

Supplementary Information

**Triazaphosphaadamantane- Functionalized Terpyridine Metal Complexes: Cyclohexane Oxidation in Homogeneous and Carbon-Supported Catalysis**

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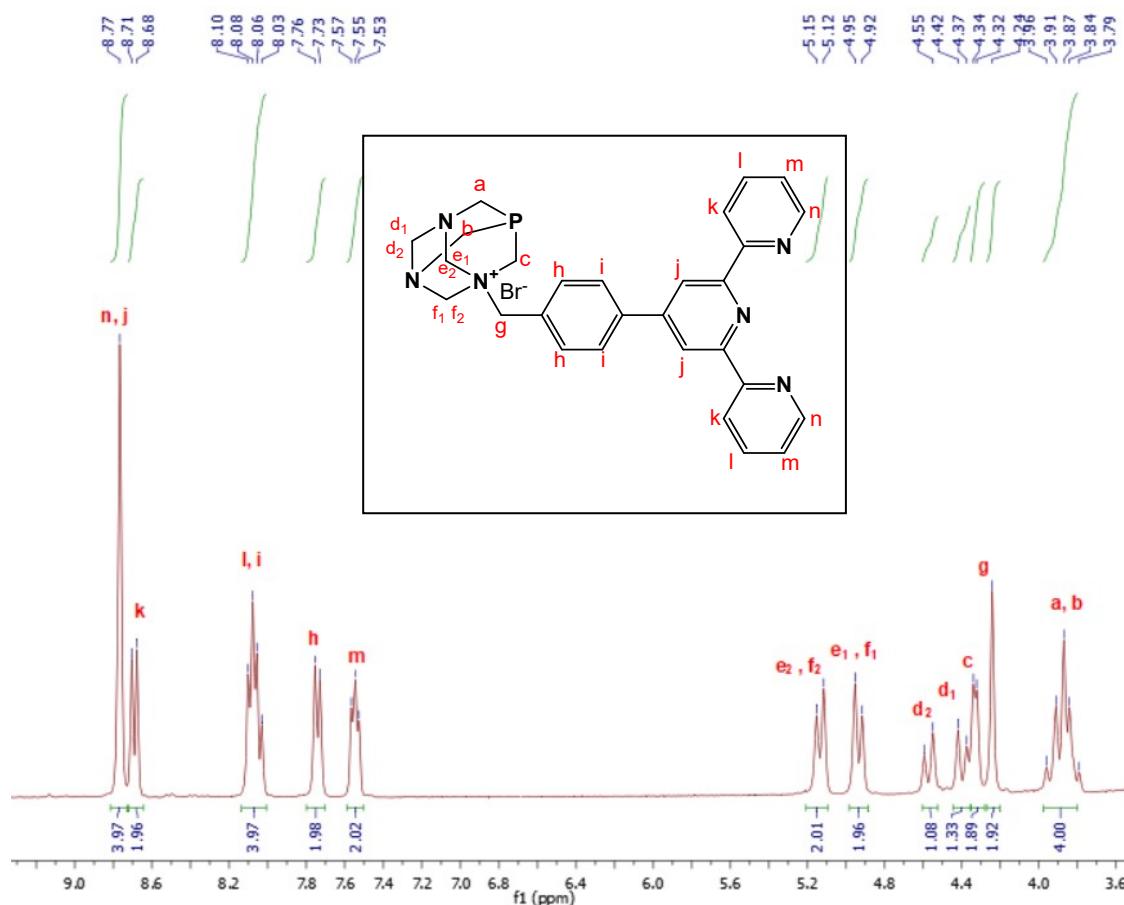
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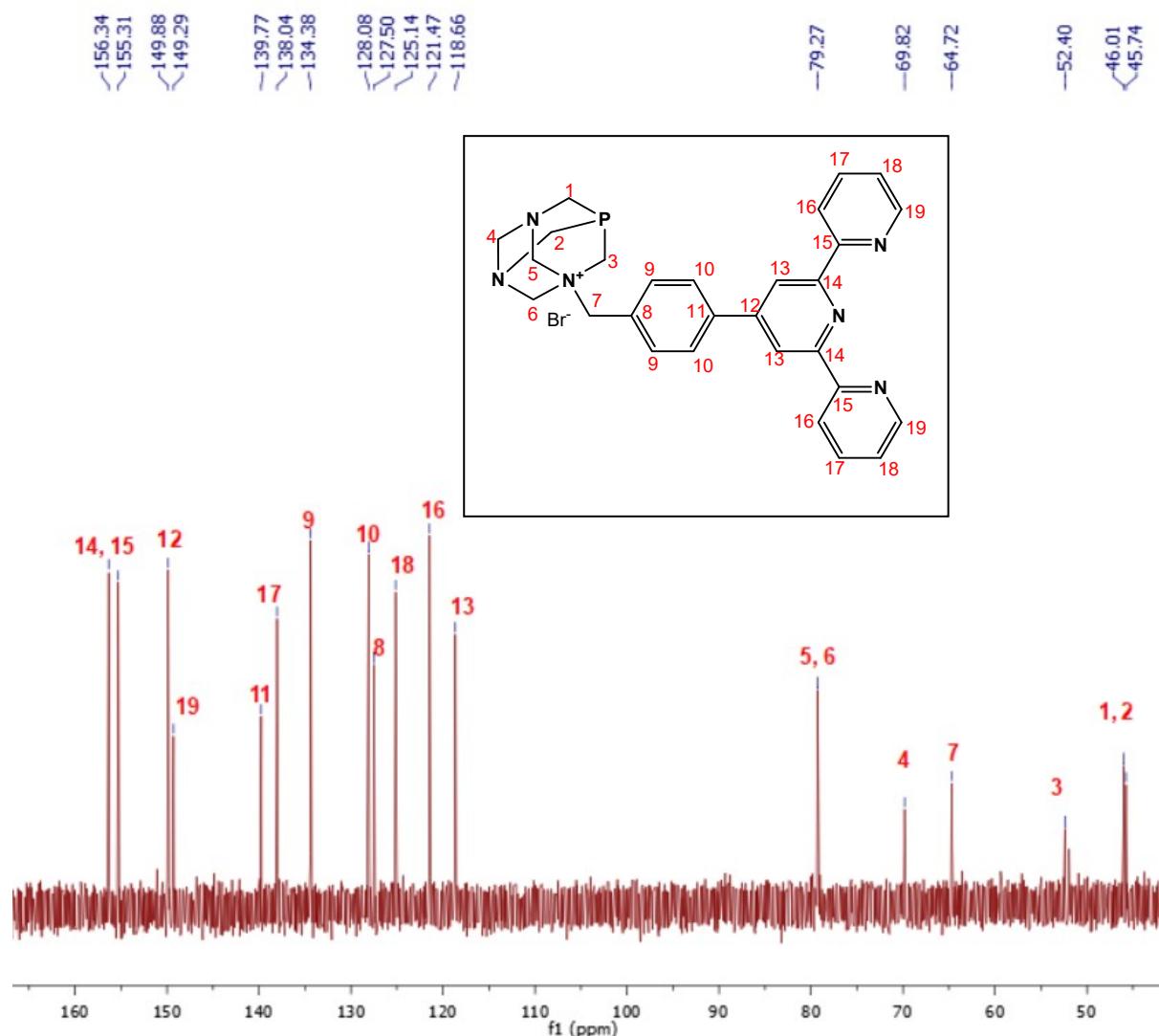
