Supporting Information

Palladium-Catalyzed Hydroxycarbonylation of

1-Dodecene in Microemulsion Systems: Does

Reaction Performance Care about Phase Behavior?

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S1 Chemical structure of the applied surfactants

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 OH

i=11-13 j=2 (Marlipal 24/20) j=3 (Marlipal 24/30) j=4 (Marlipal 24/40) j=5 (Marlipal 24/50) j=6 (Marlipal 24/60) j=7 (Marlipal 24/70)

j=8 (Marlipal 24/80)

Figure S1. Chemical structure of the applied surfactants.

S2 Variation of the ionic strength

We investigated the effect on the initial rate of hydroxycarbonylation, the l:b regioselectivity and the chemoselectivity with different amounts of sodium sulfate as shown in Figure S1. In general, the initial rate of hydroxycarbonylation decreases significantly from 18 mmol/(L·h) for no added salt to 1.5 mmol/(L·h) for 6 wt % sodium sulfate. We have to mention that it was found that the ligand SulfoXantPhos precipitates at salt concentrations above 6 wt % due to a salting out effect. The increase of the ionic strength leads to a lower solubility of SulfoXantPhos in water which results in its precipitation.

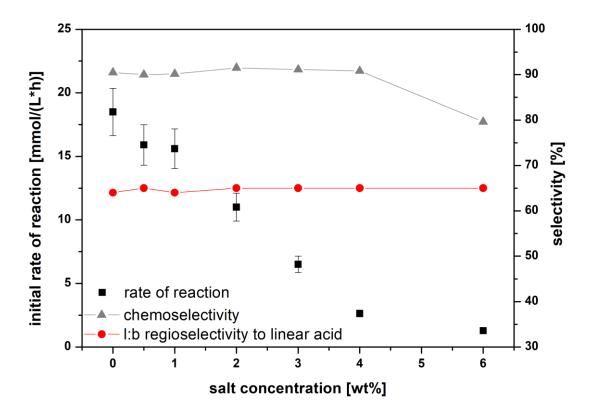


Figure S2. Effect of salt concentration on the hydroxycarbonylation of 1-dodecene. Experimental conditions: $Pd_2(allyl)_2Cl_2$ (0.08 mmol), Pd/SX/MSA/1-dodecene (1:4:40:110), α =0.5, tetradecane as the cosolvent (9 g), water (12 g), Marlipal 24/70 as the surfactant, γ =9%, Na_2SO_4 as salt, p(CO)=30 bar, T=85°C, n=1200 rpm, t=20 h, V_R =0.03 L.

Besides the reaction rate, the 1:b selectivity remains constant at 65:35 and the chemoselectivity at a value of 90% for salt concentrations of up to 4wt%. The chemoselectivity drops to 80% with 6 wt% sodium sulfate in the reaction mixture. Apparently, the precipitation of the catalyst complex leads to a higher isomerization of 1-dodecene. For all experiments 1wt% sodium sulfate was chosen because of an accelerated phase separation.