Supporting Information for

Yolk–Shell–Structured Mesoporous Silica: A Bifunctional Catalyst for Nitroaldol– Michael One-Pot Cascade Reaction

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Experimental

General: All experiments, which were sensitive to moisture or air, were carried out under an Ar atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. tetraethoxysilane (TEOS), 1,4bis(triethyoxysilyl)ethane, cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB), fluorocarbon surfactant (FC-4: $[C_3F_7O(CF(CF_3)CF_2O)_2CF(CF_3)CONH(CH_2)_3N^+(C_2H_5)_2CH_3]\Gamma),$ surfactant P123 (CH₂-3-(triethoxysilyl)propan-1-amine, CH₂O)₂₀(CH₂(CH₃)CH₂O)₇₀(CH₂CH₂O)₂₀), 3mercaptopropyltrimethoxylsilane, 3-((3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)amino-4-((((1R)-(6methoxyquinolin-4-yl)(5-vinylquinuclidin-2-yl)methyl)amino)cyclobut-3-ene-1,2-dione were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Company Ltd. and used as received.

Figure S1. FT-IR spectra of 1, the benzaldehyde-treated 1 and catalyst 3.







Explanation: The TG/DTA curve of **1** was treated in the air. An endothermic peak around 362 K with weight loss of (100-85.57) 14.43% could be attributed to the release of physical adsorption water. In addition, the weight loss of (85.57-63.39) 22.18% between 463 and 1000 K could be assigned to the organic moieties (the oxidation of alkyl fragments and parts of ethylene-bridged group in material). When eliminated the contribution of water, the total weight loss the organic moieties is 25.92%.

For catalyst **3**, an endothermic peak around 367 K with weight loss of (100-88.06) 11.94% could be attributed to the release of physical adsorption water. In addition, the weight loss of (88.06-53.88) 34.18% between 463 and 1000 K could be assigned to the oxidation of alkyl-linked squaramide, alkyl fragments and parts of ethylene-bridged group in material). When eliminated the contribution of water, the total weight loss the organic moieties is 38.81%.

Thus, in contrast to TG/DTA curve of **1** and catalyst **3**, the true weight loss of squaramide is 12.89% (38.81-25.92%), meaning the mole amounts of squaramide is 0.01995 mmol% (Mr = 646). The mole amount of squaramide in the material is <u>0.1995 mmol (128.90 mg) per gram material</u>.





Figure S4. The TEM images of the fresh catalyst **3** and the catalyst **3** after reaction with stirring. TEM images of the fresh catalyst **3**



TEM images of the catalyst **3** after reaction with stirring



Figure S5. One-pot enantioselective cascade nitroaldol–Michael coupling of nitromethane, aldehydes and acetylacetone.

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<u>6a (Entry 1 in Table 1)</u>: (S)-3-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (HPLC: Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).







<u>6b (Entry 3 in Table 1)</u>: (S)-3-(1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione. (HPLC: Chiracel OD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).





<u>*6c* (Entry 4 in Table 1)</u>: **(S)-3-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione.** (HPLC: Chiracel AS-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).











<u>*6e* (Entry 6 in Table 1):</u> (S)-3-(1-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione. (HPLC: Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 98/02, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).





<u>*6f* (Entry 7 in Table 1):</u> (S)-3-(1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione. (HPLC: Chiracel OD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).





<u>6g (Entry 8 in Table 1)</u>: (S)-3-(1-(3-bromophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione. (HPLC: Chiracel AS-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).



<u>6h (Entry 9 in Table 1)</u>: (S)-3-(2-nitro-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)pentane-2,4-dione. (HPLC: Chiracel AS-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 95/05, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).





<u>6i (Entry 10 in Table 1)</u>: (S)-3-(2-nitro-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)pentane-2,4-dione. (HPLC: Chiracel AS-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 95/05, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).