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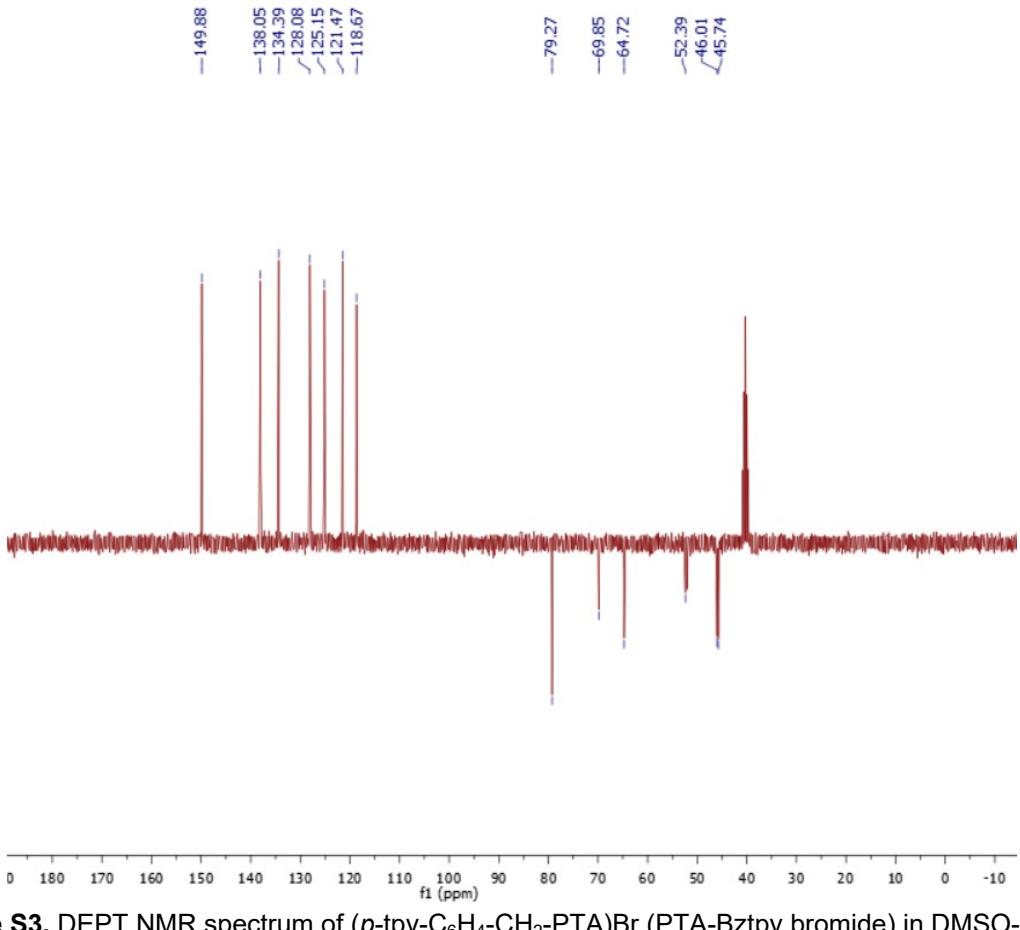
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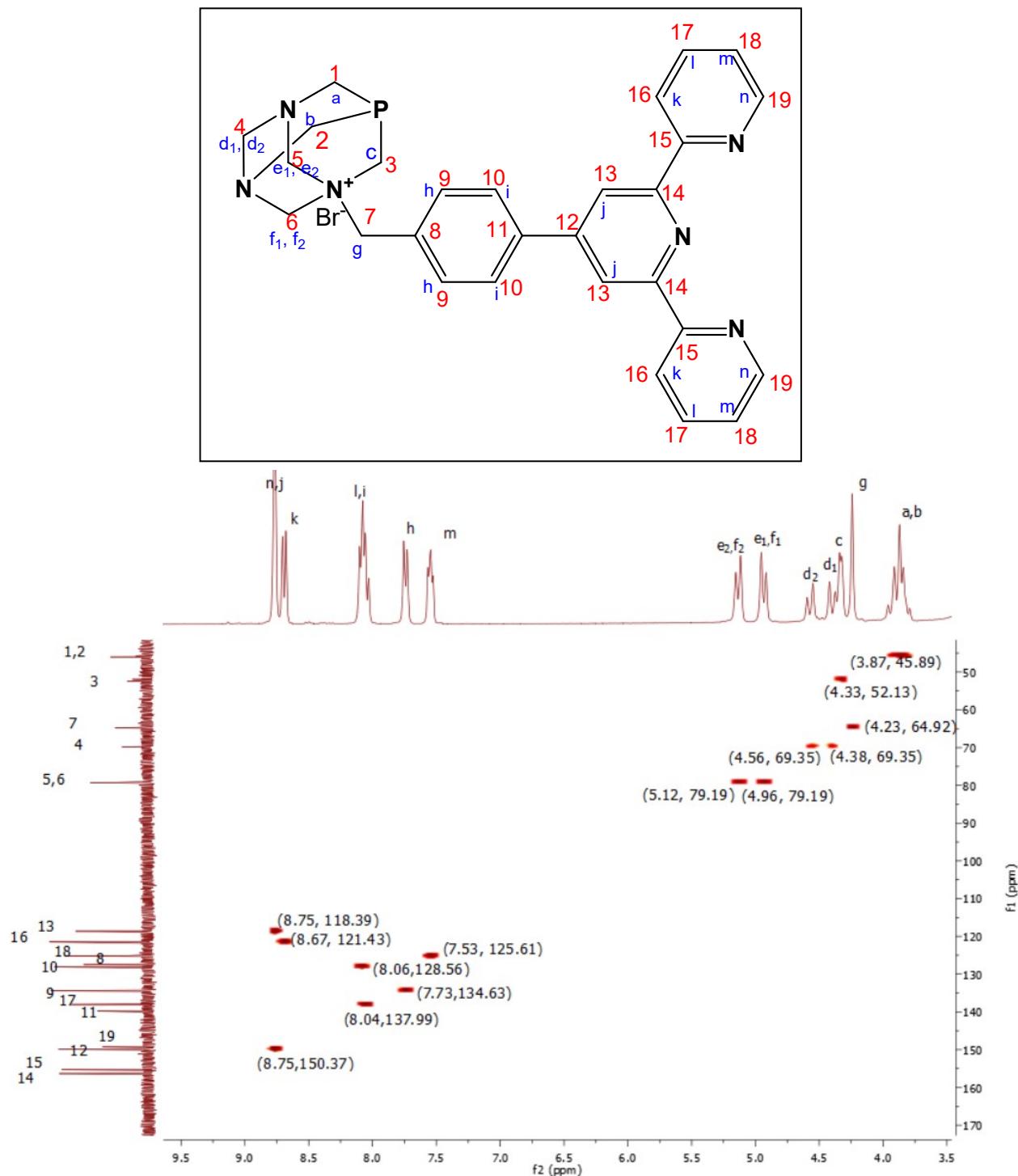
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (p-tpy-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-PTA)Br (PTA-Bztpy bromide) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (300 MHz).



