# C(sp $\left.{ }^{3}\right)$-H Oxidation and Chlorination Catalysed by A Bioinspired Pincer Iron(III) Complex 

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## 1. General Information

Unless otherwise specified, the chemicals (AR grade) were obtained from commercial sources and were used without further purification. Fe(III) catalysts $\mathbf{1}^{1,2}$ was synthesized according to reported procedures. The progress of the reactions was monitored by TLC (silica gel, Polygram SILG/UV 254 plates). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz and 125 MHz , respectively, and $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, was used as the solvent with TMS as the internal standard. GC-MS was performed on a Shimadzu GC-2010 Gas Chromatograph (GC column: Shimadzu SHR5XLB) equipped with a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010S Mass Selective Detector. UV-vis spectra were performed on an Agilent Cary 100 UV-vis spectrophotometer using a 1-cm quartz cuvette. UV-vis kinetic studies were performed on a Hewlett Packard 8453 UV-vis spectrophotometer using a $1-\mathrm{cm}$ quartz cuvette. A single crystal of complex name was mounted on glass fiber loop using paratone oil. Collection of the data was done on a Rigaku XtaLAB Mini II Diffractometer using MoK $\alpha$ $(\lambda=0.71073 \AA)$ radiation source at $293.7(\mathrm{~min})-296.4(\max ) \mathrm{K}$. The absorption correction was done using a Gaussian grid with a 0.5 mm 1D horizontal Gaussian beam correction for the graphite monochromator. The structure was solved in Olex ${ }^{3}$ with SHELXT ${ }^{4}$ using intrinsic phasing method and refined using the SHELXL program with the least square method. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. The hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically calculated positions and further refined using a riding model. Isotropic parameters of all hydrogen atoms were fixed to 1.2 times the U value of the atoms with the methyl groups being 1.5 times U .

Gas chromatograph methods used for substrate characterization:

| Compounds | cyclohexane and <br> cycloheptane | cyclooctane and <br> cyclododecane | cis-decalin and <br> $(+)$-sclareolide |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Initial temperature | $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Ramp1 | $5^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{min}$ to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $15^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{min}$ to $200^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{min}$ to $200^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Ramp2 | $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{min}$ to $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, <br> hold for 3 min | $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \min$ to $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, <br> hold for 3 min | $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{min}$ to $300{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, <br> hold for 3 min |
| Injector temperature | $250^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $250{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $250{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Detector temperature | $340^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $300^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

## 2. General Procedures for Fe (III) Catalysed C-H Functionalisation

### 2.1 C-H oxidation of aliphatic substrates

To a 25 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar, Fe(III) catalyst $\mathbf{1}(0.025 \mathrm{mmol}, 5 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ and substrate ( $0.5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.) in 5 mL HFIP were added. Then $m$-CPBA ( $1.5 \mathrm{mmol}, 3$ equiv.) was added in one batch. After completion of charging, the mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at room temperature. After the reaction is done, the reaction solution was filtered through a short plug of silica gel. The filtrate was analysed directly by GC/MS. For isolated product, after the reaction is done, the mixture was carefully concentrated in vacuum. The residue was diluted with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and extracted with dichloromethane ( 3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with water, dried with anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The mixture was concentrated in vacuum and purified by
silica gel flash column chromatography eluting with hexane / ethyl acetate to afford the corresponding product.

### 2.2 Competition experiment

To a 25 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar, Fe (III) catalyst 1 ( $0.025 \mathrm{mmol}, 5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), cyclohexanol ( $0.25 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5$ equiv.), and cyclooctane ( $0.25 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5$ equiv.) in 5 mL HFIP were added. Then $m$-CPBA ( $1.5 \mathrm{mmol}, 3$ equiv.) was added in portions (3-6 batches). After completion of charging, the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the reaction is done, an aliquot was taken and run through a silica plug. The mixture was then analysed by GC-MS.


