

Supporting Information

Vanillin derived a carbonate dialdehyde and a carbonate diol: novel platform monomers for sustainable polymers synthesis

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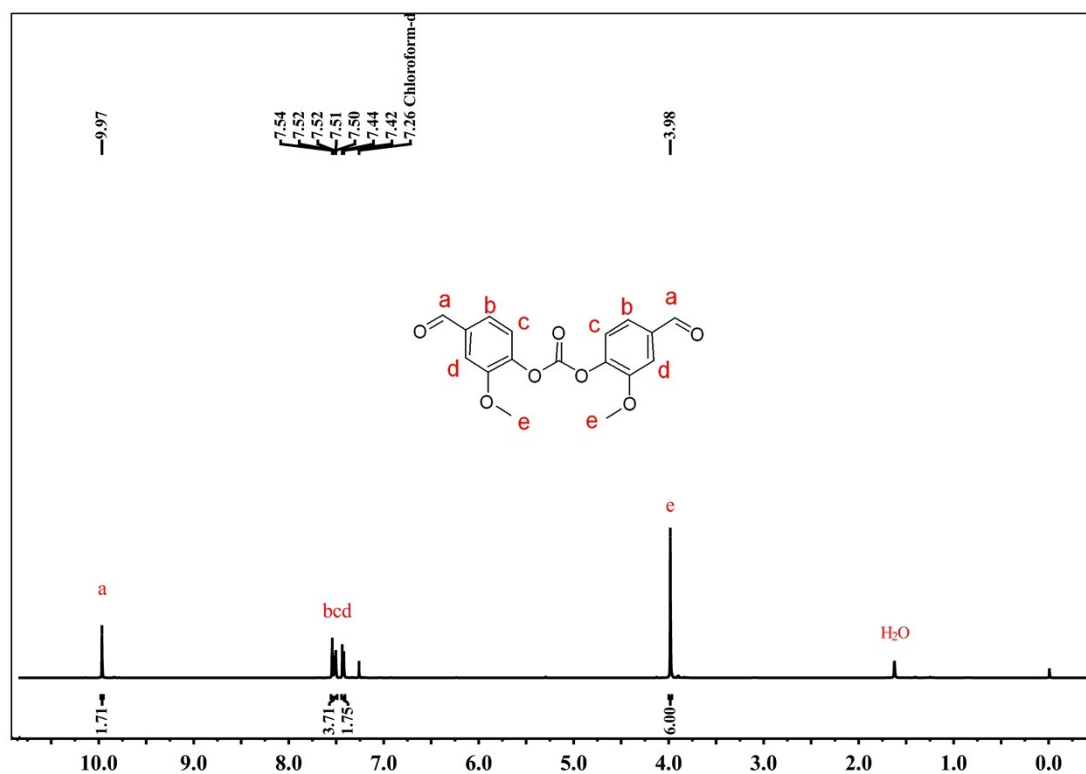


Figure S1. ¹H NMR of BFMC (400 MHz CDCl₃).

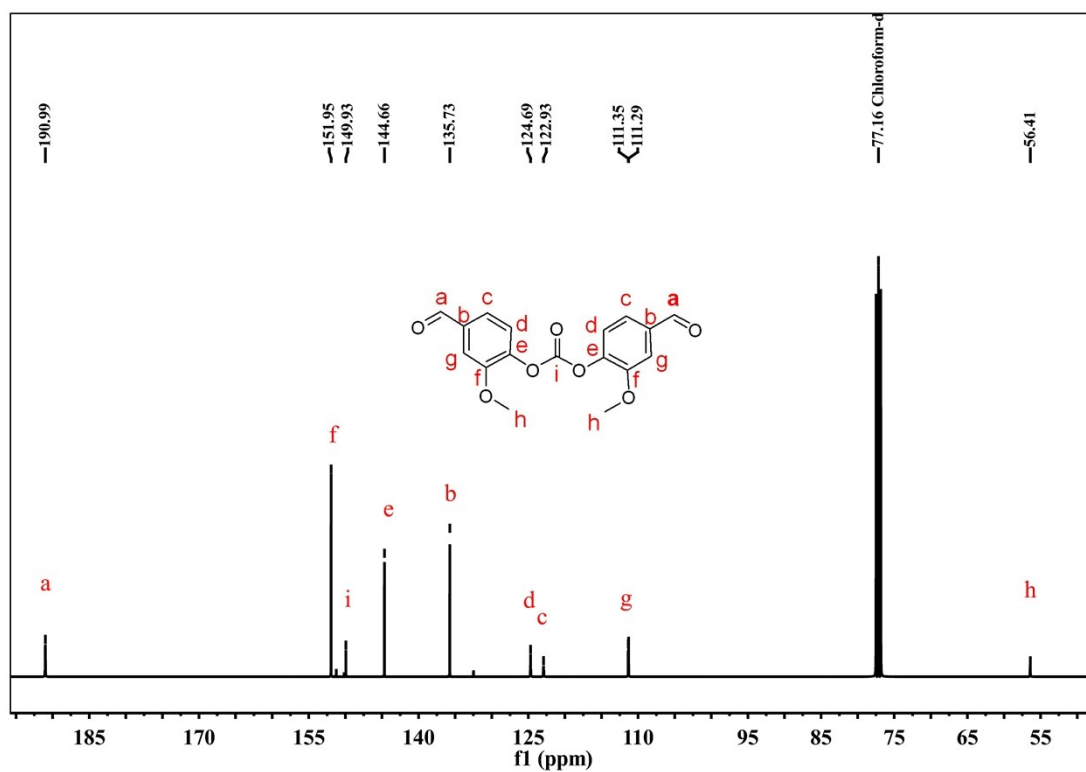


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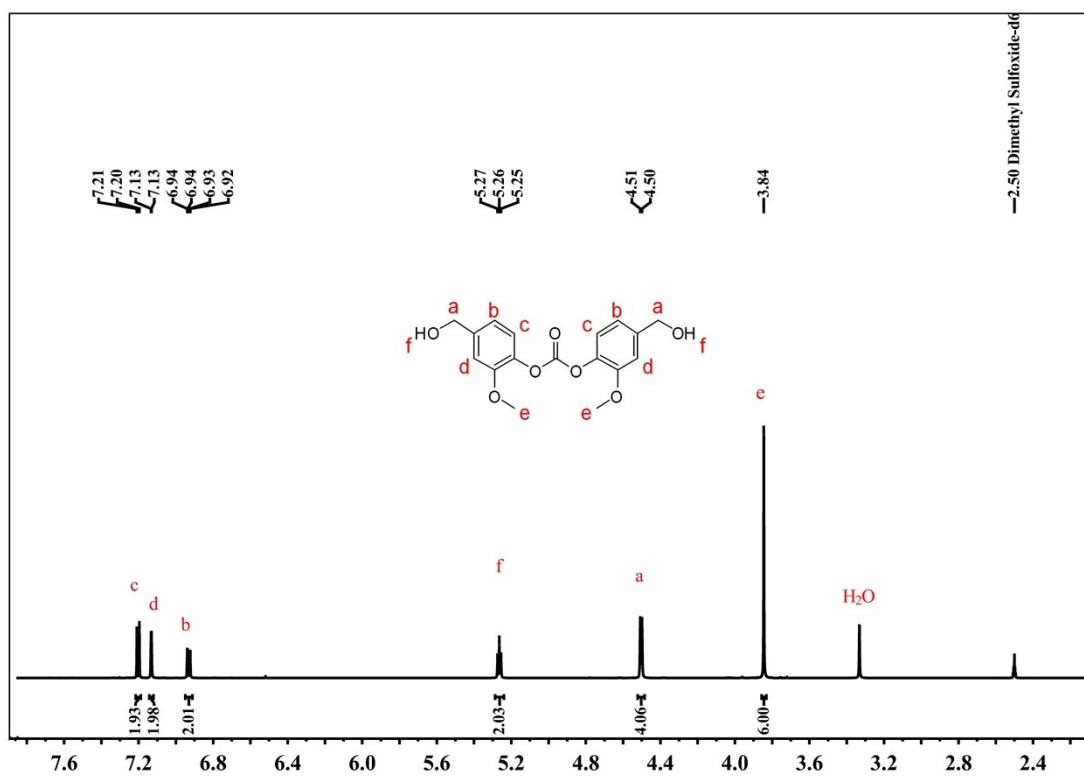


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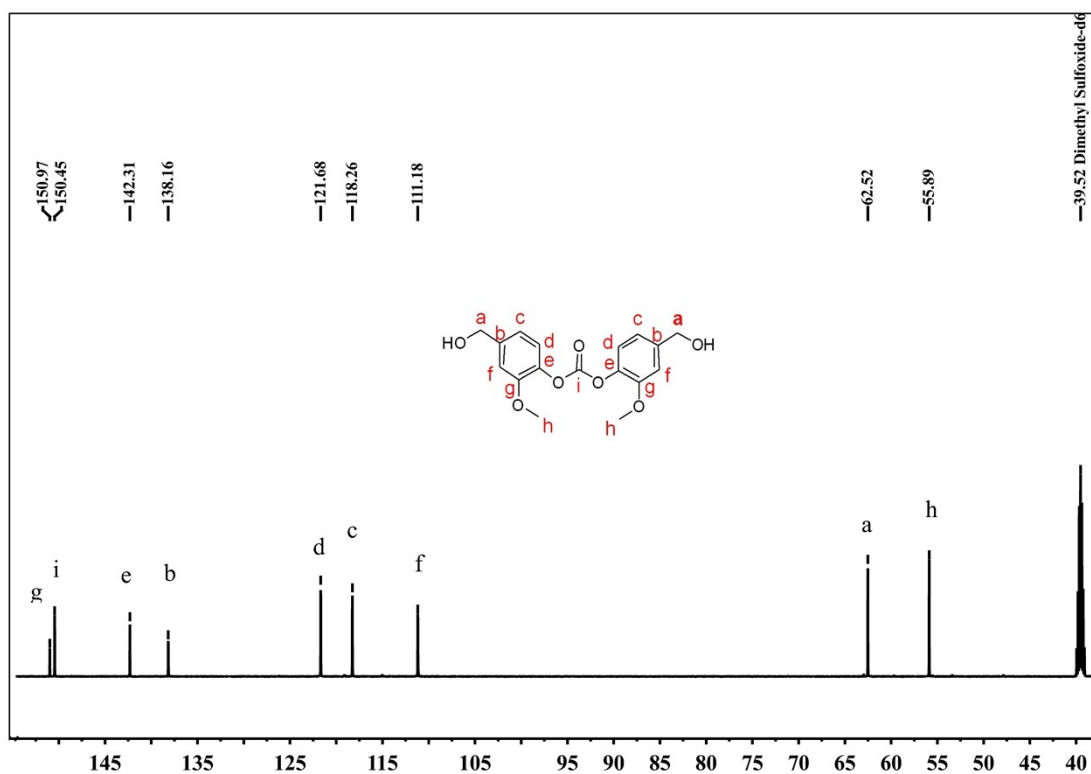