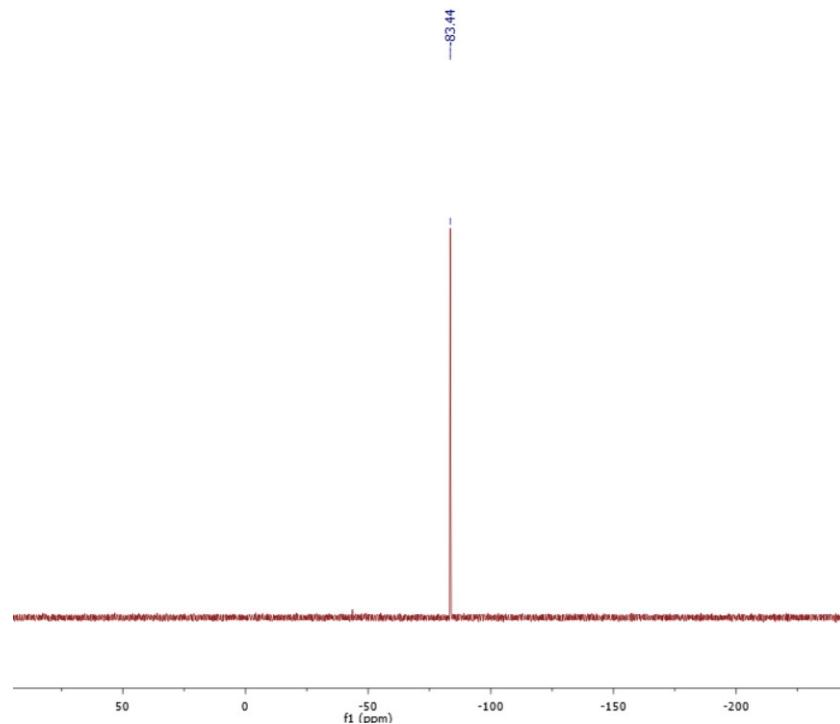
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of (p-tpy-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-PTA)Br (PTA-Bztpy bromide) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (300 MHz).



**Figure S3.** DEPT NMR spectrum of (*p*-tpy-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-PTA)Br (PTA-Bztpy bromide) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (300 MHz).

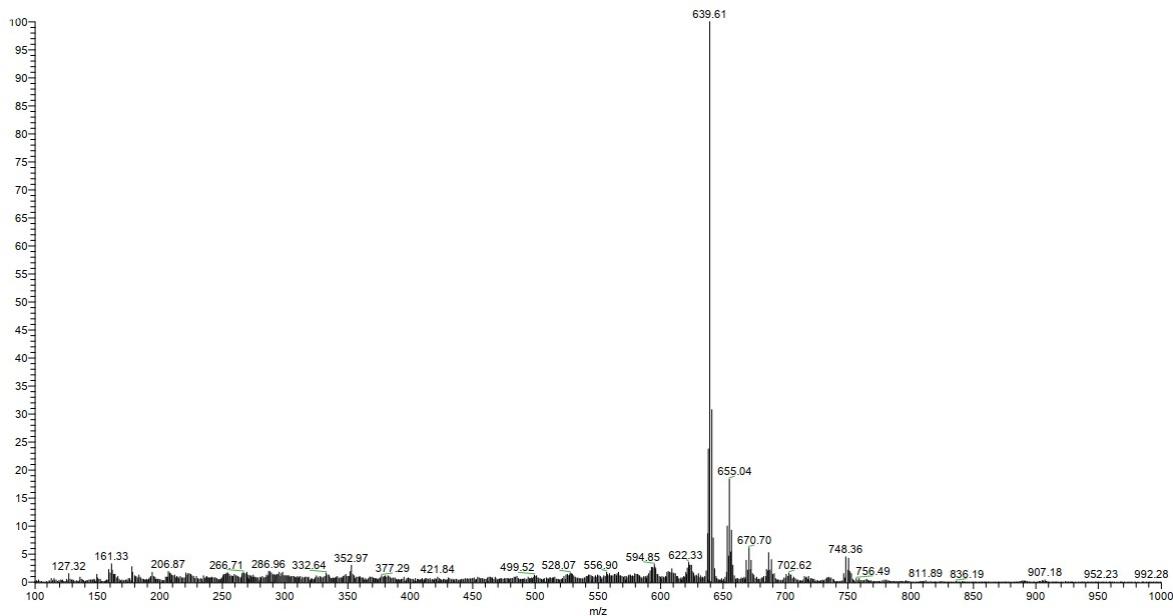


**Figure S4.** HSQC spectrum of (*p*-tpy-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-PTA)Br (PTA-Bztpy bromide) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (300 MHz).

