Supporting Information

for

Catalytic asymmetric Henry reaction using copper chiral tridentate Schiff-base

complexes and their polymer-supported complexes

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1. General remarks

All solvents were dried by standard method. Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents were used without further purification. All reactions were monitored by TLC with Haiyang GF254 silica gel coated plates. Column chromatography was carried out using 100-200 mesh silica gel. Liquid aldehydes were freshly distilled before use. Melting points were recorded on X-4 melting point apparatus and the thermometer was uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance III at 500 MHz for ¹H and 126 MHz for ¹³C using CDCl₃ or CD₃SOCD₃ as solvent (with TMS as an internal standard). IR spectra (film) were recorded on a NEXUS FI/IR spectrometer. Mass spectra (MS) were carried out on VARIAN1200 and measured by the EI method. The *ee* value determination was carried out using chiral HPLC with a Daicel Chiracel AD-H or OD-H column.

2. General procedure for the preparation for 4-(2-amino-3-hydroxy-3,3-diphenyl-

propyl)-phenol [1a]

L-Tyrosine methyl ester hydrochloride (2.31 g ,10 mmol) was added portionwise to freshly prepared Grignard reagent of PhMgBr (80 mmol) in diethyl ether under an argon atmosphere at 0 °C. Then the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature overnight, and a cold saturated NH₄Cl was added into it under vigorous stirring. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL× 3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and then concentrated in a vacuum. This residue was recrystallized with diethyl ether and gave compound **1a** as a colorless crystal. Yield: 65.3%; mp: 215 °C (reference [1] m.p.215~217 °C); $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -81.58$ (c 0.076, CH₂Cl₂) (reference [1] $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -90.8$ (c 0.1184, THF)); IR (KBr): 3506, 3357, 3027, 1583, 1511, 1447, 822, 768, 703 cm⁻¹; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z = 320(M⁺, 1), 212(10), 167(17), 136(100), 91(17).

3. General procedure for the preparation for Schiff-base ligands 1-14 [2]

To a solution of 4-(2-amino-3-hydroxy-3,3-diphenyl-propyl)-phenol [1a] (2 mmol) in 10 mL 95% EtOH was added substituted salicylaldehyde [2a-f] (2 mmol). The resulting solution was vigorously stirred for 24 h at room temperature, then the reaction was vacuum filtered to to remove the solvent. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography or recrystallized to give, the resulting chiral Schiff-base(1-14) as a yellow solid, in high yield (>98%).



2-(((S)-1-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-4,6-diiodo-phe nol (1):

Yellow solid; mp: 129~130 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -115.38$ (c = 0.0468 g/mL, CH₂Cl₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3417, 3057, 1630, 1510, 1444, 1384, 1226, 826, 768, 701; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 14.24 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 7.99 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.45~7.37 (m, 4H, Ph-H), 7.34 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.30 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.23~7.07 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 5.04 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 4.33 (dd, J = 10.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H, C*H), 2.92 (br, 1H, OH), 2.97(dd, J = 14.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.80 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 164.1, 162.2, 154.4, 149.2, 144.7, 143.7, 140.0, 130.7, 130.2, 128.6, 127.3, 125.9, 118.9, 115.6, 88.9, 79.6, 78.3, 77.7, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 36.4; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 676(M⁺, 2%),

493(100%), 386(30%), 374(52%), 183(48%), 105 (61%), 77(50%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₃I₂NO₃: C, 49.80; H, 3.43; N, 2.07. Found: C, 49.77; H, 3.41; N, 2.05.



