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Selective transesterification mediated by lanthanum complexes in the copolymerisation of lactide and δvalerolactone

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1. NMR Spectra of Copolymers















Figure S9: ¹H NMR Spectrum of polymer from Table 2, entry 9















Figure S17: ¹³C NMR Spectrum of polymer from Table 1, entry 5







Chemical shift (ppm)







Chemical Shift /ppm











Figure S33: ¹H NMR Spectrum of polymer from Table 3, entry 2

















Figure S39: ¹³C NMR Spectrum of polymer from Table 2, entry 3





174.2 173.8 173.4 173.0 172.6 172.2 171.8 171.4 171.0 170.6 170.2 169.8 169.4 169.0 168.6 168.2 Chemical Shift /ppm





2. Representative GPC Traces of Copolymers

Figure S46: GPC Trace of sample from Table 1 entry 1







Figure S48: GPC Trace of sample from Table 1 entry 3



Figure S49: GPC Trace of sample from Table 1 entry 4







Figure S51: GPC Trace of sample from Table 1 entry 6



Figure S52: GPC Trace of sample from Table 1 entry 7







Figure S54: GPC Trace of sample from Table 1 entry 9



Figure S55: GPC Trace of sample from Table 1 entry 10







Figure S57: GPC Trace of sample from Table 1 entry 12



3. MALDI-ToF Data

Figure S58: MALDI-ToF spectrum of a PVL formed by complex **3** (Table 1, entry 7).



4. DOSY NMR Spectra of Copolymers

Figure S59: ¹H DOSY NMR spectrum of a copolymer prepared by complex **1**. *Reaction conditions: $[rac-LA]_0 = [\delta-VL]_0 = 0.5$ M in toluene, $[rac-LA]_0/[1] = 10$, reaction time: 20 min.



Figure S60: ¹H DOSY NMR spectrum of a copolymer prepared by complex **2**. *Reaction conditions: $[rac-LA]_0 = [\delta-VL]_0 = 0.5$ M in toluene, $[rac-LA]_0/[2] = 10$, reaction time: 20 min.



4. DSC Traces of Copolymers

In each case, the first cooling cycle and second heating cycle are displayed.

Figure S61: DSC trace for Table 4, Entry 1



Figure S62: DSC trace for Table 4, Entry 2



Figure S63: DSC trace for Table 4, Entry 3



Figure S64: DSC trace for Table 4, Entry 4



Figure S65: DSC trace for Table 4, Entry 5



Figure S66: DSC trace for Table 4, Entry 6



Figure S67: DSC trace for Table 4, Entry 7



Figure S68: DSC trace for Table 4, Entry 8

