

Supporting Information for:

Thiol-Ene Elastomers Derived from Biobased Phenolic Acids  
with Varying Functionality

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## Section 1: NMR Characterization of 3-Hydroxybenzoic Acid

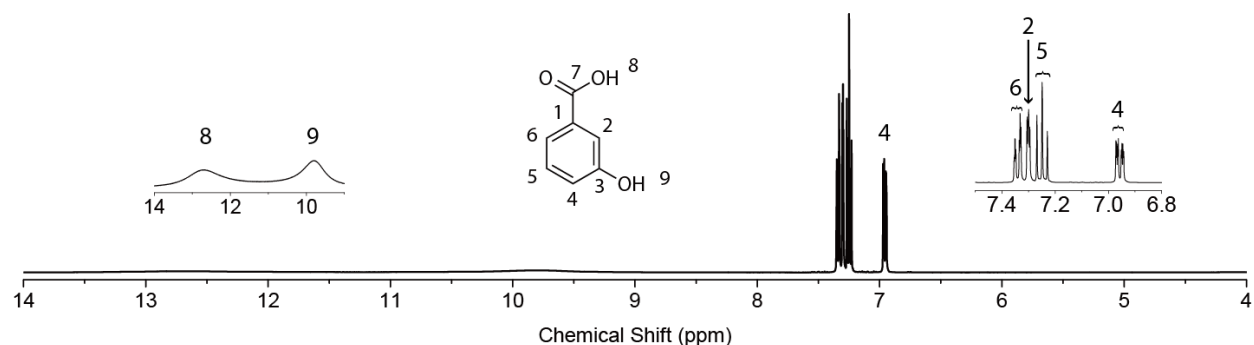


Figure S1a: Chemical structure of and <sup>1</sup>H NMR data obtained from 3-hydroxybenzoic acid (referred to as “3HBA” in main text). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): δ 12.74 (broad s, 1H), 9.75 (broad s, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.56 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.56 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.56 Hz, 1H).

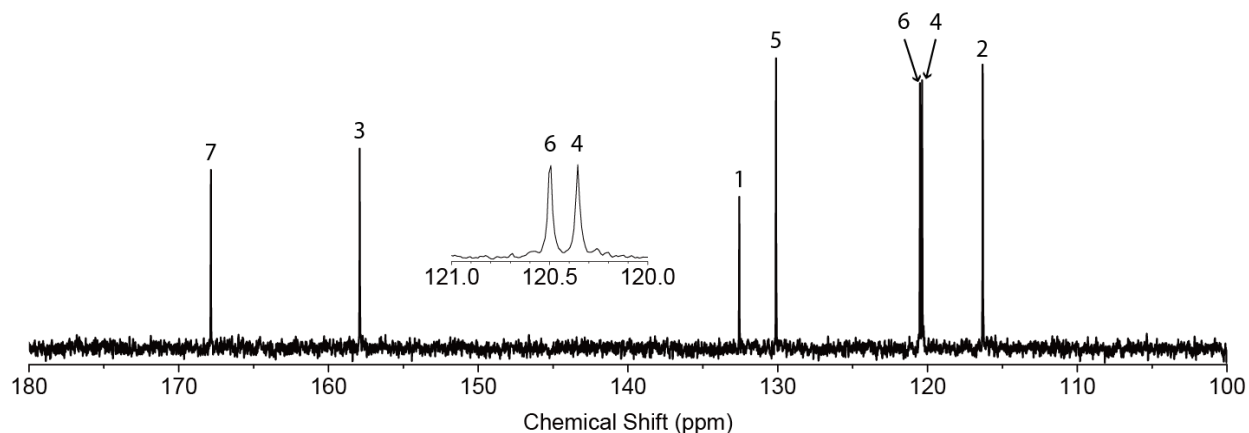


Figure S1b: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data obtained from 3-hydroxybenzoic acid. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): δ 167.9, 157.9, 132.6, 130.1, 120.5, 120.4, 116.3.

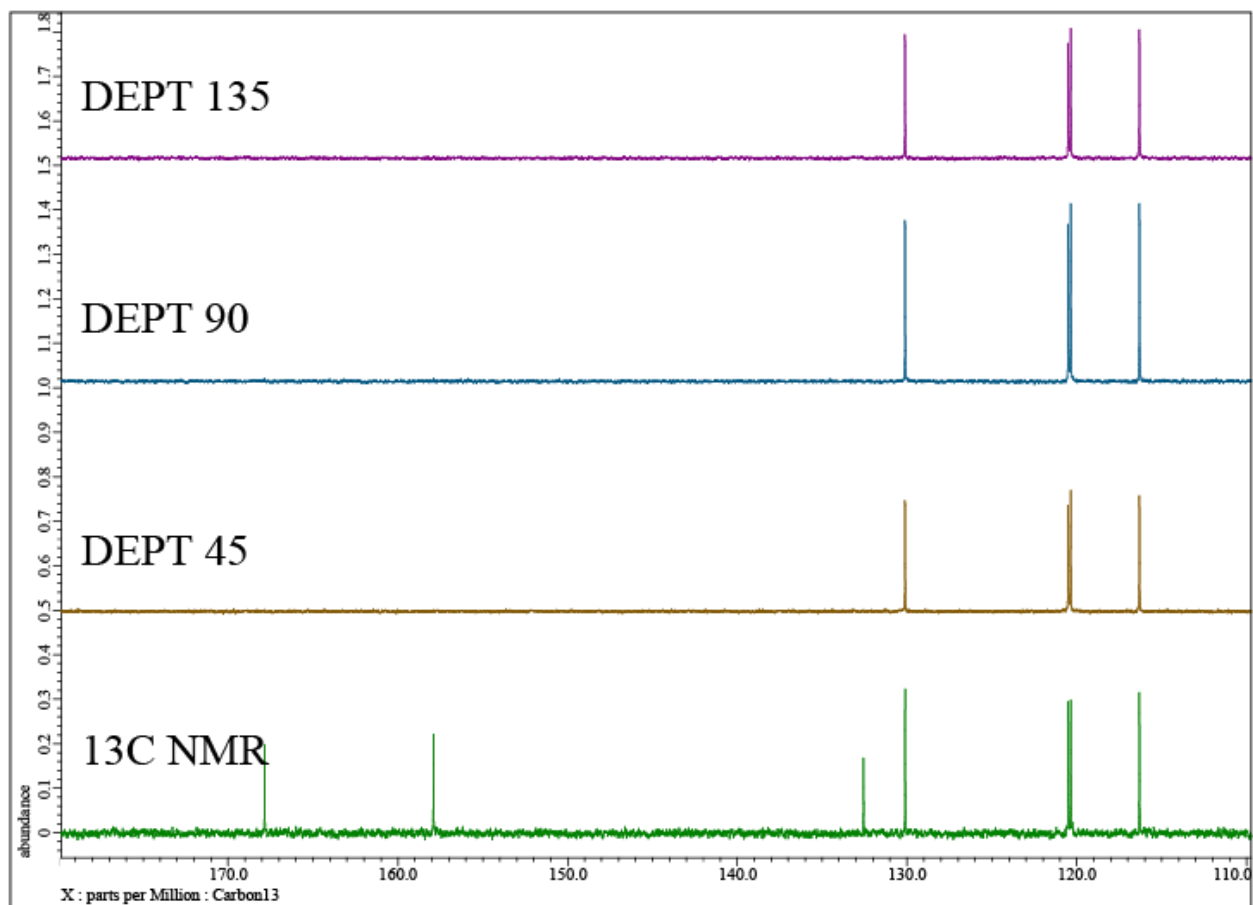


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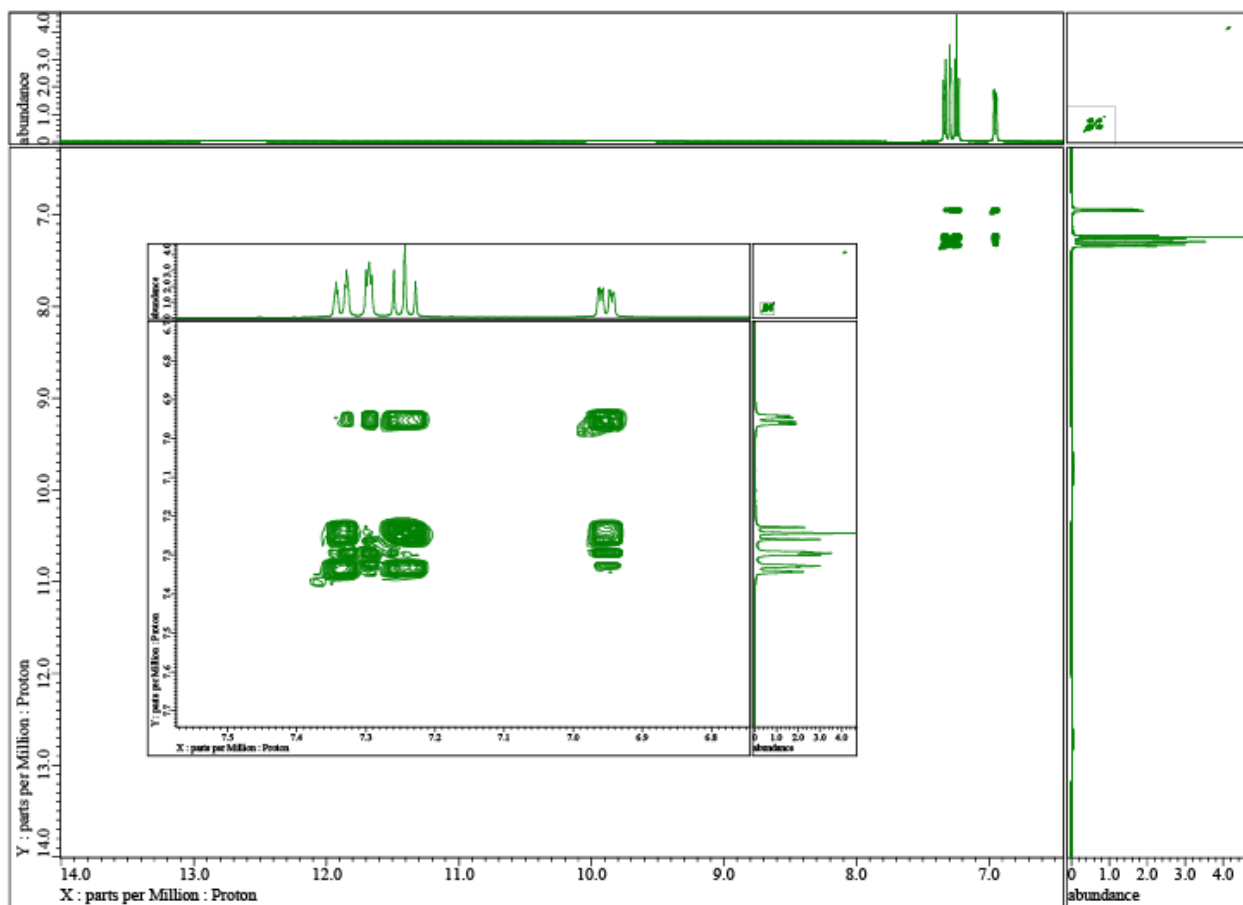


Figure S1d: COSY data obtained from 3-hydroxybenzoic acid.

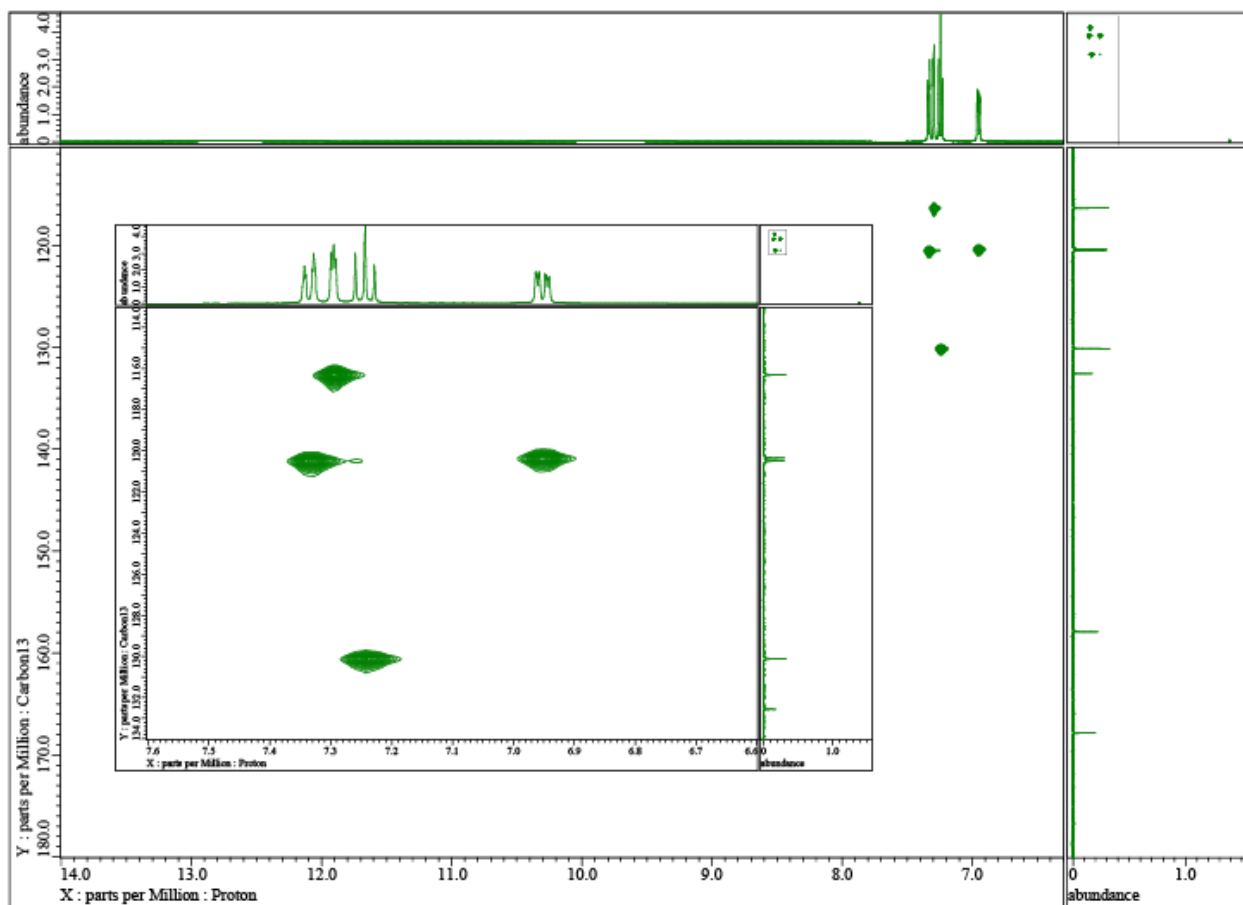


Figure S1e: HSQC data obtained from 3-hydroxybenzoic acid.

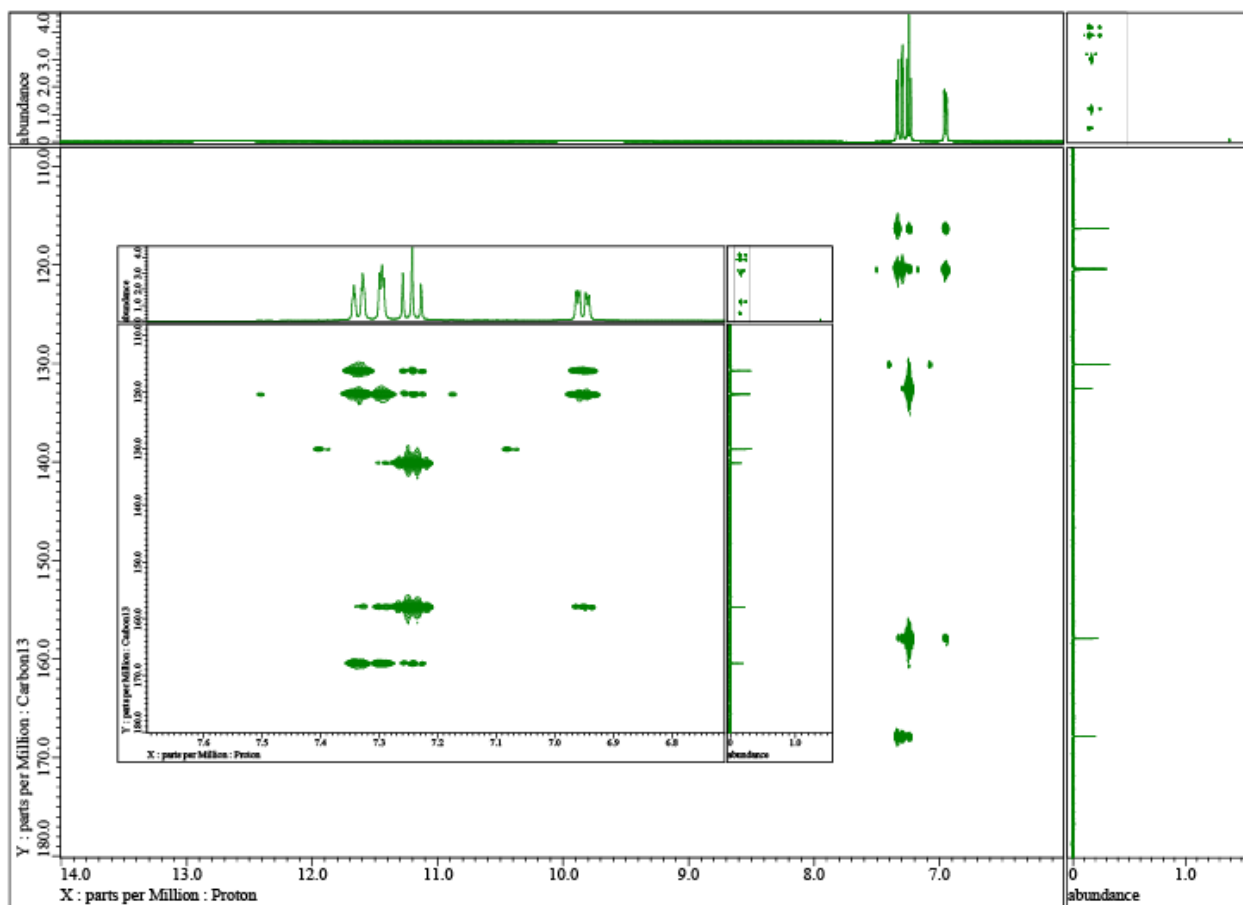


Figure S1f: HMBC data obtained from 3-hydroxybenzoic acid.

## Section 2: NMR Characterization of Allylated 3-Hydroxybenzoic Acid (a3HBA)

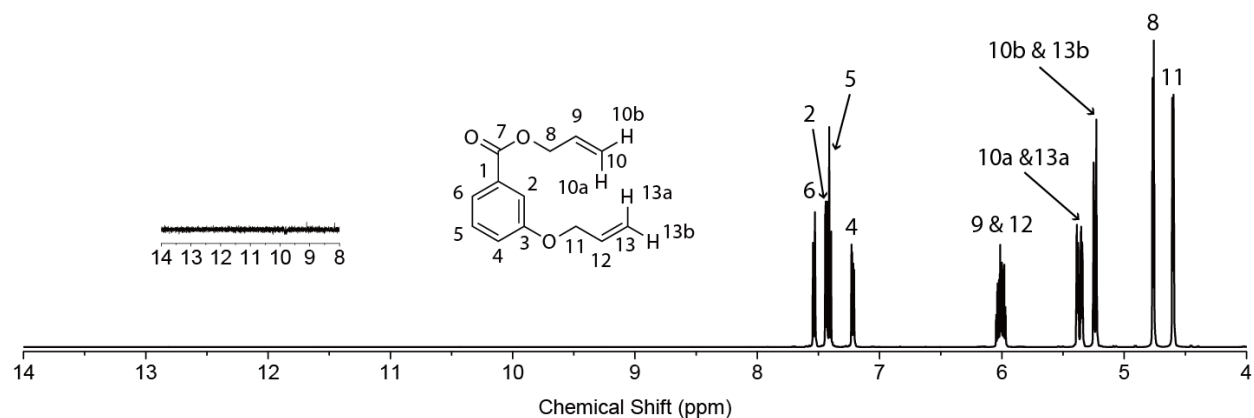


Figure S2a: Chemical structure of and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data obtained from allyl 3-allyloxybenzoate (referred to as “allylated 3HBA” in main text). Data were obtained from final purified product.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm):  $\delta$  7.54 (ddd,  $J=7.79, 1.37, 1.37$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd,  $J=2.75, 1.83$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd,  $J=7.79, 7.79$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 (ddd,  $J=8.24, 2.75, 0.92$  Hz, 1H), 6.06-5.96 (m, 2H), 5.40-5.34 (m, 2H), 5.24 (ddt,  $J=10.53, 1.37, 1.37$  Hz, 2H), 4.77 (ddd,  $J=5.50, 1.37, 1.37$  Hz, 2H), 4.61 (ddd,  $J=5.04, 1.37, 1.37$  Hz, 2H).

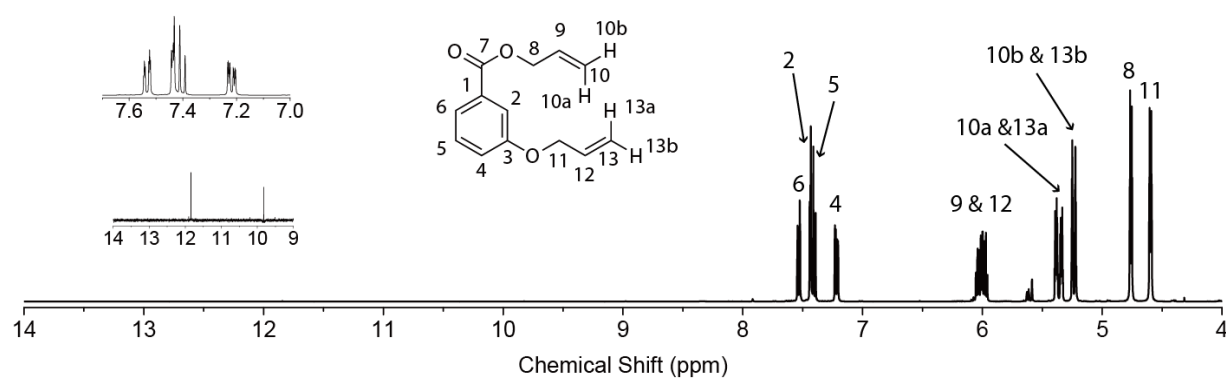


Figure S2b: Chemical structure of and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data obtained from allyl 3-allyloxybenzoate. Data were obtained prior to extraction. Refer to Figure S2c for a closer view.

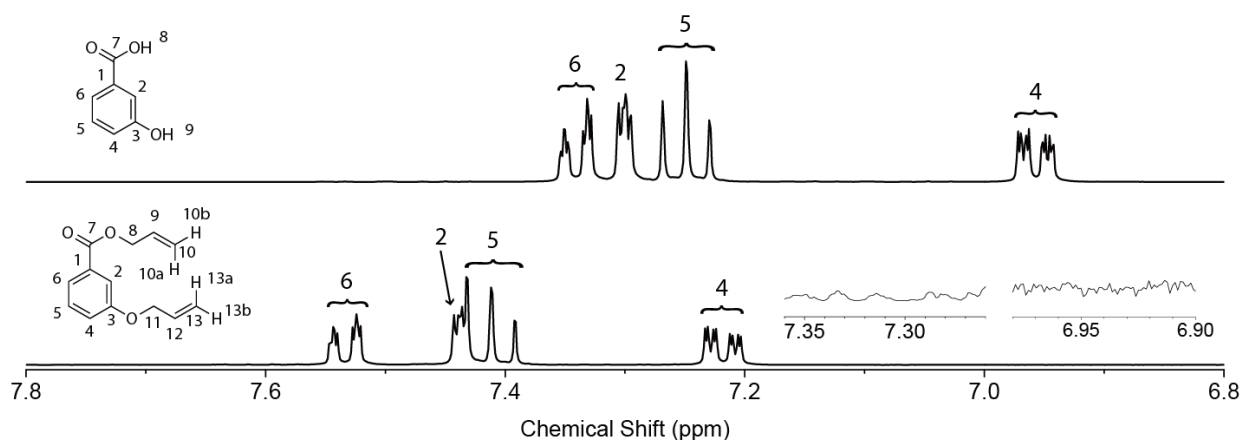


Figure S2c: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data obtained from (top) 3-hydroxybenzoic acid and (bottom) allyl 3-allyloxybenzoate. The spectrum of allyl 3-allyloxybenzoate was obtained prior to extraction for the purposes of determining the reaction conversion. Using the peak integrals for protons 2, 4 and 6, the reaction conversion was determined to be 97.5%.

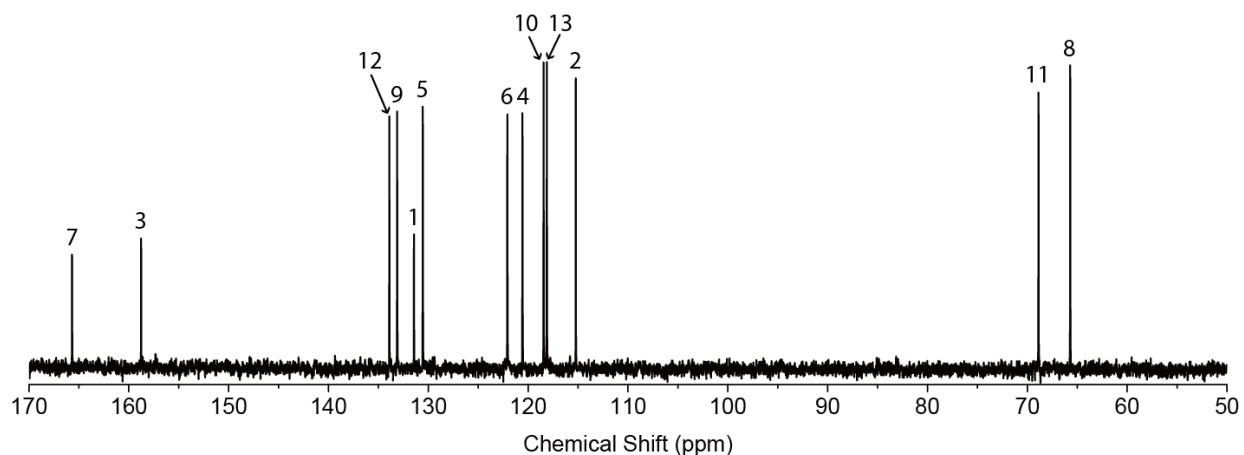


Figure S2d: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data obtained from allyl 3-allyloxybenzoate. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): δ 165.7, 158.8, 133.9, 133.1, 131.4, 130.6, 122.1, 120.6, 118.5, 118.1, 115.2, 68.9, 65.7.