2,4-Dibromo-6-(((S)-2-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-p henol (2):

Yellow solid; mp: $105 \sim 107 \,^{\circ}$ C; $[a]_{D}^{20} = -126.25$ (c = 0.0800 g/mL, CH_2CI_2). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3385, 3024, 2931, 1631, 1482, 1383, 1273, 824, 767, 702; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI₃, ppm) δ : 12.86 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 7.63 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.53 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.47 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.31 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.01 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.80 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 5.54 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 4.30 (dd, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H, C*H), 3.00 (dd, J = 14.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.90 (br, 1H, OH), 2.77 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCI₃, ppm) δ : 165.1, 160.0, 154.2, 145.1, 144.0, 135.2, 133.53, 130.7, 128. 5, 127.2, 126.1, 119.7, 119.0, 115.4, 110.1, 79.7, 78.9, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 36.5; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 542(M⁺, 1%), 399(34%), 275(25%), 183(65\%), 136(42\%), 105(100\%), 77(57\%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₃Br₂NO₃: C, 57.85; H, 3.99; N, 2.41. Found: C, 57.83; H, 3.96; N, 2.40.



4-Bromo-2-(((S)-2-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-phen ol (3):

Yellow solid; mp: 114~116 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -123.08$ (c = 0.0520 g/mL, CH₂Cl₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3355, 3024, 2933, 1632, 1450, 1446, 1222, 831, 768, 699; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 14.16 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 9.81 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.62 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 7.42 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.28 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.94 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 5.53 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 4.33 (dd, J = 10.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H, C*H), 3.00 (br, 1H, OH), 2.98 (d, br, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.79 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 164.4, 159.1, 154.4, 144.7, 143.7, 138.1, 132.9, 130.7, 130.2, 128.6, 127.3, 125.9, 119.1, 115.5, 112.9, 108.9, 79.6, 77.9, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 36.4; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 504(M⁺, 2%), 321(68%), 319(100%), 277(30%), 183(75%), 105(87%), 77(44%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₄BrNO₃: C, 66.94; H, 4.82; N, 2.79. Found: C, 66.92; H, 4.79; N, 2.75.



2,4-Dichloro-6-(((S)-2-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-ph enol (4):

Yellow solid; mp: 96~98 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -132.28(c = 0.0756 \text{ g/mL}, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)$. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3356, 3026, 2966, 1634, 1505, 1448, 1217, 855, 749, 701; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 13.97 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH=N, Ph-H), 7.46~7.39 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.16 (t, *J* = S5

7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.77 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 5.43 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 4.31 (s, 1H, C*H), 2.99 (d, br, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.98 (br, 1H, OH), 2.79 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 164.6, 158.5, 154.6, 144.6, 143.6, 132.9, 130.7, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 127.4, 126.0, 123.5, 121.7, 118.3, 115.6, 79.6, 77.6, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 36.3; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 493(M⁺, 1%), 309(67%), 267(39%), 183(57%), 107(37%), 105 (100%), 77(70%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₃Cl₂NO₃: C, 68.30; H, 4.71; N, 2.84. Found: C, 68.28; H, 4.69; N, 2.82.



4-Chloro-2-(((S)-2-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-phen ol (5):

Yellow solid; mp: 98~101 °C; $[a]_{D}^{20} = -152.63(c = 0.0760 \text{ g/mL}, CH_2Cl_2)$. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3415, 3028, 1634, 1519, 1479, 1249, 854, 757, 706; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 12.85 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 7.63 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.53 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.49~7.45 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.36~7.28 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.26 (s, 1H, Ph-H), 7.21~7.13 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 6.88 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 3H, Ph-H), 6.72~6.61 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 5.54 (s, 1H, Ph-OH), 4.30 (dd, J = 10.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H, C*H), 3.00 (dd, J = 14.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.94 (br, 1H, OH), 2.77 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 165.1, 159.5, 154.2, 145.1, 143.9, 132.3, 130.9, 130.4, 128.5, 128.3, 127.2, 126.1, 123.2, 119.0, 118.5, 115.3, 79.7, 78.9, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 36.5; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z:

459(M⁺, 2%), 275(100%), 233(29%), 183(63%), 167(21%), 105 (84%), 77(50%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₄CINO₃: C, 73.44; H, 5.28; N, 3.06. Found: C, 73.41; H, 5.26; N, 3.04.



