

Supporting Information for

Investigation of redox-switchable titanium and zirconium catalysts for the ring-opening polymerization of cyclic esters and epoxides

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Table S1. Control reactions between $^{Ac}FcBAr^F$ with L-lactide (LA), ϵ -caprolactone (CL), and valerolactone (VL).^a

Entry	Catalyst	Monomer	Time (h)	Temperature (°C)	Conversion (%) ^b	M _n (10 ³)	D
1	$^{Ac}FcBAr^F$	LA	60	100	<5	-	-
2	$^{Ac}FcBAr^F$	CL	3	100	80	40	1.19
3	$^{Ac}FcBAr^F$	VL	21	100	53	20	1.13
4	N/A	CL	3	100	<1	-	-
5	N/A	VL	20	100	<1	-	-

^a Conditions: monomer (0.5 mmol), oxidant ($^{Ac}FcBAr^F$, 0.005 mmol, 5.5 mg), solvent (4:1 benzene-d₆:1,2-difluorobenzene), hexamethylbenzene (0.025 mmol) as an internal standard.

^b Conversion was calculated by integration of polymer peaks versus internal standard.

Table S2. Redox switch experiments with (thiolfan*)Ti(O*i*Pr)₂ and L-lactide.^a

Entry	Monomer	catalyst	Time (h) ^b	Conversion (%) ^c
1	LA	reduced	36	80
		oxidized	4	80

^a Conditions: monomer (0.5 mmol), catalyst (0.005 mmol), solvent (0.5 mL benzene-d₆), hexamethylbenzene (0.025 mmol) as an internal standard. LA = L-lactide.

^b Conversion was calculated by integration of polymer peaks versus internal standard.

Table S3. Molecular weight data of one-pot copolymerizations with (thiolfan^{*})Ti(O*i*Pr)₂ (Ti^{red}) and in situ generated [(thiolfan^{*})Ti(O*i*Pr)₂][BAr^F] (Ti^{ox}). ^a

Entry ^d	Catalyst	Polymer ^c	Time (h)	Temperature (°C)	Conversion (%) ^b	M _n (10 ⁻³)	\overline{D}
1a	Ti ^{red}	<i>PLA</i>	36	100	30	3.7	1.10
1b	Ti ^{ox}	PLA- <i>PCL</i>	2	100	30 - 10	4.6	1.09
1c	Ti ^{red}	PLA-PCL- <i>PLA</i>	2	100	30 - 10 - 10	6.1	1.02
2a	Ti ^{red}	<i>PLA</i>	16	100	78	15.7	1.06
2b	Ti ^{ox}	PLA- <i>PCHO</i>	2	25	78 - 88	23.1	1.18
3a	Ti ^{ox}	<i>PCHO</i>	3	25	90	26.2	1.06
3b	Ti ^{red}	<i>PCHO-PLA</i>	24	100	90 - 87	45.4	1.24

^a Conditions: monomer (0.15 mmol), oxidant (^{Ac}FcBAr^F, 0.005 mmol, 5.5 mg), solvent (4:1 benzene-d₆:1,2-difluorobenzene, 2 mL), hexamethylbenzene (0.05 mmol) as an internal standard.

^b Conversion was calculated by integration of polymer peaks versus internal standard.

^c Reaction times and catalyst oxidation states correspond with the italicized polymers for each step in the experiment.

^d Entry numbers represent separate experiments, whereas the letters represent different oxidation states within the individual experiments.

NMR SPECTROSCOPY

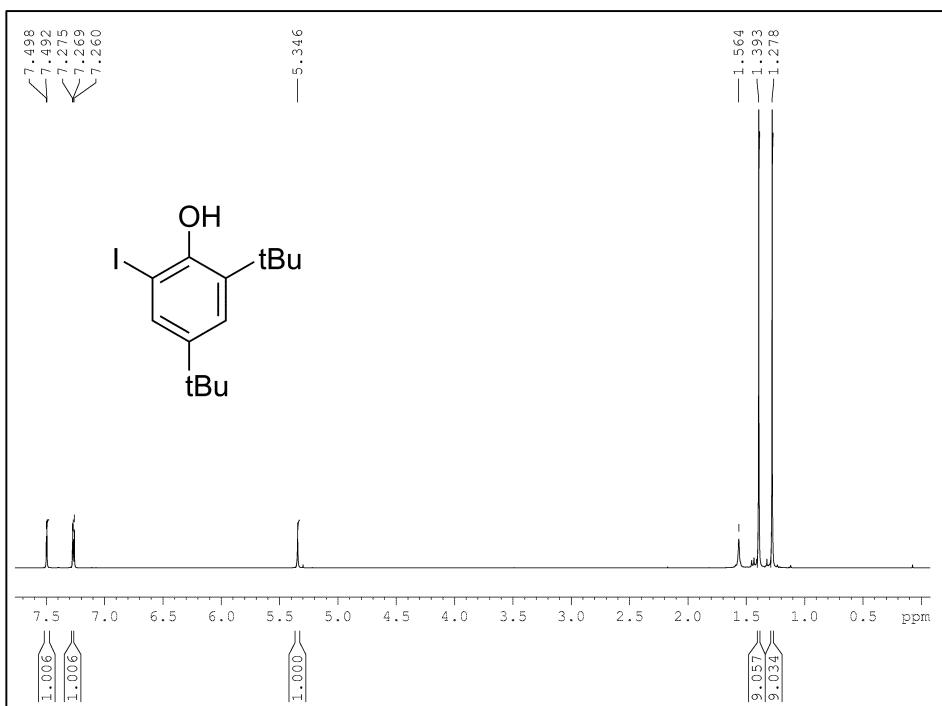


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of 2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-iodo-phenol, δ (ppm): 1.278 (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.393 (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 5.346 (s, 1H, OH), 7.260-7.275 (t, 1H, aromatic), 7.492-7.498 (d, 1H, aromatic).

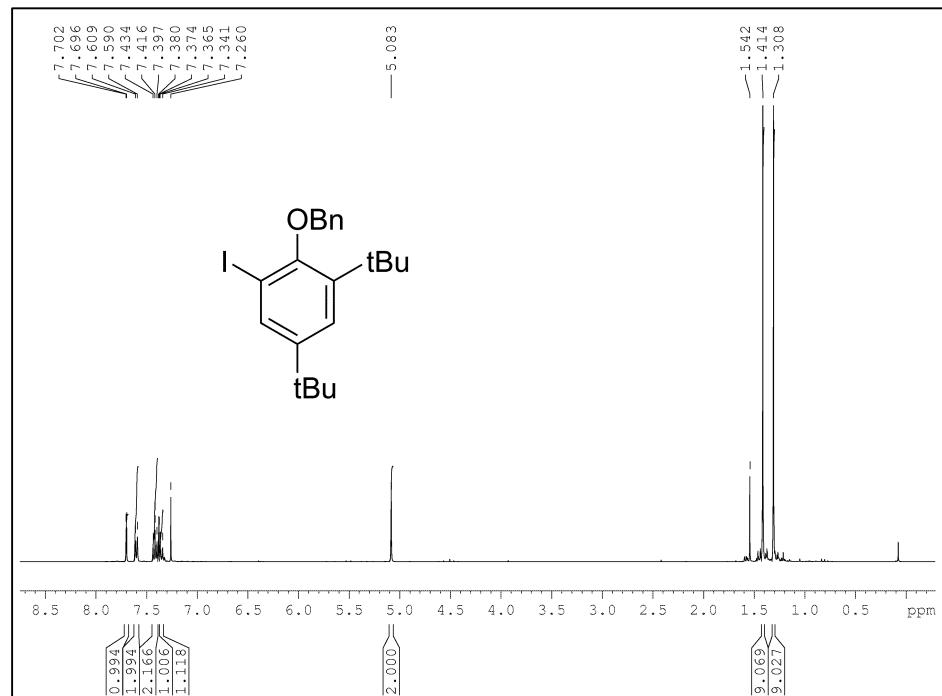


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of 2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-iodo-phenoxy benzyl ether, δ (ppm): 1.308 (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.414 (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 5.083 (s, 2H, OCH_2Ph), 7.341-7.365 (m, 1H, PhH), 7.374-7.380 (d, 1H, PhH), 7.397-7.434 (t, 2H, PhH), 7.590-7.609 (d, 2H, PhH), 7.696-7.702 (d, 1H, PhH).

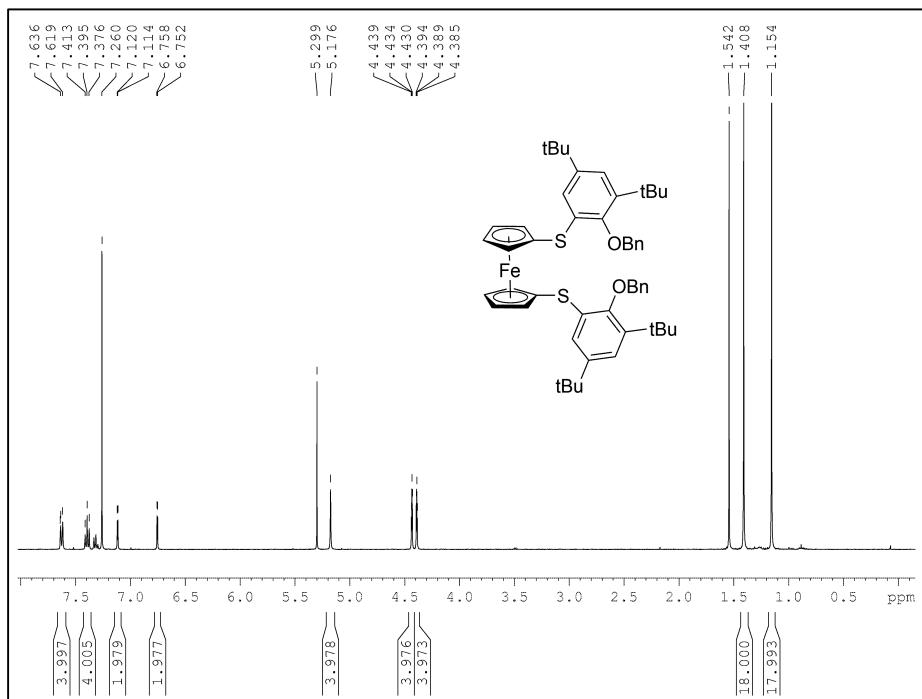


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of O-benzyl-thiolfan*, δ (ppm): 1.154(s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.408 (s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 4.385-4.394 (t, 4H, CpH), 4.430-4.439 (t, 4H, CpH), 5.176 (s, 4H, OCH_2), 6.752-6.758 (d, 2H, PhH), 7.114-7.120 (d, 2H, PhH), 7.297-7.334 (t, 2H, PhH), 7.376-7.413 (t, 4H, PhH), 7.619-7.636 (d, 4H, PhH).

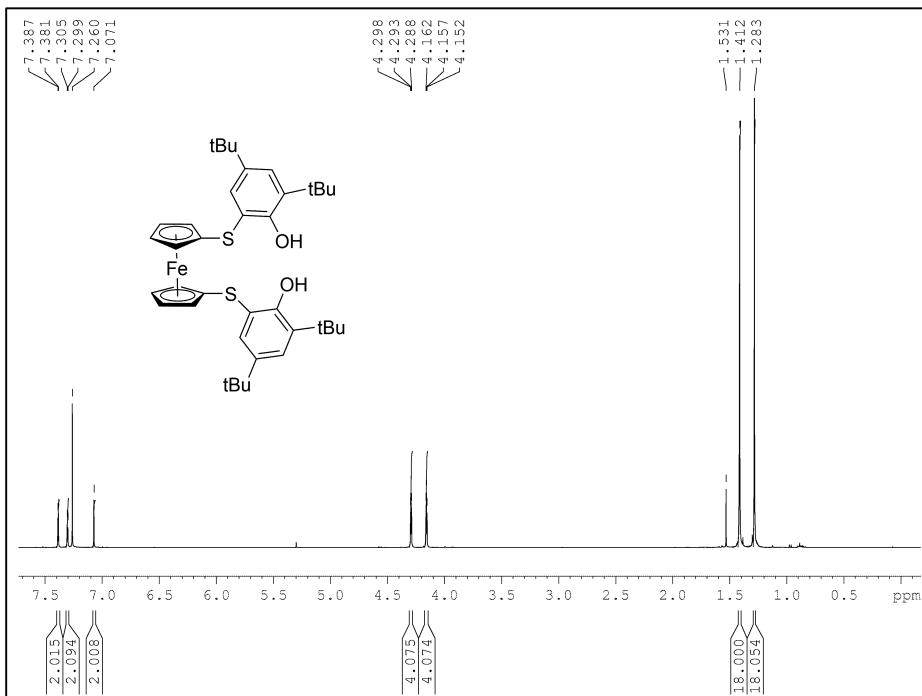


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of $\text{H}_2(\text{thiolfan}^*)$, δ (ppm): 1.283 (s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.412 (s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 4.152-4.162 (t, 4H, CpH), 4.288-4.298 (t, 4H, CpH), 7.071 (s, 2H, OH), 7.299-7.305 (d, 2H, PhH), 7.381-7.387 (d, 2H, PhH).

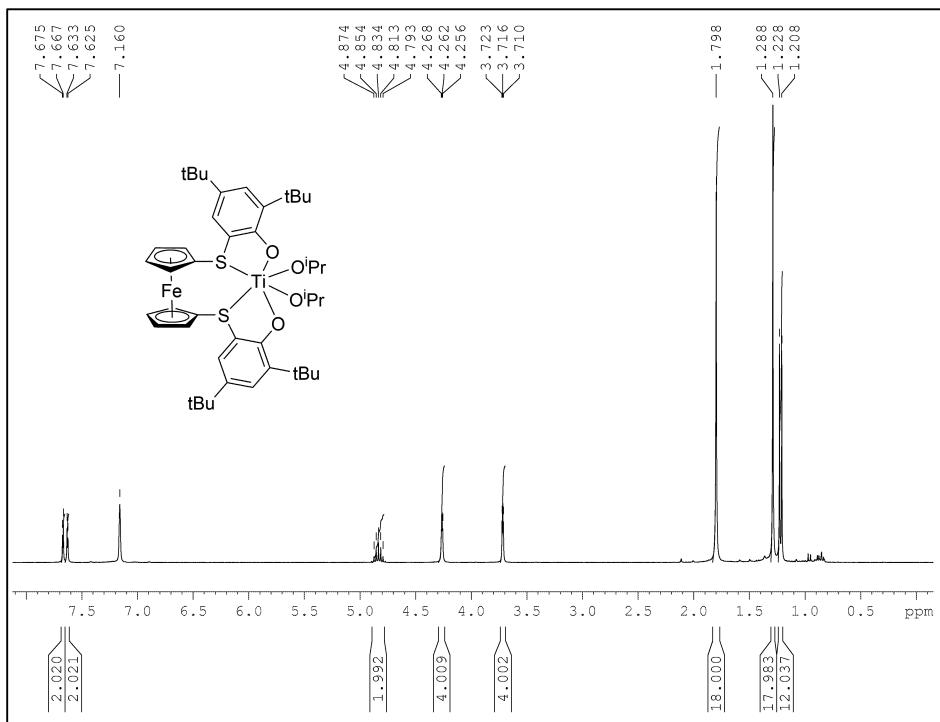


Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, C_6D_6) of (thiolfan *) $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2$, δ (ppm): 1.21-1.23 (d, 12H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$), 1.29 (s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.80 (s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 3.71-3.72 (t, 4H, CpH), 4.26-4.27 (t, 4H, CpH), 4.79-4.87 (m, 2H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$)), 7.62-7.63 (d, 2H, PhH), 7.67-7.67 (d, 2H, PhH).

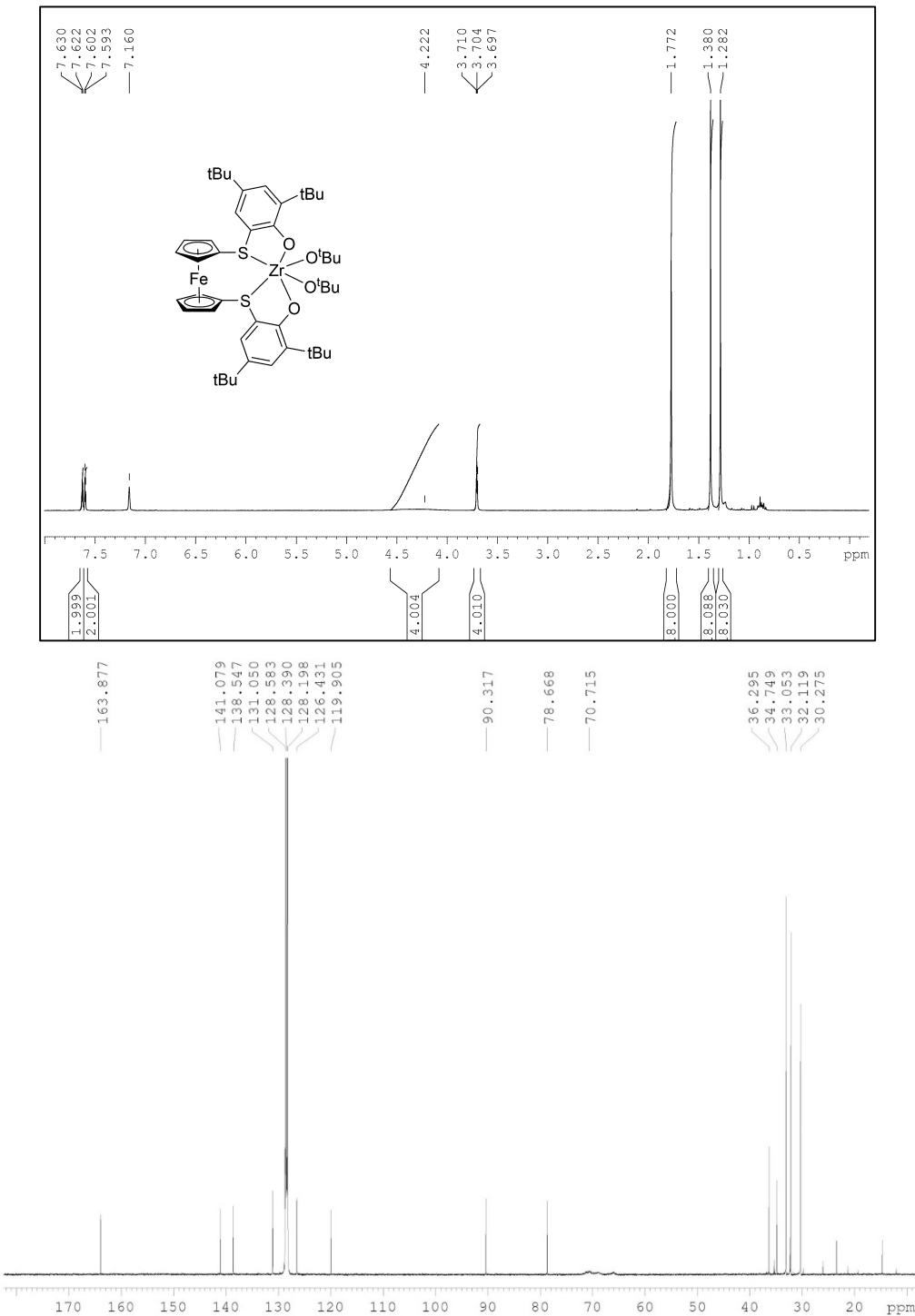


Figure S6. Top: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) spectrum of (thiolfan*)Zr(O^tBu)₂, δ (ppm): 1.28 (s, 18H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.38 (s, 18H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.77 (s, 18H, C(CH₃)₃), 3.70-3.71 (t, 4H, CpH), 4.22 (s, 4H, CpH), 7.59-7.60 (d, 2H, PhH), 7.62-7.63 (d, 2H, PhH). Bottom: ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, 25 °C, C₆D₆) spectrum of (thiolfan*)Zr(O^tBu)₂, δ (ppm): 30.3 (CH(CH₃)₂), 32.1 (C(CH₃)₃), 33.1 (C(CH₃)₃), 34.7 (C(CH₃)₃), 36.3 (C(CH₃)₃), 70.7 (OCH(CH₃)₂), 78.7 (Cp-C), 90.3 (Cp-C), 119.9 (aromatic), 126.4 (aromatic), 131.0 (aromatic), 138.5 (aromatic), 141.1 (aromatic), 163.9 (aromatic).

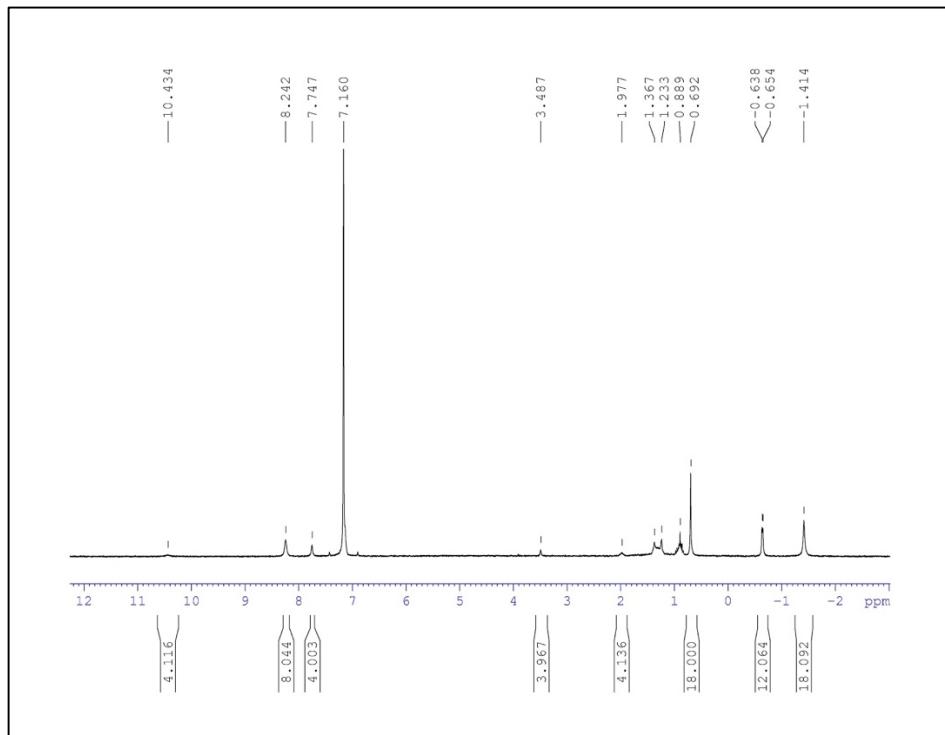


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, C_6D_6) of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti}(\text{O}'\text{iPr})_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$, δ (ppm): -1.41 (s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), -0.65 to -0.64 (d, 12H, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$), 0.69 (s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.98 (s, 4H, CpH), 3.49 (s, 4H, CpH), 7.75 (s, 4H, $\text{B}(\text{F}_6\text{C}_8\text{H}_2\text{H})_4$), 8.24 (s, 8H, $\text{B}(\text{F}_6\text{C}_8\text{H}_2\text{H})_4$), 10.43 (s, 4H, PhH).

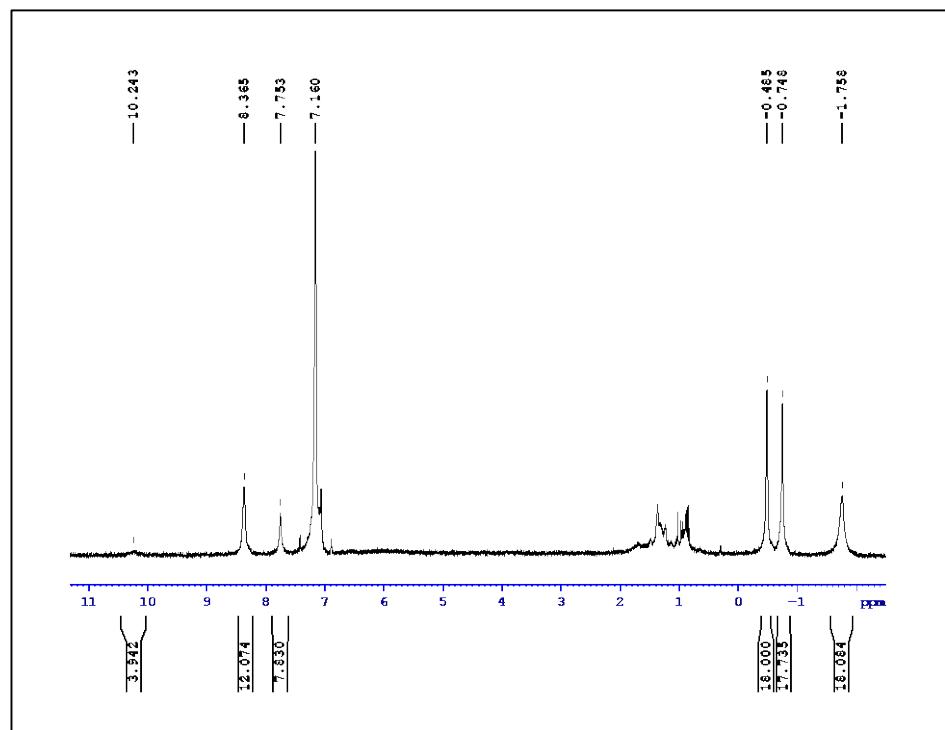


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, C_6D_6) of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$, δ (ppm): -1.28 (s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), -0.75 (s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), -0.49 (s, 18H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 7.75 (s, 4H, $\text{B}(\text{F}_6\text{C}_8\text{H}_2\text{H})_4$), 8.37 (s, 8H, $\text{B}(\text{F}_6\text{C}_8\text{H}_2\text{H})_4$), 10.24 (s, 4H, PhH), 0.5-1.5 (residual hexanes).

Oxidation and reduction reactions

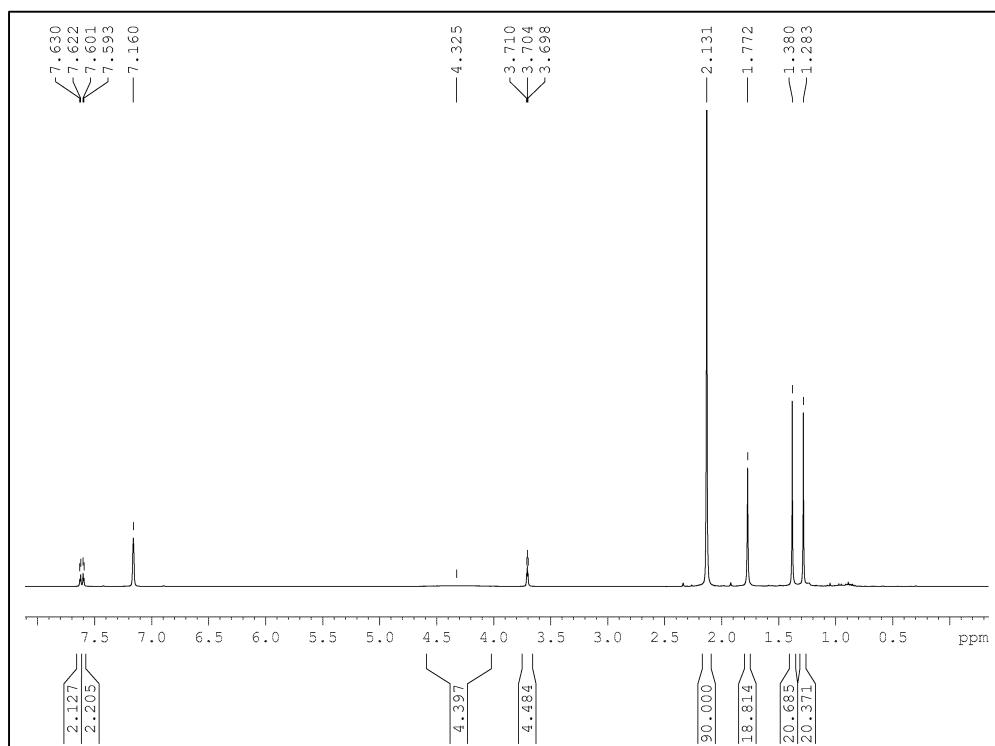


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, C_6D_6) of (thiolfan *) $\text{Zr}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_2$ before the addition of $^{\text{Ac}}\text{FcBAr}^{\text{F}}$.

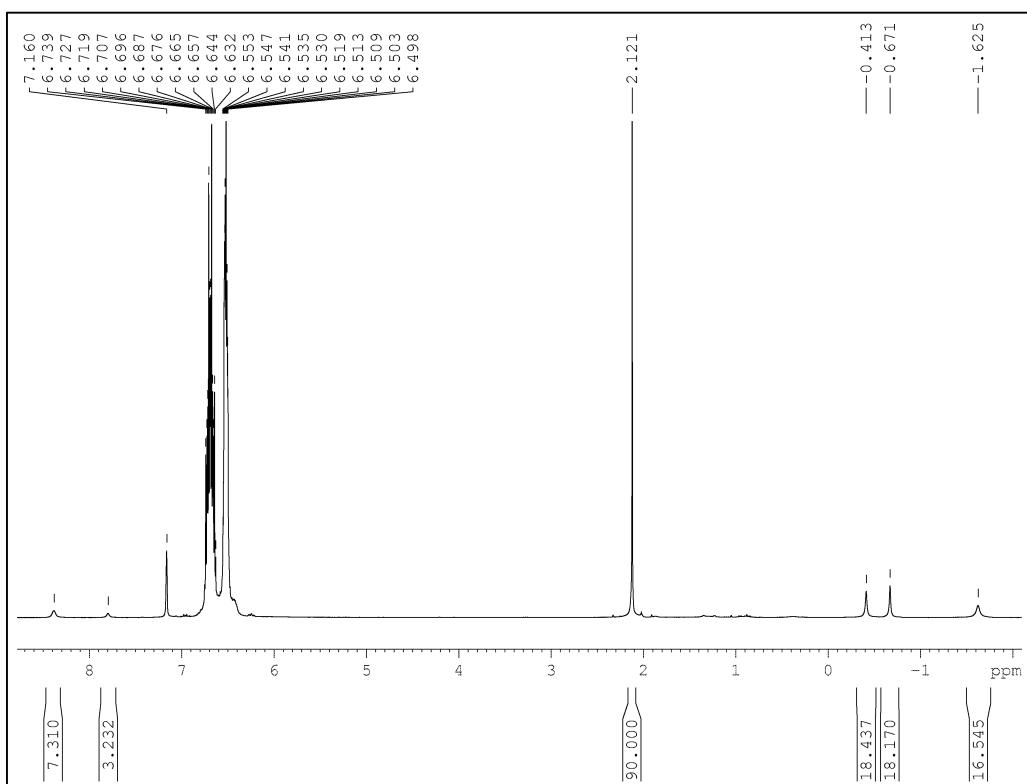


Figure S10. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, C_6D_6) of (thiolfan *) $\text{Zr}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_2$ after the addition of $^{\text{Ac}}\text{FcBAr}^{\text{F}}$.

