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Efficient and Controlled Ring-Opening Copolymerization of Cyclohexene Oxide with Cyclic Anhydrides Catalyzed by Proline-based Chiral Alkyl Al(III) Compounds

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Experimental Section

1 General Methods

All NMR experiments were conducted on a Bruker Avance-500 instrument, with chemical shifts (δ) referenced to the residual solvent (δ^{H} , $\delta^{C} = 0$ for Si(CH₃)₄. Data processing was carried out using Topspin software. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) data were obtained using an Agilent Micromass Q-TOF mass spectrometer. Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) analysis of the polymers was performed on a WATERS LC-20AD instrument, equipped with a refractive index (RI) detector, operating at 40 °C and a flow rate of 0.8 mL/min. Prior to analysis, samples were dissolved in HPLC-grade THF and filtered through 0.2 µm PTFE filters. The instrument calibration was done using narrow- M_n polystyrene standards. MALDI-TOF measurements were performed using a Bruker Daltonics instrument using dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHBA) matrix. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown in a glove box from a concentrated toluene and THF solution of the Al(III) complexs 2a, 2c and 2d. Single crystal X-ray diffraction (SC-XRD) data were collected on a Bruker D8 VENTURE diffractometer equipped with Mo (K α) radiation source of $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å. The selected crystals were mounted in a HAMPTON cryoloops with the help of paratone-N oil. Data collection was performed at liquid nitrogen temperatures of 120-100 K. An optimized strategy was adopted for the full data collection by keeping an average 4-fold redundancy for the reflections. The program APEX4-SAINT¹ was used for integrating the frames, followed by a multi-scan absorption correction using the program SADABS². The structure was solved by SHELXT-2018³ and refined by full-matrix least squares techniques using SHELXL-2019⁴ software package incorporated in WingX suite⁵. Hydrogens on all carbon atoms were fixed at calculated positions and refined as a riding model with respect to its parent atom. ORTEP-3 was used to prepare the ORTEPs. The crystallographic data are summarized in Table S1 and Table S2 and have been deposited with the CCDC under the following reference number: [CCDC number: 2446004-2446007]. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurements were performed on a NETZSCH DSC 204 F1 PHOENIX at a heating rate of 10 °C/min. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was done with a TA Instruments Q500. 5 mg of each sample was loaded onto a platinum pan and subjected to a dynamic high-resolution scan with a heating rate of 20 °C min⁻¹ in a nitrogen atmosphere. Each sample was heated up to 900 °C from room temperature. Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) data were collected on a Bruker D8 Advance

diffractometer equipped with Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54056$ Å) at 40 kV, 30 mA power over the 2 θ range of 5-80° with a scan speed of 0.128548/s and a step size of 0.0288969° at room temperature. HPLC analysis were performed on an Agilent 1100 HPLC with Agilent HP-Chiral 19091G-B213, 30 m×0.25 mm id×0.25 µm film.

2 Materials

All moisture and air-sensitive reactions were conducted under an inert argon atmosphere using a MBraun glovebox. The reagents L-proline, D-proline, thionyl chloride, triethylamine, di-tert-butyl dicarbonate, bromobenzene, 1-bromo-4-fluorobenzene, methylmagnesium bromide solution (3 M in diethyl ether), trimethylaluminum solution (2 M in toluene), Mg turnings, cyclohexene oxide (CHO), phthalic anhydride (PA), maleic anhydride (MA), succinic anhydride (SA), chloride tetraphenylphosphonium (TPPCl), tetrabutylammonium bromide (TBAB), bis(triphenylphosphine)iminium chloride (PPNCl) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received unless otherwise specified. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and toluene were dried over sodium/benzophenone and freshly distilled prior to use. Cyclohexene oxide (CHO) was dried over calcium hydride (CaH₂) and freshly distilled before use. Phthalic anhydride (PA) was crystallized twice from hot chloroform (CHCl₃) and sublimed under vacuum before use. Monomer Maleic anhydride and succinic anhydride also sublimed in vacuum prior to use. NMR solvent CDCl₃ purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc. and dried over CaH₂ and distilled prior to use. Tetra-n-butylammonium bromide (TBAB) was purified by crystallization from toluene and then dried under vacuum before use. Tetraphenylphosphonium chloride (TPPCl) and bis(triphenylphosphine)iminium chloride (PPNCl) were purified by crystallizing from chloroform and hexane, followed by drying under vacuum. Argon and nitrogen gas was purchased from Indogas, Bangalore, India.