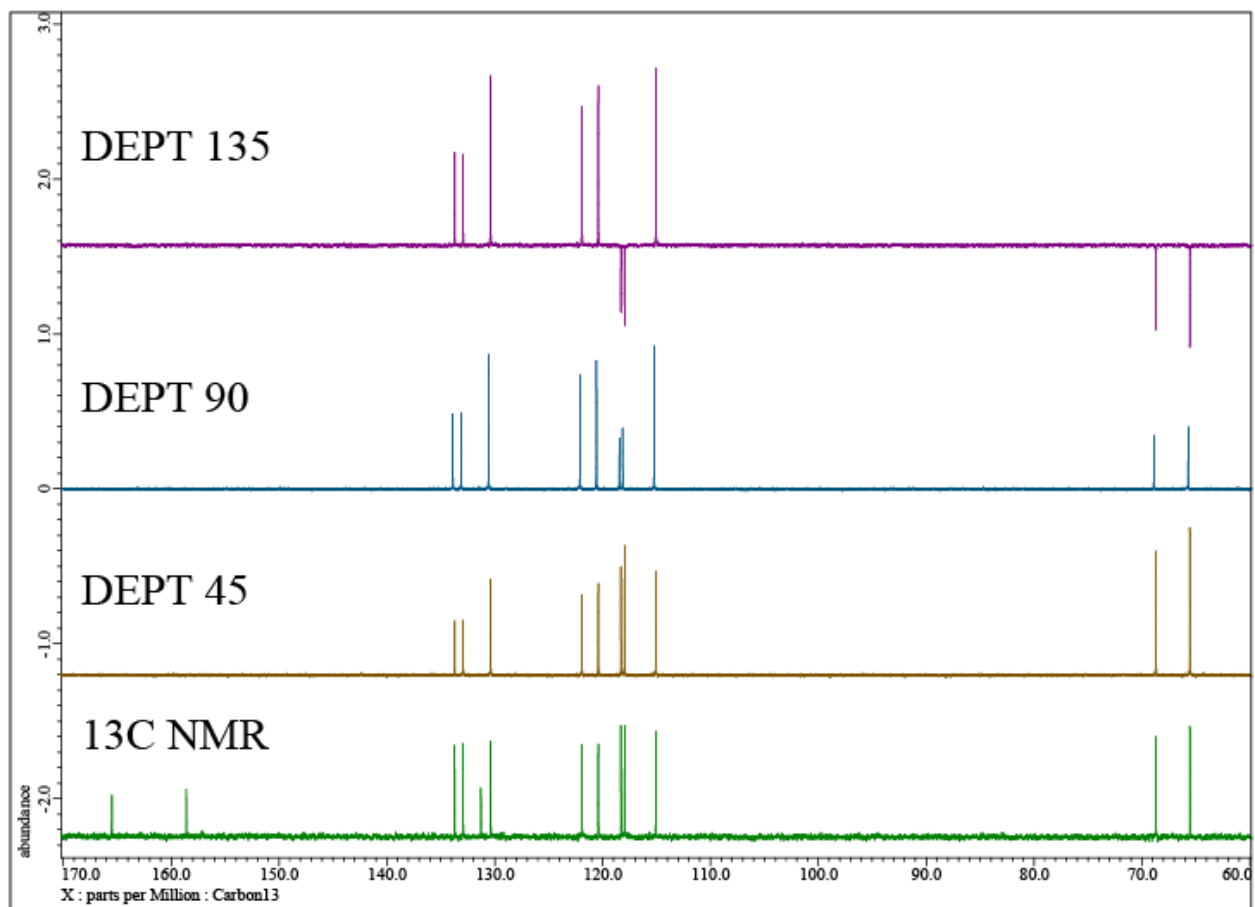


Figure S2e: <sup>13</sup>C NMR, DEPT 45, 90, 135 data obtained from allyl 3-allyloxybenzoate.

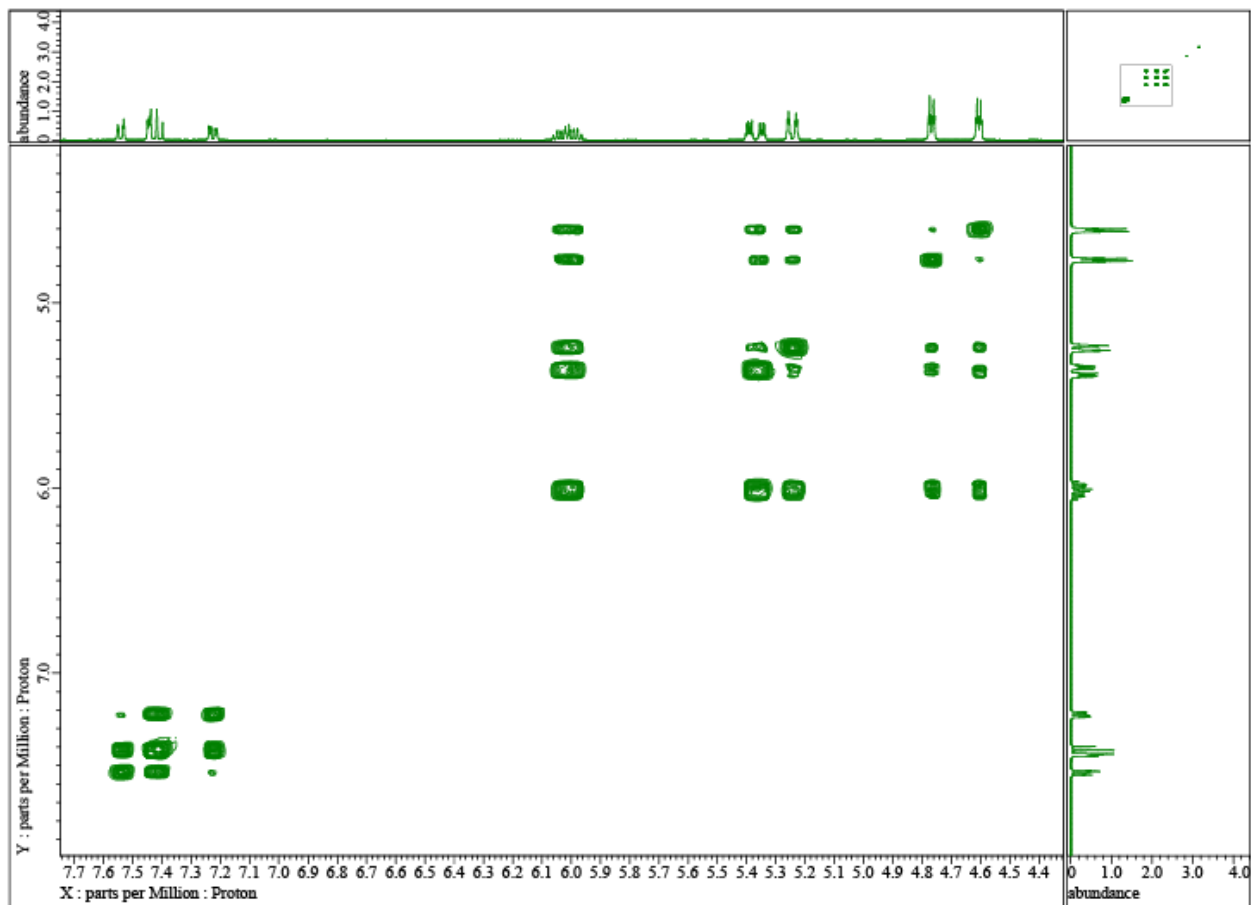


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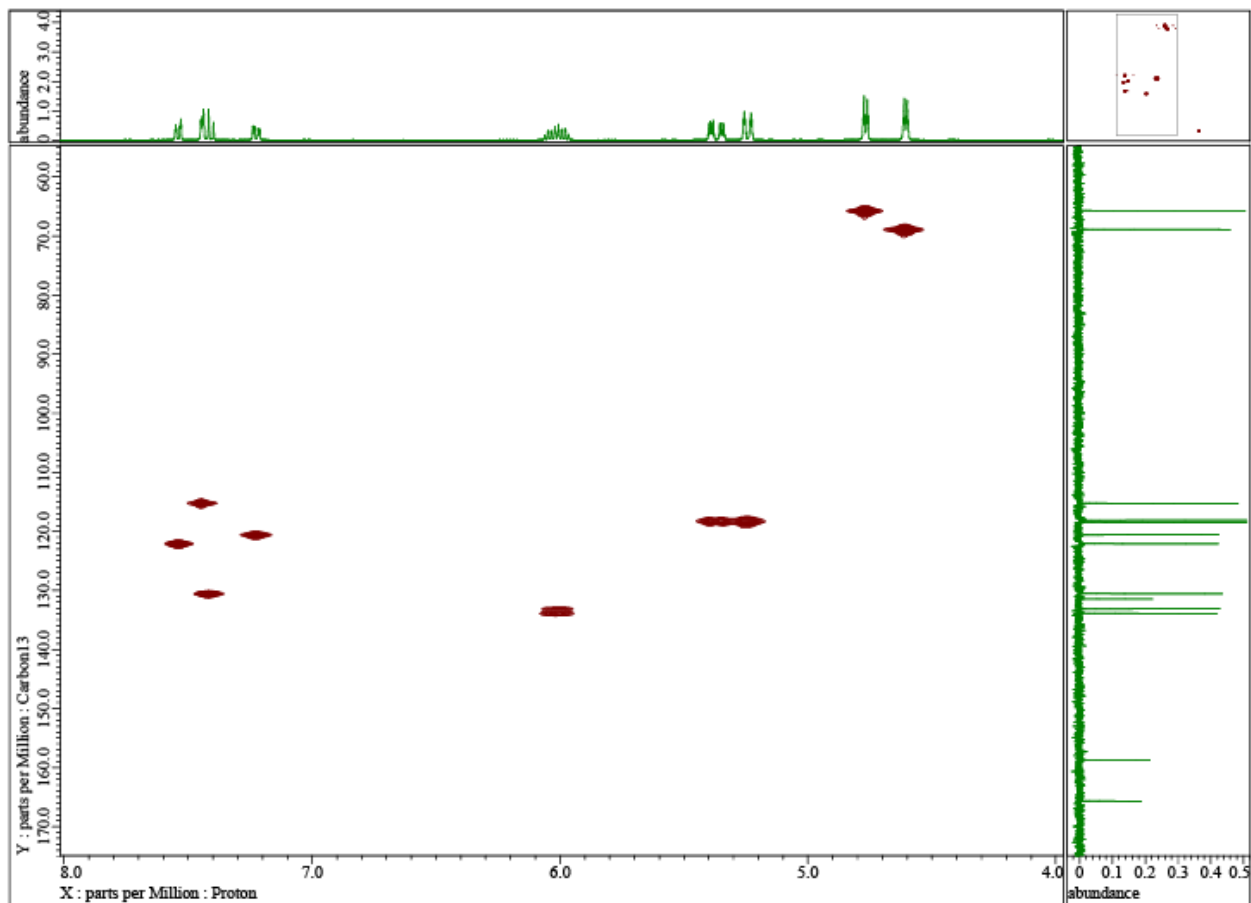


Figure S2g: HSQC data obtained from allyl 3-allyloxybenzoate.

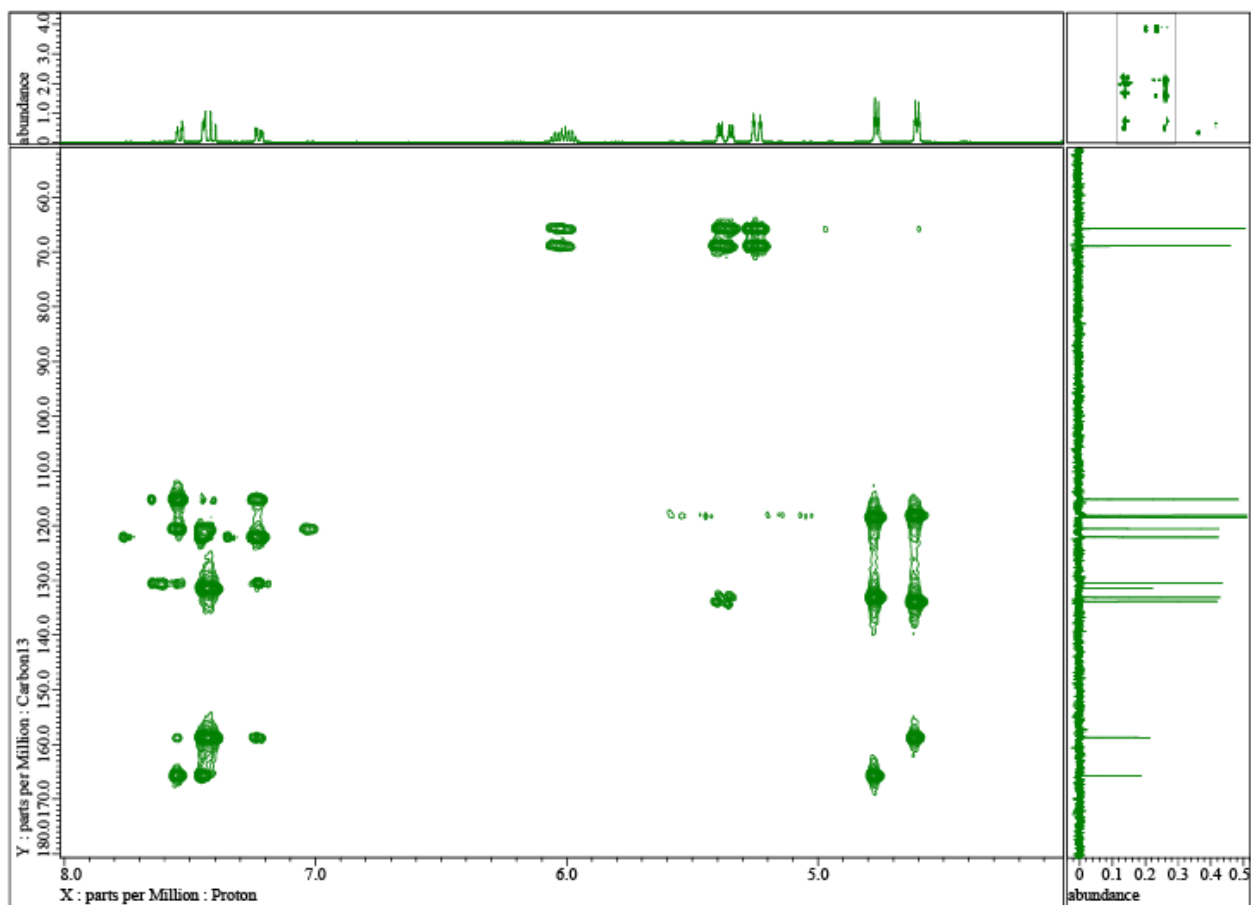


Figure S2h: HMBC data obtained from allyl 3-allyloxybenzoate.

### Section 3: NMR Characterization of Gentisic Acid

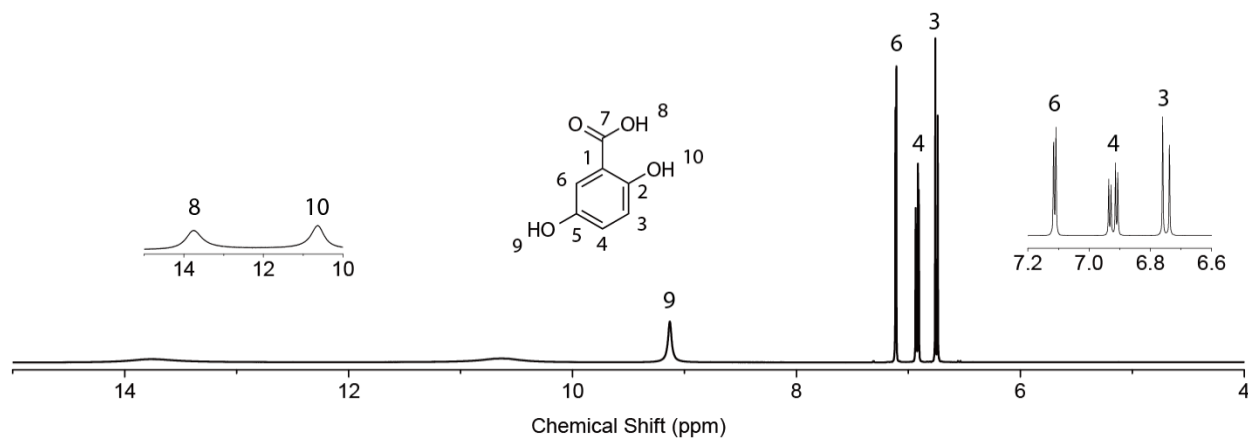


Figure S3a: Chemical structure of and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data obtained from gentisic acid (referred to as “GenA” in main text).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm):  $\delta$  13.75 (broad s, 1H), 10.65 (broad s, 1H), 9.13 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 2.93$  Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd,  $J = 8.79, 2.93$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.79$  Hz, 1H).

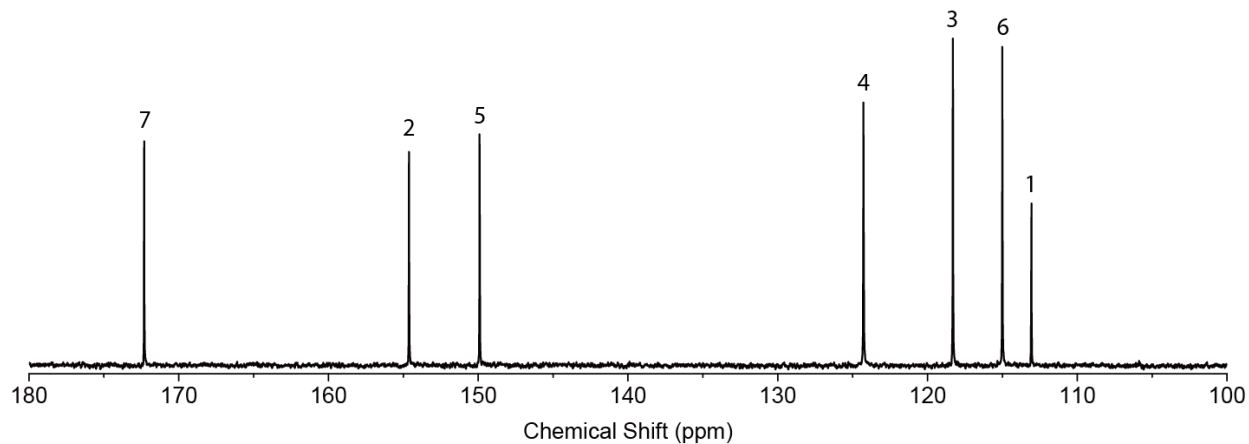


Figure S3b:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data obtained from gentisic acid.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz; DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm):  $\delta$  172.3, 154.6, 149.9, 124.3, 118.3, 115.0, 113.1.

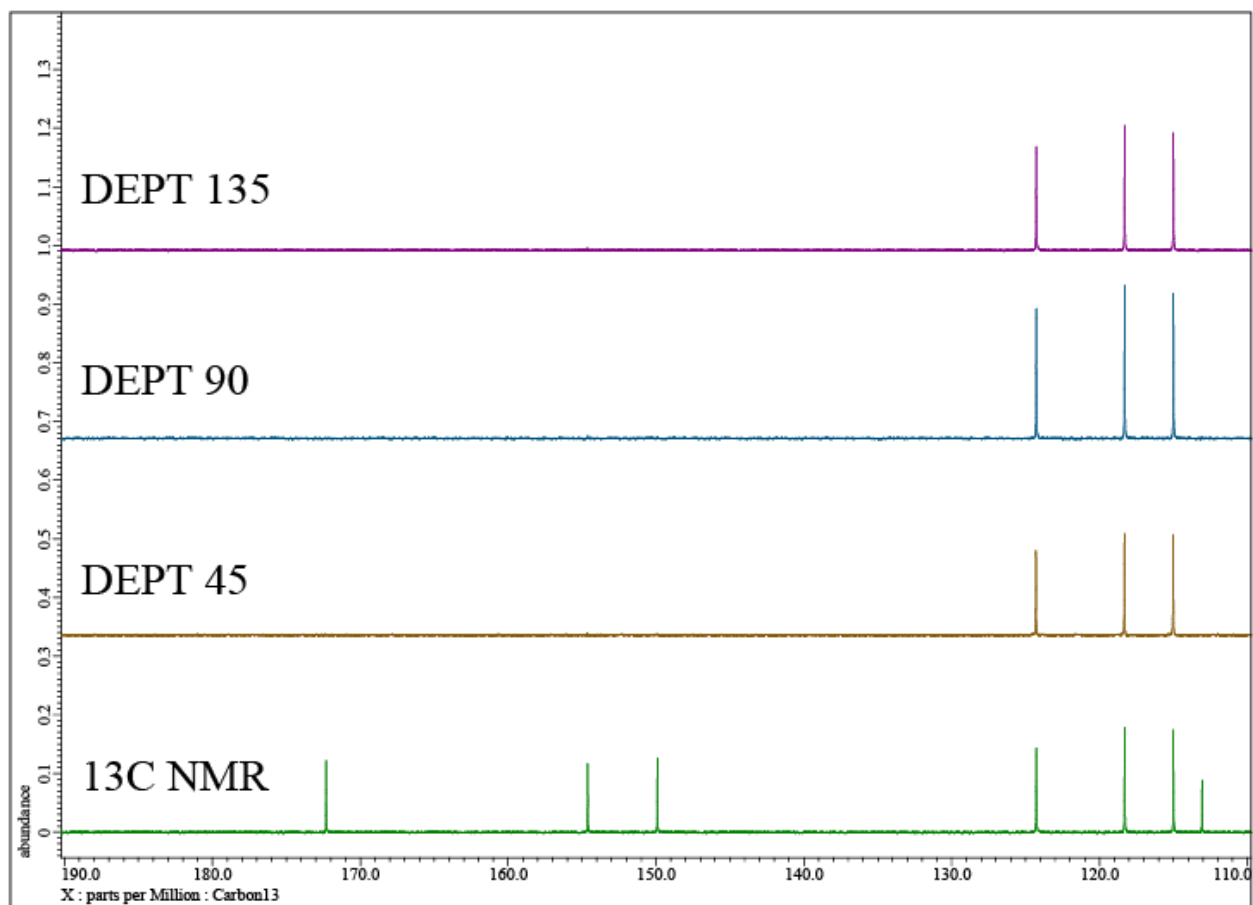


Figure S3c: <sup>13</sup>C NMR, DEPT 45, 90, 135 data obtained from gentisic acid.

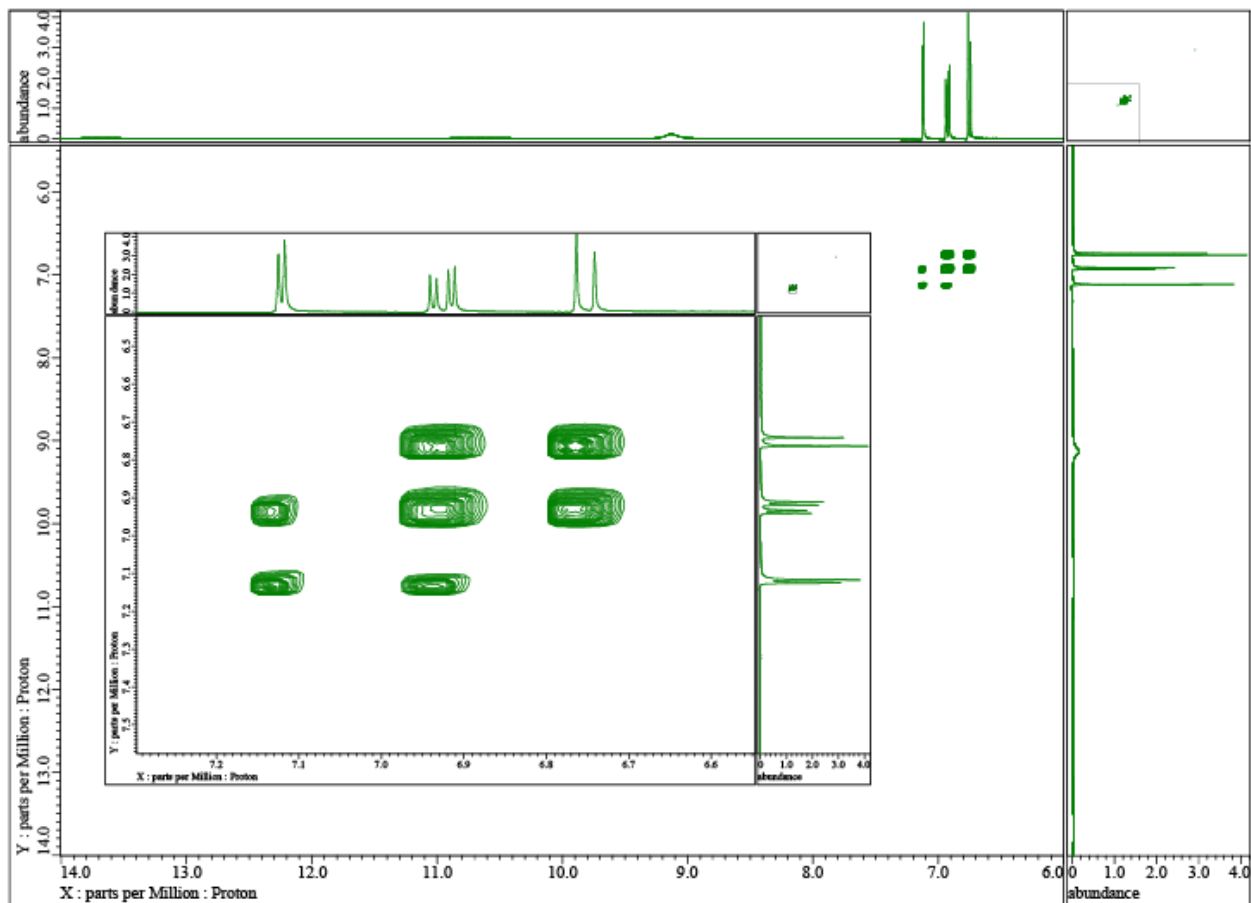


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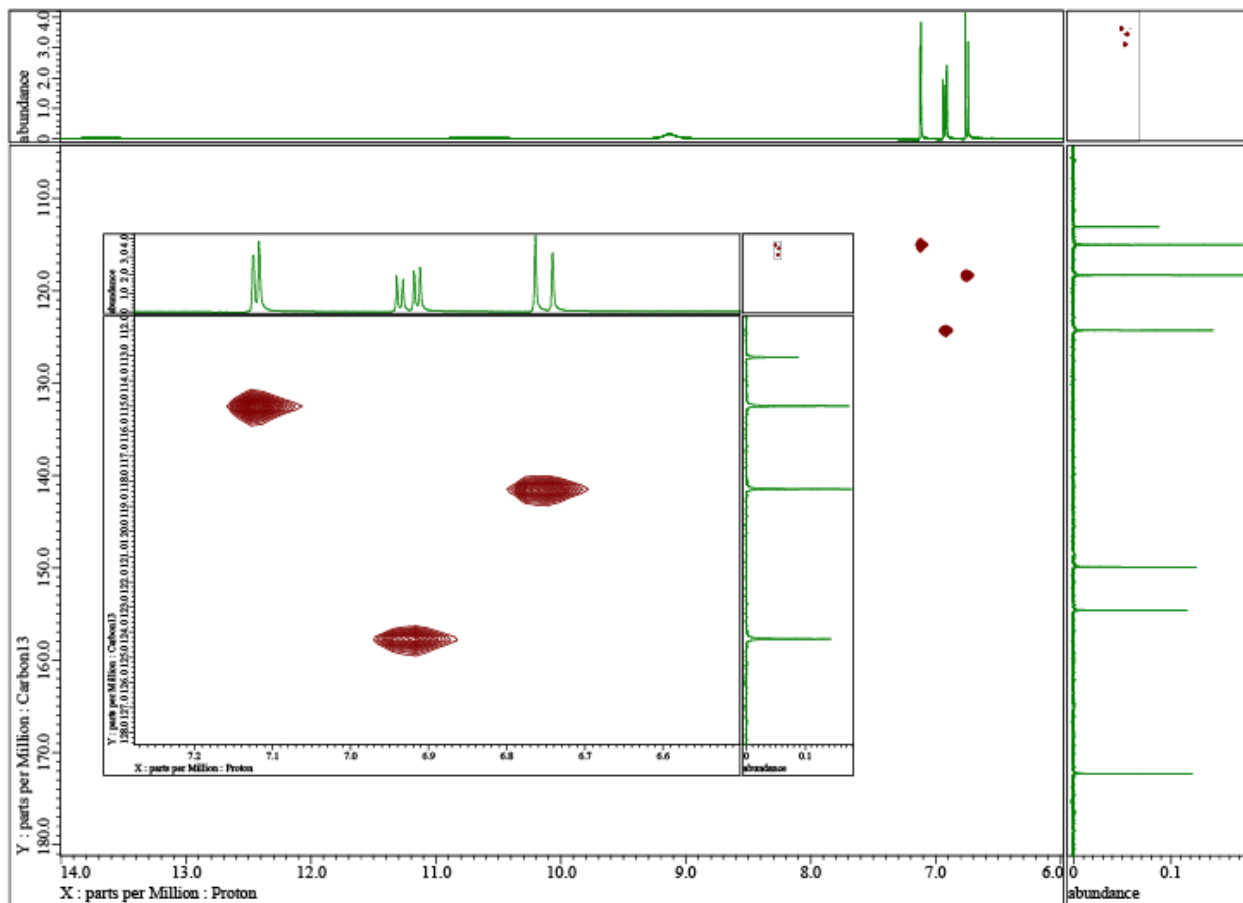


Figure S3e: HSQC data obtained from gentisic acid.

