

Supporting Information

Zwitterionic organocatalysis for ring-opening polymerization of cyclic esters

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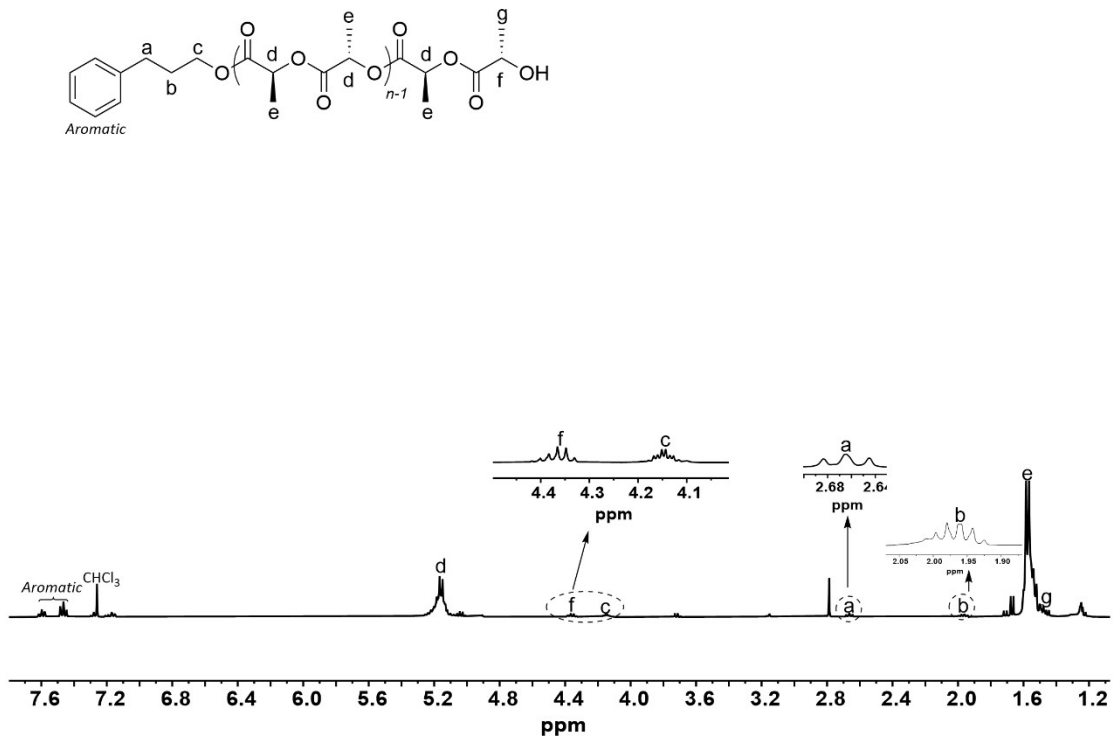


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of PLLA.