2-(((S)-2-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-phenol (6):

Yellow solid; mp: 237 °C; $[a]_{D}^{20} = -66.67$ (c = 0.0636 g/mL, CH₂Cl₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3561, 3054, 2970, 2559, 1628, 1456, 1385, 1284, 836, 755, 701; ¹H NMR(500 MHz, DMSO, ppm) δ : 13.22 (s, 1H, Ph-OH), 9.12 (s, 1H, Ph-OH), 7.80 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.70 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.01 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.77~6.67 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.03 (s, 1H, OH), 4.54 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H, C*H), 2.85 (d, br, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.69 (dd, J = 13.9, 10.6 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO, ppm) δ : 165.6, 160.6, 155.4, 146.1, 146.0, 131.9, 131.4, 130.2, 128.9, 128.0, 127.5, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 126.0, 118.3, 117.9, 116.4, 114.9, 79.0, 77.2, 35.9; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 424 (M⁺, 7%), 241(100%), 199 (20%), 105(25%), 77(7%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₅NO₃: C, 79.41; H, 5.95; N, 3.31. Found: C, 79.40; H, 5.94; N, 3.29.



2,4-Di-tert-butyl-6-(((S)-2-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-phenol (7):

Yellow solid; mp: 88~90 °C; $[a]_{D}^{20} = -128.91$ (c = 0.0768 g/mL, CH₂Cl₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3420, 2959, 1623, 1513, 1440, 1361, 1250, 829, 769, 702; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 12.91 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 7.69 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.59 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.34 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.29 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.27~7.21 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.75 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 5.56 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 4.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, C*H), 3.06 (br, 1H, OH), 2.95 (d, br, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.82 (dd, J = 13.9, 10.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 1.42 (s, 9H, -CH₃), 1.26 (s, 9H, -CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 167.7, 157.6, 154.0, 145.7, 144.3, 140.0, 136.4, 131.3, 130.9, 128.4, 127.2, 126.6, 126.4, 126.0, 117.7, 115.2, 79.9, 78.6, 77.2, 76.8, 76.7, 36.7, 35.0, 34.1, 31.5, 29.4; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 535(M^{*}, 7%), 353(100%), 219(20%), 105(23%), 77(14%), 57(11%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₅NO₃: C, 80.71; H, 7.71; N, 2.61. Found: C, 80.69; H, 7.69; N, 2.60.



4-Bromo-2-(((S)-2-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-6-iod o-phenol (8):

Yellow solid; mp: 118~120 °C; [α]_D²⁰ = -128.75 (*c* = 0.0800 g/mL, CH₂Cl₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3450, 3058, 1632, 1509, 1445, 1369, 1223, 827, 769, 702; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ: 14.19 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 7.83 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.64~7.60 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.46~7.39 (m, 4H, Ph-H), 7.35 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.17 (s, 1H, Ph-H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.67 (d, *J* = S8 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 5.03 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H, C*H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 2.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-CH₂, OH), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ: 164.3, 161.3, 154.4, 144.8, 143.8, 133.9, 130.7, 130.2, 128.6, 127.3, 125.2, 118.0, 115.3, 109.6, 88.2, 79.6, 77.8, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 36.4; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 629(M⁺, 1%), 445(35%), 353(67%), 183(41%), 105 (100%), 77(69%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₃BrINO₃: C, 53.53; H, 3.69; N, 2.23. Found: C, 53.51; H, 3.66; N, 2.22.



