

Supporting Information

A host-guest interaction activated Bobbitt oxidant for highly efficient oxidation of alcohols

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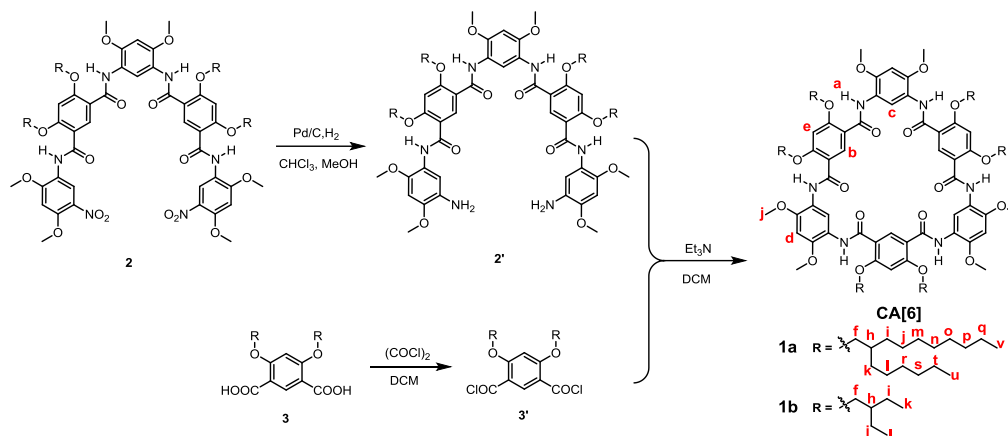
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Materials and methods

All chemicals were obtained from commercial suppliers and were used as received unless otherwise noted. Solvents were dried and distilled following usual protocols. Solvents for NMR were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories (CIL). Analytical NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE AV II-400/600 MHz at room temperature of 298 K (^1H : 400 MHz; ^2D : 600 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported in δ values in ppm using tetramethylsilane (TMS) or residual solvent as internal standard and coupling constants (J) are denoted in Hz. Multiplicities are denoted as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, dd = double doublet and m = multiplet. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum was recorded on a Bruker Autoflex III mass spectrometer, matrix is 2,6-dihydroxyacetophenone (DHAP). High resolution mass (HRMS) data were collected by WATERS Q-TOF Premier. UV-vis spectra were measured by SHIMADZU UV-2450. Conductivity experiments were implemented on DDSJ-308A (Shanghai Precision Instruments Co., Ltd.). Single crystal X-ray data were measured on a Xcalibur E diffractometer with graphite monochromated Cu-K α radiation ($\lambda=1.54184$ Å). Data collection and structure refinement details can be found in the CIF files or obtained free of charge via <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/>.

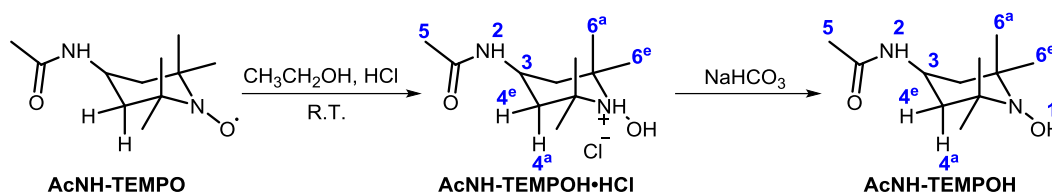
Synthesis and characterization



1a and **1b** were prepared according to literature procedures.^[1]

1a, white solid power (yield: 84.3 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) δ 9.41 (s, 3H, H_a), 9.40 (s, 3H, H_c), 9.32 (s, 6H, H_b), 6.50 (s, 3H, H_e), 6.48 (s, 3H, H_d), 4.08 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 12H, H_f), 3.86 (s, 18H, H_i), 2.06 (p, J = 6.1 Hz, 6H, H_h), 1.52 (h, J = 7.7, 7.0 Hz, 48H, H_{l-i}), 1.43 – 1.19 (m, 128H, H_{m-i}), 0.86 (td, J = 6.8, 2.2 Hz, 36H, H_{v/u}). MADLI-TOF MS m/z calculated for C₁₄₄H₂₃₄N₆O₁₈ [M+H]⁺ 2337.768, found 2337.422.

1b, white solid power (yield: 80.4 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) δ 9.73 – 9.66 (m, 3H, H_a), 9.63 – 9.55 (m, 6H, H_b), 9.20 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.4 Hz, 3H, H_c), 6.61 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 6H, H_{d/e}), 4.20 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 12H, H_f), 3.95 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.7 Hz, 18H, H_j), 2.21 (m, 6H, H_h), 1.63 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 24H, H_{l/j}), 1.03 (m, J = 7.9, 2.9, 2.3 Hz, 36H, H_{k/l}). MADLI-TOF MS m/z calculated for C₈₄H₁₁₄N₆O₁₈ [M+H]⁺ 1495.826, found 1495.890.

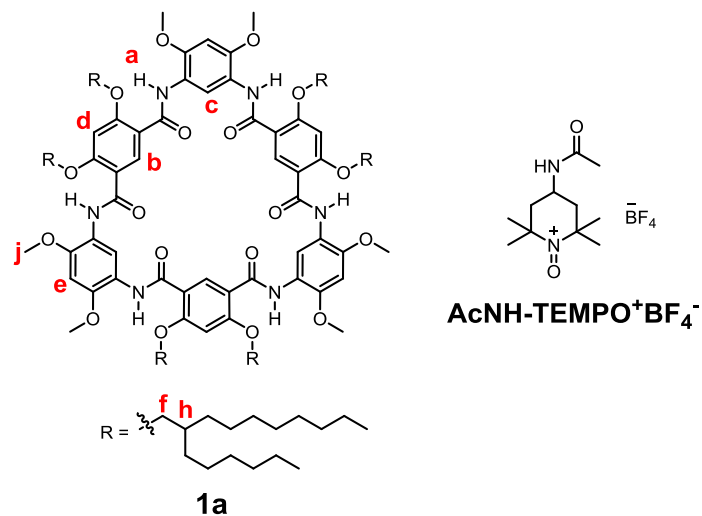


The compounds of **AcNH-TEMPOH·HCl** and **AcNH-TEMPOH** were prepared according to the literature procedures.^[2]

AcNH-TEMPOH·HCl: white solid power (yield: 78.6 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O, 298 K) δ 4.21 (m, J = 12.5, 7.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H, H₃), 2.17 – 2.08 (m, 2H, H₄^e), 1.90 (s, 3H, H₅), 1.71 (t, J = 13.3 Hz, 2H, H₄^a), 1.42 (s, 6H, H₆^e), 1.37 (s, 6H, H₆^a).

AcNH-TEMPOH: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O, 298 K) δ 4.087 (m, J = 12.5, 7.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H, H₃), 1.89 (s, 3H, H₅), 1.84 (m, J = 13.4, 3.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H, H₄^e), 1.43 (t, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H, H₄^a), 1.18 (s, 6H, H₆^e), 1.14 (s, 6H, H₆^a).

Host-guest chemistry of 1a and AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻



Scheme S3 Chemical structures of **1a** (host) and **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** (guest).

Guest (**AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻**) was obtained from commercial supplier (Tokyo Chemical Industry, TCI) and was used as received.

Job plot for determination of stoichiometry

Because of the poor solubility of guest **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** in CHCl₃, the mixed solvent of CHCl₃/CH₃CN (5:1, v/v) was used for Job plot and binding constant.

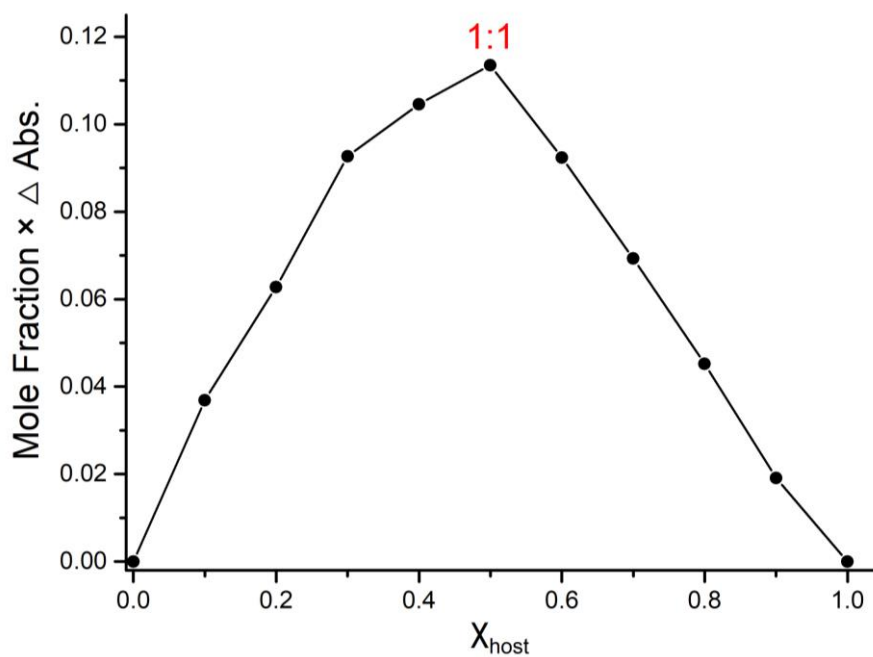


Figure S1 Job plot for determination of stoichiometry of **1a** and **AcNH-TEMPO[•]BF₄⁻** based on the absorbance at 365 nm in CHCl₃/CH₃CN (5:1, v/v, 298 K). [**1a**] + [**AcNH-TEMPO[•]BF₄⁻**] = 50 μM.

HRMS spectra of AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻·1a

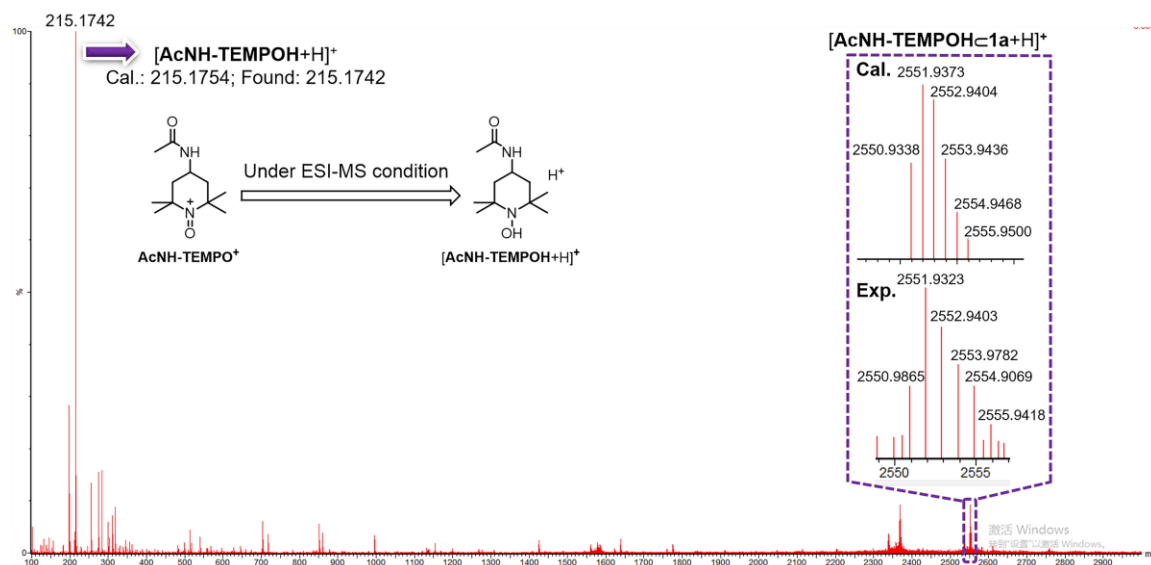


Figure S2 Full HRMS spectrum of AcNH-TEMPOH·1a complex derived from AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻·1a complex in CHCl₃/CH₃CN (5:1, v/v) under ESI-MS condition. The AcNH-TEMPOH·1a complex was produced in situ from a mixture of AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻ and 1a. HRMS (ESI) calculated for [1a+AcNH-TEMPOH+H]⁺, m/z, 2551.9373, found 2551.9323.

UV-vis titration experiments

To determinate the binding constant (K_a) of macrocycle **1a** and guest AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻, UV-vis titration experiments were performed in CHCl₃/CH₃CN (5:1, v/v, 298 K) at a constant concentration of **1a** (50 μM) and varying concentration of AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻. For the titration, at least 20 data points were collected. Binding constant was calculated by a global fitting analysis according to a 1:1 binding model using the website (<http://supramolecular.org/>).

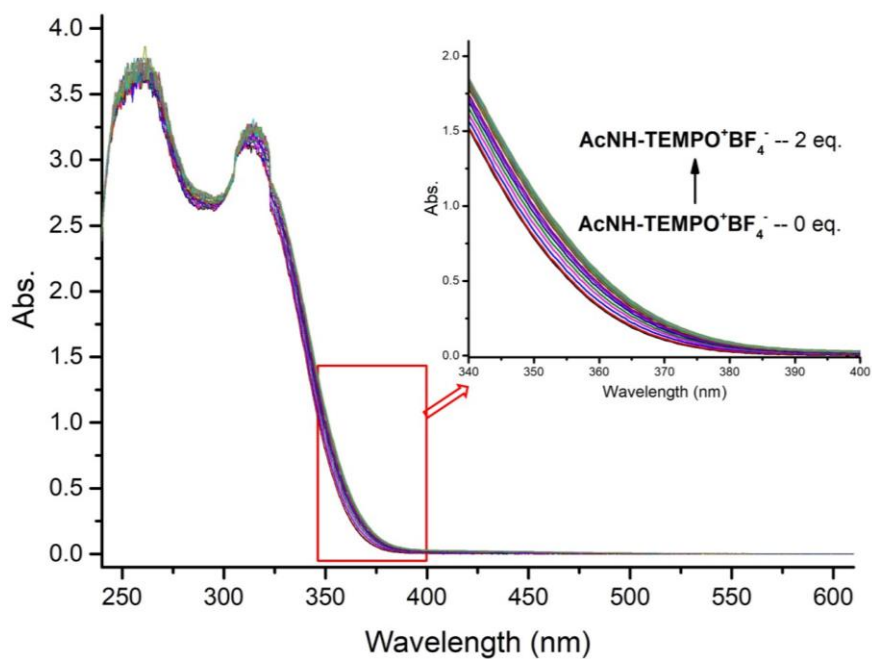


Figure S3 Stacked UV-vis spectra of **1a** (50 μM) titrated with $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$ in $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (5:1, v/v) at 298 K. Inserted are expanded spectra in the wavelength range from 340 nm to 400 nm.