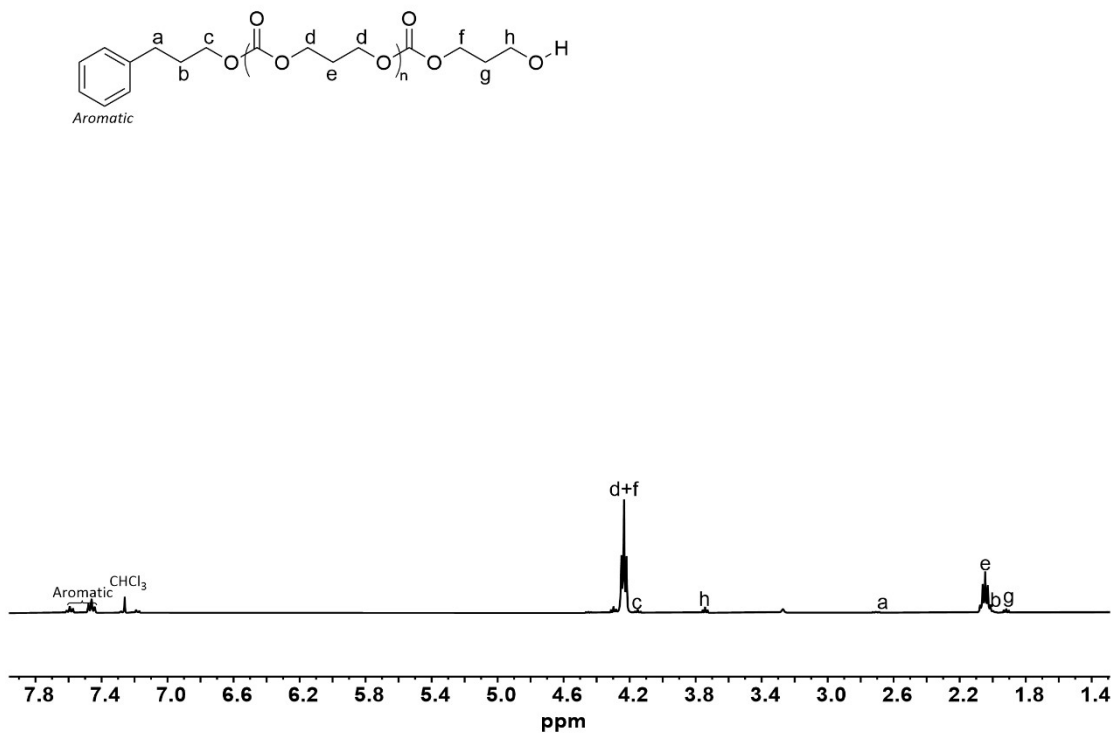


Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of PTMC.

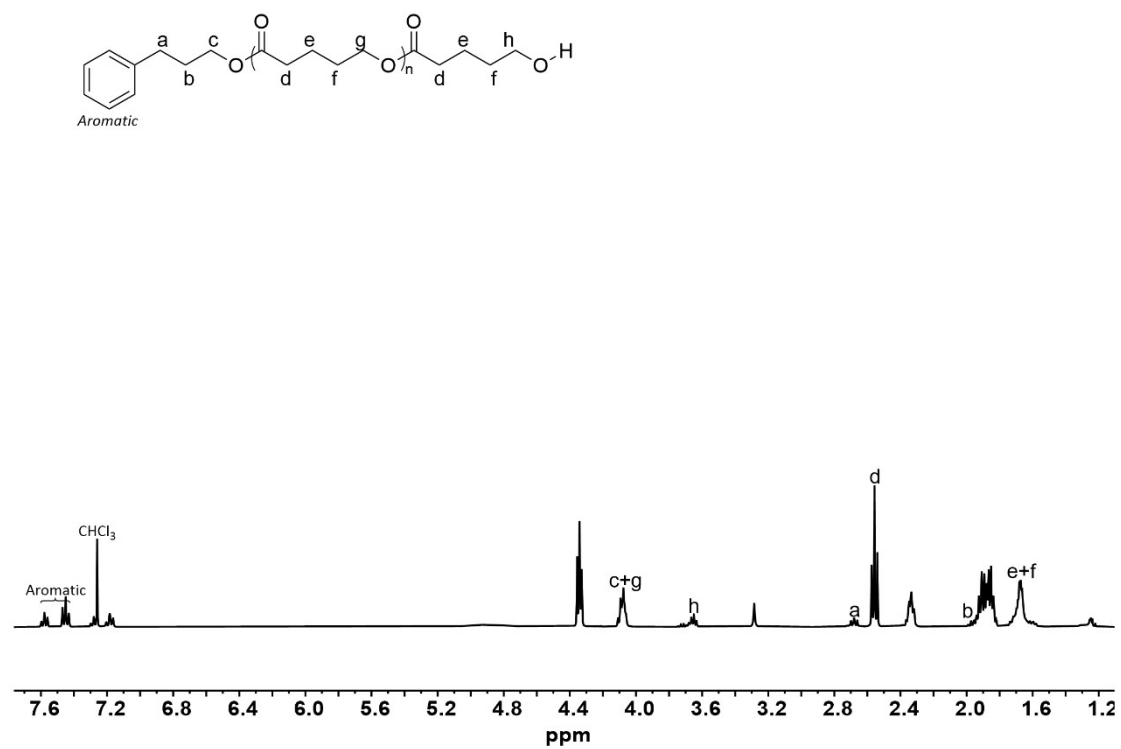


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of PVL.

