## **Electronic supplementary information (ESI)**

## Self-polymerization of Meldrum's acid-amine compounds: an effective route for polyamides

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## **Supporting Figures and Tables**

Spectral analysis results and DSC measurements of the prepared MA-amine compounds are shown in Figures S1 - S4.

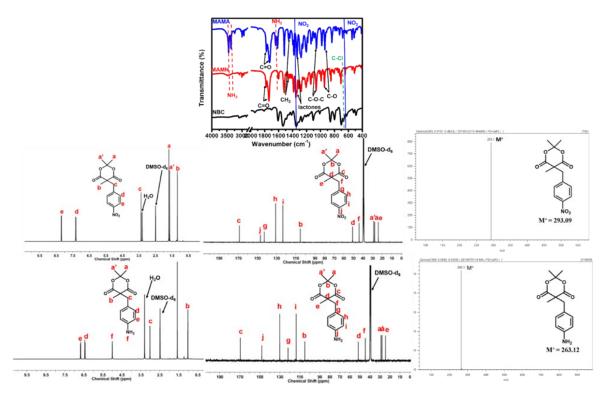
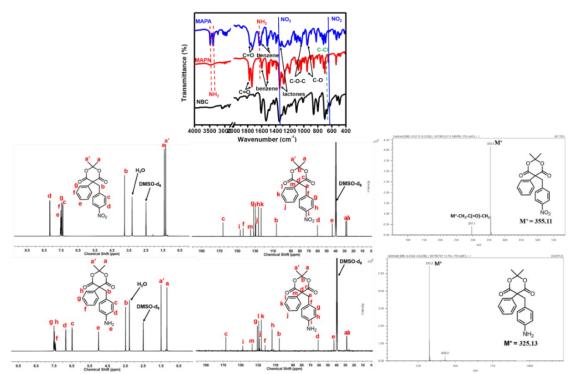


Figure S1. FTIR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, LRFD-MS spectrum of MAMN and MAMA.



**Figure S2**. FTIR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, LRFD-MS spectrum of MAPN and MAPA.

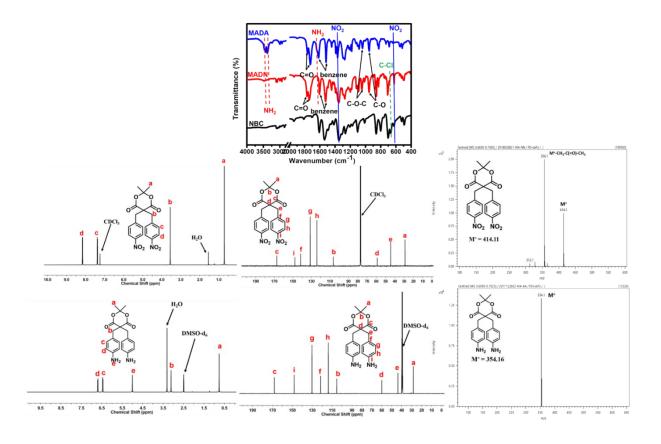


Figure S3. FTIR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ , LRFD-MS spectrum of MADN and MADA.

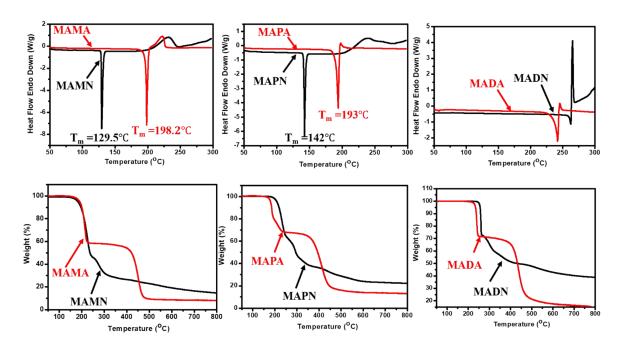


Figure S4. DSC (upper) and TGA thermograms (lower) of A-B type MA-amine compounds.

Instrumental analysis results of the prepared polyamides are shown in Figures S5 – S11.

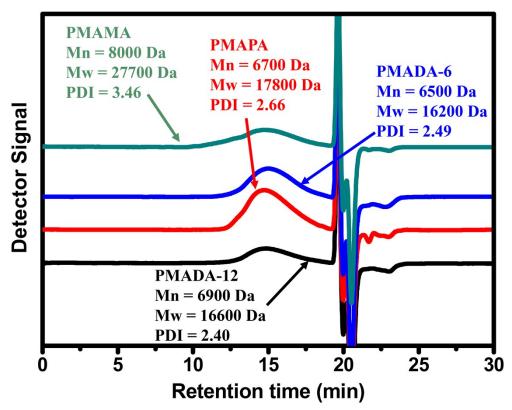


Figure S5. GPC chromatogram of prepared polyamides.