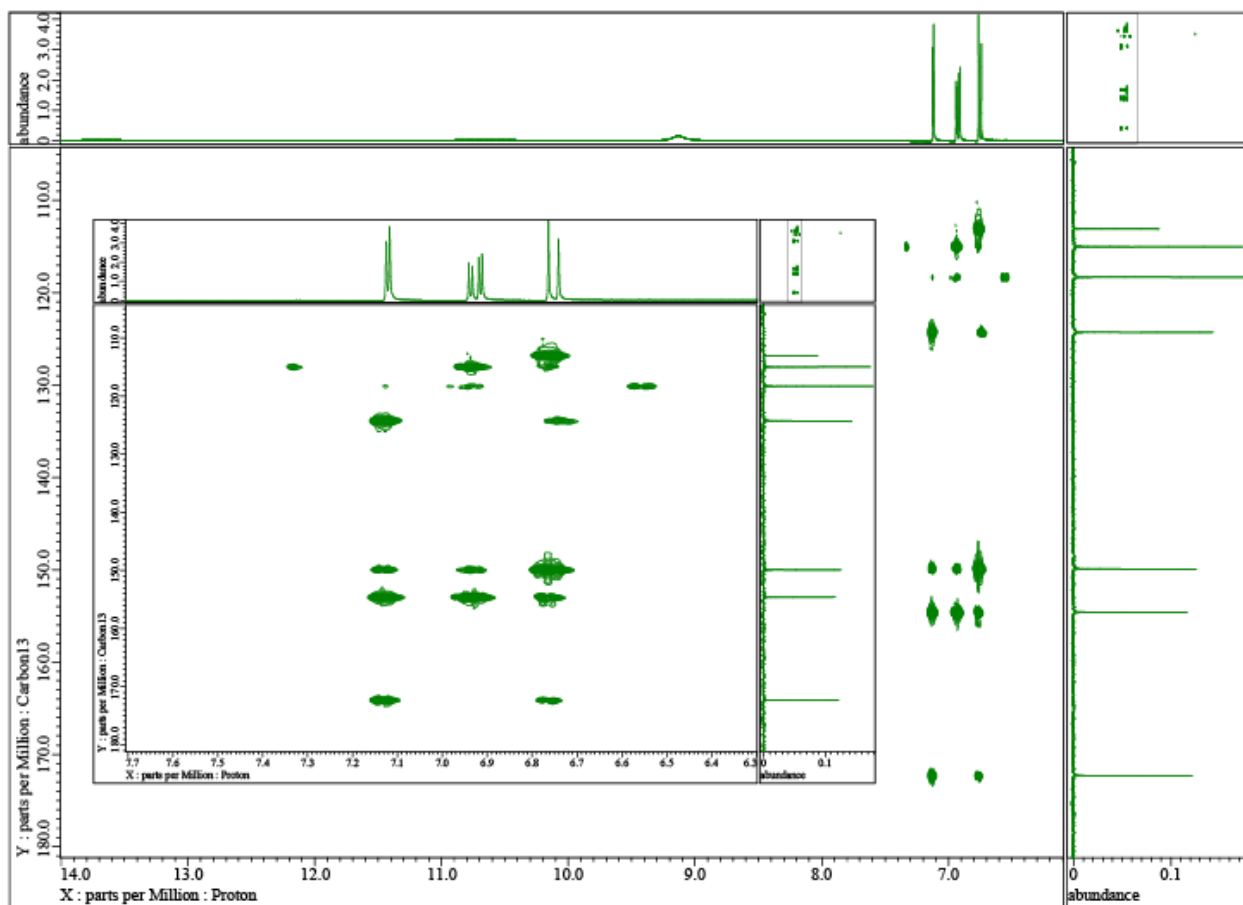


Figure S3f: HMBC data obtained from gentisic acid.

## Section 4: NMR Characterization of Allylated Gentisic Acid (aGenA)

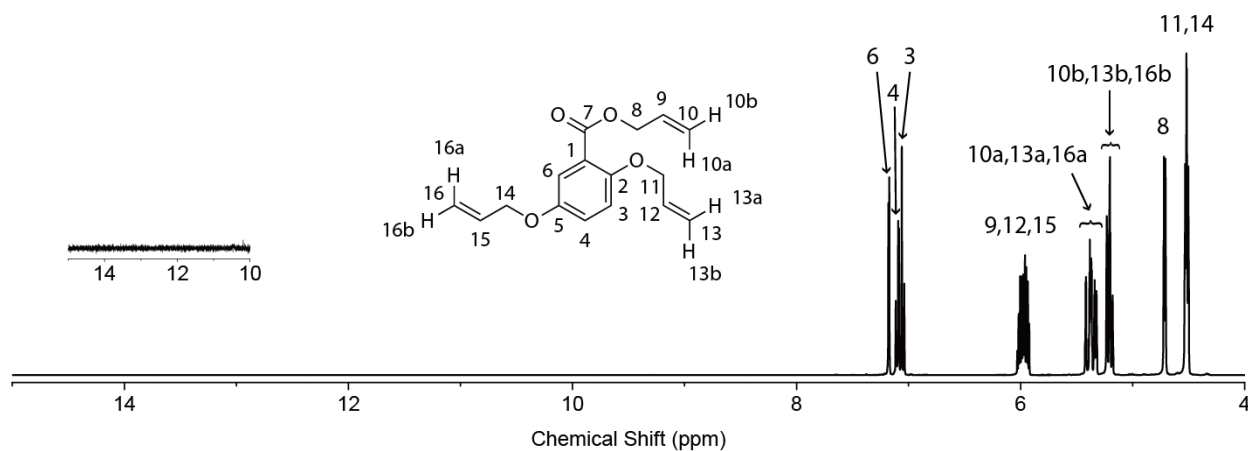


Figure S4a: Chemical structure of and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data obtained from allyl 2,5-bis(allyloxy)benzoate (referred to as “allylated GenA” in main text). Data were obtained from final purified product.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm):  $\delta$  7.18 (d,  $J = 2.93$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd,  $J = 8.79$  2.93 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 8.79$  Hz, 1H), 6.03-5.92 (m, 3H), 5.43-5.32 (m, 3H), 5.23-5.17 (m, 3H), 4.71 (ddd,  $J = 5.37, 1.47, 1.47$  Hz, 2H), 4.54-4.50 (m, 4H).

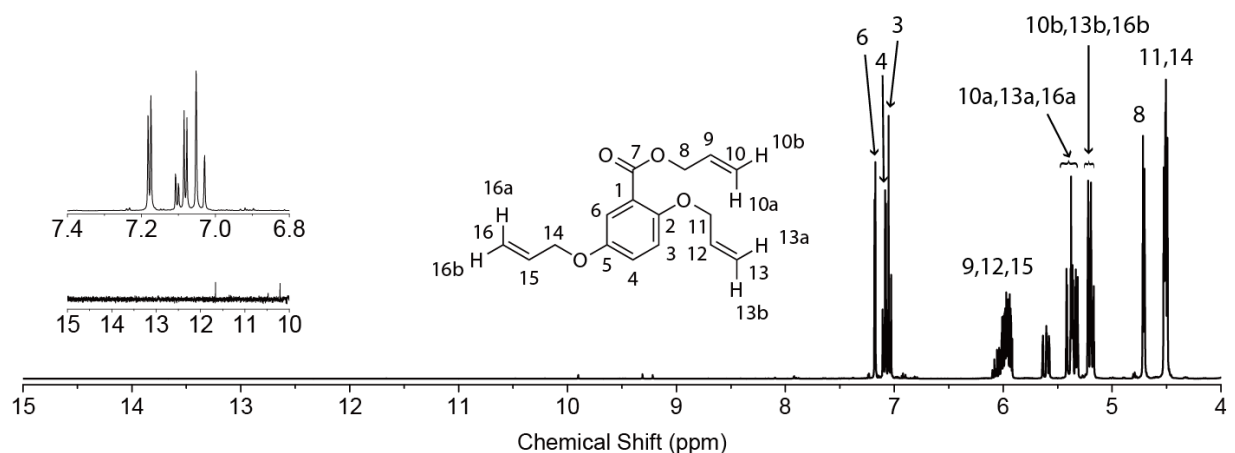


Figure S4b: Chemical structure of and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data obtained from allyl 2,5-bis(allyloxy)benzoate. Data were obtained prior to extraction. Refer to Figure S4c for a closer view.

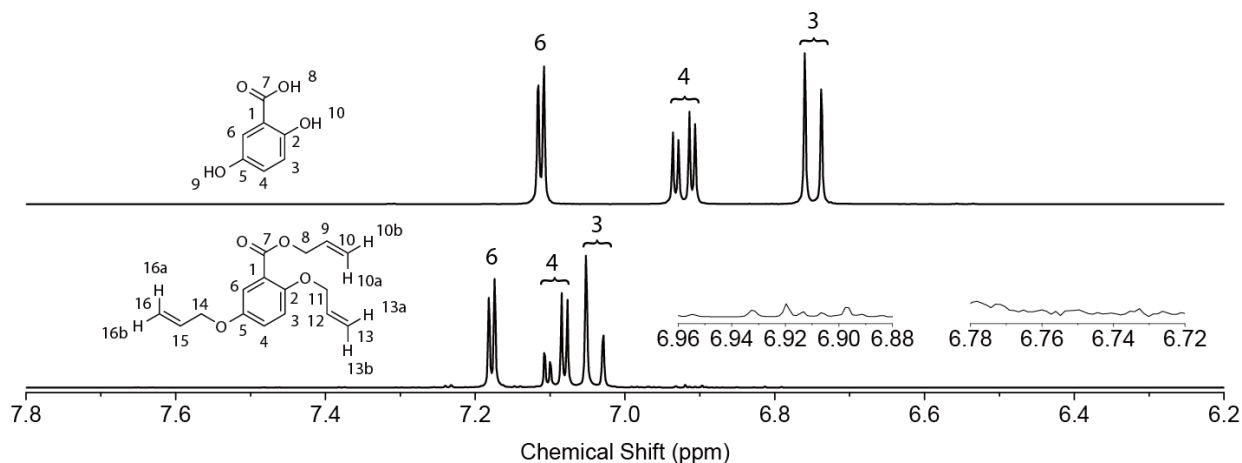


Figure S4c: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data obtained from (top) gentisic acid and (bottom) allyl 2,5-bis(allyloxy)benzoate. The spectrum of allyl 2,5-bis(allyloxy)benzoate was obtained prior to extraction for the purposes of determining the reaction conversion. Using the peak integrals for protons 3 and 4, the reaction conversion was determined to be 97.5%.

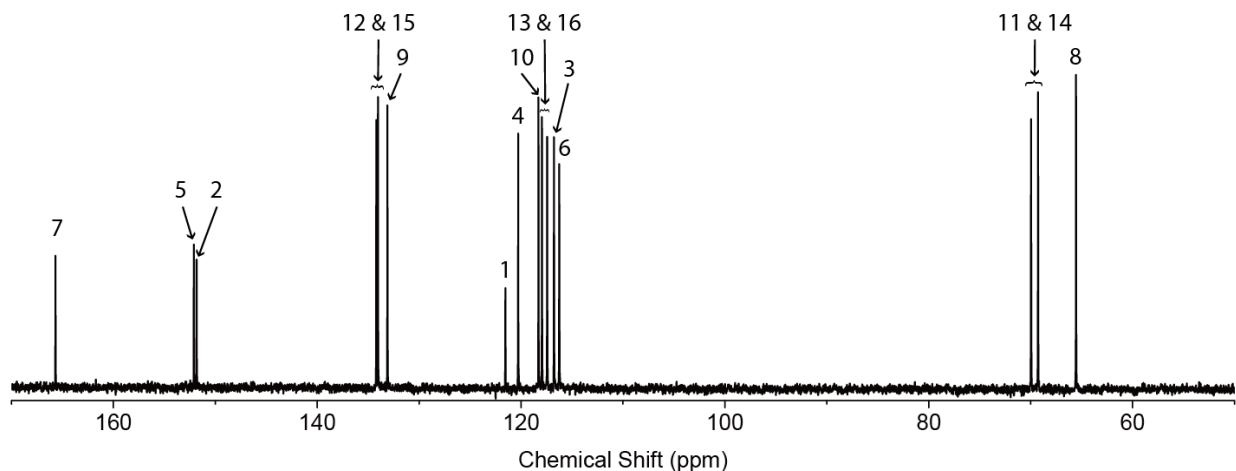


Figure S4d: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data obtained from allyl 2,5-bis(allyloxy)benzoate. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm): δ 165.7, 152.1, 151.8, 134.2, 134.0, 133.1, 121.5, 120.3, 118.3, 118.0, 117.4, 116.8, 116.3, 70.0, 69.3, 65.5.

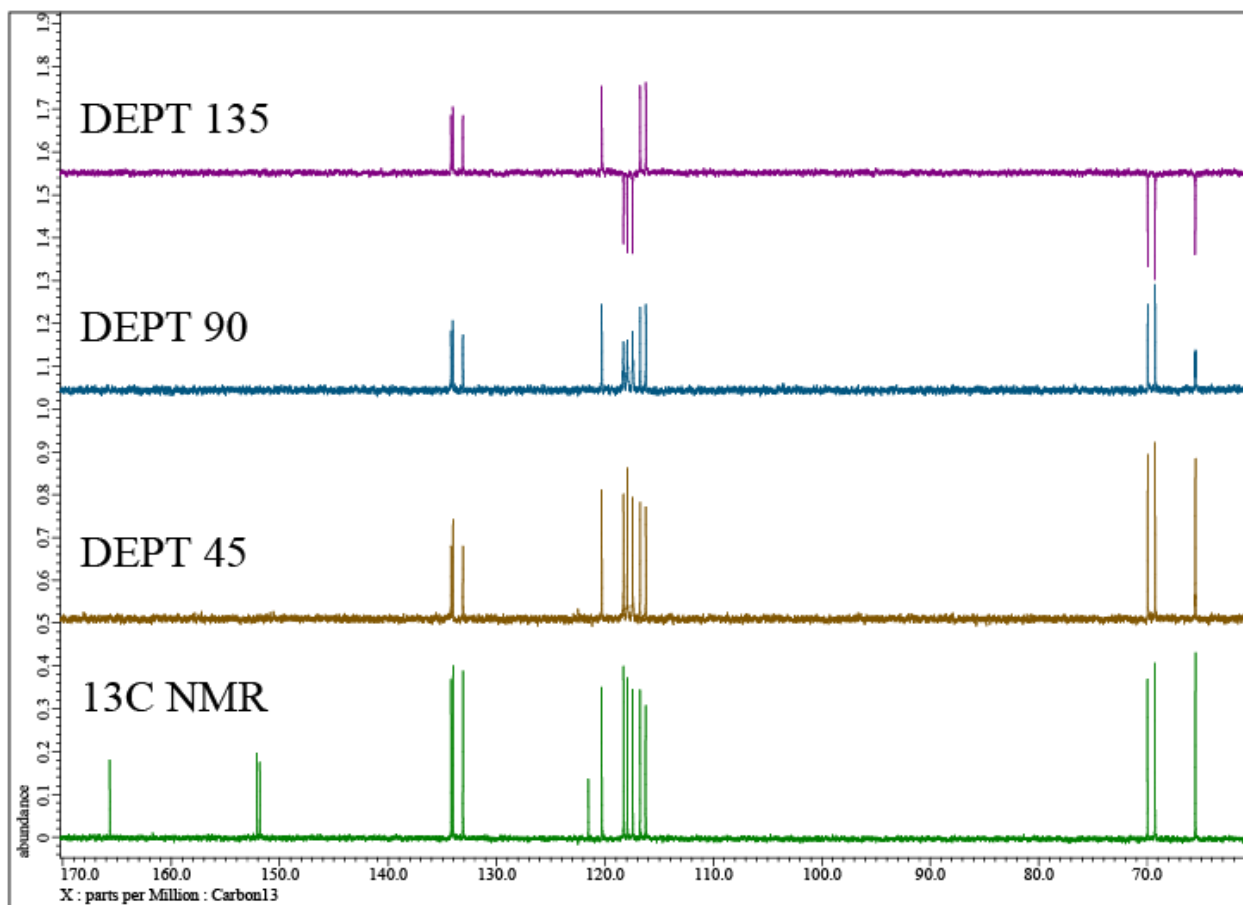


Figure S4e:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, DEPT 45, DEPT 90, DEPT 135 data obtained from allyl 2,5-bis(allyloxy)benzoate.

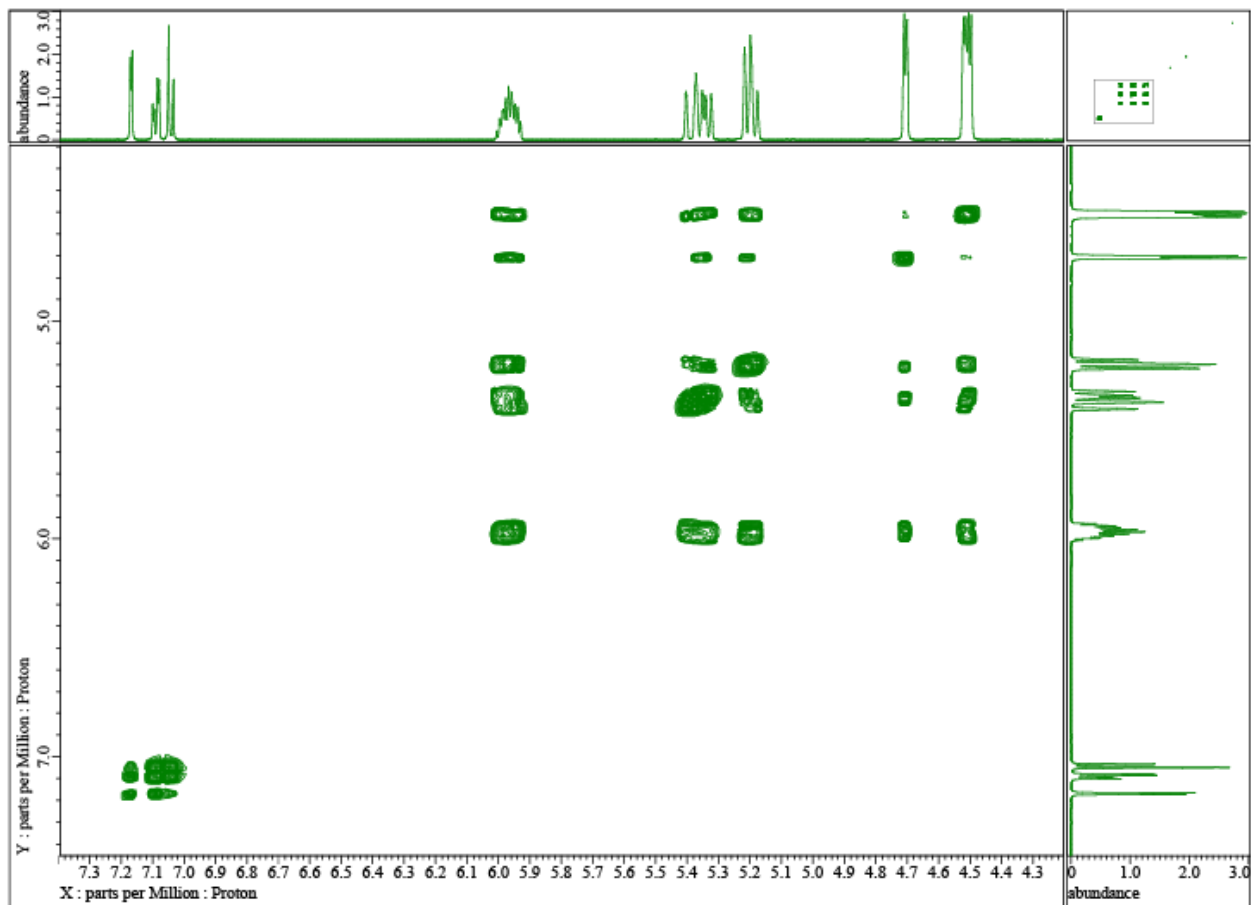


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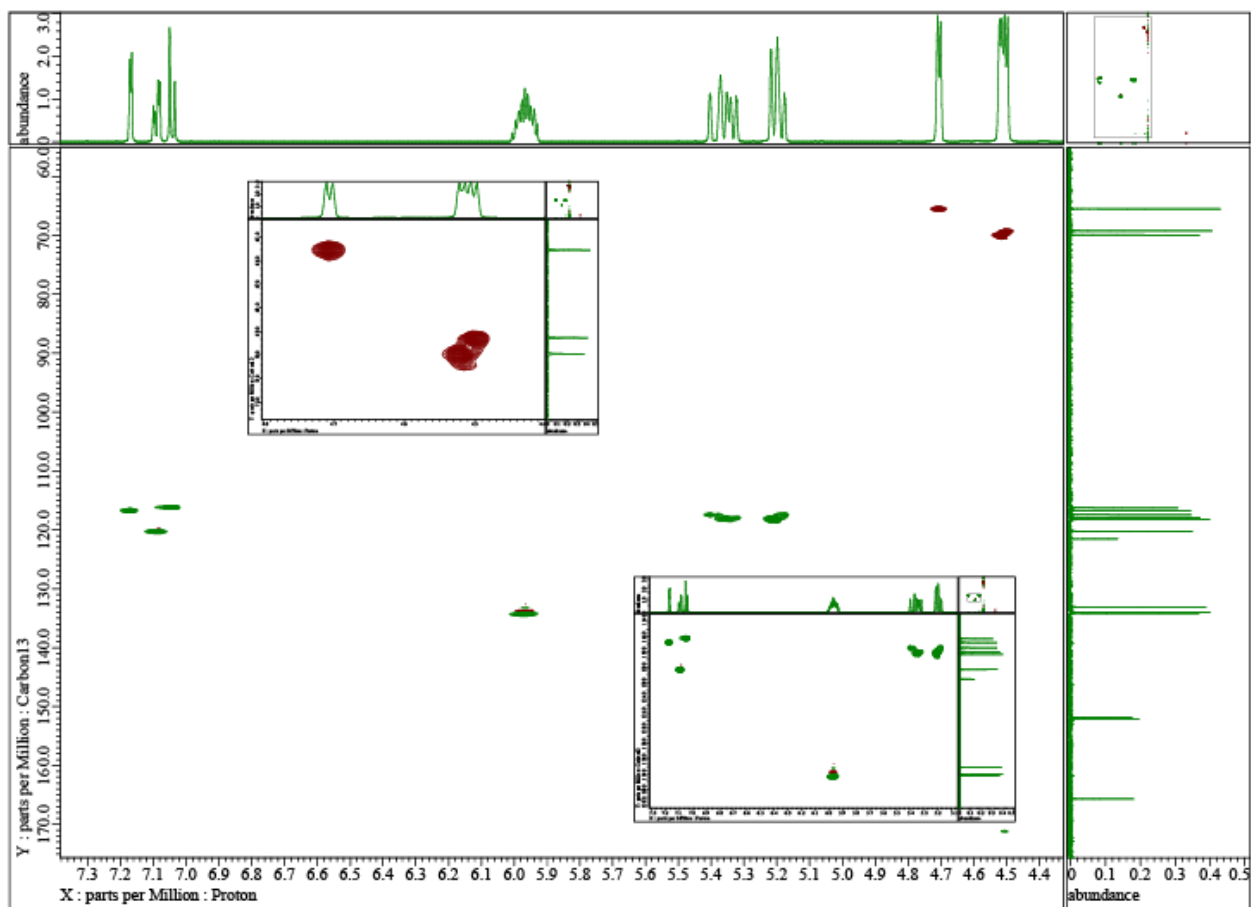


Figure S4g: HSQC data obtained from allyl 2,5-bis(allyloxy)benzoate.

