

Supplementary Information

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

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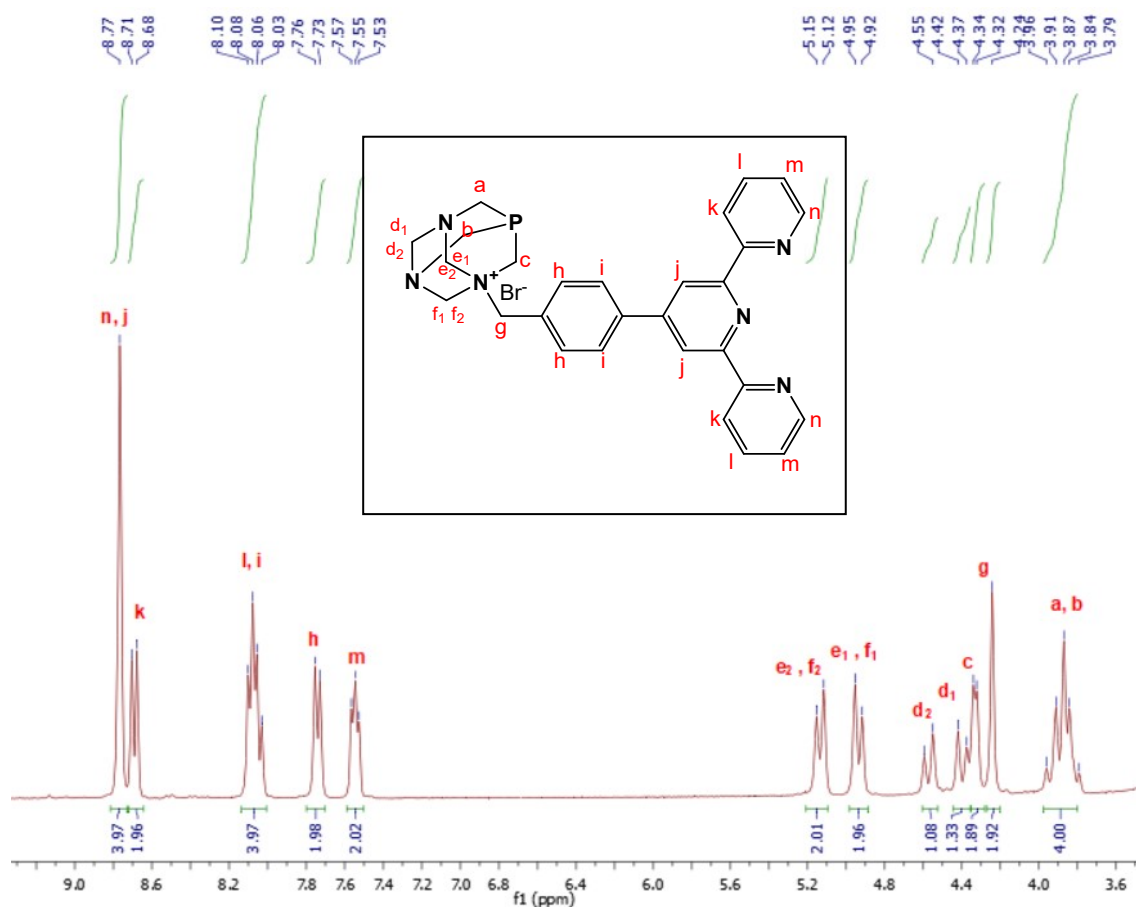


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of (p-tpy-C₆H₄-CH₂-PTA)Br (PTA-Bztpy bromide) in DMSO-d₆ (300 MHz).

