Supporting information for

One-step synthesis of a highly homogeneous SBA-NHC hybrid material: en route to single-site NHC-metal heterogeneous catalysts with high loadings

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Characterization of 1-(2,6-Diisopropylphenyl)-3-[3-(triethoxysilyl)propyl]-imidazolium Iodide (1)

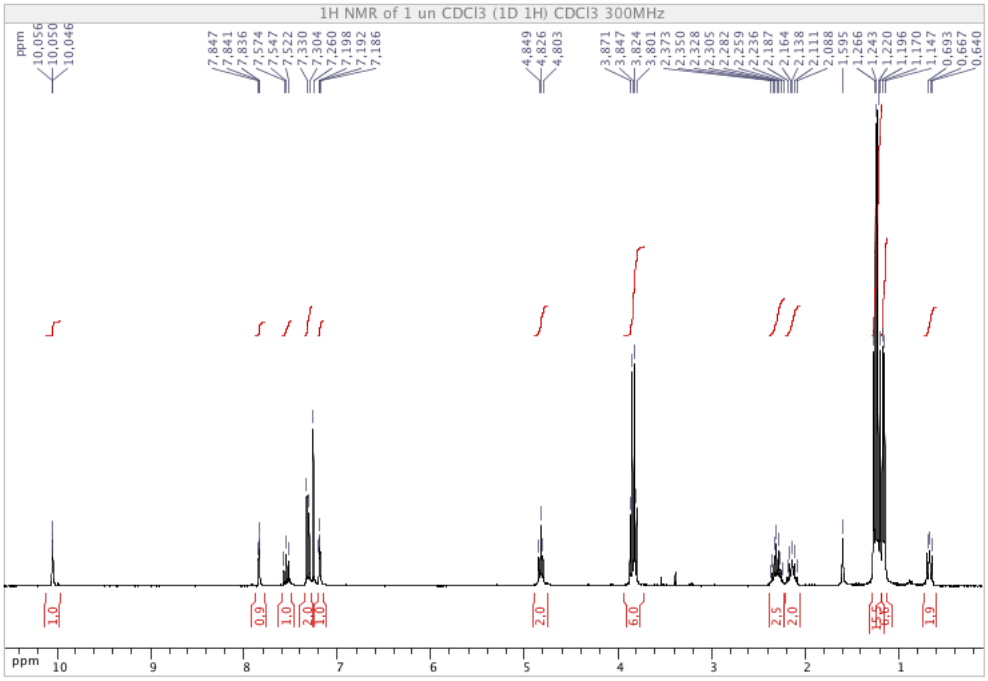

Figure S1a. ^{1}H NMR spectrum of **1** in $CDCl_3$.

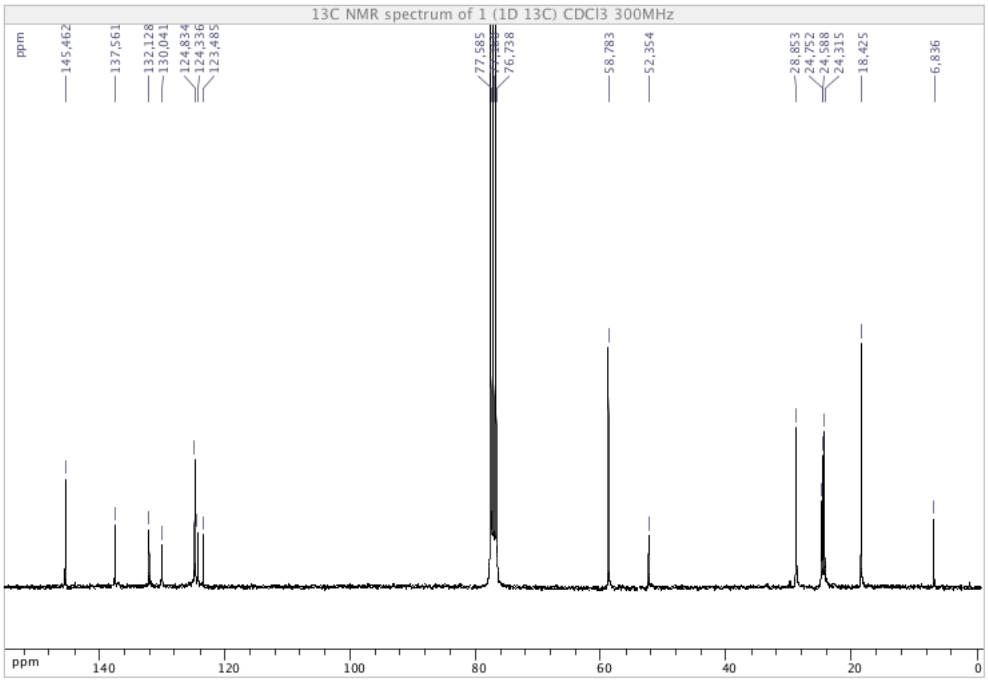

Figure S1b. ^{13}C {^{1}H} NMR spectrum of **1** in $CDCl_3$.