### 2.3 C-H oxidation of benzylic substrates

To a 25 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar, $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{III})$ catalyst $\mathbf{1}(0.025 \mathrm{mmol}, 5 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ and substrate ( $0.5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.) in 5 mL HFIP were added. Then $m$-CPBA ( $1.5 \mathrm{mmol}, 3$ equiv.) was added in portions (3-6 batches). After completion of charging, the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the reaction is done, the mixture was carefully concentrated in vacuum. The residue was diluted with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate and extracted with dichloromethane ( 3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with water, dried with anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The mixture was concentrated in vacuum and purified by silica gel flash column chromatography eluting with hexane / ethyl acetate to afford the corresponding product.

### 2.4 C-H chlorination

To a 25 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar, Fe(III) catalyst $\mathbf{1}$ ( $0.025 \mathrm{mmol}, 5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) and substrate ( $0.5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.) in 5 mL HFIP were added. Then sodium hypochlorite solution ( 0.5 M , 3 equiv.) was added in portions (3-6 batches). After completion of charging, the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the reaction is done, the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane ( 3 times). The combined organic layer was washed with water, dried with anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. The mixture was concentrated in vacuum and purified by silica gel flash column chromatography eluting with hexane / ethyl acetate to afford the corresponding product.

## 3. Experimental Data for Fe(III) Catalysed C-H Functionalisation

### 3.1 GC trace of C-H oxidation



Figure S1. GC analysis of Fe(III)-catalysed oxidation of cyclohexane


Figure S2. GC analysis of Fe(III)-catalysed oxidation of cycloheptane


Figure S3. GC analysis of Fe (III)-catalysed oxidation of cyclooctane


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|  |  |  |  |  | Peak Report TIC |  |  |  |  |
| Peak\# | R.Time | I.Time | F.Time | Area | Area\% | Height | Height\% | A/H |  |
| 1 | 5.530 | 5.408 | 5.758 | 18797445 | 45.55 | 5272877 | 38.55 | 3.56 |  |
| 2 | 6.780 | 6.708 | 6.858 | 11553770 | 28.00 | 4549342 | 33.26 | 2.53 |  |
| 3 | 8.408 | 8.333 | 8.475 | 4915202 | 11.91 | 3119525 | 22.81 | 1.57 |  |
| 4 | 8.823 | 8.783 | 9.192 | 6003603 | 14.55 | 735240 | 5.38 | 8.16 |  |

Figure S4. GC analysis of Fe (III)-catalysed oxidation of cyclododecane


Figure S5. GC analysis of Fe (III)-catalysed oxidation of cis-decalin


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MassPeaks:96
RawMode:Single 8.458(860) BasePeak:43.00(72860)
BG Mode:None Group 1 - Event 1


Figure S6. GC analysis of Fe(III)-catalysed chlorination of sclareolide. The chlorination product was confirmed by comparing with authentic compound synthesized according to literature report. ${ }^{6}$

### 3.2 Kinetic profiles of iron oxo decay in the presence of substrates

Experiments were recorded on a Hewlett Packard 8453 UV-vis spectrophotometer using a $1-\mathrm{cm}$ quartz cuvette at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Concentration of iron oxo intermediate was calculated using an extinction coefficient value $\varepsilon=1126 \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ calculated from Figure 1 in the main text.


Figure S7. Decay of iron oxo intermediate in 0.16 mM cyclooctane. $k_{\mathrm{obs}}=0.165(3) \mathrm{s}^{-1}$.


Figure S8. Decay of iron oxo intermediate in 0.24 mM cyclooctane. $k_{\mathrm{obs}}=0.209(8) \mathrm{s}^{-1}$.


Figure S9. Decay of iron oxo intermediate in 0.32 mM cyclooctane. $k_{\mathrm{obs}}=0.34(1) \mathrm{s}^{-1}$.


Figure S10. Decay of iron oxo intermediate in 0.48 mM cyclooctane. $k_{\mathrm{obs}}=0.59(2) \mathrm{s}^{-1}$.


