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Highly Efficient Epoxidation of Allylic Alcohols with Hydrogen Peroxide Catalyzed by Peroxonitrate-Based Ionic Liquids

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Characterization and activity test of ILs

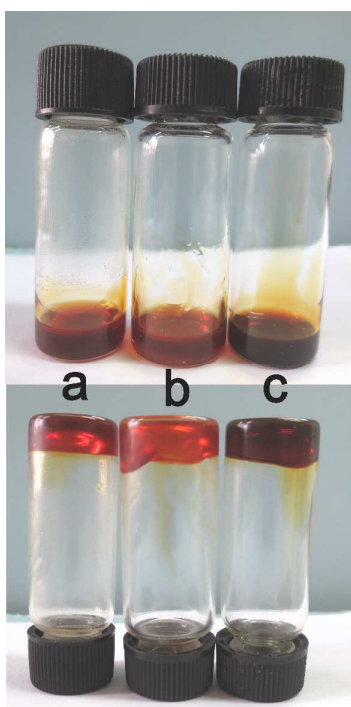


Figure S1. Photographs of ILs catalyst: a) TPAIL; b) TBAIL; c) THAIL at 10 °C.

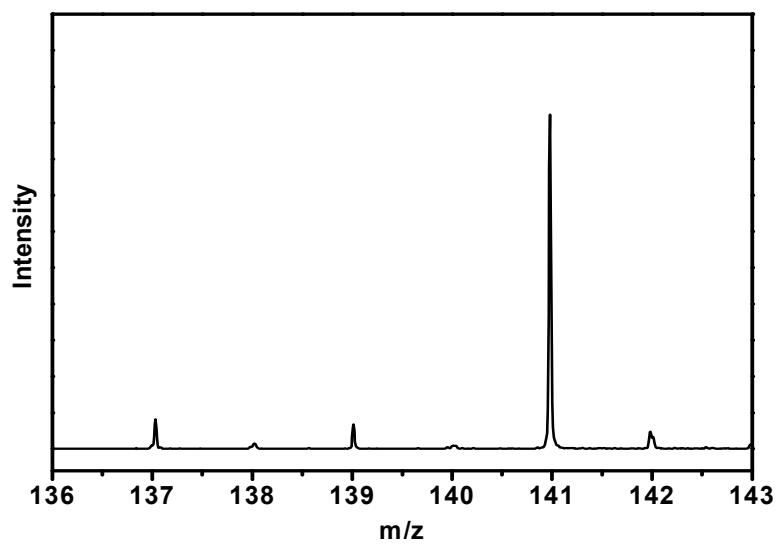


Figure S2. Mass spectrum of $[\text{Nb}=\text{O}(\text{O}-\text{O})(\text{OH})_2]^-$

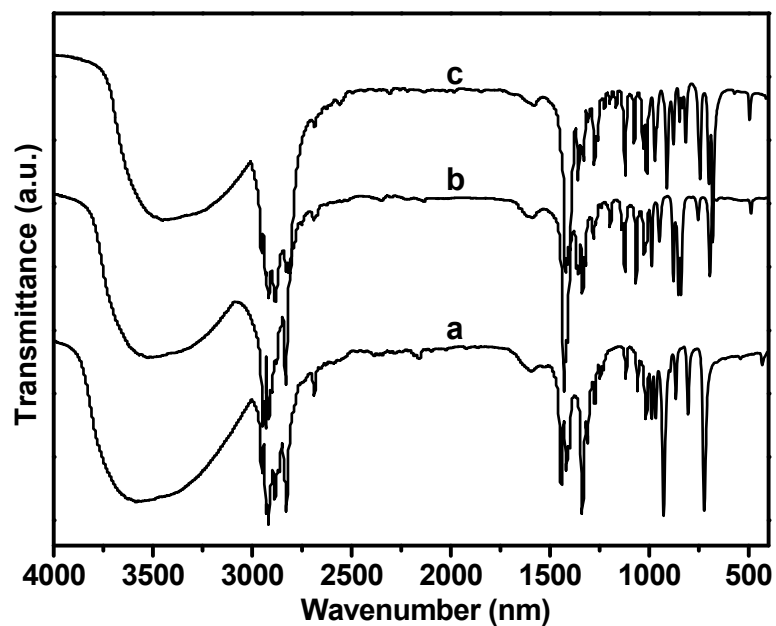


Figure S3. FT-IR spectra of a) TPAOH; b) TBAOH; c) THAOH. The hydroxide precursor can be obtained by anion exchange between KOH and corresponding a quaternary ammonium halide salt in ethanol, following by drying carefully at room temperature.

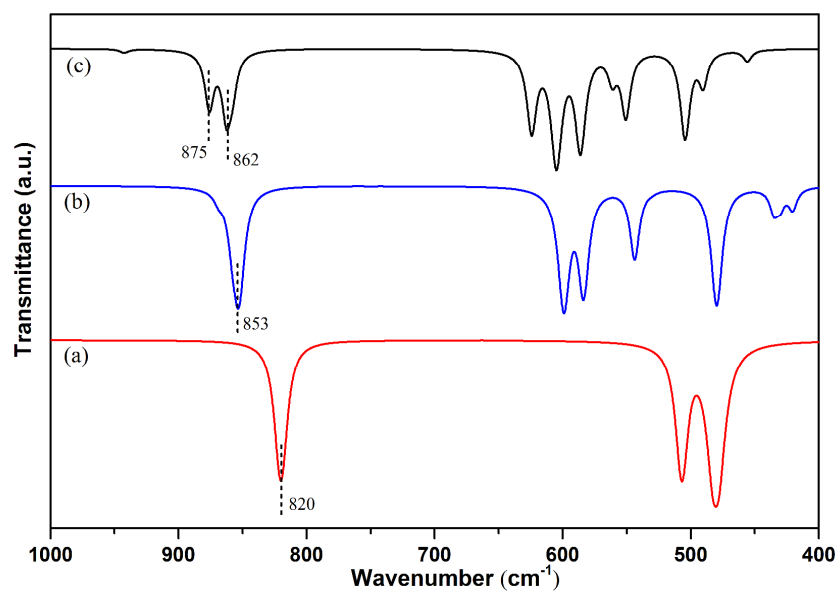


Figure S4. Simulated IR for three possible formed anions. (a) $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_4]^{3-}$; (b) $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_3(\text{OOH})]^{2-}$; (c) $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_2(\text{OOH})_2]^-$.

