

## Supplementary Material

### Coordination Initiated – Nitroxide Mediated Polymerization (CI-NMP)

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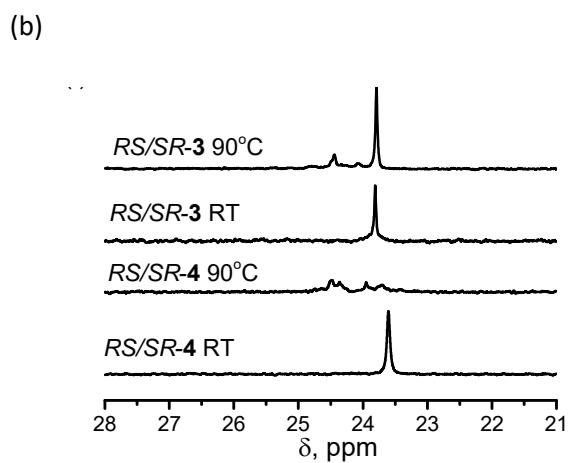
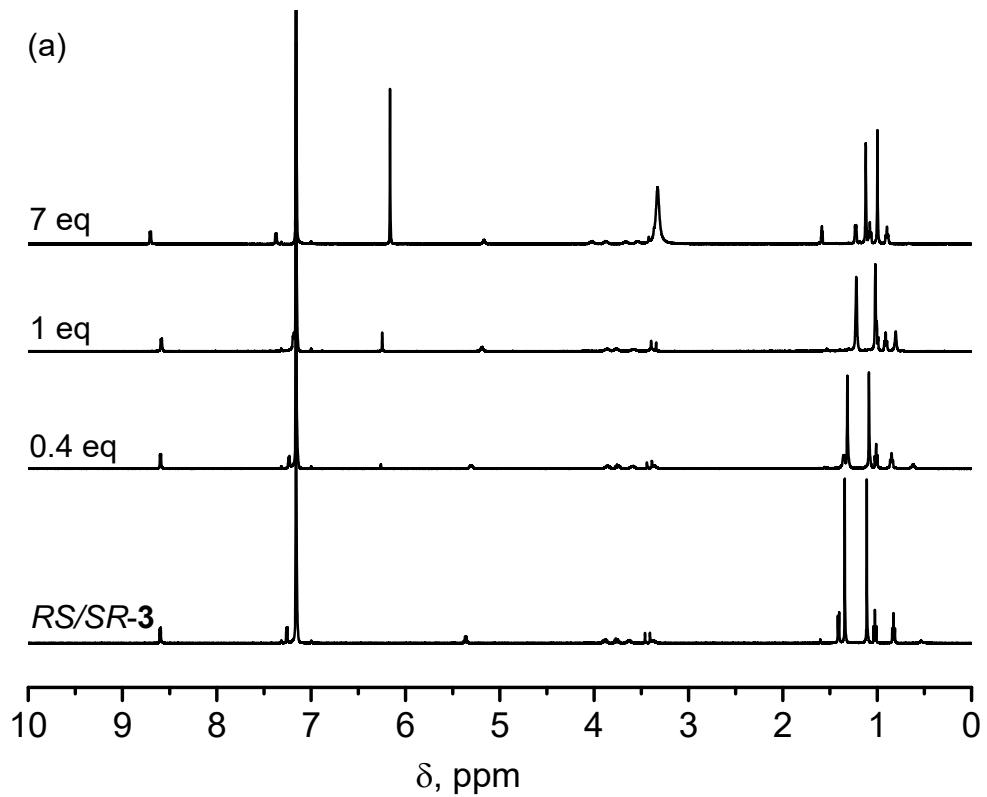


Figure S1. (a)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of alkoxyamine *RS/SR-3* upon addition of  $\text{Zn}(\text{hfac})_2$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ; (b)  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra of *RS/SR-4* and *RS/SR-3* at room temperature and at  $90^\circ\text{C}$  in *n*-butyl acrylate (ABU).

