

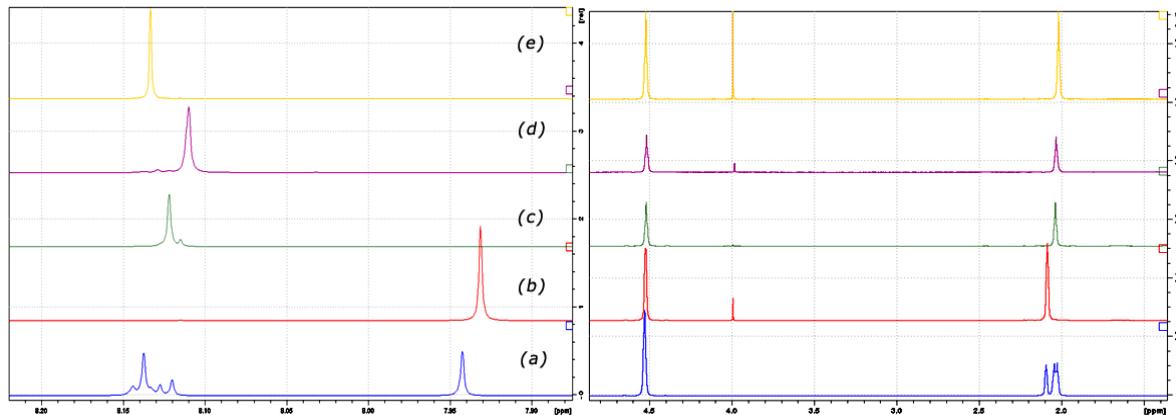
**Isolation, characterisation and structural elucidation of polybutylene terephthalate cyclic oligomers and purity assessment by a  $^1\text{H}$  qNMR method**

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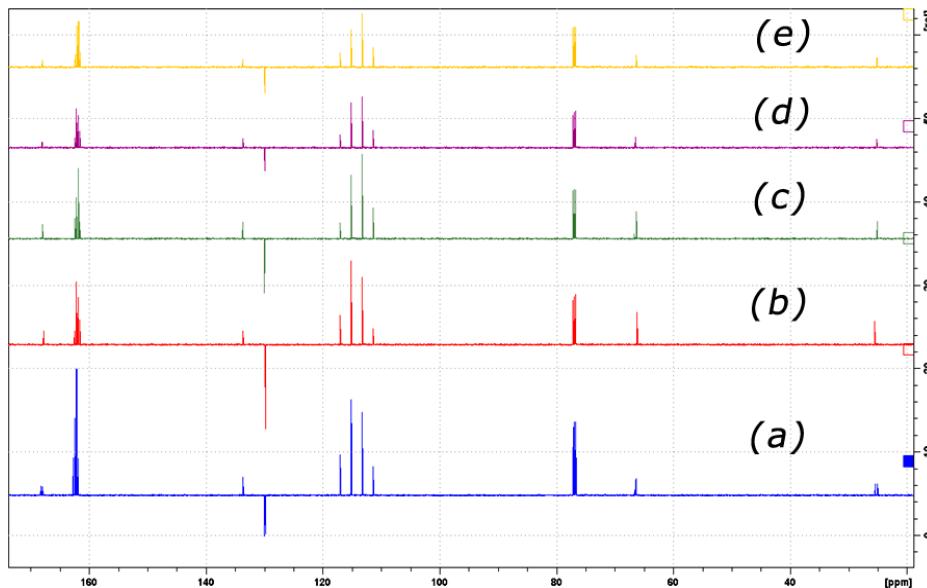
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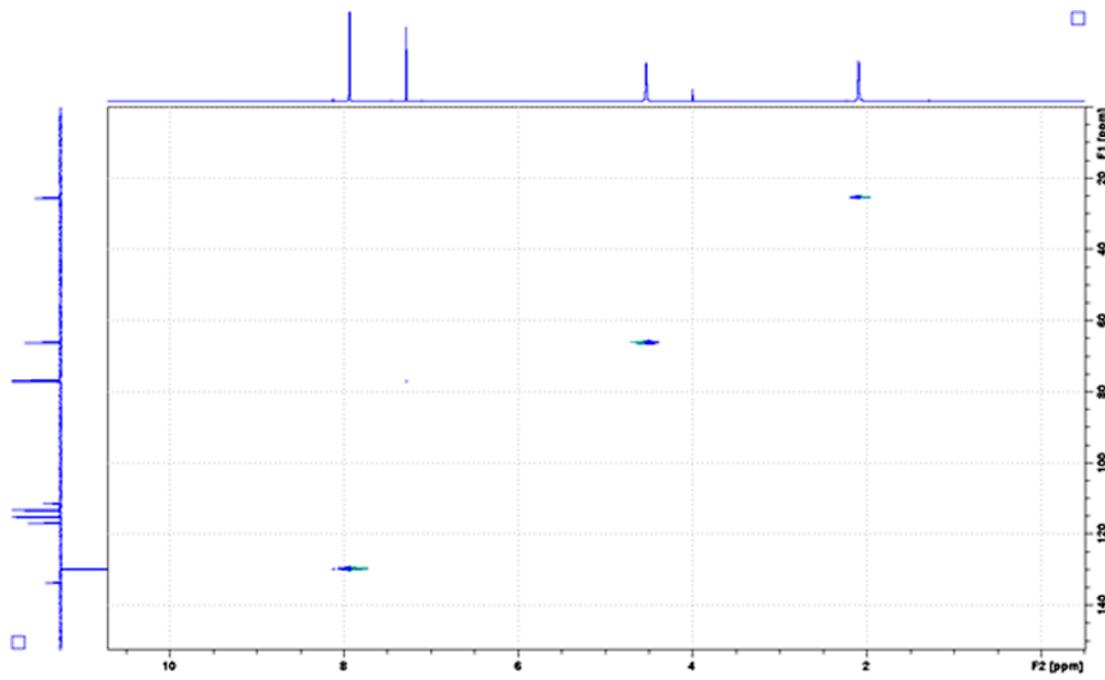
**Supplementary information**



