

# Palladium(0)-Catalyzed Polyaddition of Bifunctional Vinyloxirane with Nitrogen Nucleophiles. Synthesis of Polymers Containing an Allylamine Moiety in the Main Chain and Pendant Hydroxyl Groups

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## Introduction

The palladium(0)-catalyzed reaction of vinyloxiranes with carbon nucleophiles such as active methylene compounds is a useful carbon–carbon bond formation reaction in organic synthesis.<sup>1–5</sup> However, no application of this reaction with vinyloxiranes for polymer synthesis via  $\pi$ -allylpalladium intermediates had been reported. We recently reported that the palladium(0)-catalyzed polyaddition of bifunctional vinyloxiranes [1,4-bis(2-vinyloxyethyl)benzene (**1a**) and 1,4-bis(1-methyl-2-vinyloxyethyl)benzene (**1b**)] with carbon nucleophiles such as acetylacetone and dimethyl malonate could afford new polymers (**2**) having an allyl alcohol moiety in the main chain accompanying carbon–oxygen bond cleavage of the oxirane ring, as shown in Scheme 1.<sup>6–8</sup> The stereochemistry of the obtained polymers was *E*-configuration. We also reported that **1a** and **1b** could react with phenols such as bisphenol A in the presence of Pd(0) catalyst to give the corresponding polymers having an allyl aryl ether moiety in the main chain and pendant hydroxyl groups.<sup>9</sup>

Although there are many reports on the Pd(0)-catalyzed reaction of vinyloxiranes with carbon nucleophiles, only a few studies on this reaction with nitrogen nucleophiles have been reported.<sup>2,10,11</sup> From the viewpoint of polymer synthesis, however, it is important to contemplate carbon–nitrogen bond formation by palladium-catalyzed reaction in order to obtain various functional polymers containing nitrogen atoms in the main chain. In this article, we describe the Pd(0)-catalyzed polyaddition of bifunctional vinyloxirane **1b** and nitrogen nucleophiles such as benzenesulfonamide and pyromellitic diimide to synthesize new polymers containing an allylamine moiety in the main chain and pendant hydroxyl groups.

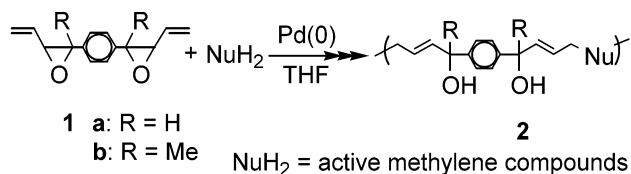
## Experimental Section

**Measurement.** IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-230 spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker-DMX 500 with CDCl<sub>3</sub> or dimethyl-*d*<sub>6</sub> sulfoxide (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) as a solvent and Me<sub>4</sub>Si as an internal standard. Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was performed on a Shimadzu HPLC LC-6A system equipped with two columns (Shim-pack GPC-802 and GPC-804), and tetrahydrofuran (THF) was used as an eluent at 45 °C. The GPC was calibrated against standard polystyrene samples.

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Scheme 1



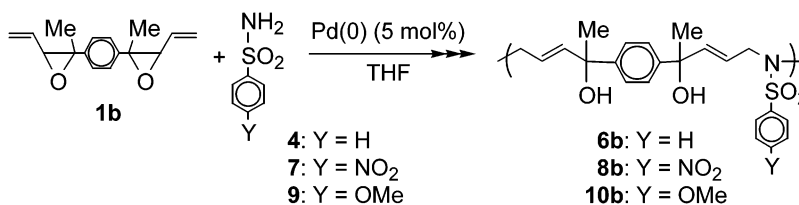
**Materials.** Extra-pure grade reagents were used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Bifunctional vinyloxirane **1b** was prepared by the method reported in our previous paper.<sup>7</sup> THF used as a solvent for polymerization was distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen prior to use.