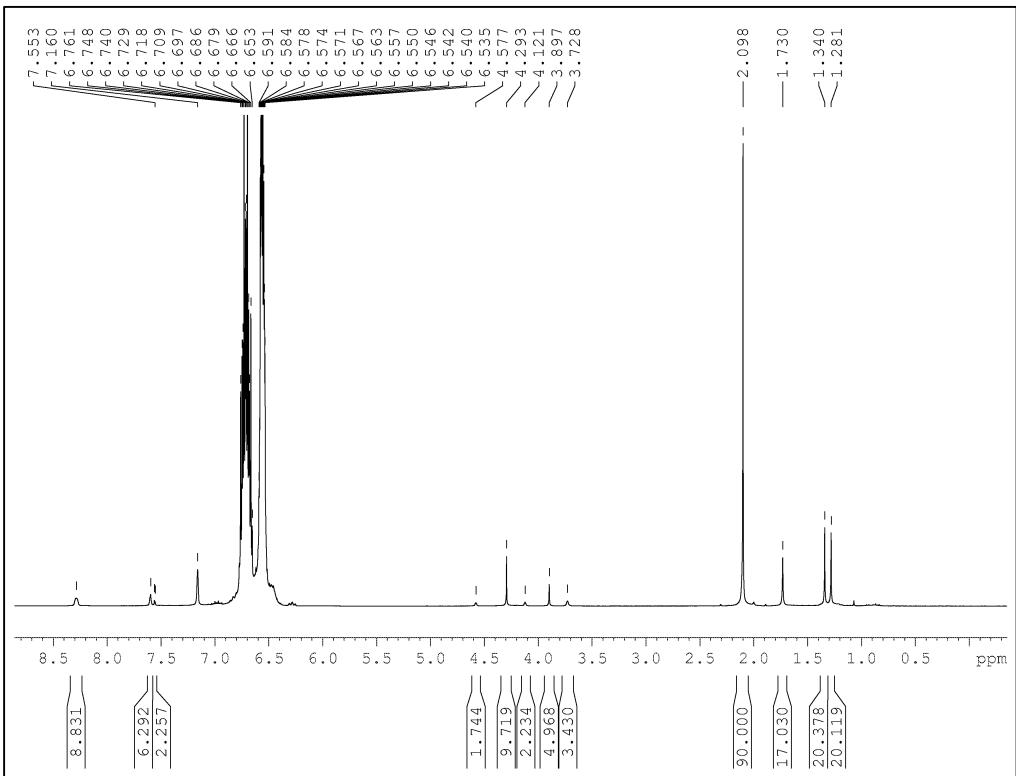


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, C₆D₆) of [(thiolfan*)Zr(O^tBu)₂][BAr^F] after the addition of CoCp₂.

Stability studies of (thiolfan^{*})Zr(O^tBu)₂

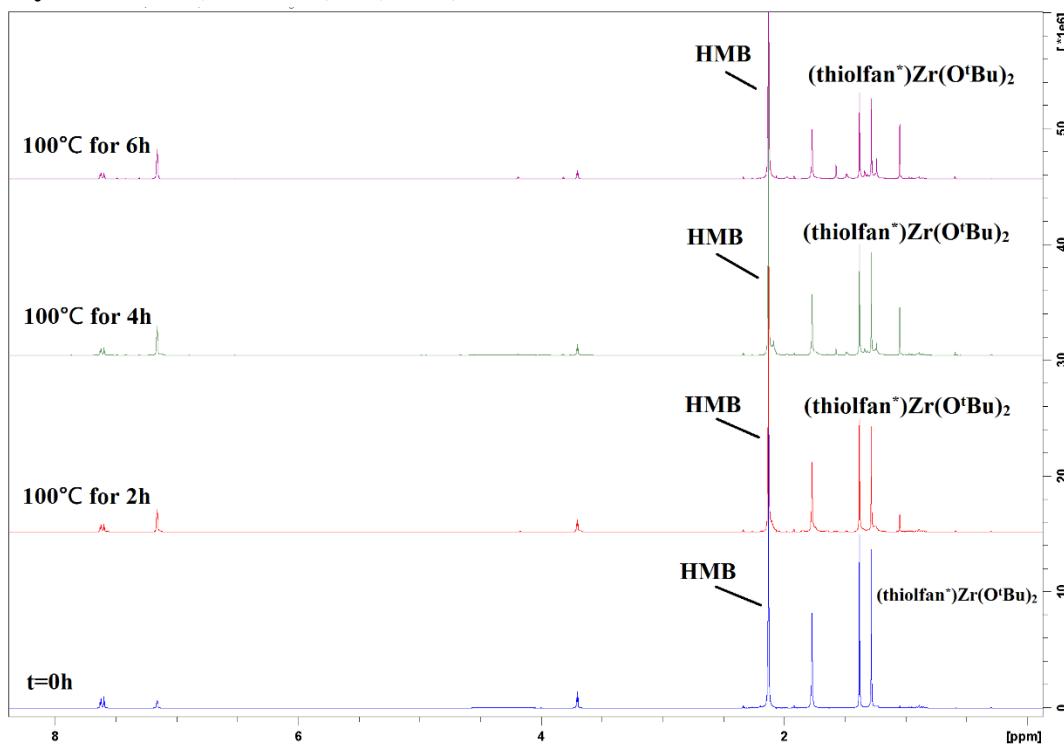


Figure S12. Stacked spectra from the decomposition study of (thiolfan^{*})Zr(O^tBu)₂ at 100 °C in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

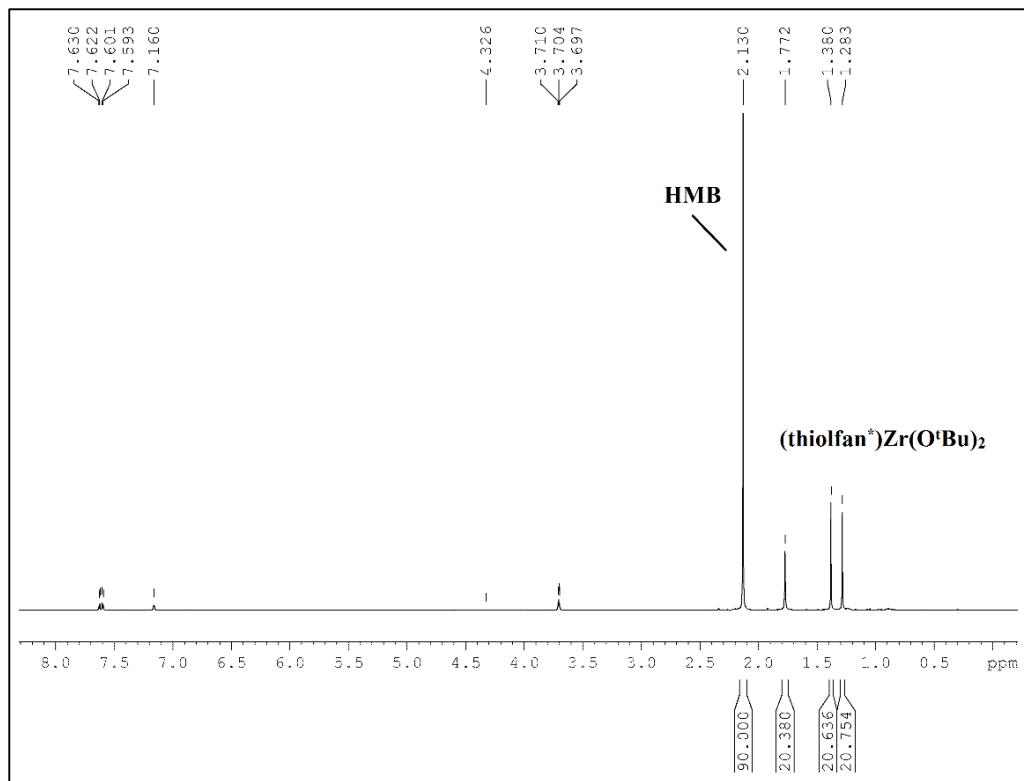


Figure S13. Decomposition study of (thiolfan^{*})Zr(O^tBu)₂ at 100 °C in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, t = 0 h.

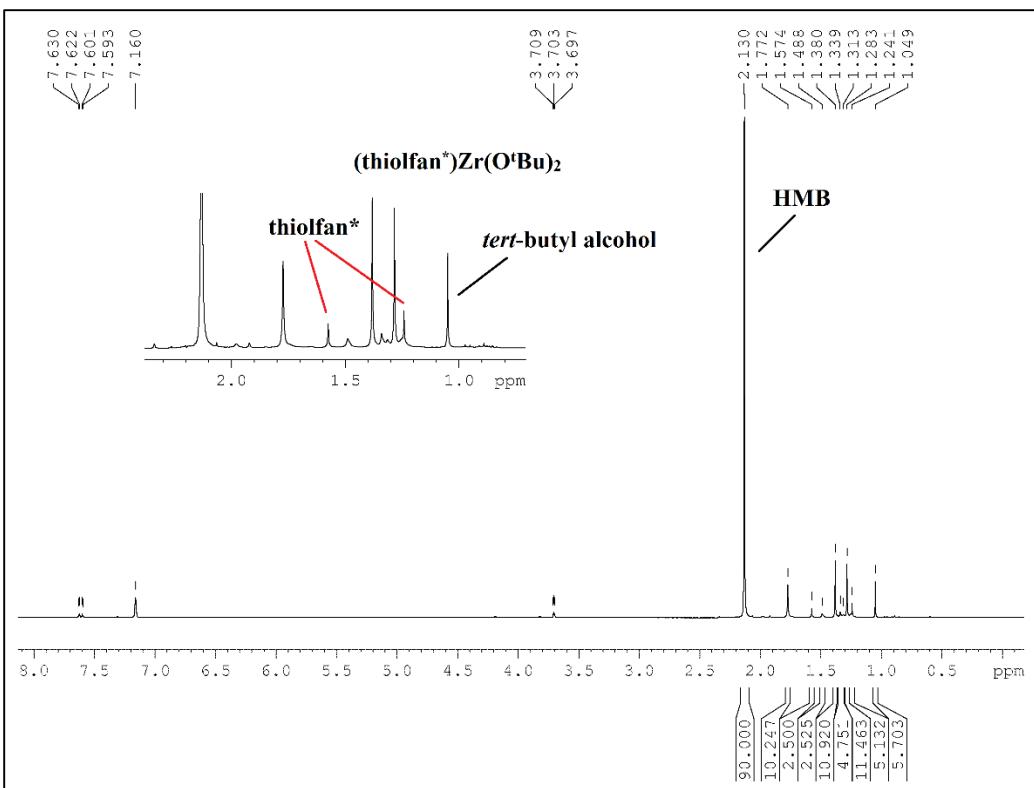


Figure S14. Decomposition study of (thiolfan*) $\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2$ at 100 °C in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, t = 6 h; decomposition: 47%.

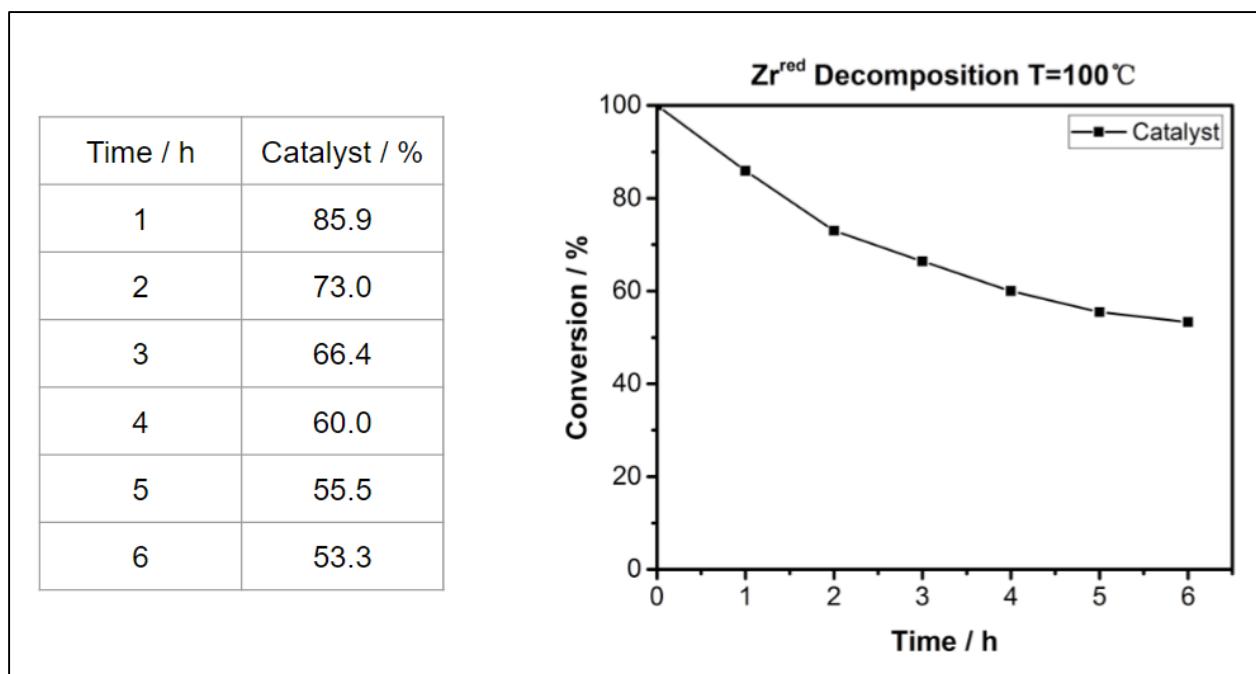


Figure S15. Decomposition study of (thiolfan*) $\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2$ at 100 °C in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

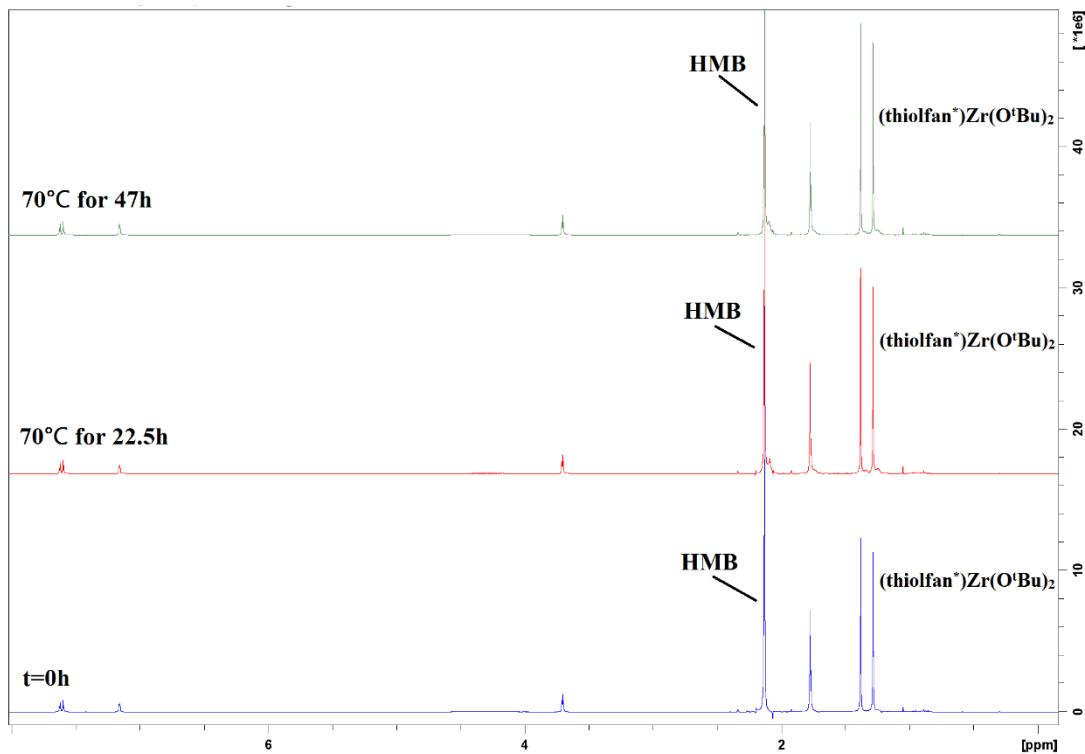


Figure S16. Stacked spectra for the decomposition study of (thiolfan*)Zr(O^tBu)₂ at 70 °C in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

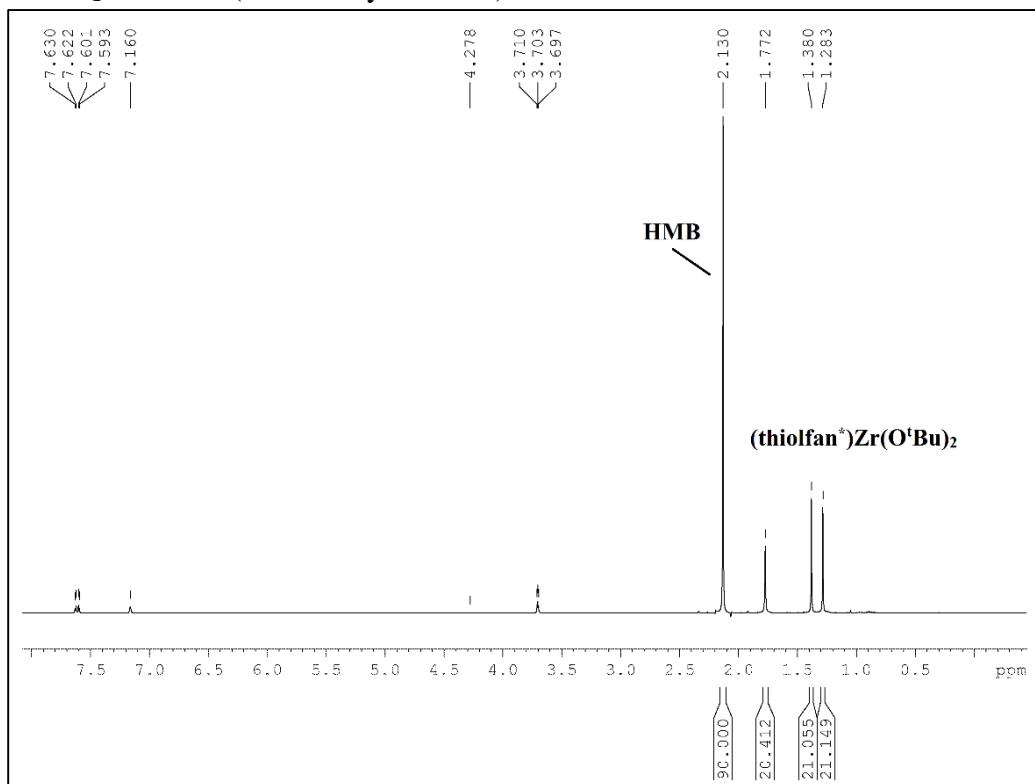


Figure S17. Decomposition study of (thiolfan*)Zr(O^tBu)₂ at 70 °C in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, t = 0 h.

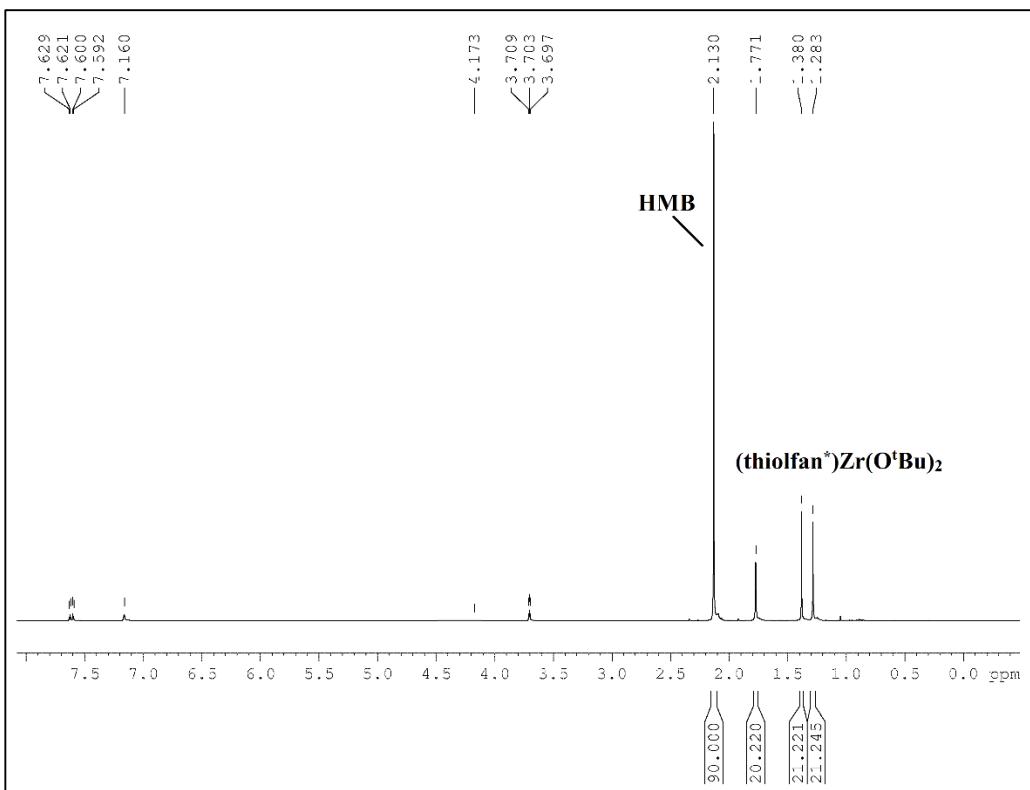


Figure S18. Decomposition study of $(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2$ at $70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, $t = 47\text{ h}$.

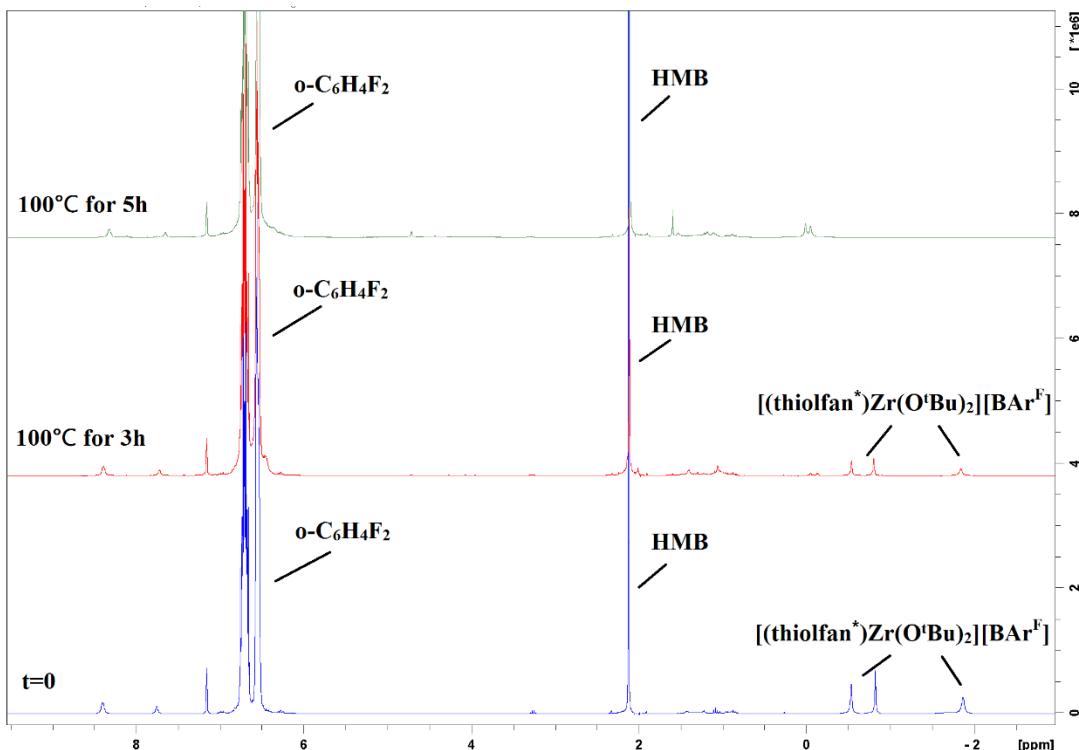


Figure S19. Stacked spectra for the decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}]$ at $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

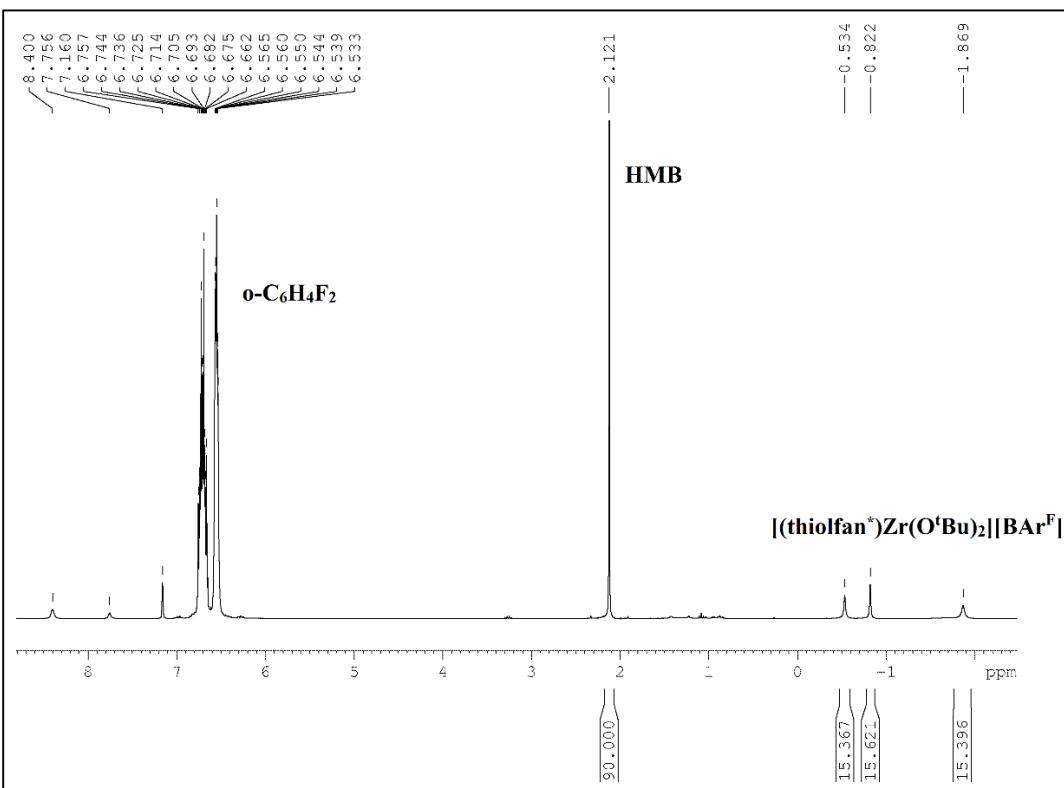


Figure S20. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}$ at 100 °C in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, $t = 0$ h.

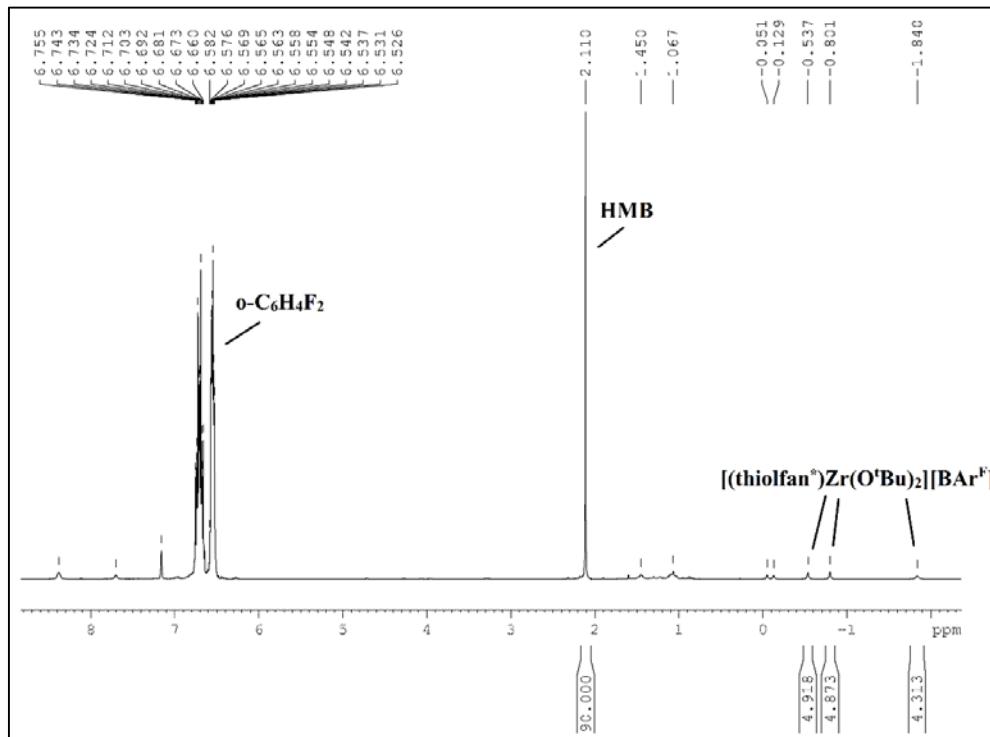


Figure S21. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}$ at 100 °C in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, $t = 4$ h; decomposition: 68%.

