## Supplementary Information

## Terpenoid-derived conjugated dienes with *exo*-methylene and a 6-membered ring: high cationic reactivity, regioselective living cationic polymerization, and random and block copolymerization with vinyl ethers

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**Fig. S1.** SEC curves of the polymers obtained in conventional cationic polymerization of (–)-VnD, PtD, and ( $\pm$ )-HCvD: [M]<sub>0</sub>/[Lewis acid]<sub>0</sub> = 100/5.0 mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C) of (–)-VnD (A) and poly((–)-VnD) obtained in conventional cationic polymerization using EtAlCl<sub>2</sub> (B), TiCl<sub>4</sub> (C), BF<sub>3</sub>OEt<sub>2</sub> (D), and SnCl<sub>4</sub> (E):  $[(-)-VnD]_0/[Lewis acid]_0 = 100/5.0 \text{ mM}$  in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at –78 °C.



**Fig. S3.** SEC curves of poly(PtD) obtained in conventional cationic polymerization before heating (black) and after heating in THF at 60 °C (red):  $[PtD]_0/[2]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/1.0/5.0/4.0$  mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.





**Fig. S5.**  ${}^{1}\text{H}{}^{-1}\text{H}$  COSY and HMQC spectra of poly((–)-CvD) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C:  $[(-)-\text{VnD}]_{0}/[1]_{0}/[\text{SnCl}_{4}]_{0}/[n\text{Bu}_{4}\text{NCl}]_{0} = 100/4.0/5.0/4.0 \text{ mM in toluene/CH}_{2}\text{Cl}_{2} (50/50 \text{ vol }\%) \text{ at } -78 \text{ °C.}$ 





**Fig. S7.** <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and HMQC spectra of poly(PtD) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C:  $[PtD]_0/[1]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/1.0/5.0/4.0 \text{ mM}$  in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol %) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S8.** Time-conversion (A),  $M_n$  and  $M_w/M_n$  (B), and SEC curves (C) of poly((–)-VnD) obtained in living cationic polymerization:  $[(-)-VnD]_0/[2]_0/[ZnCl_2]_0 = 500/10/10$  mM in toluene/Et<sub>2</sub>O (19/1 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C) of poly((–)-VnD) obtained in living cationic polymerization:  $[(-)-VnD]_0/[2]_0/[ZnCl_2]_0 = 500/10/10 \text{ mM}$  in toluene/Et<sub>2</sub>O (19/1 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S10.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (A: in C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> at 100 °C; B and C: in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C) of poly((–)-HCvD) (A), hydrogenated poly((–)-HCvD) (B), and hydrogenated poly((±)-HCvD) (C), and SEC curve of hydrogenated poly((–)-HCvD) (D) obtained in living cationic polymerization:  $[HCvD]_0/[1]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/1.0/5.0/4.0$  mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at – 78 °C.



**Fig. S11.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra (A: in C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> at 100 °C; B and C: in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C) of poly((–)-HCvD) (A), hydrogenated poly((–)-HCvD) (B), and hydrogenated poly((±)-HCvD) (C) obtained in living cationic polymerization:  $[HCvD]_0/[1]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/1.0/5.0/4.0$  mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S12.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C) of poly(PtD) (A) and hydrogenated poly(PtD) (B), and SEC curve of poly(PtD) and hydrogenated poly(PtD) (C) obtained in living cationic polymerization:  $[PtD]_0/[1]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/1.0/5.0/4.0$  mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S13.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra (in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C) of poly(PtD) (A) and hydrogenated poly(PtD) (B) obtained in living cationic polymerization:  $[PtD]_0/[1]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/1.0/5.0/4.0 \text{ mM}$  in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S14.** Time-Conversion curves obtained in cationic copolymerization of *exo*-methylene conjugated dienes and vinyl ethers:  $[diene]_0/[VE]_0/[2]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/100/1.0/5.0/4.0$  mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.