4-Bromo-2-chloro-6-(((S)-2-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-meth yl)-phenol (9):

Yellow solid; mp: 115~117 °C; $[a]_{D}^{20} = -134.18$ (c = 0.0708 g/mL, CH₂Cl₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3059, 1636, 1508, 1448, 1383, 1221, 848, 769, 703 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 14.05 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 7.62 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.46 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.44 (d, J = 0.6 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.43 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.90 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.71~6.64 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 5.14 (s, 1H, Ph-OH), 4.32 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H, C*H), 2.99 (dd, J = 14.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.94 (s, 1H, OH), 2.79 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 164.4, 157.7, 154.4, 144.7, 143.7, 135.1, 132.0, 130.7, 130.3, 128.5, 127.3, 126.0, 123.4, 119.2, 115.5, 108.6, 79.7, 78.2, 77.2, 77.0, 76.7, 36.4; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 537(M⁺, 1%), 335(80%), 313 (53%), 312(30%), 183(75%),

105 (100%), 77(56%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₃BrCINO₃: C, 62.64; H, 4.32; N, 2.61. Found: C,

62.58; H, 4.29; N, 2.60.



2-(((S)-2-Hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-4-nitro-phenol (10):

Yellow solid; mp: 127~129 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -123.13$ (c = 0.134 g/mL, CH₂Cl₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3480, 3059, 1613, 1512, 1447, 1323, 1233, 837, 769, 702; ¹H NMR(500 MHz, DMSO, ppm) δ : 14.37 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 9.23 (br, 1H, Ph- OH), 8.06 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 8.02 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.95 (m, 1H, Ph-H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H, Ph-H), 6.53 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 4.94 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H, C*H), 3.39 (br, 1H, OH), 2.85 (d, br, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO, ppm) δ : 177.1, 166.2, 155.9, 144.9, 144.7, 133.9, 131.7, 130.2, 129.1, 128.3, 127.9, 127.1, 126.9, 126.5, 126.0, 125.8, 122.5, 115.3, 113.1, 78.8, 71.4, 35.1; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 468(M^{*}, 1%), 269(24%), 182(40%), 136 (39%), 105(100%), 77(66%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₂₄N₂O₅: C, 71.78; H, 5.16; N, 5.98. Found: C, 71.69; H, 5.15; N, 5.97.



2-(((S)-2-Hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-4-methyl-phen ol (11):

Yellow solid; mp: 196~198 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -161.49$ (c = 0.0644 g/mL, CH₂Cl₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3582, 3030, 2967, 1634, 1498, 1447, 1240, 834, 755, 702; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 11.35 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 7.67~7.63 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.60 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.49 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.29 (s, 1H, Ph-H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.06 (m, 1H, Ph-H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.71 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 5.55 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 4.30 (dd, J = 10.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H, C*H), 2.99 (dd, J = 13.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.96 (br, 1H, OH), 2.79 (dd, J = 13.9, 10.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.21 (s, 3H, -CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 166.5, 158.5, 154.0, 145.4, 144.1, 133.3, 131.6, 130.8, 128.3, 127.7, 127.0, 126.2, 126.0, 118.0, 116.6, 115.3, 79.8, 78.9, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 36.5, 20.2; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 438(M⁺, 2%), 255(100%), 183(30%), 105(45%), 77(31%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₇NO₃: C, 79.61; H, 6.22; N, 3.20. Found: C, 79.58; H, 6.19; N, 3.19.



2-(((S)-2-Hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-4-methoxy-phe nol (12):

Yellow solid; mp: 97~99 °C; [α]_D²⁰ = -130 (*c* = 0.120 g/mL, CH₂Cl₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3358, 3026, 2929, 1635, 1494, 1448, 1384, 1269, 824, 753, 702; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO, ppm) δ: 12.55 (s, 1H, Ph-OH), 9.13 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-OH), 7.77 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.63 (m, 5H, Ph-H), 7.54 S11 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.26~7.19 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.88~6.76 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 6.00 (s, 1H, Ph-H), 5.39 (s, 1H, OH), 4.48 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H, C*H), 2.83 (d, br, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.65(dd, J = 13.9, 10.5 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.53~2.48 (m, 3H, -OCH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO, ppm) δ : 165.3, 155.4, 154.2, 151.2, 146.1, 130.2, 129.9, 128.9, 128.0, 127.5, 126.3, 126.2, 126.0, 125.4, 118.7, 118.2, 117.0, 114.9, 79.5, 79.0, 77.5, 58.6, 55.4, 36.3, 22.0; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 453(M⁺, 2%), 271(21%), 182(27%), 136(100%), 105(60%), 77 (50%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₇NO₄: C, 76.80; H, 6.00; N, 3.09. Found: C, 76.73; H, 5.98; N, 3.07.



