

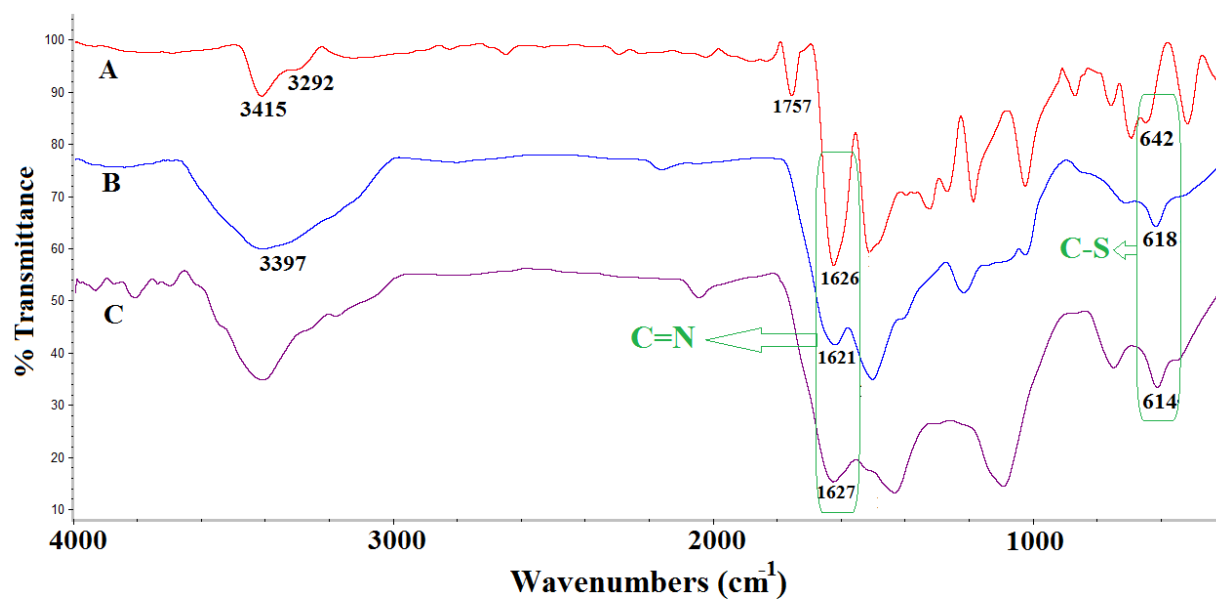
## Supporting Information

# **Poly(2-aminothiazole) as a unique precursor for nitrogen and sulfur co-doped porous carbon: Immobilization of very small gold nanoparticles and its catalytic application**

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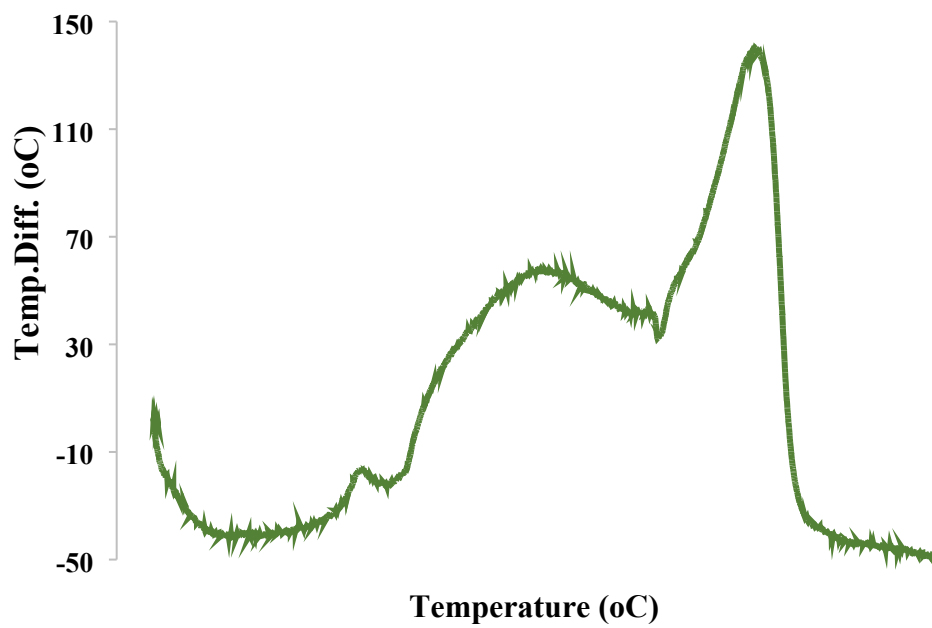
### **FT-IR analysis**

