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# Aqueous Chemoenzymatic One-Pot Enantioselective Synthesis of Tertiary α-Aryl Cycloketones via Pd-Catalyzed C-C Formation and Enzymatic C=C Asymmetric Hydrogenation

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#### **Chemicals and materials**

All chemicals and reagents were purchased from J & K, Acros, Aldrich and Aladdin, and chemicals were obtained from authentic suppliers at least of reagent grade and used without further purification. Glucose dehydrogenase, formate dehydrogenase, nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH) and nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADPH) were purchased from Aladdin (Shanghai, China).

#### Materials and analytical methods

SEM image of DON@Pd was recorded on Nova Nano SEM450 field-emission microscope. TEM images of DON@Pd were recorded on Talos F200S. Inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES) was carried out on Optima 8300. XPS spectra were collected by a Thermo Scientific K-Alpha X-ray photoelectron spectrometer. X-Ray diffraction analysis were performed on Rigaku XtaLAB P200. Spots were visualized under UV light (Vil-ber Lourmat VL-6.LC, 254 nm) or after treatment with 5% ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid solution and heating of the dried plates. Shimadzu's GC2010 gas chromatograph with a flame ionization detector (FID) using nitrogen as carrier gas was used for gas phase detection. Enantiomeric excesses (ee) were determined by analytical high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis on an Agilent Technologies 1290 Infinity instrument with a chiral stationary phase using a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column, Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H column, Daicel Chiralcel AS column or a Daicel Chiralcel AD column (n-heptane/isopropanol mixtures as solvent). Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO DIP-1000 digital polarimeter equipped with a sodium vapor lamp at 589 nm and the concentration of samples was denoted as c. For thin-layer chromatography (TLC) analysis throughout this work, Merck precoated TLC plates (silica gel 60  $GF^{254}$ , 0.25 mm) were used. The products were purified by preparative column chromatography on silica gel E. Merck 9385. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV 400 spectrometer at 400 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm relative to internal TMS for <sup>1</sup>H NMR data, respectively. Data are presented in the following space: chemical shift, multiplicity, coupling constant in hertz (Hz), and signal area integration in natural numbers.

#### **Experimental section**

#### **Preparation of enzymes**

#### **Expression of YqjM-RBS-GDH**

The encoding gene YqjM from *Bacillus subtilis* and glucose dehydrogenase from *Bacillus megaterium* IAM1030 were expressed in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) by using a pET-28b expression vector. The recombinant strain (pET-YqjM-RBS-GDH) was cultured in 10 mL of Luria–Bertani (LB) medium containing kanamycin (50 µg/mL) overnight at 37 °C in baffled shake flasks. Next, the activated bacterial solution was transferred to a 50 mL LB medium containing kanamycin (50 µg/mL) at 1% inoculation amount. When the culture's optical cell density of OD<sub>600</sub> reached 0.6-0.8 after culture at 37 °C, IPTG was added to induce the expression of the target gene. After induction at 20 °C, 180 rpm for 20 h, sedimentation was collected by centrifugation (4°C, 8000 rpm, 30 min) and washed several times with precooling PBS buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0). The medium was discarded and cells were resuspended in sterile water. Then cells were snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen and lyophilized. The expression process of the other three old yellow enzymes was similar. The resuspended cells were disrupted by high-pressure homogenization, and the supernatant obtained after centrifugation (4°C, 12,000 rpm, 20 min). The sample was analyzed by SDS-PADE (Figure S1).

