

*Supplementary Material for*

**Synthesis and Characterization of Isosorbide-Based Polyurethanes Exhibiting  
Low Cytotoxicity Towards HaCaT Human Skin Cells**

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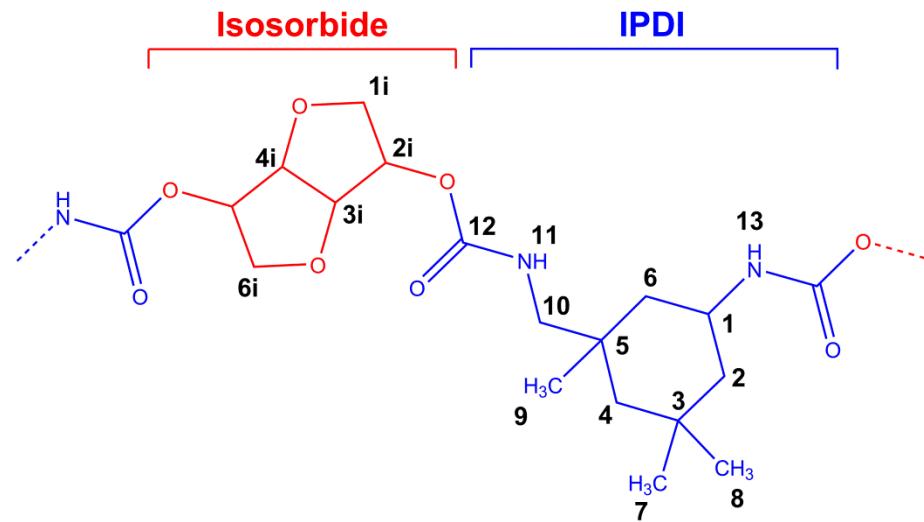
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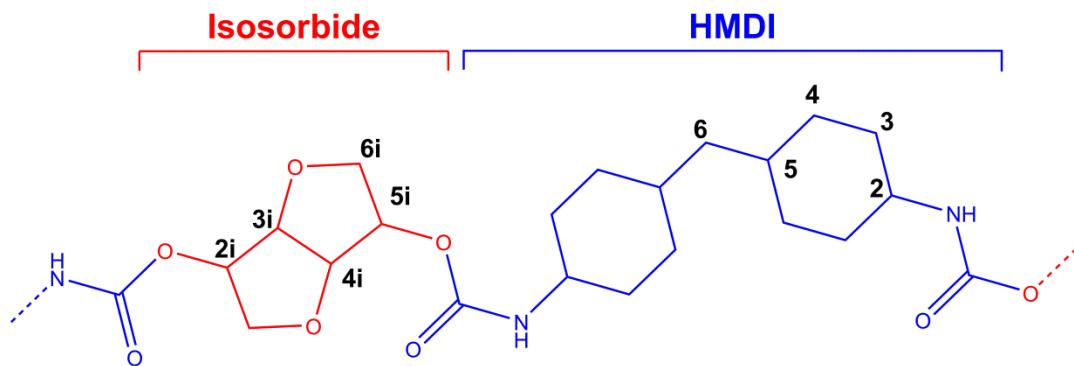
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## Atom numbering in chain fragments of polyurethanes used in NMR assignments