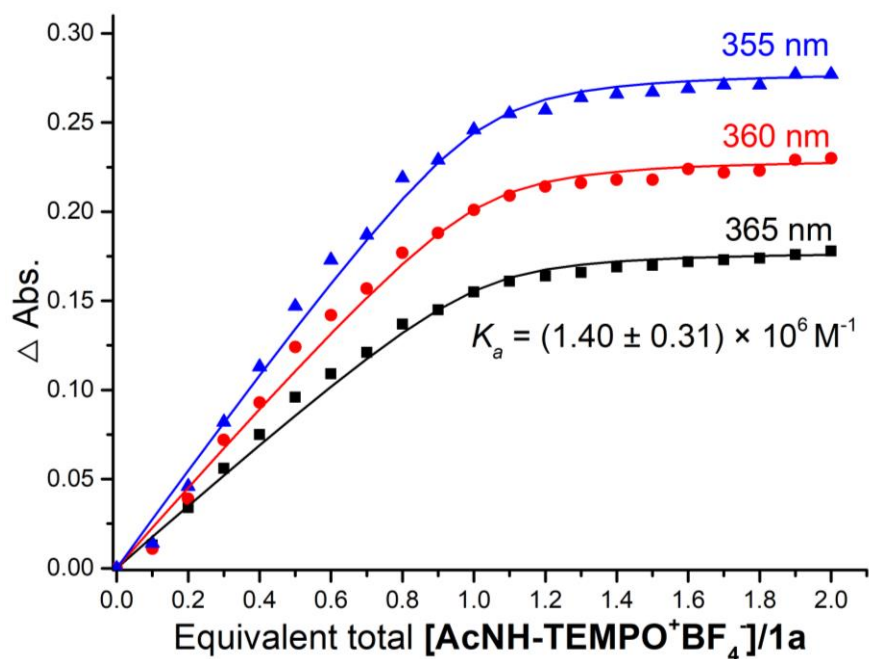


Figure S4 Curve fitting of the binding constant of $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$ with **1a** in $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (5:1, v/v, 298 K). The reported binding constant is the average value based on fitting of the absorbance at 355 nm, 360 nm and 365 nm.

^1H NMR spectra for **1a** and AcNH-TEMPO $^+\text{BF}_4^-$ interactions

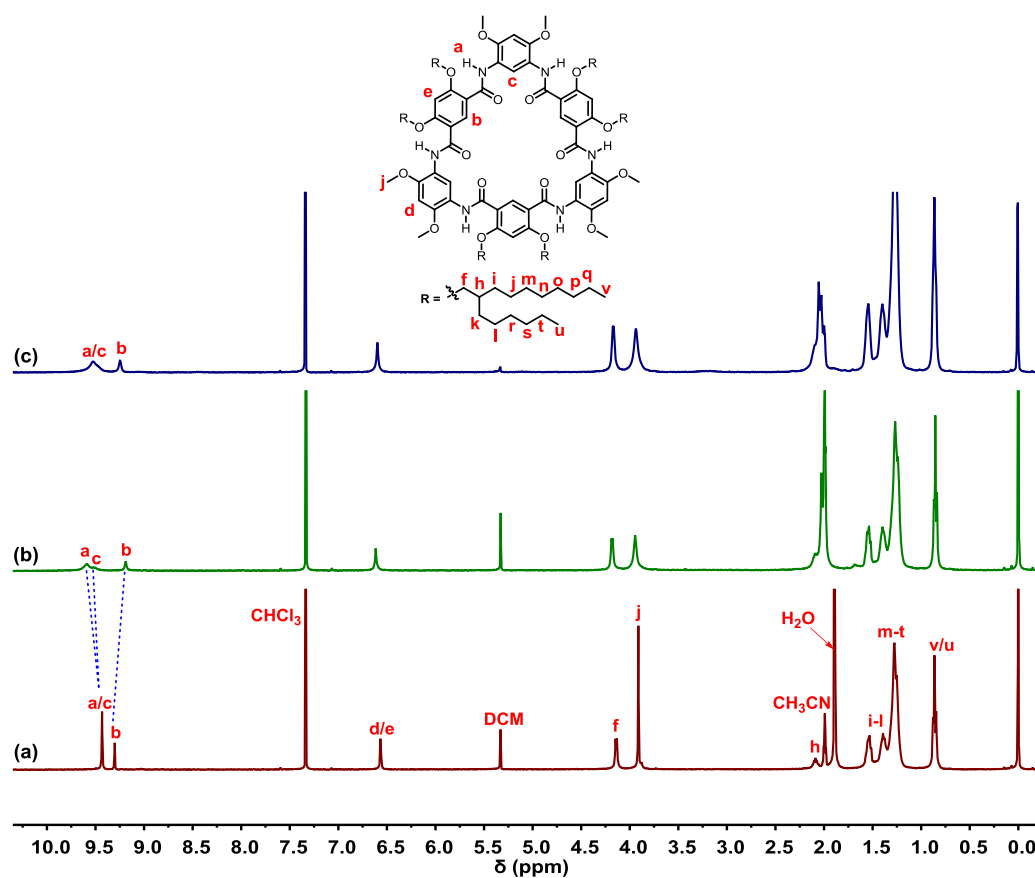


Figure S5 ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$, 9:1, v/v 298 K) of (a) 1.0 mM **1a**, (b) 1.0 mM **1a** and 1.0 mM AcNH-TEMPO $^+\text{BF}_4^-$, (c) 2.0 mM **1a** and 1.0 mM AcNH-TEMPO $^+\text{BF}_4^-$.

Host-guest chemistry of **1a** and AcNH-TEMPOH

Job plot for determination of stoichiometry

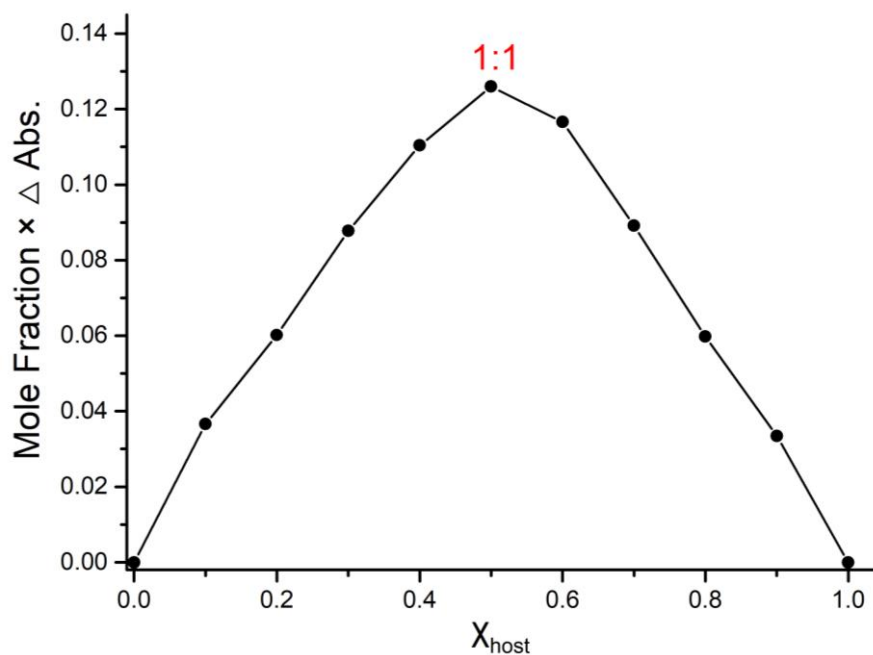


Figure S6 Job plot for determination of stoichiometry of **1a** and **AcNH-TEMPOH** based on the absorbance at 355 nm in $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (5:1, v/v, 298 K). $[\mathbf{1a}] + [\mathbf{AcNH-TEMPOH}] = 50 \mu\text{M}$.

MALDI-TOF-MS spectrum of $\text{AcNH-TEMPOH} \subset \mathbf{1a}$

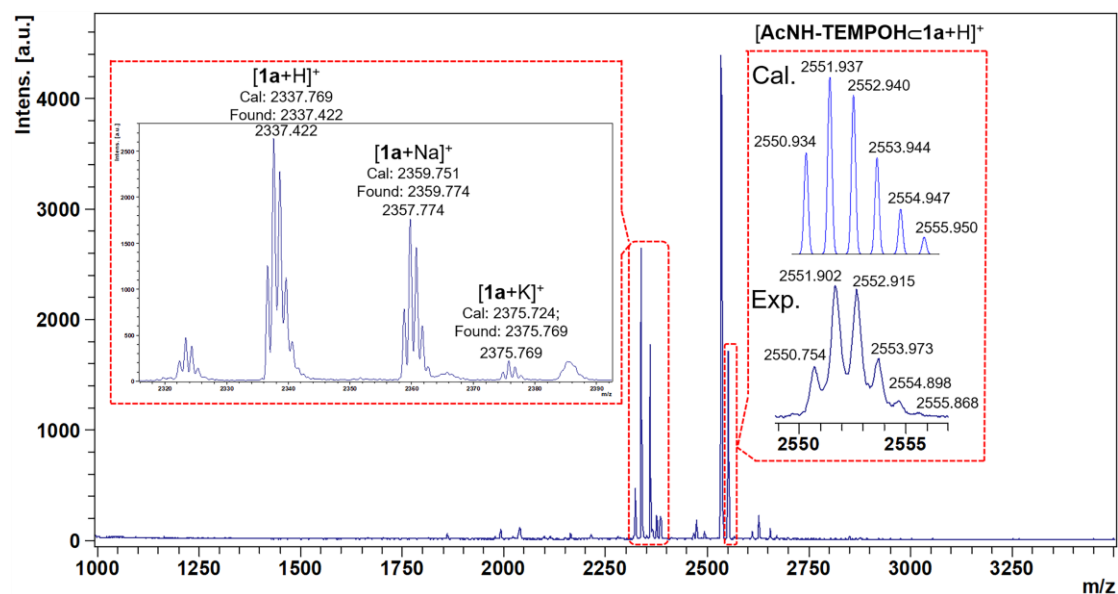


Figure S7 Full MALDI-TOF-MS spectrum of $\text{AcNH-TEMPOH} \subset \mathbf{1a}$ complex. MALDI-TOF-MS calculated for $[\mathbf{1a}+\text{AcNH-TEMPOH}+\text{H}]^+$, m/z, 2551.937, found 2551.902.

UV-Vis titration experiments

To determine the binding constant (K_a) of macrocycle **1a** and guest **AcNH-TEMPOH**, UV-vis titration experiments were performed in $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (5:1, v/v, 298 K) at a constant concentration of **1a** (50 μM) and varying concentration of **AcNH-TEMPOH**. For the titration, at least 20 data points were collected. Binding constant was calculated by a global fitting analysis according to a 1:1 binding model using the website (<http://supramolecular.org/>).

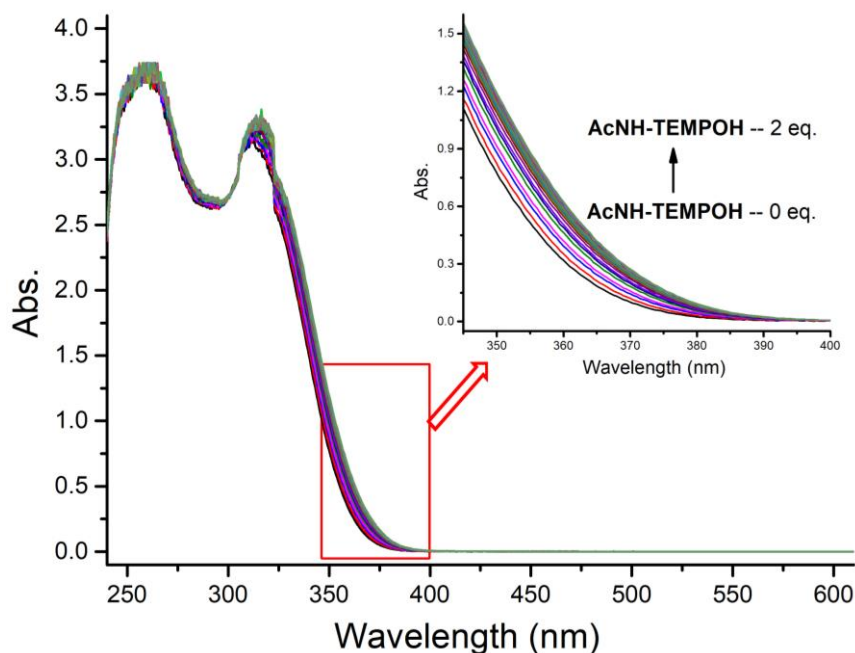


Figure S8 Stacked UV-Vis spectra of **1a** (50 μM) titrated with **AcNH-TEMPOH** in $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (5:1, v/v) at 298 K. Inserted are expended spectra in the wavelength range from 340 nm to 400 nm.

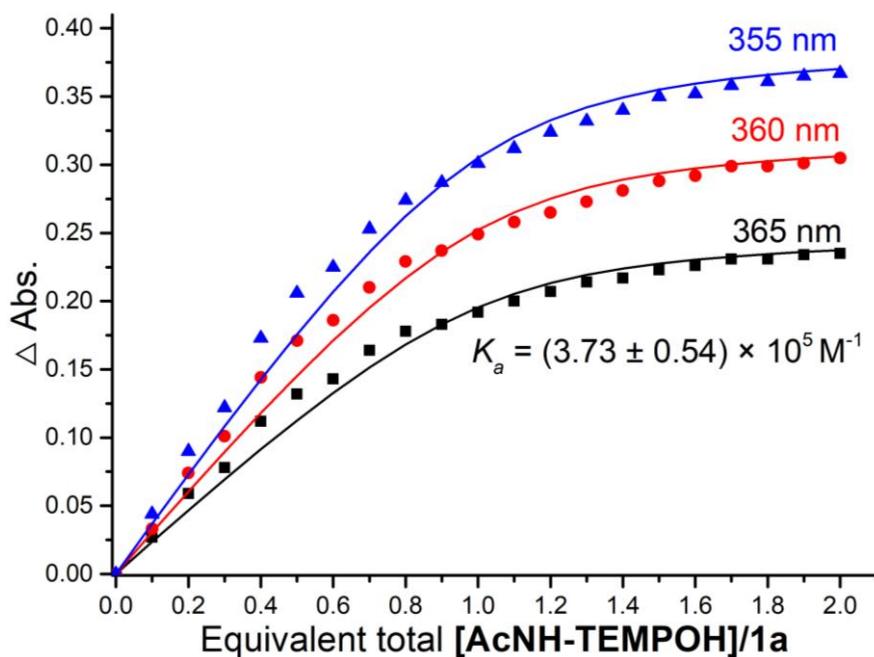


Figure S9 Curve fitting of the binding constant of **AcNH-TEMPOH** with **1a** in $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (5:1, v/v, 298 K). The reported binding constant is the average value based on fitting of the absorbance at 355 nm, 360 nm and 365 nm.

