Supplementary information

Synthesis and characterization of a new acid molten salt and the study of its thermal behavior and catalytic activity in Fischer esterification

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Materials and methods

The chemicals, reagents, and solvents were RA grade, ACS grade, or ReagentPlus® and purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Merck, Alfa Aesar, and Friendemann schmidt chemicals, and used as purchased. The FTIR spectra were recorded as neat films using the Perkin Elmer RX1FT-IR Spectrophotometer in the range of 4000-450 cm-1. Bruker Avance 600 MHz instrument was used to record the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of samples using a deuterated solvent, and all chemical shifts were quoted in ppm relative to TMS. Relaxation delay and acquisition time was 1.0 sec and 2.7 sec., and 2.0 sec. and 0.9 sec. for ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR, respectively. Agilent 6560 iFunnel Q-TOF LC-MS instrument was used to determine the mass spectra in positive and negative ESI mode in a mass range of 30-1000 m/z at 2 GHz, at drying gas temperature and flow rate 250 °C and 10 L/min, respectively. Büchi B-545 apparatus was employed to take melting points at a maximum rate of heat rise 0.5-2.0 °C/min in open capillary tubes. The amount of water in the liquid salt was determined by Karl Fisher (KF) titration, using a Metrohm 831 KF coulometer in conditions of ambient humidity and room temperature. The ionic conductivity (σ) was measured using a Mettler Toledo Seven Easy conductivity meter. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) curves were obtained with the use of a DSC-Mettler Toledo DSC 822e calorimeter. The measurements were taken in the aluminum pans with a pierced lid under a dry nitrogen gas atmosphere (10 mL min⁻¹). Dynamic scans were performed at a heating rate of 10 °C min⁻¹ in three temperature cycles. TGA/DTA curves were recorded with the use of a Mettler Toledo TGA/SDTA 851e. All measurements were taken in the Al₂O₃ crucible under the nitrogen atmosphere (10 mL min⁻¹). Dynamic scans were performed at the heating rate of 10 °C min⁻¹ in the temperature range of 25-800 °C.





Figure S2. ¹³C NMR of piperazine (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6).



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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)

Figure S7. ¹H, ¹H-COSY of the PZ-SA(1:2) (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6).



Figure S8. The image of the product [PZH2]²⁺ 2Br⁻

After rotary evaporation of solvent at vacuum



After overnight at ambient conditions



After a repeat of the washing with CH₂Cl₂





Figure S10. ¹³C NMR of the $[PZH_2]^{2+}2Br^{-}$ (150 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).





Figure S12. ¹H NMR of SA (98%) (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).





Figure S11. ¹H,¹H-COSY of the $[PZH_2]^{2+}2Br^{-}$ (600 MHz, DMSO- d_6).



Figure S15. ¹H NMR of crude upper phase after four hours (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S16. ¹H NMR of pure pentyl acetate after simple workup (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).

