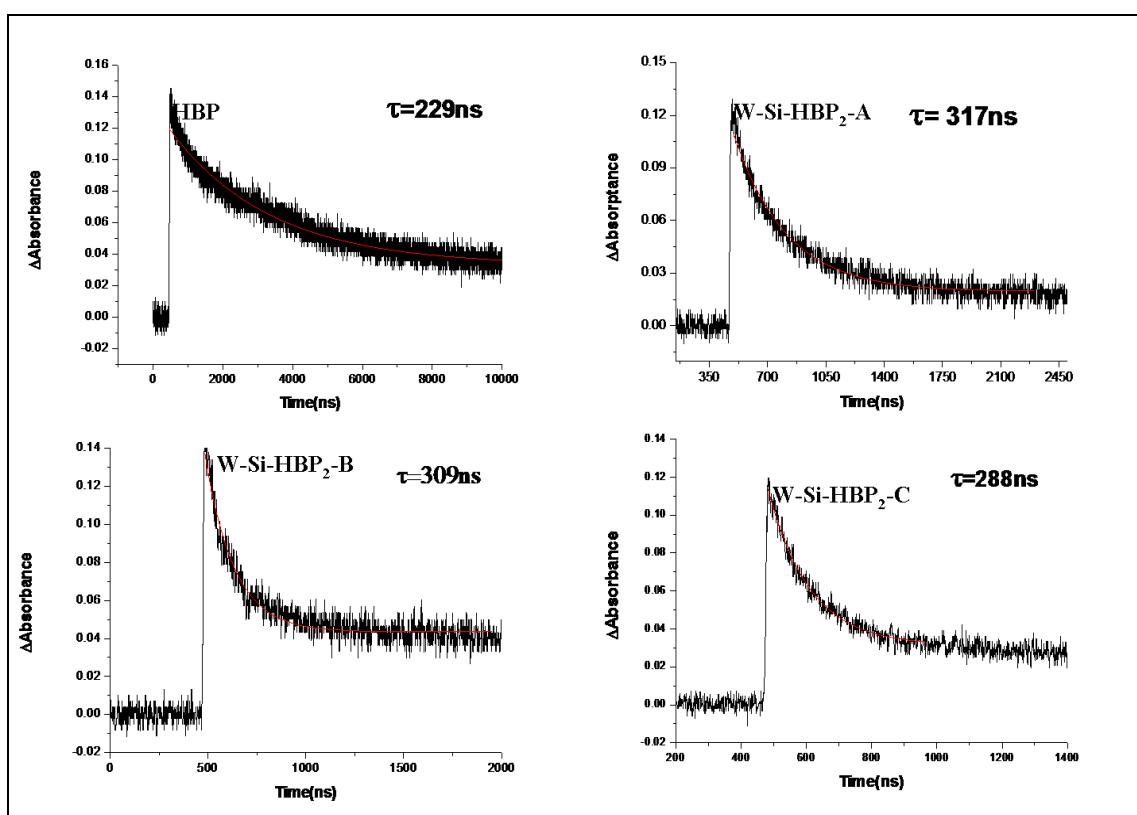


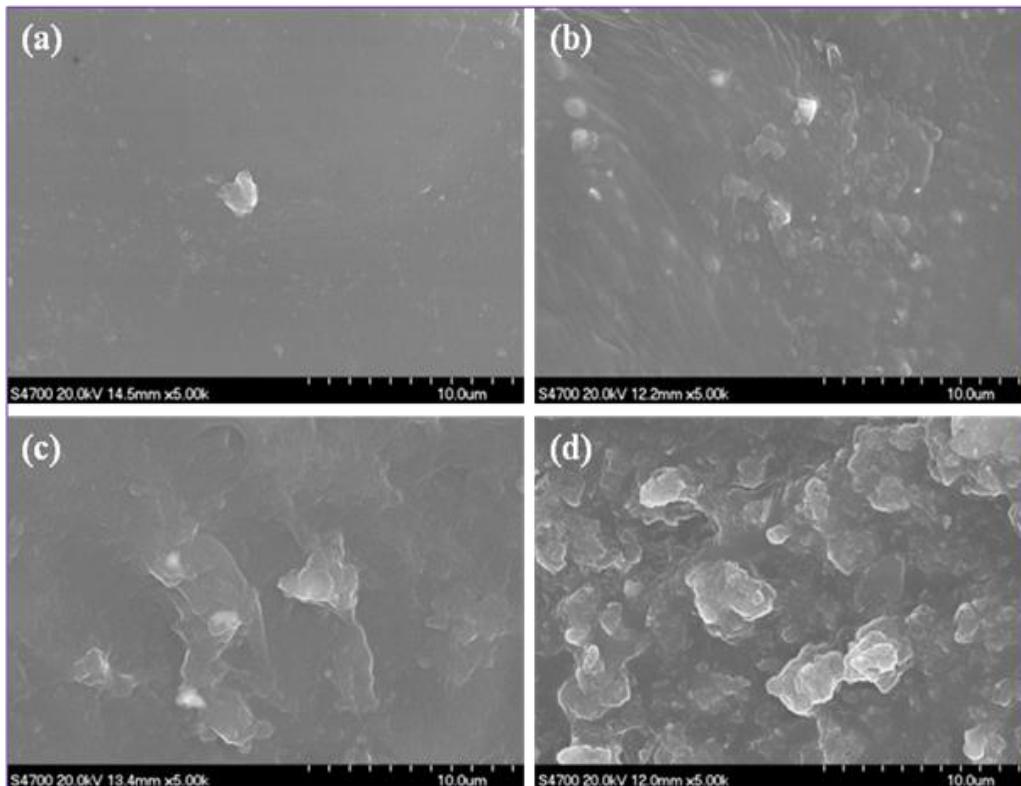
**Fig. S1** Transient optical absorption spectrum recorded 10 ns following laser excitation (355 nm, 4-6 ns) of W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-A ( $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in argon saturated acetonitrile solution at 25 °C.