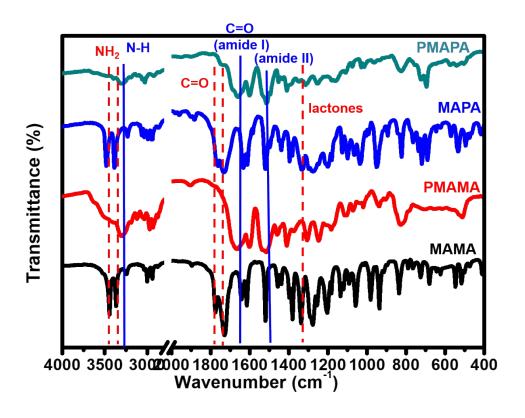


Figure S6. FTIR spectra of the prepared linear polyamides PMAMA and PMAPA.

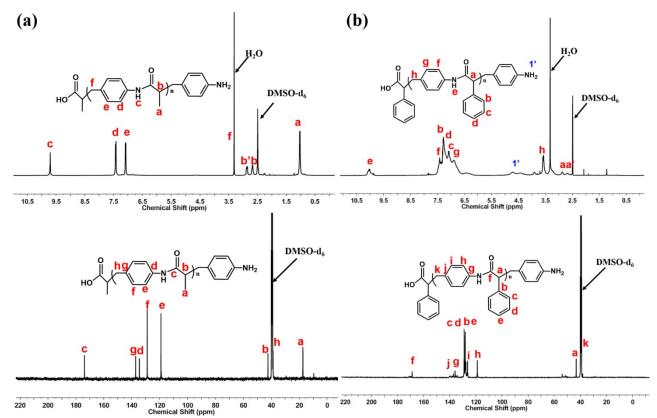
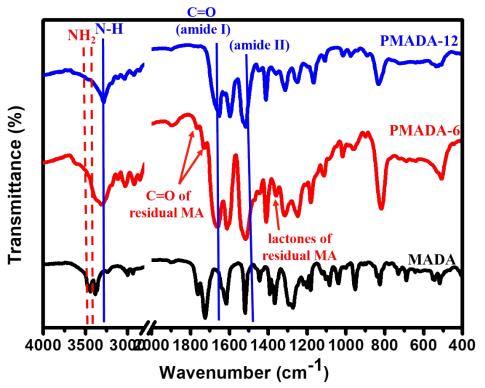
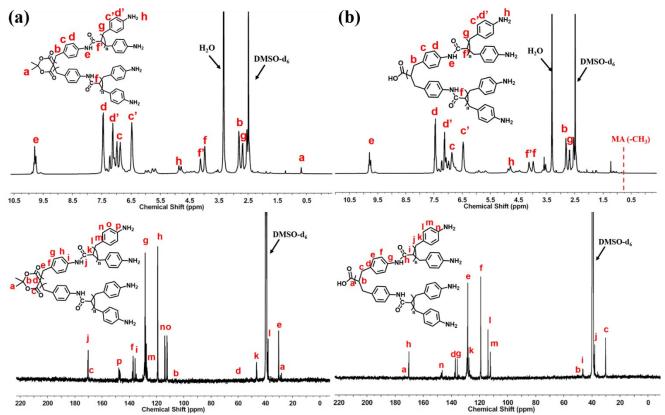


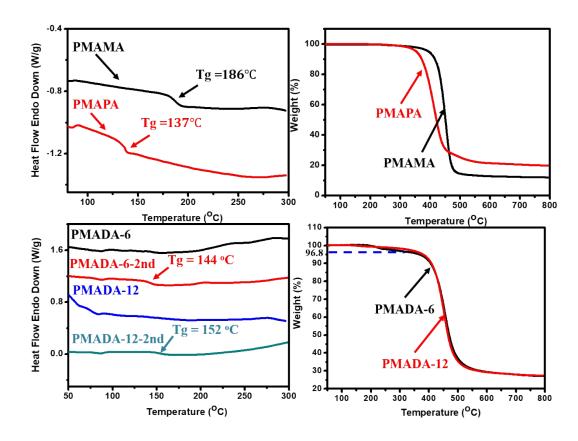
Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (upper) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (lower) spectrum of (a) PMAMA, (b) PMAPA.

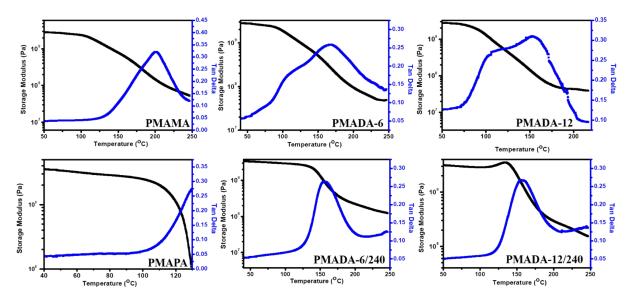


**Figure S8**. FTIR spectra of the prepared hyperbranched polyamides PMADA-6 and PMADA-12.



**Figure S9**. NMR spectra of hyperbranched polyamides PMADA-6 and PMADA-12. **Figure S10**. DSC (left) and TGA thermograms (right) of prepared polyamides.





**Figure S11**. DMA thermogram of PMAMA, PMAPA, PMADA-6, PMADA-6/240, PMADA-12, and PMADA-12/240.