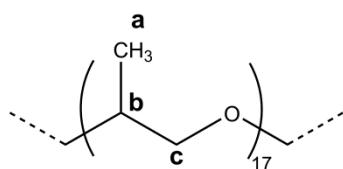
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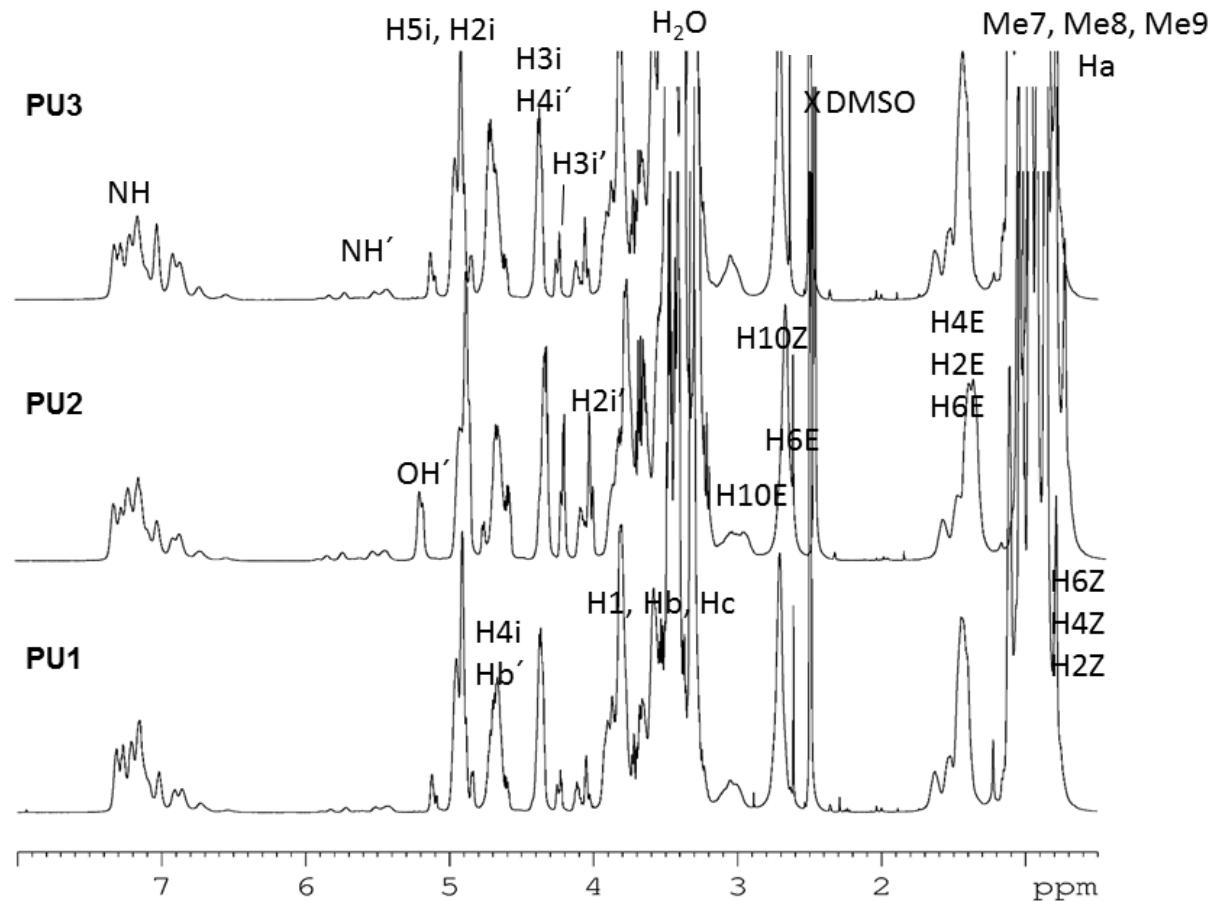
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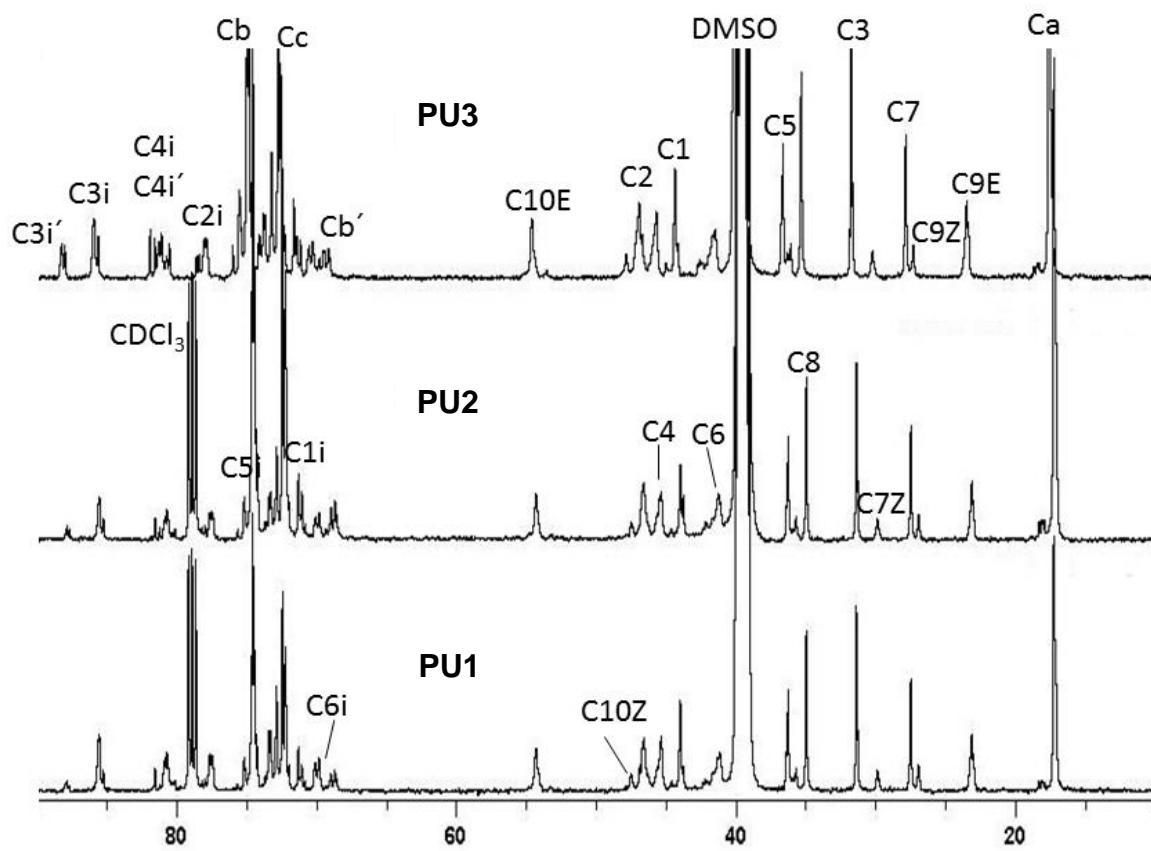
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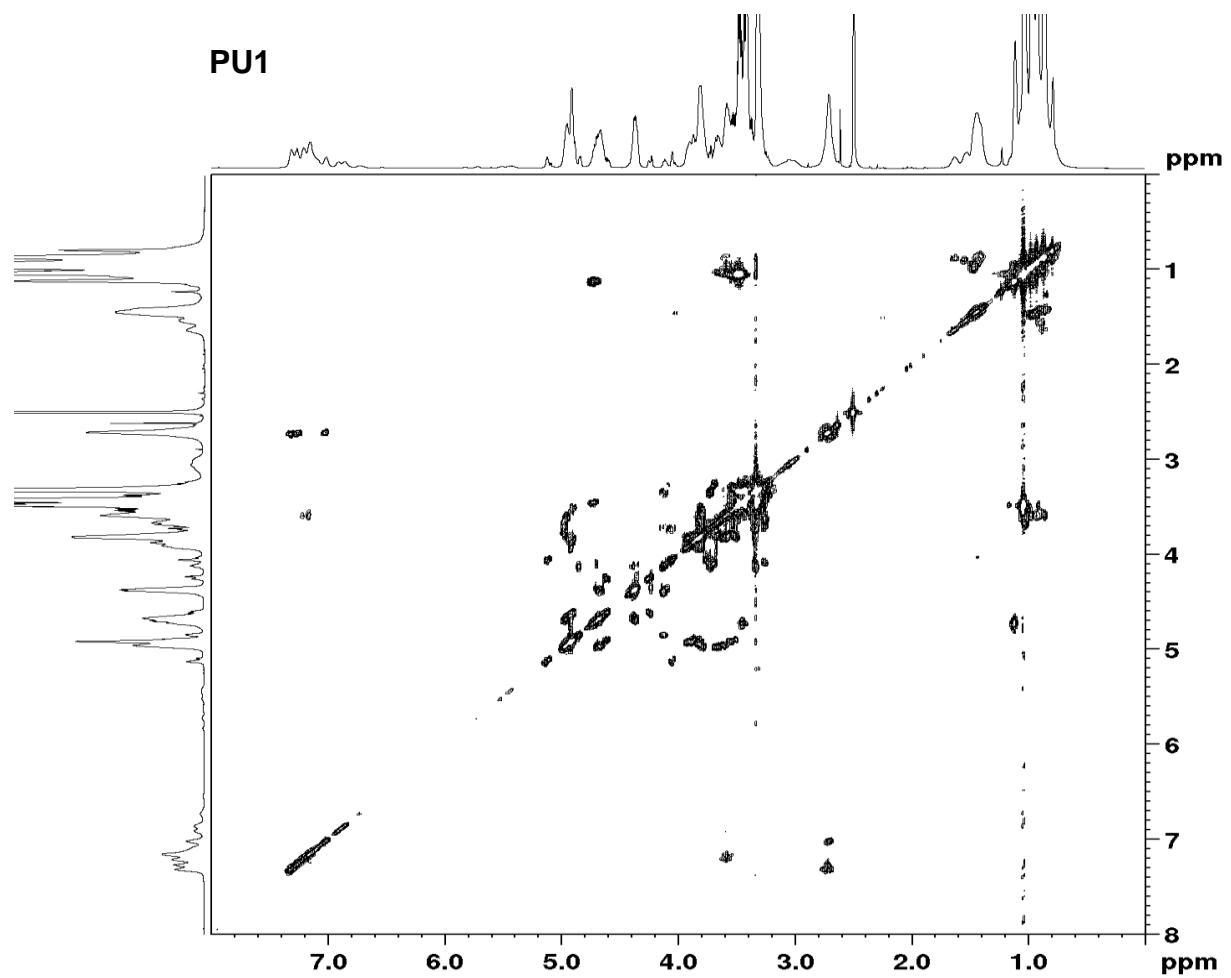
## NMR data