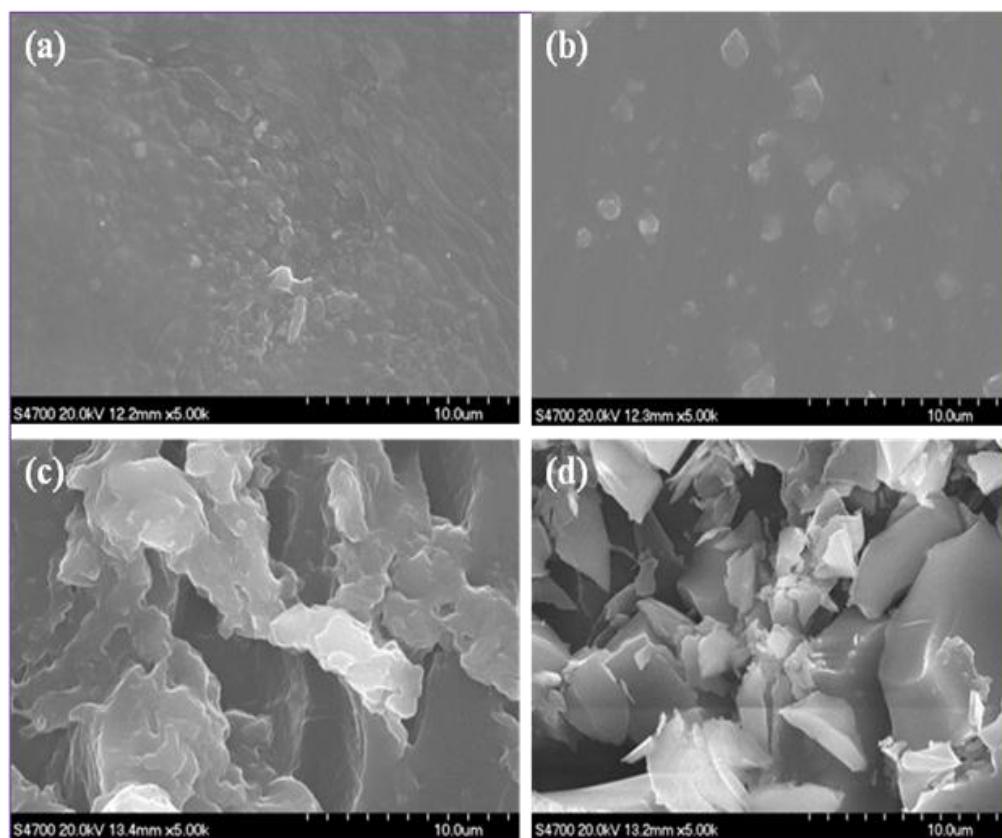
**Fig. S2** Transient absorption kinetics observed at 560 nm following laser excitation (355 nm, 4-6 ns) of HBP and W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-A/B/C ( $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M) in argon saturated acetonitrile solution at 25 °C.

