

Unique nanocages of $12\text{CaO}\cdot 7\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ boost heterolytic hydrogen activation and selective hydrogenation of heteroarenes over ruthenium catalyst

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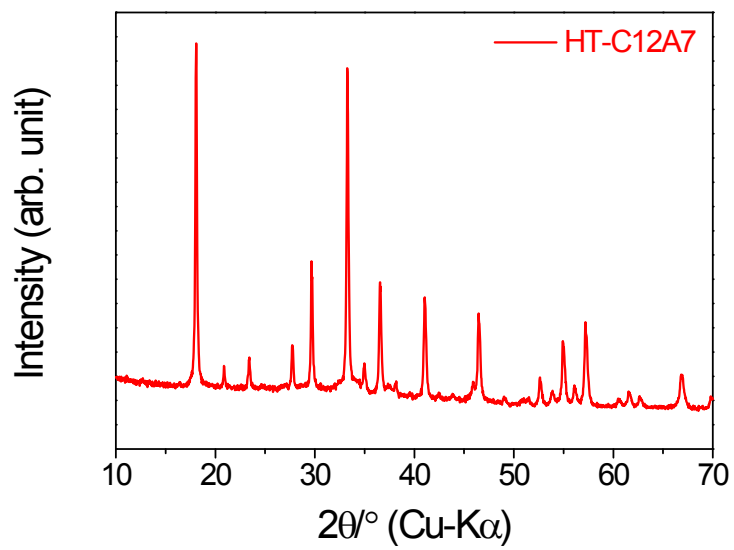


Fig. S1 XRD pattern of HT-C12A7.

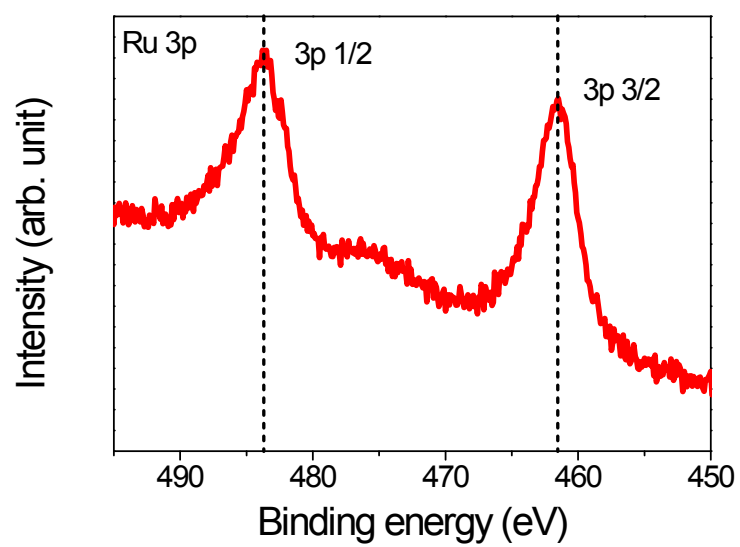


Fig. S2 XPS Ru 3p spectrum for Ru/HT-C12A7. The dotted lines indicate the Ru 3p peaks derived from bulk Ru metal respectively.