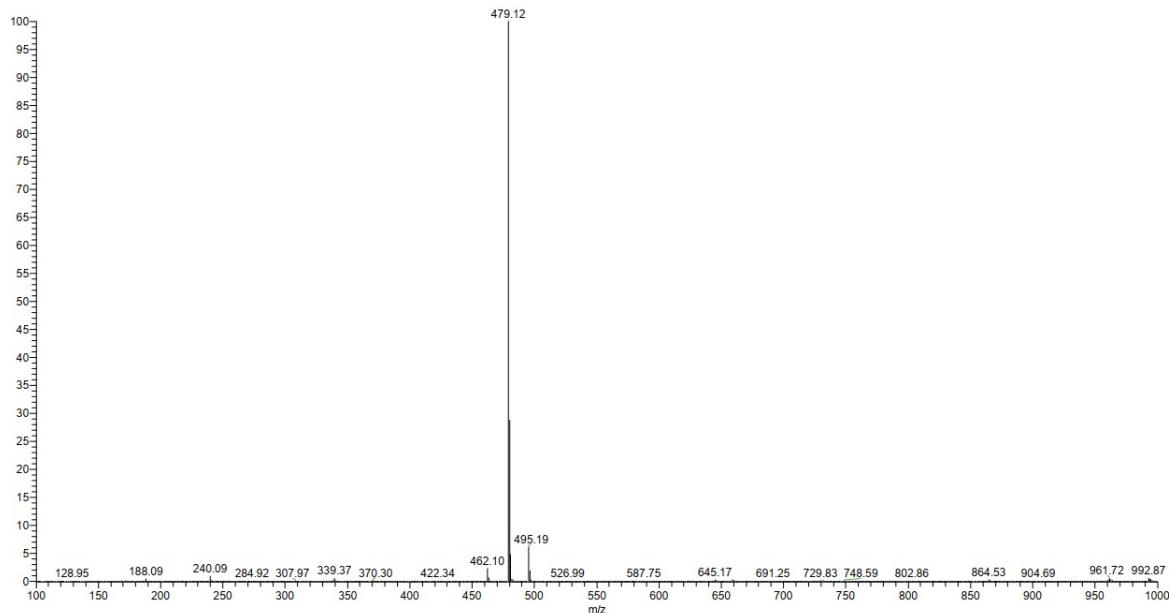


**Figure S5.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of (*p*-tpy-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-PTA)Br (PTA-Bztpy bromide) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (300 MHz).