<u>*6j* (Entry 11 in Table 1)</u>: **(R)-3-(2-nitro-1-(3-nitrophenyl)ethyl)pentane-2,4-dione.** (HPLC: Chiracel OD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).



<u>*6k* (Entry 12 in Table 1)</u>: **(S)-3-(1-(4-methylphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione.** (HPLC: Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).





<u>61 (Entry 13 in Table 1)</u>: (S)-3-(2-nitro-1-(m-tolyl)ethyl)pentane-2,4-dione. (HPLC: Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).





<u>6m (Entry 14 in Table 1)</u>: (S)-3-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione. (HPLC: Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).











6n (Entry 15 in Table 1): (S)-3-(1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione. (HPLC: Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 99/01, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).

<u>60 (Entry 16 in Table 1)</u>: (S)-3-(1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione. (HPLC: Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 99/01, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C).





Figure S6. Reusability of catalyst **3** for enantioselective cascade nitroaldol–Michael coupling of nitromethane, benzaldehydes and acetylacetone.





Recycle 3







Recycle 5



Figure S7. ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR of all chiral products.

<u>6a:</u> (S)-3-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)pentane-2,4-dione: ^[1] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40–7.29 (m,



detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C, t_1 = 9.29 min, t_2 =12.15min.





29.83 (s); GC/MS (m/z): 267.09; HPLC (Chiracel OD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) t₁ = 14.13 min, t₂ = 15.72 min.





 $\underbrace{6c:}_{(S)-3-(1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione:^{[2]} ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 7.33 \\ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.69-4.57 (m, 2H), 4.35 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.20 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H); ^{13}C{^{1}H} NMR \\ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 201.61 (s), 200.79 (s), 134.80 (s), 134.79 (s), 129.80 (s), 129.55 (s), 78.15 (s), 70.76 (s), 42.37 (s), 30.66 (s), 29.89 (s); GC/MS (m/z): \\ \underbrace{6c:}_{(C)}$

283.06; HPLC (Chiracel AS-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) t₁ = 15.25min, t₂ = 16.60 min.



 $\underbrace{6d: (S)-3-(1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione:^{[2]} ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_{3}): \delta 7.33 \\ -7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 1H), 4.70-4.59 (m, 2H), 4.37 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C{^{1}H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_{3}): \delta 201.55 (s), 200.68 (s), 138.43 (s), 135.43 (s), 130.82 (s), 129.10 (s), 128.40 (s), 126.36 (s), 77.97 (s), 70.59 (s), 42.57 (s), 30.72 (s), 29.99 (s); GC/MS (m/z): 283.06; HPLC (Chiracel AS-H, detected at 10.7 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 10.8, J = 7.6, J = 4.9 Hz, 14.24 (ddd, J = 10.8, J = 10$

215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) t₁ = 13.69 min, t₂ = 23.85 min.



(s), 28.63 (s); GC/MS (m/z): 283.06; HPLC (Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 98/02, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) $t_1 = 8.91 \text{ min}, t_2 = 9.61 \text{ min}.$





 $\underbrace{\mathbf{6f:}}_{\mathbf{NO}_{2}} (\mathbf{S}) - 3 - (1 - (4 - bromophenyl) - 2 - nitroethyl) pentane - 2, 4 - dione:^{[2]}: {}^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (400 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_{3}): \delta \\ 7.54 - 7.42 \text{ (m, 2H), } 7.13 - 7.05 \text{ (m, 2H), } 4.68 - 4.57 \text{ (m, 2H), } 4.35 \text{ (d, } J = 10.7 \\ \text{Hz, 1H), } 4.24 \text{ (ddd, } J = 10.8, J = 7.4, J = 5.1 \text{ Hz, 1H}, 2.32 \text{ (s, 3H), } 2.00 \text{ (s, 3H)}; \\ 1^{3}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\} \text{ NMR} (101 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_{3}): \delta 201.58 \text{ (s), } 200.75 \text{ (s), } 135.33 \text{ (s), } 132.75 \\ \text{(s), } 129.86 \text{ (s), } 122.91 \text{ (s), } 78.07 \text{ (s), } 70.69 \text{ (s), } 42.43 \text{ (s), } 30.66 \text{ (s), } 29.90 \text{ (s)}; \\ \end{aligned}$

GC/MS (m/z): 327.01; HPLC (Chiracel OD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) t₁ = 22.94 min, t₂ = 24.43 min.





