

Supplementary information

Magnetically Separable CuFe₂O₄ Nanoparticles as Recoverable Catalyst for Addition Reaction of C(sp³)-H Bond of Azaarenes to Aldehydes

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1. Instrument

All major chemicals and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. NMR spectra were recorded at 300 MHz for protons on JOEL JNM-ECA 300 spectrometers. ¹H NMR chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to TMS (δ = 0.0). Chemical shifts for ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as the internal standard. Data Reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), integration, coupling constant and identification. copper ferrite (CuFe₂O₄) nanoparticle was obtained from Sigma Aldrich.

2. General procedure for C(sp³)-H functionalization of azaarenes: A 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with 2,6-lutidine (0.50 mmol), *p*-nitrobenzaldehyde (0.25 mmol), ethylene glycol (0.5ml), TBAC(1 equiv.) and CuFe₂O₄(0.1equiv.). The tube was sealed and heated at 100°C for 24h. After completion of the reaction, the catalyst was separated with an external magnet and the resulting solution was extracted with ether (3×10 ml). The organic layer was dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column eluted with a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (1:1) to give pure products

3. Characterization data of products:

2-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanol (3a) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J*=5.7 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J*=8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, *J*=4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.11-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 158.2, 157.7, 151.7, 147.1, 137.5, 126.6, 123.6, 121.7, 120.7, 72.6, 44.5, 24.3 ;

1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethanol (3b) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 8.51 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (td, *J* = 7.7, 15.36 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.25(m, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dd, *J* = 3.1, 8.56 Hz, 1H), 3.18-3.06 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 158.8, 151.6, 148.5, 147.2, 137.3, 126.7, 124.0, 123.7, 122.2, 72.6, 44.9.

1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(quinolin-2-yl)ethanol (3c) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz,

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2H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (dd, J = 3.3 Hz, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23-3.38 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.7, 151.5, 147.2, 146.9, 137.3, 130.2, 128.6, 127.7, 126.7, 126.6, 123.7, 121.9, 72.1, 45.1;

2-(6-bromoquinolin-2-yl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanol (**3d**) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 8.19 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 5.42 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34-3.21 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 160.2, 151.2, 147.3, 145.6, 136.2, 133.6, 130.4, 129.8, 128.1, 126.7, 123.8, 122.9, 120.5, 72.1, 45.5;

2-(4,6-dimethylpyridin-2-yl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanol (**3e**) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 8.17 (d, J = 8.7, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 5.20 (dd, J = 3.0, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.08-2.93 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 157.9, 157.1, 151.9, 148.8, 147.1, 126.6, 123.6, 122.7, 121.7, 72.7, 44.4, 24.1, 21.0;

2-(6-fluoroquinolin-2-yl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanol (**3f**) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 8.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.02-8.06 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 2H), 5.42 (dd, J = 2.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22-3.35 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 161.6, 159.2, 151.3, 147.2, 144.0, 136.6 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 127.6, 126.7, 123.7, 122.7, 120.5 (d, J = 102.4 Hz), 110.8 (d, J = 86.4 Hz), 72.1, 45.3;

1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(8-nitroquinolin-2-yl)ethanol (**3g**) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ 8.41-8.44 (m, 1H), 8.11-8.21 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.69 (m, 4H), 5.78 (br, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 3.31 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.6, 151.1, 147.2, 146.7, 138.5, 137.3, 132.9, 127.8, 126.7, 125.8, 125.3, 123.7, 123.6, 71.5, 45.6;

1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(quinoxalin-2-yl)ethanol (**3h**) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.10-8.06 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.78 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (dd, J = 2.8 Hz, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.45-3.32 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 154.1, 150.6, 147.4, 145.9, 141.7, 141.1, 130.8, 129.9, 128.6, 126.7, 123.9, 71.9, 43.3;

2-(6-methylquinolin-2-yl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanol (**3i**) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 8.18 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dd, J = 2.8, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.33-3.19 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 158.7, 151.6, 147.2, 145.5, 136.6, 136.5, 132.4, 128.3, 127.0, 126.7, 126.6, 123.7, 121.9, 72.3, 45.1, 21.6

