#### **Supporting Information**

# Imidazolium-based ionic liquids functionalized chiral metal-organic framework as efficient catalyst for the asymmetric catalytic sulfoxidation

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## Preparation of ionic liquid-functionalized *IL*-Ti(salen)-derived dicarboxylic linkers (Ln=1, 2)

3 Ionic liquid-functionalized salen-derived dicarboxylic linkers of *IL*-Ti(salen)-n (Ln=1, 2) were 4 synthesized by Schiff base condensation reactions between (R, R)-cyclohexanediamine and 5 corresponding 3-(tert-tutyl)-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde derivatives with pendant ionic liquid 6 functionalised carboxylic acid groups (Ln=1, 2), followed by metalation with  $Ti(O^{i}Pr)_{4}$  to afford *IL*-7 Ti(salen)-n (Ln=1, 2) (Scheme S1). The 3-(tert-tutyl)-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde derivatives were 8 synthesized by carbon-nitrogen coupling reaction between the 3-(tert-butyl)-5-(chloromethyl)-2hydroxybenzaldehyde and imidazole esters, followed by hydrolysis of the esters.<sup>1</sup> The specific 9 10 experimental steps are as follows: firstly, the 1H-imidazole-1-carboxylate (5.0 mmol) in toluene (25 11 mL) was mixed with 3-tert-butyl-5-chloromethyl-2-hydroxy-benzaldehyde (5.5 mmol, 1.13 g) in 12toluene (25 mL) under Ar atmosphere. The mixture was refluxed for 48 h and then concentrated in 13vacuum. The crude product was washed with ethyl acetate  $(15 \times 3 \text{ mL})$  to remove the unreacted 1H-14 imidazole-1-carboxylate and 3-tert-butyl-5-chloromethyl-2-hydroxy-benzaldehyde. After being 15dried in vacuo, the compound (A1) was obtained as a yellow oily liquid. A1 (n=1) Calc. for 16 (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>): C: 57.87, H: 6.00, Cl: 10.05, N: 7.94, O: 18.14%. Found: C: 57.80, H: 6.12, Cl: 10.01, N: 7.96, O: 18.10%. 17

18 Next, a mixture of A<sub>1</sub> (12.8 mmol), 6 M NaOH solution (80 mL) and EtOH (150 mL) were added 19 sequentially to a 250 mL round-bottomed flask and the mixture was refluxed at 80 °C for 24 h. After 20 removing EtOH in vacuo, the residue was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> for 3 times. 21pH value of the solution was adjusted to 3 by the addition of concentrated HCl. The obtained 22 suspension was filtered. Filter cake was washed with water (10 mL  $\times$  3) and then dried in vacuo at 23 80 °C overnight, yielding intermediates as the brown solid. The brown intermediates, (1R, 2R)-24 cyclohexane-1,2-diamine (0.39 g, 3.4 mmol) and EtOH (90 mL) were mixed sequentially and added 25 to the reaction flask under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h and 26 cooled to room temperature. The resulting solid was collected by filtration, washed with small 27 amount of EtOH and dried in air. Finally, the above obtained solids, Ti(O<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>4</sub> (0.06 g, 0.22 mmol) 28 and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) were added to a 3-necked round-bottom flask under Ar atmosphere, and stirred 29 at room temperature for 12 h. The resulting yellow solid was dissolved in dichloromethane (10 mL),

1 and treated with water (2 mL) to remove any traces of  $TiO_2$  by filtration. The product was dried in 2 vacuum at 40 °C overnight, giving yellow powders of *IL*-Ti(salen)-derived dicarboxylic linkers (L<sub>1</sub>). 3 The typical *IL*-Ti(salen) linker (L<sub>1</sub>) Anal (%). Calc. for (C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>60</sub>C<sub>12</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Ti): C: 57.46, H: 6.58, Cl: 4 7.71, N: 9.14, O: 13.92, Ti: 5.20. Found: C: 57.43, H: 6.61, Cl: 7.68, N: 9.19, O: 13.85, Ti: 5.28. 5 FT-IR (KBr):  $\gamma$ max/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3431, 2964, 2858, 1739, 1650, 1443, 1363, 1227, 1078, 1019, 889, 815, 6 754, 692, 646, 551. The synthesis of L<sub>2</sub> is similar to that of L<sub>1</sub>.