**Pd(0)-Catalyzed Reaction of 2-Methyl-2-phenyl-3-vinyloxirane (3) and Benzenesulfonamide (4): Model Reaction.** To a solution of benzenesulfonamide (**4**) (0.159 g, 1.0 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.116 g, 0.10 mmol) in THF (5 mL), a solution of vinyloxirane **3**<sup>12</sup> (0.325 g, 2.0 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added. After being stirred for 6 h at room temperature under an Ar atmosphere, the reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness. The residue was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane–ethyl acetate, 1:1) to give the desired 2:1 adduct **5** (0.348 g, 73%). IR (neat): 3480, 3059, 3030, 2978, 2930, 1489, 1560, 1333, 1160, 912, 760 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.52 (CH<sub>3</sub>, s, 3H), 1.54 (CH<sub>3</sub>, s, 3H), 2.41 (OH, s, 1H), 2.44 (OH, s, 1H), 3.67–3.89 (CH<sub>2</sub>, m, 4H), 5.44–5.51 (–CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>–, m, 2H), 5.73 (–CCH=CH–, d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22–7.34 (ArH, m, 10H), 7.45 (ArH, dd, *J* = 7.7 and 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51–7.57 (ArH, m, 1H), 7.77 (ArH, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 29.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 49.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 49.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.1 (quat C), 122.7, 122.8, 125.0, 126.4, 127.1, 128.3, 129.1, 132.6, 132.7, 139.8, 141.4, 146.1, 146.2. HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: 477.1974. Found: 477.1978.

**Pd(0)-Catalyzed Polyaddition of Bifunctional Vinyloxirane 1b with Nitrogen Nucleophiles: A Typical Procedure.** To a yellow solution of Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>·CHCl<sub>3</sub> (where dba is dibenzylideneacetone; 0.026 g, 0.025 mmol) and 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane (dppe; 0.040 g, 0.1 mmol) in THF (1 mL), a solution of benzenesulfonamide (**4**) (0.157 g, 1.0 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added. To this a solution of bifunctional vinyloxirane **1b** (0.242 g, 1.0 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 6 h under an Ar atmosphere and poured into toluene (100 mL) to precipitate the polymer (run 4 in Table 1). The resulting polymer (**6b**) was filtered off, washed with toluene, and dried in vacuo (0.325 g, 81%), giving a gray solid. IR (KBr): 3448, 3059, 2974, 2925, 1331, 1157, 1090 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.39 (CH<sub>3</sub>, s, 3H), 1.40 (CH<sub>3</sub>, s, 3H), 3.75 (–CH<sub>2</sub>–, d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 4H), 5.26 (OH, s, 2H), 5.35–5.40 (–CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>–, m, 2H), 5.76 (–CCH=CH–, d, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (–CCH=CH–, d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (ArH, s, 4H), 7.51–7.56 (ArH, m, 2H), 7.63–7.68 (ArH, m, 1H), 7.80 (ArH, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 29.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.8 (quat C), 120.5, 125.0, 127.2, 129.7, 133.1, 140.3, 143.2, 146.0.

**8b**, a pale gray solid. IR (KBr): 3427, 3103, 2976, 2927, 1529, 1350, 1159 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.40 (CH<sub>3</sub>, s, 6H), 3.82 (–CH<sub>2</sub>–, s, 4H), 5.26 (OH, s, 2H), 5.41–5.44 (–CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>–, m, 2H), 5.81 (–CCH=CH–, d, *J* = 14.4, 1H), 5.84 (–CCH=CH–, d, *J* = 14.4, 1H), 7.27 (ArH, s, 4H), 8.06 (ArH, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (ArH, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 29.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.8 (quat C), 120.2, 124.9, 125.0, 128.9, 143.4, 145.9, 146.0, 150.0.

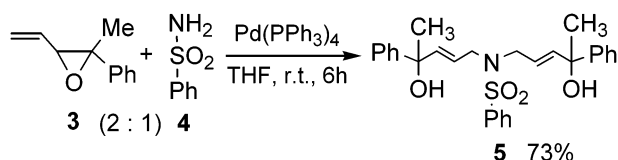
**10b**, a pale gray solid. IR (KBr): 3450, 2974, 2929, 1333, 1259, 1151, 1092 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.40 (CH<sub>3</sub>, s, 3H), 1.41 (CH<sub>3</sub>, s, 3H), 3.71 (CH<sub>2</sub>, d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H), 3.83 (OCH<sub>3</sub>, s, 3H), 5.25 (OH, s, 2H), 5.38–5.43 (–CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>–, m, 2H), 5.76 (–CCH=CH–, d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (–CCH=CH–, d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (ArH, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28

