

## Facile Synthesis of Cyclic RAFT Agents and Ring Expansion Radical Polymerization of Vinyl Monomers Having Cyclic Topology

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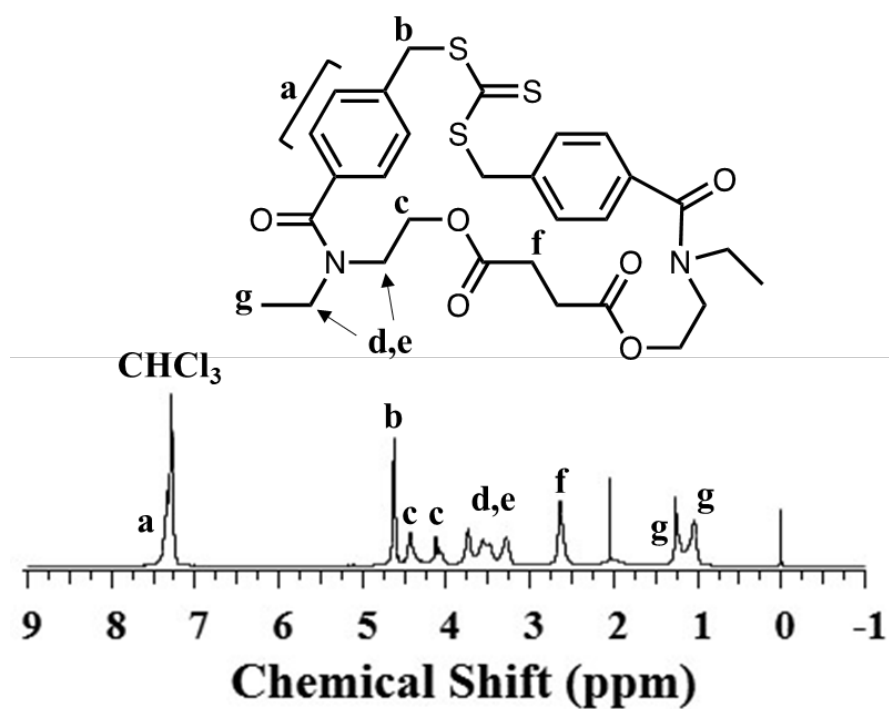
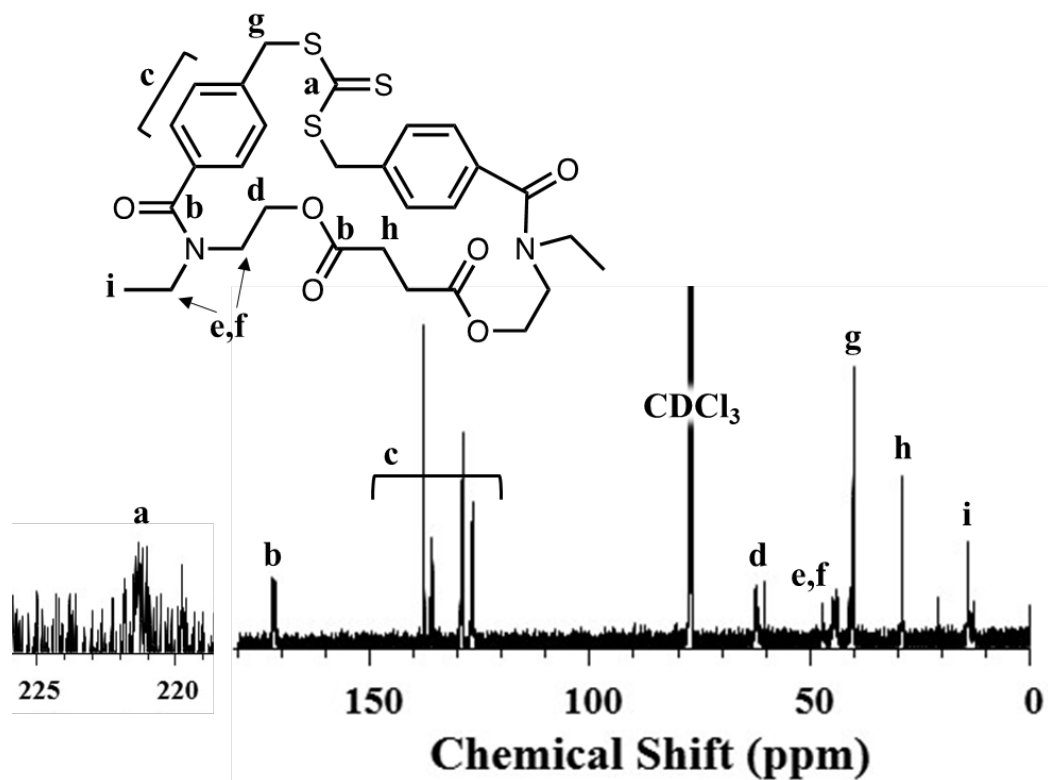
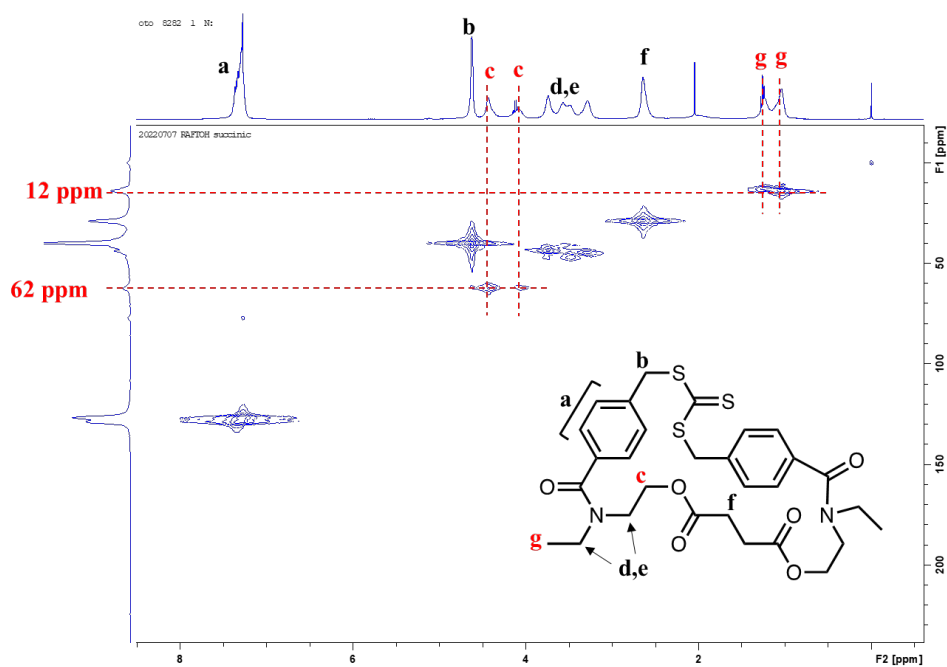