Scheme S1 The synthesis of *IL*-Ti(salen)-derived dicarboxylic linkers ( $L_n=1, 2$ )

## 9 2. Preparation of Ti(salen)-derived dicarboxylic linker without ionic liquid 10 modification

11 Ti(salen)-derived dicarboxylic linker was synthesized by Schiff base condensation reactions 12 between (R, R)-cyclohexanediamine and corresponding 3-(tert-tutyl)-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde 13derivatives with pendant proline methyl ester, followed by metalation with Ti(O<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>4</sub> to afford 14 Ti(salen)-derived dicarboxylic linker (Scheme S2). The 3-(tert-tutyl)-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde 15derivatives were synthesized by carbon-nitrogen coupling reaction between the 3-(tert-butyl)-5-16 (chloromethyl)-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde and proline methyl ester, followed by hydrolysis of the 17esters.<sup>2</sup> Firstly, proline methyl ester (0.65g, 5.0 mmol) in toluene (25 mL) was mixed with 3-tertbutyl-5-chloromethyl-2-hydroxy-benzaldehyde (1.13 g, 5.5 mmol) in toluene (25 mL) under Ar 18 19 atmosphere. The mixture was refluxed for 48 h and then concentrated in vacuum. The crude product 20 was washed with ethyl acetate  $(15 \times 3 \text{ mL})$  to remove the unreacted proline methyl ester and 3-tert-21butyl-5-chloromethyl-2-hydroxy-benzaldehyde. After being dried in vacuo, the compound (B) was 22 obtained as a yellow oily liquid (1.60 g, yield: 90%). B Calc. for (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>): C: 67.69, H: 7.89, 23N: 4.39, O: 20.04%. Found: C: 67.67, H: 7.86, N: 4.35, O: 20.01%. 24 Next, a mixture of B (4.088 g, 12.8 mmol), 6 M NaOH solution (80 mL) and EtOH (200 mL) 25was refluxed for 24 h. After removing EtOH in vacuo, the residue was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and washed 26 with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> for 3 times. pH value of the solution was adjusted to 3 by the addition of concentrated 27HCl. The obtained suspension was filtered, and filter cake was washed with water (10 mL  $\times$  3) and 28 then dried in vacuo at 80 °C overnight, yielding intermediate as the brown solid (3.88 g, yield: 95%). 29 (1R, 2R)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine (0.39 g, 3.4 mmol) in EtOH (40 mL) was mixed with brown 30 intermediate (2.077 g, 6.8 mmol) in EtOH (45 mL) under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was

1 stirred at 80 °C for 24 h and cooled to room temperature. The resulting solid was collected by 2 filtration, washed with small amount of EtOH and dried in air. Finally, the above obtained solid, 3  $Ti(O^{i}Pr)_{4}$  (0.06 g, 0.22 mmol) and  $CH_{2}Cl_{2}$  (30 mL) were added to a three-necked round-bottom flask 4 under Ar atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The resulting yellow solid was dissolved in dichloromethane (10 mL), and treated with water (2 mL) to remove any traces 5 6 of TiO<sub>2</sub> by filtration. The product was dried in vacuum at 40 °C overnight, giving yellow powders 7 of Ti(salen)-derived dicarboxylic linker. FT-IR spectrum for Ti(salen) linker: γmax/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3431, 2964, 2858, 1739, 1650, 1443, 1376, 1294, 1214, 1078, 903, 876, 782, 646, 551. 8



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Scheme S2 The synthesis of Ti(salen)-derived dicarboxylic linker

#### 11 **3.** Identification of the intermediates and asymmetric oxidation product.

#### 12 3.1 Characterization of A<sub>1</sub>

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The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 15 1: 1). Depurated product A<sub>1</sub> was identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (see Fig. S1 and 2). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 11.86 (s, 1 H, Ar-O*H*), 9.84 (s, 1 H, Ar-C*H*O), 7.63-7.37 (s, 2 H, Ar*H*), 7.17-7.14 (m, 3 H, N-C*H*=CH-N), 6.94 (s, 1 H, N-C*H*=N), 5.13 (s, 2 H, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.42 (s, 12 H, Ar-C(C*H*<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and OC*H*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 196.79, 161.13, 139.51, 137.22, 133.05, 130.29, 129.72, 126.80, 120.47, 119.13, 77.35, 77.10, 76.84, 50.21, 35.00, 34.94, 20 29.07.





