Supporting Information

Highly active half-sandwich chromium(III) catalysts bearing bis(imino)pyrrole ligands for ethylene (co)polymerization

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| | 2a | 2b | 2c |
|---|--|--|--|
| Empirical formula | C ₂₃ H ₁₉ ClCrN ₃ | C ₂₇ H ₂₇ ClCrN ₃ | C ₃₅ H ₄₃ ClCrN ₃ |
| Formula weight | 424.86 | 480.97 | 593.17 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic | orthorhombic |
| Space group | P2(1)/c | P2(1)/c | Pbca |
| a (Å) | 17 7884(12) | 11 4826(9) | 18 7272(13) |
| b (Å) | 7 5640(5) | 9 7676(8) | 11 8149(8) |
| c (Å) | 14 5599(10) | 24 3114(19) | 29 400(2) |
| α (°) | 90.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| β (°) | 92,5180(10) | 98.2830(10) | 90.00 |
| γ (°) | 90.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| V (Å ³), Z | 1957 2(2) 4 | 2698 3(4) 4 | 6505 0(8) 8 |
| Density _{calcd} (Mg/m ³) | 1 442 | 1 184 | 1 211 |
| Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹) | 0 734 | 0 540 | 0.461 |
| F(000) | 876 | 1004 | 2520 |
| Crystal size/mm | $0.34 \times 0.21 \times 0.14$ | $0.28 \times 0.21 \times 0.13$ | 0 32× 0 23×0 15 |
| θ range for data collection (°) | 2 29 to 26 01 | 1 69 to 26 03 | 1.76 to 25.04 |
| Reflections collected | 12033 | 16758 | 366/3 |
| Independent reflections | $3846(R_{\rm c} = 0.0218)$ | $5297 (R_{\rm c} = 0.0509)$ | $5747 (R_{\rm c} = 0.1032)$ |
| Data/restraints/ parameters | $3846 (R_{int} = 0.0218)$ | $5297 (R_{int} = 0.0509)$ | $5747 (R_{int} = 0.1052)$ |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1 026 | 1.042 | 1 012 |
| Final R indices [I>2 σ (I)]: R1, wR2 | 1.030 | 1.043 | 1.010 |
| Largest diff. Peak and hole ($e Å^{-3}$) | 0.0363, 0.0940 | 0.0399, 0.1334 | 0.0/42, 0.1683 |
| | 0.342 and -0.266 | 0.4/4 and -0.434 | 0.660 and -0.594 |

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