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### **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

## Preparation of prolinamide with adamantane for aldol reaction catalysis in brine and separation by poly(AN-MA-β-CD) nanofibrous film via host–guest interaction

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### 1. Experimental section

#### 1.1 Larger-scale reactions between cyclohexanone and aldehydes

A larger-scale asymmetric aldol reactions were performed with 4-nitrobenzaldehyde and cyclohexanone in brine at 0 °C with the catalyst loading of 10 mol % being used. The larger-scale experiments proceeded smoothly using the same procedure as for the experimental scale reactions. As can be seen from the results summarized in Table S1, the enantioselectivities of large-scale asymmetric aldol reactions were reduced because a lot of 4nitrobenzaldehyde were not easy to dissolve in brine under unevenly stringing. Enantioselectivity may remain unchanged when large mixing slurry was used in industry.

Entry	4-nitrobenzaldehyde (g)	Yield (%)	dr (anti/syn)	ee (%)
1	0.5	97	99:1	84
2	1.0	97	98:2	84

Table S1. Large-scale asymmetric aldol reactions of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde and cyclohexanone.

#### 1.2 UV analysis

The standard curve of catalyst in different rations of MeOH and distilled water, and pure MeOH were shown in Figure S1. The absorption intensity at 278 nm was significantly under mixture solvent. But linear R<sup>2</sup> of 1/3 was only 0.9996 because catalyst did not completely dissolved in this mixture solvent. However, wavelength in pure MeOH was shifted to 243 nm due to without water.



Figure S1 Standard curve of catalyst in solvent. Ratio between MeOH and  $H_2O$  2:1 (a), 1:1 (b), 1:2 (c), 1:3 (d), and pure MeOH (e).

#### 1.3 Optimizing solvent and number of adsorption

The catalyst (0.05 mmol) was dissolved in brine (1.0 mL) with 0.5 mL of cyclohexanone to simulate the system of aldol reaction. A mixture (15 mL) of MeOH and distilled water, and 0.2 g of the nanofibrous membrane were then added to the system. The catalyst was compelled into  $\beta$ -CD cavity under ultrasound due to its insolubility in water. After the membrane was filtered, 0.2 g of new membrane was added and then ultrasound was continued for 10 min; this process was repeated for several times.

The adsorption rate of catalyst provided by different ratios of MeOH and  $H_2O$  are shown in Table S2. The adsorption rate increased with the increase in volume of  $H_2O$  in the mixture solvent. When the ratio of MeOH and  $H_2O$  was beyond 1:2, the adsorption rate was not obviously improved. The optimal MeOH/ $H_2O$  ratio was found to be 1:2 (98.5% adsorption rate). The effect of duration on adsorption rate is shown in Table S3. Compared with the fifth cycle, the adsorption rate at the sixth cycle was not further increased. The catalyst was then washed with methanol under ultrasound, and the process was repeated for another three times. The separation rate of catalyst from the fibrous membrane was 97.7%, and the total recovery rate was 96.2%.

Entry	$MeOH$ : $H_2O^b$ (v:v)	Adsorption rate (%)
1	2:1	97.2
2	1:1	97.6
3	1:2	98.5
4	1:3	98.6

Table S2. The effect ratios of MeOH and H<sub>2</sub>O on adsorption rate<sup>a</sup>

 $^{\rm a}$  Total volume of MeOH and H2O was 15 mL;  $^{\rm b}{\rm H}_{2}{\rm O}$  : distilled water.

Table S3. The effect times on adsorption rate

Entry	Adsorption rate (%)
1	62.0
2	79.4
3	90.8
4	97.2
5	98.5
6	98.5

### 2. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and HRMS spectra of catalyst



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1a

## HRMS spectra of 1a

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1b



## HRMS spectra of 1b

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## HRMS spectra of 1c

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1d



### HRMS spectra of 1d

## Mass Spectrum SmartFormula Report

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3. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of products<sup>[1-6]</sup>





#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 4c







### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 4e





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### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 4l



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 4m



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 4n



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 40



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210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 f1 (ppm) -50

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 4u







### 4. The HPLC of the aldol products



The HPLC of racemic 4a

The HPLC of sampe 4a



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰1	18.014	132753	1.23	4806
2	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰2	21.550	51135	0.47	1565
3	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰3	23.742	241274	2.23	6441
4	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰4	31.233	10393895	96.07	222682





The HPLC of sample 4b





The HPLC of sample 4c



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (磼)
6	W2489 ChA 254nm		12.027	30765	0.15	1984
9	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰10	15.839	12260	0.06	504
10	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰3	16.758	19953508	98.09	771186
11	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰11	19.084	345057	1.70	8751