Characterization of the Hybrid SBA-NHC (2)

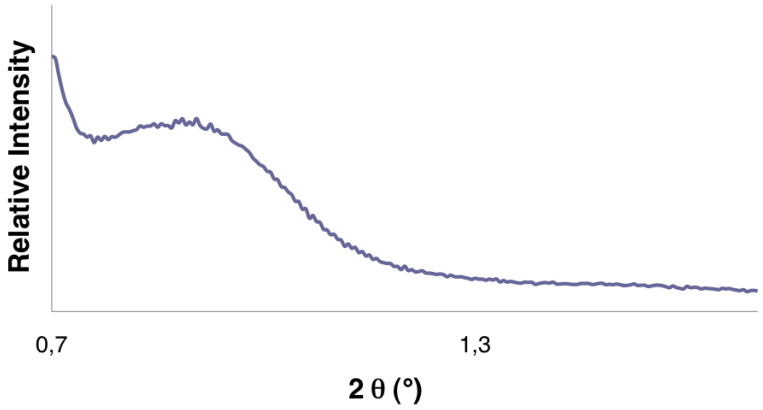

Figure S2a. Small-Angle Powder XRD Pattern of **2**.

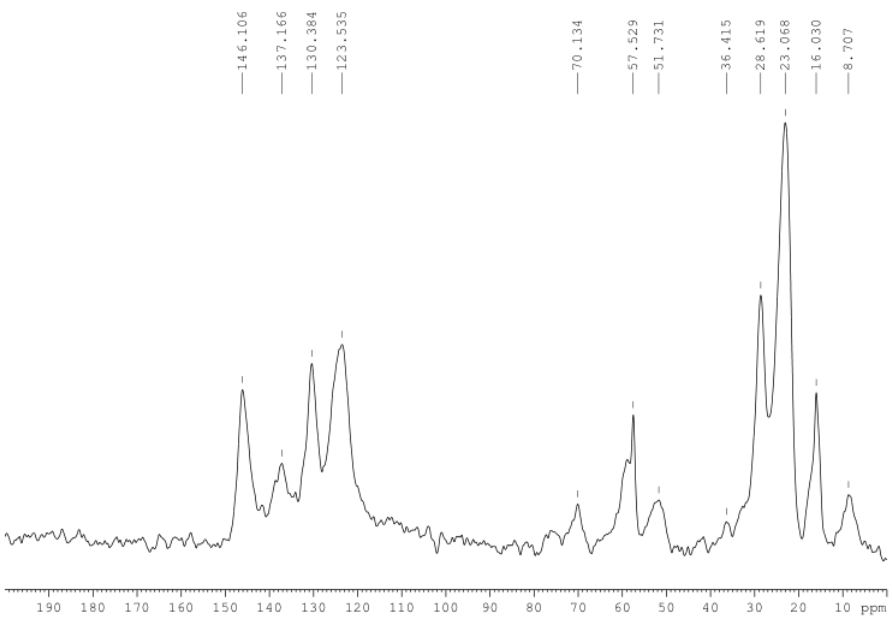

Figure S2b. ^{13}C CP-MAS NMR spectrum of **2**.[1,2]

(1) 102400 scans were accumulated with a recycle delay of 3 s.
(2) Peaks at 70, 59, 58 and 16 ppm correspond to residual template agent present in micropores and to Si-OEt signals that arise from surfactant removal by extraction with EtOH (see Fig. S3a).

