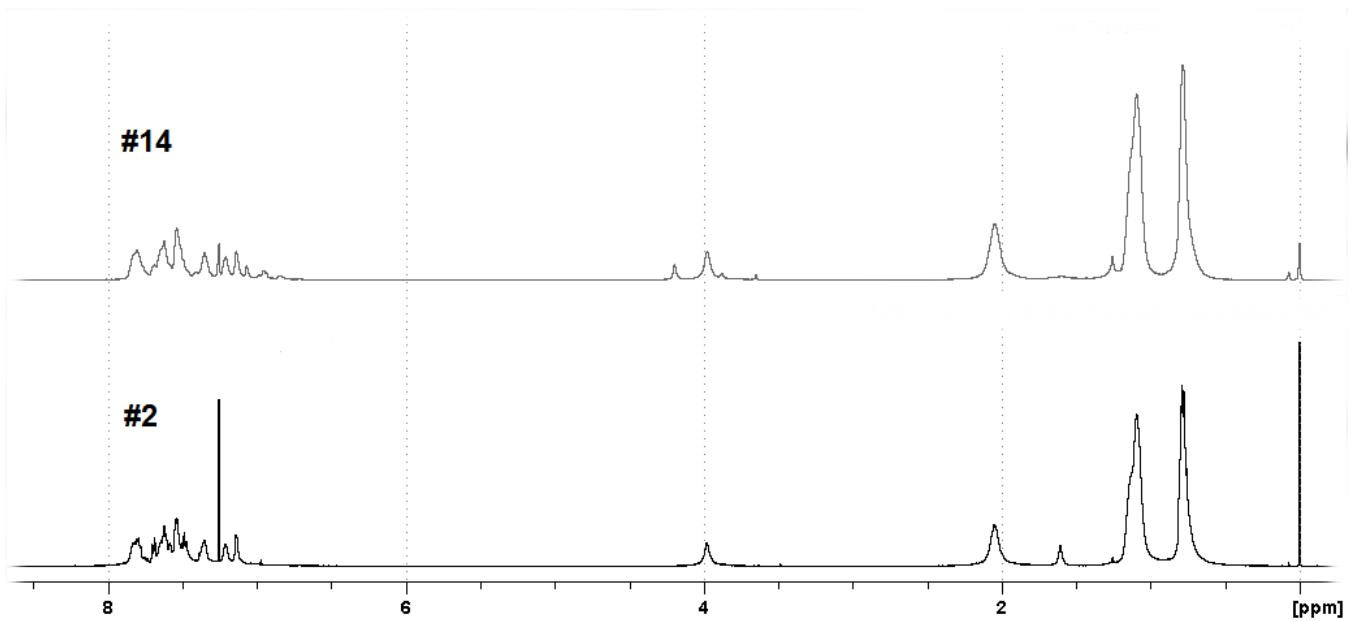


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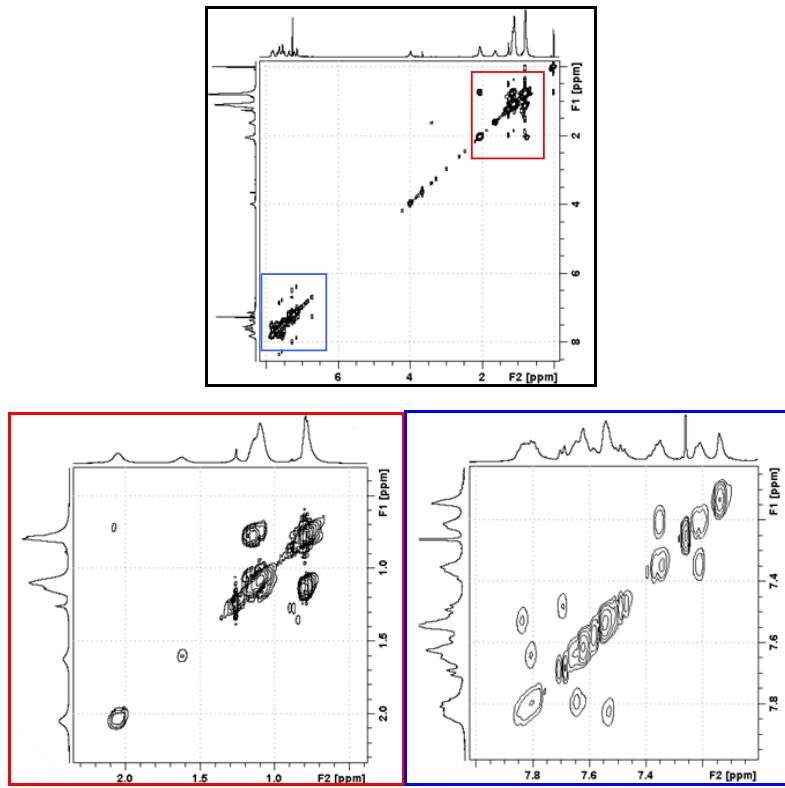
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## **Supplementary Data, Summary:**

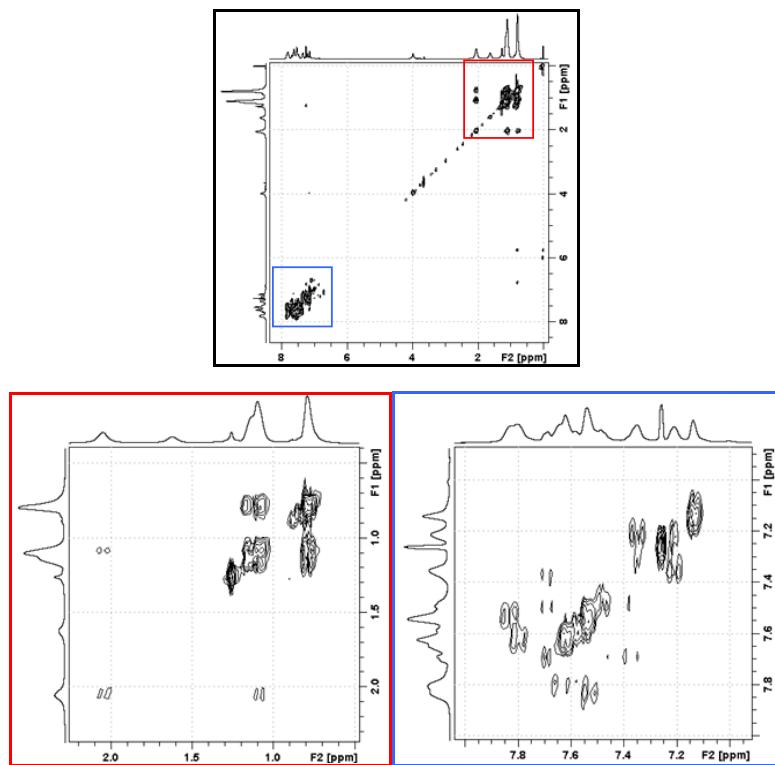
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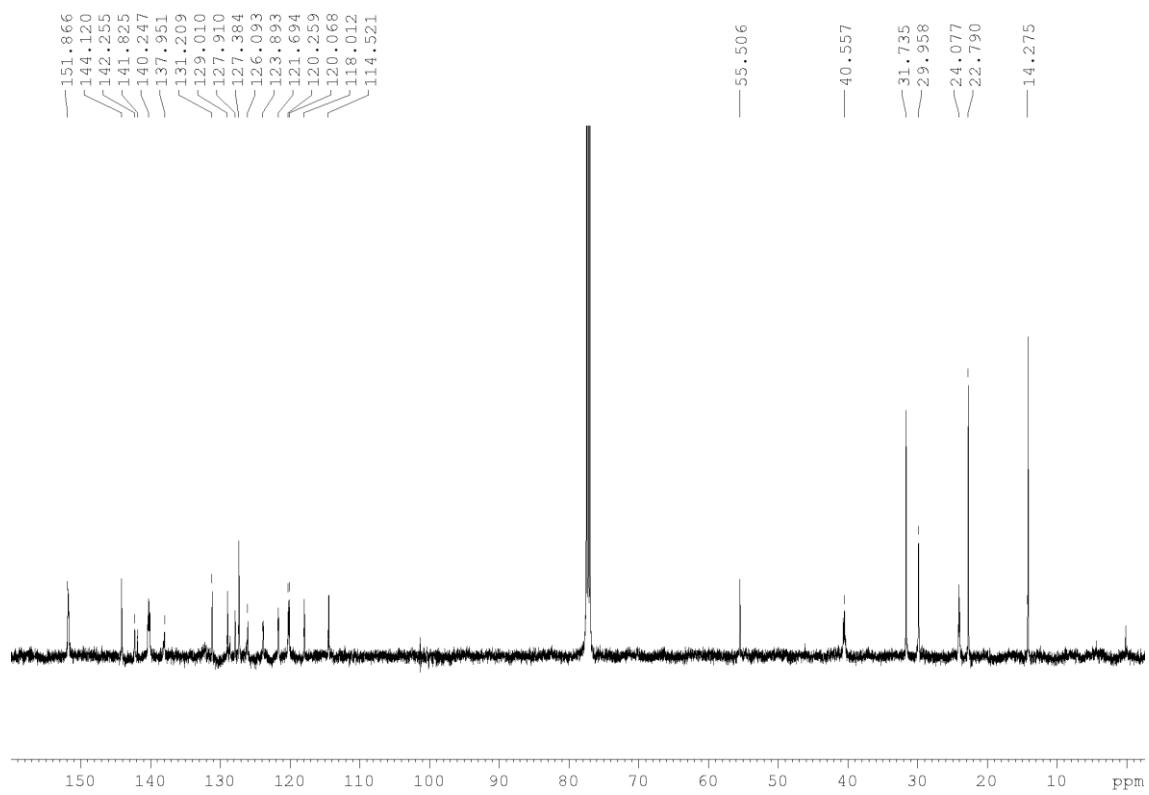
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra comparatives of PAF batches (#14, %RR=69, Mw: 6450kg/mol; and #2, %RR=87%, Mw: 20775kg/mol) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500MHz.



