

Asymmetric Michael addition of aldehydes to maleimides in primary amine-based aqueous ionic liquid-supported recyclable catalytic system

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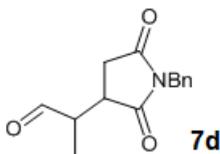
1. General Remarks.

The NMR ^1H and ^{13}C spectra were recorded by Bruker AM 300 in CDCl_3 and DMSO-d_6 . The chemical shifts of ^1H and ^{13}C were measured relative to Me_4Si or CDCl_3 respectively. The high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured with a Bruker microTOF II spectrometer by using electrospray ionization (ESI). The measurements were taken either in the positive ion mode (interface capillary voltage 4500 V) or in the negative ion mode (3200 V) in the mass range from $m/z = 50\text{--}3000$ Da; external or internal calibration was done with electrospray calibrant solution (Fluka). Syringe injection was used for solution in methanol (flow rate $3\ \mu\text{L}/\text{min}$). Nitrogen was applied as a dry gas and the interface temperature was set at 180°C . For thin layer chromatographic (TLC) analyses, Merck precoated TLC plates (silica gel 60 F₂₅₄) were used. Silica gel 0.060 – 0.200 (Acros) was used for column chromatography. The solvents were purified by standard procedures.

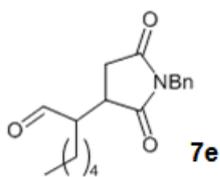
2. General procedure for the Michael addition of aldehydes **5** to maleimides **6**.

A mixture of aldehyde **5** ($354\ \mu\text{mol}$), maleimide **6** ($118\ \mu\text{mol}$), catalyst **3** ($10\ \text{mg}$, $24\ \mu\text{mol}$), $[\text{bmim}]\text{BF}_4$ ($200\ \mu\text{l}$) and water ($100\ \mu\text{l}$) was stirred at ambient temperature for 20 h. Product **7** was extracted with Et_2O ($5 \times 3\ \text{ml}$), the combined organic extracts were filtered through a silica gel pad ($1\ \text{g}$) and evaporated under reduced pressure ($15\ \text{Torr}$). Reactant **6** conversions and *dr* values of product **7** were derived from ^1H NMR spectroscopy data. Values *ee* of **7** were determined by HPLC (chiral phases: *Chiralcel OD-H* or *Chiralpak AD-H*, hexane/2-propanol 75/25, $1.0\ \text{ml}\ \text{min}^{-1}$, $220\ \text{nm}$). NMR data for succinimides **7a-c** are available in the literature: (a) Kokotos C. G., *Org. Lett.*, **2013**, *15*, 2406; (b) Yu F.; Jin Zh.; Huang H.; Ye T.; Liang X.; Ye J. *J. Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2010**, *8*, 4767. Characterization data and preparative yields after flash chromatography for novel compounds **7d-i** are given below.

3. Physical, spectroscopic and chiral HPLC data for new compounds **7d-i**

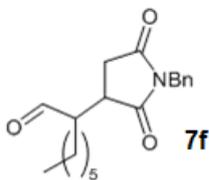


2-(1-Benzyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)propanal (7d): Light yellow oil. Yield $26\ \text{mg}$ (90%), $R_f = 0.26$ (petroleum ether/ EtOAc 2:1). ^1H NMR ($300\ \text{MHz}$, CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.13^*/1.31$ (d, $J=7.5\ \text{Hz}$, 3H), $2.35\text{--}2.55$ (m, 1H), $2.73\text{--}3.25$ (m, 3H), $4.60\text{--}4.80$ (m, 2H), $7.22\text{--}7.51$ (m, 5H), $9.60/9.70^*$ (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR ($100\ \text{MHz}$, CDCl_3): $\delta = 9.25/11.24^*$, $31.10/31.72^*$, $39.43/40.76^*$, $42.56/42.60^*$, $46.13/46.57^*$, 127.88 , 128.03 , 128.61 , 128.70 , 135.69 , 175.73 , $178.11^*/178.26$, $201.13^*/201.47$. HRMS (ESI): m/z $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$: 245.1052 ; found 245.1059 . HPLC analysis (*Chiralpak AD-H* column, hexane/2-propanol 75/25, $1.0\ \text{mL}/\text{min}$, $220\ \text{nm}$), major diastereomer: t_R (major) $12.8\ \text{min}$, t_R (minor) $31.8\ \text{min}$; minor diastereomer: t_R (major) $14.4\ \text{min}$, t_R (minor) $17.3\ \text{min}$.