Fig. S15.  $M_n$  and  $M_w/M_n$  (A) and SEC curves (B) of copolymers obtained in living cationic copolymerization of (±)-HCvD and various VEs:  $[(\pm)-HCvD]_0/[VE]_0/[2]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/100/1.0/5.0/4.0$  mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S16.**  $M_n$  and  $M_w/M_n$  (A) and SEC curves (B) of copolymers obtained in living cationic copolymerization PtD and various VEs:  $[PtD]_0/[VE]_0/[2]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/100/1.0/5.0/4.0 \text{ mM}$  in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S17.**  $M_n$  and  $M_w/M_n$  (A) and SEC curves (B) of copolymers obtained in living cationic copolymerization of (–)-VnD and various VEs obtained:  $[(-)-VnD]_0/[VE]_0/[2]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/100/1.0/5.0/4.0$  mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S18.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of poly(( $\pm$ )-HCvD-*co*-IPVE) (A), poly(( $\pm$ )-HCvD-*co*-IBVE) (B), and poly(( $\pm$ )-HCvD-*co*-CEVE) (C) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C: [( $\pm$ )-HCvD]<sub>0</sub>/[VE]<sub>0</sub>/[**2**]<sub>0</sub>/[SnCl<sub>4</sub>]<sub>0</sub>/[*n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NCl]<sub>0</sub> = 100/100/1.0/5.0/4.0 mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S19.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of poly(PtD-*co*-IPVE) (A), poly(PtD-*co*-IBVE) (B), and poly(PtD-*co*-CEVE) (C) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C:  $[PtD]_0/[VE]_0/[\mathbf{2}]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/100/1.0/5.0/4.0 \text{ mM}$  in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S20.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of poly((–)-VnD-*co*-IPVE) (A), poly((–)-VnD-*co*-IBVE) (B), and poly((–)-VnD-*co*-CEVE) (C) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C:  $[(-)-VnD]_0/[VE]_0/[2]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/100/1.0/5.0/4.0 \text{ mM}$  in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C.



**Fig. S21.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of poly(IBVE-*b*-HCvD) (A), poly(HCvD-*b*-IBVE) (B), and poly(HCvD-*b*-CEVE) (C) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C:  $[M_1]_0/[M_2]_{add}/[initiator]_0/[SnCl_4]_0/[nBu_4NCl]_0 = 100/100/1.0/5.0/4.0$  mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50/50 vol%) at -78 °C:  $M_1/M_2/initiator = IBVE/HCvD/2$  (A), IBVE/HCvD/2 (B), HCvD/CEVE/1 (C).



Entry	Monomer	Initiating System (molar ratio)	Time	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Conv.} \\ (\%)^b \end{array}$	$M_{\rm n}$ (SEC) <sup>c</sup>	$M_{\rm n}$ (Calcd) <sup>d</sup>	$M_{\rm w}/M_{\rm n}^{\ c}$
1	(–) <b>-</b> VnD	/nD 1/SnCl <sub>4</sub> / <i>n</i> Bu <sub>4</sub> NCl <sup>e</sup> (1/5/4)		90	16800	13500	1.19
2		$2/SnCl_4/nBu_4NCl^e$ (1/5/4)	1 sec	89	14000	13300	1.12
3		$2/SnCl_4/nBu_4NCl^e$ (1/5/7)	2 h	84	10900	12600	1.74
4		$1/SnCl_4/EtOAc^{f}(1/5/3)$	7 min	82	11500	12300	2.63
5		$1/SnCl_4/EtOAc^{f}(1/5/7)$	48 h	74	10600	11000	4.73
6		$2/ZnCl_{2}^{g}(1/1)$	10 min	93	7700	7000	1.16
7		$2/ZnCl_{2}^{h}(1/1)$	90 min	79	6000	6000	1.25
8		$2/ZnCl_{2}^{i}(1/1)$	10 min	85	6500	6400	1.16
9	PtD	$1/SnCl_4/nBu_4NCl^e$ (1/5/4)	1 sec	94	19600	14300	1.50
10		$2/SnCl_4/nBu_4NCl^e$ (1/5/4)	10 sec	>99	19200	15200	1.37
11		$1/SnCl_4/nBu_4NCl^e$ (1/5/7)	2 h	70	12000	10700	4.79
12		$1/SnCl_4/EtOAc^{f}(1/5/3)$	10 sec	89	15200	13500	1.57
13		$2/ZnCl_{2}^{g}(1/1)$	15 h	54	4300	4200	1.49
14	(±)-HCvD	$1/SnCl_4/nBu_4NCl^e$ (1/5/4)	2 sec	56	15500	8600	1.15
15		$1/SnCl_4/nBu_4NCl^e$ (1/5/7)	40 h	59	12000	9000	1.20
16		$1/SnCl_4/EtOAc^f(1/5/3)$	6 min	91	27900	13800	2.15
17		$2/ZnCl_{2}^{g}(1/1)$	24 h	15	530	1300	1.20