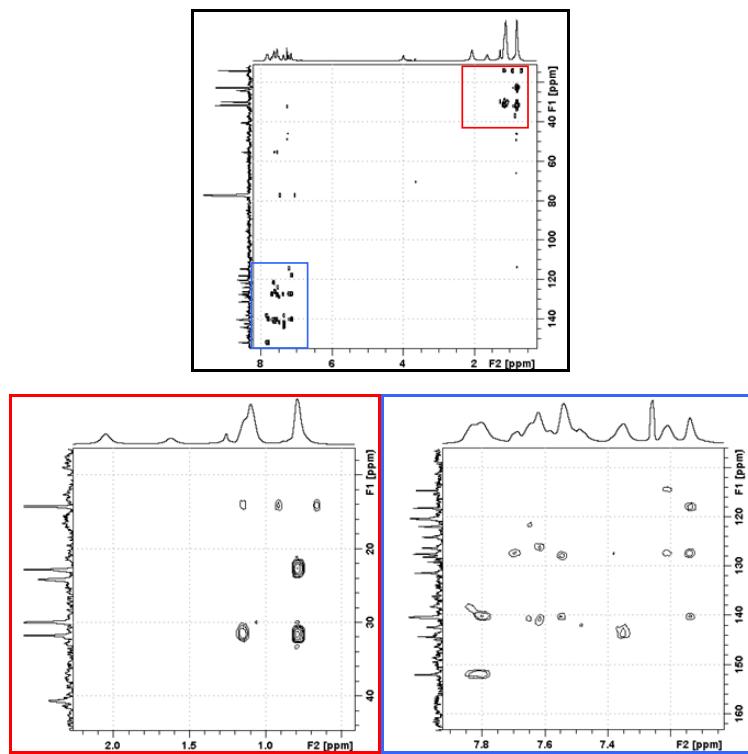
**Figure S2.** 2D  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY NMR spectra of PAF (top). Aliphatic (red) and aromatic (blue) zones.



