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Pd@BTL-Cd core-shell nanoparticles as plasmonic photocatalyst for the reductive amination of furfural in water

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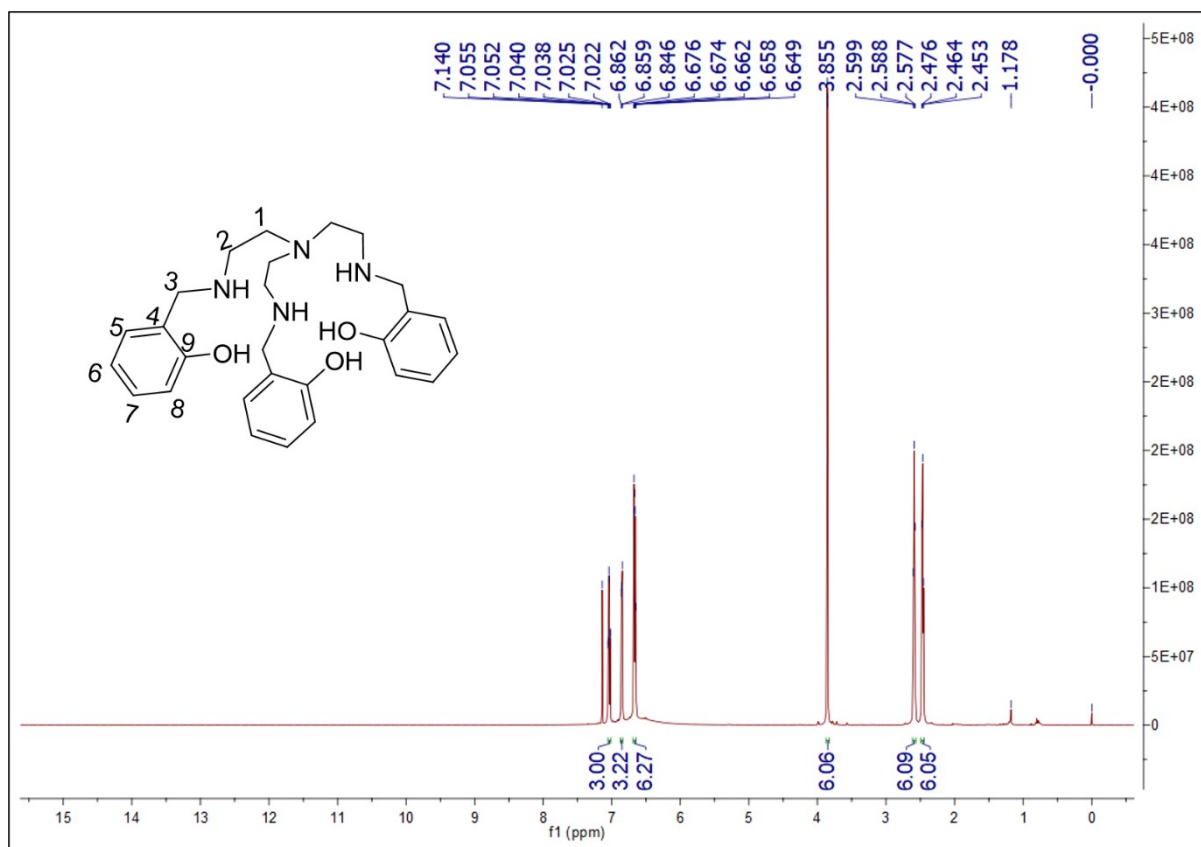


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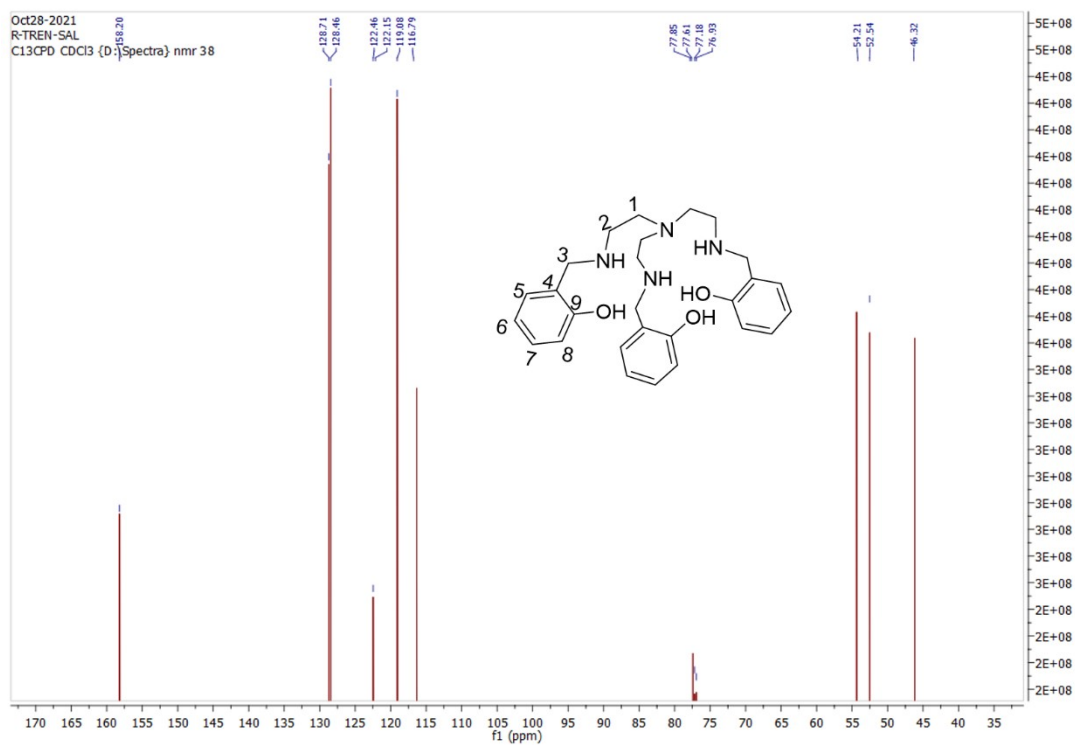