#### **Expression of ADH-A**

The encoding gene ADH-A from *Rhodococcus ruber* was expressed in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) by using the pET-22b(+) expression vector. The recombinant strain (pET-22b(+)-ADH-A) was cultured in 10 mL of LB medium containing ampicillin (50  $\mu$ g/mL) overnight at 37 °C in baffled shake flasks. Next, the activated bacterial solution was transferred to a 50 mL LB medium containing ampicillin (50  $\mu$ g/mL) at 1% inoculation amount. When the culture's optical cell density of OD<sub>600</sub> reached 0.6-0.8 after culture at 37 °C, IPTG was added to induce the expression of the target gene. After induction at 20 °C, 140 rpm for 24 h, sedimentation was collected by centrifugation (4°C, 8000 rpm, 30 min) and washed several times with precooling PBS buffer (50 mM, pH 7.0). The medium was discarded and cells were resuspended in sterile water. Then cells were snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen and lyophilized.

#### Synthesis of DON<sup>1</sup>

Dendritic organosilica nanoparticles (DON) were prepared based on a continuous phase microemulsion method. Firstly, 1.25 g cetyltrimethyammniumbromide (CTAB), 1.25 g *n*-butanol and 5 g cyclohexane were dissolved in 100 g urea solution (0.4 M) and then the mixture was ultrasonicated for 30 min; Secondly, the solution of tetraethyl orthosilicate (TEOS, 0.875 g) and bis(triethoxysilyl)ethane (BTSE, 0.375 g) was added dropwise to the above mixture and stirred at

25 °C for 30 min; Next, the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 24 h. The products were washed with ethanol and water for three times. Finally, DON were redispersed in 250 mL of acetone and refluxed at 80 °C for 48 h to remove the templates and then washed with ethanol and dried at room temperature.

#### Synthesis of DON@Pd<sup>1</sup>

Post-modification method was employed to achieve the amino-functionalization of DON. Briefly, 1.0 g of the DON were added into 100 mL of *n*-hexane, and ultrasonicated for 30 min. Then, 1.0 mL of APTES was added, and the mixture was refluxed at 80  $^{\circ}$ C for 12 h. Finally, the solid products were washed with ethanol for three times and dried at 60  $^{\circ}$ C for 12 h prior to use.

Immobilization of Pd nanoparticles (Pd NPs) in the channels was achieved via a *in situ* growth approach. Typically, 56 mg of amino-functionalized DON were ultrasonically dispersed in 10 mL of ultrapure water and the mixture was stirred for 15 min at 30 °C. Next, a solution of sodium tetrachloropalladate (8.14 mg) for DON@Pd (5%) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and further stirred for 4 h at 30 °C. Then, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (10 equiv.) were added to the above solutions with stirring for 2 h. The resulting solids were isolated by centrifugation, and washed with water and ethanol, dried under vacuum at 60 °C for 12 h, obtaining DON@Pd.

#### Synthesis of immobilized enzymes

The amino-functionalized DON were firstly activated with glutaraldehyde (0.4 wt%) at room temperature. Then, the glutaraldehyde-activated DON (100 mg) were redispersed in 5 mL Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) by sonication for 10 min. Subsequently, 5 mL of purified enzyme solution (5 mg/mL) was added, and the mixed solution was shaken at 170 rpm for 2 h. The final immobilized enzymes were washed with Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) for three times. Finally, the products were freeze-dried overnight.

#### Synthesis of 2-iodocycloenones<sup>2</sup>



To a stirred solution of cycloenone (30 mmol) in a mixed solvent of THF (75 mL) and water (75 mL) was added potassium carbonate (5.0 g, 36 mmol), iodine (11.4 g, 45 mmol) and 4-dimethylamiopryidine (0.73 g, 6 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h to complete the reaction. The solution was diluted with 150 mL of

ethyl acetate, washed with 100 mL of saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate and 100 mL of brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographied on silica gel column with ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:20 to 1:10) to give 2-iodocycloenone.

#### Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reaction



2-Iodocycloenones (0.25 mmol), arylboronic acids (0.25 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) and DON@Pd (or Pd/C) (5 mol%) were added to a 25 mL reaction flask, and dissolved with 8 mL Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) and 2 mL [BMIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>]. The mixture was heated to 70 °C and stirred for 6 hours. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After the reaction was completed, the catalyst was filtered and washed repeatedly with ultrapure water. Products were extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL), and the organic phase was dried using anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was concentrated in vacuo to obtain the crude products. The products were purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1) as eluent.