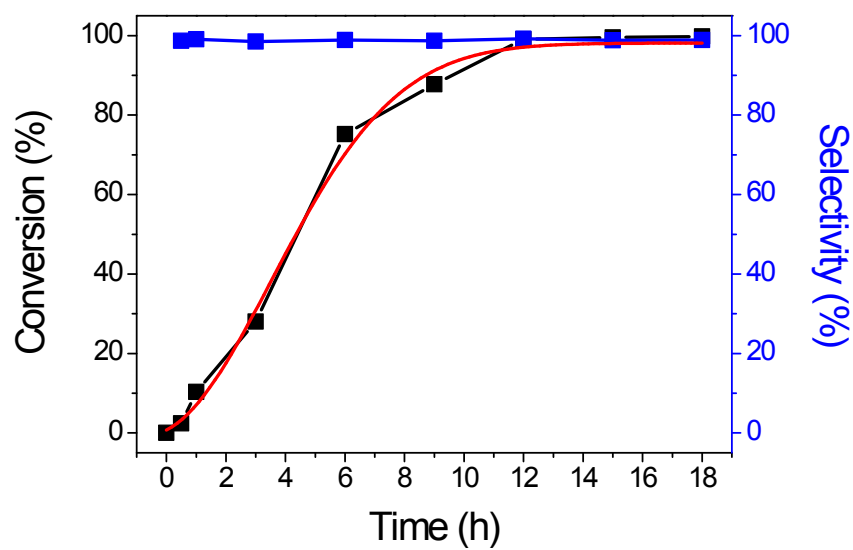


Fig. S3 Kinetic data of the hydrogenation of quinoline with 2wt% Ru/HT-C12A7 catalyst. Reaction condition: 5 mmol substrate, catalyst 40 mg, H₂ (1.0 MPa), 80 °C. Yield was determined by gas GC and GCMS analysis.

Table S1. Summary of reported Ru, Pt and other transition metal based heterogeneous catalysts for hydrogenation of various quinolines.

| Catalyst | Solvent | B.E.T. [m ² g ⁻¹] | H ₂ [MPa] | Temp. [°C] | Time [h] | Yield [%] | Ref. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| Ru/HT-C12A7 | --- | 54 | 1.0 | 80 | 12 | 98.3 | This work |
| Ru/HT-C12A7^a | --- | 54 | 1.0 | 60 | 12 | 95.4 | This work |
| Au/HAS-TiO ₂ ^a | toluene | 124 | 2.0 | 25 | 16 | 92 | <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2012, 134, 17592. |
| Ru/HAS-TiO ₂ ^a | toluene | 124 | 2.0 | 60 | 3 | 81.8 | <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2012, 134, 17592. |
| Au/HAS-TiO ₂ | --- | 124 | 2.0 | 140 | 48 | 100 | <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2012, 134, 17592. |
| Rh/Al ₂ O ₃ | --- | --- | 3.0 | 80 | 115 | 72.9 | <i>ACS Catal.</i> 2012, 2, 1524. |
| Rh/MgO | --- | --- | 2.0 | 100 | 24 | 100 | <i>Applied Catalysis A: General</i> 2014, 477, 117. |
| RhNP/Lewic acidic IL | --- | --- | 3.0 | 80 | 15- 48 | 95 | <i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2016, 55, 292. |

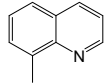
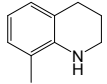
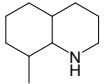
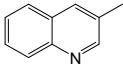
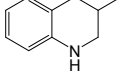
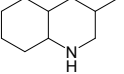
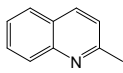
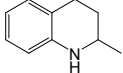
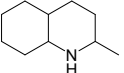
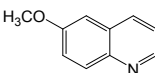
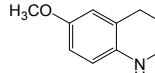
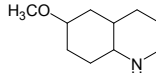
^a 6-chloroquinoline was used as a substrate instead of quinoline.

Table S2. Characterization of Ru catalysts on various supports.

| Catalyst | Surface area (m ² g ⁻¹) | Ru loading (wt%) | Dispersion (%) ^a | Particle size [nm] ^a |
|---|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ru/HT-C12A7 | 54 | 2.0 | 37.3 | 3.6 |
| Ru/HT-C12A7 | 54 | 5.0 | 32.5 | 4.1 |
| Ru/Al ₂ O ₃ | 85 | 5.0 | 19.6 | 6.8 |
| Ru/CaO | 77 | 5.0 | 26.3 | 5.0 |
| Ru/SiO ₂ -Al ₂ O ₃ | 420 | 5.0 | 37.1 | 3.6 |
| Ru/MgO | 34 | 5.0 | 22.7 | 5.8 |
| Ru/ZrO ₂ | 9.2 | 5.0 | 13.3 | 10.0 |
| Ru/TiO ₂ | 112 | 5.0 | 19.0 | 7.0 |

^a Dispersion and particle size were calculated on the basis of CO chemisorption values, assuming spherical metal particles and that the stoichiometry of Ru/CO = 1.

