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Oxidant- free dehydrogenation of alcohols using chitosan/polyacrylamide entrapped Ag nano particles

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Supporting information



Fig. S1 (a) FTIR spectrum of chitosan



Fig. S1 (b) FTIR spectrum of Ag/chitosan



Fig. S1 (C) FTIR spectrum of Ag@IPN



Fig. S2 TGA curves of Ag/chitosan (a) and Ag@IPN (b)

Transmission electron micrographs of silver in chitosan (a&b) and chitosanpolyacrylamide IPN networks (c &d)



Fig: S3 (a) TEM image of silver particles in chitosan



Fig: S3 (b) TEM image of silver particles in chitosan



Fig: S3 (c) TEM image of silver particles in chitosan-polyacrylamide IPN network



Fig. S3 (d) TEM image of silver particles in chitosan-polyacrylamide IPN network



Fig. S4 (a) TEM image of Ag/chitosan catalyst after 7th cycle



Fig. S4 (b) TEM image of Ag@IPN catalyst after 7th cycle

Plausible mechanism



In the first step, interaction of benzyl alcohol with –OH groups of chitosan by hydrogen bond interaction occurs. In the next step, cleavage of C-H bond of alcohol takes place to form aldehyde and adsorption of H_2 on silver. In the last step catalyst is regenerated with desorption of H_2 from silver nano particles.

Reference

Silver Nanoparticles Supported on Silica-Coated Ferrite as Magnetically and Reusable Catalyst for Oxidant-Free Alcohol Dehydrogenation

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