## Supporting Information

# **Tributylphosphine-Catalyzed Aziridine-Based Cycloaddition Polymerization toward Thiacyclic Polymers**

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## 1. Supporting Schemes and Figures



Fig. S1 FT-IR spectra of P1 and the model compound (Scheme 2).



Fig. S2 SEC traces (DMF, 60 °C) of polymers synthesized in Table 1.



Fig. S3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 25 °C) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 25 °C) spectra of P2.



Fig. S4 FT-IR spectrum of P2.



Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 25 °C) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 25 °C) spectra of P3.



Fig. S6 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 25 °C) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 25 °C) spectra of P4.

## Scheme S1. Model Cycloaddition Reaction





Fig. S7 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 25 °C) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 25 °C) spectra of P5 and the model compound (Scheme S1).



Fig. S8 HRMS spectrum of the model compound (Scheme S1).



Fig. S9 FT-IR spectrum of P5 and the model compound (Scheme S1).



Fig. S10 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 25 °C) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 25 °C) spectra of P6.



Fig. S11 The TG curves of P1-P6.



Fig. S12 The DSC curve of P5.



Fig. S13 The UV-vis spectra of P1-P6.



**Fig. S14** The photos of **P5** and **P6** powders taken under room lighting and irradiated with a UV lamp (365 nm).



Fig. S15 PL spectra of P6 in DMSO/water mixtures with different metal ions.

## 2. Characterization Data



**FT-IR** (neat): 2924 , 2853, 1635, 1447, 1347, 1179, 1083, 1018, 805, 699, 654, 543 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 0.68-2.06 (20H, m), 2.26-2.45 (6H, m), 2.73-3.20 (6H, m), 3.49-4.24 (2H, m), 7.02-8.04 (8H, m).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): 130.4, 123.0, 129.6, 128.8, 127.7, 126.9, 27.3, 25.1,
24.3, 24.2, 24.1, 23.9, 22.7, 21.6, 21.5, 19.5.

**HRMS** [**M** + **H**<sup>+</sup>]:Calcd. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>4</sub>:675.2122, found: 675.2155.



**FT-IR** (neat): 2935, 2864, 1619, 1566, 1483, 1354, 1237, 1153, 1081, 1036, 829 cm<sup>-1</sup>;

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 1.07-2.07 (16H, m), 2.93 (2H, br), 3.80 (2H, br), 6.19-6.67 (4H, m), 7.05-7.42 (4H, m), 7.74-8.17 (4H, m).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 159.5, 154.5, 145.8, 133.3, 131.3, 120.8, 118.9, 69.9, 48.4, 32.2, 28.6, 24.6, 23.7.



**FT-IR** (neat): 2930, 1627, 1573, 1337, 1253, 1157, 1085, 836, 692, 550 cm<sup>-1</sup>;

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 4.04-4.29 (4H, m), 6.50-6.74 (4H, m), 7.26-7.45 (4H, m), 8.00-8.19(4H, m).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 132.1, 125.1, 122.2, 121.5, 120.8, 119.7, 119.6, 50.6, 27.3.



**FT-IR** (neat): 2962, 1618, 1570, 1491, 1347, 1244, 1157, 1085, 839 cm<sup>-1</sup>;

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 0.6-1.31 (10H, m), 2.03-2.34 (2H, m), 3.03-3.27 (2H, m), 3.41-3.53 (2H, m), 4.50-4.87 (2H, m), 6.09-6.84 (4H, m), 6.92-7.49 (4H, m), 7.77-8.37(4H, m);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 159.5, 154.2, 146.2, 134.0, 131.5, 120.9, 119.0, 66.4, 32.0, 29.01, 19.0, 17.8.



**FT-IR** (neat): 2974, 1626, 1578, 1487, 1352, 1243, 1152, 1082, 833, 693, 553 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 1.19-1.65 (6H, br), 2.88-3.19 (2H, m), 3.47-3.65 (1H, m), 3.77-4.00 (1H, m), 4.23-4.40 (1H, m), 4.90-5-11 (1H, m), 6.40-6.81 (4H, m), 6.99-6.54 (4H, m), 7.77-8.23 (4H, m).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 159.7 , 159.4 , 153.3 , 152.0 , 149.0 , 145.8 , 120.9 ,
131.5, 126.9, 125.5, 121.9, 121.2, 119.1, 57.9, 57.5, 34.0, 33.8, 19.8, 19.5.



