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Aerobic α -Hydroxylation of 2-Me-1-Tetralone in 1-Alkyl-3-Methylimidazolium Ionic Liquids

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α -Hydroxylation of 1

GC-MS characterization during the oxidation:

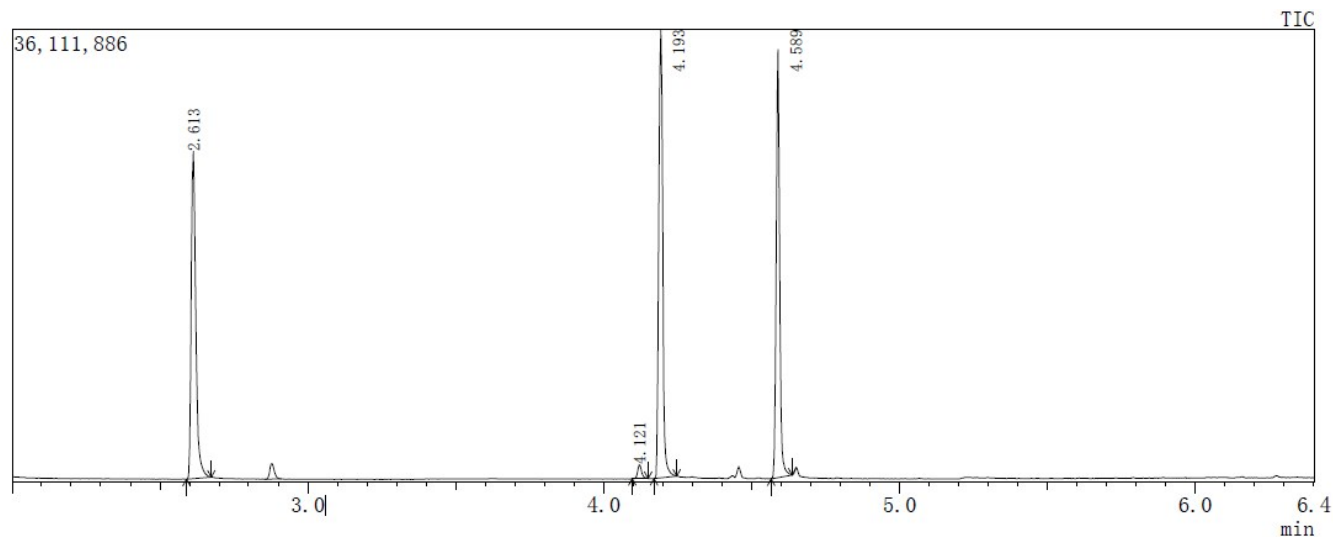
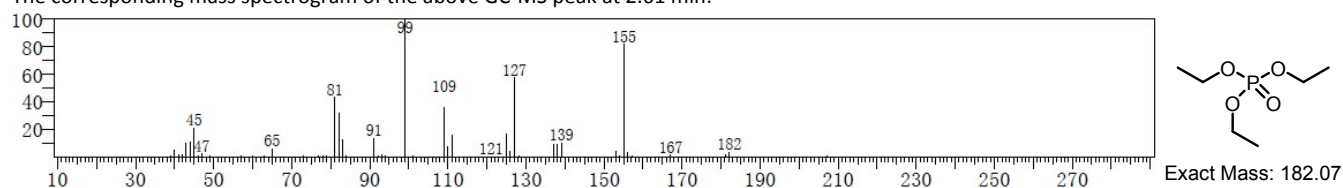
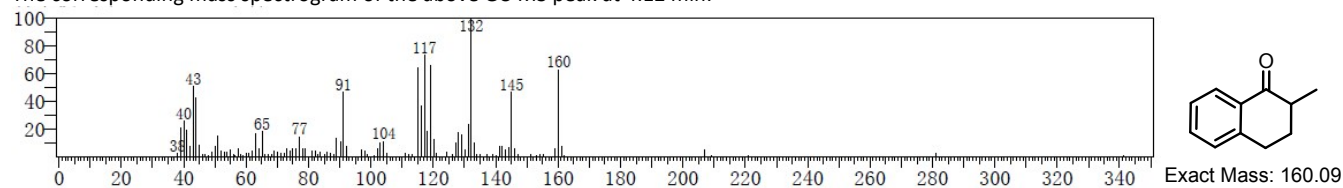


Figure S1 The GC-MS spectrogram for the aerobic oxidation of **1**.

