Cyclic Alternating ROMP (CAROMP). Rapid Access to Functionalized Cyclic Polymers

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Materials and General Procedures. Coupling agents used were purchased from Advanced Chem Tech. (Louisville, KY) or PerSeptive Biosystems (Framingham, MA). Solvents, chemical reagents, cyclohexene 2, and catalysts were obtained from Fisher Scientific, Inc. (Springfield, NJ) or Sigma-Aldrich (Milwaukee, WI). Cyclohexene-D₁₀, 2-D₁₀, was purchased from CDN Isotope Inc. (Cat #: D0173). $(H_2 IMes)(3-Brpyr)_2 Cl_2 Ru=CHPh 3^1 1-cyclobutenecarboxylic acid and 1a^{2,3}$ were prepared according to the literature. CH₂Cl₂, benzene, Et₂O, THF and CH₃OH were dried in a GlassContour solvent pushstill system; pentane was used without further purification. All reactions were carried out under an Ar atmosphere in oven-dried glassware unless otherwise specified. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated silica gel plates (60F254), flash chromatography on silica gel-60 (230-400 mesh) and Combi-Flash chromatography on RediSep normal phase silica columns (Teledyne Isco, silica gel-60, 230-400 mesh). TLC spots were detected by UV light and by staining with phosphomolybdic acid (PMA). Inova400, Inova500 and Inova600 MHz NMR Instruments were used to perform NMR analysis. ¹H-NMR spectra are reported as chemical shift in parts per million (multiplicity, coupling constant in Hz, integration) and were acquired in CDCI₃ unless otherwise noted. ¹H-NMR data are assumed to be first order. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL ETD. For PDI (Polydispersity Index) determination, polymers (before flash column chromatography purification) were dissolved in THF (0.5 mg/mL). An aliquot (100 μ L) of the polymer solution was injected and analyzed by gel permeation chromatography using a Phenogel column (300 x 7.80 mm, 5 µm, linear mixed bed, 0-40k MW range). Elution was performed at 0.7 mL/min with THF and detection at 220 nm and 254 nm at 30 °C. Narrowly dispersed polystyrene standards from Aldrich were used as molecular weight calibrants. The number average and weighted average molecular weights were calculated from the chromatogram.

1-Cyclobutenecarboxylic acid chloride. 1-Cyclobutenecarboxylic acid (1.02 mmol, 100 mg) was dissolved in 1.5 mL dry CH_2Cl_2 . The solution was cooled to 0 °C and oxalyl dichloride (4.08 mmol, 345 μ L) was added. The temperature of the solution was raised to rt, and the mixture was allowed to react for 1 h. The solvent was evaporated to generate 1-cyclobutenecarboxylic acid chloride as a viscous oil that was used immediately without further purification.

Cyclobutene ester, 1b. 4-Chlorobutanol (1.36 mmol, 148 mg) and triethylamine (2.72 mmol, 379 μL) were dissolved in 1.0 mL dry CH₂Cl₂, and the solution was stirred at 0 °C for 45 min before being added to a vial containing 1-cyclobutenecarboxylic acid chloride (1.02 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 16 h at rt. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed three times with 5% NaHCO₃, followed by three washes with 1 N HCl and the CH₂Cl₂ dried over Na₂SO₄. The CH₂Cl₂ solution was concentrated by rotary evaporation, and then purified by flash column chromatography (60% CH₂Cl₂/pentane) to yield **1b** as a colorless oil (98 mg, 38%). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz) δ 6.73 (s, 1H), 4.11 (t, J=6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (t, J=6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (t, J=6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (m, 2H), 1.81 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) δ 162.27, 146.69, 138.71, 63.31, 44.58, 29.31, 29.20, 27.20, 26.20. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₉H₁₄ClO₂ [M+H]⁺ 189.0677; found 189.0674.