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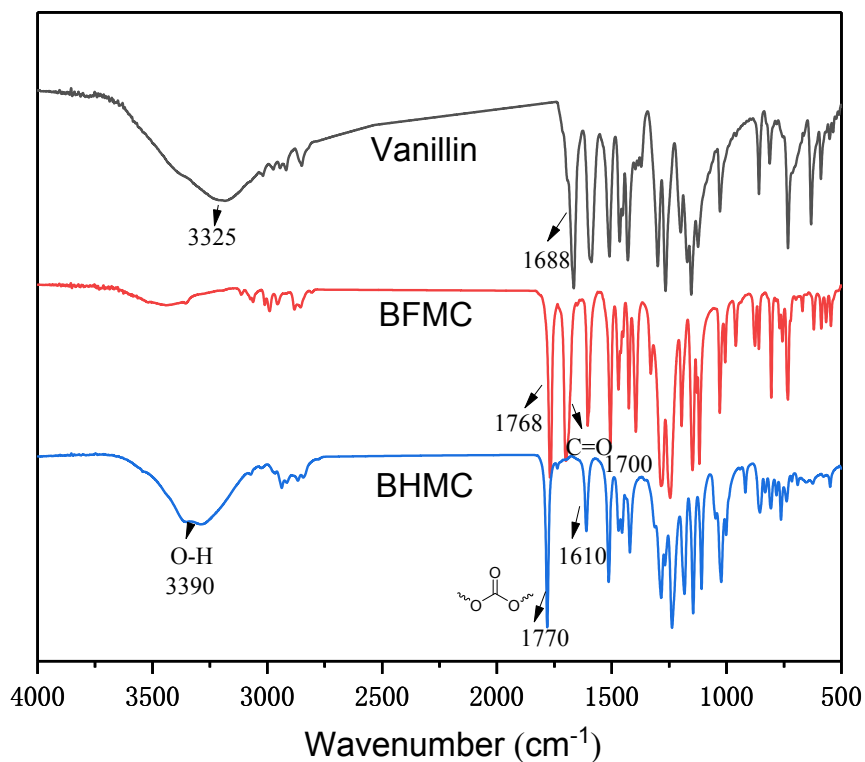
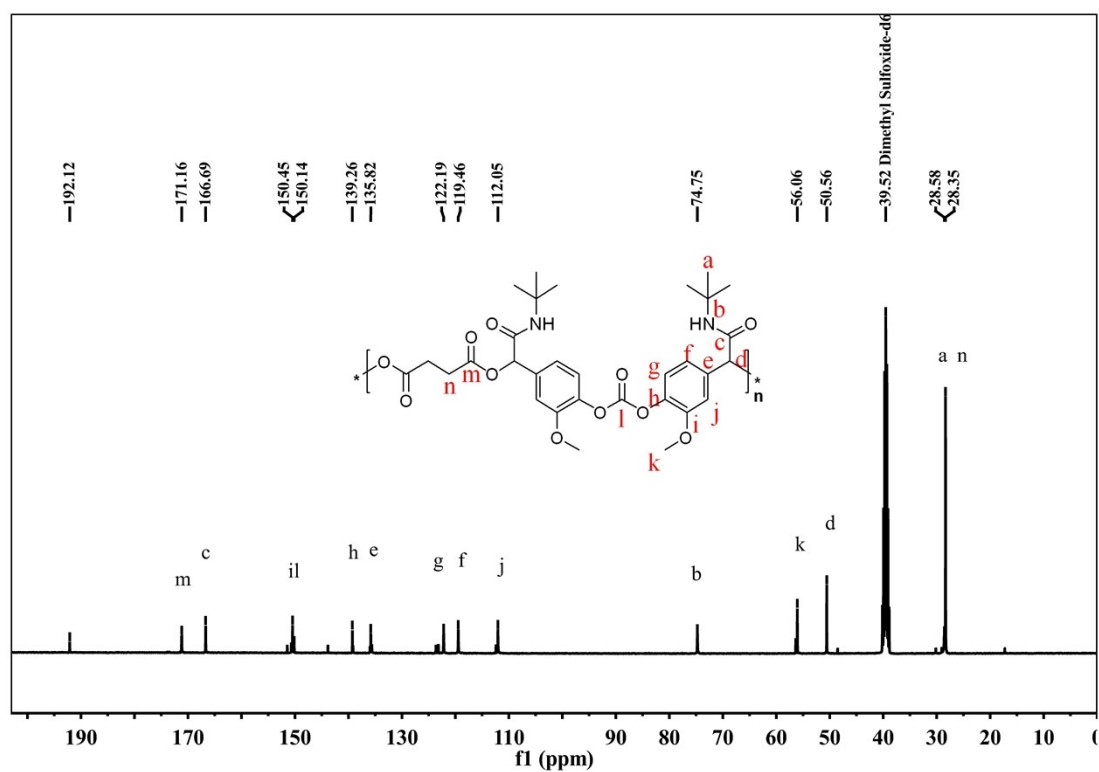
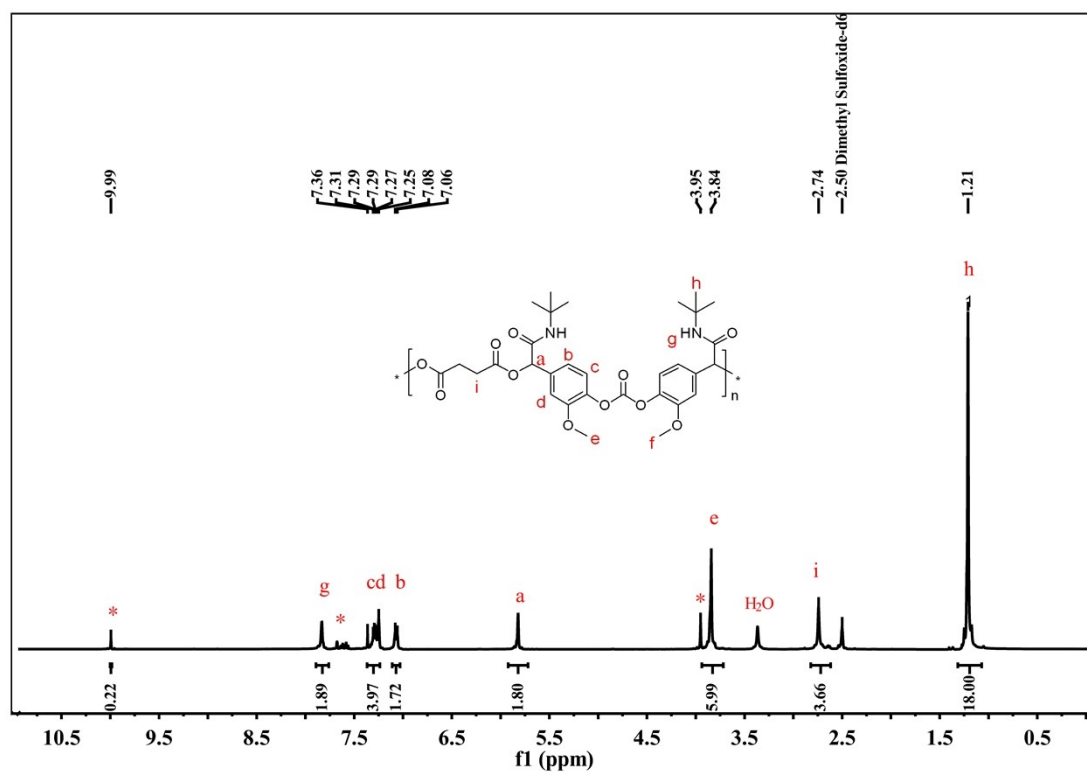
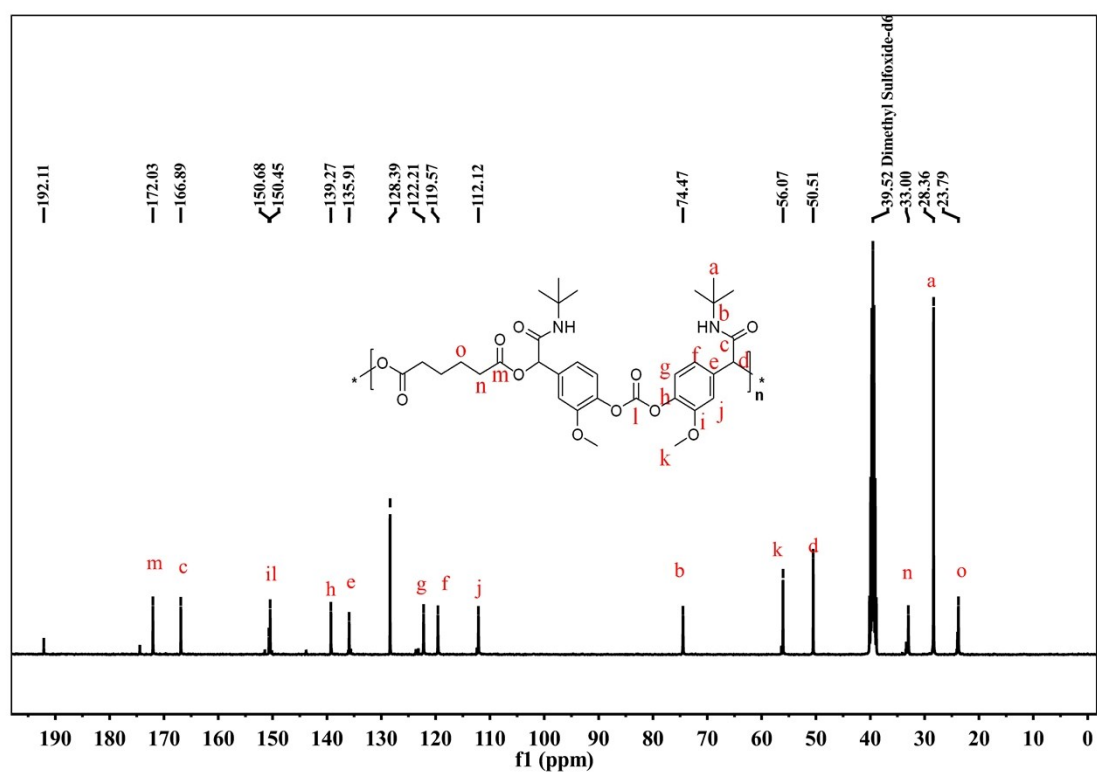
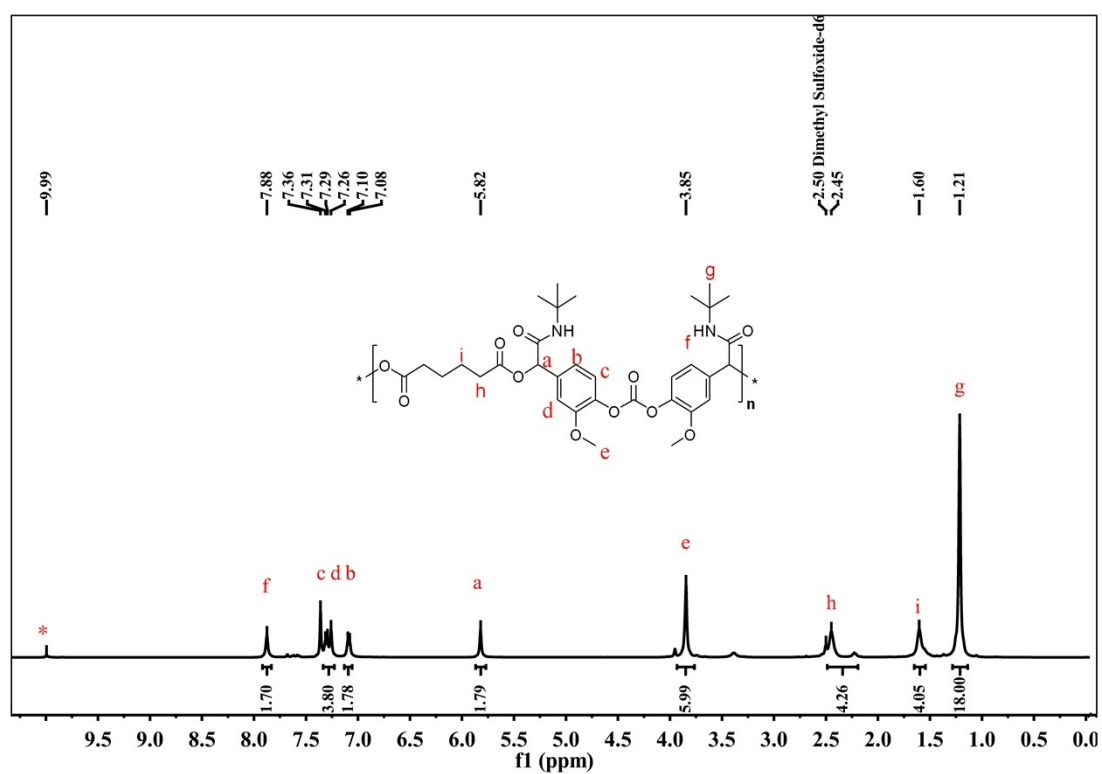


Figure S5. FTIR spectra of BFMC and BHMC derived from vanillin.





