Supporting Information

Methanol as Hydrogen Source: Transfer Hydrogenation of Aromatic Aldehydes with a Rhodacycle

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1. General information

Unless otherwise specified, all reactions were carried out under an open atmosphere using standard techniques, all chemicals were purchased commercially and used as received without further purification, and methanol was HPLC grade. All columns were run using a mixture of hexane/ethyl acetate and silica gel 60 Å (230-400 mesh). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer using CDCl₃ with TMS as the internal standard at 289 K, unless stated otherwise.

2. Crystal structure determination of complex 2

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for **2** were collected on a suitable sample mounted on a Rigaku AFC-12K goniometer using a Rigaku Saturn 724+ are detector and 007HF Molybdenum rotating anode source. Samples were mounted under inert oil using a 10 um MiTeGen tip at 100 K. Data were integrated using SAINT¹ and scaled using SADABS.² Structural solution was by direct methods using SHELXT³ implemented in Olex2⁴ and refined on F_o^2 by full-matrix least squares refinement via SHELXL-2013.⁵ CCDC 1851386 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre *via* www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

3. Crystal data and structure refinement for complex 2

 $C_{25}H_{29}CINO_2Rh$ (*M* =513.85 g/mol): monoclinic, space group P2₁/n (no. 14), *a* = 8.6375(3) Å, *b* = 13.8673(4) Å, *c* = 18.4717(6) Å, β = 103.076(3)°, *V* = 2155.15(12) Å³, *Z* = 4, *T* = 100 K, μ (MoK α) = 0.939 mm⁻¹, *Dcalc* = 1.584 g/cm³, 34723 reflections measured (3.7° ≤ 2 Θ ≤ 52.74°), 4406 unique (*R*_{int} = 0.1371, R_{sigma} = 0.0711) which were used in all calculations. The final *R*₁ was 0.0477 (>2sigma(I)) and *wR*₂ was 0.0868 (all data).



SI Figure 1. X-ray crystallographic structure of complex 2

SI Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for complex 2

Identification code	2
Empirical formula	$C_{25}H_{29}ClNO_2Rh$
Formula weight	513.85
Temperature/K	100
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
a/Å	8.6375(3)
b/Å	13.8673(4)
c/Å	18.4717(6)
α/°	90.00
β/°	103.076(3)
$\gamma^{\prime \circ}$	90.00
Volume/Å ³	2155.15(12)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.584
μ/mm^{-1}	0.939
F(000)	1056.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.03 \times 0.02 \times 0.005$
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	3.7 to 52.74
Index ranges	$-10 \le h \le 10, -17 \le k \le 17, -22 \le l \le 23$
Reflections collected	34723
Independent reflections	4406 [$R_{int} = 0.1371$, $R_{sigma} = 0.0711$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4406/0/279
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.063
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0477, wR_2 = 0.0794$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0673, wR_2 = 0.0868$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.59/-0.62

4. General procedure for the preparation of imine ligands

Imine ligands were prepared according to the literature.⁶ In a 250 mL round bottomed flask, ketone (5.0 mmol), amine (5.5 mmol) and NaHCO₃ (420 mg, 5 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (80 mL). 4Å molecular sieves (1.2 g) were introduced. The resulting mixture was fitted with a Dean-Stark condenser and heated to reflux for 24 h. Hot filtration, to remove solid residues, followed by removal of solvent *in vacuo*, gave the crude products which were crystallised using hexane/DCM.

5. General procedure for the preparation of rhodium complexes

A Radleys tube was charged with $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ dimer (100 mg, 0.16 mmol) ($Cp*=C_5Me_5$), imine ligand (2.2 eqv.) and NaOAc (10 eqv.). DCM (10 mL) was then added under a nitrogen atmosphere and the reaction stirred overnight at room temperature. The resulting mixture was then filtered through Celite® to remove insoluble materials, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude solid product was then washed with diethyl ether/hexane to afford an orange air and moisture stable pure compound.^{6,7}

6. Aldehyde reduction procedure

Aldehyde (0.25 mmol), catalyst (0.0025 mmol) and Cs_2CO_3 (0.5 eqv.) were placed in a Radleys tube followed by the addition of MeOH (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was then heated to reflux at 90 °C for 1 hour. After completion, the resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, washed with H₂O, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered, and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (hexane:ethyl acetate).

7. Analytical data of rhodium complexes and alcohol products

7.1 Data of ligands and complexes



4-Methoxy-N-(1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethylidene)aniline: White solid ; m.p. = 120-122 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 165.90, 158.15, 156.08, 144.68, 132.32, 129.15, 121.19, 115.32, 114.40, 55.64, 17.55; HRMS for C₁₅H₁₅NO₂ [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 242.1176; Found: 242.1173.