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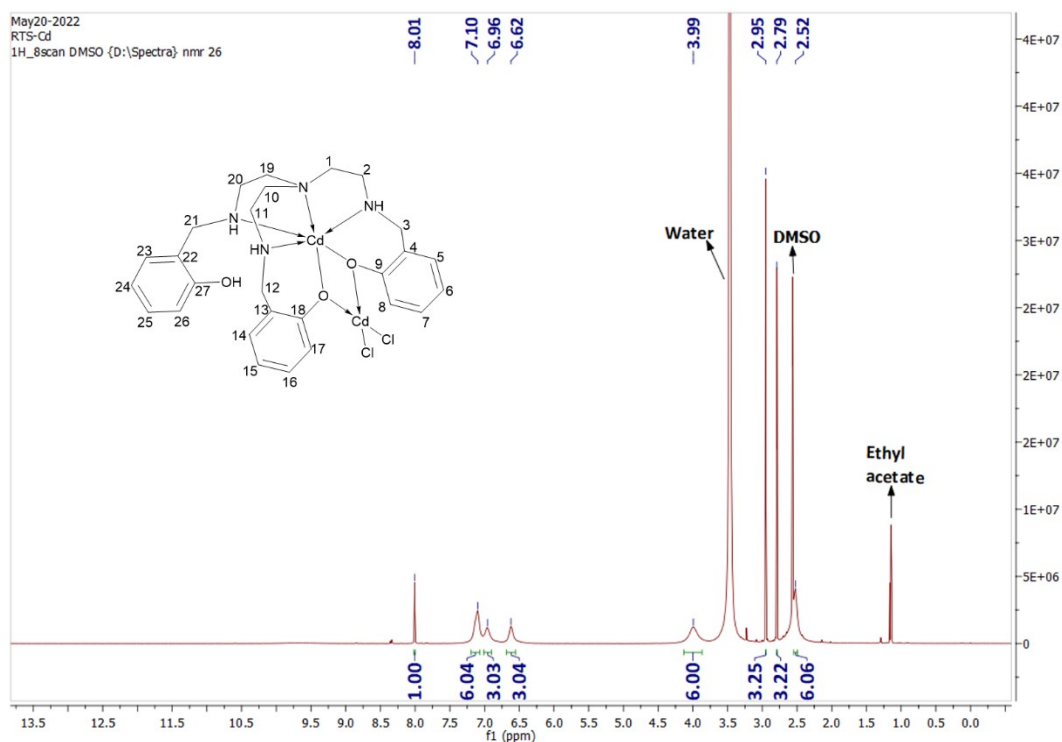


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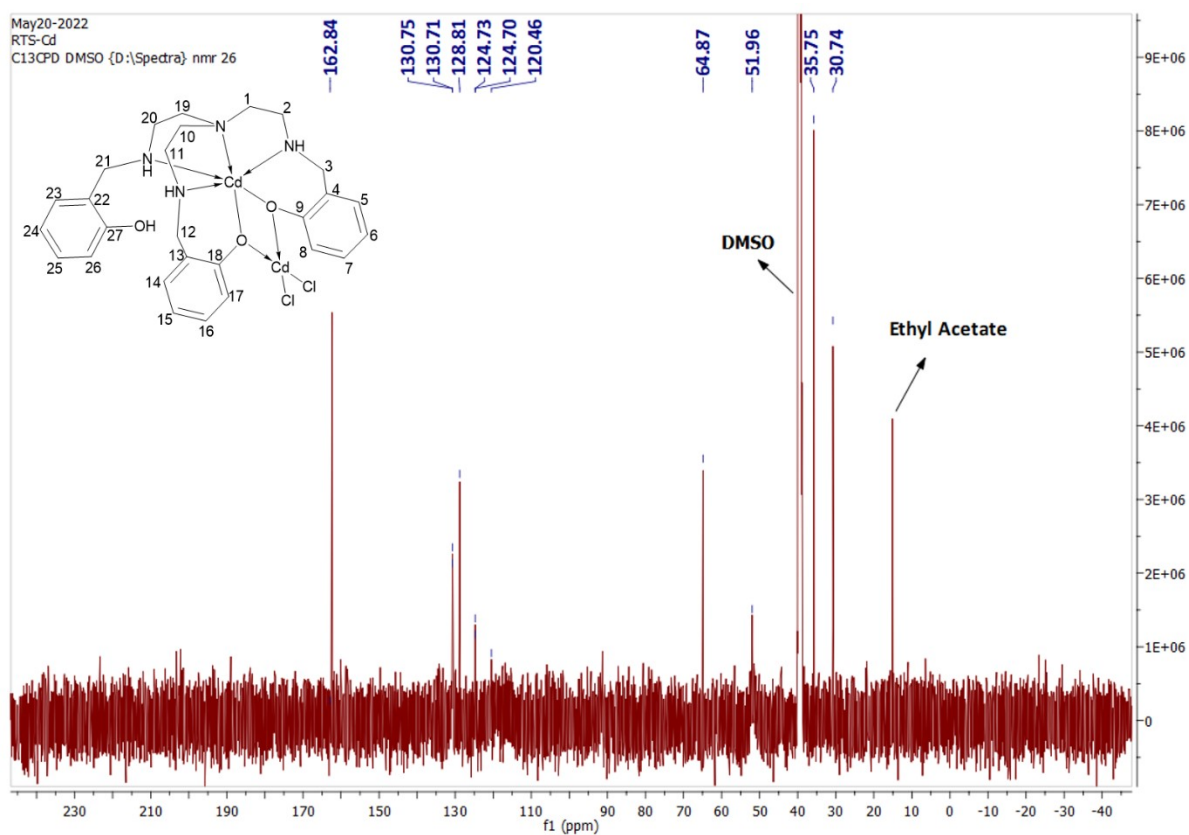