3 Synthesis

3.1 Synthesis of Al(III) compounds

3.1.1 Compound 2a

In an argon-filled glove box, AlMe₃ (2 M in toluene, 0.14 mL, 0.28 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of **1a** (0.100g, 0.28 mmol) in 8 mL toluene at -24 °C. The solution was allowed

to attain room temperature and stirred for an additional period of 12 h. The solvent was removed under vacuo giving a white solid product which was then recrystallised from concentrated dry toluene at -24 °C to give white crystals of **2a** (Yield = 78 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 298 K) : δ (ppm) : 7.14-7.31 (m, 10H, PhH), 4.97-4.99 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H, NH), 3.17-3.23 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 2.67-2.72 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 2.11-2.15 (m, 1H, NCHCH₂), 1.98-2.01 (m, 1H, NCH₂CH₂), 1.51 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₉), 1.28-1.34 (m, 1H, (NCH₂CH₂), 0.23-0.30 (m, 1H, NCHCH₂), -0.94 (s, 3H, Al-CH₃), -1.28 (s, 3H, Al-CH₃). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 298 K) : δ (ppm) : 159.57, 148.70, 146.48, 129.05, 128.42, 128.24, 127.86, 127.54, 126.28, 86.11, 80.67, 68.68, 48.82, 29.42, 28.63, 21.73, -8.97, -9.85. HRMS m/z calculated for [M+NH₄]⁺ C₂₄H₃₂NO₃AlNH₄ : 427.25 found 427.2529.

3.1.2 Compound 2b

In an argon-filled glove box, AlMe₃ (2 M in toluene, 0.14 mL, 0.28 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of **1b** (0.100g, 0.28 mmol) in 8 mL toluene at -24 °C. The solution was allowed to attain room temperature and stirred for an additional period of 12 h. The solvent was removed under vacuo giving a white solid product which was then recrystallised from concentrated dry toluene at -24 °C to give white crystals of **2b** (Yield = 71 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 298 K) : δ (ppm) : 4.15-4.16 (dd, J = 8.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H, NH), 3.60-3.65 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 3.34 (s, 1H, NCH₂), 1.96-2.04 (m, 2H, NCHCH₂), 1.77-1.83 (m, 1H, NCH₂CH₂), 1.74 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₉, 1.13-1.21 (s, 1H, (-C-CH₃), 1.04 (s, 3H, -C-CH₃), -0.83 (s, 3H, Al-CH₃), -0.92 (s, 3H, Al-CH₃). HRMS m/z calculated for [M+H]⁺ C₁₅H₃₂NO₃AlH : 302.23 found 302.2293.

3.1.3 Compound 2c

In an argon-filled glove box, AlMe₃ (2 M in toluene, 0.14 mL, 0.28 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of **1c** (0.100g, 0.28 mmol) in 8 mL toluene at -24 °C. The solution was allowed to attain room temperature and stirred for an additional period of 12 h. The solvent was removed under vacuo giving a white solid product which was then recrystallised from concentrated dry toluene at -24 °C to give white crystals of **2c** (Yield = 83 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 298 K) : δ (ppm) : 7.26-7.34 (m, 4H, PhH), 6.91-7.00 (m, 4H, PhH), 4.98-5.00 (dd, J = 9, 2 Hz, 1H, NH), 3.26-3.34 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 2.78-2.84 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 2.16-2.27 (m, 1H, NCHCH₂), 1.95-2.02 (m, 1H, NCH₂CH₂), 1.58 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)9, 1.40-1.48 (m, 1H, (NCH₂CH₂), 0.32-0.44 (m, 1H, (NCHCH2), -0.88 (s, 3H, Al-CH₃), -1.22 (s, 3H, Al-CH₃). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 298 K) : δ (ppm) : 163.20, 162.57, 161.25, 160.62, 159.84, 144.58, 142.36, 129.97, 129.50, 114.58, 114.41, 114.33, 114.17, 86.63, 50.05, 68.74, 48.91, 29.48, 28.73, 21.94, -8.91, -9.82. HRMS m/z calculated for [M+K]⁺ C₂₄H₃₀NO₃F₂AlK : 484.16 found 484.1711.

