Electronic Supplementary Information

Ni(II) tetraphosphine complexes as catalysts/initiators in the ring opening polymerization of ε-caprolactone

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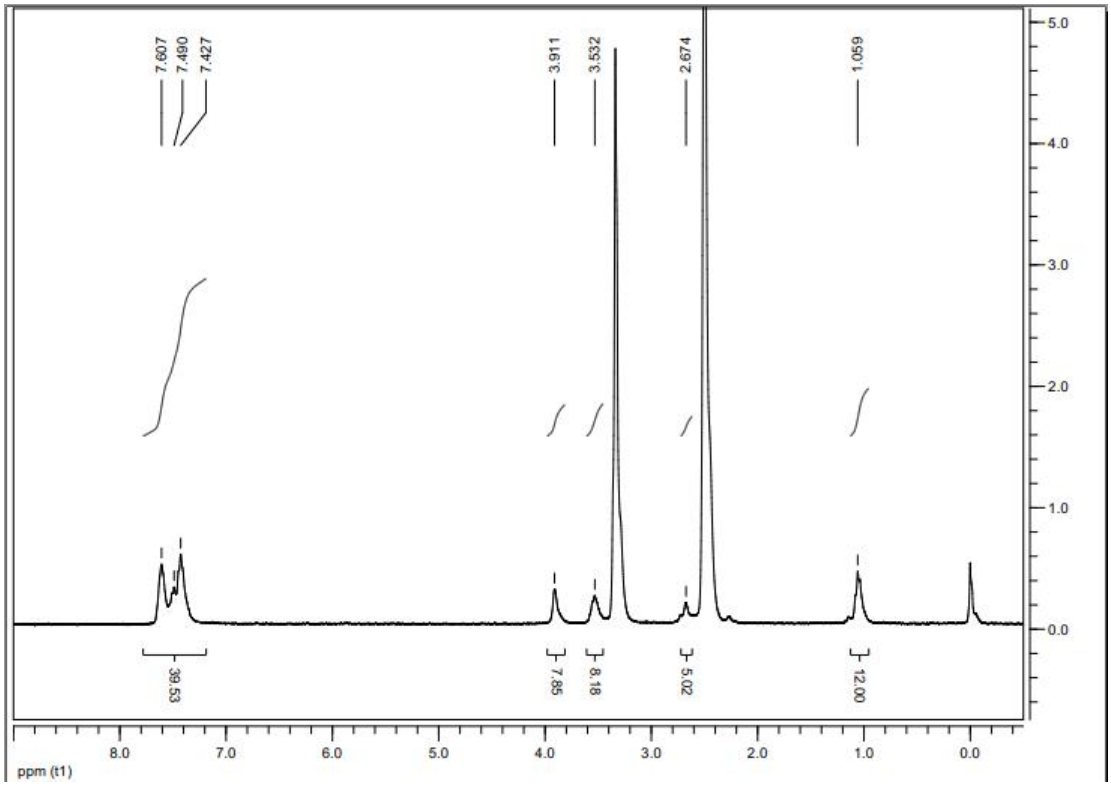

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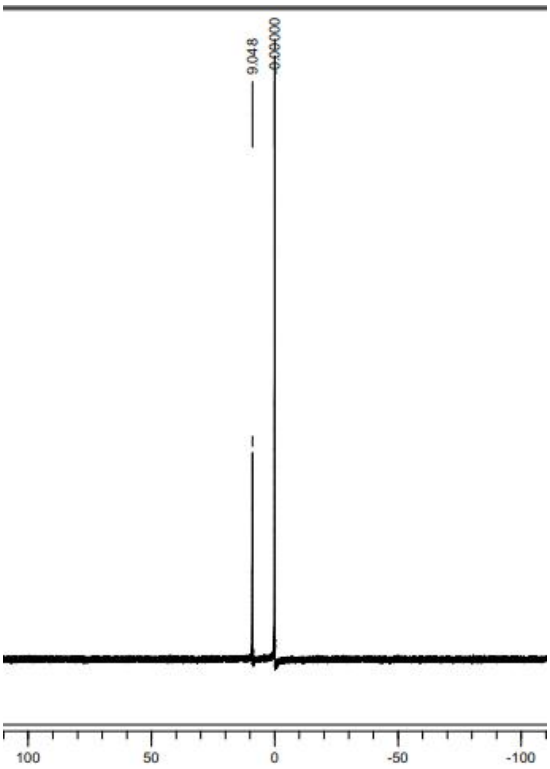