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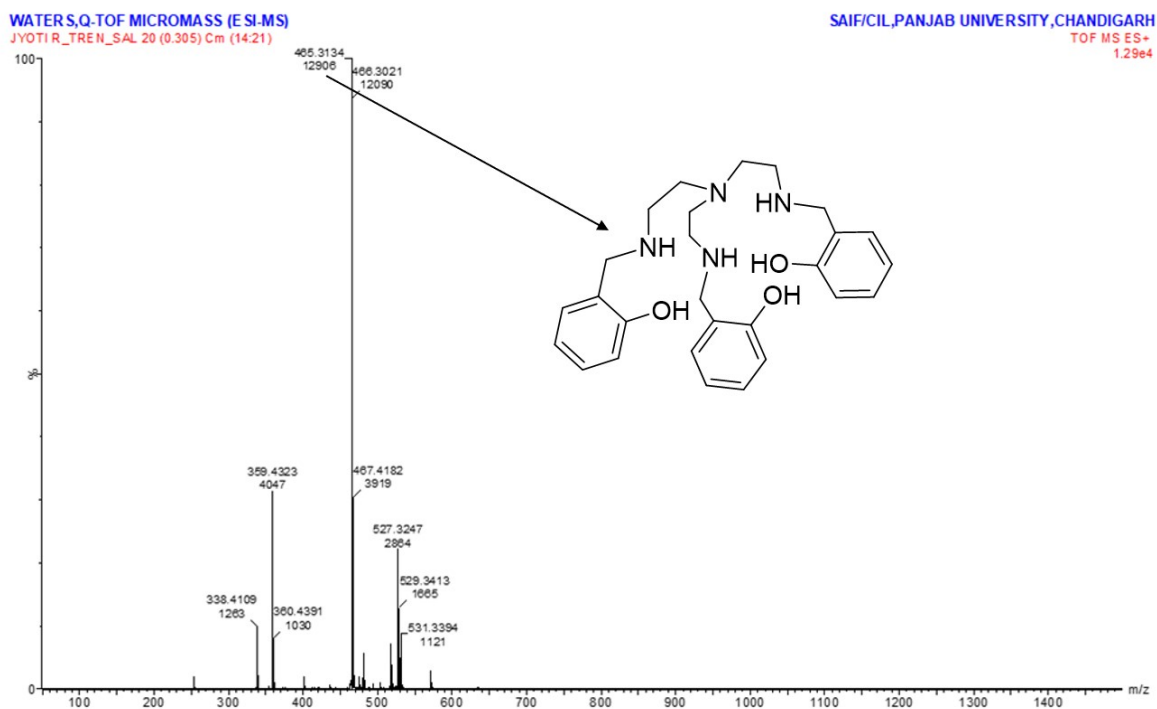
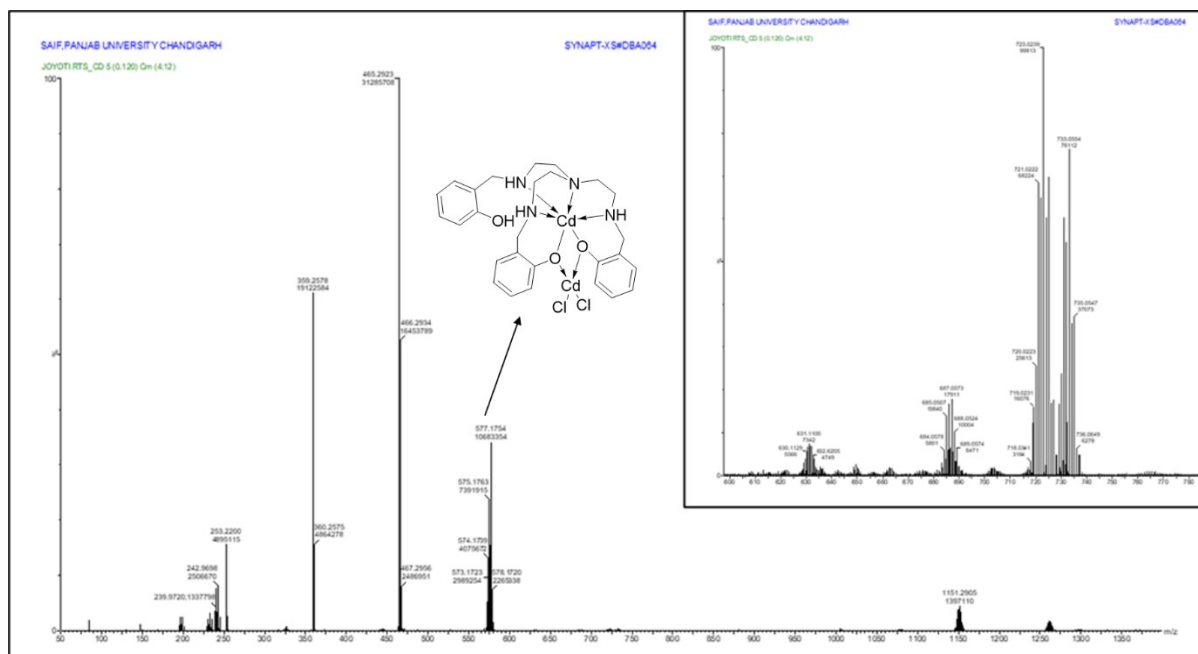


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