**Table S1.** Living cationic polymerization of (-)-VnD, PtD, and  $(\pm)$ -HCvD<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Polymerization temperature: -78 °C. <sup>*b*</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>*c*</sup>Determined by SEC. <sup>*d*</sup> $M_n$  (Calcd) = MW(monomer) × ([M]<sub>0</sub>/[initiator]<sub>0</sub>) × conv + MW(initiator). <sup>*e*</sup>[M]<sub>0</sub>/[initiator]<sub>0</sub> = 100/1.0 mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1/1). <sup>*f*</sup>[M]<sub>0</sub>/[initiator]<sub>0</sub> = 100/1.0 mM in toluene. <sup>*g*</sup>[M]<sub>0</sub>/[**2**]<sub>0</sub> = 500/10 mM in toluene/Et<sub>2</sub>O (19/1). <sup>*h*</sup>[M]<sub>0</sub>/[**2**]<sub>0</sub> = 500/10 mM in toluene/Et<sub>2</sub>O (9/1). <sup>*i*</sup>[M]<sub>0</sub>/[**2**]<sub>0</sub> = 500/10 mM in toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O (7/2/1).

Entry	Sample	$[\alpha]_D$		
1	(–) <b>-</b> VnD	-44°		
2	Poly((–)-VnD)	+110°		
3	PtD	+16°		
4	Poly(PtD)	-11°		
5	H-Poly(PtD)	+0.3°		
6	(–)-HCvD	-143°		
7	Poly((–)-HCvD)	n.d. <sup>b</sup>		
8	H-Poly((–)-HCvD)	-14°		
9	(±)-HCvD	-1.9°		
10	Poly((±)-HCvD)	+0.7°		
11	H-Poly((±)-HCvD)	-0.2°		

**Table S2.** Optical rotation of monomers and polymers<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Measured in THF at 25 °C. <sup>*b*</sup> Insoluble in THF.

Entry	Polymer	Polymer	Catalyst	Catalyst	H <sub>2</sub>	Temp.	Time	Conv. (%)	<i>M</i> <sub>n</sub> (SEC)	Collecting
		(mg)		(g)	pressure (MPa) at r.t.	(°C)	(h)			solvent
1	Poly((-)-HCvD)		_						n.d.	
2		300	$Pd/Al_2O_3$	0.15	5	120	3	99	10600	CDCl <sub>3</sub>
3	Poly(PtD)		_						23200	
4		100	$Pd/Al_2O_3$	0.01	5	120	3	98	7300	Hexane
5		100	Pd/C	0.01	5	100	3	74	3000	Hexane
6		100	$Pd/SiO_2$	0.05	5	100	3	60	14500	Hexane
7		100	$Pd/CeO_2$	0.05	5	100	3	56	17800	Hexane
8		100	Pt/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.05	5	100	3	29	18900	Hexane
9		100	Pt/CeO <sub>2</sub>	0.05	5	100	3	18	22700	Hexane
10	Poly((-)-VnD)		_						17400	
11		100	Pd/C	0.01	5	30	3	<1	8600	Hexane
12		100	Pd/C	0.01	5	60	3	32	1200	Hexane
13		100	Pd/C	0.01	5	90	3	>99	460	Hexane
14		100	Pd/C	0.01	$1^b$	90	3	3	17500	Hexane
15		100	none	_	5	90	3	0	17100	Hexane
16		100	$Pd/Al_2O_3$	0.01	5	120	3	>99	620	Hexane
17		100	$Pd/SiO_2$	0.05	5	60	3	23	3000	Hexane
18		100	Pt/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.01	5	100	3	78	1200	Hexane

**Table S3.** Hydrogenation of polymers<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Reaction conditions: polymer 100 or 300 mg, catalyst 0.01–0.15 g, hexane 2 g, H<sub>2</sub> 5 MPa or Ar 1 MPa (at r.t.), 30-120 °C. <sup>*b*</sup> Ar was used in place of H<sub>2</sub>.