Table S1. Epoxidation catalyzed by TBA-IL in different solvents^[a]

Entries	Solvents ^[b]	Conv. % ^[c]	Sel. %	
			epoxide	diol
1	none	96.4	≥99	<1
2	CH ₃ CN	53.9	≥99	<1
3	CH ₃ OH	40.8	88.3	11.7
4	EtOAc	35.6	≥99	<1
5	CH ₂ Cl ₂	38.8	≥99	<1
6	H ₂ O	45.2	≥99	<1
7 ^[d]	H ₂ O	61.9	≥99	<1

^[a] Reaction conditions: 3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol (2 mmol), 30% aq. H₂O₂ (2 mmol), TBA-IL (0.05 mmol), 0 °C, 0.75 h. ^[b] 2 ml solvent was added if necessary. ^[c] GC conversion with dodecane as an internal standard. ^[d] 1 ml H₂O was used.

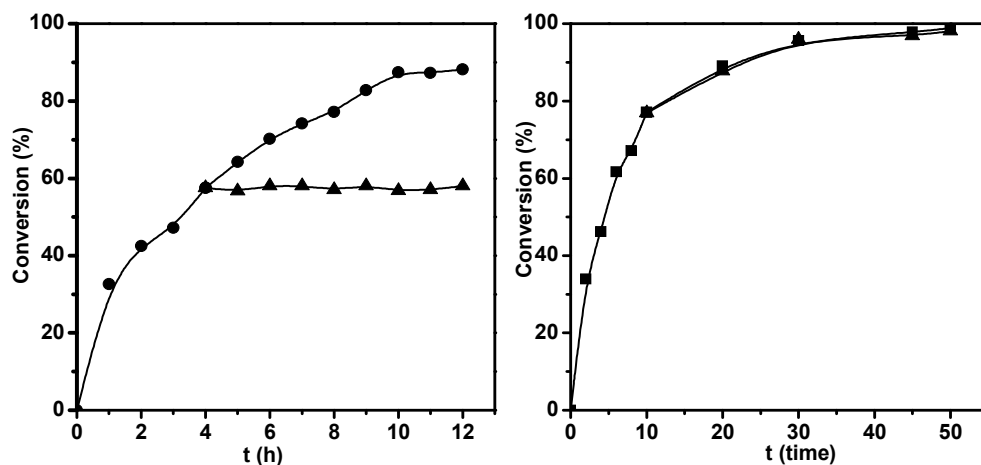


Figure S5. Time profile of the epoxidation reaction of 3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol catalyzed by TBAIL. a) Reaction conditions: 2 mmol of 3-methyl- 2-butene-1-ol, 2 mmol of 30% aqueous H_2O_2 , 0.05mmol of the TBAIL, 2 mL EtOAc. After reaction for 4 h, 1 ml EtOAc was removed and stirred continuously (solid triangle point), indicating that reaction stopped immediately. The remained solution continued on the reaction (solid circle point); b) Reaction conditions: 4 mmol of 3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol, 4 mmol of 30 wt% aqueous H_2O_2 , 0.1mmol of the TBAIL. After reaction for 10 min, the butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) was added to the reaction mixture, which did not affect the reaction conversion (solid square point and solid triangle point).

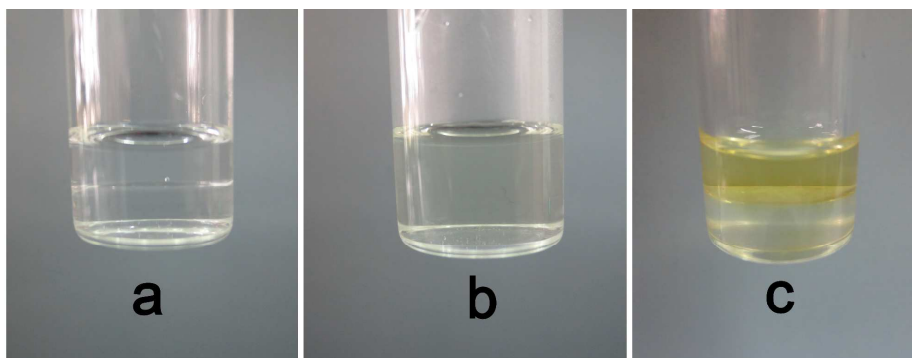


Figure S6. Photographs in water/oil phase: a) H_2O_2 and 3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol formed biphasic system; b) H_2O_2 and 3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol became homogeneous phase immediately after introduction of TBA-IL; c) H_2O and 3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol kept biphasic even if TBA-IL was added. Conditions: 4 mmol H_2O_2 , 4 mmol 3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol and 0.1 mmol TBAIL under ice bath.

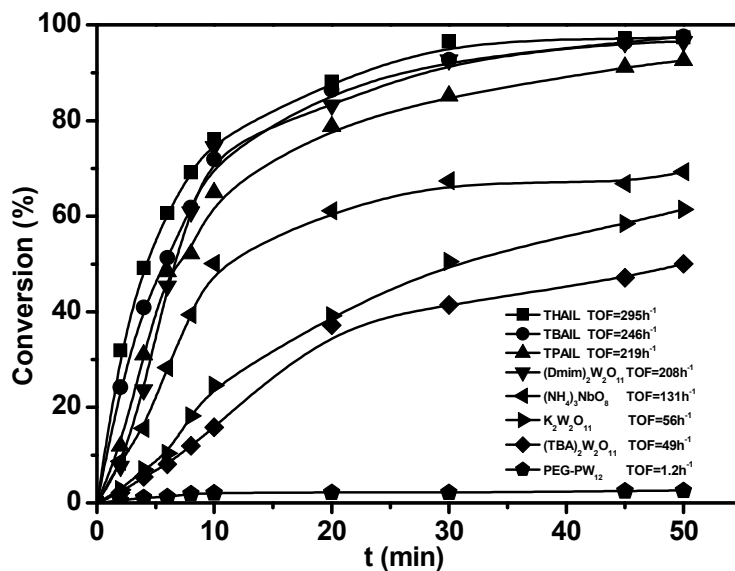


Figure S7. Conversion/time profiles of 3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol epoxidation reactions over the different catalysts. Reaction conditions: 3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol (2 mmol), H_2O_2 (2 mmol), catalyst (0.05 mmol), 0°C . TOF was defined as the number of moles of the consumed allylic alcohol (3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol) per moles of catalyst per hour.