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	21.622	6463003	9.28	187203
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰 <mark>2</mark>	25.315	27662892	39.72	669023
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	28.528	6705865	9.63	147013
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰4	34.545	28812899	41.37	429934

The HPLC of sample 4d







The HPLC of sample 4e



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	21.215	612644	1.40	20164
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰2	23.591	847830	1.94	24986
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	24.746	41621860	95.13	1027001
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰4	29.272	670386	1.53	13654





18.583

121680

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W2489 ChA 220nm

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	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	7.064	615009	1.80	64801
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰 <mark>2</mark>	8.003	654842	1.91	56721
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	10.096	16613140	48.57	1141764
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰4	12.380	16324159	47.72	930384

The HPLC of sample 4g



	Description	(min)	(礦*sec)	% Area	(礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	7.134	383118	1.31	37378
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	8.186	83311	0.28	7415
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	10.378	462374	1.58	32846
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	12.754	28332459	96.8 <mark>3</mark>	1509254





	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	6.496	4779525	41.58	359733
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰2	7.053	4177983	36.35	145699
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	9.485	1278907	11.13	80216
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰4	11.848	1257992	10.94	64502

The HPLC of sample 4h



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	8.513	227762	0.35	10417
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰 <mark>2</mark>	9.515	64224817	98. <mark>4</mark> 7	3080837
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	11.743	768564	1.18	50434





	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	9.590	11219107	<mark>42.4</mark> 8	1016421
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰2	9.773	14951237	56.62	1053593
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	11.647	125988	0.48	7371
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰4	14.435	112076	0.42	4900

The HPLC of sample 4i



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	12.023	33056140	98.88	1706384
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰2	16.340	374990	1.12	15642





The HPLC of sample 4j







	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	5.863	2746941	4.31	167613
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰2	6.505	29218763	<mark>45.85</mark>	1583507
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	7.455	25023586	39.27	1184437
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰4	8.907	6731145	10.56	243478

The HPLC of sample 4k



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
10	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰10	6.023	10964	0.04	1045
15	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰15	9.659	28855535	99.96	1601883





The HPLC of sample 41



### The HPLC of racemic 4m



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	4.992	7785820	7.36	858460
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰2	5.374	9840653	9.30	922593
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	10.646	43439235	41.07	2706530
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰4	12.297	44692186	42.26	2514650

The HPLC of sample 4m



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	4.944	170314	0.79	24241
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰2	5.635	144616	0.67	14068
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	10.968	21030136	97.17	1352317
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰4	12.781	297569	1.37	16985





	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰1	8.351	1061808	23.20	90167
2	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰 <mark>2</mark>	9.523	1063735	23.25	79514
3	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰3	12.530	1228974	26.86	68855
4	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰4	13.654	1221327	26.69	64673

The HPLC of sample 4n



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰1	8.400	18939	0.80	1218
2	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰2	9.605	23387	0.99	1569
3	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰3	12.626	55104	2.34	2785
4	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰4	13.731	2260848	95.87	118734





The HPLC of sample 40

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W2489 ChA 220nm

W2489 ChA 220nm



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	9.290	63144	0.31	4106
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰 <mark>2</mark>	10.260	144965	0.71	4987
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	11.420	19898870	97.65	781392
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰4	14.660	271486	1.33	13037





	Description	Name	(min)	(礦*sec)	// / lica	(礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	11.709	3768437	3.89	172229
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰2	12.761	3669100	3.79	164459
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	14.813	44659448	<mark>46.13</mark>	1435886
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰4	17.078	44724692	46.19	1295285

The HPLC of sample 4p



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰1	11.606	1487895	1.31	66747
2	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰2	12.634	13500014	11.86	604188
3	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰3	14.651	92696286	81.45	2711364
4	W2489 ChA 220nm	峰4	<mark>16.984</mark>	6123788	5.38	171278





The HPLC of sample 4t



	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰1	11.247	23945199	55.18	1154057
2	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰2	14.273	14129024	32.56	507244
3	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰3	23.193	5321504	12.26	<mark>84419</mark>





	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰1	9.988	20109697	18.36	111411€
2	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰2	10.647	3658587	3.34	245985
3	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰3	11.091	29816550	27.23	1440436
4	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰4	11.558	22066358	20.15	783402
5	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰5	12.753	28717563	26.22	1138533
6	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰6	14.752	5147721	4.70	156407

The HPLC of sample 4u







	Channel Description	Peak Name	RT (min)	Area (礦*sec)	% Area	Height (礦)
1	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰1	12.774	14732285	60.99	564396
2	W2489 ChA 254nm	峰2	<mark>15.46</mark> 8	9422943	<mark>39.01</mark>	316392

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