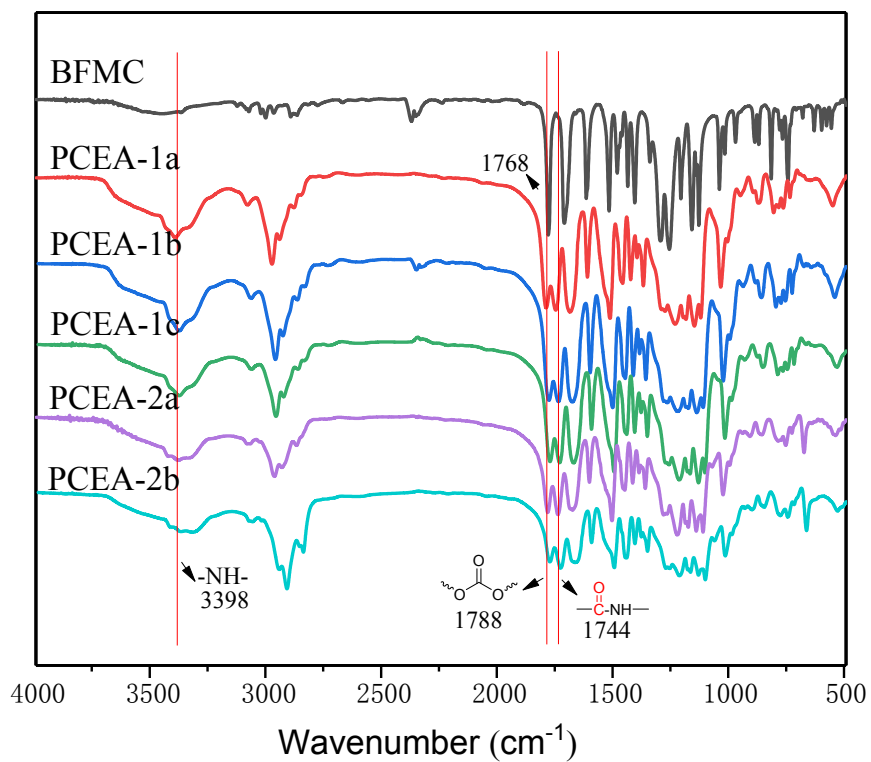


Figure S10. FTIR spectra of BFMC and representative resulting PCEAs.

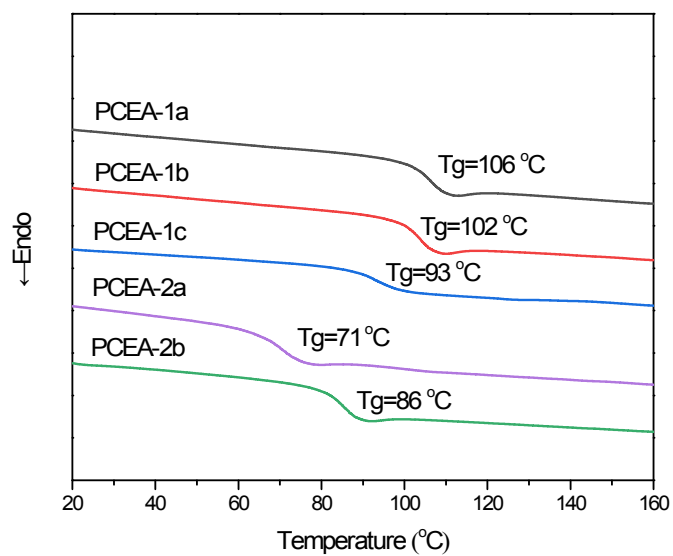


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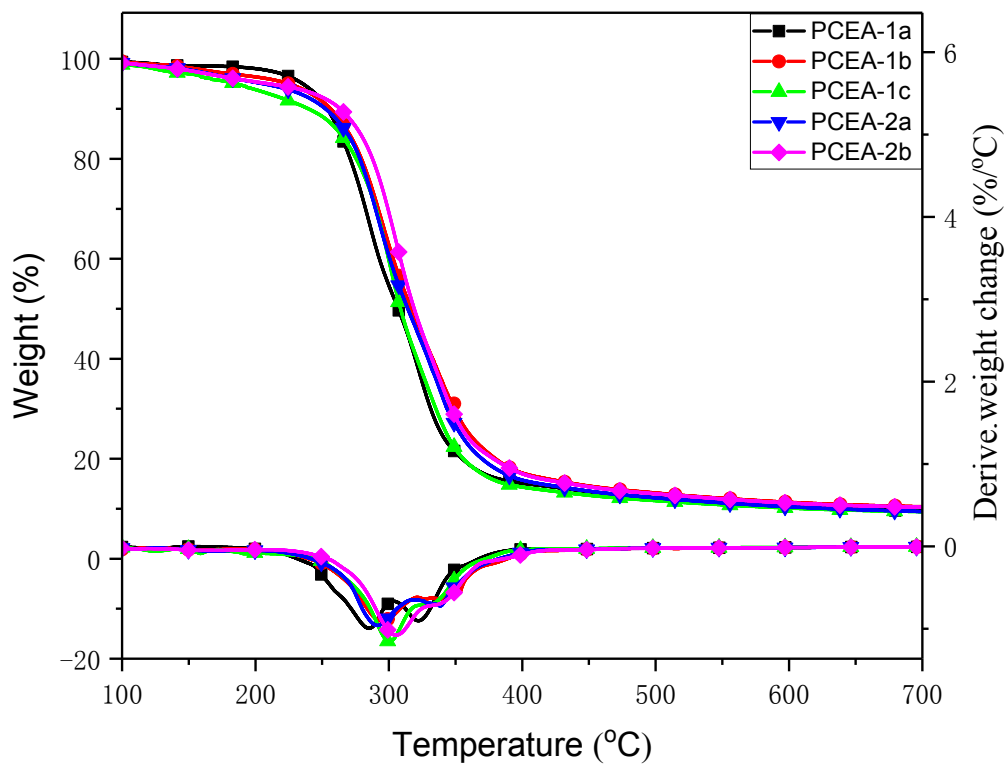


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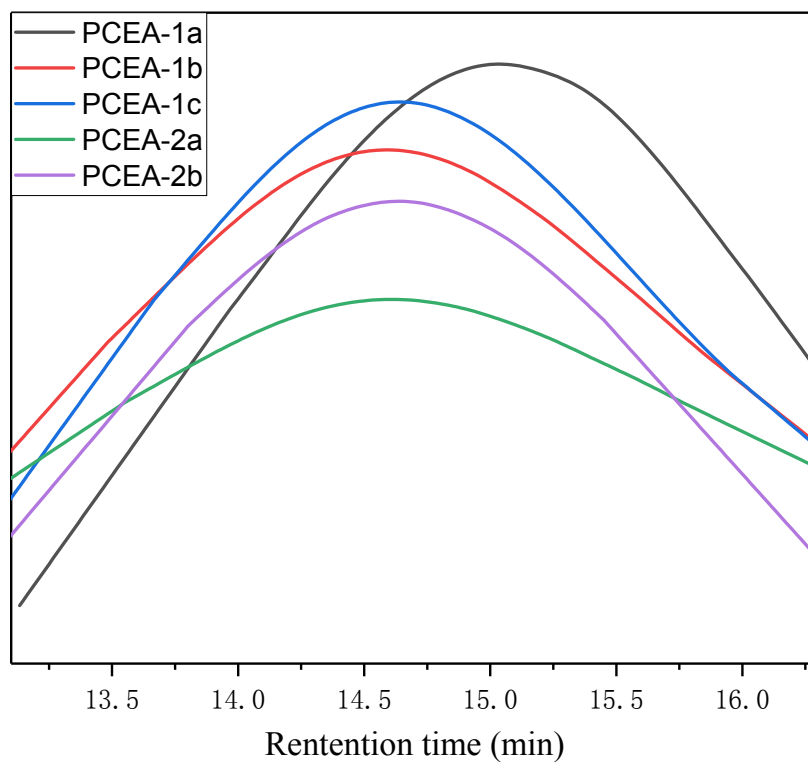


Figure S13. GPC analysis of PCEAs, (PCE-1a, $M_n=3456\text{g/mol}$, $\bar{D}=1.4$; PCE-1b, $M_n=4663\text{g/mol}$, $\bar{D}=1.6$; PCE-1c, $M_n=4734\text{g/mol}$, $\bar{D}=1.5$; PCE-2a, $M_n=4575\text{g/mol}$, $\bar{D}=1.6$; PCE-2b, $M_n=5251\text{g/mol}$, $\bar{D}=1.3$).

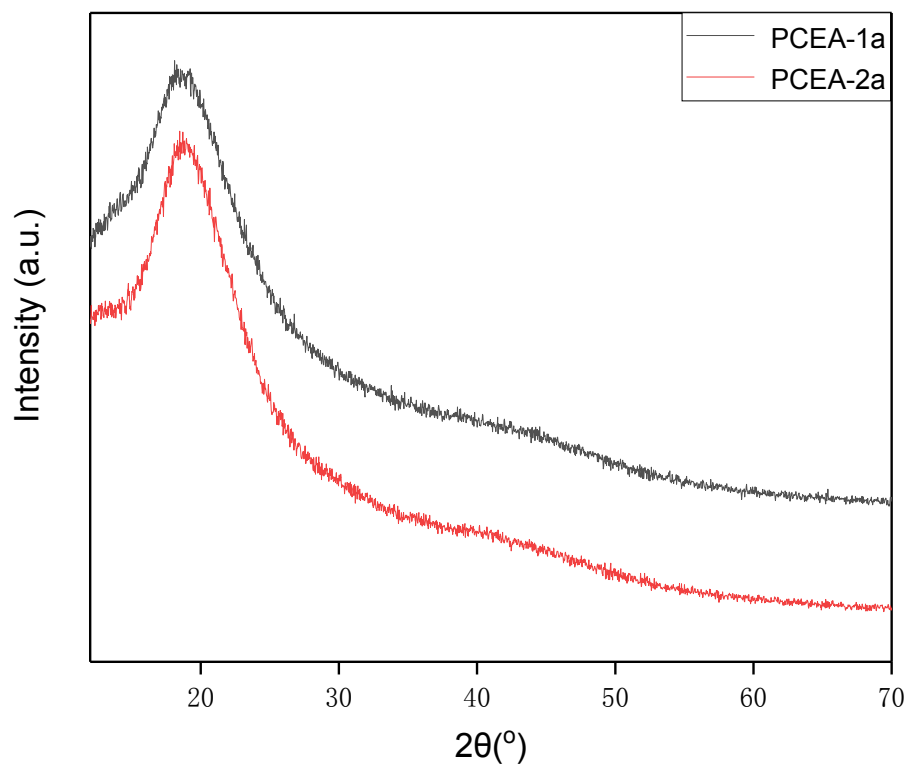


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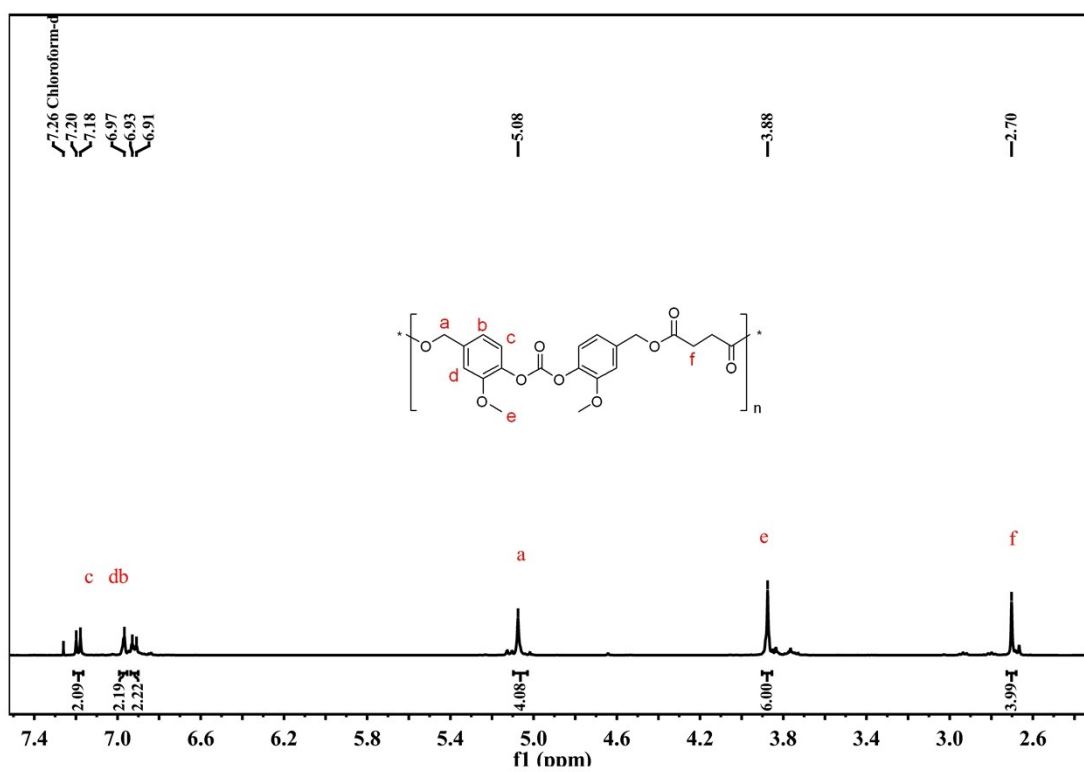


Figure S15. ^1H NMR of PCE-1 (400 MHz CDCl_3).