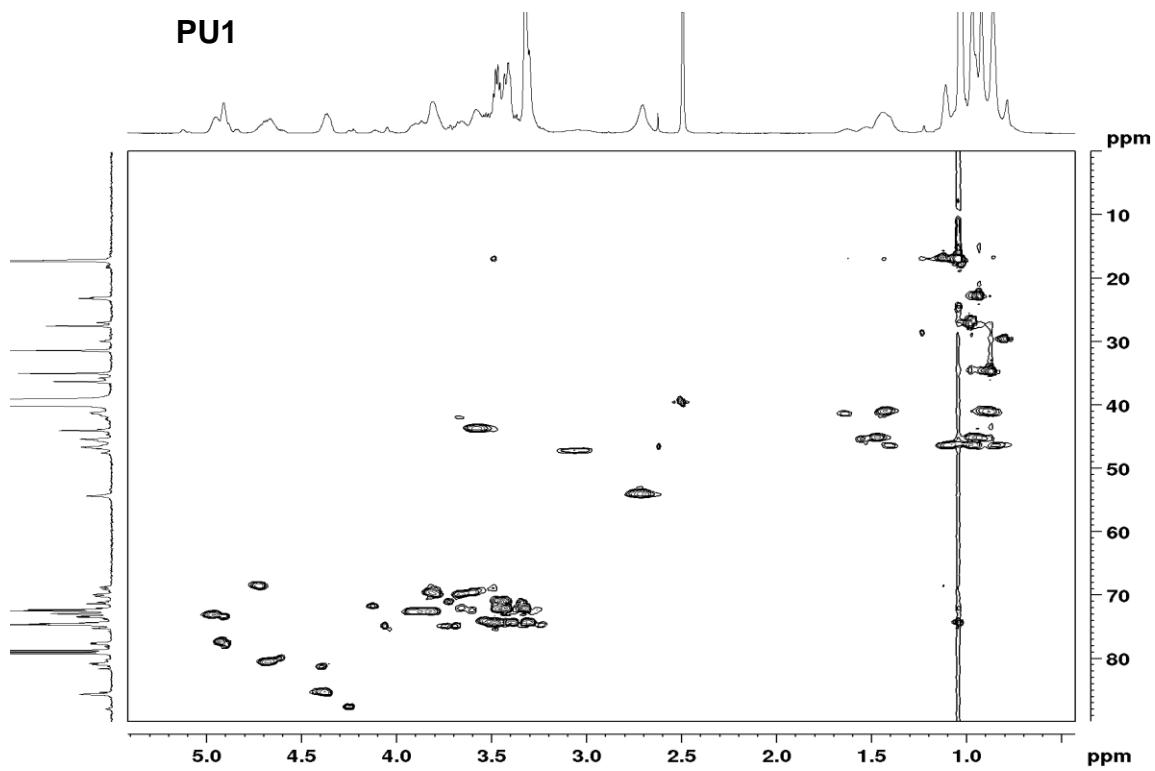
**Figure S1.** Assignment of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of polyurethanes **PU1**, **PU2** and **PU3** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. Protons of terminal groups are primed. Z and E refer to the *cis* and *trans* isomers of IDPI, respectively.



