# **Supporting Information**

## Synthesis of butadiene/isoprene-styrene di-block copolymer with

### high cis-1,4 unit content based on a phosphate Ester neodymium

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#### 1. The calculation method of micro-structure content in the copolymer PB-b-PS

The stereo-structures of polybutadiene (PB) segment in the copolymer PB-*b*-PS prepared by coordination polymerization include *cis*-1,4-PB, *trans*-1,4-PB and 1,2-PB. According to literature <sup>[1-5]</sup>, the specific micro-structure calculation methods of PB-*b*-PS are shown in eq(1)-(6).

$$C_{PB}\% = \frac{(I_2 + I_1)/2}{I_3/5 + (I_2 + I_1)/2} \times 100$$
 (1)

$$C_{PS}\% = \frac{I_3/5}{I_3/5 + (I_2 + I_1)/2} \times 100$$
 (2)

$$C_{1,4-PB}\% = \frac{I_2}{I_1 + I_2} \times 100 \qquad (3)$$

$$C_{1,2-PB}\% = \frac{I_1}{I_1 + I_2} \times 100$$
 (4)

 $C_{\text{PB}}$  and  $C_{\text{PS}}$  are the segment content of polybutadiene (PB) and polystyrene (PS) in the block copolymers PB-*b*-PS, respectively;  $C_{1,4\text{-PB}}$  and  $C_{1,2\text{-PB}}$  are the unit content of 1,4-PB, 1,2-PB in the PB segment; I<sub>1</sub> is the integration of the resonance  $\delta = 5.05$ ppm (two vinyl protons of the 1,2-Bd unit), I<sub>2</sub> is the integration of the resonance  $\delta =$ 5.40 ppm (two vinyl protons of the 1,4-Bd unit), and I<sub>3</sub> is the integration of the resonance  $\delta = 6.25$ -7.25 ppm (five phenyl protons of St segment), respectively, in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the PB-*b*-PS copolymer.

$$C_{cis-1,4-PB}\% = C_{1,4-PB} \times \frac{I_4}{I_4 + I_5} \times 100$$
(5)

$$C_{trans-1,4-PB}\% = C_{1,4-PB} \times \frac{I_5}{I_4 + I_5} \times 100$$
 (6)

As shown in eq(5)-(6),  $C_{1,4-Bd}$ ,  $C_{cis-1,4-PB}$  and  $C_{trans-1,4-PB}$  are the unit content of 1,4-PB, *cis*-1,4-PB and *trans*-1,4-PB in the PB segment of block copolymer PB-*b*-PS, respectively; I4 is the integration of the resonance  $\delta = 27.5$  ppm and I5 is the integration of the resonance  $\delta = 32.6$  ppm, respectively, in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of the PB-*b*-PS copolymer.

A detailed calculation method of PB-*b*-PS sample (Entry 2, Table 3) prepared based on catalyst system Nd(P<sub>507</sub>)<sub>3</sub>/Al(*i*-Bu)<sub>3</sub>/CHCl<sub>3</sub>/PPh<sub>3</sub> was described as a typical example. The corresponding integral data are shown in the Fig. S1 and Fig. S2, the value of I<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>3</sub>, I<sub>4</sub> and I<sub>5</sub> are 1, 94.68, 55.06, 136.30 and 1. According to eq (1)-(6), it can be determined that the styrene segment content is 18.6%, and the *cis*-1,4 unit content is 98.3%, and the specific results are shown in Table 3 and Table 1.

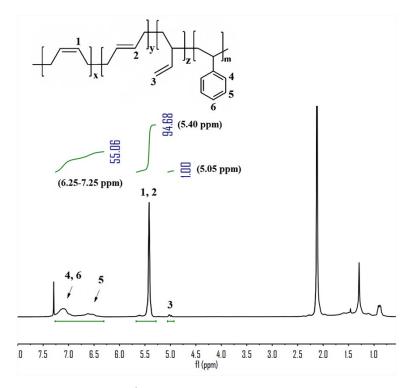


Fig. S1 Integral data in <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the PB-*b*-PS (Entry 2, Table 3)

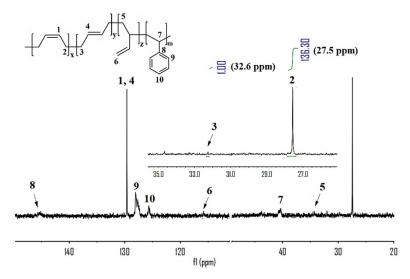


Fig. S2 Integral data in <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the PB-b-PS (Entry 2, Table 3)

