

## Supplementary Information

# Rare-earth metal alkyl complexes bearing alkoxy N-heterocyclic carbene ligand: synthesis, characterization, catalysis for isoprene polymerization

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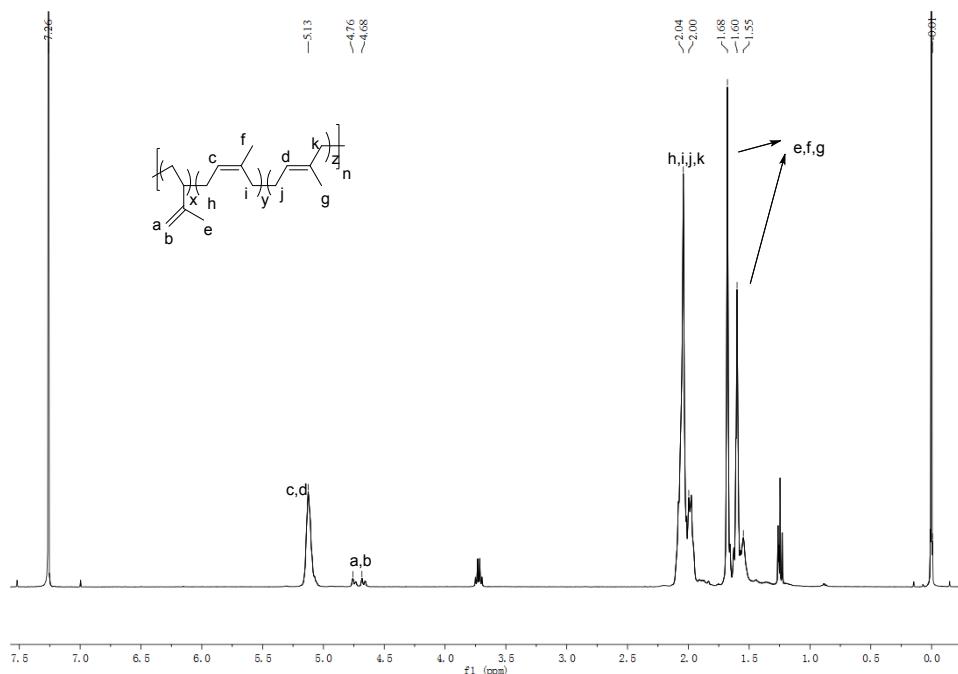
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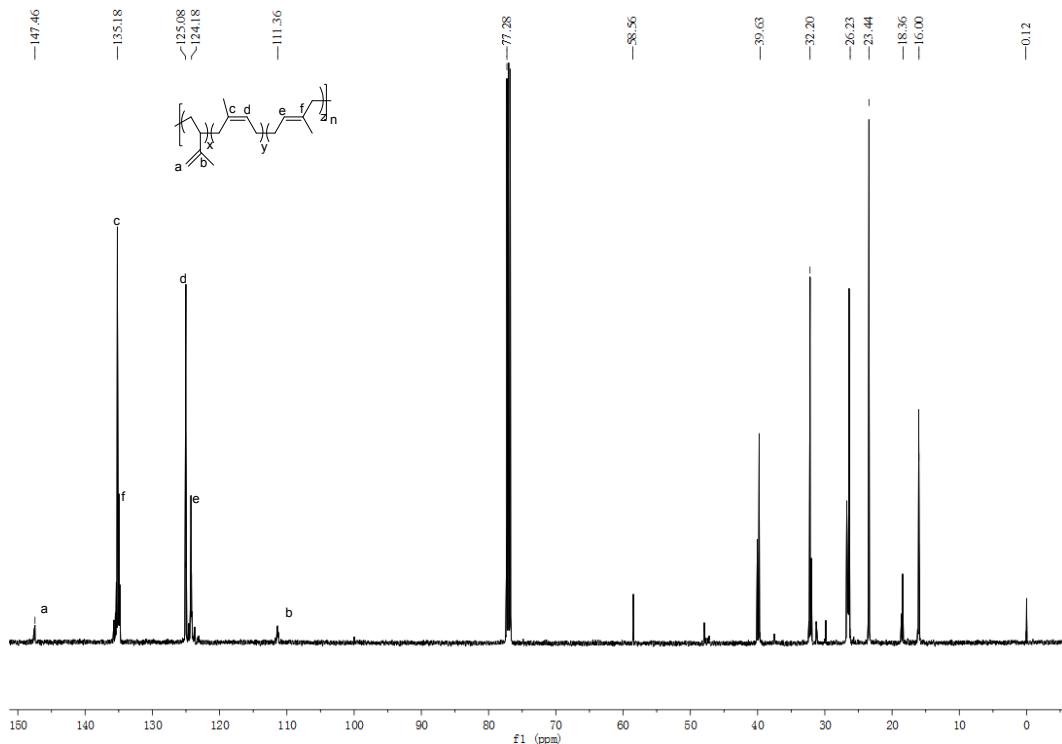
**Table S1.** Summary of crystallographic data and refinement for complexes **3a**, **3b**, **4a**, **4b**, **5**