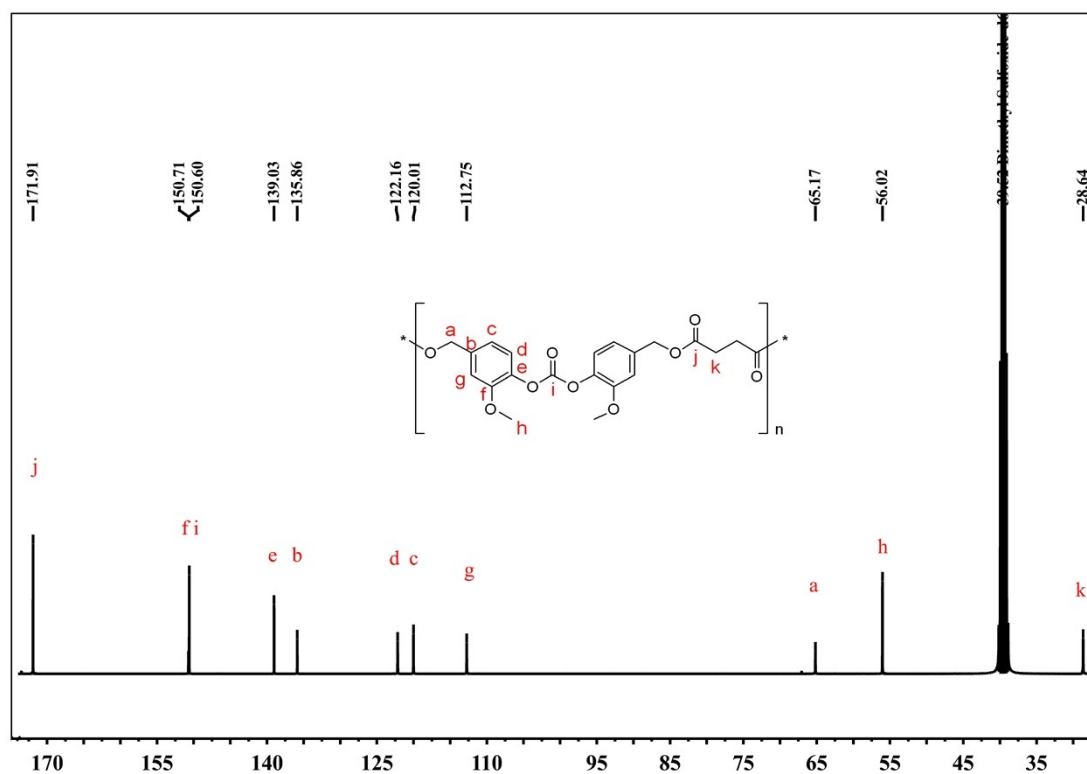


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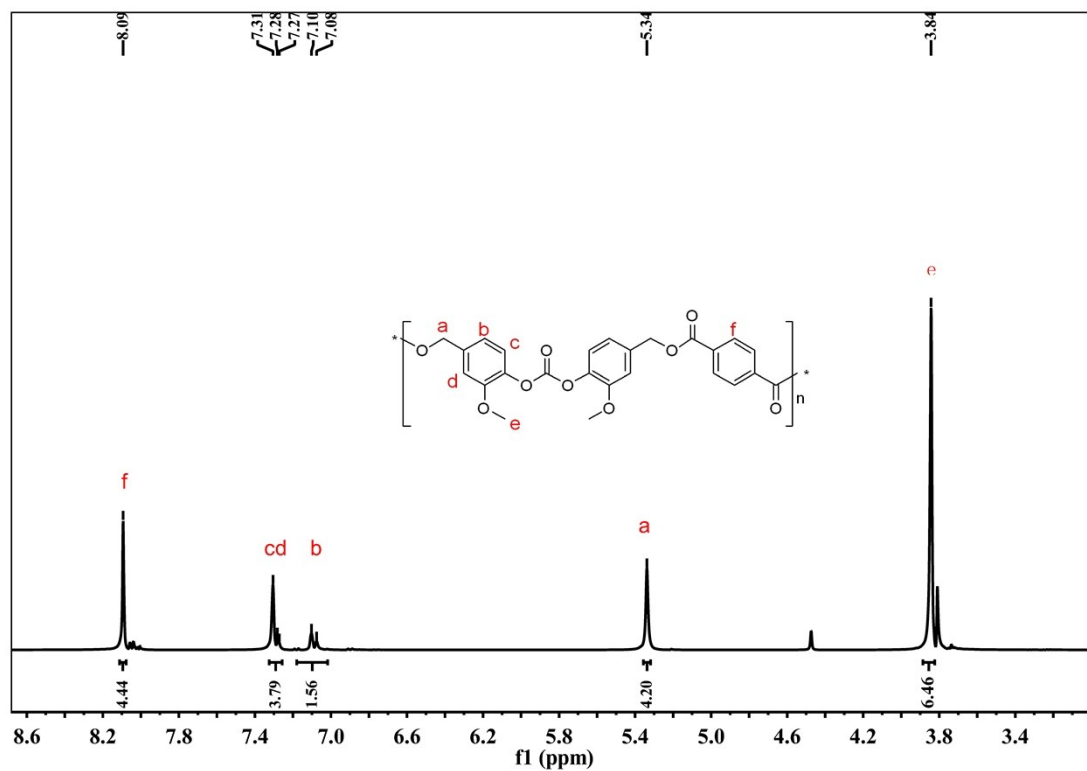
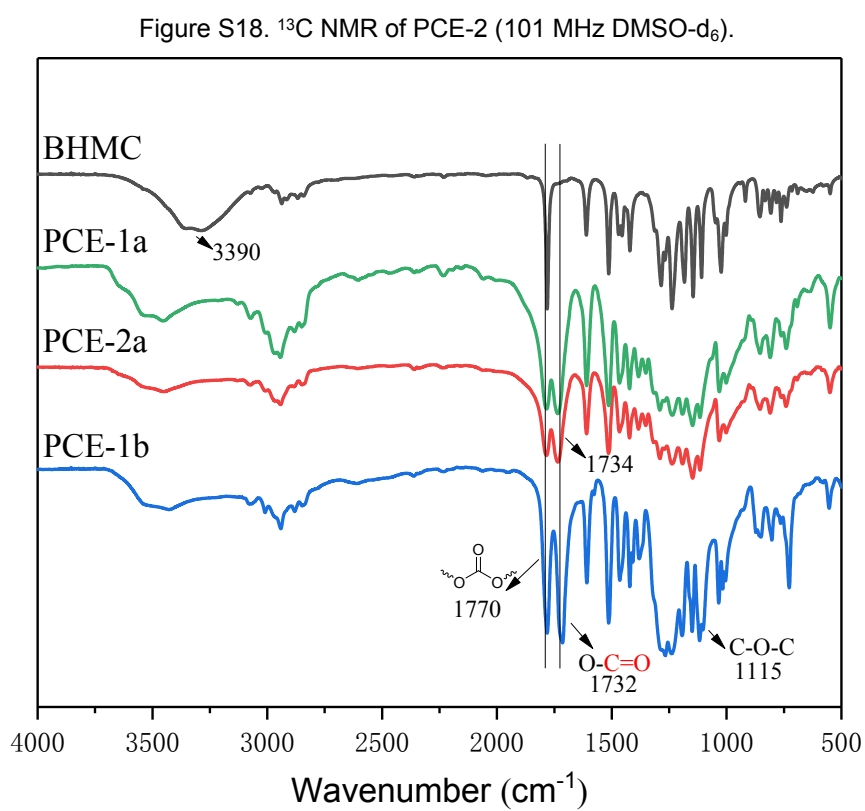
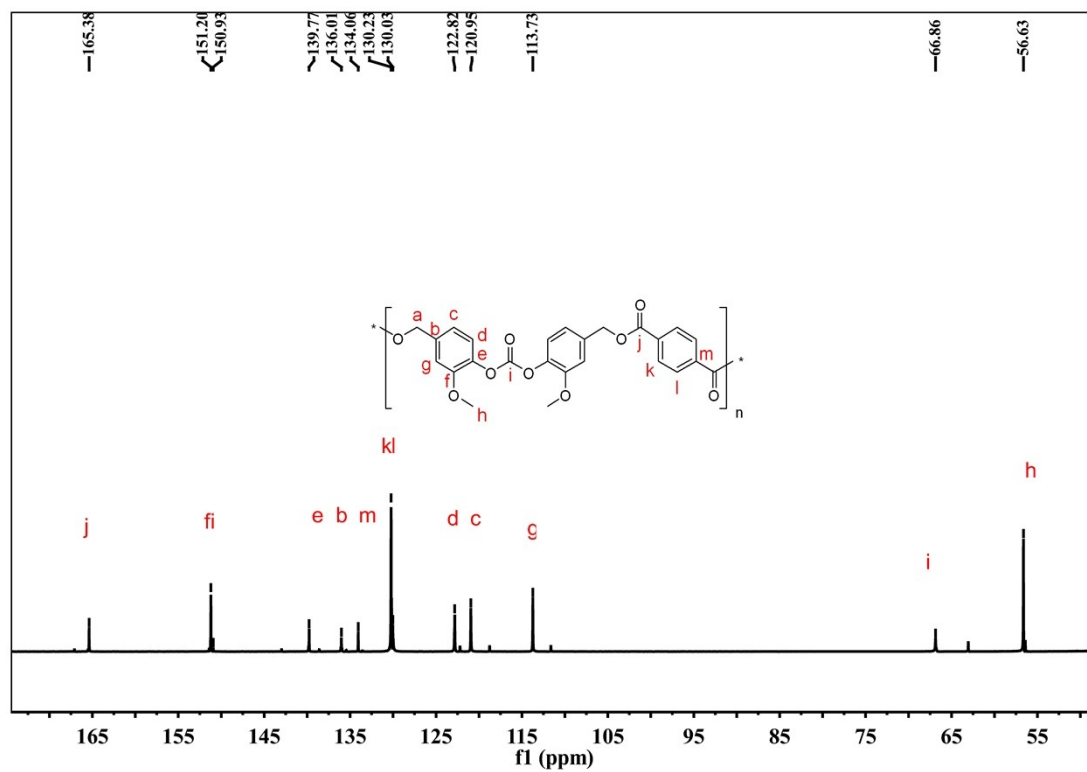


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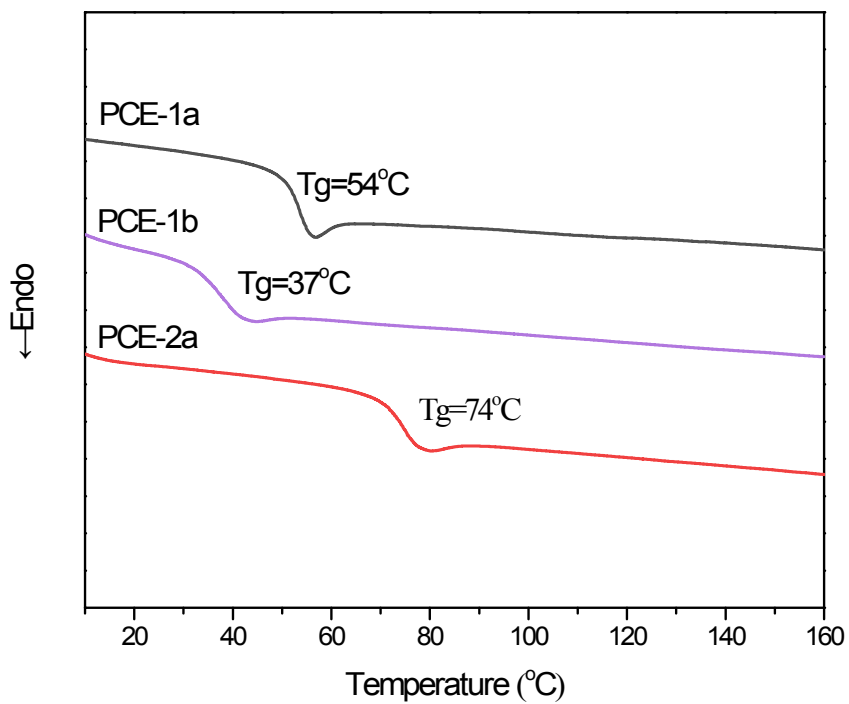