#### 2. The calculation method of micro-structure content in the copolymer PI-b-PS

The storeo-structures of polyisoprene (PI) prepared by coordination polymerization are mainly *cis*-1,4-PI, *trans*-1,4-PI and 3,4-PI. According to literature <sup>[1-3]</sup>, the specific micro-structure calculation methods of PI-*b*-PS are as shown in eq(7)-(10).

$$C_{PI}\% = \frac{(2I_6 + I_7)/2}{I_8/5 + (2I_6 + I_7)/2} \times 100$$
(7)

$$C_{PS}\% = \frac{I_8/5}{I_8/5 + (2I_6 + I_7)/2} \times 100$$
(8)

$$C_{1,4-PI}\% = \frac{2I_7}{I_6 + 2I_7} \times 100$$
(9)

$$C_{3,4-PI}\% = \frac{I_6}{I_6 + 2I_7} \times 100$$
(10)

 $C_{\text{PI}}$  and  $C_{\text{PS}}$  are the segment content of polyisoprene (PI) and polystyrene (PS) in the block copolymer PI-*b*-PS, respectively;  $C_{1,4-\text{PI}}$  and  $C_{3,4-\text{PI}}$  are the unit content of 1,4-PI, 3,4-PI in the Segment PB, respectively; I<sub>6</sub> is the integration of the resonance  $\delta$ = 4.75 ppm (two vinyl protons of the 3,4-PI unit), I<sub>7</sub> is the integration of the resonance  $\delta$  = 5.20 ppm (one vinyl protons of the 1,4-PI unit), and I<sub>8</sub> is the integration of the resonance  $\delta$  = 6.25-7.25 ppm (five phenyl protons of St unit), respectively, in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the PI-*b*-PS copolymer.

It can be seen from FT-IR spectrum of the PI-*b*-PS obtained via Nd(P<sub>507</sub>)<sub>3</sub>/Al(*i*-Bu)<sub>3</sub>/CHCl<sub>3</sub>/PPh<sub>3</sub> catalytic system in this experiment, there is no peak at 1150 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1385 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which indicates that there is almost no *trans*-1,4 unit structure in the polyisoprene segment <sup>[1,6-7]</sup>, as shown in **Fig. 7**. Furthermore, there is also no obvious peak at chemical shift 18.6 ppm, 40.0 ppm and 125.3 ppm in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR of the copolymer PI-*b*-PS (as shown in **Fig. S3**), which also shows that the content of *trans*-1,4-IP structure in the block copolymer is close to Zero <sup>[1]</sup>. Therefore, in the determination about the microstructure of PI segment in this article, *cis*-1,4 and 1,4-are approximately regarded as equal <sup>[1]</sup>, as shown in **eq**(11).

$$C_{cis-1,4-PI}\% = C_{1,4-PI}\% = \frac{2I_7}{I_6 + 2I_7} \times 100$$
(11)

A detailed calculation method of PI-*b*-PS sample (Entry 2, Table 5) prepared based on catalyst system Nd( $P_{507}$ )<sub>3</sub>/Al(*i*-Bu)<sub>3</sub>/CHCl<sub>3</sub>/PPh<sub>3</sub> was described as a typical example. The corresponding integral data are shown in the Fig. S4 , the value of I<sub>6</sub>, I<sub>7</sub> and I<sub>8</sub> are 1, 25.86 and 29.60. According to eq (7)-(11), it can be concluded that the styrene segment content is 18.3%, and the *cis*-1,4 unit content is 98.1%, the specific results are shown in Table 4 and Table 5.

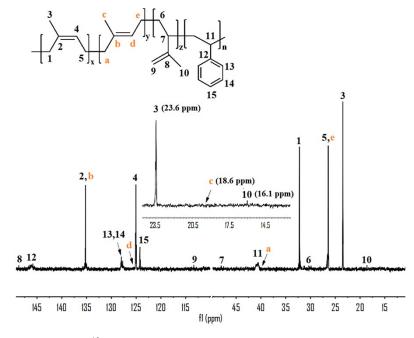


Fig. S3 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the PI-*b*-PS (Entry 2, Table 5)

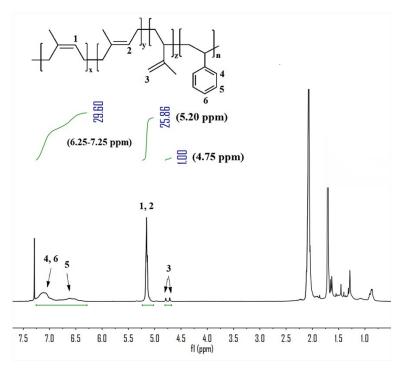


Fig. S4 Integral data in <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the PI-*b*-PS (Entry 2, Table 5)

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