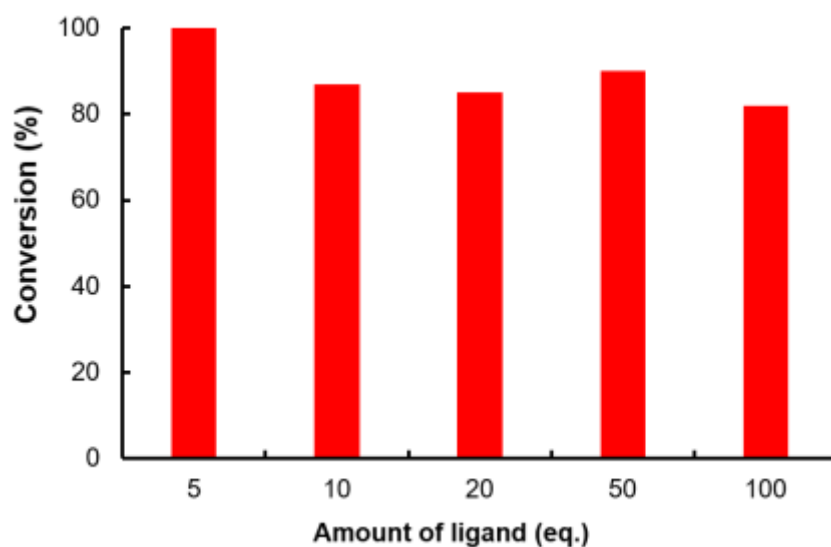


## Supplementary Information

### Gold Catalysis for Selective Hydrogenation of Aldehydes and Valorization of Bio-Based Chemical Building Blocks

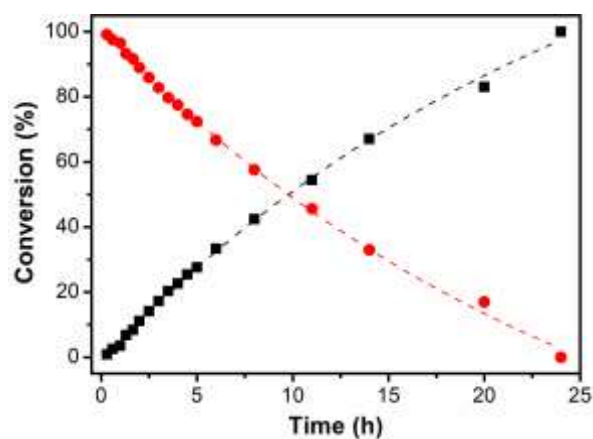
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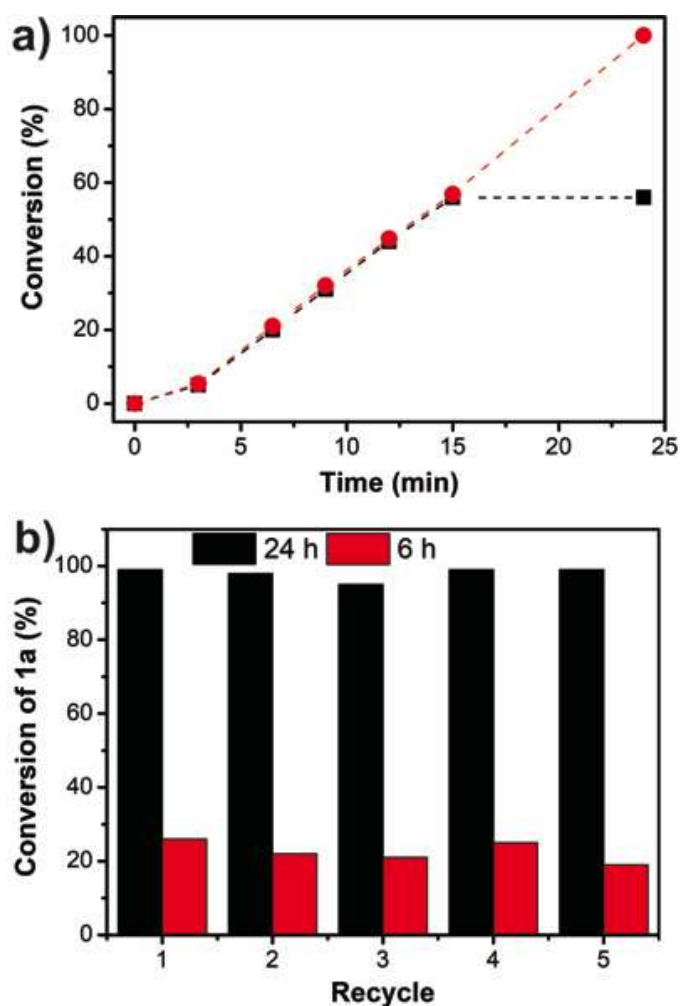