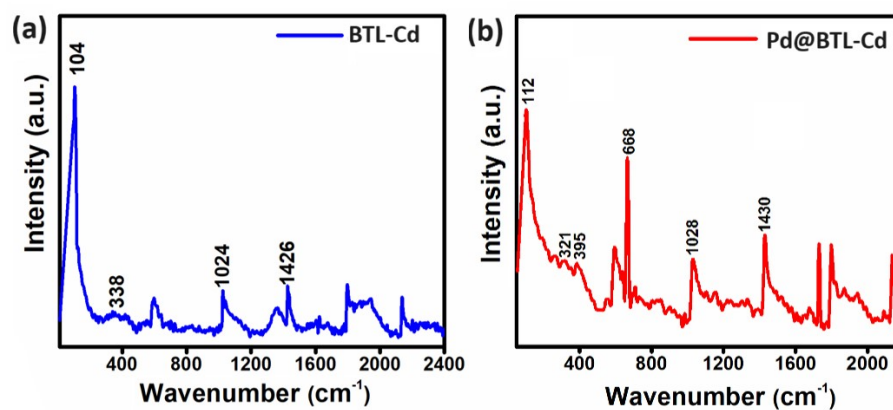


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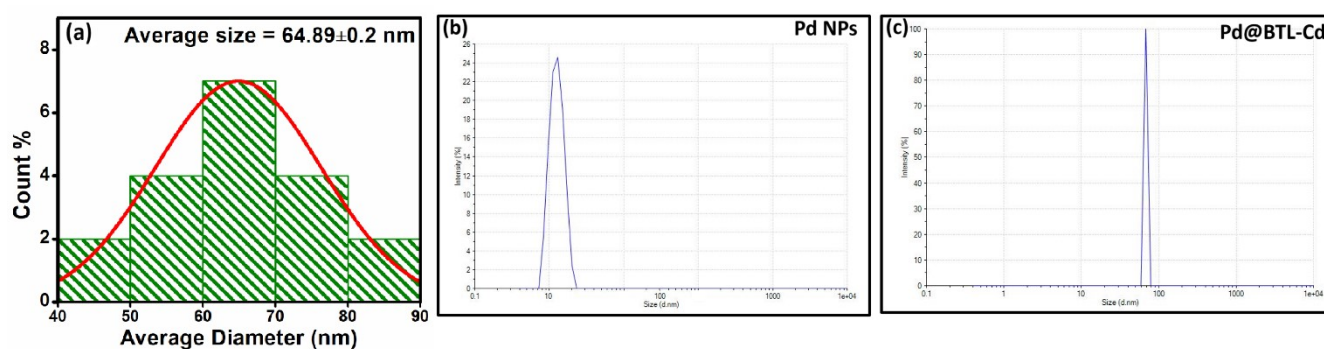


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