

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **Preparation of chiral metal-organic framework L-his-MIL-53- NH<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> composite by *in situ* growth and chiral post- modification strategies for HPLC enantiomeric separation**

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## 1. Synthesis of MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub>

MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub> was synthesized with reference to the method of Sun et al:<sup>1</sup> aluminum chloride hexahydrate (0.76 g, 3.1 mmol) and 2-aminoterephthalic acid (0.56 g, 3.1 mmol) were added to 30 mL of DMF and sonicated for 30 min. Next, the mixture was transferred to a 100 mL PTFE-lined steel autoclave and reacted at 150 °C for 24 hours. Cooled to room temperature, the solid product was collected, activated in DMF for 24 h, and then washed three times with excess methanol to exchange the DMF inside the MOF pores. Finally, the resulting yellow powder was dried under vacuum at 120 °C for 12 h.

## 2. Synthesis of L-his-MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub>

L-his-MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub> was synthesized by referring to the method of Sun et al:<sup>1</sup> EDC (0.192 g, 1 mmol), NHSS (0.043 g, 0.2 mmol), MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub> (120 mg), and L-histidine (0.155 g, 1 mmol) were dissolved in 20 mL of phosphate-buffered solution (pH 5.0) and stirred at room temperature for 5 days. The L-histidine-functionalized MOF nanocrystals were collected by centrifugation and washed three times with deionized water. Finally, the product was vacuum dried at room temperature for 2 days.

## 3. Calculation formulas of the thermodynamic and chromatographic parameters

$$k_1 = \frac{t_1 - t_0}{t_0} \quad (1)$$

$$k_2 = \frac{t_2 - t_0}{t_0} \quad (2)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{t_2 - t_0}{t_1 - t_0} \quad (3)$$

$$R_s = \frac{t_2 - t_1}{W_{1/2(1)} + W_{1/2(2)}} \quad (4)$$

$$\ln k' = -\frac{\Delta H}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S}{R} + \ln \Phi \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S \quad (6)$$