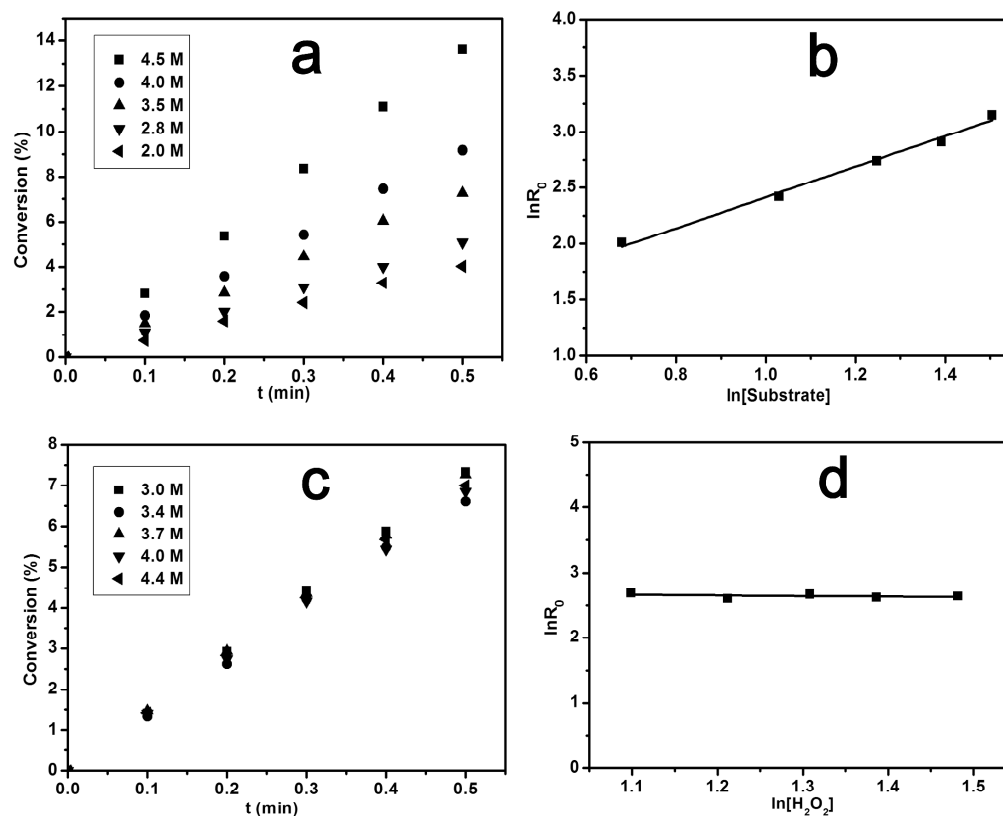


Figure S8. The relationship between the reaction rate (R_0) and the concentration of 1a and hydrogen peroxide. Reaction conditions for a and b: 3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol (2.0 M -4.5 M), H_2O_2 (4.0 M), TBAIL (0.083 M), 0°C . Reaction conditions for c and d: 3-methyl-2-butene-1-ol (4.0 M), H_2O_2 (3.0 M-4.4 M), TBAIL (0.096 M), 0°C . All reaction profiles have been attained at low conversions (<20%).

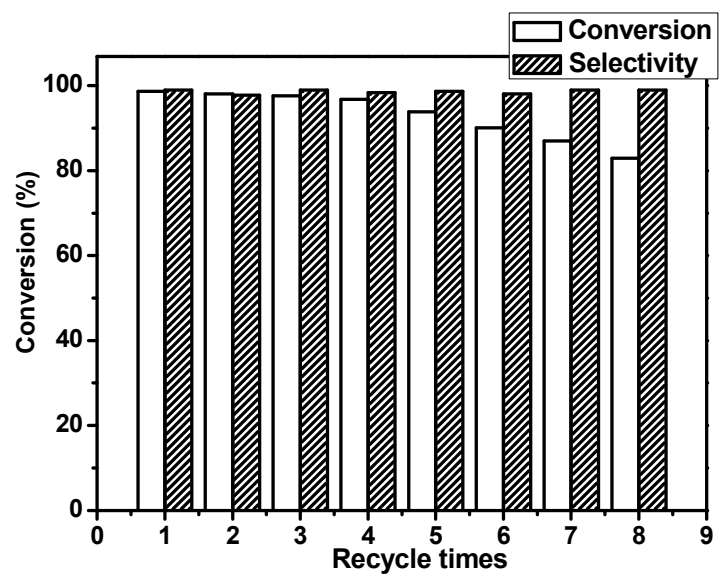
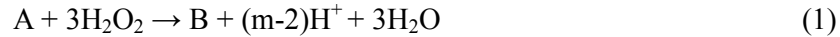


Figure S9. Recyclability of the TBAIL catalyst without any other solvent at 0 °C for 0.75 h.

Supplementary details of the thermodynamic and concentration calculation

In order to obtain a quantitative estimation of the relative stability of various Nb anions, the conversion from the initial anion $[\text{Nb}=\text{O}(\text{O}-\text{O})(\text{OH})_2]^-$ (A) to $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_m(\text{OOH})_{4-m}]^{(m-1)-}$ ($m = 2, 3$ and 4) (B) is calculated here. The reaction formula is written as



At 298 K, the Gibbs free energy change (ΔG) from A to B can be described as

$$\Delta G = G_B + (m-2) \Delta G_{\text{H}^+}^+(\text{sol}) + 3G_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} - G_A - 3G_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2} \quad (2)$$

where G_x ($x=\text{A}, \text{B}, \text{H}_2\text{O}$ or H_2O_2) are the Gibbs free energies of A and B anions, H_2O , and H_2O_2 , respectively, obtained from DFT calculation directly within the Gaussian package, with the entropies and zero-point energies included. In addition, it is worth noting that solvent model (PCM) was used to simulate water environment due to presence of 40 wt% H_2O_2 , in which H_2O can be seen as solvent in the system. $\Delta G_{\text{H}^+}^+(\text{sol})$ is solvation free energy of H^+ in water at 298 K, which was obtained from experimental value, about -11.53 eV.¹

