Supporting Information

Synthesis of binuclear phenoxyimino organoaluminum complexes and their use as the catalyst precursors for efficient ring-opening polymerisation of ε -caprolactone

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Figure S2. Molecular structure of complex 2e with thermal ellipsoids at 30% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

	2a	2b	2c	2d	2e
Empirical formula	$C_{30}H_{30}Al_2N_2O_2$	$C_{42}H_{54}Al_2N_2O_2+CH_2Cl_2$	$C_{54}H_{46}Al_2N_2O_2+CH_2Cl_2$	$C_{38} H_{50} Al_2 N_2 O_2$	$C_{26}H_{38}Al_2N_2O_2 + CH_2Cl_2$
Formula weight	504.52	757.76	928.26	620.76	549.47
Crystal system	orthorhombic	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	Pccn	Pbcn	P2(1)/n	C2/c	C2/c
a (A)	10.4697(7)	16.7382(6)	13.0666(6)	15.8192(9)	17.697(2)
b (A)	18.1726(12)	17.1151(6)	13.3996(6)	13.1067(8)	12.5736(14)
c (A)	14.8982(10)	15.2211(5)	28.7365(13)	18.7852(11)	16.2599(19)
α (°)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
β (°)	90.00	90.00	102.3870(10)	104.5450(10)	121.377(2)
γ (°)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
V (A'), Z	2834.6(3), 4	4360.5(3), 4	4914.3(4), 4	3770.0(4), 4	3089.0(6), 4
Density _{calcd} (Mg/m ³)	1.182	1.154	1.255	1.094	1.182
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.131	0.225	0.265	0.109	0.292
F(000)	1064	1616	1936	1336	1168
Crystal size/mm	0.30×0.24×0.13	0.42×0.36×0.28	0.38×0.20×0.20	0.30×0.23×0.15	0.32×0.25×0.19
θ range for data collection (°)	2.24 to 26.04	1.70 to 26.07	1.45 to 25.14	2.05 to 26.09	2.11 to 26.22
Reflections collected	14713	22905	24881	10305	8379
Independent reflections	2797 (R _{int} = 0.0620)	4319 (R _{int} = 0.0332)	$8774 (R_{int} = 0.0488)$	3735 (R _{int} = 0.0315)	$3100 (R_{int} = 0.0297)$
Data/restraints/ parameters	2797/0/163	4319/0/237	8774/0/581	3735/0/201	3100/0/164
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.058	1.052	1.032	1.090	1.037
Final R indices [I>2o (I)]: R1, wR2	0.0463, 0.1188	0.0479, 0.1229	0.0902, 0.2687	0.0450, 0.1262	0.0421, 0.0970
Largest diff. Peak and hole (e A ⁻³)	0.284 and -0.236	0.818 and -0.713	2.435 and -0.946	0.231 and -0.225	0.285 and -0.312

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