**Supporting Information** 

# Polymorphism of asymmetric catalysts based on amphiphilic lipopeptides in solution

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Figure S1. Mass spectrometry analysis of  $PRWG(C_{18}H_{37})$ ,  $PRWG(C_{18}H_{37})_2$ ,  $RWG(C_{18}H_{37})_2$  and  $RWG(C_{18}H_{37})_2$  lipopeptides.



**Figure S2.** Fluorescence intensity as a function of A)  $PRWG(C_{18}H_{37})$ , B)  $PRWG(C_{18}H_{37})_2$ , C)  $RWG(C_{18}H_{37})$  and D)  $RWG(C_{18}H_{37})_2$  concentration, considering the ANS excitation.



**Figure S3.** Emission spectra for solutions with different concentration of A)  $PRWG(C_{18}H_{37})$ , B)  $PRWG(C_{18}H_{37})_2$ , C)  $RWG(C_{18}H_{37})$  and D)  $RWG(C_{18}H_{37})_2$ , in presence of ANS.



Figure S4. Emission spectra for water solutions with different concentration of A)

PRWG( $C_{18}H_{37}$ ), B) PRWG( $C_{18}H_{37}$ )<sub>2</sub>, C) RWG( $C_{18}H_{37}$ ) and D) RWG( $C_{18}H_{37}$ )<sub>2</sub>, considering the intrinsic tryptophan emission.



Figure S5. Cryo-TEM images from 1 wt% solutions of  $P_1R_1W$  (1-5) and  $P_2R_2W$  (1-5).



Figure S6. TEM images of 1 wt% solutions of  $P_1R_1C$  (1-5).



Figure S7. TEM images of 1 wt% solutions of  $P_2R_2C$  (1-5).

**Table S1.** Comparative results of the aldol reactions between *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde and cyclohexanone catalysed by the lipopeptide mixtures in water and cyclohexanone / water condition at native pH.<sup>a</sup>



| entry <sup>a</sup> | Sample      | Catalyst<br>(mol%) | H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>b</sup><br>(eq.) | Conv. <sup>c</sup><br>(%) | anti:syn <sup>°</sup> | Entry <sup>a</sup> | Sample      | Catalyst<br>(mol%) | H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>b</sup><br>(eq.) | Conv. <sup>c</sup><br>(%) | anti:syn ° |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------|------------|
|                    | $P_1R_1W$   |                    |  |                           |                       |                    | $P_I R_I C$ |                    |  |                           |            |
| 1                  | (1)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 75.7                      | 89:11                 | 31                 | (1)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 50.7                      | 91:8       |
| 2                  | (2)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 78.8                      | 93:7                  | 32                 | (2)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 44.5                      | 94:6       |
| 3                  | (3)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 82.9                      | 93:7                  | 33                 | (3)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 43.4                      | 98:2       |
| 4                  | (4)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 91.5                      | 93:7                  | 34                 | (4)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 39.3                      | 93:7       |
| 5                  | (5)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 94.7                      | 93:7                  | 35                 | (5)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 50.9                      | 93:7       |
|                    | $P_I R_I W$ |                    |  |                           |                       |                    | $P_I R_I C$ |                    |  |                           |            |
| 6                  | (1)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 92.0                      | 87.13                 | 36                 | (1)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 73.2                      | 75.25      |
| 7                  | (2)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 92.0                      | 07.15                 | 27                 | (2)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 10.6                      | 96.14      |
| 8                  | (2)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 00.2<br>00.0              | 01.0                  | 37                 | (2)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 49.0<br>58.0              | 81.14      |
| 9                  | (4)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 92.5                      | 81.19                 | 39                 | (4)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 60.0                      | 74.26      |
| 10                 | (5)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 86.7                      | 85.15                 | 40                 | (5)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 53.7                      | 93.7       |
|                    | $P_1R_1W$   | 20                 |  | 00.7                      | 05.15                 | 40                 |             | 20                 |  | 55.1                      | ,,,,       |
| 11                 | (1)         | 20                 | 6                                      | 95.9                      | 85:15                 | -                  | _           | -                  |  | -                         | -          |
| 12                 | (2)         | 20                 | 6                                      | 94.1                      | 90:10                 | -                  | _           | -                  |  | _                         | -          |
| 13                 | (3)         | 20                 | 6                                      | 90.3                      | 89:11                 | -                  | _           | -                  |  | _                         | -          |
| 14                 | (4)         | 20                 | 6                                      | 95.7                      | 89:11                 | -                  | -           | -                  |  | -                         | -          |
| 15                 | (5)         | 20                 | 6                                      | 94.0                      | 91:9                  | -                  | -           | -                  |  | -                         | -          |
|                    | $P_2R_2W$   |                    |  |                           |                       |                    | $P_2R_2C$   |                    |  |                           |            |
| 16                 | (1)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 47.6                      | 91:9                  | 41                 | (1)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 20.3                      | 88:12      |
| 17                 | (2)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 59.1                      | 88:12                 | 42                 | (2)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 27.0                      | 91:9       |
| 18                 | (3)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 60.8                      | 87:13                 | 43                 | (3)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 27.0                      | 89:11      |
| 19                 | (4)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 66.4                      | 92:8                  | 44                 | (4)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 22.5                      | 96:4       |
| 20                 | (5)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 76.0                      | 93:7                  | 45                 | (5)         | 5                  | 2                                      | 24.5                      | 93:7       |
|                    | $P_2R_2W$   |                    |  |                           |                       |                    | $P_2R_2C$   |                    |  |                           |            |
| 21                 | (1)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 50.2                      | 82:18                 | 46                 | (1)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 45.7                      | 73:27      |
| 22                 | (2)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 68.8                      | 78:22                 | 47                 | (2)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 42.8                      | 75:25      |
| 23                 | (3)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 67.0                      | 75:25                 | 48                 | (3)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 68.7                      | 75:25      |
| 24                 | (4)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 59.2                      | 86:14                 | 49                 | (4)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 61.6                      | 64:36      |
| 25                 | (5)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 71.8                      | 89:11                 | 50                 | (5)         | 20                 | 2                                      | 31.6                      | 80:20      |
|                    | $P_2R_2W$   |                    |  |                           |                       |                    |             |                    |  |                           |            |
| 26                 | (1)         | 20                 | 6                                      | 77.4                      | 88:12                 | -                  | -           | -                  |  | -                         | -          |
| 27                 | (2)         | 20                 | 6                                      | 91.8                      | 81:19                 | -                  | -           | -                  |  | -                         | -          |
| 28                 | (3)         | 20                 | 6                                      | 88.6                      | 86:14                 | -                  | -           | -                  |  | -                         | -          |
| 29                 | (4)         | 20                 | 6                                      | 85.7                      | 88:12                 | -                  | -           | -                  |  | -                         | -          |
| 30                 | (5)         | 20                 | 6                                      | 88.8                      | 91:9                  | -                  | -           | -                  |  | -                         | -          |