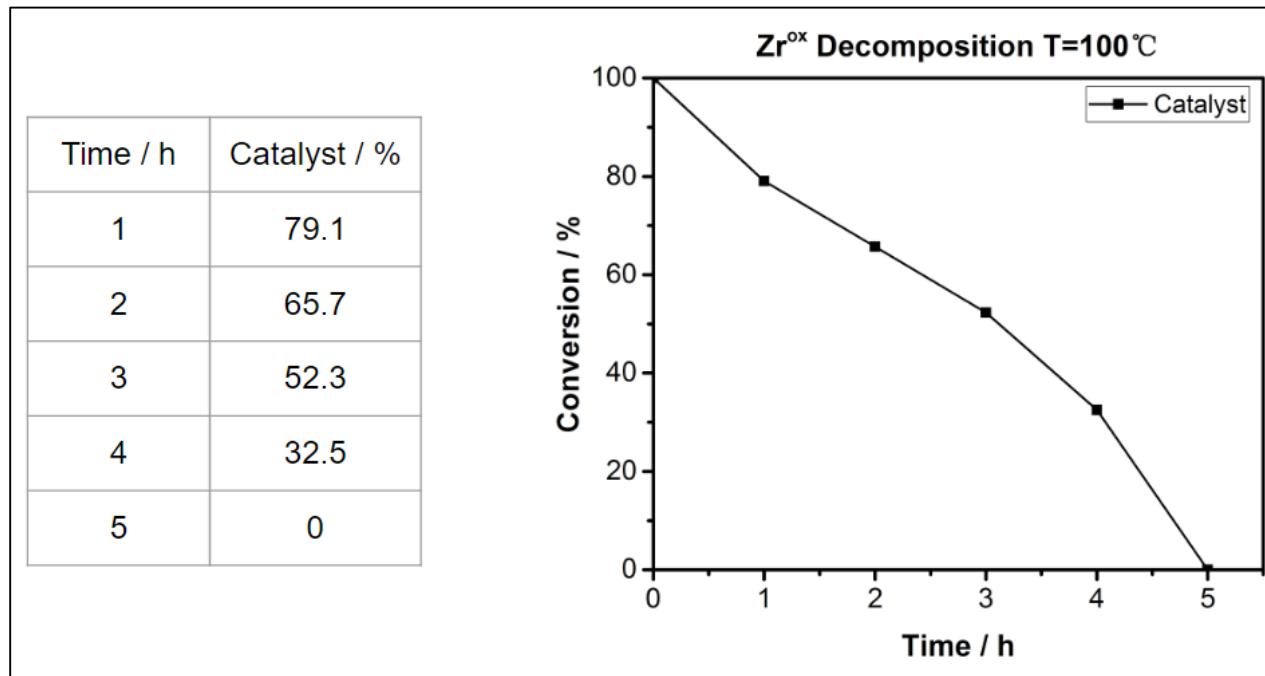


Figure S22. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^F]$ at $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

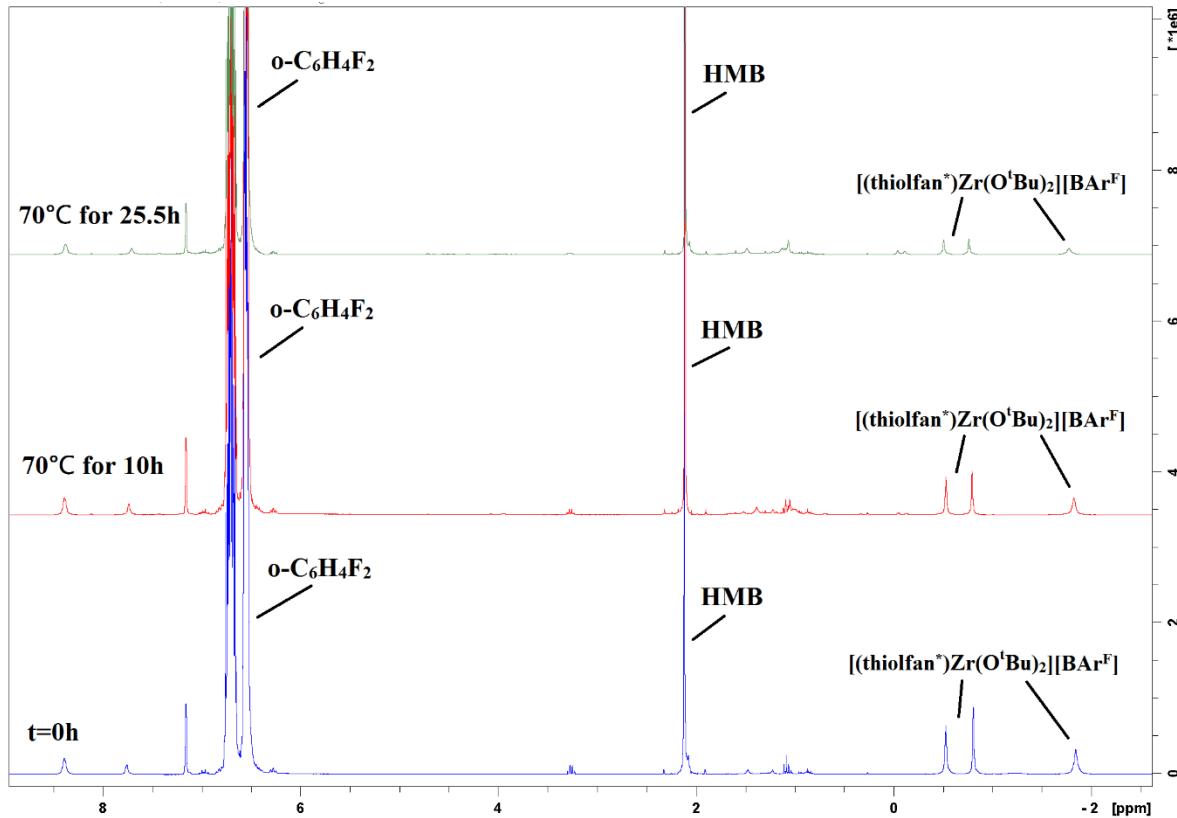


Figure S23. Stacked spectra for the decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^F]$ at $70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

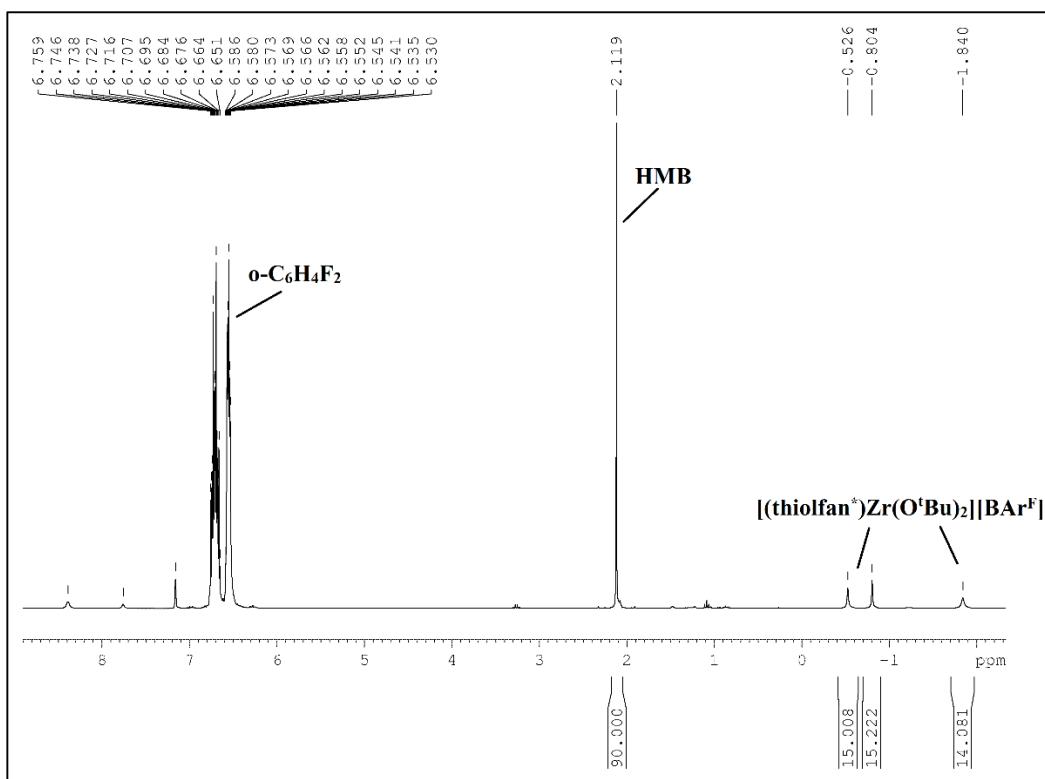


Figure S24. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}$ at $70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, $t = 0\text{ h}$.

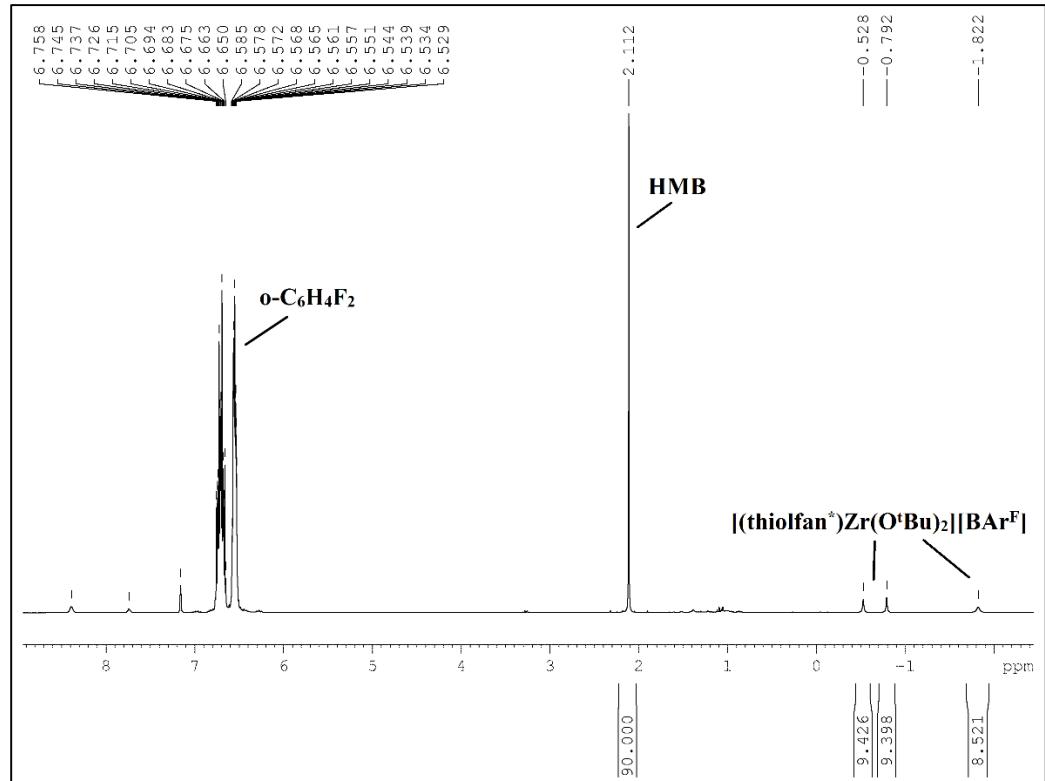


Figure S25. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}$ at $70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, $t = 10\text{ h}$; decomposition: 38%.

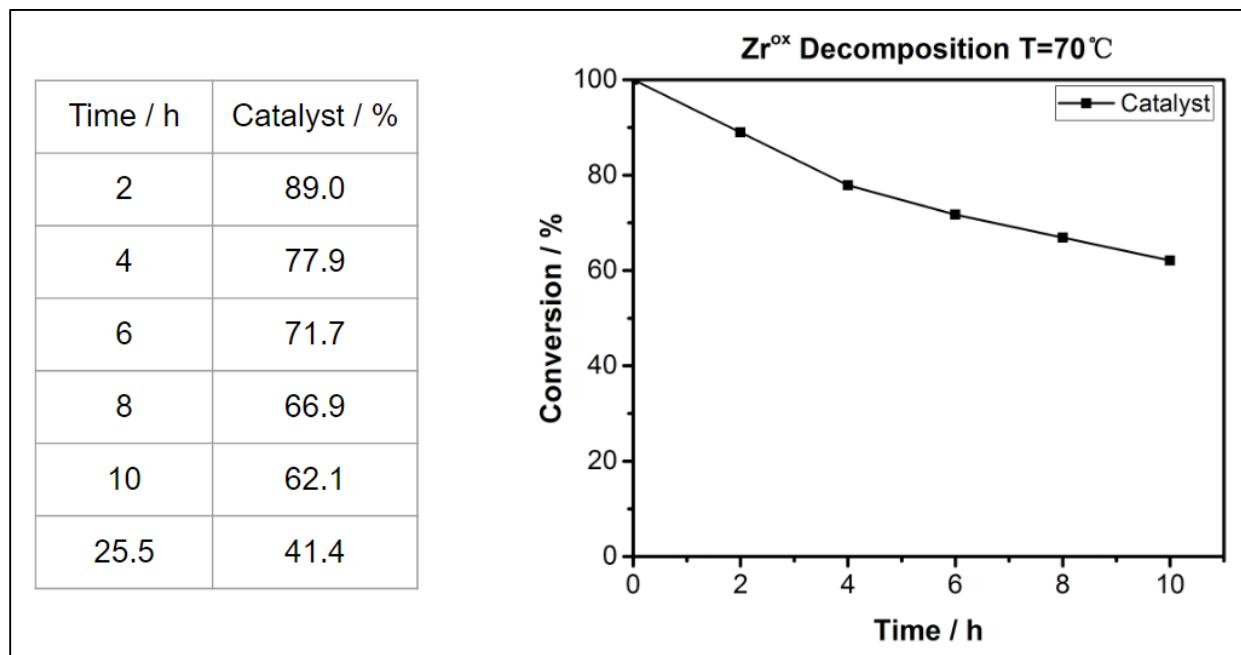


Figure S26. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^F]$ at $70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

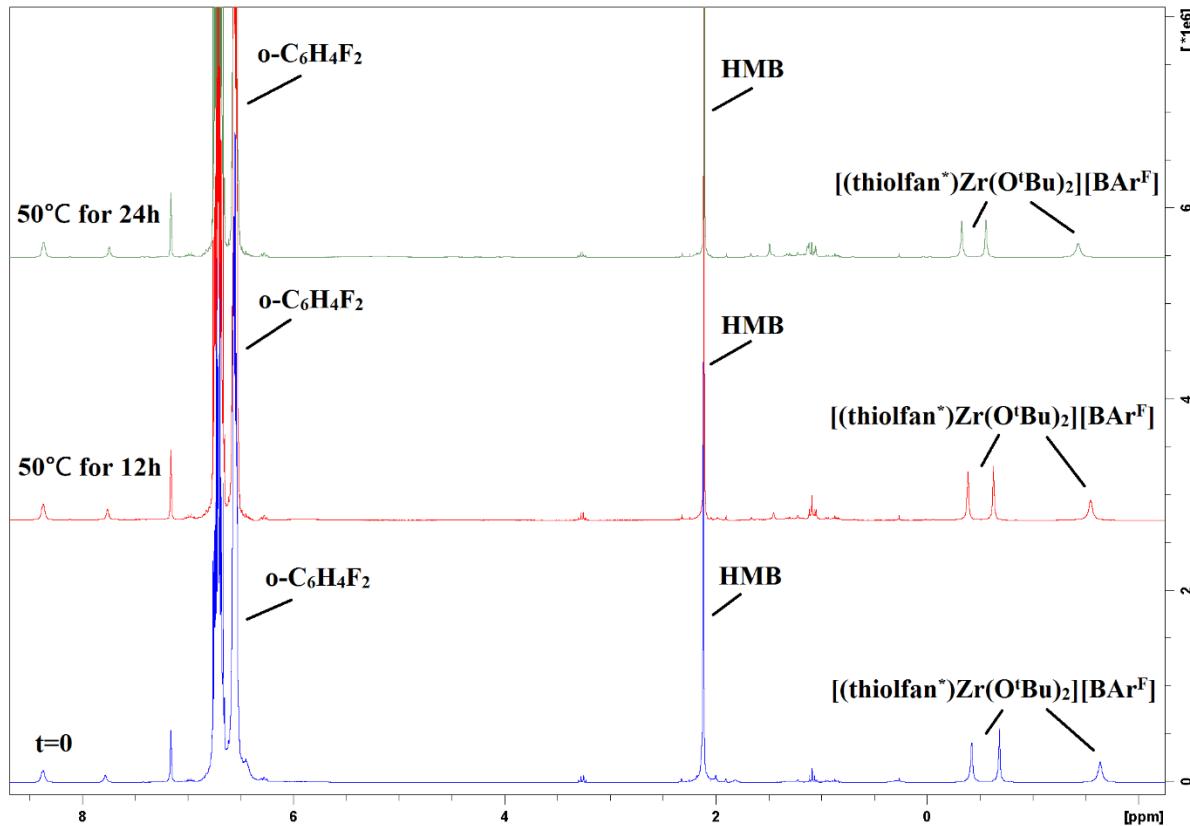


Figure S27. Stacked spectra for the decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^F]$ at $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

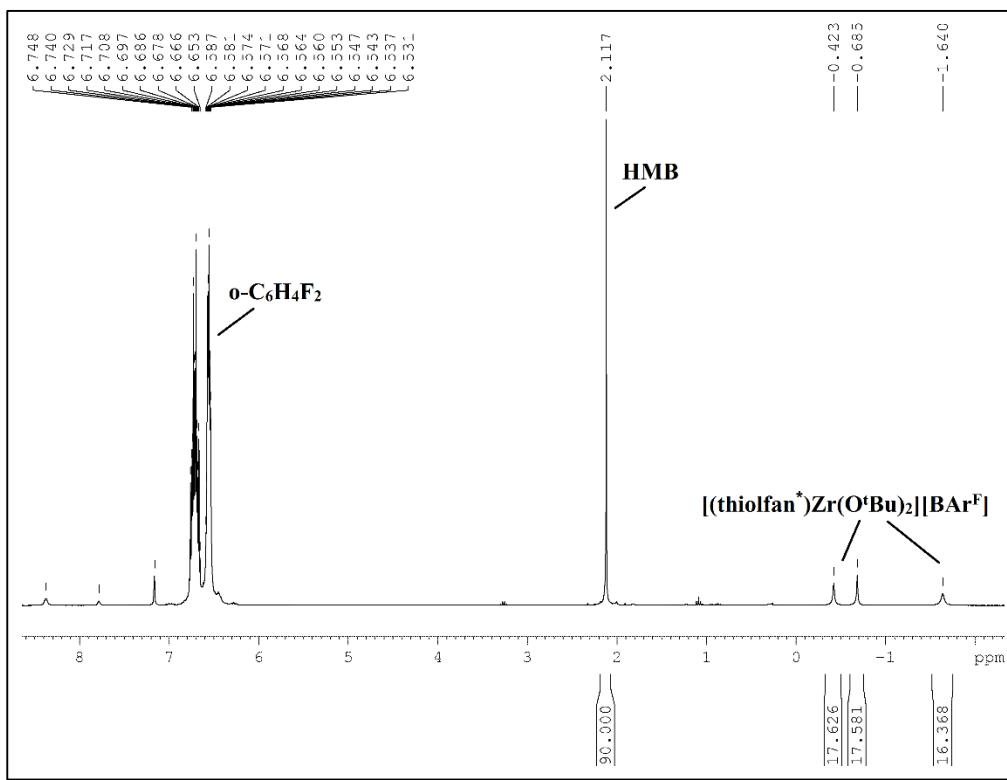


Figure S28. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}$ at 50 °C in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, t = 0 h.

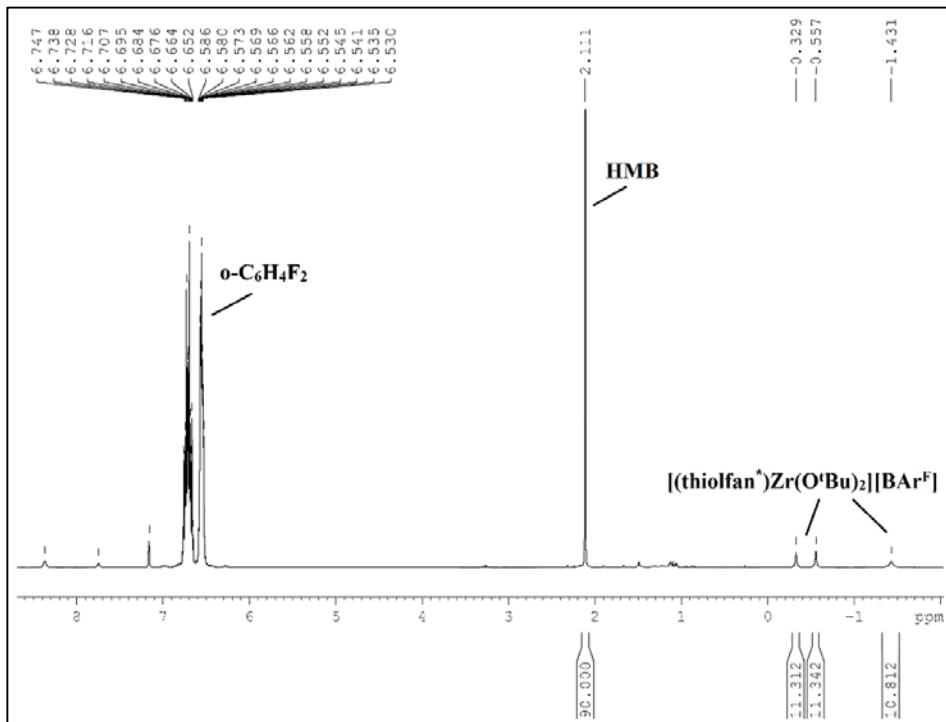


Figure S29. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}$ at 50 °C in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, t = 24 h; decomposition: 36%.

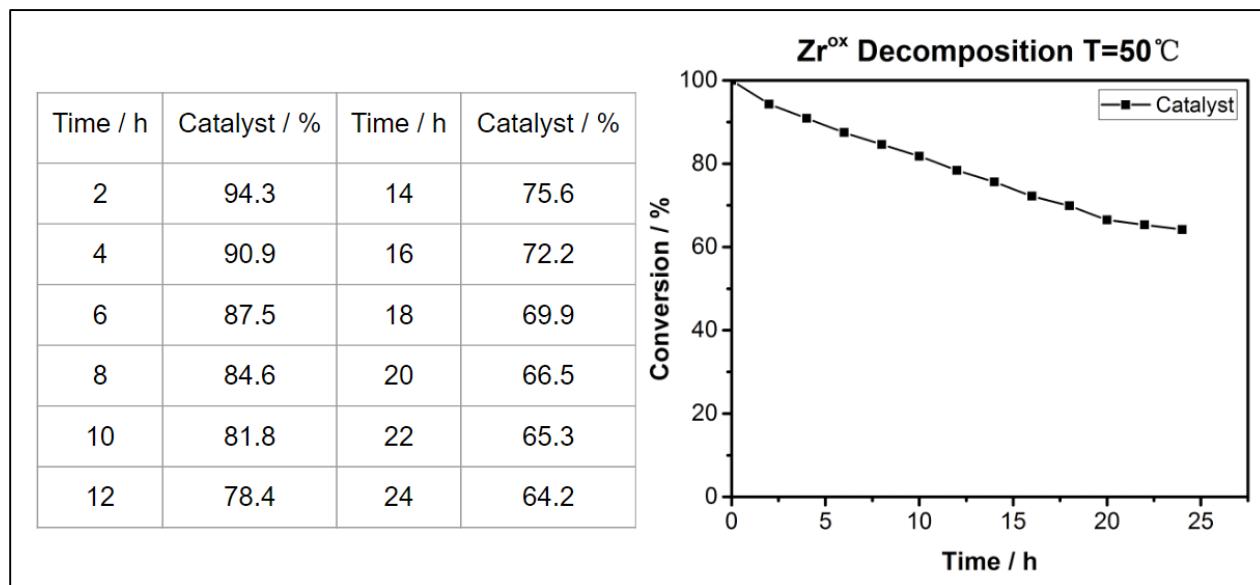


Figure S30. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^F]$ at 50°C in the presence of 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

Decomposition reactions in the presence of monomer

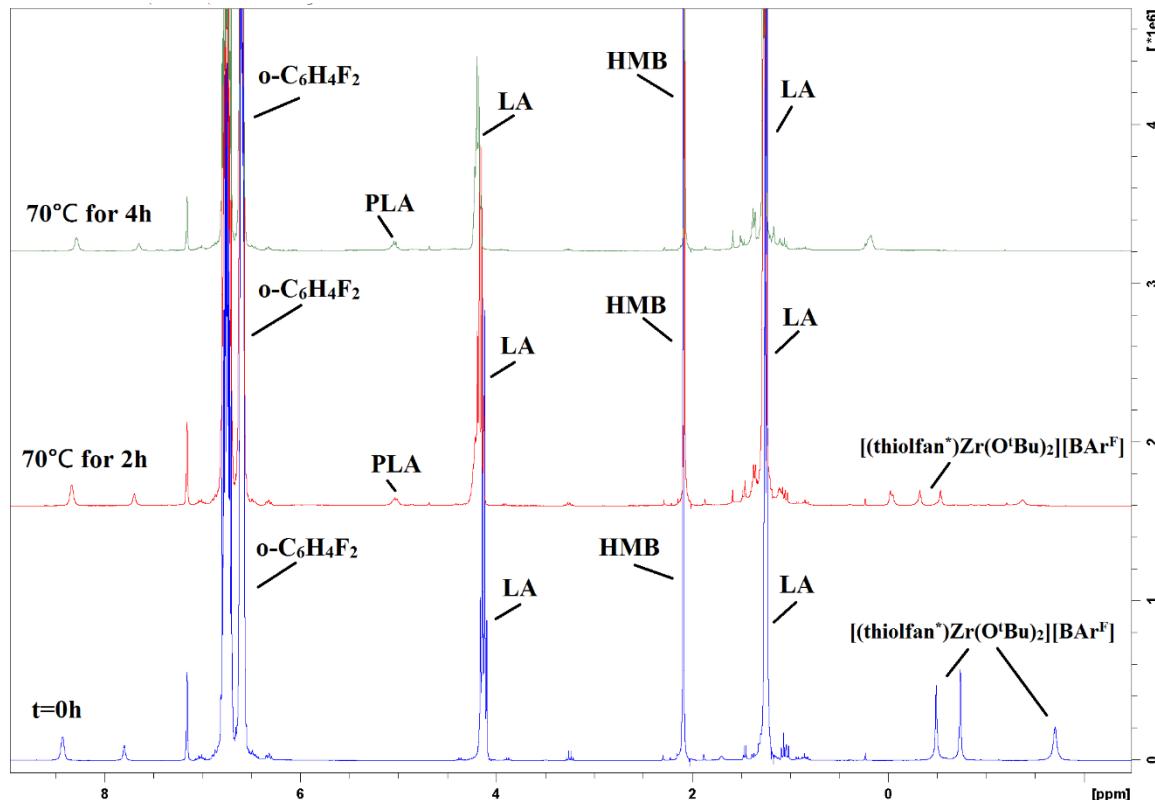


Figure S31. Stacked spectra for the decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^F]$ at 70°C in the presence of 100 equiv L-lactide and 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

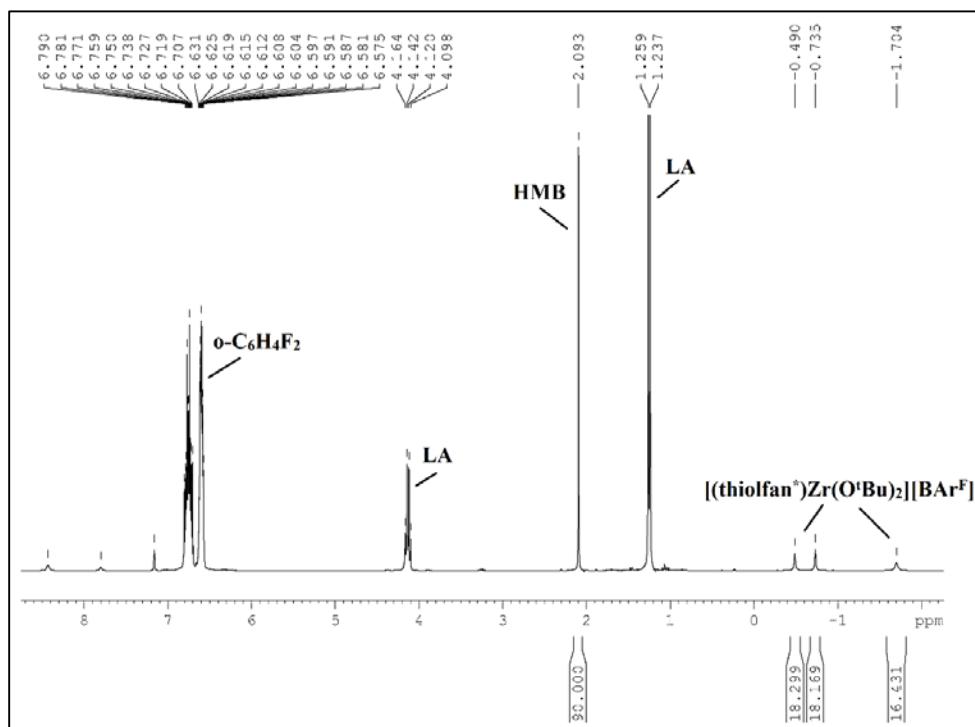


Figure S32. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$ at 70 °C in the presence of 100 equiv L-lactide and 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, $t = 0$ h.

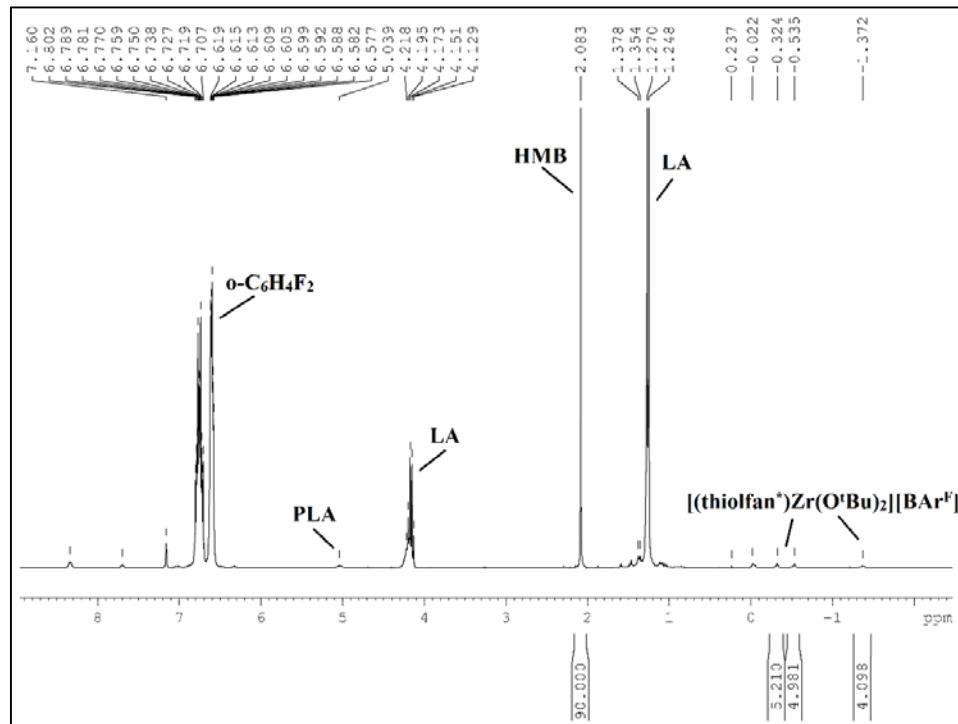


Figure S33. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$ at 70 °C in the presence of 100 equiv L-lactide and 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, $t = 2$ h; decomposition: 72%.

