

## Supporting Information

### Ru-BICP Catalyzed Asymmetric Hydrogenation of Aromatic Ketones

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#### Conditions of the Analysis of Chiral Secondary Alcohols

**Chiral Capillary GC.** Supelco<sup>TM</sup>  $\beta$ -DEX 120 column 30m x 0.25mm (i.d.). Carrier gas: He (1ml/min). The racemic products were obtained from reduction of ketones by NaBH<sub>4</sub> in ethanol. The absolute configuration of products was obtained by comparing optical rotation data with literature.<sup>1-2</sup> Enclosed is the retention time for the racemic products at the given temperature.

#### **1-phenylethanol (entry 1)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 12.1$  min,  $t_S = 12.5$  min (120 °C).

#### **1-(4'-fluorophenyl)ethanol (entry 2)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 7.5$  min,  $t_S = 7.9$  min (140 °C).

#### **1-(4'-chlorophenyl)ethanol (entry 3)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 8.6$  min,  $t_S = 8.8$  min (150 °C).

#### **1-phenyl-1-propanol (entry 5)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 15.7$  min,  $t_S = 16.2$  min (130 °C).

#### **2-methyl-1-phenyl-1-propanol (entry 6)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 8.0$  min,  $t_S = 9.1$  min ( $\gamma$ -225, 120 °C).

#### **1-(2'-methylphenyl)ethanol (entry 7)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 7.0$  min,  $t_S = 7.3$  min (150 °C).

**1-(2'-chlorophenyl)ethanol (entry 8)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 6.4$  min,  $t_S = 6.6$  min (160 °C).

**$\alpha$ -methyl-2-naphthalenemethanol (entry 9)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 46.6$  min,  $t_S = 47.8$  min (160 °C).

**$\alpha$ -methyl-1-naphthalenemethanol (entry 10)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 42.0$  min,  $t_S = 45.0$  min (160 °C).

**1-(2-thioenyl)ethanol (entry 11)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 11.5$  min,  $t_S = 11.9$  min (130 °C).

**1-(5-methyl-2-thioenyl)ethanol (entry 12)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 15.2$  min,  $t_S = 16.0$  min (130 °C).

**1-(3-methyl-2-thienyl)ethanol (entry 13)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 15.7$  min,  $t_S = 17.0$  min (130 °C).

**1-(2,4-dimethyl-5-thiazoyl)ethanol (entry 14)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 26.7$  min,  $t_S = 28.2$  min (130 °C).

**1-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)ethanol (entry 15)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 11.6$  min,  $t_S = 12.1$  min (150 °C).

**1-(5-bromo-2-thienyl)ethanol (entry 16)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 12.8$  min,  $t_S = 13.3$  min (160 °C).

**1-(3-thienyl)ethanol (entry 17)**

Retention Time:  $t_R = 11.5$  min,  $t_S = 11.9$  min (130 °C).

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