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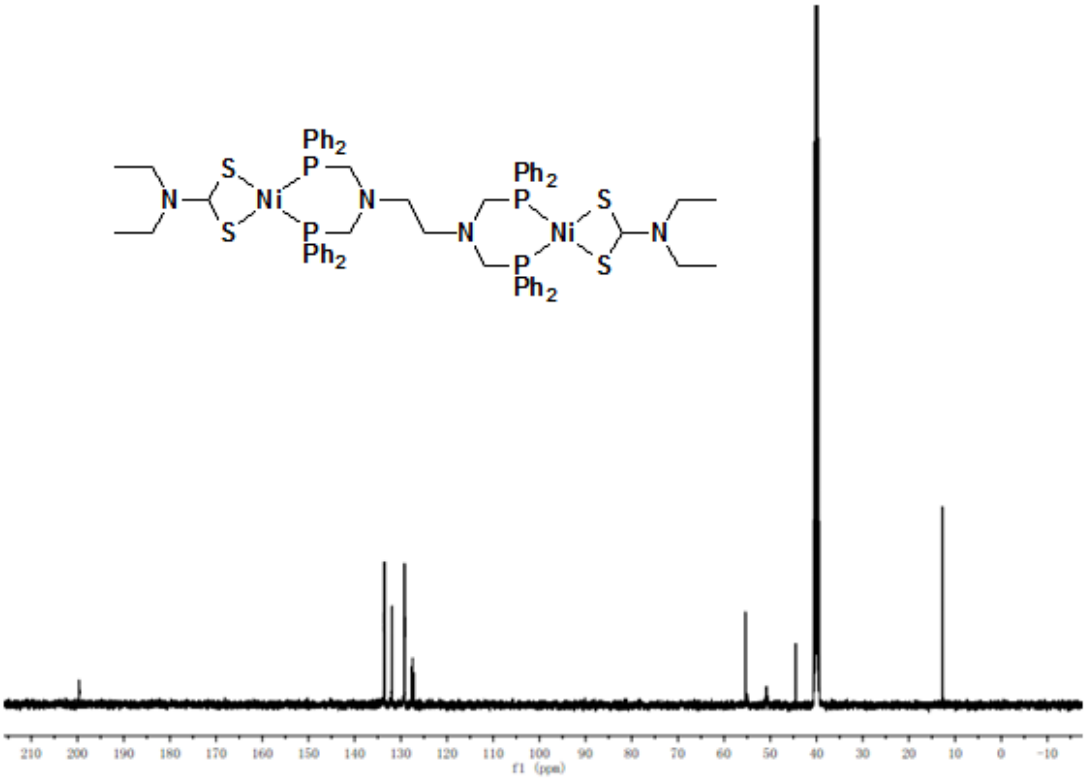