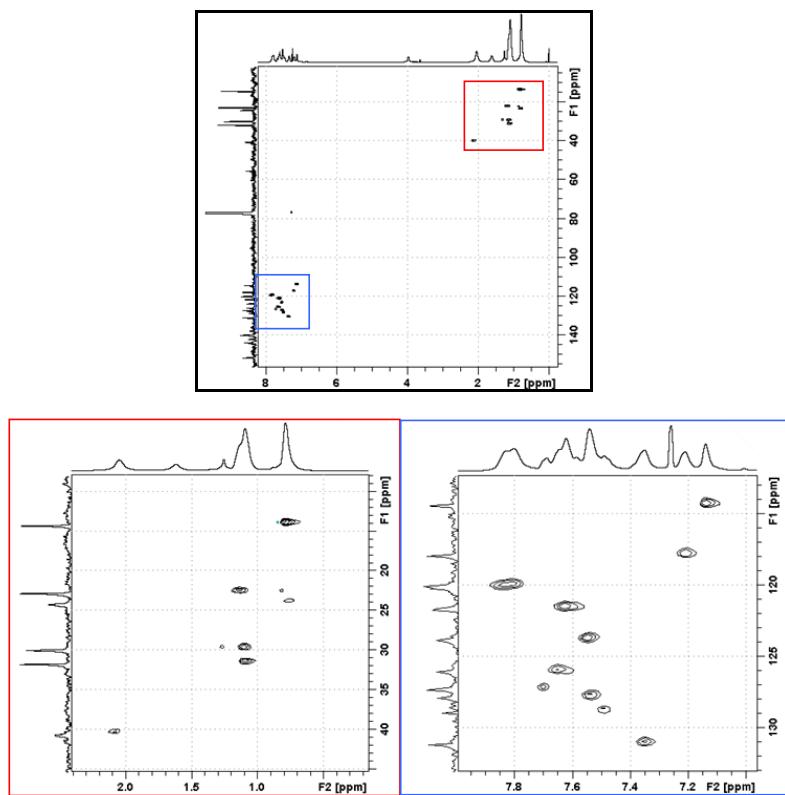
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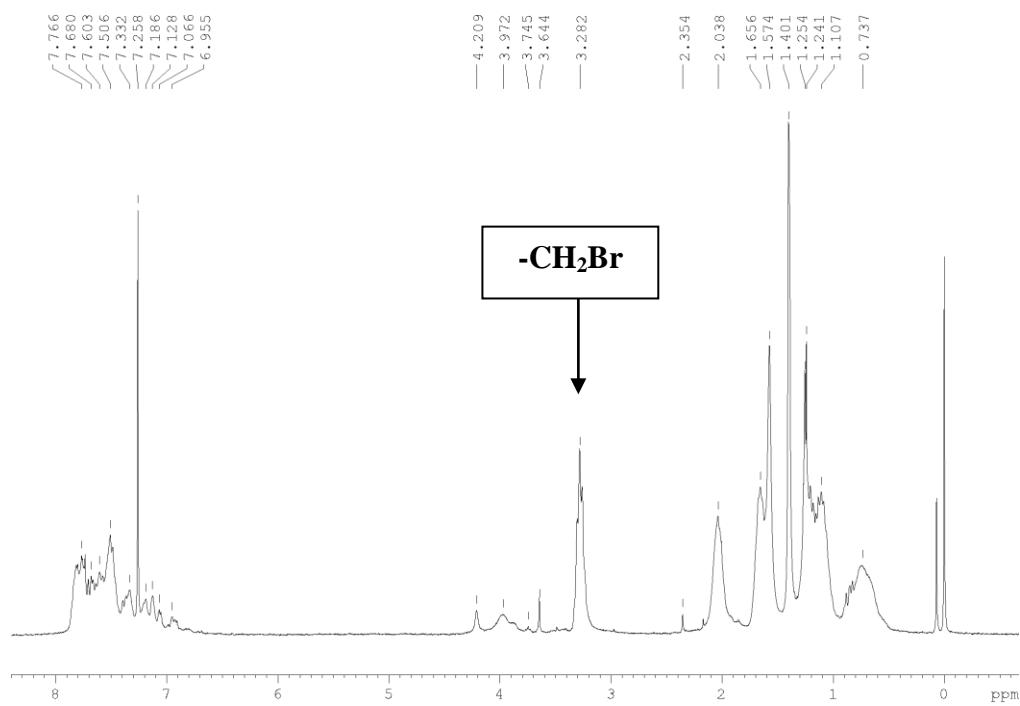
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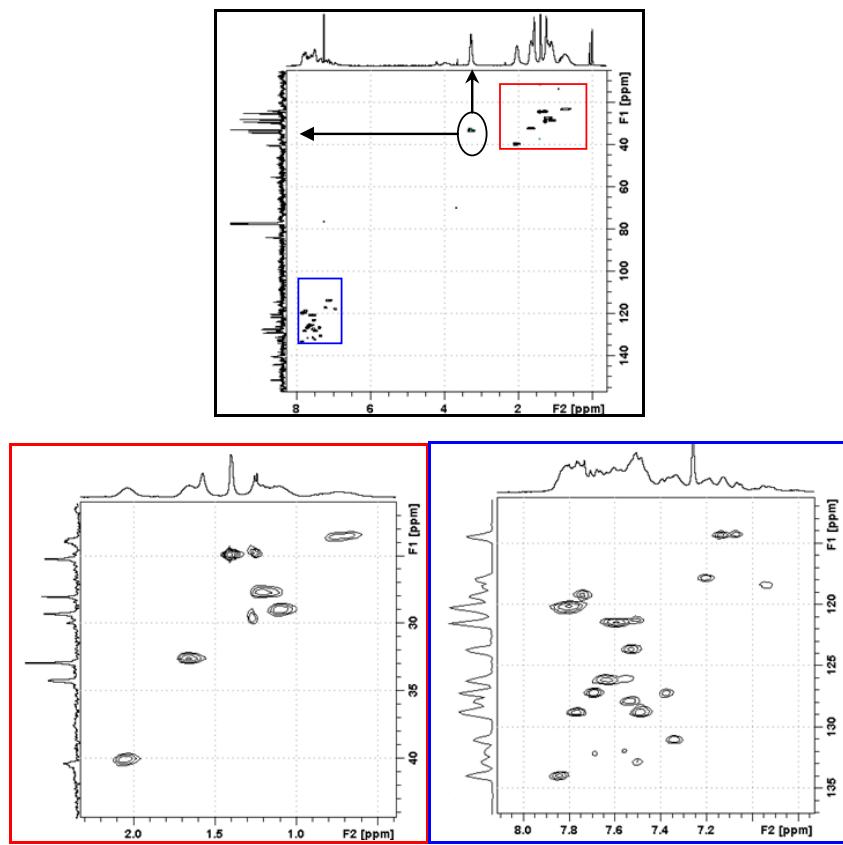
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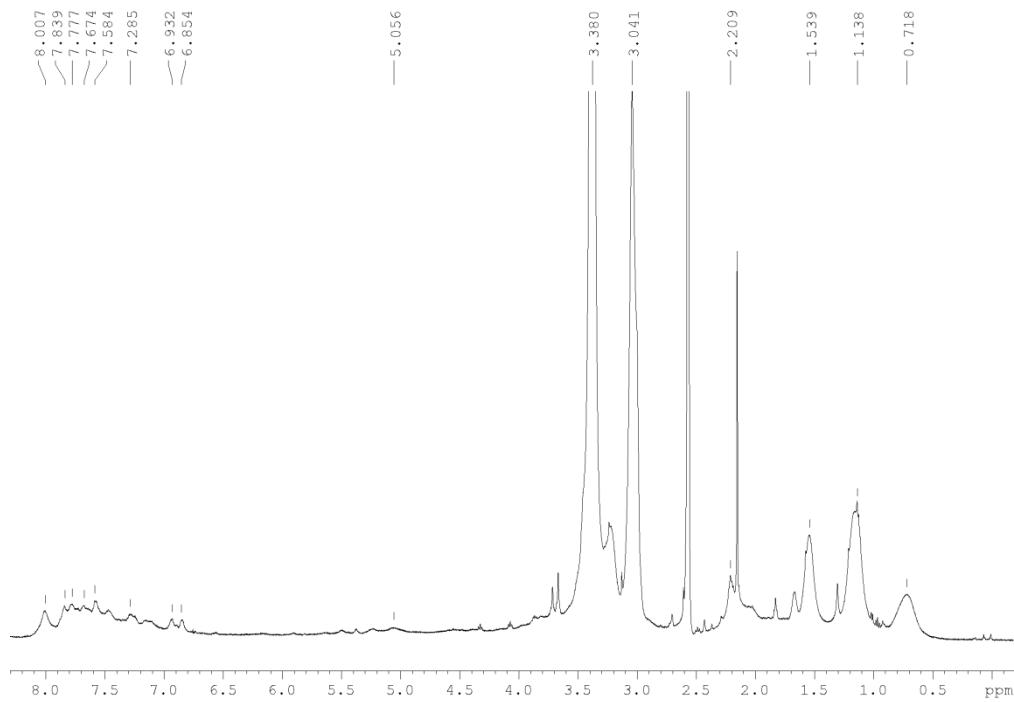
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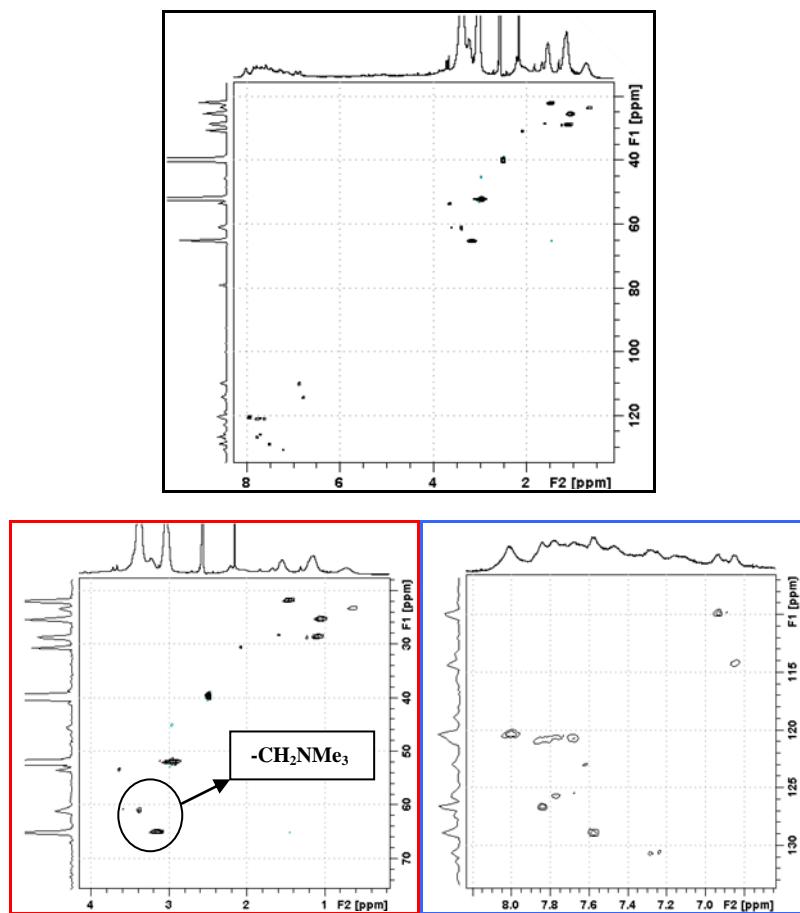
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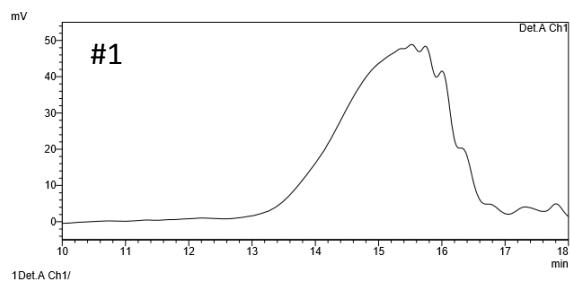
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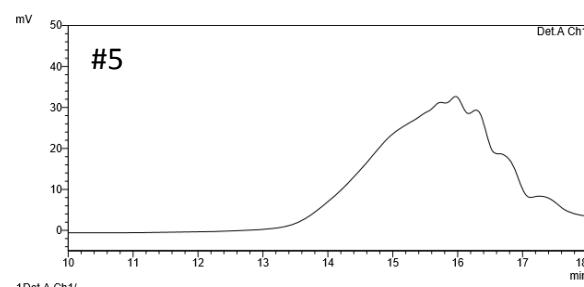
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **PAFAm** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ .



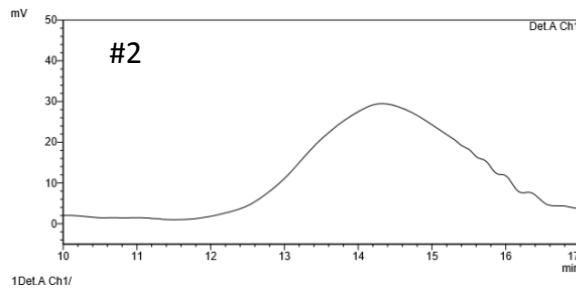
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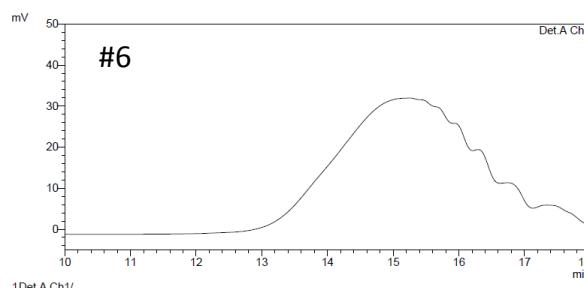
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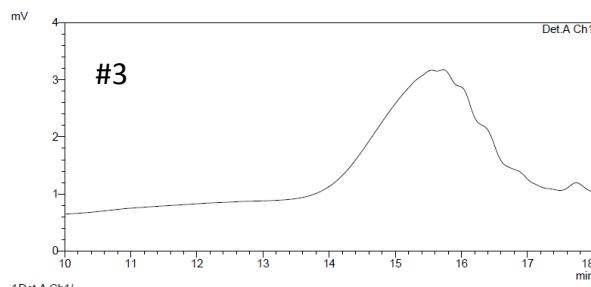
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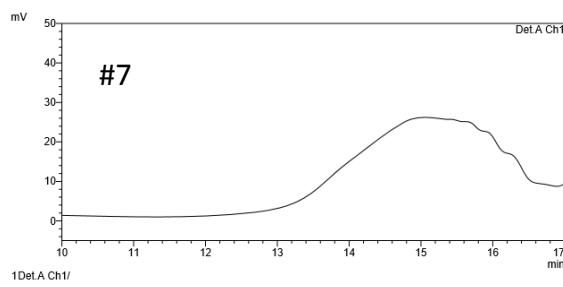
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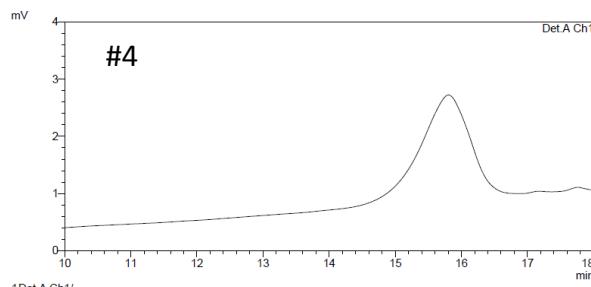
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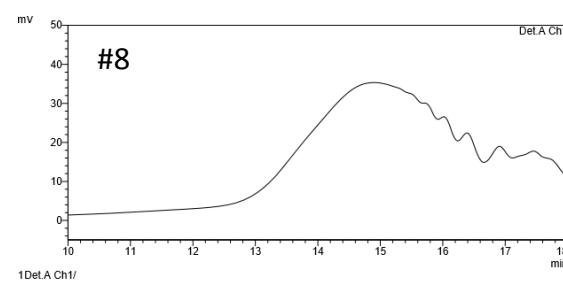
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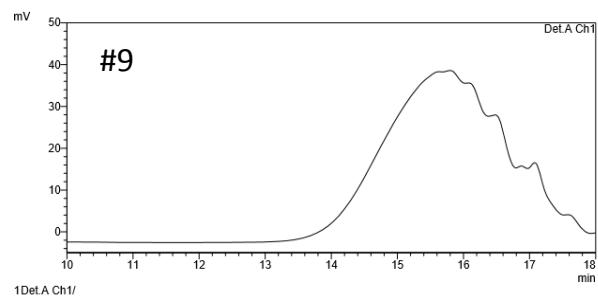
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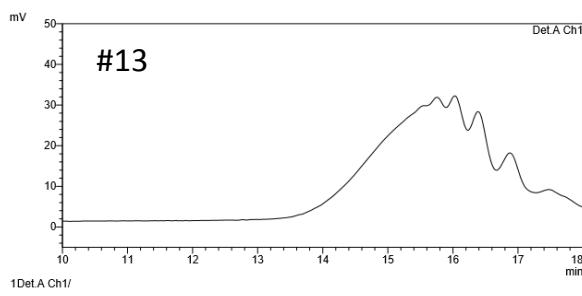
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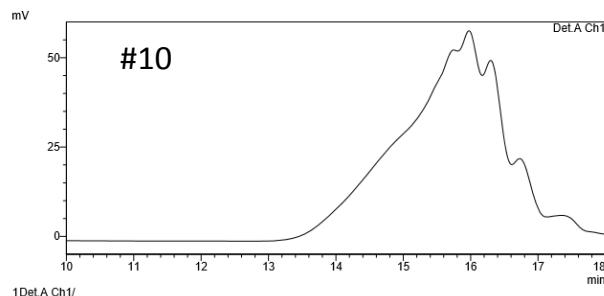
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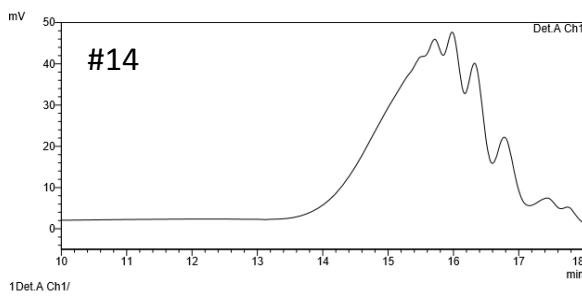
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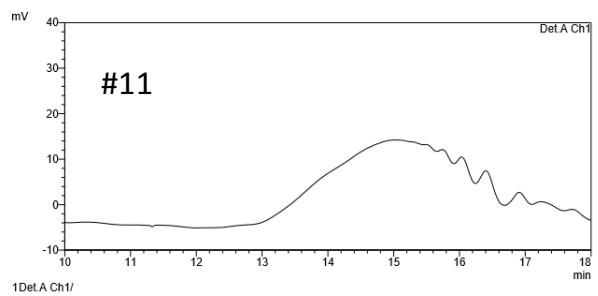
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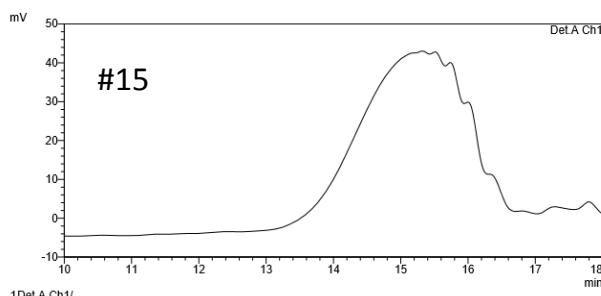
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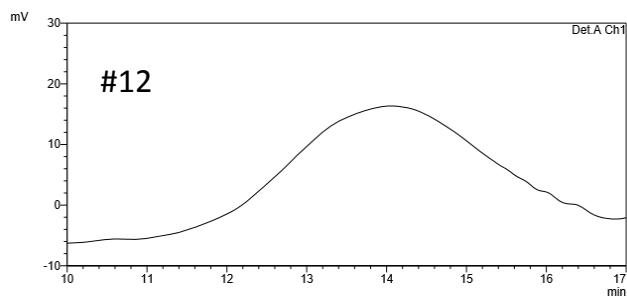
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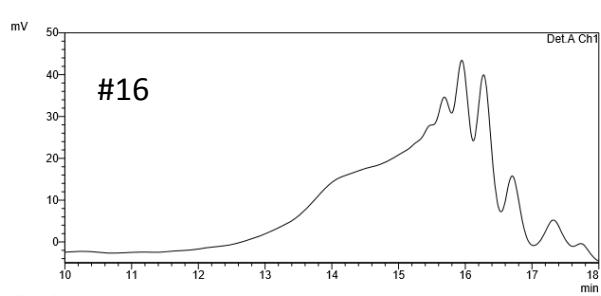