#### Enzymatic asymmetric hydrogenation of 2-phenylcyclohexenone

without cofactor regeneration system: 2-Phenylcyclohexenone (0.25 mmol), NADPH/NADH (0.15 mmol) and whole cells contain YqjM (0.2 g) were added to a 25 mL reaction flask, and dissolved with 8 mL Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) and 2 mL [BMIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>]. The mixture was stirred for 12 hours at room temperature. After the reaction was completed, the catalyst was separated. Products were extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL), and the organic phase was dried using anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was concentrated in vacuo to obtain the crude products. The products were purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1) as eluent. The values of ee were determined by HPLC.

Using extra GDH for cofactor regeneration: 2-Phenylcyclohexenone (0.25 mmol), NADPH (0.002 mmol), glucose/ammonium formate (2 mmol), whole cells contain YqjM (0.2 g) and GDH/FDH (100 U) were added to a 25 mL reaction flask, and dissolved with 8 mL Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) and 2 mL [BMIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>]. The mixture was stirred for 12 hours at room temperature.

**Using co-expressed YqjM-RBS-GDH for cofactor regeneration**: 2-Phenylcyclohexenone (0.25 mmol), NADPH (0.002 mmol), glucose (2 mmol) and whole cells contain YqjM-RBS-GDH (0.2 g) were added to a 25 mL reaction flask,

and dissolved with 8 mL Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) and 2 mL [BMIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>]. The mixture was stirred for 12 hours at room temperature. After the reaction was completed, the catalyst was separated. Products were extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL), and the organic phase was dried using anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was concentrated in vacuo to obtain the crude products. The products were purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1) as eluent. The values of ee were determined by HPLC.

#### Chemoenzymatic asymmetric synthesis of tertiary α-aryl cycloanones

2-Iodocycloenones (0.25 mmol), arylboronic acids (0.25 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) and DON@Pd (5 mol%) were added to a 25 mL reaction flask, and dissolved with 8 mL Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) and 2 mL [BMIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>]. The mixture was heated to 70 °C and stirred for 6 hours. After the reaction was completed, the temperature was cooled to room temperature and then the pH was adjusted to 7.5. Then, NADPH (0.002 mmol), glucose (2 mmol) and whole cells (0.2 g) were added to the mixture and stirred for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the catalyst was separated. Products were extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL), and the organic phase was dried using anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was concentrated in vacuo to obtain the crude products. The products were purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1) as eluent. The values of ee were determined by HPLC.

#### (*R*)-2-phenylcyclohexanone (2a)

The *R* configuration of **2a** was determined by optical rotation compared with the literature data. The optical rotation of the product **2a** is  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +108.9$  (*c* 0.45, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 99% ee) [Lit.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +102$  (*c* 0.45, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 93% ee)]

White solid, 81% yield, 99% ee,  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +108.9$  (c 0.45, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (dd, J = 12.1, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.41 (m, 2H), 2.32 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.15 (q, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (ddd, J = 14.1, 9.9, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (t, J

= 10.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.59, 138.05, 127.82, 127.81, 127.64, 127.64, 126.18, 56.68, 41.49, 34.39, 27.12, 24.62. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_{\rm R}$  = 17.6 (major) and 15.6 min (minor).

#### (*R*)-2-(2-tolyl)cyclohexanone (**2b**)



White solid, 54% yield, 97% ee, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.16 (h, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.31 – 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.20 (s, 4H), 2.04 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 9.6 Hz, 2H), 1.90 – 1.77 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 209.98, 137.37, 136.14, 130.26,

127.61, 126.82, 125.97, 53.83, 42.54, 34.18, 27.77, 25.88, 19.73. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_R$  = 18.3 (major) and 16.6 min (minor).