**Table S1.** The contact angle and the dispersion surface energy ( $\gamma_s^d$ ) of the gradient polymer film (PAM) initiated by W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-A/B/C

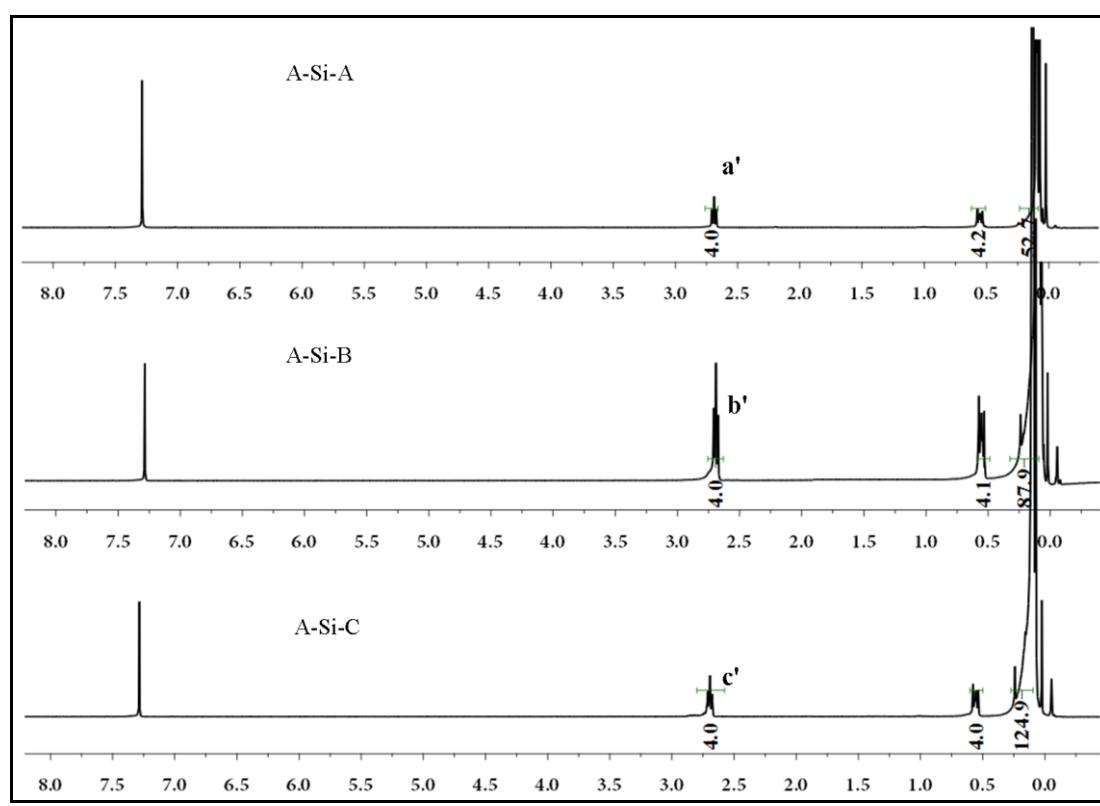
Initiator (concentration, mol/L)	$\theta(\text{H}_2\text{O})/^\circ$		$\gamma\text{S}^d(\text{H}_2\text{O})/(\text{mN/m})$	
	Standing time (min)			
	10	60	10	60
W-Si-HBP <sub>2</sub> -B ( $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ )	24.83	29.25	201	193
W-Si-HBP <sub>2</sub> -B ( $2.5 \times 10^{-3}$ )	34.55	38.88	183	174
W-Si-HBP <sub>2</sub> -B ( $4.5 \times 10^{-3}$ )	36.79	41.78	179	168
W-Si-HBP <sub>2</sub> -B ( $6.0 \times 10^{-3}$ )	41.50	43.5	169	164
W-Si-HBP <sub>2</sub> -C ( $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ )	33.04	39.71	186	173
W-Si-HBP <sub>2</sub> -C ( $2.5 \times 10^{-3}$ )	41.50	45.76	169	159
W-Si-HBP <sub>2</sub> -C ( $4.5 \times 10^{-3}$ )	43.95	53.68	163	140
W-Si-HBP <sub>2</sub> -C ( $6.0 \times 10^{-3}$ )	49.72	55.91	149	134