3.1.4 Compound 2d

In an argon-filled glove box, AlMe₃ (2 M in toluene, 0.14 mL, 0.28 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of **1d** (0.100g, 0.28 mmol) in 8 mL toluene at -24 °C. The solution was allowed to attain room temperature and stirred for an additional period of 12 h. The solvent was removed under vacuo giving a white solid product which was then recrystallised from concentrated dry toluene at -24 °C to give white crystals of **2d** (Yield = 75 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 298 K) : δ (ppm) : 7.14-7.31 (m, 10H, PhH), 4.97-4.99 (dd J = 7.5, 1.5 hz, 1H, NH), 3.17-3.23 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 2.68-2.72 (m, 1H, NCH₂), 2.11-2.15 (m, 1H, NCHCH₂), 1.97-2.01 (m, 1H, NCH₂CH₂), 1.51 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₉), 1.29-1.34 (m, 1H, (NCH₂CH₂), 0.25-0.27 (m, 1H, (NCHCH2), -0.94 (s, 3H, Al-CH₃), -1.28 (s, 3H, Al-CH₃). ¹³C {¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz, 298 K) : δ (ppm) : ¹³C {¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, 298 K) : δ (ppm) : 159.89, 149.06, 146.81, 128.75, 128.18, 127.85, 127.58, 127.03, 126.77, 86.43, 81.02, 69.04, 49.14, 29.75, 28.95, 22.06, -8.67, -9.51. HRMS m/z calculated for [M+NH₄]⁺ C₂₄H₃₂NO₃AlNH₄ : 427.25 found 427.2529.

3.2 General polymerization procedure for ROCOP of epoxide and anhydride

The reaction for the ROCOP of epoxide and anhydride was performed in a oven dried glass reaction tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The constituents of the reaction were weighed inside the glove box and mixed such that CHO : PA : Cat : Cocat. = 400:100:1:1 followed by the addition of 1mL of dry toluene. The reaction tube was sealed properly by applying grease and taken out of the glove box. The tube was dipped in an oil bath maintained at 100 °C. The progress of the reaction was monitored by the analysis of the ¹H NMR spectra of the aliquots taken at different time interval. After the desired time interval, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. Upon removal of the solvent, the crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane and precipitated by the addition of cold methanol. The polymer was filtered and dried under vacuum until the pure product gave constant weight.

3.2.1 Kinetics for the ROCOP of CHO with PA respect to PA

In order to determine the order of the reaction with respect to phthalic anhydride the reactions were performed with CHO : PA : Cat : Cocat. = 400:100:1:1. The aliquots were taken at different time interval and it was observed that PA decreases linearly over time indicating reaction is zero order with respect to PA.⁶

3.2.2 Kinetics for the ROCOP of CHO with PA respect to CHO

In order to determine the order of the reaction with respect to CHO, the reactions were performed with CHO : PA : Cat : Cocat. = 400:100:1:1. The aliquots were taken at different time interval and amount of CHO reacted was determined at each time interval. The amount of CHO reacted was calculated by taking the integral for polyester linkage (δ = 4.80-5.26 ppm) and polyether linkage (δ = 3.22-3.64 ppm) relative to unreacted CHO (3.08 ppm). It was observed that the plot of ln([CHO]₀/[CHO]_t) versus time was linear indicating that the reaction is first order in concentration of monomer CHO.