FT-IR spectra of 2AT, P2AT, and (N, S)-PCM were given in Fig. S1, respectively. The bands at 3415 and 3292  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the spectrum of 2AT are related to the asymmetrical and symmetrical N–H stretching modes of the  $-\text{NH}_2$  group, respectively. The single broad band of N–H stretching at 3397  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the spectrum of P2AT showed the formation of  $-\text{N}(\text{H})-$  linkages, due to the reaction of  $-\text{NH}_2$  group during polymerization. The peak at 1626  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the FT-IR spectrum of 2AT and 1621  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the spectrum of P2AT are ascribed to the C=N stretching bands. The absorption bands at 695 and 618  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the spectra of 2AT and P2AT, respectively, are related to the C–S stretching vibration.



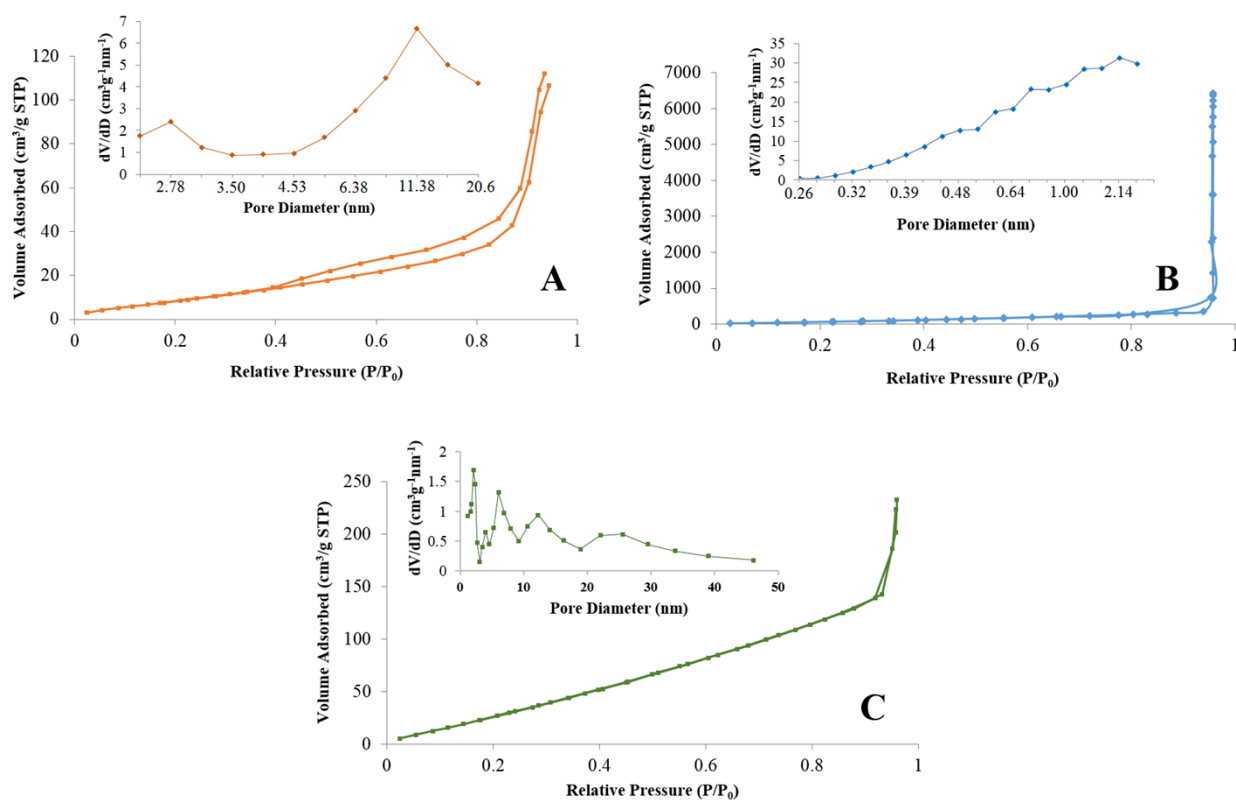
**Fig. S1** FT-IR spectra of 2AT (A), P2AT (B) and (N, S)-PCM (C).

