# Synthesis of Helical Rod/Coil Multiblock Copolymers by Living Block Copolymerization of Isocyanide and o-diisocyanobenzene by Using Arylnickel Initiators 

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## 1. General

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen with magnetic stirring. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury vx400 or a JEOL JNM-A500 spectrometer at ambient temperature. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$ scale), multiplicity ( $\mathrm{s}=$ singlet, $\mathrm{d}=$ doublet, $\mathrm{t}=$ triplet, $\mathrm{q}=$ quartet, quint $=$ quintet, $\mathrm{sex}=$ sextet, $\mathrm{m}=$ multiplet, and $\mathrm{br}=$ broad), coupling constant $(\mathrm{Hz})$, and integration. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$ scale). All ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were obtained with complete proton decoupling. CD spectra were recorded on a JASCO J-750 spectrometer. UV spectra were recorded on a JASCO V-500 spectrometer. The GPC analysis was carried out with TSKgel $\mathrm{G} 4000 \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{HR}}\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right.$, polystyrene standard). Preparative GPC was performed on JAI LC-908 equipped with JAIGEL- 1 H and -2 H columns in a series $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.

THF was dried and deoxygenized using an alumina/catalyst column system (GlassContour Co.). Trimethylphenylphosphine (Aldrich) and sodium borohydride (Aldrich) were used as received from the commercial sources.

Arylnickel initiator 1 was prepared by a reaction of o-tolyl bromide with $\mathrm{Ni}(\operatorname{cod})_{2}$ in the presence of dimethylphenylphosphine according to the literature procedure. ${ }^{[1]}$ Arylnickel initiator 2, ${ }^{[2]}$ isocyanides 3-12, ${ }^{[3]}$ and o-diisocyanobenzene $13^{[4]}$ were prepared according to the reported procedures.

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## 2. Experimental Procedures

### 2.1. Typical Procedures for the Synthesis of Poly(isocyanide)s (Table 1)

Synthesis of homopolymer poly-3 (Table 1. Entry 1): A stock solution of arylnickel initiator $1(0.050 \mathrm{M}$ in THF, $50 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ was diluted with THF ( 3.85 mL ). To the solution was added a solution of $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ in THF $(1.0 \mathrm{M}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$. After stirring for 15 minutes, a solution of $3(27.5 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF ( 1.25 mL ) was added at room temperature. After $3 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{NaBH}_{4}(3.7 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ was added to the reaction mixture at room temperature. After stirring for 15 min . at room temperature, water was added. Extraction with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ followed by preparative GPC gave poly- $\mathbf{3}$ as orange solid ( $23.9 \mathrm{mg}, 87 \%$ yield).

### 2.2. Synthesis of Triblock Copolymer 16 (Figure 2)

To a solution of arylnickel initiator $2(0.050 \mathrm{M}, 50 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF ( 3.85 mL ) were added a solution of $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ in THF $(1.0 \mathrm{M}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ and then a solution of $13(30.0 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF $(1.25 \mathrm{~mL})$ at room temperature. After 1 h , a small portion of the solution was taken out from the reaction mixture and quenched by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$. This homopolymer 14 was subjected to GPC and CD analyses. To the remaining reaction mixture was added a solution of $3(27.5 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF $(1.25 \mathrm{~mL})$. After 1 h , a small portion of the solution was taken out from the reaction mixture and quenched by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$. This diblockcopolymer 15 was subjected to GPC and CD analyses. To the remaining mixture was added a solution of $\mathbf{1 3}(30.0 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF ( 1.25 mL ). After stirring for further $1 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{NaBH}_{4}(3.7 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ was added to the resulting mixture at room temperature. After stirring for 1 h at room temperature, water was added. Extraction with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ followed by preparative GPC gave block copolymer 16 as orange solid ( $71.8 \mathrm{mg}, 86 \%$ yield).