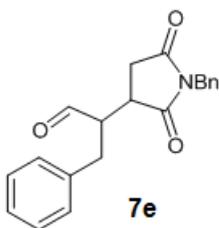


2-(1-Benzyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)heptanal (7e): Light yellow oil. Yield $32\ \text{mg}$ (90%), $R_f = 0.3$ (petroleum ether/ EtOAc 2:1). ^1H NMR ($300\ \text{MHz}$, CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.80\text{--}1.00$ (m, 3H), $1.10\text{--}1.55$ (m, 7H), $1.67\text{--}1.83^*/1.83\text{--}2.00$ (m, 1H), $2.30\text{--}2.55$ (m, 1H), $2.65\text{--}3.00$ (m, 2H), $3.05\text{--}3.15^*/3.15\text{--}3.25$ (m, 1H), $4.60\text{--}4.75$ (m, 2H), $7.20\text{--}7.45$ (m, 5H), $9.57/9.70^*$ (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR ($75\ \text{MHz}$,

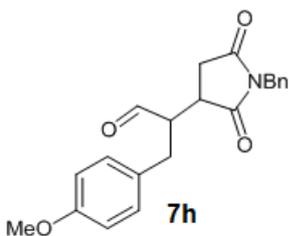
CDCl₃): δ = 13.94, 22.26*/22.38, 25.85*/26.28, 27.02/27.24*, 31.53/31.62*, 31.83, 38.82*/39.11, 42.54/42.57*, 51.15/52.12*, 127.81, 127.99, 128.57, 128.64, 128.80, 135.66*/135.74, 175.73*/175.80, 178.28*/178.68, 201.56*/201.82. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₃NO₃: 301.1678; found 301.1666. HPLC analysis (*Chiralpak AD-H* column, hexane/2-propanol 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm), major diastereomer: t_R (major) 7.3 min, t_R (minor) 28.8 min; minor diastereomer: t_R (major) 12.5 min, t_R (minor) 11.2 min.



2-(1-Benzyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)octanal (7f): Light yellow oil. Yield 34 mg (92%), R_f = 0.3 petroleum ether /EtOAc 2:1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.80-1.00 (m, 3H), 1.12-1.55 (m, 9H), 1.68-1.85*/1.85-2.00 (m, 1H), 2.32-3.53 (m, 1H), 2.65-3.02 (m, 2H), 3.06-3.15*/3.15-3.26 (m, 1H), 4.60-4.75 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.46 (m, 5H), 9.56/9.71* (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 14.02, 22.55, 25.93*/26.34, 27.34/27.57*, 29.09/29.19*, 31.41/31.53*, 31.84, 38.83*/39.13, 42.56/42.59*, 51.16/52.14*, 127.83, 128.01, 128.58, 128.59, 128.66, 128.82, 135.67*/135.76, 175.74*/175.80, 178.29*/178.68, 201.56*/201.82. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₅NO₃: 315.1834; found 315.1840. HPLC analysis (*Chiralpak AD-H* column, hexane/2-propanol 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm), major diastereomer: t_R (major) 6.3 min, t_R (minor) 25.5 min; minor diastereomer: t_R (major) 11.5 min, t_R (minor) 10.2 min.

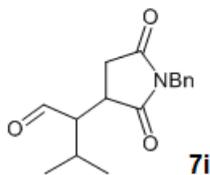


2-(1-Benzyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-3-phenylpropanal (7g): Light yellow oil. Yield 35 mg (92%), R_f = 0.45 (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.45 (dd, J =6.70Hz, J =17.5Hz, 1H), 2.75-3.25 (m, 4H), 4.58-4.75 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.60 (m, 10H), 9.65/9.75* (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 28.76*/29.54, 30.81*/31.10, 31.60*/31.72, 46.13/46.57*, 52.56/52.93*, 126.68, 126.86, 126.78, 127.80-128.70, 135.69, 138.62, 178.11/178.26*, 178.26, 201.41/201.47*. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₉NO₃: 321.1365; found 321.1361. HPLC analysis (*Chiralpak AD-H* column, hexane/2-propanol 85/15, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm), major diastereomer: t_R (major) 25.8 min, t_R (minor) 35.3 min; minor diastereomer: t_R (major) 31.2 min, t_R (minor) 39.8 min.