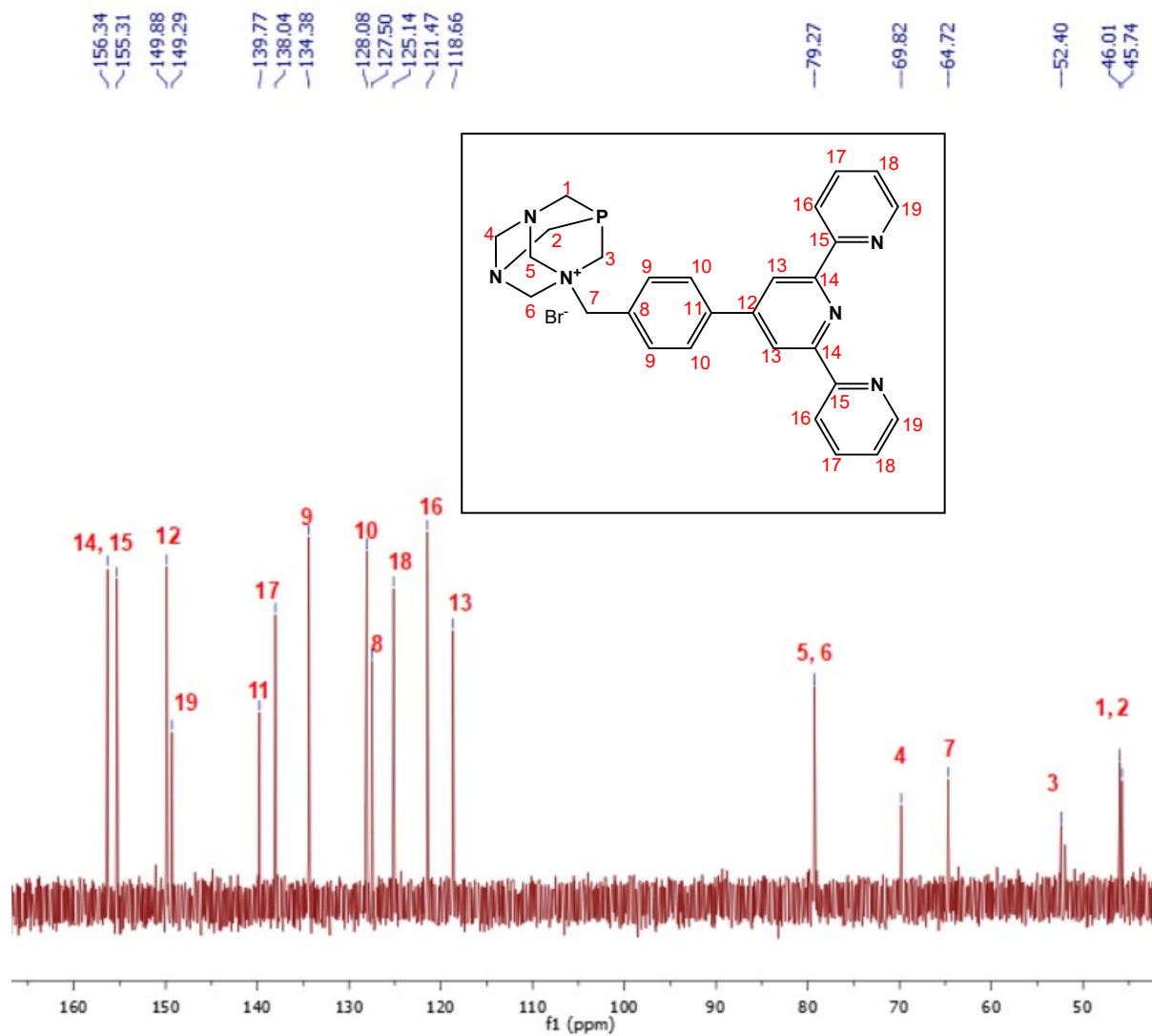


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $(p\text{-tpy-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-CH}_2\text{-PTA})\text{Br}$ (PTA-Bztpy bromide) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ (300 MHz).

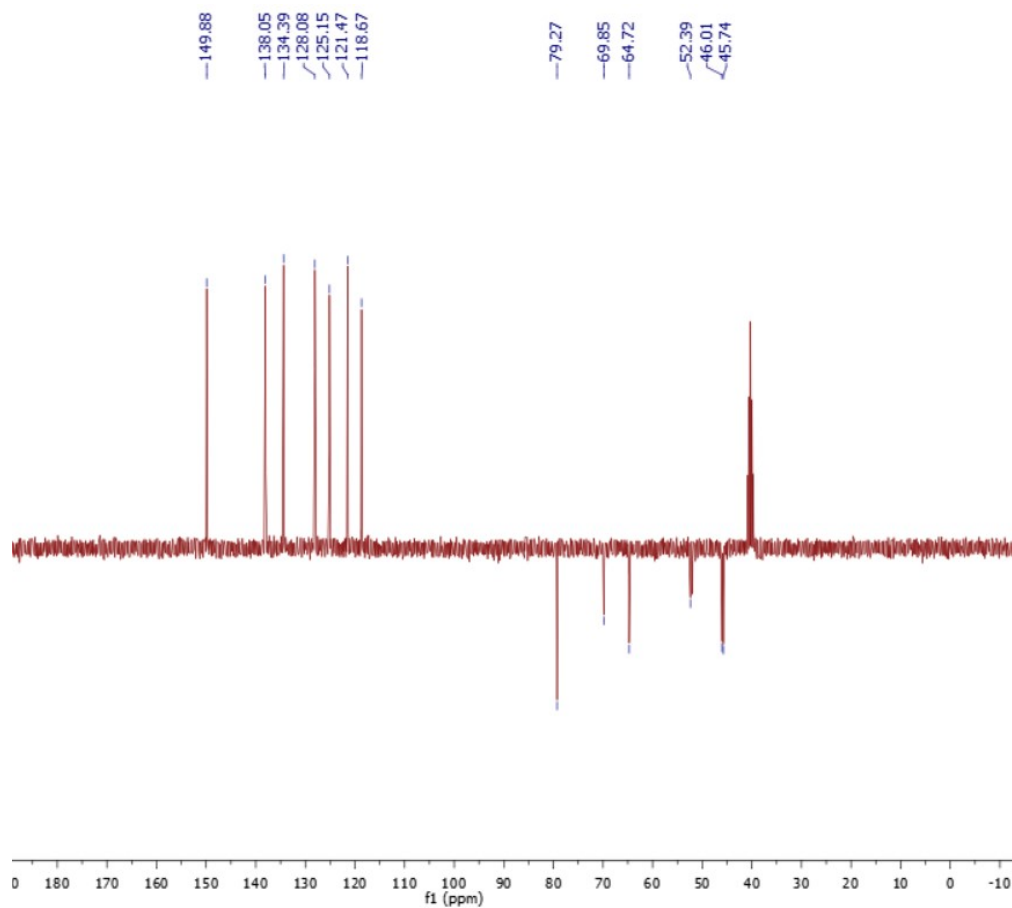


Figure S3. DEPT NMR spectrum of (*p*-tpy-C₆H₄-CH₂-PTA)Br (PTA-Bztpy bromide) in DMSO-*d*₆ (300 MHz).

