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# Unusual behaviour of a novel heterogeneous chiral dimer CrIII-salen complex in the epoxidation/epoxide ring-opening reaction of *trans*-methylcinnamate ester

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## I. The characterization of the salen structure and the intermediates from its synthesis.

Molar ratio **2** : **5** = 3 : 2

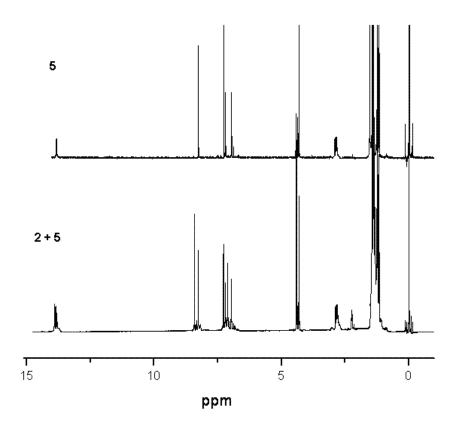


Figure 1S. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of the (2+5) mixture and the compound (5)

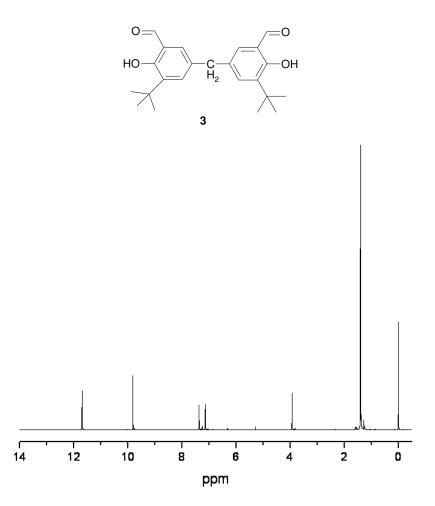
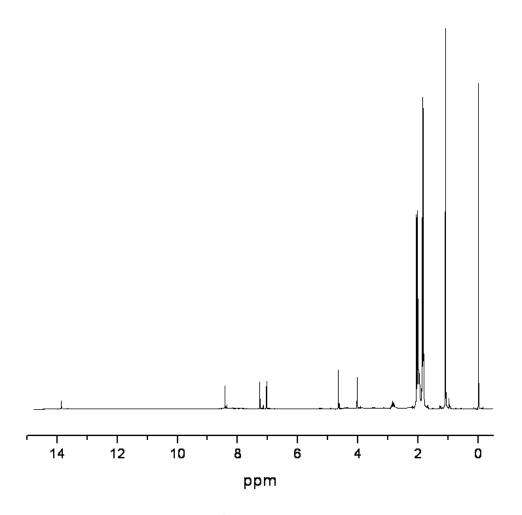


Figure 2S. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of the compound (3)



**Figure 3S**. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of the salen dimer (**4**)

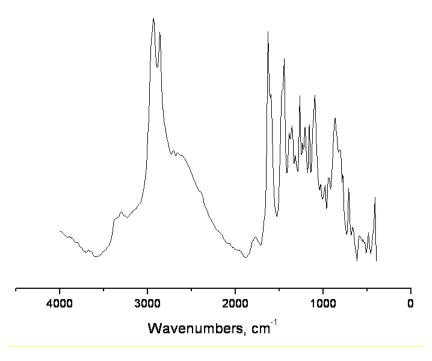


Figure 4S. The DRIFT spectra of the dimer-salen complex (4)

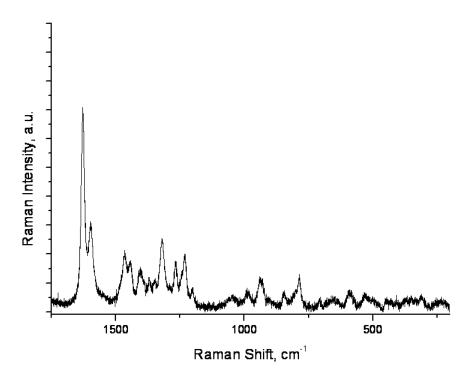
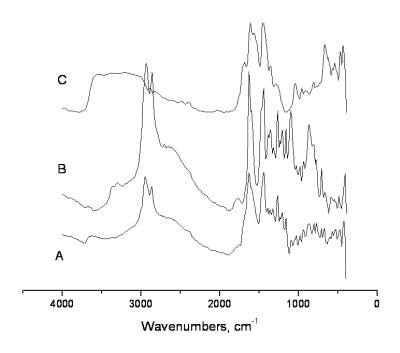


Figure 5S. The Raman spectra of the dimer-salen complex (4)