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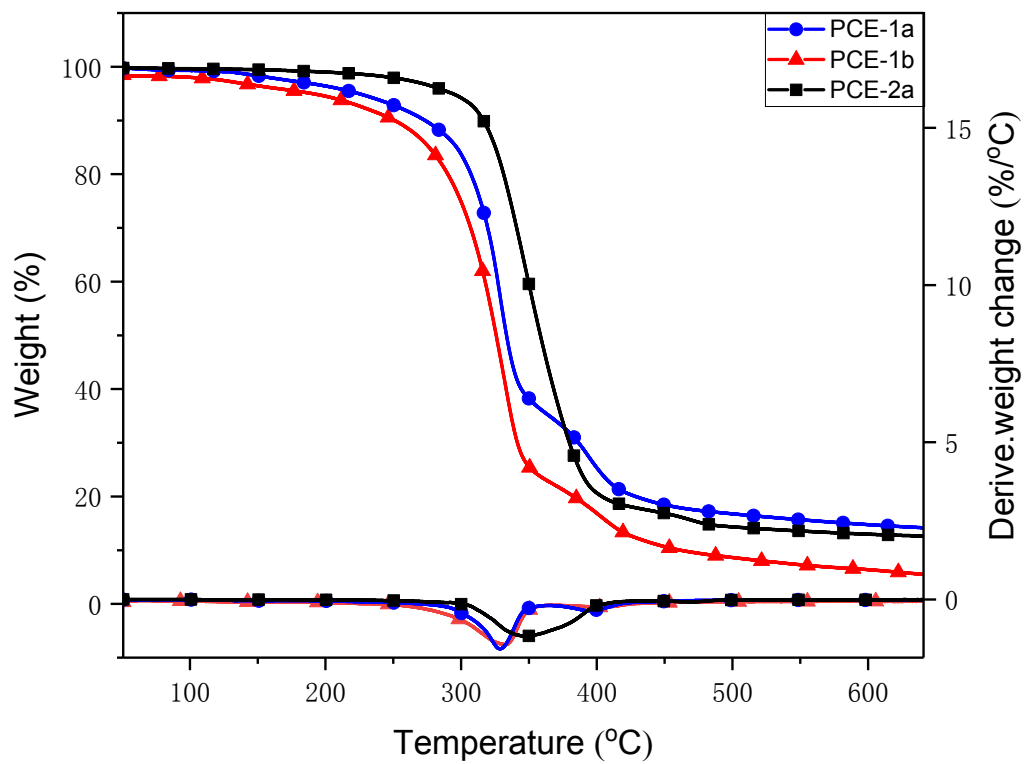


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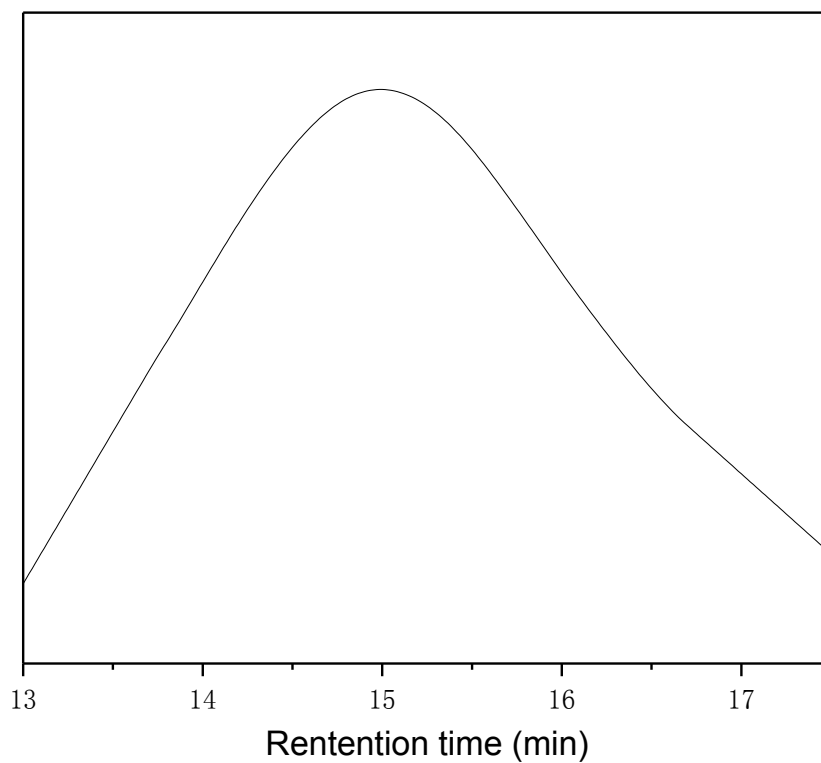


Figure S22. GPC analysis of PCE-1a, $M_n=5827$ g/mol, PDI=1.65.

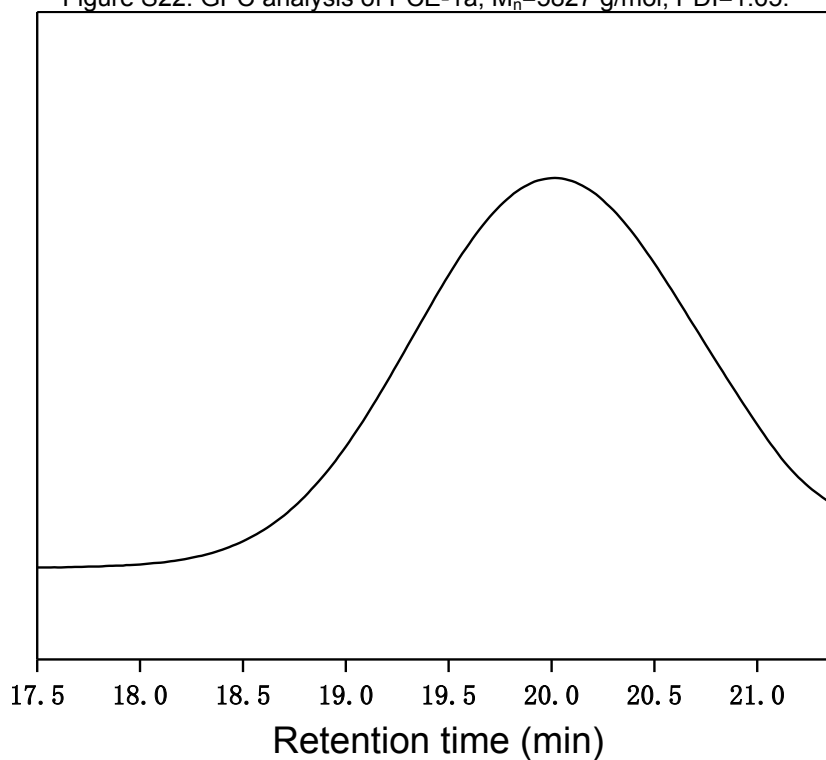


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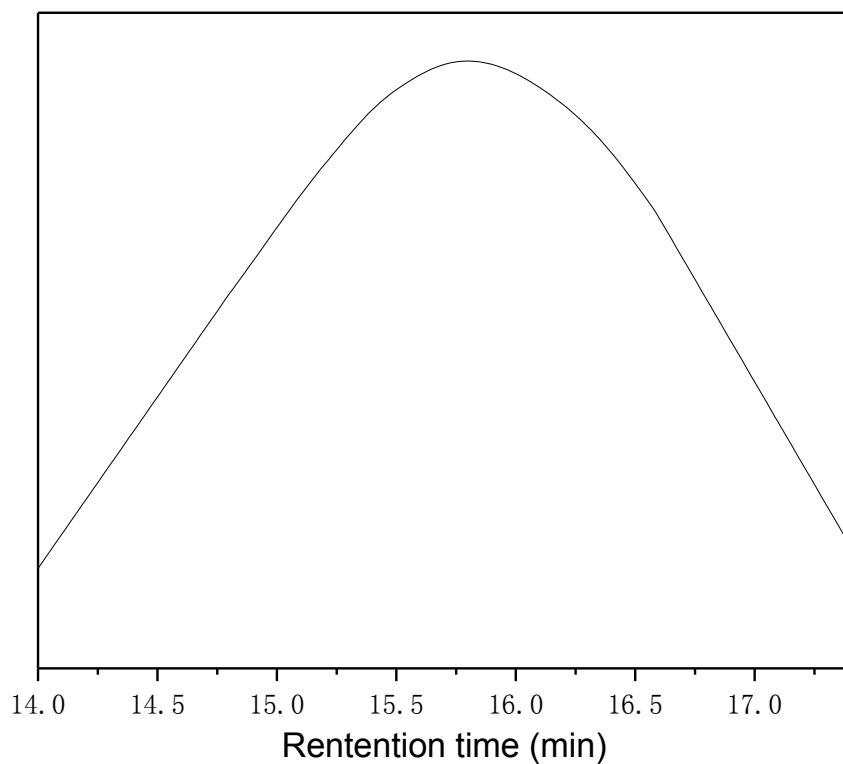