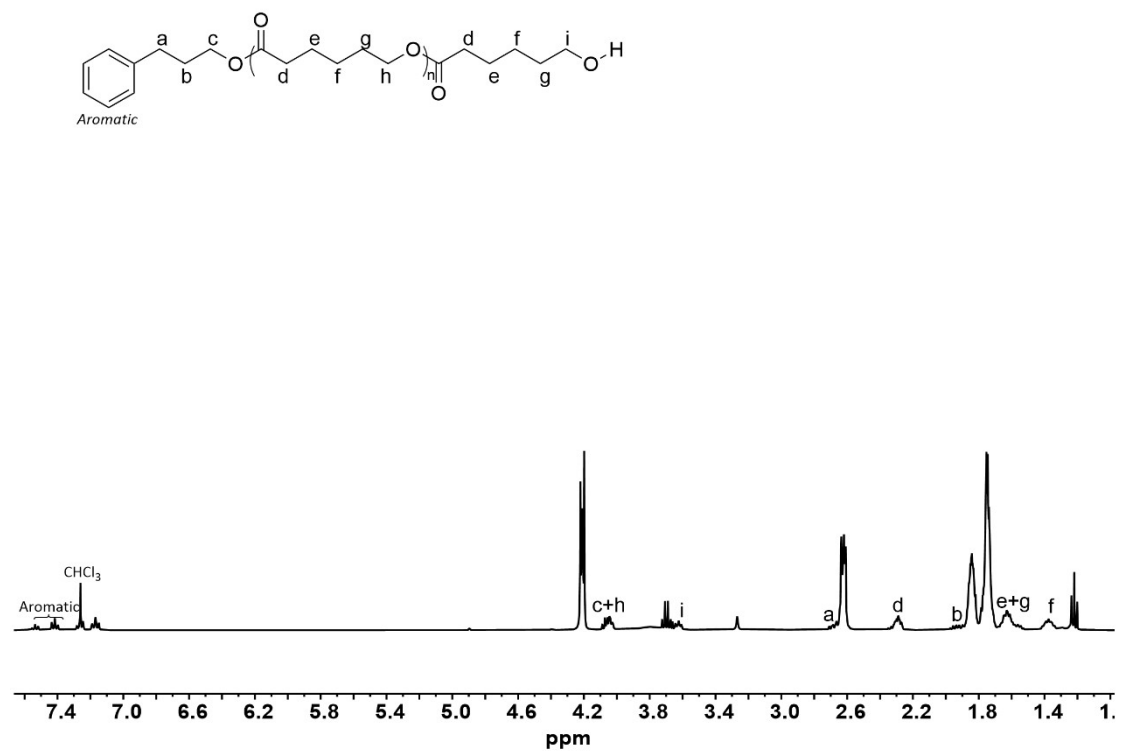


Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of PCL.