Table 1. Pd(0)-Catalyzed Polyaddition of **1b** with Benzenesulfonamides

run	Pd(0)	ArSO <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	temp (°C)	time (h)	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	M <sub>n</sub> <sup>b</sup>	M <sub>w</sub> /M <sub>n</sub> <sup>b</sup>
1	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	<b>4</b>	rt <sup>c</sup>	24	0		
2	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	<b>4</b>	60	6	26	1030	1.45
3	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> /dppe	<b>4</b>	rt <sup>c</sup>	24	87	3100	2.95
4	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> /dppe	<b>4</b>	60	6	81	5100	7.81
5	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	<b>7</b>	60	6	77	1800	1.95
6	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> /dppe	<b>7</b>	60	6	85	5500	8.95
7	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	<b>9</b>	60	6	0		
8	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub> /dppe	<b>9</b>	60	6	88	5800	3.25

<sup>a</sup> Insoluble in toluene. <sup>b</sup> Estimated by GPC (based on PSt). <sup>c</sup> Room temperature.

Scheme 2



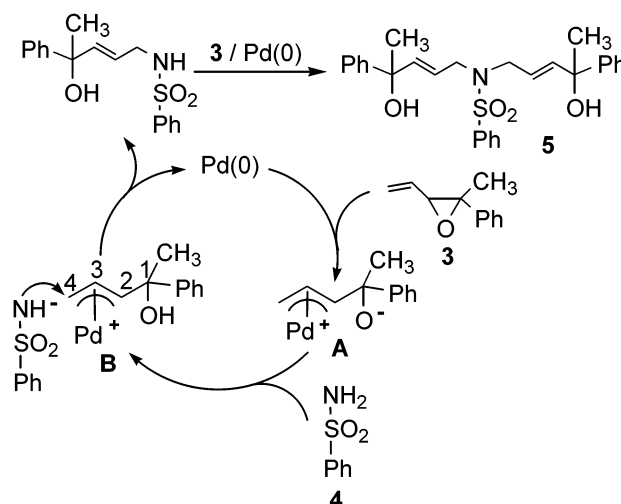
(ArH, s, 4H), 7.73 (ArH, d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 29.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.0 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 72.8 (quat C), 114.6, 114.8, 120.7, 124.9, 129.2, 130.9, 143.0, 146.1, 162.7.

**12b**, a white solid. IR (KBr): 3473, 3035, 2976, 2929, 1716, 1390, 1346, 1119, 1088, 968 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.44 (CH<sub>3</sub>, s, 6H), 4.26 (—CH<sub>2</sub>—, s, 4H), 5.33 (OH, s, 2H), 5.69–5.72 (—CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>—, m, 2H), 5.94 (—CCH=CH—, d,  $J = 14.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (ArH, s, 4H), 8.18 (ArH, s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 30.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.9 (quat C), 117.8, 120.2, 125.0, 137.3, 141.0, 146.2, 166.3.

## Results and Discussion

The Pd(0)-catalyzed reaction of vinyl oxirane **3** was first examined by use of benzenesulfonamide (**4**) as a nitrogen nucleophile. The reaction using 2 equiv of **3** to **4** was conducted at room temperature for 6 h in THF in the presence of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (5 mol % for **3**). The desired 2:1 adduct (**5**) was isolated in a good yield (73%) by flash column chromatography (Scheme 2). Tsuda et al.<sup>2</sup> reported that the Pd(0)-catalyzed reaction of methyl  $\gamma,\delta$ -epoxysorbate with **4** gave a 1:1 adduct in a moderate yield (58%). However, they did not mention the formation of the 2:1 adduct. The Pd(0)-catalyzed reaction of **3** with **4** was also carried out in the presence of Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>·CHCl<sub>3</sub>/dppe as a catalyst and gave 2:1 adduct **5** (99%), the yield of which was higher than that of **5** obtained by reaction with Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>. A plausible reaction mechanism of the formation of **5** is shown in Scheme 3.  $\pi$ -Allylpalladium intermediate **A** generated by oxidative addition of Pd(0) to **3** abstracts a proton of **4**. Nucleophilic 1,4-attack of the generated anion on intermediate **B** affords a 1:1 adduct, which reacts with **3** to yield 2:1 adduct **5**. No detectable 1,2-adduct was formed. The structure of **5** was confirmed by NMR, IR, and elemental analysis. Figure 1a shows the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **5** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. The methylene and vinyl protons were observed around 3.69–3.79 and 5.69–5.77 ppm, respectively. The IR spectrum of **5** showed the characteristic absorption based on the hydroxyl group (3480 cm<sup>-1</sup>). The stereochemistry of **5** was confirmed