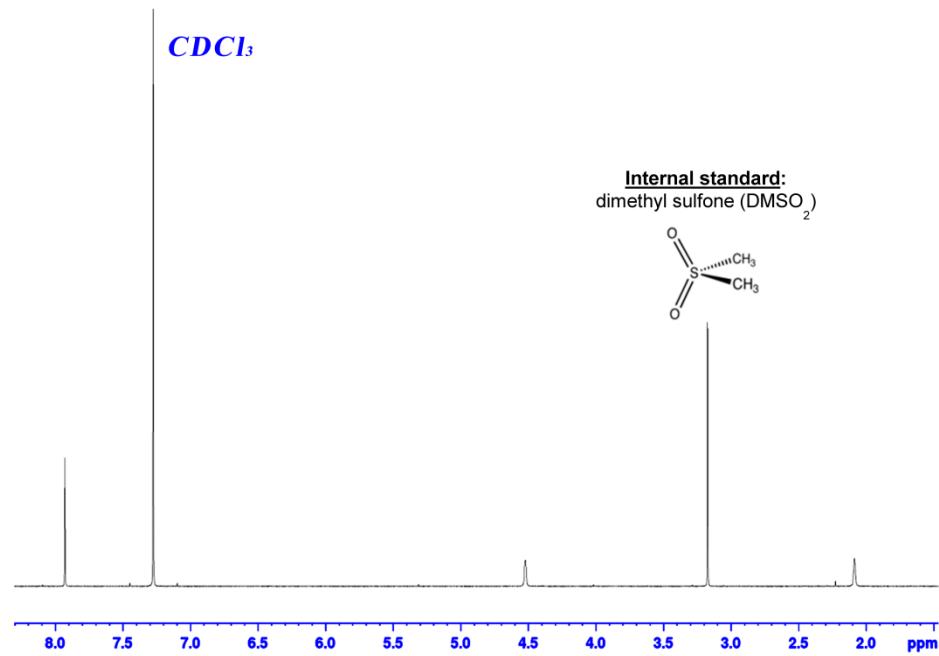
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of FCM 885 and 4 PBT cyclic dimer, trimer, tetramer and pentamer; (a) Mixture, (b) PBT dimer, (c) PBT trimer, (d) PBT tetramer, (e) PBT pentamer.