Table S3. Main side products of the substrates with low selectivities.

| Entry | Substrate | product | Yield (%) ^c | Side product | Yield (%) ^c |
|----------------|---|---|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1 ^a |  |  | 89.1 |  | 10.9 |
| 2 ^b |  |  | 91.4 |  | 8.6 |
| 3 ^b |  |  | 87.7 |  | 12.3 |
| 4 ^a |  |  | 87.4 |  | 12.6 |

^a Reaction condition: 5 mmol substrate, 40 mg catalyst (2 wt% Ru/HT-C12A7), 1.0 MPa H₂, 15 h, 80 °C; ^b 12 h; ^c isolated yield.

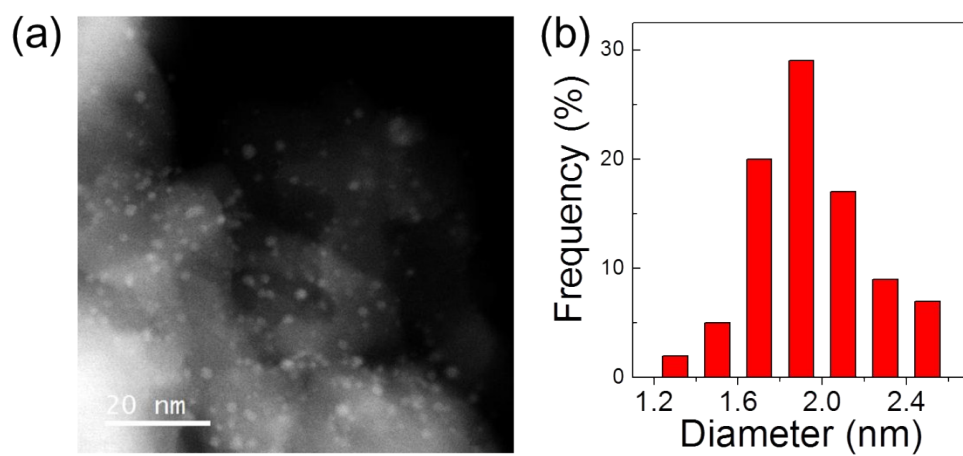


Fig. S4 HAADF STEM image of Ru/HT-C12A7 after the reaction of chemoselective hydrogenation of quinoline. (a) Overview image of Ru/HT-C12A7 and (b) metal particle size distribution histogram.

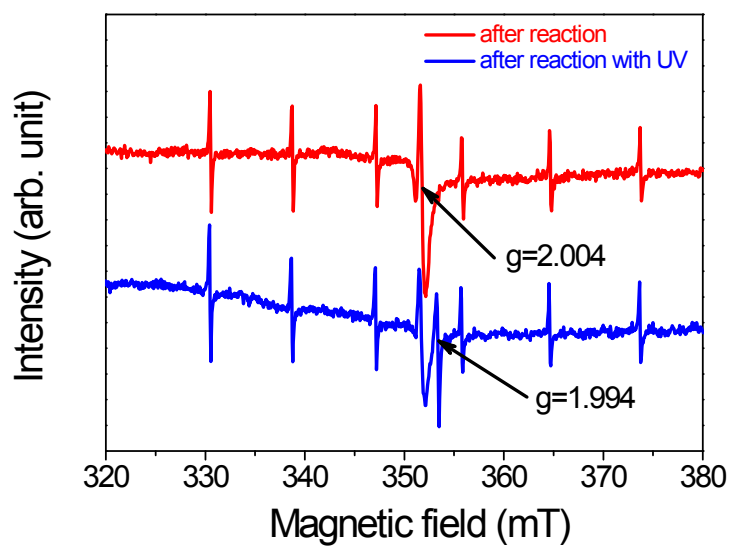


Fig. S5 EPR spectra of Ru/HT-C12A7 catalyst after hydrogenation reaction and that after reaction then irradiated by UV light (microwave frequency = 9.7 GHz, temperature = 25 °C). The sextet with a separation of ~ 8 mT is due to Mn^{2+} in MgO as a standard.