Meanwhile, we quantitatively evaluated the relative concentrations of various anions. Firstly, assuming the initial concentration of $[\text{Nb}=\text{O}(\text{O}-\text{O})(\text{OH})_2]^-$ at $1 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ and considering the experimental condition of H_2O_2 (30 wt%)/TBAIL=40 (molar ratio), it gives the concentrations of H_2O_2 and H_2O to be $40 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ and $176.3 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$, respectively. Secondly, at the equilibrium state the concentrations of these three anions $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_m(\text{OOH})_{4-m}]^{(m-1)-}$ ($m = 2, 3$ and 4) can be calculated through Eqs. (3), (4) and (5) at 298 K:

$$-RT \ln \frac{C_1 * (2C_1 + C_2)^2 * (176.30 + 3C_1 + 3C_2 + 3C_3)^3}{(1 - C_1 - C_2 - C_3) * (40 - 3C_1 - 3C_2 - 3C_3)^3 C_\theta^2} = \Delta G_1 = 151930 \text{ J} / \text{mol} \quad (3)$$

$$-RT \ln \frac{C_2 * (2C_1 + C_2) * (176.30 + 3C_1 + 3C_2 + 3C_3)^3}{(1 - C_1 - C_2 - C_3) * (40 - 3C_1 - 3C_2 - 3C_3)^3 C_\theta} = \Delta G_2 = 15510 \text{ J} / \text{mol} \quad (4)$$

$$-RT \ln \frac{C_3 * (176.30 + 3C_1 + 3C_2 + 3C_3)^3}{(1 - C_1 - C_2 - C_3) * (40 - 3C_1 - 3C_2 - 3C_3)^3} = \Delta G_3 = -22690 \text{ J} / \text{mol} \quad (5)$$

where C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 are the concentrations of $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_4]^{3-}$, $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_3(\text{OOH})]^{2-}$ and $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_2(\text{OOH})_2]^-$, respectively, while ΔG_1 , ΔG_2 and ΔG_3 are the corresponding Gibbs free energy changes from $[\text{Nb}=\text{O}(\text{O}-\text{O})(\text{OH})_2]^-$ to $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_4]^{3-}$, $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_3(\text{OOH})]^{2-}$ and $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_2(\text{OOH})_2]^-$, respectively. R is Molar gas constant, $8.314 \text{ J}^{\circ}\text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$. The calculated concentrations are showed in Table 1.

Supplementary details for Mechanism of allylic alcohol epoxidation

(1) The initial interaction forms in hydrogen bonding mechanism

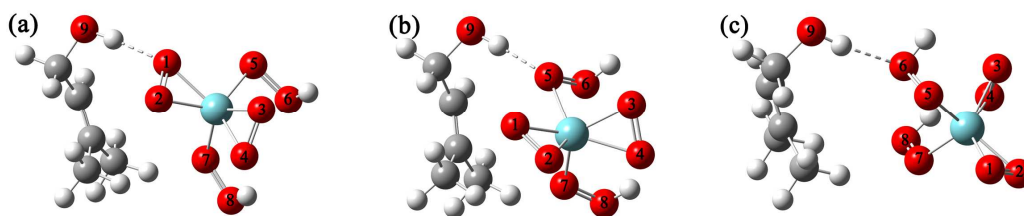


Figure S10. The initial interaction forms between allylic alcohol and $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_2(\text{OOH})_2]^-$ in hydrogen bonding mechanism. (a), (b) and (c) represents three different hydrogen bonds, $\text{O}_9\text{H} \cdots \text{O}_1$, $\text{O}_9\text{H} \cdots \text{O}_5$ and $\text{O}_9\text{H} \cdots \text{O}_6$, respectively, in which (a) is the most stable one.

(2) The deprotonation and H back-donation process in metal-alcoholate bonding mechanism

In metal-alcoholate bonding mechanism, the deprotonation of the OH group in allylic alcohols is a prerequisite, in which the proton was transferred to the peroxy,² corresponding to an energy barrier of 0.26 eV (TS4, Figure S11a). In TS4, the $\text{O}_9\text{-H}$ bond is elongated to 1.194 Å, at the same time the Nb-O_1 bond is also elongated and inclined to break. Indeed, when the proton is transferred to the O_1 atom, the Nb-O_1 bond is broken and forms an $\text{O}_2\text{O}_1\text{H}$ species.

After oxidation of allylic alcohols in metal-alcoholate bonding mechanism, two intermediates IM2(3) (Figure S11b and S11c, respectively) are formed, corresponding

to the epoxidation process oxidized by the peroxo (O-O) and OOH, respectively. For the intermediates IM2(3), it requires to capture the proton back to finish the whole epoxidation process. Here, two transition states (TS7 and TS8) for two different epoxidation pathways, corresponding to IM2 and IM3, are calculated as showed in Figure S11d and S11e, respectively. In TS7 which has an energy barrier of 0.48 eV, the O₁-H and O₉-H bond are 1.285 Å and 1.143 Å, respectively, and the Nb-O₉ is elongated to 2.469 Å from the initial 2.088 Å, while the Nb-O₁ bond is shortened to 2.318 Å. In the other pathway, TS8 has an energy barrier of 0.23 eV, in which the O₁-H bond and Nb-O₉ bond are elongated to 1.241 Å and 2.268 Å, and the O₉-H bond and Nb-O₁ are shortened to 1.193 Å and 2.230 Å, respectively.

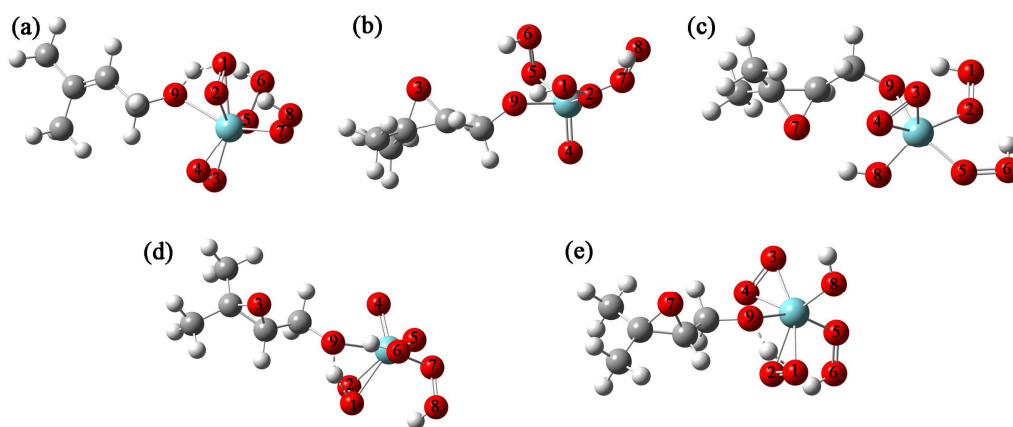


Figure S11. The optimized transition state structures and intermediate structures in metal-alcoholate bonding mechanism. (a) shows TS4 of the deprotonation process of the OH species; (b) and (c) correspond to the intermediate IM2 and IM3, respectively, which are produced from the epoxidation elementary process of OOH or the peroxo group (O-O) attacking the C=C bond of allylic alcohol. (d) and (e) describe the structures of transition states TS7(8), corresponding to the process that IM2(3) capture the proton back to form the final product and finish the whole epoxidation, respectively.

