## Supporting Information

## Phosphonium Intermediate for Cationic RAFT Polymerization

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**Fig. S1.** Time-conversion curve,  $M_n$ ,  $M_w/M_n$ , and SEC curves for monomer-addition experiment in cationic polymerization of IBVE in the presence of **1b** in *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O (80/10/10 vol%) at -40 °C:  $[M]_0/[M]_{add}/[1b]_0/[TfOH]_0 = 500/500/10/0.05 \text{ mM}.$ 



**Fig. S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C) of poly(IBVE) obtained with **1b** (A), **2b** (B), and **3b** (C) under the same conditions for Fig. 3 upon quenching with MeOH.



**Fig. S3.** MALDI-TOF-MS spectrum of poly(IBVE) obtained with **1b** under the same conditions for Fig. 3 upon quenching with MeOH.



**Fig. S4.**  $M_n$ ,  $M_w/M_n$ , and SEC curves in cationic RAFT polymerization of various monomers:  $[M]_0/[1b]_0/[TfOH]_0 = 500/10/0.05 \text{ mM}$  in *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O (80/10/10 vol%) at -40 °C (IBVE) or -40 °C (EVE), in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O (80/10/10 vol%) at -40 °C (CEVE), in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O (90/10 vol%) at 0 °C (pMOS).



Fig. S5. Time-conversion curves and SEC curves for cationic polymerization of IBVE using 1a and 1b (A), 2a and 2b (B), and 3a and 3b (C) in *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O (80/10/10 vol%) at  $-40 \text{ °C}: [M]_0/[\text{chain-transfer agent}]_0/[\text{TfOH}]_0 = 500/10/0.05 \text{ mM}.$ 



**Fig. S6.**  $M_n$  and SEC curves of the obtained polymers in cationic RAFT polymerization of IBVE using phosphoric mono-, di-, tri-acids in *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O (80/10/10 vol%) at – 40 °C: [M]<sub>0</sub>/[phosphoric acid]<sub>0</sub>/[TfOH]<sub>0</sub> = 500/10/0.05 mM.



**Fig. S7.** Time-conversion curve,  $M_n$ ,  $M_w/M_n$ , and SEC curves for cationic polymerization of IBVE with the mixture of **1b** and **6** as chain transfer agents in *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O (80/10/10 vol%) at -40 °C: [IBVE]<sub>0</sub>/[**1b**]<sub>0</sub>/[**6**]<sub>0</sub>/[TfOH]<sub>0</sub> = 500/10/10/0.05 mM.



Fig. S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1b (A), 2b (B), 3b (C), IBVE–OC(O)NMe<sub>2</sub> (D), and IBVE–OC(O)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub> (E) (in CDCl<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C for 1b, 2b, and 3b or CDCl<sub>3</sub> at r.t. for IBVE–OC(O)NMe<sub>2</sub> and IBVE–OC(O)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S9. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of IBVE–OC(O)NMe<sub>2</sub> (A), and IBVE–OC(O)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub> (B) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at r.t..