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#### **Supplementary Materials**

# Rhodium porphyrin molecule-based catalysts for the hydrogenation of biomass derived levulinic acid to biofuel additive γ-valerolactone

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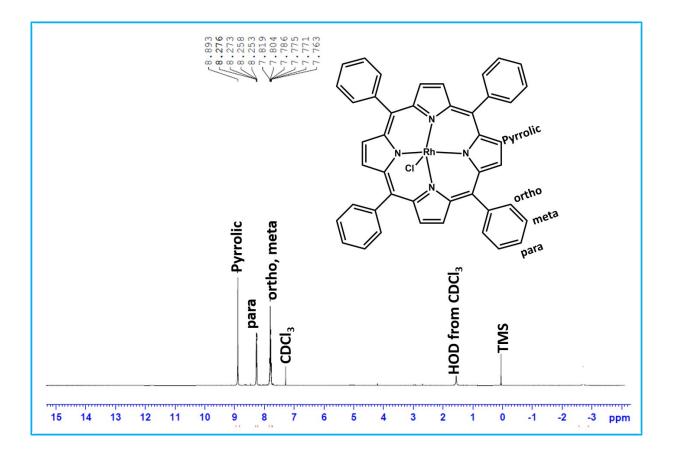
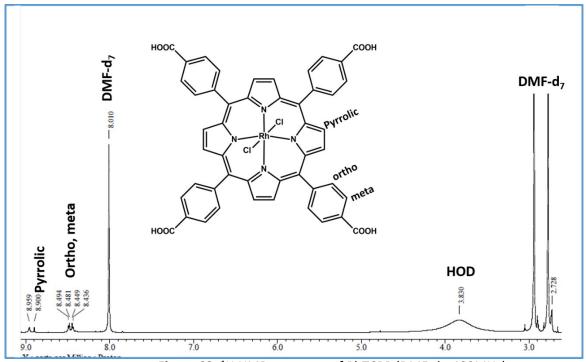
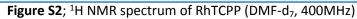


Figure S1; <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of RhTPP (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400MHz)





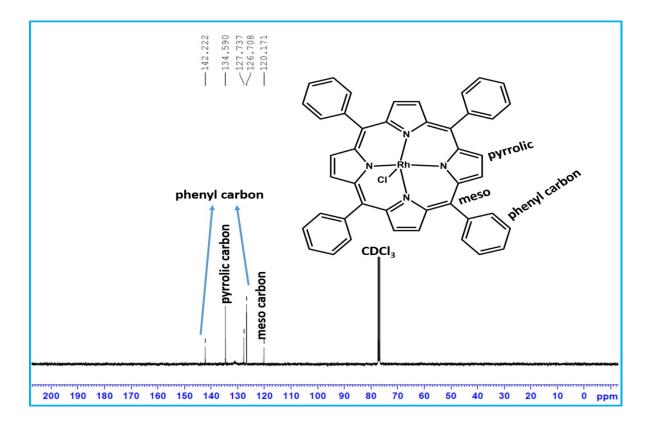


Figure S3; <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of RhTPP

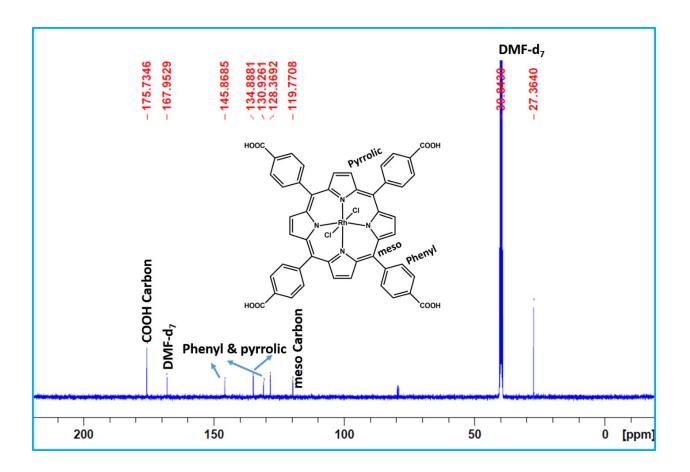


Figure S4; <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of RhTCPP

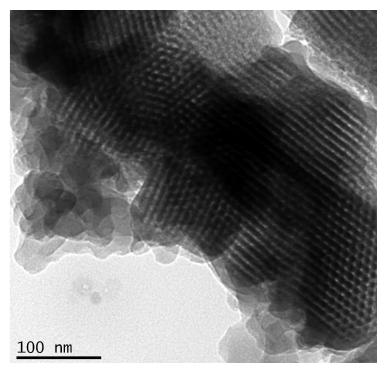


Figure S5; High resolution transmission electron microscopy (HR-TEM) micrographs of RhTPP-SBA-AM

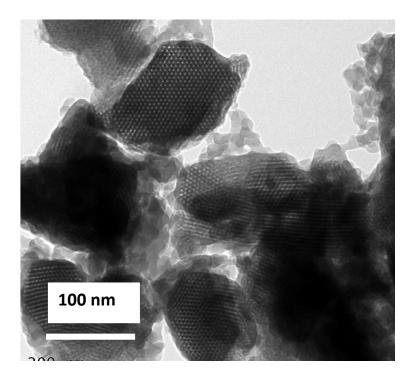


Figure S5; High resolution transmission electron microscopy (HR-TEM) micrographs RhTCPP-SBA-AM

Catalysts	Conversion (%)	Selectivity (%)		
		GVL	Diol	
RhTPP-SBA-AM	1.4	92	8	
RhTCPP-SBA-AM	1.6	86	12	

Table S1: Quenching studies by filtering the solution (Hot filtration study).