<sup>a</sup> The reactions were promoted at room temperature under vigorous stirring for 3 days, using 12 equivalents of cyclohexanone, 1 equivalent of p-nitrobenzaldehyde, 5 and 20 mol% of catalyst;

<sup>b</sup> Excess water relative to cyclohexanone (v / v);

<sup>c</sup> Conversion and diastereoselectivity were determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis of the crude product. (*S*)-2-((*R*)-Hydroxy(4-nitrophenyl)methyl)cyclohexan-1-one



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.22-8.18 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.49 (br s, 1H, CHOH of *syn* diastereoisomer), 4.90 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 3.0 Hz, 1H, CHOH of *anti* diastereoisomer), 2.66-2.30 (m, 1H, CHCHOH), 2.66-2.30 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>C(O)), 2.16-1.24 (m, 6H, chex-H).







**P**<sub>1</sub>**R**<sub>1</sub>**W 4** - 5 mol%







#### **P**<sub>1</sub>**R**<sub>1</sub>**W 1** - 20 mol%



**P**<sub>1</sub>**R**<sub>1</sub>**W 2** - 20 mol%



**P**<sub>1</sub>**R**<sub>1</sub>**W 3** - 20 mol%















A(s) 5.49

0.12-4 1-00-T 0.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 fl (ppm)

B(d) 4.90

-130

-25

-20

-15

-0.5

P<sub>1</sub>R<sub>1</sub>W 2 - 20 mol% water excess

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C(s) 10.17

-500

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#### **P**<sub>2</sub>**R**<sub>2</sub>**W 1** - 5 mol%







### **P<sub>2</sub>R<sub>2</sub>W 3** - 5 mol%























#### P<sub>2</sub>R<sub>2</sub>W 4 - 20 mol%



## P<sub>2</sub>R<sub>2</sub>W 5 - 20 mol%











P<sub>2</sub>R<sub>2</sub>W 3 - 20 mol% water excess



























































Figure S8. Representative <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of crude aldol products described in Table S1.