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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a new process for the production of polymers by means of pseudo-living free-radical polymerization using nitrogen monoxide, as well as to intermediate products and polymers obtainable by the process according to the invention and the use thereof.

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