3.2.3 Kinetics for the ROCOP of CHO with PA respect to catalyst

To determine the order of the reaction with respect to catalyst the reactions were performed such that CHO:PA:cocatalyst was kept constant to 400:100:1 and set of experiments were performed by varying the equivalents of catalyst from 0.5 to 2. In each case the percentage conversion of phthalic anhydride was determined by integrating the signals for unreacted PA ($\delta = 7.97$ ppm) and phenylene signal in the polymer chain (7.30-7.83 ppm) at different time interval and initial rate (k_{obs}) was determined for each set of experiments, from the plot of [PA]_t versus time. The plot of k_{obs} versus [cat] was linear.

3.2.4 Kinetics for the ROCOP of CHO with PA respect to cocatalyst

To determine the order of the reaction with respect to catalyst and the reactions were performed such that CHO:PA:catalyst was kept constant to 400:100:1 and set of experiments were performed by varying the equivalents of cocatalyst from 0.5 to 2. In each case the percentage conversion of phthalic anhydride was determined by integrating the signals for unreacted PA ($\delta = 7.97$ ppm) and phenylene signal in the polymer chain (7.30-7.83 ppm) at different time interval and initial rate (k_{obs}) was determined for each set of experiments, from the plot of [PA]_t versus time. The plot of k_{obs} versus [cat] was linear.

3.3 Hydrolysis of poly(PA-alt-CHO) to trans-1,2-cyclohexanediol

The hydrolysis of poly(PA-alt-CHO) was performed following the procedure reported previously in the literature.⁷ The ¹H NMR spectra of the diol and sodium phthalate matched with the literature. The diol was subjected to HPLC analysis to determine the enantiomeric ratio.



Fig. S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1a in CDCl₃ (300 K).



Fig. S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1a in CDCl₃ (300 K).



Fig. S3. HRMS spectrum of 1a.



Fig. S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1b in CDCl₃ (300K).



Fig. S5. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1b in CDCl₃ (300K).



Fig. S6. HRMS spectrum of 1b.



Fig. S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1c in CDCl₃ (300K).



Fig. S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1c in CDCl₃ (300K).







Fig. S10. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1d in CDCl₃ (300K).



Fig. S11. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1d in CDCl₃ (300K).







Fig. S13. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2a in CDCl₃ (300K).



Fig. S14. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 2a in CDCl₃ (300K).

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Fig. S15. HRMS spectrum of 2a.

427.2529

(M+NH4)+

-1.65

-0.67

409.2191

409.2198

C24 H32 AI N O3

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Fig. S16. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2b in CDCl₃ (300K).



Fig. S17. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 2b in CDCl₃ (300K).

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Fig. S18. HRMS spectrum of 2b.



Fig. S19. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2c in CDCl₃ (300K).



Fig. S20. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **2c** in CDCl₃ (300K).

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Fig. S21. HRMS spectrum of 2c.



Fig. S22. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2d in CDCl₃ (300K).



Fig. S23. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **2d** in CDCl₃ (300K).

Fig. S24. HRMS spectrum of 2d.

Compound	1a			
Molecular formula	CaaHaaNOa			
Formula weight	353 44 g/mol			
T/K	100(2)			
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073			
Crystal system.	Orthorhombic			
Space group	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$			
a/ Å	8.9084(5)			
b/ Á	9.6525(7)			
c/ Á	22.6244(15)			
α (°)	90.00			
$\beta(\circ)$	90.00			
γ (°)	90.00			
V/ Å ³	1945.4(2)			
Z, Calculated density (Mg/m^3)	4, 1.207			
Absorption coefficient(mm ⁻¹)	0.080			
θ range/°	3.240 to 30.518			
Reflections collected	50541			
Unique Independent reflections	5941 [R(int) = 0.0317]			
Data/restraints/parameters	5941 / 0 / 238			
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.051			
Final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	R1 = 0.0359, WR2 = 0.0944			
	R1 = 0.0380,			
R indices (all data)	wR2 = 0.0958			
	0.7461 and			
Max. and min. transmission	0.6871			
$R_1 = \sum F_0 - F_c / \sum F_0 , wR_2 = [\sum (F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_0^2)^2]^{1/2}$				

 Table S1. Crystal data for ligand 1a.