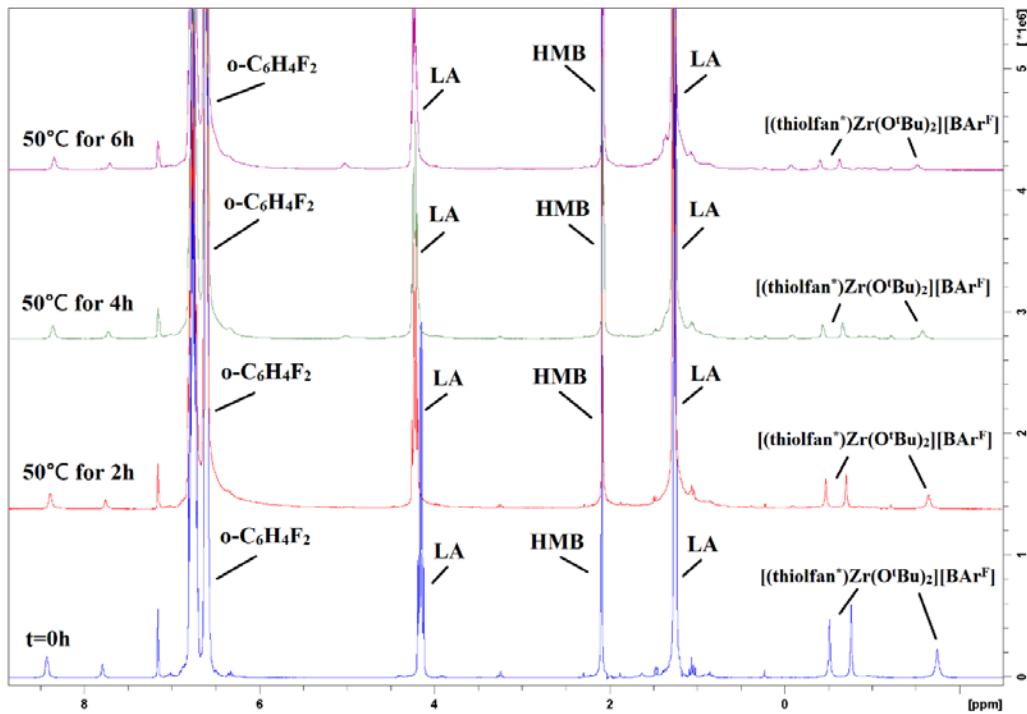


Figure S34. Stacked spectra for the decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}$ at $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in the presence of 100 equiv L-lactide and 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

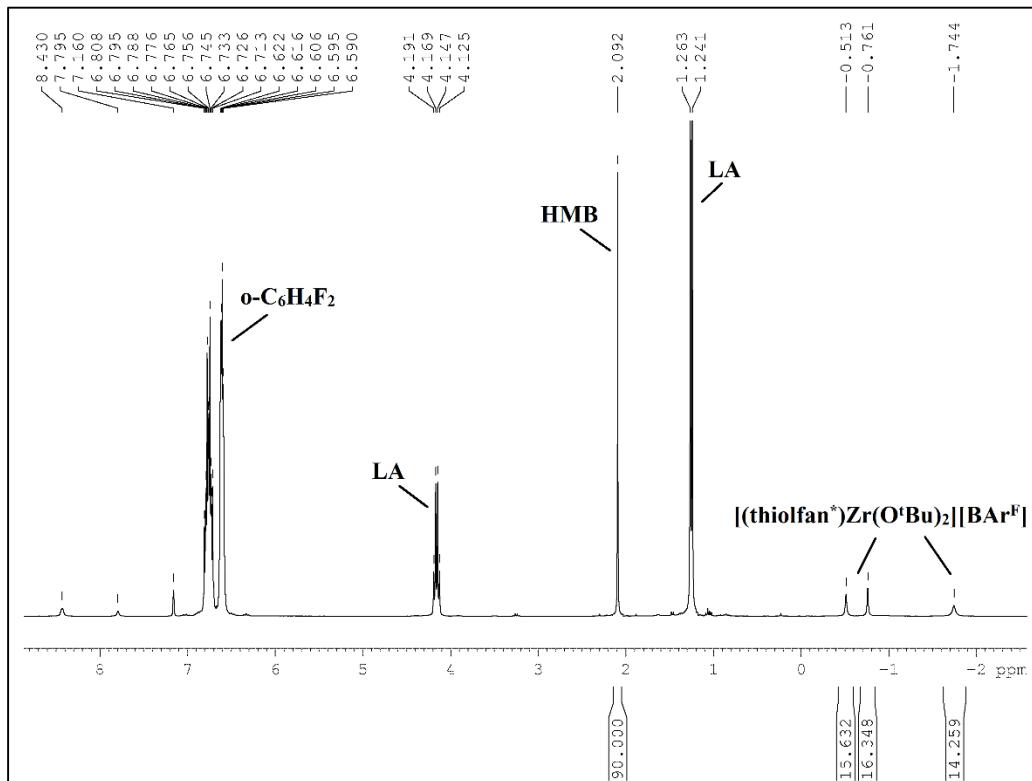


Figure S35. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}$ at $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in the presence of 100 equiv L-lactide and 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, $t = 0\text{ h}$.

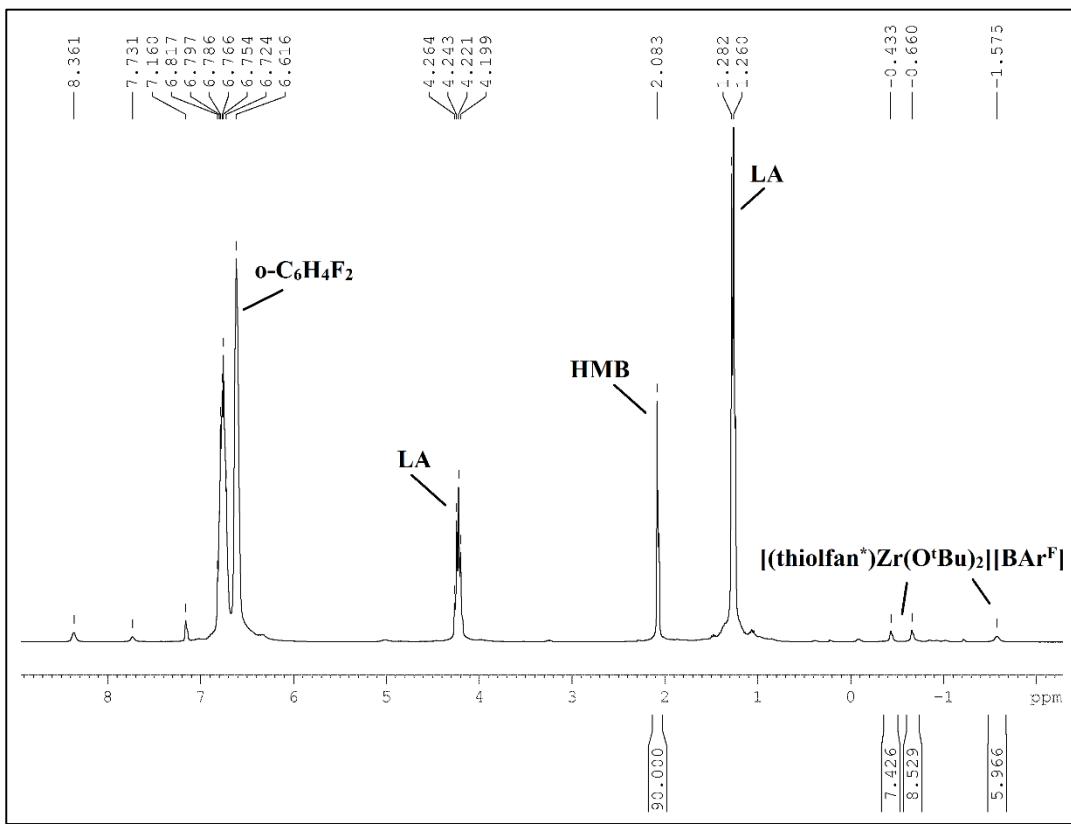


Figure S36. Decomposition study of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}^t\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^F]$ at 70 °C in the presence of 100 equiv L-lactide and 5 equiv HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard, $t = 4$ h; decomposition: 53%.

Polymerization studies

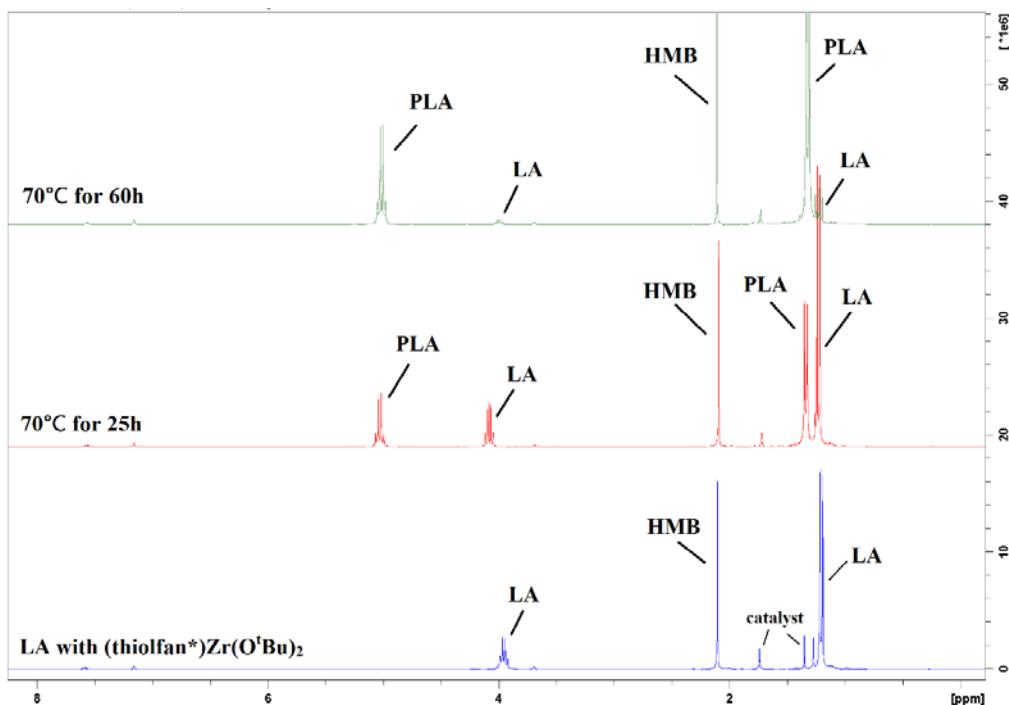


Figure S37. Stacked spectra for the reaction of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$ with 100 equiv L-lactide at 70 °C; HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

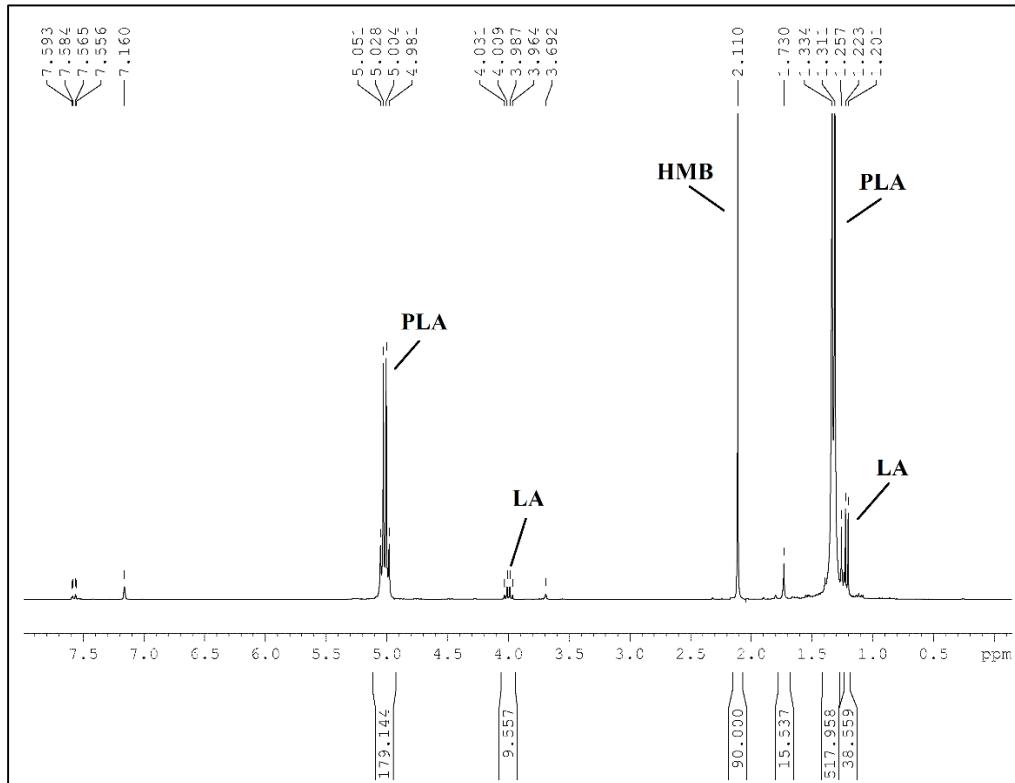


Figure S38. Reaction of $(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2$ with 100 equiv L-lactide at 70 °C; HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard; $t = 60 \text{ h}$, conversion: 94%.

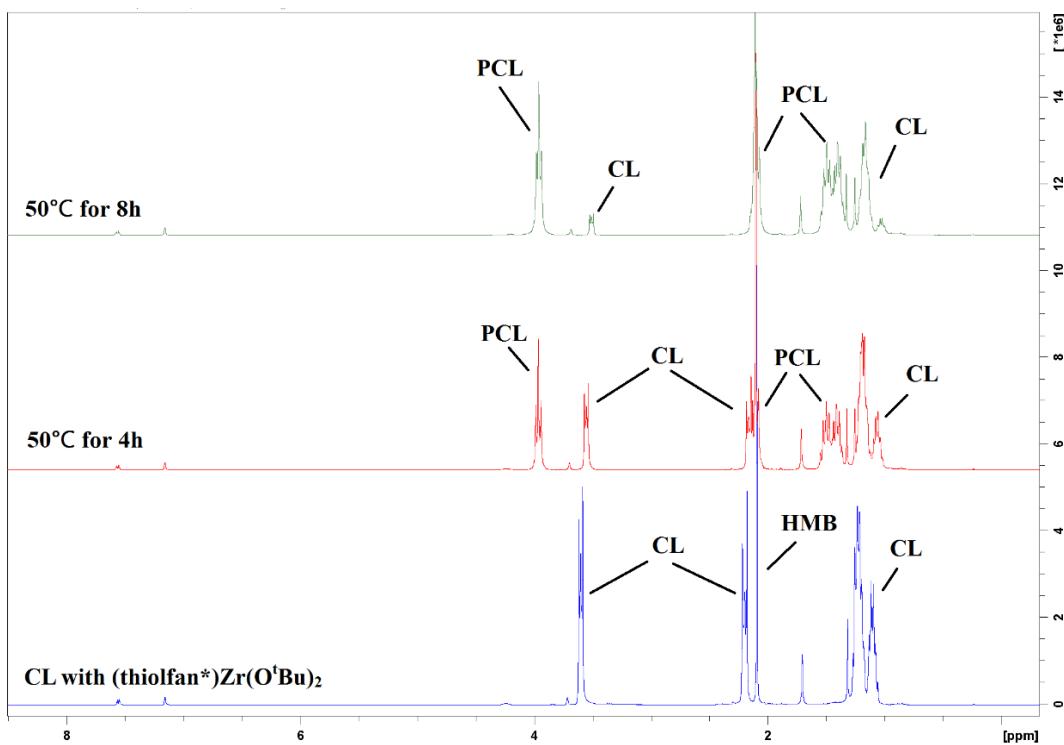


Figure S39. Stacked spectra for the reaction of (thiolfan*)Zr(O'^tBu)₂ with 100 equiv CL at 50 °C; HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard.

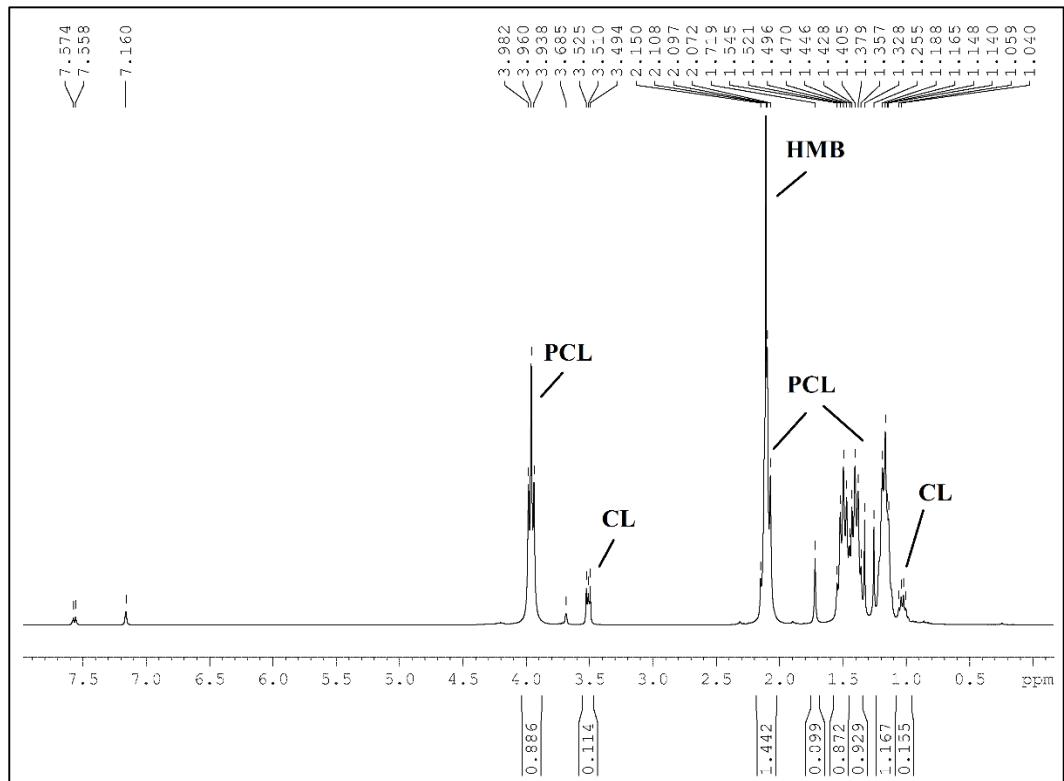


Figure S40. Reaction of (thiolfan*)Zr(O'Bu)₂ with 100 equiv CL at 50 °C; HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard; t = 8 h, conversion: 88%.

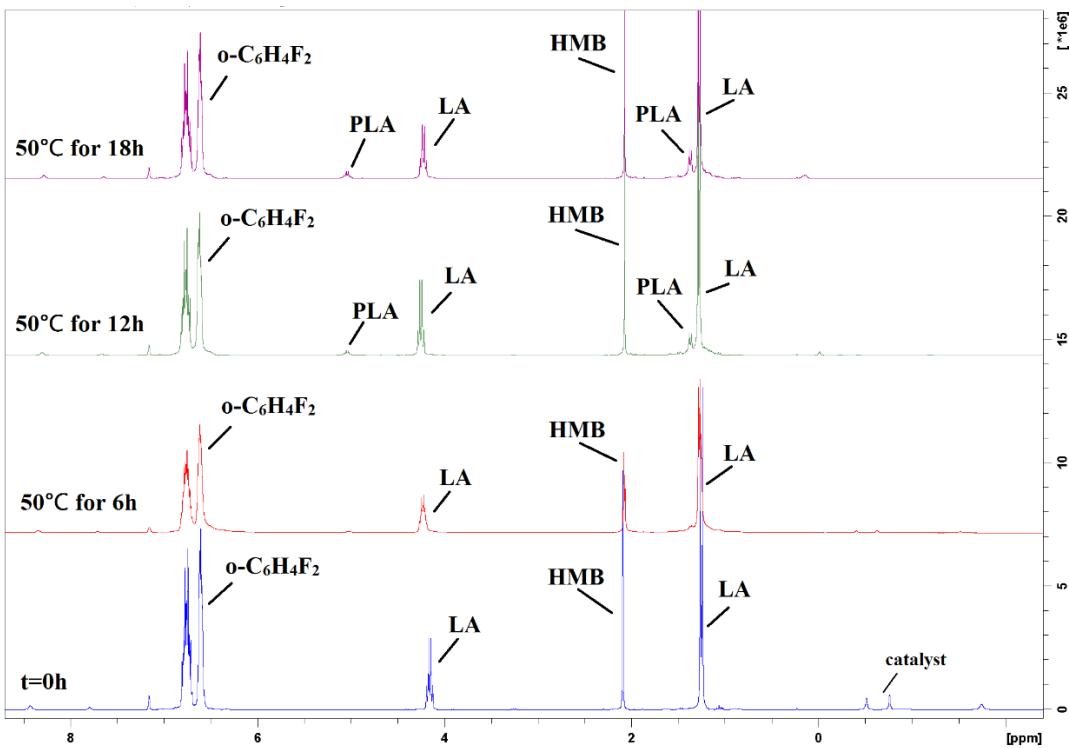


Figure S41. Stacked spectra for the reaction of $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$ with 100 equiv L-lactide at 50 °C; HMB (hexamethylbenzene) as an internal standard; t final = 18 h; conversion < 15%.

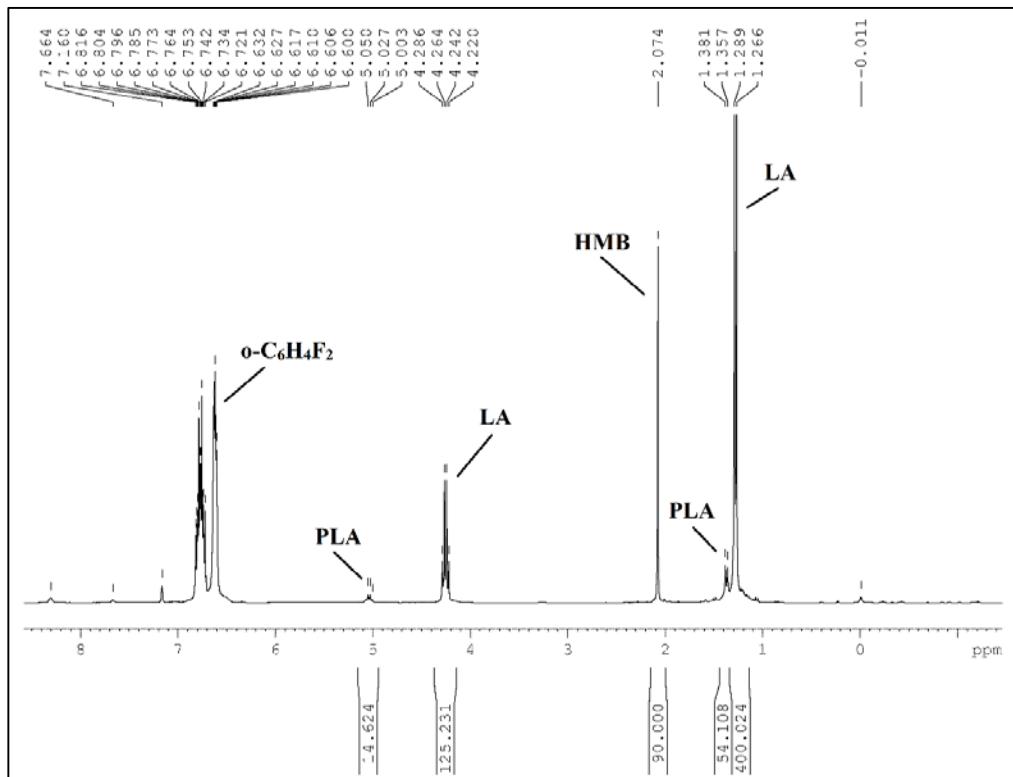


Figure S42. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of L-lactide with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Zr}(\text{O}'\text{Bu})_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$ at 50 °C for 12 h; conversion: 10%; HMB = hexamethylbenzene.

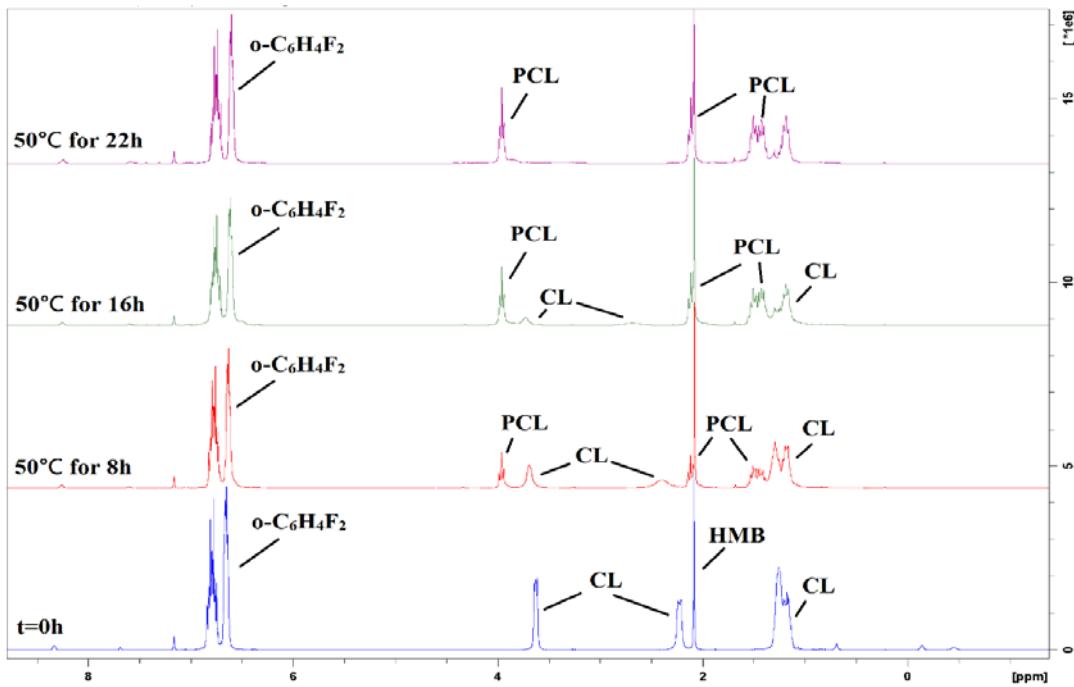


Figure S43. Stacked spectra for the polymerization of 100 equivalents of ε -caprolactone with [(thiolfan*)Zr(O'Bu)₂][BAr^F] at 50 °C; HMB = hexamethylbenzene.

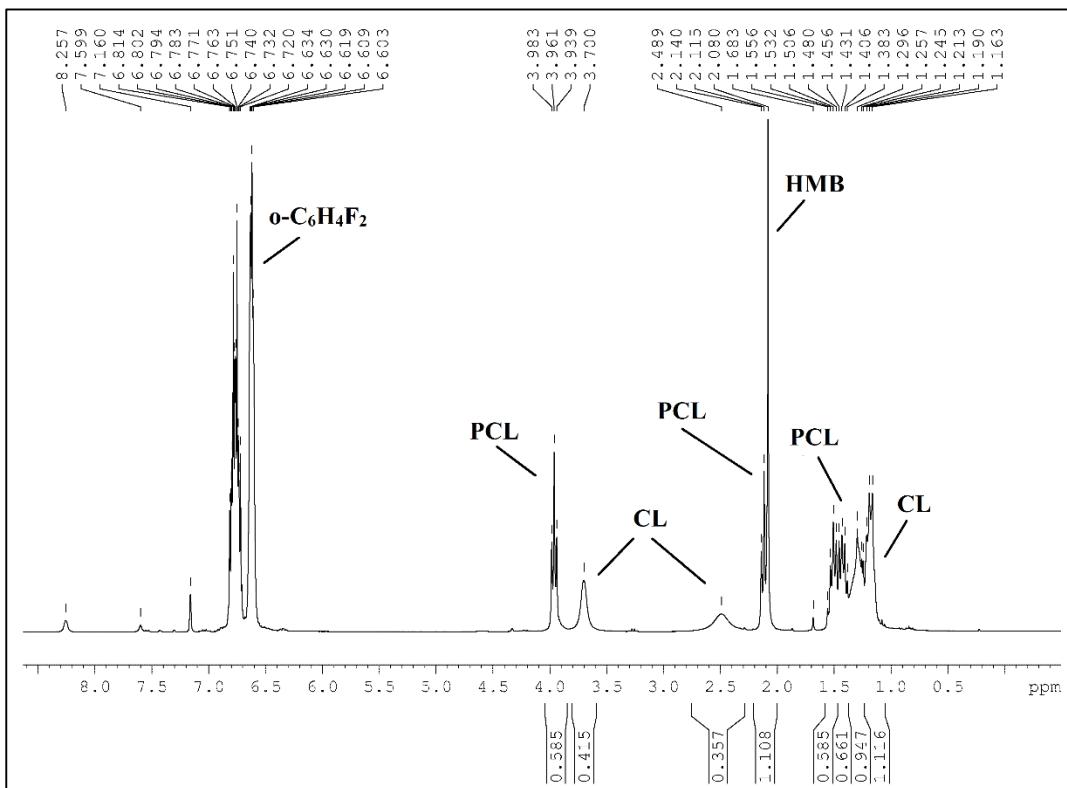


Figure S44. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of ε -caprolactone with [(thiolfan*)Zr(O'Bu)₂][BAr^F] at 50 °C for 12 h; conversion: 58%; HMB = hexamethylbenzene.