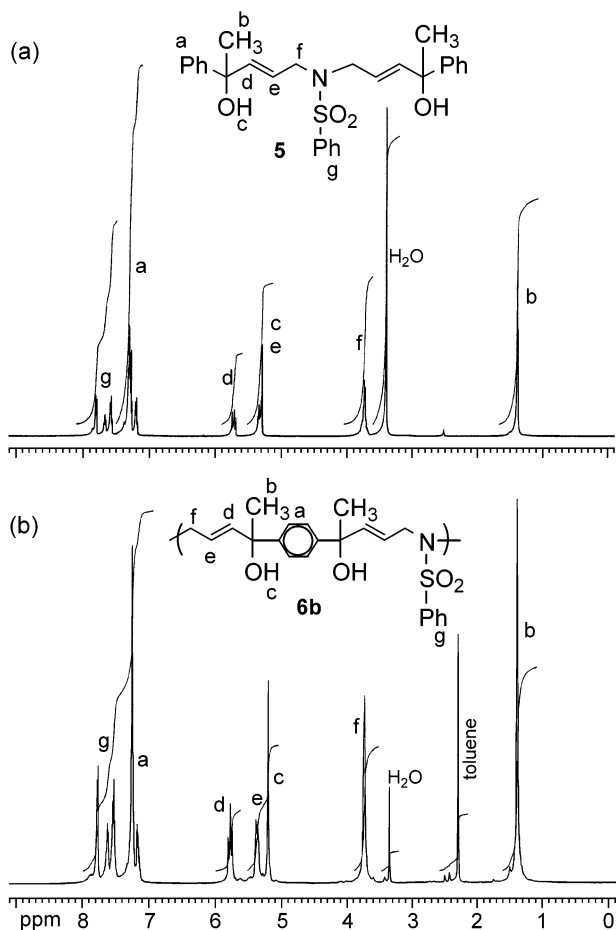
Scheme 3



as an *E*-configuration by the coupling constant of the vinyl proton (d); the  $J$  value was 15.7 Hz (see the Experimental Section). The *Z* isomer was not observed.

Table 1 shows the results of the Pd(0)-catalyzed polyaddition of **1b** with **4** in THF (runs 1–4). The formed polymers were isolated by pouring the reaction mixtures into toluene. In the polyaddition with Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> at room temperature, the desired polymer (**6b**) was not obtained (run 1). Polymer **6b** was afforded by polymerization at 60 °C, but the yield and  $M_n$  value were not high (run 2). In the Pd(0)-catalyzed reaction of vinyl oxirane **3** with **4**, dppe was more effective than PPh<sub>3</sub>. When dppe was employed as a ligand instead of PPh<sub>3</sub>, **6b** was obtained in a good yield even at room temperature (run 3). **6b** with a higher  $M_n$  value was obtained by polymerization at 60 °C using dppe (run 4). Consequently, dppe was found to be more effective than PPh<sub>3</sub> for the polyaddition of **1b** and **4**. We have already reported a similar ligand effect for the Pd(0)-catalyzed polyaddition of **1b** and dimethyl malonate.<sup>8</sup> Tsuji et al. also found that dppe was more effective than PPh<sub>3</sub> for the Pd(0)-catalyzed reaction with weak nucleophiles.<sup>13</sup> Nitrogen nucleophile **4** seems to be a weak nucleophile in the Pd(0)-catalyzed polyaddition.