#### (*R*)-2-(3-tolyl)cyclohexanone (2c)

White solid, 70% yield, 93% ee, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.24 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), Me White solid, 70% yield, 93% ee, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.24 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.29 – 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.02 (dt, *J* = 18.1, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.88 – 1.77 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.49, 138.68, 137.85, 129.30, 128.25, 127.71, 125.51, 57.36, 42.19, 35.01, 27.80, 25.32, 21.50. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm): *t*<sub>R</sub> = 11.0 (major) and 12.4 min (minor).

#### (*R*)-2-(4-tolyl)cyclohexanone (2d)



White solid, 74% yield, 95% ee, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.05 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.29 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.13 (dtdd, *J* = 8.3, 5.8, 4.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.76 (m,

2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.62, 136.45, 135.71, 129.10, 129.09, 128.36, 128.35, 57.01, 42.17, 35.09, 27.82, 25.34, 21.09. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_{\rm R}$  = 14.1 (major) and 13.2 min (minor).

#### (*R*)-2-(4-ethylphenyl)cyclohexanone (2e)



Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.70, 142.69, 135.92, 128.39, 128.39, 127.87, 127.87, 57.02, 42.18, 35.11, 28.46, 27.84, 25.33, 15.39. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/2-propanol = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_{\rm R} = 9.3$  (major) and 10.7 min (minor).

(*R*)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)cyclohexanone (2f)



White solid, 93% yield, 96% ee, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.26 (dt, *J* = 11.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 1H), 2.06 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.74 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ

209.87, 137.24, 132.70, 131.63, 129.96, 128.51, 124.77, 56.84, 42.23, 35.29, 27.82, 25.40. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/2-propanol = 98:2, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_R$  = 10.2 (major) and 12.3 min (minor).

(*R*)-2-(4-chloro-2-methylphenyl)cyclohexanone (**2g**)



135.88, 132.33, 130.12, 129.01, 126.05, 53.35, 42.52, 34.25, 27.77, 25.84, 19.61. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_R$  = 18.6 (major) and 17.8 min (minor).

#### (*R*)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexanone (**2h**)



42.17, 35.28, 27.85, 25.38. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_R$  = 15.5 (major) and 12.2 min (minor).

#### (*R*)-2-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)cyclohexanone (2i)



White solid, 40% yield, 98% ee, <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 – 6.42 (m, 2H), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.59 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.24 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 2.00 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** 

(101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.32, 159.70, 157.86, 129.04, 120.32, 104.15, 98.67, 55.43, 55.32, 50.47, 42.32, 33.63, 27.64, 25.80. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OJ-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 99:1, flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_{\rm R}$  = 18.3 (major) and 17.5 min (minor).

(R)-2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)cyclohexanone (2g)



White solid, 61% yield, 98% ee, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  6.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 3.56-3.50 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.49 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.39 (m, 1H), 2.28–2.21 (m, 1H), 2.19–2.10 (m, 1H), 2.04–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.73 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3) & 210.6, 147.7, 146.6, 132.7, 121.7, 109.1, 108.3, 101.1,

57.3, 42.3, 35.5, 27.9, 25.6. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AS column, hexane/2-propanol = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_{\rm R}$  = 11.9 (major) and 13.8 min (minor).

#### (*R*)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)cyclohexanone (2k)



White solid, 60% yield, 91% ee, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) & 7.94 – 7.75 (m, 3H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 3.79 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (ddd, *J* = 18.5, 12.3, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (dt, J = 13.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.28 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 2.06 (dt, J = 9.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.94 - 1.82 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 210.49, 136.39, 133.47, 132.54, 127.82, 127.73,

127.63, 127.04, 126.99, 125.89, 125.61, 57.48, 42.25, 35.06, 27.83, 25.33. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_R = 31.8 \text{ (major)}$  and 25.8 min (minor).