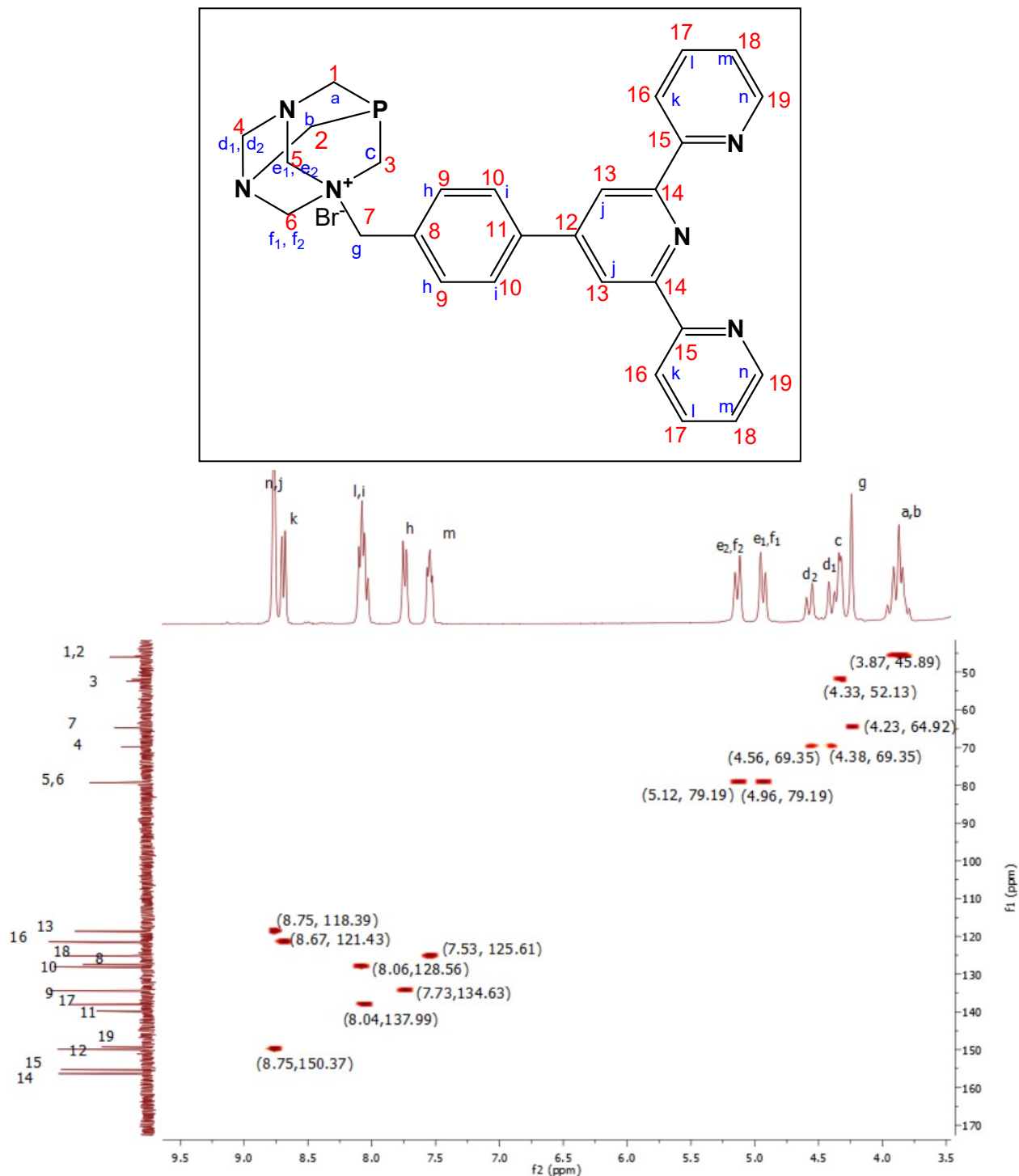


Figure S4. HSQC spectrum of (p-tpy-C₆H₄-CH₂-PTA)Br (PTA-Bztpy bromide) in DMSO-d₆ (300 MHz).

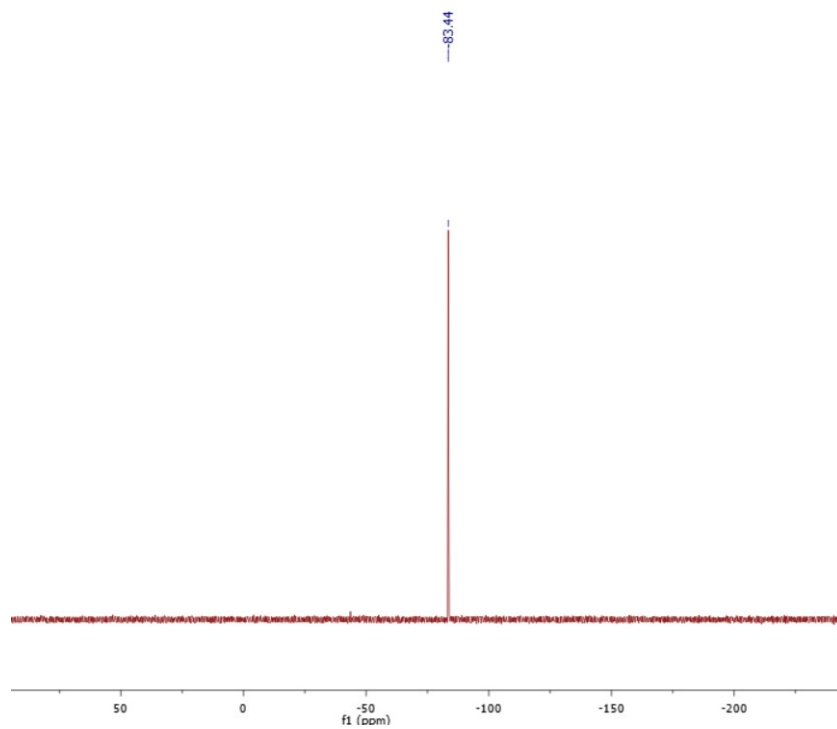


Figure S5. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of (*p*-tpy- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-CH}_2\text{-PTA}$)Br (PTA-Bztpy bromide) in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ (300 MHz).