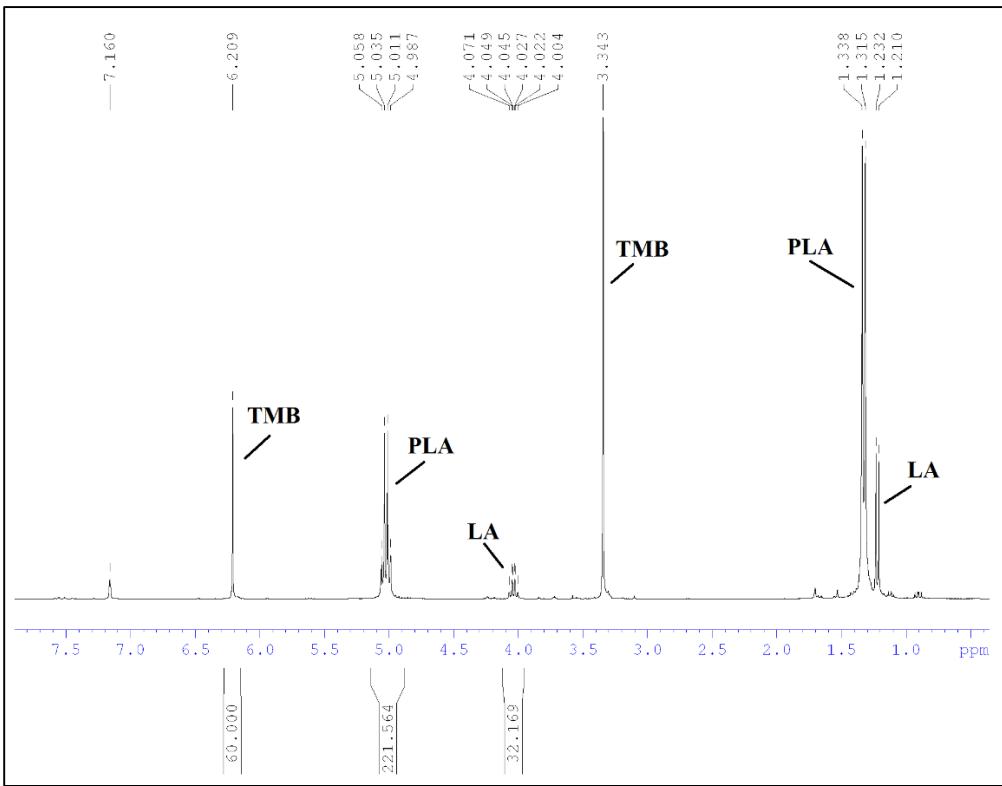


Figure S45. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of L-lactide with (thiolfan*)Ti(OⁱPr)₂ at 100 °C; TMB = trimethoxybenzene (Table 1, Entry 1).

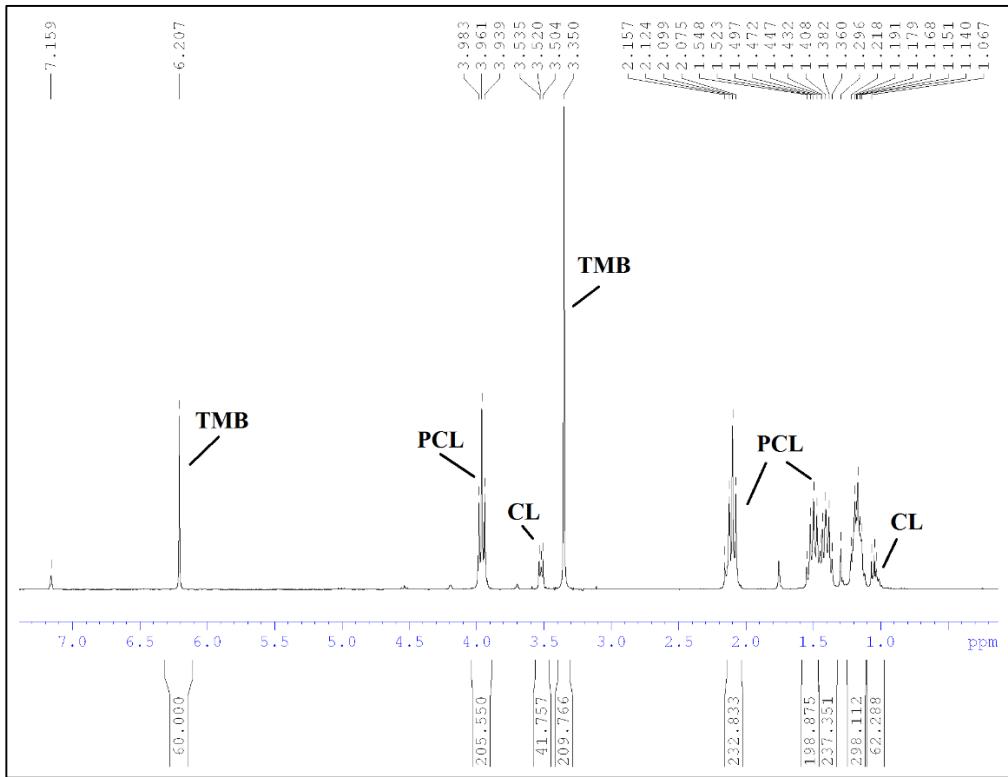


Figure S46. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of ϵ -caprolactone with [(thiolfan*)Ti(OⁱPr)₂] [BAr^F] at 100 °C; TMB = trimethoxybenzene (Table 1, Entry 3).

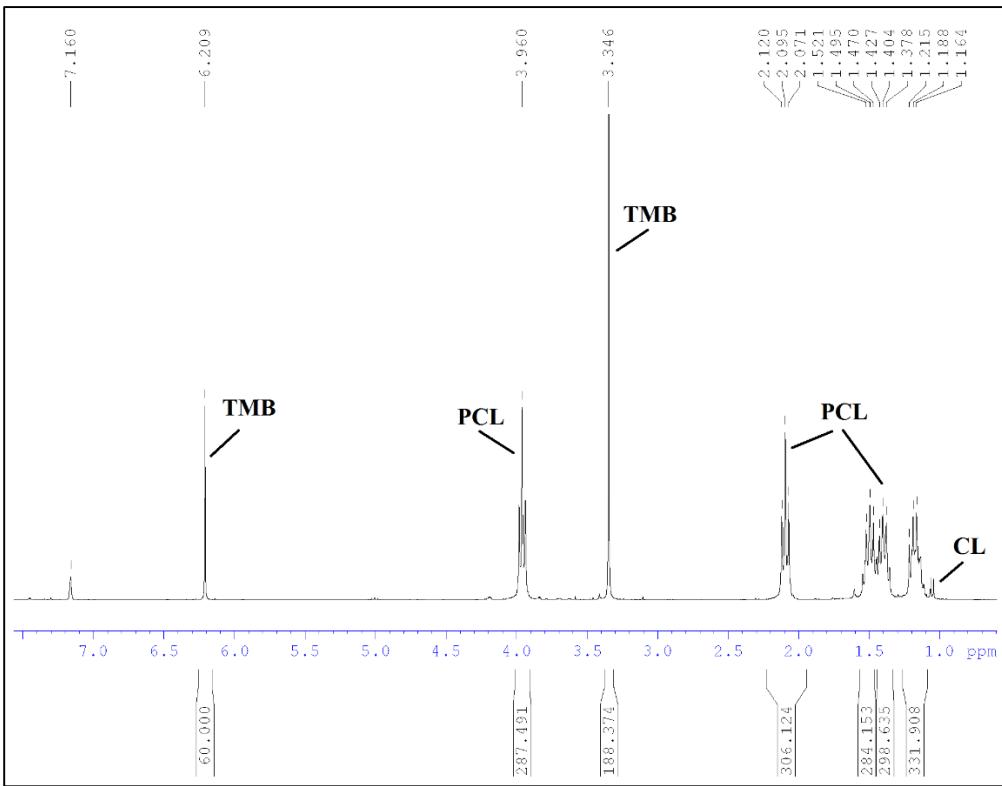


Figure S47. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of ϵ -caprolactone with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}$ at 100 °C; TMB = trimethoxybenzene (Table 1, Entry 4).

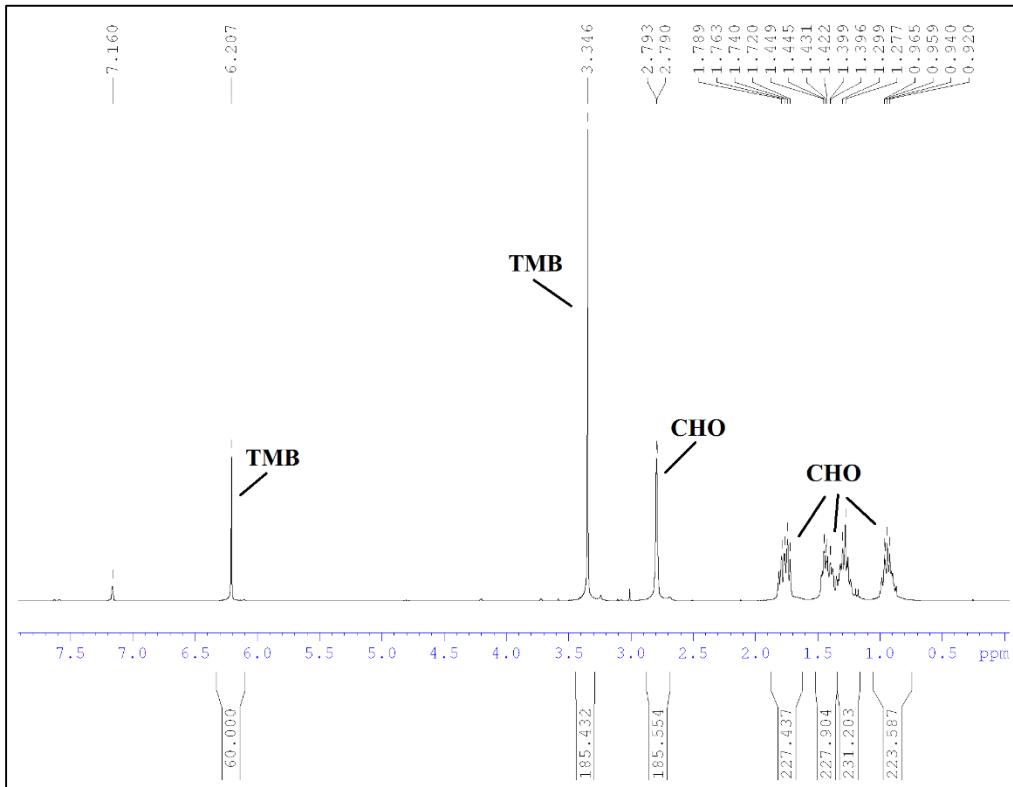


Figure S48. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of cyclohexene oxide with $(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2$ at 100 °C; TMB = trimethoxybenzene (Table 2, Entry 1).

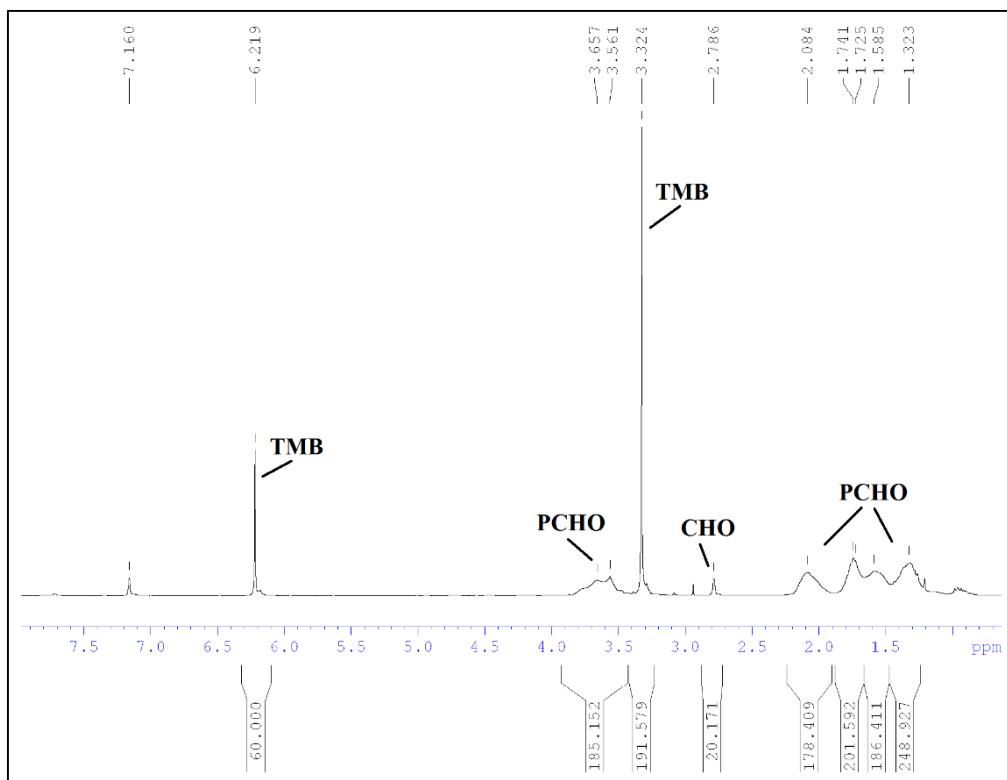


Figure S49. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of cyclohexene oxide $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}$ at 25 °C; TMB = trimethoxybenzene (Table 2, Entry 2).

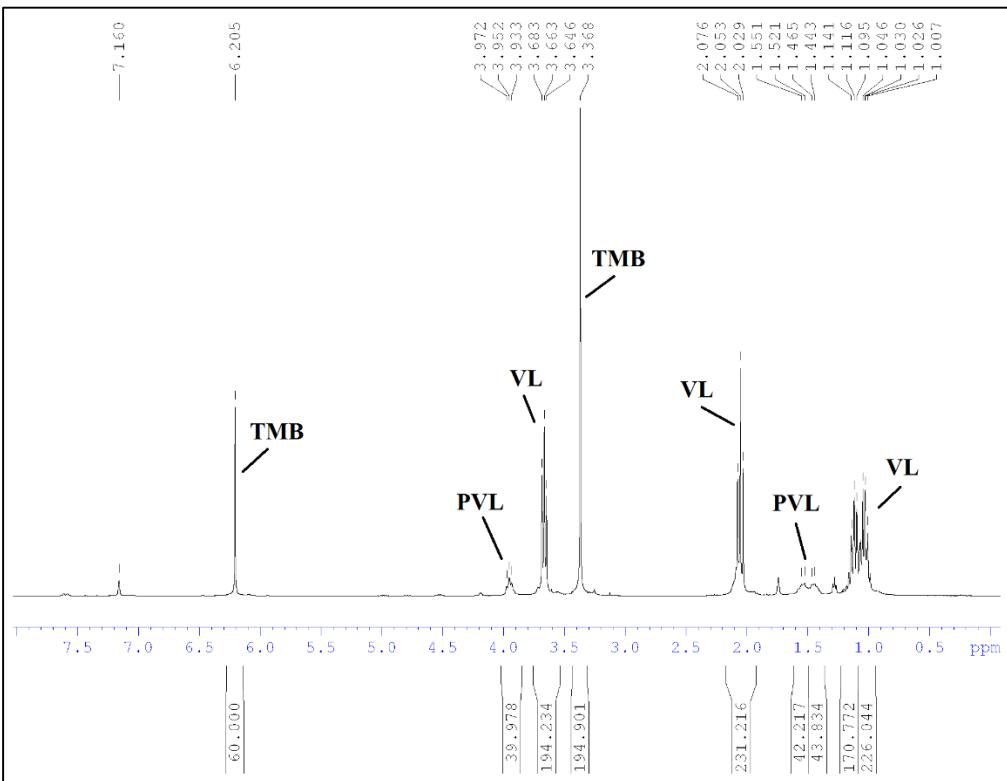


Figure S50. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of δ -valerolactone with $(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2$ at 100 °C; TMB = trimethoxybenzene (Table 2, Entry 3).

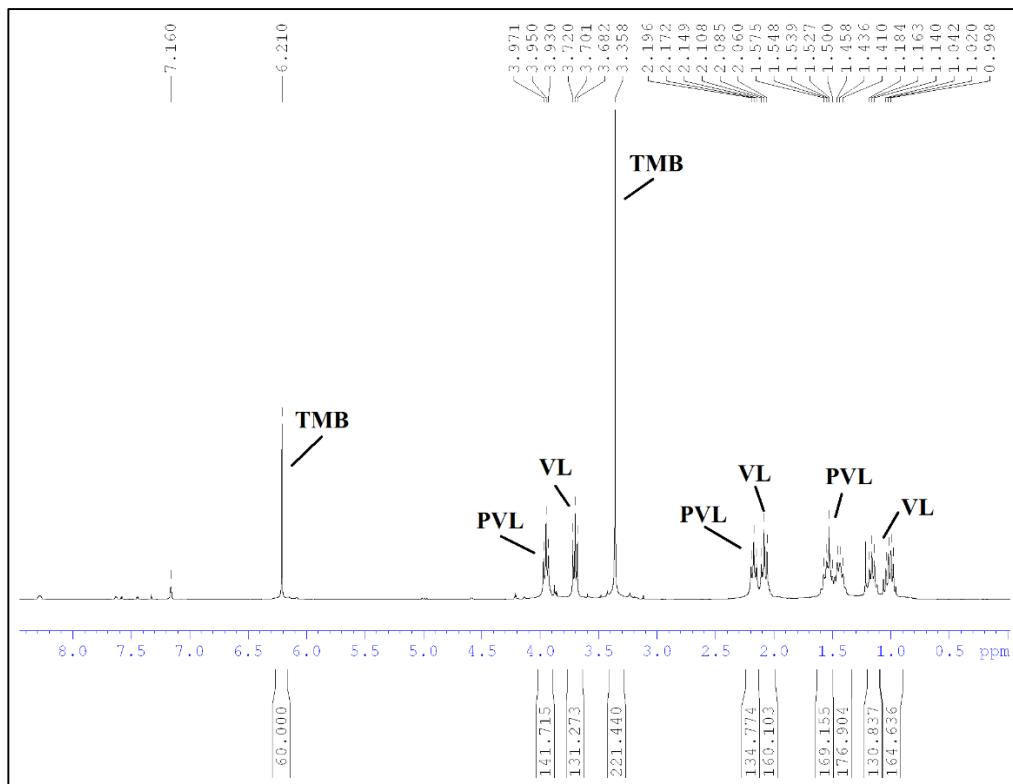


Figure S51. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of δ -valerolactone with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_2]\text{[BAr}^{\text{F}}\text{]}$ at 100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; TMB = trimethoxybenzene (Table 2, Entry 4).

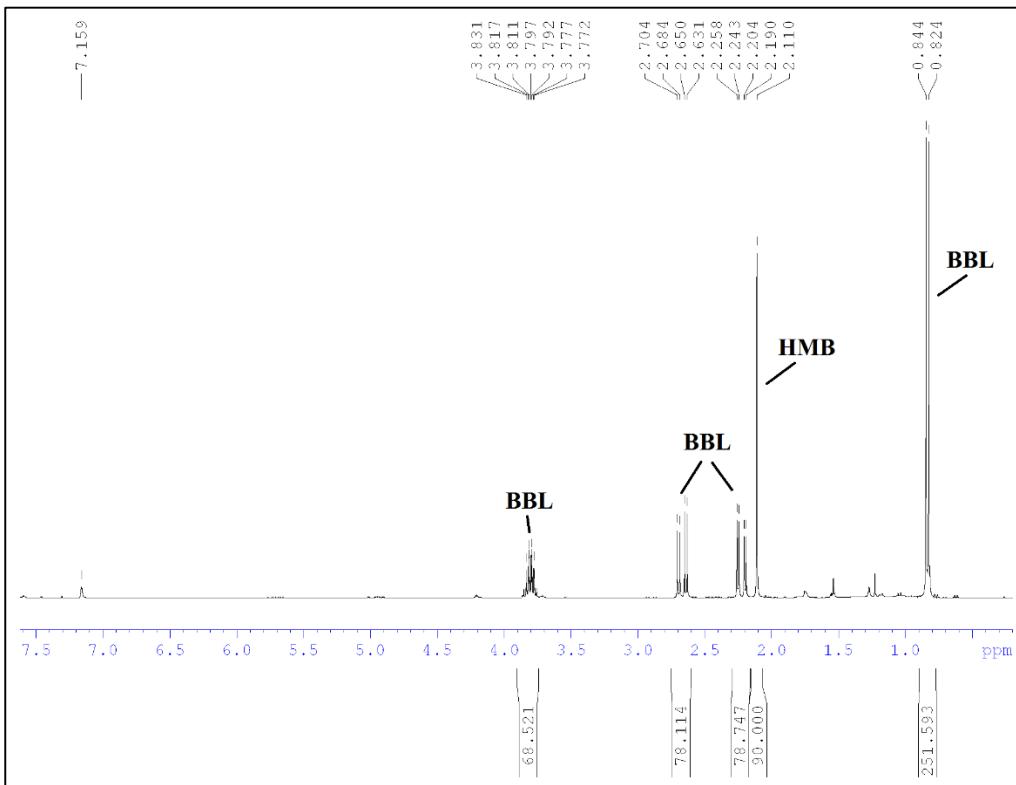


Figure S52. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of β -butyrolactone with $(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_2$ at 100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; HMB = hexamethylbenzene (Table 2, Entry 5).

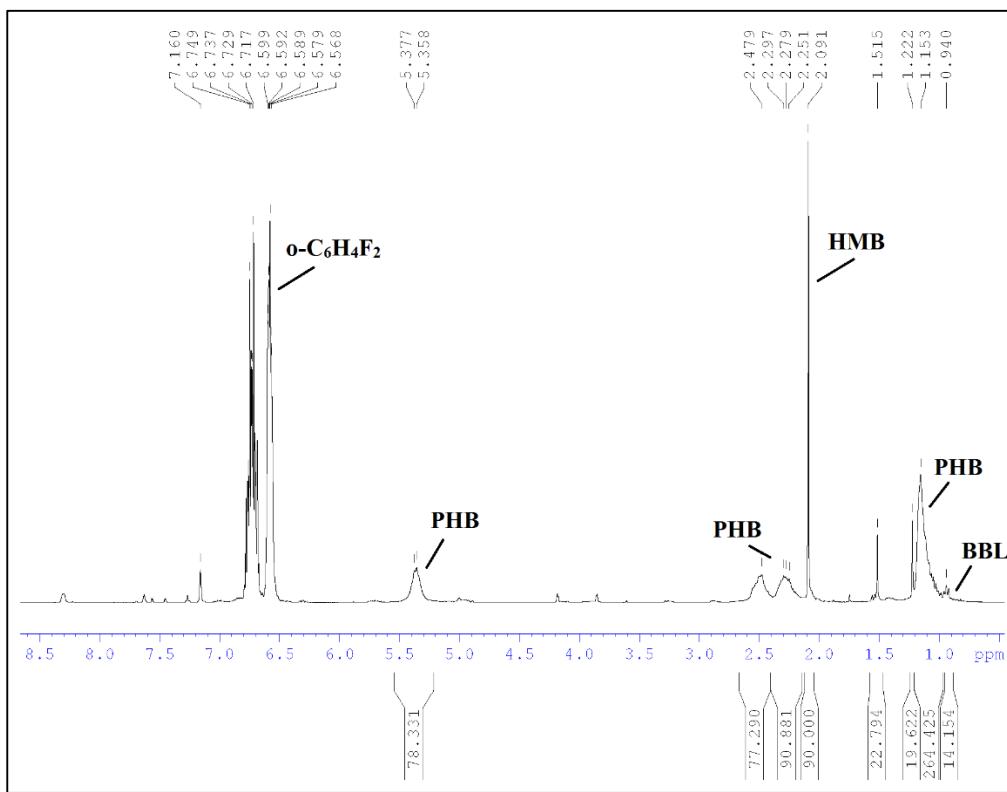


Figure S53. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of β -butyrolactone with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^i\text{Pr})_2]\text{[BAr}^F]$ at 100 °C; HMB = hexamethylbenzene (Table 2, Entry 6).

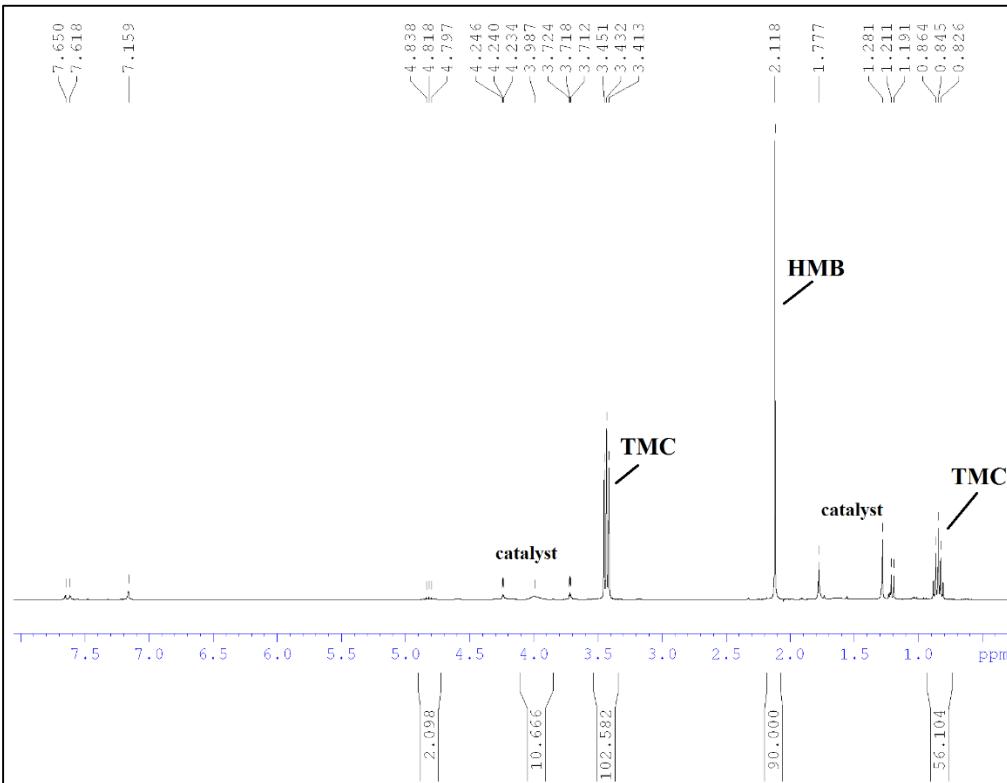


Figure S54. Polymerization of 30 equivalents of trimethylene carbonate with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^i\text{Pr})_2]\text{[BAr}^F]$ at 100 °C; HMB = hexamethylbenzene (Table 2, Entry 7).

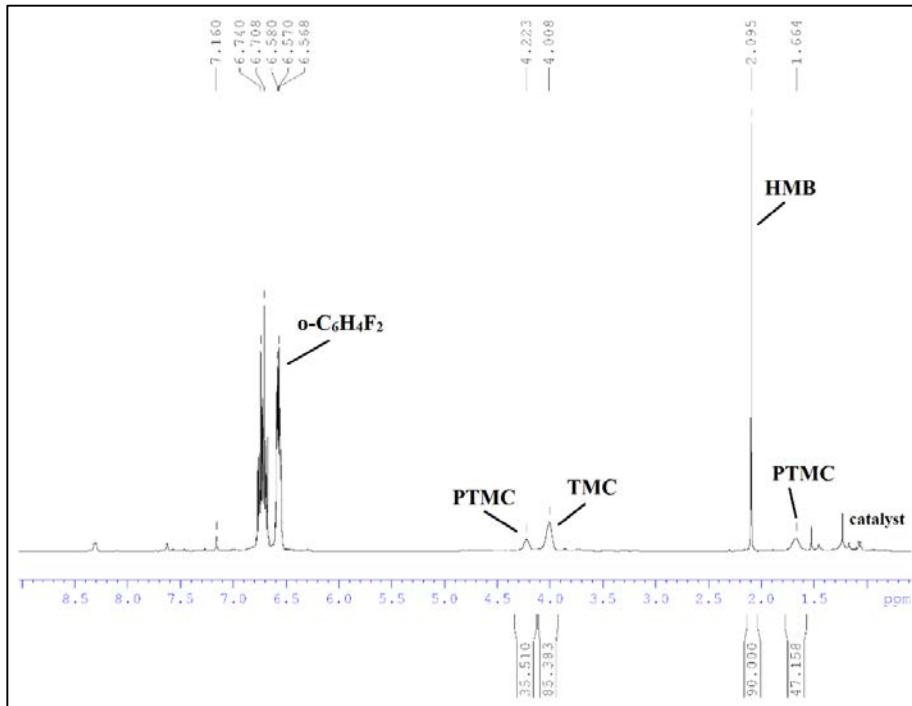


Figure S55. Polymerization of 30 equivalents of trimethylene carbonate with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$ at 70 °C; HMB = hexamethylbenzene (Table 2, Entry 8).

