Supplementary Information

For

Nickel-Catalysed Cycloaddition Oligomerization of 1,6-Diynes to Medium-Size Cyclic Polyenes

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Ts

2a H

7.667

740-

				1	Ni cat. (3	3 mol%)					
		-	TsN		Zn (5 mol%) Solvmer						
					Solvent (0.1 M)						
		1a			60°C / 48(h)		2a				
entry	Solvent	yield	Polymer ^a		ontr		Calvant	vield	Polymer ^a		
			Mn	M _w	PDI	entry	Solvent	yielu	Mn	M _w	PDI
1	THF	70%.	1908	2339	1.23	4	DMA	49%	1735	2016	1.16
2	DMSO	38%	1837	2144	1.17	5	NMP	59%	1852	2230	1.20
3	Dioxane	64%	1616	1915	1.18	6	t-BuOH	١	No reaction		

S-2. Results for the reaction of deuterated diyne d₂-1a



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469

948-

2.389

S-3 GPC profiles of crude polymers prepared by the reaction catalyzed by complex A





S-4 GPC profiles of crude polymers derived from diyne 1a with various catalysts

Experimental Procedures

General. NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃) at 600, 500, and 400 MHz for ¹H and 150, 125, and 100 MHz for ¹³C on JEOL JNM-ECA600, -ECA500, and -ECZ400 spectrometers, respectively. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm, δ) relative to trimethylsilane (Me₄Si, δ 0.00) or residual CHCl₃ (δ 7.26 for ¹H NMR), and CDCl₃ (δ 77.0 for ¹³C NMR). MALDI-TOF mass spectra were recorded using a Shimadzu Biotech Axima CFRplus with curved field reflection (CFR) in reflection ion mode with a laser ($\lambda = 337$ nm). IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO IR FT/IR 4100 spectrometer. UV-vis absorption spectra were recorded using Shimazdu UV-2450 spectrometers. Thermogravimetry/differential thermal analysis (TG/DTA) was carried out using Seiko Instruments Inc. EXSTAR6000 TG/DTA6200 under nitrogen (heating rate: 10 °C /min). High-resolution mass spectroscopy (HR-MS) was performed on a JEOL Accu TOF T-100 instrument equipped with electrospray ionization (ESI) unit. The molecular weights (M_n, M_w) and polydispersities (M_w/M_n) of the polymers were determined with a TOSOH HLC-8020 gel permeation chromatograph (GPC) unit [eluent: THF; calibration: polystyrene standards] using two TSK-gel columns (2 \times Multipore H_{XI}-M). All reactions sensitive to oxygen and/or moisture were performed under an argon atmosphere. Dry solvents [THF, N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF), dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂), toluene, N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP), and diethyl ether (ether)] were purchased from Kanto Chemicals. (Dipimp)NiCl₂,¹ complexes $A_{2}^{2} B_{2}^{2} C_{3}^{3} D_{4}^{4}$ and (phen)NiCl₂⁵ were prepared by the reported procedures. Divnes $1a_{,}^{6} 1b_{,}^{7} 1c_{,}^{8} 1d_{,}^{9} 1e_{,}^{10} 1f_{,}^{6}$ and $1a-d_{2}^{11}$ were prepared according to the literature.

4-(((*tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)**-*N*,*N*-di(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (1a'). To a mixture of 4-(hydroxymethyl)-*N*,*N*-di(prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide¹² (0.810 g, 3.08 mmol) and imidazole (0.462 g, 6.78 mmol) in DMF (15 mL) was added *t*-BuMe₂SiCl (0.556 g, 3.70 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. After the addition of water, the mixture was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified by recrystallization in hexane to provide **1a'** (1.09 g) in 94% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar), 4.69 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 4.07 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 4H, NCH₂), 2.03 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H, CH), 0.84 (s, 9H, *t*Bu), -0.01 (s, 6H, SiCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.3, 136.4, 127.9, 126.1, 76.1, 64.2, 36.2, 25.9, 18.4, -5.3; IR (ATR) 3279, 2953, 2927, 2884, 2857, 2120, 1600, 1471, 1409, 1361, 1342, 1322, 1254, 1210, 1154, 1124, 1091, 1017, 955, 890, 834, 775 cm⁻¹. HR-MS (ESI⁺) for C₁₉H₂₇NO₃SSiNa: Calcd. 400.1373, Found 400.1392.

General procedure for nickel-catalyzed cycloaddition cyclooligomerization of 1,6-diyne. Under argon atmosphere, to a stirred mixture of Zn powder (3.3 mg, 0.05 mmol) and diyne **1** (1.0 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added a solution of complex **A** (6.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) in THF (6 mL) at 60 °C. After stirring for 48 h at this temperature, the mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and 4 mL of Et₂O was added. The resulting mixture was passed through a pad

of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel to obtain cyclic polyene **2**.