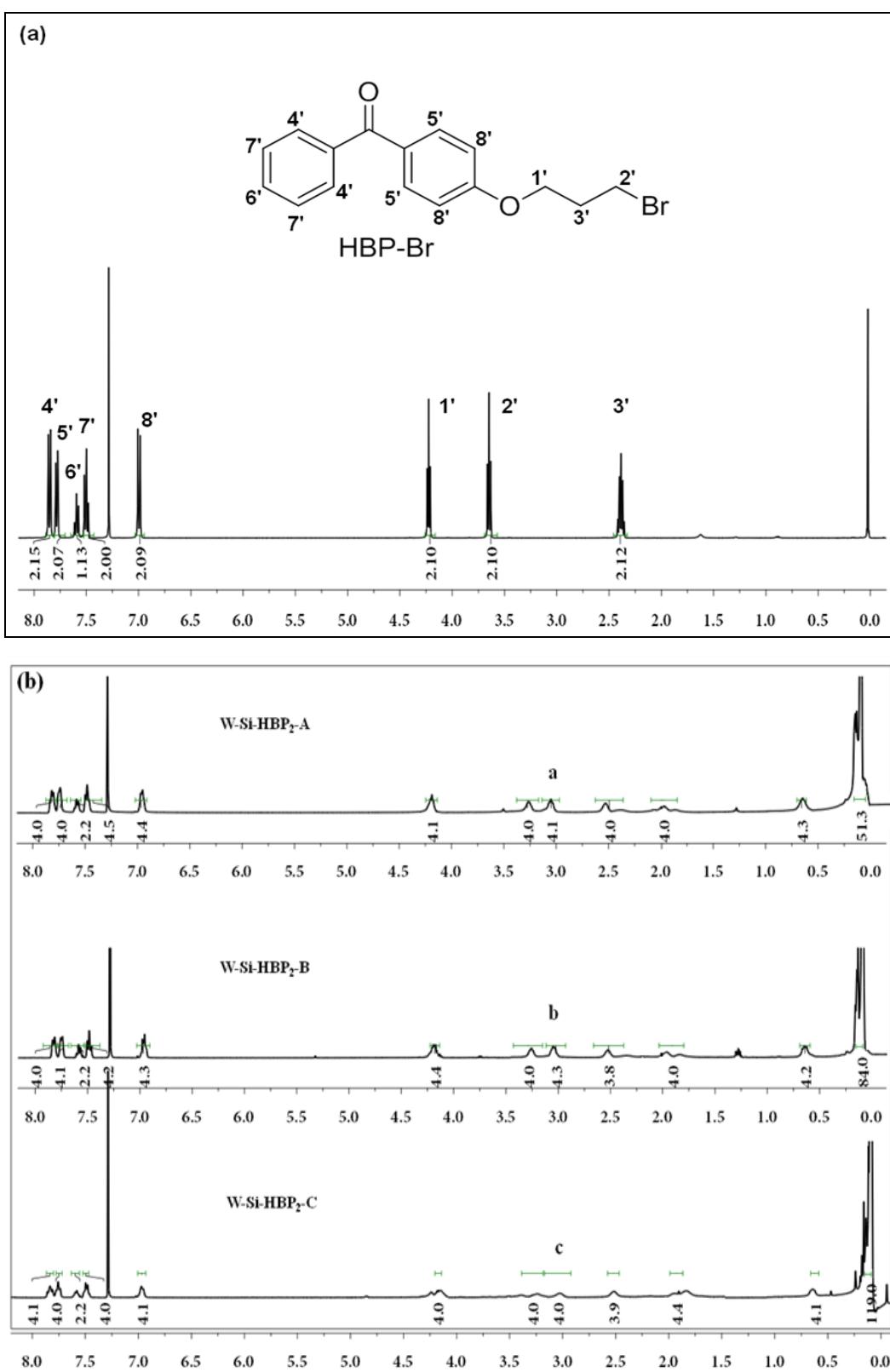
**Fig. S3** SEM images of the polymer films (PAM) initiated by different concentration of W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-B ((a)  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L (b)  $2.5 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L (c)  $4.5 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L (d)  $6.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L) and TEOA ( $3.3 \times 10^{-2}$  mol/L)



