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Synthesis of Cyclic Polyesters: Effects of Alkoxy Side Chain in Salicylaldiminato Tin(II) Complexes

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Figure S1 ¹H NMR spectra of PLA synthesized from LA:2a = 10:1 at 110 °C quenched at a) 2 min, b) 10 min, and c) 30 min.



Figure S2 ¹H NMR spectra of PCL synthesized from CL:**2a** = 10:1 at 110 °C quenched at a) 2 min, b) 10 min, and c) 30 min.



Figure S3 ¹H NMR spectra of PLA synthesized from LA:**2b** = 10:1 at 110 °C quenched at a) 2 min, b) 10 min, and c) 30 min.



Figure S4 ¹H NMR spectra of PCL synthesized from CL:**2b** = 10:1 at 110 °C quenched at a) 2 min, b) 10 min, and c) 30 min.

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Figure S5 GPC trace of PLA synthesized using complex 2a at 110 °C and quenched at 4 h.

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Figure S6 GPC trace of PLA synthesized using complex 2a at 110 °C and quenched at 24 h.



Figure S7 GPC trace of PCL synthesized using complex 2a at 110 °C and quenched at 1.5 h.



Figure S8 GPC trace of PCL synthesized using complex 2a at 110 °C and quenched at 24 h.



Figure S9 Proposed mechanism for the synthesis of cyclic polyesters.



Figure S10 ¹H NMR spectra of **2a** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C).



Figure S11 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **2a** (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C).



Figure S12 ¹H NMR spectra of **2b** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C).



Figure S13 ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **2b** (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C).





Figure S15 ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ } spectra of **2c** (125 MHz, C₆D₆, 50 °C).



Figure S16 ¹H NMR spectra of **2d** (300d MHz, C₆D₆, 25 °C).



Figure S17 ${}^{13}C{}^{1H}$ NMR spectra of 2d (125 MHz, C₆D₆, 25 °C).



Figure S18 Neat polymerization of LA using LA:2a = 200:1 at 110 °C.



Figure S19 Neat polymerization of CL using CL:2a = 200:1 at 110 °C.



Figure S20 Neat polymerization of LA using LA:2b = 200:1 at 110 °C.



Figure S21 Neat polymerization of CL using CL:2b = 200:1 at 110 °C.



Figure S22 NOESY NMR spectra of 2a (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 25 °C).



Figure S23 NOESY NMR spectra of **2b** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C).



Figure S24 NOESY NMR spectra of 2d (400 MHz, C_6D_6 , 25 °C).