### 2.3. Synthesis of Triblock Copolymer 18 (Scheme 1)

To a solution of arylnickel initiator $1(0.050 \mathrm{M}, 50 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF ( 3.85 mL ) were added a solution of $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ in THF $(1.0 \mathrm{M}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ and then $\mathbf{1 3}(30.0 \mathrm{mg}$, $100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ at room temperature. After 1 h , a small portion of the solution was taken out from the reaction mixture and quenched by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$. This homopolymer was subjected to GPC analysis. To the remaining reaction mixture was added a solution of 7 (28.5 $\mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF $(1.25 \mathrm{~mL})$. After 1 h , a small portion of the solution was taken out from the reaction mixture and quenched by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$. This diblock copolymer 17
was subjected to GPC and CD analyses. To the remaining mixture was added a solution of $\mathbf{1 3}(30.0 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF $(1.25 \mathrm{~mL})$. After stirring for further 1 h , $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}(3.7 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ was added to the resulting mixture at room temperature. After stirring for 15 min . at room temperature, water was added. Extraction with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ followed by preparative GPC gave block copolymer 18 as orange solid ( $66.0 \mathrm{mg}, 78 \%$ yield).

### 2.4. Synthesis of Pentablock Copolymer 19 (Figure 3)

To a solution of arylnickel initiator $2(0.050 \mathrm{M}, 50 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF ( 3.85 mL ) were added a solution of $\mathrm{PMe}_{3}$ in THF $(1.0 \mathrm{M}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ and then $\mathbf{1 3}(30 \mathrm{mg}$, $100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ at room temperature. After 1 h , a small portion of the solution was taken out from the reaction mixture and quenched by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$. This homopolymer 20 was subjected to GPC and CD analyses. To the remaining reaction mixture was added a solution of $\mathbf{3}(27.5 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF $(1.25 \mathrm{~mL})$. After 1 h , a small portion of the solution was taken out from the reaction mixture and quenched by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$. This diblock copolymer 21 was subjected to GPC and CD analyses. To the remaining mixture was added a solution of $\mathbf{1 3}(30.0 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF $(1.25 \mathrm{~mL})$. After 1 h , a small portion of the solution was taken out from the reaction mixture and quenched by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$. This triblock copolymer 22 was subjected to GPC and CD analyses. To the remaining reaction mixture was added a solution of $\mathbf{3}(27.5 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF ( 1.25 mL ). After 1 h , a small portion of the solution was taken out from the reaction mixture and quenched by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$. This tetrablock copolymer 23 was subjected to GPC and CD analyses. To the remaining mixture was added a solution of $\mathbf{1 3}(30.0 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF ( 1.25 mL ). After stirring for further $1 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{NaBH}_{4}(3.7 \mathrm{mg}, 100 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ was added to the resulting mixture at room temperature. After stirring for 15 min . at room temperature, water was added. Extraction with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ followed by preparative GPC gave pentablock Copolymer 19 as orange solid ( $103 \mathrm{mg}, 75 \%$ yield).

## 3. Determination of s.e. of poly(quinoxaline) unit in block copolymers

### 3.1. Determination of s.e. of copolymer 17.

UV spectra of homopolymers S1, poly-( $1 R$ )-7, and diblock copolymer $\mathbf{1 7}$ are shown below.

Figure S1. UV spectra of S1, poly-(1R)-7, and 17


UV spectrum of diblock copolymer $\mathbf{1 7}$ is assumed to be the linear combination of the UV spectra of the poly(quinoxaline) block and the poly(iminomethylene) block as shown in eq 1, in which $\mathrm{A}_{\text {poly(quinoxaline) }}$ and $\mathrm{A}_{\text {poly(iminomethylene) }}$ stand for absorption of the respective blocks. Since the UV spectra of the poly(quinoxaline) block and the poly(iminomethylene) block are almost equivalent to those of $\mathbf{S 1}$ and poly-( $1 R$ )-7, respectively, the UV spectrum of $\mathbf{1 7}\left(\mathrm{A}_{17}\right)$ can be expressed as shown in equation 2 , using $F_{l}$ and $F_{2}$ as proportionality factors.