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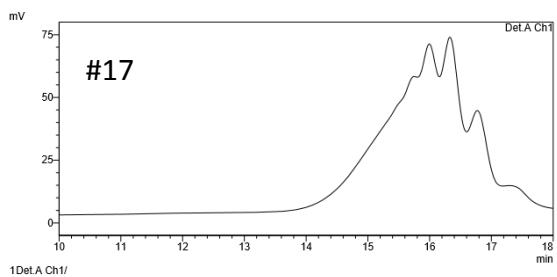
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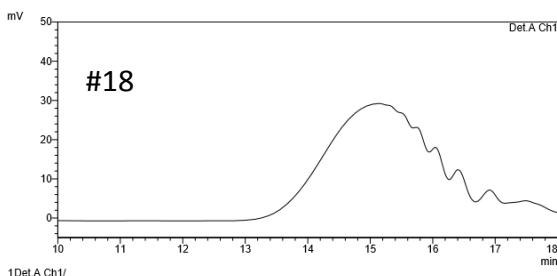
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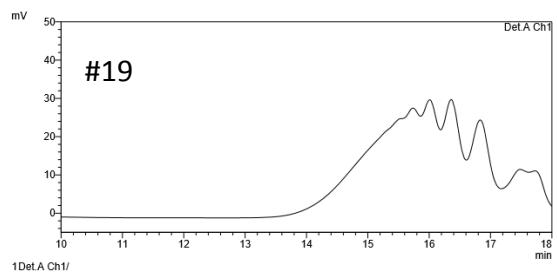
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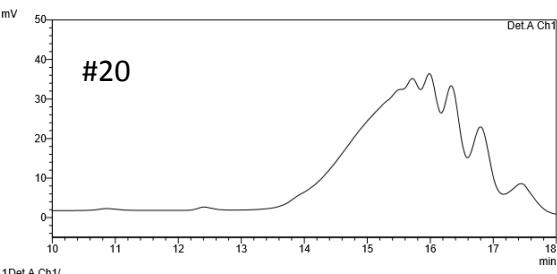
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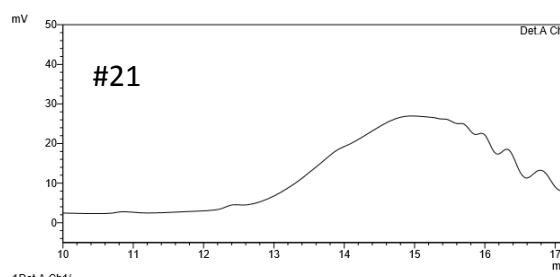
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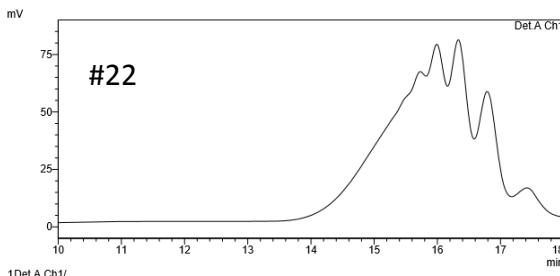
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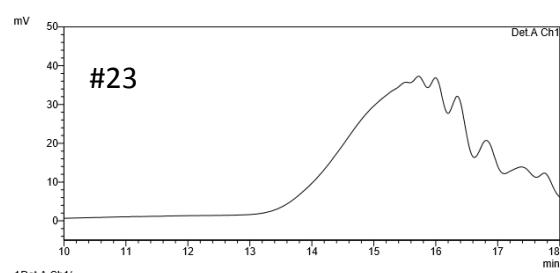
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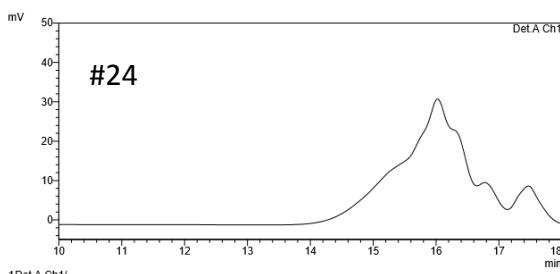
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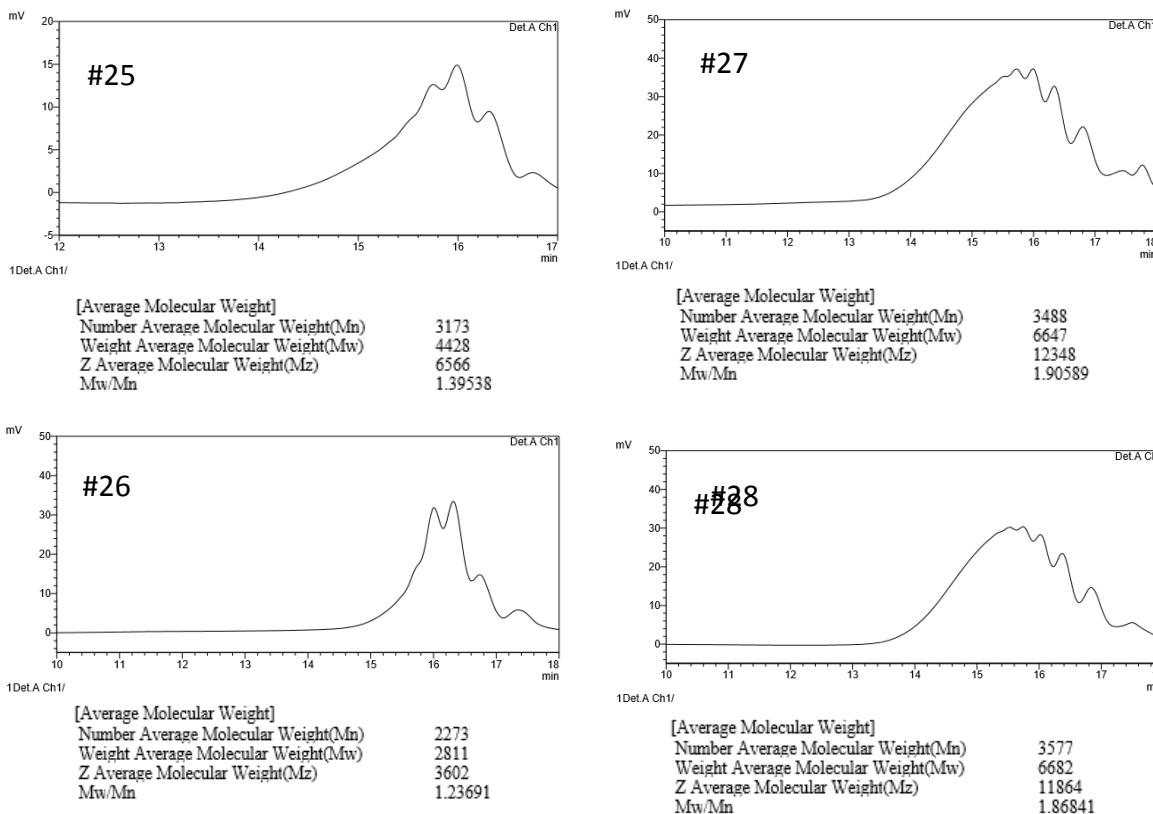
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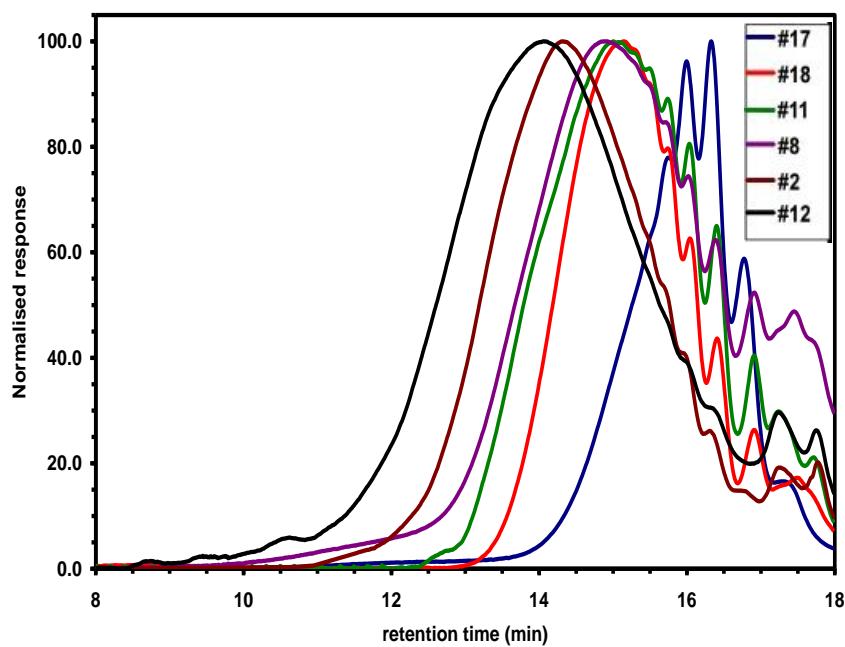
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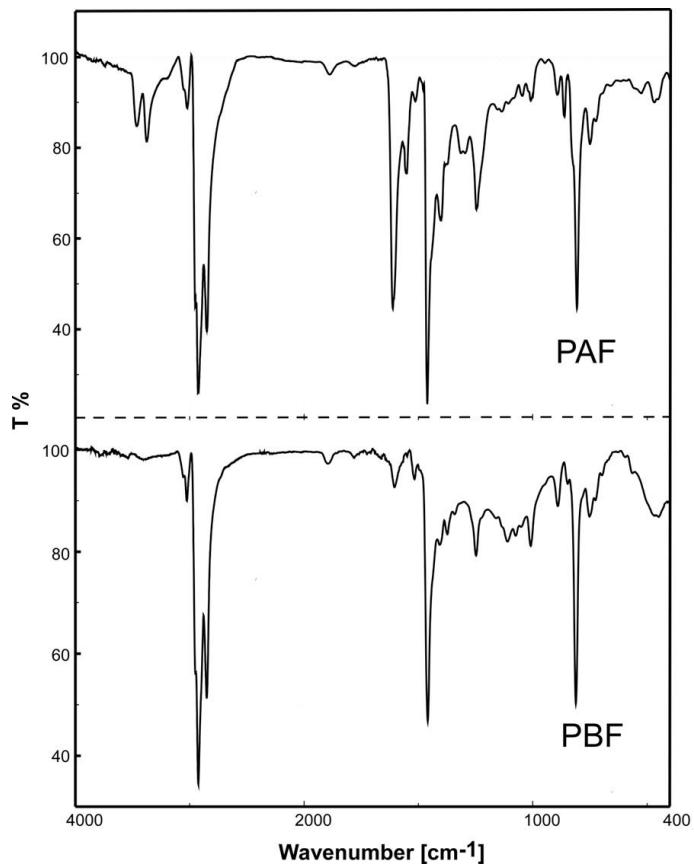
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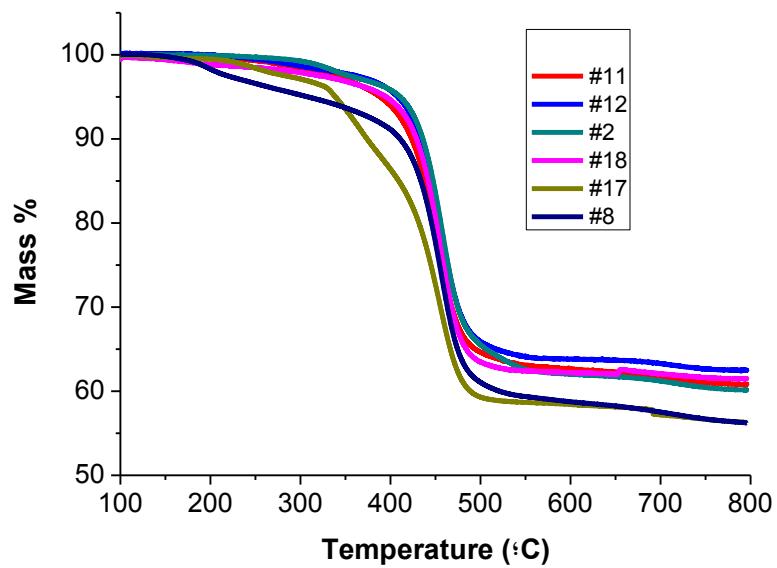
**Figure S11.** GPC Chromatograms of PAF batches.