**FT-IR** (neat): 2930, 2858, 1657, 1578, 1483, 1244, 1149, 1085, 696, 560 cm<sup>-1</sup>;

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 0.93-2.23 (20H, m), 2.63-3.26 (6H, m), 3.54-3.72 (2H, m), 7.01-7.46 (4H, m), 7.71-8.03 (4H, m).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 159.6 , 152.5, 151.9 , 134.3, 131.6, 129.5, 119.1, 69.5, 55.2, 54.6, 48.7, 45.0, 32.5, 29.4, 28.1, 27.8, 27.3, 25.1, 24.2.



**FT-IR** (neat): 2965, 2098, 1580, 1480, 1320, 1237, 1150, 1087, 875, 688, 557cm<sup>-1</sup>;

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 0.14-1.90 (16H, m), 3.51-3.89 (2H, m), 4.23-4.75 (2H, m), 6.80-7.57 (4H, m), 7.61-8.40 (4H, m).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, TMS): δ 130.61, 121.35, 45.85, 44.5, 32.6, 29.4, 19.1, 18.8.







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Peak	Mp (g/mol)	Mn (g/mol)	Mw (g/mol)	Mz (g/mol)	Mz+1 (g/mol)	Mv (g/mol)	PD
Peak 1	11527	1282 <b>1</b>	34250	92782	167000	82563	2.671

#### Peak Information

	Start (mins)	End (mins)
Baseline region 1	15.55833	18.87500
Baseline region 2	35.04167	38.07500
Peak 1	19.85000	26.61667

Peak	Trace	Peak Max RT (mins)	Peak Area (mV.s)	Peak Height (mV)
Peak 1	RI	24.76667	978371.738	3962.823









Peak	Mp (g/mol)	Mn (g/mol)	Mw (g/mol)	Mz (g/mol)	Mz+1 (g/mol)	Mv (g/mol)	PD
Peak 1	4672	9167	18262	39929	70065	36000	1.992

#### Peak Information

	Start (mins)	End (mins)
Baseline region 1	19.15833	19.74167
Baseline region 2	32.16667	32.80833
Peak 1	20.94167	26.76667

Peak	Trace	Peak Max RT (mins)	Peak Area (mV.s)	Peak Height (mV)
Peak 1	RI	26.07500	522116.458	2752.718







Peak	Mp (g/mol)	Mn (g/mol)	Mw (g/mol)	Mz (g/mol)	Mz+1 (g/mol)	Mv (g/mol)	PD
Peak 1	24628	16343	34281	63284	94720	58794	2.098

## Peak Information

	Start (mins)	End (mins)
Baseline region 1	13.95833	16.48333
Baseline region 2	31.70000	32.27500
Peak 1	20.59167	26.69167

Peak	Trace	Peak Max RT (mins)	Peak Area (mV.s)	Peak Height (mV)
Peak 1	RI	23.66667	1070403.998	5323.044







Peak	Mp (g/mol)	Mn (g/mol)	Mw (g/mol)	Mz (g/mol)	Mz+1 (g/mol)	Mv (g/mol)	PD
Peak 1	22986	1093 <b>1</b>	18994	30645	42767	28898	1.738

#### Peak Information

	Start (mins)	End (mins)
Baseline region 1	17.55833	20.30000
Baseline region 2	30.43333	34.25833
Peak 1	21.56667	26.68333

Peak	Trace	Peak Max RT (mins)	Peak Area (mV.s)	Peak Height (mV)
Peak 1	RI	23.76667	1200180.833	6022.847







Peak	Mp (g/mol)	Mn (g/mol)	Mw (g/mol)	Mz (g/mol)	Mz+1 (g/mol)	Mv (g/mol)	PD
Peak 1	13006	10710	36666	150299	290874	129868	3.424

#### Peak Information

	Start (mins)	End (mins)
Baseline region 1	13.63333	15.32500
Baseline region 2	30.47500	31.55833
Peak 1	19.00000	26.91667

Peak	Trace	Peak Max RT (mins)	Peak Area (mV.s)	Peak Height (mV)
Peak 1	RI	24.60000	1188274.838	5591.342







Peak	Mp (g/mol)	Mn (g/mol)	Mw (g/mol)	Mz (g/mol)	Mz+1 (g/mol)	Mv (g/mol)	PD
Peak 1	24770	14846	35405	91101	186452	79880	2.385

## Peak Information

	Start (mins)	End (mins)
Baseline region 1	9.81667	15.60000
Baseline region 2	31.98333	32.68333
Peak 1	19.51667	26.65000

Peak	Trace	Peak Max RT (mins)	Peak Area (mV.s)	Peak Height (mV)
Peak 1	RI	23.66667	3389098.338	16343.035