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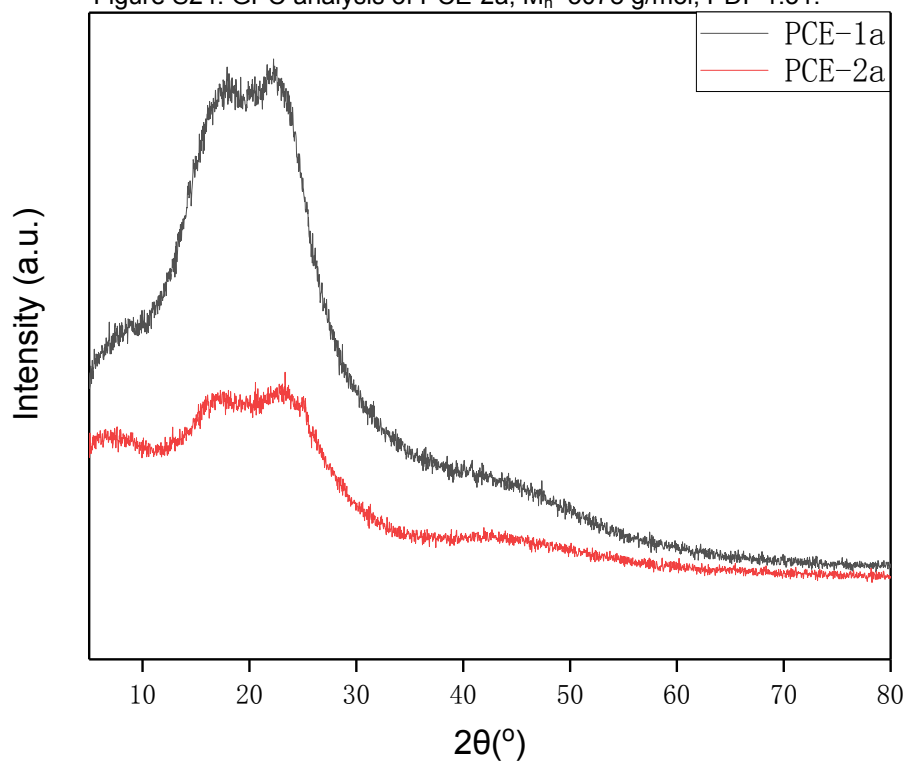
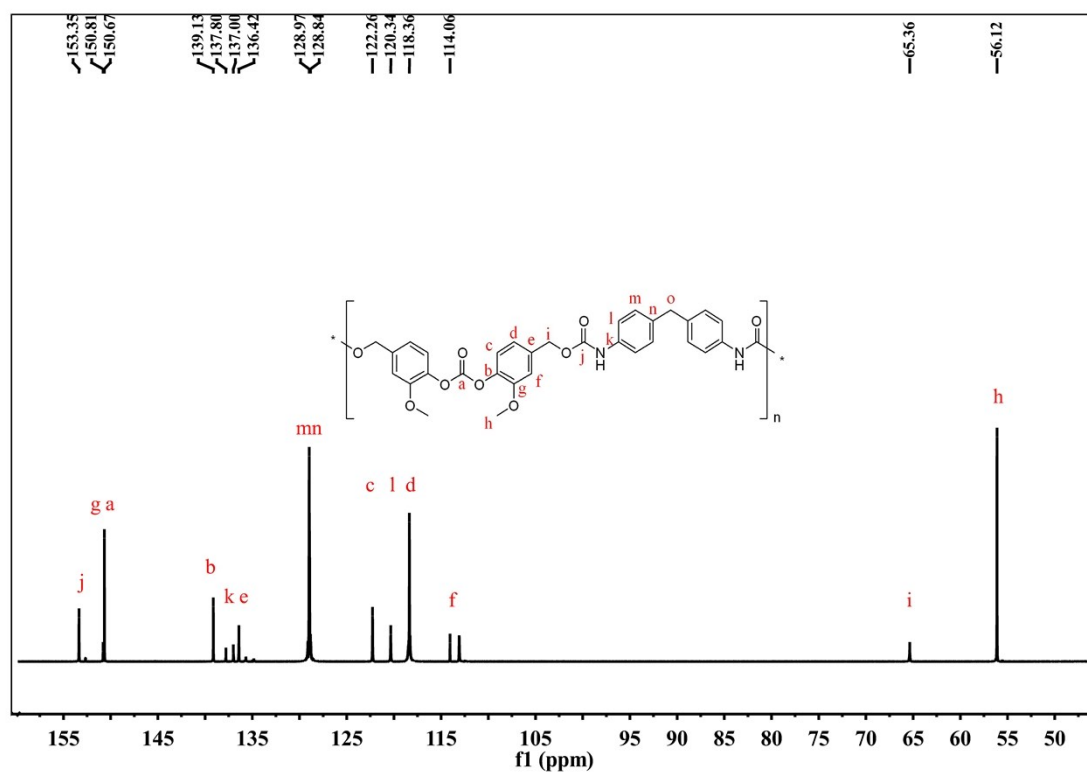
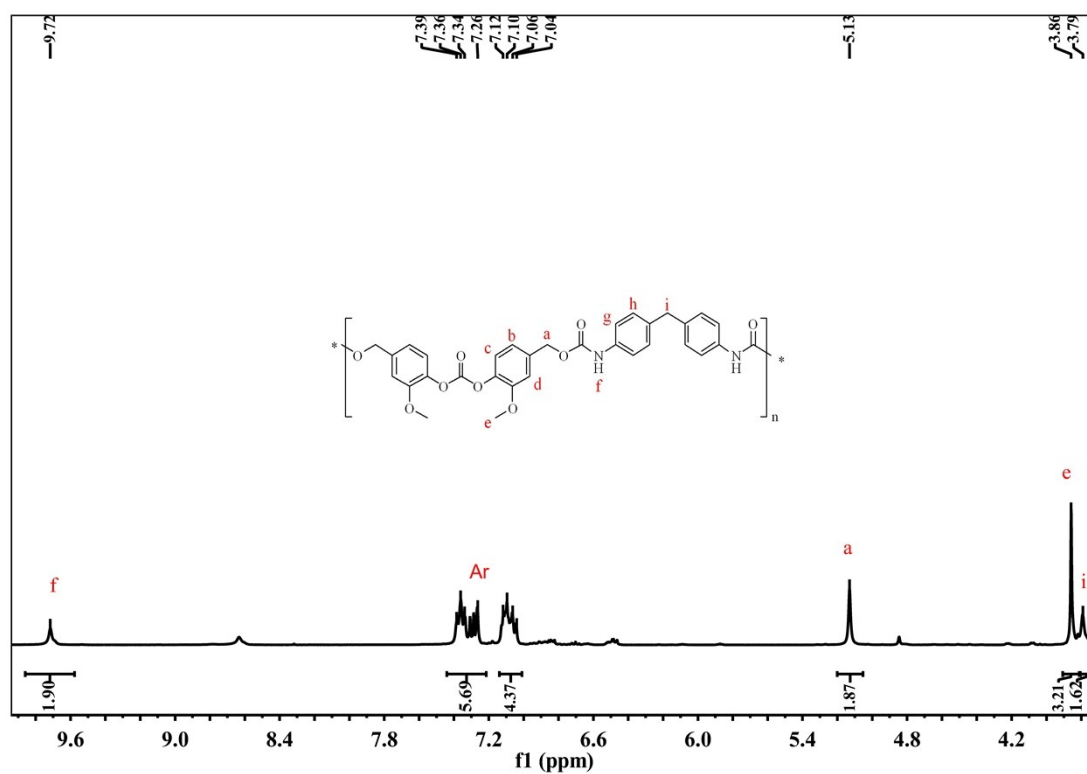
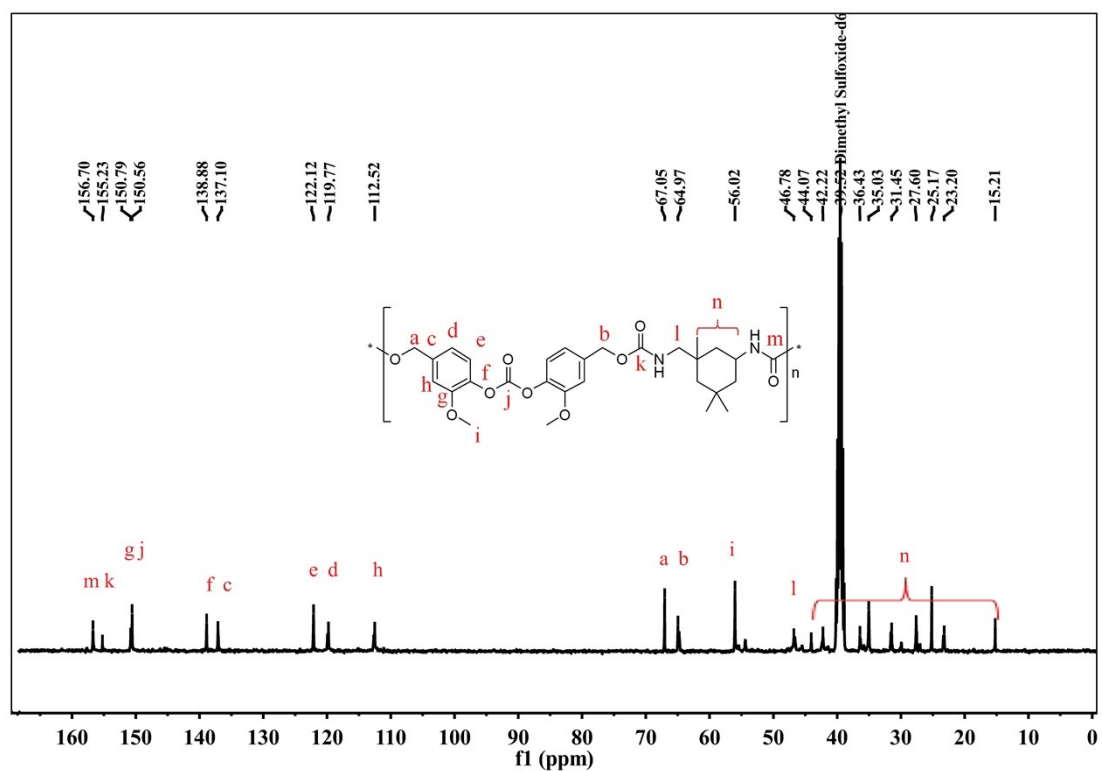
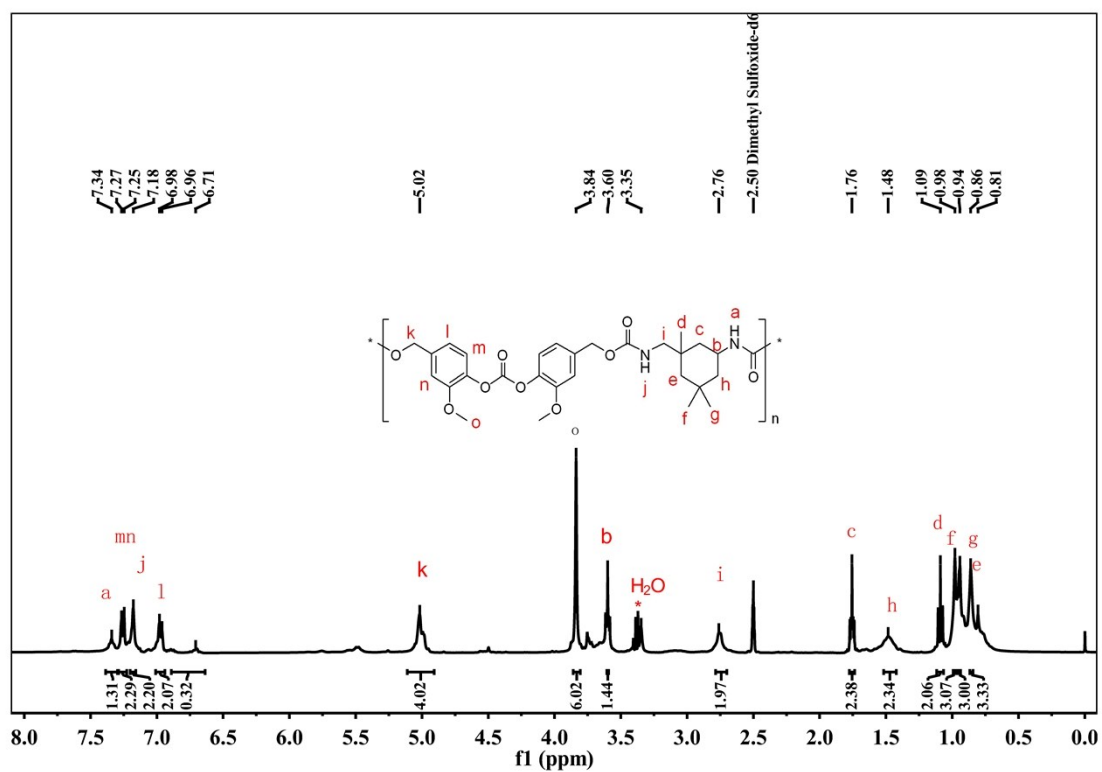


Figure S25. XRD curves of PCEs.





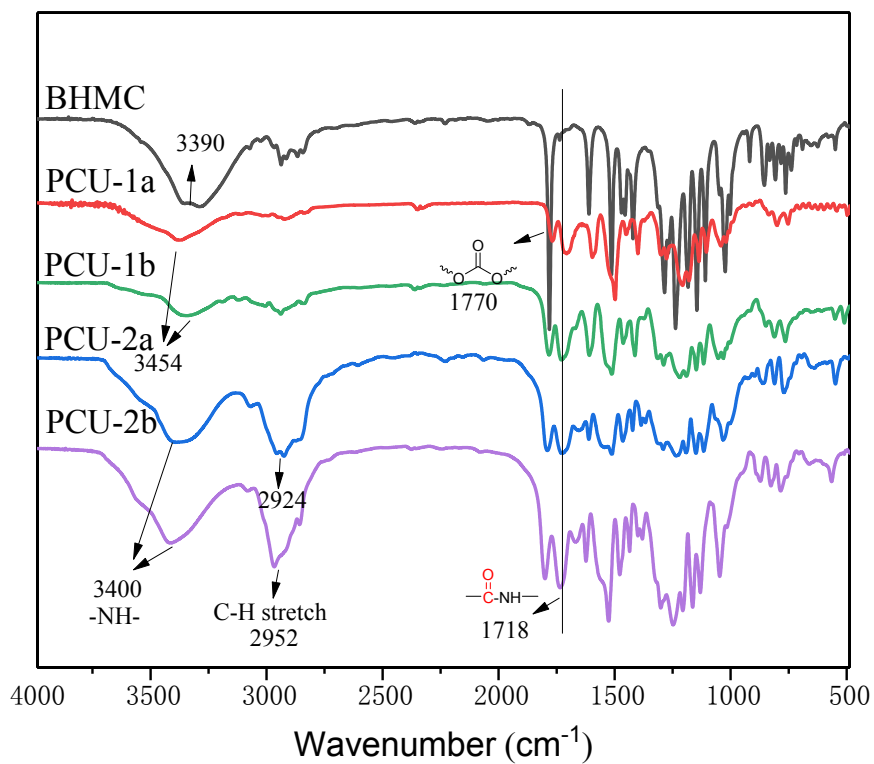


Figure S30. FTIR spectra of BHMC and representative resulting PCUs.

