_2\text{Et}]\text{NH}$), 14.1 ($\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$). Anal. Calcd for $(\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{SO}_6)_n$: C, 63.14; H, 5.30; N, 5.66. Found: C, 60.73; H, 5.54; N, 4.61.

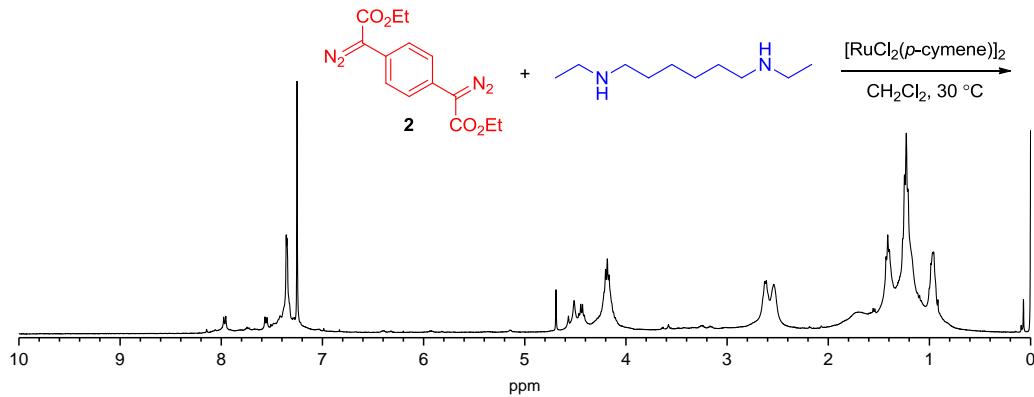


Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of the product obtained by polycondensation of **2** with *N,N'*-diethyl-1,6-diaminohexane (yield = 25%, $M_n = 250$, $M_w/M_n = 2.7$).

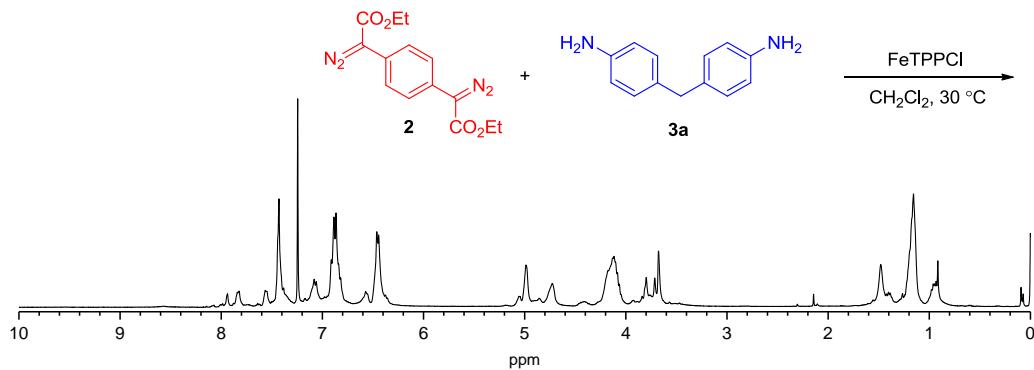


Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectrum of the product obtained by polycondensation of **2** with **3a** using FeTPPCL as catalyst (yield = 30%, $M_n = 840$, $M_w/M_n = 8.0$).