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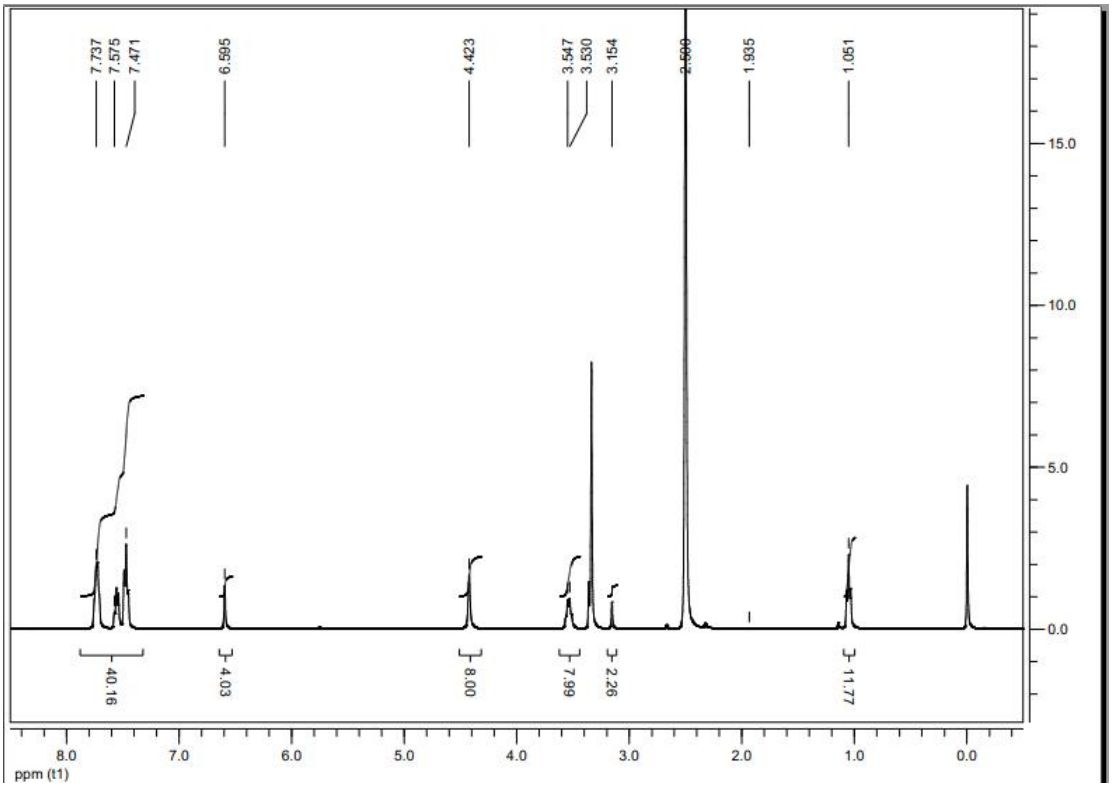

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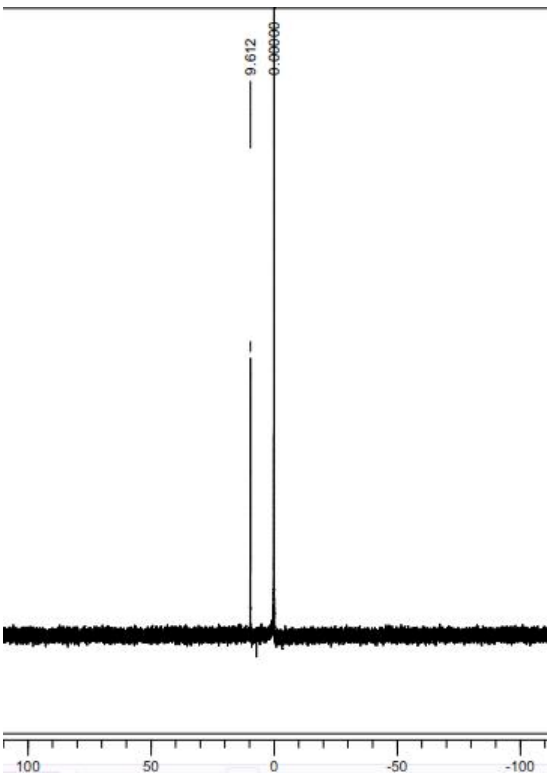