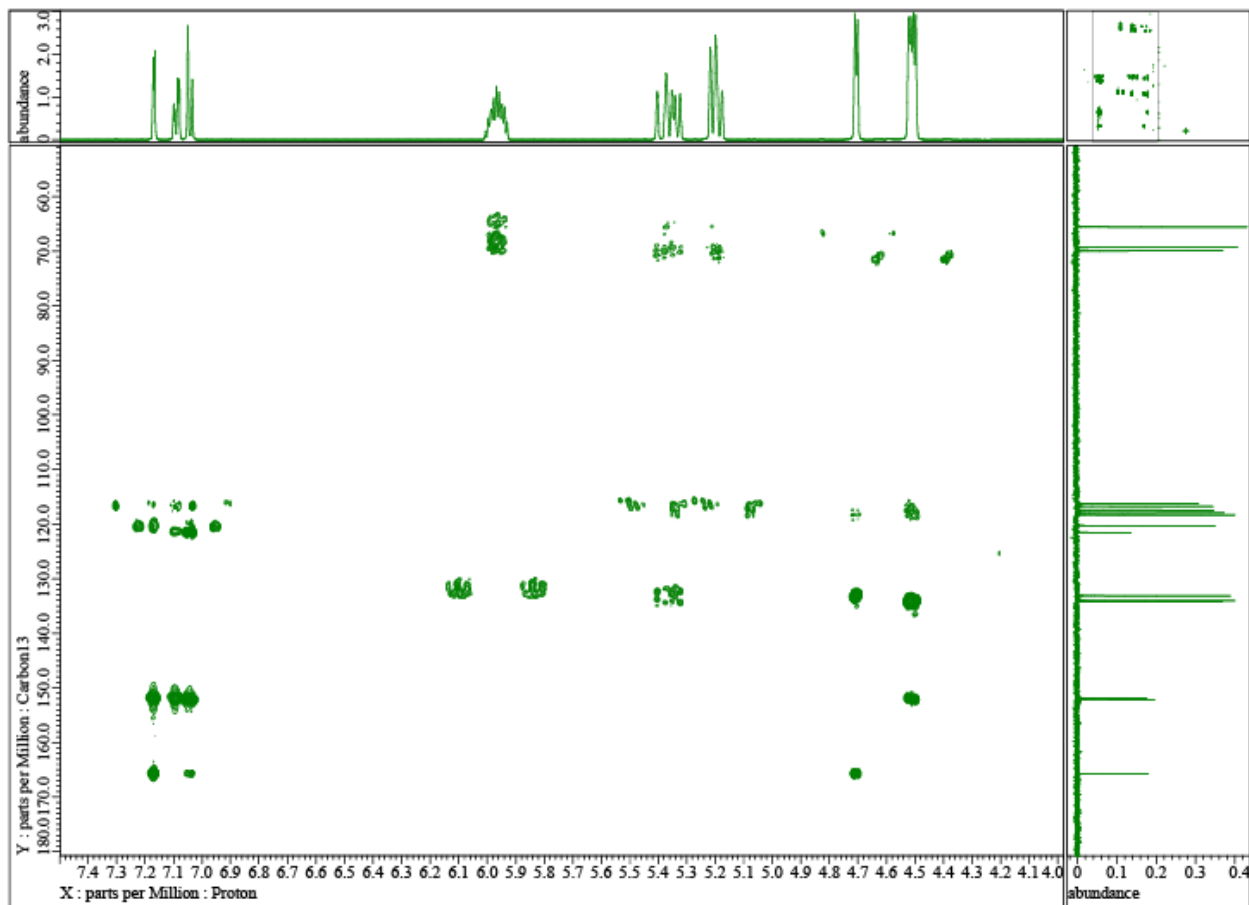


Figure S4h: HMBC data obtained from allyl 2,5-bis(allyloxy)benzoate.

## Section 5: NMR Characterization of Gallic Acid

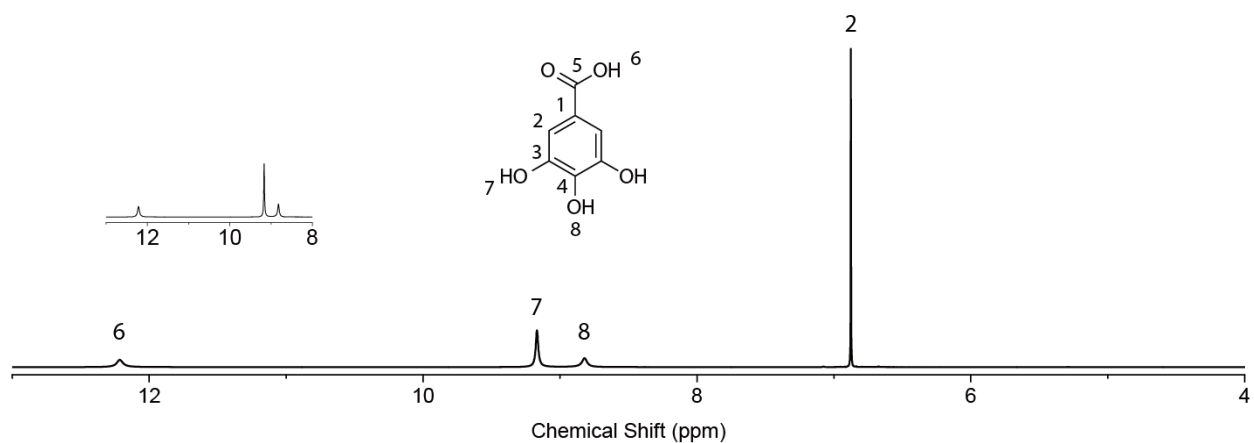


Figure S5a: Chemical structure of and <sup>1</sup>H NMR data obtained from gallic acid (referred to as “GalA” in main text).

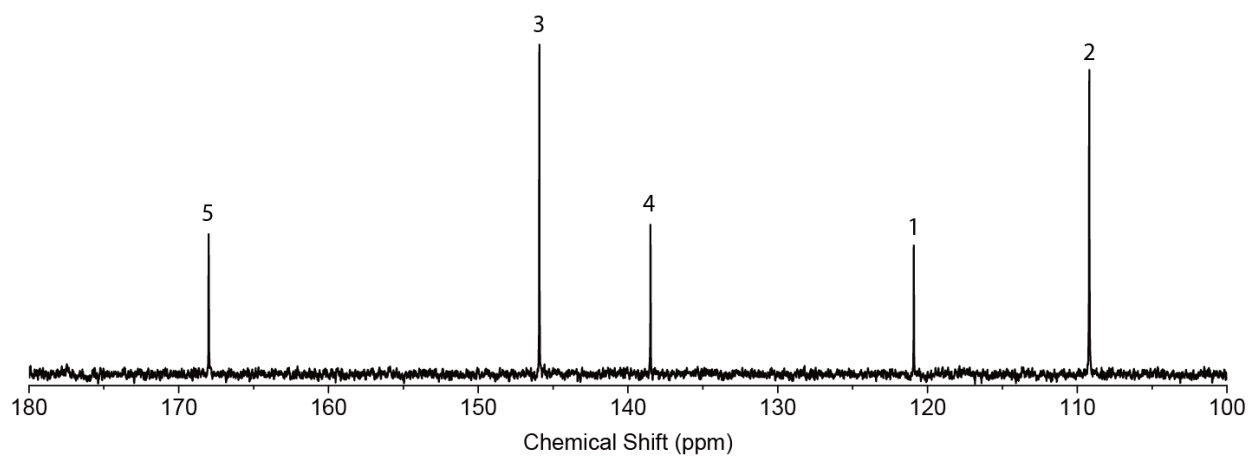


Figure S5b: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data obtained from gallic acid. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  168.0, 145.9, 138.5, 120.9, 109.2.

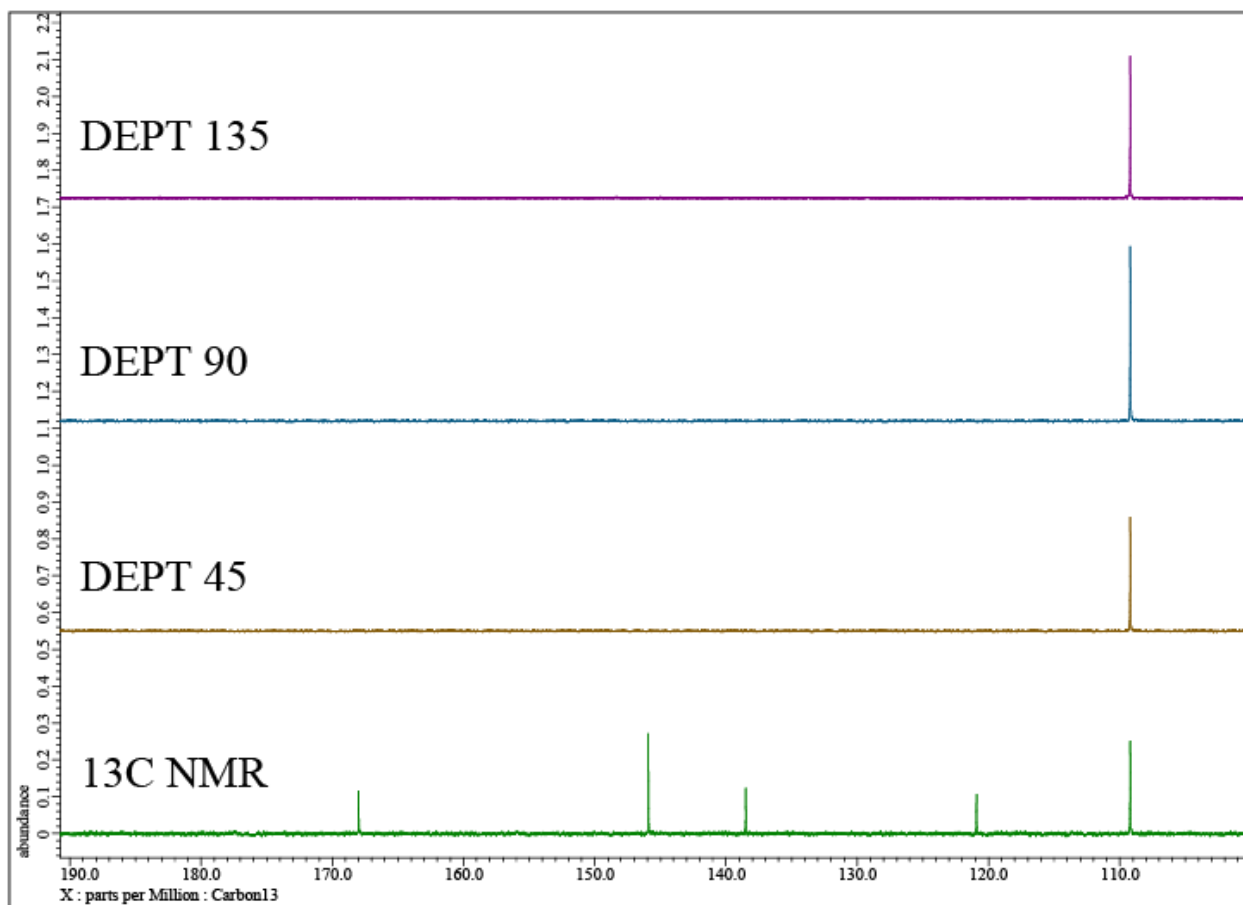


Figure S5c: <sup>13</sup>C NMR, DEPT 45, 90, 135 data obtained from gallic acid.

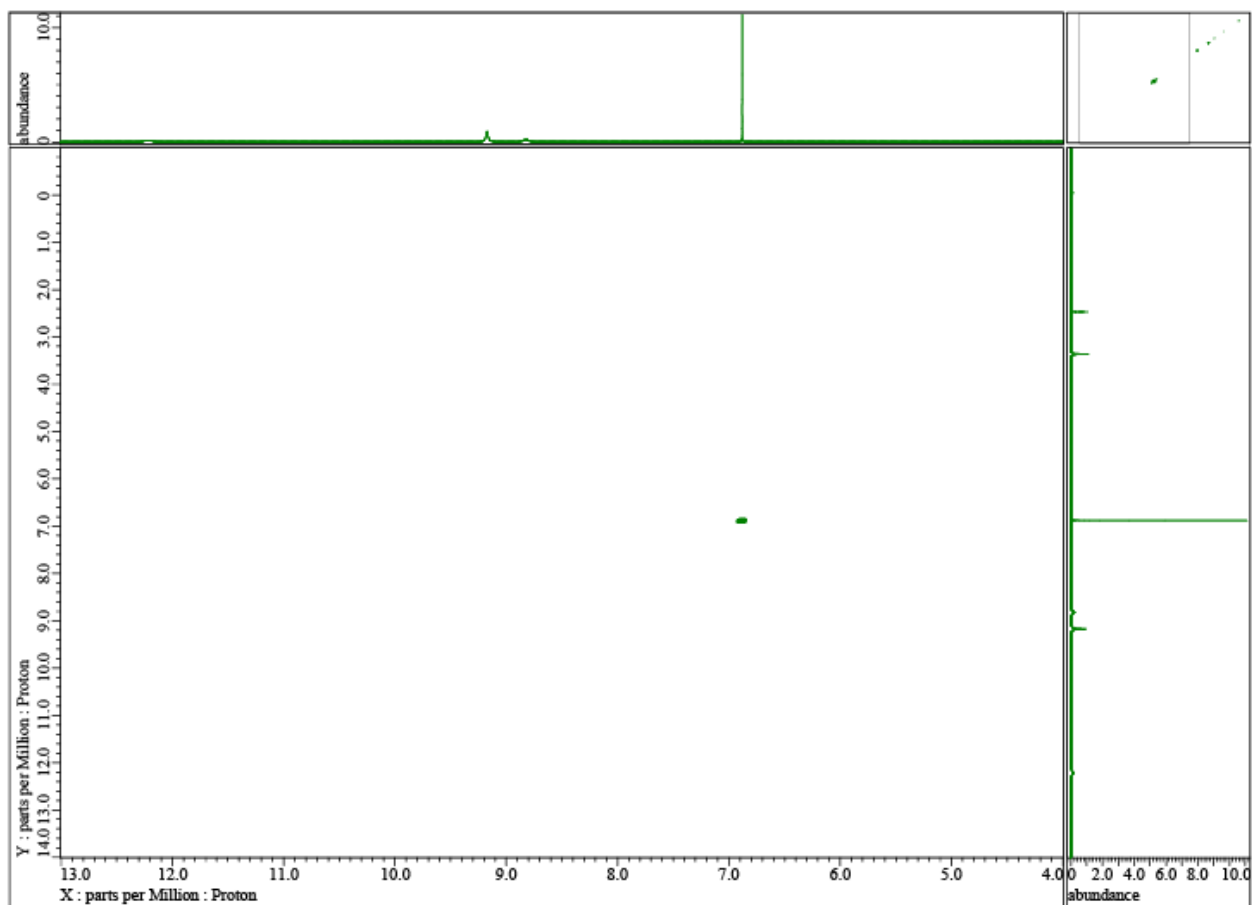


Figure S5d: COSY data obtained from gallic acid.

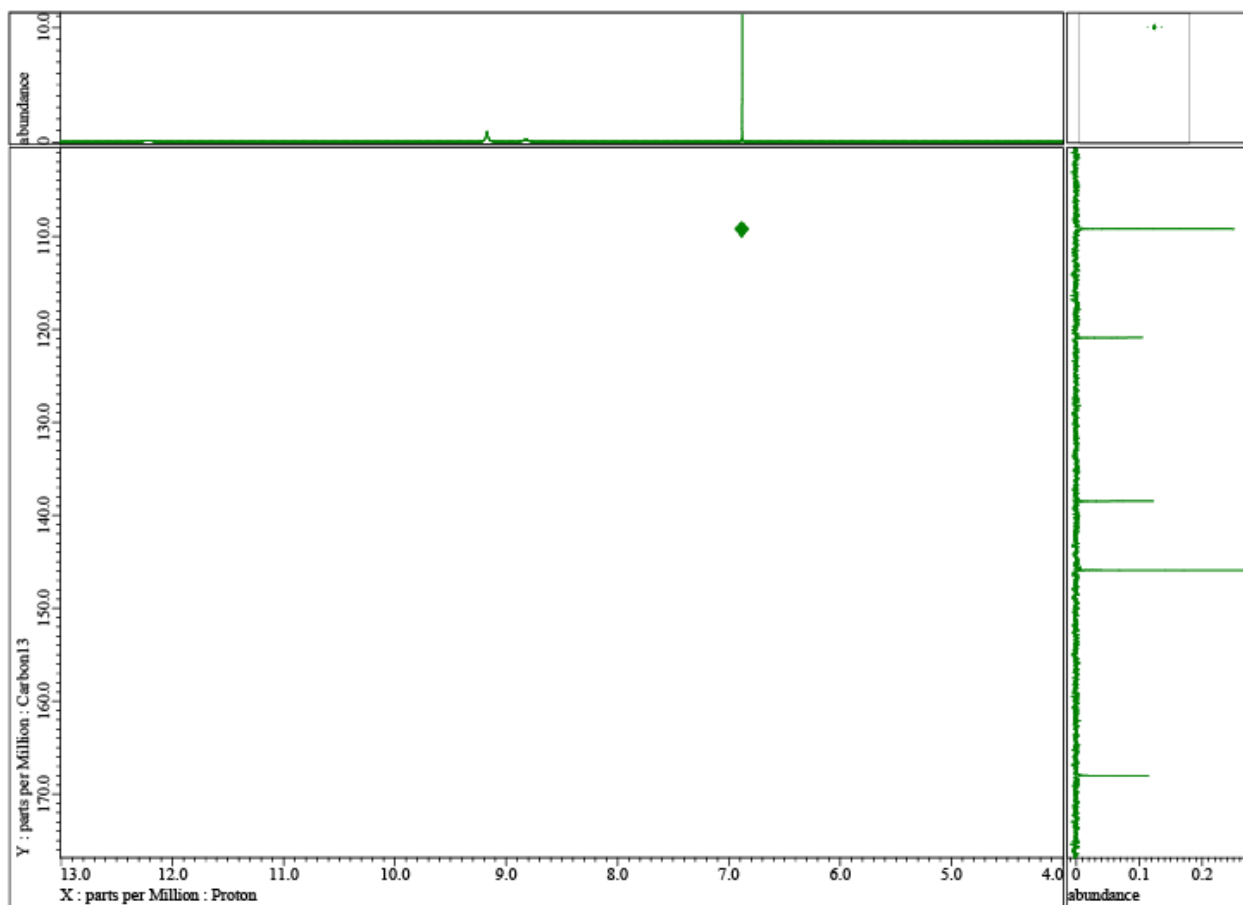


Figure S5e: HSQC data obtained from gallic acid.

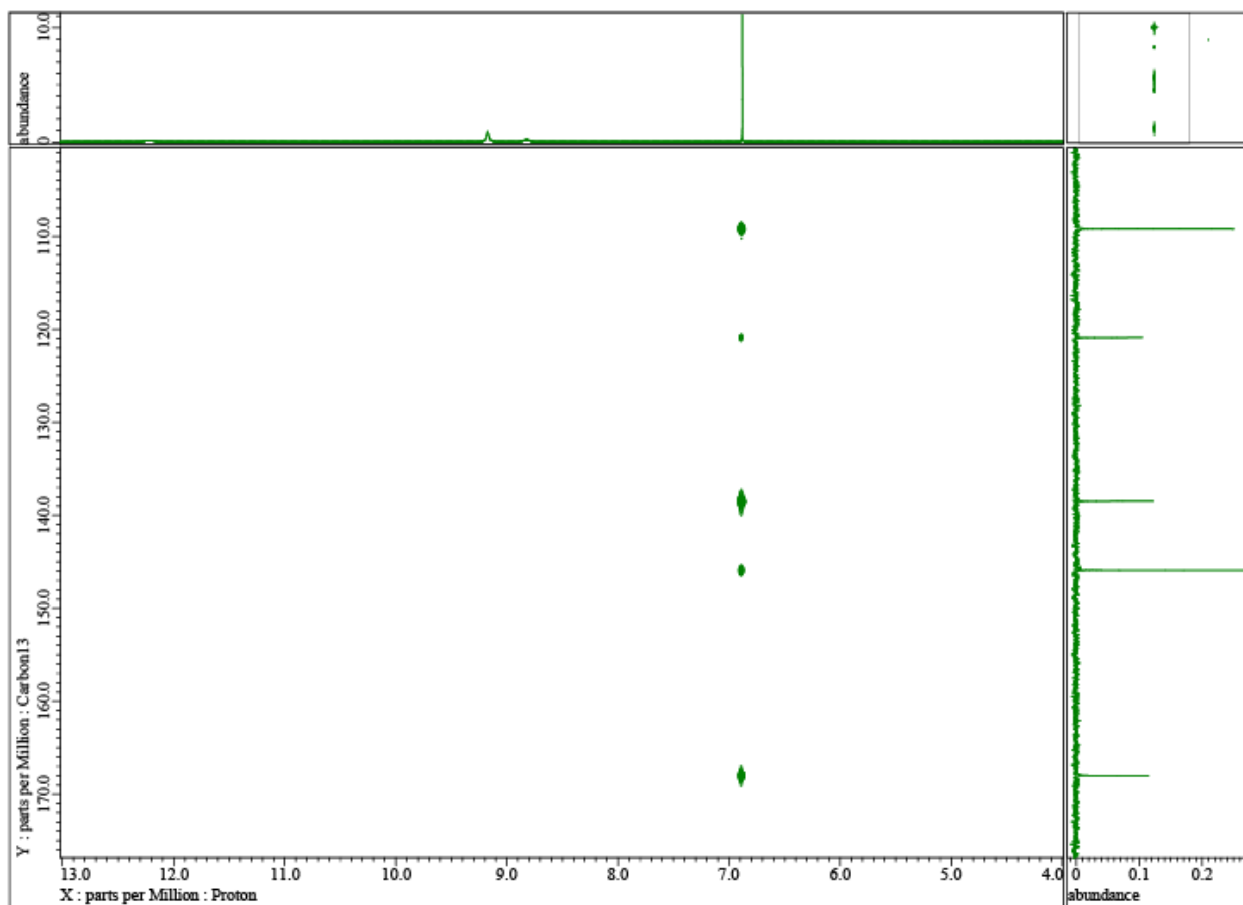


Figure S5f: HMBC data obtained from gallic acid.

## Section 6: NMR Characterization of Allylated Gallic Acid (aGalA)

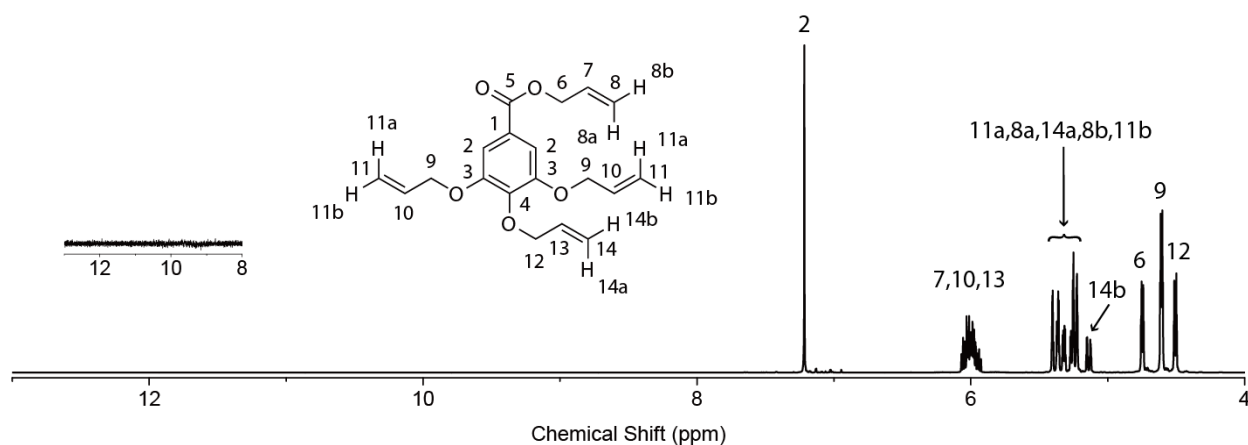


Figure S6a: Chemical structure of and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data obtained from allyl 3,4,5-tris(allyloxy)benzoate (referred to as “allylated GalA” in main text). Data were obtained from final purified product. ):  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , ppm):  $\delta$  7.21 (s, 2H), 6.07-5.93 (m, 4H), 5.41-5.22 (m, 7H), 5.14 (ddt,  $J = 10.5, 1.47, 1.47$  Hz, 1H), 4.75 (ddd,  $J = 5.37, 1.47, 1.47$  Hz, 2H), 4.61 (ddd,  $J = 4.88, 1.47, 1.47$  Hz, 4H), 4.51 (ddd,  $J = 5.86, 1.47, 1.47$  Hz, 2H).

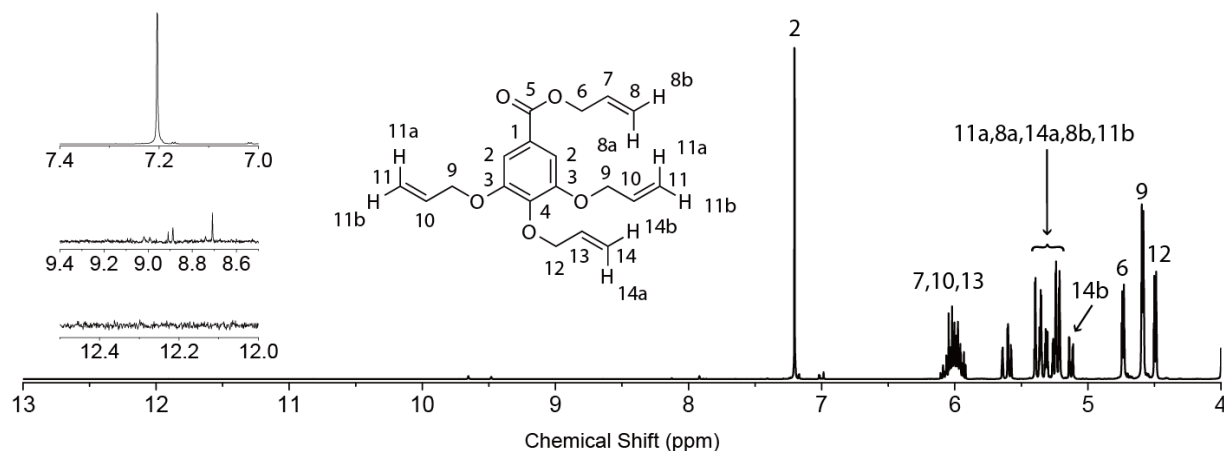


Figure S6b: Chemical structure of and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data obtained from allyl 3,4,5-tris(allyloxy)benzoate. Data were obtained prior to extraction. Refer to Figure S3d for a closer view.