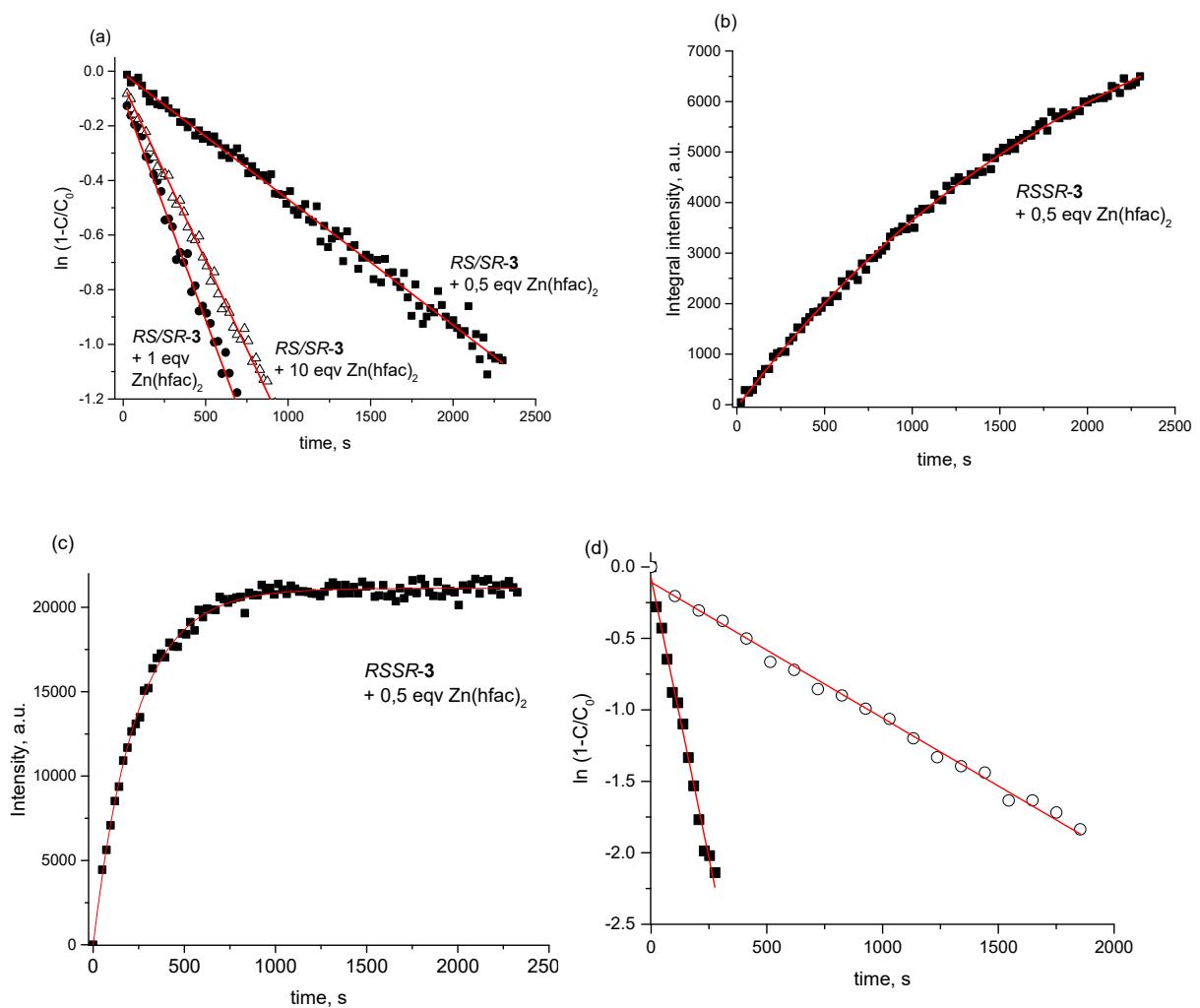
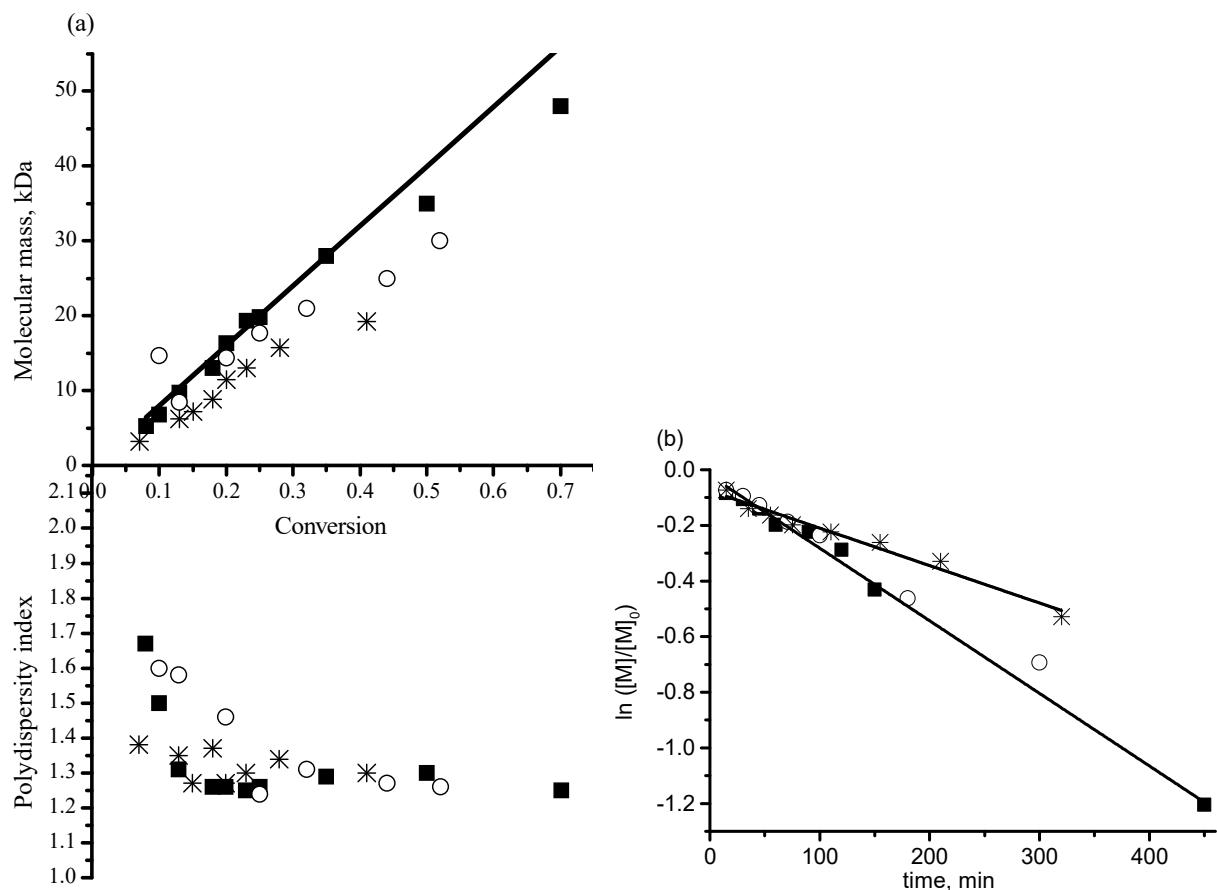