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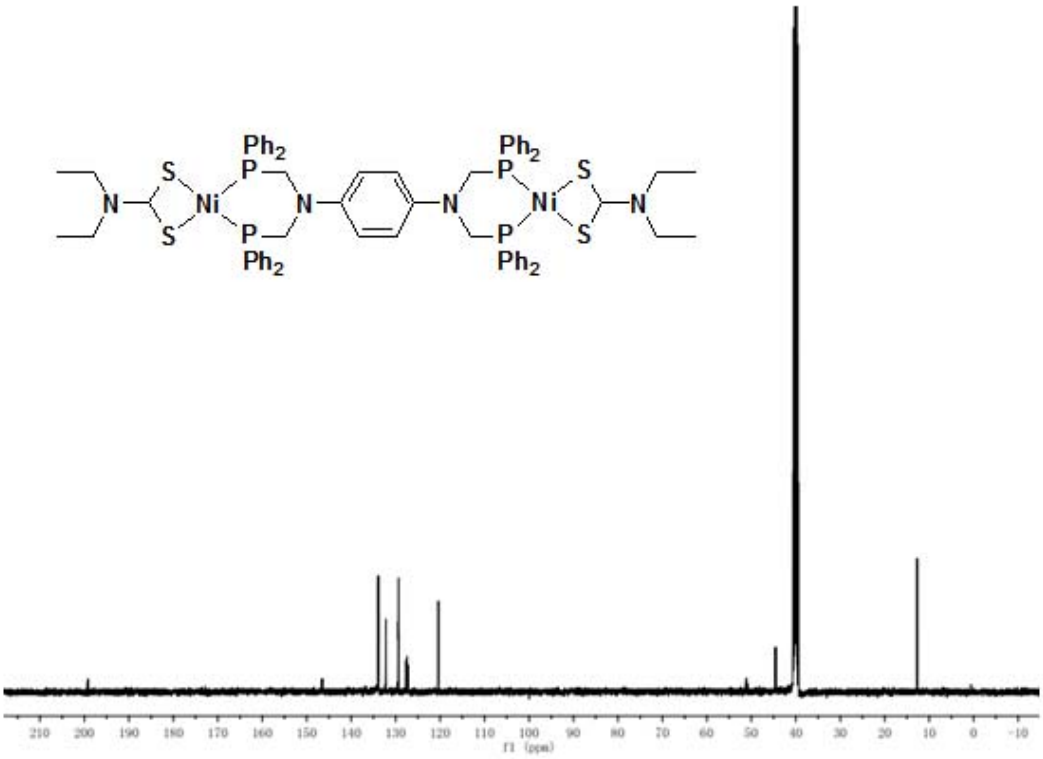

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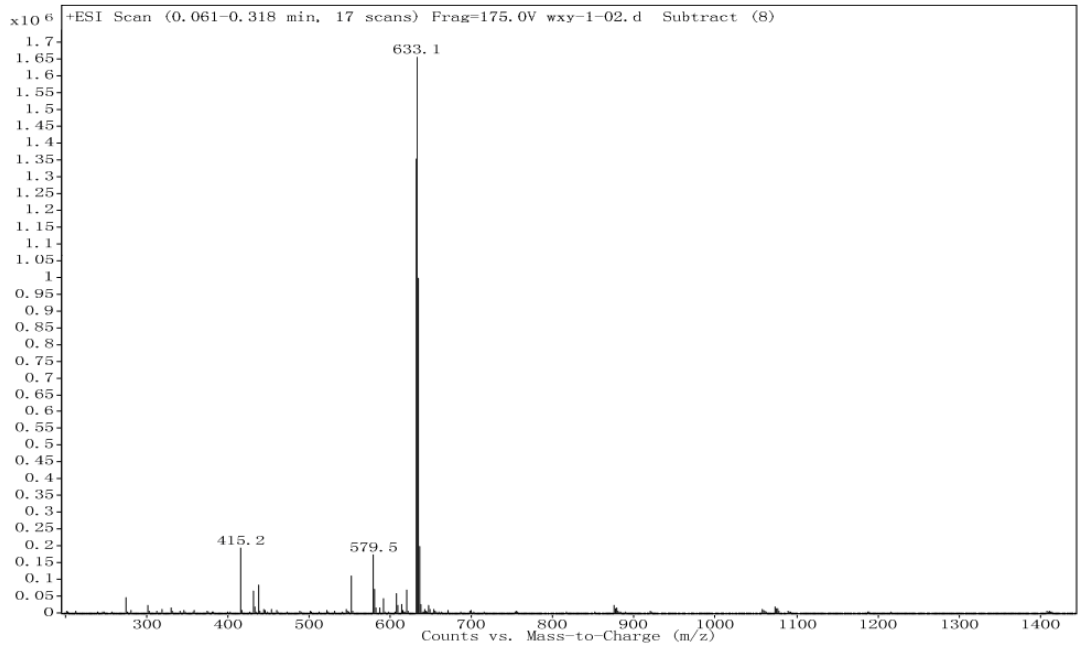