#### 4 3.2 Characterization of B

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- 6 The crude product B was purified by chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate,
- 7 5: 1). Depurated product B was identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (see Fig. S3 and 4). <sup>1</sup>H NMR
- 8 (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 11.81 (s, 1 H, Ar-O*H*), 9.91 (s, 1 H, Ar-C*H*O), 7.56-7.45 (s, 2 H, Ar*H*),
- 9 5.39-5.36 (s, 2 H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.70 (s, 1 H, NCHCOOCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39-2.36 (m, 2 H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.27-2.24
- 10 (m, 2 H, CHC*H*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.04-2.03 (m, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.65 (s, 3 H, COOC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.45-1.28 (s, 9 H,
- 11 Ar-( $CH_3$ )<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 196.79, 161.13, 139.51, 137.22, 133.05, 130.29,
- 12 129.71, 126.80, 120.47, 119.13, 77.35, 77.10, 76.84, 50.21, 34.94, 31.90, 29.67, 29.06.





#### **3 3.3 Characterization of asymmetric oxidation products**

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4 *Methyl phenyl sulfoxide*: The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel 5 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 8: 1).The product has been identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C 6 NMRspectrum (see Fig. S5 and 6). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.98-7.59 (m, 5 H, Ar*H*), 7 3.08 (s, 3 H, -SC*H*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 145.73, 131.05, 129.37, 123.51, 43.98. 8 ee was determined by HPLC (*i*-PrOH/n-hexane = 2:8 (v/v)); flow rate = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>; 25 °C;  $\lambda$  = 9 254 nm; major enantiomer  $t_R$  = 6.06 min and minor enantiomer  $t_S$  = 7.37 min (see Fig. S7- S10).









Fig. S8 HLPC of methyl phenyl sulfoxide obtained over *IL*-Ti(salen) CMOF-1 (ee value >99%)





3 Fig. S9 HLPC of methyl phenyl sulfoxide obtained over *IL*-Ti(salen) CMOF-2 (ee value 99%)





Fig. S10 HLPC of methyl phenyl sulfoxide obtained over Ti(salen) CMOF (ee value 98%)

6 *Ethyl phenyl sulfoxide:* The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel 7 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 8: 1). The product has been identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C 8 NMRspectrum (see Fig. S11 and 12). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.61-7.49 (m, 5 H, 9 Ar*H*), 2.92-2.74 (m, 2 H, -C*H*<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.20-1.17 (t, 3 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-C*H*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ 10 (ppm): 143.35, 130.94, 129.16, 124.20, 50.32, 5.98. ee was determined by HPLC (*i*-PrOH/n-hexane 11 = 2:8 (v/v)); flow rate = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>; 25 °C;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm; major enantiomer *t<sub>R</sub>* = 5.72 min and 12 minor enantiomer *t<sub>S</sub>* = 7.28 min (see Fig. S13).



1 Fig. S13 HLPC of ethyl phenyl sulfoxide obtained over *IL*-Ti(salen) CMOF-1 (ee value 99%) 2 n-Butyl phenyl sulfoxide: The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel 3 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 10: 1). The product has been identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR 4 spectrum (see Fig. S14 and 15). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ (ppm): 7.62-7.48 (m, 5 H, ArH), 5 2.79-2.76 (m, 2 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.74-1.24 (m, 4 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.91-0.88 (t, 3 6 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ (ppm): 143.35, 130.94, 129.16, 124.20, 7 50.12, 26.28, 18.07, 9.73. ee was determined by HPLC (*i*-PrOH/n-hexane = 2:8 (v/v)); flow rate = 8 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>; 25 °C;  $\lambda = 254$  nm; major enantiomer  $t_R = 5.46$  min and minor enantiomer  $t_S = 6.34$ 9 min (see Fig. S16).







