## Supporting Information

# Catalyst-Free Multicomponent Polymerization of Aldehyde, Amine and Trimethylsilyl Cyanide toward Poly( $\alpha$-aminonitrile $) \mathrm{s}$ 

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## A


B


Chemical shift (ppm)

Figure S14. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of (A) $\mathbf{1 a}$, (B) $\mathbf{2 b}$, and (C) P1a/2b/3 in DMSO- $d_{6}$. The solvent peaks are marked with asterisks.


## $B$




## Chemical shift (ppm)

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$B$


Chemical shift (ppm)

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A

g



## Chemical shift (ppm)

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c


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A


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## Chemical shift (ppm)

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## Chemical shift (ppm)

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A

g



## Chemical shift (ppm)

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A





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Chemical shift (ppm)

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A


g


Figure S28. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of (A) $\mathbf{1 b}$, (B) 2a, and (C) P1b/2a/3 in DMSO- $d_{6}$. The solvent peaks are marked with asterisks.
A]



C



Figure S29. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of (A) $\mathbf{1 b}$, (B) $\mathbf{2 b}$, and (C) P1b/2b/3 in DMSO- $d_{6}$. The solvent peaks are marked with asterisks.


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## A



E


C
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## Chemical shift (ppm)

Figure S32. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of (A) $\mathbf{1 c}$, (B) 2a, and (C) P1c/2a/3 in DMSO- $d_{6}$. The solvent peaks are marked with asterisks.
A

c


Chemical shift (ppm)

Figure S33. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of (A) $\mathbf{1 c}$, (B) $\mathbf{2 b}$, and (C) $\mathbf{P 1} \mathbf{c} / \mathbf{2 b} / \mathbf{3}$ in DMSO- $d_{6}$. The solvent peaks are marked with asterisks.
A]


B]




## Chemical shift (ppm)

Figure S34. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of (A) $\mathbf{1 c}$, (B) $\mathbf{2 c}$, and (C) P1c/2c/3 in DMSO- $d_{6}$. The solvent peaks are marked with asterisks.


B


C


 200180160140120100806040200 Chemical shift (ppm)

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Figure S36. DSC curve of polymers.

Table S1. Refractive Indices, Abbé Numbers ( $v_{\mathrm{D}}$ ), Revised Abbé Numbers ( $v^{\prime}$ ), and Optical Dispersions ( $D$ and $D^{\prime}$ ) of Thin Films of P1a/2/3. ${ }^{a}$

| Polymer | $n_{589^{b}}$ | $n_{632.8^{c}}$ | $\nu_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{d}$ | $D^{d}$ | $v^{\prime e}$ | $D^{\prime e}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{P} 1 \mathbf{a} / \mathbf{2 a} / \mathbf{3}$ | 1.7447 | 1.7322 | 11.2 | 0.0890 | 39.5 | 0.0253 |
| $\mathrm{P} 1 \mathbf{a} / \mathbf{2 b} / \mathbf{3}$ | 1.7006 | 1.6941 | 20.4 | 0.0491 | 75.7 | 0.0132 |
| $\mathrm{P} 1 \mathbf{a} / \mathbf{2 c} / \mathbf{3}$ | 1.7166 | 1.7049 | 11.5 | 0.0867 | 40.8 | 0.0245 |
| $\mathrm{P} \mathbf{1 a} / \mathbf{2 d} / \mathbf{3}$ | 1.6793 | 1.6701 | 14.0 | 0.0714 | 50.4 | 0.0199 |

${ }^{a}$ Data taken from Figure 6B. ${ }^{b} n=\mathrm{RI}$ value at $589 \mathrm{~nm} ;{ }^{c} n=\mathrm{RI}$ value at $632.8 \mathrm{~nm} ;{ }^{d} v_{\mathrm{D}}=$ $\left(n_{\mathrm{D}}-1\right) /\left(n_{\mathrm{F}}-n_{\mathrm{C}}\right)$, where $n_{\mathrm{D}}, n_{\mathrm{F}}$ and $n_{\mathrm{C}}$ are the RI values at wavelengths of Fraunhofer $\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{F}$ and C spectral lines of $589.2,486.1$ and 656.3 nm , respectively; $D=1 / v_{\mathrm{D}} .{ }^{\mathrm{e}} \boldsymbol{v}^{\prime}=$ Abbé numbers $=\left(n_{1319}-1\right) /\left(n_{1064}-n_{1550}\right)$, where $n_{1319}, n_{1064}$ and $n_{1550}$ are the RI values at wavelengths of 1319,1064 and 1553 nm , respectively; $D^{\prime}=1 / v^{\prime}$.


Figure S37. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of (A) $\mathrm{P} \mathbf{1 a} / \mathbf{2 a} / \mathbf{3}$ and (B) postfunctionalized $\mathrm{P} \mathbf{1 a} / \mathbf{2 a} / \mathbf{3}$ in DMSO- $d_{6}$. The solvent and water peaks are marked with asterisks.

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