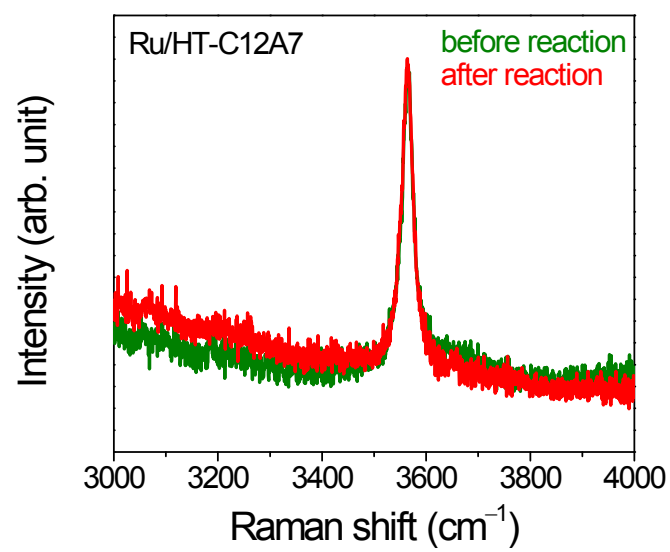


Fig. S6 Raman spectra of Ru/HT-C12A7 catalyst before and after hydrogenation reaction.

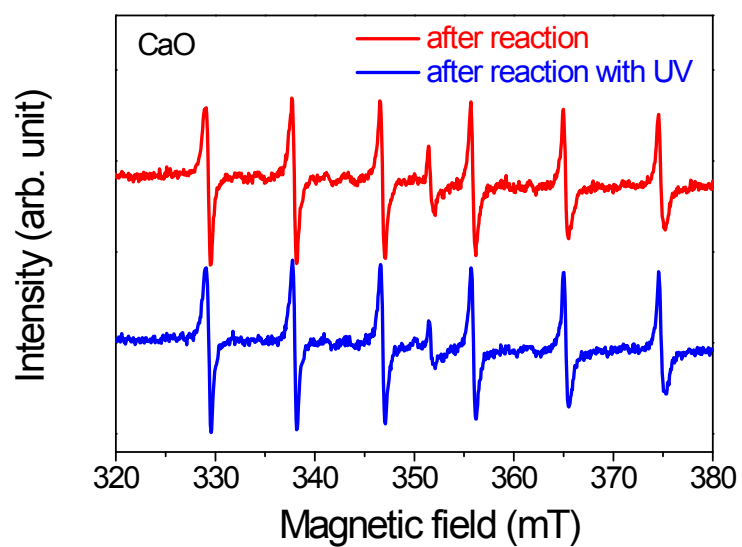


Fig. S7 EPR spectra of Ru/CaO catalyst after the hydrogenation reaction and the catalyst after reaction and then irradiated by UV light (microwave frequency = 9.7 GHz, temperature = 25 °C). The sextet with a separation of ~8mT is due to Mn²⁺ in MgO as a standard.