2-(((S)-2-Hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-6-methoxy-phe nol (13):

Yellow solid; mp: 106~109 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -168.42$ (c = 0.133 g/mL, CH₂Cl₂). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3405, 3057, 1629, 1510, 1449, 1384, 1251, 838, 738, 702; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 13.37 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 7.66~7.62 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.57 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.51~7.46 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.25 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.85 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 6.71~6.62 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 6.53 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 5.55 (br, 1H, Ph-OH), 4.30 (dd, J = 10.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H, C*H), 3.86 (s, 3H, -OCH₃), 2.99 (br, 1H, OH), 2.97 (dd, J = 14.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂), 2.80 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 166.5, 154.2, 148.3, 145.2, 144.0, 130.8, 128.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.1, 126.0, 123.1, 118.1, 117.8, 115.3, 114.0, 79.7, 78.5, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 56.0, 36.6; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 453(M⁺, 7%),

271(100%), 229 (34%), 152(44%), 105(68%), 77(48%); Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₇NO₄: C, 76.80; H, 6.00; N, 3.09. Found: C, 76.72; H, 5.99; N, 3.07.



1-(((S)-2-Hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxy-benzyl)-2,2-diphenyl-ethylimino)-methyl)-naphthalen-2-o

Yellow solid; mp: 245 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -178.12$ (c = 0.141 g/mL, CH₂Cl₂). IR (KBr): 3581, 3081, 3030, 1626, 1444, 1340, 1280, 842, 752, 698 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO, ppm) δ : 13.77~13.64 (m, 1H, naphthyl-OH), 9.12 (s, 1H, Ph-OH), 8.34 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H, CH=N), 7.74 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.59 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.54~7.41 (m, 4H, Ph-H), 7.33~7.26 (m, 2H, Ph-H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ph-H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph-H), 6.58 (m, 3H, Ph-H), 6.43 (s, 1H, OH), 5.04 (m, 1H, C*H), 2.85~2.65 (m, 2H, Ph-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO, ppm) δ : 177.7, 158.2, 155.7, 145.5, 136.8, 134.3, 130.2, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 126.7, 126.2, 126.1, 125.4, 124.8, 121.7, 117.6, 115.1, 104.8, 79.3, 69.7, 39.5, 35.9; MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z: 474 (M⁺, 2%), 291 (71%), 241(31%), 184(100%), 105(81%), 77(60%); Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₂₇NO₃: C, 81.16; H, 5.75; N, 2.96. Found: C, 81.14; H, 5.74; N, 2.95.

4. Preparation and characterization of copper Schiff-base complex 15

General procedure for the preparation of copper Schiff-base complex **15** was consulted the literature[3] method.



Compound 15: Elemental Anal. Found: C, 45.61; H, 2.86; N, 1.89. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3374, 3012, 2935, 1629, 1439, 1145, 1052, 746, 704, 592, 564, 503, 454.

To a mixture of complex 15 (0.051 g) in Milli-Q water (2 mL) was added HNO₃ (20 ml, 69.2%). The mixture was heated at 150 and the digested solution was diluted to 25 ml with Milli-Q water. Heavy metal Cu concentrations in the prepared solutions were determined using atomic absorption spectrometry (AA-800, Perkin-Elmer Inc.). Metal Cu concentrations were 5.541mg/L and 5.570 mg/L (panel data which were diluted to 30 times). Metal concentrations had a n(ligand 1)-to-n(Cu) ratio of 1.065.

