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Highly effective tandem hydroformylation-acetalization of olefins using a long-life Brønsted acid-Rh bifunctional catalyst in ionic liquid/alcohol systems

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Characterization of the phase behavior and miscibility of IL/alcohol/1-alkene systems

All miscibility determinations were carried out by cloud titration method according to literature report.¹ IL, 1-alkene and the internal standard were added in 15 mL glass Schlenk tube and heated with a super thermostatic cistern under stirring. Upon reaching the set temperature, alcohol was added dropwise using a syringe until the cloudy mixture turned homogeneous. The volume of the added alcohol was recorded.

Table 1 The phase behavior and miscibility of [bmim][BF₄]/MeOH/1-octene system.

T (°C)	m _{[bmim][BF₄]} (g)	V _{1-octene} (mL)	V _{cyclohexane (internal standard)} (mL)	V _{MeOH} (mL)	Miscibility
60	1	0.6	0.1	2.30	miscible
65	1	0.6	0.1	2.15	miscible

Table 2 The phase behavior and miscibility of [bmim][PF₆]/MeOH/1-octene system.

T (°C)	m _{[bmim][PF₆]} (g)	V _{1-octene} (mL)	V _{cyclohexane (internal standard)} (mL)	V _{MeOH} (mL)	Miscibility
60	1	0.6	0.1	2.30	miscible
65	1	0.6	0.1	2.05	miscible

Table 3 The phase behavior and miscibility of [bmim][Tf₂N]/MeOH/1-octene system.

T (°C)	m _{[bmim][Tf₂N]} (g)	V _{1-octene} (mL)	V _{cyclohexane (internal standard)} (mL)	V _{MeOH} (mL)	Miscibility
60	1	0.6	0.1	1.75	miscible
65	1	0.6	0.1	1.50	miscible

Table 4 The phase behavior and miscibility of [bmim][BF₄]/EtOH/1-octene system.

T (°C)	m _{[bmim][BF₄]} (g)	V _{1-octene} (mL)	V _{cyclohexane (internal standard)} (mL)	V _{EtOH} (mL)	Miscibility
70	1	0.6	0.1	1.70	miscible
75	1	0.6	0.1	1.60	miscible

Table 5 The phase behavior and miscibility of [bmim][BF₄]/MeOH/1-decene system.

T (°C)	m _{[bmim][BF₄]} (g)	V _{1-decene} (mL)	V _{n-octane (internal standard)} (mL)	V _{MeOH} (mL)	Miscibility
60	1	0.72	0.1	5.00	miscible
65	1	0.72	0.1	4.80	miscible

Table 6 The phase behavior and miscibility of [bmim][BF₄]/MeOH/1-dodecene system.

T (°C)	m _{[bmim][BF₄]} (g)	V ₁ -dodecene (mL)	V _n -decane (internal standard) (mL)	V _{MeOH} (mL)	Miscibility
60	1	0.85	0.1	9.00	miscible
65	1	0.85	0.1	8.85	miscible

Table 7 The phase behavior and miscibility of [bmim][BF₄]/1,2-propanediol/1-octene system.

T (°C)	m _{[bmim][BF₄]} (g)	V ₁ -octene (mL)	V _{cyclohexane} (internal standard) (mL)	V _{1,2} -propanediol (mL)	Miscibility	
					Bottom layer	Top layer
20	1	0.6	0.1	0.3	[bmim][BF ₄]/1,2-propanediol	1-octene/cyclohexane
80	1	0.6	0.1	0.3	[bmim][BF ₄]/1,2-propanediol	1-octene/cyclohexane
80	1	0.6	0.1	0.5	[bmim][BF ₄]/1,2-propanediol	1-octene/cyclohexane
80	1	0.6	0.1	1.0	[bmim][BF ₄]/1,2-propanediol	1-octene/cyclohexane
80	1	0.6	0.1	2.0	[bmim][BF ₄]/1,2-propanediol	1-octene/cyclohexane

Table 8 The phase behavior and miscibility of [bmim][BF₄]/ethylene glycol/1-octene system.

T (°C)	m _{[bmim][BF₄]} (g)	V ₁ -octene (mL)	V _{cyclohexane} (internal standard) (mL)	V _{ethylene glycol} (mL)	Miscibility	
					Bottom layer	Top layer
20	1	0.6	0.1	0.2	[bmim][BF ₄]/ethylene glycol	1-octene/cyclohexane
80	1	0.6	0.1	0.2	[bmim][BF ₄]/ethylene glycol	1-octene/cyclohexane
80	1	0.6	0.1	0.5	[bmim][BF ₄]/ethylene glycol	1-octene/cyclohexane
80	1	0.6	0.1	1.0	[bmim][BF ₄]/ethylene glycol	1-octene/cyclohexane
80	1	0.6	0.1	2.0	[bmim][BF ₄]/ethylene glycol	1-octene/cyclohexane

Determination of rhodium loss

The sample was transferred into 25 mL Teflon liner of the steel hydrothermal synthesis reactor, heated on a hotplate to evaporate the volatile materials, then cooled to room temperature and 15 mL concentrated HNO₃ (65%, guaranteed reagent grade) was added. The hydrothermal synthesis reactor was sealed, allowed to stand overnight, then heated in an oven at 180 °C for 24 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, heated on a hotplate to remove HNO₃ (<0.5 mL residue), then double distilled water was added and the volume was set to 10 mL using a volumetric flask. The Rh loss was then measured by ICP-AES.

The photo of the homemade autoclave

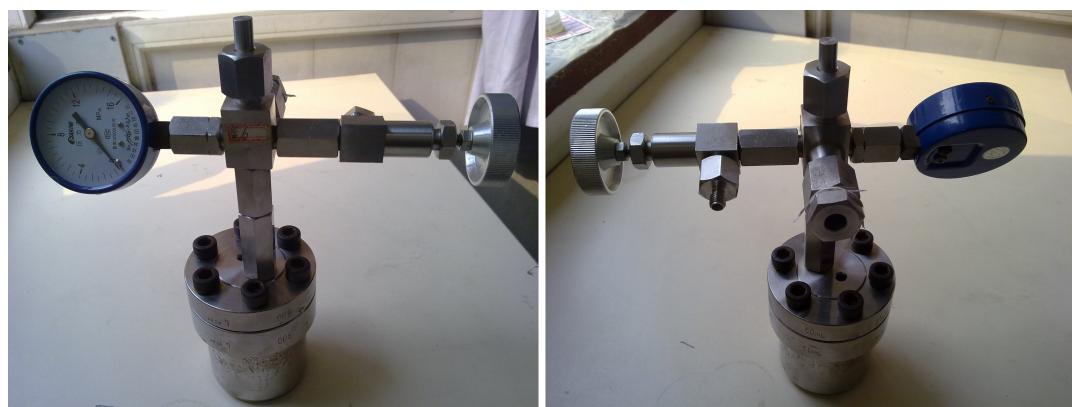


Fig. 1 The photo of 60 ml homemade stainless steel autoclave

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