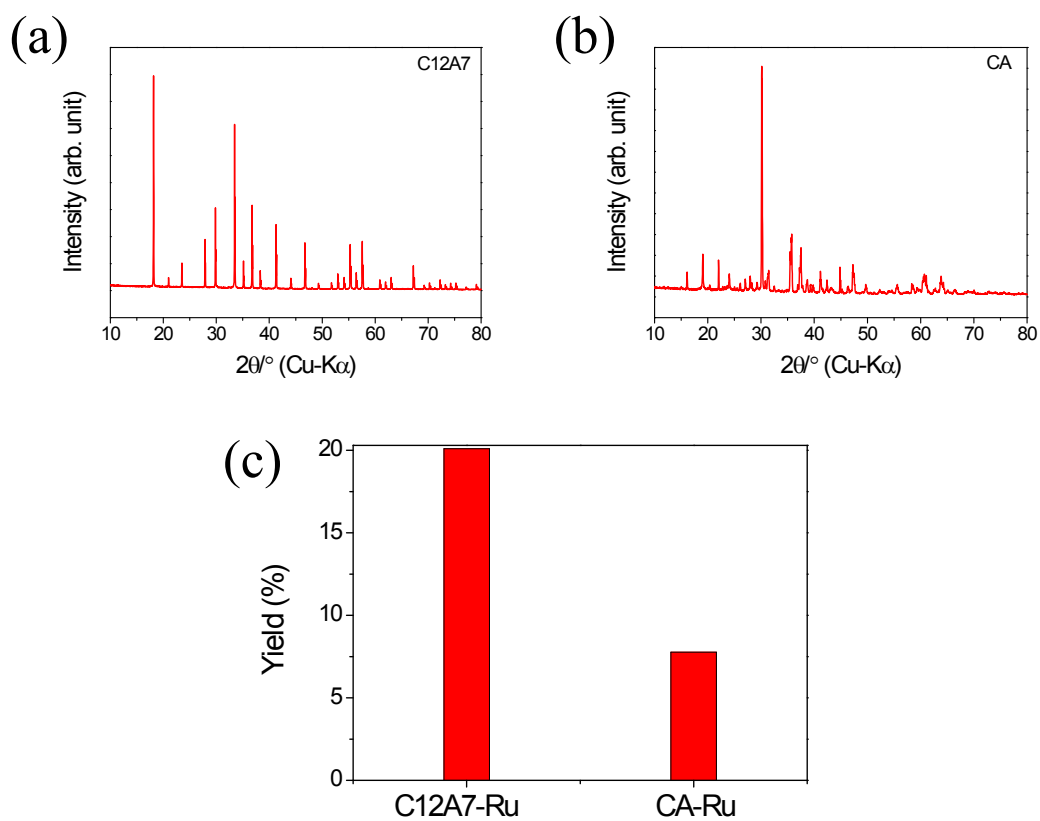


Fig. S8 XRD patterns of solid-state reaction prepared (a) C12A7 and (b) CaO·Al₂O₃ (CA). Catalytic activities (c) of quinoline hydrogenation by C12A7 and CA loaded with 10wt% Ru, respectively. Reaction condition: 5 mmol substrate, catalyst 40 mg, H₂ (1.0 MPa), 80 °C, 12h.