#### ${\bf II.}$ The characterization of the dimer ${\bf Cr(III)}\text{-salen}$ structure.



**Figure 6S.** The DRIFT spectra of the Cr(III)dimer-salen complex (A), the free dimersalen (B) and Cr(III) acetate (C)

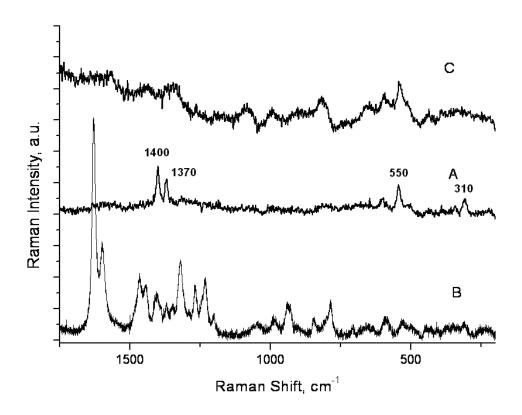
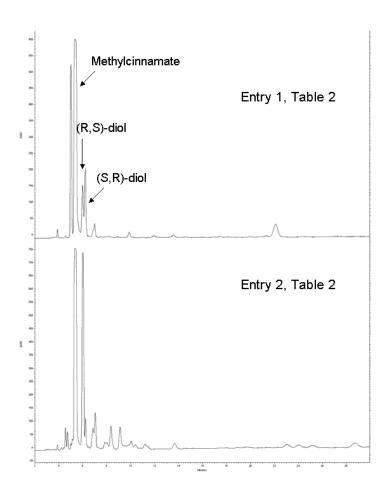
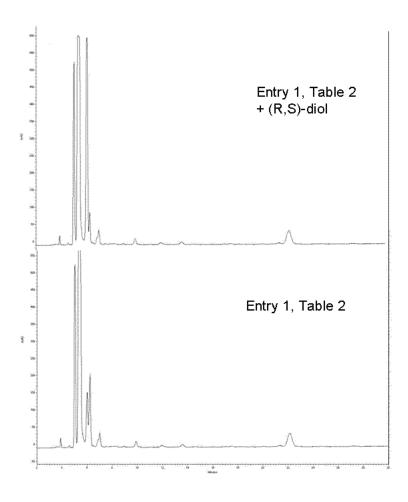


Figure 7S. The Raman spectra of the of the Cr(III) dimer-salen complex (A), the free dimer-salen (B) and Cr(III) acetate (C)

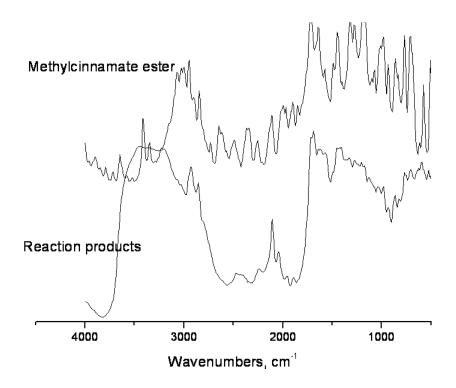
#### III. The analysis and characterization of the reaction products



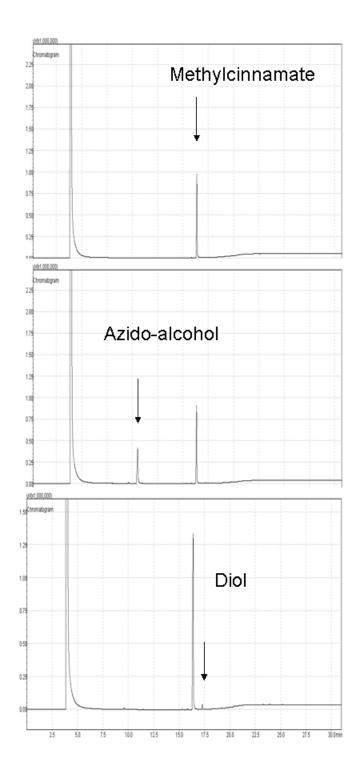
**Figure 8S**. The UPLC analysis of the reaction products corresponding to entry 1 and entry 2, Table2



**Figure 9S.** UPLC analysis for the reaction products corresponding to entry 1, Table 2 and by co-adding of pure commercial (R,S)-diol (Aldrich)



**Figure 10S**. DRIFT spectra of trans-methylcinnamate ester and azido-alcohol (the DRIFT spectra correspond to the GC analysis from Figure YS and to entry 12, Table 2)



**Figure 11S**. The GC chromatograms for methylcinnamate ester, azido-alcohol and diol (the chromatogram with azido-alcohol corresponds to entry 12, Table 2)