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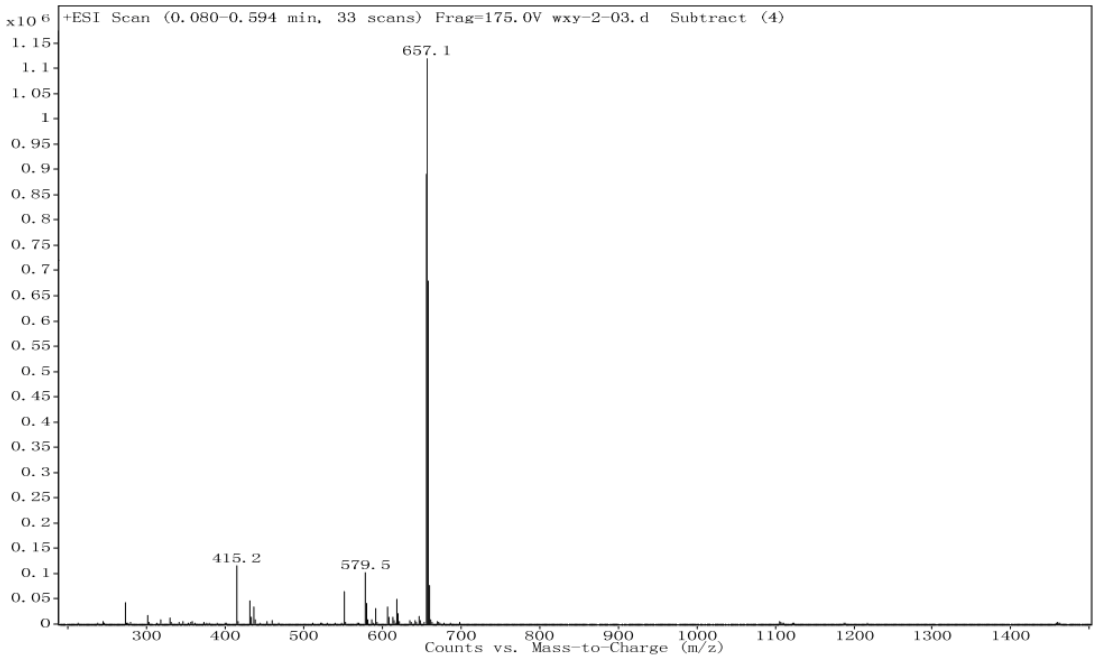

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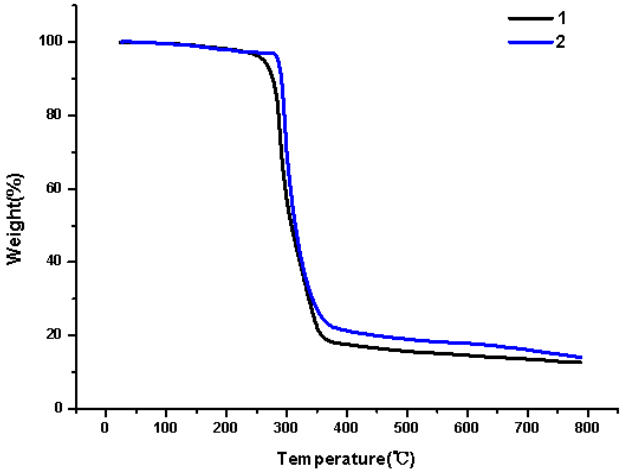
Figure S7. (a) ESI-MS spectrum of **1** in CH_3CN; (b) ESI-MS spectrum of **2** in CH_3CN



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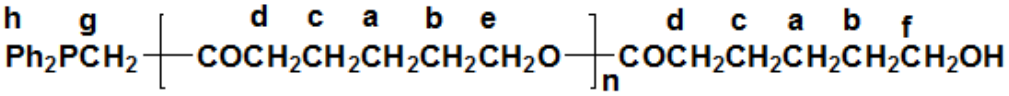

