Supporting Information

A new ferrocene-based bulky pyridine as an efficient reusable homogeneous catalyst

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LC-MS of Compound I



LC-MS of Compound II



100.00



















empirical formula	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ N ₂ OFe	$C_{24}H_{22}N_4O_2Fe$
formula weight	320.17	454.31
crystal system	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> na2(1)	<i>C</i> 2/c
T (K)	298	298
a/Å	20.791(11)	28.447(9)
$b/ m \AA$	5.874(3)	6.2758(19)
c/Å	11.646(6)	12.914(4)
α/deg	90.00	90.00
β/deg	90.00	116.647(7)
γ/deg	90.00	90.00
$V/Å^3$	1422.2(13)	2060.6(11)
D_{calcd} (g cm ⁻³)	1.495	1.464
$\mu (\mathrm{mm}^{-1})$	1.060	0.762
Z	4	4
reflns collected	13592	10015
unique reflns	2766	1994
observed reflns	2636	1878
$R_1 [I > 2 \sigma(I)]$	0.0335	0.0366
wR2 (all)	0.0733	0.0946
goodness-of-fit	1.100	1.118
diffractometer	SMART Bruker Apex -II	SMART Bruker Apex -II

Table S1: Crystallographic Data of N-methyl-N-(pyridin-4-yl)ferroceneamide (I) and N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-di(pyridin-4-yl)ferrocene-1,1'-dicarboxamide (II)



Figure S1: (a) catalyst I in DCM (b) precipitate of catalyst I after addition of petroleum ether



Figure S2: (a) catalyst **II** in DCM (b) precipitate of catalyst **II** after addition of petroleum ether





(a)

(b)



(c)

Figure S3: (a) reaction before the addition of the catalyst \mathbf{II} (b) reaction after the addition of the catalyst \mathbf{II} (c) Precipitation of the catalyst from the reaction mixture.



Figure S4: Cyclic voltammetry in DMSO of (A) Dimethyl (2E)-2-(4-bromobenzoyl)but-2enedioate (5b) (B) Reaction mixture after removal of catalyst II. Condition for CV: Glassy Carbon working electrode, Ag-AgCl (3M solution) as reference and Pt wire grid as counter electrode. Scan rate: 100 mV/sec.

(Figure S4 (B) indicates the absence of catalyst II in the reaction mixture after catalyst separation.)



Figure S5: 1H NMR of recovered catalyst II after reaction.