

Supporting Information for

**Chemoselective hydrogen peroxide oxidation of primary alcohols to aldehydes by
a water-soluble and reusable iron(III) catalyst in pure water at room temperature**

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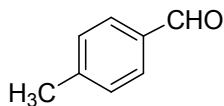
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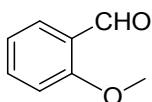
1. Characterization data

4-Methylbenzaldehyde^[1] (2a)



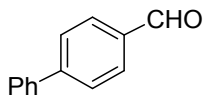
Colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.00 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H).

2-Methoxybenzaldehyde^[2] (2b, Table 2, entry 1)



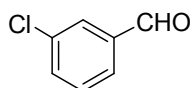
Yellow oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.52 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H).

4-Phenylbenzaldehyde^[3] (2c, Table 2, entry 2)



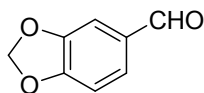
White solid, m.p. 56.8-57.1 °C (lit. 57-59 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.94, 147.17, 139.68, 135.17, 130.26, 129.00, 128.47, 127.66, 127.35.

3-Chlorobenzaldehyde^[4] (2d, Table 2, entry 3)



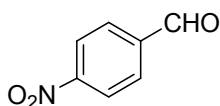
Light yellow oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.02 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H).

3,4-(Methylenedioxy)benzaldehyde^[5] (2e, Table 2, entry 4)



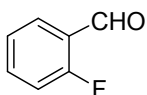
White crystalline solid, m.p. 82.0-83.4 °C (lit. 83-84 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.86 (s, 1H), 7.46 (q, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 2H).

4-Nitrobenzaldehyde^[5] (2f, Table 2, entry 5)



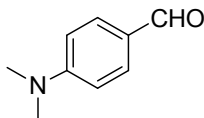
Light yellow solid, m.p. 103.1-104.7 °C (lit. 104-105 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.21 (s, 1H), 8.45 (q, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (q, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

2-Fluorobenzaldehyde^[6] (2g, Table 2, entry 6)



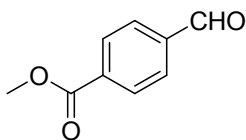
Light yellow oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.39 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H).

4-(Dimethylamino)benzaldehyde^[4] (2h, Table 2, entry 7)



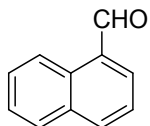
Light yellow solid, m.p. 72.1-72.6 °C (lit. 72-75 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.81-7.77 (m, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (s, 6H).

Methyl 4-formylbenzoate^[2] (2i, Table 2, entry 8)



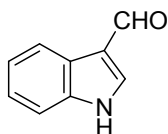
Light yellow solid, m.p. 58.7-58.9 °C (lit. 59-63 °C). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.09 (s, 1H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H).

1-Naphthaldehyde^[2] (2j, Table 2, entry 9)



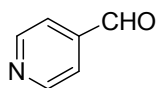
Light yellow oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.45 (s, 1H), 9.31 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (q, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.70-7.63 (m, 2H).

1*H*-indole-3-carbaldehyde^[7] (2k, Table 2, entry 10)



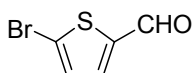
Light yellow oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.12 (s, 1H), 8.89 (s, br, 1H), 8.37 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H).

4-Pyridinealdehyde^[8] (2l, Table 2, entry 11)



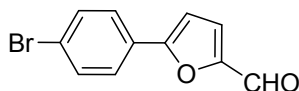
Light yellow oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 8.86 (q, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (q, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H).

5-Bromothiophene-2-carbaldehyde^[9] (2m, Table 2, entry 12)



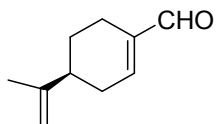
Colorless oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H).

5-(4-Bromophenyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde^[10] (2n, Table 2, entry 13)



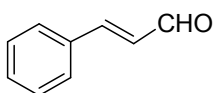
Light yellow solid, m.p. 152.4-153.4 °C (lit. 152-155 °C). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.66 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H).

(S)-Perillaldehyde^[11] (4a, Table 3, entry 1)



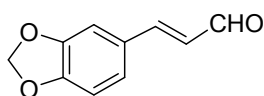
Colorless oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.42 (s, 1H), 6.81 (q, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.73 (q, $J = 20.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.46-2.41 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.46-1.41 (m, 1H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.40, 151.11, 148.88, 141.80, 110.05, 41.23, 32.26, 26.88, 22.10, 21.22.

Cinnamaldehyde^[4] (4b, Table 3, entry 2)



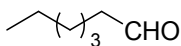
Light yellow oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.76 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (q, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.49 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 6.77 (q, $J = 23.6$ Hz, 1H).

(*E*)-3',4'-(Methylenedioxy)cinnamaldehyde^[12] (4c, Table 3, entry 3)



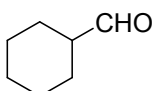
Light yellow solid, m.p. 90.6-91.1 °C. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.69 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (q, $J = 23.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 2H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.01, 153.02, 151.03, 149.13, 129.07, 127.42, 125.76, 109.28, 107.33, 102.34.

Heptanal^[4] (4d, Table 3, entry 4)



Colorless oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.66 (s, 1H), 2.36-2.28 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.29 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 6H), 0.87 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 3H).

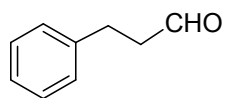
Cyclohexanecarbaldehyde^[13] (4e, Table 3, entry 5)



Colorless oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 9.61 (s, 1H), 2.23 (t, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d, $J = 10.3$

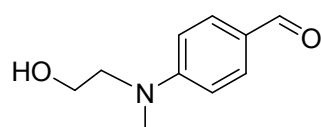
Hz, 2H), 1.73 (t, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.65 (t, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.41-1.23 (m, 5H).

3-Phenylpropanal^[4] (4f, Table 3, entry 6)



Colorless oil. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.87 (s, 1H), 7.37 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 3H), 3.02 (t, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.86-2.82 (m, 2H).

4-((2-hydroxyethyl)(methyl)amino)benzaldehyde^[14] (4g)



Yellow solid, m.p. 72.1-72.6 °C. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.71 (s, 1H), 7.70 (t, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.76 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.87 (t, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.62 (t, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, br, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.94, 154.48, 132.67, 125.81, 111.72, 60.54, 54.89, 39.70.

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3 NMR Spectra