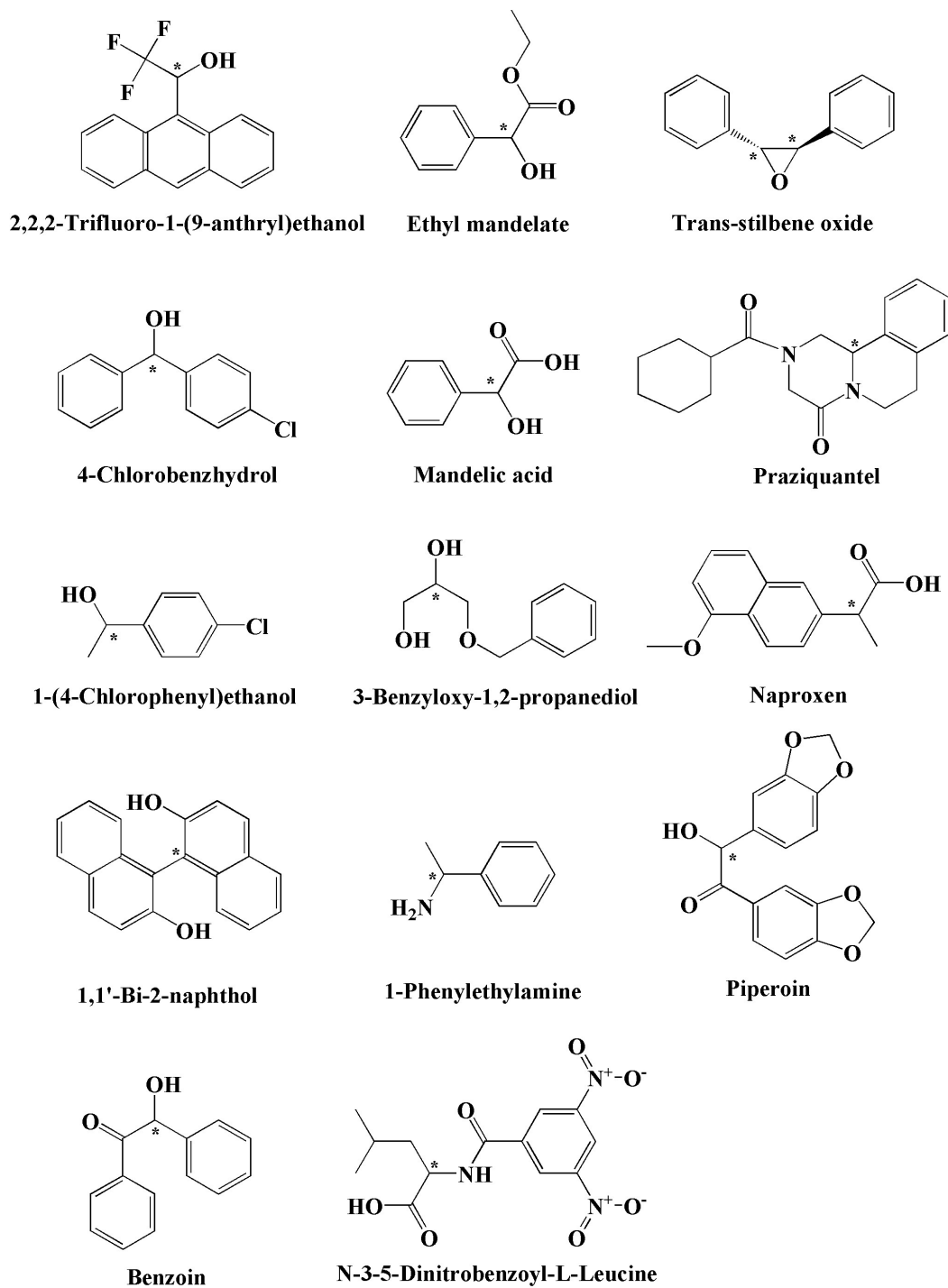
$$\Phi = \frac{V_s}{V_0} \quad (7)$$

$$V_s = V_{\text{col}} - V_0 \quad (8)$$

$$V_0 = t_0 \times F \quad (9)$$

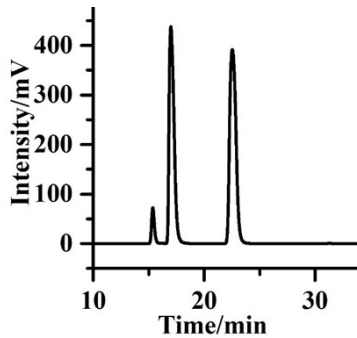
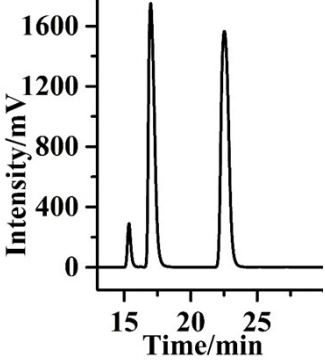
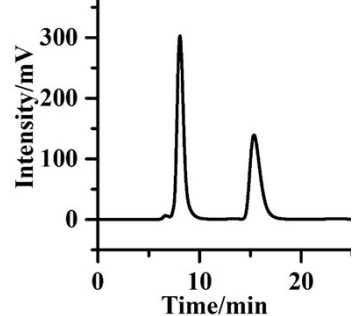