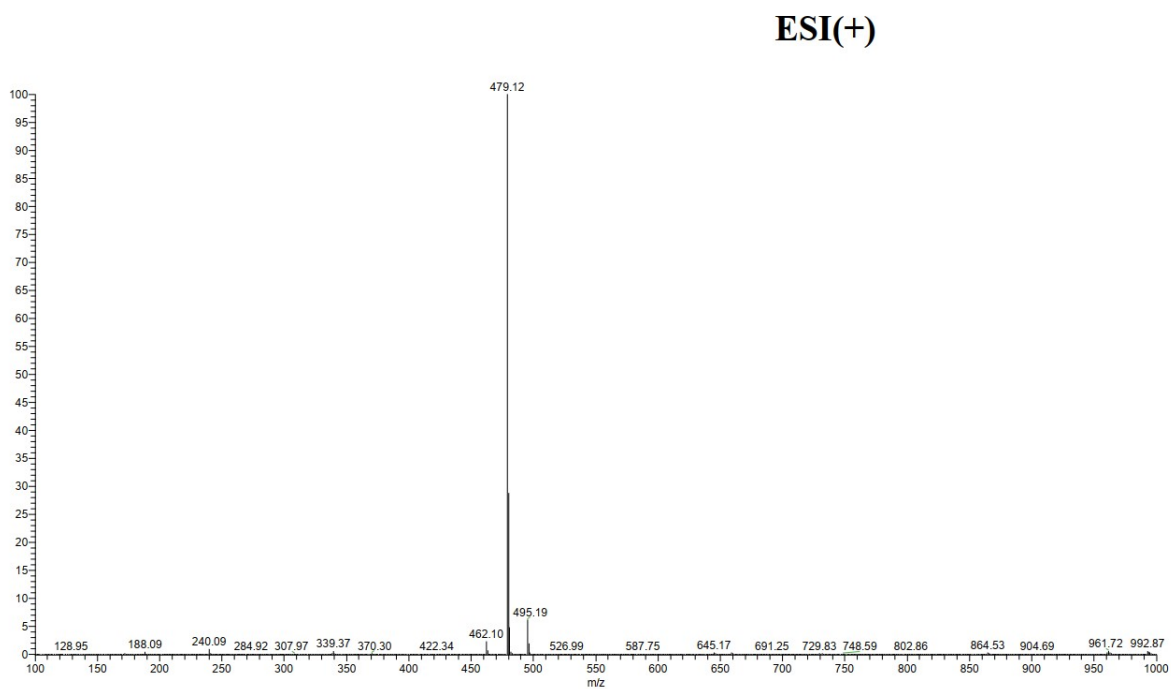
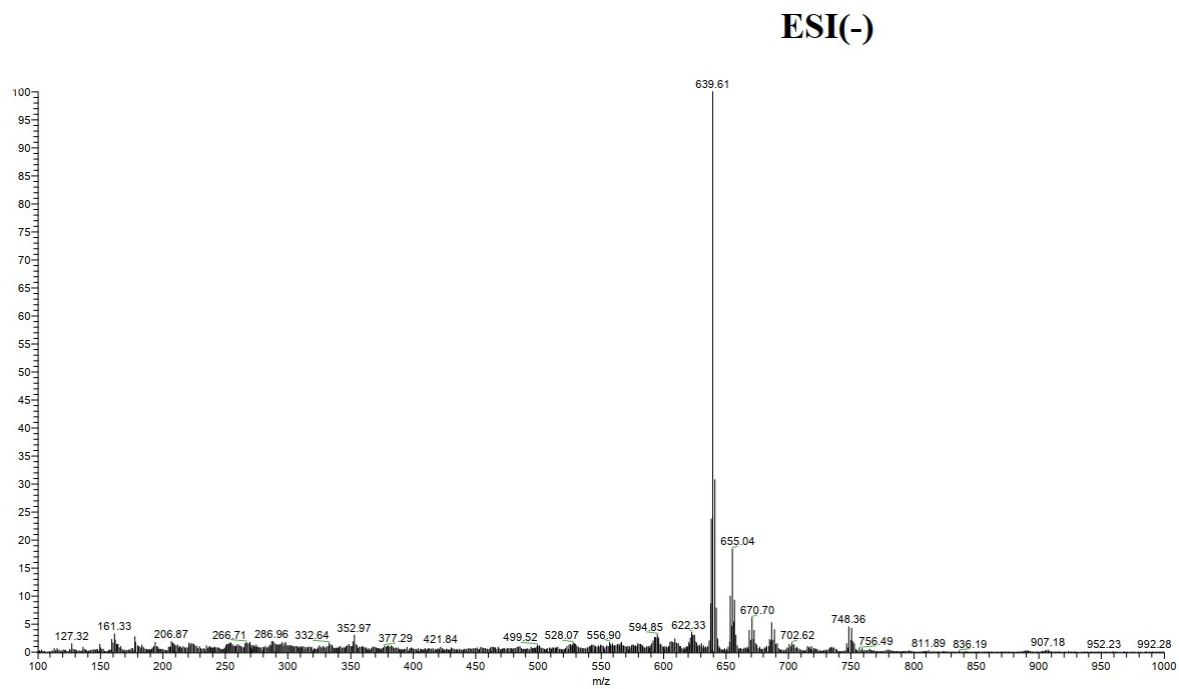


Figure S6. ESI-MS spectra of (*p*-tpy-C₆H₄-CH₂-PTA)Br (PTA-Bztpy bromide)