Figure S 11 . Second order rate constant for the C-H functionalization step at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . k=11.3(7) \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$.

### 3.3 Product Characterization



4 e

1-adamantanol (4e): Synthesized according to the general procedure, and isolated as a white solid ( $51 \mathrm{mg}, 77 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 2.16(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.73(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.64(\mathrm{q}, J=12 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.37-1.39(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta$ (ppm): 68.20, 45.34, 36.08, 30.72.
 cis-9-Decalol (cis-4f): Synthesized according to the general procedure, and isolated as a colorless oil ( $28 \mathrm{mg}, 42 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 1.27-1.91(\mathrm{~m}, 18 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 72.1,42.7,29.7,20.6$. The spectra match previous report. ${ }^{5}$

$(+)$-sclareolide ( $\mathbf{3 g}$ ): Synthesized according to the general procedure, and isolated as a white solid ( $51 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 2.23-2.45(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.96-2.11(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.64-1.74(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.34-1.51(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 1.18-1.28(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.03-1.09$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.93(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.91(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right), \delta(\mathrm{ppm})$ : $176.85,86.36,59.11,56.65,42.17,39.50,38.71,36.05,33.16,28.71,21.57,20.92$, 20.56, 18.09, 15.07.

$3 i$

4-acetylphenyl acetate (3i): Synthesized according to the general procedure, and isolated as a white solid ( $49 \mathrm{mg}, 55 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.01(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.22(\mathrm{~d}, J=9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.62(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.35(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right), \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 196.82,168.85,154.35,134.74,129.94,121.77,26.60,21.16$.

4-chloroacetophenone ( $\mathbf{3 j}$ ): Synthesized according to the general procedure, and isolated as a yellow oil ( $45 \mathrm{mg}, 59 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right), \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.91(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta$ (ppm): 196.79, 139.56, 135.44, 129.72, 128.89, 26.56.


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4-cyanoacetophenone ( $\mathbf{3 k}$ ): Synthesized according to the general procedure, and isolated as a colorless oil ( $23 \mathrm{~g}, 32 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.04-8.06$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.78-7.79(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.66(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})$ : 196.51, 139.92, 132.52, 128.70, 117.92, 116.43, 26.77.


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4-nitroacetophenone (31): Synthesized according to the general procedure, and isolated as a colorless oil ( $35 \mathrm{mg}, 42 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.33$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.70(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta$ (ppm): 196.29, 150.37, 141.38, 129.3, 123.86, 26.99.


7-acetyl-5-(tert-butyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one
(3m):
Synthesized according to the general procedure, and isolated as a white solid ( 100 mg , $78 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.5$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.63(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.61(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.43(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.36(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right), \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 204.65,204.02,164.57,159.38,139.18,129.34,123.23,121.77,53.23,38.69,35.76$, 31.12, 30.93, 30.02.


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methyl 2-(4-isobutyrylphenyl)propanoate (3n): Synthesized according to the general procedure, and isolated as a colorless oil ( $55 \mathrm{mg}, 47 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 500 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right), \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 7.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.81(\mathrm{q}, J$ $=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.70(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.56$ (hept, $J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.23$ (d, $J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 203.95,174.31,145.46,135.14,128.76$, 127.81, 52.20, 45.40, 35.34, 19.14, 18.41.

chlorocyclooctane (5a): Synthesized according to the general procedure, and isolated as a colorless oil ( $32 \mathrm{mg}, 45 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): \delta 4.25(\mathrm{t}, J=4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.11-2.17(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.97-2.05(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.74-1.82(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.48-1.61(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ), $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 63.59,35.16,27.40,24.93,23.57$.

