Supporting Information for

Synthesis of mono(guanidinate) rare earth metal bis(amide) complexes and their performance for the ring-opening polymerization of L-lactide and *rac*-lactide

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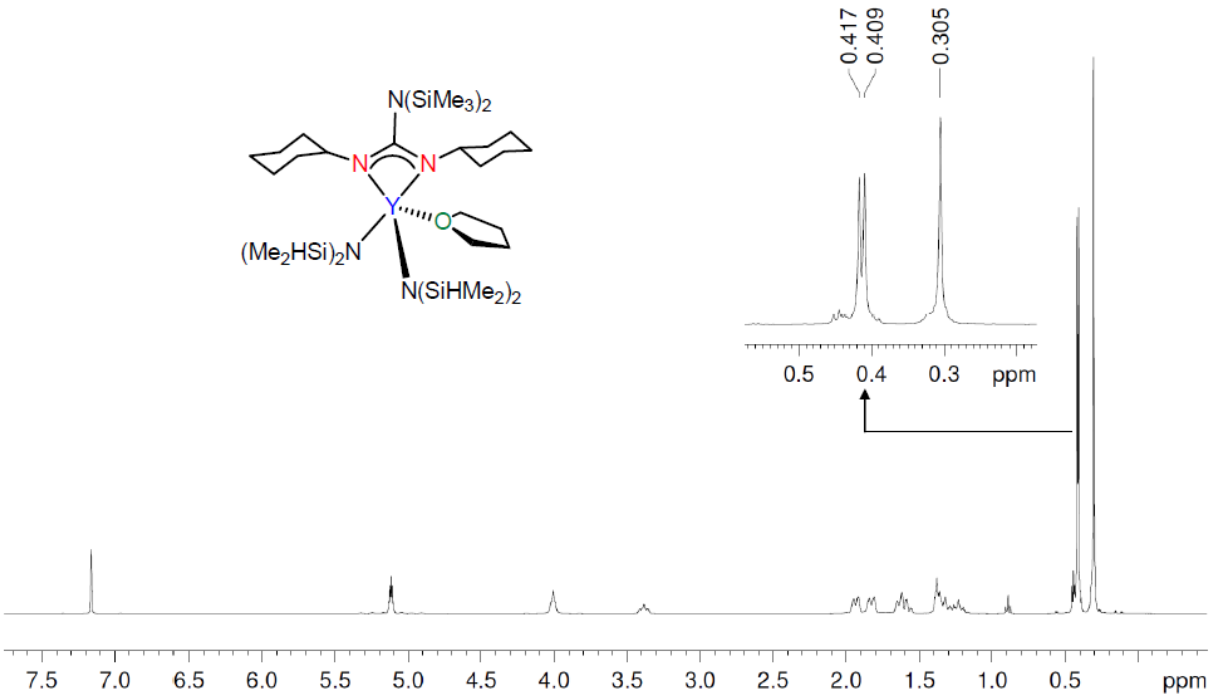