Compounds	2a	2c	2d
Molecular formula	$C_{52}H_{72}Al_2N_2O_7$	$C_{31}H_{38}AINO_3F_2$	C ₃₁ H ₄₀ AlNO ₃
Formula weight	891.07 g/mol	537.60 g/mol	501.62 g/mol
T/K	120(2)	110(2)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system,	Trigonal	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 3 ₂ 21	$P2_1$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$
a/ Å	9.466(2)	13.2631(7)	9.4226(4)
b/ Å	9.466(2)	7.2788(5)	14.8275(5)
c/ Å	49.901(10)	15.3502(9)	20.4148(8)
α (°)	90.00(3)	90	90
β (°)	90.00(3)	100.335(2)	90
γ (°),	120.00(3)	90	90
V/ Å ³	3872.6(18)	1457.86(15)	2852.23(19)
Z, Calculated density	3, 1.146	2, 1.225	4, 1.168
(Mg/m^3)			
Absorption			
coefficient(mm ⁻¹)	0.106	0.114	0.102
θ range/°	2.518 to 25.418	3.172 to 28.706	2.747 to 25.499
Reflections collected	90594	49752	65234
Unique Independent reflections	4816 [R(int) = 0.0813]	7501 [R(int) = 0.0439]	5306 [R(int) = 0.0625]
Data/restraints/paramete	4816 / 65 / 308	7501 / 1 / 343	5306 / 230 / 359
rs			
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.180	1.030	1.074
Final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	R1 = 0.0591,	R1 = 0.0356,	R1 = 0.0360,
	wR2 = 0.1369	wR2 = 0.0946	wR2 = 0.0872
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0641,	R1 = 0.0373,	R1 = 0.0391,
	wR2 = 0.1400	wR2 = 0.0962	wR2 = 0.0891
		0.7458 and	0.963 and
Max. and min.	0.7455 and	0.5680	0.946
transmission	0.6776		

Table S2. Crystallographic data and details of refinement for compounds 2a, 2c and 2d.

 $R_{I} = \sum |F_{0}| - |F_{c}| / \sum |F_{0}|, \ wR_{2} = \left[\sum (F_{0}^{2} - F_{c}^{2})^{2} / \sum w(F_{0}^{2})^{2}\right]^{1/2}$



Fig. S25. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/PA with **2a**/TPPCl in neat condition (Table 1, Entry 4).



Fig. S26. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/PA with **2b**/TPPCl in neat condition (Table 1, Entry 5).



Fig. S27. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/PA with **2c**/TPPCl in neat condition (Table 1, Entry 6).



Fig. S28. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/PA with **2d**/TPPCl in neat condition (Table 1, Entry 7).



Fig. S29. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/PA with **2a**/TPPCl in toluene (Table 1, Entry 8).



toluene (Table 1, Entry 10).



Fig. S32. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/PA with TPPCl in neat condition (Table 1, Entry 13).



Fig. S33. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/PA with **2a**/TPPCl at 80 °C neat condition (Table 1, Entry 12).



Fig. S34. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/PA with **2d** in neat condition (Table 1, Entry 7).



Fig. S35. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/PA with **2d**/TPPCl in toluene (Table 1, Entry 11).



Fig. S36. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/SA with 2a/TPPCl (Table 2, Entry 1).



Fig. S37. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/SA with **2c**/TPPCl (Table 2, Entry 3).



Fig. S38. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/SA with **2d**/TPPCl (Table 2, Entry 4).



Fig. S39. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of the crude polyester of CHO/SA with **2b**/TPPCl (Table 2, Entry 2).



Fig. S40. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of isolated poly(PA-*alt*-CHO) synthesized from CHO/PA/**2b**/TPPCl (Table 1, Entry 4).



