### Supporting Information for

# An Imidazolium-Modified Chiral Rhodium/diamine-Functionalized Periodic Mesoporous Organosilica for Asymmetric Transfer Hydrogenation of α–Haloketones and Benzils in Aqueous Medium

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### Experimental

### 1. General

All experiments, which are sensitive to moisture or air, were carried out under an Ar atmosphere using the standard Schlenk techniques. (R,R)-1,2-diphenylenediamine,  $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ . 1,2-bis(triethoxysilyl)ethylane and surfactant P123 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>20</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>70</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>20</sub>) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Compounds Company Ltd. (R,R)-4-(trimethoxysilyl)ethyl)phenylsulfonyl-1,2-diphenylethylenediamine and 1,3-bis(3-(triethoxysilyl)propyl)-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium iodide (2) were synthesized according to the reported literatures [ J. Mater. Chem. 2010, 20, 1970 and Tetrahedron 2008. 64. 4637.1

### 2. Characterization

Rh loading amounts in catalysts were analyzed using an inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometer (ICP, Varian VISTA-MPX). Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were collected on a Nicolet Magna 550 spectrometer using KBr method. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images were performed on a JEOL JEM2010 electron microscope at an acceleration voltage of 220 kV. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) measurements were performed on a Perkin-Elmer PHI 5000C ESCA system. A 200 µm diameter spot size was scanned using a monochromatized Aluminum  $K\alpha$  X-ray source (1486.6.6 eV) at 40 W and 15 kV with 58.7 eV pass energies. All the binding energies were calibrated by using the contaminant carbon ( $C_{1s} = 284.6 \text{ eV}$ ) as a reference. Nitrogen adsorption isotherms were measured at 77 K with a Quantachrome Nova 4000 analyzer. The samples were measured after being outgassed at 423 K overnight. Pore size distributions were calculated by using the BJH model. The specific surface areas (SBET) of samples were determined from the linear parts of BET plots ( $p/p_0 = 0.05$ -1.00). Solid state NMR experiments were explored on a Bruker AVANCE spectrometer at a magnetic field strength of 9.4 T with <sup>1</sup>H frequency of 400.1 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C frequency of 100.5 MHz and <sup>29</sup>Si frequency of 79.4 MHz with 4 mm rotor at two spinning frequency of 5.5 kHz and 8.0 kHz, TPPM decoupling is applied in the during acquisition period. <sup>1</sup>H cross polarization in all solid state NMR experiments was employed using a contact time of 2 ms and the pulse lengths of  $4\mu$ s.

**3.** General procedure for the recycle experiments. The catalyst **5** (215.0 mg, 20.0  $\mu$ mol of Rh based on the ICP analysis), 2-bromo-phenylethanone or benzil (2.0 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>Na (0.68 g, 10.0 mmol), 10.0 mL of water were added sequentially to a 50.0 mL round–bottom flask. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature (40 °C). After completion of the reaction, the catalyst was separated by centrifugation (10,000 rpm). The collected solids was transfered to a fresh 50.0 mL round–bottom flask and 2-bromo-phenylethanone or benzil (2.0 mmol), HCO<sub>2</sub>Na (0.68 g, 10.0 mmol), and

10.0 mL of water were added again for next recycle. The aqueous solution was extracted with ethyl ether (3  $\times$  3.0 mL). The combined ethyl ether extracts were washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, and then dehydrated with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of ethyl ether, the residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography to afford the desired products.

Figure S1. FT-IR spectra of 3 and catalyst 5.



**Figure S2.** Asymmetric transfer hydrogenation of aryl–substituted 2–haloketones. [The products were analyzed by a HPLC with a UV-Vis detector using a Daicel OB-H or OJ-H chiralcel column ( $\Phi 0.46 \times 25$  cm)].

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	6	名称	保留时间 (分钟)	面积 (微伏*秒)	% 面积	高度 (微伏)	积分类型	含量	单位	峰类型	峰代码	结构1 名	结构 1 说明	结构1 分子量	结构 1 公式	结构1 结构	l
	1		8.499	18644684	49.95	1331866	~~			未知						<b>0</b>	l
	2		9.358	18683896	50.05	1150448	VV			未知						0	l

Translation of Chinese to English is as follows:

(S)-2-bromo-1-phenylethanol (6a): (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).



<u>(S)-2-bromo-1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethanol (6b)</u>: (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





<u>(S)-2-bromo-1-(3-fluorophenyl)ethanol (6c)</u>: (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





<u>(S)-2-bromo-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanol (6d):</u> (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





(S)-2-bromo-1-(4-bromophenyl)ethanol (6e): (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





(S)-2-bromo-1-(3-bromophenyl)ethanol (6f): (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





<u>(S)-2-bromo-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethanol (6g):</u> (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





(S)-2-bromo-1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)ethanol (6h): (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 254 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





(S)-2-bromo-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanol (6i): (HPLC: Chiracel OJ-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





(S)-2-bromo-1-(p-tolyl)ethanol (6j): (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





(S)-2-bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanol (6k): (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





<u>(S)-2-bromo-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethanol (6l)</u>: (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





(S)-2-chloro-1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethanol (6m): (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





<u>(S)-2-chloro-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanol (6n):</u> (HPLC: Chiracel OB-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 25 °C).