#### (*R*)-2-phenylcyclopentanone (21)



Yellow oil, 78% yield, >99% ee, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) & 7.38-7.20 (m, 5 H), 3.36-3.30 (m, 1 H), 2.55-2.42 (m, 2 H), 2.36-1.89 (m, 4 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 217.9, 138.4, 128.5, 128.1, 126.8, 55.4, 38.6, 31.9, 21.0. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD column, hexane/2-propanol = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_{\rm R}$  = 6.0 (major).

#### (*R*)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)cyclopentanone (**2m**)



White solid, 76% yield, 97% ee, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) & 7.31-7.29 (m, 2 H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.30-3.27 (m, 1 H), 2.53-2.44 (m, 2 H), 2.34-1.89 (m, 4 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 217.3, 136.8, 132.8, 129.6, 128.8, 54.9, 38.5, 31.8, 21.0. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak

AD column, hexane/2-propanol = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_R$  = 5.9 (major) and 6.9 min (minor).

#### (*R*)-2-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopentanone (2n)

OMe White solid, 73% yield, 98% ee, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.26 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H),
7.24 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 3.44 –
3.36 (m, 1H), 2.66 – 2.54 (m, 3H), 2.41 (ddd, J = 18.8, 10.6, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.33 – 2.14 (m, 2H),

2.13 – 2.00 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  218.45, 158.53, 130.44, 129.09, 129.09, 114.08, 114.08, 55.28, 54.57, 38.29, 31.80, 20.79. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD column, hexane/2-propanol = 99:1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_{\rm R}$  = 21.8 (major) and 24.2 min (minor).

#### (R)-2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)cyclopentanone (20)



White solid, 71% yield, 96% ee, <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.66 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 5.87 (s, 2H), 3.26 – 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.50 – 2.33 (m, 2H), 2.21 (ddd, *J* = 18.8, 10.6, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.13 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.87 (dddd, *J* = 12.0, 10.8, 8.1, 6.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 218.08, 147.83, 146.50, 132.11, 121.31, 108.54, 108.34,

100.99, 55.07, 38.25, 31.89, 20.71. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD column, hexane/2-propanol = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_{\rm R}$  = 14.5 (major) and 15.9 min (minor).

#### Enzymatic asymmetric hydrogenation of a-alkyl enones

α-Substituted cycloenones (0.25 mmol), NADPH (0.002 mmol) and glucose (2 mmol) were added to a 25 mL reaction flask, and dissolved with 8 mL Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) and 2 mL [BMIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>], then whole cells were added (0.2 g). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC. After the reaction was completed, the catalyst was filtered. Products were extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL), and the organic phase was dried using anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was concentrated in vacuo to obtain the crude products. The products were purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1) as eluent. The conversions and the values of ee were determined by GC.

#### Three-step one-pot chemoenzymatic asymmetric synthesis of chiral α-aryl cycloalkanol

2-Iodocycloenones (0.25 mmol), arylboronic acids (0.25 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) and DON@Pd (5 mol%) were added to a 25 mL reaction flask, and dissolved with 8 mL Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) and 2 mL [BMIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>]. The mixture was heated to 70 °C and stirred for 6 hours. After the reaction was completed, the temperature was cooled to room temperature and the pH was adjusted to 7.5. Then, NADPH (0.002 mmol), glucose (2 mmol) and whole cells (0.2

g) were added to the mixture stirring for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, ADH-A (0.2 g) and fresh NADPH (0.002 mmol) were added to the mixture stirring for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, products were extracted with diethyl ether (20 mL), and the organic phase was dried using anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was concentrated in vacuo to obtain the crude product. The products were purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1) as eluent. The value of ee was determined by HPLC.

### (1S,2R)-2-phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (4)<sup>3</sup>

The absolute configuration of 4 was determined by optical rotation compared with the literature data. The optical rotation of the product 4 is  $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} = +58.9$  (*c* 1.83, MeOH) [Lit.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} = +59.3$  (*c* 1.83, MeOH, 98% ee)].