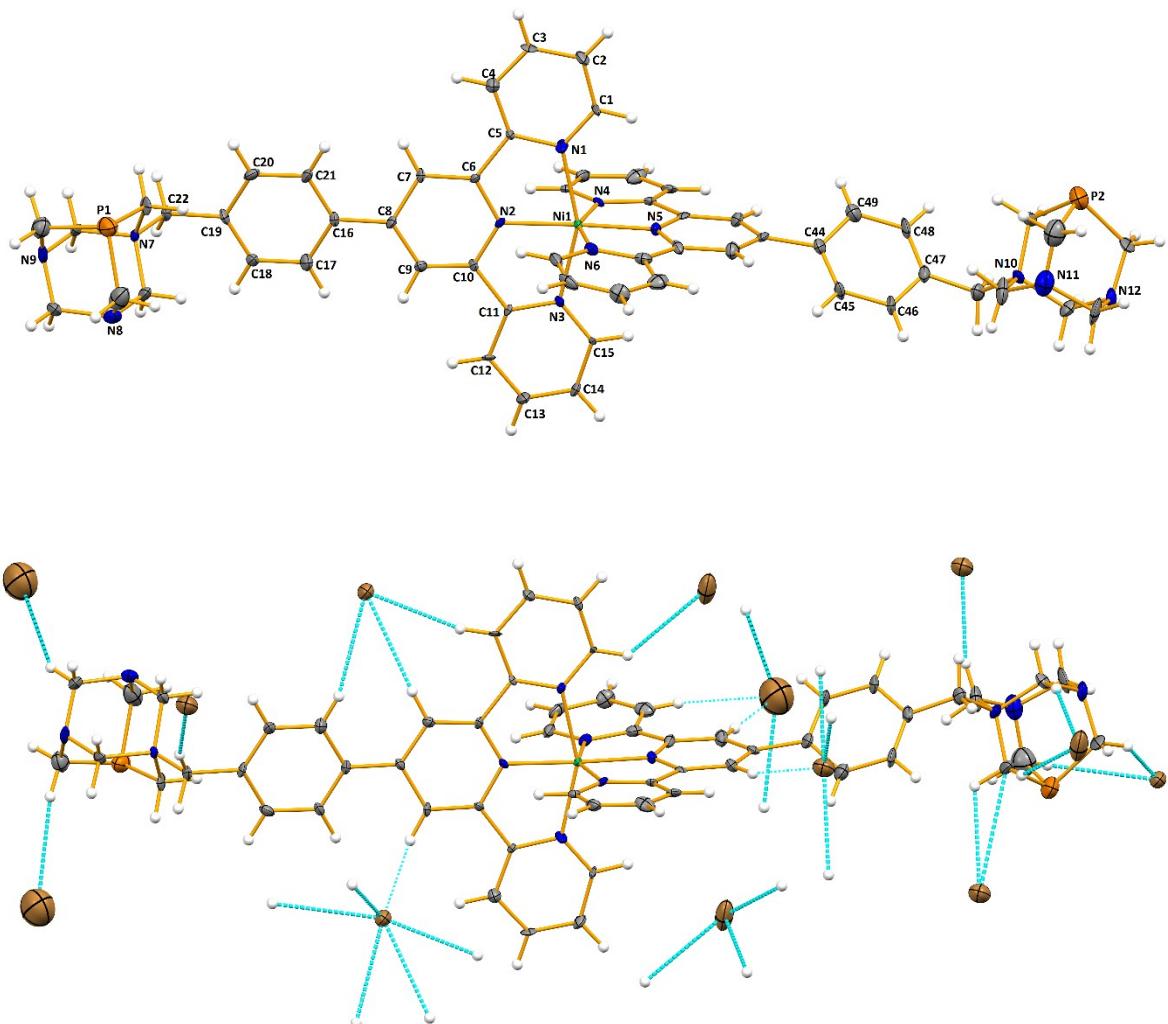
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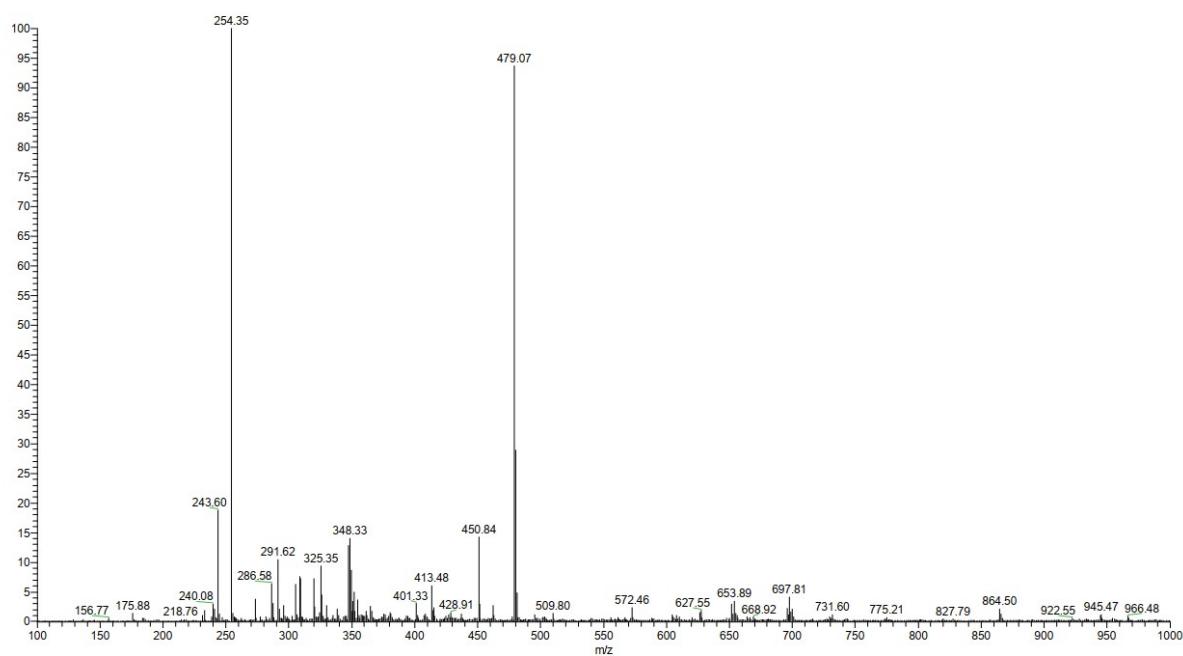


**Figure S6.** ESI-MS spectra of (*p*-tpy-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-PTA)Br (PTA-Bztpy bromide)



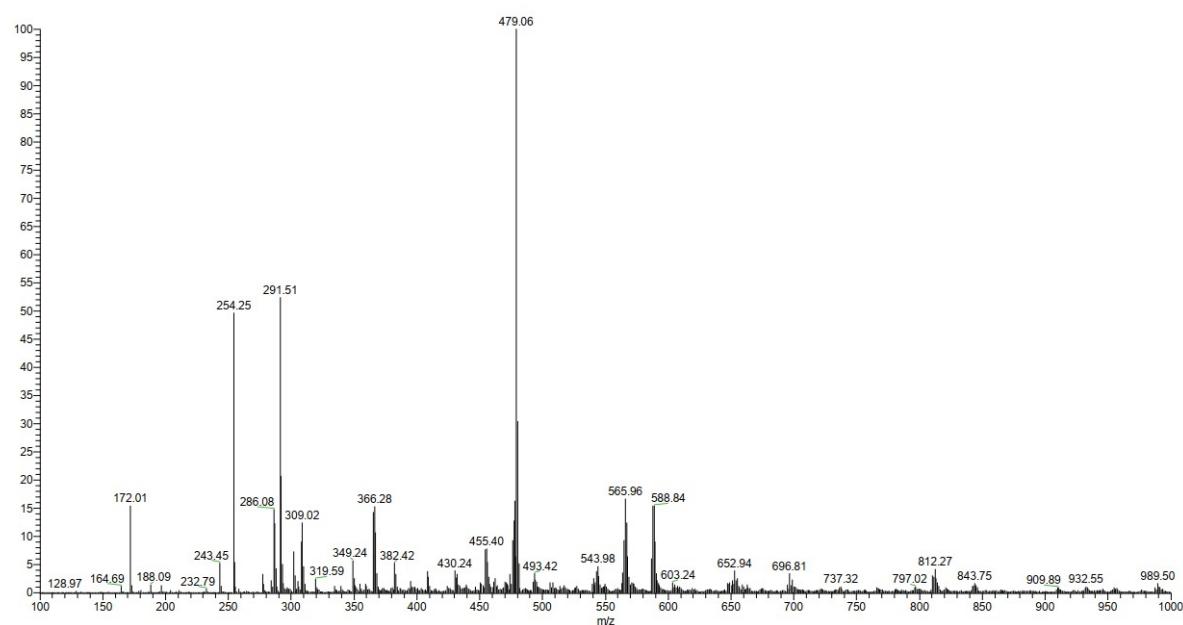
**Figure S7.** Crystal structure of complex **2**. Top: ellipsoid plot (drawn at 30% probability level) with partial atom labelling scheme; bromide counter anions were omitted for clarity. Bottom: extensive H...Br interactions (represented in dashed cyan colour)