Rhodium complex formed from 4-methoxy-N-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethylidene)aniline (1):⁸ Orange solid; m.p. = 227-229 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.41 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 15H). Due to the fluxionality, two of the aromatic hydrogens in **1** appeared very broad and featureless at rt (see ref 8 for explanation for a similar observation); A better resolved spectrum was obatined in CD₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.50-7.25 (a br peak overlapped with two doublets, 4H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 15H); ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz, 213 K) δ (ppm): 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.79 (m, 2H), 6.56 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 15H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 160.98, 157.63, 143.74, 140.82, 129.13, 124.48, 120.82, 108.59, 96.25, 96.19, 55.67, 55.27, 17.17, 8.94. More concentrated sample run in CD₂Cl₂ to resolve quaternary C's and Rh-C coupling; ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 186.86 (d, J_{Rh-C} = 33 Hz)⁹, 178.32, 161.42, 158.18, 144.13, 141.49, 129.31, 124.80, 121.24, 114.30, 108.72, 96.67, 96.61, 56.03, 55.67, 17.31, 9.08; HRMS for C₂₆H₃₁ClRhNO₂ [M – Cl]⁺: m/z calc.: 492.1406; Found: 492.1410.



Rhodium complex formed from 4-methoxy-N-(1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethylidene)aniline (2):⁸ Orange solid; m.p. = 225-229 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.26 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 15H). Due to the fluxionality, the aromatic region showed a similar feature to that observed in **1** at rt; ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.50-7.05 (br m, similar to those in **1**, 4H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (br s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 15H); ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 400 MHz, 213 K) δ (ppm): 7.73 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (br s, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.0 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.2 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 15H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 157.84, 157.62, 143.78, 140.57, 129.33, 122.91, 110.47, 100.15, 96.24, 96.18, 55.69, 17.18, 8.91. More concentrated sample run in CD₂Cl₂ to resolve quaternary C's and Rh-C coupling; ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 186.53 (d, J_{Rh-C} = 33 Hz)⁹, 178.59, 158.40, 158.15, 144.17, 141.03, 129.56, 124.86, 123.38, 114.35, 110.62, 100.58, 96.66, 96.60, 56.05, 17.31, 9.06; HRMS for C₂₅H₂₉ClRhNO₂ [M - Cl]⁺: m/z calc.: 478.1248; Found: 478.1255.

7.2 Data of alcohol products



4-Nitrophenylmethanol:¹⁰ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 8.22 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 1.83 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 148.22, 127.14, 123.90, 64.19; HRMS for C₇H₇NO₃ [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 154.0499; found: 154.0503.



3-Nitrophenylmethanol:¹¹ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 2H), 2.21 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 148.53, 143.00, 132.75, 129.58, 122.62, 121.63, 64.10; HRMS for C₇H₇NO₃ [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 154.0499; found: 154.0505.



2-Nitrophenylmethanol:¹² ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 8.11 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 147.83, 136.89, 134.30, 130.18, 128.68, 125.19, 62.75; HRMS for C₇H₇NO₃ [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 136.0393; found: 136.0396.



3-Chloropyridin-4-methanol:¹³ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.3 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 148.88, 148.22, 147.42, 129.76, 121.98, 61.36; HRMS for C₆H₆ClNO [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 144.0211; found: 144.021.



6-Bromopyridin-2-methanol:¹⁴¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.55 (t, J = 7.6, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 3.15 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 161.33, 141.54, 139.20, 126.81, 119.43, 64.34; HRMS for C₆H₆BrNO [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 187.9706; found: 187.9706.



4-Acetyl phenylmethanol:¹⁵ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.93 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.22 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 198.14, 146.41, 136.40, 128.74, 126.73, 64.69, 26.78; HRMS for C₉H₁₀O₂ [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 151.0754; found: 151.075.



3-Acetyl phenylmethanol:¹⁶ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 2.45 (br s, 1H) ; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 198.50, 141.60, 137.37, 131.71, 128.90, 127.64, 126.71, 64.77, 26.82; HRMS for C₉H₁₀O₂ [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 151.0754; found: 151.0751.



2-Chloro-6-methoxyquinolin-3-methanol:¹⁷ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, J = 9.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.23 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H);¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 158.42, 146.55, 143.05, 135.22, 132.60, 129.76, 128.64, 122.94, 105.34, 62.26, 55.76; HRMS for C₁₁H₁₀CINO [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 224.0473; found: 224.0475.