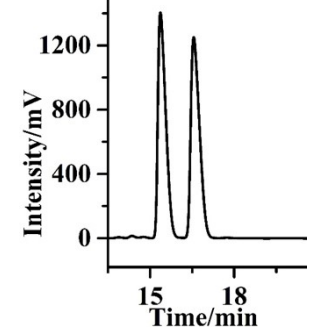
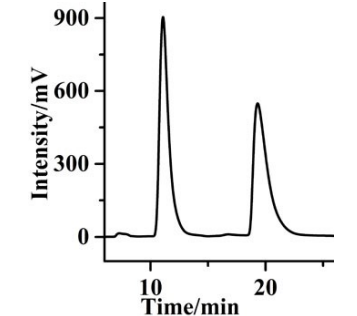
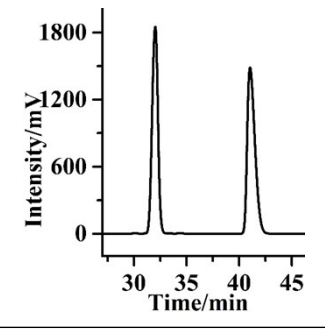
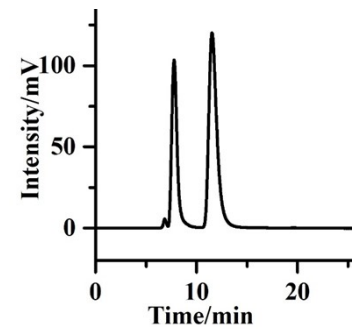
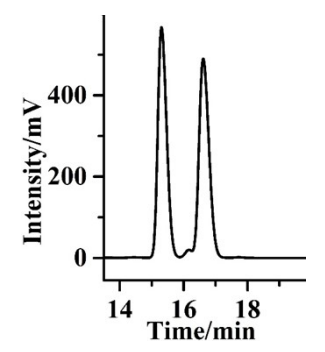
$$N = 5.54 \left( \frac{t_R}{2\Delta t_{1/2}} \right)^2 \quad (10)$$

