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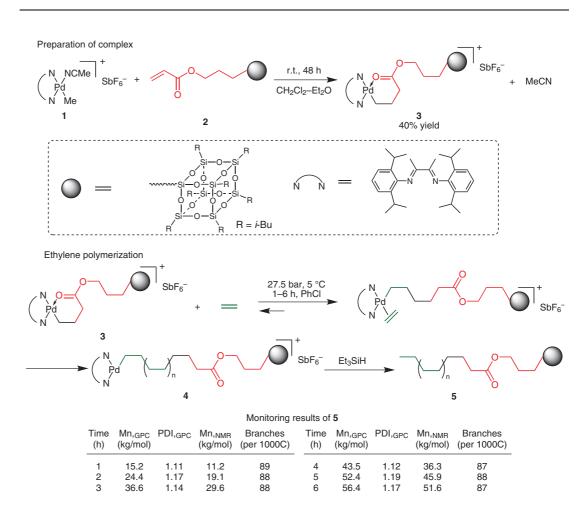
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Preparation of Polyethylenes End-Tethered with POSS



Significance: Preparation of a homogeneous polyhedral silsesquioxane (POSS)-supported Pddiimine complex **3** and telechelic polyethylenes end-tethered with POSS nanoparticles **5** was reported. Thus, complex **3** was prepared by the reaction of a Pd-diimine catalyst **1** with acryloisobutyl-POSS **2** at room temperature for 48 h (40% yield). Ethylene polymerization was carried out with **3** at 5 °C under 27.5 bar in chlorobenzene followed by quenching **4** with triethylsilane to afford compound **5**.

Comment: Monitoring results of **5** led to the following conclusions: The number average moleculer weight (Mn) was increased in proportion to time (1 h; 15.2 kg/mol vs 6 h; 56.4 kg/mol). The polydispersity index (PDI) value was within 1.11–1.19.

1H NMR measurements exhibited that these polymers were branched with ca. 88 branches per 1000 carbons.

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