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Transfer Hydrogenation of Ketone; An In-situ Approach toward an Eco-friendly Reduction

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Fig. S1. Image of SEM obtained for Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>

$$Conversion (\%) = \frac{(Substrate_0 - Substrate_t) \times 100}{Substrate_0}$$
(1)

Selectivity (%) = 
$$\left(\frac{\text{moles of product}}{\text{moles of substrate}_0}\right) \times 100$$
 (2)

Substrate<sub>0</sub> represents the initial mole of the substrate, and substrate<sub>t</sub> is the present mole of the substrate at the time t.



Fig. S2a. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of the produced 1-Phenyl ethanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S2b. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum of the produced 1-Phenyl ethanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S2c. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of the produced 1-Phenyl ethanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S2d. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum of the produced 1-Phenyl ethanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S3.** Product chromatogram of the GC-MS analysis obtained for the hydrogenation of acetophenone at 80 °C after 30 min.

Generally from the literature ketone hydrogenation leads to the formation of one product. <sup>1–6</sup> Therefore, the extraction process on our product to remove all possible solvents was carried out using BUCHI rotavapor R-100 after the filteration of the organic layer. Product separation was done with ethyl acetate of which the organic layer was passed through a column of MgSO<sub>4</sub> dried.



**Fig. S4.** Different plots revealing the variations at 60 °C of (a) catalyst amount variation, (b) substrate variation, (c) Borohydride variation obtained.



**Fig. S5.** Different plots revealing the variations at 30 °C of (a) catalyst amount variation, (b) substrate variation, (c) Borohydride variation obtained.

## Supplementary Table (ST) 1

Data obtained for the conversion of acetophenone at different temperatures using the same amount of catalyst and the substrate.



Condition: 21.60 mmol of the substrate, 1.00 g of BH<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, 0.22 g of Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>, 6.00 mL of HPMC solution decane (0.5 mmol), 80 °C.



Fig. S6. Plot showing the dependence of the rate constant on the temperature.



**SShceme 1.** Schematic representation of the recyclability of spent catalyst acetophenone conversion (conv) to 1-Phenyl ethanol (at 80 °C, 0.22 g catalyst, 21.60 mmol of acetophenone,  $1.00 \text{ g BH}_4^-$  and 0.5 mmol decane).



Fig. S7a. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of the generated benzene methanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S7b. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum of the generated benzene methanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S8.** Product chromatogram of the GC-MS analysis obtained for the hydrogenation of propiophenone at 80 °C.



Fig. S9a. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of the generated 2-Pentanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S9b. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum of the 2-Pentanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S10.** Product chromatogram of the GC-MS analysis obtained for the hydrogenation of 2-Pentanone at 80 °C.



Fig. S11a. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of the generated 3-Pentanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S11b. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum of the 3-Pentanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S12. Product chromatogram of the GC-MS analysis obtained for the hydrogenation of 3-Pentanone at 80  $^{\circ}$ C.



-1.83



-1.68

-1.49

Fig. S13a. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of the generated cyclohexanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S13b. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum of the generated cyclohexanol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S14.** Product chromatogram of the GC-MS analysis obtained for the hydrogenation of 3-cyclohexanone at 80 °C.



Fig. S15a. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of the generated fenchol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S15b. <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum of the generated fenchol using Pd@SiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S16. Product chromatogram of the GC-MS analysis obtained for the hydrogenation of 3-Fenchone at 80  $^{\circ}$ C.

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