### DTG analysis



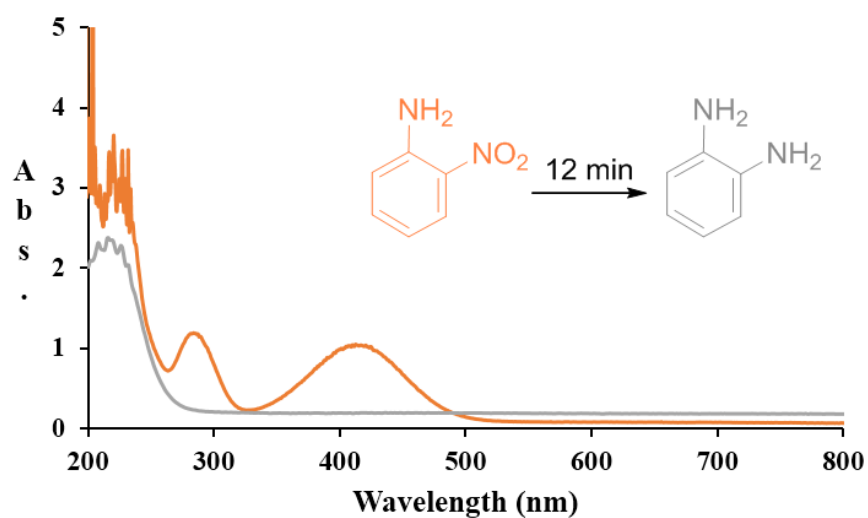
**Fig. S2** DTA curve of P2AT.

## BET analysis

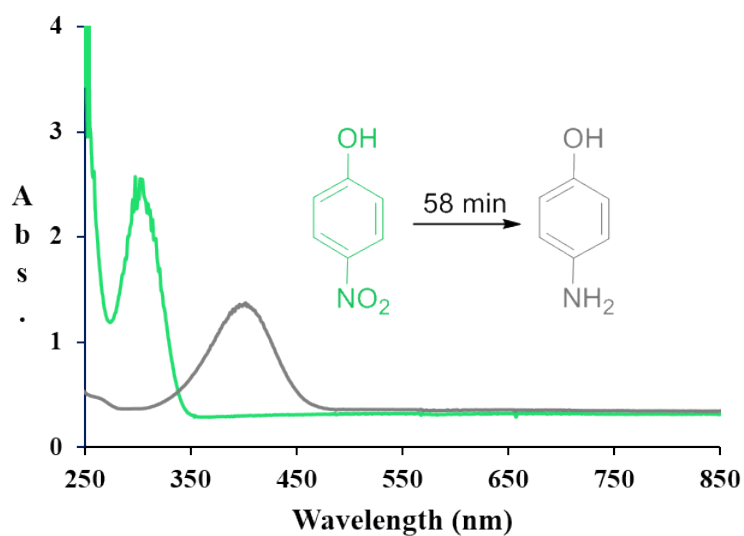


**Fig. S3** Nitrogen adsorption isotherms of P2AT (A), (N, S)-PCM (B), and AuNPs@(N, S)-PCM (C). The inset shows the pore-size distribution obtained from adsorption branch using the BJH method.