(3) The epoxidation of allylic alcohol with $W_2O_{11}^{2-}$

As reference to evaluate the activity of $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_2(\text{OOH})_2]^-$ in catalyzing epoxidation of allylic alcohols, the commonly used dinuclear peroxotungstate ($\text{W}_2\text{O}_{11}^{2-}$) was examined. Here, both the hydrogen bonding and metal-alcoholate bonding mechanisms were investigated. In hydrogen bonding mechanism, two kinds of hydrogen bonds, $\text{O}_{12}\text{H}\cdots\text{O}_1$ and $\text{O}_{12}\text{H}\cdots\text{O}_2$ (Figure S12a and S12b), were considered, whose distances are 1.845 Å and 1.822 Å, respectively. The corresponding interaction energies are 0.70 eV and 0.75 eV, respectively, indicating that the peroxo ($\text{O}-\text{O}$) can serve as a more stable hydrogen bond with the OH group in allylic alcohol. Hence, we mainly focused on this stable interaction configuration ($\text{O}_{12}\text{H}\cdots\text{O}_2$) in the subsequent reaction. Under the assist of $\text{O}_{12}\text{H}\cdots\text{O}_2$, two transition states (TS9 and TS10) were discovered. TS9 (Figure S12c), describing that the O_7 atom of the peroxo (O_7-O_8) in W_2 attacks the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ bond has a high energy barrier of 1.24 eV, in which two $\text{C}-\text{O}_7$ bonds are 2.007 Å and 2.112 Å, and the O_7-O_8 and W_2-O_7 bonds are elongated to 1.853 Å and 2.157 Å, respectively. And, TS10 (Figure S12d) is that the $\text{C}=\text{C}$ bond is oxidized by the O_4 atom in peroxo (O_4-O_5) connecting to W_1 with two $\text{C}-\text{O}_4$ bonds of 1.885 Å and 2.220 Å, respectively, which has an energy barrier of 1.26 eV. In metal-alcoholate bonding mechanism, we also calculated two transition states (TS11 and TS12, see Figure S12f and S12g, respectively), which correspond to the initial state (Figure S12e) and the oxidative species are also similar with TS11 and TS12, respectively. The energy barriers are calculated to be 1.65 eV and 1.02 eV, respectively.

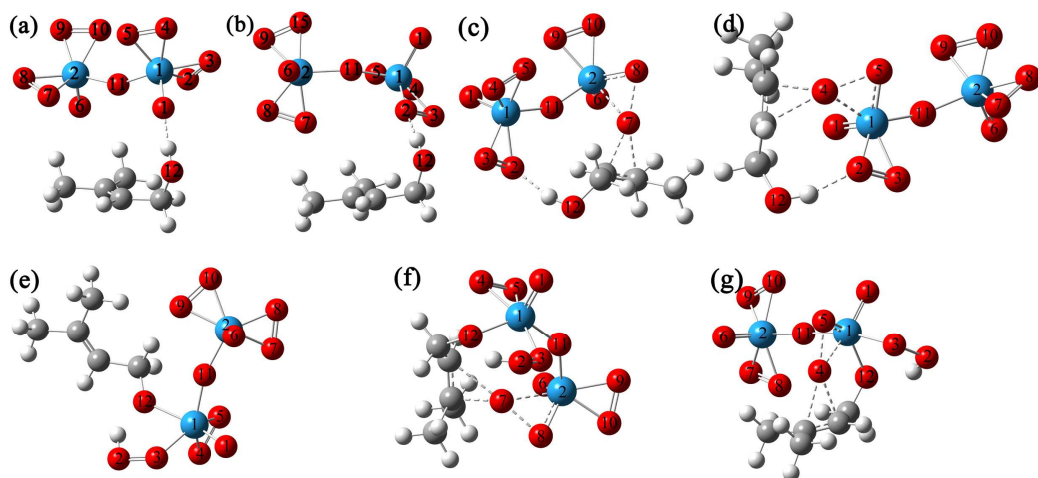


Figure S12. Optimized structures of various possible intermediate and transition states in the epoxidation process with $\text{W}_2\text{O}_{11}^{2-}$. (a) and (b) are two initial interaction forms between allylic alcohol and $\text{W}_2\text{O}_{11}^{2-}$ via hydrogen bond; (c) and (d) are the possible transition states of the alcohols epoxidation following hydrogen bonding mechanism; (e) is the initial interaction form between allylic alcohol and $\text{W}_2\text{O}_{11}^{2-}$ via metal-alcoholate bond; (f) and (g) are the transition states of the epoxidation of allylic alcohols in metal-alcoholate bonding mechanism. Light green, red, white and grey balls represent W, O, H and C atom, respectively.

Table S2. Cartesian coordinates of some optimized structures. $[\text{Nb}=\text{O}(\text{O}-\text{O})(\text{OH})_2]^-$

Atom	Coordinates /Å		
	x	y	z
Nb	0.14100	0.000011	0.089936
O	0.63572	0.001108	1.778992
O	-1.704490	0.741537	-0.148439
O	-1.70192	-0.74812	-0.145720
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Table S2. (Continued) $[\text{Nb}(\text{O}-\text{O})_2(\text{OOH})_2]^-$

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Nb	-0.295533	-0.051435	-0.010732
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TS1