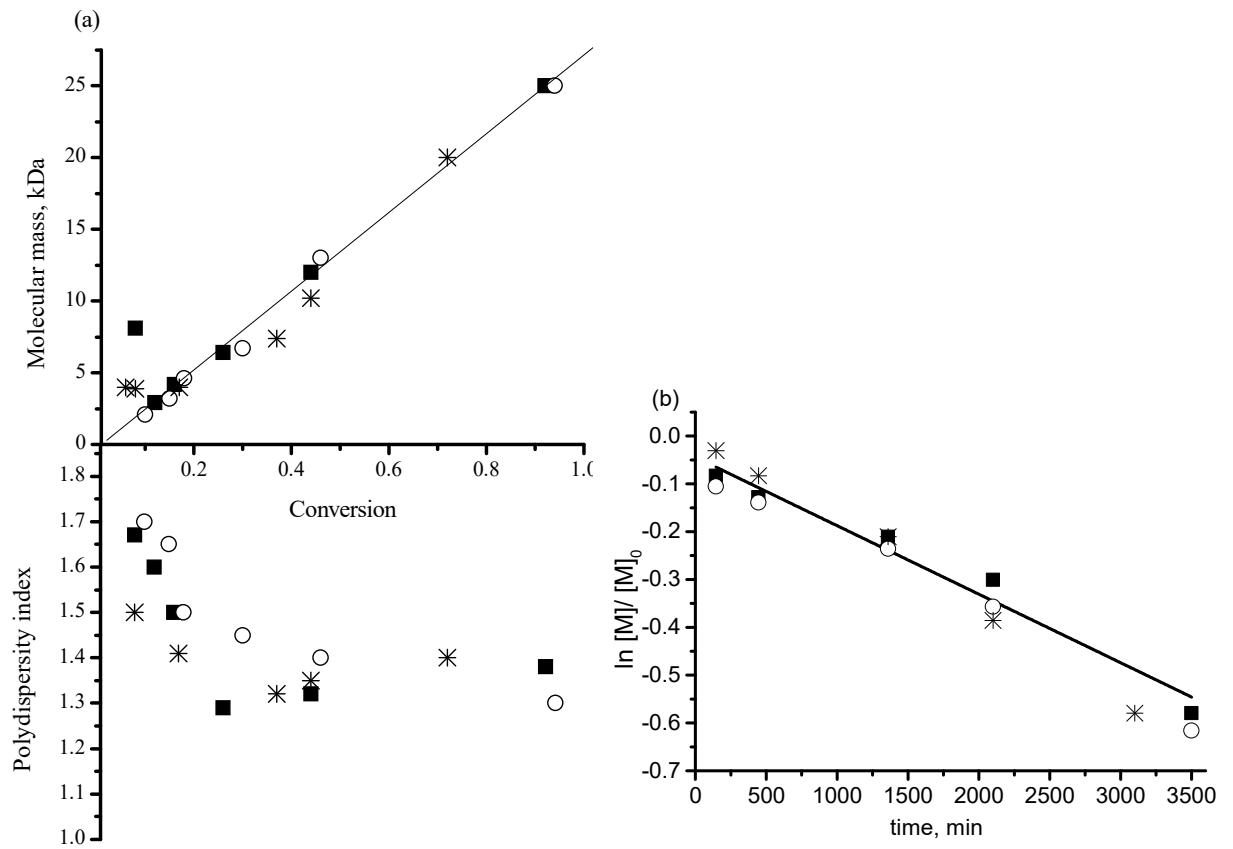