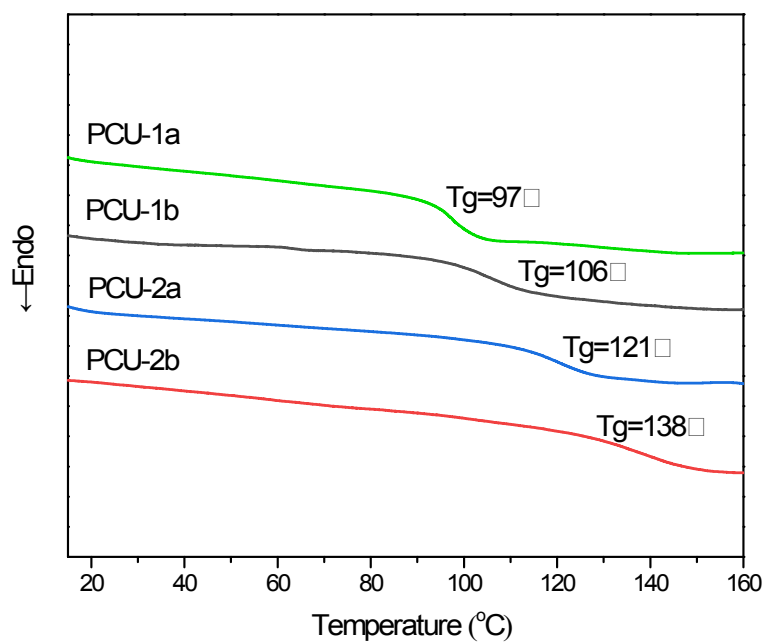


Figure S31. DSC curves of PCUs.

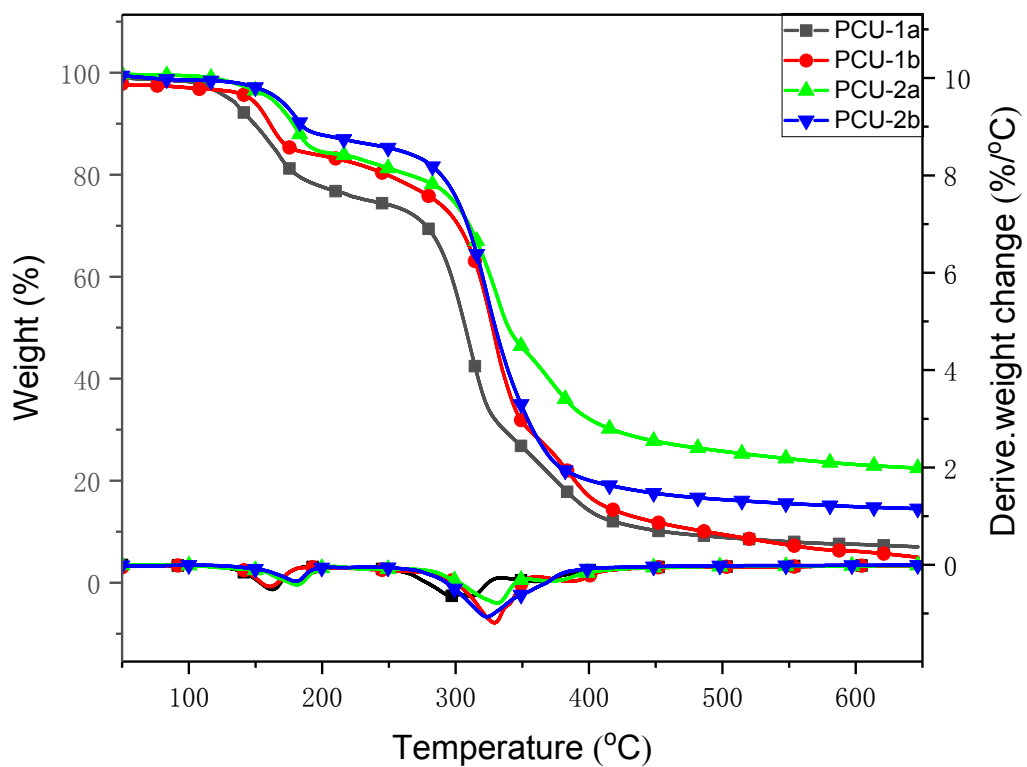


Figure S32. TGA and DTG curves of PCUs.

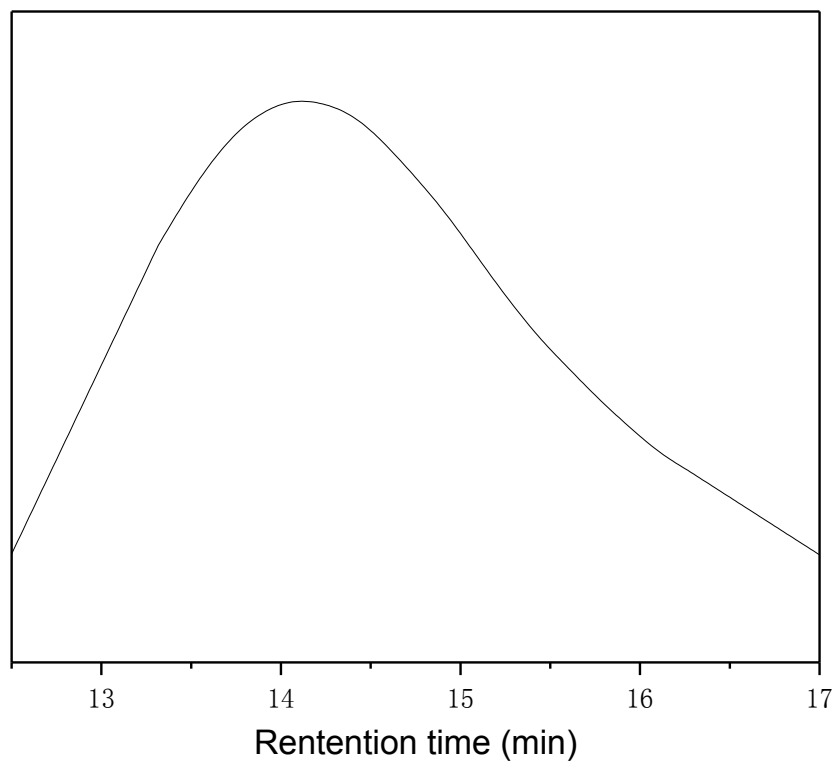


Figure S33. GPC analysis of PCU-1a, $M_n=15958$ g/mol, PDI=1.84.

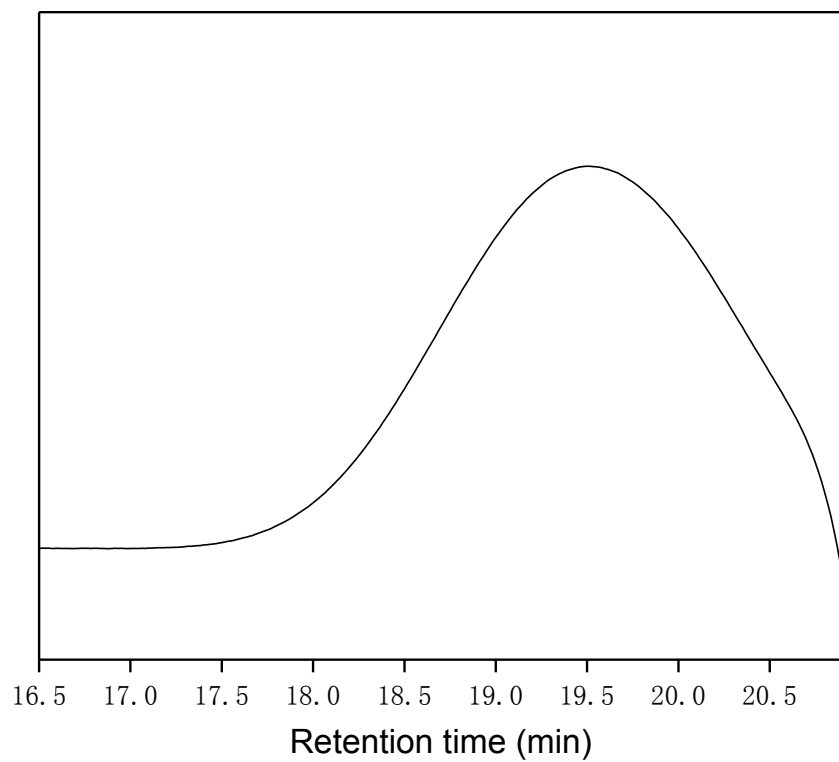


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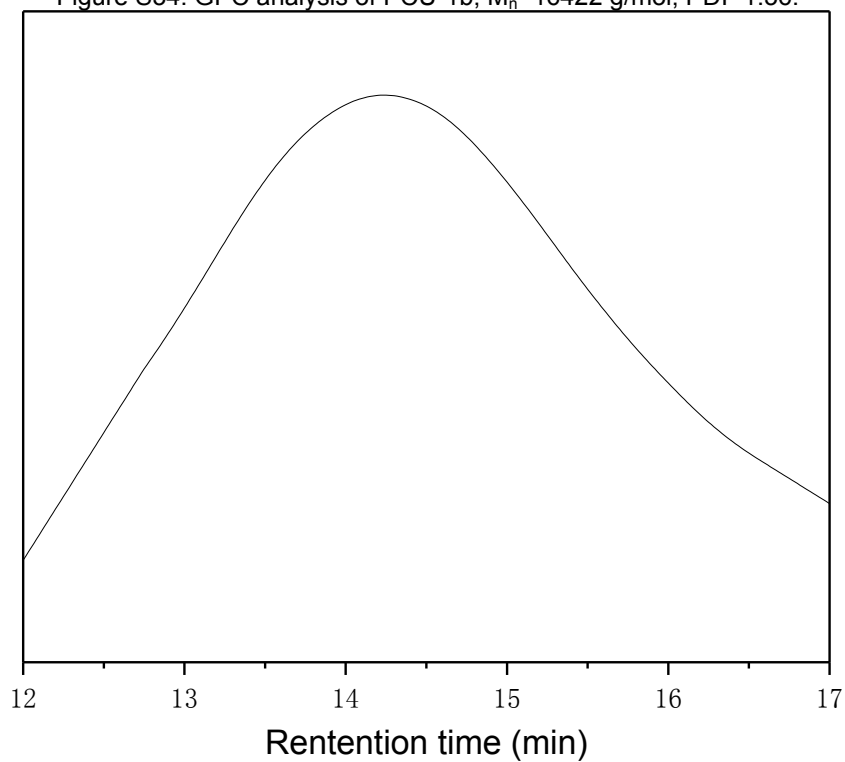


Figure S35. GPC analysis of PCU-2a, $M_n=19844$ g/mol, PDI=2.17.