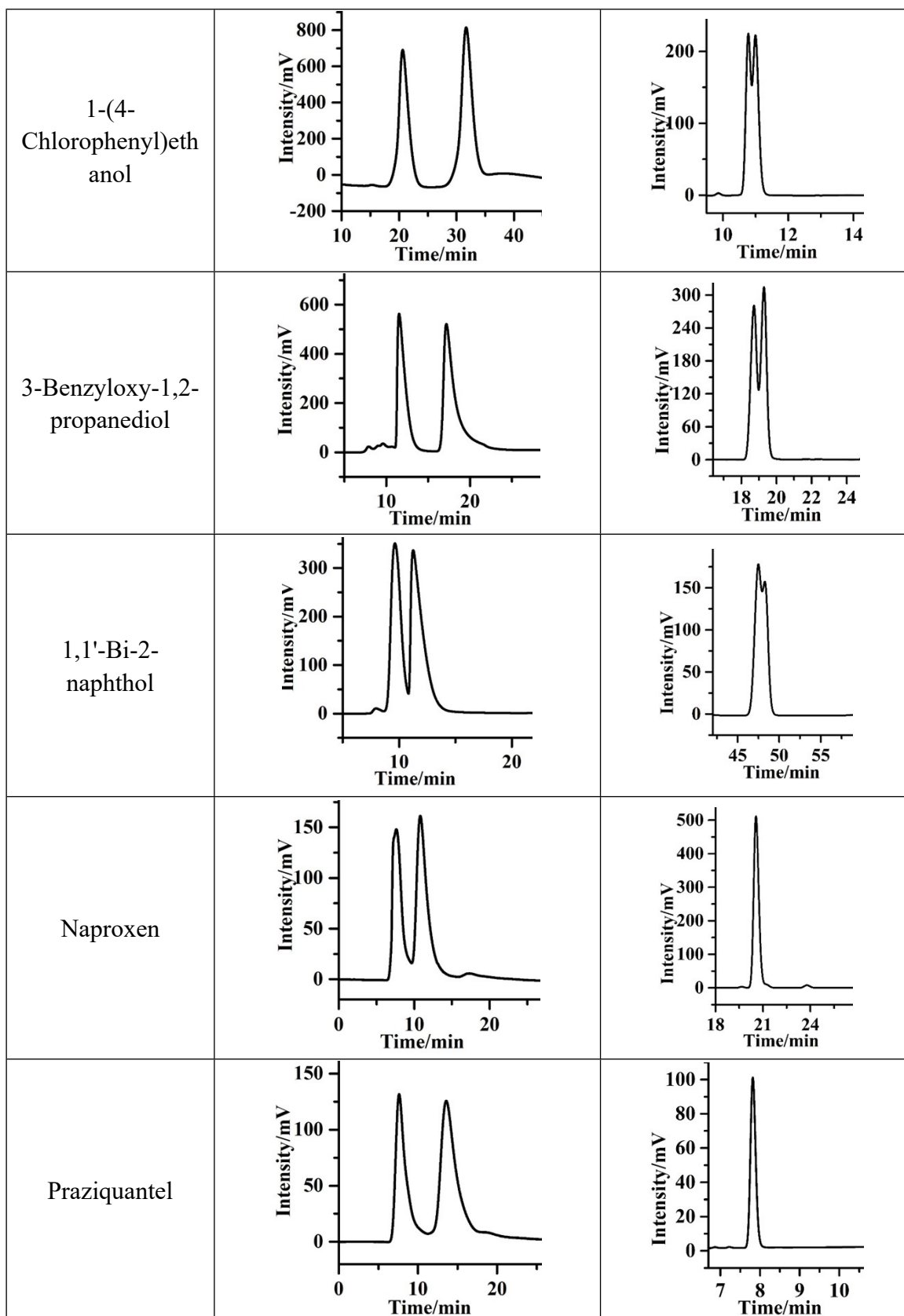
#### 4. Structures of racemates



**Fig. S1** Structures of 14 racemates separated on the L-his-MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> packed column.

**5. Comparison of resolution performance between L-his-MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>-packed column and Chiralpak AD-H column.**

Racemates	L-his-MIL-53-NH <sub>2</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> column	Chiralpak AD-H column