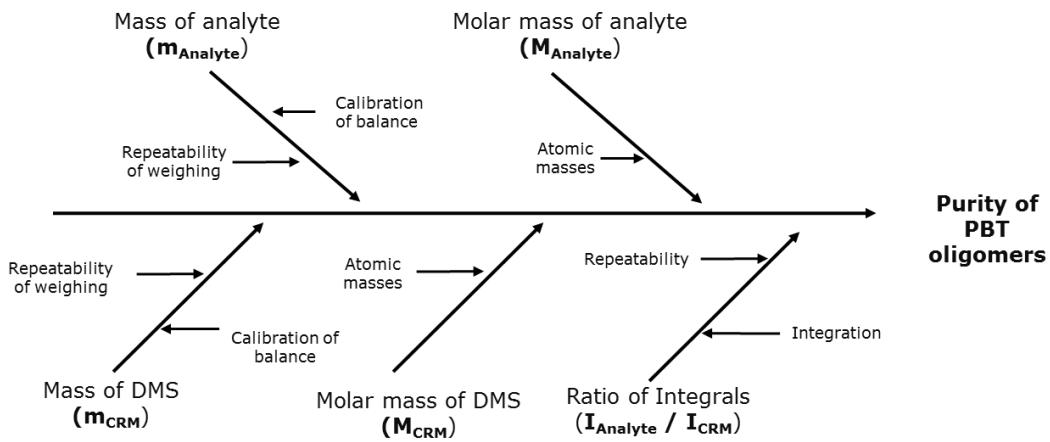
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of FCM 885 and 4 PBT cyclic dimer, trimer, tetramer and pentamer; (a) Mixture, (b) PBT dimer, (c) PBT trimer, (d) PBT tetramer, (e) PBT pentamer.



**Figure S3:** Monodimensional  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR and  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR of PBT cyclic dimer



**Figure S4.** qNMR spectra of the PBT cyclic dimer, using dimethyl sulfone as internal standard.



**Figure S5.** Cause-effect diagram of uncertainty contributions.

**Table S1.** Purity and expanded uncertainty assessment for the isolated PBT cyclic oligomers by qNMR.

	PBT Cyclic dimer Value	PBT Cyclic trimer Value	PBT Cyclic tetramer Value	PBT Cyclic pentamer Value
$I_{\text{Analyte}}/I$	9.9 ( $\pm 0.05$ )	0.5 %	9.9 ( $\pm 0.04$ )	0.4 %
$I_{\text{CRM}}^*$	18.3 ( $\pm 0.08$ )	0.4 %	14.2 ( $\pm 0.06$ )	0.4 %
$N_{\text{CRM}}$	6	0	6	0
$N_{\text{Analyte}}$	4	0	4	0
$m_{\text{CRM}}$ (mg)	1.0	0.1	1.1	0.1
$m_{\text{ANALYTE}}$ (mg)	2.0	0.1	2.7	0.1
$M_{\text{Analyte}}$ (g/mol)	440.441	0.015 %	660.662	0.013 %
$M_{\text{CRM}}$ (g/mol)	94.13	0.001 %	94.13	0.001 %
$P_{\text{CRM}}$ (DMS)%	99.96	0.15 %	99.96	0.15 %
<b>Purity (%)</b>	96.5	97.0	96.1	96.4
<b>Relative Uncertainty (k=2); U (%)</b>	1.3 %	1.1 %	1.2 %	1.3 %