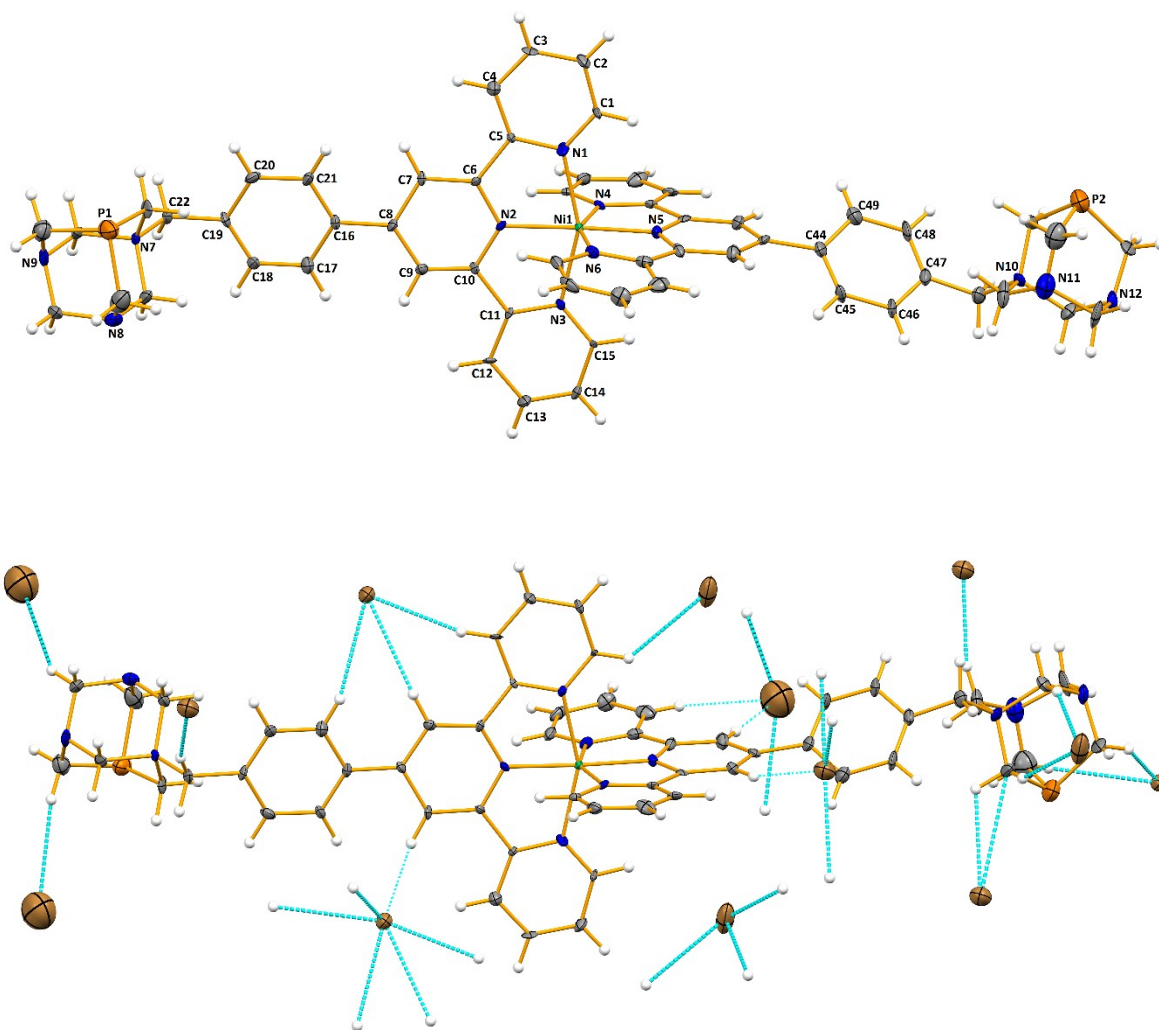


Figure S7. Crystal structure of complex **2**. Top: ellipsoid plot (drawn at 30% probability level) with partial atom labelling scheme; bromide counter anions were omitted for clarity. Bottom: extensive H...Br interactions (represented in dashed cyan colour)

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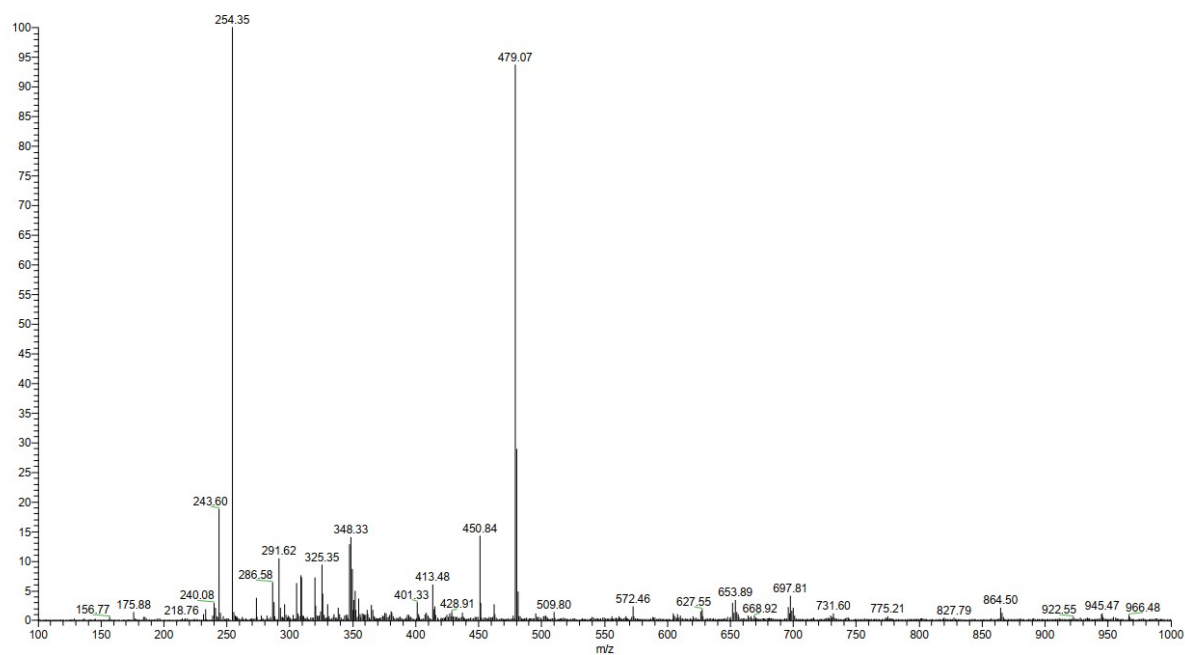


Figure S8. ESI(+)-MS spectrum of complex 1.