2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(9-anthryl)ethanol		
Ethyl mandelate		
Benzoin		
4-Chlorobenzhydrol		



**Fig. S2** HPLC chromatograms of racemates obtained on the L-his-MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>-packed column and the Chiralpak AD-H column.

## 6. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms and pore size distributions.

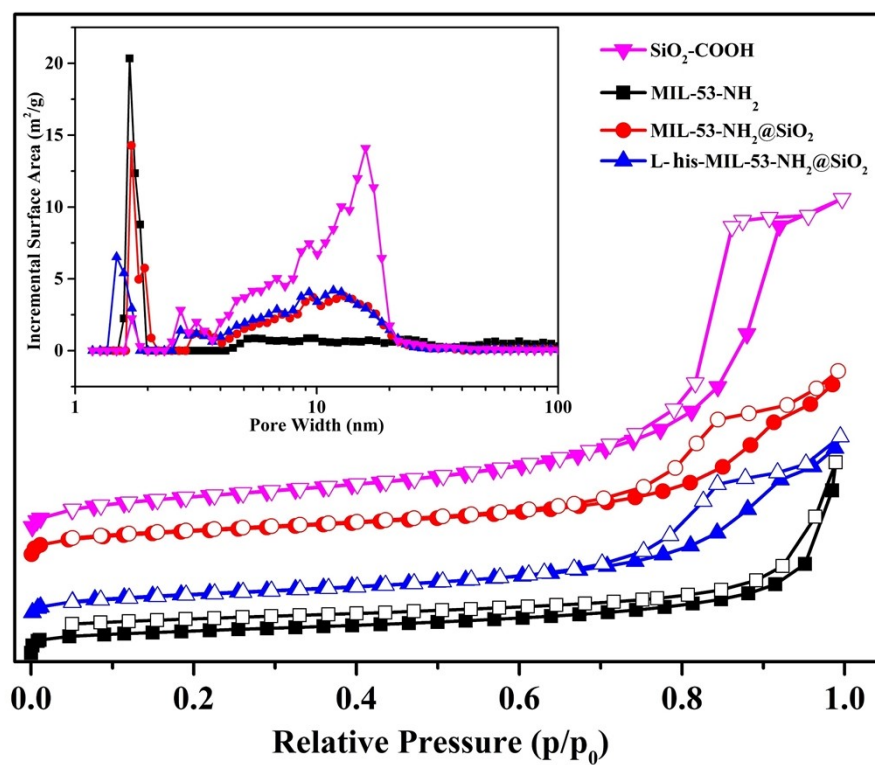
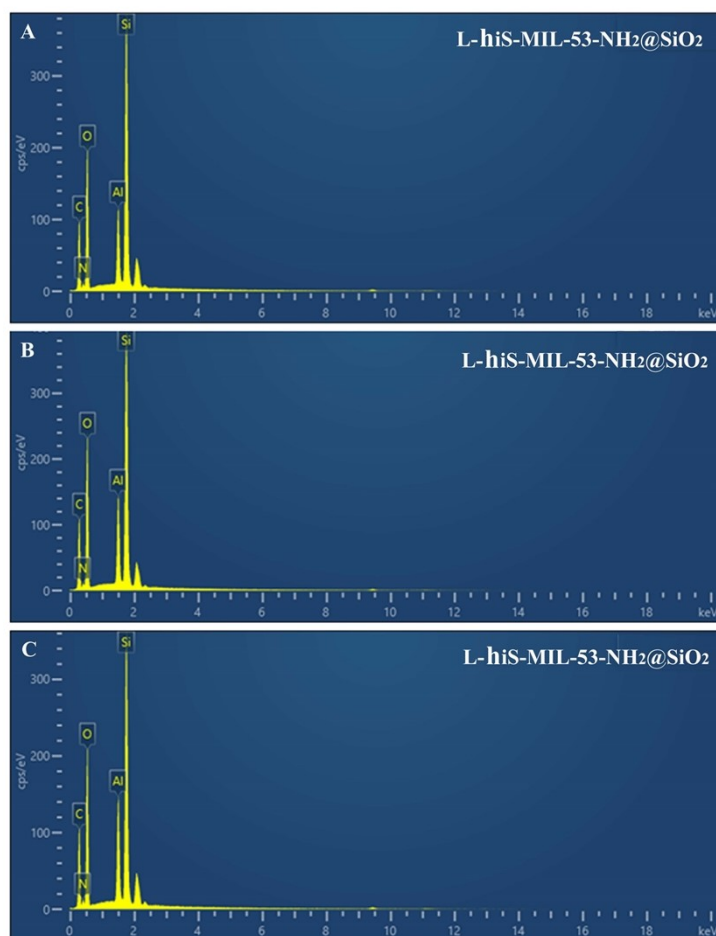