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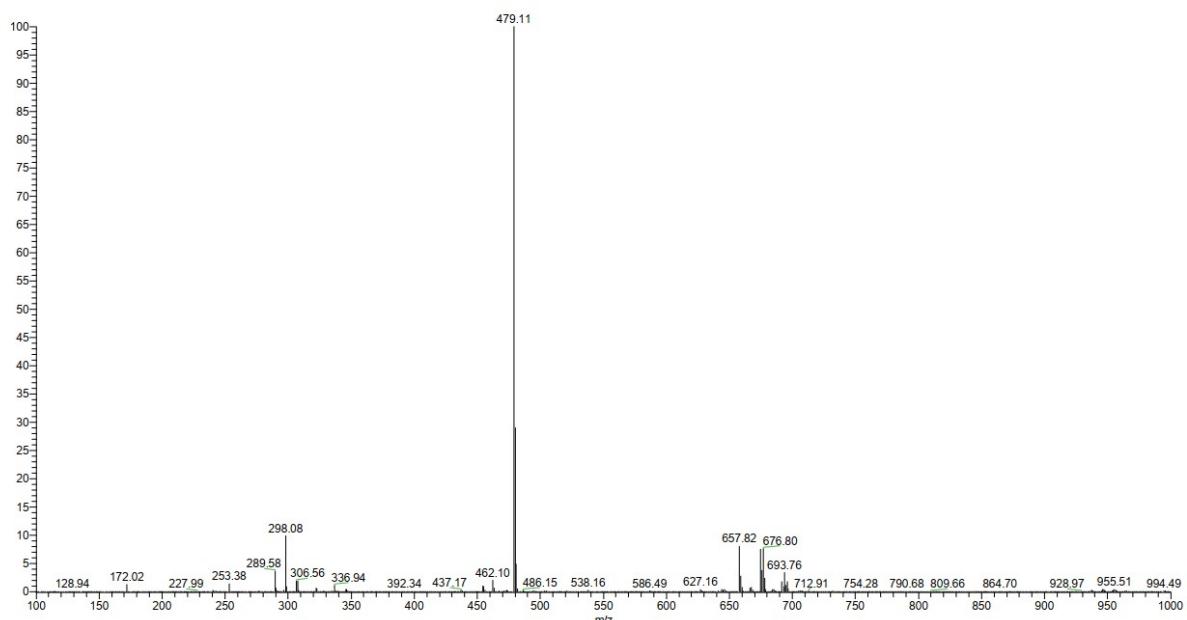
**Figure S8.** ESI(+)MS spectrum of complex 1.

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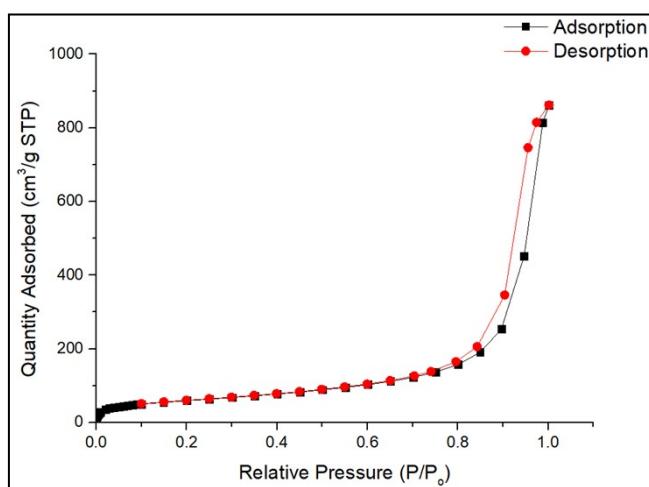


**Figure S9.** ESI(+)MS spectrum of complex 2.

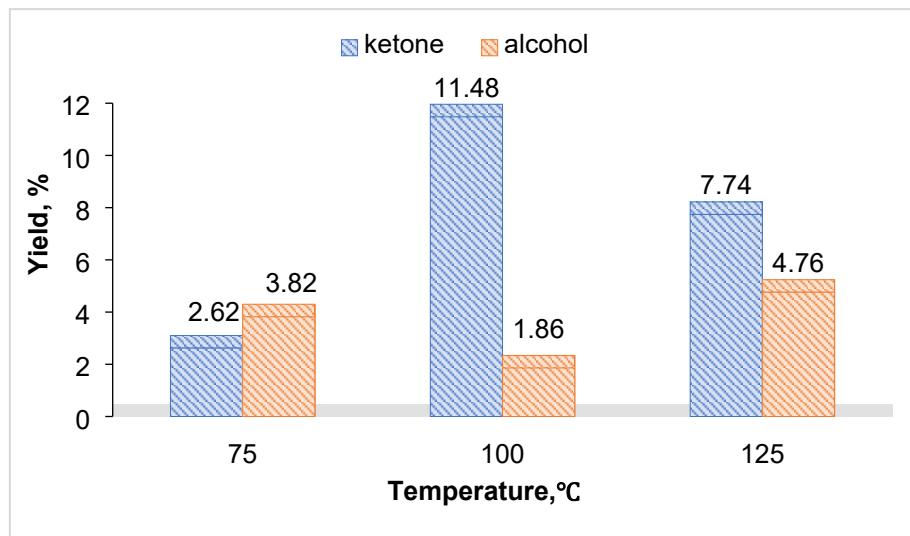
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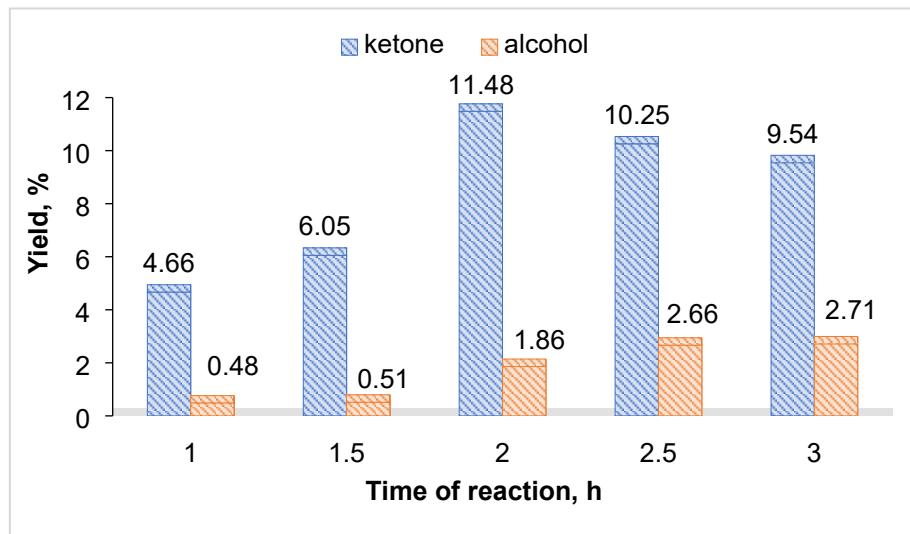
**Figure S10.** ESI(+)MS spectrum of complex **3**.