2-(1-Benzyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanal (7h): Light yellow oil. Yield 38 mg (93%), R_f = 0.4 (*n*-hexane/EtOAc 2:1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.31-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.70-3.18 (m, 5H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.55-4.70 (m, 2H), 6.95-7.60 (m, 9H), 9.60/9.72* (s,

1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 28.90*/30.36, 31.20*/32.10, 32.62/32.85*, 45.73, 52.36/52.57*, 55.57, 114.13, 126.62, 126.77, 126.88, 127.63, 128.03, 128.68, 130.26, 130.91, 136.61, 157.62, 178.22/176.36*, 201.61/201.69*. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NO₄: 351.1471; found 351.1479. HPLC analysis (*Chiralpak AD-H* column, hexane/2-propanol 85/15, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm), major diastereomer: *t_R* (major) 26.6 min, *t_R* (minor) 34.7 min; minor diastereomer: *t_R* (major) 32.9 min, *t_R* (minor) 37.4 min.



2-(1-Benzyl-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-3-methylbutanal (7i): Light yellow oil. Yield 34 mg (21%),[#] *R_f* = 0.28 (petroleum ether/EtOAc 2:1). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.03*/1.05 (d, *J*=6.8Hz, 3H), 1.1*/1.2 (d, *J*=6.8Hz, 3H), 2.15-2.98 (m, 4H), 3.05-3.15 (m, 1H), 4.60-4.75 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.45 (m, 5H), 9.20/9.33* (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.98*/21.02, 21.16/21.56*, 27.72/28.05*, 32.34/32.97*, 37.98/38.19*, 42.61, 57.04/58.48*, 127.83, 128.01, 128.57, 128.60, 128.67, 128.90, 135.65*/135.81, 175.47*/175.99, 178.27*/179.23, 202.62*/202.90. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₉NO₃: 273.1365; found 273.1371. HPLC analysis (*Chiralpak AD-H* column, hexane/2-propanol 75/25, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm), major diastereomer: *t_R* (major) 15.6 min, *t_R* (minor) 28.8 min; minor diastereomer: *t_R* (major) 16.7 min, *t_R* (minor) 18.0 min. [#]For product characterization experiment with a five-fold loading of the reagents was performed.