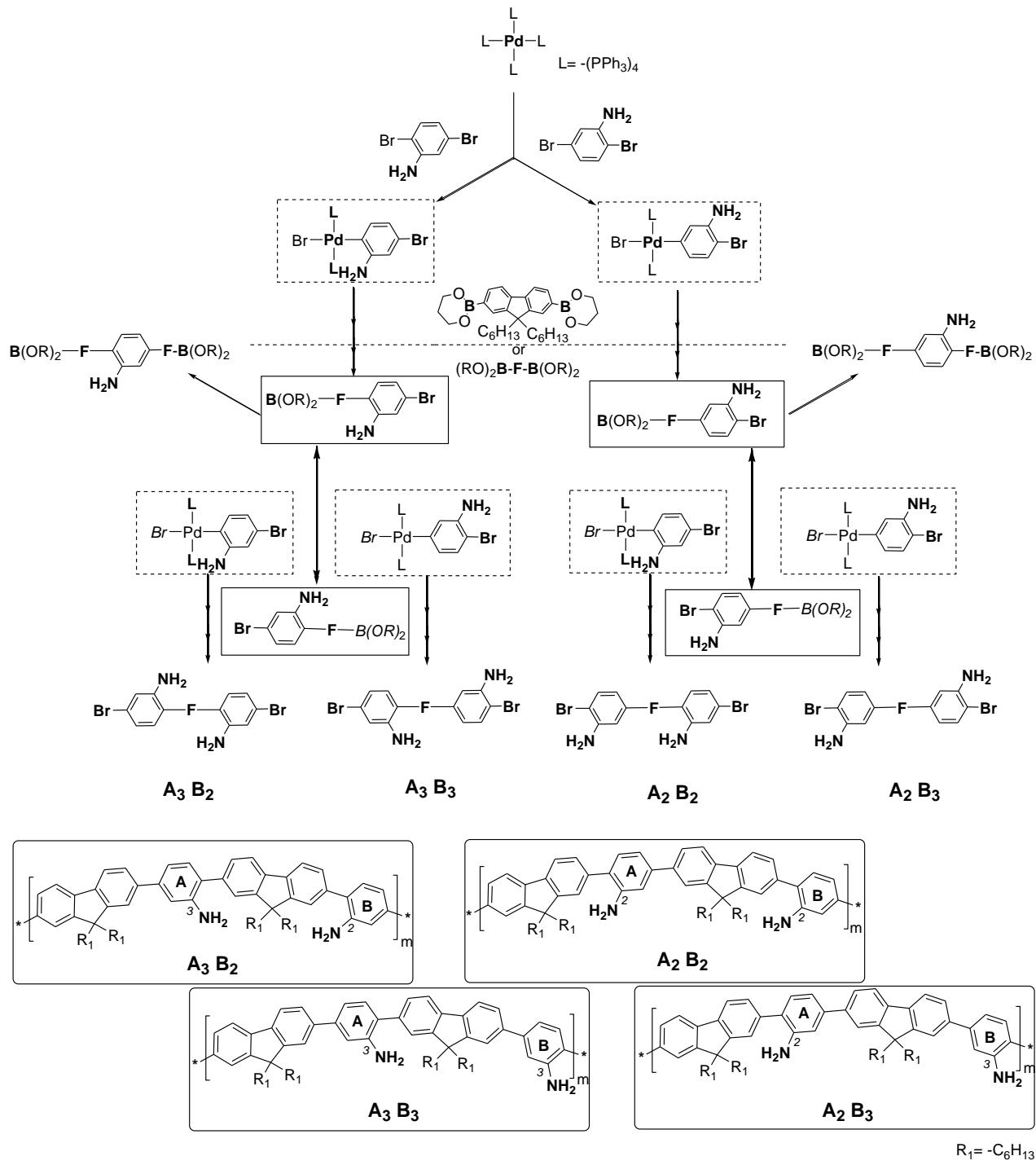
**Figure S12.** GPC Chromatograms for selected batches of PAF (Table S1).