$$m(Cu) = \frac{1}{2} \times (5.541 + 5.570) \times 30 = 166.665 \ mg \ / L$$

$$n(Cu) = \frac{m(Cu)}{M(Cu)} = \frac{166.665}{64} = 2.604 \ mmol \ / L$$

$$m(ligand 1) = m(complex 15) - m(Cu) = \frac{0.051 \times 1000}{25 \times 0.001} - 166.665 = 1873.335 \ mg \ / L$$

$$n(ligand 1) = \frac{m(ligand 1)}{M(ligand 1)} = \frac{1873.335}{675.30} = 2.774 \ mmol \ / L$$

$$n(Cu) : n(ligand 1) = 2.604 : 2.774 = 1:1.065$$

5. Preparation of polymer-supported chiral tridentate Schiff-base ligands 16a-f, 17 [4]



To a stirred mixture of **1a** (0.957 g, 3 mmol) in anhydrous THF (100 mL) was added NaH (0.120g, 3mmol), NBu₄Br (0.115g, 0.3mmol) and 18-crown-6 (0.079g, 0.3mmol). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Then the Merrifield resin (3g, 100~200 mesh, 1.0~1.2 mmol/g) was added and the solution was heated under reflux for 60 h.The solvent was evaporated and washed by THF, THF/H₂O, THF/MeOH, MeOH, CH₂Cl₂ and Et₂O to give **1a**'. Next, to a stirred mixture of **1a**' (1.29 g, 1 mmol) in anhydrous THF (50 mL) was added NaH (0.040g, 1mmol), NBu₄Br (0.038g, 0.1mmol) and 18-crown-6 (0.026g, 0.1mmol). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. Then the salicylaldehyde(**2a-2f**) (1 mmol) was added and then the solution was heated under reflux overnight. And the reaction was vacuum filtered and washed by THF. At last, the solution was dried to provide the polymer-supported chiral tridentate Schiff-base ligands **16a-f** and catalyst **17**.



Compound 16a: Elemental Anal. Found: C, 51.21; H, 3.86; N, 1.97. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3424, 3058, 3024, 2920, 2848, 1942, 1691, 1600, 1492, 1450, 1383, 1264, 1028, 905, 837, 756, 697, 538.



Compound 16b: Elemental Anal. Found: C, 59.12; H, 4.42; N, 2.29. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3440, 3058, 3024, 2921, 1943, 1802, 1721, 1600, 1492, 1450, 1370, 1265, 1027, 906, 838, 756, 697, 536.



Compound 16c: Elemental Anal. Found: C, 79.78; H, 6.46; N, 3.09. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3420, 3059, 3025, 2921, 1944, 1803, 1666, 1601, 1492, 1451, 1383, 1028, 906, 826, 756, 698, 539.



Compound 16d: Elemental Anal. Found: C, 54.89; H, 4.14; N, 2.12. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3421, 3058, 3024, 2920, 1943, 1802, 1600, 1492, 1450, 1365, 1265, 1027, 906, 821, 756, 697, 538.



Compound 16e: Elemental Anal. Found: C, 63.77; H, 4.81; N, 2.47. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3059, 3025, 2922, 1943, 1802, 1722, 1601, 1492, 1450, 1369, 1265, 1027, 906, 822, 756, 697, 538.



Compound 16f: Elemental Anal. Found: C, 81.40; H, 6.22; N, 2.78. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3394, 3058, 3024, 2921, 1943, 1723, 1601, 1492, 1450, 1242, 1076, 1028, 906, 820, 756, 698, 538.



Compound 17:Elemental Anal. Found: C, 52.55; H, 4.27; N, 1.92. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹):3377, 3024, 2922, 1604, 1492, 1442, 1384, 1032, 905, 757, 696, 627, 539.