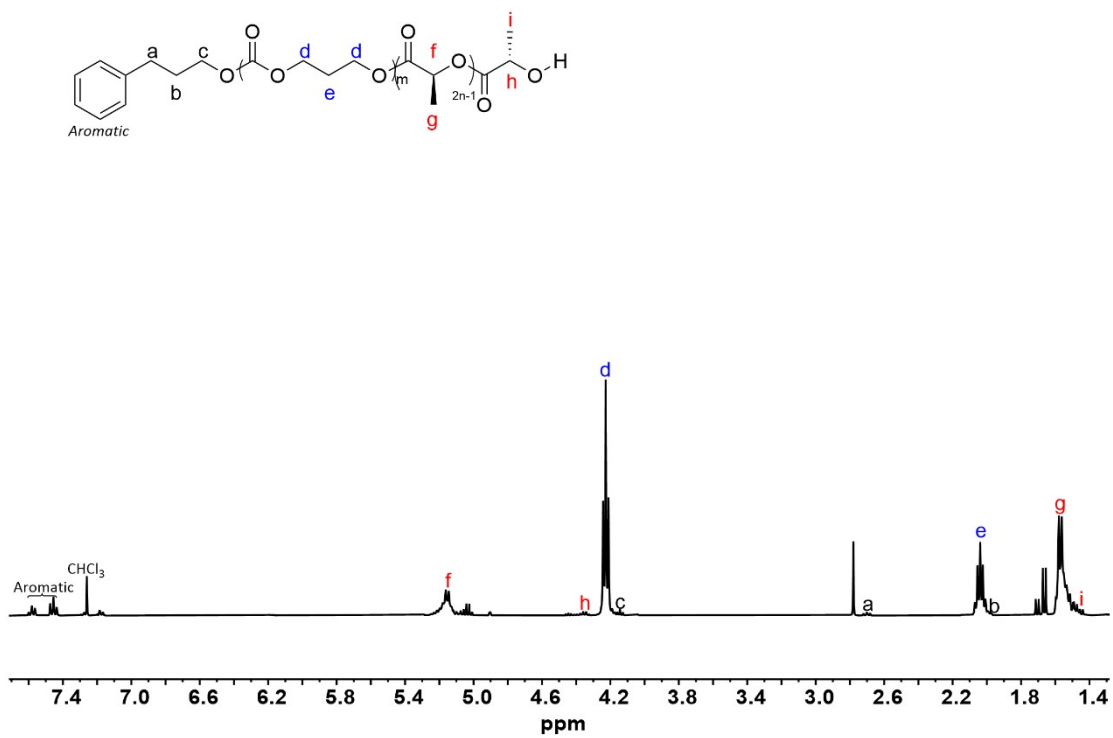


Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of PTMC-*b*-PLLA.

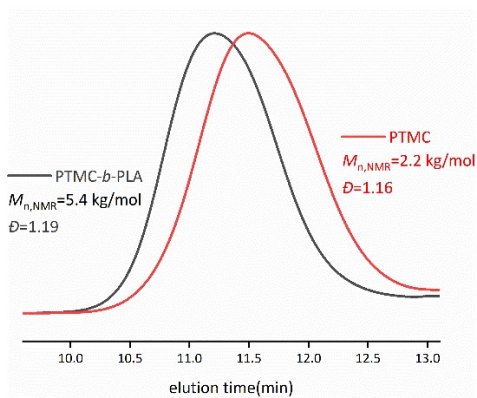


Figure S6. SEC traces of PTMC and PTMC-*b*-PLLA.