## 4. NMR Spectra of Compounds



Figure $\mathrm{S} 12{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 1-Adamantanol $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$

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Figure S13 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 1-Adamantanol $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$


Figure S14 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of cis-9-decalinol $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$


Figure $\mathrm{S} 15{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of cis-9-decalinol $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$


Figure $\mathrm{S} 16{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of（ $\left.3 \mathrm{a} R\right)-(+)$－Sclareolide $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$


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Figure $\mathrm{S} 17{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $(3 \mathrm{a} R)-(+)$－Sclareolide $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$


Figure S18 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 4-Acetylphenyl acetate $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$

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Figure S19 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 4-Acetylphenyl acetate $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$


Figure S20 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 4-Chloroacetophenone $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$

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Figure S21 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 4-Chloroacetophenone $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$


Figure S23 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 4-Cyanoacetophenone $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$


Figure S24 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 4-Nitroacetophenone $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$

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Figure $\mathrm{S} 25{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 4-Nitroacetophenone $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$


Figure S26 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 7-acetyl-5-(tert-butyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$
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Figure $\mathrm{S} 27{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 7-acetyl-5-(tert-butyl)-3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$


Figure S28 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of methyl 2-(4-isobutyrylphenyl)propanoate $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$
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Figure S29 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of methyl 2-(4-isobutyrylphenyl)propanoate ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}$ )


Figure $\mathrm{S} 30{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of Chlorocyclooctane $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$
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Figure S31 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of Chlorocyclooctane $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$

## 5. X-ray Crystal Structure and Data of catalyst 1



Figure S32 ORTEP diagram of 1. Color code: carbon (grey), oxygen (red), nitrogen (blue)
Table S1. Crystal data for 1

| Compound | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{FeN}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ |
| Formula weight | 582.04 |
| Temperature | $295(2) \mathrm{K}$ |
| Crystal system | Triclinic |
| Space group | $\mathrm{P}-1$ |
| Unit cell dimensions | $\mathrm{a}=11.3885(3) \AA \quad$ alpha $=78.630(3) \mathrm{deg}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{b}=13.9248(4) \AA \quad$ beta $=79.475(3) \mathrm{deg}$. |
|  | $\mathrm{c}=16.7200(7) \AA \quad$ gamma $=89.481(2) \mathrm{deg}$. |
| Volume | $2554.73(15) \AA^{3}$ |
| $Z$ | 2 |
| Calculated density | $1.516 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ |
| Absorption coefficient | $0.836 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| $\mathrm{~F}(000)$ | 1196 |
| Crystal size | $0.32 \times 0.27 \times 0.12 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| Theta range for data collection | 1.8120 to 224.8150 deg. |

## Accession Codes

CCDC 2086380 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. This data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif, or by emailing data_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk, or by contacting The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44 1223336033.

Table S2. Selected bond lengths for $\mathbf{1}$

| Fe1A-Cl1A | 2.2760 (11) |
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| $\mathrm{Fe} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{Cl2A}$ | 2.2208 (12) |
| Fe1A-N3A | 1.976 (3) |
| Fe1A-N2A | 2.145 (3) |
| Fe1A-N1A | 2.152 (3) |
| FelB-Cl1B | 2.2720 (12) |
| Fe1B-Cl2B | 2.2189 (12) |
| Fe1B-N3B | 1.973 (3) |
| Fe1B-N2B | 2.143 (3) |
| Fe1B-N1B | 2.130 (3) |
| O3B-C22B | 1.352 (5) |
| $\mathrm{O} 3 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 23 \mathrm{~B}$ | 1.448 (5) |
| $\mathrm{O} 3 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~A}$ | 1.358 (5) |
| O3A-C23A | 1.452 (5) |
| O1B-C9B | 1.343 (5) |
| O1B-C8B | 1.427 (5) |
| N3B-C15B | 1.382 (5) |
| N3B-C16B | 1.407 (5) |
| O1A-C9A | 1.359 (5) |
| O1A-C8A | 1.417 (5) |
| N3A-C15A | 1.397 (5) |
| N3A - C16A | 1.400 (5) |
| N2A-C22A | 1.283 (5) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 24 \mathrm{~A}$ | 1.496 (5) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~B}$ | 1.292 (5) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 24 \mathrm{~B}$ | 1.485 (5) |
| N1A-C9A | 1.288 (5) |
| N1A-C1A | 1.499 (5) |
| N1B-C9B | 1.296 (5) |
| N1B-C1B | 1.506 (5) |
| C15B-C14B | 1.408 (5) |
| C15B-C10B | 1.401 (5) |
| C15A-C14A | 1.406 (5) |
| C15A-C10A | 1.403 (5) |
| C16B-C17B | 1.404 (5) |
| C16B-C21B | 1.413 (5) |
| C17A-C14A | 1.436 (6) |
| C17A-C16A | 1.403 (5) |
| C17A-C18A | 1.399 (6) |
| C14B-C17B | 1.439 (6) |
| C14B-C13B | 1.392 (6) |
| C14A-C13A | 1.401 (6) |
| C16A-C21A | 1.405 (5) |
| C21A-C22A | 1.430 (5) |


