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Aluminium complexes containing indolyl-phenolate ligands as catalysts for

ring-opening polymerization of cyclic esters

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Figure S1 Polymerization of ϵ -caprolactone catalyzed by 1 in the presence of BnOH in toluene at 80 $^\circ C$



Figure S2 ¹H NMR spectrum of PCL-100 catalyzed by 1 in the presence of BnOH in toluene at 80 °C



Figure S3 1 H NMR spectrum of PLA-100 catalyzed by 1 in the presence of BnOH in toluene at 100 $^\circ$ C

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Formula	C ₂₈ H ₂₀ AlClN ₂ O ₂
Fw	478.89
Т, К	150(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C_2/c
a, Å	15.5736(7)
b, Å	10.6795(7)
<i>c</i> , Å	14.9564(9)
α°	90
β°	113.626(3)
γ°	90
<i>V</i> , Å ³	2279.0(2)
Z	4
$\rho_{\rm calc}, {\rm Mg}/{\rm m}^3$	1.396
μ (Mo K α), mm ⁻¹	0.236
Reflections	22697
collected	
No. of parameters	155
$R1^a$	0.0324
w $R2^a$	0.0845
GoF ^b	1.038

 Table S1 Summary of crystal data for compound 5

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^{*a*} $RI = [\Sigma(|F_0| - |F_c|] / \Sigma |F_0|]; wR2 = [\Sigma w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w(F_0^2)^2]^{1/2}, w = 0.10.$ ^{*b*} $GoF = [\Sigma w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (N_{rflns} - N_{params})]^{1/2}.$

Spectra data of ligand precursors and complexes



Figure S4. ¹H NMR of IndPh^HOH (L¹H)



Figure S5. ¹³C NMR of IndPh^HOH (L¹H)



Figure S6. ¹H NMR of IndPh^{Me}OH (L²H)



Figure S7. ¹³C NMR of IndPh^{Me}OH (L²H)



Figure S8. ¹H NMR of IndPh^{OMe}OH (L³H)



Figure S9. ¹³C NMR of IndPh^{OMe}OH (L³H)



Figure S10. ¹H NMR of IndPh^{Br}OH (L⁴H)



Figure S11. ¹³C NMR of IndPh^{Br}OH (L⁴H)



Figure S12. ¹H NMR of [IndHPh^HO]Al(CH₃)Cl (1)



Figure S13. ¹³C NMR of [IndHPh^HO]Al(CH₃)Cl (1)



Figure S14. ¹H NMR of [IndHPh^{Me}O]Al(CH₃)Cl (2)



Figure S15. ¹³C NMR of [IndHPh^{Me}O]Al(CH₃)Cl (2)





Figure S16. ¹H NMR of [IndHPh^{OMe}O]Al(CH₃)Cl (3)



Figure S17. ¹³C NMR of [IndHPh^{OMe}O]Al(CH₃)Cl (3)



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Figure S19. ¹³C NMR of [IndHPh^{Br}O]Al(CH₃)Cl (4)

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Figure S20. ¹H NMR of [IndHPh^HO]₂AlCl (5)



Figure S21. ¹³C NMR of [IndHPh^HO]₂AlCl (5)



Figure S22. ¹H NMR of [IndHPh^{Me}O]₂AlCl (6)



Figure S23. ¹³C NMR of [IndHPh^{Me}O]₂AlCl (6)



Figure S24. ¹H NMR of [IndHPh^{OMe}O]₂AlCl (7)



Figure S25. ¹³C NMR of [IndHPh^{OMe}O]₂AlCl (7)



Figure S26. ¹H NMR of [IndHPh^{Br}O]₂AlCl (8)



Figure S27. ¹³C NMR of [IndHPh^{Br}O]₂AlCl (8)