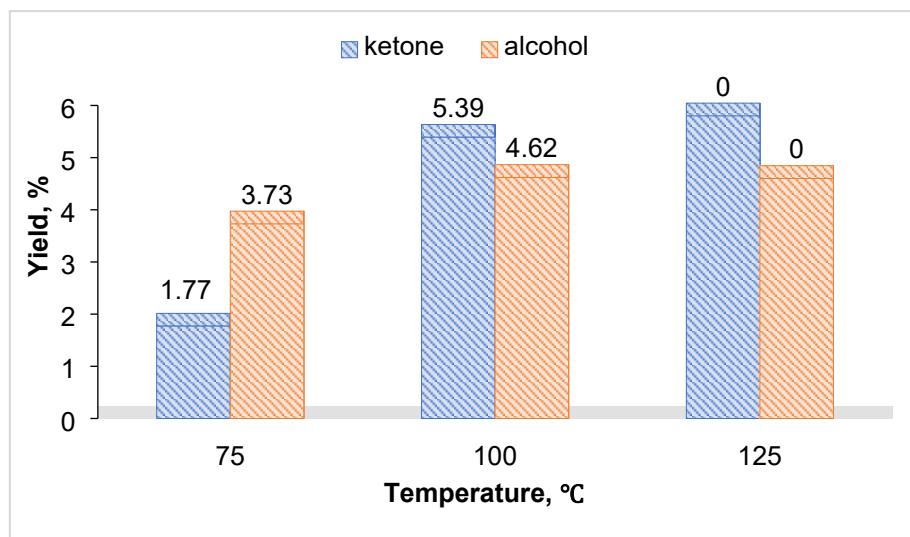
**Figure S11.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherm (77 K) of **3-CNT-ox-Na**.



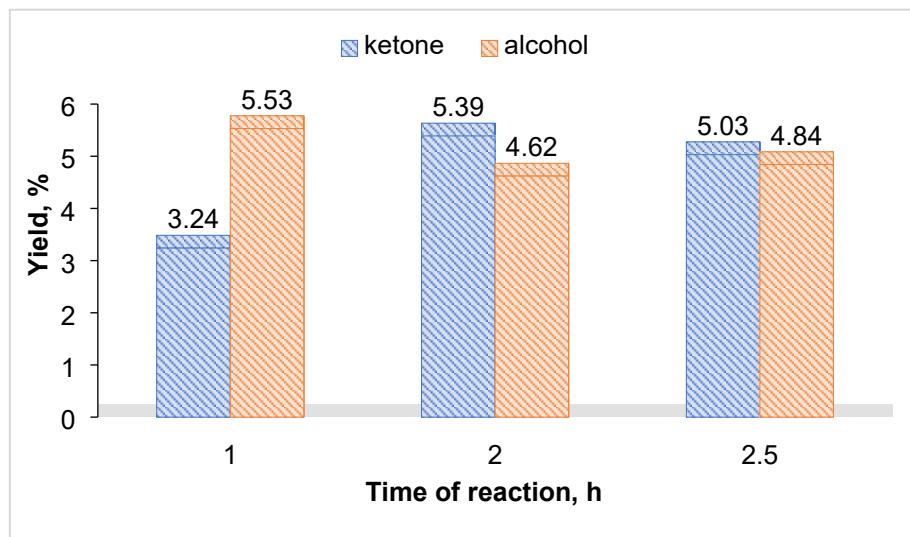
**Figure S12.** Effect of reaction temperature in the KA oil yield using complex **3** (3 mol % relative to the substrate) as catalyst. Reaction conditions: cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol), 2 h, MW (30 W), 2 mL MeCN.



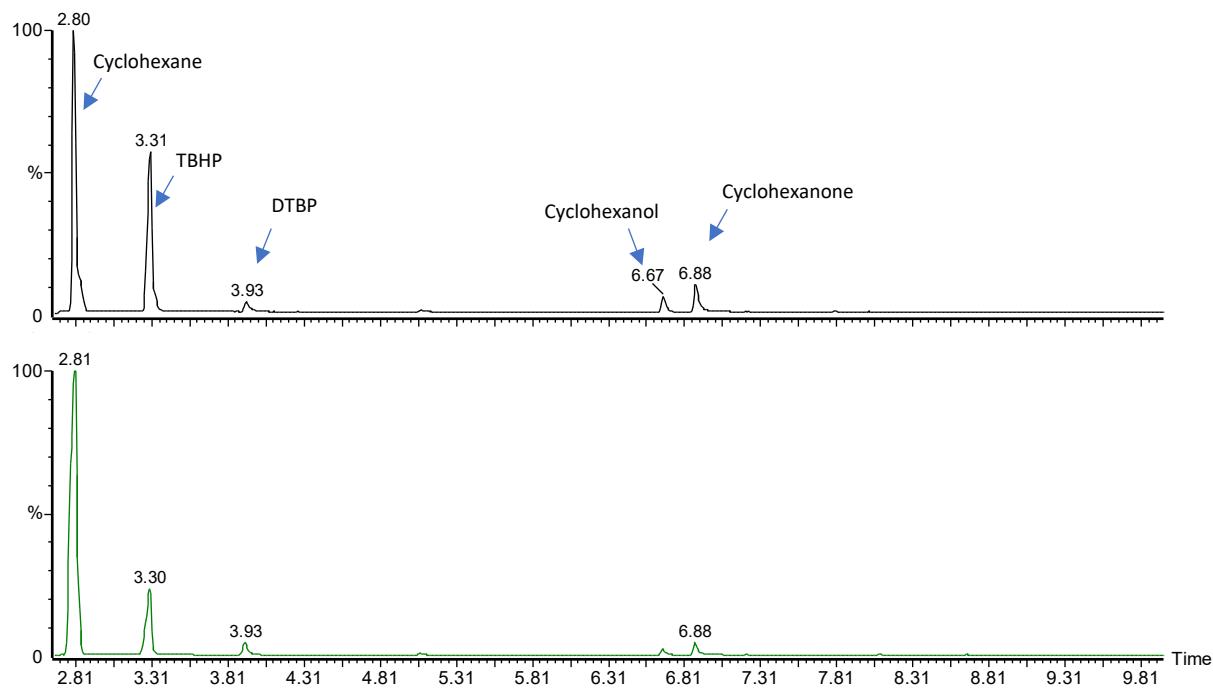
**Figure S13.** Effect of reaction time in the KA oil yield using complex **3** (3 mol % relative to the substrate) catalyst. Reaction conditions: cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol), MW (30 W, 100°C), 2 mL MeCN.