**Reaction Conditions**: LA = 5mmol, Solvent (IPA) = 3mL, Pressure = 10 bar H<sub>2</sub>, time = 12 hrs, Temperature = 100 °C, Catalyst RhTPP-SBA-AM/RhTCPP-SBA-AM= 0.1g.

Table S2; Levulinic acid hydrogenation using ruthenium porphyrin and iridium porphyrin complex.

Catalysts	Conversion (%)	Selectivity (%)		
	-	GVL	Diol	Valeric acid
IrTPP	93.8	87	9	4
RuTPP	89	62	30	8
RhTPP	100	100		

**Reaction Conditions:** LA = 5mmol, Solvent (IPA) = 3mL, Pressure = 10 bar  $H_2$ , time = 12 hrs, Temperature = 100 °C, Catalyst RhTPP/ IrTPP/RhTPP = 0.01g.

Catalysts	Catalysts Reaction condition		Refer ence
Hybrid Ru-containing catalysts, based on poly(propylene imine) (PPI) dendrimers, immobilized in silica	Reaction conditions are: 0.3 mL levulinic acid, 0.3 mL of water, substrate/Ru ~ 1700, Time = 1 h., H <sub>2</sub> pressure = 30 bars, Temp = 80 °C.	80/95	10
Nickel Catalysts Supported on Aluminum Oxide	30%Ni/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> = 0.1g, Levulinic acid = 1g , Solvent <sub>=</sub> water, Time = 3 hr Temp= 200 °C, H <sub>2</sub> pressure = 3MPa	96.2/90.3	14
Nickel Catalysts Supported on Aluminum Oxide	30%Ni/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> = 0.1g, Levulinic acid = 1g , Solvent <sub>=</sub> dioxane, Time = 2 hr, Temp= 180 °C, H <sub>2</sub> pressure = 3MPa	100/98.3	14
Ru(acac)3,with alkyl-bis(m- sulfonated-phenyl)- and dialkyl-(m-sulfonated- phenyl)phosphine ligands	Levulinic acid = 34.02 g, Catalysts Ru(acac)3 =0.046 mmol, Time = 1.8 hr, Temp = 140 °C, H <sub>2</sub> pressure = 100 bar	99.9	12
Ru supported on Carbon	Levulinic acid = 34.02 g, Catalysts Ru(acac)3 =0.046 mmol, Time = 1.8 hr, Temp = 150 °C, H <sub>2</sub> pressure = 55 bar	80/90	27
iridium pincer complexes	Levulinic acid = 3 mmol, Catalyst 0.15 mol% ligand, 1.2 eqv base KOH, Solvent = 4ml methanol, Time = 15 hr, Temp = 100 °C, H <sub>2</sub> pressure = 50 bar	89/96	93

 Table S3; Comparison of levulinic acid hydrogenation reaction by various reported catalysts.

Ru-PP/CNT based catalyst ( Levulinic acid = 1.0 mmol, catalyst = 50 mg,

Polymeric ruthenium	base, NaHCO <sub>3</sub> 50 mg, solvent methanol = 5		
porphyrin-functionalized	mL, H <sub>2</sub> pressure = 3.0 MPa,Tepm = 100°C time		
carbon nanotubes)	= 10 h		
[Ru(triphos)(TMM) catalysts			
( [Ru(Triphos)(TMM)]	Levulinic acid = 1.0 mmol, catalyst = 50 mg,		
(Triphos= 1,1,1-	base, solvent methanol = 5 mL, $H_2$ pressure =	99 94	
tris(diphenylphosphinometh	50 bar,Tepm = 140°C, time = 18 h	99	94
yl)ethane, TMM = tri-			
methylene methane)			
	Levulinic acid = 10 mmol LA, Solvent THF = 20		
Ruthenium–N-Triphos	mL, 0.5 mol % complex or 0.5 mol %	05	05
Complexes	[Ru(acac)3] and 1.0 mol % ligand, time = 25 h,	85	95
	H <sub>2</sub> pressure = 65 bar,Tepm = 150°C		
	Levulinic acid = 5mmol, Catalyst RhTPP =		Pres
Rh based catalysts	0.01g, Solvent (IPA) = $3mL$ , $H_2$ Pressure = 10	100/100	ent
	bar, time = 12 hrs, Temperature = 100 °C,		work

Table S4: Conversion of various substrates using the RhTPP, RhTPP–SBA-AM, RhTCPP andRhTCPP–SBA-AM Catalysts‡.

	Product	Product Yield (%)			
Substrate		RhTPP	RhTPP-SBA-AM	RhTCPP	RhTCPP-SBA- AM
1-Octene	Octane	100	100	100	100
CycloOctene	cyclooctane	100	100	100	100
o Benzaldehyde	HO Benzyl alcohol	61	76	100	96
°O N⁺-√ O Nitrobenzene	H <sub>2</sub> N-Aniline	82	54	70	72
o Furfural	HO Furfuryl Alcohol	80	87	85	68
OH Contraction Eugenol	HO O 2-methoxy-4-propylphenol	83	85	100	99
Cinnamylaldehyde	HO Cinnamylalcohol	58	98	96	85

‡ Reaction Conditions: LA = 5mmol, Solvent (IPA) = 3mL, Pressure = 10 bar H<sub>2</sub>, time = 12 hrs, Temperature = 100 °C, Catalyst RhTPP/ RhTCPP = 0.01g, RhTPP-SBA-AM/ RhTCPP-SBA-AM= 0.1g