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Highlighting research from Khamphee Phomphrai's catalysis laboratory, School of Molecular Science and Engineering, Vidyasirimedhi Institute of Science and Technology (VISTEC), Rayong, Thailand.

Synthesis of AB<sub>x</sub> and AB<sub>x</sub>C poly(ester-ether) polymers: polymer sequences and effects of B<sub>x</sub> and B<sub>x</sub>C units on thermal properties

 $AB_x$  and  $AB_xC$  poly(ester-ether) was synthesized conveniently from cyclic anhydrides, epoxides, and THF (or 1,4-dioxane) using commercial  $Sn(Oct)_2$ . The  $B_x$  and  $B_xC$  sequences significantly affected the glass-transition temperature and increased polymer degradability.





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