General Procedure for NMR AROMP Reactions. An NMR tube was evacuated under high vacuum for 15 min, and then was purged with Ar for another 15 min. Under an Ar atmosphere, a solution of monomer **A** (1-cyclobutenecarboxylate ester) in CD_2Cl_2 (300 µL) was added to the NMR tube. Then a solution of ruthenium precatalyst in CD_2Cl_2 (300 µL) was added to the NMR tube. After complete mixing of the solution, the NMR tube was spun for 4-30 min at 25 °C in the NMR spectrometer (400, 500 or 600 MHz) until the precatalyst had reacted. Then monomer **B** (cyclohexene derivatives) in CD_2Cl_2 (300 µL) was added to the NMR tube. After all of monomer **A** was converted, the reaction was quenched with ethylvinyl ether (50 µL) and was stirred for 1 h.

Cyclic $(1a-2-D_{10})_n + cyclic (1a-2-D_{10})_n 1a$. Cyclobutene 1a (0.12 mmol), cyclohexene 2- D_{10} (0.24 mmol) and 4 (0.006 mmol) were allowed to react for 9 h to reach 89% completion. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (acetone:CH₂Cl₂/3:97) to provide polymer cyclic $(1a-2-D_{10})_n + cyclic (1a-2-D_{10})_n 1a$ (11 mg, 44%). ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 6.79 (m, 2H), 5.40 (s, 18H), 3.71 (s, 60H), 2.34-2.07 (m, 80H).

Cyclic $(1b-2)_n + cyclic (1b-2)_n 1b$. Cyclobutene 1b (0.15 mmol), cyclohexene 2 (0.30 mmol) and 4 (0.006 mmol) were allowed to react for 5 h at rt to reach 90% completion. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (acetone:CH₂Cl₂/5:95) to provide cyclic $(1b-2)_n + cyclic (1b-2)_n 1b$ (16 mg, 39%). ¹H NMR (600 MHz) δ 6.75 (b, 25H), 5.39 (b, 30H), 4.16 (b, 50H), 3.57 (b, 50H), 2.48-1.98 (164H), 1.85 (b, 100H), 1.49-1.37 (b, 64H). *M_n (PSS):* 1327. *PDI:* 2.1.

Cyclic $(1NMe_3-2)_n + cyclic (1NMe_3-2)_n 1NMe_3$. Cyclic $(1b-2)_n + cyclic (1b-2)_n 1b$ and aqueous trimethylamine (45% wt, 1 mL) were mixed in acetonitrile (2 mL). The solution was heated to 70 °C for 4 h. The solvent was evaporated to provide cyclic $(1NMe_3-2)_n + cyclic (1NMe_3-2)_n 1NMe_3$ as a brown powder. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 6.89 (b, 25H), 5.42 (b, 30H), 4.28 (s, 50H), 3.42 (s, 50H), 3.19 (b, 225H), 2.42-1.26 (m, 328H).

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Α	В	[Ru] (M)	[A]:[B]:[Ru]	Rxn time (h)	Prod.	% conv ^b
1a	2-D ₁₀	0.01	20:40:1	9	cyclic (1a-2-D ₁₀) _n +	89 ^c
1b	2	0.01	25:50:1	4	cyclic (1a-2-D ₁₀) _n 1a cyclic (1b-2) _n + cyclic (1b-2) _n 1b	92 ^{<i>d</i>}

Table S1. CAROMP of 1-substituted cyclobutene esters with cyclohexenes using Hoveyda-
Grubbs II catalyst, 4.ª

^aBoth AROMP reactions were monitored by ¹H-NMR spectroscopy. ^bPercent conversion determined by integration of ¹H-NMR spectra. ^cReaction was performed in CD₂Cl₂ at rt. ^dReaction was performed in CDCl₃ at 50 °C.



Figure S2: ¹H-NMR spectrum of linear/cyclic (1a-2-D10)_n1a + (1a-2-D10)_n prepared from Grubbs III catalysis









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