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathrm{A}_{\mathbf{1 7}}=\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{poly}(\mathrm{quinoxaline)}}+\mathrm{A}_{\text {poly(iminomethylene) }}  \tag{1}\\
& \quad=F_{1} \times \mathrm{A}_{\mathbf{S} \mathbf{1}}+F_{2} \times \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{poly}-(1 \mathrm{R})-7} \tag{2}
\end{align*}
$$

Nonlinear least-squares fitting of the UV spectrum of $\mathbf{1 7}$ against the UV spectra of $\mathbf{S 1}$ and poly- $(1 R)-7$ was performed by using the Solver Function in Microsoft Office Excel 2007. Sums of the squares of the deviation were minimized by varying the proportionality factors $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$. These parameters were successfully converged and the final values were as follows.

$$
\begin{equation*}
F_{1}=0.3834, \quad F_{2}=0.2816 \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

From equations $1-3$, virtual UV absorption of the poly(quinoxaline) unit in copolymer 17 is expressed as shown in equation 4, which leads to the virtual UV spectrum shown in Figure S2.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{A}_{\text {poly(quinoxaline) }}=\mathrm{A}_{\mathbf{1 7}}-F_{2} \times \mathrm{A}_{\text {poly-(1R) }-7} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Likewise, virtual CD of the poly(quinoxaline) unit in copolymer 17 is expressed by equation 5, which leads to the virtual CD spectrum shown in Figure S2.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\theta_{\text {poly }(\text { quinoxalin })}=\theta_{17}-F_{2} \times \theta_{\text {poly-(1R)-7 }} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Figure S2. Virtual UV and CD spectra of poly(quinoxaline) unit in diblock copolymer 17


From the UV and CD intensities at 366 nm , the g value (Kuhn's dissymmetry ratio) is obtained according to the following equation. In the equations, $\Delta \varepsilon, \varepsilon,[\theta]$, and $A$ stand for circular dichroism (CD), molar absorption coefficiency (UV), molar ellipticity (CD), and absorbance (UV), respectively.

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathrm{g}_{\text {abs }[\text { poly(quinoxaline) }]}=\Delta \varepsilon_{\text {poly(quinoxaline) }} / \varepsilon_{\text {poly(quinoxaline) }} \\
& =[\theta]_{\text {poly(quinoxaline) }} / 3298 \times \mathrm{cl} / \mathrm{A}_{\text {poly(quinoxaline) }} \\
& =\theta_{\text {poly }(q u i n o x a l i n e)} / 32.98 \cdot \mathrm{cl} \times \mathrm{cl} / \mathrm{A}_{\text {poly }}(q u i n o x a l i n e) \\
& =\theta_{\text {poly(quinoxaline) }} / 32.98 \mathrm{~A}_{\text {poly(quinoxaline) }} \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$

Since $\theta_{\text {poly(quinoxaline) }}$ and $\mathrm{A}_{\text {poly(quinoxaline) }}$ at 366 nm are $-7.268 \times 10^{-3}$ and 0.2207 , respectively, as shown in Figure 2, the g value of $-9.98 \times 10^{-4}$ at 366 nm is obtained. This value corresponds to $42 \%$ se for the left-handed helical structure.

### 3.2. Determination of s.e. of the poly(quinoxaline) block in copolymer 18.

According to the procedure shown above for copolymer 17, $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$ were determined to be 0.6157 and 0.2648 , respectively. Virtual UV and CD spectra of the poly(quinoxaline) block in copolymer $\mathbf{1 8}$ were drawn as shown in Figure S3.

The screw-sense excess of the helical rod blocks was determined to be $40 \%$ se ( $M$ ).