White solid, 62% yield, 98% ee, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 3.63 (td, J = 10.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (ddd, J = 13.2, 9.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (dt, J = 8.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 2H), 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.55 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.25 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 143.31, 128.79, 128.77, 127.95, 127.93, 126.85, 74.44,

53.24, 34.45, 33.34, 26.08, 25.09. HPLC analysis (Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane/2-propanol = 99:1, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, wavelength = 210 nm):  $t_{\rm R}$  = 6.8 (major) and 6.0 min (minor).

#### **Reusability of the catalysts**

2-Iodocycloenones (0.25 mmol), arylboronic acids (0.25 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol) and DON@Pd (5 mol%) were added to a 25 mL reaction flask, and dissolved with 8 mL Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) and 2 mL [BMIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>]. The mixture was heated to 70 °C and stirred for 6 hours. After the reaction was completed, DON@Pd were separated from the reaction system by centrifuge; Then the temperature was kept to room temperature and the pH was adjusted to 7.5. Finally, NADPH (0.002 mmol), glucose (2 mmol) and whole cells (0.2 g) were added to the mixture stirring for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, cells (or the immobilized enzymes) were separated from the reaction system by centrifuge and then washed with Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) to remove the remaining substrate and product. The both catalysts were then used in a new cycle. The experimental results were shown in Figure S6 and S8.

#### **Molecular docking**

AutoDock 4 was used for the docking of ketones into the model structures. A grid box of  $30 \times 30 \times 30$  with spacing of 1.0 Å, which encompassed the active sites of YqjM, was set as the search space to explore suitable substrate-binding modes. The PDBQT format was employed for both the input and output of molecular structures.

#### **Determination of enzyme loading**

The enzyme loading on the enzyme@DON was determined through the Bradford method using bovine serum albumin (BSA) as a standard.

#### Construction of YqjM mutant

Site-directed YqjM mutant was generated by overlap extension PCR and sequenced to confirm the amplification product. Two partially overlapping PCR products were generated by using the upstream primer YqjM-F or downstream primer YqjM-R with the corresponding internal primer (Table S3), and then annealed to create a gene product containing two mutations 60G and 69G. The expression vector pET28a-YqjM-GDH containing wild-type YqjM gene was digested with Nde I and Pst I restriction enzymes. The YqjM mutant gene was inserted into the digested vector using GenBuilder DNA Assembly kit (Genscript), and then transformed into *E. coli* DH5a for amplification. Mutant was confirmed by sequencing and then transformed into *E. coli* BL21(DE3) cells (Novagen) for expression.

#### The effect of cosolvents on relative enzyme activity

For assaying the effect of co-solvents, activities of free YqjM were tested in the buffer solution containing 20 vol.% different cosolvents (DMF, DME, acetone, DMSO, THF, [BMIm][PF<sub>6</sub>], and [BMIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>]). As shown in Figure S1, the results were presented via relative activity, and the activity of the sample without adding cosolvent was regarded as 100%.

The activity of YqjM was assayed in 1mL of the reaction mixture consisting of 100  $\mu$ L of 10 mM 2methylcyclohenxenone, appropriate amounts of free YqjM in cell lysates, and 800  $\mu$ L of Tris-HCl (100 mM, pH 7.5). Then, 100  $\mu$ L of 1.5 mM NADPH was added, and the activity levels were measured by monitoring the consumption of NADPH by a spectrophotometric method. The absorbance at 340 nm and the concentration of NADPH was determined based on the standard calibration curve. One unit of YqjM activity was defined as the enzyme mass that consumed 1  $\mu$ M of NADPH per minute under the above conditions.