Fig. S3 N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms and pore size distributions.

## 7. Surface elemental composition of L-his-MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



	A		B		C	
	Weight (%)	Weight (%) Sigma	Weight (%)	Weight (%) Sigma	Weight (%)	Weight (%) Sigma
<b>C</b>	40.22	0.30	40.29	0.28	40.32	0.36
<b>N</b>	4.66	0.33	4.39	0.31	4.89	0.41
<b>O</b>	32.65	0.23	32.38	0.22	32.67	0.28
<b>Al</b>	5.02	0.05	5.19	0.05	5.33	0.07
<b>Si</b>	17.45	0.12	17.75	0.11	16.79	0.14

**Fig. S4** SEM-energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy results of three batches of L-his-MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> composite.


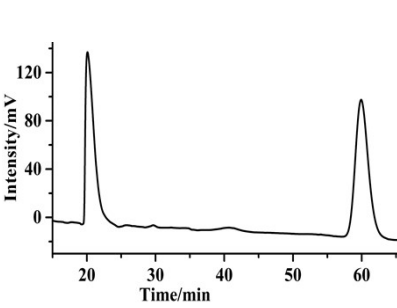
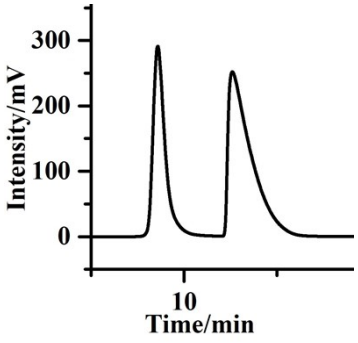
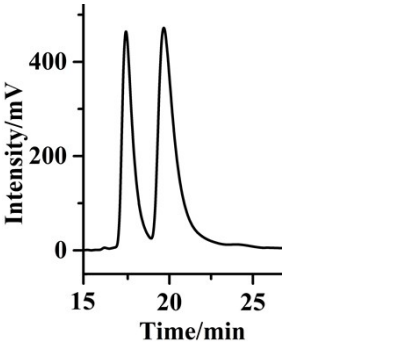
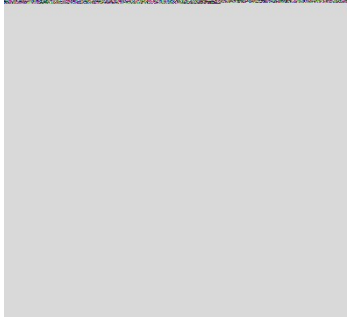
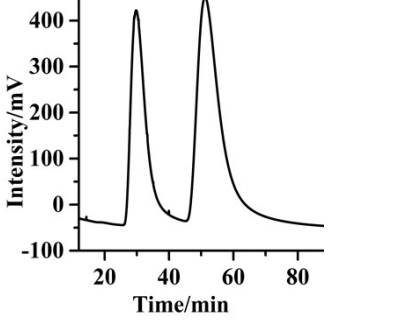
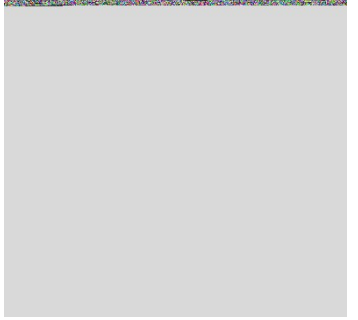
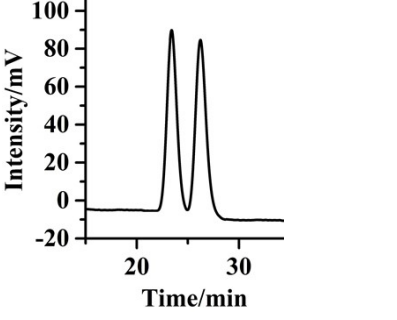
## 8. Comparison of separation performance on the L-his-MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> packed column and the [Cu<sub>2</sub>(D-Cam)<sub>2</sub>(4,4'-bpy)]<sub>n</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> packed column.<sup>[2]</sup>

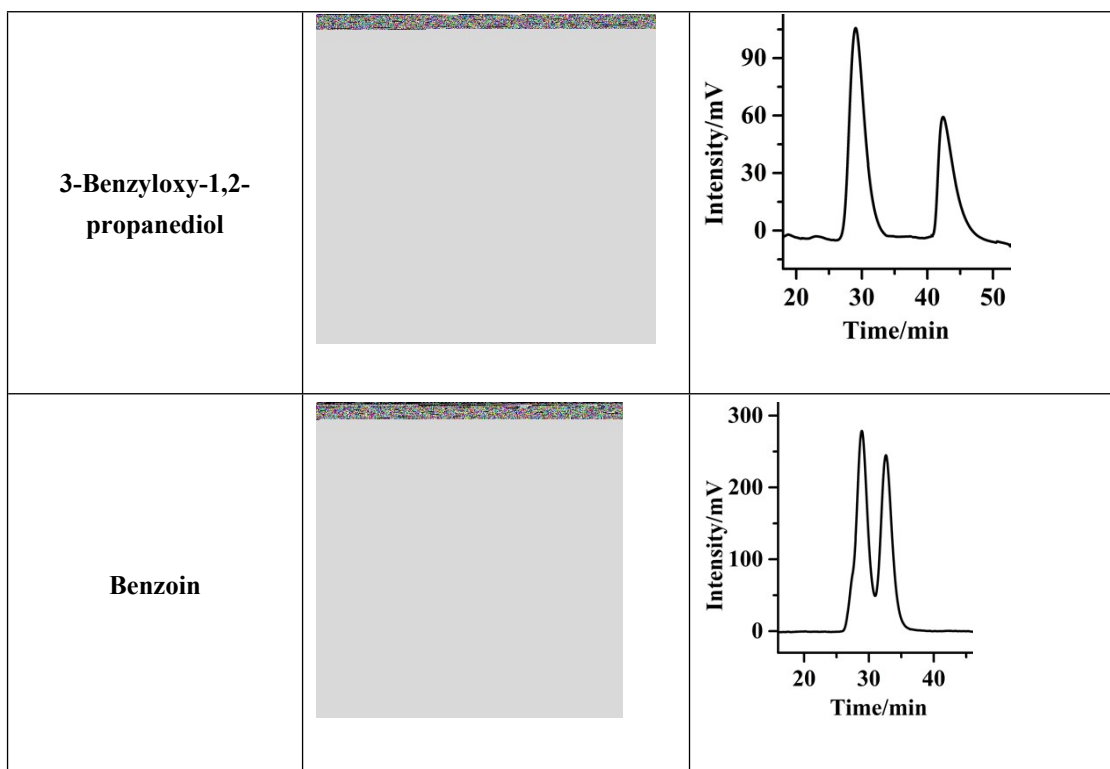
**Table S1** Separations of racemates on the L-his-MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> and [Cu<sub>2</sub>(D-Cam)<sub>2</sub>(4,4'-bpy)]<sub>n</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> packed column.