Figure S3. Virtual UV and CD spectra of the poly(quinoxaline) blocks in triblock copolymer 18

3.3. Determination of s.e. of the poly(quinoxaline) block in copolymers 19-23.

According to the procedure 3.1., suitable $F_{1}$ and $F_{2}$ were obtained from UV spectra for copolymers 19 and 21-23. The UV and CD spectra for the poly(quinoxaline) homopolymer 20 and the virtual UV and CD spectra for the poly(quinoxaline) blocks of copolymers 19 and 21-23 are shown in Figure S4-S8. From the readings of the absorbance (UV) and the ellipticity (CD), the g values for polymers 19-23 are obtained as follows.
homopolymer 20: $g_{366}=1.87 \times 10^{-3}$ ( $78 \%$ s.e.)
diblock copolymer 21: $g_{366}=1.98 \times 10^{-3}(82 \%$ s.e. $)$
triblock coplymer 22: $g_{366}=8.78 \times 10^{-4}(37 \%$ s.e. $)$
tetrablock copolymer 23: $g_{366}=8.56 \times 10^{-4}(36 \%$ s.e. $)$
pentablock copolymer 19: $g_{366}=5.06 \times 10^{-4}$ ( $21 \%$ s.e.)

Figure S4. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of homopolymer 20


Figure S5. Virtual UV and CD spectra of the poly(quinoxaline) block in diblock copolymer 21


Figure S6. Virtual UV and CD spectra of the poly(quinoxaline) blocks in triblock copolymer 22


Figure S7. Virtual UV and CD spectra of the poly(quinoxaline) blocks in tetrablock copolymer 23


Figure S8. Virtual UV and CD spectra of the poly(quinoxaline) blocks in pentablock copolymer 19


## 4. Analytical and NMR Data for New Compounds

5: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 0.99(\mathrm{t}, 7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.65$ (sex, $\left.7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}\right), 3.43$ (dt, $6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.82 (m, 2H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 11.4,22.8,41.9,126.6,128.1,128.7,135.6,165.8,166.3$; IR (KBr) 2129, $1631 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

8: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 0.10(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 1.13-1.17(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.42-4.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.44(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.07(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta-1.5$, 17.3, 63.8, 126.3, 129.7, 130.6, 131.4, 165.0, 166.9; IR (neat) 2124, $1721 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \mathrm{Si}$ : C, 63.12; H, 6.93: N, 5.66. Found: C, 62.87; H, 7.05; N, 5.52.

9: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 1.61(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 7.42(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 28.1,82.0,126.2,129.7,130.6,132.8,164.1$, 166.6; IR (KBr) 2126, $1717 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ : C, 70.92; H, 6.45: N, 6.89. Found: C, 71.00; H, 6.37; N, 6.89.

10: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 0.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.05 (octet, $J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 4.85(\mathrm{t}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.46(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.10(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 17.2,19.4,29.5,84.1,126.3,129.7,130.7,131.3,164.8$, 166.9; IR (KBr) 2124, $1721 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ : C, 75.76 ; $\mathrm{H}, 8.12$ : N , 4.91. Found: C, 75.83 ; H, 8.01; N, 4.85 .

11: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 0.99(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.12(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.14-1.33(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.88$ (d, $J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.29(\mathrm{tt}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.44(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.06(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 27.8,32.5,34.9,44.4,51.5,71.4,126.3$, 129.7, 130.7, 131.7, 164.5, 166.8; IR (neat) 2124, $1719 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ : C, 73.44; H, 7.81: N, 5.71. Found: C, 73.39; H, 7.74; N, 5.61.

12: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 0.98-1.31(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 1.65-1.76(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 4.89(\mathrm{t}, 6.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 26.0,26.1,26.3,27.6,30.0,38.5,82.9,126.4,129.7,130.8,131.5,164.9$, 166.8; IR (neat) 2122, $1723 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

Monomers 3, 4, $\mathbf{6}$ and ( $1 R$ )-7 are known compounds. CAS numbers of these monomers are shown below.
3: 205495-60-9
4: 288154-56-3
6: 602262-09-3
(1R)-7: 254116-83-1

## 2. polymers

Poly-3 (achiral initiator, Table1, Entry 1): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 1.28$ (br, $10 n \mathrm{H}), 4.99(\mathrm{br}, 4 n \mathrm{H}), 5.72-8.56(\mathrm{~m}, 3 n \mathrm{H})$.

