Supporting Information

Organic-inorganic nanocrystal reductase to promote green asymmetric synthesis

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1. Experimental section

	Metal ions	PBS		Protein	Specific activity
Figure	concentration	concentration PBS pH		concentration	of free GcAPRD
	(mM)	(mM)		(mg/mL)	(µmol/min/µg)
1a	10	3.75	7.4	1	25.7 ± 2.5
1b	-	3.75	7.4	1	33.4 ± 0.0
1c	10	-	7.4	3	40.2 ± 2.2
1d	10	3.75	-	1	23.7 ± 2.6
1e	10	3.75	9.2	-	23.7 ± 2.6

Table S1 Conditions of GcAPRD nanocrystal preparation

Table S2 Chiral GC retention time of ketone, alcohol, and ester standards

	Conditions	Retention time (min)					
Compound		Ketone	Alcohol (b)		Propionate (c)		
		(a) –	S	R	S	R	
1a	a	10.0	14.9	14.5	-	-	
2a	b	15.2	18.6 ¹		20.5	21.1	
3 a	c	7.7	16.6 ¹		19.0	19.6	
4 a	b	14.6	18	$.6^{1}$	20.1	20.6	
5a	d	9.8	12.4	12.1	-	-	
6a	e	14.8	21.9	20.9	-	-	
7a	f	17.7	23	.3 ¹	26.0	26.9	

a: 40 °C 1 min 1 °C/min 120 °C 10 min (internal standard retention time 6.5 min) b: 40 °C 5 min 5 °C/min 120 °C 5 min (internal standard retention time 12.3 min) c: 40 °C 10 min 5 °C/min 120 °C 5 min (internal standard retention time 16.4 min) d: 40 °C 1 min 10 °C/min 150 °C 10 min (internal standard retention time 6.4 min) e: 40 °C 1 min 10 °C/min 160 °C 10 min (internal standard retention time 6.4 min) f: 40 °C 1 min 10 °C/min 140 °C 10 min (internal standard retention time 6.3 min) 1 *S* and *R* peaks were not separated well, thus propionylation reaction was conducted.

2. Relative activity of free *Gc*APRD in the presence of Co²⁺ and Ni²⁺

Relative activities of free GcAPRD in the presence of 10 mM Co²⁺ and Ni²⁺ are shown in **Figure S1**. It was found that the presence of Ni²⁺ caused the decrease in GcAPRD relative activity to 43%, while the presence of Co²⁺ retained 95% relative activity. This result strongly suggests that the presence of 10 mM Ni²⁺ during the nanocrystal formation process deactivated GcAPRD, resulted in poor activity of GcAPRD nanocrystal formed by Ni²⁺.



Fig. S1 Relative activity of free *Gc*APRD in the presence of Co²⁺ and Ni²⁺. *Gc*APRD (0.27 mg/mL protein) was incubated with the presence of Co²⁺ and Ni²⁺ (10 mM) at 4 °C for 16 h. The relative activity measurement conditions are described in section **2.4**, by using **1a** (3.0 mM) and free *Gc*APRD (0.27 µg of protein/mL). The specific activity of control was determined to be 41.04 µmol/min/µg.

3. Elution of *Gc*APRD nanocrystal by imidazole



Fig. S2 Elution of GcAPRD nanocrystal by 500 mM imidazole. Left: Non-eluted GcAPRD nanocrystal, right: eluted GcAPRD nanocrystal.

4. Deactivation of GcAPRD in the GcAPRD nanocrystal

Role of GcAPRD in the GcAPRD nanocrystal was clarified by the following experiment. The GcAPRD in the GcAPRD nanocrystal was deactivated by incubating the GcAPRD nanocrystal at 100 °C for 30 min, and the activity was measured. It was found that GcAPRD nanocrystal lost its activity completely after enzyme deactivation, which strongly proved that the presence of active GcAPRD was mandatory for the GcAPRD nanocrystal activity.

5. GcAPRD nanocrystal characterization by EDX analysis

The EDX analysis of *Gc*APRD nanocrystal (**Figure S3**) and $Co_3(PO_4)_2$ crystal (control) (**Figure S4**) were performed. **Figure S3b-g** and **Figure S4b-g** presents the elemental mapping of *Gc*APRD nanocrystal and $Co_3(PO_4)_2$ crystal without *Gc*APRD, consist of carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, cobalt and phosphorous, respectively. **Figure S3h** shows the elemental analysis of *Gc*APRD nanocrystal by EDX. It was found that the *Gc*APRD nanocrystal consists of carbon as the highest atomic percentage at 42%, while the $Co_3(PO_4)_2$ crystal only presents 13% atomic percentage of carbon (**Figure S4h**). The higher atomic percentage of carbon in the *Gc*APRD nanocrystal compared with $Co_3(PO_4)_2$ crystal suggests the co-localization of *Gc*APRD and $Co_3(PO_4)_2$. The presence of carbon and nitrogen in the $Co_3(PO_4)_2$ crystal elemental mapping was possibly from the added HEPES buffer with the absence of enzyme during the formation process.



Fig. S3 SEM image and EDX analysis of *Gc*APRD nanocrystal. a) SEM image of *Gc*APRD nanocrystal, b) elemental mapping image of *Gc*APRD nanocrystal, c) carbon mapping, d) oxygen mapping, e) nitrogen mapping, f) cobalt mapping, g) phosphorous mapping, and h) elemental analysis of *Gc*APRD nanocrystal by EDX.



Fig. S4 SEM image and EDX analysis of $Co_3(PO_4)_2$ crystal (control). a) SEM image of $Co_3(PO_4)_2$ crystal, b) elemental mapping image of $Co_3(PO_4)_2$ crystal, c) carbon mapping, d) oxygen mapping, e) nitrogen mapping, f) cobalt mapping, g) phosphorous mapping, and h) elemental analysis of $Co_3(PO_4)_2$ crystal by EDX.

6. GcAPRD nanocrystal characterization by TGA

TGA curve of *Gc*APRD nanocrystal is demonstrated in **Figure S5**. The weight loss of 10.14% between 40 °C and 250.51 °C corresponds to the loss of free water and bound water of the *Gc*APRD nanocrystal. The weight loss between 250.51 °C and 572.85 °C, corresponds to the pyrolytic decomposition of *Gc*APRD. This TGA curve supports the presence of the *Gc*APRD in the nanocrystal.



Fig. S5 TGA curve of *Gc*APRD nanocrystal. The experiment was performed, with the method described in literature,¹ by increasing temperature from 40 °C to 800 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C/min under air atmosphere.

7. ¹H NMR spectrum of (*S*)-6b



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