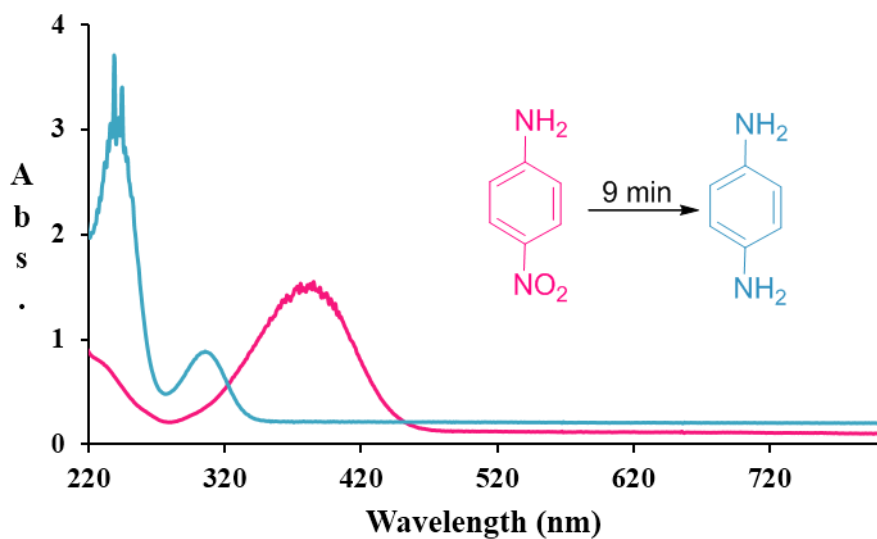
## UV-Vis spectra



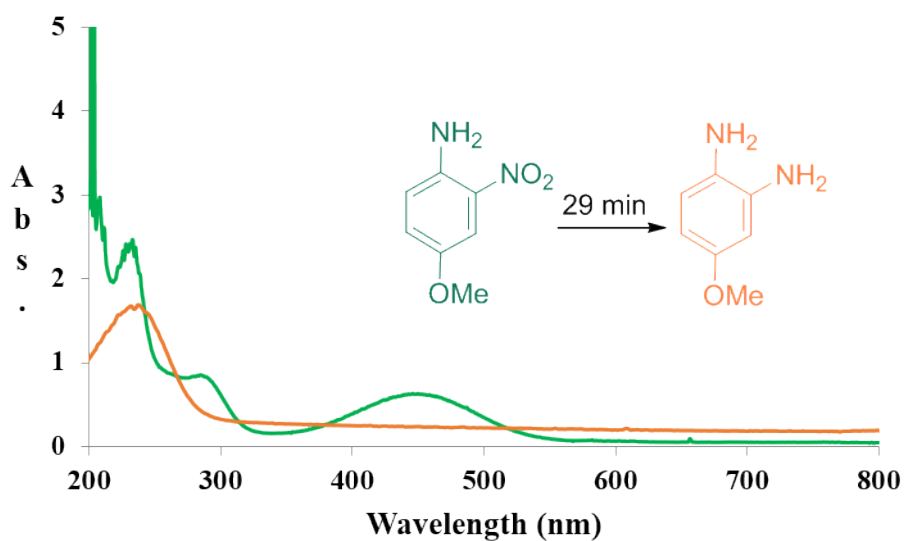
**Fig. S4** UV-vis absorption spectra for the catalytic reduction of 2-nitroaniline by  $\text{NaBH}_4$  in the presence of  $\text{AuNPs}@\text{(N, S)-PCM}$  as the catalyst.



