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# Supporting Information

### Hydroxy Acids-Functionalized Ionic Liquids as Efficient Catalysts for

#### Carbonate Synthesis from Carbon Dioxide and Epoxide under Solvent

## and Cocatalyst-Free Conditions

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### Characteristic data:

#### Ionic liquid 1:



[APbim][LAc]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 7.54(2H, d), 4.21(4H, m), 4.10(1H, m), 2.72(2H, t), 2.08(2H, m), 1.84(2H, m), 1.33(5H, m), 0.92(3H, t); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 182.10, 135.47, 122.75, 122.43, 68.57, 49.62, 46.98, 36.95, 31.37, 29.71, 20.60, 18.97, 13.02. IR(KBr): v(C=O) 1587.43 cm<sup>-1</sup>. TOF-MS m/z: [APbim]<sup>+</sup>=182.0, [LAc]<sup>-</sup>=89.0.



Fig. S1-2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [APbim][LAc]



Fig. S1-3 IR spectrum of [APbim][LAc]





Fig. S1-5 Degradation of [APbim][LAc] measured by temperature-ramped TGA (10 K min<sup>-1</sup>, 25-800 °C,

N<sub>2</sub> flow).



[APbim][MA]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 7.56(2H, d), 4.29(5H, m), 3.06(2H, t), 2.69(1H, m), 2.29(3H, m), 1.87(2H, m), 1.36(2H, m), 0.94(3H, t); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 180.93, 179.71, 135.30, 122.82, 122.33, 70.62, 49.66, 46.60, 42.88, 36.60, 31.20, 27.98, 18.92, 12.81. IR(KBr): v(C=O) 1584.97 cm<sup>-1</sup>. TOF-MS m/z: [APbim]<sup>+</sup>=182.0, [MA]<sup>-</sup>=132.8.







Fig. S2-3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [APmim][MA] in DMSO







Fig. S2-5 TOF-MS of [APbim][MA]

Ionic liquid 3:



[APbim][Tar]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 7.54(2H, d), 4.32(4H, m), 4.21(2H, m), 2.98(2H, m), 2.25(2H, m), 1.88(2H, m), 1.32(2H, m), 0.92(3H, t); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 178.38, 135.54, 122.77, 122.37, 49.51, 42.88, 36.68, 31.30, 28.06, 18.92, 12.81. IR(KBr): ν(C=O) 1602.01 cm<sup>-1</sup>. TOF-MS m/z: [APbim]<sup>+</sup>=182.0, [Tar]<sup>-</sup>=148.7.



Fig. S3-2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [APmim][Tar]



Fig. S3-3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [APmim][Tar] in DMSO







Fig. S3-5 TOF-MS of [APbim][Tar]

Ionic liquid 4:



[APbim][CA]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 8.91(1H, s), 7.57(2H, d), 4.41(2H, m), 4.22(2H, m), 3.10(2H, m), 2.62(4H, m), 2.33(2H, m), 1.92(2H, m), 0.92(3H, t); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 181.41, 178.62, 176.68, 135.66, 122.77, 122.32, 76.12, 49.61, 46.62, 45.65, 36.38, 31.27, 27.48, 18.89, 12.81. IR(KBr): v(C=O) 1601.72 cm<sup>-1</sup>. TOF-MS m/z: [APbim]<sup>+</sup>=182.0, [CA]<sup>-</sup>=190.7.



Fig. S4-1<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [APmim][CA]



Fig. S4-3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [APmim][CA] in DMSO







Fig. S4-5 TOF-MS of [APbim][CA]

Ionic liquid 5:



[APmim][LAc]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 7.49(2H, d), 4.27(2H, m), 4.21(1H, m), 3.88(3H, m), 3.04(1H, m), 2.84(1H, m), 2.15(2H, m), 1.31(3H, t); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 182.16, 136.19, 123.84, 122.24, 68.66, 46.97, 37.86, 36.98, 30.11, 20.42. IR(KBr): v(C=O) 1601.43 cm<sup>-1</sup>. TOF-MS m/z: [APmim]<sup>+</sup>=132.8, [LAc]<sup>-</sup>=89.0.



Fig. S5-1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [APmim][LAc]



Fig. S5-2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [APmim][LAc]



Fig. S5-3 IR spectrum of [APmim][LAc]



Fig. S5-4 TOF-MS of [APmim][LAc]

Ionic liquid 6:



[Bmim][LAc]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 7.48(1H, d), 7.44(1H, d), 4.21(2H, t), 4.13(1H, t), 3.90(3H, s), 1.86(2H, m), 1.36(5H, m), 0.94(3H, t); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ(ppm) 181.90, 136.03, 123.69, 122.39, 68.60, 49.39, 37.86, 35.84, 30.11, 20.60, 18.96. IR(KBr): v(C=O) 1593.68 cm<sup>-1</sup>. TOF-MS m/z: [Bmim]<sup>+</sup>=139.1, [LAc]<sup>-</sup>=89.0.