| C21A-C20A | 1.412 (5) |
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| C17B-C18B | 1.403 (6) |
| C25A-C26A | 1.394 (6) |
| C25A-C24A | 1.504 (6) |
| C25A-C30A | 1.381 (6) |
| C21B-C22B | 1.436 (6) |
| C21B-C20B | 1.406 (5) |
| C9A-C10A | 1.436 (6) |
| C25B-C24B | 1.511 (6) |
| C25B-C26B | 1.394 (6) |
| C25B-C30B | 1.387 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 1.498 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~B}$ | 1.376 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{~B}$ | 1.371 (7) |
| C9B-C10B | 1.443 (6) |
| C10B-C11B | 1.399 (5) |
| C10A-C11A | 1.396 (5) |
| C13B-C12B | 1.388 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 1.504 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~A}$ | 1.380 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{~A}$ | 1.365 (7) |
| C20A-C19A | 1.375 (6) |
| C11B-C12B | 1.374 (6) |
| C26A-C27A | 1.372 (7) |
| C11A-C12A | 1.376 (6) |
| C13A-C12A | 1.374 (7) |
| C20B-C19B | 1.377 (6) |
| C18B-C19B | 1.390 (7) |
| C19A-C18A | 1.383 (7) |
| C23B-C24B | 1.541 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C} 23 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 24 \mathrm{~A}$ | 1.530 (6) |
| C26B-C27B | 1.371 (7) |
| C8B-C1B | 1.534 (6) |
| C8A-C1A | 1.542 (7) |
| C30A-C29A | 1.400 (8) |
| C30B-C29B | 1.385 (7) |
| C27A-C28A | 1.367 (8) |
| C7B-C6B | 1.381 (8) |
| C5B-C6B | 1.358 (8) |
| C5B-C4B | 1.354 (8) |
| C3B-C4B | 1.395 (7) |
| C7A-C6A | 1.372 (8) |
| C27B-C28B | 1.370 (8) |
| C3A-C4A | 1.378 (8) |


| $\mathrm{C} 29 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 28 \mathrm{~B}$ | $1.344(9)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 29 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 28 \mathrm{~A}$ | $1.361(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 5 \mathrm{~A}$ | $1.360(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 5 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{~A}$ | $1.388(9)$ |