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Nb	1.282066	0.248318	0.156635
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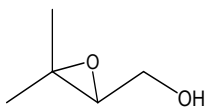
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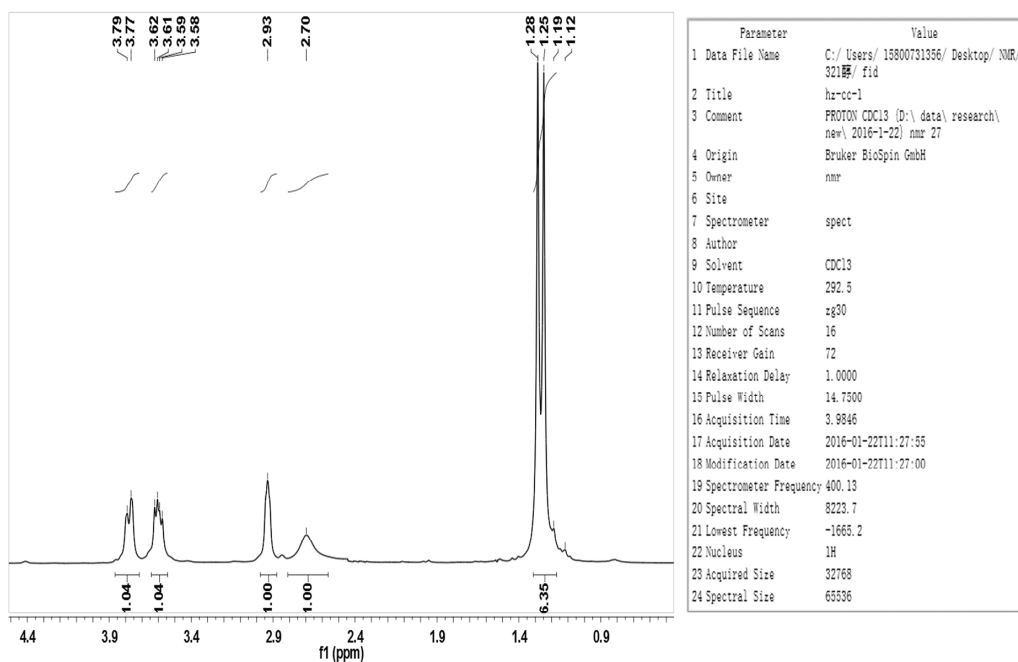
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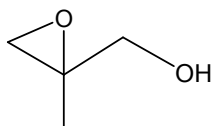
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¹H NMR spectra of the isolated epoxides

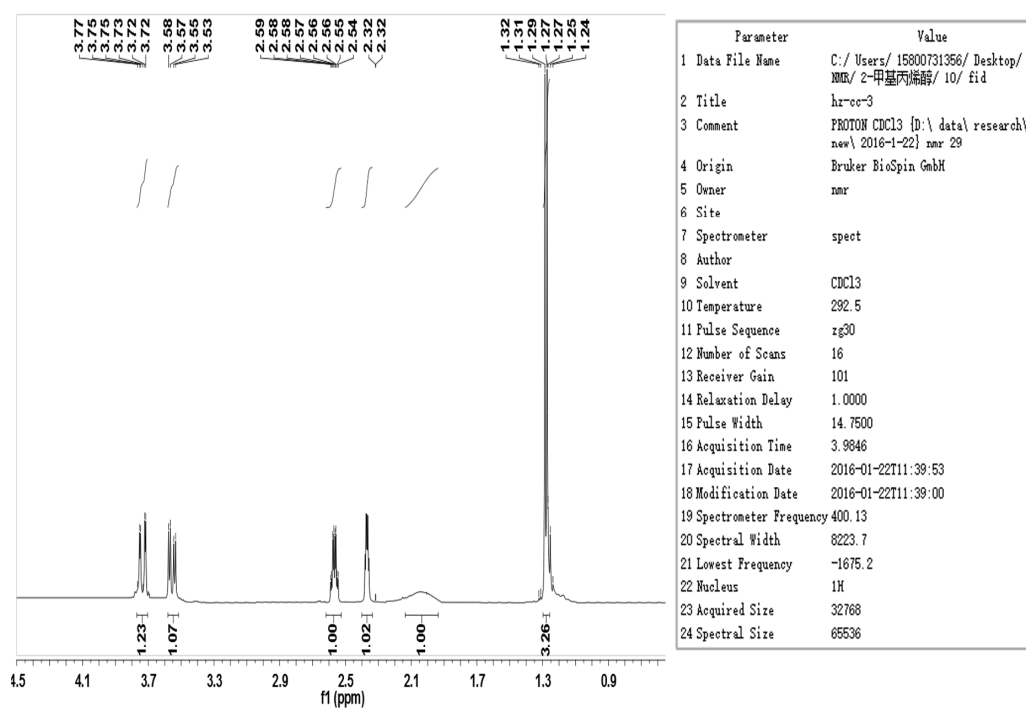


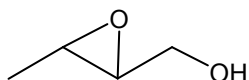
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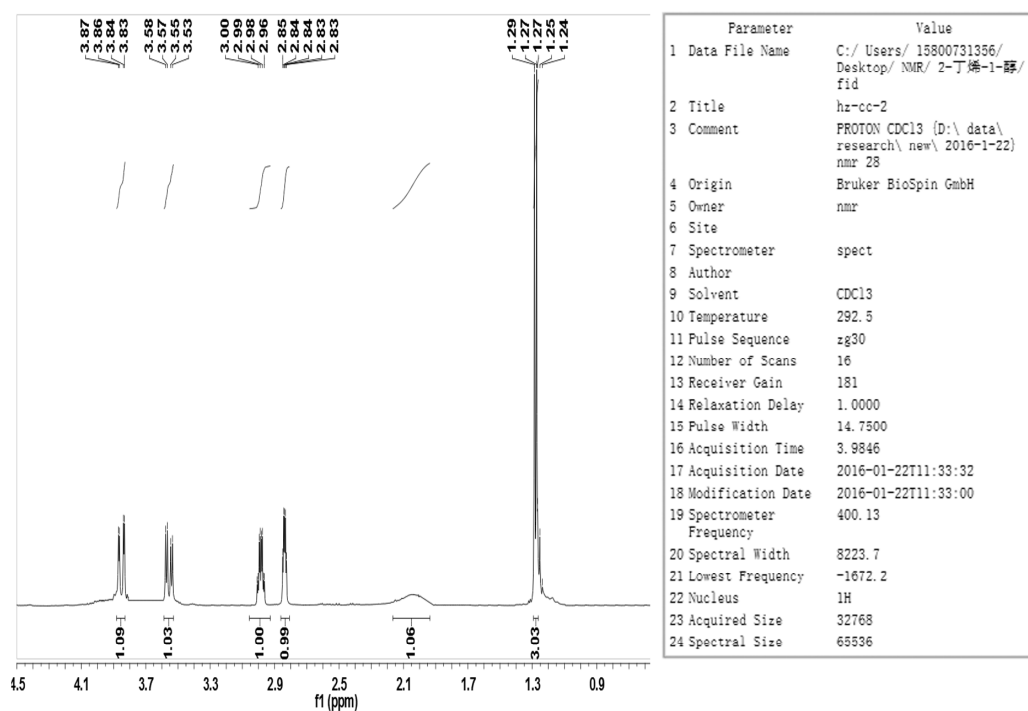