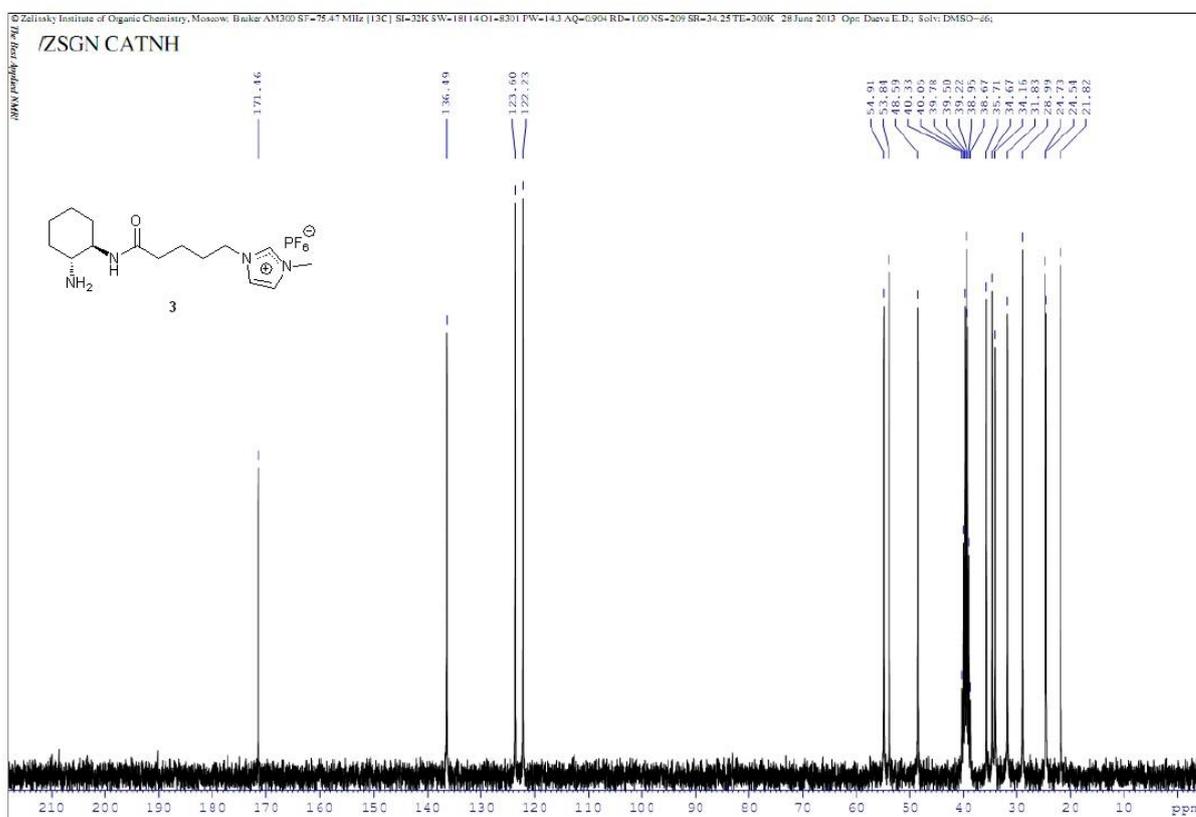
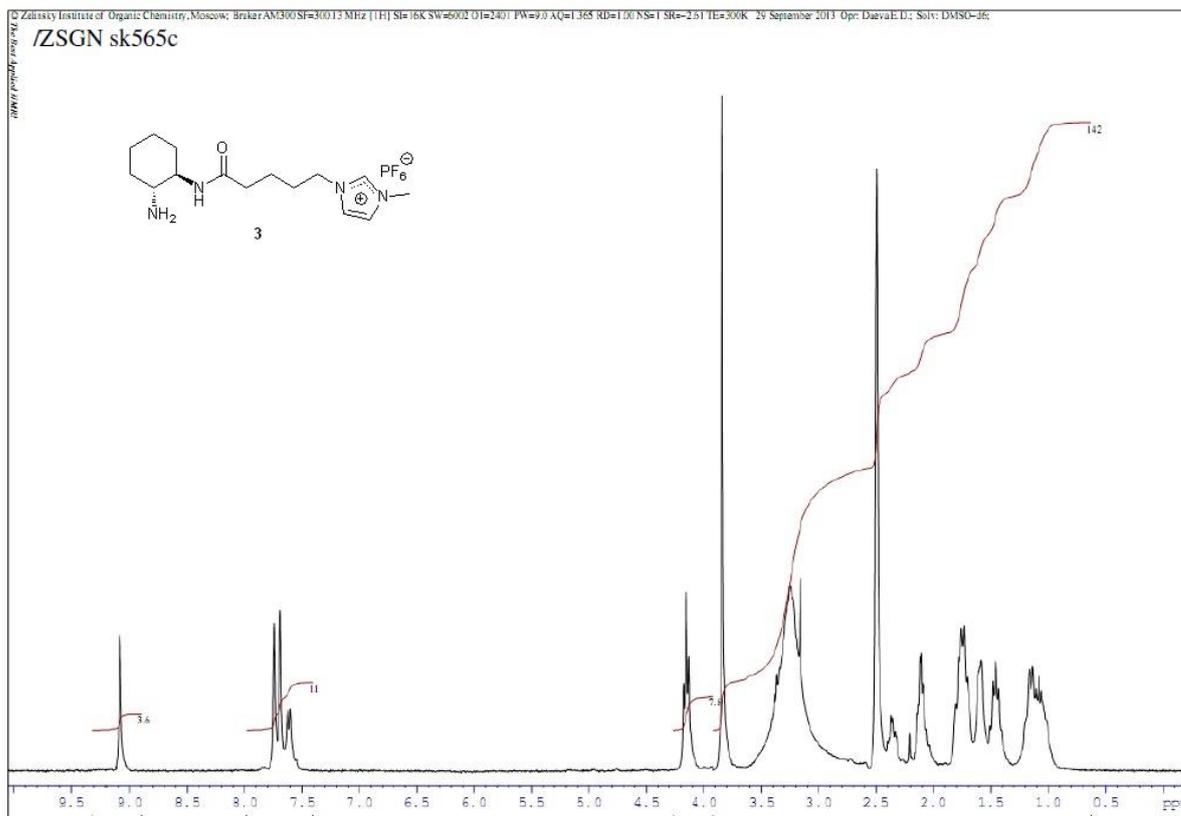
4. Larger scale synthesis of 7a