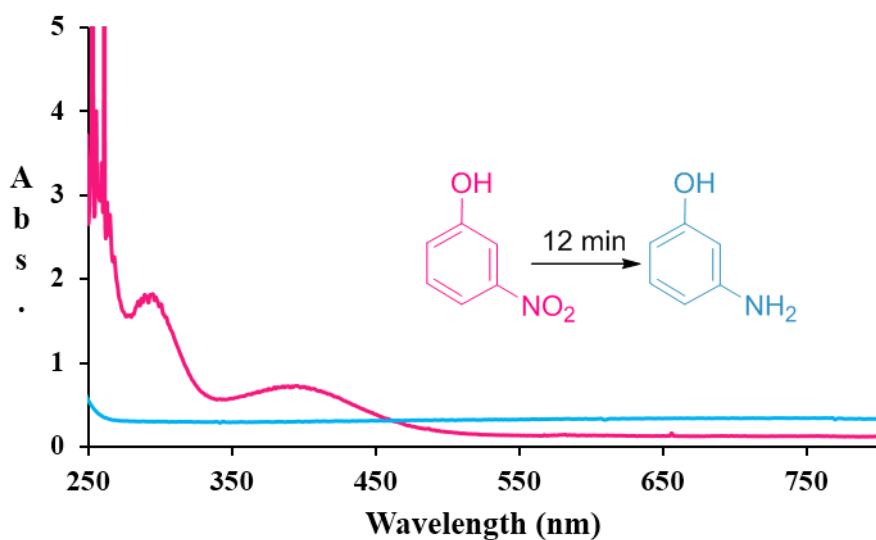
**Fig. S5** UV-vis absorption spectra for the catalytic reduction of 4-nitrophenol by  $\text{NaBH}_4$  in the presence of  $\text{AuNPs}@\text{(N, S)-PCM}$  as the catalyst.



**Fig. S6** UV-vis absorption spectra for the catalytic reduction of 4-nitroaniline by  $\text{NaBH}_4$  in the presence of  $\text{AuNPs}@(\text{N}, \text{S})\text{-PCM}$  as the catalyst.



**Fig. S7** UV-vis absorption spectra for the catalytic reduction of 4-methoxy-2-nitroaniline by  $\text{NaBH}_4$  in the presence of  $\text{AuNPs}@(\text{N}, \text{S})\text{-PCM}$  as the catalyst.

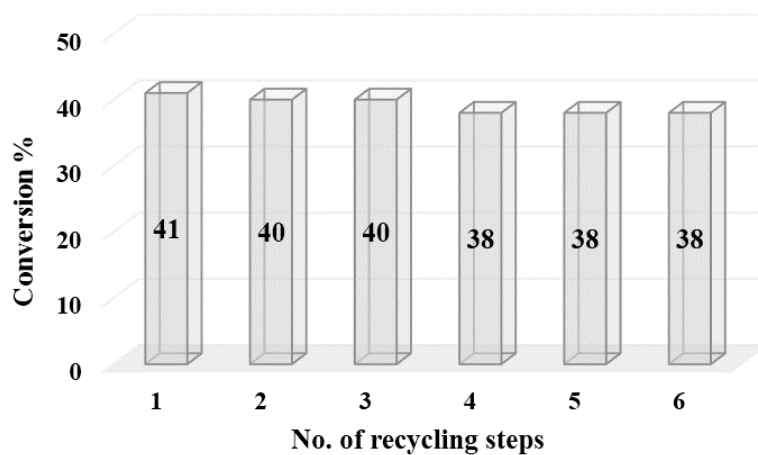


**Fig. S8** UV-vis absorption spectra for the catalytic reduction of 3-nitrophenol by  $\text{NaBH}_4$  in the presence of  $\text{AuNPs}@(\text{N}, \text{S})\text{-PCM}$  as the catalyst.

**Table S1** Comparison of various AuNPs catalysts of 2NA reduction with  $\text{NaBH}_4$  as reducing agent.

Entry	Details of catalysts <sup>Ref</sup>	mol% Au (mol Au/mol 2NA×100)	$\text{NaBH}_4$ (mmol)	Time (min)
1	AuNPs on Graphene oxide <sup>1</sup>	2.2	0.36	1
2	AuNPs on Silica nanorattles <sup>2</sup>	3.17	0.2	21
3	AuNPs on amino-functionalized silica nanoparticles with center-radially hierarchical mesopores <sup>3</sup>	0.67	0.06	6
4	AuNPs encapsulated within hollow silica nanospheres <sup>4</sup>	0.16	0.3	22
5	$\text{Au}@(\text{SiO}_2)$ yolk-shell nanoreactors <sup>5</sup>	21.8	1.2	20
<b>6</b>	<b>This work</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>12</b>

## Recyclability



**Fig. S9** Effect of recycling on the catalytic activity of AuNPs@(N, S)-PCM after 4 min.

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