**Figure S13.** Comparative FT-IR spectra of **PAF** (top) and **PBF** (bottom) in BrK pellets.



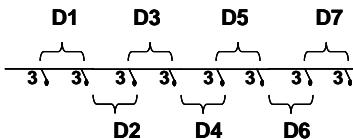
**Figure S14.** TGA curves for selected batches of **PAF** (Table S1).



**Figure S15.** Proposed mechanism in the polymerization catalyzed by active species of palladium.

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**n= 8.....256..... 2:14:42:70:70:42:14:2      NUMBER DYADS: n-1**

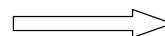


### Analysis of probability for polymer sequence n=8 , ( $2^8=256$ )

#### A. Two extreme cases of dyads (with two samples each):

##### ➤ Unidirectional Polymer

-Total number case: 2

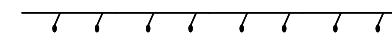


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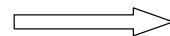


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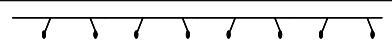
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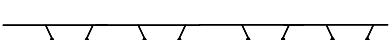


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#### B. Two proximity extreme cases of dyads (with two samples each):

##### ➤ Block copolymer TH

-Total number case: 14



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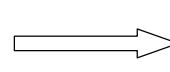


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##### ➤ “Quasi” alternating polymer.

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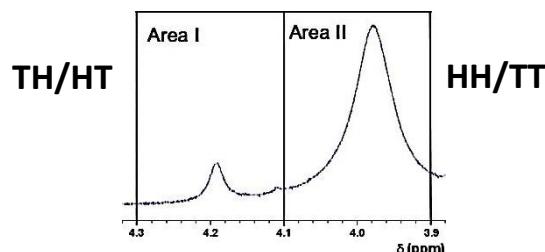


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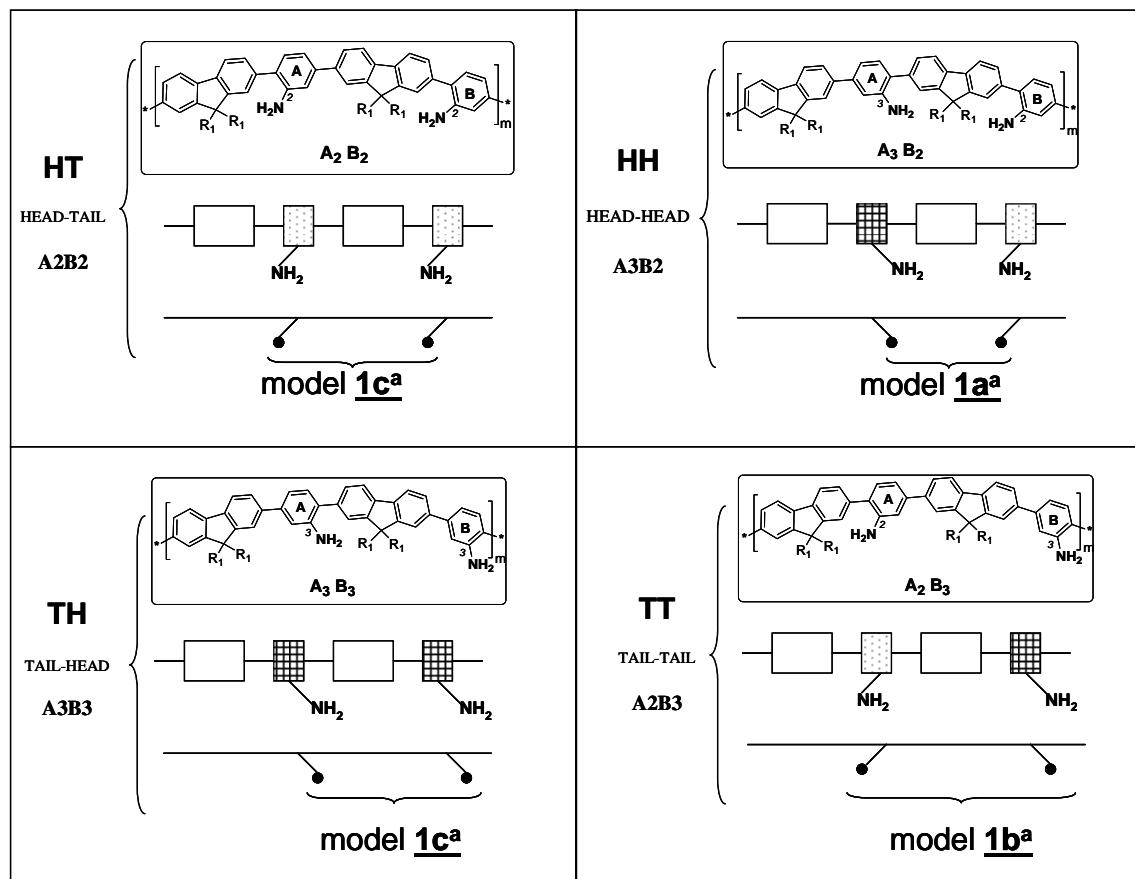
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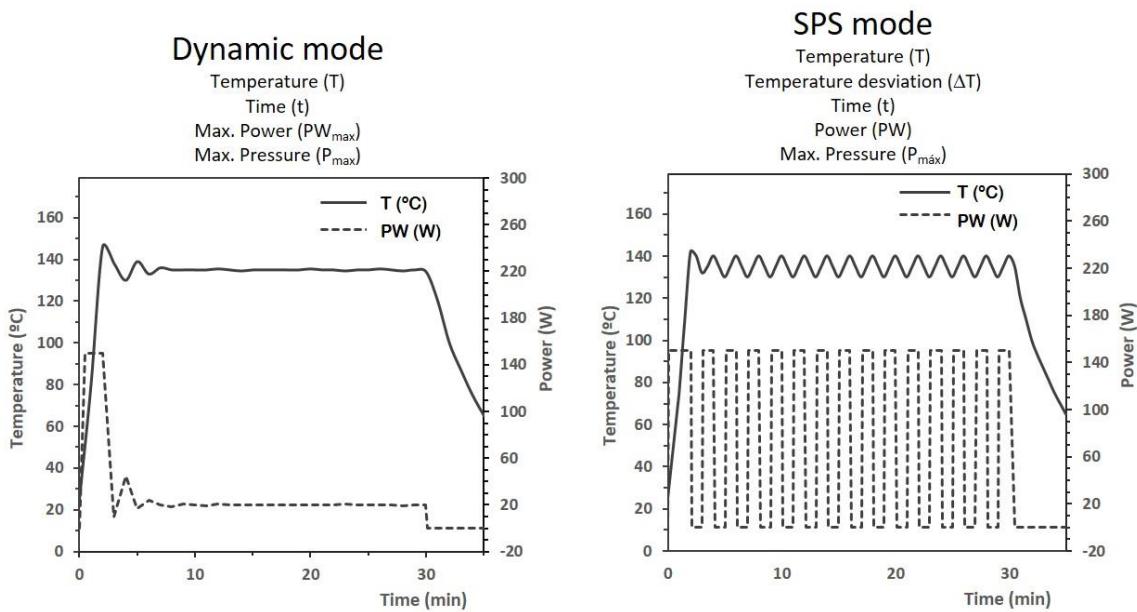
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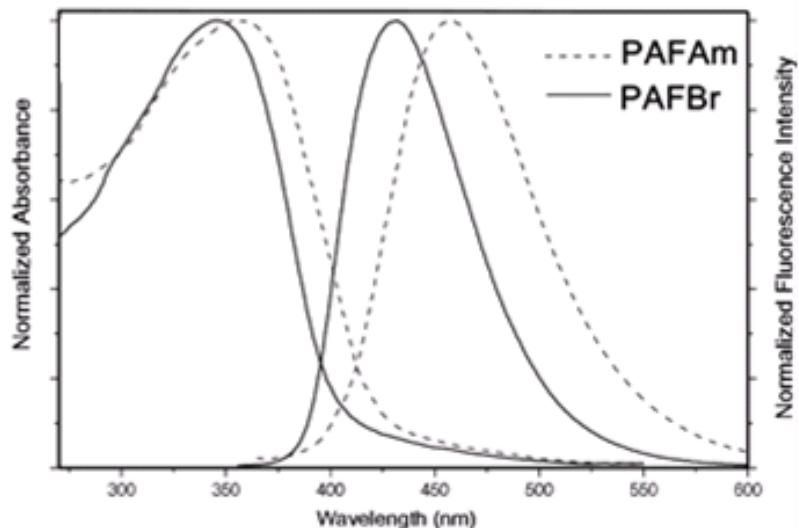
**Figure S16.** Analysis of probability for polymer sequence (n= number of chains) and correspondence of number of dyad cases, as normal distribution (number of cases:  $2^n$ , for n= Mw/Munity).