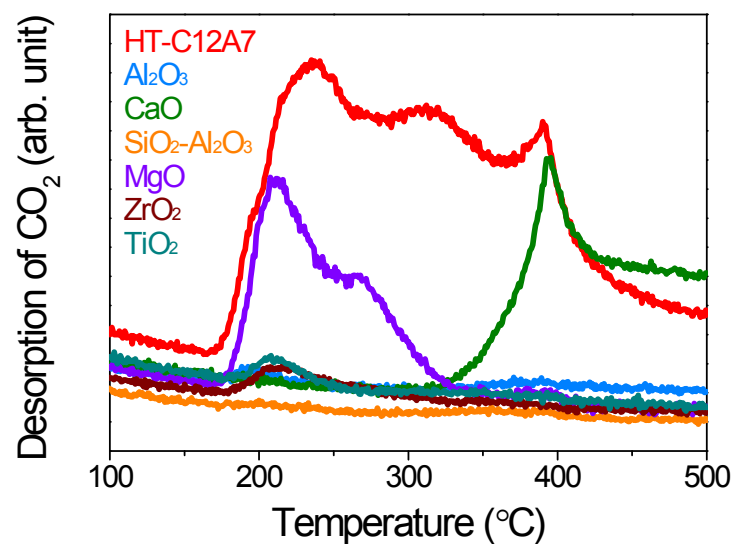
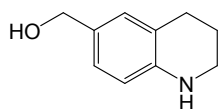