¹H NMR spectra of **1a** and AcNH-TEMPOH

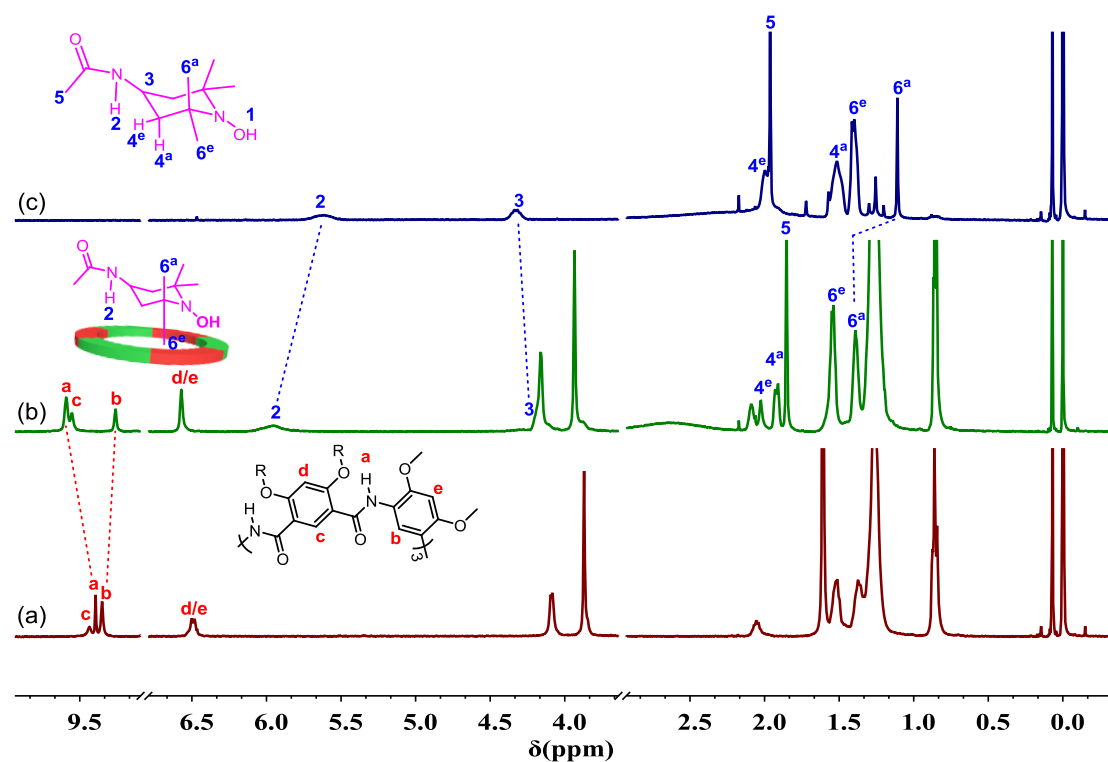


Figure S10 ¹H NMR spectra of (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) (a) 1 mM **1a** and excess NaHCO₃ (s), (b) **1a** and AcNH-TEMPOH·HCl in the presence of excess NaHCO₃ (s), (c) AcNH-TEMPOH·HCl in the presence of excess NaHCO₃ (s).

2D NOESY spectrum for AcNH-TEMPOH $\subset$ 1a

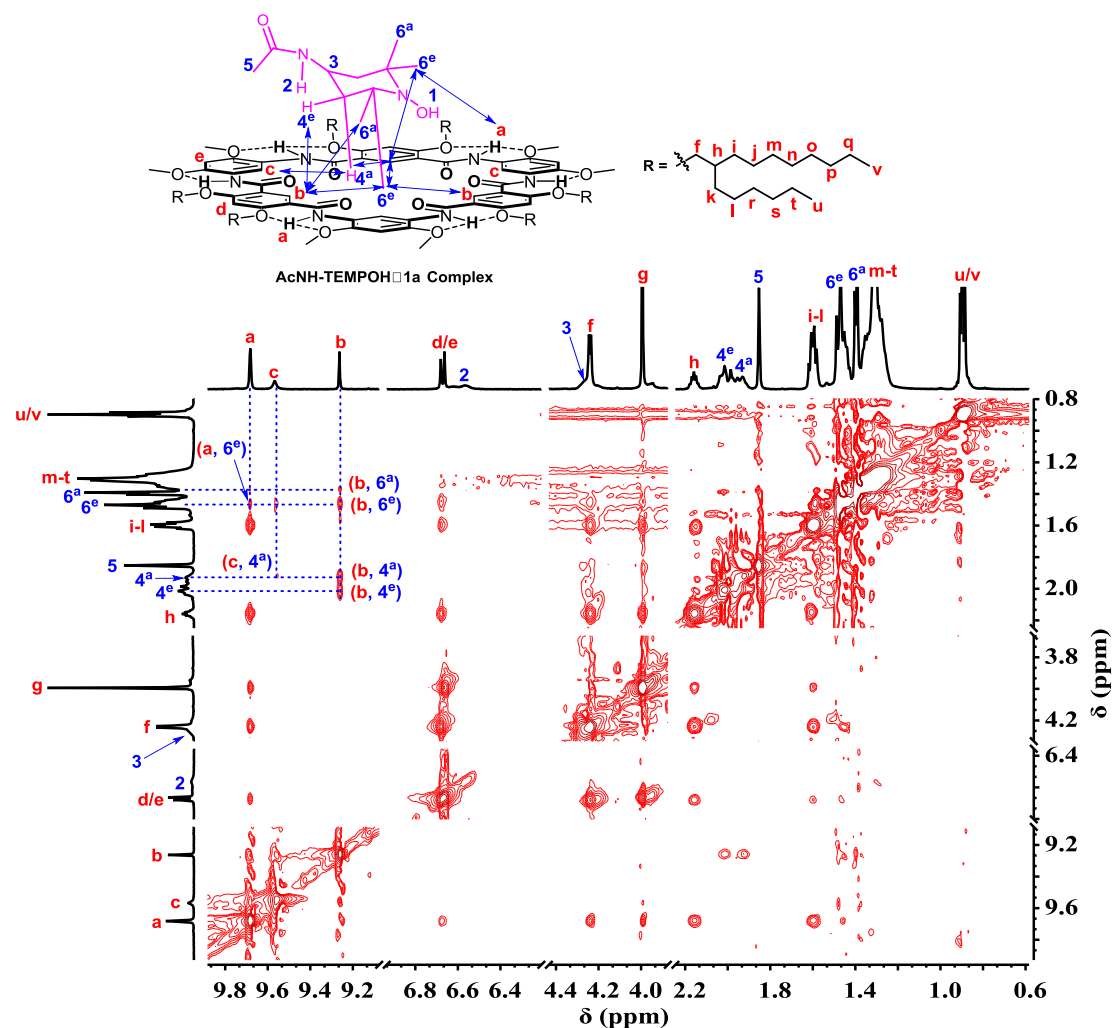


Figure S11 Expanded 2D-NOESY spectrum of AcNH-TEMPOH $\subset$ 1a (CD_2Cl_2 , 298 K, 600 MHz, mixing time=0.4 s).

Oxidation reactions of unactivated alcohols in two-phase $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{CDCl}_3$ system

The standard Anelli's procedure for the biphasic catalytic oxidation of alcohols: ^[3] A solution of 0.1 M (1 equiv) alcohol in CDCl_3 (0.5 mL) was mixed with a buffer solution of 0.5 M NaHCO_3 (1 mL), following by addition of AcNH-TEMPO $^+\text{BF}_4^-$ (2 mol %), or AcNH-TEMPO $^+\text{BF}_4^-$ CCB[7] (2 mol %), or AcNH-TEMPO $^+\text{BF}_4^-$ C1a (2 mol %). 60 μL of 1.13 M NaClO solution was then added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$. Finally, the internal standard $\text{CHCl}_2\text{CHCl}_2$ (2.0 equiv) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 2 minutes. The CDCl_3 phase was collected into the NMR tube for the analysis of reaction yield.

Background reactions of without $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$

No reactions were observed with benzyl alcohol and phenylpropanol in the absence of $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$.

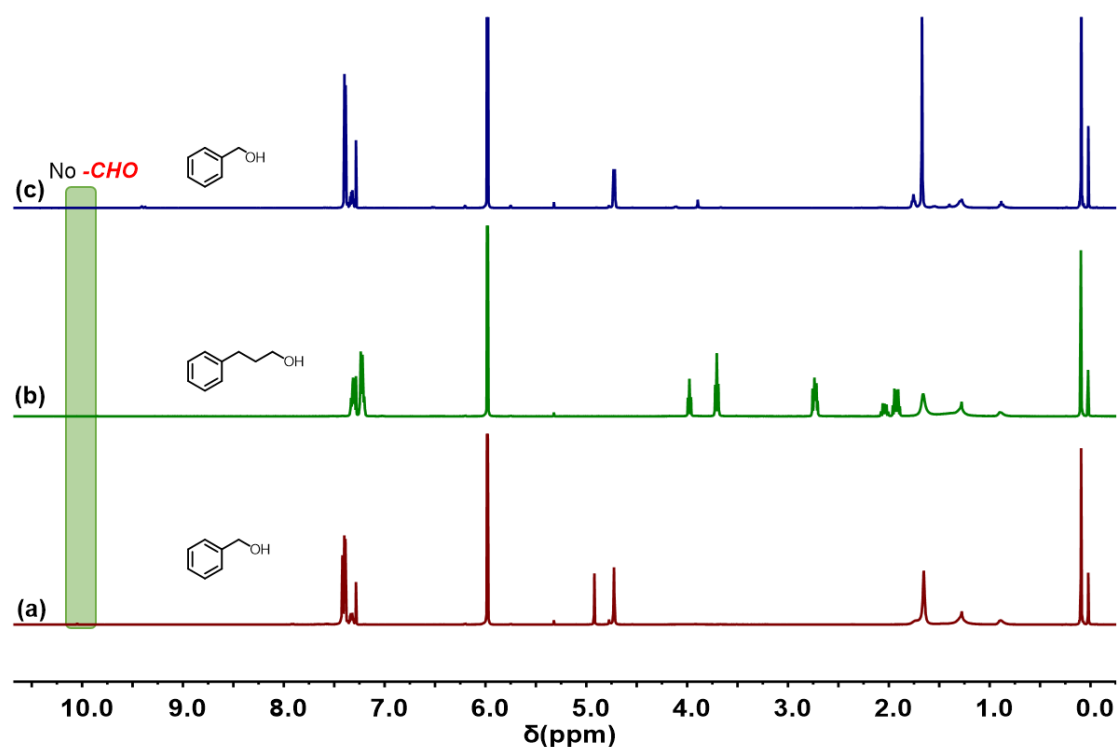


Figure S12 Background reactions of (a) benzyl alcohol and (b) phenylpropanol catalyzed by **1a** and NaClO ; (c) benzyl alcohol catalyzed by NaClO alone.

Evaluation of the stability of $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$

The procedure for evaluating the stability of $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$ in the presence of NaClO (10 equiv) solution. To evaluate the stability of $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$, the decay kinetic study on the oxidation process of $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$ was performed in the presence of NaClO (10 eq.). By monitoring the evolution of the UV-vis spectra, we found that the UV-vis absorbance gradually increases during the first 3 hours (Figure S13). The time-retention ratio relationship was plotted based on the absorption at 270 nm. The results indicated that $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$ decomposes rapidly in 3 h under the oxidation condition (Figure S14).

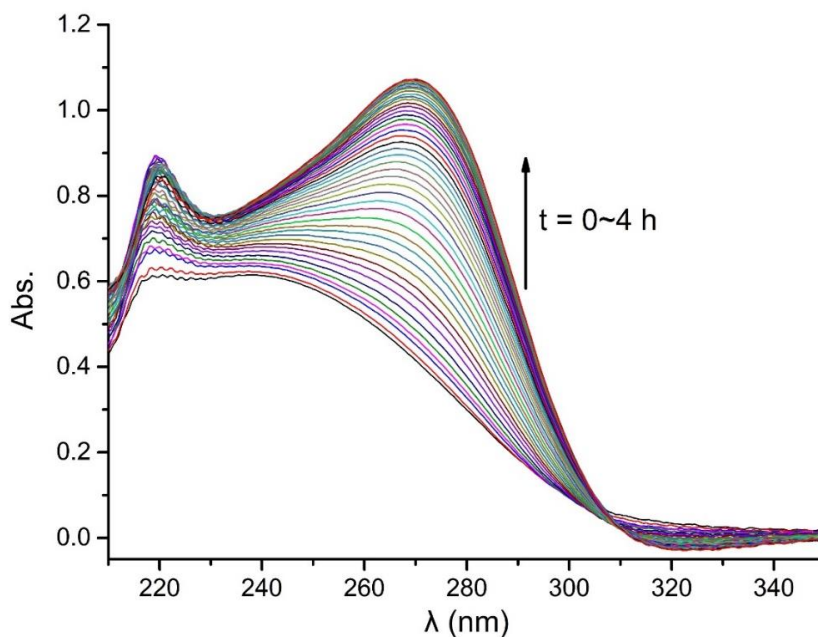


Figure S13 The evolutions of UV-vis spectra of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** in aqueous phase (NaHCO₃ buffer) in the presence of NaClO (10 equiv).

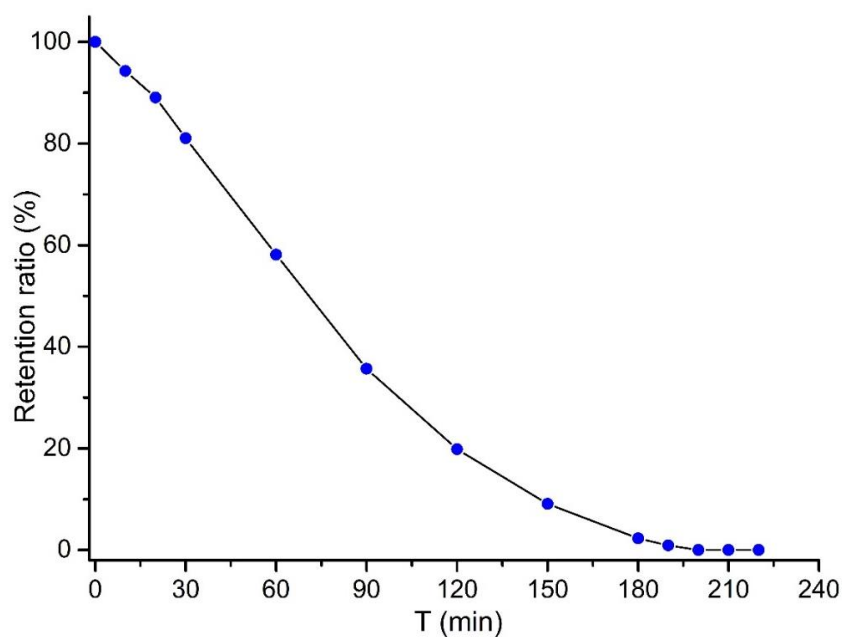


Figure S14 The stability of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** in aqueous phase (NaHCO₃ buffer) in the presence of NaClO (10 equiv) monitored by UV-vis spectroscopy. Results based on the absorbance at 270 nm.