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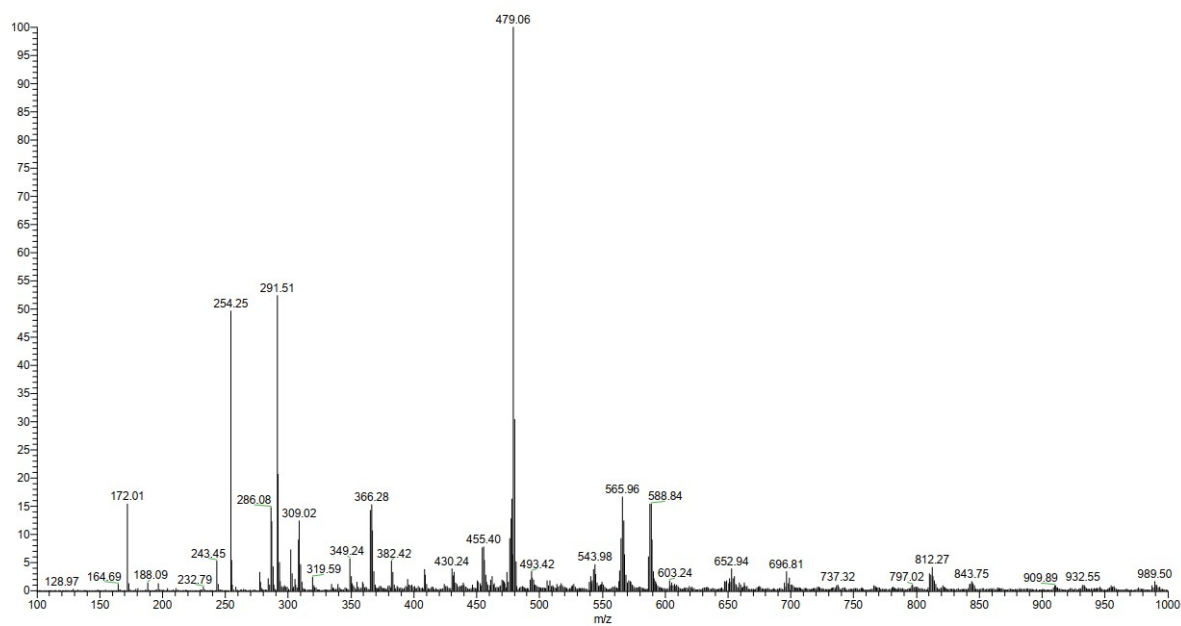


Figure S9. ESI(+)-MS spectrum of complex 2.

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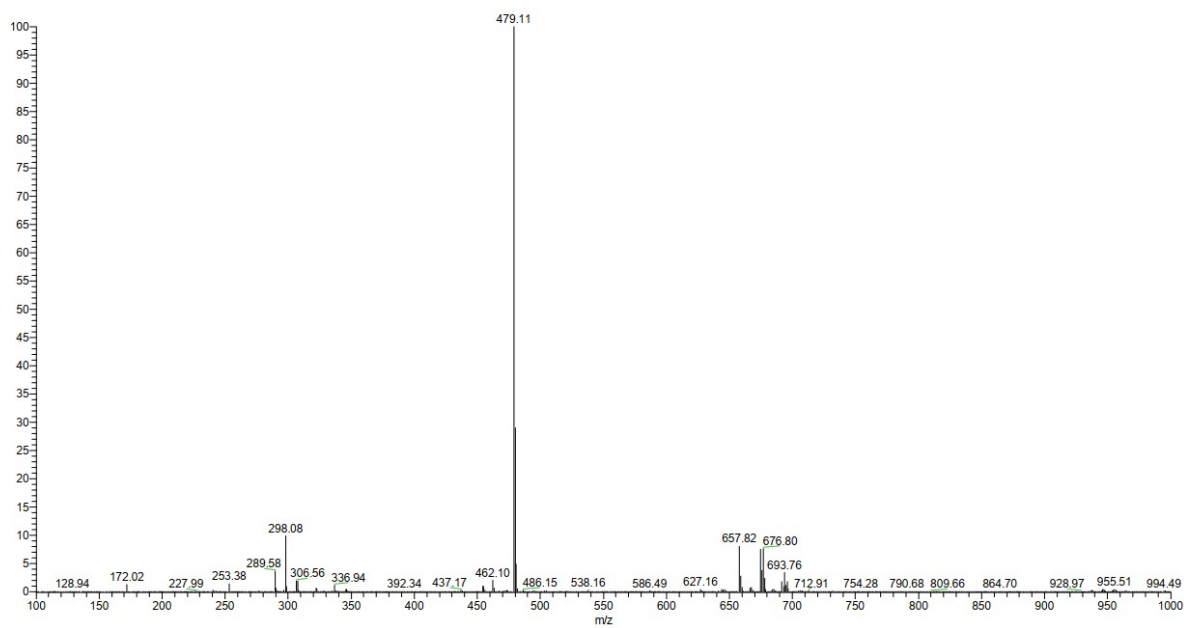


Figure S10. ESI(+)-MS spectrum of complex 3.

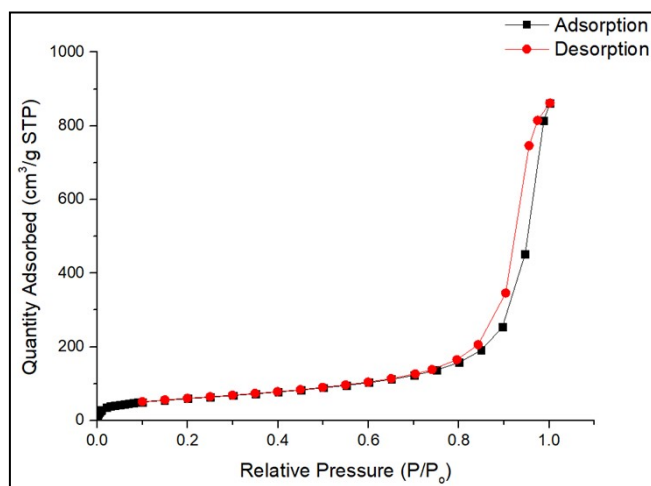


Figure S11. N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherm (77 K) of 3-CNT-ox-Na.