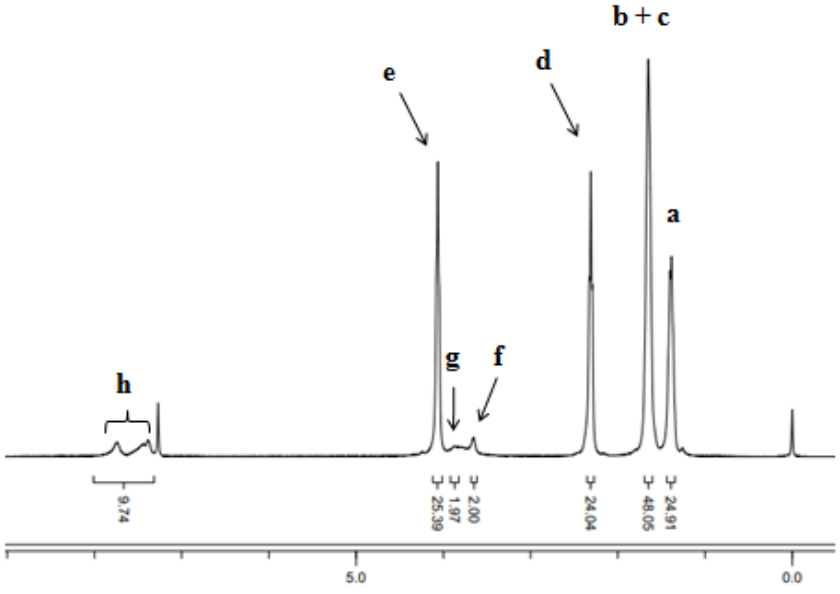

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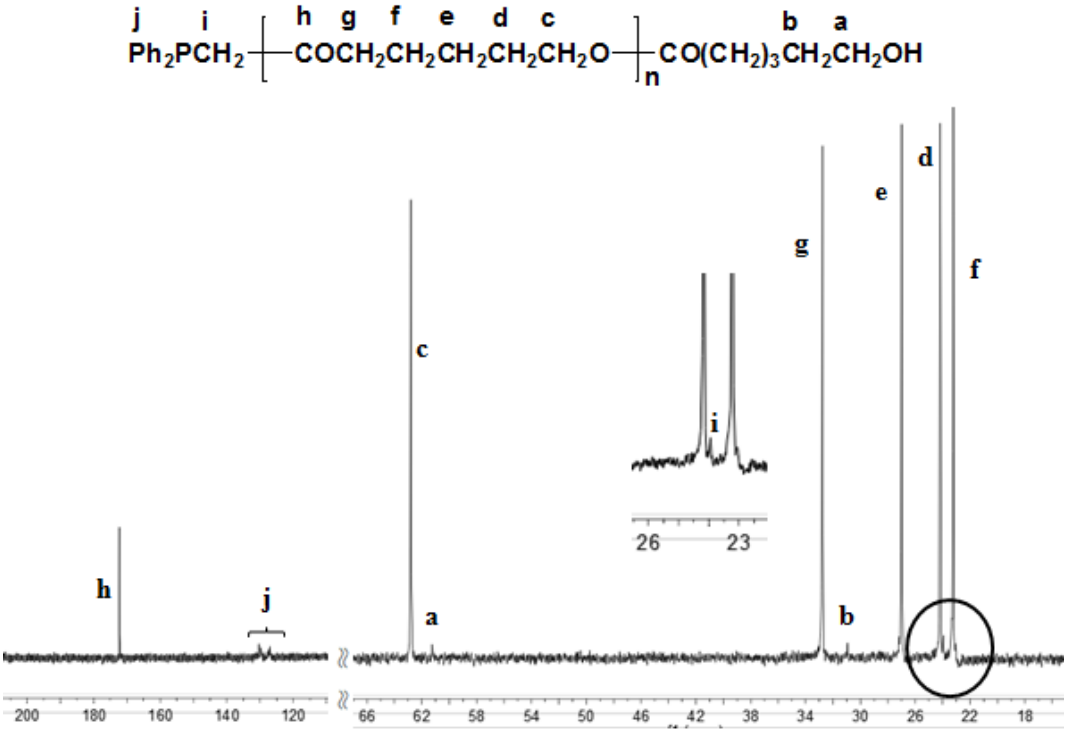