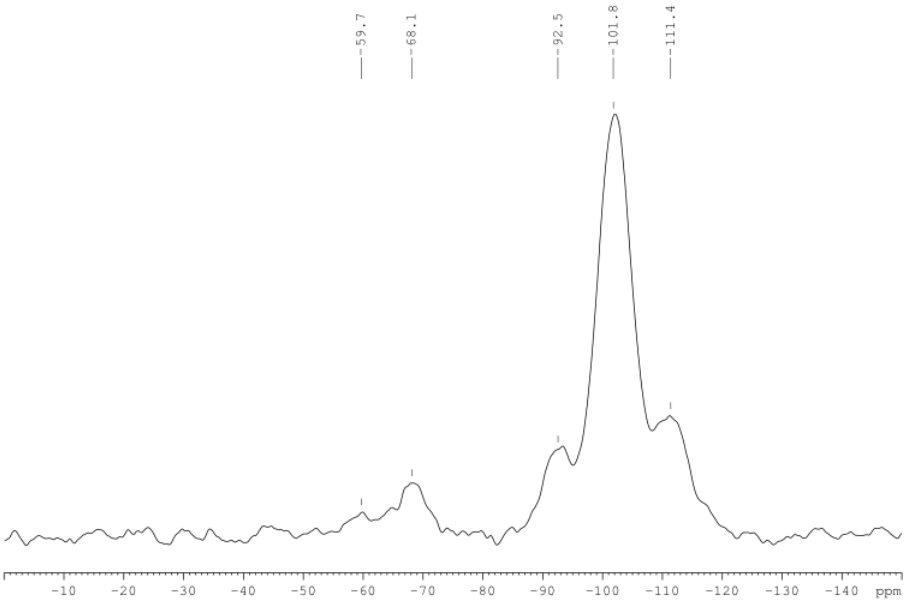

Figure S2c. ^{29}Si CP-MAS NMR spectrum of **2**.[3]

(3) 32768 scans were accumulated with a recycle delay of 5 s.

CP-MAS NMR Characterization of the Pristine SBA-15 (3)

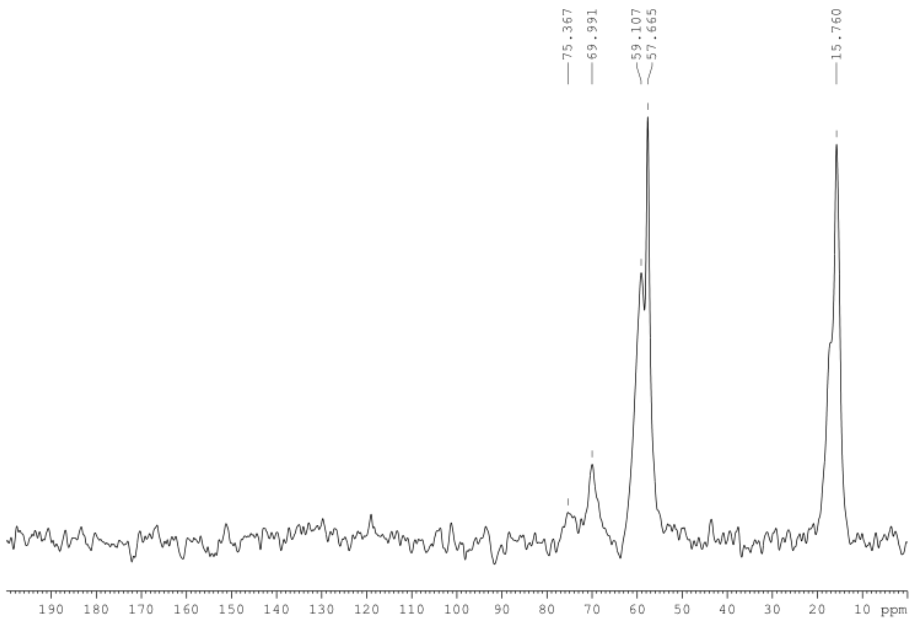

Figure S3a. ^{13}C CP-MAS NMR spectrum of **3**.[4]

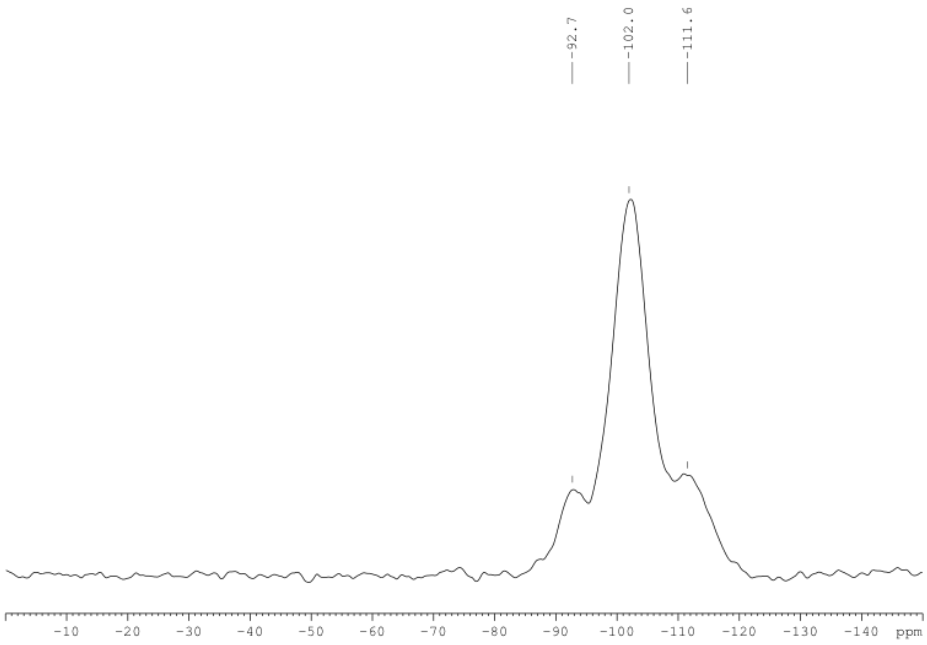

Figure S3b. ^{29}Si CP-MAS NMR spectrum of **3**.[5]

(4) 32100 scans were accumulated with a recycle delay of 3 s.
(5) 32768 scans were accumulated with a recycle delay of 5 s.