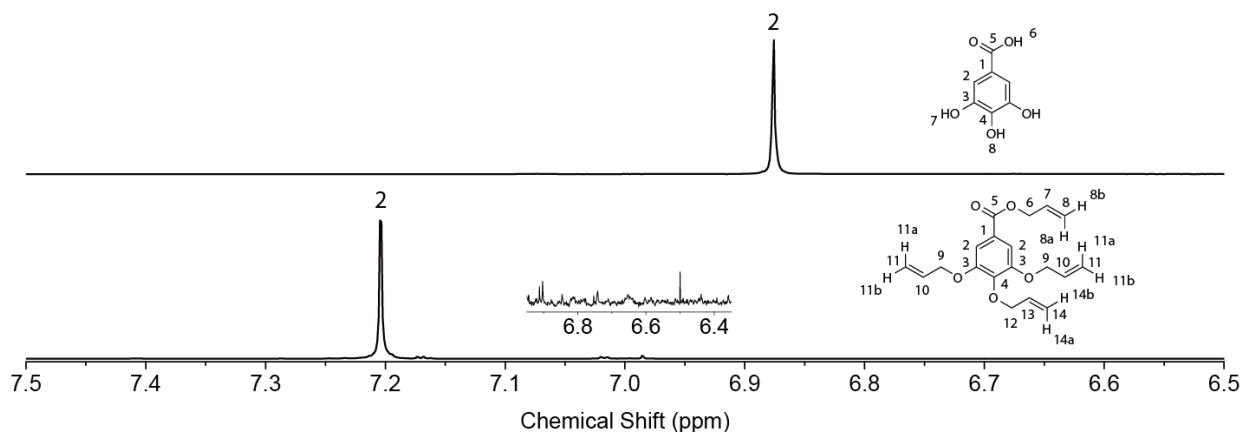


Figure S6c: <sup>1</sup>H NMR data obtained from (top) gallic acid and (bottom) allyl 3,4,5-tris(allyloxy)benzoate. The spectrum of allyl 3,4,5-tris(allyloxy)benzoate was obtained prior to extraction for the purposes of determining the reaction conversion. Using the peak integrals for protons 2, the reaction conversion was determined to be 100%.

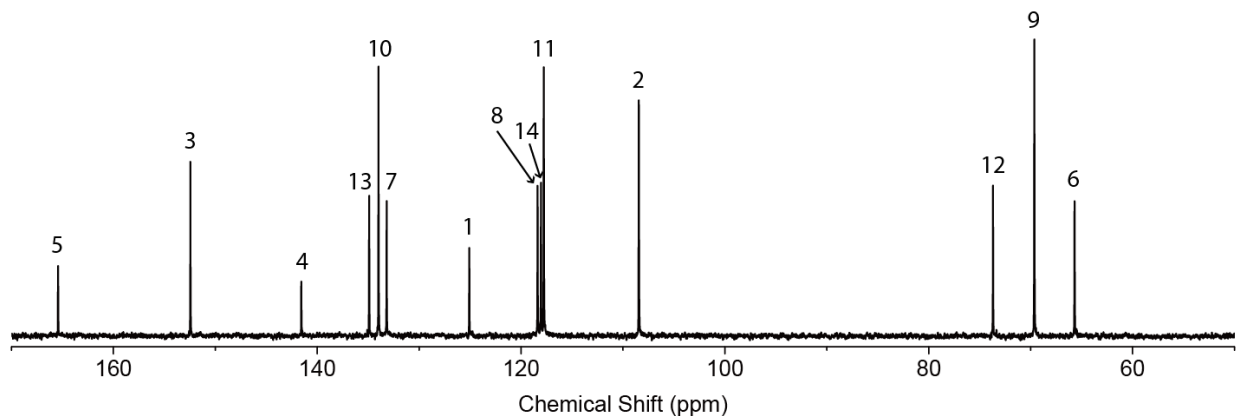


Figure S6d: <sup>13</sup>C NMR data obtained from allyl 3,4,5-tris(allyloxy)benzoate. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz; DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 165.4, 152.4, 141.6, 134.9, 134.0, 133.2, 125.1, 118.4, 118.0, 117.8, 108.4, 73.7, 69.9, 65.7.

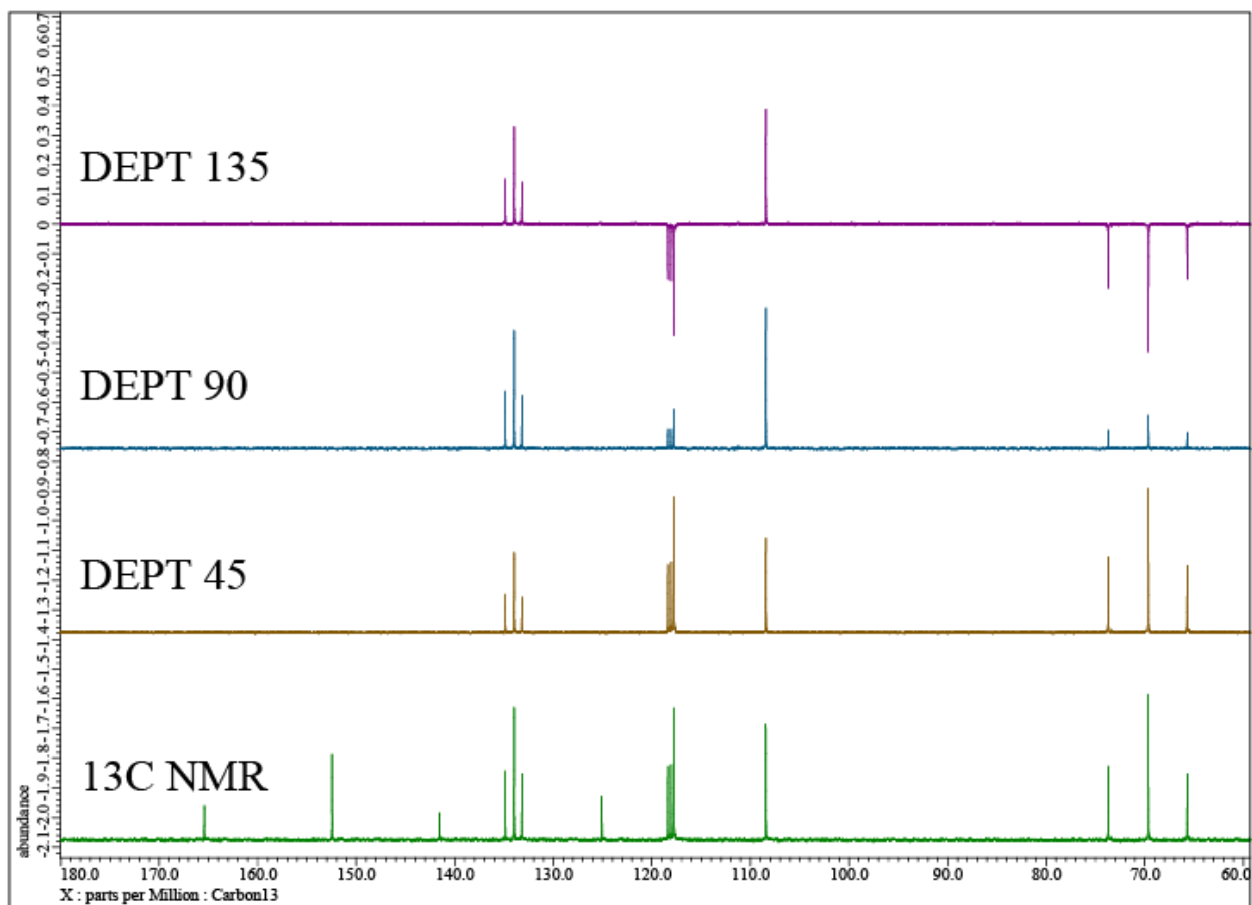


Figure S6: <sup>13</sup>C NMR, DEPT 45, 90, 135 data obtained from allyl 3,4,5-tris(allyloxy)benzoate.

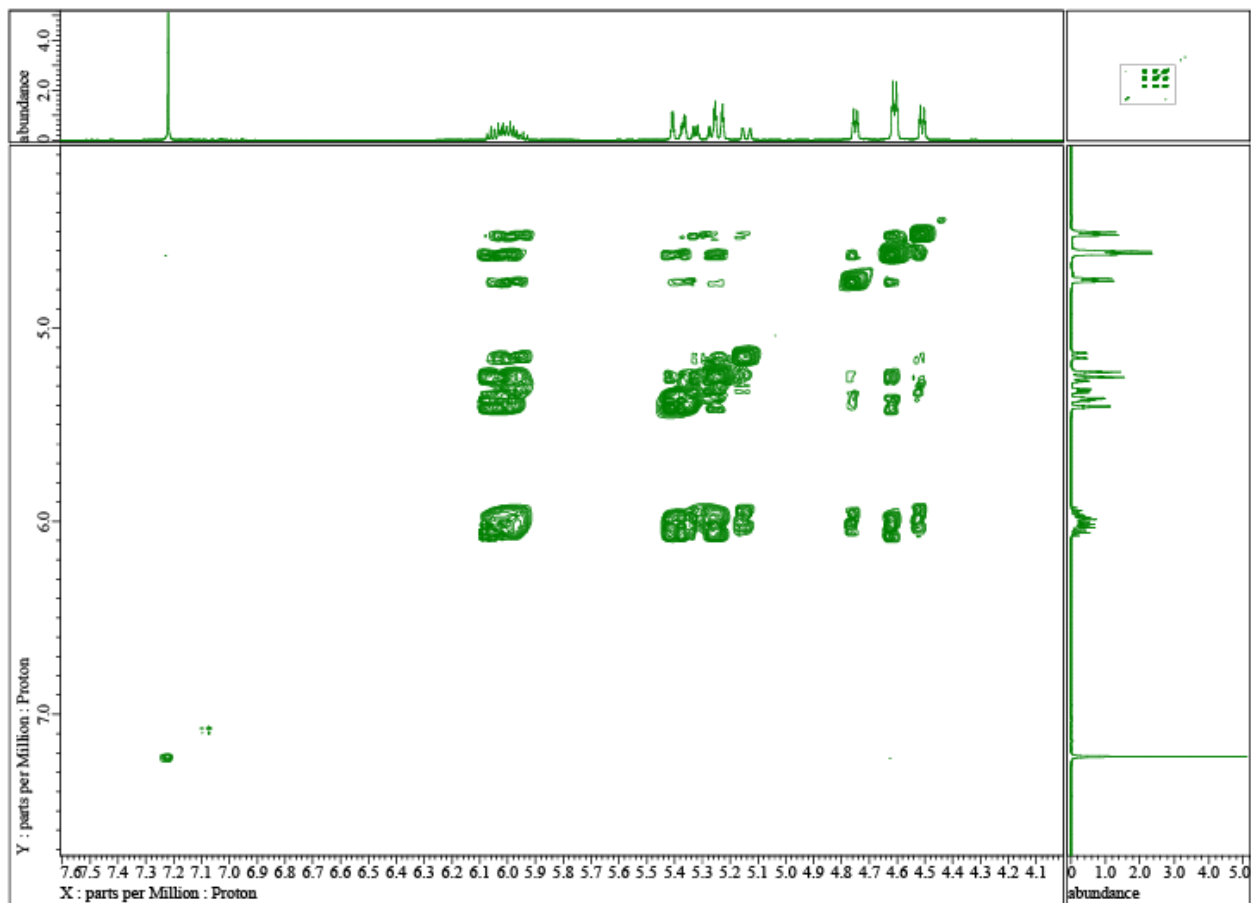


Figure S6f: COSY data obtained from allyl 3,4,5-tris(allyloxy)benzoate.

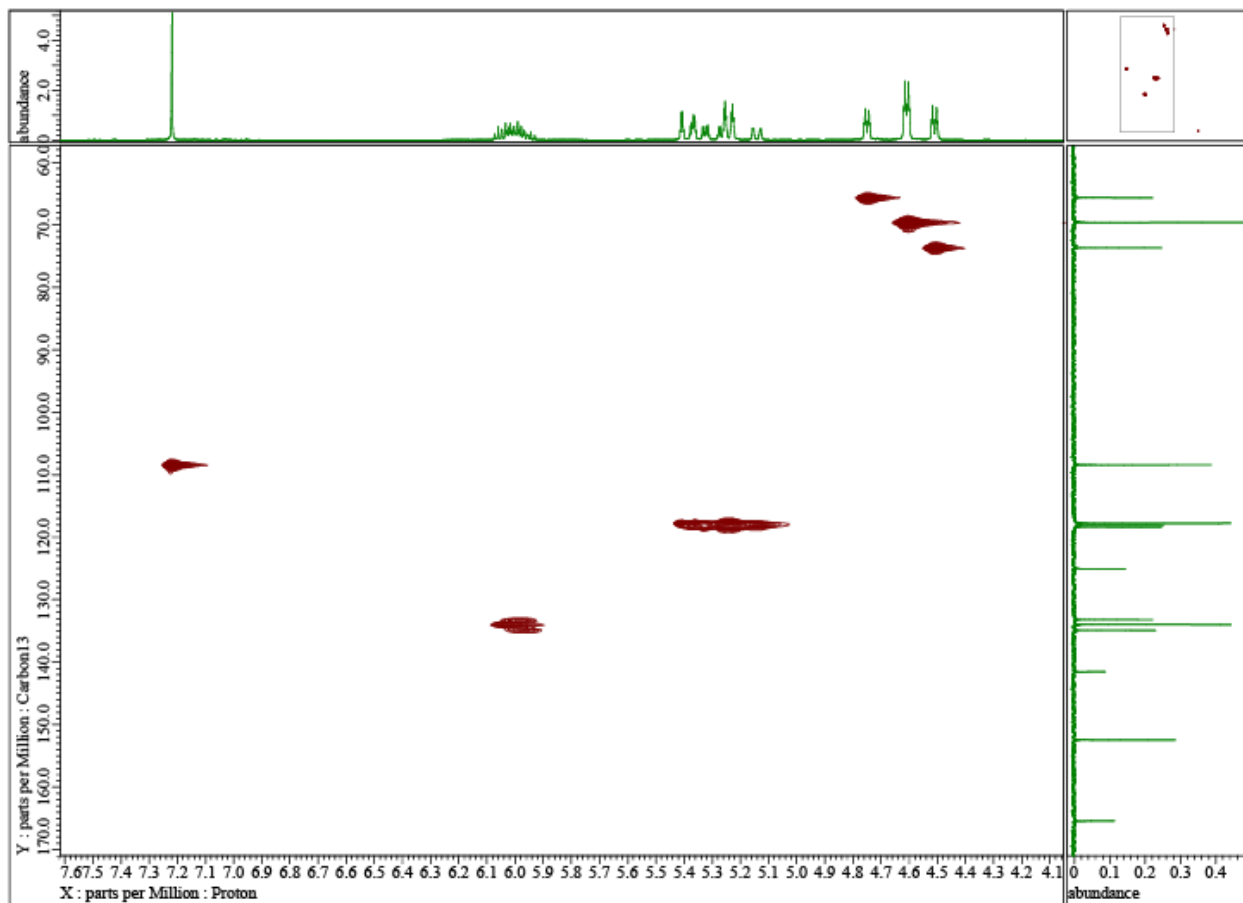


Figure S6g: HSQC data obtained from allyl 3,4,5-tris(allyloxy)benzoate.

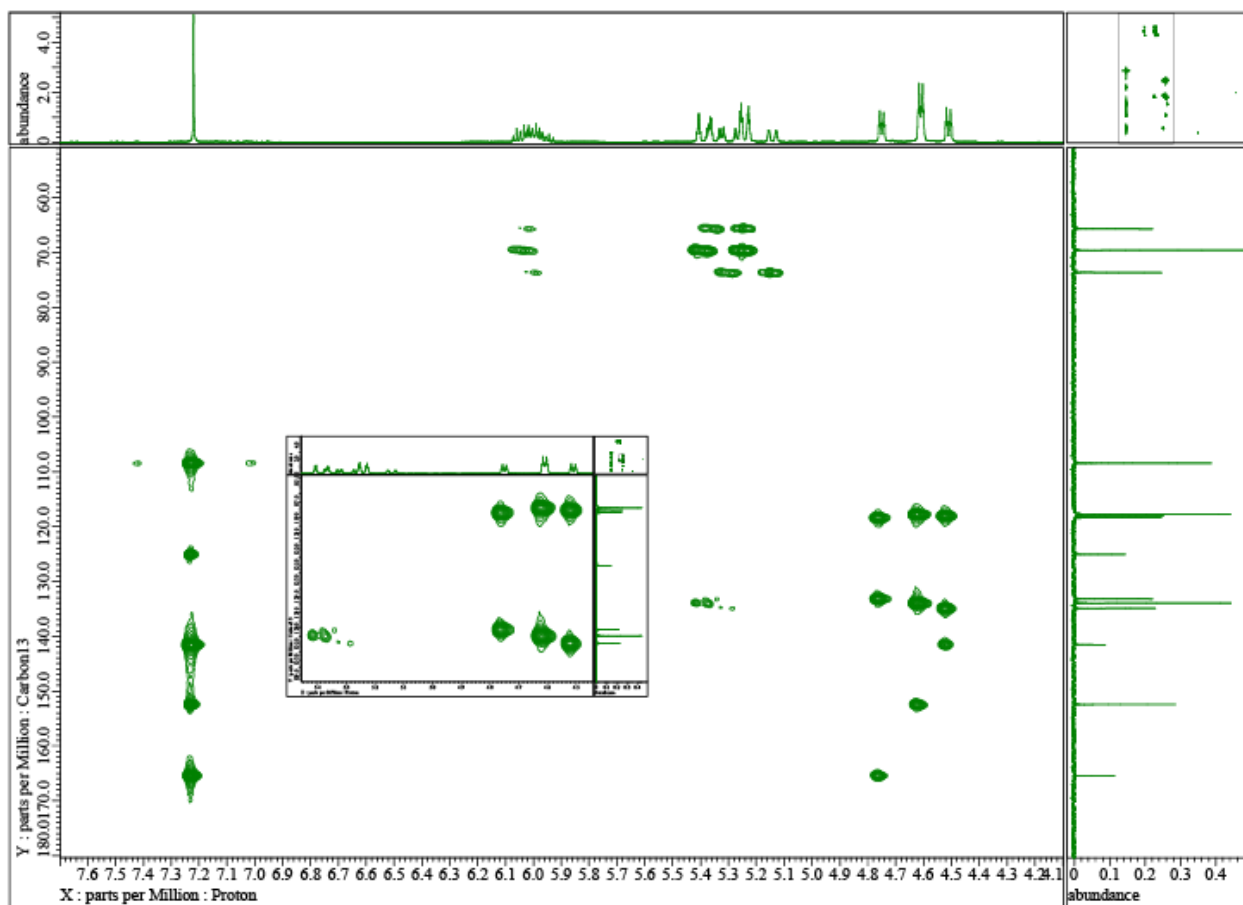
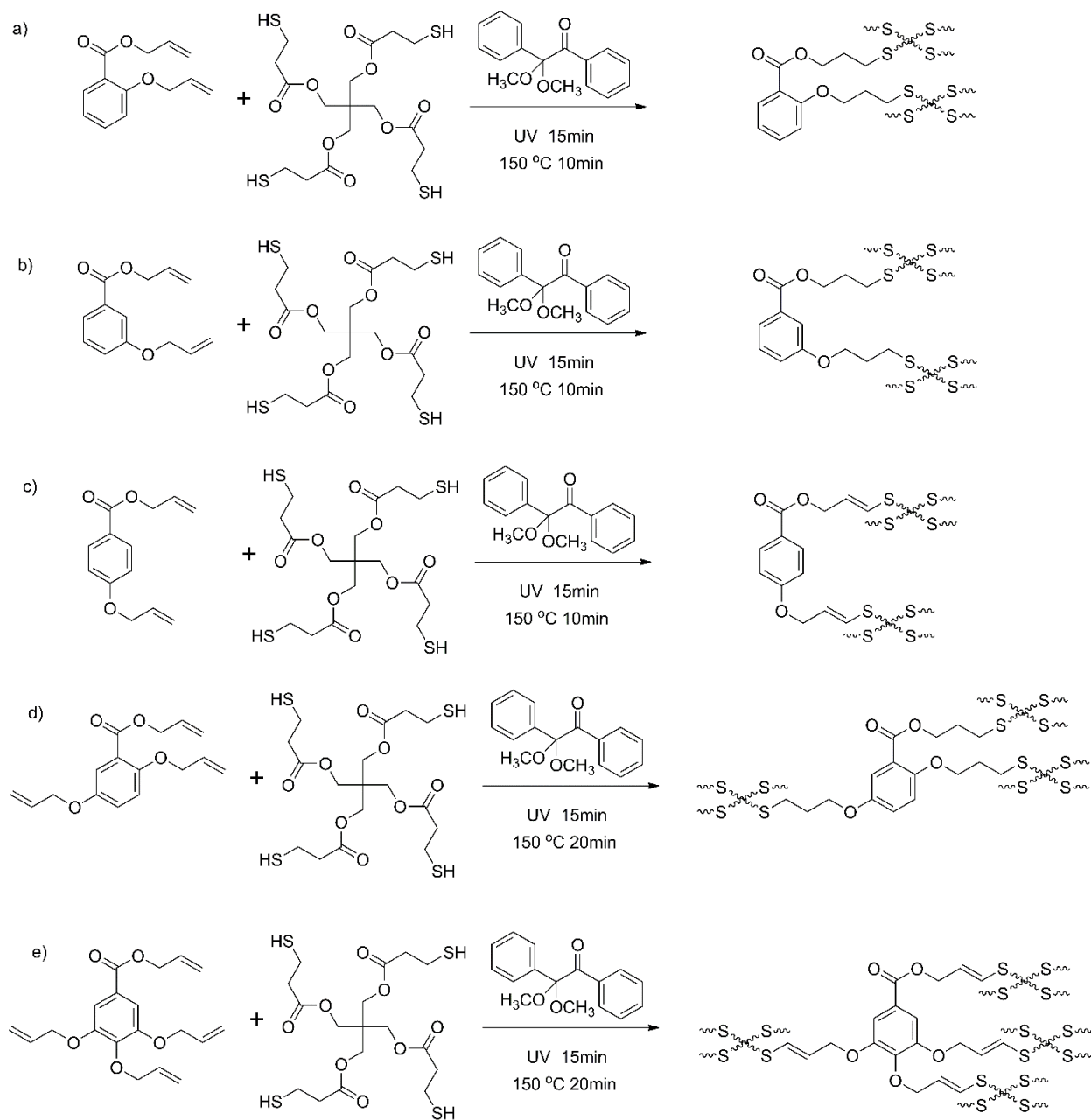


Figure S6h: HMBC data obtained from allyl 3,4,5-tris(allyloxy)benzoate.

## Section 7: FTIR and DSC Characterization of Thiol-Ene Network Formation



Scheme S1: Photoinitiated thiol-ene reaction between the tetra-functional thiol PETMP and a) aSA, b) a3HBA, c) a4HBA, d) aGenA and e) aGalA.

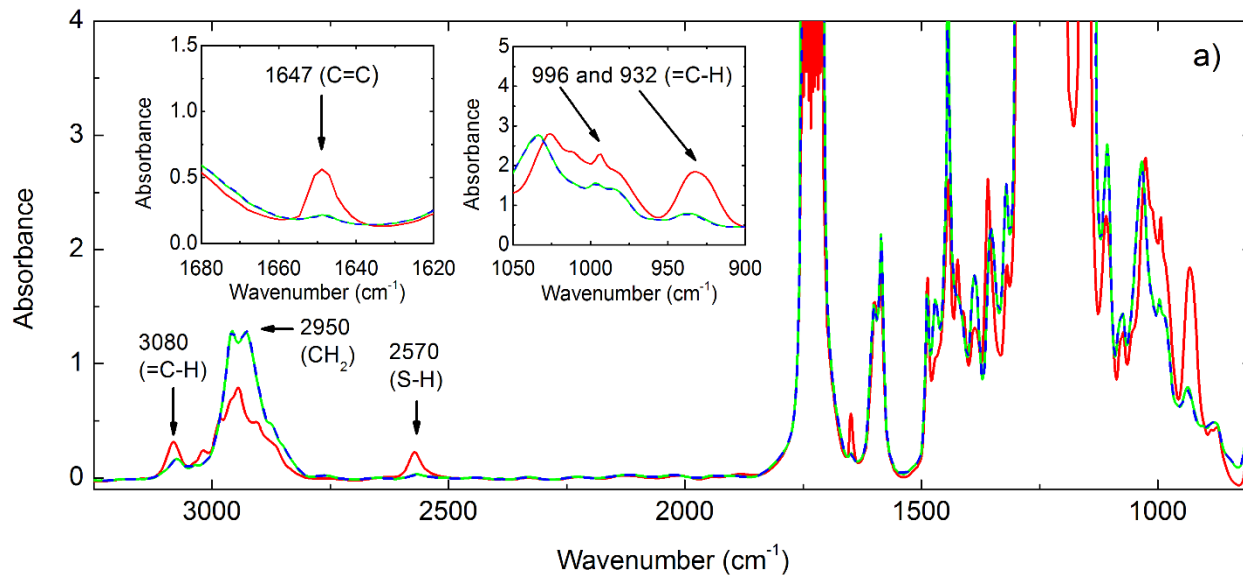


Figure S7a: FTIR data obtained from a mixture of PETMP, photoinitiator, and a3HBA: before curing (red solid curve), after 15 min of UV exposure (green solid curve), and after 30 min of UV exposure (dark blue dashed curve). The following peaks are highlighted: 932 and 996 cm<sup>-1</sup> (olefinic =C-H bending, allyl group), 1647 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=C stretching, allyl group), 2570 cm<sup>-1</sup> (S-H stretching, PETMP), 2950 cm<sup>-1</sup> (alkane C-H stretching, polymer network), and 3080 cm<sup>-1</sup> (olefinic =C-H stretching, allyl group).

