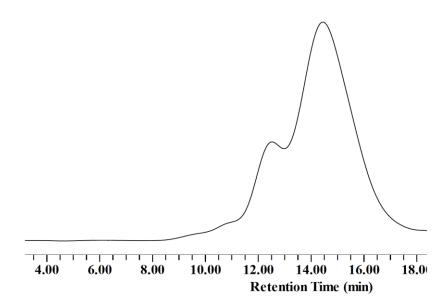
## **Supporting Information**

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## butyrolactone into Unsaturated Polyesters

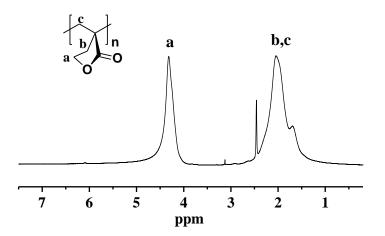
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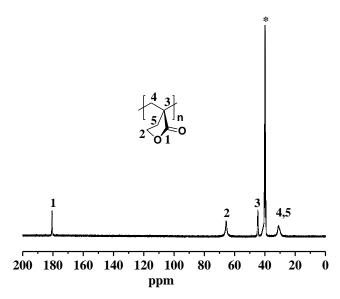


**Figure S1.** GPC (in DMF) trace of the polymer product derived from the copolymerization of neat  $\varepsilon$ -CL and MBL (1:1) by Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub> at at 130 °C, showing a bimodal MW distribution:  $M_w = 145$  kg/mol, PDI = 1.24 (~16%),  $M_w = 8.35$  kg/mol, PDI = 1.33 (~84%).

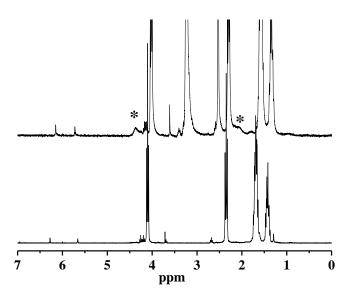
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**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ) of PMBL produced by catalyst **1** ( $M_w = 62.5$  kg/mol, PDI = 2.31). Unlabeled sharp peaks were originated from the NMR solvent.



**Figure S3.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of PMBL produced by catalyst **1** ( $M_w = 62.5$  kg/mol, PDI = 2.31). The starred peak was originated for the NMR solvent.



**Figure S4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the polymer product obtained by  $Y(CH_2SiMe_3)_3(THF)_2$  (4) (run 4) in: DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (top) and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (bottom), showing the formation of 18 mol% PMBL (starred peaks), in addition to the desired ring-opening copolymer.