 $\underbrace{6g: (S)-3-(1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione:^{[2]} ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 7.46 \\ (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), \\ 4.71-4.58 (m, 2H), 4.36 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (ddd, J = 10.7, J = 7.4, J = 4.8 \\ Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H).; ^{13}C{^{1}H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 201.54 (s), \\ 200.67 (s), 138.71 (s), 132.03 (s), 131.28 (s), 131.07 (s), 126.83 (s), 123.55 (s), \\ 77.96 (s), 70.58 (s), 42.52 (s), 30.73 (s), 30.02 (s); GC/MS (m/z): 327.01; HPLC$

(Chiracel AS-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) t₁ = 14.48 min, t₂ = 25.96





 $\underbrace{ \frac{6h:}{(S)-3-(2-nitro-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)pentane-2,4-dione:}^{[3]} H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 7.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.74-4.60 (m, 2H), 4.41 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.30 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H); {}^{13}C{}^{1}H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 201.34 (s), 200.46 (s), 140.52 (s), 128.70 (s), 126.48 (s), 77.85 (s), 70.53 (s), 42.65 (s), 30.68 (s), 29.96 (s); GC/MS (m/z): 317.09;$

HPLC (Chiracel AS-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 95/05, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) $t_1 = 21.44 \text{ min}, t_2 = 36.17$



 $\underbrace{\underline{6i:}}_{CF_{3}} (S)-3-(2-nitro-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)pentane-2,4-dione: \begin{bmatrix} 3 \end{bmatrix} \ ^{1}H \ NMR \ (400 \ MHz, CDCl_{3}): \ \delta \ 7.59 \ (d, \ J = 7.8 \ Hz, \ 1H), \ 7.54-7.45 \ (m, \ 2H), \ 7.42 \ (d, \ J = 7.7 \ Hz, \ 1H), \ 4.75-4.62 \ (m, \ 2H), \ 4.41 \ (d, \ J = 10.6 \ Hz, \ 1H), \ 4.38-4.29 \ (m, \ 1H), \ 2.33 \ (s, \ 3H), \ 2.02 \ (s, \ 3H); \ ^{13}C\{^{1}H\} \ NMR \ (101 \ MHz, \ CDCl_{3}): \ \delta \ 201.39 \ (s), \ 200.55 \ (s), \ 137.61 \ (s), \ 131.75 \ (s), \ 130.12 \ (s), \ 125.70 \ (q, \ J = 3.8 \ Hz), \ 124.91 \ (q, \ J = 3.8 \ Hz), \ 122.48 \ (s), \ 77.87 \ (s), \ 70.48 \ (s), \ 42.69 \ (s), \ 30.72 \ (s), \ 30.06 \ (s); \ GC/MS \ (m/z): \ 317.09; \ HPLC$

(Chiracel AS-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 95/05, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) $t_1 = 19.42 \text{ min}, t_2 = 38.77$



 $\underbrace{\textit{6j:}}_{NO_2} (S)-3-(2-nitro-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl)pentane-2,4-dione: \begin{bmatrix} 4 \end{bmatrix} \ ^1H \ NMR \ (400 \ MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 8.20 \ (dt, J = 6.9, J = 2.2 \ Hz, 1H), 8.13 \ (d, J = 1.7 \ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.52 \ (m, 2H), 4.77-4.64 \ (m, 2H), 4.45 \ (d, J = 10.4 \ Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.37 \ (m, 1H), 2.36 \ (s, 3H), 2.07 \ (s, 3H); \ ^{13}C\{^{1}H\} \ NMR \ (101 \ MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 201.07 \ (s), 200.23 \ (s), 148.84 \ (s), 138.76 \ (s), 134.74 \ (s), 130.64 \ (s), 123.82 \ (s), 122.94 \ (s), 77.70 \ (s), 70.31 \ (s), 42.48 \ (s), 30.80 \ (s), 30.29 \ (s); GC/MS \ (m/z): 294.09; HPLC \ (Chiracel OD-H, detected at the set of the se$