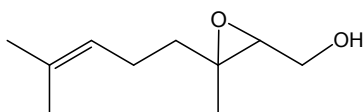
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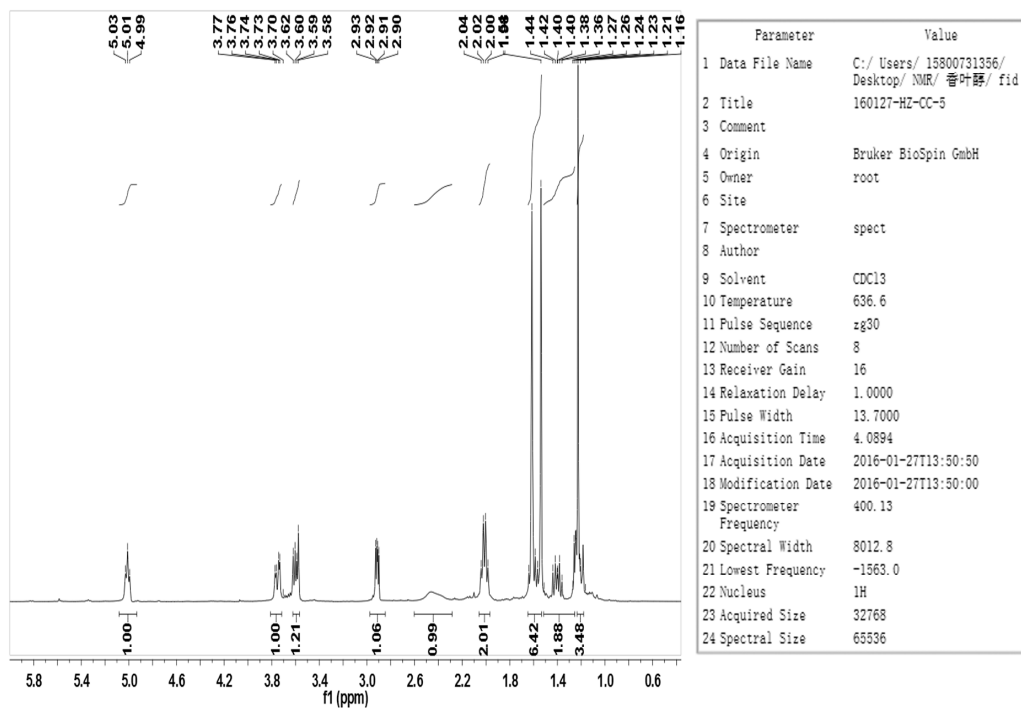


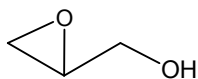
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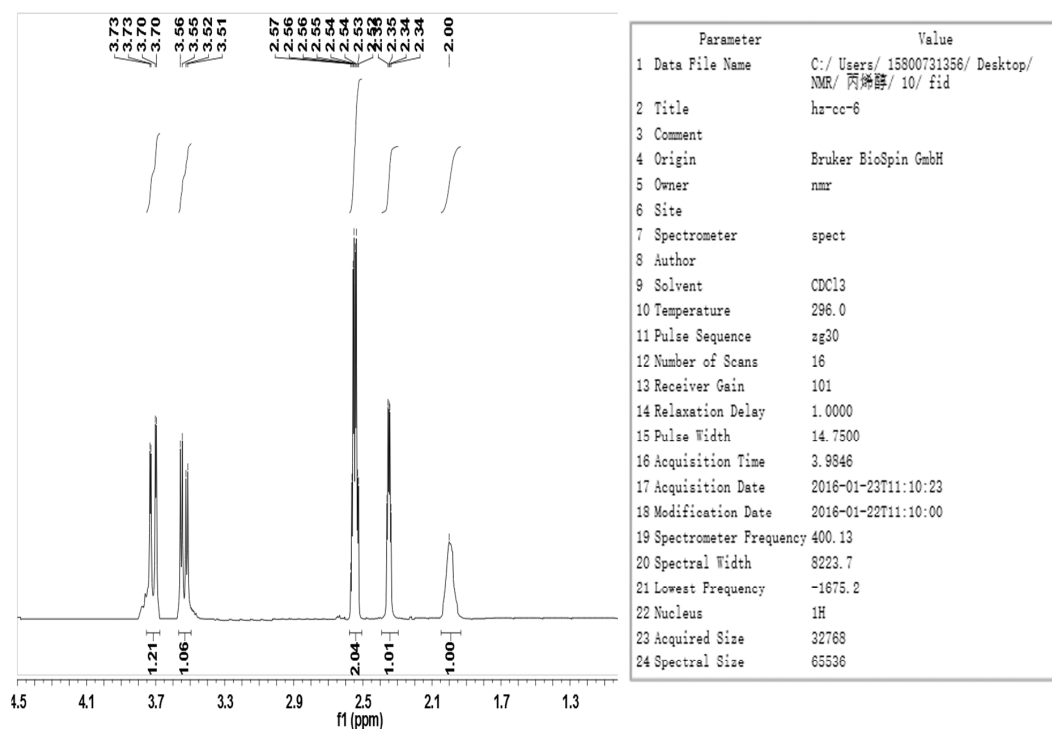