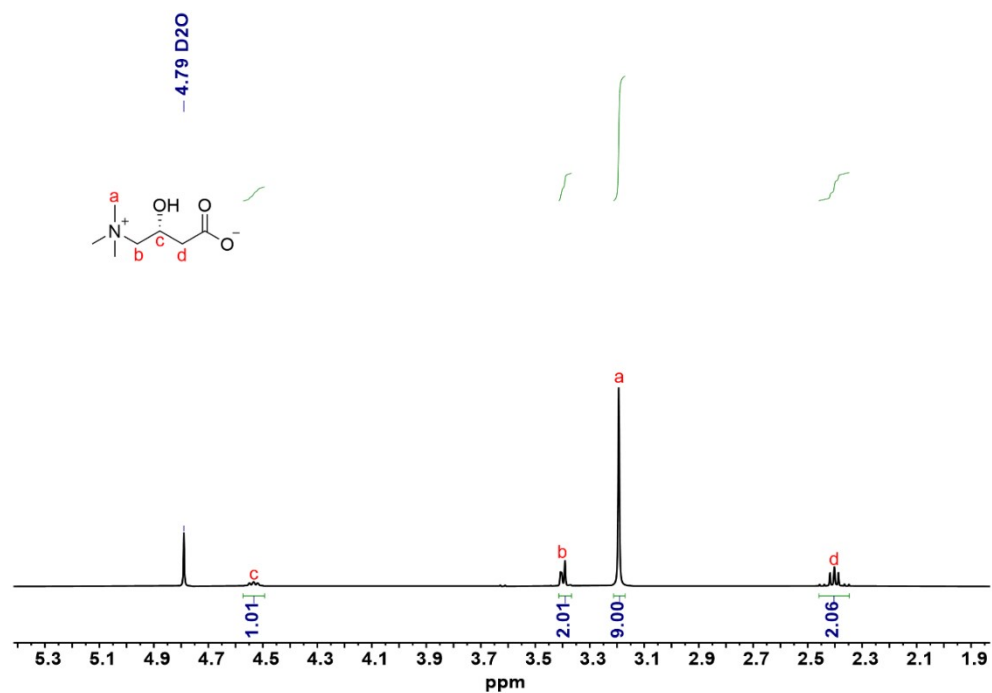


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of L-carnitine. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Deuterium Oxide) δ

4.57 – 4.49 (m, 1H), 3.41 – 3.37 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 9H), 2.46 – 2.35 (m, 2H).

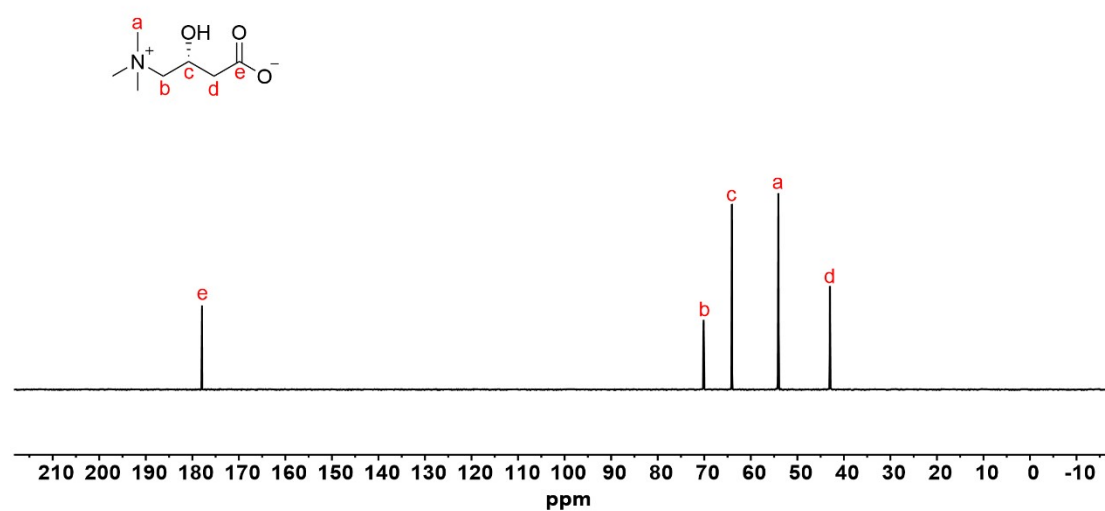


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of L-carnitine.