**Figure S1.** Effect of the amount of ligand (L3) on the hydrogenation of benzaldehyde **1a** catalyzed by Au / SiO<sub>2</sub>. Reaction conditions: 1 mmol of aldehyde, 0.01 mmol of Au, ligand, 2 mL of *i*-PrOH, 100 °C, 6 bar of H<sub>2</sub>, 24 h. Conversion and selectivity were determined by GC analysis using biphenyl as an internal standard.

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**Figure S2.** Kinetic data of the hydrogenation of benzaldehyde **1a** catalyzed by Au / SiO<sub>2</sub>. Reaction conditions: 1 mmol of aldehyde, 0.01 mmol of Au, 0.05 mmol of ligand L3, 2 mL of *i*-PrOH, 100 °C, 6 bar of H<sub>2</sub>, 24 h.



**Figure S3.** (a) Hot filtration test and (b) recycle experiment of the hydrogenation of benzaldehyde **1a** catalyzed by Au / SiO<sub>2</sub> + L3 catalyst systems. New portions of ligand were added in the recycling reaction. Reaction conditions: 1 mmol of aldehyde, 0.01 mmol of Au, 0.05 mmol of ligand, 2 mL of *i*-PrOH, 100 °C, 6 bar of H<sub>2</sub>, 24 h.

**Table S1.** Summary of results reported for hydrogenation of aldehydes catalyzed by heterogeneous gold-based catalyst<sup>a</sup>

| Catalyst   | Condition   | Hydride source      | TOF / h <sup>-1</sup> | Reference |
|--|---|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Au / SiO <sub>2</sub>  | 6 bar H <sub>2</sub> , 80 °C,<br>2,4,6-trimethylpyridine, 24 h, <i>i</i> -PrOH      | H <sub>2</sub>      | 4.2                   | this work |
| Au / SiO <sub>2</sub>  | 20 bar H <sub>2</sub> , 100 °C,<br>2,4,6-trimethylpyridine, 24 h, <i>i</i> -PrOH    | H <sub>2</sub>      | 9.6                   | this work |
| Au@N-doped carbon / TiO <sub>2</sub>   | 20 bar H <sub>2</sub> , 80 °C, 24 h, <i>i</i> -PrOH                                 | H <sub>2</sub>      | 2.1                   | this work |
| Au <sup>0</sup> / nano-ZnO   | 40 bar H <sub>2</sub> , 60 °C, DMF, 24 h  | H <sub>2</sub>      | 7.1                   | 1         |
| SPO AuNPs  | 40 bar H <sub>2</sub> , 60 °C, THF, 18 h  | H <sub>2</sub>      | 22                    | 2         |
| AuNPore  | Et <sub>3</sub> SiH, H <sub>2</sub> O, Et <sub>3</sub> N, acetonitrile, 70 °C, 24 h | Et <sub>3</sub> SiH | 2.1                   | 3         |
| Au <sub>&gt;99</sub> Ag <sub>1</sub> NPore   | 8 bar H <sub>2</sub> , 90 °C, triethylamine, 24 h                                   | H <sub>2</sub>      | 0.83                  | 4         |
| Au <sub>11</sub> (PPh <sub>2</sub> Py) <sub>7</sub> Br <sub>3</sub> / CeO <sub>2</sub> | 10 bar H <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O, 80 °C, 10 h                               | H <sub>2</sub>      | 9.8                   | 5         |
| Au <sub>25</sub> (SR) <sub>18</sub> / CeO <sub>2</sub>                                 | 18 bar H <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O, pyridine, CoCl <sub>2</sub> , 50 °C, 10 h | H <sub>2</sub>      | 20                    | 6         |
| Au@CeO <sub>2</sub> / HT   | 30 bar H <sub>2</sub> , toluene, 120 °C, 25 h                                       | H <sub>2</sub>      | 2.8                   | 7         |

<sup>a</sup>The TOF value was calculated in the format of mol **1a** mol<sup>-1</sup> metal h<sup>-1</sup>. The amount of metal is based on the moles of metal components involved. TOF: turnover frequency; DMF: dimethylformamide; SPO: secondary phosphine oxide; NPs: nanoparticles; THF: tetrahydrofuran; AuNPore: gold nanopore; SR: thiolate ligand (R: C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Ph); HT: hydrotalcite.

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