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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

## A Stand-Alone Cobalt bis(dicarbollide) Photoredox Catalyst Epoxidates Alkenes in Water at Extremely Low Catalyst Load

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Entry	substrate	Conv.%	Yield(selec.)%	1	Yield.(selec.)%			
1		78 <sup>[a]</sup>	•	37(47) <sup>[a]</sup> 27(34) <sup>[b]</sup>	НО ОН	23(29) <sup>[a]</sup> 35(44) <sup>[b]</sup>	Other products	18(23) <sup>[a]1</sup>
1		96 <sup>[c]</sup>		25(26) <sup>[c]</sup>		50(52) <sup>[c</sup>		18(23) <sup>[b]1</sup> 21(22) <sup>[c]1</sup>
2		91 <sup>[b]</sup> ≥99 <sup>[c]</sup>	0	47(47) <sup>[b]</sup> 38(42) <sup>[c]</sup>	ОН	53(58) <sup>[b]</sup> 53(53) <sup>[c]</sup>		
3		85 <sup>[b]</sup> 91 <sup>[c]</sup>		44(52) <sup>[b]</sup> 20(22) <sup>[c]</sup>	НО	41(48) <sup>[b]</sup> 71(78) <sup>[c]</sup>		
4		66 <sup>[b]</sup> 95 <sup>[c]</sup>		39(44) <sup>[b]</sup> 29(41) <sup>[c]</sup>	ОН	37(56) <sup>[b]</sup> 56(59) <sup>[c]</sup>		
5		92 <sup>[b]</sup> ≥99 <sup>[c]</sup>			/2, cis/trans](82 <sup>1)[b]</sup> /17, cis/trans](33 <sup>1</sup> ) <sup>[c]</sup>	но он		19) <sup>[b]</sup> 57) <sup>[c]</sup>
6		97 <sup>[b]</sup> ≥99 <sup>[c]</sup>		70(72) <sup>[b]</sup> 37(37) <sup>[c]</sup>	0	8(8) <sup>[b]</sup>	Other products	19 <sup>2</sup> (19) <sup>[b]</sup> 57 <sup>2</sup> (57) <sup>[c]</sup>
7	<b>√</b> 5	81 <sup>[b]</sup> ≥99 <sup>[c]</sup>	<b>5</b>	58(72) <sup>[b]</sup> 16(16) <sup>[c]</sup>	ОН	9(11) <sup>[b]</sup> 44(44) <sup>[c]</sup>	Other products	14 <sup>3</sup> (17) <sup>[b]</sup> 39 <sup>3</sup> (39) <sup>[c]</sup>

Ratio 1:1000:1300: [a] 5 min of reaction [b] 15 min of reaction. [c] 30 min of reaction. [d] 60 min of reaction. ¹selectivity with respect the overall epoxide produced.²yield with diol and benzoic acid from vinyl produced. ³octanal and octanoic produced.

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Entry	y substrate	Na[1]	[Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	product	
Entry	substrate	Conv.%	Product	Vield(selec.)%	
1		95	10 он		
1		85 <sup>[a]</sup>		70(82) <sup>[a]</sup>	
1	5 7	≥99 <sup>[b]</sup>	OH OH	60 <b>∕(60</b> )[Þ]	
2		≥99	3		
2 <b>3</b>		90 <sup>[a]</sup> ≥99 <sup>[c]</sup> ≥99 <sup>[b]</sup>	НО ОН	67(74) <sup>[b]</sup> o 8Ø(80) <sup>[c]</sup>	
3		70 <sup>[b]</sup> ≥99 <sup>[c]</sup>	OH	70(≥99) <sup>[b]</sup> ≥99(≥99) <sup>[c]</sup>	

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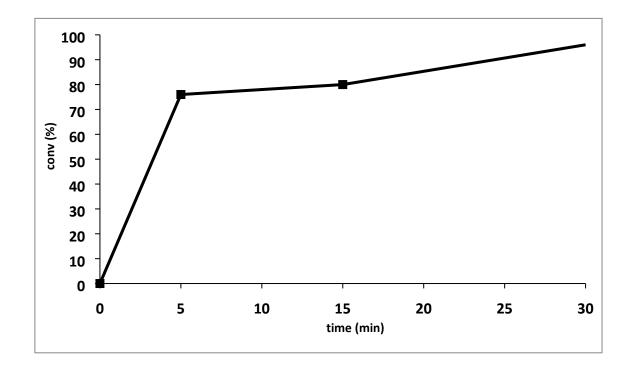


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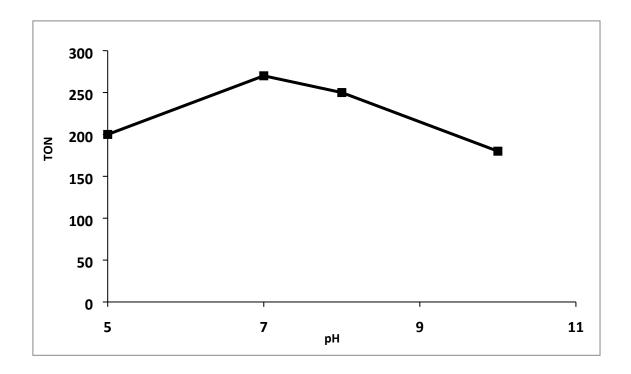


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