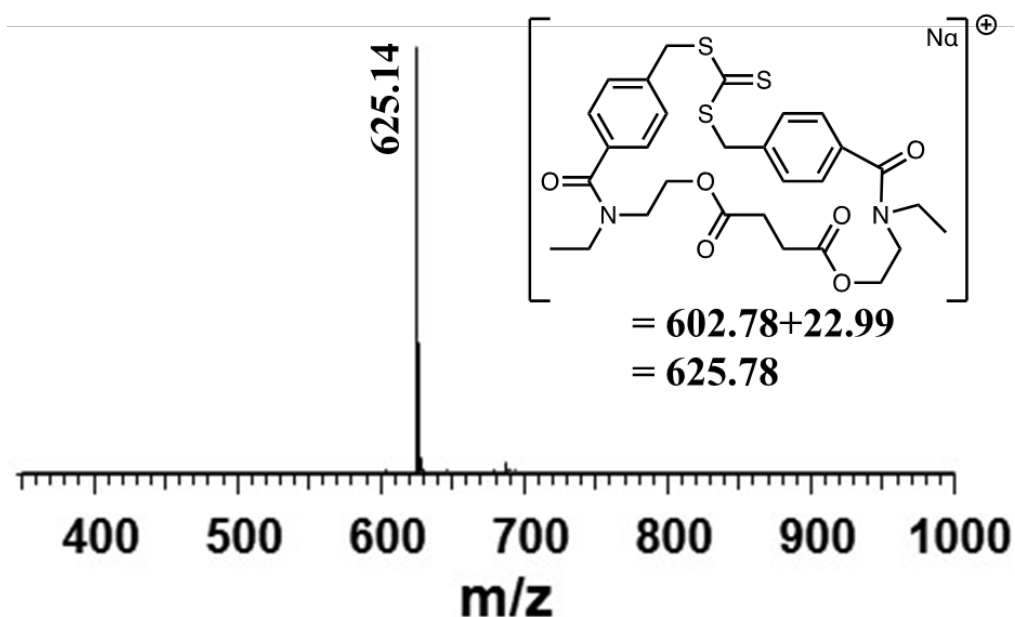
Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of cyclic-TTC prepared in chloroform-*d*.