The procedure for evaluating the stability of the complex **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻C1a in the organic phase under oxidation conditions.** To evaluate the stability of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻C1a** in the organic under the oxidation condition, the kinetic study in biphasic H₂O/CHCl₃ system was performed. A mixture containing a solution of 3 mM **1a** in CHCl₃ (3 mL) and a solution of 3 mM **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** in water (3 mL) was stirred at 25 °C for 5 min. **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** was rapidly transferred by **1a** from the aqueous phase into the organic

phase. After centrifugation, 0.1 mL CHCl_3 was removed from the organic phase and transferred to a cuvette, and 2.9 mL CHCl_3 was added. The absorption was recorded for the final solution (Figure S15).

NaClO (10 eq.) was added to the above two-phase $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{CHCl}_3$ system, and then the mixture was stirred. At different time, 0.1 mL CHCl_3 was removed from the organic phase and transferred to a cuvette after centrifugation, and 2.9 mL CHCl_3 was added. The absorption was recorded for the final solution. The results shown in Figure S16 indicated that the absorbance of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻C1a** is fluctuated in a certain range (0.702-0.810 at 365 nm) in the presence of excess NaClO . Therefore, we concluded that the complex **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻C1a** is stable in the organic phase under oxidation conditions for at least 4 h.

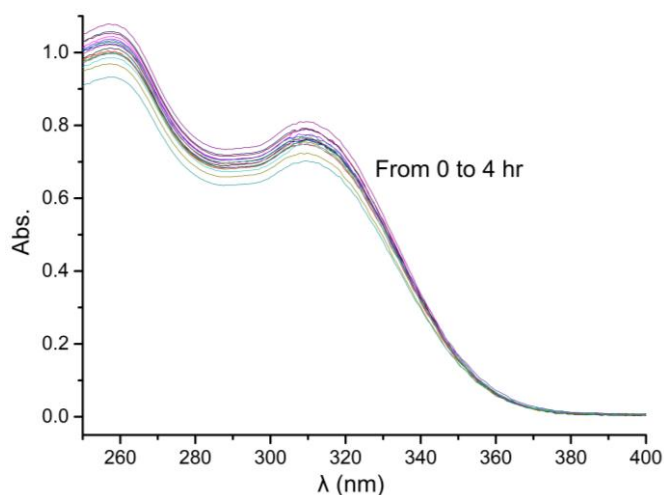


Figure S15 The evolution of UV-vis spectra of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻C1a** in organic phase in the presence of NaClO from 0 to 4 h.

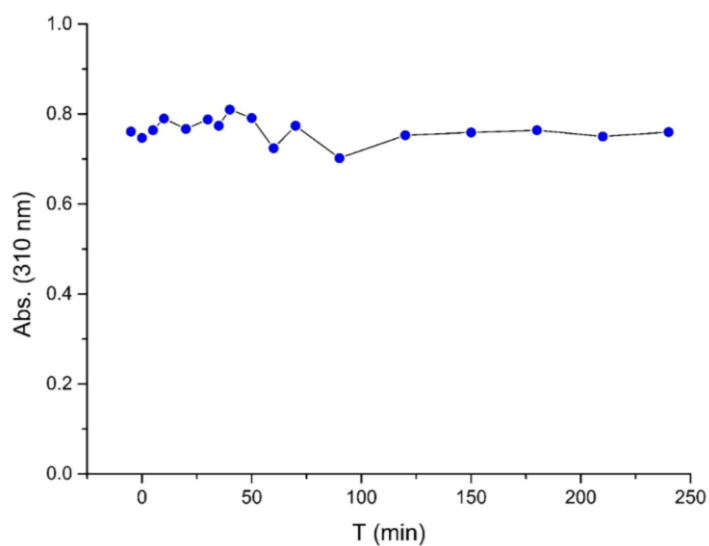


Figure S16 Time-absorbance curves for the complex **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻C1a**. Results based on the absorbance at 310 nm.

Phase transfer of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** monitored by conductivity experiments

AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻ has a much larger solubility in H_2O (11.5 g/100 mL) than in CHCl_3 (18 mg/100 mL).^[4] The macrocycle **1a** is able to bind **AcNH-TEMPO⁺** due to the presence of an electron-rich cavity, which has the ability

to transfer the cationic catalyst from the aqueous phase to the organic phase. The percentages of the transferred **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** to the organic phase under the catalytic condition in the presence of different amount of **1a** can be estimated by conductivity experiments. First, the standard conductivity curve of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** was conducted (Figure S17). Then, 25 mL of CHCl₃ solution of **1a** (5 mM) was mixed with 25 mL of H₂O solution of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** (5 mM). The mixture was slightly stirred. The electrode was carefully soaked in the aqueous solution above without touching the organic phase below. The amount of the decrease of monitored conductivity was contributed by the transferred **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻**. As shown in Figure S18, the percentage of transferred **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** was calculated to be ~17% in the presence of **1a** (1 equiv) until the phase transfer reached the equilibrium.

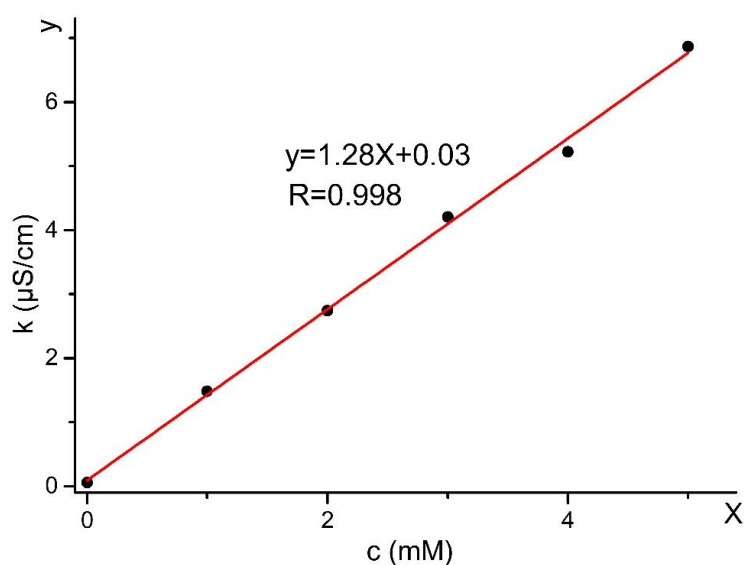


Figure S17 . Standard conductivity curve of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** in water.

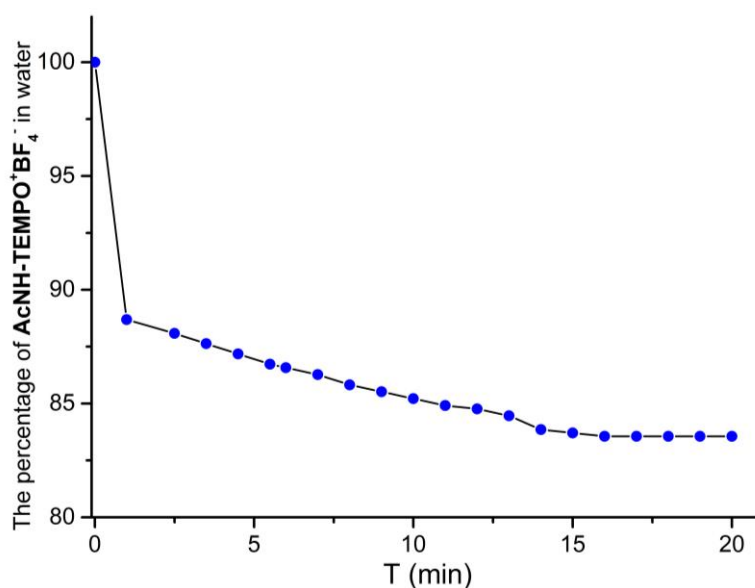


Figure S18 Time-dependent percentage curves for the **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** in water in the presence of **1a**.

Phase transfer of AcNH-TEMPOH monitored by ^1H NMR experiments

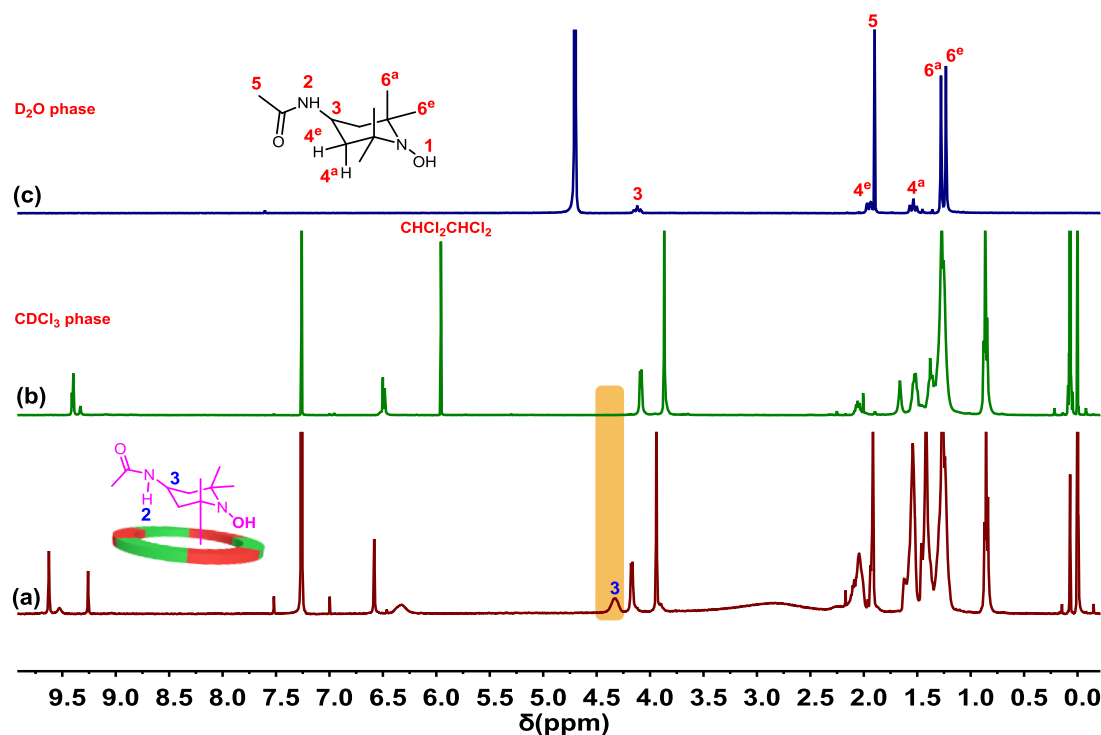


Figure S19 ^1H NMR spectra of (400 MHz, 298 K) a) the mixture of 1.0 mM AcNH-TEMPOH and 1.0 mM **1a** in CDCl₃ before adding D₂O, b) CDCl₃ phase after adding D₂O to the solution above, and c) D₂O Phase after adding D₂O to the solution above. CHCl₂CHCl₂ was used as an internal standard.

Apparent kinetics of the catalytic biphasic oxidation

The apparent kinetics of the biphasic catalytic oxidation were measured using phenylproanol as a model substrate. As shown in **Figure S20-S21**, the oxidation process was nearly completed about 2 hr. The oxidation catalyzed by AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻**1a** displayed a faster reaction rate with a higher final conversion than that by using AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻ alone.

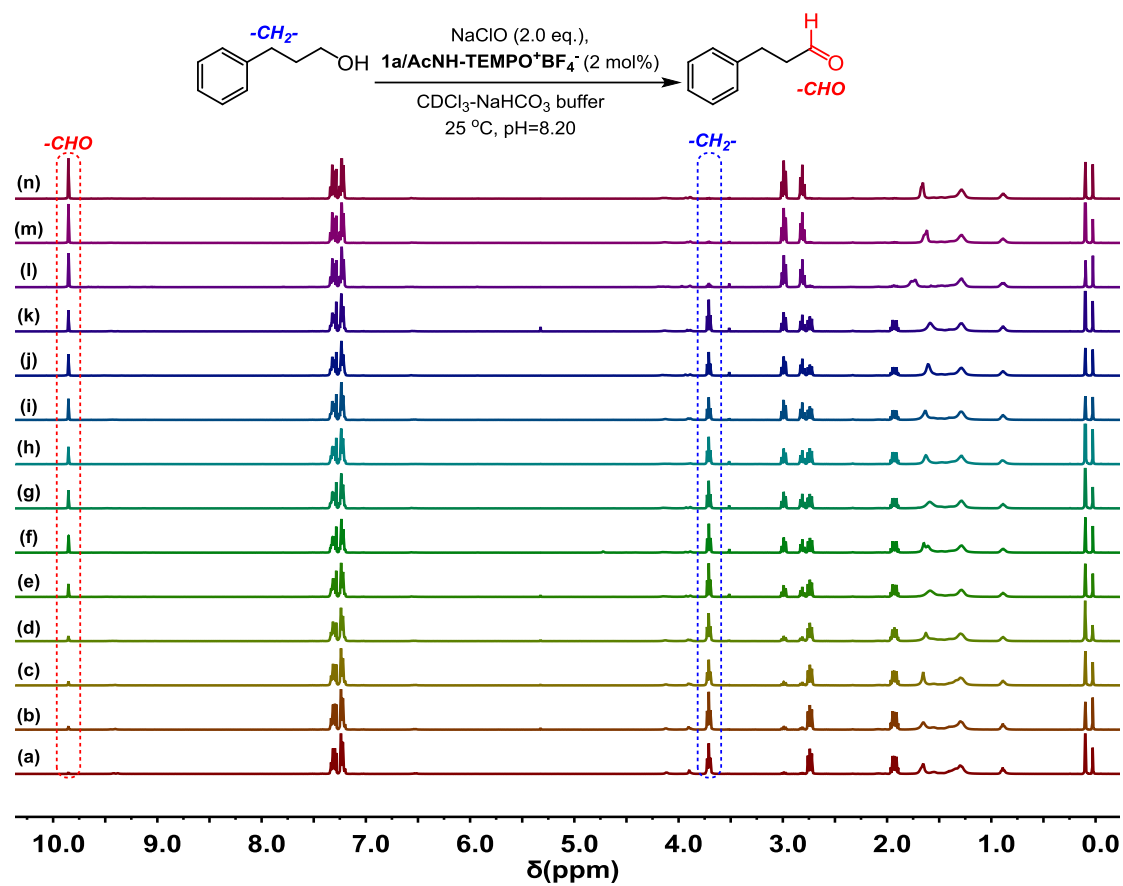


Figure S20 Stacked ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , v/v, 298 K) of the biphasic oxidation of phenylpropanol catalyzed by **AcNH-TEMPO** $^+\text{BF}_4^-$ **c1a**. The spectra from bottom to top correspond to the reaction at (a) 1 min, (b) 3 min, (c) 5 min, (d) 7 min, (e) 10 min, (f) 15 min, (g) 20 min, (h) 30 min, (i) 40 min, (j) 50 min, (k) 60 min, (l) 80 min, (m) 100 min, (n) 120 min.