Figure S3. Reusability of the catalyst 5 using 2-bromo-1-phenylethanone as a substrate.





Recycle 3.



Recycle 4.



Recycle 5.



Recycle 6.



Recycle 7.



Recycle 8.



Recycle 9.



**Figure S4.** Asymmetric transfer hydrogenation of benzil catalyzed by catalyst **5**, PMO-supported analogue and SBA-supported analogue. Reactions were carried out at 40  $^{\circ}$ C, using 10.0 µmol of the catalyst, 5 equiv HCOONa, and at an S/C ratio of 100 in 5.0 mL of water.



**Figure S5.** Asymmetric transfer hydrogenation of symmetrical benzils [The pro ducts were analyzed by a HPLC with a UV-Vis detector using a Daicel OD-H or OJ-H chiralcel column (  $\Phi 0.46 \times 25$  cm)] (Literature: *Chin. J. Chem. 2012, 30, 2657*).

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	1		8.499	18644684	49.95	1331866	vv			未知						Ø
	2		9.358	18683896	50.05	1150448	VV			未知						Ø

(*S*,*S*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diol (6a): (HPLC: Chiracel OJ-H, detected at 220 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, 25 °C).





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1	18.474	235619.9	92.0500	13827.2	79.0685	
2	19.395	9109.7	3.5589	1042.4	5.9606	

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## (S,S)-1,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)ethane-1,2-diol (7b): (HPLC: Chiracel OJ-H, detected

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	2	RT28.649			28	649		2		22559493				427153			8	. 5222
	3	RT31.073			31	073		3		219043480			1	132602			82	. 7475





ID#	名称	保留时间	峰#	面积	高度	面积%
1	RT25.469	25, 469	1	17242	729	0. 1058
2	RT27.820	27.820	2	13076171	332161	80.2131
3	RT34.643	34.643	3	3208372	71216	19.6811

<u>(S,S)-1,2-bis(3-fluorophenyl)ethane-1,2-diol (7c)</u>: (HPLC: Chiracel OJ-H, detect ed at 220 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, 2 5 °C).





ID#	名称	保留时间	峰#	面积	面积×	高度						
1	RT22.333	22. 333	1	26937746	74. 1848	532179						
2	RT25.077	25.077	2	19152	0.0527	1698						
3	RT30.844	30.844	3	9354801	25. 7625	155759						

(S,S)-1,2-bis(4-bromophenyl)ethane-1,2-diol (7d): (HPLC: Chiracel AD-H, dete cted at 220 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 92/8, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, 25 °C).





ID#	名称	保留时间	峰#	面积	面积%	高度
1	RT34.712	34.712	1	1095330	0.6930	16076
2	RT38.229	38.229	2	101023898	63.9149	899213
3	RT42.846	42.846	3	55940734	35.3921	437869

(S,S)-1,2-di-p-tolylethane-1,2-diol (7e): (HPLC: Chiracel OJ-H, detected at 220 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 96/4, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, 25 °C).





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<u>(S,S)-1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)ethane-1,2-diol (7f)</u>: (HPLC: Chiracel OJ-H, dete cted at 220 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, 25 °C).



<u>(S,S)-1,2-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)ethane-1,2-diol (7g)</u>: (HPLC: Chiracel AS-H, det ected at 220 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 93/7, flow rate = 1 mL/min, 2 5 °C).



	ID#	名称	保留时间	峰#	面积	高度	面积%
	1	RT40.731	40. 731	2	76821071	831545	88. 4127
	2	RT45.893	45.893	3	4968075	54641	5. 7177
	3	RT59. 450	59.450	4	5099041	41273	5.8684
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ID#	名称	保留时间	峰#	面积	高度	面积 <b>x</b>
1	RT41.146	41.146	1	47645244	551091	28. 8387
2	RT43.948	43.948	2	116845897	782768	70. 7244
3	RT60. 991	60.991	3	721735	7054	0. 4369

Run time	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
% Yield <sup>[b]</sup>	99	99	99	97	99	97	99	89
dl/meso	87/13	87/13	66/34	64/36	57/43	56/44	56/44	56/44
% ee <sup>[b]</sup>	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99

Table S1. Reusability of catalyst 5 for transfer hydrogenation of benzil.<sup>[a]</sup>

[a] Reaction conditions: catalyst **5** (215.0 mg, 20.0  $\mu$ mol of Rh based on the ICP analysis), HCO<sub>2</sub>Na (10.0 mmol), 2-bromo-phenylethanone (2.0 mmol) and 10.0 mL water, reaction temperature (40 °C), reaction time (2.0 h). [b] Yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and *ee* values were determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

Figure S6. Reusability of catalyst 5 for asymmetric transfer hydrogenation of b enzil. [(HPLC: Chiracel OJ-H, detected at220 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, 25 °C].





Recycle 2



Recycle 3







Recycle 5



### Recycle 6



#### Recycle 7



### Recycle 8