**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of cyclic-TTC prepared in chloroform-*d*.



**Figure S3.** HMQC spectrum of cyclic-TTC prepared in chloroform-*d*.



**Figure S4.** ESI-MS spectrum of cyclic-TTC.

**Table S1. RAFT Polymerization of *n*-BA Monomer via Dihydroxy-TTC.<sup>a</sup>**

run	[M] <sub>0</sub> /[dihydroxy-TTC]	[M] <sub>0</sub> (mol/L)	Time (h)	Conv <sup>b</sup> (%)	<i>M</i> <sub>p</sub> <sup>c</sup> (kg/mol)	<i>M</i> <sub>w</sub> / <i>M</i> <sub>n</sub> <sup>c</sup>
1 <sup>d</sup>	100 / 1	2.0	6	53	7.62	1.33
2 <sup>e</sup>	100 / 1	0.67	3	86	9.00	1.56
3 <sup>e</sup>	100 / 1	2.0	3	97	14.7	1.31

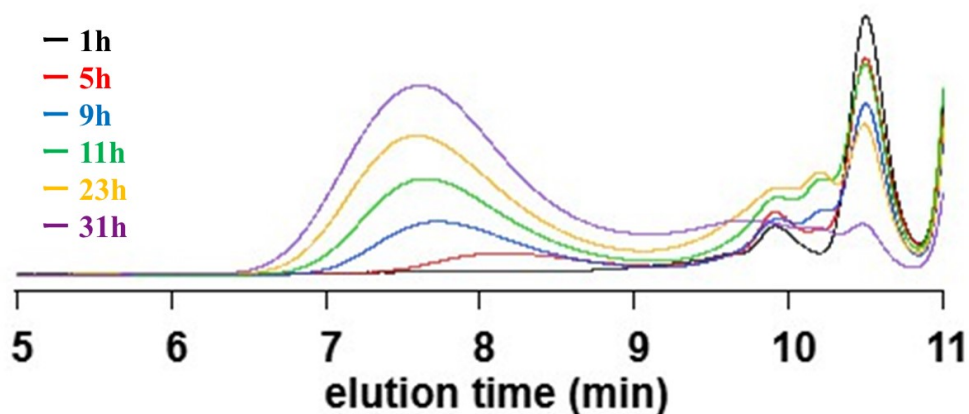
<sup>a</sup>Reaction temperature = r. t., in DMF (deoxidized).

<sup>b</sup>Monomer conversion measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

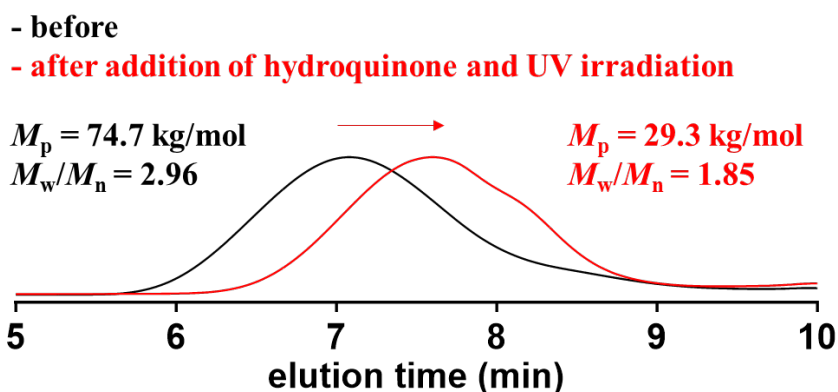
<sup>c</sup>Determined by SEC with a standard series of poly(styrene)s.

<sup>d</sup>Polymerization without radical initiator under UV irradiation.