#### Stability of the whole cell and enzyme@DON

To study the organic solvent tolerance, the yield of whole cell and enzyme@DON were measured by incubation in 10 mL of the different organic solvents at room temperature for 3 h. To study the pH stability, the yield of whole cell and enzyme@DON were measured by incubation in Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 4.0) or acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 10.0) at

room temperature for various times. To study the thermal stability, the yield of whole cell and enzyme@DON were measured by incubation in Tris-HCl (50 mM, pH 7.5) buffer at 50 and 60°C for various times. To study the storage stability, the yield of whole cell and enzyme@DON were measured at different time intervals during the storage period (0-12 days) at room temperature.

# **Results and discussion**



# The effect of cosolvents on relative enzyme activity

Figure S1. The effect of cosolvents on relative enzyme activity.

Free YqjM were incubated in the buffer solution (50 mM, pH 7.5) containing 20 vol.% different cosolvents for 3 h.

# **Characterization of catalysts**



Figure S2. SDS-PAGE analysis of YqjM-RBS-GDH, whole cell sample of *E. coli* BL21(DE3) producing the YqjM and GDH; sample loading normalized to  $OD_{600} = 0.7$ .



Figure S3. (a) SEM and (b,c) TEM images of DON@Pd. (d-f) Elemental mappings of DON@Pd.



Figure S4. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was conducted to estimate the elemental composition of DON and DON@Pd.

The survey XPS data verified the existence of Si, O, C, N, and Pd elements without any impurities. The high-resolution Pd3d spectrum can be curve-fit into two sets of spin-orbit doublets with peaks at 335.1, 340.6 eV and 336.3, 341.5 eV, corresponding to Pd<sup>0</sup> and Pd<sup>2+</sup> states, respectively.



Figure S5. X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of the DON and DON@Pd.

The five distinct peaks centered at  $2\theta = 40.0^{\circ}$ ,  $46.6^{\circ}$ ,  $68.4^{\circ}$ ,  $82.4^{\circ}$  and  $86.0^{\circ}$  were assigned to the (111), (200), (220), (311) and (222) crystalline planes of the face-centered cubic (fcc) structures of Pd (JCPDS01-1190), indicating that the Pd NPs were successfully synthesized.

# **Induced docking experiment**



Figure S6. Docking of (a) 3a within the active site of YqjM, and surface representation of the active site view of YqjM with (b) 3a



Figure S7. Docking of (a) 2a within the active site of YqjM, and Surface representation of the active site view of YqjM with (b) 2a



Figure S8. Docking of (a) 2a within the active site of YqjM mutant, and Surface representation of the active site view of YqjM mutant with (b) 2a



Figure S9. Surface representation of the active site view of YqjM with 2a docked at active site.

# **Recyclability of the Pd-catalysts**



Figure S10. Recyclability of the Pd/C and DON@Pd.



Figure S11. TEM images of DON@Pd with 4.4% Pd loading amount after 5 cycles of reaction.

Stability and recyclability of the immobilized enzymes



Figure S12. Effect of initial enzyme concentration on enzyme loading.



Figure S13. Effect of organic solvents on the yield of whole cell and enzyme@DON.



Figure S14. Thermal stabilities of whole cell and enzyme@DON at 40 °C and 50 °C..



Figure S15. pH stabilities of whole cell and enzyme@DON at pH 4 and pH 10.



Figure S16. Storage stabilities of whole cell and enzyme@DON.



Figure S17. Recyclability of the whole cell



Figure S18. Recyclability of enzyme@DON.

# **Supporting Tables**

Entry	Catalysts	Pd	Solvents	Temperature	Time	Yield <sup>b</sup>
		[mol%]		[°C]	[h]	[%]
1	Pd/C	5	Buffer	70	12	80
2	DON@Pd	5	Buffer	70	12	91
3	DON@Pd	5	Buffer/[BMIm][NTf2] <sup>c</sup>	70	6	98
4	DON@Pd	5	Buffer/[BMIm][NTf2] <sup>c</sup>	80	6	97
5	DON@Pd	5	Buffer/[BMIm][NTf2] <sup>c</sup>	60	6	81
6	DON@Pd	2.5	Buffer/[BMIm][NTf <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>c</sup>	70	6	93

Table S1. Optimization of the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reaction<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> All reactions were carried out using 2-iodocyclohexenone (0.25 mmol), phenylboronic (0.25 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mmol);

<sup>b</sup> Isolated yield; <sup>c</sup> 4 mL Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) and 1 mL [BMIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>].