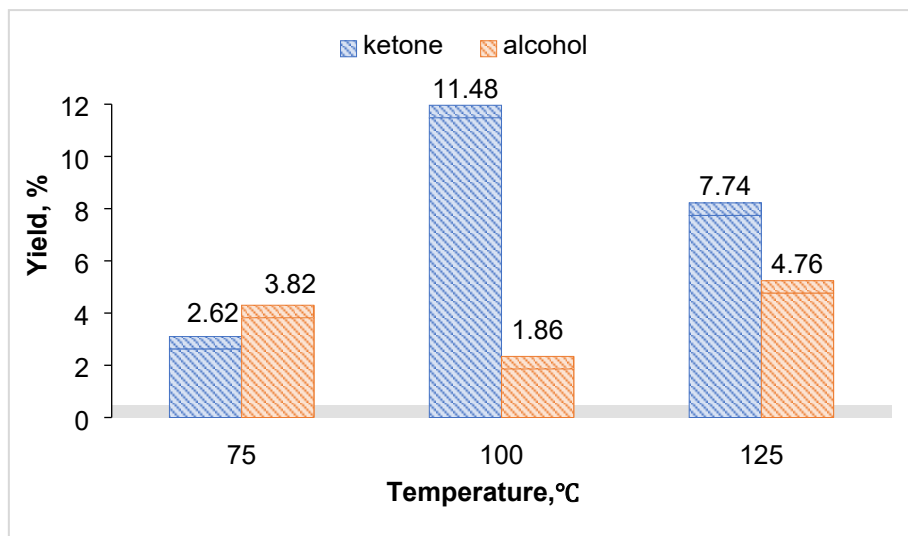


Figure S12. Effect of reaction temperature in the KA oil yield using complex **3** (3 mol % relative to the substrate) as catalyst. Reaction conditions: cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol), 2 h, MW (30 W), 2 mL MeCN.

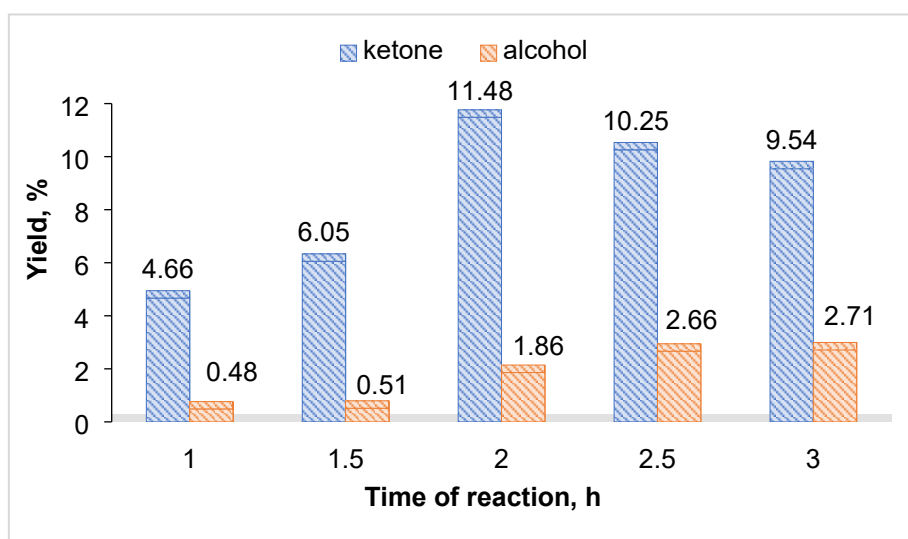


Figure S13. Effect of reaction time in the KA oil yield using complex **3** (3 mol % relative to the substrate) catalyst. Reaction conditions: cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol), MW (30 W, 100°C), 2 mL MeCN.

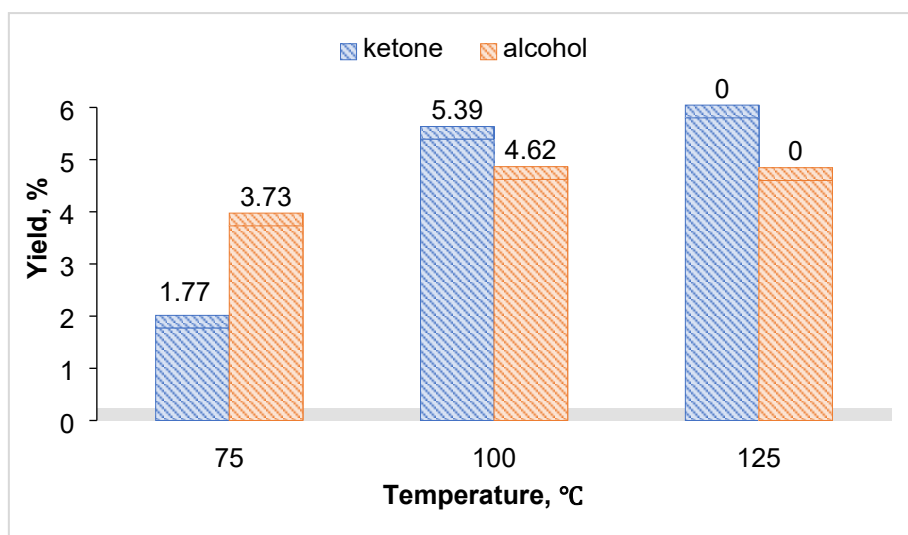


Figure S14. Effect of temperature in the KA oil yield . Reaction conditions: **3**-CNT-ox-Na as catalyst (0.5 mol % relative to substrate), cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol), 2 h, MW (30 W), 2 mL MeCN.