1-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-(quinolin-2-yl)ethanol (**3j**) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.06-8.14 (m, 3H), 7.82 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.37-3.27 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.7, 148.4, 146.2, 137.4, 132.1, 130.2, 129.4, 128.6, 127.0, 127.0, 126.6, 122.4, 122.0, 121.1, 72.1, 45.3;

2-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-(3-nitrophenyl)ethanol (**3k**) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, J = 3.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.01-3.12 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 158.3, 157.5, 148.3, 146.5, 137.5, 132.1, 129.3, 122.2, 121.7, 121.0, 120.7, 72.5, 44.6, 24.4;

3-(1-hydroxy-2-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)ethyl)benzonitrile (**3l**) ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, J = 2.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.12-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 158.0, 157.3, 145.7, 137.9, 130.9, 130.4, 129.6, 129.1, 121.9, 120.9,

119.0, 112.3, 72.4, 44.6, 24.1;

1-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(pyrazin-2-yl)ethanol (**3m**) yellow solid, mp 137-139 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.52 (s, 2H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (dd, *J* = 3.9 Hz, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.25-3.11 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.3, 150.7, 147.4, 145.4, 143.4, 143.4, 126.6, 123.8, 72.2, 42.8;

4-(1-hydroxy-2-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)ethyl)benzonitrile (**3n**) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 7.60-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.96-3.08 (m, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 158.8, 157.5, 149.7, 137.5, 132.2, 126.6, 121.7, 120.7, 119.0, 110.9, 72.7, 44.6, 24.3

4-(1-hydroxy-2-(quinolin-2-yl)ethyl)benzonitrile (**3o**) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.60-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.27-5.21 (m, 1H), 3.24 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 159.8, 151.7, 147.6, 136.3, 132.5, 129.8, 128.8, 128.2, 127.4, 127.0, 126.3, 123.1, 119.4, 110.0, 72.3, 48.2;

2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-1-(3-nitrophenyl)ethanol(**3p**) White solid, mp 167-168°C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.38 (m, 3H), 5.44 (s, 1H), 3.54-3.38 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 167.9, 152.6, 148.4, 144.8, 131.8, 129.4, 126.3, 125.3, 122.7, 122.6, 121.5, 120.9, 71.5, 42.4; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₅H₁₃N₂O₃S: 301.06390 (M+H)⁺, Found: 301.06414.

2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-1-(2-nitrophenyl)ethanol(**3q**) Red solid, mp 160-161°C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 8.02-7.99 (m, 3H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.37 (m, 3H), 5.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03(s, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 15.3 Hz, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.34 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 168.5, 152.7, 147.5, 138.3, 134.6, 133.7, 128.4, 126.2, 125.1, 124.4, 122.7, 121.5, 68.4, 41.8; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₅H₁₃N₂O₃S: 301.06396 (M+H)⁺, Found: 301.06414.

2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanol(**3r**) White solid, mp 178-180°C, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 8.02-7.99 (m, 3H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.37 (m, 3H), 5.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03(s, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 15.3 Hz, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.34 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 168.5, 152.7, 147.5, 138.3, 134.6, 133.7, 128.4, 126.2, 125.1, 124.4, 122.7, 121.5, 68.4, 41.8; HRMS (ESI) calculated for C₁₅H₁₃N₂O₃S: 301.06390 (M+H)⁺, Found: 301.06414.

2-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethanol (**3s**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (td, *J* = 1.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94(d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (dd, *J* = 2.9, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 162.8, 158.8, 157.2, 148.4, 137.1, 136.7, 122.1, 121.2, 120.9, 120.3, 73.8, 44.0, 24.3.

ethyl 2-hydroxy-3-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)propanoate (**3t**) ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 7.4 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd, *J* = 3.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 14.4 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 4.05, 14.8 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 173.7, 157.5, 157.2, 137.1, 121.5, 120.8, 70.6, 61.1, 40.3, 24.0, 14.1

4-(1-hydroxy-2-(6-methylpyridin-2-yl)ethyl)benzaldehyde (**3u**) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS) δ 9.99 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04

(d, $J=8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J=7.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, $J=3.5, 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.00-3.14 (m, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS) δ 192.2, 158.5, 157.5, 151.3, 137.5, 135.5, 129.9, 126.4, 121.6, 120.7, 73.0, 44.8, 24.3

4. Copies of ^1H and ^{13}C spectra























































