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Fig. S16 HLPC of n-butyl phenyl sulfoxide obtained over *IL*-Ti(salen) CMOF-1 (ee value >99%)

4 *4-Methylphenyl methyl sulfoxide*: The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica 5 gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 10: 1). The product has been identified by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR 6 spectrum (see Fig. S17 and 18). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.57-7.35 (m, 4 H, Ar*H*), 7 2.73 (s, 3 H, S-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 2.44 (s, 3 H, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 142.53, 141.54, 8 130.05, 123.57, 44.01, 29.71. ee was determined by HPLC (*i*-PrOH/n-hexane = 2:8 (v/v)); flow rate 9 = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>; 25 °C;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm; major enantiomer *t<sub>R</sub>* = 9.05 min and minor enantiomer *t<sub>S</sub>* = 10 16.80 min (see Fig. S19).













Fig. S23 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2-methoxyphenyl methyl sulfoxide







1 Fig. S28 HLPC of 2-chlorophenyl methyl sulfoxide obtained over IL-Ti(salen) CMOF-1 (ee 2 value 97%) 3 3-Chlorophenyl methyl sulfoxide: The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica 4 gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 8: 1). The product has been identified by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR 5 spectrum (see Fig. S29 and 30). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ (ppm): 7.52-7.49 (m, 4 H, ArH), 6 2.77 (s, 3 H, -SCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 135.76, 131.23, 130.61, 123.68, 121.62, 7 44.05. ee was determined by HPLC (*i*-PrOH/n-hexane = 1:9 (v/v)); flow rate = 1.1 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>; 25 8 °C;  $\lambda = 254$  nm; major enantiomer  $t_R = 8.06$  min and minor enantiomer  $t_S = 10.49$  min (see Fig. 9 S31).







*3-Bromophenyl methyl sulfoxide:* The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 8: 1). The product has been identified by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (see Fig. S32 and 33). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.82-7.40 (m, 4 H, Ar*H*), 2.75 (s, 3 H, -SC*H*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 148.03, 134.12, 130.84, 126.49, 123.61, 122.08, 44.06. ee was determined by HPLC (*i*-PrOH/n-hexane = 2:8 (v/v)); flow rate = 1.1 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>; 25 °C;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm; major enantiomer *t<sub>R</sub>* = 8.43 min and minor enantiomer *t<sub>S</sub>* = 10.22 min (see Fig. S34).





11 254 nm; major enantiomer  $t_R = 8.32$  min and minor enantiomer  $t_S = 10.17$  min (see Fig. S37).





1 Fig. S37 HLPC of 4-bromophenyl methyl sulfoxide obtained over *IL*-Ti(salen) CMOF-1 (ee

#### value 99%)

3 4-Nitrophenyl methyl sulfoxide: The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel

4 (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 5: 1). The product has been identified by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum

5 (see Fig. S38 and 39). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ (ppm): 8.44-7.86 (m, 4 H, ArH), 2.83 (s, 3 H,

- 6 -SCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ (ppm): 148.80, 147.30, 122.80, 44.06. ee was determined
- 7 by HPLC (*i*-PrOH/n-hexane = 3:7 (v/v)); flow rate = 1.0 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>; 25 °C;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm; major
- 8 enantiomer  $t_R = 5.48$  min and minor enantiomer  $t_S = 10.05$  min (see Fig. S40).







Fig. S40 HLPC of 4-nitrophenyl methyl sulfoxide obtained over *IL*-Ti(salen) CMOF-1 (ee value 90%)

*Benzyl methyl sulfoxide:* The crude product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 9: 1). The product has been identified by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (see Fig. S41 and 42). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.44 (m, 5 H, Ar*H*), 4.28 (s, 2 H, Ar-*CH*<sub>2</sub>), 2.78 (s, 3 H, SC*H*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  (ppm): 130.52, 129.18, 128.32, 61.37, 39.01. ee was determined by HPLC (*i*-PrOH/n-hexane = 1:9 (v/v)); flow rate = 1.3 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>; 25 °C;  $\lambda$  = 254 nm; major enantiomer  $t_R$  = 13.44 min and minor enantiomer  $t_S$  = 24.09 min (see Fig. S43).











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