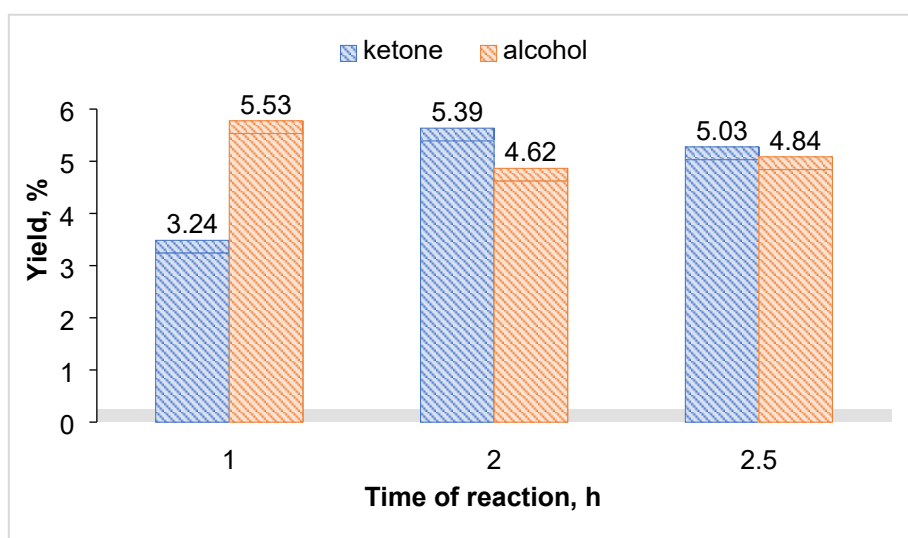


Figure S15. Effect of reaction time in the KA oil yield using **3**-CNT-ox-Na as catalyst (0.5 mol % relative to the substrate). Reaction conditions: cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol), MW (30 W, 100°C), 2 mL MeCN.

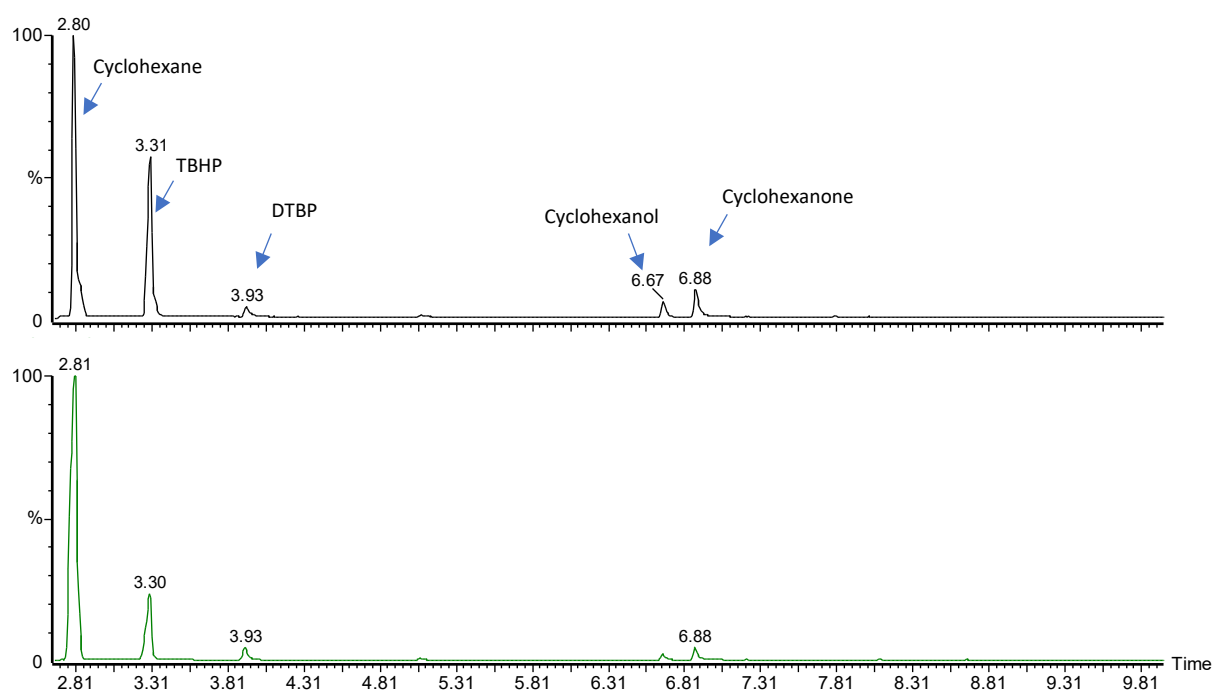


Figure S16. Chromatograms obtained at the end of cyclohexane oxidation reaction for: **3-CNT-ox-Na** (top) and homogeneous complex **3** (bottom).

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

| | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Formula | $C_{56}H_{56}Br_4N_{12}NiP_2$ |
| 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 ³) | 3161.7(3) |
| Z | 2 |
| D _{calc} (g/cm ³) | 1.405 |
| F000 | 1348 |
| μ (mm ⁻¹) | 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 N₂ adsorption analysis at -196 °C.

| Carbon support | S _{BET} , m ² g ⁻¹ | Pore volume, cm ³ g ⁻¹ | 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.^a

| 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 |

^a Results obtained from ICP-AES analysis.

Table S4. Selected data of the KA oil yield before and after PPh₃ treatment.

| Catalyst | Solvent | Before PPh ₃ treatment | | | | After PPh ₃ treatment | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|----------------------------------|------|-------|-----|
| | | Yield (%) ^b | | | K/A | Yield (%) ^b | | | K/A |
| | | K | A | Total | | K | A | Total | |
| 3-CNT-ox-Na | MeCN:H ₂ O(3:1v/v) | 15.2 | 5.7 | 20.9 | 2.7 | 13.8 | 11.4 | 25.2 | 1.2 |
| 3-CNT-ox-Na | MeCN:H ₂ O(1:1v/v) | 15.0 | 8.4 | 23.4 | 1.8 | 16.1 | 13.6 | 29.6 | 1.2 |

^a Reaction conditions: cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol), CH₃NO₂ (100 μL), 0.5 mol % catalyst, 2 h, MW (30 W), 100 °C, 2 mL solvent. ^b 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. ^c Ratio between the molar concentrations of K and A

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

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

^a Reaction conditions: cyclohexane (5.0 mmol), 70% aqueous TBHP (10 mmol), CH₃NO₂ (100 μL), 100 °C, MW (2 h, 30 W), 3 mol % catalyst loading, 2 mL solvent. ^b Molar yields based on substrate determined by GC analysis (after PPh₃ treatment), i.e., moles of products (K + A) per 100 mol of cyclohexane; K= cyclohexanone, A= cyclohexanol. ^c Moles of desired product per mol of converted cyclohexane. ^d 0.5 mol % catalyst loading.