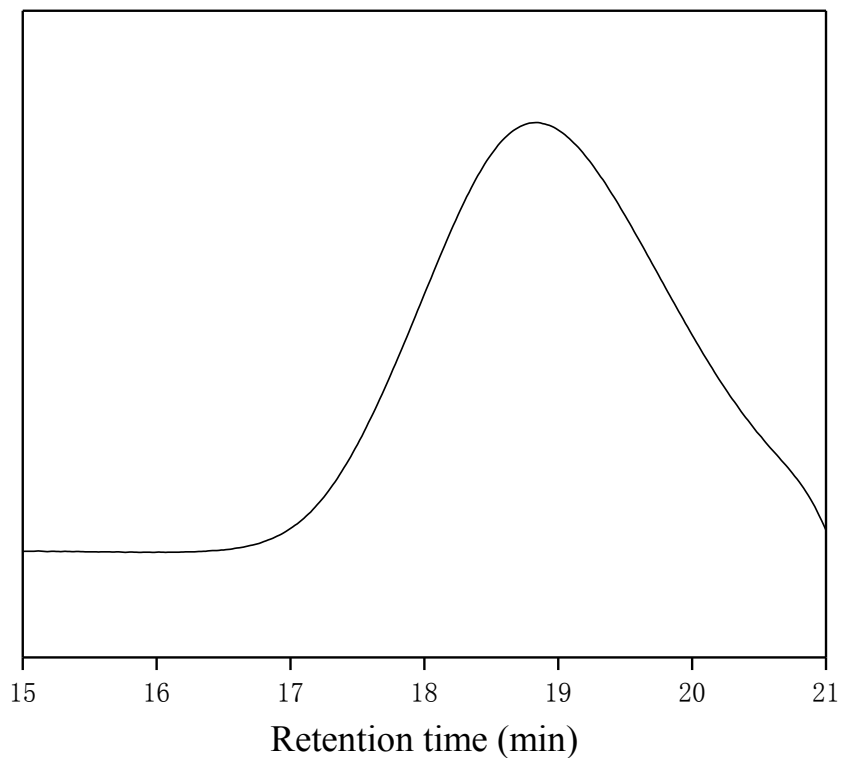


Figure S36. GPC analysis of PCU-2b, $M_n=24349$ g/mol, PDI=1.61.

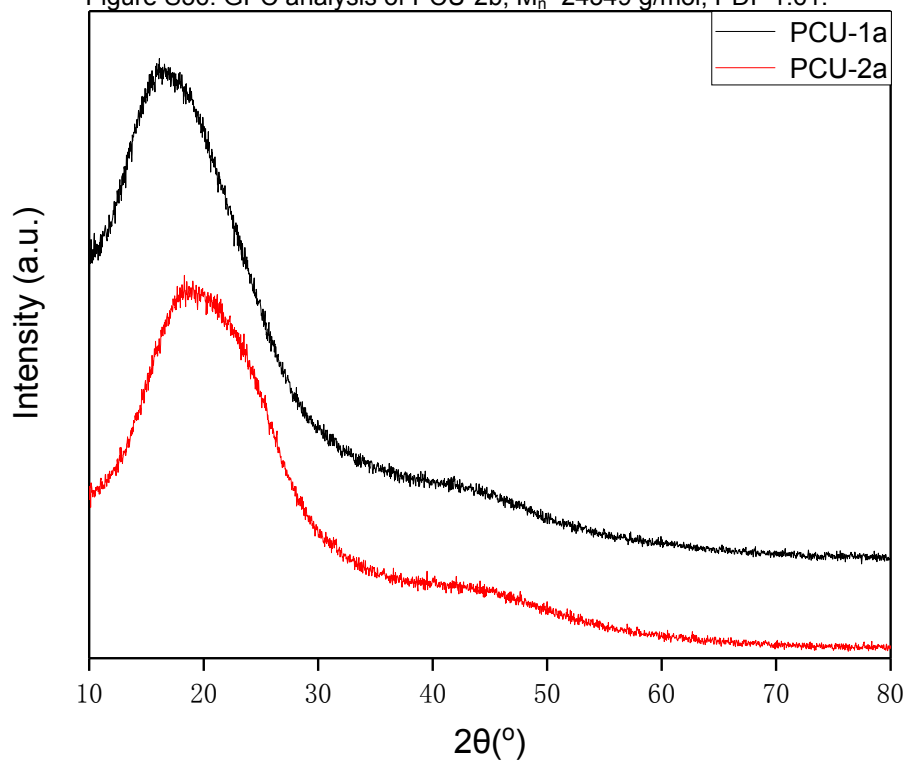


Figure S37. XRD curves of PCUs.

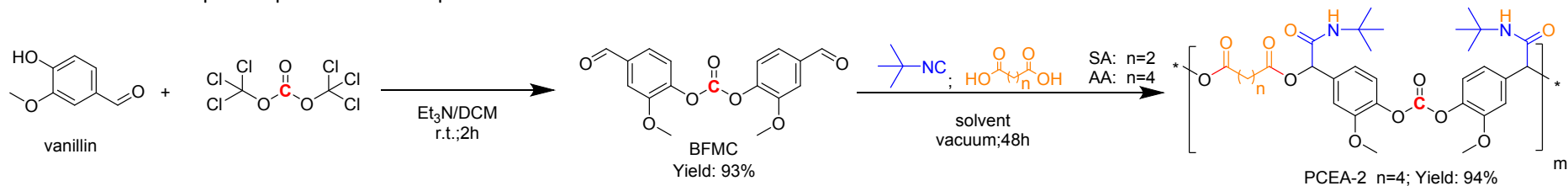
E-factor analysis of the process toward bio-based polyesters

R. A. Sheldon has proposed the environment impact factor (*E*-factor) to quantify the sustainability of a process¹⁻³. The *E*-factor is calculated by kilograms of waste generated including 10% of solvent losses divided by kilograms of desired product (Equation 1).

$$E\text{-factor} = \frac{\sum m (\text{rawmaterials}) + \sum m (\text{reagents}) + \sum m (\text{solvents}) \times 10\% - m (\text{product})}{m (\text{product})}$$

Herein we provide details of our *E*-factor analysis of the bio-based polyesters (Tables S1-S6). The overall process *E*-factor of vanillin-based polymer **PCEA-2b**, **PCE-1b** and **PCU-1b** were determined as 4.350, 12.135 and 8.976, kg/kg, respectively, which are in accordance with Sheldon's analysis of bulk and fine chemicals that have an *E*-factor of 4-50¹⁻³.

Table S1. Material input-output table for the process toward **PCEA-2b**.

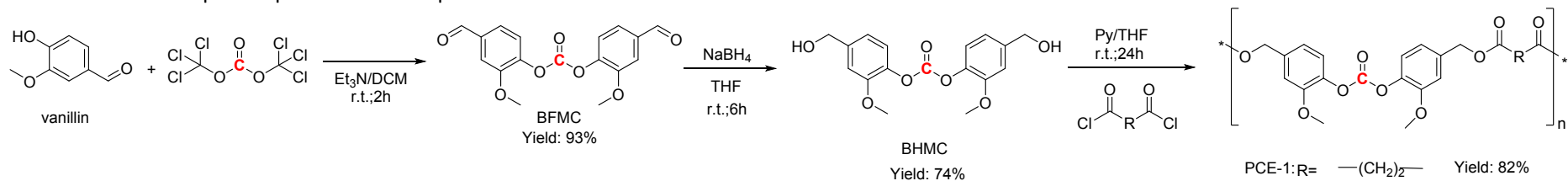


Step number	Input material	Input type	output material	MW (g/mol)	Density (g/mL)	Equiv.	Input mol	input weight (kg)	Input volume (L)	Output weight (kg)	Output mol	Yield
1	vanillin	Raw material		152.15		1	1.673	0.255				
	triphosgene	Raw material		296.75		0.167	0.279	0.083				
	triethylamine	Reagent		101.19	0.728	1.5	2.510	0.254				
	dichloromethane	Solvnet		84.93	1.325			39.750	30.000			
				BFMC	330.29						0.514	1.556
2	BFMC	Intermediate		330.29		1	1.556	0.514				
	Hexanedioic acid	Raw material		146.14		1	1.556	0.227				
	tert-butyl isonitrile	Raw material		83.13	0.735	2	3.112	0.259				
	dichloromethane	Solvnet		84.93	1.325			2.981	2.250			
				PCEA-2b	642.69						1.000	1.556

Table S2. E-factor analysis of the process toward **PCEA-2b**.

step number	Raw material (kg)	Reagent (kg)	Solvent	Product (kg)	step E-Factor	E-Factor
1	0.337	0.254	39.750	0.514	7.885	4.052
2	1.000	0.00	2.981	1.000	0.298	0.298
Total	0.823	0.254	42.731	1.000		4.350

Table S3. Material input-output table for the process toward **PCE-1a**.

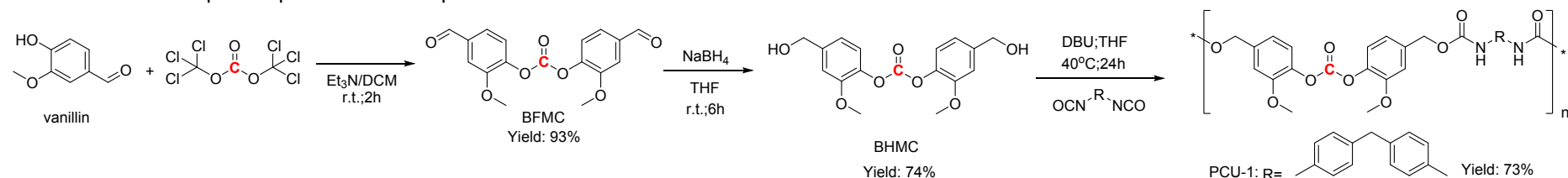


Step number	Input material	Input type	output material	MW (g/mol)	Density (g/mL)	Equiv.	Input mol	input weight (kg)	Input volume (L)	Output weight (kg)	Output mol	Yield
1	vanillin	Raw material		152.15		1.000	4.091	0.622				
	triphosgene	Raw material		296.75		0.167	0.682	0.202				
	triethylamine	Reagent		101.19	0.728	1.500	6.137	0.621				
	dichloromethane	Solvnet		84.93	1.325			92.750	70.000			
			BFMC	330.29						1.257	3.805	93%
2	BFMC	Intermediate		330.29		1.000	3.805	1.257				
	Sodium borohydride	Raw material		37.83		3.000	11.414	0.432				
	tetrahydrofuran	Solvnet		72.11	0.735			7.350	10.000			
			BHMC	334.32						1.094	3.272	86%
3	BHMC	Intermediate		334.32		1.000	3.272	1.094				
	Succinyl chloride	Raw material		154.98	1.407	1.000	3.272	0.507				
	pyridine	Reagent		79.1	0.983	0.022	0.072	0.006				
	tetrahydrofuran	Solvnet		72.11	0.735			7.350	10.000			
			PCE-1a	416.38						1.000	2.402	73.40 %

Table S4. E-factor analysis of the process toward **PCE-1a**.

step number	Raw material (kg)	Reagent (kg)	Solvent	Product (kg)	step E-Factor	E-Factor
1	0.825	0.621	92.750	1.257	7.531	9.464
2	1.688	0.000	7.350	1.094	1.215	1.330
3	1.601	0.006	7.350	1.000	1.342	1.342
Total	1.764	0.627	107.45	1.000		12.135

Table S5. Material input-output table for the process toward **PCU-1b**.



Step number	Input material	Input type	output material	MW (g/mol)	Density (g/mL)	Equiv	Input mol	input weight (kg)	Input volume (L)	Output weight (kg)	Output mol	Yield
1	vanillin	Raw material		152.15		1.000	3.060	0.466				
	triphosgene	Raw material		296.75		0.167	0.510	0.151				
	triethylamine	Reagent		101.19	0.728	1.500	4.591	0.465				
	dichloromethane	Solvnet		84.93	1.325			66.250	50.000			
			BFMC	330.29						0.940	2.846	93%
2	BFMC	Intermediate		330.29		1.000	2.846	0.940				
	Sodium borohydride	Raw material		37.83		3.000	8.538	0.323				
	tetrahydrofuran	Solvnet		72.11	0.735			5.880	8.000			
			BHMC	334.32						0.818	2.448	86%
3	BHMC	Intermediate		334.32		1.000	2.448	0.818				
	diphenylmethane diisocyanate	Raw material		250.25		1.000	2.448	0.613				
	DBU	Reagent		152.24	1.019	0.030	0.073	0.011				
	tetrahydrofuran	Solvnet		72.11	0.735			7.350	10.000			
			PCU-1b	556.61						1.000	1.797	73.40 %

Table S6. E-factor analysis of the process toward **PCU-1b**.

step number	Raw material (kg)	Reagent (kg)	Solvent	Product (kg)	step E-Factor	E-Factor
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1	0.617	0.465	66.250	0.940	7.198	6.766
2	1.263	0.000	5.880	0.818	1.262	1.033
3	1.431	0.011	7.350	1.000	1.177	1.177
Total	1.553	0.476	79.48	1.000		8.976