215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) t₁ = 15.53 min, t₂ = 32.33.





 $\underbrace{bk:}_{(S)-3-(2-nitro-1-(p-tolyl)ethyl)pentane-2,4-dione:^{[1]} \ ^{1}H \ NMR \ (400 \ MHz, \ CDCl_{3}): \delta \ 7.12 \ (d, \ J = 7.9 \ Hz, \ 2H), \ 7.05 \ (d, \ J = 8.0 \ Hz, \ 2H), \ 4.65-4.54 \ (m, \ 2H), \ 4.35 \ (d, \ J = 10.9 \ Hz, \ 1H), \ 4.24-4.15 \ (m, \ 1H), \ 2.30 \ (s, \ 3H), \ 2.29 \ (s, \ 3H), \ 1.94 \ (s, \ 3H); \ ^{13}C\{^{1}H\} \ NMR \ (101 \ MHz, \ CDCl_{3}): \delta \ 202.13 \ (s), \ 138.60 \ (s), \ 133.05 \ (s), \ 130.23 \ (s), \ 128.01 \ (s), \ 78.60 \ (s), \ 71.06 \ (s), \ 42.69 \ (s), \ 30.63 \ (s), \ 29.68 \ (s), \ 21.28 \ (s); \ GC/MS \ (m/z): \ 263.12; \ HPLC$

Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C $t_1 = 8.53 \text{ min}, t_2 = 13.31 \text{ min}.$



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 $\underbrace{\underline{6l:}}_{(S)-3-(2-nitro-1-(m-tolyl)ethyl)pentane-2,4-dione:}_{[5]} ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 7.23 (dd, J = 10.8, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.69-4.58 (m, 2H), 4.38 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (ddd, J = 10.9, J = 7.8, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H); ^{13}C{}^{1}H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 202.06 (s), 201.25 (s), 139.33 (s), 136.17 (s), 129.47 (d, J = 16.1 Hz), 128.94 (s), 125.02 (s), 78.48 (s), 71.01 (s), 42.98 (s), 30.63 (s), 29.71 (s), 21.61 (s); GC/MS (m/z): 263.12;$

HPLC(Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C t_1 = 7.17 min, t_2 =8.14 min.)



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propanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) t_1 =13.28 min, t_2 = 19.74 min.



 $\underbrace{6n: (S)-3-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione:^{[4]} ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta \\ 7.27 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), \\ 6.72 (s, 1H), 4.69-4.58 (m, 2H), 4.38 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (ddd, J = 10.9, J = \\ 7.5, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H); ^{13}C{^{1}H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 202.00 (s), 201.25 (s), 160.29 (s), 137.82 (s), 130.60 (s), 120.14 (s), \\ 114.37 (s), 113.80 (s), 78.36 (s), 70.82 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 55.46 (s), 43.00 (s), 30.68 (s), \\ \end{aligned}$

29.87 (s); GC/MS (m/z): 279.11; HPLC (Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 99/01, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) $t_1 = 15.81 \text{ min}, t_2 = 20.45 \text{min}.$



 $\underbrace{ 60: (S)-3-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione: } \begin{bmatrix} 21 & 1 \\ 1 &$

HPLC (Chiracel AD-H, detected at 215 nm, eluent: n-hexane/2-propanol = 99/01, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, 25 °C) $t_1 = 11.55 \text{ min}, t_2 = 12.06 \text{ min}.$



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