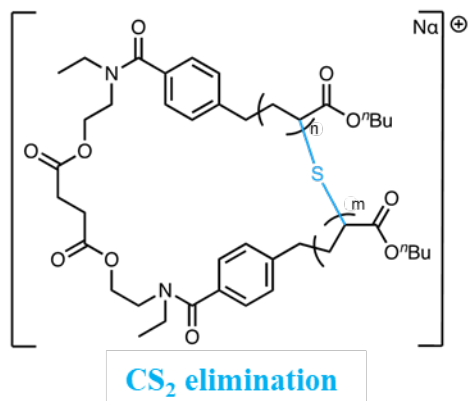
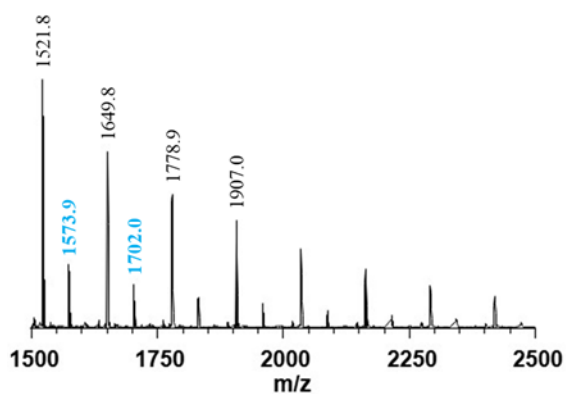
<sup>e</sup>Polymerization using Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> as a redox catalyst without radical initiator under blue-LED irradiation.



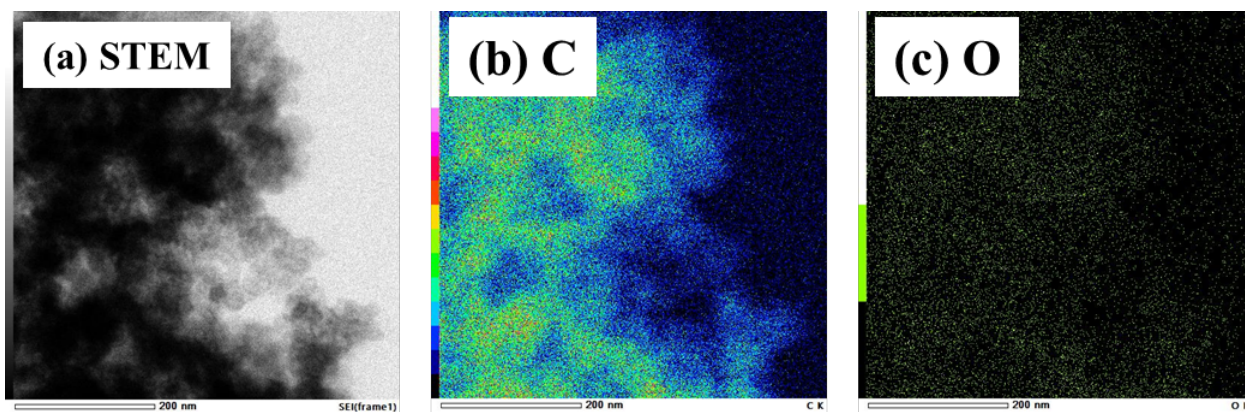
**Figure S5.** SEC traces of poly(*n*-BA)s (black line = 1 h, red line = 5 h, blue line = 9 h, yellow line = 23 h, violet line = 31 h) (run 3 in Table 2).



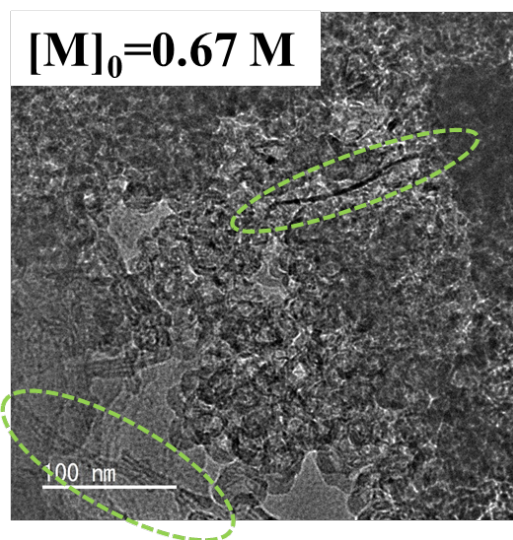
**Figure S6.** SEC trace of poly(*n*-BA)s (black line = before addition of hydroquinone and UV irradiation, red line = before addition of hydroquinone and UV irradiation).