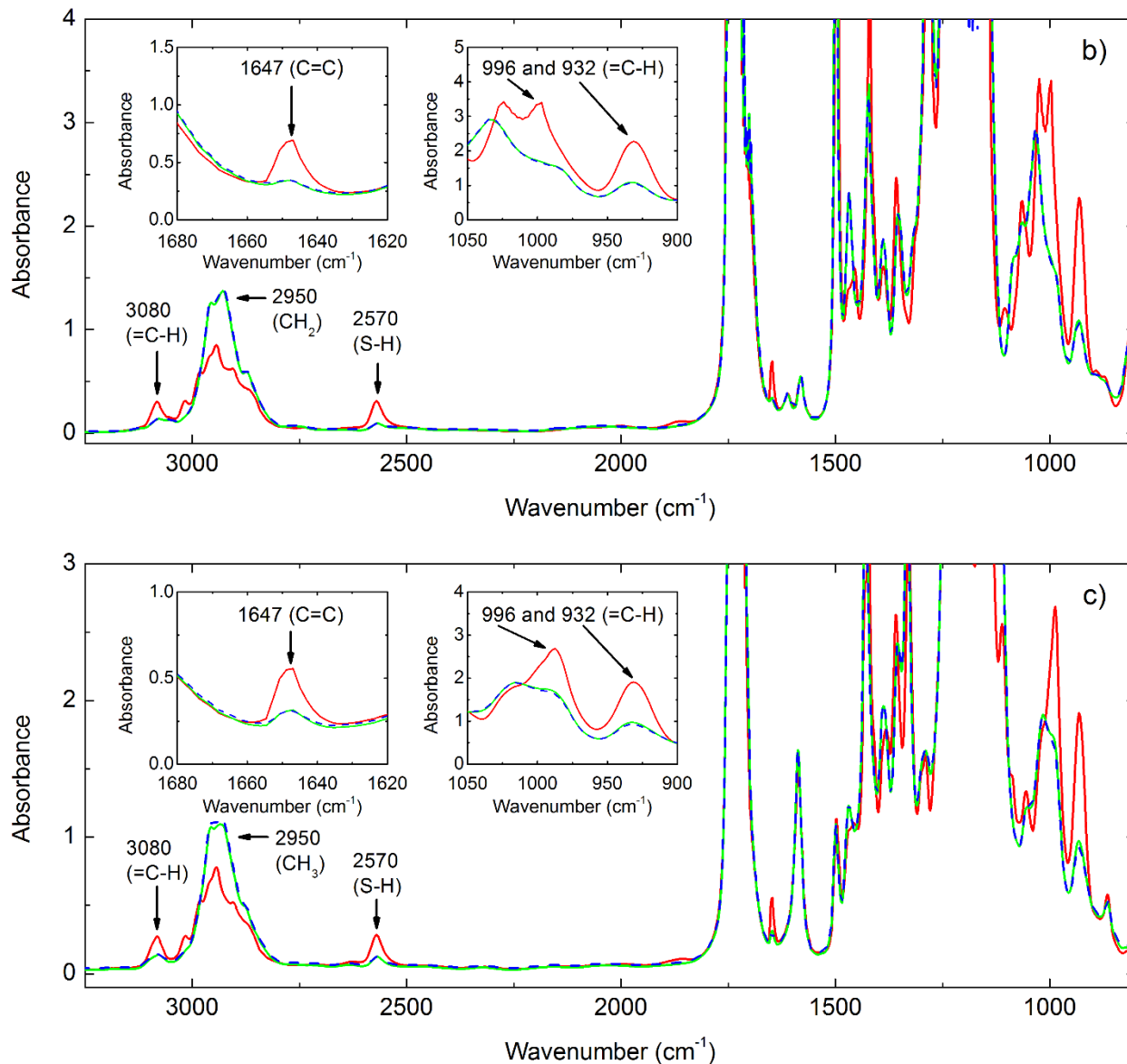


Figure S7b and S7c: FTIR data obtained from a mixture of PETMP, photoinitiator, and (b) aGenA or (c) aGalA: before curing (red solid curve), after 15 min of UV exposure (green solid curve), and after 30 min of UV exposure (dark blue dashed curve). The following peaks are highlighted: 932 and 996 cm<sup>-1</sup> (olefinic =C-H bending, allyl group), 1647 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=C stretching, allyl group), 2570 cm<sup>-1</sup> (S-H stretching, PETMP), 2950 cm<sup>-1</sup> (alkane C-H stretching, polymer network), and 3080 cm<sup>-1</sup> (olefinic =C-H stretching, allyl group).

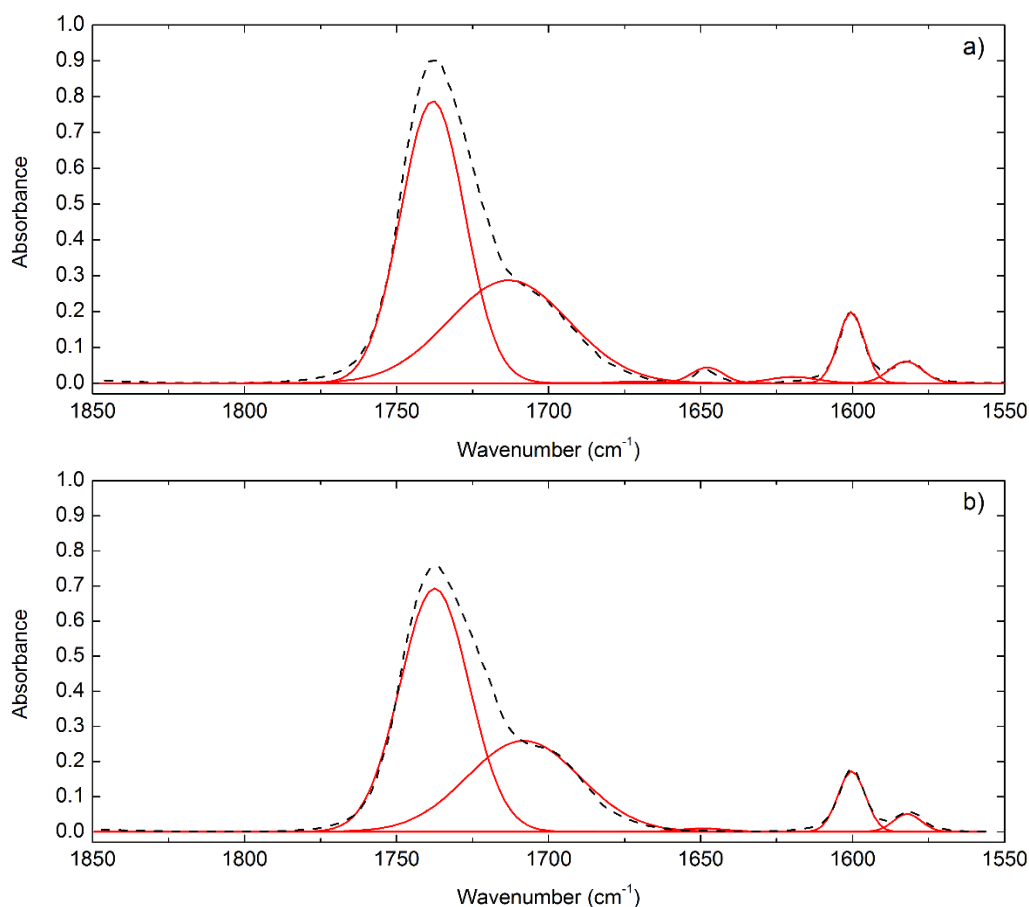


Figure S7d: FTIR data obtained on aSA-based thiol-ene network: a) prior to curing and b) following 15 min of UV curing.

The data shown in the Figures S7a-c were taken on a 0.05 mm thick specimen, which was thick enough that the larger peaks exhibited very high absorbances. However, this larger thickness allowed the relevant peaks to be more visible (i.e. peaks for C=C and =C-H labeled in Figures S7a-c). A thinner film was prepared (without a spacer), which allowed the neighboring peaks to be fully observed (data shown here). We attempted to deconvolve the peaks, but the peaks associated with the allyl group were too small and the resulting analysis was not meaningful to quantify the conversion of allyl groups. For example, prior to UV curing [plot a)], we observed the C=C stretching peak at 1647 cm<sup>-1</sup>, however, following 15 min of UV curing [plot b)], this peak was not resolved even with deconvolution. In a) and b), the black dashed curves are the data and red solid curves are the deconvolutions.

Table S1: Assignment of FTIR Vibrational Modes

| Wavenumber at FTIR peak maximum (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Vibrational mode         | References      |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 932   | olefinic =C-H bending    | 1-6             |
| 996   | olefinic =C-H bending    | 1-6             |
| 1647  | C=C stretching           | 3, 5-13         |
| 2570  | S-H stretching           | 1-14            |
| 2950  | alkane C-H stretching    | 6               |
| 3080  | olefinic =C-H stretching | 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 |

Conversion was quantified through measurement of the maximum intensity of the absorbance peak associated with S-H stretching ( $2570\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). Quantifying the conversion from this FTIR data has significant uncertainty, due to the small size of this peak (note the high absorbance of other peaks that were not relevant to the thiol-ene reaction, due to the large sample thickness required for this measurement). The error on measurements described in the table below represent multiple measurements obtained on independently prepared specimens.

**Table S2: Conversion of aSA Network**

Measurements on multiple specimens:

| Reaction Condition        | Conversion     |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 15 min UV                 | 93% $\pm$ 0.4% |
| 15 min UV + 10 min 150 °C | 97% $\pm$ 0.1% |

Measurement on a single specimen to probe influence of UV curing time:

| Reaction Condition | Conversion |
|--------------------|------------|
| 15 min UV          | 90%        |
| 30 min UV          | 90%        |

**Table S3: Conversion of a3HBA Network**

Measurements on multiple specimens:

| Reaction Condition        | Conversion   |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| 15 min UV                 | 80% $\pm$ 4% |
| 15 min UV + 10 min 150 °C | 88% $\pm$ 3% |

Measurement on a single specimen to probe influence of UV curing time:

| Reaction Condition | Conversion |
|--------------------|------------|
| 15 min UV          | 82%        |
| 30 min UV          | 83%        |

**Table S4: Conversion of a4HBA Network**

Measurements on multiple specimens:

| Reaction Condition        | Conversion   |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| 15 min UV                 | 82% $\pm$ 1% |
| 15 min UV + 10 min 150 °C | 88% $\pm$ 2% |

Measurement on a single specimen to probe influence of UV curing time:

| Reaction Condition | Conversion |
|--------------------|------------|
| 15 min UV          | 86%        |
| 30 min UV          | 86%        |

**Table S5: Conversion of aGenA Network**

Measurements on multiple specimens:

| Reaction Condition        | Conversion |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 15 min UV                 | 76% ± 1%   |
| 15 min UV + 20 min 150 °C | 88% ± 2%   |

Measurement on a single specimen to probe influence of UV curing time:

| Reaction Condition | Conversion |
|--------------------|------------|
| 15 min UV          | 78%        |
| 30 min UV          | 80%        |

**Table S6: Conversion of aGalA Network**

Measurements on multiple specimens:

| Reaction Condition        | Conversion |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 15 min UV                 | 71% ± 2%   |
| 15 min UV + 20 min 150 °C | 83% ± 2%   |

Measurement on a single specimen to probe influence of UV curing time:

| Reaction Condition | Conversion |
|--------------------|------------|
| 15 min UV          | 67%        |
| 30 min UV          | 71%        |

**Table S7: Summary of Final Conversions for Curing Protocol Used in Manuscript**

| Allylated Phenolic Acid | Reaction Condition        | Conversion |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| aSA                     | 15 min UV + 10 min 150 °C | 97% ± 0.1% |
| a3HBA                   | 15 min UV + 10 min 150 °C | 88% ± 3%   |
| a4HBA                   | 15 min UV + 10 min 150 °C | 88% ± 2%   |
| aGenA                   | 15 min UV + 20 min 150 °C | 88% ± 2%   |
| aGalA                   | 15 min UV + 20 min 150 °C | 83% ± 2%   |

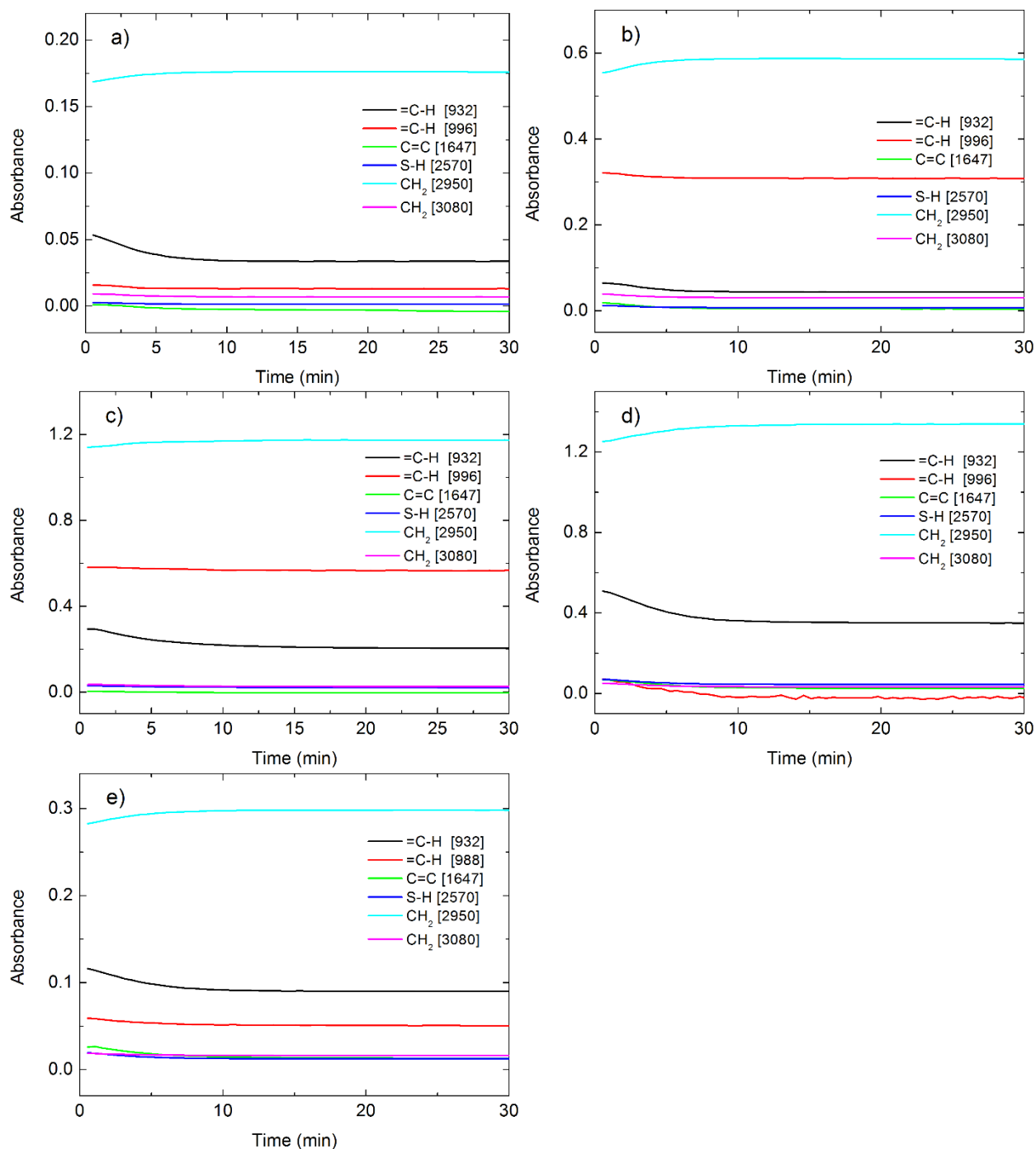


Figure S8: The FTIR absorbance as a function of time for selected peaks while curing at 150 °C (following 15 min of UV exposure) is shown in thiol-ene network derived from a) aSA, b) a3HBA, c) a4HBA, d) aGenA and e) aGalA.

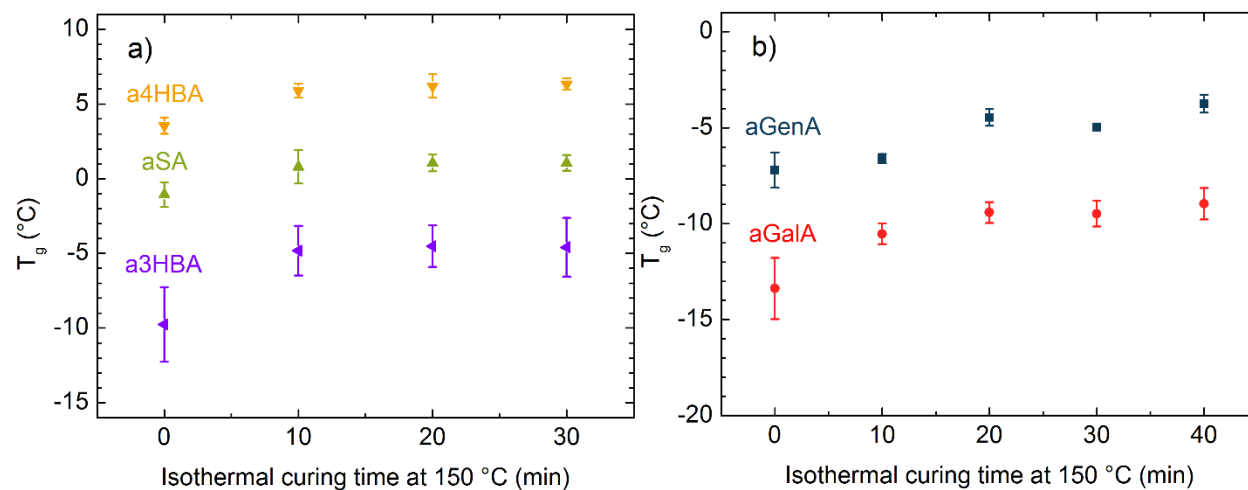


Figure S9 Glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) as a function of isothermal curing time at 150 °C (following 15 min of exposure to UV) for thiol-ene networks derived from (a) aSA (green  $\blacktriangle$ ), a3HBA (purple  $\blacktriangleleft$ ) and a4HBA (yellow  $\blacktriangledown$ ); and (b) aGenA (dark blue  $\blacksquare$ ) and aGalA (red  $\bullet$ ). The data points shown were obtained from four distinct regions of the same specimen (which were isothermally cured for different lengths of time). The results of the first heating scan are shown in this figure. Data shown for aSA and a4HBA were previously reported in ref. <sup>15</sup>.

## Section 8: Physical Properties of Thiol-Ene Networks

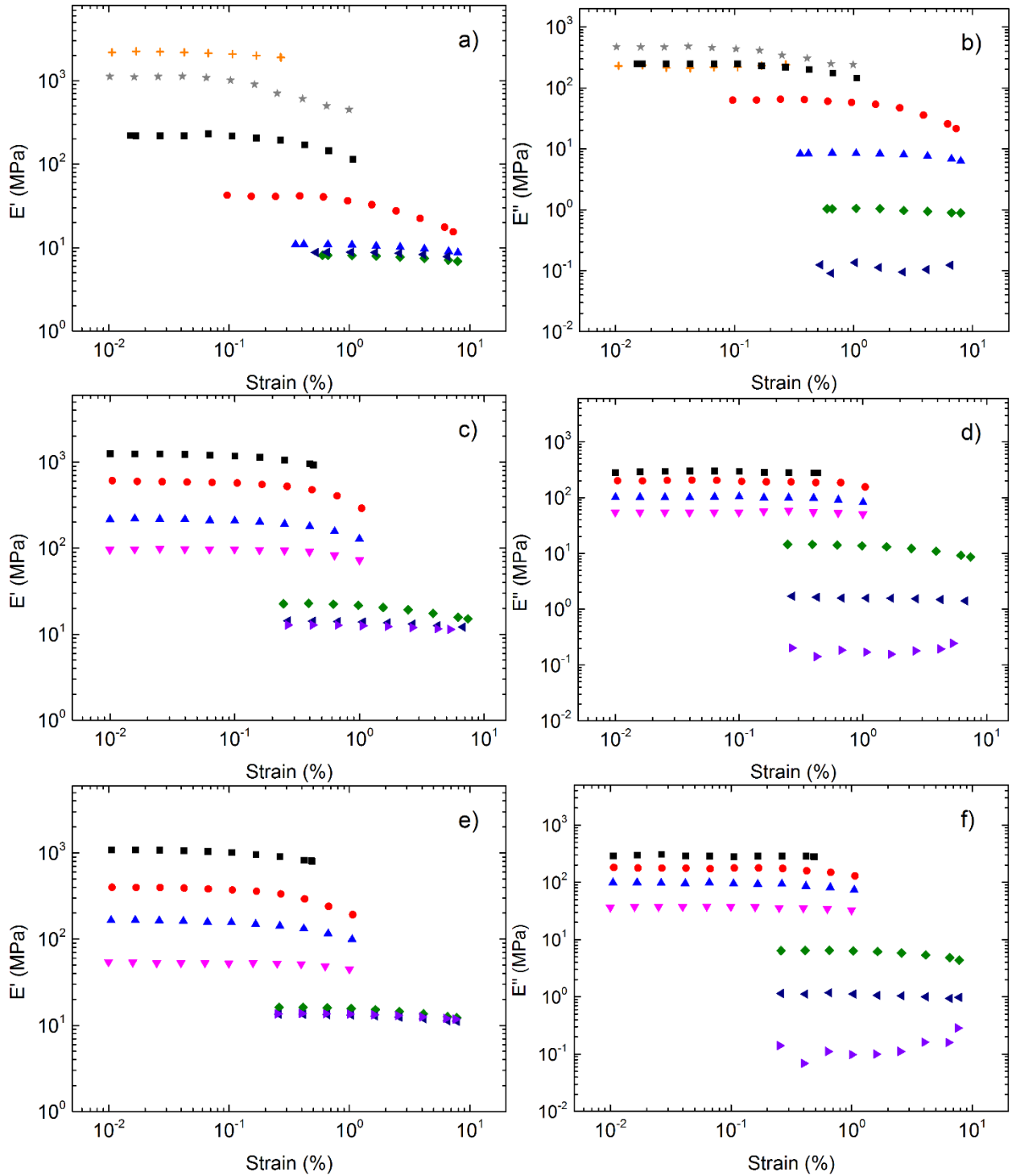


Figure S10: Storage ( $E'$ ) and loss ( $E''$ ) moduli as a function of strain (obtained from DMA, using a frequency of 1 Hz) of thiol-ene networks derived from (a) (b) a3HBA, (c) (d) aGenA and (e) (f) aGalA. Data were obtained at the following temperatures:  $-10^\circ\text{C}$  (+),  $-5^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\star$ ),  $0^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacksquare$ ),  $5^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\bullet$ ),  $10^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacktriangle$ ),  $15^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacktriangledown$ ),  $20^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacklozenge$ ),  $30^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacktriangleleft$ ),  $40^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacktriangleright$ ).

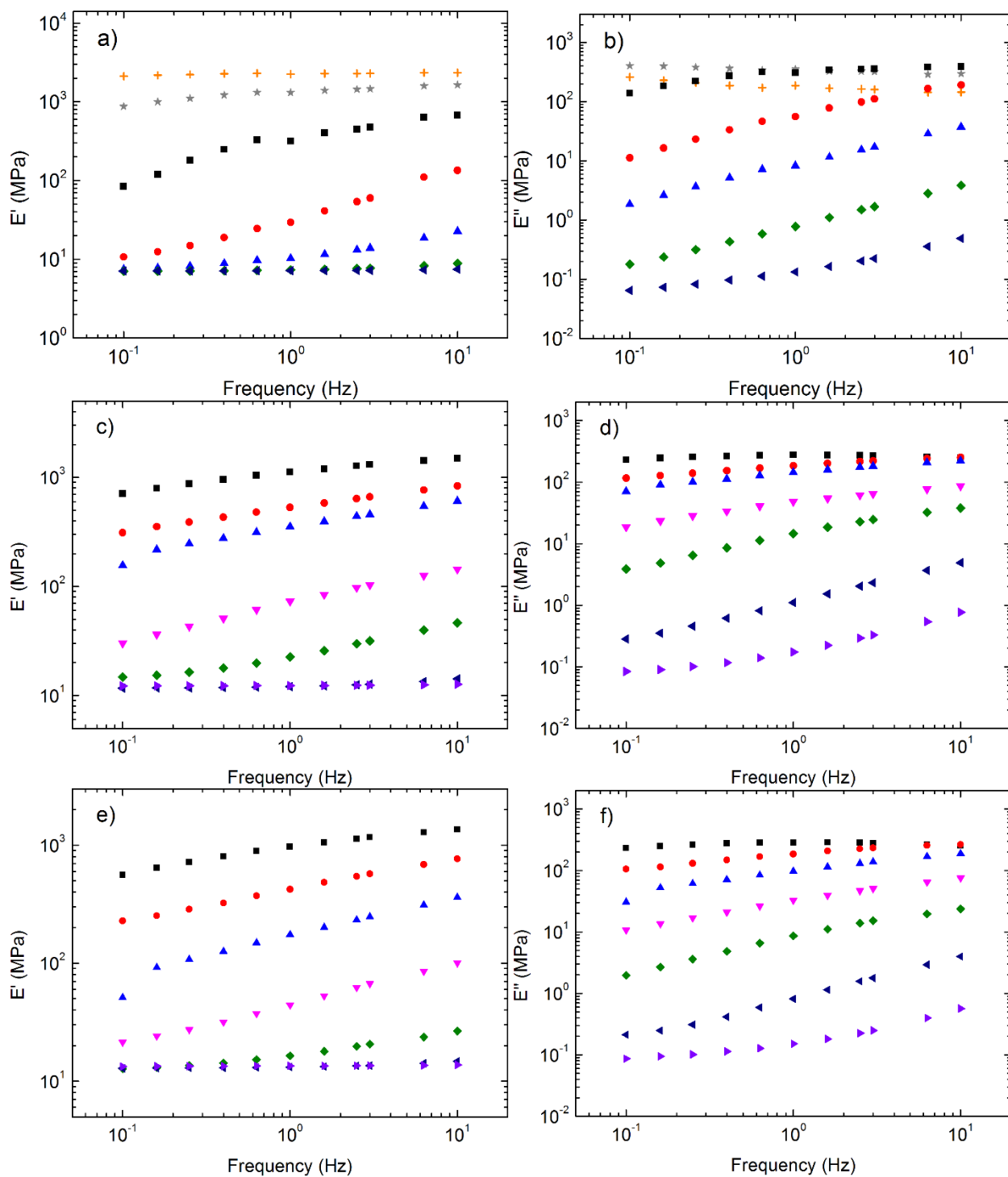


Figure S11: Storage ( $E'$ ) and loss ( $E''$ ) moduli as a function of frequency (obtained from DMA, using a strain value in the linear region) of thiol-ene networks derived from (a) (b) a3HBA, (c) (d) aGenA and (e) (f) aGalA. Data were obtained at the following temperatures:  $-10^\circ\text{C}$  (+),  $-5^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\star$ ),  $0^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacksquare$ ),  $5^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\bullet$ ),  $10^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacktriangle$ ),  $15^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacktriangledown$ ),  $20^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacklozenge$ ),  $30^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacktriangleleft$ ),  $40^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\blacktriangleright$ ).

Table S8: Crosslink Density of aSA Networks Determined through DMA

| Batch #            | Specimen # | $E'_r$ in rubbery plateau (MPa) at 30 °C | $v_c$ ( x 10 <sup>-3</sup> mol/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
|--------------------|------------|--|--|
| 1 <sup>a</sup>     | 1          | 7.11                                     | 0.94   |
|                    | 1          | 8.83                                     | 1.17   |
| 2                  | 2          | 8.73                                     | 1.15   |
|                    | 3          | 8.65                                     | 1.14   |
| Average of batch 2 |            | 8.74 ± 0.09                              | 1.16 ± 0.01                                      |
|                    | 1          | 9.55                                     | 1.26   |
| 3                  | 2          | 9.24                                     | 1.22   |
|                    | 3          | 8.55                                     | 1.13   |
| Average of batch 3 |            | 9.11 ± 0.51                              | 1.21 ± 0.07                                      |
|                    | 1          | 8.76                                     | 1.16   |
| 4                  | 2          | 9.24                                     | 1.22   |
|                    | 3          | 8.63                                     | 1.14   |
| Average of batch 4 |            | 8.88 ± 0.32                              | 1.17 ± 0.04                                      |
| Average            |            | 8.46 ± 0.91                              | 1.12 ± 0.12                                      |

<sup>a</sup> This single measurement was previously reported in ref. <sup>15</sup>.