CP-MAS NMR Characterization of the Grafted SBA-NHC (4)

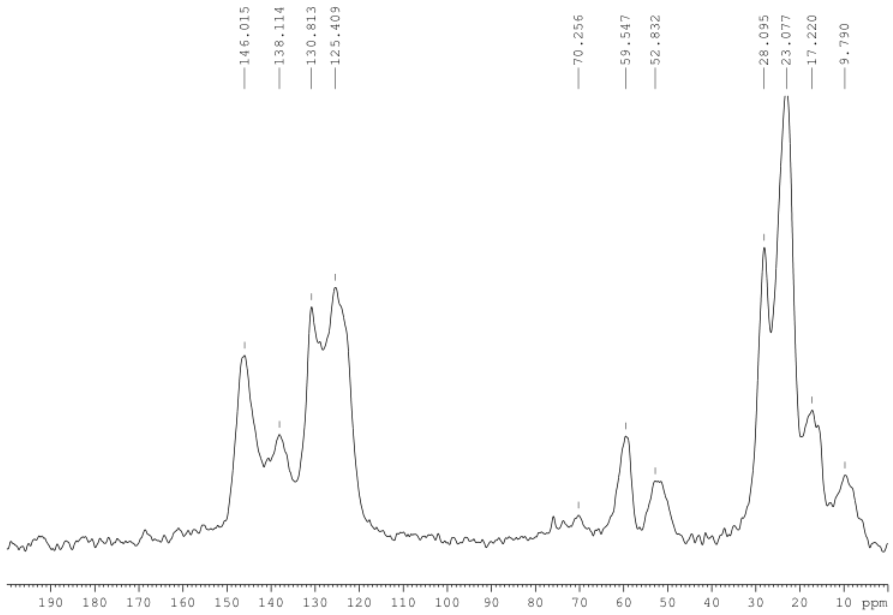

Figure S4a. ^{13}C CP-MAS NMR spectrum of **4**.[6,7]

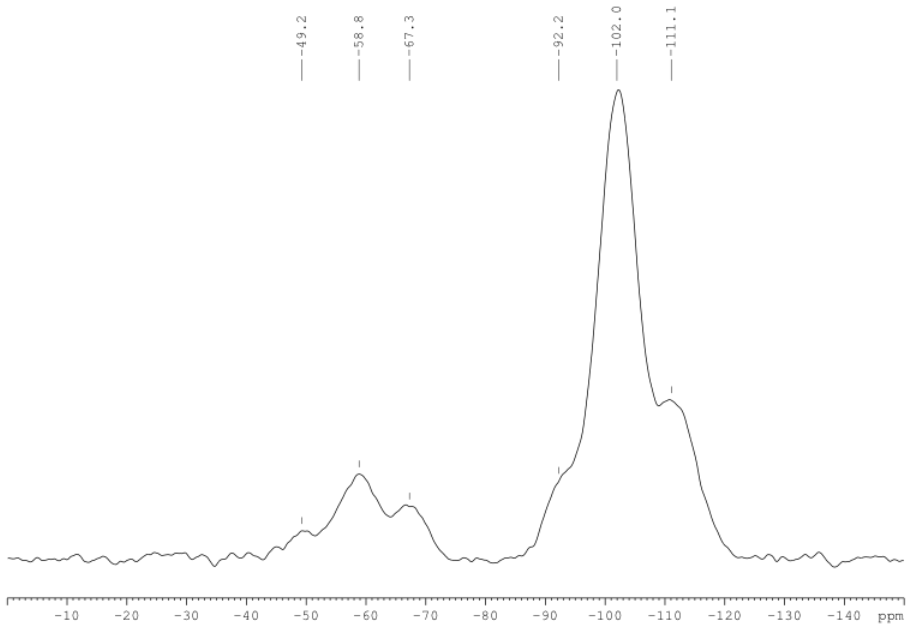

Figure S4b. ^{29}Si CP-MAS NMR spectrum of **4**.[8]

(6) 28675 scans were accumulated with a recycle delay of 3 s.
(7) Peaks at 70, 59 and 17 ppm correspond to residual template agent present in micropores and to Si-OEt signals that arise from surfactant removal by extraction with EtOH (see Fig. S3a).
(8) 32768 scans were accumulated with a recycle delay of 5 s.