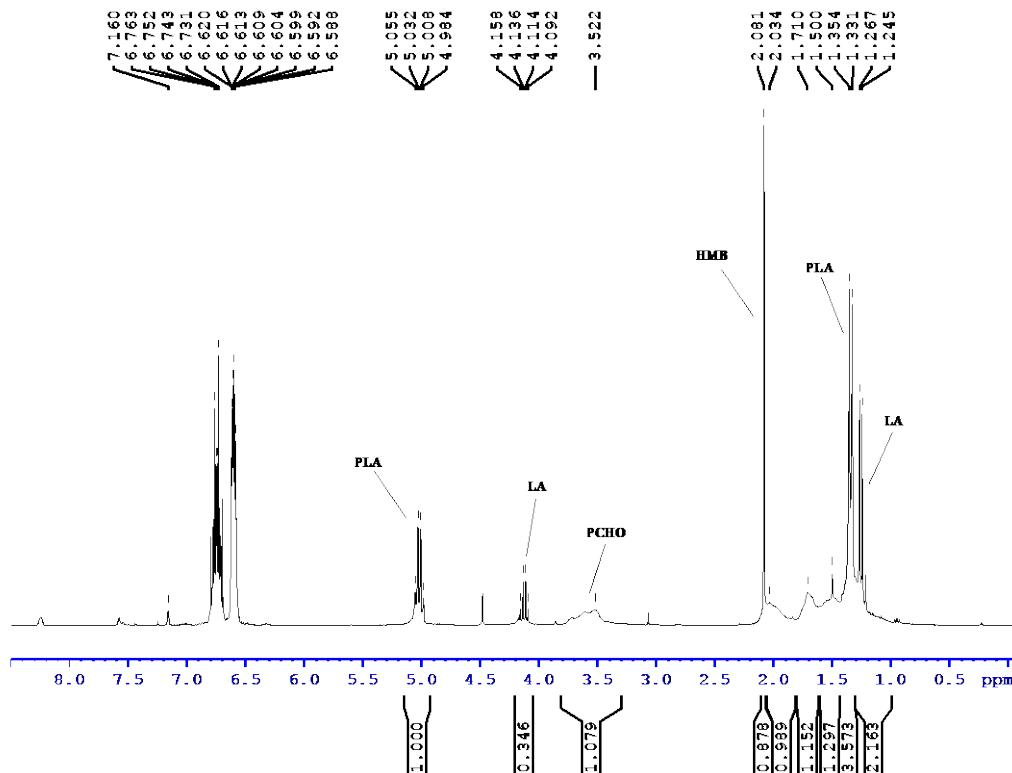


Figure S56. PLA-PCHO: Polymerization of 100 equivalents of L-lactide in the presence of 100 equivalents of cyclohexene oxide with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$ in a one-pot ox-red process (Table 3, Entry 2).

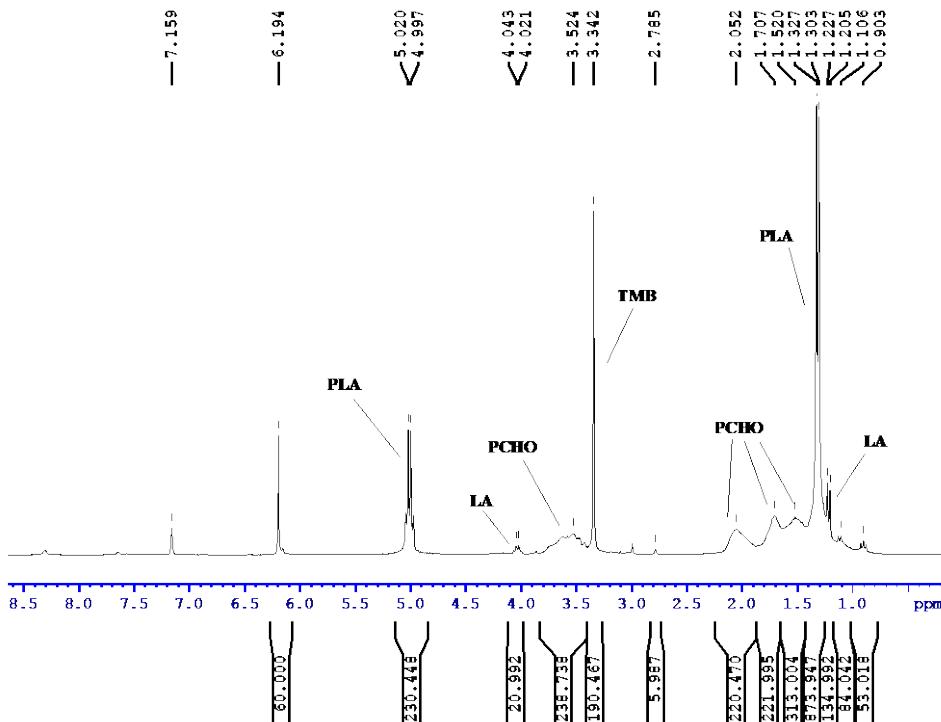


Figure S57. PCHO-PLA: Polymerization of 100 equivalents of L-lactide in the presence of 100 equivalents of cyclohexene oxide with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^i\text{Pr)}_2]$ in a one-pot red-ox process; TMB = 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (Table 3, Entry 3).

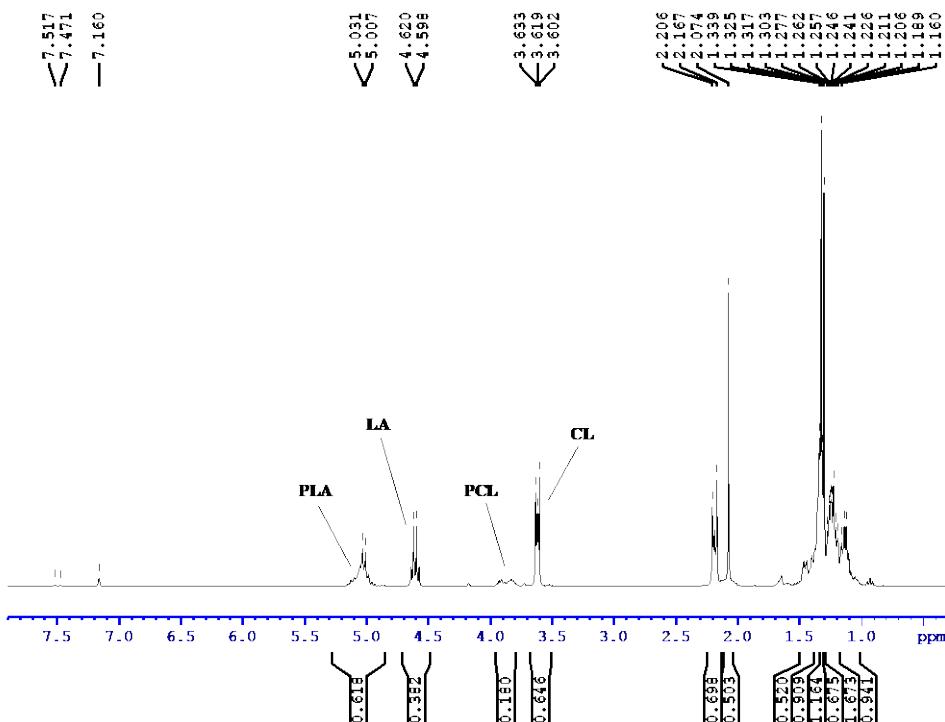


Figure S58. PLA-PCL-PLA. Polymerization of 100 equivalents of L-lactide in the presence of 100 equivalents of ϵ -caprolactone with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^i\text{Pr)}_2]$ after 36 hours at 100 °C (Table 3, Entry 4).

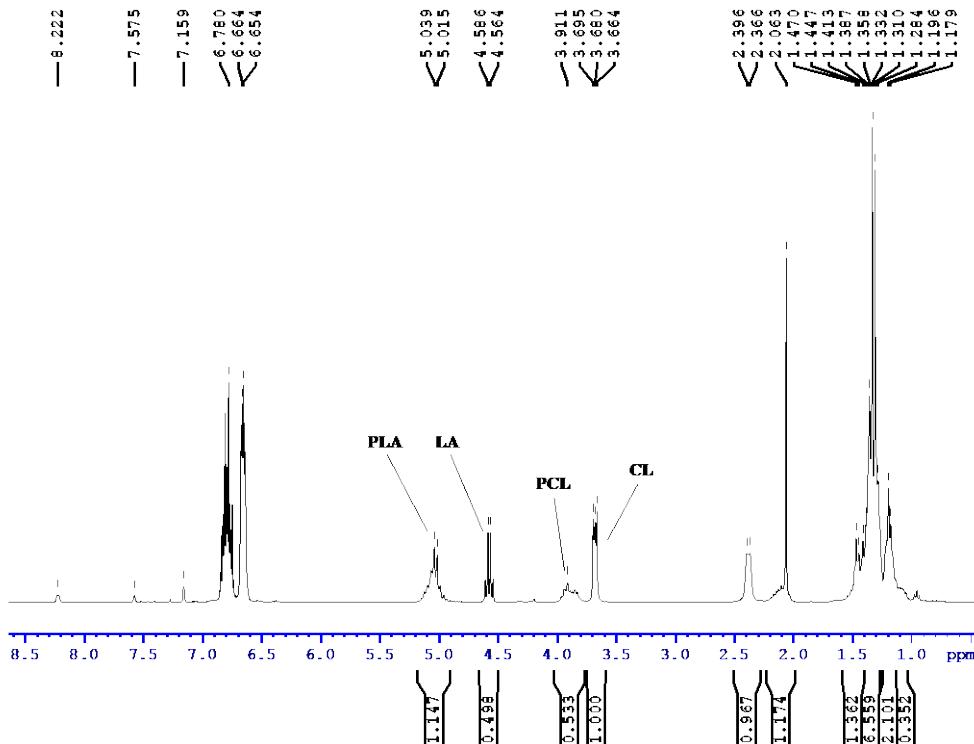


Figure S59. PLA-PCL-PLA: Polymerization of 100 equiv ϵ -caprolactone in the presence of 100 equiv L-lactide with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^{\prime}\text{Pr)}_2]$ after oxidation with ${}^{\text{Ac}}\text{FcBAr}^{\text{F}}$ for 3 h at 100 °C (Table 3, Entry 4).

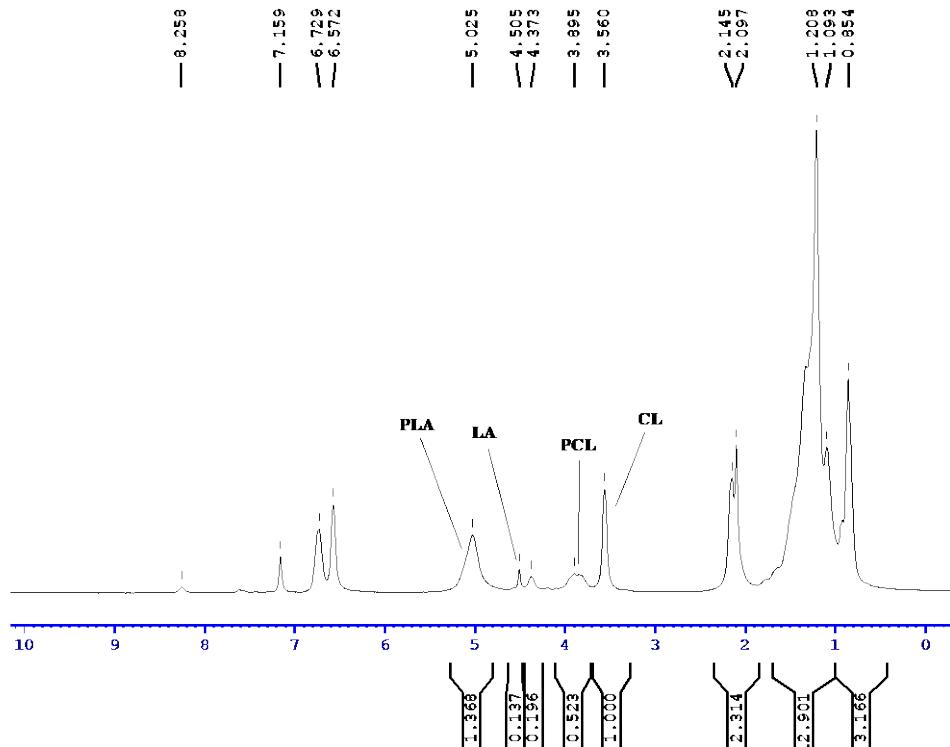


Figure S60. PLA-PCL-PLA: Polymerization of 100 equivalents of L-lactide in the presence of 100 equivalents of ϵ -caprolactone with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^{\prime}\text{Pr)}_2]$ after oxidation with ${}^{\text{Ac}}\text{FcBAr}^{\text{F}}$ for 3 hours at 100 °C, then subsequent reduction with CoCp_2 at 100 °C for 6 hours (Table 3, Entry 4).

Conversion versus molecular weight studies

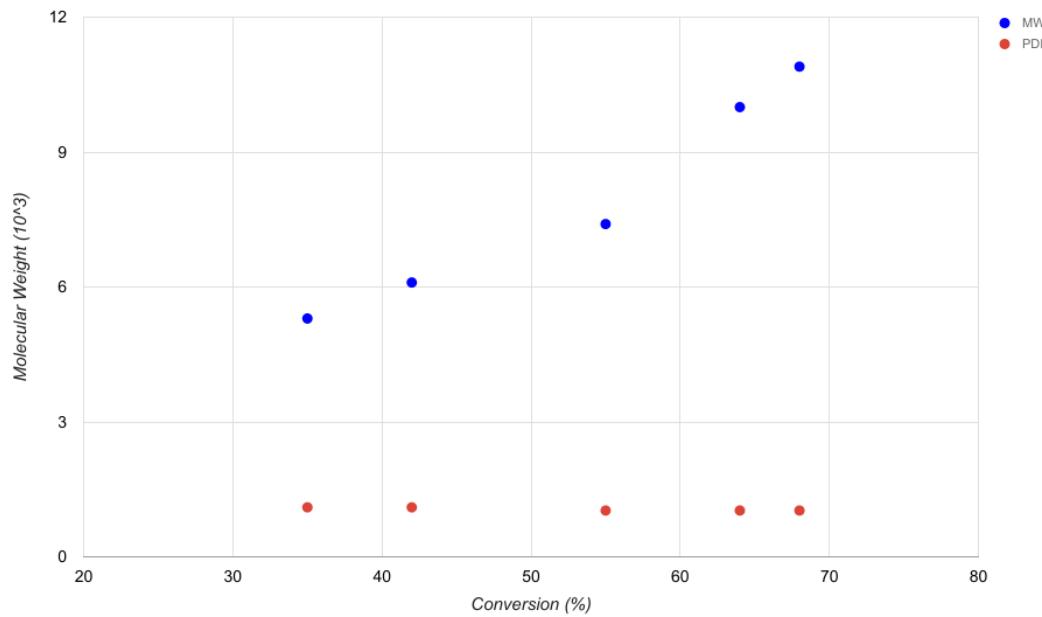


Figure S61. Conversion of L-lactide by (thiolfan^{*})Ti(OⁱPr)₂ at 100 °C.

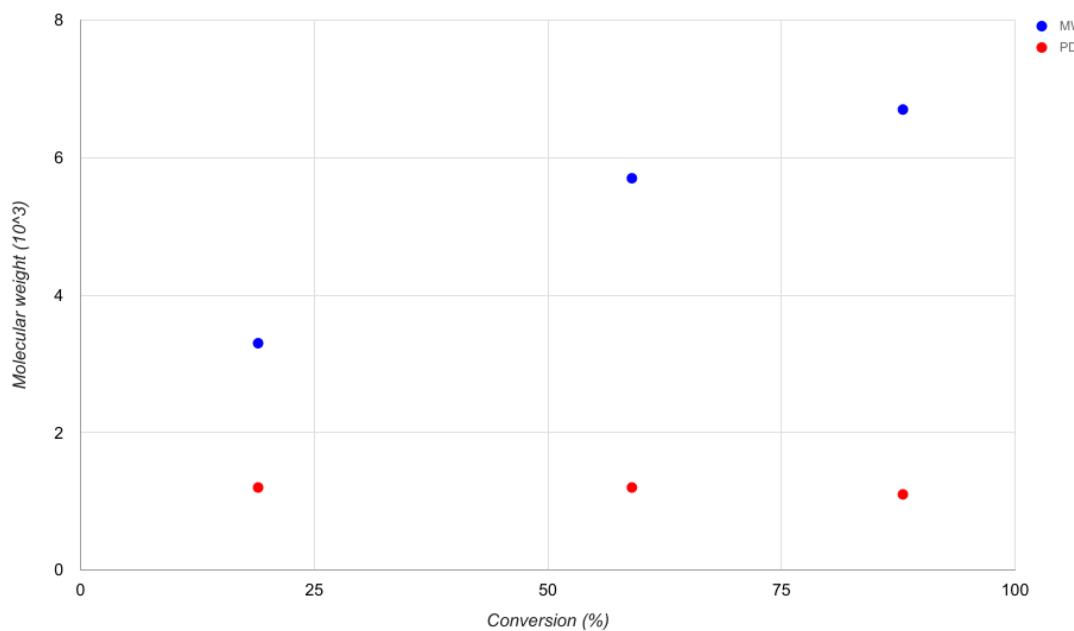
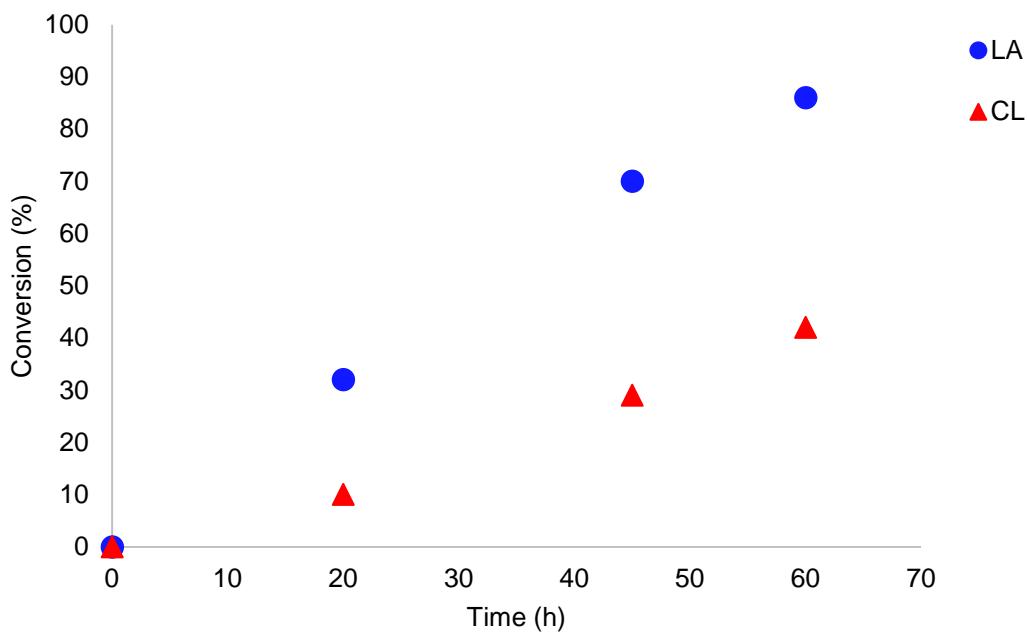
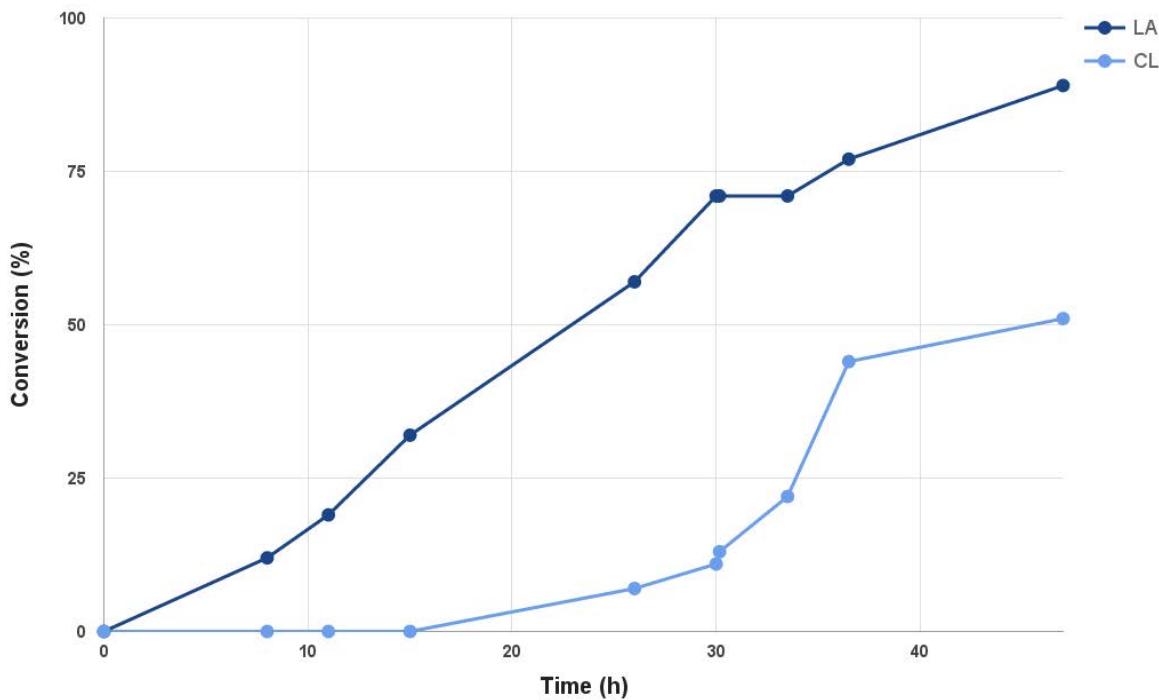


Figure S62. Conversion of ϵ -caprolactone by [(thiolfan^{*})Ti(OⁱPr)₂][BAr^F] at 100 °C.



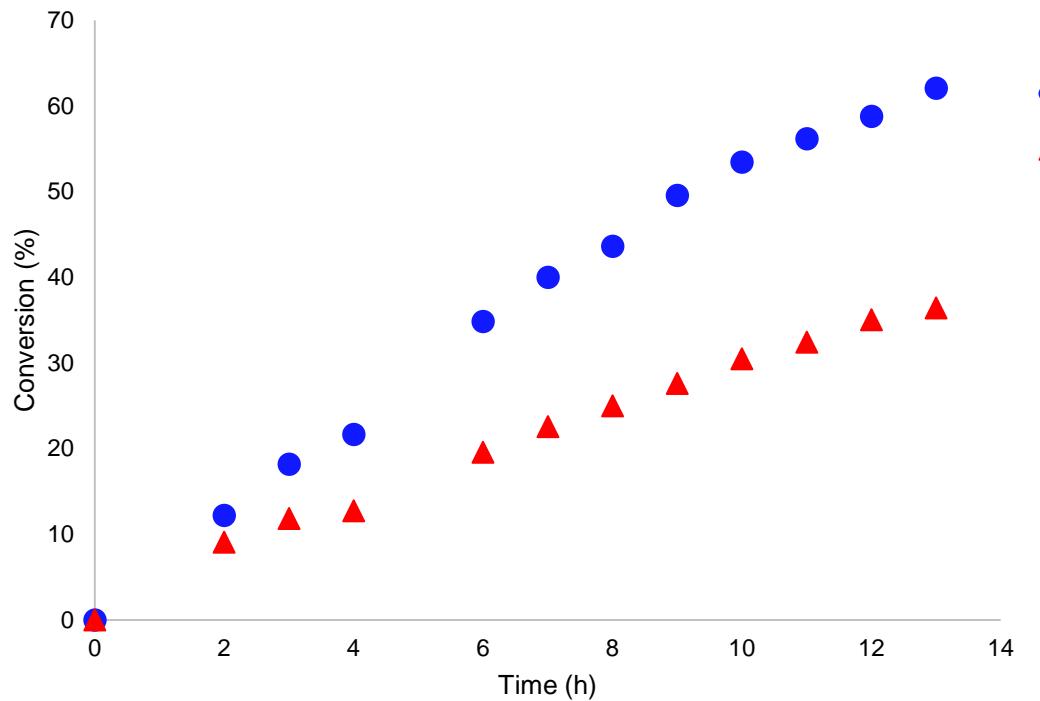


Figure S65. One-pot polymerization of LA and CL with $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$ at 100 °C.

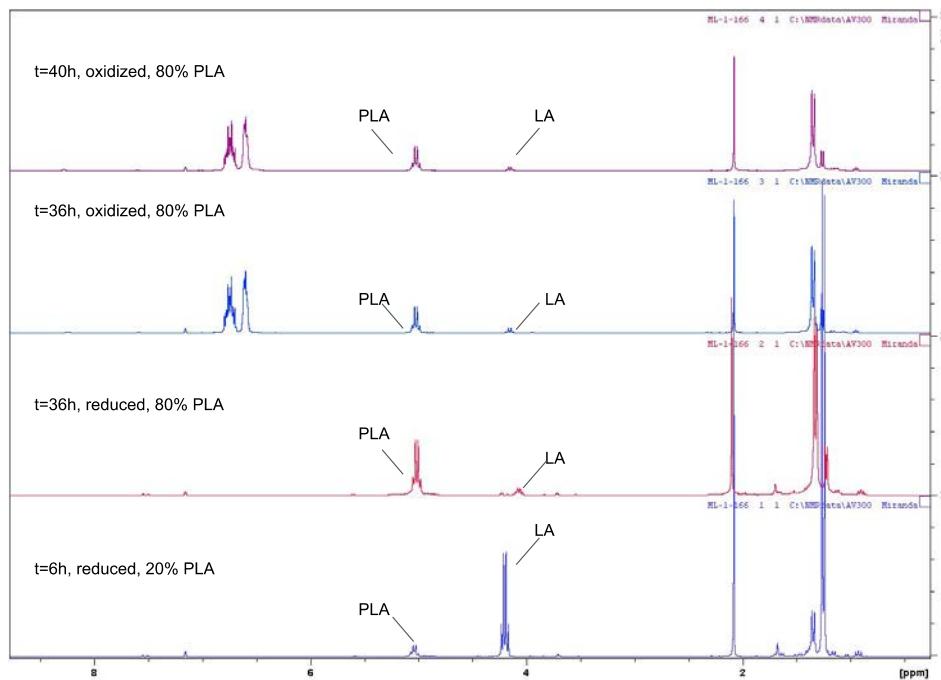


Figure S66. Redox switch of L-lactide polymerization catalyzed by $(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2$ at 100 °C. $\text{Ac}^{\text{c}}\text{FcBAr}^{\text{F}}$ was added at $t = 36$ hours.

DOSY Experiments

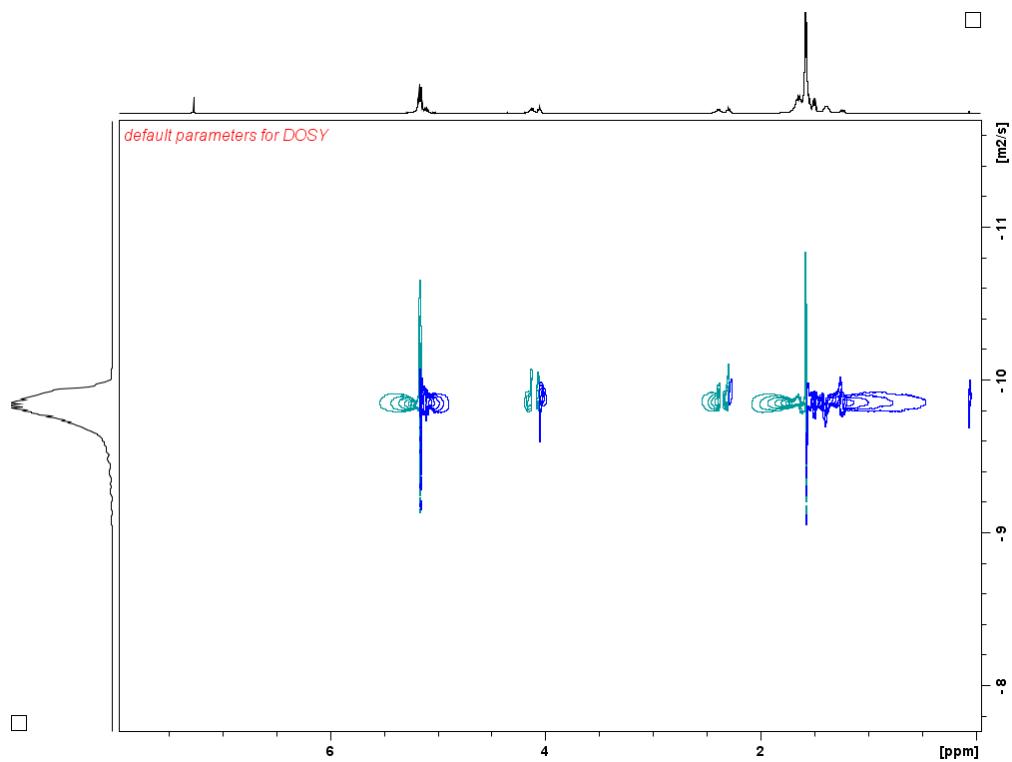


Figure S67. DOSY ^1H NMR (500 MHz, 25°C, C₆D₆) spectrum of a PLA-PCL diblock copolymer;
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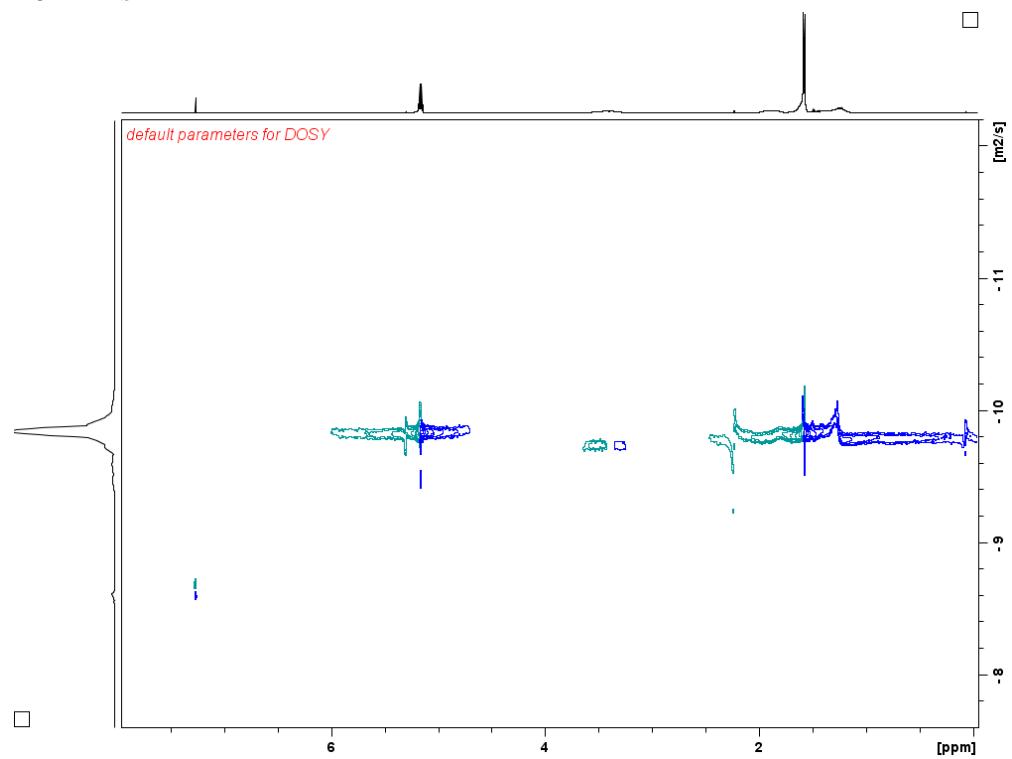