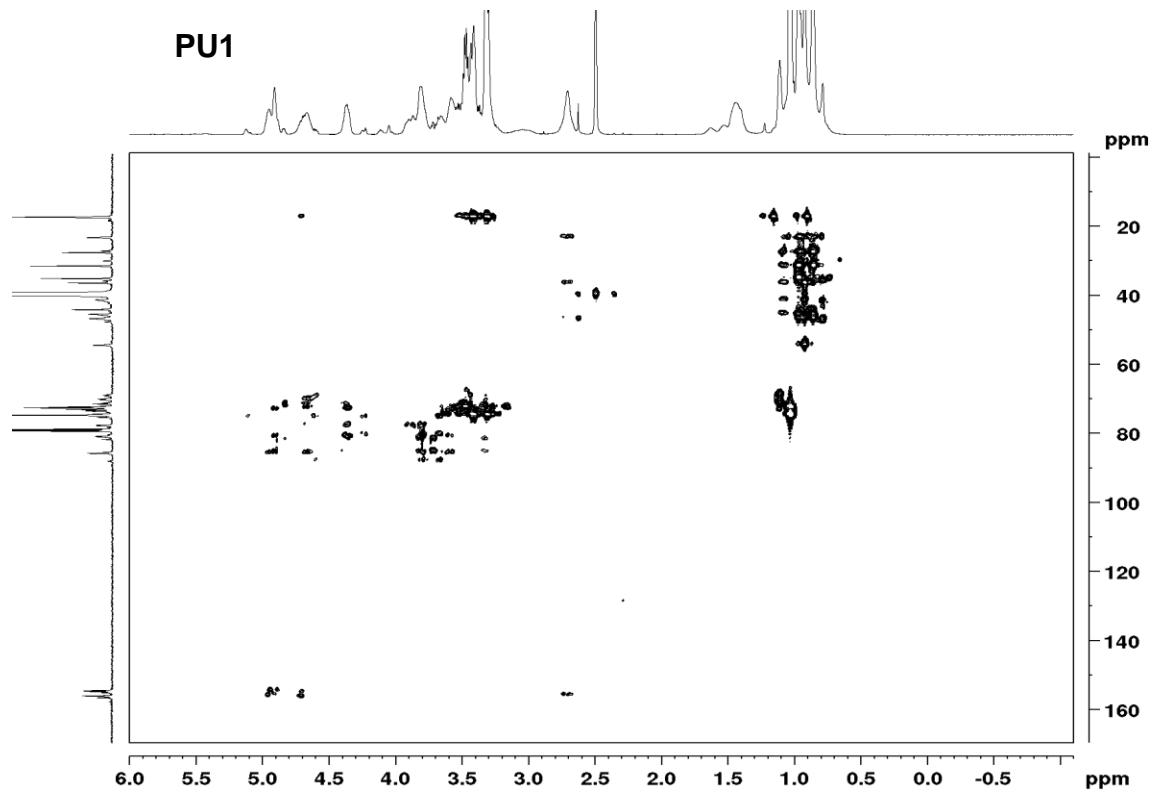
**Figure S2.** Assignment of the  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra of Isosorbide and IPDI repeating units of polyurethanes **PU1**, **PU2** and **PU3** in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ . Carbons of terminal groups are primed. Z and E refer to the *cis* and *trans* isomers of IDPI, respectively.



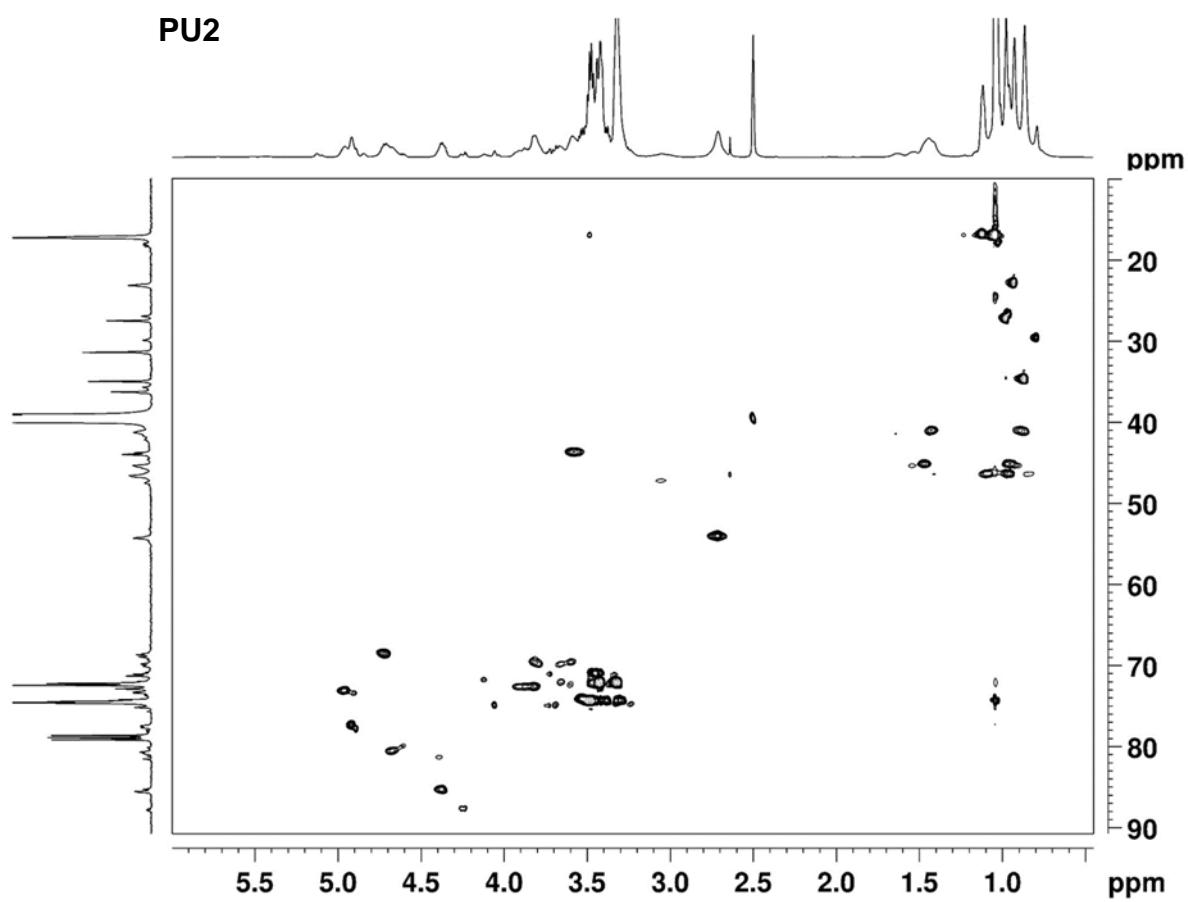
**Figure S3.** COSY spectrum of PU1 in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