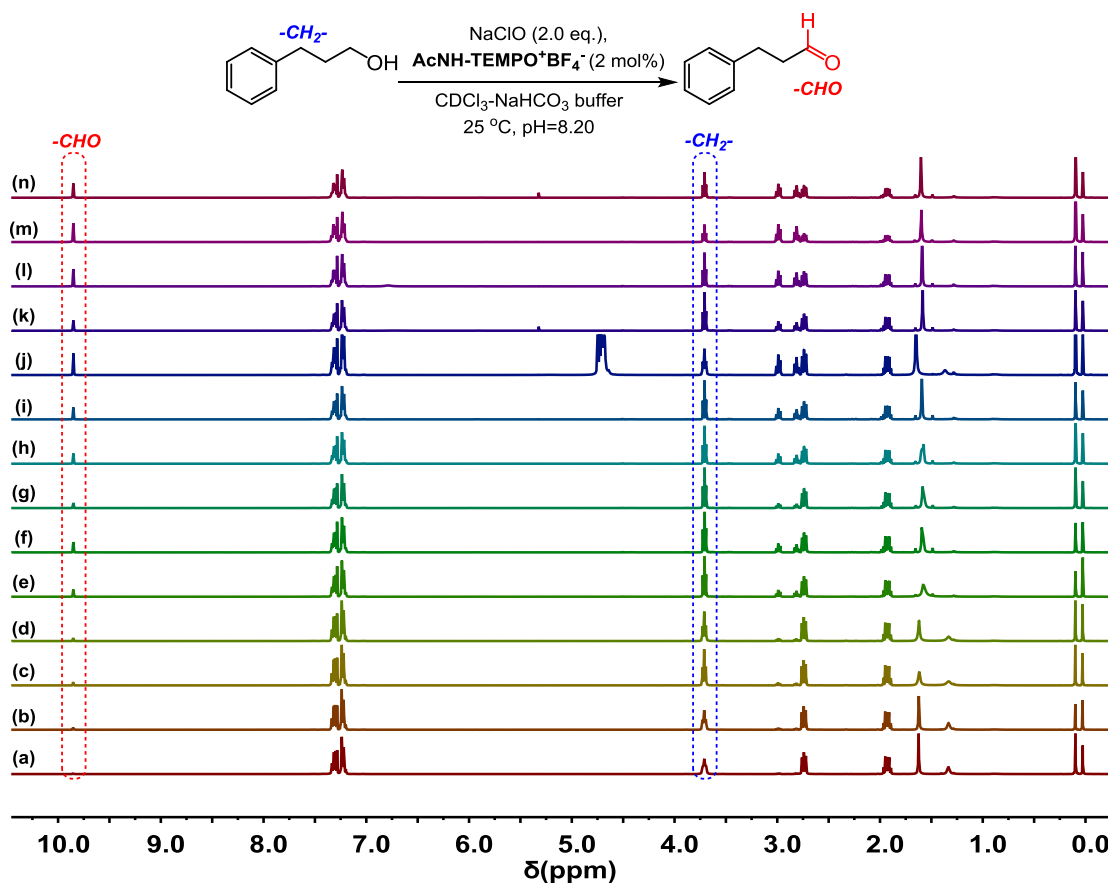


Figure S21 Stacked ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , v/v, 298 K) of conversions of biphasic oxidation of phenylpropanol catalyzed by $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$. The spectra from bottom to top correspond to the reaction at (a) 1 min, (b) 3 min, (c) 5 min, (d) 7 min, (e) 10 min, (f) 15 min, (g) 20 min, (h) 30 min, (i) 40 min, (j) 50 min, (k) 60 min, (l) 80 min, (m) 100 min, (n) 120 min.

Table S1 Kinetic study of biphasic oxidation catalyzed by $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$ **1a** or $\text{AcNH-TEMPO}^+\text{BF}_4^-$

Entry	Time (min)	[Phenylpropanol] (C_a , mol/L)		$\text{Ln} (C_{a,0}/C_a)$ ^[a]	
		With 1a	Without 1a	With 1a	Without 1a
a	1	0.0982	0.1003	0.0769	0.0555
b	3	0.0930	0.0964	0.1312	0.0954
c	5	0.0867	0.0936	0.2009	0.1244
d	7	0.0789	0.0894	0.2957	0.1708
e	10	0.0688	0.0847	0.4323	0.2244
f	15	0.0602	0.0789	0.5656	0.2957
g	20	0.0530	0.0742	0.6931	0.3567

[a] $C_{a,0}$ =0.106 mol/L.

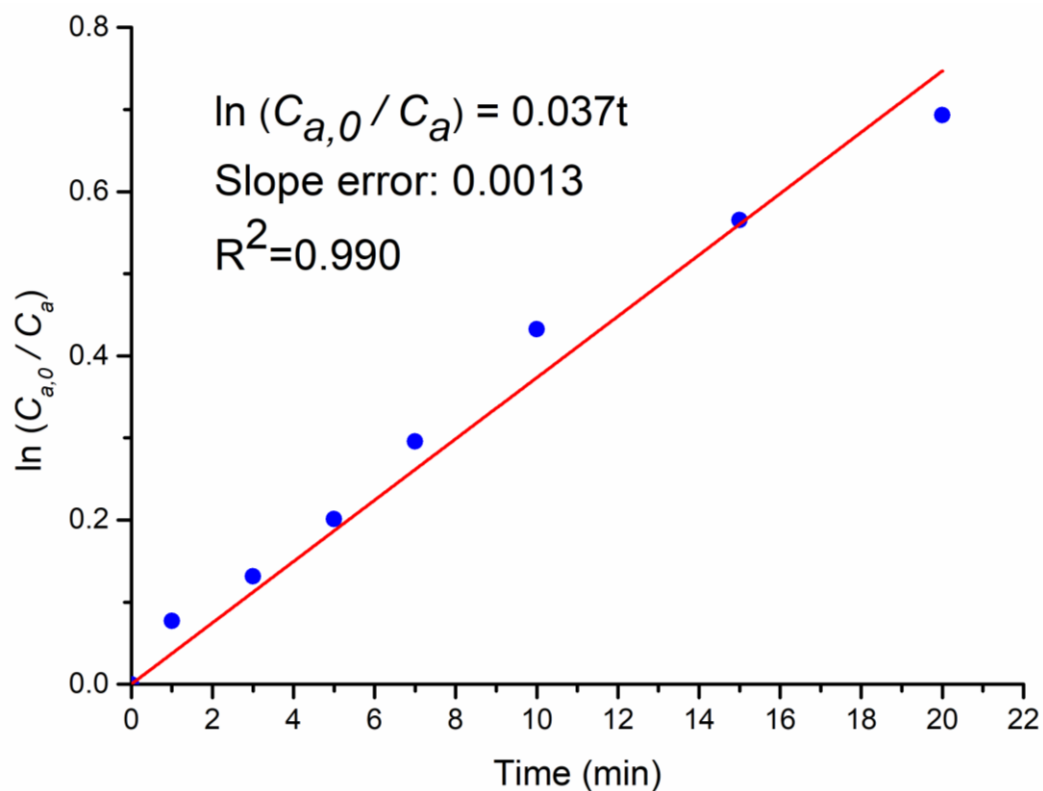


Figure S22 Linear curve fitting of the concentration of phenylproanol against reaction time, indicating a pseudo first order dependence of the reaction rate on phenylproanol.

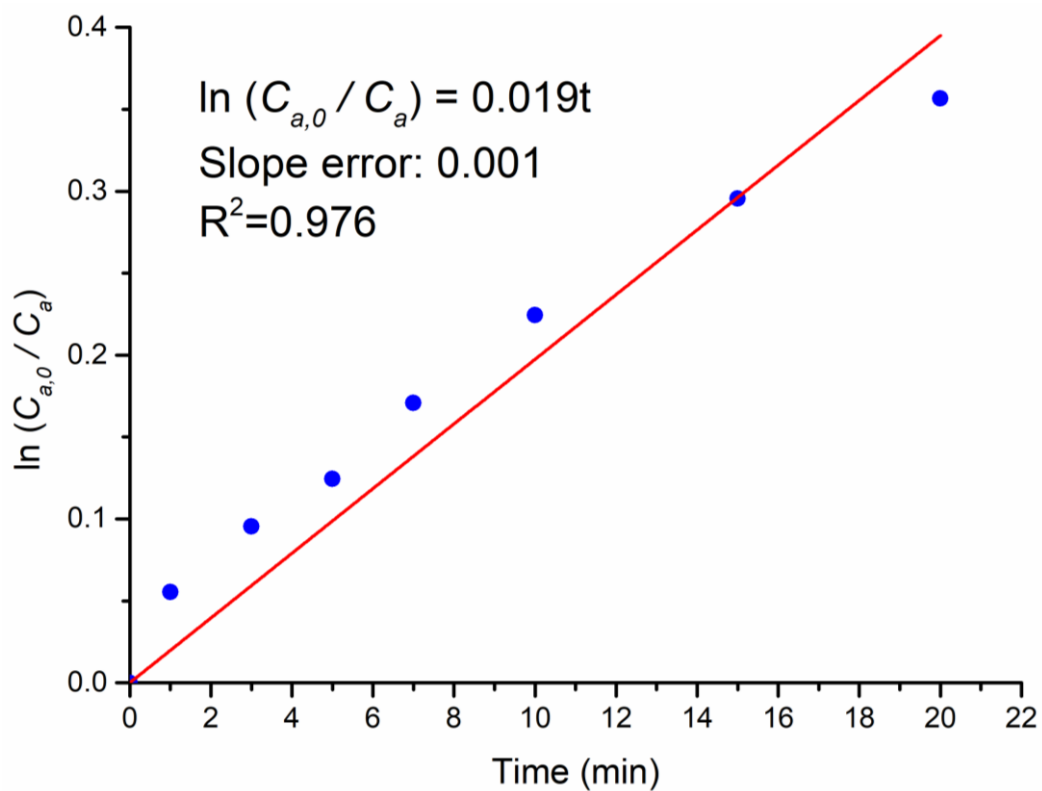


Figure S23 Linear curve fitting of the concentration of phenylproanol against reaction time, indicating a pseudo first order dependence of the reaction rate on phenylproanol.

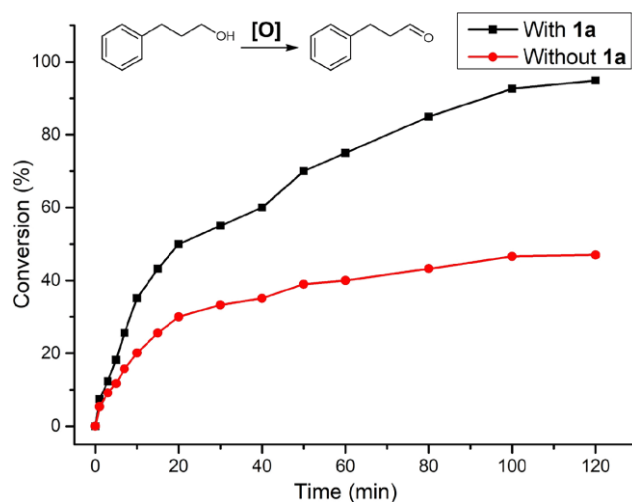


Figure S24 The time-conversion relationships of the biphasic oxidation using phenylpropanol as the substrate catalyzed by **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** and **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻ · 1a**, respectively.

Turnover number of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻ · 1a**

A solution of 0.1 M (1 eq.) alcohol (phenylpropanol and benzyl alcohol) in CDCl₃ (0.5 mL) was mixed with a buffer solution of 0.5 M NaHCO₃ (1 mL), following by addition of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻ · 1a** (0.5 mol %). 60 μL of 1.13 M NaClO was then added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2 h. Finally, the CDCl₃ phase was collected for ¹H NMR analysis of the reaction conversions. No side products were observed from the ¹H NMR results.

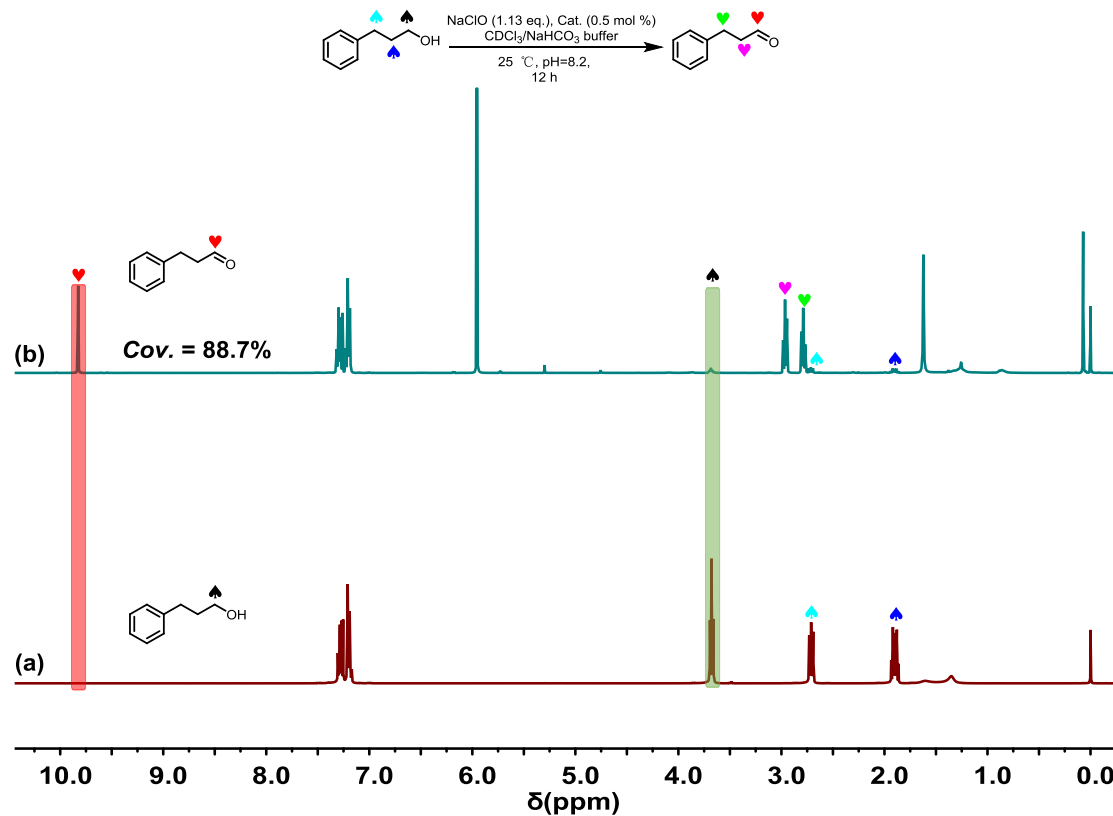


Figure S25 Stacked ¹H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CDCl₃, v/v, 298 K) of (a) phenylpropanol, (b) the conversions of biphasic oxidation of

phenylpropanol catalyzed by **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻1a** (0.5 mol%).