Complexes	<b>3a</b>	<b>3b</b>	<b>4a</b>	<b>4b</b>	<b>5</b>
Formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>78</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Sc <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>78</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Lu <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>86</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Y <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>86</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Lu <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>90</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Y <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	801.3	1061.32	945.3	1117.43	1045.42
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/c	P2(1)/c	Cc	P2(1)/c	P2(1)/c
<i>a</i> (Å)	11.3570(7)	11.5311(7)	25.040(3)	11.5419(7)	13.3583(13)
<i>b</i> (Å)	11.8214(7)	11.8604(7)	10.6891(10)	17.7219(10)	14.9883(15)
<i>c</i> (Å)	19.0167(12)	19.0343(12)	20.951(2)	14.0192(8)	14.5687(15)
$\alpha$ (deg)	90	90	90	90	90
$\beta$ (deg)	106.5510(10)	106.1820(10)	103.216(2)	106.3130(10)	91.521(2)
$\gamma$ (deg)	90	90	90	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2447.3(3)	2500.1(3)	5459.0(9)	2752.1(3)	2915.9(5)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	8	4	4
Dcalcd (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.087	1.410	1.150	1.348	1.191
radiation ( $\lambda$ ), Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.406	4.052	2.235	3.684	2.098
F(000)	872	1072	2016	1136	1112
$\theta$ range, (°)	1.87–26.04	1.84–25.99	1.67–26.05	1.90–25.00	1.95–26.01
no. of reflns collected	13465	13695	14999	9342	16164
no. of reflns unique	4811	4906	8697	3424	5696
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0177	0.0163	0.0565	0.0367	0.0888
<i>S</i>	1.051	1.053	0.945	1.351	0.958
<i>R</i>	0.0361	0.0167	0.0552	0.0592	0.0553
<i>Rw</i>	0.0954	0.0430	0.0926	0.1322	0.0908
<i>R</i> (all data)	0.0414	0.0180	0.0946	0.0622	0.1091

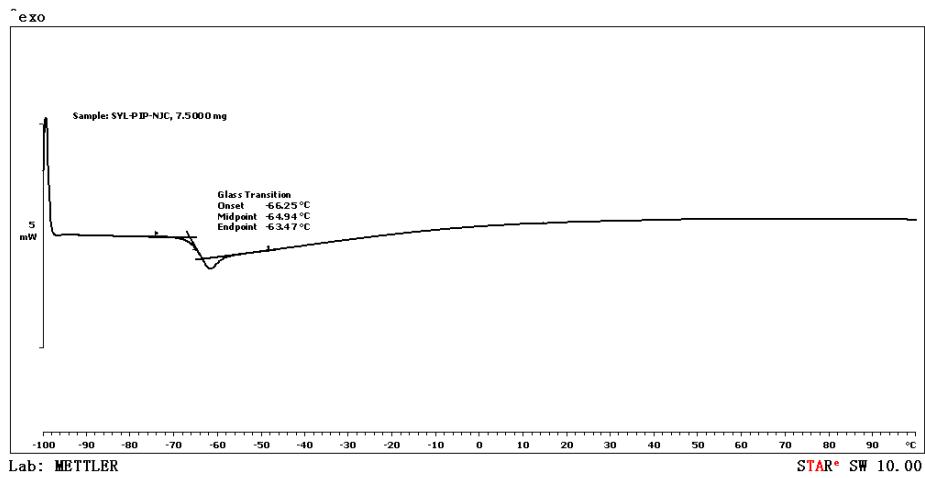
$R_w$ (all data)	0.0997	0.0438	0.1045	0.1331	0.1068
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**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Polyisoprene (Table 1, entry 2)



**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of Polyisoprene (Table 1, entry 2)



**Figure S3** DSC thermograms of Polyisoprene (Table 1, entry 2)