Fig. S6-2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [Bmim][LAc]



Fig. S6-4 TOF-MS of [Bmim][LAc]

[APbim][LAc]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) & 9.37 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 2H), 4.96 (s, 3H), 4.30 (t, 2H), 4.17

(t, 2H), 3.65 (m, 1H), 2.72 (t, 2H), 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.12 (d, 3H), 0.90 (t, 3H).



Fig. S7-1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [APbim][LAc] in DMSO

[APbim][LAc]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.43 (s, 1H), 7.83 (m, 2H), 4.69 (s, 3H), 4.31 (t, 2H),
4.17 (t, 2H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (t, 2H), 2.09 (t, 2H), 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.26 (m, 2H), 1.12 (d, 3H),
0.90 (t, 3H). epichlorohydrin: 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.24 (m, 1H), 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.78 (m, 1H).



Fig. S7-2 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum for [APbim][LAc] + epichlorohydrin +  $CO_2$  at 30 °C and t = 0.5 h in DMSO



Reference	Catalyst	Co-Catalyst	Epoxide	Reaction conditions	Yield (%)
Our work			o ci	Epichlorohydrin (0. 06383 mol), IL (0.5 mol%), CO <sub>2</sub> 0.5 MPa, 80 °C, 12 h	97
Denizaltı S1	N $I^-$ HO		o Cl	Epichlorohydrin (0. 01 mol), IL (2.0 mol%), CO <sub>2</sub> 0.5 MPa, 60 °C, 8 h	>99
Liu et al. S2			0 O CI	Epichlorohydrin (0.015 mol) , IL (6.0 mol%), CO <sub>2</sub> 1.0 MPa, 30 °C, 10 h	99
Byun et al. S3	$\begin{pmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & $		o ci	Epichlorohydrin (0. 01 mol), IL (1.0 mol%), CO <sub>2</sub> 0.1 MPa, 90 °C, 24 h Epichlorohydrin (0	99
Mujmule et al. S4			o ci	Epichololyddin (0. 3443 mol), [EvimOH][Cl]/DBU 1.66:1.9 mol % (1:1), CO <sub>2</sub> 2 MPa, 120 °C, 1 h	99
Hu et al. S5	$N \xrightarrow{N} N \xrightarrow{T} O \xrightarrow{N} H_2 N \xrightarrow{N} X \xrightarrow{N} N \xrightarrow{N} X X \xrightarrow{N} X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X$		o ci	Epichlorohydrin (0. 002 mol), IL (0.05 mol%), CO <sub>2</sub> 0.1 MPa, 30 °C, 20 h	99
Vieira et al. S6		ZnBr <sub>2</sub>	0 O CI	Epichlorohydrin (0. 1 mol), IL (0.1 mol%), ZnBr <sub>2</sub> (0.015 mol%), CO <sub>2</sub> 3 MPa, 120 °C, 2 h	92
Li et al. S7	OH NH I <sup>−</sup>		0 O CI	Epichlorohydrin (0. 01 mol), IL (10 mol%), CO <sub>2</sub> 0.1 MPa, 60 °C, 24 h	78

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## Fig. S8 FT-IR spectra of catalyst: A: Before reaction, B: After reaction.

Table S1 Summary of data for cycloaddition reactions between  $CO_2$  and the epoxides.





Fig. S9 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-one



Fig. S10 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4-(chloromethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-2-one





Fig. S12 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4-phenyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-one







Fig. S14 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4-Hexyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-one

T/(°C)	Kinetic equation	R'	<i>k</i> (min-1)	1/T(k-1)	In k
70	y=0.0017x-0.0224	0.9996	0.0017	0.00291	-6.3538
75	y=0.0024x-0.0405	0.9975	0.0024	0.00287	-5.9994
80	y=0.0033x-0.0481	0.9983	0.0033	0.00283	-5.7138
85	y=0.0046x-0.0579	0.9934	0.0046	0.00279	-5.3751

Table S2 Kinetic Equations and Kinetic Parameters at Different Temperature



Fig. S15 The chloropropene carbonate yield-time profile at different temperatures catalyzed by IL 1 as catalyst. Reaction conditions: n[epichlorohydrin] = 0.06383 mol,  $CO_2 0.5 \text{ MPa}$ , IL 1 0.5 mol%.

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