Fig. S41. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of isolated poly(PA-*alt*-CHO) synthesized from CHO/PA/2b/TPPCl (Table 1, Entry 4).



Fig. S42. 1H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of isolated poly(SA-*alt*-CHO) synthesized from CHO/SA/**2b**/TPPCl (Table 2, Entry 2).



Fig. S43. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of isolated poly(SA-*alt*-CHO) synthesized from CHO/SA/**2b**/TPPCl (Table 2, Entry 2).



Fig. S44. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of crude polyester synthesized from CHO/MA/**2a**/TPPCl in toluene (Table 3, Entry 5).



Fig. S45. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of crude polyester synthesized from CHO/MA/**2b**/TPPCl (Table 3, Entry 2).



Fig. S46. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of crude polyester synthesized from CHO/MA/**2c**/TPPCl in toluene (Table 3, Entry 6).



Fig. S47. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) spectrum of crude polyester synthesized from CHO/MA/**2d**/TPPCl in toluene (Table 3, Entry 7).



Fig. S48. GPC trace of polyester from PA/CHO using 2a and TPPCl in neat condition (Table 1,

Entry 4).



Fig. S49. GPC trace of polyester from PA/CHO using 2b and TPPCl in neat condition (Table 1, Entry 5).



Fig. S50. GPC trace of polyester from PA/CHO using **2c** and TPPCl in neat condition (Table 1, Entry 6).



Fig. S51. GPC trace of polyester from PA/CHO using **2d** and TPPCl in toluene (Table 1, Entry 11).



Fig. S52. GPC trace of polyester from PA/CHO using **2a** and TPPCl at 80 °C in neat condition (Table 1, Entry 12).



Fig. S53. GPC trace of polyester from PA/CHO using TPPCl in neat condition (Table 1, Entry 13).



Fig. S54. GPC trace of polyester from CHO/SA using 2a and TPPCl (Table 2, Entry 1).



Fig. S55. GPC trace of polyester from CHO/SA using 2c and TPPCl (Table 2, Entry 3).



Fig. S56. GPC trace of polyester from CHO/SA using 2b and TPPCl (Table 2, Entry 2).



Fig. S57. GPC trace of polyester from CHO/SA 400:100 using 2a and TPPCl (Table 2, Entry 5).



Fig. S58. GPC trace of polyester from CHO/SA 400:100 using 2d and TPPCl (Table 2, Entry 6).



Fig. S59. GPC trace of polyester from CHO/MA using 2a and TPPCl in toluene (Table 3, Entry 5).





Fig. S60. GPC trace of polyester from CHO/MA using 2c and TPPCl in toluene (Table 3, Entry



Fig. S61. GPC trace of polyester from CHO/MA using 2d and TPPCl in toluene (Table 3, Entry 7).

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Fig. S62. GPC trace of polyester from CHO/MA using 2a and TPPCl (Table 3, Entry 1).



Fig. S63. Stacked ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) a) Cat. **2a**; b) Cat. **2a** + TPPCl (1:1 mixture); c) Cat. **2a** + TPPCl + CHO (1:1:2 mixture). Purple circle: NCH proton signal; Green circle: catalytic pair signai; Brown triangle: phosphonium ion signal; Blue circle: methyl protons signal; Red star: CHO and homopolymerized product signal.

Signal	Cat.	Cat. + TPPCl	Cat. + TPPCl + CHO
N-CH	4.99	4.98	4.96
H ₃ C–Al	-0.94, -1.28	-0.93, -1.26	-0.92, -1.25



454 455 456 45/ 458 459 460 461 462 463 4 Counts vs. Mass-to-Charge (m/z)





Fig. S65. HRMS spectrum of B.



Fig. S66. ESI mass spectrum of C.



Fig. S67. DSC trace of poly(PA-*alt*-CHO) synthesized by 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d.

Catalyst	<i>M</i> _{nobs} of poly(PA- <i>alt</i> -CHO)	Tg
	(g/mol)	(°Č)
2d	5049	74
2c	6803	99.6
2a	7550	105.4
2b	9602	112



Fig. S68. DSC trace of polyester synthesized from CHO/SA/**2a**/TPPCl and CHO/MA/**2c**/TPPCl. Red curve: poly(SA-*alt*-CHO) and black curve: poly(MA-*alt*-CHO).