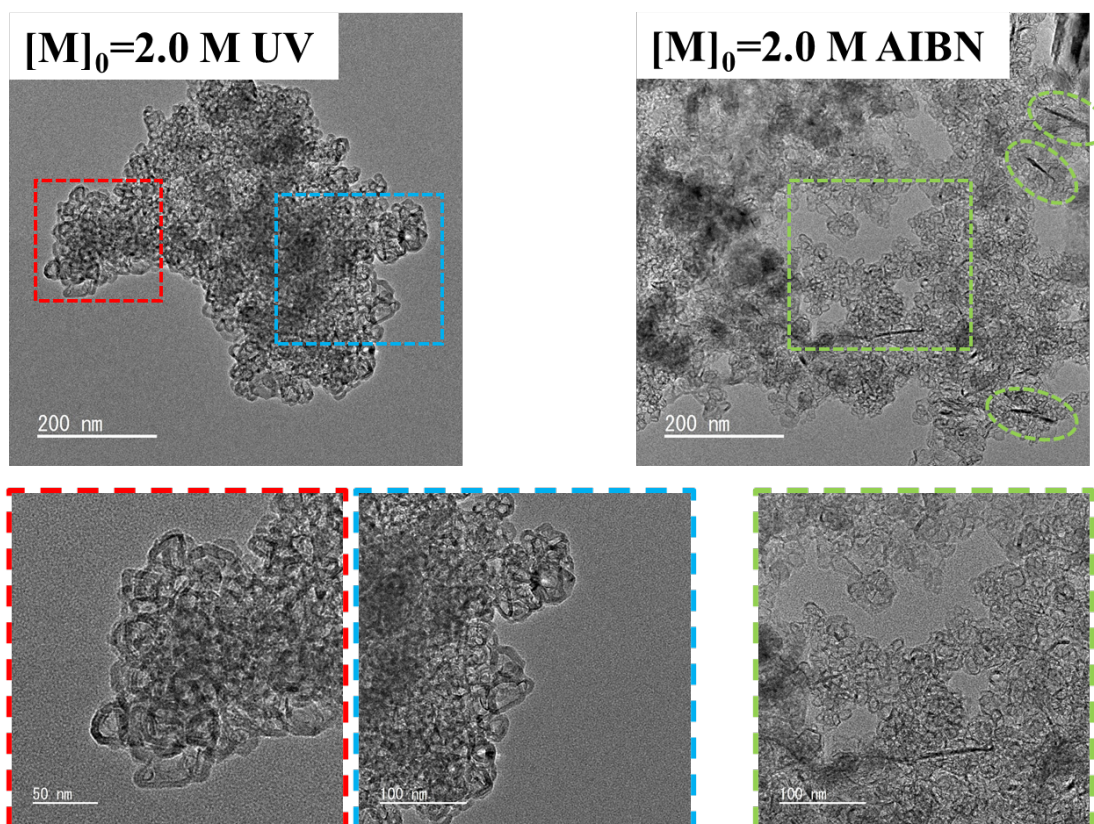
**Figure S7.** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of poly(*n*-BA) synthesized with 2.0 M monomer concentration under UV irradiation (run 3 in Table 2).



**Figure S8.** EDS mapping of poly(*n*-BA) (run 3 in Table 2). (a) STEM image, (b) carbon, (c) oxygen



**Figure S9.** TEM observation of cyclic and linear poly(*n*-BA)s (run 1 in Table 2) prepared from toluene solution at 1.0  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ .

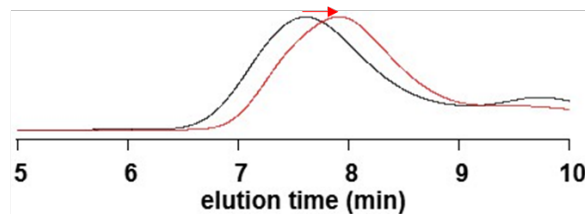


**Figure S10.** TEM observation of cyclic and linear poly(*n*-BA)s (run 2, 4 in Table 2) prepared from toluene solution at 1.0  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ .

[Cyclic-TTC]<sub>0</sub>=6.7 mM

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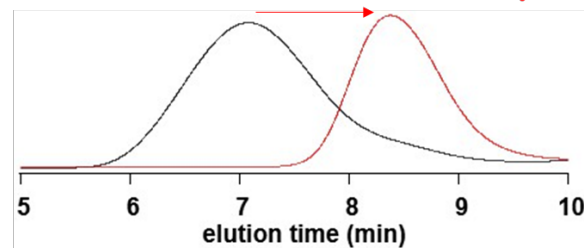
- after aminolysis



[Cyclic-TTC]<sub>0</sub>=20 mM

- before

- after aminolysis



**Figure S11.** SEC traces of poly(*n*-BA)s synthesized at 6.7 mM cyclic-TTC concentration (black line = before aminolysis, red line = after aminolysis) and 20 mM cyclic-TTC concentration (black line = before aminolysis, red line = after aminolysis).