Poly-4 (achiral initiator, Table1, Entry 2): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 1.01$ (br, $3 n \mathrm{H}), 1.63(\mathrm{br}, 2 n \mathrm{H}), 3.48-4.74(\mathrm{~m}, 2 n \mathrm{H}), 5.38-8.46(\mathrm{~m}, 4 n \mathrm{H})$.

Poly-(1R)-7 (Table1, Entry 5): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 0.22-2.58(\mathrm{~m}, 18 n \mathrm{H})$, $4.92(\mathrm{br}, n \mathrm{H}), 5.97(\mathrm{br}, 2 n \mathrm{H}), 6.50-8.04(\mathrm{~m}, 2 n \mathrm{H})$.

Poly-3 (chiral initiator, Table1, Entry 6): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 0.93$ (br, $6 n \mathrm{H}), 1.58(\mathrm{br}, 4 n \mathrm{H}), 2.91-4.78(\mathrm{~m}, 4 n \mathrm{H}), 5.22-8.56(\mathrm{~m}, 3 n \mathrm{H})$.

Poly-4 (chiral initiator, Table1, Entry 7): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 1.27$ (br, $5 n \mathrm{H}), 4.99(\mathrm{br}, 2 n \mathrm{H}), 5.86-8.10(\mathrm{~m}, 4 n \mathrm{H})$.

Poly-8 (Table1, Entry 8): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 0.08(\mathrm{br}, 9 n \mathrm{H}), 1.00(\mathrm{br}$, $2 \mathrm{nH}), 3.63-4.76(\mathrm{~m}, 2 n \mathrm{H}), 5.83(\mathrm{br}, 2 n \mathrm{H}), 6.56-8.20(\mathrm{~m}, 2 n \mathrm{H})$.

Poly-9 (Table1, Entry 9): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 1.43(\mathrm{br}, 9 n \mathrm{H}), 5.90(\mathrm{br}$, $2 n \mathrm{H}), ~ 6.36-8.02(\mathrm{~m}, 2 n \mathrm{H})$.

Poly-10 (Table1, Entry 10): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 1.05(\mathrm{br}, 16 \mathrm{nH}), 1.74$ (br, $2 \mathrm{nH}), 5.03(\mathrm{br}, n \mathrm{H}), 5.76(\mathrm{br}, 2 n \mathrm{H}), 6.22-7.94(\mathrm{~m}, 2 n \mathrm{H})$.

Poly-11 (Table1, Entry 11): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 0.84(\mathrm{br}, 12 n \mathrm{H}), 1.90$ (br, $2 n \mathrm{H}), 4.63(\mathrm{br}, n \mathrm{H}), 5.92(\mathrm{br}, 2 n \mathrm{H}), 6.70-8.10(\mathrm{~m}, 2 n \mathrm{H})$.

Poly-12 (Table1, Entry 12): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 0.38-2.12(\mathrm{~m}, 22 n \mathrm{H}), 4.63$ (br, $n \mathrm{H}$ ), $5.03(\mathrm{br}, 2 n \mathrm{H}), 6.64-8.16(\mathrm{~m}, 2 n \mathrm{H})$.

Triblock copolymer 16a: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 0.90(\mathrm{br},(6(n+l)+6 m) \mathrm{H}), 1.60$ (br, $(4(n+l)+4 m) \mathrm{H}), 2.35(\mathrm{br}, 6(n+l) \mathrm{H}), 3.46(\mathrm{br}, 4(n+l) \mathrm{H}), 4.57(4(n+l)+4 m) \mathrm{H})$. The $s p^{2}$-protons on benzene ring of monoisocyanide 3 were not detectable by NMR measurements.