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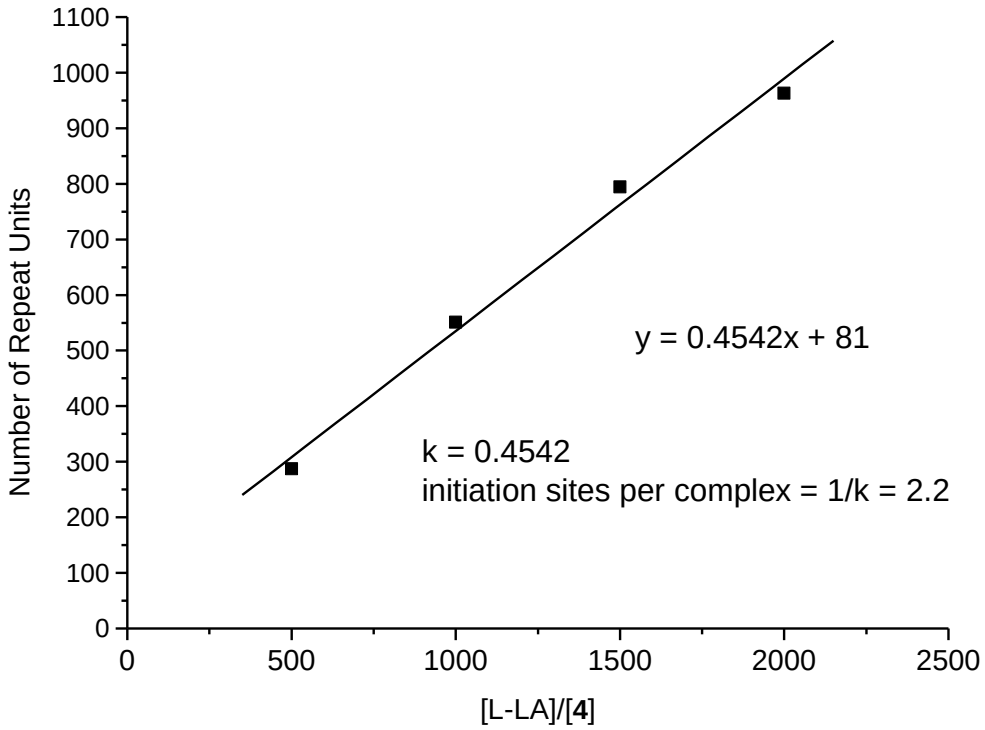

Fig. S2. Plot of the degree of LA polymerization (i.e., number of repeat units) vs [L-LA]/[**4**] at 50 °C in toluene. Initiation sites per complex = 2.2, showing that both amido groups initiated the polymerization

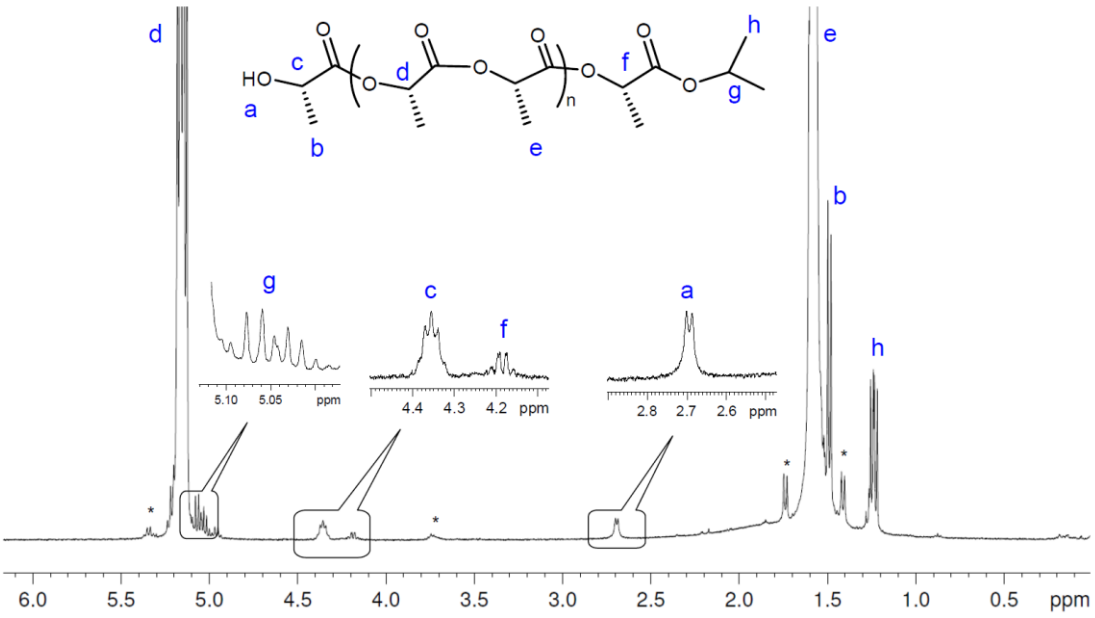

Fig. S3 ^{1}H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) of L-lactide oligomer using **4**/^{i}PrOH as an initiator after quenching with ethanol (*, ethanol and monomer signals). Polymerization conditions: $[Y]_0/[^{i}PrOH]/[LA]_0$ = 1: 2 : 10, in toluene, 12 min, 20 °C.