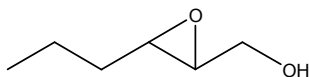
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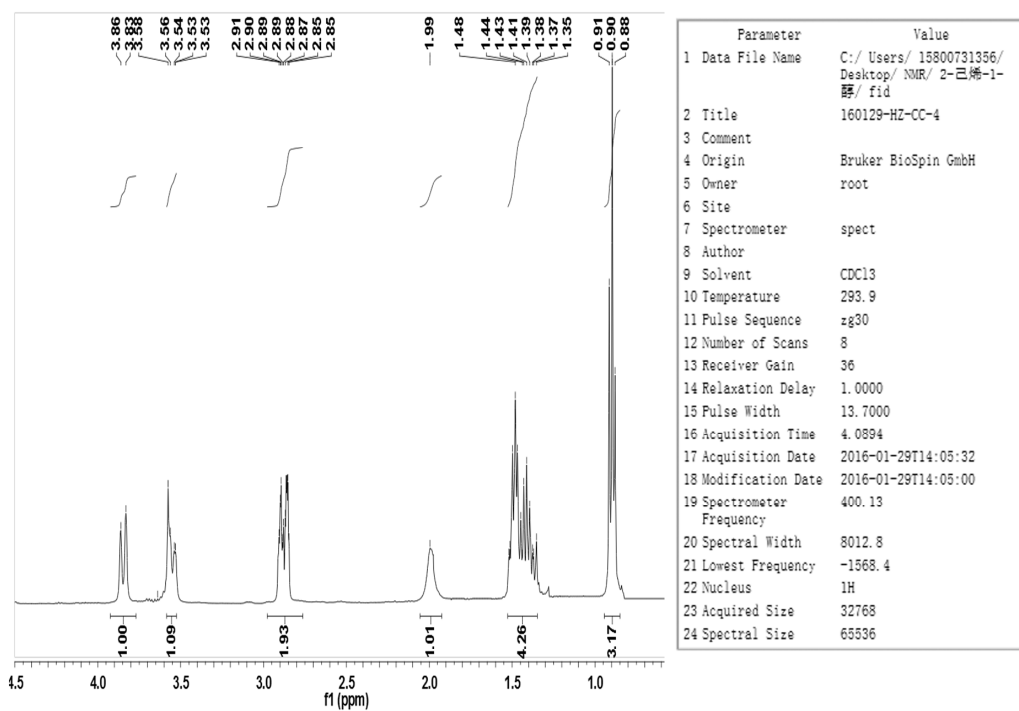


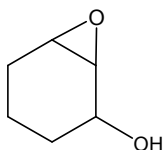
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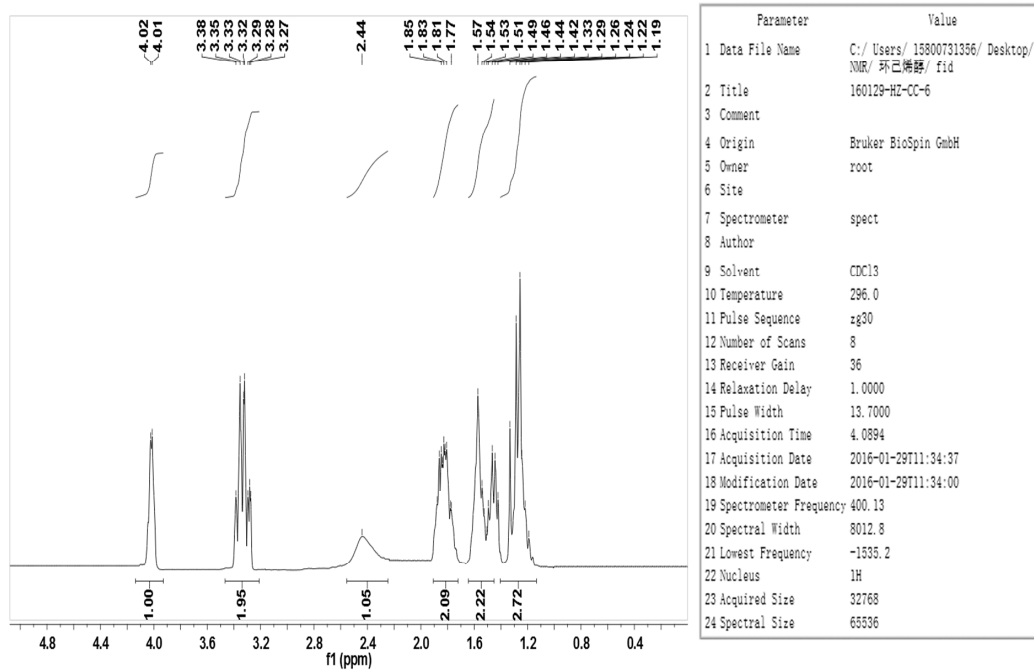


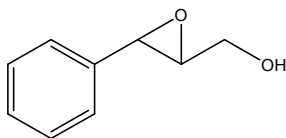
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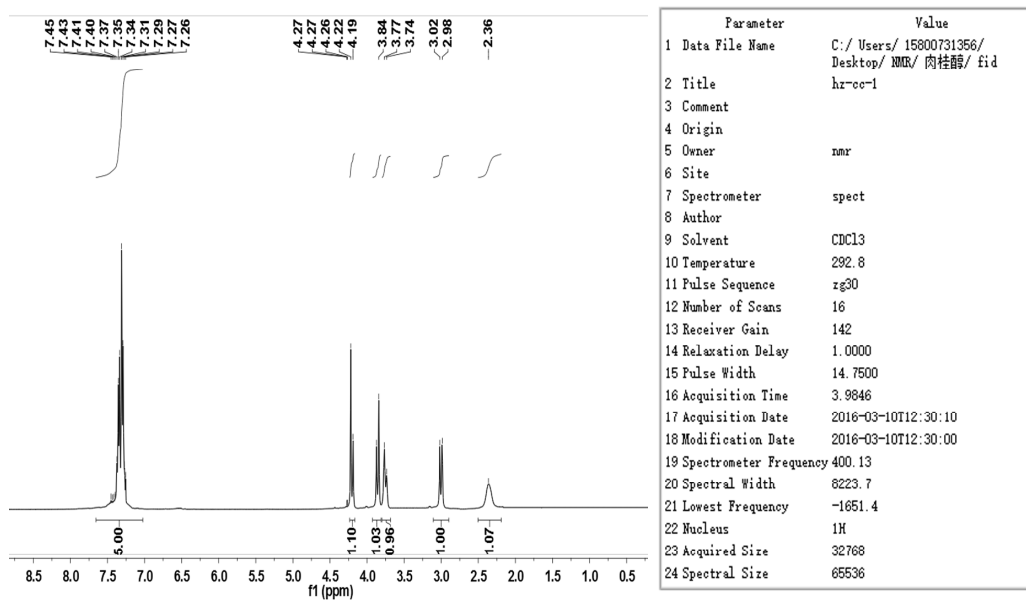


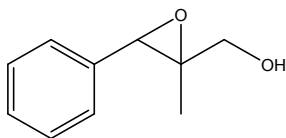
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Crude product was purified by column chromatography using silica (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3), δ = 7.37 (m, 5H), 4.26 (m, 1H), 3.77 (dd, 1H), 3.73 (dd, 1H), 3.00 (d, 1H), 2.36 (s, 1H).





Crude product was purified by column chromatography using silica (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3), δ =7.35 (m, 5H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 3.87 (dd, 1H), 3.78 (dd, 1H), 2.36 (s, 1H), 1.09 (s, 1H).

