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Antimony(V) Catalyzed Acetalisation of Aldehydes: An Efficient, Solvent-Free, and RecyclableProcess

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Procedure for testing the recyclability of [1]+ using 2-ethylbutanal as a model substrate and TES as an ethoxide source. (All reactions were monitored by ¹³C NMR).

Procedure:

In a NMR tube 0.1mol % of [1][OTf] was added initially, and then 1 mol triethoxysilane (TES) was added dropwise directly to the stibonium salt to ensure complete dissolutione. After that 100 mg (1 mmol) of the 2-ethylbutanal was added dropwise over this mixture and was stirred and monitored by ¹³C NMR spectroscopy in CDCl₃. After 1h we confirmed that all the aldehyde was consumed, and the reaction was purified according to the main text in the manuscript. The resulting compound was then characterized by ¹³C NMR in CDCl₃, and was labeled Run 1. The residue containing the catalyst after distillation of the acetal was then recycled by adding more reagents (TES and aldehyde). We found that the acetalisation could be performed 5 times without a noticeable drop in activity of the catalyst (see Figure S55 below).

Figure S55: Stacked ¹³C NMR spectra (CDCl₃) demonstrating that the catalytic activity of [1]+ could be recycled for up to 5 cycles without significant loss in activity.