Table S3. Selected bond angles for $\mathbf{1}$

|  | Angle ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Cl} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{Fe} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{Cl1A}$ | 121.72 (5) |
| N3A-Fe1A-Cl1A | 130.25 (10) |
| N3A-Fe1A-Cl2A | 108.02 (10) |
| N3A-Fe1A-N2A | 87.57 (12) |
| N3A-Fe1A-N1A | 88.59 (13) |
| N2A-Fe1A-Cl1A | 87.01 (9) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{Fe} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{Cl} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ | 95.56 (9) |
| N2A-Fe1A-N1A | 167.20 (13) |
| N1A-Fe1A-Cl1A | 86.17 (9) |
| N1A-Fe1A-Cl2A | 97.25 (10) |
| Cl2B-Fe1B-Cl1B | 121.70 (5) |
| N3B-Fe1B-Cl1B | 128.62 (9) |
| N3B-Fe1B-Cl2B | 109.68 (10) |
| N3B-Fe1B-N2B | 88.29 (12) |
| N3B-Fe1B-N1B | 87.98 (13) |
| N2B-Fe1B-Cl1B | 87.16 (9) |
| N2B-Fe1B-Cl2B | 94.78 (9) |
| N1B-Fe1B-Cl1B | 86.98 (10) |
| N1B-Fe1B-Cl2B | 96.36 (10) |
| N1B-Fe1B-N2B | 168.86 (13) |
| $\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{O} 3 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 23 \mathrm{~B}$ | 106.7 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{O} 3 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 23 \mathrm{~A}$ | 106.8 (3) |
| C9B-O1B-C8B | 106.1 (3) |
| C15B-N3B-Fe1B | 127.7 (3) |
| C15B-N3B-C16B | 104.7 (3) |
| C16B-N3B-Fe1B | 127.0 (3) |
| C9A-01A-C8A | 106.4 (3) |
| C15A-N3A-Fe1A | 127.0 (2) |
| C15A-N3A-C16A | 104.7 (3) |
| C16A-N3A-Fe1A | 127.6 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{Fe} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 127.6 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 24 \mathrm{~A}$ | 108.1 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 24 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{Fe} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 124.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Fe} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 127.4 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 24 \mathrm{~B}$ | 108.1 (3) |
| C24B-N2B-Fe1B | 124.2 (2) |


| C9A-N1A-Fe1A | 125.6 (3) |
| :---: | :---: |
| C9A-N1A-C1A | 107.9 (3) |
| C1A-N1A-Fe1A | 125.3 (3) |
| C9B-N1B-Fe1B | 127.1 (3) |
| C9B-N1B-C1B | 107.0 (3) |
| C1B-N1B-Fe1B | 124.9 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N} 3 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 15 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 14 \mathrm{~B}$ | 112.3 (3) |
| N3B-C15B-C10B | 128.0 (4) |
| C10B-C15B-C14B | 119.7 (3) |
| N3A-C15A-C14A | 111.6 (3) |
| N3A-C15A-C10A | 127.9 (3) |
| C10A-C15A-C14A | 120.4 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N} 3 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 16 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 21 \mathrm{~B}$ | 128.5 (4) |
| C17B-C16B-N3B | 111.2 (3) |
| C17B-C16B-C21B | 120.3 (3) |
| C16A-C17A-C14A | 106.3 (3) |
| C18A-C17A-C14A | 133.5 (4) |
| C18A-C17A-C16A | 120.2 (4) |
| C15B-C14B-C17B | 105.5 (3) |
| C13B-C14B-C15B | 120.5 (4) |
| C13B-C14B-C17B | 134.0 (4) |
| C15A-C14A-C17A | 105.9 (3) |
| C13A-C14A-C15A | 119.6 (4) |
| C13A-C14A-C17A | 134.5 (4) |
| N3A-C16A-C17A | 111.5 (3) |
| N3A-C16A-C21A | 127.6 (3) |
| C17A-C16A-C21A | 120.9 (3) |
| C16A-C21A-C22A | 121.2 (3) |
| C16A-C21A-C20A | 117.4 (4) |
| C20A-C21A-C22A | 121.4 (4) |
| C16B-C17B-C14B | 106.3 (3) |
| C18B-C17B-C16B | 120.5 (4) |
| C18B-C17B-C14B | 133.2 (4) |
| C26A-C25A-C24A | 121.6 (4) |
| C30A-C25A-C26A | 118.7 (4) |
| C30A-C25A-C24A | 119.7 (4) |
| C16B-C21B-C22B | 120.5 (3) |
| C20B-C21B-C16B | 117.5 (4) |
| C20B-C21B-C22B | 122.0 (4) |
| O1A-C9A-C10A | 115.6 (4) |
| N1A-C9A-O1A | 115.9 (4) |
| N1A-C9A-C10A | 128.4 (4) |
| O3A-C22A-C21A | 116.9 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{O} 3 \mathrm{~A}$ | 116.2 (4) |


| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 21 \mathrm{~A}$ | 127.0 (3) |
| :---: | :---: |
| O3B-C22B-C21B | 116.8 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{O} 3 \mathrm{~B}$ | 116.1 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 21 \mathrm{~B}$ | 127.1 (3) |
| C26B-C25B-C24B | 121.5 (4) |
| C30B-C25B-C24B | 120.4 (4) |
| C30B-C25B-C26B | 118.1 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 119.7 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 122.2 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~B}$ | 118.0 (5) |
| O1B-C9B-C10B | 116.3 (4) |
| N1B-C9B-O1B | 116.8 (4) |
| N1B-C9B-C10B | 126.9 (4) |
| C15B-C10B-C9B | 120.9 (3) |
| C11B-C10B-C15B | 118.6 (4) |
| C11B-C10B-C9B | 120.4 (4) |
| C15A-C10A-C9A | 121.0 (3) |
| C11A-C10A-C15A | 117.8 (4) |
| C11A-C10A-C9A | 121.1 (4) |
| C12B-C13B-C14B | 119.2 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 117.4 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 123.8 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~A}$ | 118.6 (5) |
| C19A-C20A-C21A | 121.2 (4) |
| C12B-C11B-C10B | 121.4 (4) |
| C27A-C26A-C25A | 120.4 (5) |
| C12A-C11A-C10A | 121.9 (4) |
| C12A-C13A-C14A | 119.8 (4) |
| C19B-C20B-C21B | 122.0 (4) |
| C19B-C18B-C17B | 119.0 (4) |
| C20B-C19B-C18B | 120.6 (4) |
| C20A-C19A-C18A | 121.5 (4) |
| O3B-C23B-C24B | 104.1 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O} 3 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 23 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 24 \mathrm{~A}$ | 104.4 (3) |
| C19A-C18A-C17A | 118.7 (4) |
| N2B-C24B-C25B | 111.7 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 24 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 23 \mathrm{~B}$ | 102.2 (3) |
| C25B-C24B-C23B | 115.0 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 24 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 25 \mathrm{~A}$ | 111.4 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 24 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 23 \mathrm{~A}$ | 102.5 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 25 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 24 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 23 \mathrm{~A}$ | 114.8 (4) |
| C27B-C26B-C25B | 121.2 (5) |
| C11B-C12B-C13B | 120.6 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C} 13 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 12 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 11 \mathrm{~A}$ | 120.3 (4) |


| $\mathrm{O} 1 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 8 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | $105.7(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{N} 1 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 8 \mathrm{~B}$ | $100.5(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{N} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | $117.4(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 8 \mathrm{~B}$ | $111.4(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 8 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | $105.5(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 25 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 30 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 29 \mathrm{~A}$ | $120.1(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ | $117.9(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 8 \mathrm{~A}$ | $100.3(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 8 \mathrm{~A}$ | $111.5(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 29 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 30 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 25 \mathrm{~B}$ | $119.4(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 28 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 27 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 26 \mathrm{~A}$ | $120.5(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~B}$ | $121.5(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 5 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~B}$ | $120.0(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{~B}$ | $120.2(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ | $120.3(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 5 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~B}$ | $119.7(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 28 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 27 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 26 \mathrm{~B}$ | $119.6(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{~A}$ | $121.1(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 28 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 29 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 30 \mathrm{~B}$ | $121.6(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 28 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 29 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 30 \mathrm{~A}$ | $119.9(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 5 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 7 \mathrm{~A}$ | $121.6(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 29 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 28 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 27 \mathrm{~A}$ | $120.4(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 6 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 5 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{~A}$ | $118.2(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 5 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{~B}$ | $120.5(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 29 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 28 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 27 \mathrm{~B}$ | $120.2(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 3 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 4 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 5 \mathrm{~A}$ | $120.2(7)$ |

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