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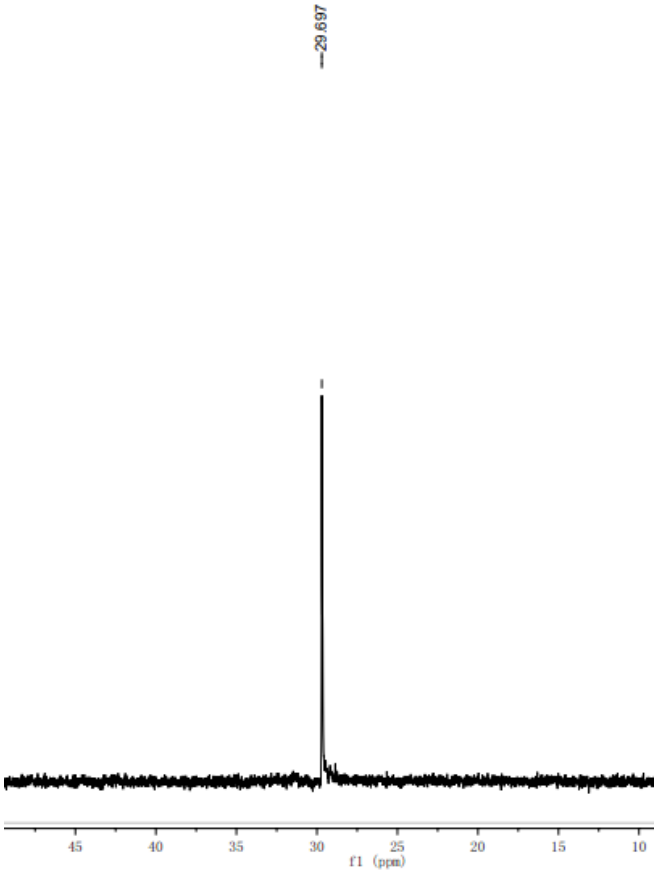

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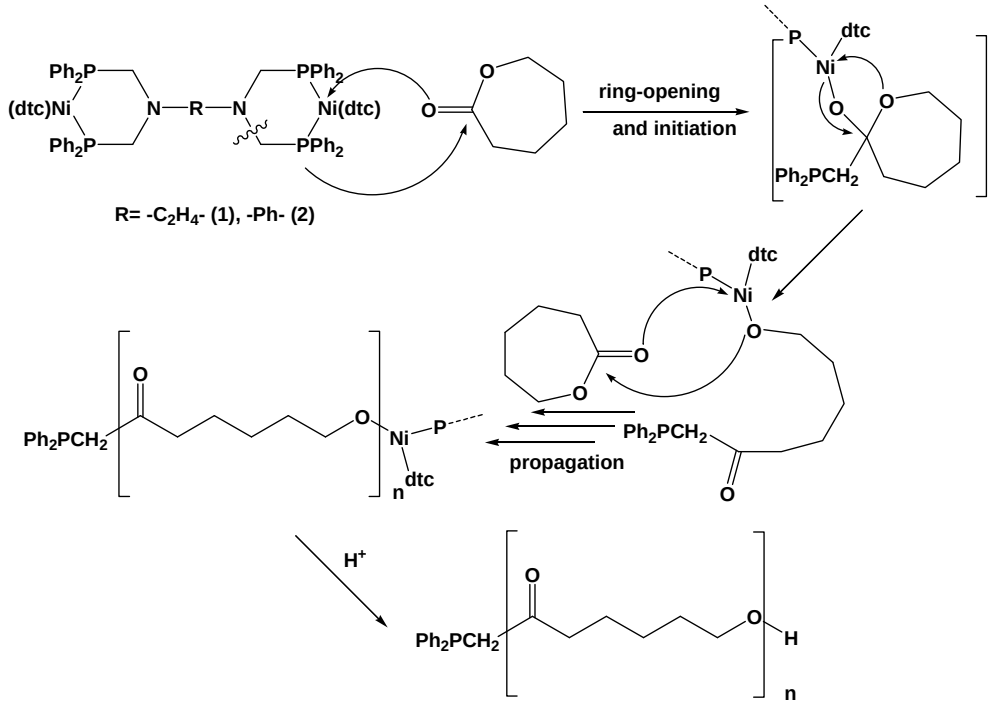

Scheme S1. The proposed mechanism for the ROP of ε-caprolactone.