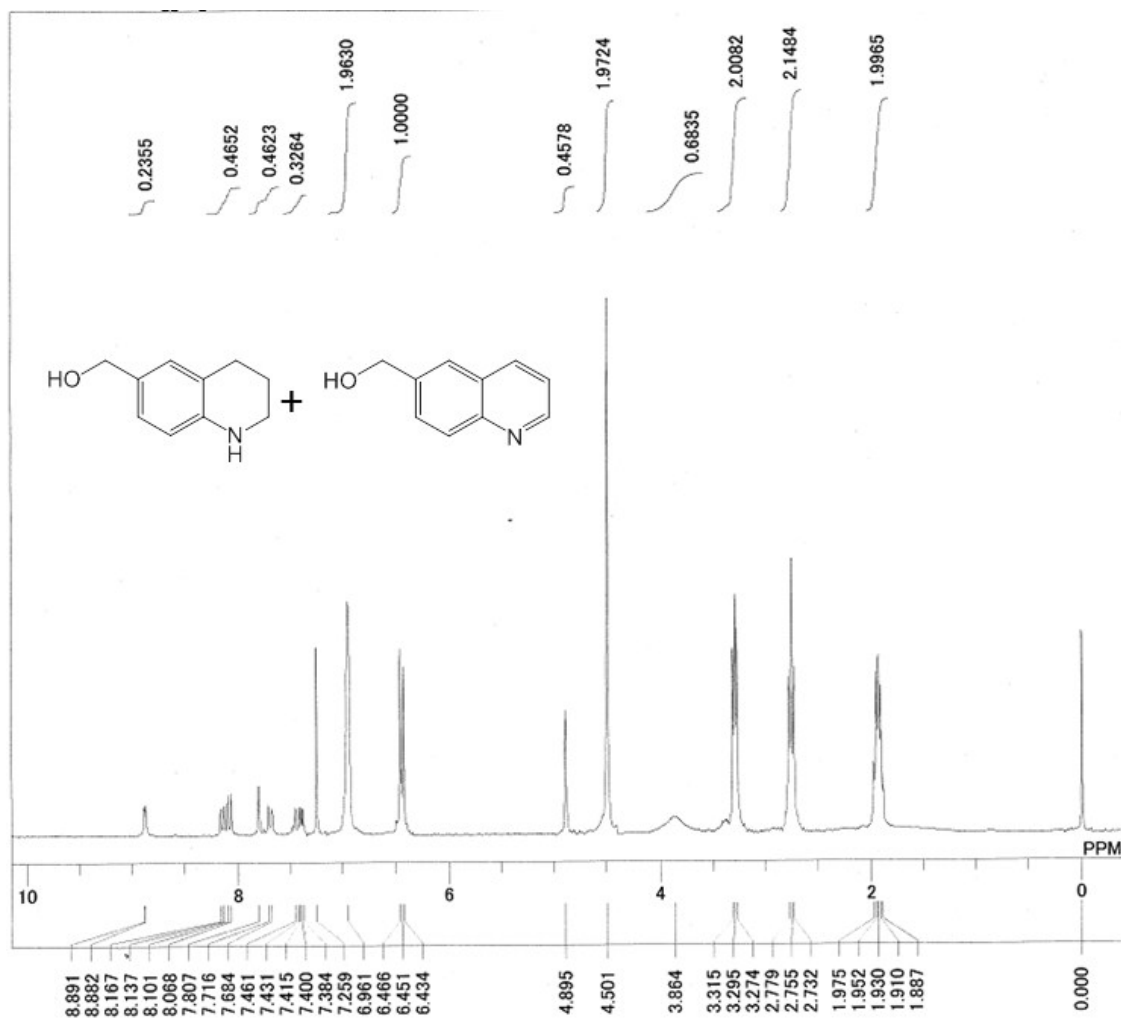
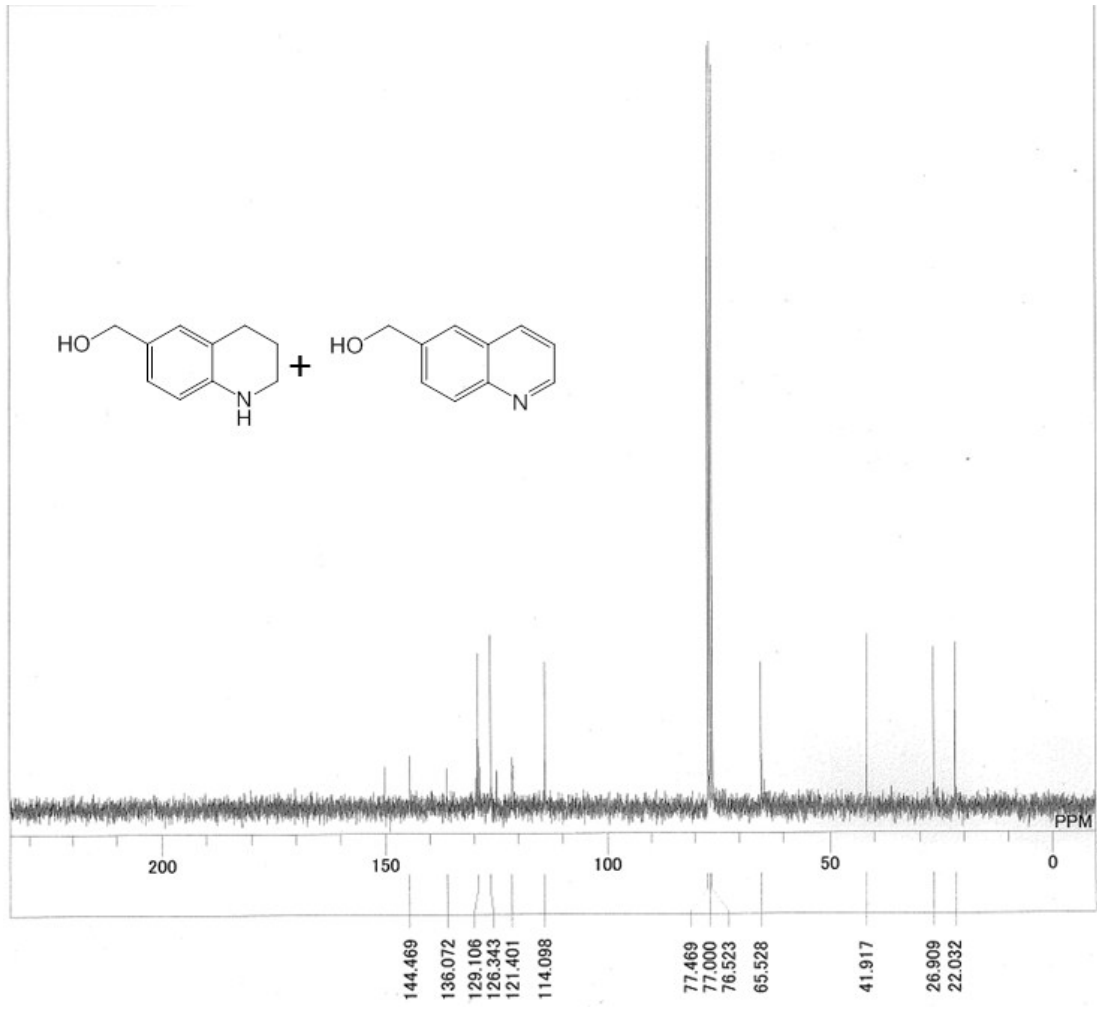