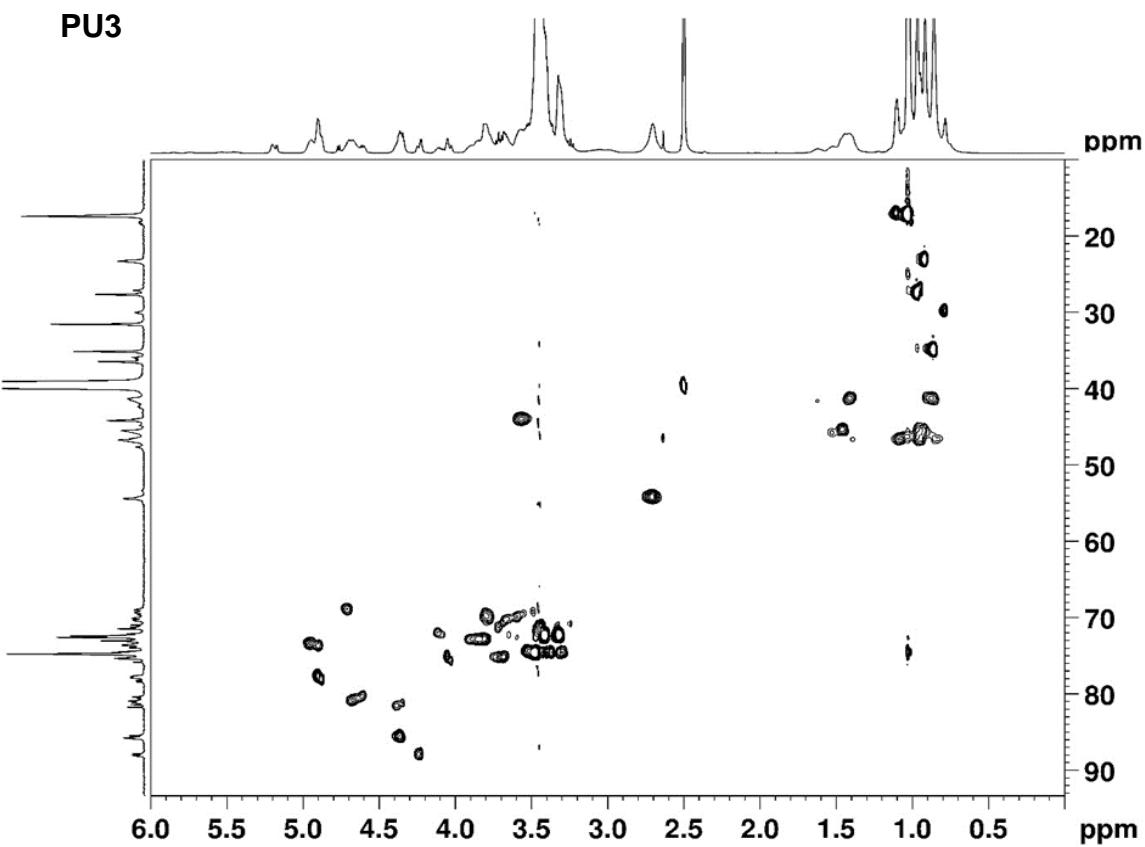
**Figure S4.** HSQC spectrum of PU1 in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .



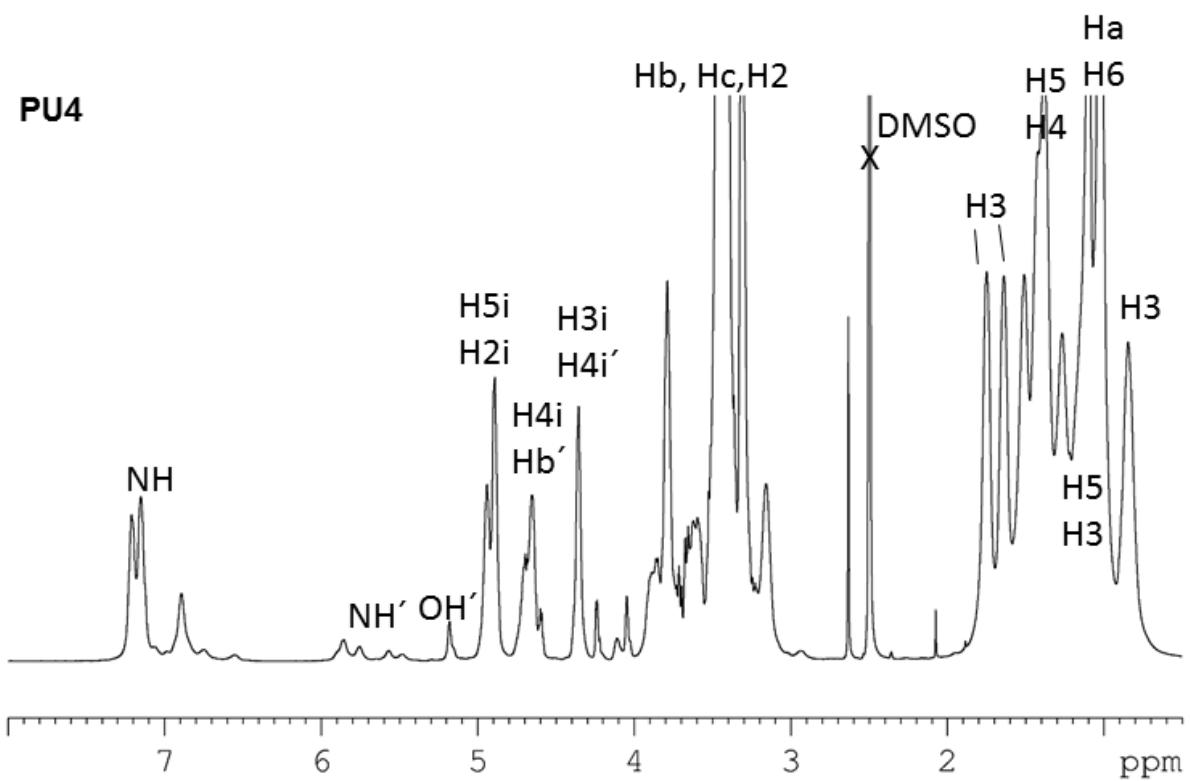
**Figure S5.** HMBC spectrum of PU1 in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .



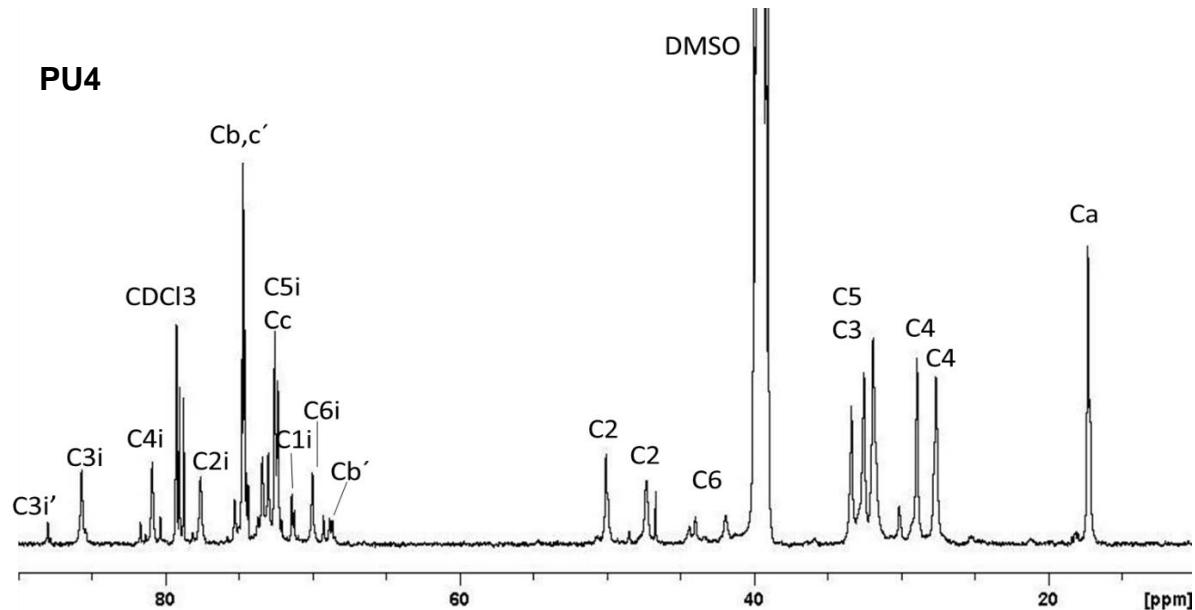
**Figure S6.** HSQC spectrum of **PU2** in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .



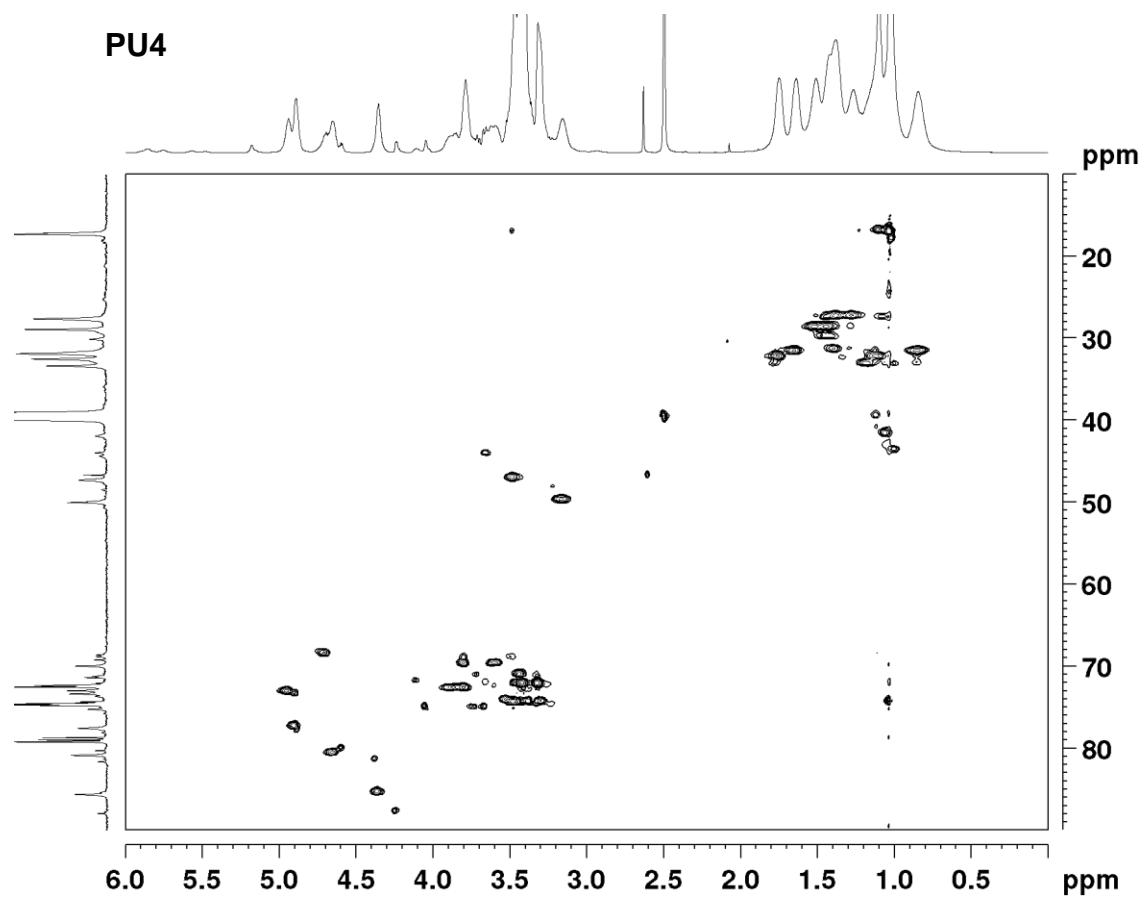
**Figure S7.** HSQC spectrum of PU3 in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