2-Chloro-8-methylquinolin-3-methanol:¹⁸ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 8.24 (s,1H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H);¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 148.20, 146.41, 136.65, 136.61, 132.04, 130.47, 127.56, 127.08, 125.59, 62.34, 17.99; HRMS for C₁₁H₁₀ClNO₂ [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 208.0524; found: 208.0524.



2-Iodophenylmethanol:¹⁹ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H);¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 142.75, 139.37, 129.48, 128.65, 128.64, 97.63, 69.50; HRMS for C₇H₇IO [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 216.9509; found: 216.9514.

Isobenzofuran-1(3H)-one:²⁰ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.92 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 171.25, 146.63, 134.14, 129.16, 125.90, 125.83, 122.22, 69.79; HRMS for C₈H₆O₂ [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 135.0441; found: 135.0444.

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3-Phenoxyphenylmethanol:²¹ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.36-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.13-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 2.04 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 157.72, 157.14, 143.06, 130.01, 129.91, 123.51, 121.65, 119.17, 118.04, 117.21, 65.07; HRMS for C₁₃H₁₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 201.091; found: 201.0914.

2-Chlorophenylmethanol:¹² ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.49 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.2, Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 138.26, 132.84, 129.47, 128.97, 128.86, 127.15, 62.99; HRMS for C₇H₇ClO [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 125.0153; found: 125.0155.



3-Chlorophenylmethanol:²² ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.32-7.20 (m, 3H), 4.67(s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 142.93, 134.55, 129.94, 127.83, 127.07, 124.96, 64.63; HRMS for C₇H₇ClO [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 125.0153; found: 125.0154.

4-Chlorophenylmethanol:^{10 1}H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.36-7.28 (m, 4H), 4.67 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (br t, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 139.37, 133.50, 128.82, 128.41, 64.72; HRMS for C₇H₇ClO [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 125.0153; found: 125.0155.



4-Bromophenylmethanol:¹⁰ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.48 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 1.82 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 139.89, 131.76, 128.72, 121.59, 64.72; HRMS for C₇H₇BrO [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 168.9647; found: 168.9646.



2-Methoxyphenylmethanol:²³ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.32-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.38 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 157.57, 129.12, 129.10, 128.89, 120.77, 110.31, 62.30, 55.38; HRMS for C₈H₁₀O₂ [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 121.0648; found: 121.0651.

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3-Methoxyphenylmethanol:¹⁵ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.31-7.25 (m, 1H), 6.97-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.81 (m, 1H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.72 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 159.96, 142.64, 129.75, 119.23, 113.42, 112.36, 65.43, 55.37; HRMS for C₈H₁₀O₂ [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 139.0754; found: 139.0756.

4-Methoxyphenylmethanol:²⁴ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.29 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (s, 2H) 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.64 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 159.35, 133.25, 128.78, 114.10, 65.20, 55.44; HRMS for C₈H₁₀O₂ [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 121.0648; found: 121.0652.



3,5-Dimethoxyphenylmethanol:²⁵ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 6.48 (d, J = 2.10 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, J = 2.10 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 2.65 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 161.10, 143.50, 104.67, 99.76, 65.46, 55.48; HRMS for C₉H₁₂O₃ [M + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 169.0859; found: 169.0863.



2,6-Dimethoxyphenylmethanol:²⁶ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.22 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 2.49 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 158.53, 129.25, 117.16, 103.94, 55.86, 54.85; HRMS for C₉H₁₂O₃ [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 151.0754; found: 151.0754.



5-Chloro-2,3-dimethoxyphenylmethanol: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 3.85 (br s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 153.08, 145.52, 135.74, 129.18, 120.29, 112.62, 61.09, 61.01, 56.15; HRMS for C₉H₁₁ClO₃ [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 185.0364; found: 185.0364.



2-Chloro-3-methoxyphenylmethanol:²⁷ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.25 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.91(s, 3H), 2.02 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 155.18, 139.91, 127.52, 120.96, 120.54, 111.31, 63.19, 56.42; HRMS for C₈H₉ClO₂ [(M - H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 155.0258; found: 155.0263.



2-Chloro-6-methoxyphenylmethanol: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.23 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.93 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 139.75, 136.05, 134.97, 129.35, 129.17, 127.44, 59.77, 19.82; HRMS for C₈H₉ClO₂ [(M – Cl) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 139.0309; found: 139.0309.



2-Bromo-5-methoxyphenylmethanol:²⁸ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.40 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, J = 8.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.25 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 159.37, 140.85, 133.26, 114.89, 114.35, 112.62, 65.13, 55.64; HRMS for C₈H₉BrO₂ [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 198.9753; found; 198.976.