Figure S68. DOSY ^1H NMR (500 MHz, 25°C, C₆D₆) spectrum of a PLA-PCHO diblock copolymer;
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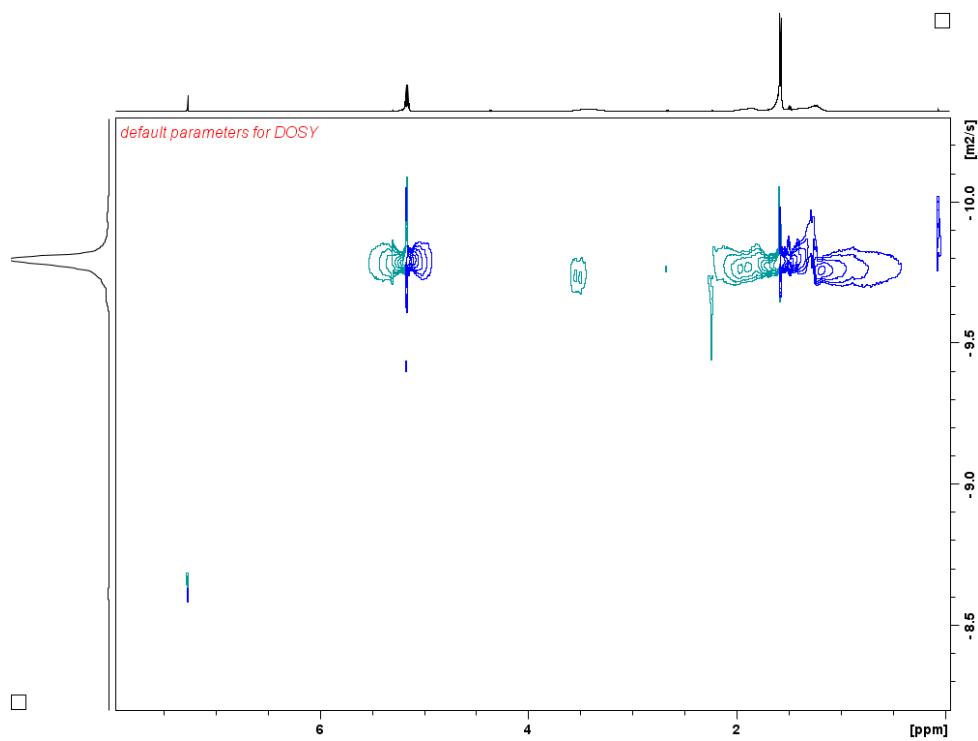


Figure S69. DOSY ^1H NMR (500 MHz, 25°C, C₆D₆) spectrum of a PCHO-PLA diblock copolymer; D = 1.60 × 10⁻¹⁰ m²s⁻¹

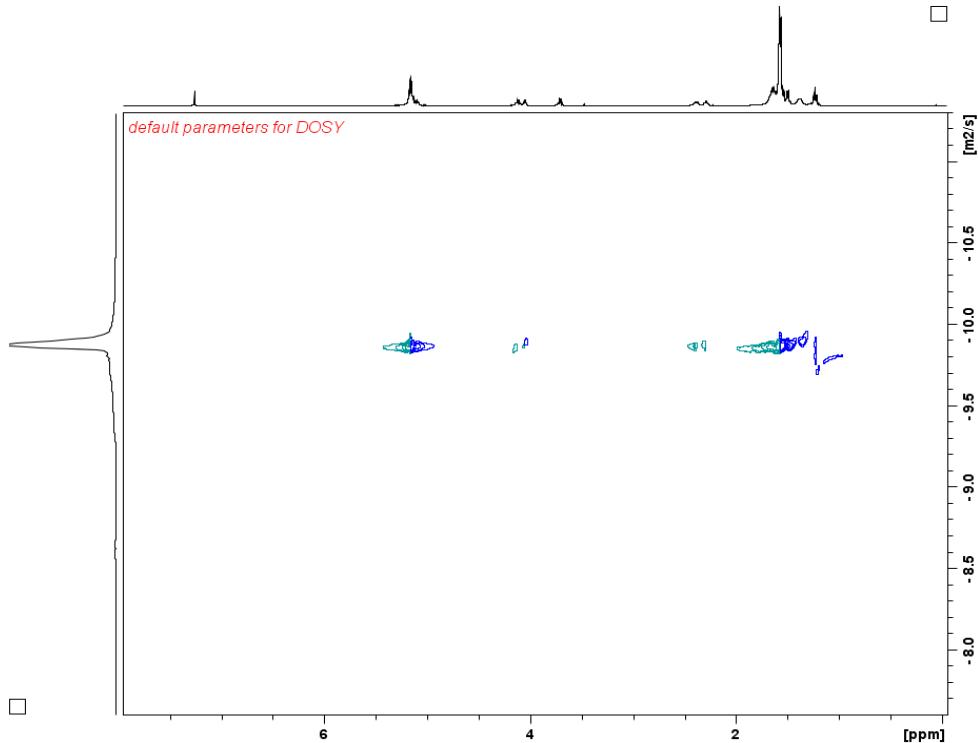


Figure S70. DOSY ^1H NMR (500 MHz, 25°C, C₆D₆) spectrum of a PLA-PCL-PLA triblock copolymer; D = 1.34 × 10⁻¹⁰ m²s⁻¹

GPC Data

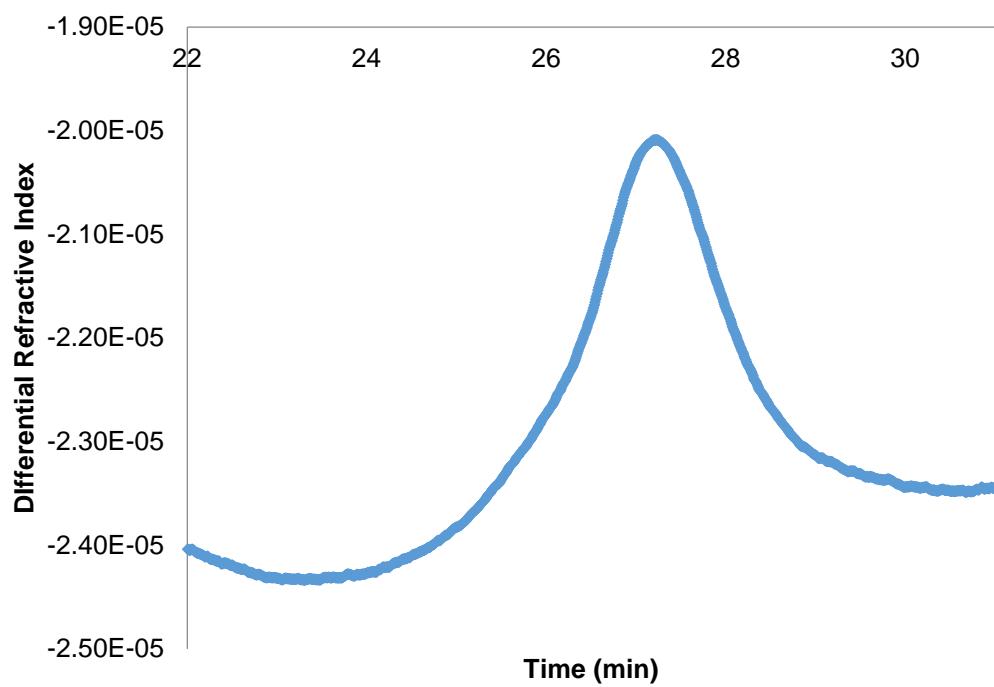


Figure S71. GPC trace from the polymerization of 100 equivalents of L-lactide at 100 °C by (thiolfan*) $\text{Ti(O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2$ (Table 1, Entry 1).

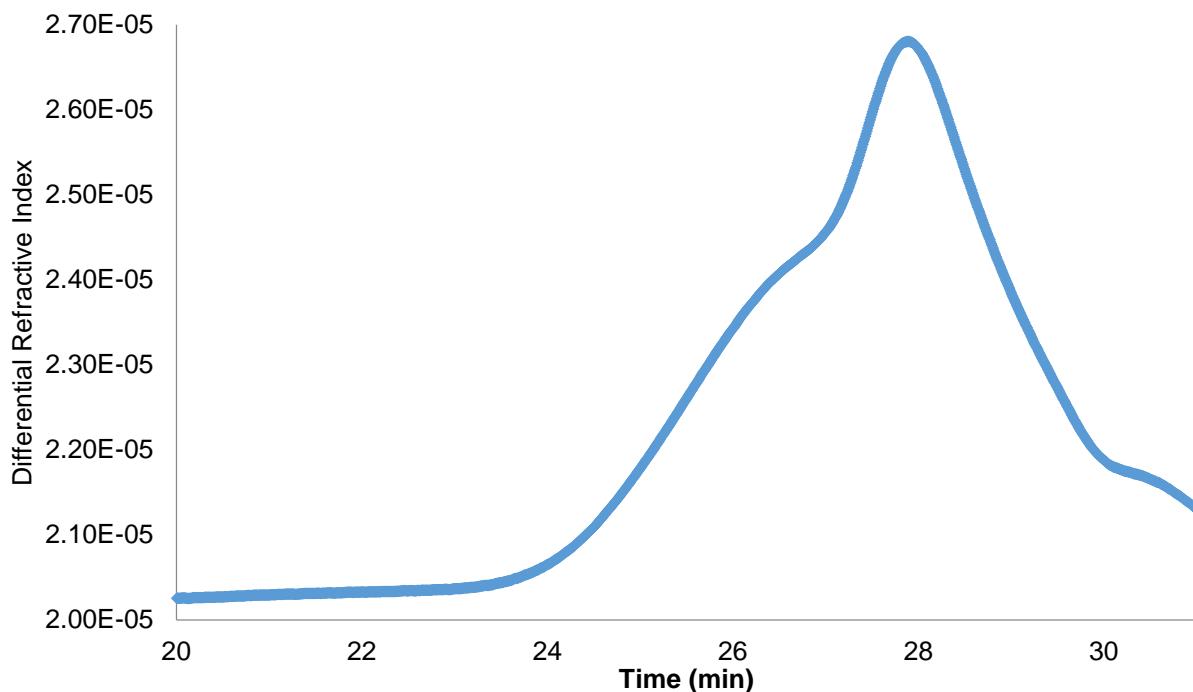


Figure S72. GPC trace from the polymerization of ϵ -caprolactone at 100 °C by (thiolfan*) $\text{Ti(O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2$ (Table 1, Entry 3).

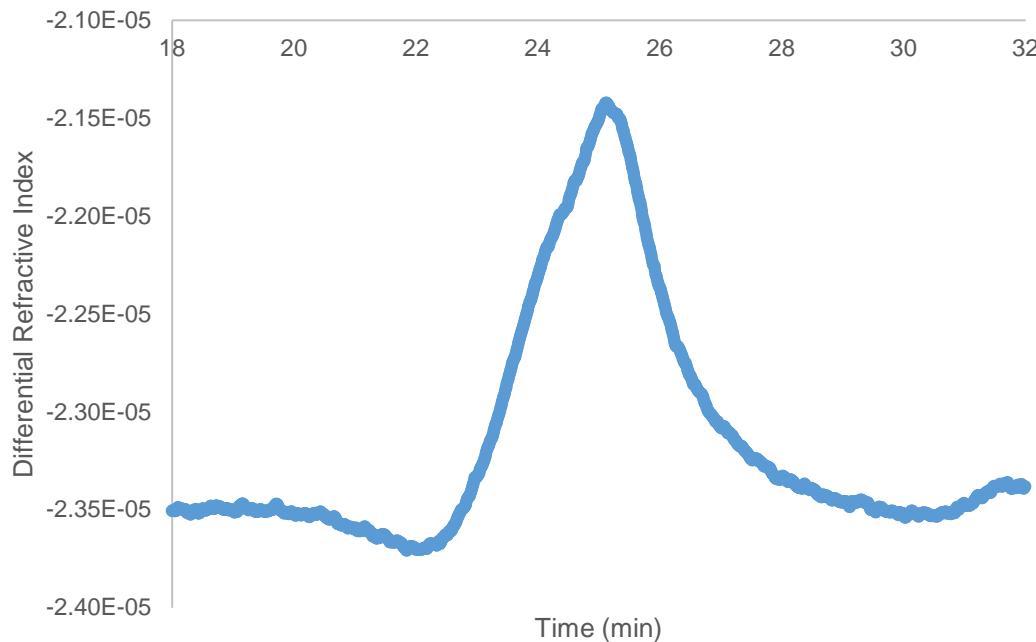


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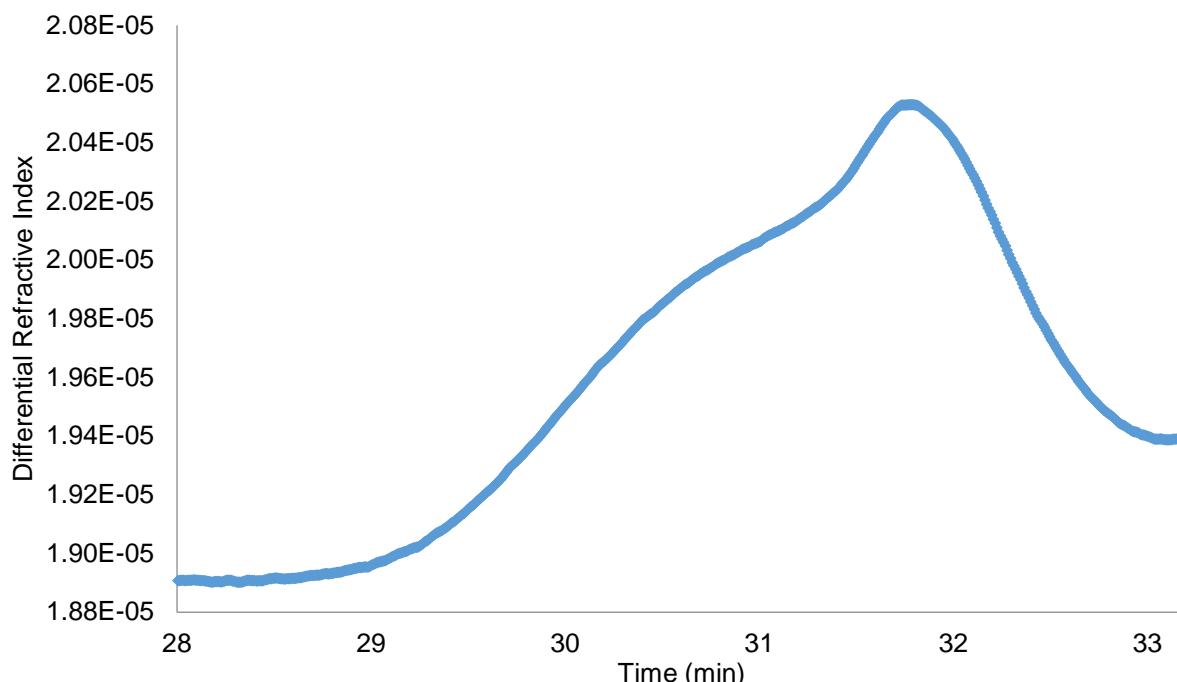


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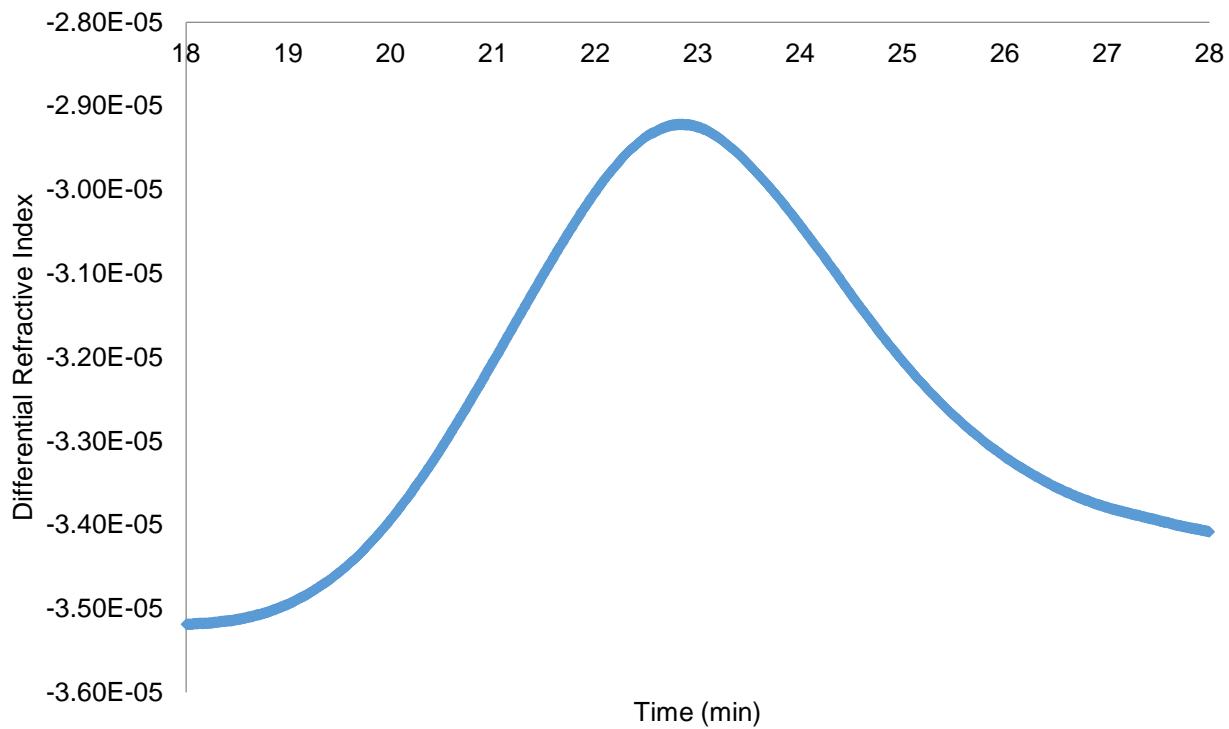


Figure S75. GPC trace from the polymerization of 100 equivalents of ϵ -caprolactone at 100 °C by (thiolfan*)Zr(O'Bu)₂ (Table 1, Entry 7).

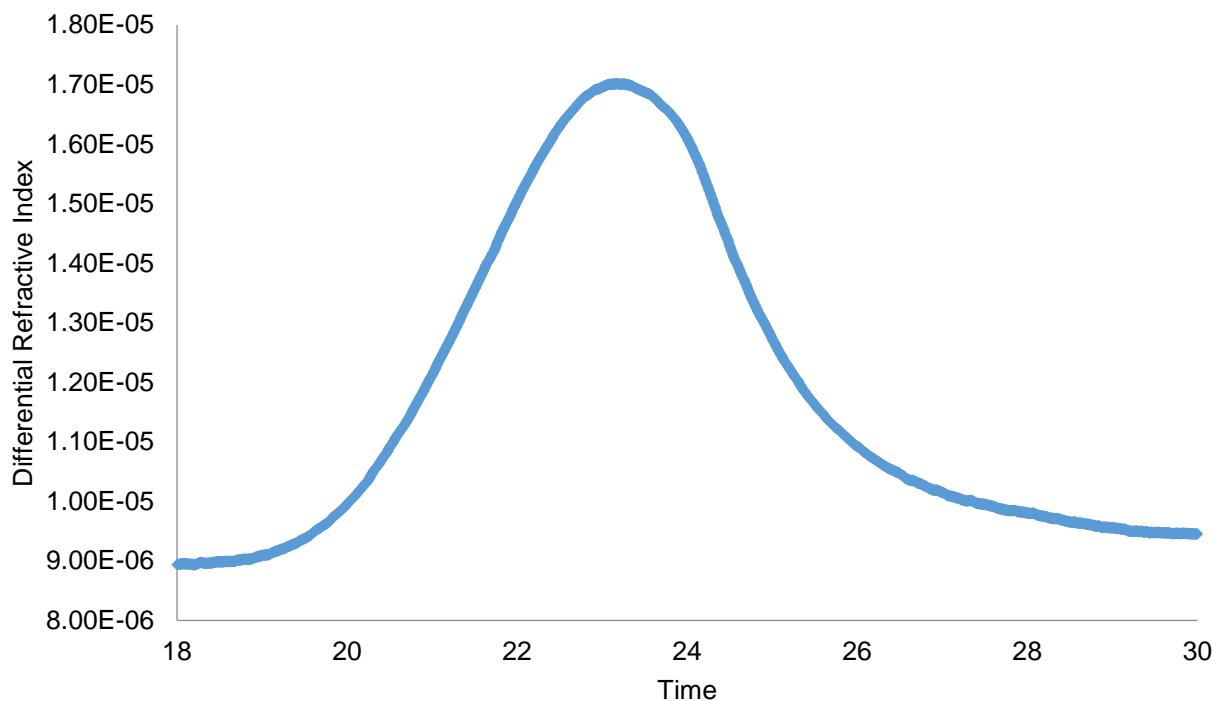


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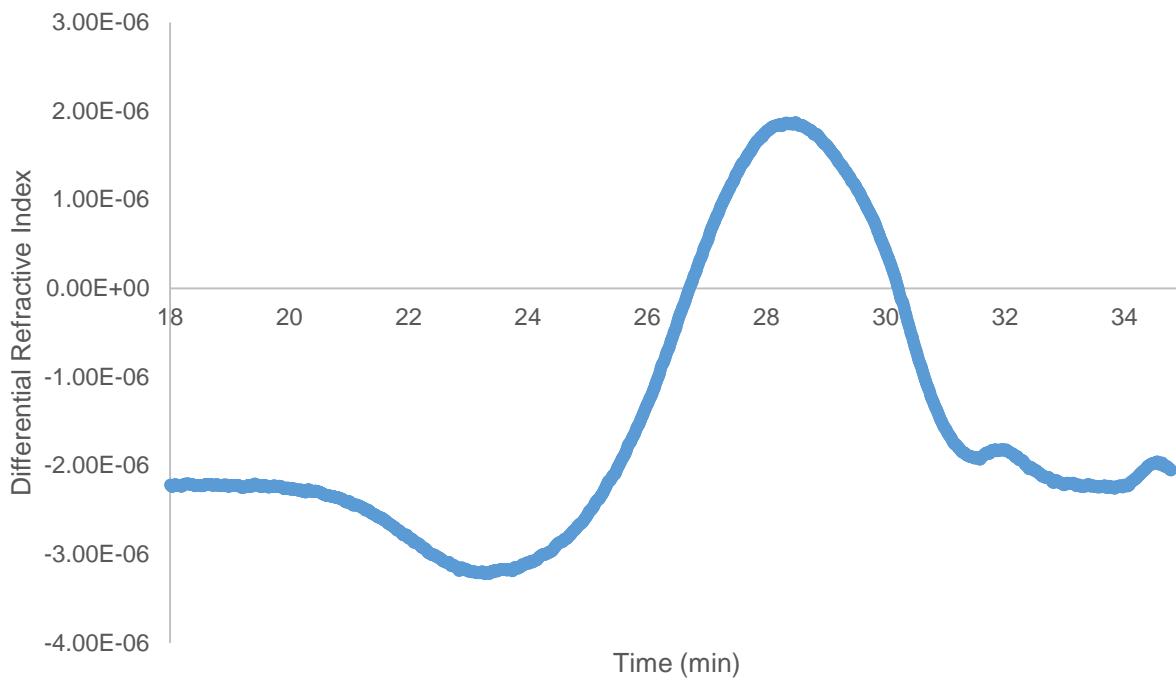


Figure S77. GPC trace from the polymerization of 100 equivalents of cyclohexene oxide at 100 °C by $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^i\text{Pr)}_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$ (Table 2, Entry 2).

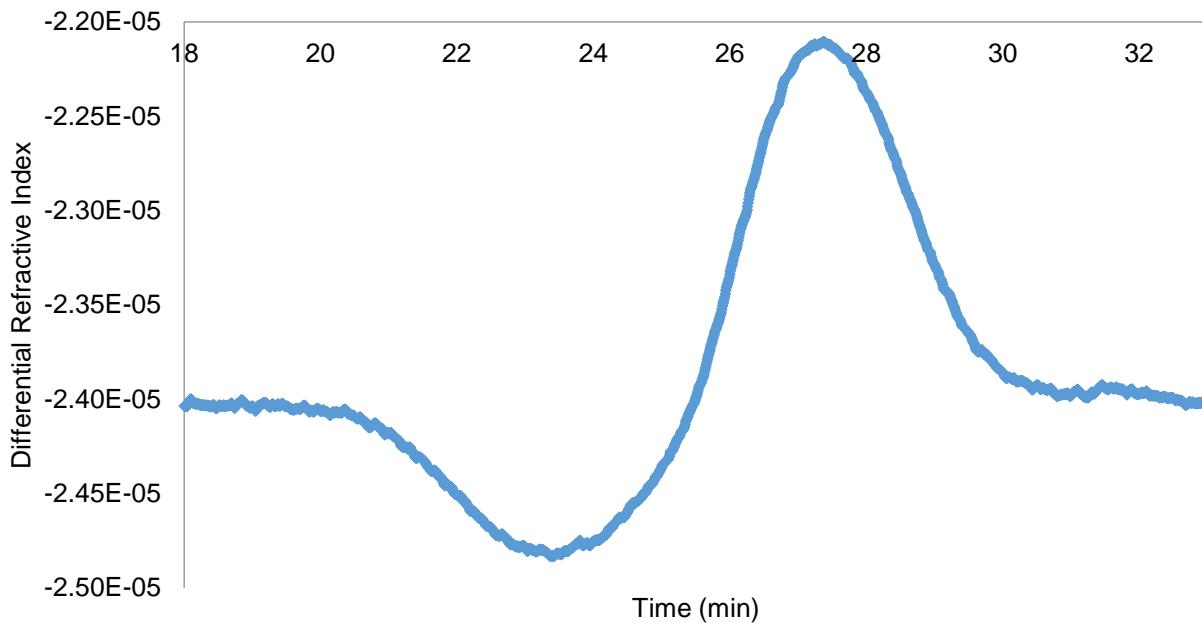


Figure S78. GPC trace from the polymerization of 100 equivalents of δ -valerolactone at 100 °C by $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^i\text{Pr)}_2][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}]$ (Table 2, Entry 4).

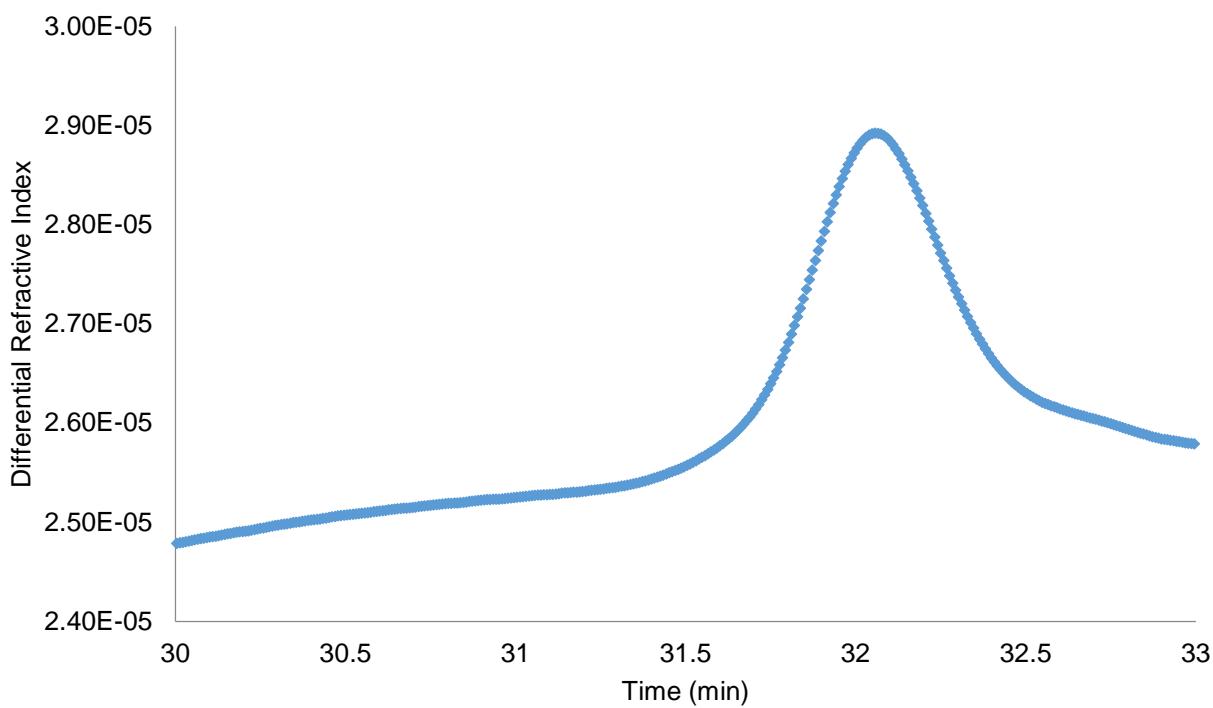


Figure S79. GPC trace from the polymerization of 100 equivalents of β -butyrolactone at 100 °C by $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^i\text{Pr)}_2][\text{BAr}^F]$ (Table 2, Entry 6).