**Figure S17.** Symbols and structures used in this manuscript.



**Figure S18.** Temperature and power *versus* time for Suzuki Coupling microwave-assisted in Dynamic mode (left) and SPS mode, with temperature variation 5°C (right).



**Figure S19.** Normalized absorbance and emission spectra of PAFBr (solid line) and PAFAm (dashed line) in chloroform and water solutions, respectively.

**Table S1.** Optical data as function of RR of dyads in selected batches of **PAF**.

N #	Heating mode <sup>a</sup>	n <sup>b</sup>	% RR by NMR <sup>c</sup>	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}^{\text{max}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}^{\text{max}}$ (nm)	$\Delta\lambda$ (nm)
17	MW-SPS	10	68	352	421	69
18	MW-SPS	23	95	360	419	59
11	Oil bath	24	93	360	421	61
8	MW-SPS	34	93	358	421	63
2	Oil bath	47	86	362	419	57
12	Oil bath	83	68	362	419	57
Ref <sup>d</sup>	Oil bath	82	-	361	422	61

<sup>a</sup> See experimental conditions of each batch.

<sup>b</sup> n (number of monomer unities) =  $M_w/M_u$ ; where  $M_u$  = molecular weight unity (441.7 g/mol).

<sup>c</sup>. Percentages of regioregularity (%RR) were calculated in based on ratio NMR to integrated the Area II ( $3.9 > \delta > 4.1$  ppm) over Total Area ( $3.9 > \delta > 4.3$  ppm).

<sup>d</sup>. Yamaguchi, I.; Mizoguchi, N.; Sato, M. *Macromolecules* 2009, 42, (13), 4416-4425.

**Table S2.** Effect of polymerization time.

N #	Heating mode <sup>b</sup>	Time	Yield (%)	$M_w^{\text{a}}$ (kg/mol)	PDI <sup>b</sup>	n <sup>b</sup>	% RR by NMR <sup>c</sup>
1	Oil bath	1 d	62	9.90	1.9	22	75
15		2 d	55	8.86	1.6	20	75
2		3 d	86	20.77	1.6	47	86
16		4 d	58	10.70	1.9	24	61
17	SPS	7 min	37	4.21	1.6	10	68
7		14 min	90	11.60	2.0	26	72
8		22 min	99	15.02	2.1	34	93
18		30 min	93	10.11	1.7	23	95

<sup>a</sup>.  $M_w$ = weight-average molecular weight, estimated by GPC in THF on the basis of polystyrene calibration.

<sup>b</sup>. PDI (Polydispersity index) =  $M_w/M_n$ ; where  $M_n$  = number-average molecular weight, and n (number of monomer unities) =  $M_w/M_u$ ; where  $M_u$  = molecular weight unity (441.7 g/mol).

<sup>c</sup>. Percentages of regioregularity (%RR) were calculated in based on ratio NMR to integrated the Area II ( $3.9 > \delta > 4.1$  ppm) over Total Area ( $3.9 > \delta > 4.3$  ppm).

**Table S3.** Effect of microwave parameter: solvent and volume on the polymerization.<sup>a</sup>

N #	Solvent (v/v)	Volume (mL)	Yield (%)	M <sub>w</sub> (kg/mol)	PDI	n	% RR by NMR <sup>c</sup>
19	THF/H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1)	6	96	4.88	1.7	11	60
7		6	90	11.60	2.0	26	72
20		4.5	73	6.08	1.9	14	77
21		3	86	14.14	2.6	32	82

<sup>a</sup> Same description on table S1.

**Table S4.** Effect of power microwave on the polymerization.<sup>a</sup>

N #	Power (W)	Yield (%)	M <sub>w</sub> (kg/mol)	PDI	n	% RR by NMR
22	100	56	4.39	1.7	10	70
7	150	90	11.60	2.0	26	72
23	200	84	7.42	1.9	17	81

<sup>a</sup> Same description on table S1.

**Table S5.** Effect of reaction temperature and the temperature fluctuation on the polymerization.<sup>a</sup>

N #	Temp. (°C)	ΔT (°C)	Yield (%)	M <sub>w</sub> (kg/mol)	PDI	n	% RR by NMR
24	80	1	3	3.96	1.4	9	38
25		5	5	4.43	1.4	10	64
26	100	5	11	2.81	1.3	6	51
27	135	1	72	6.65	1.9	15	78
7		5	90	11.60	2.0	26	72
28	150	5	86	6.68	1.9	15	84

<sup>a</sup> Same description on table 1.