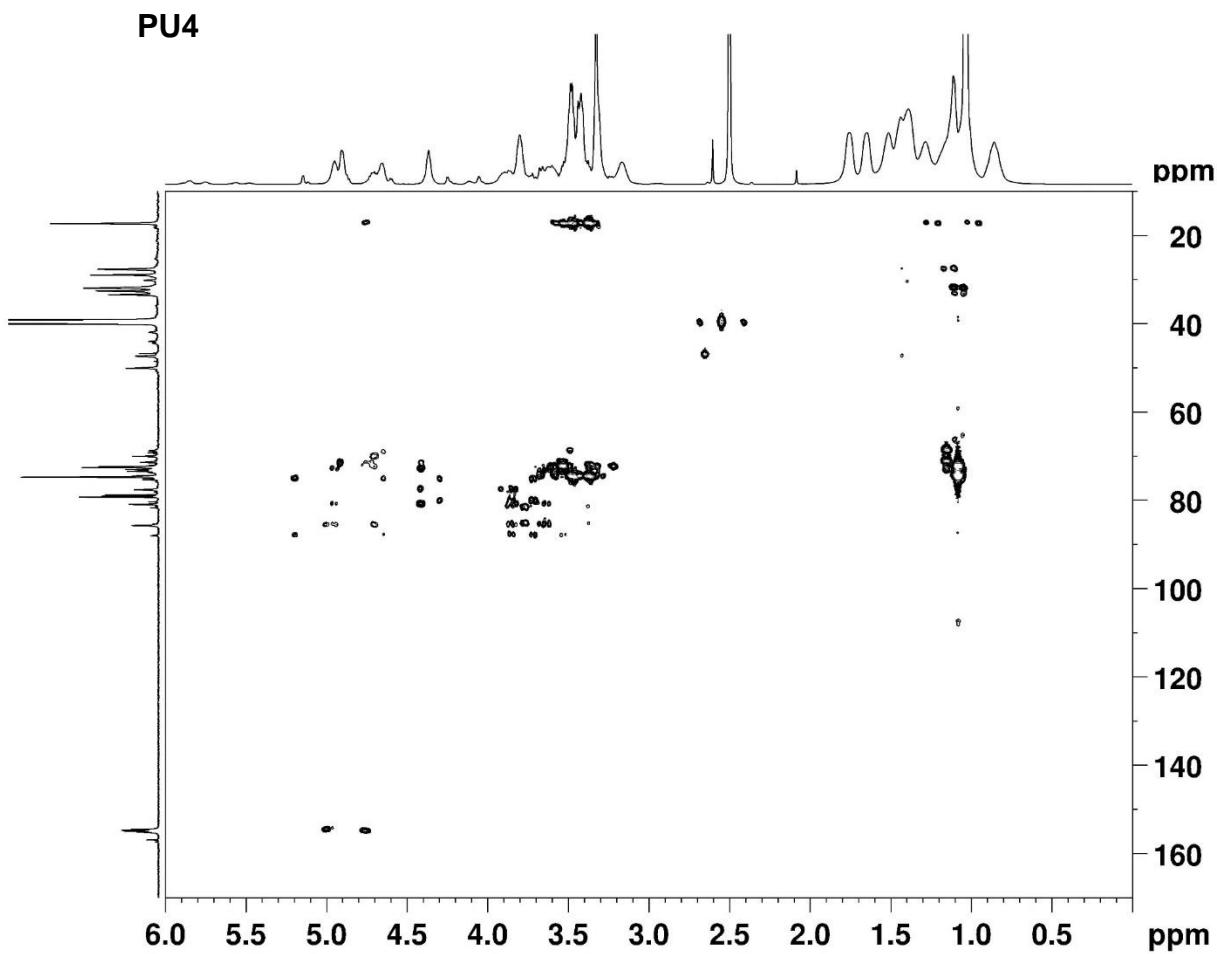
**Figure S8.** Assignment of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of polyurethane **PU4** in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ . Protons of terminal groups are primed.



**Figure S9.** Assignment of the  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of Isosorbide and HMDI repeating units of polyurethane **PU4** in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ . Carbons of terminal groups are primed.



**Figure S10.** HSQC spectrum of **PU4** in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .



**Figure S11.** HMBC spectrum of PU4 in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .

## Determination of self-diffusion coefficients $D_0$

The duration of the gradient pulses ( $\delta$ ) and the diffusion time ( $\Delta$ ) were optimized in order to obtain a residual signal of 2-5 % at the maximum gradient strength. The values used were 3.4 ms for the duration of the gradient pulses and 110 to 140 ms for the diffusion time. The gradient strength was incremented from 2% to 98% in a linear ramp with 16 steps. A delay of 15s between echoes was used. The gradients were previously calibrated using 99.9% pure D<sub>2</sub>O as a standard. Each diffusion experiment produces a pseudo array of 16 spin echoes that were first FT processed in the t<sub>2</sub> dimension using a LB of 0.2 Hz to generate a series of 1D spectra that were phased and baseline corrected prior to extraction of the diffusion coefficient by Gaussian fittings using the T<sub>1</sub>/T<sub>2</sub> relaxation module of Topspin 3.1.

**Table S1.** Average diffusion coefficient D in relation to the concentration of **PU1**.

[PU1] (g/mL)	$D \times 10^{11}$ (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>-1</sup> )
$3.42 \times 10^{-4}$	7.19
$7.46 \times 10^{-4}$	7.25
$1.74 \times 10^{-3}$	6.62
$3.42 \times 10^{-3}$	6.61
$1.14 \times 10^{-2}$	6.37

**Table S2.** Average diffusion coefficient D in relation to the concentration of **PU2**.

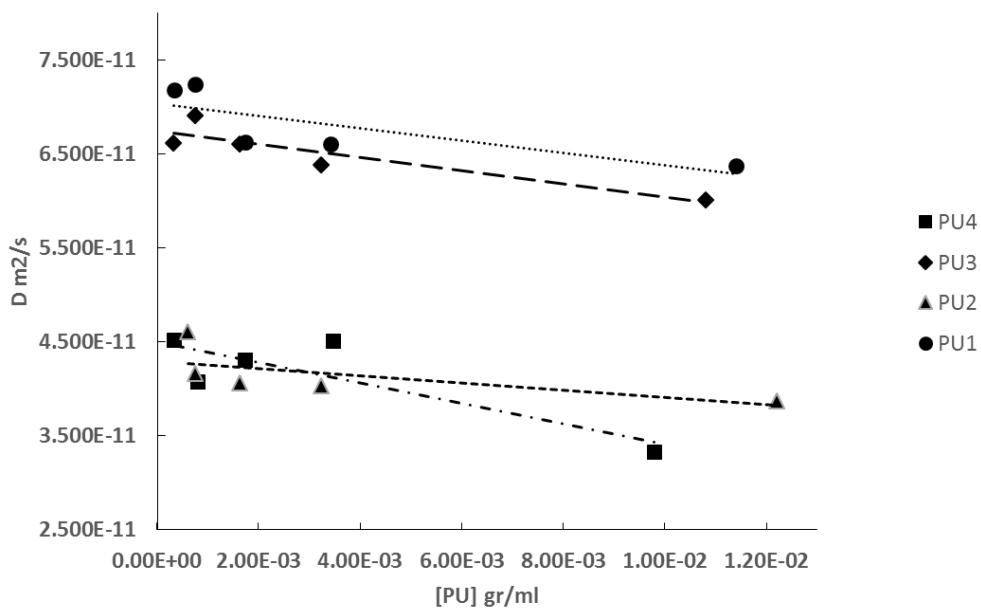
[PU2] (g/mL)	$D \times 10^{11}$ (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>-1</sup> )
$3.66 \times 10^{-4}$	4.61
$7.56 \times 10^{-4}$	4.17
$1.62 \times 10^{-3}$	4.07
$3.24 \times 10^{-3}$	4.04
$1.22 \times 10^{-2}$	3.87

