

Supporting Information for

# Deep eutectic solvents for green and efficient iron-mediated ligand-free atom transfer radical polymerization

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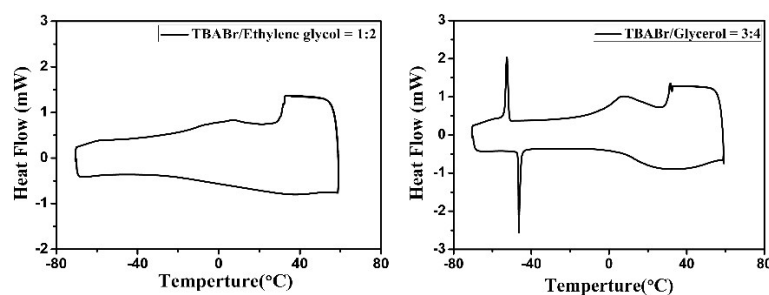
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## Polymerization Data:

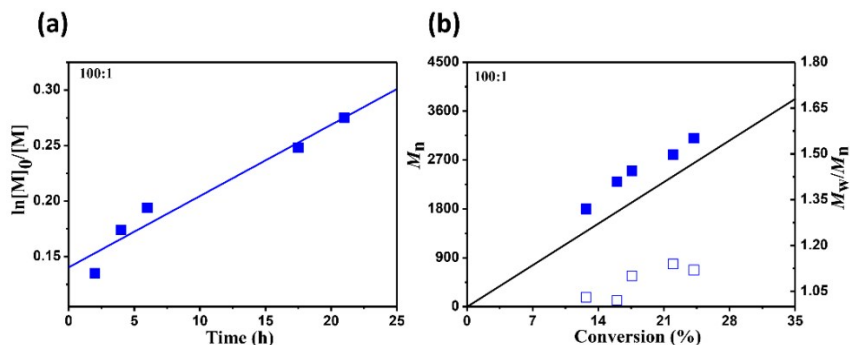
**Table. S1** The chemical shifts with different ratios of DESs.

DESs	Chemical shift (ppm)						
	0:3	1:3	2:3	3:4	3:2	3:1	3:0
<sup>a</sup> TBABr:Gly	4.498	4.489	4.483	4.478	4.476	4.474	NA
<sup>b</sup> Ac:KSCN	7.354	7.335	7.306	7.305	7.298	7.294	NA
<sup>c</sup> CPL:Ac	6.731	6.720	6.706	6.704	6.698	6.694	NA

<sup>a</sup>The chemical shifts of OH in Glycerol; <sup>b</sup>The chemical shifts of NH<sub>2</sub> in Acetamide; <sup>c</sup>The chemical shifts of NH<sub>2</sub> in Acetamide.



**Figure S1.** Melting point of TBABr:EG 1:2 and TBABr:Gly 3:4 detected by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC).



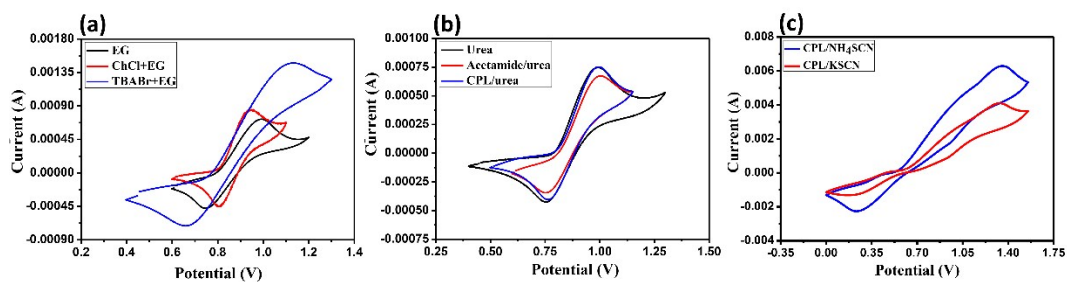
**Figure S2.**  $\ln([M]_0/[M])$  as a function of time (a) and evolution of number-average molecular weight ( $M_{n, GPC}$ ) and molecular weight distribution ( $M_w/M_n$ ) versus conversion (b) for ATRP of MMA with trace amount of DES. Polymerization conditions (a)  $[MMA]_0:[FeBr_2]_0:[EBPA]_0 = 100:1:1$ ,  $MMA/DES(v/v) = 100:1$  without any additional ligand, 60 °C.

**Table. S2** Redox potentials of  $FeBr_2$  with different types of additives measured in methanol.

entry	Additives	$E_{pc}$ (V)	$E_{pa}$ (V)	$\Delta E_p$ (V)	$E_{1/2}$ (V)
1	EG	0.752	0.999	0.247	0.876
2	Urea	0.754	0.997	0.243	0.875
3	TBABr/EG	0.756	0.994	0.238	0.873
4	ChCl/EG	0.798	0.940	0.142	0.869
5	Urea/CPL	0.751	1.005	0.254	0.878
6	Urea/Acetamid	0.765	0.991	0.226	0.878

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$[FeBr_2]_0/[Additives]_0 = 1:2$ ,  $DES = 64 \mu L$ .  $E_{pa}$  and  $E_{pc}$  are the peak potentials of the oxidation and reduction waves, respectively.  $\Delta E_p = E_{pa} - E_{pc}$ ,  $E_{1/2} = (E_{pa} + E_{pc})/2$ .



**Figure S3.** Cyclic voltammograms (50mV/s) of FeBr<sub>2</sub> (1.2mM) with different types of additives as the ligands in methanol at room temperature. [Et<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub>] = 0.1M (supporting electrolyte). [DES]<sub>0</sub> = 64 uL, [FeBr<sub>2</sub>]<sub>0</sub>/[additives] = 1:2.