Figure S2. (a) Kinetics of C-ON bound homolysis at 80 °C for **RS/SR-3** upon addition of Zn(hfac)<sub>2</sub> : (■) – 0.5 eq., (●) – 1 eq., (Δ) – 10 eq, linear fit - (line). Kinetics of C-ON bound homolysis at 80 °C for **RS/SR-3** upon addition of 0.5 eq. Zn(hfac)<sub>2</sub> at 80 °C (b) and 100 °C (c), (d) **RS/SR-3** + 1 eq of Zn(hfac)<sub>2</sub> (■) and **RS/SR-3** (○) in ABU at 100 °C.



**Figure S3.** (a) Mn vs conversion, PDI vs conversion, and (b)  $\ln([M]/[M]_0)$  vs time plots for the polymerization of styrene at 110 °C initiated with: RS/SR-3 (\*), 4 (■), 4 + 1 eq. pyridine (○), monomer to initiator ratio is 800 to 1.



**Figure S4.**  $M_n$  vs conversion, PDI vs conversion, and  $\ln([M]/[M]_0)$  vs time plots for (a) the polymerization of butyl acrylate at 90 °C initiated with: *RS/SR-3* (\*), **4** (■), **4 + 1 eq. Zn(hfac)<sub>2</sub>** (○), monomer to initiator ratio is 800 to 1.

Table S1. The values of C-ON bound hemolysis rate constants for the compounds under investigation.

Compound	Conditions	$k_d \times 10^3, \text{s}^{-1}$	$E_a, \text{kJ/mol}$	Ref
<i>RS/SR-3</i>	Pure <sup>a</sup>	0.15	123.0	1
<i>RS/SR-4</i>	Pure <sup>a</sup>	2.1	115.0	2
<i>RS/SR-3</i>	0.5 eqv Zn(hfac) <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	0.5	119.0	This work
<i>RS/SR-3</i>	1 eqv Zn(hfac) <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	1.7	116.0	This work
<i>RS/SR-3</i>	10 eqv Zn(hfac) <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	1.3	116.5	This work
<i>RS/SR-3</i>	Pure <sup>c</sup>	0.95	124.0	This work
<i>RS/SR-3</i>	1 eqv Zn(hfac) <sub>2</sub> <sup>c</sup>	8.0	117.5	This work

<sup>a</sup> In *t*-BuPh.  $k_d$  estimated at 80 °C. <sup>b</sup> In toluene, measured at 80 °C. <sup>c</sup> In n-butyl acrylate, measured at 100 °C.

### **Procedure for measurement of $k_d$**

EPR experiments were performed on SpinScan EPR machine (ADANI) equipped with temperature control unit. The values of  $k_d$  were measured by recording ESR spectra upon heating of  $10^{-4}$  M toluene solutions of *RS/SR-3* in the presence of 3 equivalents of 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-*N*-oxyl radical (TEMPO) as alkyl radical scavenger. Solutions were degassed by three cycles of freeze-pump-thaw (residual pressure of 0.1 mbar) and sealed under argon atmosphere prior to measurements to gain narrow ESR signals of SG1 nitroxide generated in the course of heating and to overcome decomposition reaction of SG1 in the presence of oxygen.

Profiles of the relative concentration are obtained by integration of the low field EPR line of **SG1** and the data are fitted linear in semi logarithmic coordinates with eq.

$$\ln \frac{[C]_0 - [C]}{[C]_0} = -k_d t.$$

The values of  $k_d$  are presented in Table 1SI. Activation energies  $E_a$  are given by the Arrhenius equation using the value of  $2.4 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$  as frequency factor  $A_0$ .<sup>3</sup>

$$k_d = A_0 \times e^{\frac{-E_a}{RT}}$$

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