Synthesis and structural determination of zinc complexes based on an anilido-aldimine ligand containing an O-donor pendant arm: Zinc alkoxide derivative as an efficient initiator for ring-opening polymerization of cyclic esters

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**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 20 °C.

Fig. S2 Polymerization of  $\varepsilon$ -CL catalyzed by 3 in toluene at 55 °C. The relationship between Mn( $\blacksquare$ )/(PDI( $\Box$ ) of polymer and the initial mole ratio  $[\varepsilon$ -CL]<sub>0</sub>/[Zn]<sub>0</sub> is shown.

Fig. S3 Polymerization of  $\beta$ -BL catalyzed by 3 in toluene at 55 °C. The relationship between Mn( $\blacksquare$ )/(PDI( $\square$ ) of polymer and the initial mole ratio  $[\beta$ -BL]<sub>0</sub>/[3]<sub>0</sub> is shown.





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**Fig. S3** Polymerization of  $\beta$ -BL catalyzed by **3** in toluene at 55 °C. The relationship between Mn( $\blacksquare$ )/(PDI( $\square$ ) of polymer and the initial mole ratio [ $\beta$ -BL]<sub>0</sub>/[**3**]<sub>0</sub> is shown.