**Table S3.** Average diffusion coefficient D in relation to the concentration of **PU3**.

[PU3] (g/mL)	D×10 <sup>11</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>-1</sup> )
3.24×10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.62
7.56×10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.91
1.62×10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.61
3.24×10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.01
1.08×10 <sup>-2</sup>	6.01

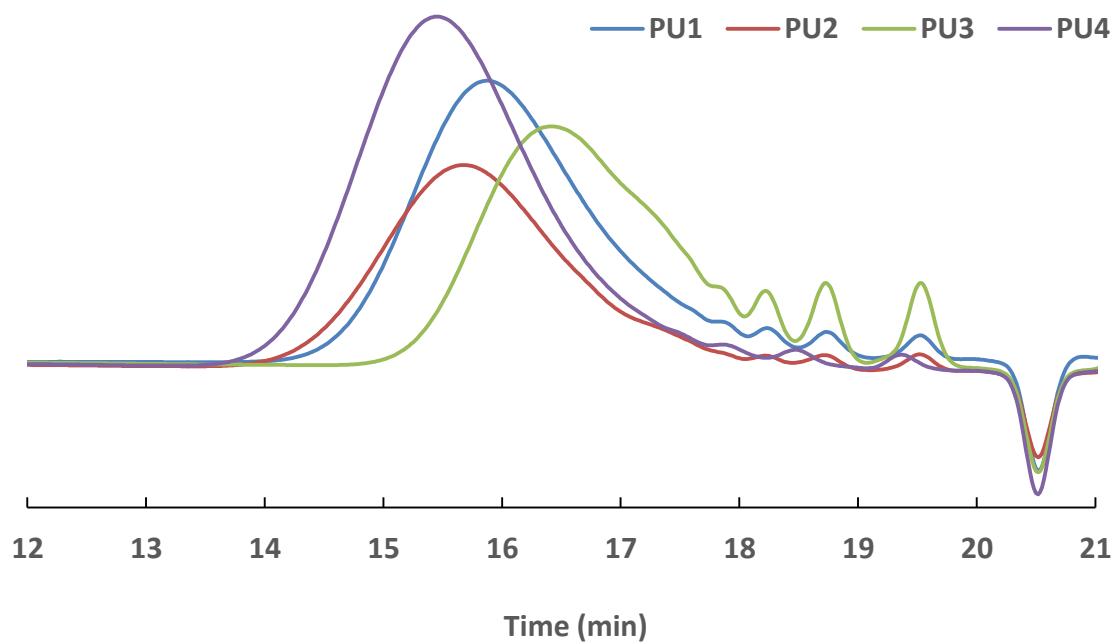
**Table S4.** Average diffusion coefficient D in relation to the concentration of **PU4**.

[PU4] (g/mL)	D×10 <sup>11</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>-1</sup> )
2.94×10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.52
6.84×10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.08
1.47×10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.31
2.94×10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.62
9.80×10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.32



**Figure S12.** Plots of diffusion coefficients vs. concentrations of PUs.

### GPC/SEC chromatograms



**Figure S13.** GPC/SEC chromatograms of PU1-PU4.

## Average PUs compositions from $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR

**Table S5.** Average monomer composition of PU1.

Carbons	Relative area	No. carbons
CO	12.2	11 - 12 <b>carbonyls</b>
C3i'	0.5	1
C4i'	0.8	1 <b>terminal iosorbides</b>
C2i	4.2	4
C6i	4.1	4 <b>main chain isosorbides</b>
C4	5.8	6
C1	5.8	6
C8	6.5	6-7
C3	6.5	6-7
C7	6.3	6
C9	6.4	6 <b>isocyanates</b>
Cb	17.6	17 <b>PPG monomers</b>

**Table S6.** Average monomer composition of PU2.

Carbons	Relative area	No. carbons
CO	12.8	12-13 carbonyls
C3i'	1.9	2 terminal isosorbides
C3i	3.8	4
C4i	3.0	3
C2i	3.3	3
C6i	3.5	3 - 4 main chain isosorbides
C10	6.5	7
C2	8.2	8
C4	6.7	7
C1	6.7	7
C8	6.5	7
C3	6.7	7
C7	6.7	7
C9Z, C9E	6.6	6
Ca	34	34 2 PPG blocks, 17 monomers each

**Table S7.** Average monomer composition of PU3.

Carbons	Relative area	No. carbons
C3i'	1.9	2 <b>terminal isosorbides</b>
CO	10.8	11 <b>carbonyls</b>
C3i	3.9	4
C2i	4.0	4
Cb	17.1	17
C1i	4.1	4
C6i	3.8	4 <b>main chain isosorbides</b>
C4	5.4	5
C1	5.6	6.
C8	6.2	6
C3	6.4	6
C7	6.0	6
C9	6.2	6 <b>isocyanates</b>
Ca	17	17 <b>PPG monomers</b>

**Table S8.** Average monomer composition of PU4.

Carbons	Relative area	No. Carbons
CO	11.8	12 <b>carbonyls</b>
C3i'	0.6	1 <b>terminal isosorbides</b>
C3i	4.3	4
C4i, C4i'	4.6	5
C2i	4.2	4
Cb	17.0	17
C6i	3.7	4 <b>main chain isosorbides</b>
C6	5.2	5
C2	5.3	5
C2	6.1	6
C4	13.6	14
C4	14.2	14 <b>6 isocyanates, one is terminal</b>
Ca	17.0	17 <b>PPG monomers</b>