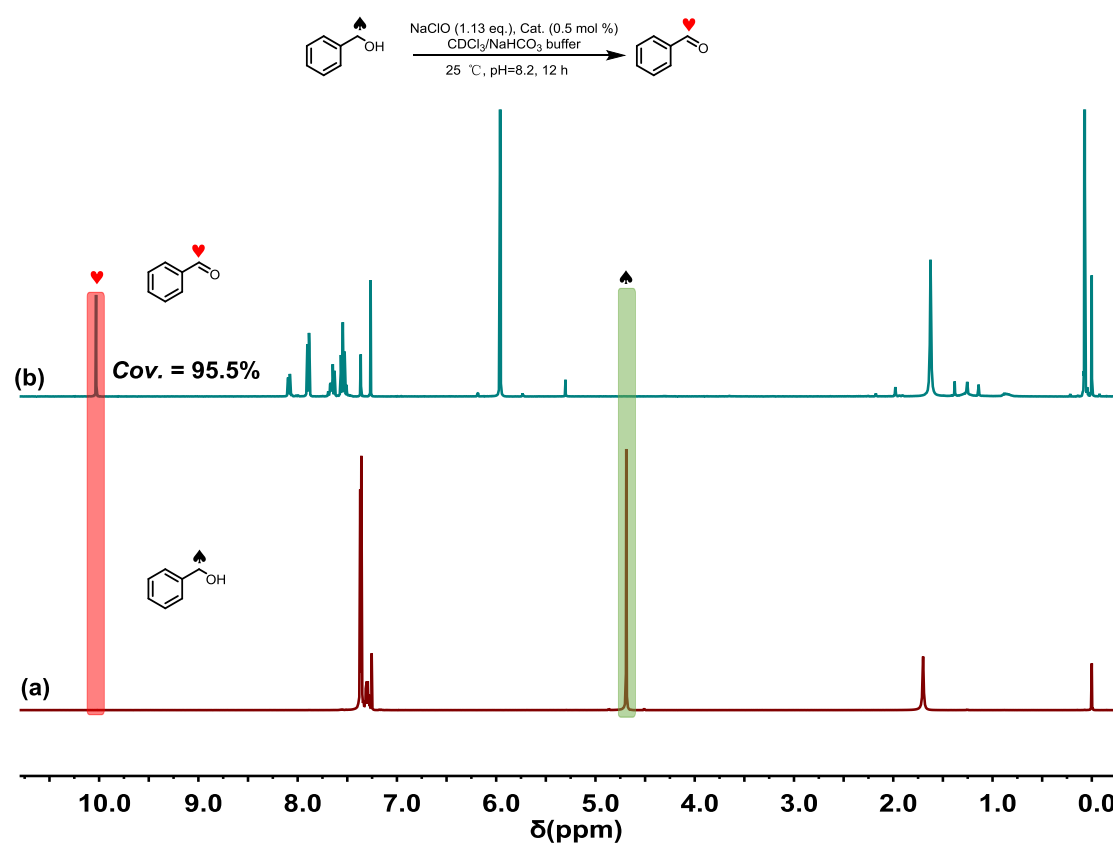


Figure S26 Stacked ¹H NMR spectra (400 MHz, CDCl₃, v/v, 298 K) of (a) benzyl alcohol, (b) the conversions of biphasic oxidation of benzyl alcohol catalyzed by **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻1a** (0.5 mol%).

Apparent kinetics of the monophasic oxidation

As shown in Figure S26-S32, the apparent kinetics of the oxidation in organic phase was measured with benzyl alcohol and phenylpropanol as model substrates. ¹H NMR yields of the products were determined using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as an internal standard. The oxidation catalyzed by **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻1a** displayed a faster reaction rate than that by the free catalyst **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻**.

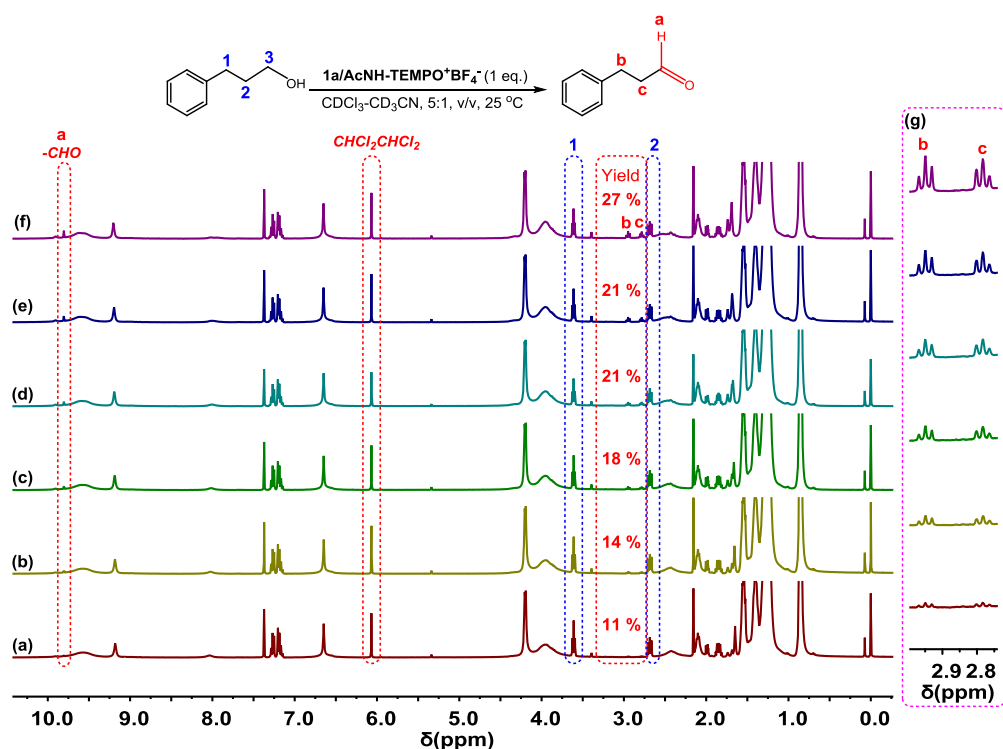


Figure S27 Stacked ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{CN}$, 5:1, v/v, 298 K) of yields of monophasic oxidation of phenylpropanol catalyzed by **AcNH-TEMPO $^+\text{BF}_4^-$ c1a**. The spectra from bottom to top correspond to the reaction at (a) 5 min, (b) 12 min, (c) 25 min, (d) 40 min, (e) 50 min, (f) 120 min. (g) Zoomed ^1H NMR spectra of for protons *b* and *c* during catalysis.

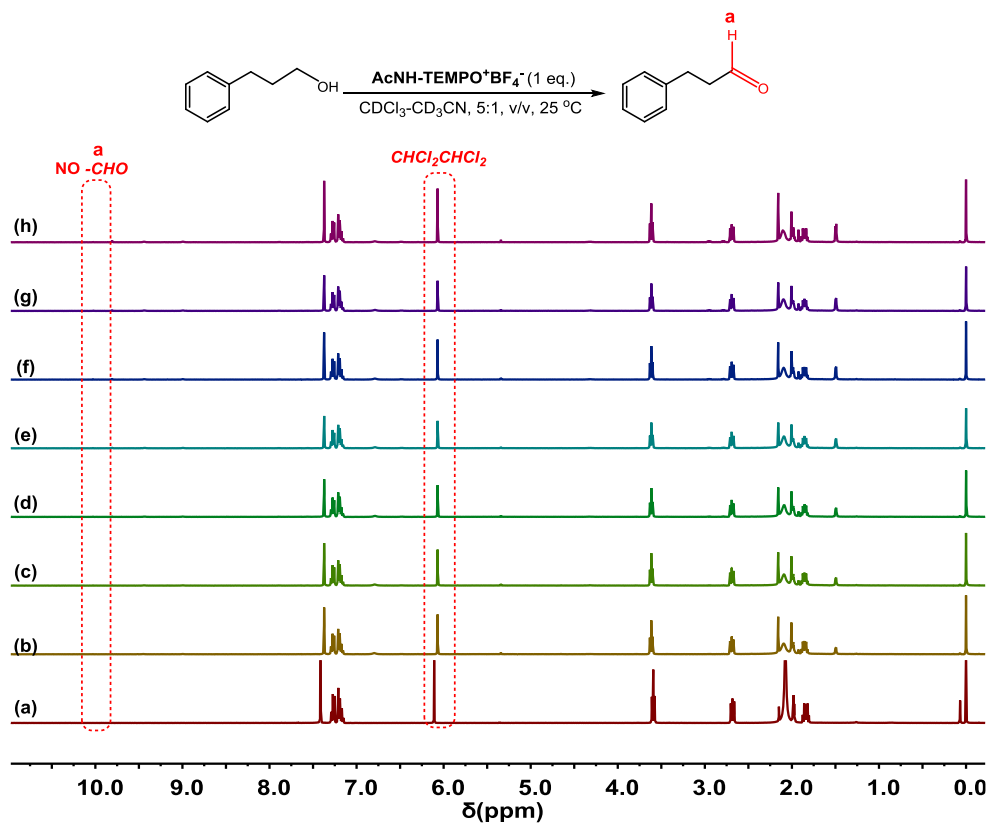


Figure S28 Stacked ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{CN}$, 5:1, v/v, 298 K) of yields of monophasic oxidation of phenylpropanol catalyzed by **AcNH-TEMPO $^+\text{BF}_4^-$** . The spectra from bottom to top correspond to the reaction at (a) 0 min, (b) 5 min, (c) 12 min, (d) 24 min, (e) 36 min, (f) 60 min, (g) 70 min, (i) 120 min.

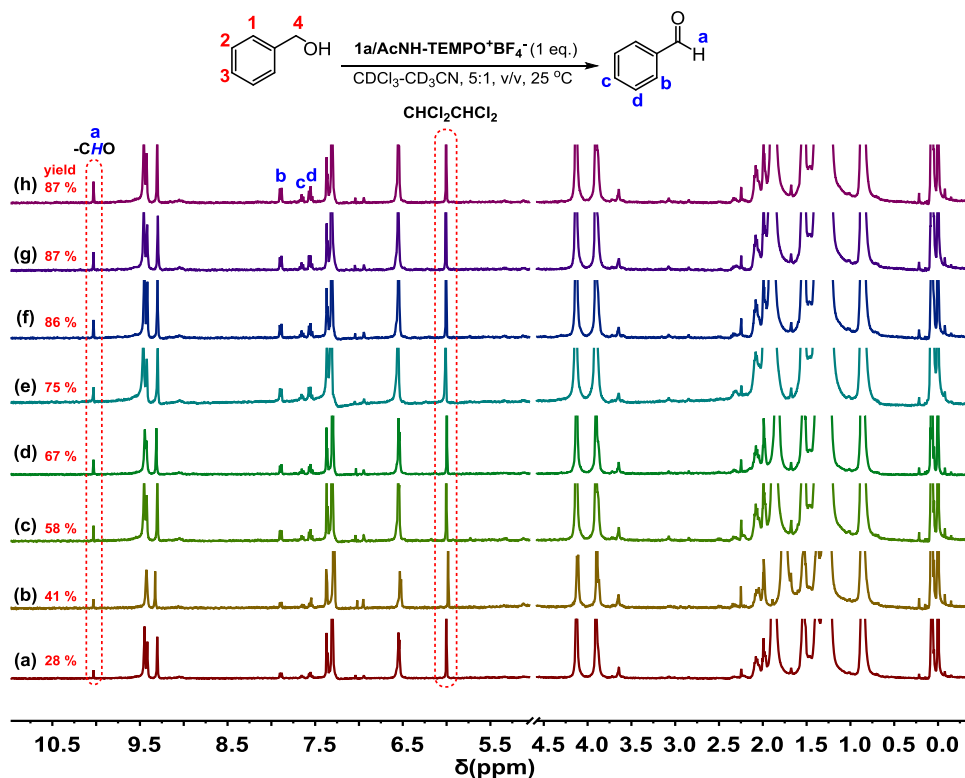


Figure S29 Stacked ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$, 5:1, v/v, 298 K) of oxidation reaction of benzyl alcohol using **AcNH-TEMPO $^+$ BF $_4^-$ 1a** as catalyst after adding benzyl alcohol at (a) 2 min, (b) 4 min, (c) 6 min, (d) 8 min, (e) 10 min, (f) 12 min, (g) 14 min, and (h) 20 min. $\text{CHCl}_2\text{CHCl}_2$ was used as an internal standard.

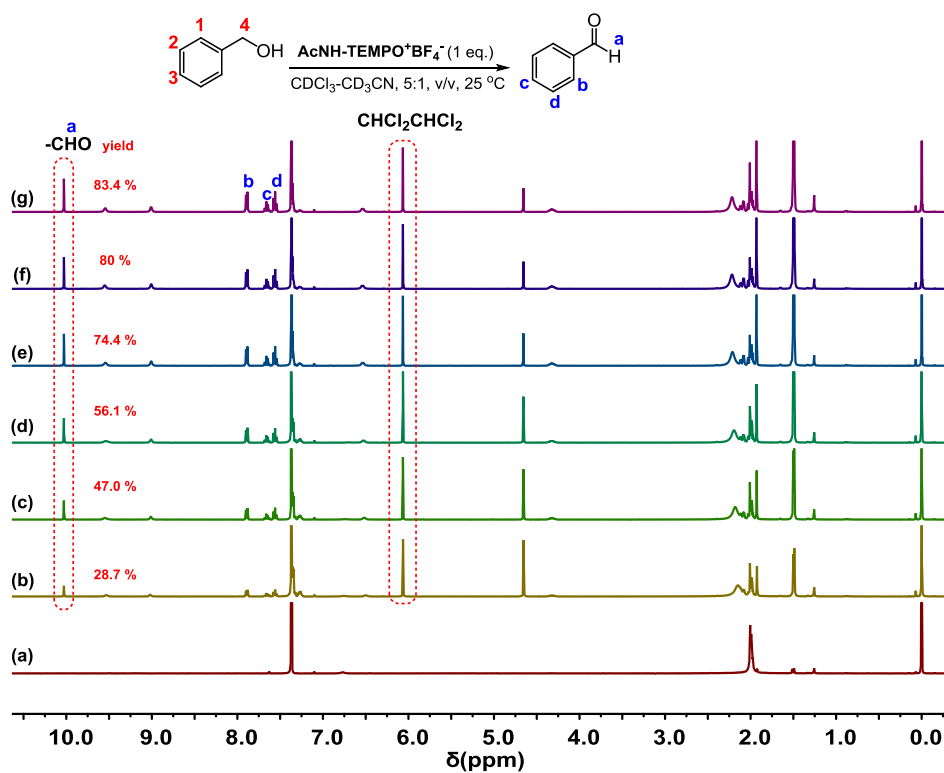
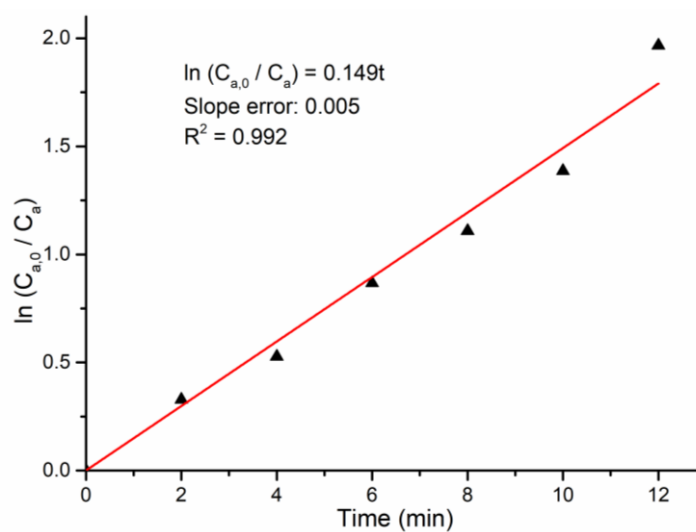


Figure S30 Stacked ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$, 5:1, v/v, 298 K) of oxidation reaction of benzyl alcohol using **AcNH-TEMPO $^+$ BF $_4^-$ 1a** as catalyst after adding benzyl alcohol at (a) 0 min (b) 4 min, (c) 10 min, (d) 15 min, (e) 37 min, (f) 48 min, (g) 64 min. $\text{CHCl}_2\text{CHCl}_2$ was used as an internal standard.