Fig. S69. TGA data of polyester synthesized from CHO/PA/2a/TPPC1.



Fig. S70. TGA data of polyester synthesized from CHO/SA/2a/TPPCl.



Fig. S71. TGA data of polyester synthesized from CHO/MA/2a/TPPC1.



Fig. S72. MALDI-TOF spectrum of oligomer prepared from ROCOP of PA and CHO using 2a.

	[Catalyst]	Init	ial rate ^a	Initial rate ^a
Entry	(M)	(N	1/min)	(M/min)
		(Com	pound 2a)	(Compound 2d
1	0.01235	0.	03747	0.0355
2	0.02471	0.	04071	0.03613
3	0.03706	0.	04232	0.03684
4	0.04942	0.	04404	0.03764
	Entry	[TPPCl]	Initial	rate ^a
		(M)	(M/1	min)
)
			(Compo	ound 2a)
	1	0.01235	(Compo 0.04	<u>ound 2a)</u> 023
	1 2	0.01235 0.02471	(Compo 0.04 0.04	ound 2a) 023 053
	1 2 3	0.01235 0.02471 0.03706	(Compo 0.04 0.04 0.04	0023 0053 105

Table S3. Experimental data for the plots to determine the order of ROCOP of CHO and PA

 with respect to catalyst and cocatalyst TPPC1

^{*a*} the rate of polyester formation (CHO/PA) was determined from the slope of the linear range of conversion of PA with time. The data was obtained by taking aliquots at specific reaction times and analyzing them for individual composition by ¹H NMR.

Table S4. Experimental data for the plots to determine the order of ROCOP of CHO and SA
with respect to 2a and 2d .

	[Catalyst]	Initial rate ^a	Initial rate ^a
Entry	(M)	(M/h)	(M/h)
-		(Compound 2a)	(Compound 2d)
1	0.04492	3.13064	3.6654
2	0.08984	3.23252	3.72003
3	0.13477	3.35392	3.76191
4	0.17969	3.47100	3.80958

^{*a*} the rate of polyester formation (CHO/SA) was determined from the slope of the linear range of conversion of SA with time. The data was obtained by taking aliquots at specific reaction times and analyzing them for individual composition by ¹H NMR.



Fig. S73. GPC trace of polyester from PA/CHO using 2a and TBAB in neat condition (Table 1,

Entry 3).



Fig. S74. DSC trace of polyester synthesized from CHO/SA/**2d**/TPPCl and CHO/MA/**2d**/TPPCl. Red curve: poly(MA-alt-CHO) and black curve: poly(SA-alt-CHO).



Fig. S75. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) spectrum of the hydrolyzed polyester



Fig. S76. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) spectrum of the hydrolyzed polyester



Fig. S77. ¹H NMR (D₂O, 500 MHz) spectrum of the aqueous fraction of the hydrolyzed polyester



Fig. S78. HPLC chromatogram of polyester upon hydrolysis prepared from catalyst 2a (Table

S5, Entry 1).



Fig. S79. HPLC chromatogram of polyester upon hydrolysis prepared from catalyst 2d (Table S5, Entry 2).

Entry	Catalyst	(R, R) diol	(<i>S</i> , <i>S</i>) diol	%ee = {[(R-
				S)/(R+S)]x100}
1	2a	88.51	11.49	[(88.51-11.49)/
				(88.51+11.49)]x1
				00
				= 77.02
2	2d	56.30	43.70	[(56.30-43.70)/
				(56.30+43.70)]x1
				00
				= 12.6

Table S5. Enantiomeric excess of 1,2-cyclohexanediol obtained upon hydrolysis of polyester.



Fig. S80. WAXD profiles of a) Semicrystalline CHO/PA polyester produced by 2a and b) amorphous CHO/PA polyester produced by 2d.

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