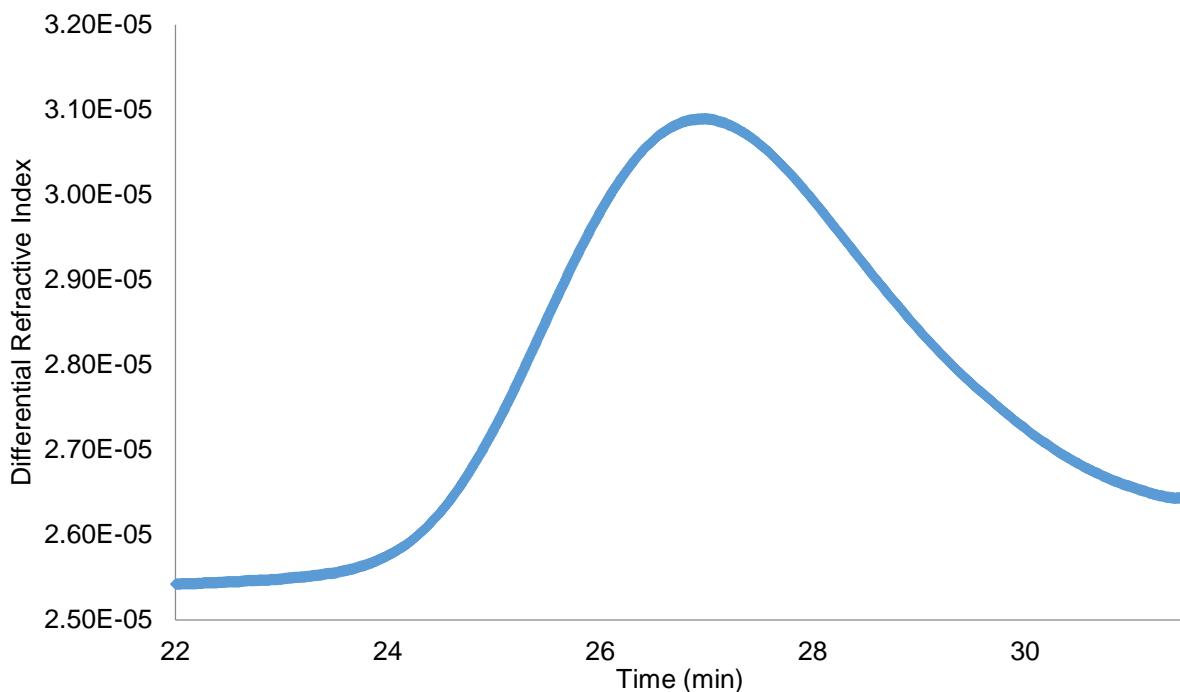


Figure S80. GPC trace from the polymerization of 100 equivalents of trimethylene carbonate at 100 °C by $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^i\text{Pr)}_2][\text{BAr}^F]$ (Table 2, Entry 8).

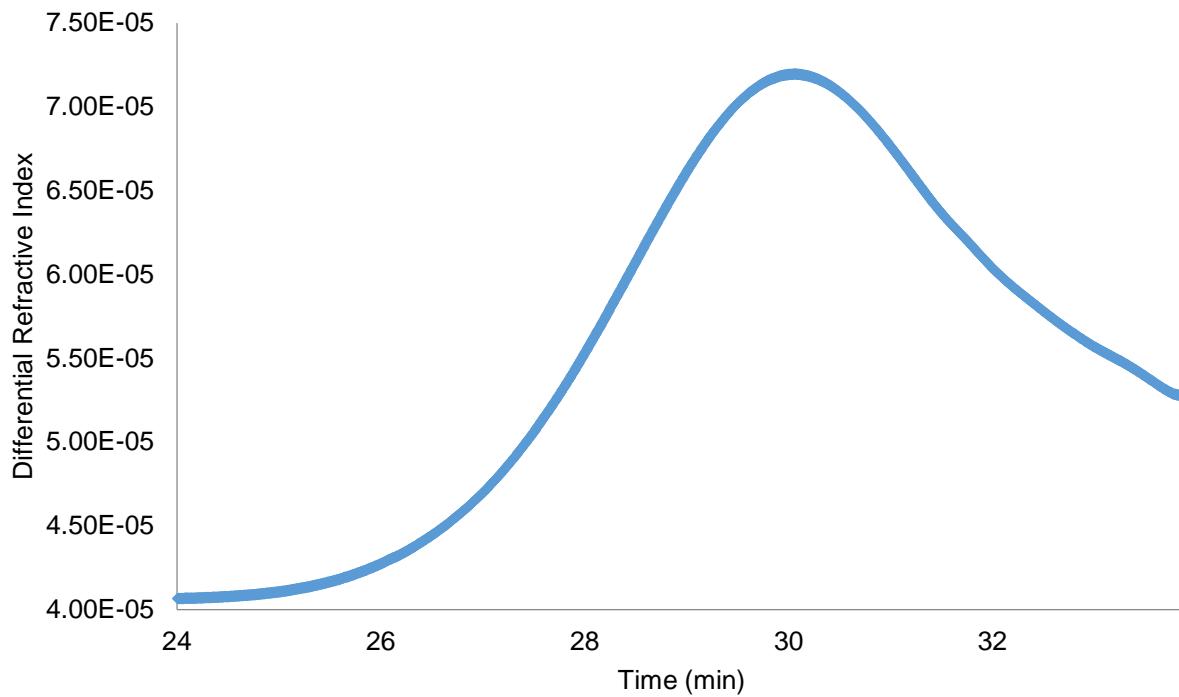


Figure S81. GPC trace from the polymerization of 100 equivalents of oxetane at 100 °C by $[(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^i\text{Pr)}_2][\text{BAr}^F]$ (Table 2, Entry 10).

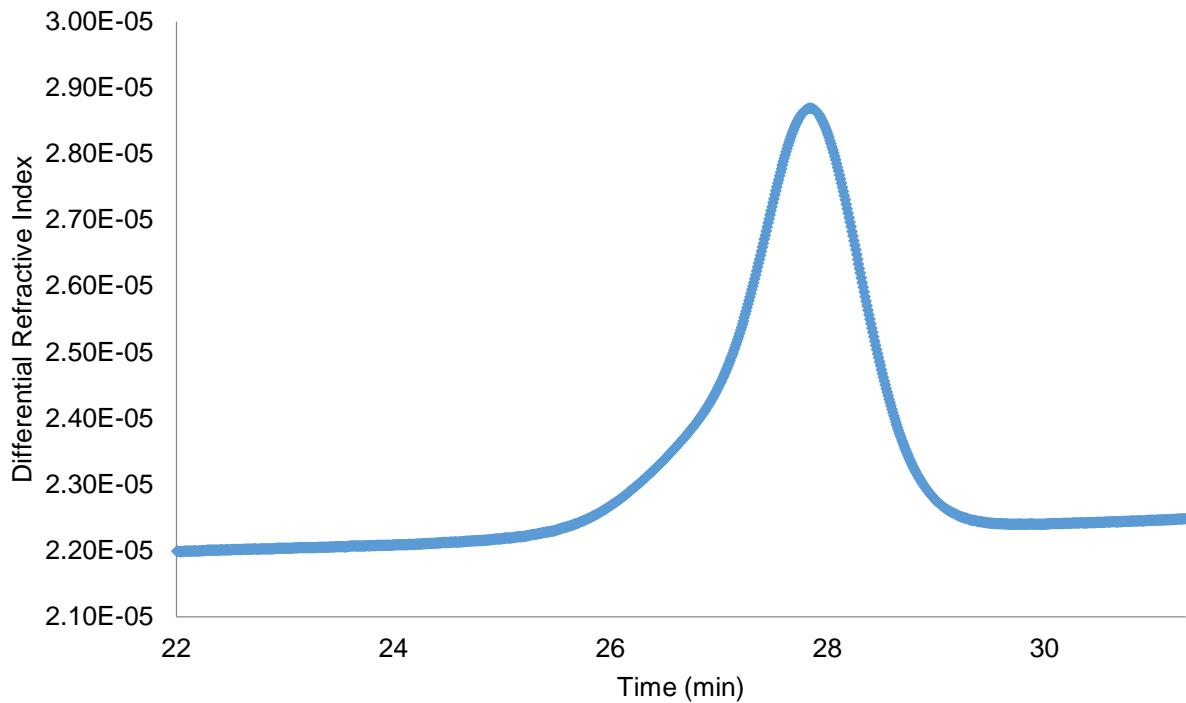


Figure S82. GPC trace of PLA-PCL formed in an one-pot red-ox polymerization starting with $(\text{thiolfan}^*)\text{Ti(O}^i\text{Pr)}_2$ (Table 3, Entry 1).

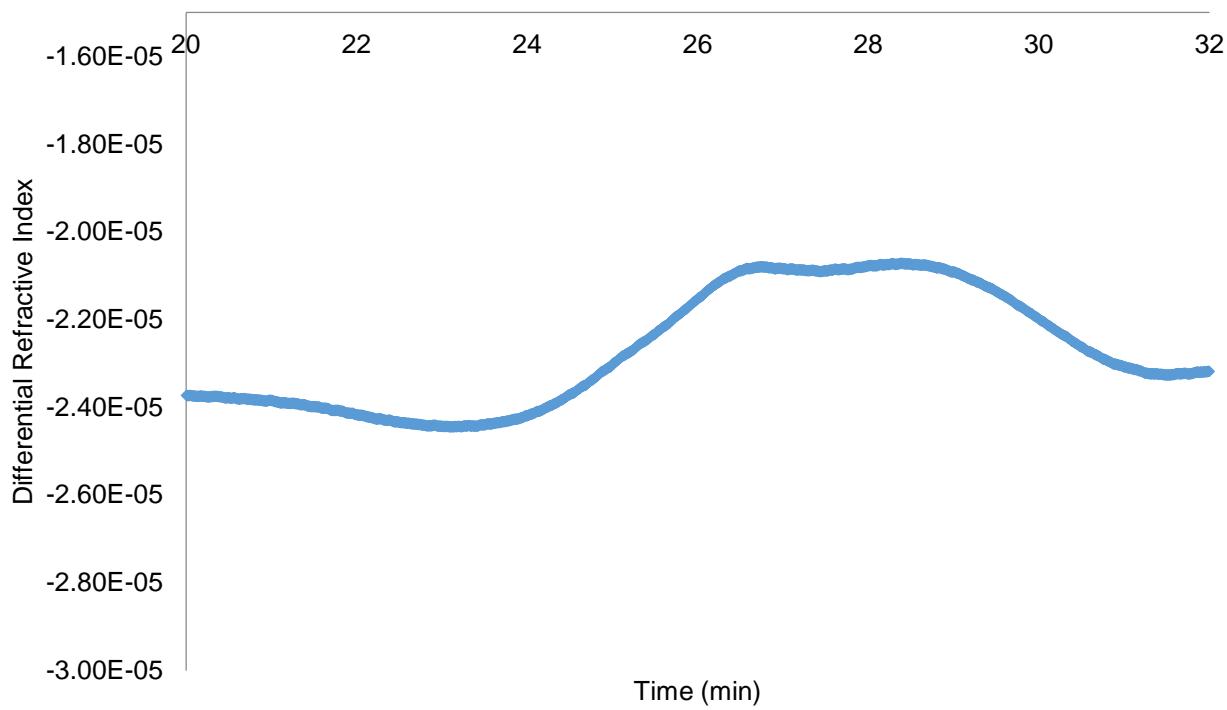


Figure S83. GPC trace of PLA-PCHO from an one-pot red-ox polymerization process starting with the reduced species, (thiolfan*) $\text{Ti(O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2$ (Table 3, Entry 2).

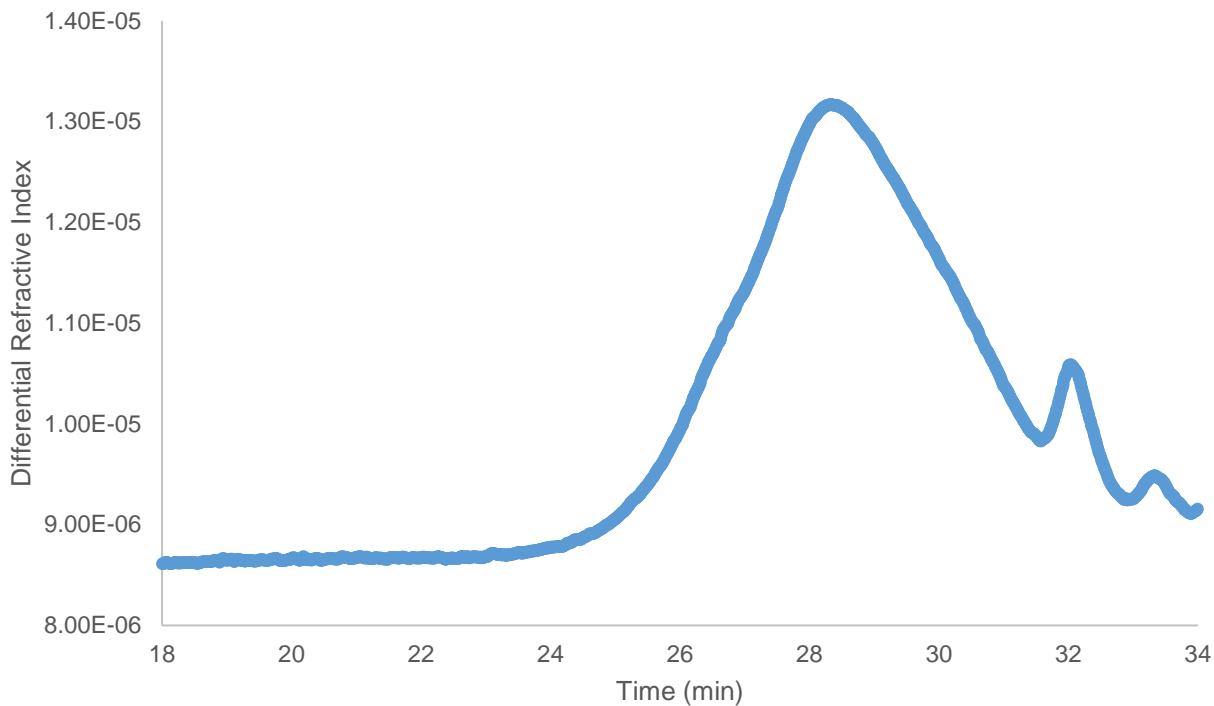


Figure S84. GPC trace of PCHO-PLA formed in an one-pot ox-red polymerization starting with [(thiolfan*) $\text{Ti(O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2$][BAr^F] (Table 3, Entry 3).

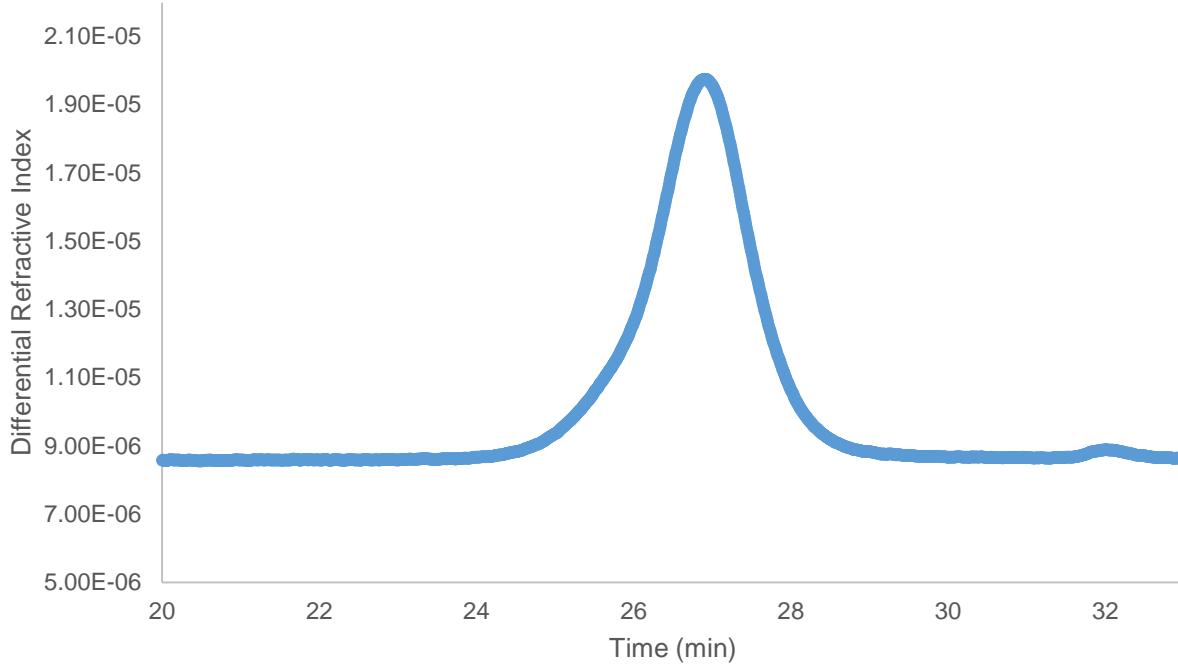


Figure S85. GPC trace of PLA-PCL-PLA from an one-pot red-ox-red polymerization process starting with the reduced species, (thiolfan*) $\text{Ti(O}^{\text{i}}\text{Pr})_2$ (Table 3, Entry 4).

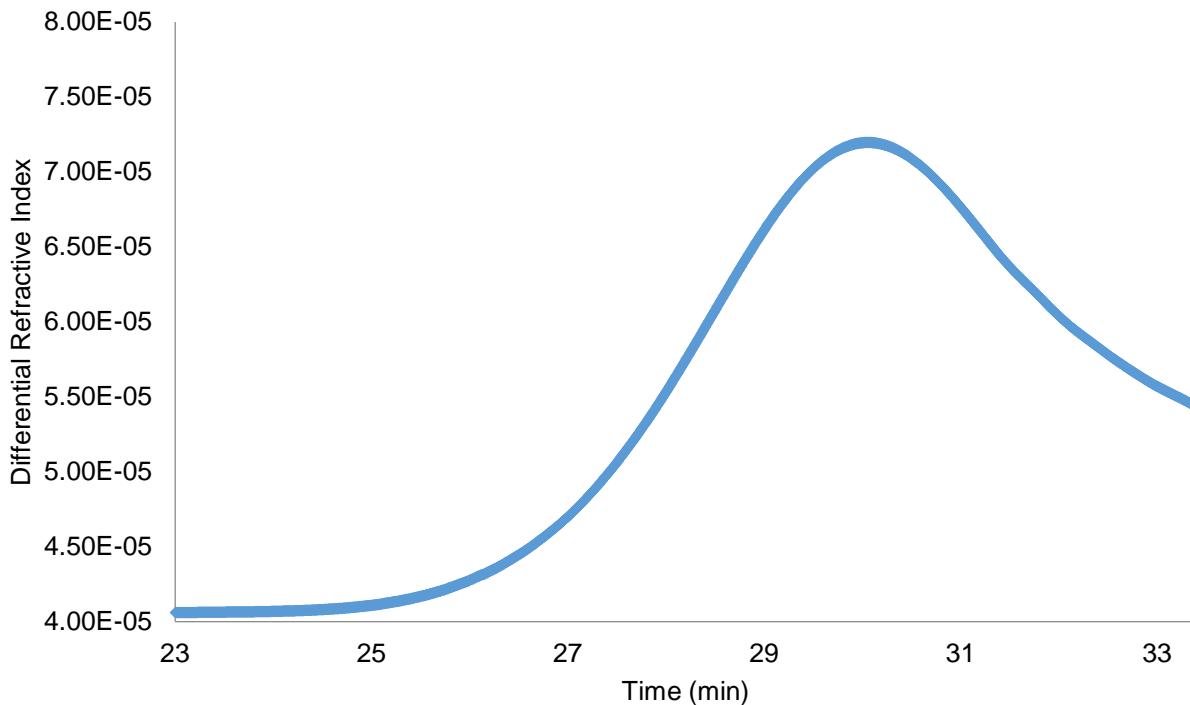


Figure S86. GPC trace for the polymerization of 100 equivalents of ε -caprolactone at 100 °C by ${}^{\text{Ac}}\text{FcBAr}^{\text{F}}$ (Table S1, Entry 2).

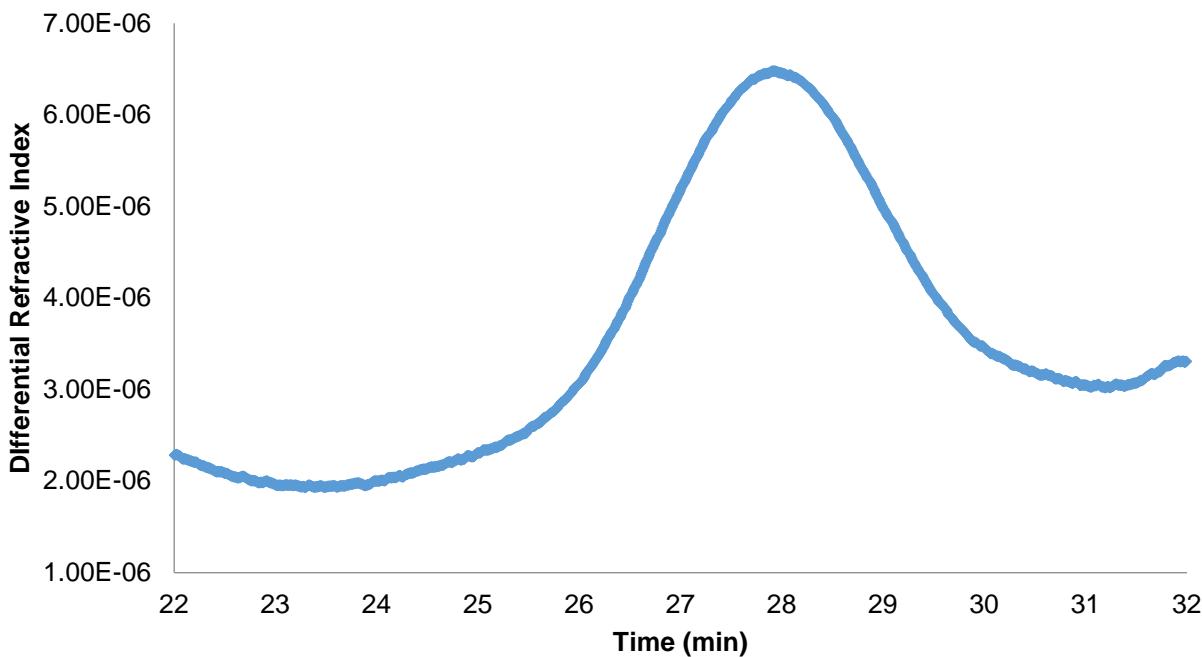


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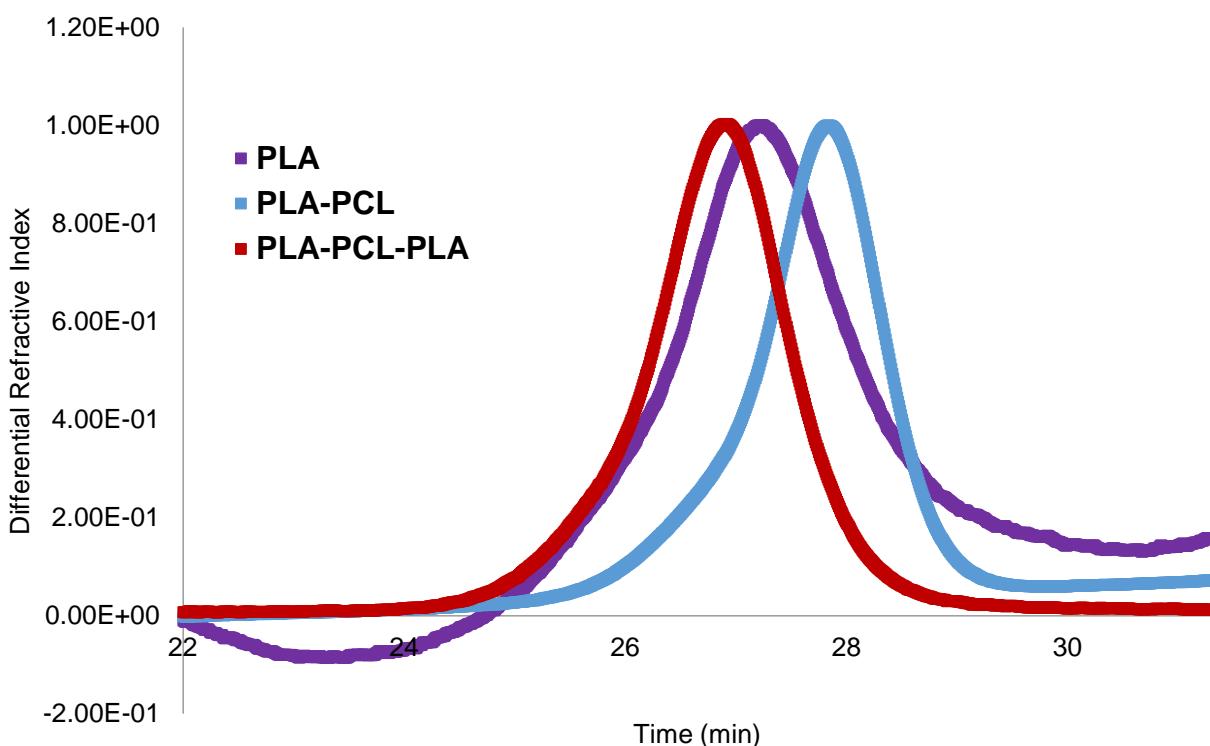


Figure S88. GPC traces for each step of the polymerization to form the PLA-PCL-PLA copolymer (Table S3, entries 1ac).

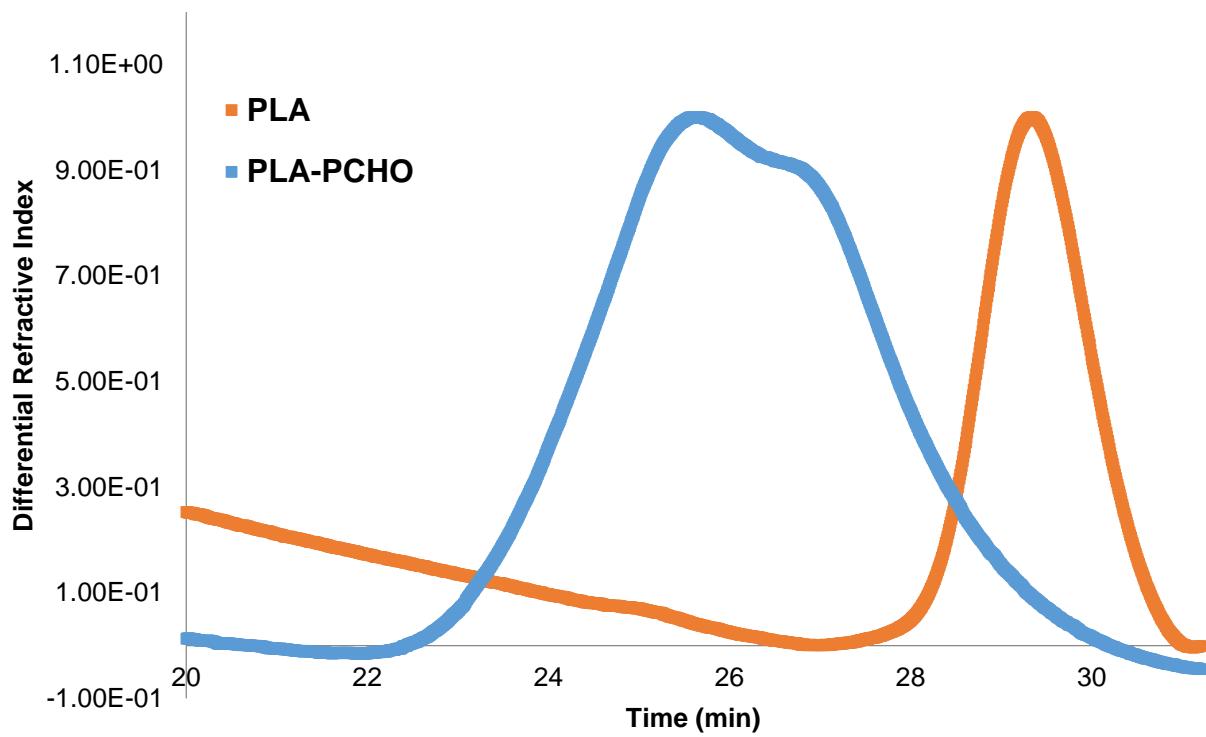


Figure S89. GPC traces for each step of the polymerization to form the PLA-CHO copolymer (Table S3, entries 2ab).

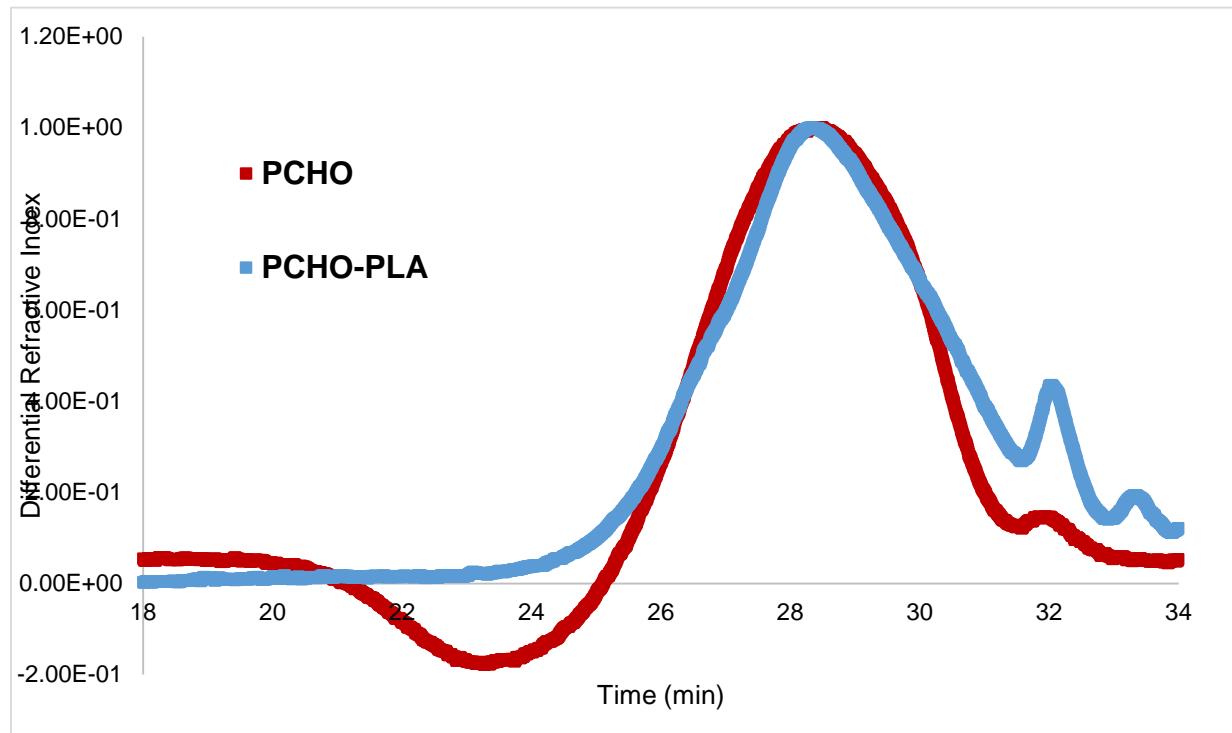


Figure S90. GPC traces for each step of the polymerization to form the PCHO-PLA copolymer (Table S3, entries 3ab).