Chiral compounds	L-his-MIL-53-NH <sub>2</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub>			[Cu <sub>2</sub> (D-Cam) <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-bpy)] <sub>n</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub>		
	column			column		
	<i>k</i>	<i>α</i>	Rs	<i>k</i>	<i>α</i>	Rs
2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(9-anthryl)ethanol <sup>a</sup>	3.26	1.48	4.86	2.49	3.84	11.22
Ethyl mandelate <sup>a</sup>	1.92	3.52	4.07			— <sup>e</sup>
Trans-stilbene oxide <sup>a</sup>	1.38	2.25	2.38	1.90	1.21	1.42
4-Chlorobenzhydrol <sup>a</sup>	1.19	2.59	2.37			— <sup>e</sup>
Mandelic acid <sup>b</sup>	1.67	2.11	2.59			— <sup>e</sup>
Praziquantel <sup>a,d</sup>	1.56	3.62	2.22	4.50	1.67	2.05
1-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethanol <sup>a</sup>	4.98	1.72	3.04	3.07	1.26	1.62
3-Benzyloxy-1,2-propanediol <sup>a</sup>	2.23	1.89	2.72	4.02	1.77	2.16
Naproxen <sup>a</sup>	1.07	2.32	1.39			— <sup>e</sup>
1,1'-Bi-2-naphthol <sup>c</sup>	1.11	1.37	0.89			— <sup>e</sup>
1-Phenylethylamine <sup>c</sup>	1.96	1.29	1.28			— <sup>e</sup>
Piperoin <sup>a</sup>	2.61	1.33	1.59			— <sup>e</sup>
Benzoin <sup>a,d</sup>	1.12	2.41	4.65	4.03	1.16	1.36
N-3-5-Dinitrobenzoyl-L-Leucine <sup>a</sup>	0.80	1.99	0.96			— <sup>e</sup>

Mobile phase of L-his-MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> packed column: <sup>a</sup> n-hexane/isopropanol (9/1, v/v); <sup>b</sup> n-hexane/isopropanol (8/2, v/v); <sup>c</sup> n-hexane/isopropanol (95/5, v/v). Mobile phase of [Cu<sub>2</sub>(D-Cam)<sub>2</sub>(4,4'-bpy)]<sub>n</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> packed column: <sup>d</sup> n-hexane/isopropanol (99/1, v/v). All chromatographic separations were performed at 25°C using n-hexane/isopropanol as mobile phase at flow rate of 0.1 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>. The UV detection wavelength was 254 nm. —<sup>e</sup> Cannot be separated.



Racemates	L-his-MIL-53-NH <sub>2</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> column	[Cu <sub>2</sub> (D-Cam) <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-bpy)] <sub>n</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> column
2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(9-anthryl)ethanol		
Trans-stilbene oxide		
Praziquantel		
1-(4-Chlorophenyl)ethanol		



**Fig. S5** HPLC chromatograms of some racemates obtained on the L-his-MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> column and the [Cu<sub>2</sub>(D-Cam)<sub>2</sub>(4,4'-bpy)]<sub>n</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> column.

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