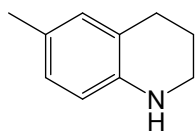
Fig. S9 CO₂-TPD profiles of various Ru-based catalysts with different supports.



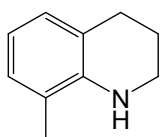
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ = 6.96 (s, 2H), 6.52-6.39 (m, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.86 (brs, 1H), 3.36-3.22 (m, 2H), 2.76 (t, 2H), 2.02-1.85 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ = 144.5, 136.1, 129.1, 126.3, 121.4, 114.1, 65.5, 41.9, 26.9, 22.0.



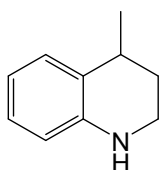




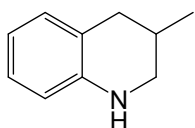
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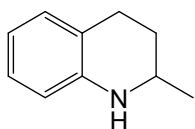
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^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ = 7.04 (d, 1H), 6.95 (t, 1H), 6.62 (t, 1H), 6.45 (d, 1H), 3.83 (s, 1H), 3.41-3.11 (m, 2H), 2.99-2.78 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ = 144.2, 128.3, 126.6, 116.8, 114.0, 38.9, 30.1, 29.7, 22.6.

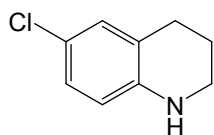


^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ = 7.05-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.58 (t, 1H), 6.43 (d, 1H), 3.78 (s, 1H), 3.30-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.91-2.62 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.15-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ = 144.2, 129.4, 126.5, 120.9, 116.7, 113.7, 48.7, 35.3, 27.0, 18.9.

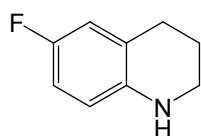


^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ = 7.02-6.88 (m, 2H), 6.60 (t, 1H), 6.46 (d, 1H), 3.65 (brs, 1H), 3.48-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.01-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.19 (d, 3H); ^{13}C

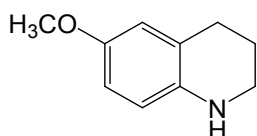
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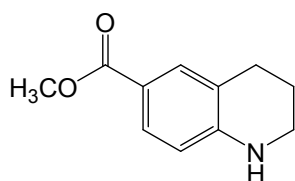
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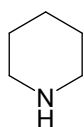
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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 6.65-6.46 (m, 2H), 6.45-6.35 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.57 (brs, 1H), 3.20 (t, 2H), 2.72 (t, 2H), 1.98-1.80 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ = 151.5, 138.7, 122.6, 115.3, 114.6, 112.7, 55.5, 55.3, 42.1, 27.0, 22.2.

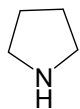


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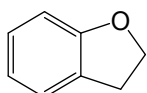


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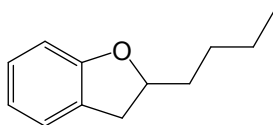
MHz): $\delta = 47.3, 27.1, 25.0$.



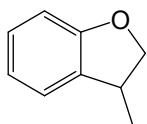
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$^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.31\text{-}6.98$ (m, 2H), $6.95\text{-}6.83$ (m, 2H), 4.55 (t, 2H), 3.20 (t, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): $\delta = 159.9, 127.9, 126.8, 124.9, 120.3, 109.3, 71.0, 27.0$.



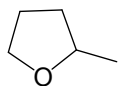
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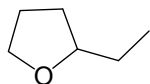
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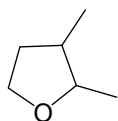
$^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): $\delta = 3.91\text{-}3.58$ (m, 4H), $2.03\text{-}1.71$ (m, 4H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): $\delta = 67.9, 25.6$.



^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): $\delta = 4.05\text{-}3.80$ (m, 2H), 3.79-3.58 (m, 1H), 2.09-1.66 (m, 3H), 1.51-1.29 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): $\delta = 75.2, 67.7, 33.0, 25.8, 20.9$.



^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): $\delta = 3.85\text{-}3.49$ (m, 3H), 1.99-1.65 (m, 3H), 1.63-1.21 (m, 3H), 0.86 (t, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): $\delta = 80.6, 67.5, 30.7, 28.4, 25.6, 10.3$.



^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): $\delta = 4.01\text{-}3.75$ (m, 2H), 3.71-3.49 (m, 1H), 2.25-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.36 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, 3H), 0.85 (d, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): $\delta = 77.1, 66.0, 35.8, 33.6, 15.8, 14.1$.