Triblock copolymer 16b: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 0.90(\mathrm{br},(6(n+l)+6 m) \mathrm{H})$, $1.60(\mathrm{br},(4(n+l)+4 m) \mathrm{H}), 2.35(\mathrm{br}, 6(n+l) \mathrm{H}), 3.47(\mathrm{br}, 4(n+l) \mathrm{H}), 4.56(4(n+l)+4 m) \mathrm{H})$. The $s p^{2}$-protons on benzene ring of monoisocyanide $\mathbf{3}$ were not detectable by NMR measurements.

Triblock copolymer 16c: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 0.90(\mathrm{br},(6(n+l)+6 m) \mathrm{H}), 1.60$ (br, $(4(n+l)+4 m) \mathrm{H}), 2.34(\mathrm{br}, 6(n+l) \mathrm{H}), 3.45(\mathrm{br}, 4(n+l) \mathrm{H}), 4.56(4(n+l)+4 m) \mathrm{H})$, 5.86-7.80 (m, 3 mH$)$.

Triblock copolymer 18: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 0.91$ (br, $\left.6(n+l) \mathrm{H}\right), 1.60(\mathrm{br}$, $4(n+l) \mathrm{H}), 2.35(\mathrm{br}, 6(n+l) \mathrm{H}, 0.24-2.67(\mathrm{br}, 18 m \mathrm{H}), 3.47(\mathrm{br}, 4(n+l) \mathrm{H}), 4.57$ (br, $(4(n+l)+m) \mathrm{H}), 5.95(\mathrm{br}, 2 m \mathrm{H}), 6.32-8.04(\mathrm{~m}, 2 m \mathrm{H})$.
pentablock copolymer 19: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \quad \mathrm{NMR} \quad\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \quad \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) ~ \delta ~ 0.90 \quad$ (br, $\{6(n+l+j)+6(m+k)\} \mathrm{H}), 1.27(\mathrm{br}, 4(m+k) \mathrm{H}), 1.60(\mathrm{br}, 4(n+l+j) \mathrm{H}), 2.35(\mathrm{br}, 6(n+l+j) \mathrm{H})$, 3.47 (br, $4(n+l+j) \mathrm{H}), 4.56(\mathrm{br}, 4(n+l+j) \mathrm{HH}), 4.98(\mathrm{br}, 4(m+k) \mathrm{H}), 5.86-7.80(\mathrm{~m}, 3 m \mathrm{H})$.

## 5. CD and UV Spectra of the Polymers

Figure S9. Collected CD spectra of poly( $N$-aryliminomethylene)s poly-3, poly-4, poly-( $1 R$ )-7, poly-8, poly-9, poly-10, poly-11, and poly-12. Individual CD charts are shown below in Figure S10-S17.


Figure S10. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Poly-(1R)-7 (Table1, Entry 5)


Figure S11. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Poly-3 (chiral initiator, Table1, Entry 12)


Figure S12. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Poly-4 (chiral initiator, Table1, Entry 6)


Figure S13. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Poly-8 (Table1, Entry 7)


Figure S14. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Poly-9 (Table1, Entry 8)


Figure S15. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Poly-10 (Table1, Entry 9)


Figure S16. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Poly-11 (Table1, Entry 10)


Figure S17. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Poly-12 (Table1, Entry 11)


Figure S18. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Homopolymer 14 (Figure 2)


Figure S19. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Diblock copolymer 15a (Figure 2)


Figure S20. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Diblock copolymer 15b (Figure 2)


Figure S21. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Diblock copolymer 15c (Figure 2)


Figure S22 UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Triblock copolymer 16a (Figure 2)


Figure S23. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Triblock copolymer 16b (Figure 2)


Figure S24. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Triblock copolymer 16c (Figure 2)


Figure S25. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Diblock copolymer 17 (Scheme 1)


Figure S26. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Triblock copolymer 18 (Scheme 1)


Figure S27. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Diblock copolymer 21 (Figure 3)


Figure S28. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Triblock copolymer 22 (Figure 3)


Figure S29. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Tetrablock copolymer 23 (Figure 3)


Figure S30. UV/vis absorption spectrum and CD spectrum of Pentablock copolymer 19 (Figure 3)



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