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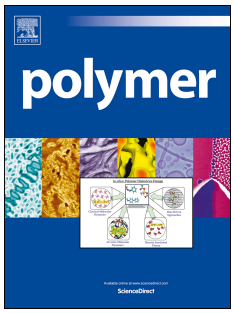

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GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT

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New bimetallic bis(benzotriazole iminophenolate) or bis(benzothiazole iminophenolate) nickel and cobalt complexes were developed for versatile ROCOP of internal epoxides with CO_2 or phthalic anhydride (PA). Particularly, di-Co complex **3** was able to copolymerize 4-vinyl-1,2-cyclohexene oxide with PA to afford the vinyl-functionalized polyester, which could be further utilized for the preparation of hydrophilic nanofiber *via* functional modification and electrospinning.