			This work		Literature data <sup>4</sup>	
Entry	Substrates	Products	Conversion	ee	Conversion	ee
			(%) <sup>a</sup>	(%) <sup>a</sup>	$(\%)^b$	(%) <sup>b</sup>
1 <sup>c</sup>	O Me	O Me	>99	91	95	93
$2^d$	O Me	O ,Me	>99	98	91	99
3 <sup>e</sup>	O Me	O Me	>99	>99	72	93
4 <sup>f</sup>	Me	Me O	90	34	78	10

#### **Table S2.** Enzymatic asymmetric hydrogenation of $\alpha$ -alkyl enones

<sup>*a*</sup> Reactions were carried out in [BMIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>] (20%) using substrate (25 mM), the conversion and the values of ee were determined by GC. <sup>*b*</sup> Reactions were carried out in Tris-HCl buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5) using substrate (5 mM). GC conditions: CP-Chirasil Dex CB (df = 0.25  $\mu$ m, 0.32 mm i.d. × 25 m); carrier gas, N<sub>2</sub> (flow 30 mL/min); injection temp, 250 °C. <sup>*c*</sup> Initial column temperature 100 °C hold 2 min, then progress rate, 15 °C/min to 210 °C, hold 2.5 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 6.9 (major) and 6.8 min (minor). <sup>*d*</sup> Initial column temperature 110 °C hold 5 min, then progress rate, 30 °C/min to 200 °C, hold 2 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 7.8 (major). <sup>*f*</sup> Initial column temperature 40 °C hold 2 min, then progress rate, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, hold 1.5 min, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 5.1 (major) and 5.3 min (minor).

# Oligonucleotide sequence 5'-3'

YqjM-F	CAGCGGCCTGGTGCCGCGCGGCAGCCATATGGCCAGAAAATTATTTACACC
YqjM-R	GTCTGCGTGAACAAGGGCGCCTGAGCTGCAGTCAATTAAGTCAACAC
60G-R	CGTCCTTGAGGGTTAACCGCTGAGCCCTCTACAATAATCAGTC
69G-F	GGTTAACCCTCAAGGACGAGGCACTGACCAAGACTTAGGC

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# **HPLC traces for productions**

HPLC copies of compounds 2a:

Rac-2a, OD-H, *i*PrOH/Hex 1/99, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 210 nm







(S)-2a, OD-H, *i*PrOH/Hex 1/99, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 210 nm



HPLC copies of compounds 2b:



























2e, AS, *i*PrOH/Hex 1/99, flow rate = 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 210 nm



HPLC copies of compounds 2f:





2f, AS, *i*PrOH/Hex 2/98, flow rate = 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 210 nm







2g, OD-H, *i*PrOH/Hex 1/99, flow rate = 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 210 nm











HPLC copies of compounds 2i:







HPLC copies of compounds 2j:





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HPLC copies of compounds 2k:









HPLC copies of compounds **2l**:











2m, AD, *i*PrOH/Hex 10/90, flow rate = 1 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 210 nm





















4, OD-H, *i*PrOH/Hex 1/99, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 210 nm



# GC chromatogram of a-alkyl enones

### 2-methylcyclohexanone (*Rac-*3a)



#### (R)-2-methylcyclohexanone (3a)



### levodione (Rac-3b)



(*R*)-levodione (3b)



### 2-methylcyclopentanone (Rac-3c)



# (S)-2-methylcyclopentanone (3c)



#### 2-methylpentanal (Rac-3d)



# (S)-2-methylpentanal (3d)