**Fig. S4** SEM images of the polymer films (PAM) initiated by different concentration of W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-C ((a)  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L (b)  $2.5 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L (c)  $4.5 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L (d)  $6.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L) and TEOA ( $3.3 \times 10^{-2}$  mol/L)



**Fig. S5**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the amino polysiloxane A-Si-A/B/C



**Fig. S6**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the photoinitiators, (a) HBP-Br, (b) W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-A/B/C.

Comparing with the spectrum of amino polysiloxane A-Si-A/B/C that shown in Fig. S5, the signals (6.90-7.91 ppm) of aromatic hydrogen of W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-A/B/C indicated that HBP has been linked with A-Si-A/B/C. After a nucleophilic reaction, the chemical shift of protons in  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-Br}$  group (3.66 ppm) was shifted upfield (3.28 ppm, in Fig. 6(b)) in W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-A/B/C, and the chemical shift of  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$  (peak a'/b'/c')

in Fig. S5) in A-Si-A/B/C (2.65 ppm) was shifted downfield (3.10 ppm) in W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-A/B/C. The integration ratio of Si-CH<sub>3</sub> to -CH<sub>2</sub>-N (peak a/b/c in Fig. 6(b)) in W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-A/B/C was 12.59/19.23/29.88, respectively, which was similar with the corresponding ratio (13.17/21.97/31.22) of Si-CH<sub>3</sub> to -CH<sub>2</sub>-N (peak a'/b'/c' in Fig. S5) in A-Si-A/B/C, demonstrating that HBP linked to both sides of the A-Si-A/B/C. Additionally, the integration ratio verified that polymerization degree (n) of W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-A/B/C was about 7-8, 12-13, 19-20, respectively. Hence, the NMR estimates could deduce the molecular weights of A-Si-A/B/C were 664-738, 1034-1108 and 1552-1626, respectively, and W-Si-HBP<sub>2</sub>-A/B/C were 1302-1376, 1672-1746 and 2190-2264, respectively, similar to the GPC results.