To a mixture of polymers complex 17 (0.052 g) in Milli-Q water (2 mL) was added HNO₃ (20 ml, 69.2%). The mixture was heated at 150 and the digested solution was diluted to 25 ml with Milli-Q water. Heavy metal Cu concentrations in the prepared solutions were determined using atomic absorption spectrometry. Metal Cu concentrations were 2.651 mg/L and 2.663 mg/L (panel data which were diluted to 30 times). We assumed that the metal coordination of polymers complex 17 work on the same mechanism like complex 15. The amount of chlorobenzyl groups which have been substituted was 79.38%.

$$n(Cu) = \frac{m(Cu)}{M(Cu)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times (2.651 + 2.663) \times 30}{64} = 1.245 \text{ mmol}/L$$

$$\therefore n(Cu) : n(ligand 1) = 1:1.065$$

$$\therefore n(ligand 1) = 1.065 \times n(Cu) = 1.065 \times 1.245 = 1.651 \text{ mmol}/L$$

$$n(\mathbf{O} - \mathbf{C}) = n(ligand 1) = 1.651 mmol / L$$

$$n(actual \bigcirc - \bigcirc C^{I}) = 0.052 \times \frac{1000}{25} = 2.08 \ mmol/L$$

6. Typical procedure for the asymmetric Henry reaction[5]

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ R \\ H \\ H \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} CH_3NO_2 \\ \hline \\ EtOH, rt., 48h \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O \\ OH \\ Cu(OAc)_2.2H_2O(2.75mol\%) \\ \hline \\ EtOH, rt., 48h \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} OH \\ R \\ \hline \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} OH \\ H \\ \hline \\ \end{array}$$

The chiral ligand (0.005 mmol) and metal-salt (0.0055 mmol) were placed in a 10 mL round-bottomed flask. Ethanol (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. Subsequently, aldehyde (0.2 mmol) and nitromethane (0.3 mL, 7.5 mmol) were added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Purification was obtained by TLC. The *ee* value was determined by HPLC on Chiralcel AD-H or OD-H column.



 O_2N **2-Nitro-1-(4-nitro-phenyl)-ethanol:** Chiralcel AD-H column, Hex: *i*-Pro =85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. t_{minor} = 6.590 min, t_{major} = 8.707 min.



^{NO2} **2-Nitro-1-(3-nitro-phenyl)-ethanol:** Chiralcel AD-H column, Hex: *i*-Pro =85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. t_{major} = 11.732 min, t_{minor} = 13.840 min.



2-Nitro-1-(2-nitro-phenyl)-ethanol: Chiralcel AD-H column, Hex: *i*-Pro =85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. t_{minor} = 38.000 min, t_{major} = 43.832 min.

(S)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-nitroethanol: Chiralcel OD-H column, Hex:

i-Pro =85:15, 1.0 mL/min, 215nm. t_{minor} = 12.6 min, t_{major} = 16.8 min.



(S)-1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethanol: Chiralcel OD-H column, Hex:

i-Pro =95:5, 0.5 mL/min, 215nm. t_{minor} = 34.9 min, t_{major} = 36.5 min.



2-Nitro-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethanol: Chiralcel AD-H column,

Hex: *i*-Pro =95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. t_{minor} = 19.515 min, t_{major} = 29.287 min.



(S)-2-Nitro-1-phenylethanol: Chiralcel OD-H column, Hex: i-Pro =90:10,

1.0 mL/min, 210 nm. t_{minor} = 12.6 min, t_{major} = 14.2 min.



2-Nitro-1-p-tolyl-ethanol: iralcel OD-H column, Hex: i-Pro =90:10,

1.0mL/min, 215nm. t_{minor} =16.475, t_{major} = 22.813 min.



(S)-1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol: Chiralcel OD-H column,

Hex: *i*-Pro =90:10, 0.5 mL/min, 232nm. t_{major} = 34.7min, t_{minor} = 49.5 min.



(S)-1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol: Chiralcel OD-H column, Hex:

i-Pro =90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 215nm. t_R = 14.528 min, t_R = 18.086 min.



1-Nitro-4-phenyl-but-3-en-2-ol: Chiralcel OD-H column, Hex: *i*-Pro =90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm. t_{major} = 45.2 min, t_{minor} = 52.1 min.

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Hex: *i*-Pro =95:5, 1.0 mL/min, 254nm. t_{major} = 27.387 min, t_{minor} = 32.633 min.

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