Table S2 Kinetic study of monophasic oxidation catalyzed by **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻1a**

Time (min)	Benzyl alcohol C _a (mol/L)	ln (C _{a,0} /C _a)
0	0.00209	0
2	0.001505	0.328504
4	0.001233	0.527633
6	0.000878	0.867501
8	0.00069	1.108663
10	0.000523	1.386294
12	0.000293	1.966113

**Figure S31** Linear curve fitting of the concentration of benzyl alcohol against reaction time, indicating a pseudo first-order kinetic of the reaction rate on benzyl alcohol.**Table S3** Kinetic study of monophasic oxidation catalyzed by **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻**

Time (min)	Benzyl alcohol C _a (mol/L)	Ln (C _{a,0} /C _a)
0	0.0152	0
4	0.0108	0.35
10	0.0081	0.63
15	0.0067	0.82
37	0.0039	1.33
48	0.0030	1.61
64	0.0025	1.80

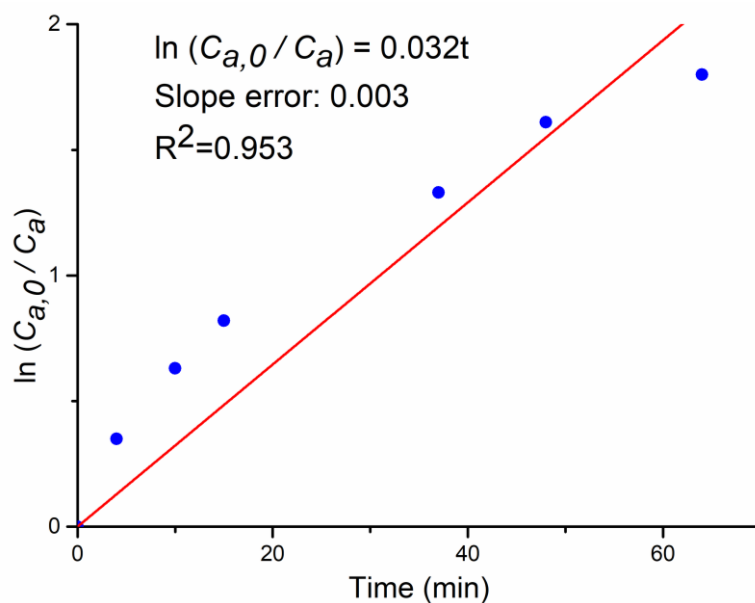


Figure S32 Linear curve fitting of the concentration of benzyl alcohol against reaction time, indicating a pseudo first-order dependence of the reaction rate on benzyl alcohol.

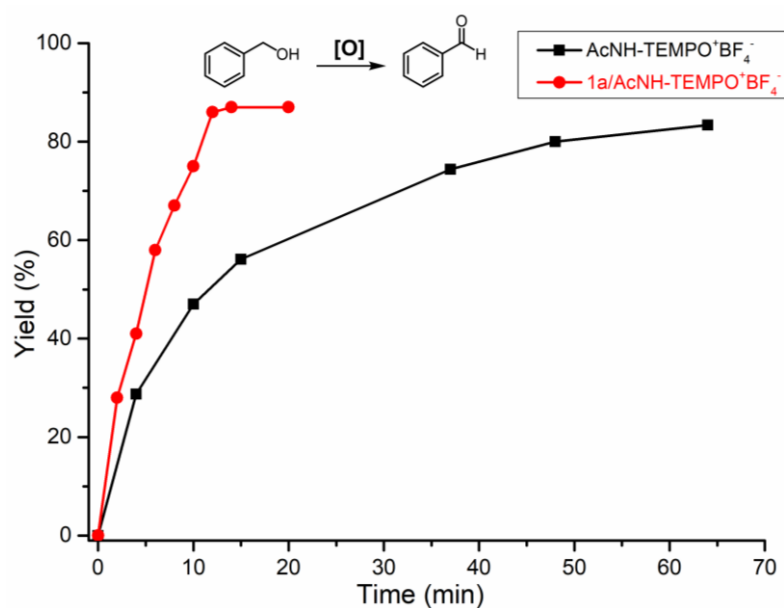


Figure S33 The time-yield relationship of the oxidation of benzyl alcohol catalyst by **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** and **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻·1a**, respectively. The yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis using CHCl₂CHCl₂ as internal standard.

X-ray crystal structure of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻·1b**

Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻·1b** reported in this communication have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC-2039200. Data collection and structure refinement details can be found in the CIF files or obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Table S4 Crystallographic data and structure refinement for **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻·1b**

Identification code	AcNH-TEMPO ⁺ BF ₄ ⁻ ·1b
CCDC No.	2039200
Empirical formula	C ₂₀₀ H ₂₉₃ B ₂ F ₈ N ₂₂ O ₄₅
Formula weight	3899.20
Temperature/K	100.00 (10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	23.8670 (3)
<i>b</i> /Å	20.5849 (3)
<i>c</i> /Å	23.4795 (3)
α /°	90
β /°	117.284 (3)
γ /°	90
Volume/Å ³	10252.1 (3)
<i>Z</i>	2
ρ_{calc} /cm ³	1.263
μ /mm ⁻¹	0.775
<i>F</i> (000)	4178.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.22 × 0.2 × 0.18
Radiation	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)
2 θ range for data collection/°	4.166 to 154.568
Index ranges	-29 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 30, -25 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 25, -29 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 22
Reflections collected	83534
Independent reflections	20836 [<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0396, <i>R</i> _{sigma} = 0.1427]
Data/restraints/parameters	20836/717/1390
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	0.927
Final <i>R</i> indexes [<i>I</i> ≥ 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0930, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.2433
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.1390, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.2627
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.73/-0.72

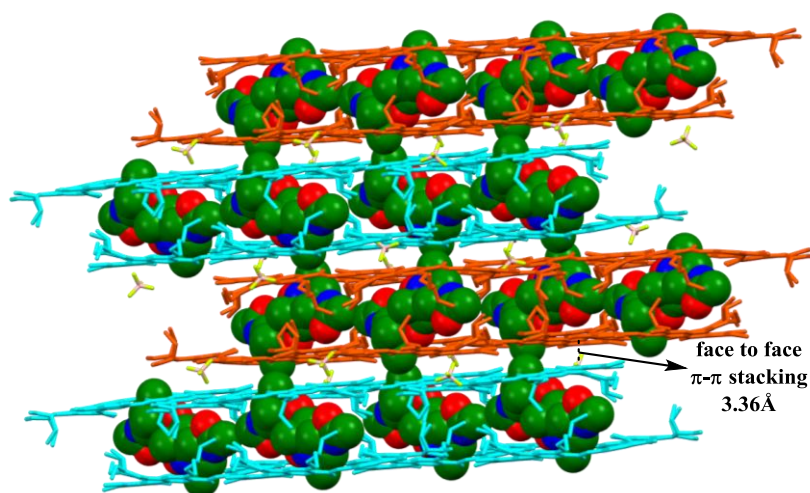


Figure S34 Crystal packing structure of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻·1b**. BF₄⁻ counterions and all hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.

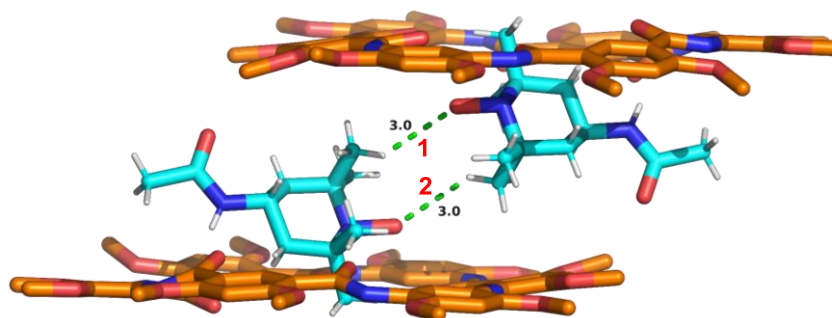


Figure S35 Hydrogen bonding between the two cationic guests (**AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻**). The side chains and hydrogen atoms of **1b** were omitted for clarity (C orange and cyan, O red, N blue, H white).

Table S5 C-H...O hydrogen bonds between the two cationic guests **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻**

No. of C-H...O interaction	H...O / Å C-H...O angles	No. of C-H...O interaction	H...O / Å C-H...O angles
1	2.97 Å (136.3°)	2	2.97 Å (136.3°)

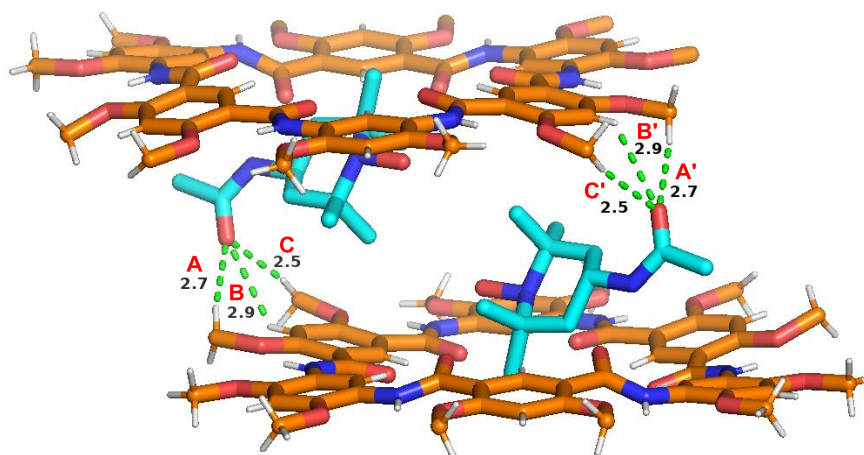


Figure S36 H-bonds between the carbonyl oxygens of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻** and the side chains of **1b**. The side chains and part hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity (C orange and cyan, O red, N blue, H white).

Table S6 C-H...O hydrogen bonds between the carbonyl oxygens of **AcNH-TEMPO**⁺**BF₄⁻** and the side chains of **1b**

No. of C-H...O interaction	H...O / Å C-H...O angles	No. of C-H...O interaction	H...O / Å C-H...O angles
A	2.66 (164.2°)	A'	2.66 (164.2°)
B	2.90 (126.6°)	B'	2.90 (126.6°)
C	2.52 (168.3°)	C'	2.52 (168.3°)

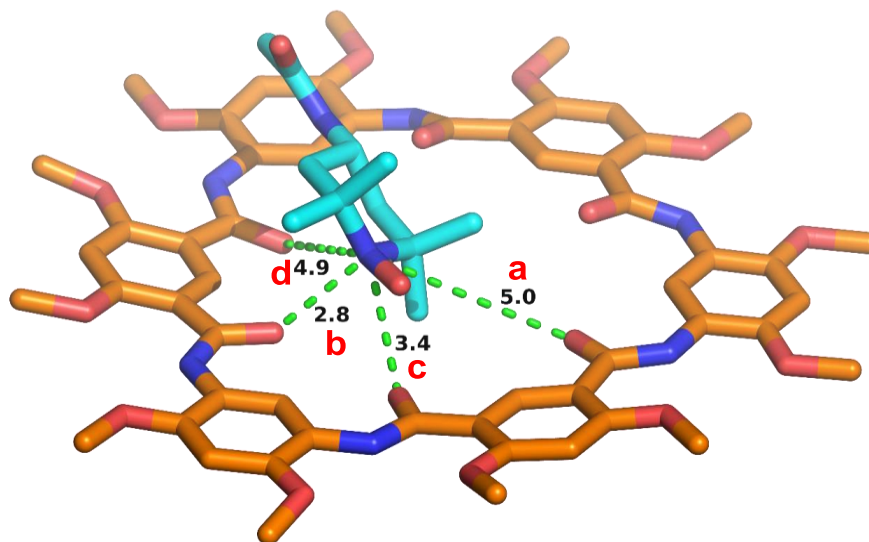


Figure S37 Cation-dipole interactions between **1b** and **AcNH-TEMPO**⁺**BF₄⁻**. The side chains and all hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity (C orange and cyan, O red, N blue, H white).