Table S9 Crosslink Density of a3HBA Networks Determined through DMA

| Batch #            | Specimen # | $E'_r$ in rubbery plateau (MPa) at 30 °C | $v_c$ ( x 10 <sup>-3</sup> mol/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
|--------------------|------------|--|--|
|                    | 1          | 7.16                                     | 0.95   |
| 1                  | 2          | 7.68                                     | 1.02   |
|                    | 3          | 8.61                                     | 1.14   |
| Average of batch 1 |            | 7.82 ± 0.73                              | 1.03 ± 0.10                                      |
|                    | 1          | 8.80                                     | 1.16   |
| 2                  | 2          | 8.11                                     | 1.07   |
|                    | 3          | 8.03                                     | 1.06   |
| Average of batch 2 |            | 8.31 ± 0.42                              | 1.10 ± 0.06                                      |
|                    | 1          | 7.47                                     | 0.99   |
| 3                  | 2          | 7.66                                     | 1.01   |
|                    | 3          | 7.70                                     | 1.02   |
| Average of batch 3 |            | 7.61 ± 0.12                              | 1.01 ± 0.02                                      |
| Average            |            | 7.91 ± 0.73                              | 1.05 ± 0.10                                      |

Table S10: Crosslink Density of a4HBA Networks Determined through DMA

| Batch #            | Specimen # | $E'_r$ in rubbery plateau (MPa) at 30 °C | $v_c$ ( x 10 <sup>-3</sup> mol/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
|--------------------|------------|--|--|
| 1 <sup>a</sup>     | 1          | 11.6                                     | 1.53   |
|                    | 1          | 9.87                                     | 1.31   |
| 2                  | 2          | 10.3                                     | 1.36   |
|                    | 3          | 11.1                                     | 1.47   |
| Average of batch 2 |            | 10.4 ± 0.6                               | 1.38 ± 0.09                                      |
|                    | 1          | 10.4                                     | 1.37   |
| 3                  | 2          | 10.4                                     | 1.37   |
|                    | 3          | 11.4                                     | 1.51   |
| Average of batch 3 |            | 10.7 ± 0.6                               | 1.42 ± 0.08                                      |
|                    | 1          | 9.09                                     | 1.20   |
| 4                  | 2          | 9.63                                     | 1.27   |
|                    | 3          | 9.51                                     | 1.26   |
| Average of batch 4 |            | 9.41 ± 0.28                              | 1.24 ± 0.04                                      |
| Average            |            | 10.5 ± 0.9                               | 1.39 ± 0.12                                      |

<sup>a</sup> This single measurement was previously reported in ref. <sup>15</sup>.

Table S11: Crosslink Density of aGenA Networks Determined through DMA

| Batch #            | Specimen # | $E'_r$ in rubbery plateau (MPa) at 30 °C | $v_c$ ( x 10 <sup>-3</sup> mol/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
|--------------------|------------|--|--|
| 1                  | 1          | 12.2                                     | 1.61   |
|                    | 1          | 11.9                                     | 1.57   |
| 2                  | 2          | 11.7                                     | 1.55   |
|                    | 3          | 11.6                                     | 1.54   |
| Average of batch 2 |            | 11.7 ± 0.1                               | 1.55 ± 0.02                                      |
|                    | 1          | 10.6                                     | 1.40   |
| 3                  | 2          | 10.7                                     | 1.42   |
|                    | 3          | 10.6                                     | 1.40   |
| Average of batch 3 |            | 10.6 ± 0.1                               | 1.40 ± 0.01                                      |
|                    | 1          | 10.3                                     | 1.36   |
| 4                  | 2          | 10.4                                     | 1.37   |
|                    | 3          | 10.6                                     | 1.40   |
| Average of batch 4 |            | 10.4 ± 0.1                               | 1.37 ± 0.02                                      |
| Average            |            | 11.2 ± 0.9                               | 1.49 ± 0.12                                      |

Table S12: Crosslink Density of aGalA Networks Determined through DMA

| Batch #            | Specimen # | $E'_r$ in rubbery plateau (MPa) at 30 °C | $\nu_c$ ( $\times 10^{-3}$ mol/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
|--------------------|------------|--|--|
| 1                  | 1          | 13.3                                     | 1.75   |
| 2                  | 2-1        | 10.8                                     | 1.43   |
|                    | 2-2        | 11.3                                     | 1.50   |
|                    | 2-3        | 12.0                                     | 1.59   |
| Average of batch 2 |            | $11.4 \pm 0.6$                           | $1.51 \pm 0.08$                                  |
| 3                  | 3-1        | 10.3                                     | 1.36   |
|                    | 3-2        | 10.2                                     | 1.34   |
|                    | 3-3        | 9.7                                      | 1.28   |
| Average of batch 3 |            | $10.0 \pm 0.3$                           | $1.33 \pm 0.04$                                  |
| 4                  | 4-1        | 9.9                                      | 1.31   |
|                    | 4-2        | 10.6                                     | 1.41   |
|                    | 4-3        | 10.7                                     | 1.42   |
| Average of batch 4 |            | $10.4 \pm 0.5$                           | $1.38 \pm 0.06$                                  |
| Average            |            | $11.3 \pm 1.4$                           | $1.49 \pm 0.19$                                  |

Table S13: T<sub>g</sub> of a3HBA Networks Determined through DSC

| Batch #            | Specimen # | 1st heating scan | 2nd heating scan |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1                  | 1          | -5.1             | -4.9             |
|                    | 2          | -5.6             | -5.5             |
|                    | 3          | -4.7             | -4.5             |
|                    | 4          | -6.3             | -6.2             |
|                    | 5          | -6.9             | -6.9             |
|                    | 6          | -5.5             | -5.4             |
|                    | 7          | -3.0             | -3.0             |
|                    | 8          | -3.5             | -3.5             |
|                    | 9          | -3.2             | -3.1             |
| Average of batch 1 |            | -4.9 ± 1.4       | -4.8 ± 1.4       |
| 2                  | 1          | -8.5             | -8.4             |
|                    | 2          | -8.1             | -8.0             |
|                    | 3          | -7.43            | -7.2             |
| Average of batch 2 |            | -8.0 ± 0.5       | -7.9 ± 0.6       |
| 3                  | 1          | -8.5             | -8.6             |
|                    | 2          | -8.5             | -8.2             |
|                    | 3          | -8.1             | -7.9             |
| Average of batch 3 |            | -8.4 ± 0.2       | -8.2 ± 0.3       |
| Average            |            | -7.1 ± 1.9       | -6.9 ± 1.9       |

Table S14: T<sub>g</sub> of aGenA Networks Determined through DSC

| Batch #            | Specimen # | 1st heating scan | 2nd heating scan |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1                  | 1          | -4.4             | -4.2             |
|                    | 2          | -6.4             | -6.3             |
|                    | 3          | -5.3             | -5.0             |
|                    | 4          | -5.0             | -4.6             |
|                    | 5          | -7.5             | -7.6             |
|                    | 6          | -8.1             | -8.1             |
|                    | 7          | -5.1             | -5.2             |
|                    | 8          | -7.4             | -7.4             |
|                    | 9          | -7.9             | -7.9             |
| Average of batch 1 |            | -6.3 ± 1.4       | -6.3 ± 1.5       |
| 2                  | 1          | -4.3             | -3.6             |
|                    | 2          | -5.2             | -4.6             |
|                    | 3          | -3.3             | -2.9             |
| Average of batch 2 |            | -4.2 ± 1.0       | -3.7 ± 0.9       |
| 3                  | 1          | -2.9             | -2.8             |
|                    | 2          | -5.9             | -5.6             |
|                    | 3          | -5.6             | -5.5             |
| Average of batch 3 |            | -4.8 ± 1.7       | -4.6 ± 1.6       |
| 4                  | 1          | -8.2             | -8.1             |
|                    | 2          | -7.3             | -6.9             |
|                    | 3          | -6.5             | -6.5             |
| Average of batch 4 |            | -7.3 ± 0.8       | -7.2 ± 0.8       |
| Average            |            | -5.7 ± 1.7       | -5.4 ± 1.6       |

Table S15: T<sub>g</sub> of aGalA Networks Determined through DSC

| Batch #            | Specimen # | 1st heating scan | 2nd heating scan |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1                  | 1          | -10.0            | -9.9             |
|                    | 2          | -9.1             | -8.6             |
|                    | 3          | -8.9             | -8.6             |
|                    | 4          | -4.7             | -4.6             |
|                    | 5          | -6.5             | -6.6             |
|                    | 6          | -6.6             | -6.1             |
|                    | 7          | -6.4             | -5.9             |
|                    | 8          | -6.8             | -6.1             |
|                    | 9          | -8.2             | -7.7             |
| Average of batch 1 |            | -7.5 ± 1.7       | -7.1 ± 1.7       |
| 2                  | 1          | -7.4             | -6.9             |
|                    | 2          | -11.2            | -10.9            |
|                    | 3          | -5.5             | -5.1             |
| Average of batch 2 |            | -8.1 ± 2.9       | -7.7 ± 3.0       |
| 3                  | 1          | -5.4             | -5.0             |
|                    | 2          | -8.5             | -8.3             |
|                    | 3          | -5.9             | -5.7             |
| Average of batch 3 |            | -6.6 ± 1.6       | -6.3 ± 1.7       |
| 4                  | 1          | -7.5             | -7.4             |
|                    | 2          | -8.4             | -8.4             |
|                    | 3          | -7.0             | -7.0             |
| Average of batch 4 |            | -7.6 ± 0.7       | -7.6 ± 0.7       |
| Average            |            | -7.4 ± 2.9       | -7.2 ± 3.0       |

Table S16: Thermal Properties of Thiol-Ene Networks Derived from Phenolic Acids<sup>a</sup>

| Allylated Phenolic acid | T <sub>g</sub> (°C) <sup>b</sup> | Onset degradation temperature (°C) <sup>c</sup> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| aSA                     | 0.8 ± 2.1                        | 341.9   |
| a3HBA                   | -7.1 ± 1.9                       | 349.2   |
| a4HBA                   | 5.5 ± 2.2                        | 343.0   |
| aGenA                   | -5.7 ± 1.7                       | 339.1   |
| aGalA                   | -7.4 ± 2.9                       | 337.1   |

<sup>a</sup> Samples were prepared following the protocol in *Table 1*.

<sup>b</sup> Determined from DSC. T<sub>g</sub> measurements were obtained from several distinct specimens of three separate batches for each network type. The measurement errors were determined as the standard deviation obtained from either measurements within the same batch, or batch-to-batch measurements (whichever determination of error was greater). The results presented in this table were obtained from the first heating scan; the full data sets are shown in Tables S13-S15 for a3HBA, aGenA and aGalA, and were previously reported in ref. <sup>15</sup> for aSA and a4HBA.

<sup>c</sup> Determined from TGA. Previously reported in ref. <sup>15</sup> for aSA and a4HBA.

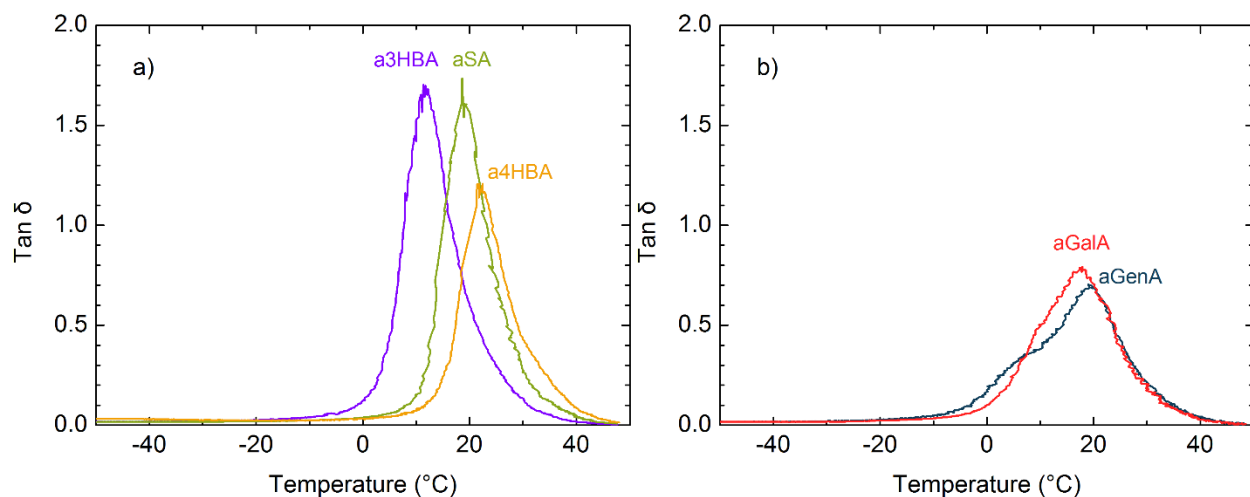


Figure S12:  $\tan \delta$  ( $E''/E'$ ), measured through DMA, as a function of temperature of thiol-ene networks derived from a) aSA (green curve), a3HBA (purple curve), and a4HBA (yellow curve); and b) aGenA (blue curve) and aGalA (red curve). The temperature ramp was conducted at a rate of 3  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ , using a strain of 0.05% and frequency of 1 Hz.

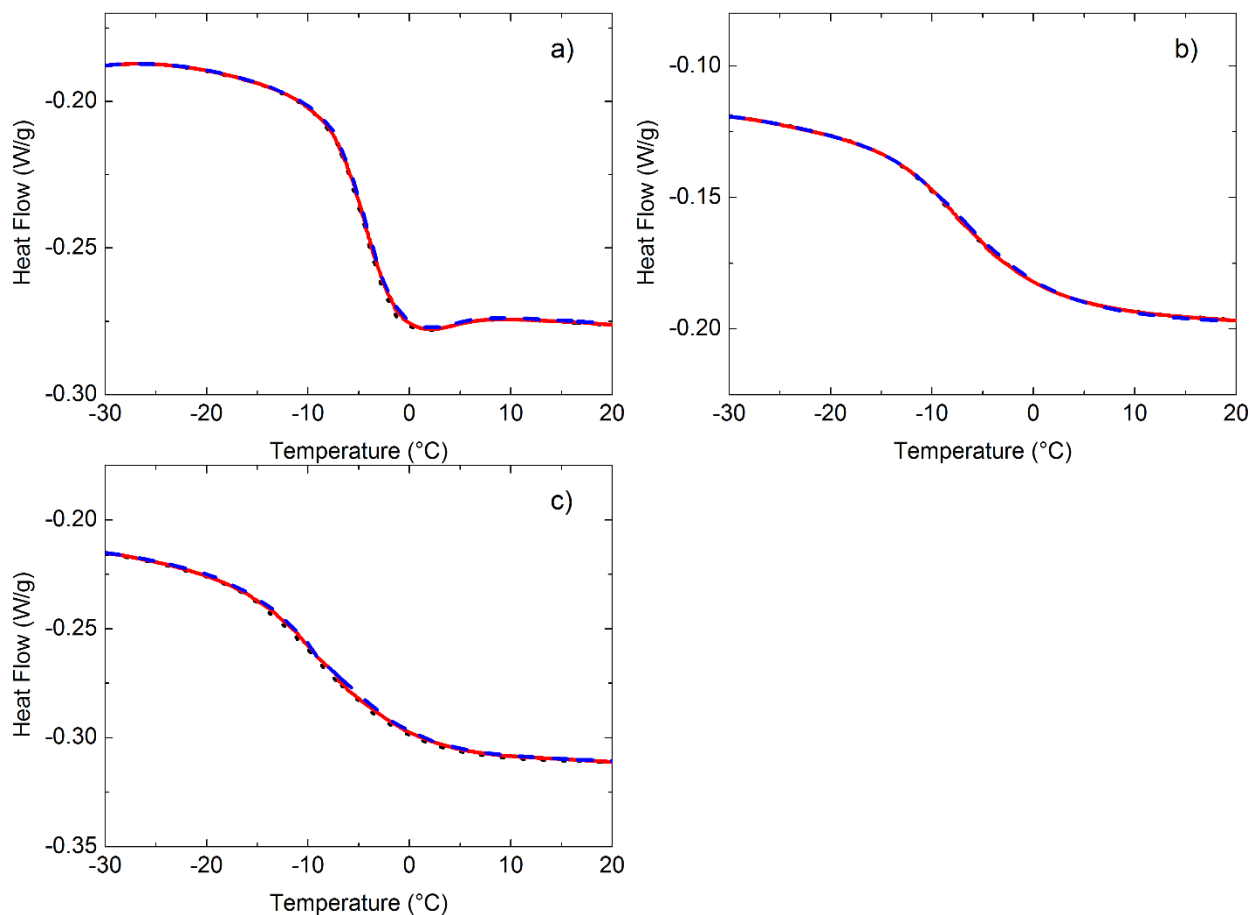


Figure S13: DSC heat flow as a function of temperature for thiol-ene networks derived from (a) a3HBA, (b) aGenA and (c) aGalA. Samples were exposed to UV for 15 min and were cured at 150 °C for 10 min (a3HBA) or 20 min (aGenA and aGalA), encapsulated into an aluminum pan, and subsequently cycled through three consecutive heating and cooling sequences in the DSC (at a rate of 10 °C/min); the first heating scan is indicated by the black dotted curve, the second heating scan is indicated by the red solid curve, and the third heating scan is indicated by the blue dashed curve.

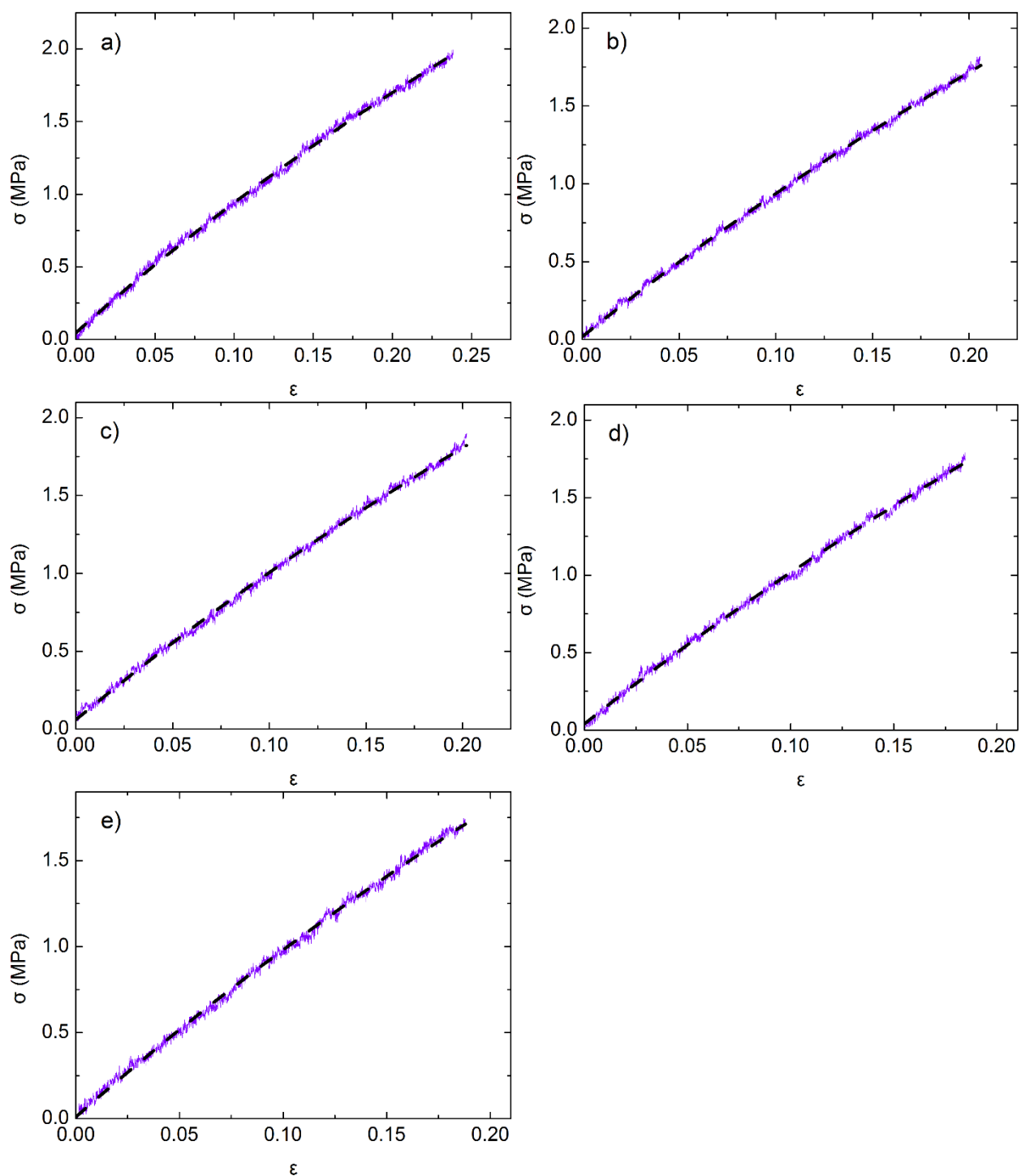


Figure S14: Stress-strain curves obtained from five independent specimens of thiol-ene networks derived from a3HBA (purple solid curve is the tensile data; black dashed curve shows the fit of the ideal elastomer model to the data).

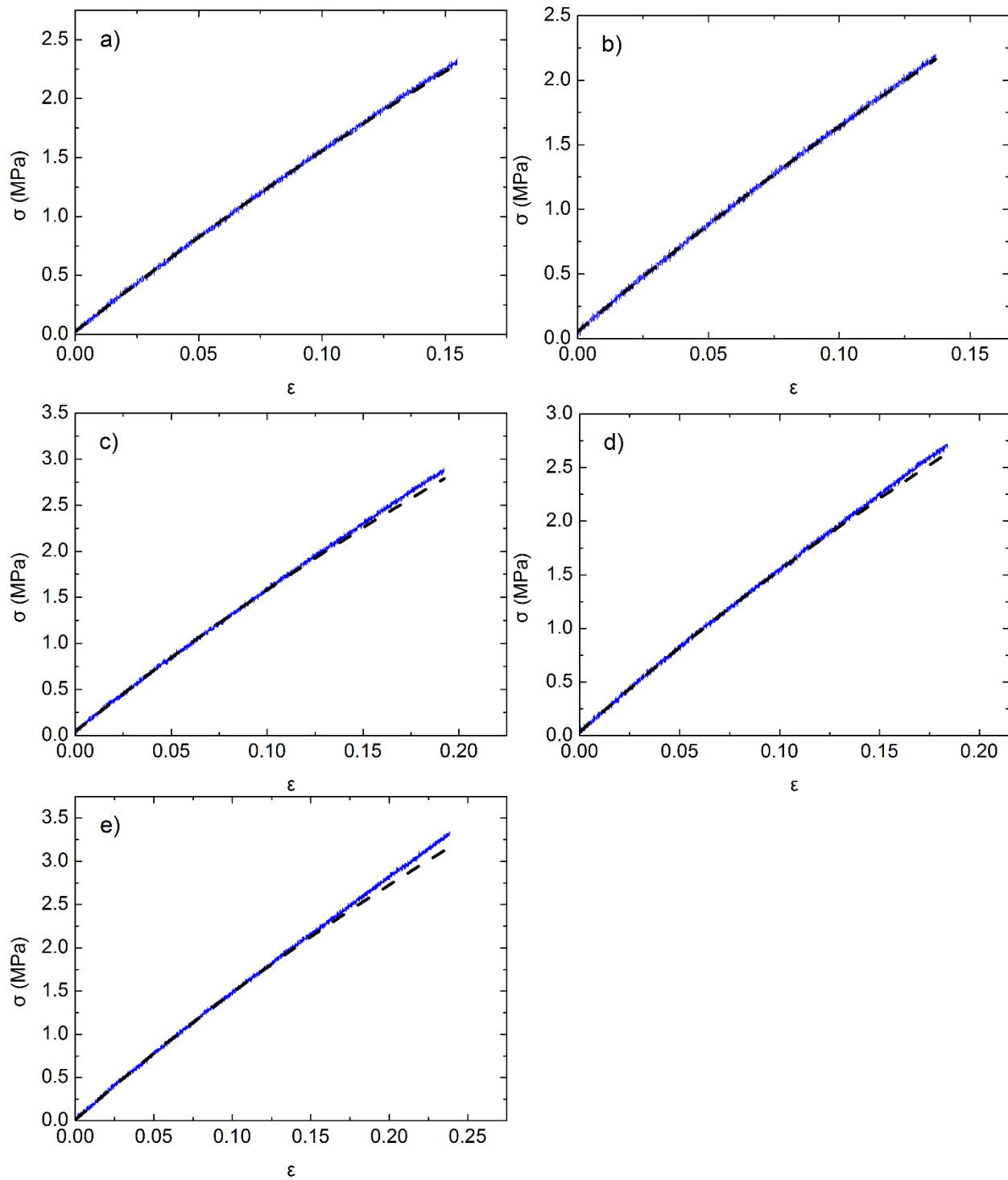


Figure S15: Stress-strain curves obtained from five independent specimens of thiol-ene networks derived from aGenA (blue solid curve is the tensile data; black dashed curve shows the fit of the ideal elastomer model to the data).

