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Styrene Hydroformylation with In Situ Hydrogen: Regioselectivity Control by Coupling with the Low-Temperature Water-Gas Shift Reaction

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## Hydroformylation of Styrene Derivatives Catalyzed by Rhodium Single-Atoms Supported on CeO<sub>2</sub>

$$RhCl_3 + CeO_2 \xrightarrow{H_2O} 400 \, ^\circ C \qquad Rh_1/CeO_2 \qquad (1)$$

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$$Results: \qquad CHO \qquad C$$

**Significance:** A rhodium single-atom catalyst on CeO<sub>2</sub> (Rh<sub>1</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>) was prepared by mixing RhCl<sub>3</sub> and CeO<sub>2</sub> in deionized water, followed by calcination at 400 °C (eq. 1). Rh<sub>1</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalyzed the hydroformylation of styrene derivatives with hydrogen generated in situ from water and carbon monoxide to give the corresponding linear aldehydes in ≤ 99% conversion (eq. 2).

**Comment:** Rh<sub>1</sub>/CeO<sub>2</sub>was characterized by means of ICP-OES, STEM, HAADF-STEM, FT-IR, EDS analyses. In the hydroformylation of styrene, Rh nanoparticles supported on CeO<sub>2</sub> (NP-Rh/CeO<sub>2</sub>) gave 3-phenylpropan-1-ol rather than 3-phenylpropanal, with 99% selectivity (eq. 3).

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