Table S7 N⁺...O cation dipole interactions in the crystal structure of **AcNH-TEMPO**⁺**BF₄⁻**·**1b**

No. of N ⁺ ...O interaction	O...N ⁺ / Å	No. of O...N ⁺ interaction	O...N ⁺ / Å
a	4.98	c	2.83
b	3.40	d	4.92

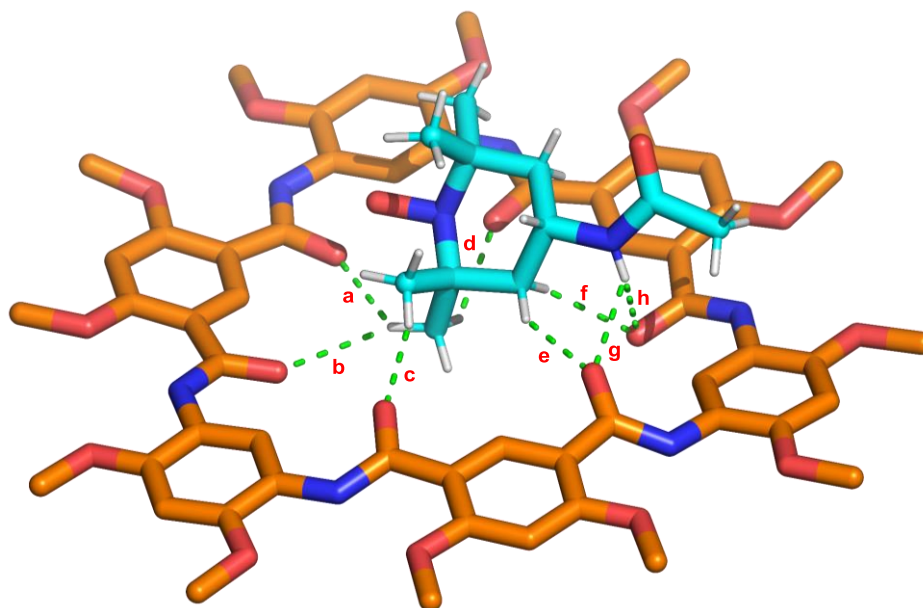


Figure S38 H-bonding interactions between **1b** and **AcNH-TEMPO**⁺**BF₄⁻**. The side chains and part hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity (C orange and cyan, O red, N blue, H white).

Table S8 H-bonding interactions between **1b** and **AcNH-TEMPO⁺BF₄⁻**.

No. of C/N-H...O interaction	H...O / Å C/N-H...O angles	No. of C/N-H...O interaction	H...O / Å C/N-H...O angles
a	2.68 (125.4°)	e	2.38 (146.5°)
b	3.02 (134.2°)	f	2.37 (143.8°)
c	2.38 (158.6°)	g	2.47 (126.0°)
d	2.67 (139.4°)	h	2.82 (127.9°)

DFT calculation for Mulliken charge distribution

All side chains of **CA[6]** are replaced by CH₃ for simplicity. The geometries of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺**, **AcNH-TEMPO⁺·1c** and **1c** were fully optimized at the B3LYP(PCM,chloroform)/ 6-311G (2d,2p) level of theory with the keyword UAHF method. The contained structures were confirmed without any imaginary frequency. The Mulliken population analysis on these geometries was carried out at the same level. All calculations were performed in Gaussian 09 program package. ^[5]

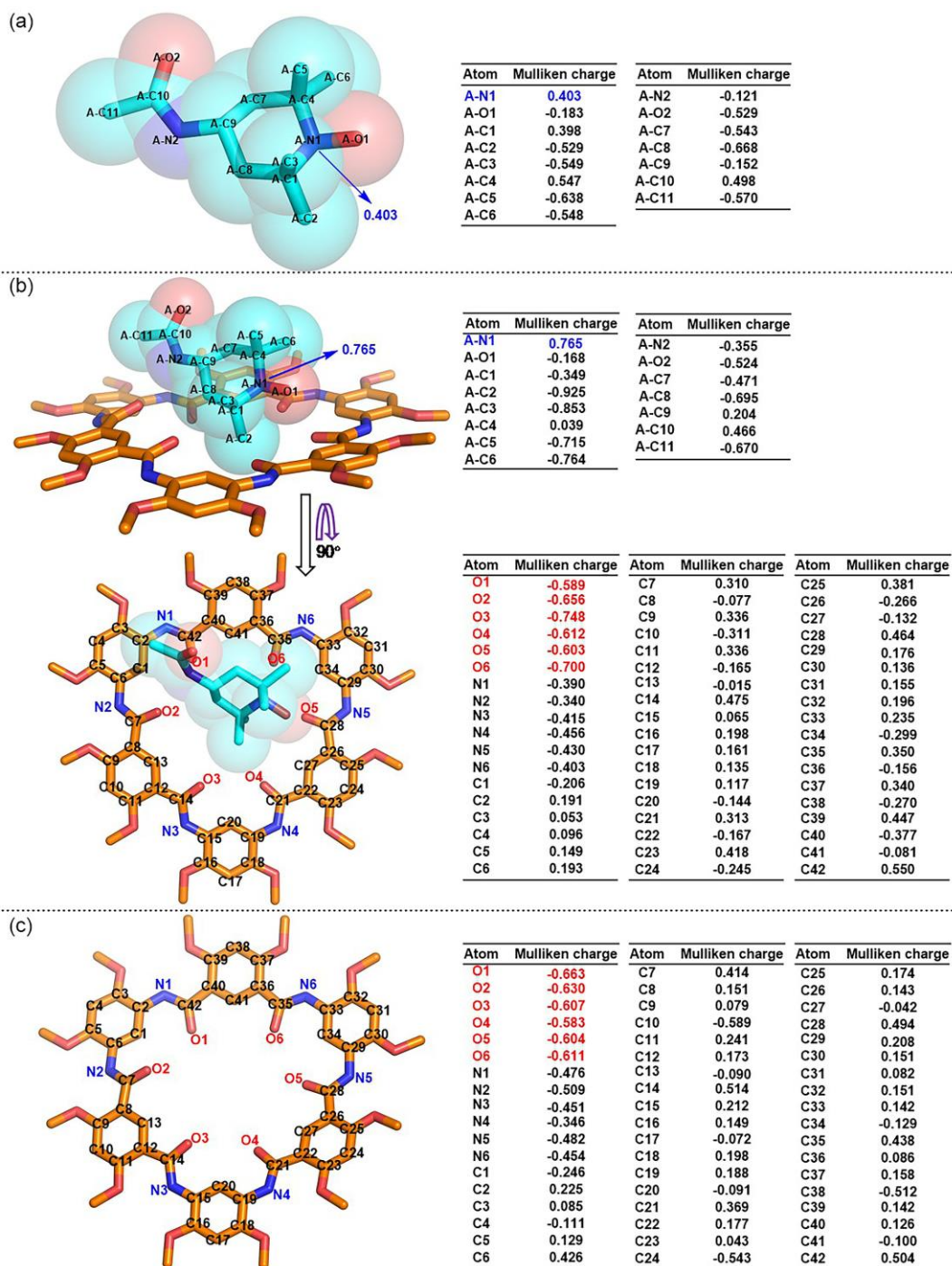


Figure S39 The partial atomic Mulliken charges of all atoms in (a) AcNH-TEMPO⁺, (b) AcNH-TEMPO⁺·c1c and 1c were calculated by Mulliken population analysis. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.

Standard orientation for the optimized structure of AcNH-TEMPO⁺

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	8	0	-3.265253	1.198250	0.445399
2	8	0	3.218756	0.480965	-0.154086
3	7	0	1.882868	0.138846	-0.516534
4	7	0	-2.238374	-0.744413	-0.083651
5	1	0	-2.356601	-1.539715	-0.386729
6	6	0	-0.433592	0.929478	-0.456634

7	1	0	-1.022877	1.652602	-0.193896
8	1	0	-0.519842	0.812384	-1.416330
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Standard orientation for the optimized structure of **AcNH-TEMPO⁺c1c**

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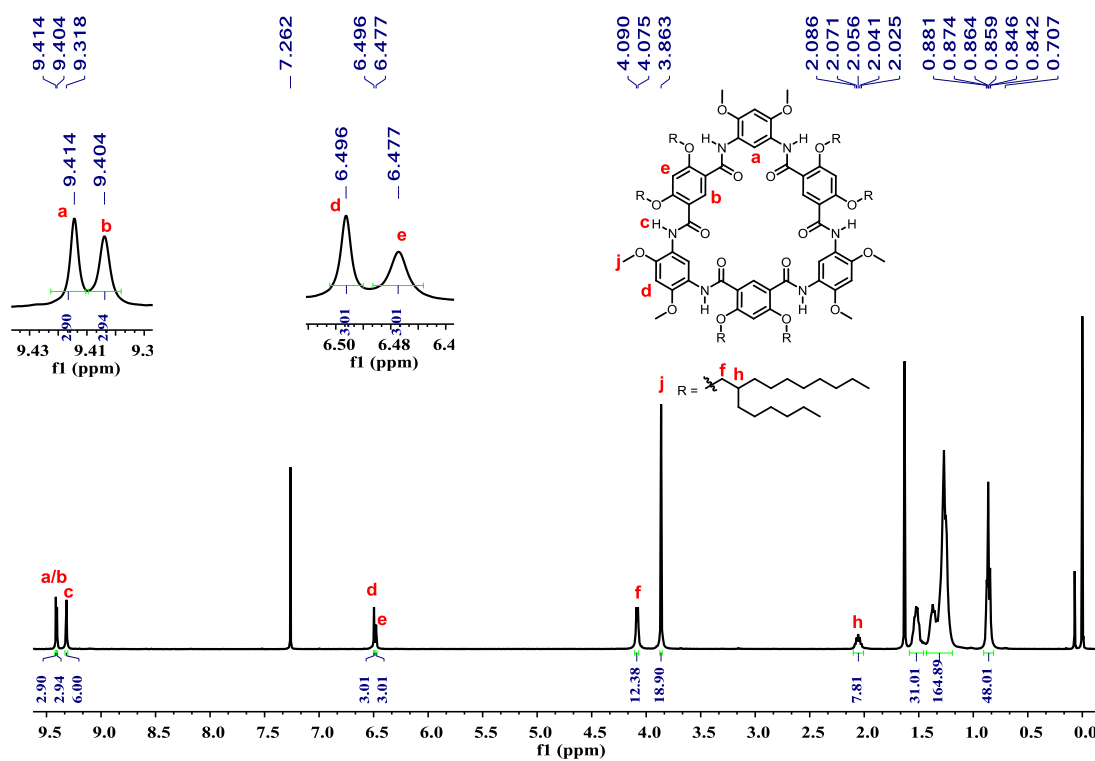
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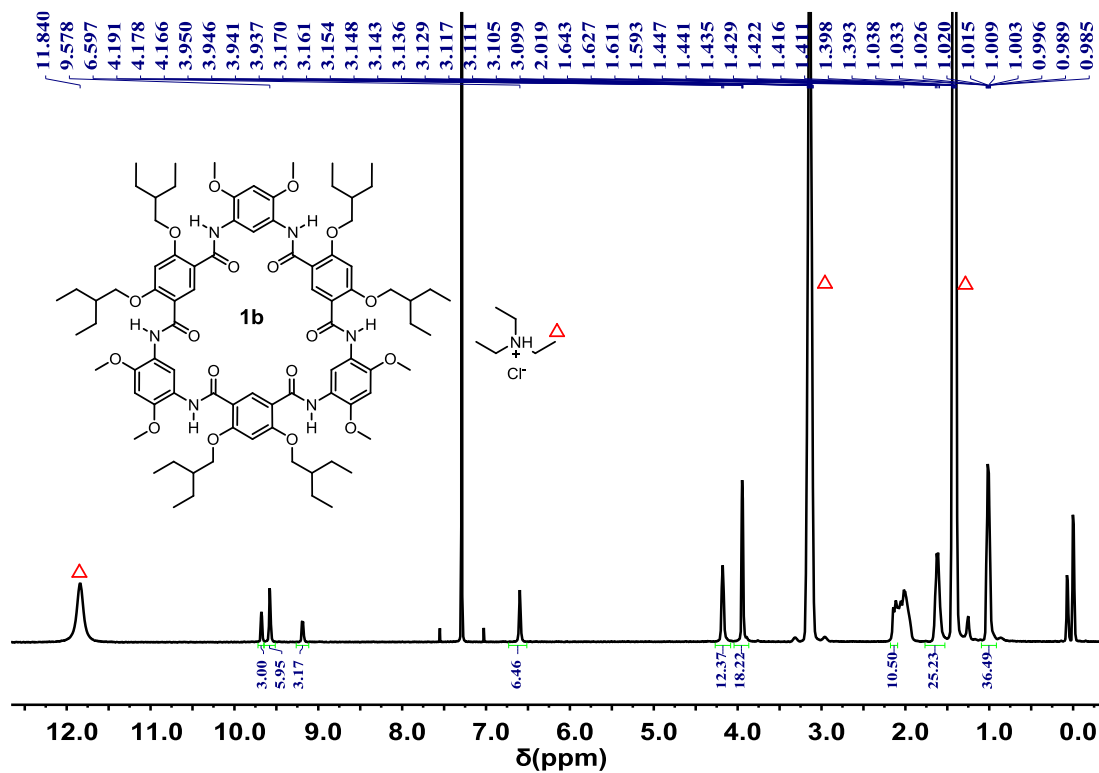
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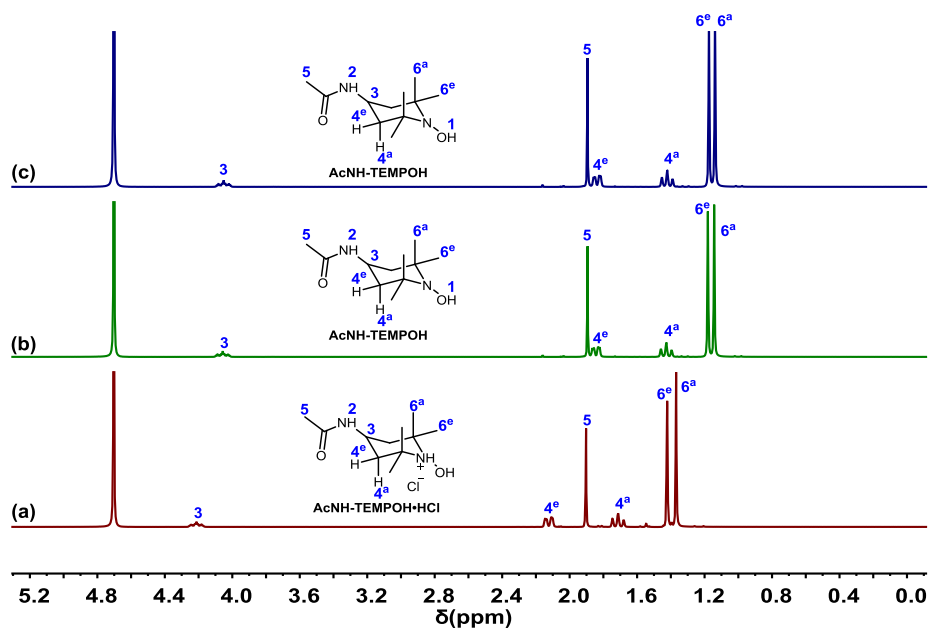
¹H NMR Spectra



¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of **1a**.



¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of **1b** in the presence of Et₃N·HCl (Δ).



¹H NMR spectra (400 MHz, D₂O, 298 K) of (a) **AcNH-TEMPOH·HCl**; (b) after adding excess NaHCO₃ to the above solution; (c) **AcNH-TEMPOH·HCl** in the presence of excess NaHCO₃.

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