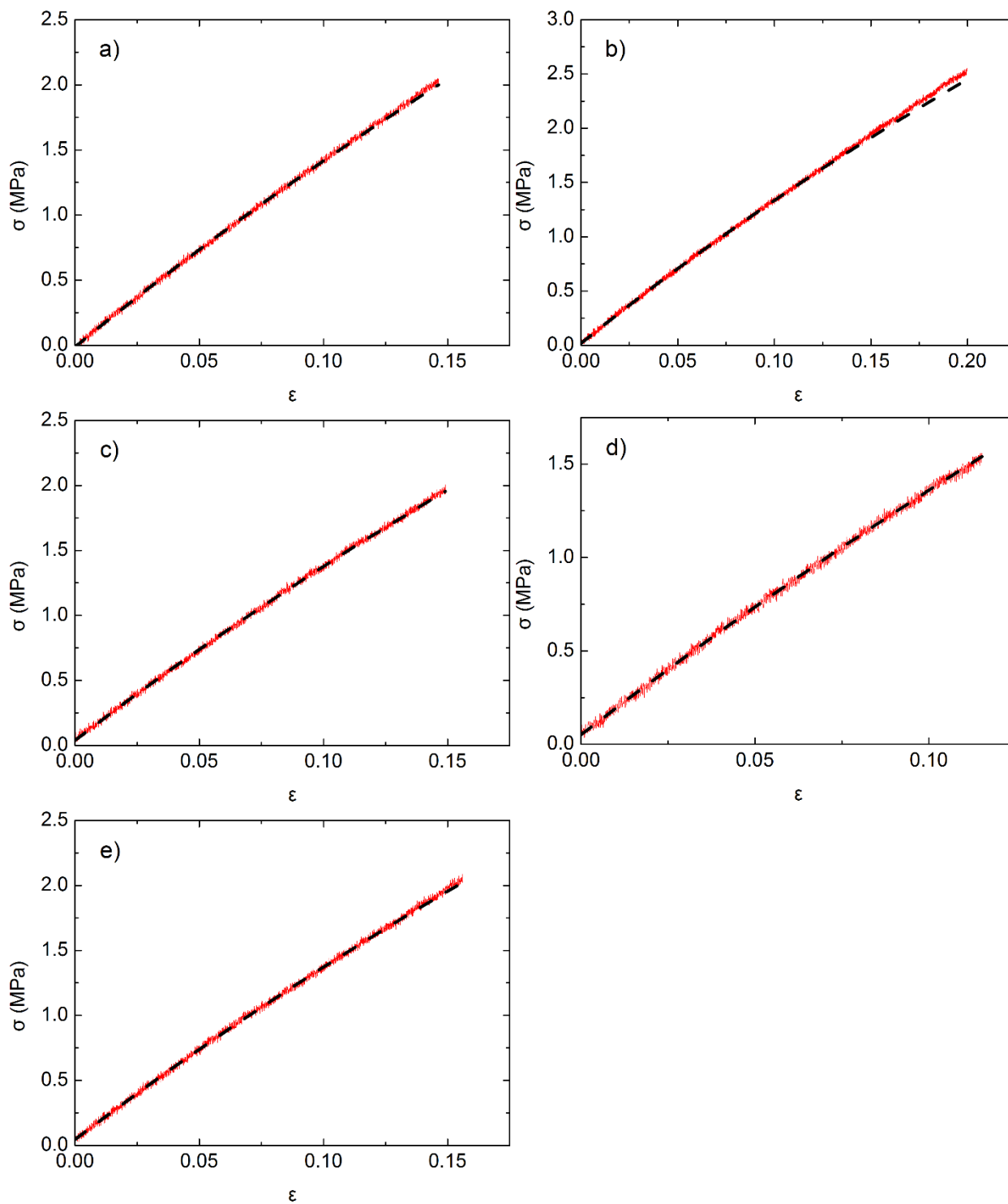


Figure S16: Stress-strain curves obtained from five independent specimens of thiol-ene networks derived from aGalA (red solid curve is the tensile data; black dashed curve shows the fit of the ideal elastomer model to the data).

Table S17: Tensile Properties of Thiol-Ene Networks Derived from Allylated Phenolic Acids

| Allylated Phenolic acid | Tensile strength (MPa) | % elongation at break | Modulus (MPa) | Toughness (MPa) |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| aSA <sup>b</sup>        | 2.7 ± 0.3              | 25.0 ± 2.2            | 10.8 ± 0.4    | 0.36 ± 0.06     |
| a3HBA                   | 1.8 ± 0.1              | 20.4 ± 2.1            | 8.6 ± 0.5     | 0.20 ± 0.03     |
| a4HBA <sup>b</sup>      | 3.7 ± 0.3              | 29.6 ± 2.4            | 12.4 ± 0.3    | 0.57 ± 0.09     |
| aGenA                   | 2.7 ± 0.5              | 18.1 ± 3.9            | 14.6 ± 0.6    | 0.32 ± 0.13     |
| aGalA                   | 2.1 ± 0.4              | 15.4 ± 3.1            | 13.0 ± 0.5    | 0.17 ± 0.06     |

<sup>a</sup> Samples were prepared following the protocol in *Table 1*.

<sup>b</sup> Previously reported in ref. <sup>15</sup> for aSA and a4HBA.

Table S18: Parameters Extracted from the Fit of the Mooney-Rivlin Equation to the Tensile Data

| Allylated Phenolic acid | Strain Range                 | C <sub>1</sub> | C <sub>2</sub> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| a3HBA                   | All                          | 1.66 ± 0.17    | 0.12 ± 0.18    |
| aGenA <sup>a</sup>      | $\epsilon < 0.144 \pm 0.017$ | 2.60 ± 0.35    | 0.29 ± 0.49    |
| aGenA <sup>a</sup>      | $\epsilon > 0.144 \pm 0.017$ | 3.90 ± 0.21    | -1.23 ± 0.35   |
| aGalA <sup>b</sup>      | $\epsilon < 0.153$           | 2.13 ± 0.85    | 0.43 ± 0.91    |
| aGalA <sup>b</sup>      | $\epsilon > 0.153$           | 3.45           | -1.14          |
| aSA <sup>c</sup>        | All                          | 2.20 ± 0.21    | -0.07 ± 0.32   |
| a4HBA                   | $\epsilon < 0.202 \pm 0.008$ | 2.82 ± 0.25    | -0.35 ± 0.34   |
| a4HBA                   | $\epsilon > 0.202 \pm 0.008$ | 4.10 ± 0.16    | -1.88 ± 0.18   |

<sup>a</sup>Three of the five tested aGenA specimens showed a deviation from the ideal elastomer model. The strain value at which the data deviated from the model differed from specimen to specimen (e.g. the deviation occurred at  $\epsilon = 0.144 \pm 0.017$  for aGenA). The Mooney-Rivlin model was fit to the data both above and below this critical strain value.

<sup>b</sup>One of the five tested specimens showed a deviation from the ideal elastomer model. The data deviated from the model  $\epsilon = 0.153$ . The Mooney-Rivlin model was fit to the data both above and below this critical strain value.

<sup>c</sup>Mooney-Rivlin coefficient C<sub>2</sub> for the aSA-based network was reported in ref. <sup>15</sup>.

Table S19: **Experimental** Crosslink Density and Molecular Weight Between Crosslinks<sup>a</sup>

| Allylated phenolic acid | E' in rubbery plateau (MPa) <sup>b</sup> | $\nu_c$ ( x 10 <sup>-3</sup> mol/cm <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>c</sup> | M <sub>c</sub> (g/mol) <sup>d</sup> |
|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| aSA                     | 8.46 ± 0.91                              | 1.12 ± 0.12   | 1102 ± 131                          |
| a3HBA                   | 7.91 ± 0.73                              | 1.05 ± 0.10   | 1170 ± 109                          |
| a4HBA                   | 10.5 ± 0.9                               | 1.39 ± 0.12   | 882 ± 77                            |
| aGenA                   | 11.2 ± 0.9                               | 1.49 ± 0.12   | 825 ± 64                            |
| aGalA                   | 11.3 ± 1.4                               | 1.49 ± 0.19   | 828 ± 99                            |

<sup>a</sup> Samples were prepared following the protocol in *Table 1*.

<sup>b</sup> Reduced storage modulus in rubbery plateau (DMA) at reference temperature 30 °C ( $\omega = 1$  Hz).

<sup>c</sup>  $\nu_c$  was calculated using Eqn. 6. All data and calculations are shown in Tables S5-S9

<sup>d</sup> Molecular weight between crosslinks (M<sub>c</sub>), was calculated using E' in the rubbery plateau ( $M_c = \rho / \nu_c$ ). The values of mass densities used in these calculations ( $\rho$ ) were measured for the thiol-ene networks and reported in the main text.

Table S20: **Theoretical** Crosslink Density and Molecular Weight Between Crosslinks

|  | Allylated phenolic acid | M <sub>c</sub> (g/mol) <sup>a</sup> | $\nu_c$ ( x 10 <sup>-3</sup> mol/cm <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>c</sup> | M <sub>c</sub> (g/mol) average <sup>b</sup> | $\nu_c$ ( x 10 <sup>-3</sup> mol/cm <sup>3</sup> ) average <sup>c</sup> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Assuming 100% Conversion of Functional Groups                        | aSA                     | 456                                 | 2.68  | 456   | 2.68  |
|  | a3HBA                   | 456                                 | 2.68  | 456   | 2.68  |
|  | a4HBA                   | 456                                 | 2.68  | 456   | 2.68  |
|  | aGenA                   | 176 / 204                           | 6.93/5.98   | 185   | 6.61  |
|  | aGalA                   | 176 / 204                           | 6.93/5.98   | 183   | 6.69  |
| Accounting for Measured Conversion of Functional Groups <sup>d</sup> | aSA                     | 456                                 | 2.68  | 456   | 2.68  |
|  | a3HBA                   | 456                                 | 2.68  | 456   | 2.68  |
|  | a4HBA                   | 456                                 | 2.68  | 456   | 2.68  |
|  | aGenA                   | 176 / 204 / 512                     | 6.93/5.98/2.38  | 225   | 6.11  |
|  | aGalA                   | 176 / 204                           | 6.93/5.98   | 183   | 6.69  |

<sup>a</sup>The theoretical M<sub>c</sub> was calculated considering a perfect network (without any defects) and using the chemical structures of the allylated phenolic acids and multifunctional thiol. Details are shown below in Figure S17.

<sup>b</sup>In the case of multiple values of M<sub>c</sub> that are calculated theoretically, an average is reported here.

100% conversion:

For GenA: Average M<sub>c</sub> = (1/3)(204)+(2/3)(176) = 185 g/mol

For GalA: Average M<sub>c</sub> = (1/4)(204)+(3/4)(176) = 183 g/mol

Accounting for measured reaction conversion (more details included below Figure S17):

For GenA (88% conversion): Average M<sub>c</sub> = (0.88)(1/3)(204)+(0.88)(2/3)(176)+(0.12)(512) = 225 g/mol

<sup>c</sup>  $\nu_c$  is calculated from the theoretical M<sub>c</sub> ( $\nu_c = \rho / M_c$ ). The values of mass densities used in these calculations ( $\rho$ ) were measured for the thiol-ene networks and reported in the main text.

<sup>d</sup> The experimentally measured conversions for each network type were considered in these calculations. More details are provided below Figure S17.

Figure S17: Theoretical  $M_c$  Calculations:

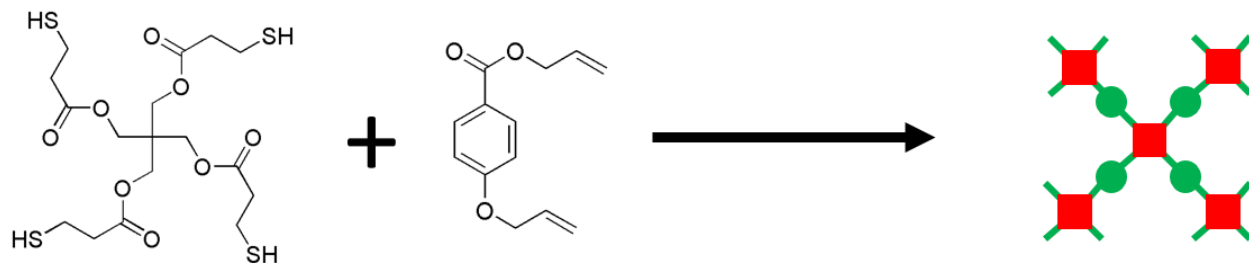


Figure S17i: Photoinitiated thiol-ene reaction between a4HBA and the tetra-functional thiol PETMP. The other difunctional allylated phenolic acids (aSA, a3HBA) undergo comparable reactions.

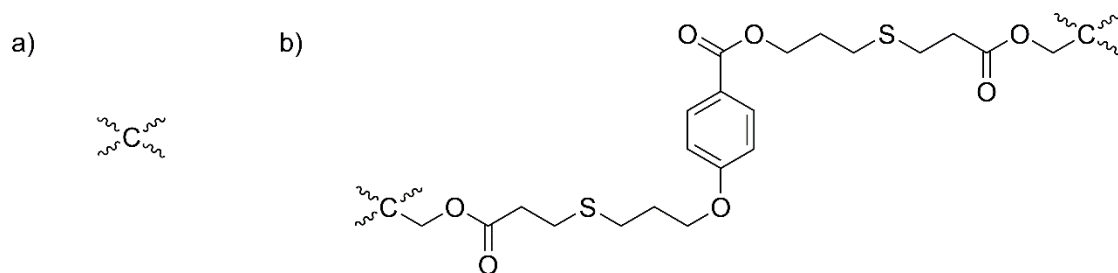


Figure S17ii: Chemical structures of a) junctions and b) strands in a4HBA thiol-ene networks. The molecular weight of a strand is 456 g/mol.

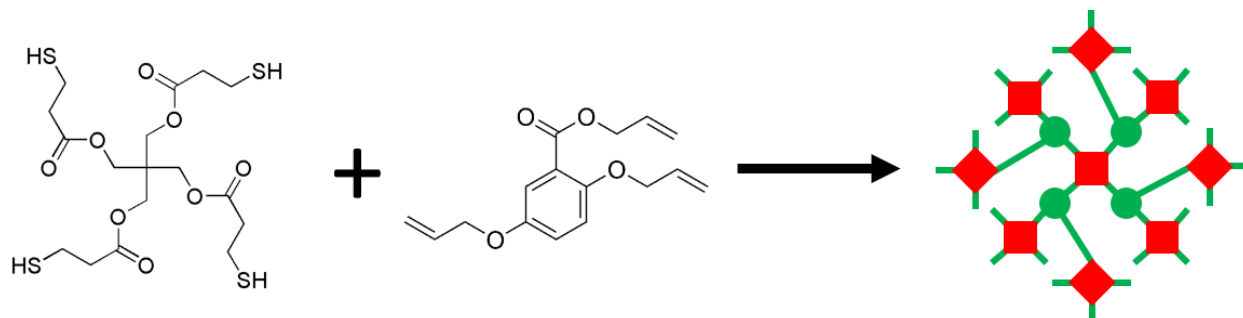


Figure S17iii: Photoinitiated thiol-ene reaction between aGenA and the tetra-functional thiol PETMP.

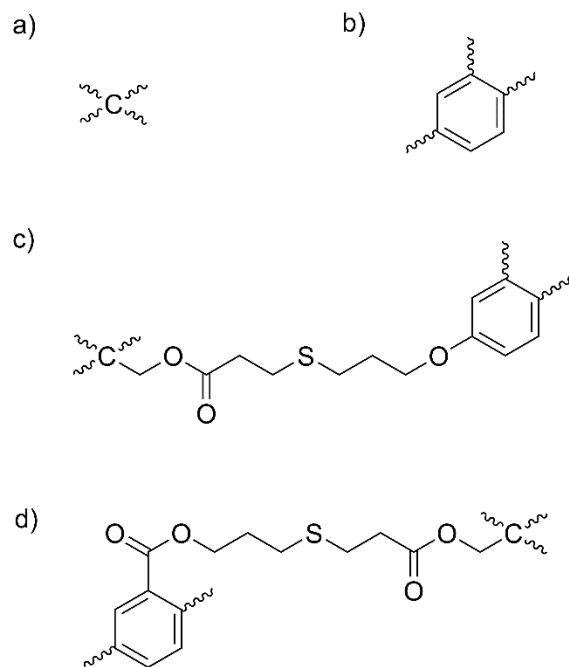


Figure S17iv: Chemical structures of a) b) junctions and c) d) strands in aGenA thiol-ene networks. The molecular weights of strands are 176 (ether) or 204 (ester) g/mol.

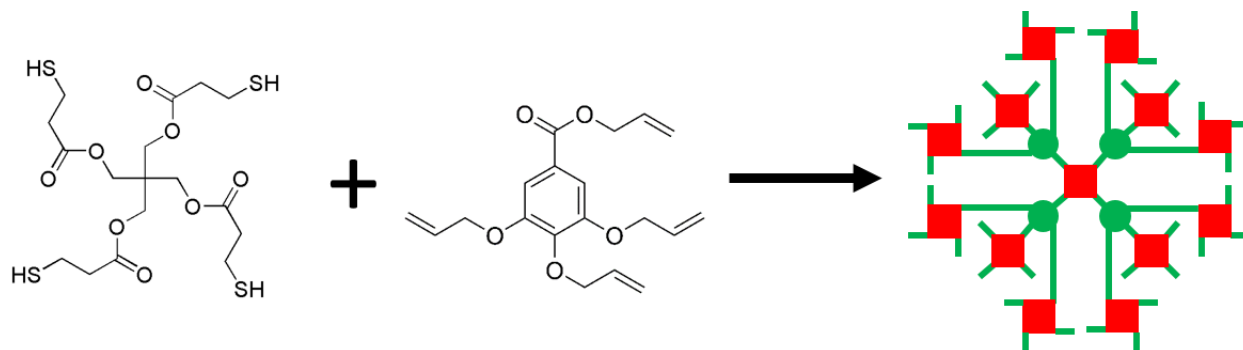


Figure S17v: Photoinitiated thiol-ene reaction between aGalA and the tetra-functional thiol PETMP.

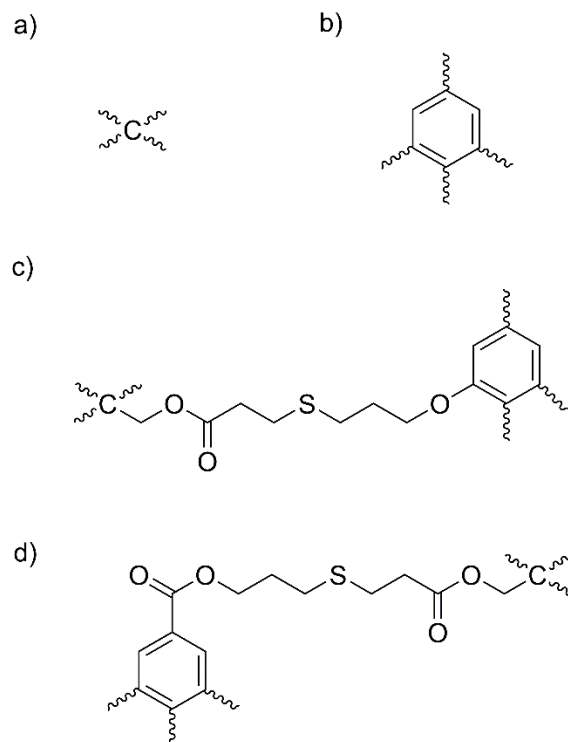


Figure S17vi: Chemical structures of a) b) junctions and c) d) strands in aGalA thiol-ene networks. The molecular weights of strands are 176 (ether) or 204 (ester) g/mol.

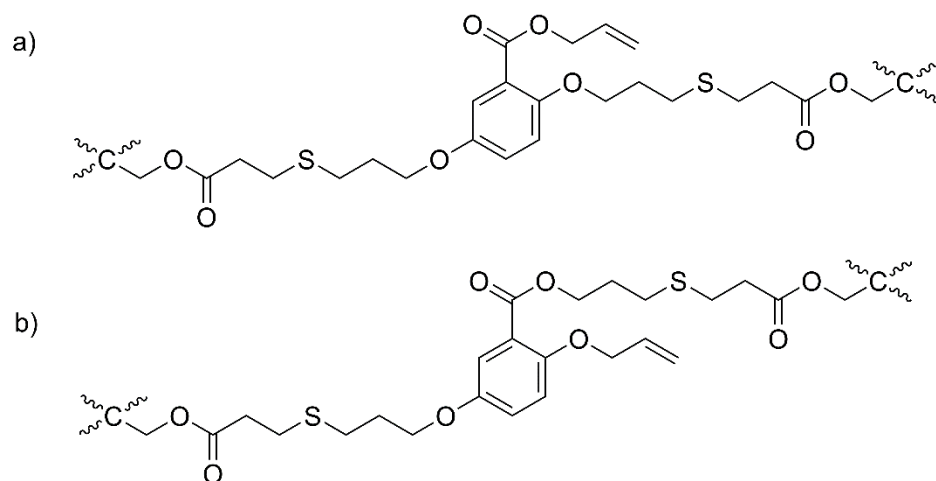
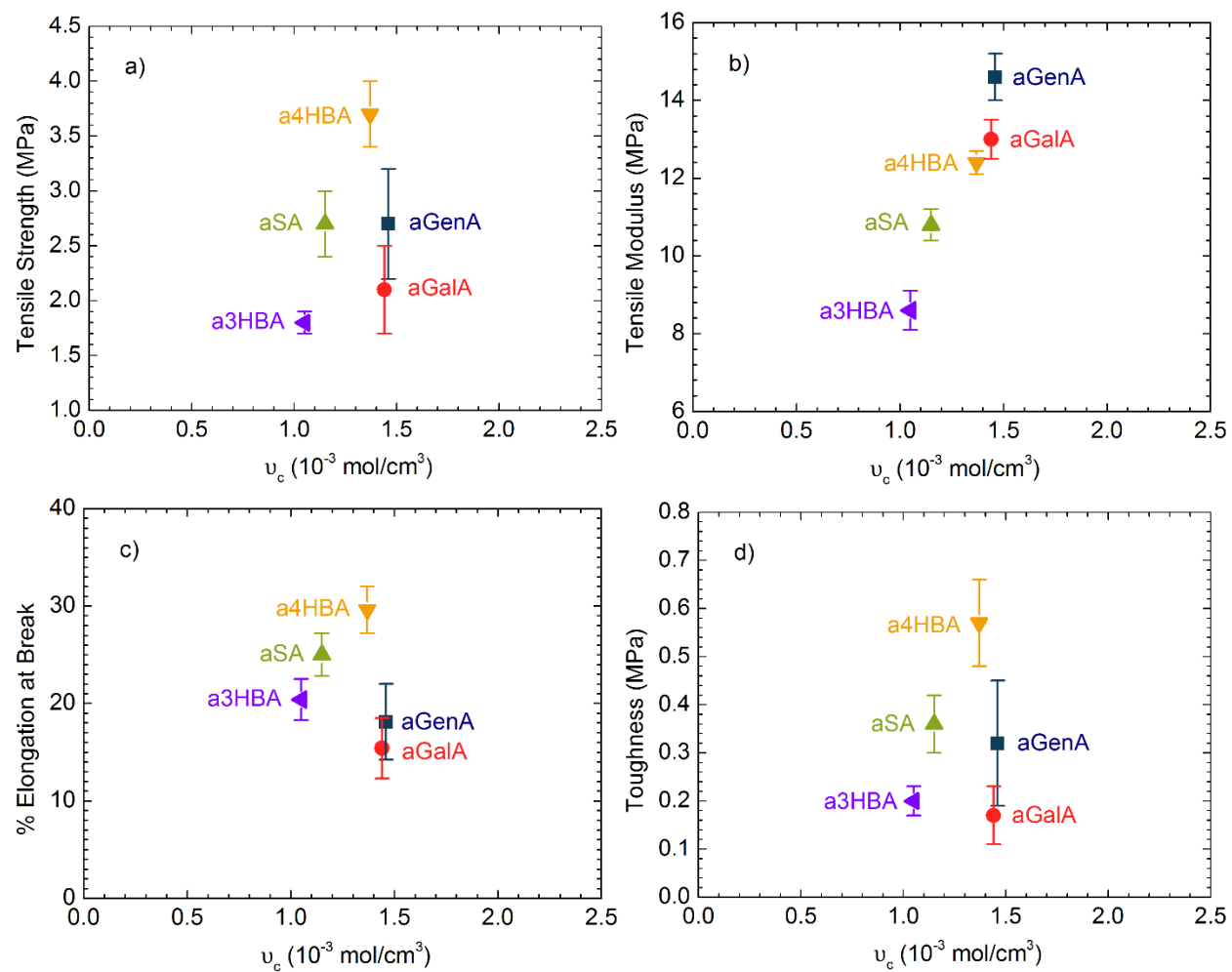


Figure S17vii: Chemical structures of strands in aGenA thiol-ene networks which are not fully reacted (i.e. one unreacted allyl group). The molecular weight of the strand is now 512 g/mol.

### Calculation of theoretical crosslink density and $M_c$ , accounting for experimentally measured conversions:

The trends observed in the crosslink density do not correlate with trends in reaction conversion. For example, the aSA network had the highest reaction conversion (97%), yet it had the second lowest crosslink density of all of the networks (Table S19). Furthermore, the a3HBA, a4HBA, and aGenA all had the same reaction conversion (88%), yet very different crosslink densities. The aGalA network, with the lowest reaction conversion (82%), still had a high crosslink density (similar to that of the a4HBA and aGenA networks). We therefore believe that differences in crosslink densities are due to differences in network architecture and not differences in reaction conversion. We have made the calculations of theoretical  $M_c$  and  $\nu_c$  accounting for differences in reaction conversion (which were measured through FTIR). These results are also summarized in the bottom half of Table S20. Accounting for the reaction conversion has little impact on these trends:

- In the difunctional allylated phenolic acids (aSA, a4HBA, a3HBA), the network architecture is most heavily impacted by the thiol molecule functionality, which in our case is tetrafunctional. If we make the assumption that there is one unreacted functional group on a thiol molecule (or similarly, if there is an attached ene molecule that did not react on its other end), it is still a trifunctional network junction. This will therefore not impact the calculated theoretical molecular weight between crosslinks (see Figure S17). However, if there are two unreacted thiol molecules (or similarly, two ene molecules that reacted with one thiol but failed to react with a second thiol), then this thiol molecule will no longer be a junction and that strand will have double the value of  $M_c$ . However, it is most likely that the majority of unreacted functional groups will be found on differing thiols (as our conversions are relatively high: 97% for the aSA network and 88% for the a3HBA and a4HBA networks), and therefore to a first approximation, we do not think that the crosslink density in the aSA, a3HBA, and a4HBA networks will be significantly impacted by the unreacted functional groups.
- In the aGenA network, in which aGenA is a trifunctional molecule, there is a more important effect of reaction conversion. Both the thiol and allyl molecules act as junctions in this network (as the allyl molecules also have functionality greater than 2). We made the assumption that there could be one unreacted functional group on a aGenA molecule, shown in Figure S17vii. In this case, the strand length would increase from around 200 g/mol to 512 g/mol. As the conversion in the aGenA network was 88%, this would slightly increase the overall  $M_c$  and decrease the crosslink density (Table S20).
- In the aGalA network, the conversion was the lowest of all of the networks (82%). However, if there is one unreacted allyl group on a aGalA molecule, it will still be trifunctional, in which case it still will act as a network junction. If there are two unreacted allyl groups on a aGalA molecule, then it will no longer be a junction and in that case the crosslink density would decrease. However, to a first approximate, if we assume that there is only one unreacted allyl group on any given aGalA molecule, then there will be negligible impact on the crosslink density.



**Figure S18:** (a) Tensile strength, (b) tensile modulus, (c) % elongation at break and (d) tensile toughness for thiol-ene networks derived from aSA (green ▲), a3HBA (purple ◆), a4HBA (yellow ▼), aGenA (dark blue ■) and aGalA (red ●) as functions of the crosslink density ( $\nu_c$ ) measured from DMA. The standard deviations on these plots indicate error characterized through multiple measurements obtained on multiple independently prepared specimens (Table S16). Data obtained on aSA and a4HBA networks were previously reported in ref. <sup>15</sup>.

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