Polymer 2a (317 mg) was obtained in 78% yield from 1a (247 mg, 1.00 mmol).
Polymer 2b (108 mg) was obtained in 55% yield from 1b (197 mg, 1.00 mmol).
Polymer 2c (105 mg) was obtained in 41% yield from 1c (255 mg, 1.00 mmol).
Polymer 2d (143 mg) was obtained in 74% yield from 1d (193 mg, 1.00 mmol).
Polymer 2e (71 mg) was obtained in 37% yield from 1e (191 mg, 1.00 mmol).
Polymer 2f (175 mg) was obtained in 78% yield from 1f (292 mg, 1.00 mmol).

Copolymerization of 1a and 1a'. Under argon atmosphere, to a stirred mixture of Zn powder (9.8 mg, 0.03 mmol) and diyne **1a** (649 mg 2.625 mmol) and **1a'** (93 mg, 0.375 mmol) in THF (12 mL) was added a solution of complex **A** (18.0 mg, 0.03 mmol) in THF (18 mL) at 60 °C. After stirring for 48 h at this temperature, the mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature and 15 mL of Et_2O was added. The resulting mixture was passed through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The corresponding COT **4a** and benzene derivatives were removed from the crude residue by chromatography on silica gel to obtain a mixture of polyene **2** and **2a'-OTBS** (total 412 mg) in ~56% yield.

Desilylation of 2a'-OTBS and isolation of 2a'-OH. To a solution of **2a'-OTBS** (412 mg, approximately 1.67 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added *n*-Bu₄NF (3.3 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 3.3 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 12 h, water was added. The mixture was extracted with AcOEt (15 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt) to give **2a** (105 mg) and **2a'-OH** (126 mg) in 14% yield and ~17% yield (based on **1a** and **1a'** (total 3.0 mmol)), respectively.

Catalysts

Nickel complexes, (dipimp)NiCl₂, complex \mathbf{A} ,¹³ complex \mathbf{B} ,^{14,15} complex \mathbf{C} ,^{14,15} complex \mathbf{D} ,¹⁶ and (phen)NiCl₂¹⁷ were prepared according to the reported procedure.



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Spectroscopic Data

NMR Spectra

Diyne monomer 1a



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Diyne monomer 1a' (13C NMR)



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Diyne monomer 1a-d₂







Diyne monomer 1c







Diyne monomer 1e



Diyne monomer 1f



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Polymer 2a (13C NMR) 135.329 133.261 129.719 77.191 76.770 56.740 21.294 56.625 127.402 143.525 122.461 53.197 U 1 J Т DFILE 2a_13C.als CONNT DATIM 2021-08-27 06:41:28 OBNUC 13C EXMOD single_pulse_dec OBFRQ 150.92 MHz OBSET 8.52 KHz OBFIN 1.74 Hz POINT 13107 FREQU 37878.21 Hz SCANS 469 ACQTM 0.3460 sec PD 2.0000 sec PW1 4.13 usec IRNUC 1H CTEMP 22.3 c SLVNT CDCL3 EXREF 77.00 Ppm BF 0.10 Hz RGAIN 50

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Polymer 2a-d₂



Polymer 2a-d2 (13C NMR)



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Polymer 2a'-OH



Polymer 2a'-OH (isolated) (13C NMR)



Polymer 2a'-OTBS



Polymer 2a'-OTBS (a mixture of homopolymer and copolymers) (13C NMR)



Polymer 2b



Polymer 2b (13C NMR)



Polymer 2c



Polymer 2c (13C NMR) 129.163 128.952 128.837 128.837 128.378 128.206 128.206 128.014 -126.520 77.211 51.244 76.789 ι DFILE 2c_13C.als COMNT DFILE 22_13C.A15 COMNT DATIM 2021-02-26 20:24:03 OBNUC 13C EXMOD single_pulse_dec OBFRQ 150.92 MHz OBSET 8.52 KHz OBFIN 1.74 Hz POINT 13107 FREQU 37878.21 Hz SCANS 500 ACQTM 0.3460 sec PD 2.0000 sec PD 2.0000 sec PW1 4.17 usec IRNUC 1H CTEMP 22.6 c SLVNT CDCL3 EXREF 77.00 ppm BF 0.10 Hz RGAIN 50 PPM 75 50 25 175 125 100 150 0











Polymer 2e (13C NMR)







Polymer 2f (13C NMR)



Polymer 3a (after 30h heating of 2a)



Polymer 3a (after 30 h heating of 2a) (13C NMR)



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Polymer 3a' (after 3.5h heating of 2a)



Polymer 3a' (after 3.5 h heating of 2a) (13C NMR)



Cyclooctatetraene 4a



MALDI-TOF-MS Spectra





2a-d



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3a





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