



Supplementary materials

## Fluoroalkyl Pentacarbonylmanganese(I) Complexes as Initiators for the Radical (co)Polymerization of Fluoromonomers

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**First-order kinetics plots** 



**Figure S1.** First-order kinetics plot for the polymerization of VDF initiated by visible light in presence of [Mn(CF<sub>3</sub>)(CO)<sub>5</sub>].



**Figure S2.** First-order kinetics plot for the polymerization of VDF initiated by UV irradiation (300 nm) in presence of [Mn(CF<sub>3</sub>)(CO)<sub>5</sub>].

## SEC chromatograms



**Figure S3.** SEC traces of PVDF samples obtained by thermal radical polymerization of VDF with  $[Mn(CF_3)(CO)_5]$  in DMF normalized with conversion (entries 2, 3, 4 and 7 of Table 1).



**Figure S4.** SEC traces of PVDF samples initiated by visible light (entries 9 to 11 of Table 1) in DMF normalized with conversion.



**Figure S5.** SEC traces of PVDF samples initiated by UV irradiation (entries 12 to 14 of Table 1) in DMF normalized with conversion.



**Figure S6.** SEC traces of PVDF samples (entries 7, 11 and 14 of Table 1) in DMF after 24 h-reaction by various initiation methods.

## Number average molar mass and dispersity vs. conversion plots



**Figure S7.** Plot of number average molar mass and dispersity vs conversion of VDF polymerization initiated thermally (100 °C) by complex **1**.



**Figure S8.** Plot of number average molar mass and dispersity vs conversion of VDF polymerization initiated by complex **1** under visible light irradiation.



**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMF-*d*<sup>7</sup>) of the PVDF obtained by thermal activation of **1** (entry 7 of Table 1). The starred resonances are due to the solvent.



**Figure S10.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (376.5 MHz, DMF-*d*<sup>7</sup>) of the PVDF obtained by thermal activation of **1** (entry 5 in Table 1).



**Figure S11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of the PVDF obtained by visible light activation of **1** (entry 11 of Table 1). Full spectrum (above) and expansion of the 0 to 8 ppm region (below). The starred resonances are due to the solvent.



**Figure S12.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (376.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of the PVDF obtained by visible light activation of **1** (entry 11 of Table 1). Full spectrum (above) and expansion of the -120 to -80 ppm region (below).



**Figure S13.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMF-*d*<sup>7</sup>) of the PVDF obtained by UV light activation of **1** (entry 14 of Table 1). Full spectrum (above) and expansion of the 0 to 10 ppm region (below). The starred resonances are due to the solvent.



**Figure S14.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (376.5 MHz, DMF-*d*<sup>7</sup>) of the PVDF obtained by UV light activation of **1** (entry 14 of Table 1). Full spectrum (above) and expansion of the -120 to -80 ppm region (below). The starred resonance could not be attributed to any expected signal of possible products.



**Figure S15.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (376.5 MHz, DMF-*d*<sub>7</sub>) of the PVDF obtained by visible activation of **2** (entry 2 of Table 4).



**Figure S16.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (376.5 MHz, DMF-*d*<sup>7</sup>) of the PVDF obtained by UV activation of **2** (entry 3 of Table 4).



**Figure S17.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of the PVDF obtained by thermal activation of **3** (entry 6 of Table 4). The starred resonance is due to the deuterated solvent and precipitation solvent (*n*-pentane).



**Figure S18.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (376.5 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ ) of the PVDF obtained by thermal activation of **3** (entry 6 of Table 4). The starred resonances could not be attributed to any expected signal of possible products.



**Figure S19.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (376.5 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of the PVDF obtained by thermal activation of **5** (entry 7 of Table 4). The starred resonances could not be attributed to any expected signal of possible products.



**Figure S20.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of the poly(VAc-*alt*-MAF-TBE) obtained by thermal activation of **3** (entry 4 of Table 5). The starred resonance is due to the solvent.



**Figure S21.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (376.5 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of the poly(VAc-*alt*-MAF-TBE) obtained by thermal activation of **3** (entry 4 of Table 5).



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