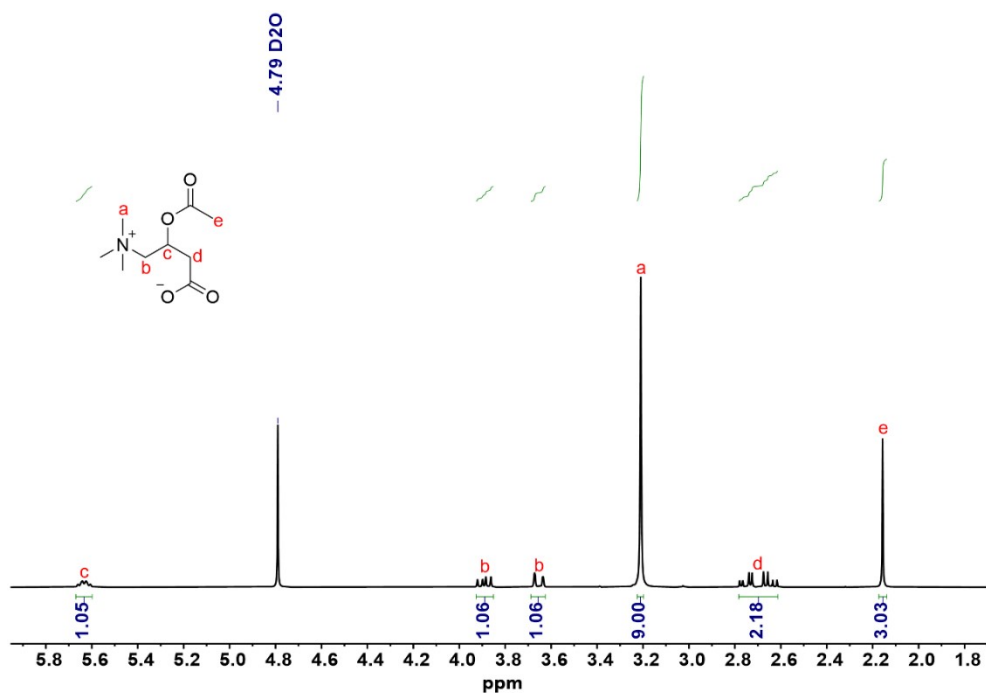


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum of acetyl-carnitine. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Deuterium Oxide)

δ 5.67 – 5.60 (m, 1H), 3.89 (dd, $J = 14.5, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd, $J = 14.5, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.21

(s, 9H), 2.78 – 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H).

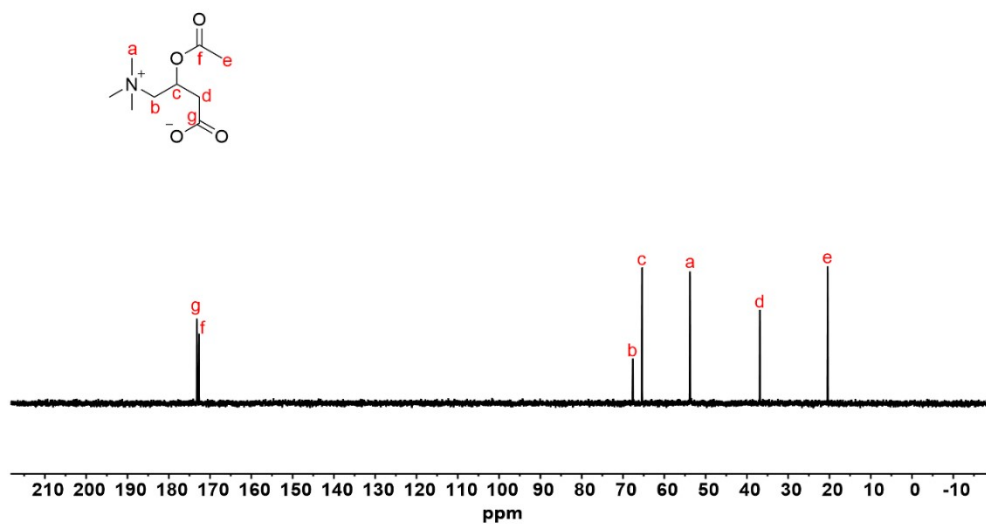


Figure S10. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of acetyl-carnitine.