2-Chloro-5-fluorophenylmethanol: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.30 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 8.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (td, J = 8.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (br t, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 161.77 (d, J_{C-F} = 246.4 Hz), 140.54 (d, J_{C-F} = 7.3 Hz), 130.57 (d, J_{C-F} = 8.2 Hz), 126.98 (d, J_{C-F} = 3.2 Hz), 115.58 (d, J_{C-F} = 18.6 Hz), 115.34 (d, J_{C-F} = 19.6 Hz), 62.42 (d, J_{C-F} = 1.2 Hz); HRMS for C₇H₆CIFO [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 143.0058; found: 143.0063.



2,4-Dichlorophenylmethanol:²⁹ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 1.99 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 136.89, 133.97, 133.32, 129.56, 129.27, 127.42, 62.35; HRMS for C₇H₆Cl₂O [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 158.9763; found: 158.977.



6-Chloro-2-fluoro-3-methylphenyl-methanol: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.11-7.04 (m, 2H), 4.83 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 3H), 2.13 (br t, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 160.03 (d, J_{C-F} = 248.5 Hz), 132.44 (d, J_{C-F} = 5.3 Hz), 131.49 (d, J_{C-F} = 6.5 Hz), 125.56 (d, J_{C-F} = 18.9 Hz), 124.83 (d, J_{C-F} = 4.0 Hz), 124.16 (d, J_{C-F} = 18.9 Hz), 56.52 (d, J_{C-F} = 5.3 Hz), 14.51 (d, J_{C-F} = 4.0 Hz); HRMS for C₈H₆ClFO [(M - H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 157.0215; found: 157.0218.

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3,5-Dimethylphenylmethanol:³⁰ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 6.97 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 6H), 1.70 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 140.94,

138.31, 129.39, 124.97, 65.56, 21.38; HRMS for $C_9H_{12}O[(M - H_2O) + H]^+$: m/z calc.: 119.0855; found: 119.0855.



7-Methoxybenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-methanol:^{31 1}H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.90 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 149.03, 143.76, 135.69, 134.72, 106.56, 101.57, 101.43, 65.46, 56.66; HRMS for C₉H₁₀O₄ [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 165.0546; found: 165.0547.



5-Bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-methanol:³² ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.02 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 2.26 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 147.29, 147.25, 125.40, 121.78, 115.14, 109.30, 102.00, 59.64; HRMS for C₈H₇BrO₃ [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 212.9546; found: 202.9547.



5-Isopropyl-2-methoxyphenylmethanol:³³ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.86 (septet, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 155.72, 141.25, 128.86, 127.14, 126.59, 110.25, 62.60, 55.49, 33.46, 24.34; HRMS for C₁₁H₁₆O₂ [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 163.1117; found: 163.1123.

2,3-Dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxin-6-methanol:³⁴ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 6.89-6.78 (m, 3H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 4.23 (s, 4H), 2.02 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 143.60, 143.19, 134.46, 120.39, 117.41, 116.32, 65.05, 64.47; HRMS for C₉H₁₀O₃ [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 149.0597; found: 149.0598.



(6-Methylpyridin-2-yl)methanol:³⁵ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.56 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 3.77 (br s, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 158.42, 157.49, 137.09, 121.90, 117.59, 64.10, 24.26; HRMS for C₇H₉NO [M – H]⁺: m/z calc.: 122.0684; found: 122.100.

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Furan-2,5-diyldimethanol:³⁶ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 6.20 (s, 2H), 4.54 (s, 4H), 2.87 (br s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 154.13, 108.63, 57.39; HRMS for C₆H₈O₃ [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 111.0441; found: 111.0445.

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3-Phenylpropan-1-ol:³⁷ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.32-7.16 (m, 5H), 3.67 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.94-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.47 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 141.94, 128.54, 128.52, 125.98, 62.39, 34.34, 32.20; HRMS for C₉H₁₂O [(M – H₂O) + H]⁺: m/z calc.: 119.0855; found: 119.0859.



3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)propan-1-ol:^{38 1}H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 7.11 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.66 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (pent, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 157.92, 133.97, 129.41, 113.95, 62.38, 55.39, 34.56, 31.27; HRMS for C₁₀H₁₄O₂ [M + NH₄]⁺: m/z calc.: 184.1332; Found: 184.1339.



2,2'-Methylenebis(3-hydroxy-5,5-dimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one:³⁹ ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 11.57 (br s, 2H), 3.16 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 4H), 2.28 (s, 4H), 1.05 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, 298 K) δ (ppm): 189.68, 113.63, 46.15, 31.94, 29.66, 27.24, 16.10.

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