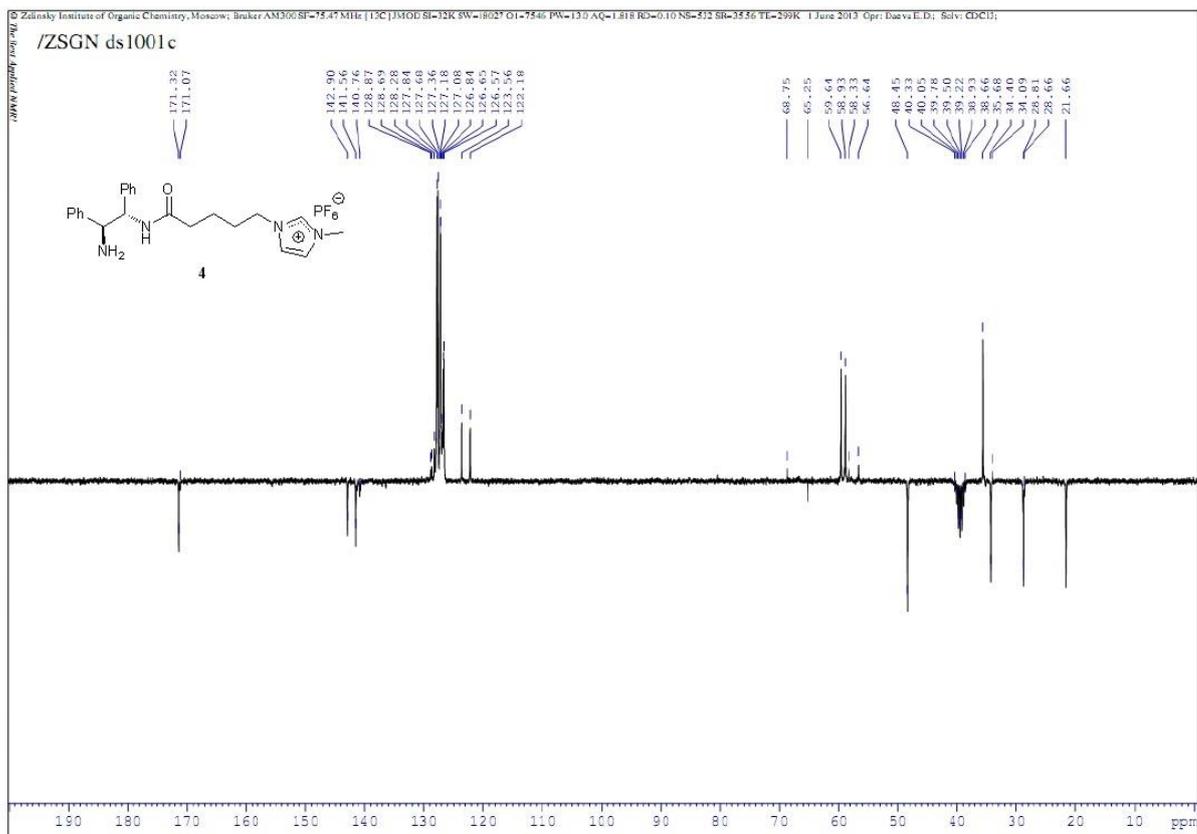
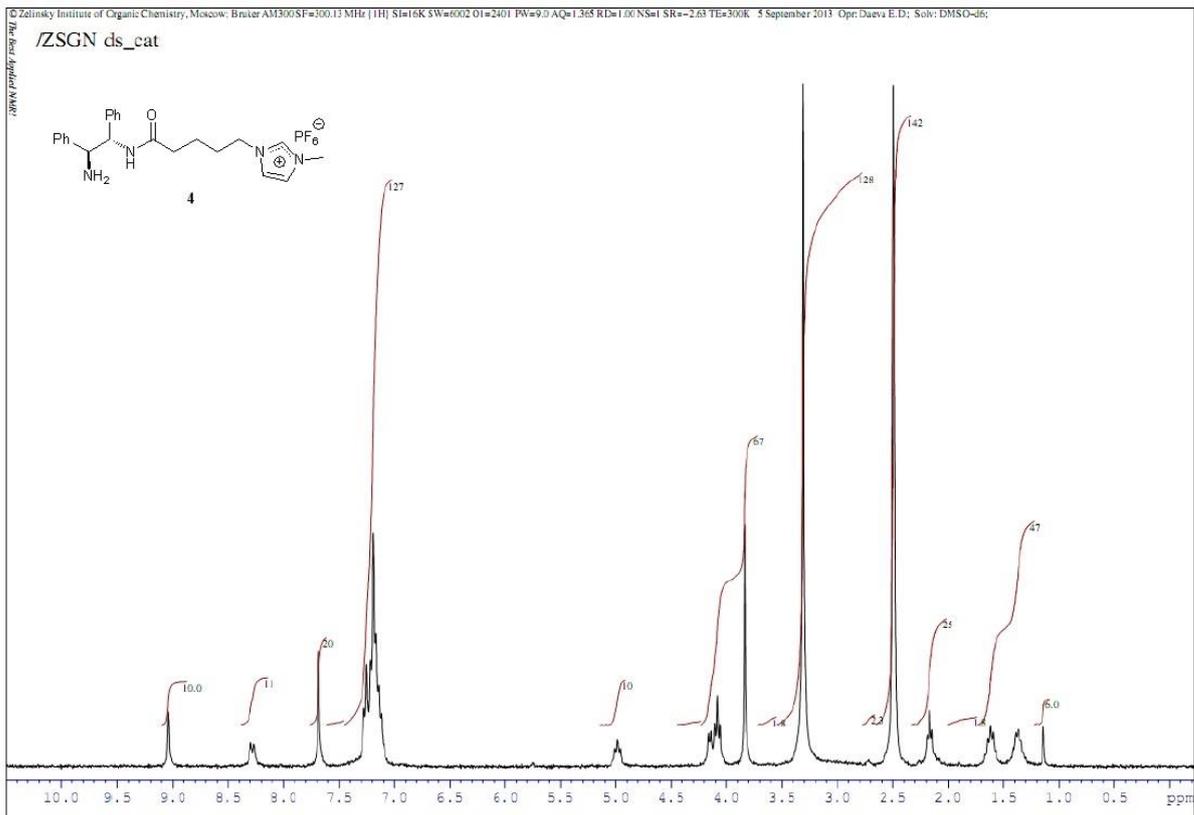
A mixture of isobutyraldehyde **5a** (0.162 ml, 1.77 mmol), *N*-phenylmaleimide **6a** (102 mg, 0.59 mmol), catalyst **3** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol), [bmim]BF₄ (1 ml) and water (0.5 ml) was stirred at ambient temperature for 20 h. Product **7a** was extracted with Et₂O (5 x 6 ml), the combined organic extracts were evaporated under reduced pressure (15 Torr). The product was purified by column chromatography. Yield of **7a** was 130 mg (90 %).

5. General procedure for catalyst recycling

After extraction of product **7a**, the residue (catalyst 1/IL/H₂O) was dried *in vacuo* (20 Torr) for 15 min, fresh portions of starting compounds were added and the reaction was re-performed as described above.

6. Pictures of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds 3 and 4
 Compounds 3 and 4 were prepared as described in [Adv. Synth. Catal. 2012, 354, 3078-3086].





7. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of new compounds 7d-i