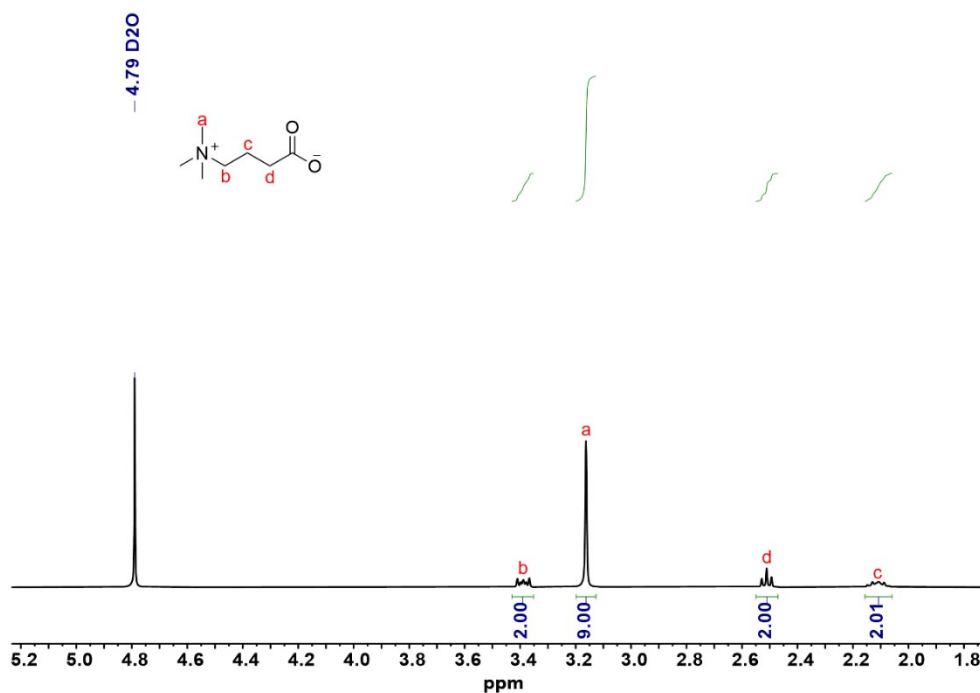


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum of gamma-butyrobetaine. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Deuterium Oxide) δ 3.43 – 3.35 (m, 2H), 3.16 (s, 9H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.16 – 2.06 (m, 2H).

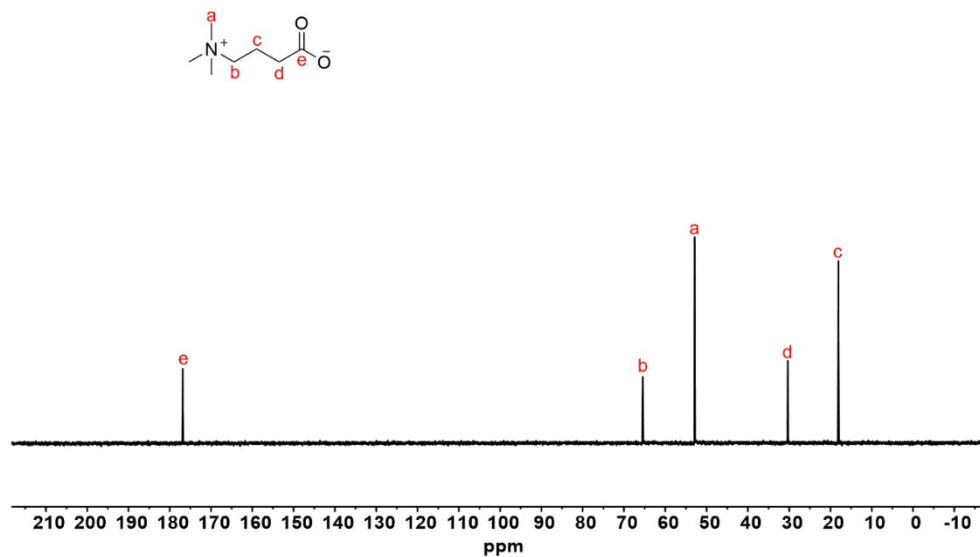


Figure S12. ¹³C NMR spectrum of gamma-butyrobetaine.