The structure of **6b** was determined on the basis of IR and NMR data. The proton signals of **6b** could be assigned as illustrated in Figure 1b. The methylene was observed around 4.50. The stereochemistry of **6b** was

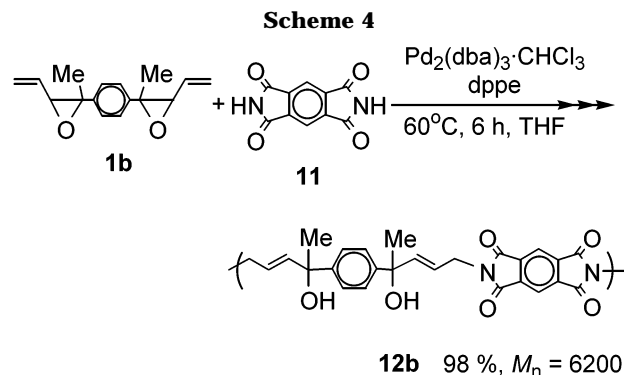


**Figure 1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **5** and polymer **6b** ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 500 MHz).

determined as an *E*-configuration by the coupling constant of the vinyl proton (**d**); the *J* value was 15.0 Hz. The clear signals based on the *Z* isomer were not observed. The IR spectrum of **6b** showed the characteristic absorptions based on the hydroxyl group around  $3448\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . From these spectral data, we confirmed that the Pd(0)-catalyzed polyaddition of **1b** with **4** proceeded successfully and gave polymers **6b** with an allylamine moiety in the main chain and pendant hydroxyl groups.

Next, the Pd(0)-catalyzed polyaddition of **1b** with para-substituted benzenesulfonamides, *p*-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (**7**) and *p*-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (**9**), was examined at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  in THF. The corresponding polymer (**8b**) was obtained in a good yield when the polyaddition of **1b** and **7** was conducted at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  for 6 h in the presence of  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (run 5). However, the  $M_n$  value was not high ( $M_n = 1800$ ). On the other hand, the polyaddition with  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3\cdot\text{CHCl}_3/\text{dppe}$  afforded polymer **8b** with a higher  $M_n$  value ( $M_n = 5500$ ) in an 85% yield (run 6). These results indicate that dppe is more effective than  $\text{PPh}_3$  for the polyaddition of **1b** and **7**, similar to that of **1b** and **4**. In the Pd(0)-catalyzed polyaddition of **1b** with **9**, the desired polymer **10b** could not be obtained by polymerization with  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ , contrary to the polyaddition with **7** (runs 5 and 7). The polyaddition with dppe instead of  $\text{PPh}_3$  could give polymer **10b** in an excellent yield ( $M_n = 5800$ , run 8).

The structures of polymers **8b** and **10b** were confirmed by IR and NMR spectra. The stereochemistry was *E*-configuration; the coupling constants of vinyl



proton ( $-\text{CCH}=\text{CH}-$ ) of **8b** and **10b** were 14.4 and 15.1 Hz, respectively. The IR spectra exhibit the characteristic absorptions due to the hydroxyl groups:  $3427\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for **8b** and  $3450\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for **10b**.

Finally, we examined the Pd(0)-catalyzed polyaddition of **1b** with pyromellitic diimide (**11**). The polyaddition of **1b** with **11** was carried out at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  in THF in the presence of  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ , but the corresponding polymer (**12b**) could not be obtained. On the other hand, the polyaddition of **1b** and **11** using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3\cdot\text{CHCl}_3/\text{dppe}$  as a catalyst proceeded successfully, and the desired polymer **12b** ( $M_n = 6200$ ) was obtained quantitatively (Scheme 4). The stereochemistry of **12b** was confirmed as an *E*-configuration by the coupling constant the vinyl proton; the *J* value was 14.9 Hz.

## Conclusion

We found that the Pd(0)-catalyzed polyaddition of **1b** with **4**, **7**, **9**, and **11** proceeded successfully and gave new polymers with an allylamine moiety in the main chain and hydroxyl groups in the side groups. In the polyaddition, dppe was more effective than  $\text{PPh}_3$ . Polymers **6b**, **8b**, **10b**, and **12b** with high  $M_n$  values were obtained when the polyaddition was conducted at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  in the presence of  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3\cdot\text{CHCl}_3/\text{dppe}$ . The stereochemistry of polymers **6b**, **8b**, **10b**, and **12b** was *E*-configuration. All of the obtained polymers were soluble in organic solvents such as THF and DMSO.

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