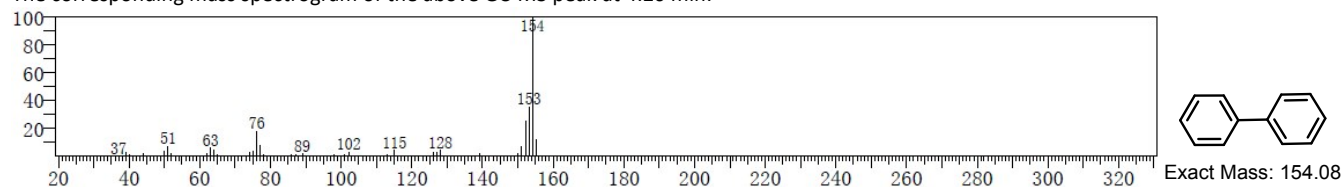
The corresponding mass spectrogram of the above GC-MS peak at 2.61 min:



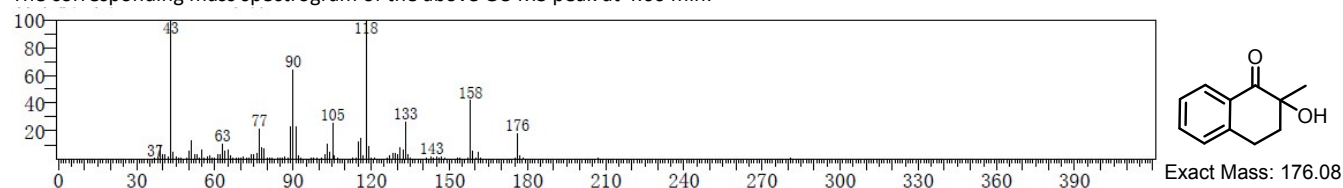
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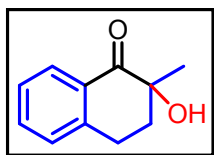
The corresponding mass spectrogram of the above GC-MS peak at 4.20 min:



The corresponding mass spectrogram of the above GC-MS peak at 4.60 min:



Characterization of **2**:



2-Hydroxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (2).¹ The oxidation of 2-methyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one **1** (88 mg, 0.5 mmol) in DMSO (2.0 mL) was performed under 1atm O₂, catalyzed by TBD (14 mg, 0.1 mmol), at 25 °C for 24 h, afforded 79 mg (90%) of **2a** as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 1H), 3.15 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.31 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.39 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.7, 143.4, 134.1, 130.0, 129.0, 128.0, 126.9, 73.6, 35.9, 26.8, 23.9. **HRMS** *m/z* (EI): 176.0838 (M⁺).

NMR Spectroscopic Data

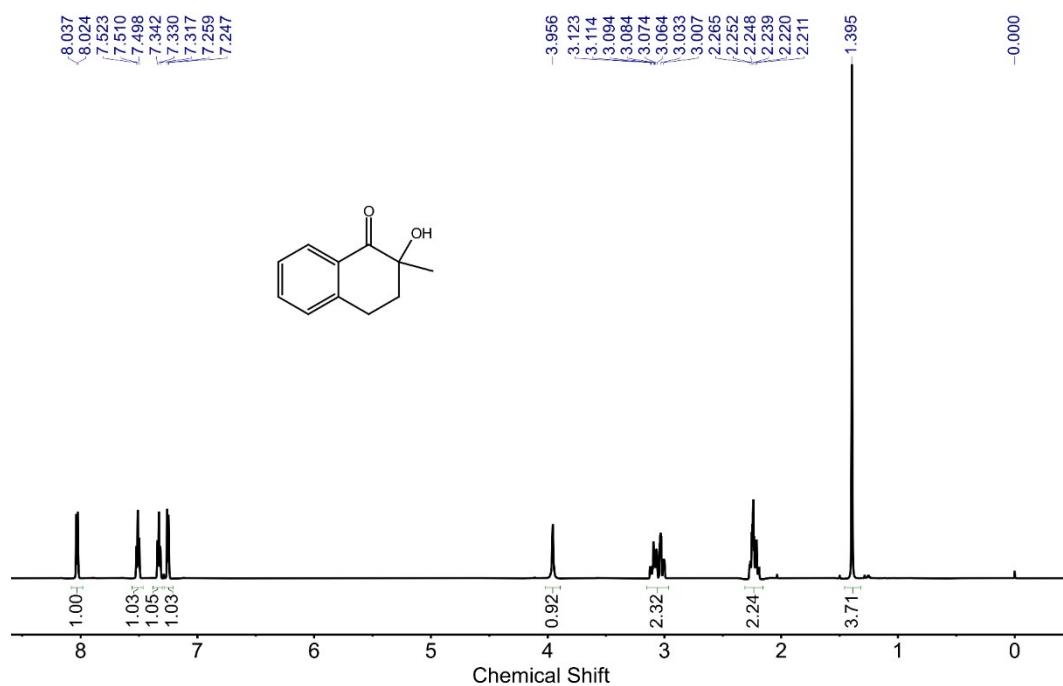


Figure S2 ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (2).

