## **Supporting Information**

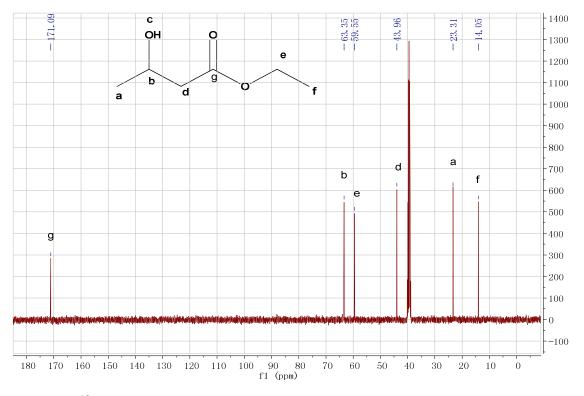
## Use of Ionic Liquid to Significantly Improve Asymmetric Reduction of Ethyl Acetoacetate Catalyzed by *Acetobacter sp.* CCTCC M209061 Cells

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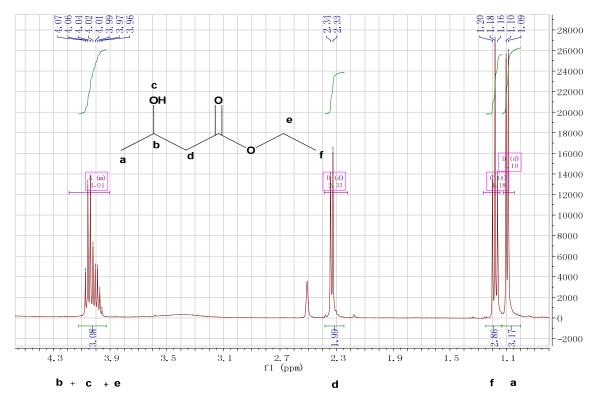
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Ionic liquid	Structure	Abbreviation
1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium	F	
hexafluorophosphate	N + N F F F	C <sub>4</sub> mim·PF <sub>6</sub>
1-pentyl-3-methylimidazolium	F F	C5mim·PF6
hexafluorophosphate		
1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium	F F	C <sub>6</sub> mim·PF <sub>6</sub>
hexafluorophosphate		
1-heptyl-3-methylimidazolium	F F	C7 mim·PF6
hexafluorophosphate	H $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$	
1-isobutyl-3-methylimidazolium	F F	iC <sub>4</sub> mim·PF <sub>6</sub>
hexafluorophosphate		
1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium		$C_4 \operatorname{mim} Tf_2 N$
bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide	N + N C4H9 F3C S CF3	
1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium		C <sub>6</sub> mim·Tf <sub>2</sub> N
bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide	N H N C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub> F <sub>3</sub> C S CF <sub>3</sub>	
N-butyl-N-methylpiperidinium		$PP_{14}$ ·Tf <sub>2</sub> N
bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide	N C4H9 F3C CF3	
N-butyl-N-methylpyrrolidinium		$Py_{14}$ ·Tf <sub>2</sub> N
bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide	F <sub>3</sub> C	

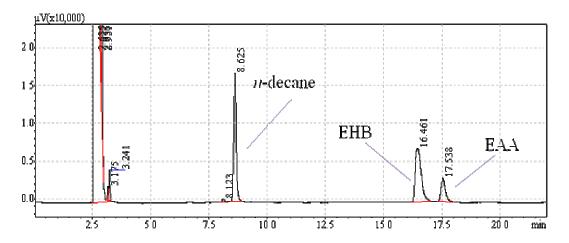
**Table S1.** Water-immiscible ILs used for the biocatalytic reduction of EAA and their abbreviations



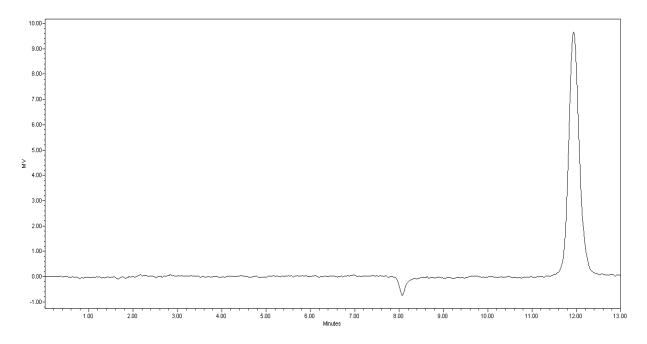
**Figure S1.** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of the isolated product EHB in the preparative scale bioreduction. The NMR spectrum of the product was obtained on a Bruker AMX300 NMR Spectrometer (Bruker Co., Germany) operating at 101 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR in DMSO. <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  171.09, 63.35, 59.55, 43.96, 23.31, 14.05.



**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the isolated product EHB in the preparative scale bioreduction. The NMR spectrum of the product was achieved on a Bruker AMX300 NMR Spectrometer (Bruker Co., Germany) operating at 400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  4.19 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 2.33 (d, *J* = 6.5, 1H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.1, 1H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.2, 1H).



**Figure S3**. Gas chromatogram of EAA, EHB and *n*-decane (as internal standard). The reaction mixtures were analyzed by a Shimadzu GC2010 model with a flame ionization detector and a HP chiral column (10% permethylated  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin 30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25  $\mu$ m) (USA). The split ratio was 50:1. The injector and the detector were both kept at 250 °C. The column temperature was held at 75 °C constant for 20 min. The carrier gas was nitrogen and its flow rate in the column was 2.0 mL/min.



**Figure S4.** High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) of glucose. The glucose concentration was determined by HPLC (515 pump and 2410 differential refraction detector, Waters Cop., USA) using an Aminex HPX-87H column (7.8 mm  $\times$  300 mm) under the following conditions: mobile phase, 5.0 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; flow rate, 0.5 mL/min; column temperature, 65 °C; detector temperature, 50 °C.