**Figure S14.** Effect of temperature in the KA oil yield . Reaction conditions: **3**-CNT-ox-Na as catalyst (0.5 mol % relative to substrate), cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol), 2 h, MW (30 W), 2 mL MeCN.



**Figure S15.** Effect of reaction time in the KA oil yield using **3**-CNT-ox-Na as catalyst (0.5 mol % relative to the substrate). Reaction conditions: cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol), MW (30 W, 100°C), 2 mL MeCN.



**Figure S16.** Chromatograms obtained at the end of cyclohexane oxidation reaction for: 3-CNT-ox-Na (top) and homogeneous complex **3** (bottom).

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement details for complex **2**.

Formula	C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>56</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> N <sub>12</sub> NiP <sub>2</sub>
Mol.wt	1337.41
Cryst. Syst.	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
Temperature (K)	150(2)
a (Å)	8.7950(3)
b (Å)	16.3840(5)
c (Å)	22.2853(7)
α, °	88.312 (2)
β, °	80.934(3)
γ, °	85.706(3)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3161.7(3)
Z	2
D <sub>calc</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.405
F000	1348
μ(mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.9229
Refl. measured	365649

Independent refl.	12654
Refl. with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	5318
No. parameters	676
Rint	0.1287
R(F) ( $I \geq 2$ )	0.3370
wR ( $F^2$ ) (all data)	0.4089
GOF ( $F^2$ )	1.145

**Table S2.** Characterization of supports by N<sub>2</sub> adsorption analysis at -196 °C.

Carbon support	S <sub>BET</sub> , m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>	Pore volume, cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>	Pore size, nm
AC	866	0.45	5.2
AC-ox	724	0.31	4.6
AC-ox-Na	477	0.18	4.7
CNT	302	2.85	30.3
CNT-ox	301	1.62	19.0
CNT-ox-Na	261	1.21	16.5

**Table S3.** Amount of Manganese (% wt) loaded onto the carbon supports used in this study.<sup>a</sup>

Carbon material	Mn (wt %)
AC	0.07
AC-ox	2.85
AC-ox-Na	3.76
CNT	2.88
CNT-ox	0.78
CNT-ox-Na	2.91

<sup>a</sup> Results obtained from ICP-AES analysis.

**Table S4.** Selected data of the KA oil yield before and after  $\text{PPh}_3$  treatment.

Catalyst	Solvent	Before $\text{PPh}_3$ treatment				After $\text{PPh}_3$ treatment			
		Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>			K/A	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>			K/A
		K	A	Total		K	A	Total	
<b>3-CNT-ox-Na</b>	MeCN:H <sub>2</sub> O(3:1v/v)	15.2	5.7	20.9	2.7	13.8	11.4	25.2	1.2
<b>3-CNT-ox-Na</b>	MeCN:H <sub>2</sub> O(1:1v/v)	15.0	8.4	23.4	1.8	16.1	13.6	29.6	1.2

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol),  $\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$  (100  $\mu\text{L}$ ), 0.5 mol % catalyst, 2 h, MW (30 W), 100 °C, 2 mL solvent. <sup>b</sup> Molar yields based on substrate determined by GC analysis, i.e., moles of products (K + A) per 100 mol of cyclohexane; K= cyclohexanone, A= cyclohexanol. <sup>c</sup> Ratio between the molar concentrations of K and A

**Table S5.** Selected data on KA oil yield and corresponding selectivity values.

Catalyst	Solvent	Yield, % <sup>b</sup>			Selectivity, % <sup>c</sup>	
		K	A	Total	K	A
<b>3 (Mn)</b>	MeCN	11.48	1.86	13.34	86.1	13.9
<b>3 (Mn)</b>	MeCN: acetone (1:1v/v)	5.00	3.23	8.23	60.8	39.2
<b>3 (Mn)</b>	MeCN:H <sub>2</sub> O(1:1v/v)	11.75	9.32	21.07	55.8	44.2
<b>3-CNT-ox-Na</b> <sup>d</sup>	MeCN	5.39	4.62	10.01	53.8	46.2
<b>3-CNT-ox-Na</b> <sup>d</sup>	MeCN: acetone (1:1v/v)	5.56	4.69	10.3	54.2	45.8
<b>3-CNT-ox-Na</b> <sup>d</sup>	MeCN:H <sub>2</sub> O(1:1v/v)	16.06	13.6	29.6	54.2	45.8

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol),  $\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$  (100  $\mu\text{L}$ ), 100 °C, MW (2 h, 30 W), 3 mol % catalyst loading, 2 mL solvent. <sup>b</sup> Molar yields based on substrate determined by GC analysis (after  $\text{PPh}_3$  treatment), i.e., moles of products (K + A) per 100 mol of cyclohexane; K= cyclohexanone, A= cyclohexanol. <sup>c</sup> Moles of desired product per mol of converted cyclohexane. <sup>d</sup> 0.5 mol % catalyst loading.