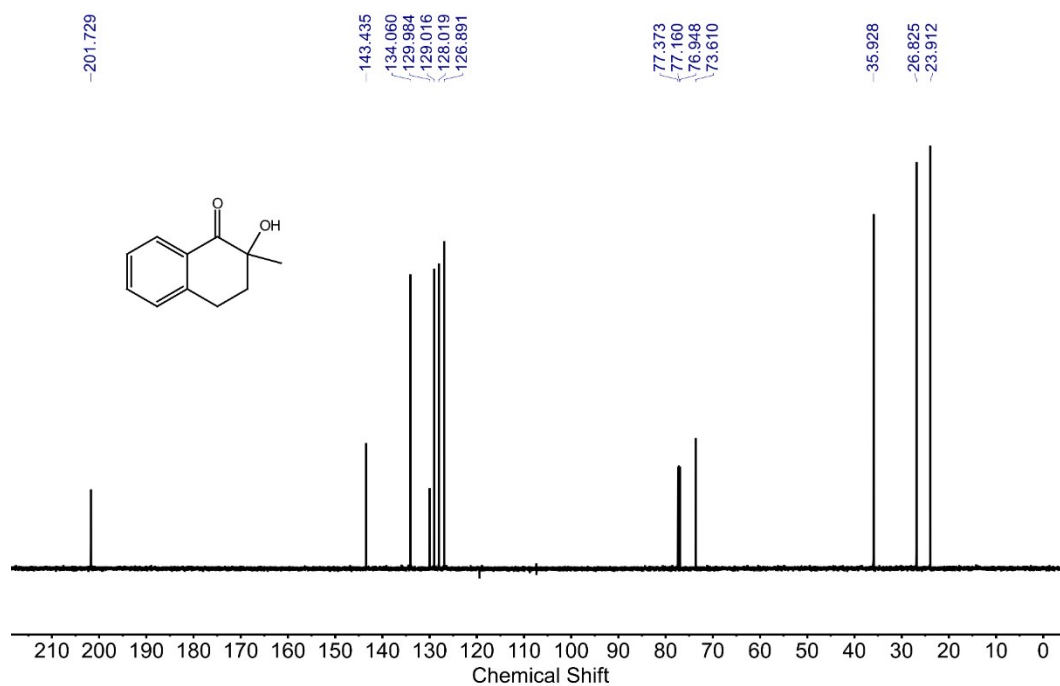


Figure S3 ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) of 2-hydroxy-2-methyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (2).

Property Data

Table S1 The property data for ionic liquids used in this work²⁻⁶

ILs	$\eta^{[a]}$ [mPa·s]	$\epsilon^{[b]}$	$E_T(30)^{[c]}$ [kcal/mol]	$\delta_{\alpha-H}$ [ppm]	δ_{N-Me} [ppm]	Linewidth [gauss]
[Emim]BF ₄	61.7	12.8	53.7	2.347	3.714	1.189
[Pmim]BF ₄	73	--	53.1	2.387	3.753	1.301
[Bmim]BF ₄	101.1	13.9	52.5	2.428	3.788	1.385
[Hmim]BF ₄	257.2	--	53.6	2.474	3.827	1.182
[Emim]TFA	162	--	49.8	2.592	4.111	1.434
[Emim]AcO	35	--	--	2.486	3.963	1.236
[Emim]Et ₂ PO ₄	--	16.9	50.4	2.601	4.078	1.430
[Pmim]Tf ₂ N	42.8	13.3	51.9	2.533	3.859	--
[Bmim]Tf ₂ N	49.4	14.0	50	2.54	3.868	1.388
[Bmim]TfO	89.9	12.9	52.3	2.521	3.89	--
[Bmim]PF ₆	225	14.0	52.3	2.423	3.732	1.145
[Bmim]NO ₃	166.4	--	51.8	2.617	4.085	1.547

^[a] The viscosity of ILs are from the ref. S2-3. ^[b] The relative permittivities are from the ref. S4-5. ^[c] The $E_T(30)$ values are from the ref. 6.

Cartesian Coordinates and Energies

G: B3LYP-D3(BJ)/6-31+G(d,p) free energy at 303 K, given in Hartree.

2-methyl-1-tetralone

H = -501.507838

none imaginary frequency

H	2.1457361	0.6233638	-0.6620365
C	1.2228211	1.2301028	-0.6758065
C	0.8414711	1.5135718	0.7873735
C	0.1778421	0.3317148	-1.3427505
C	0.6722441	0.2126908	1.5776355
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H	1.6103011	2.1409088	1.2532175
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C	1.4918181	2.5000238	-1.4872265
H	0.6055801	3.1440748	-1.5079605
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2-methyl-1-tetralone anion

H = -500.937671

none imaginary frequency

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H	1.7843859	-0.2320534	1.4350903
H	0.5699709	0.3597856	2.5829053

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