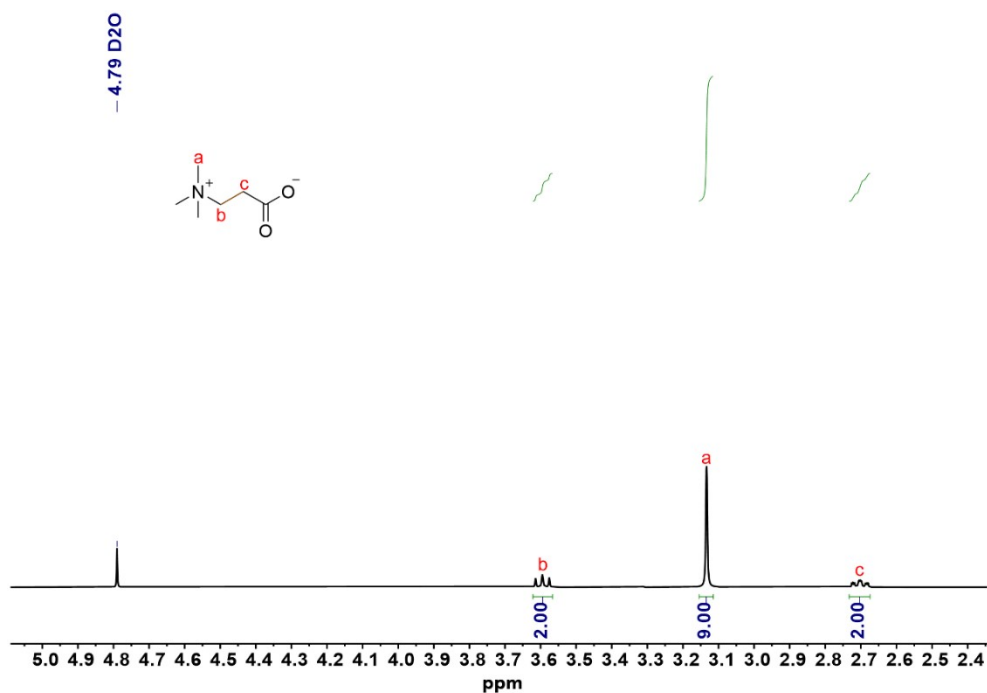


Figure S13. ^1H NMR spectrum of beta-alanine betaine. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Deuterium Oxide) δ 3.59 (dd, $J = 8.2, 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.13 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 9H), 2.73 – 2.67 (m, 2H).

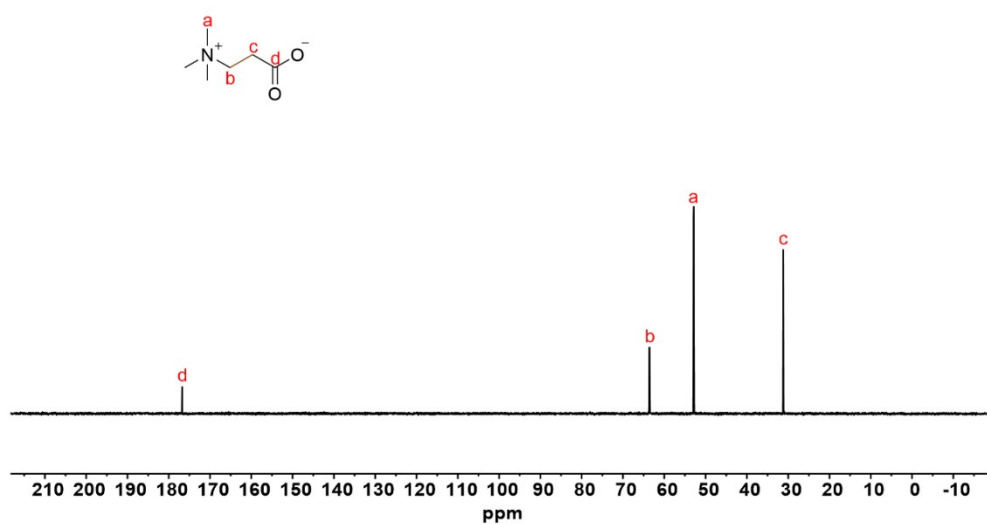


Figure S14. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of beta-alanine betaine.