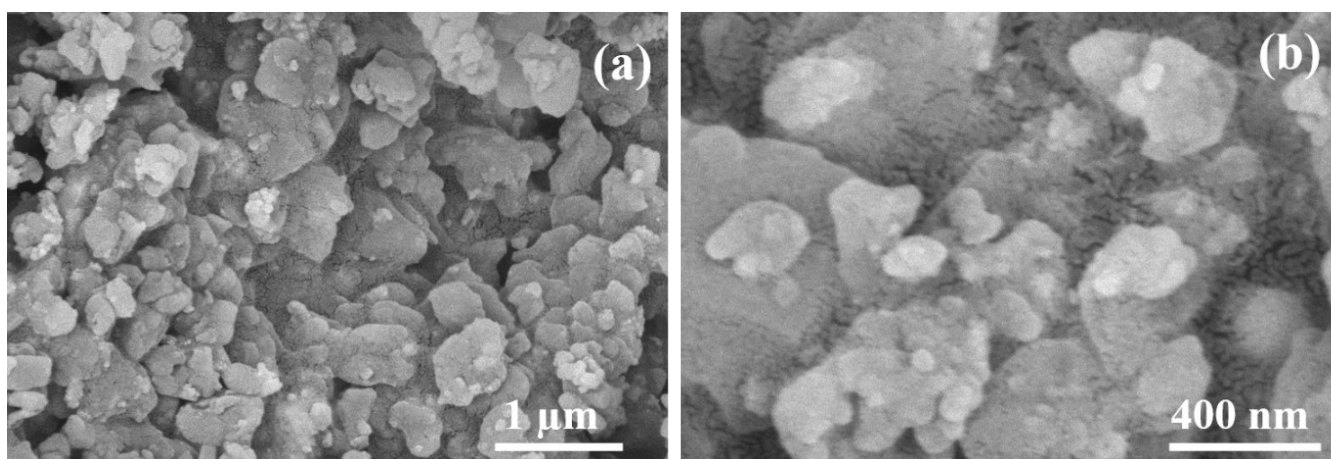


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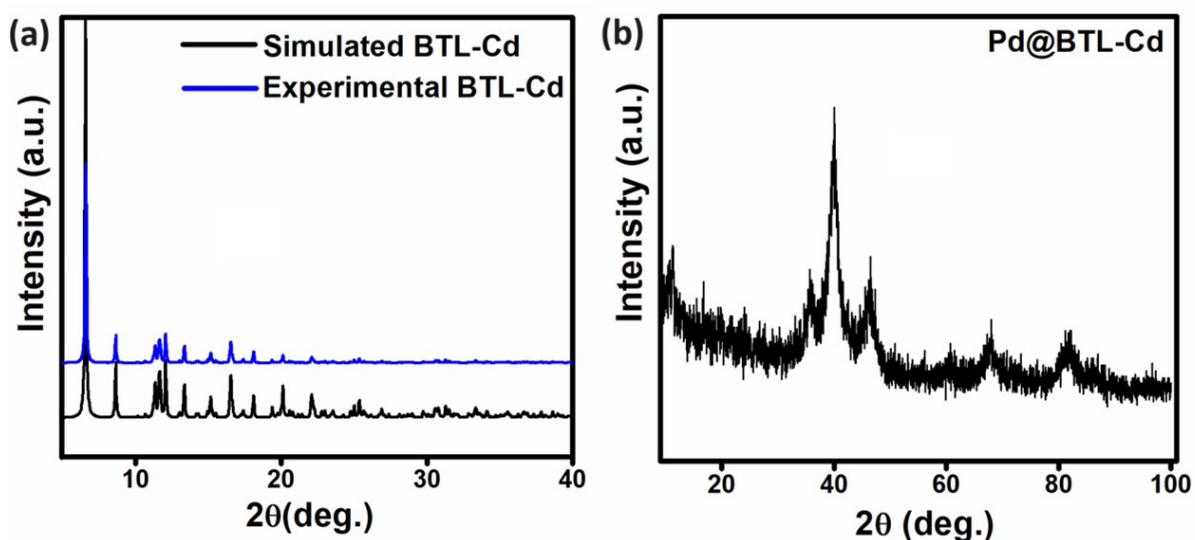


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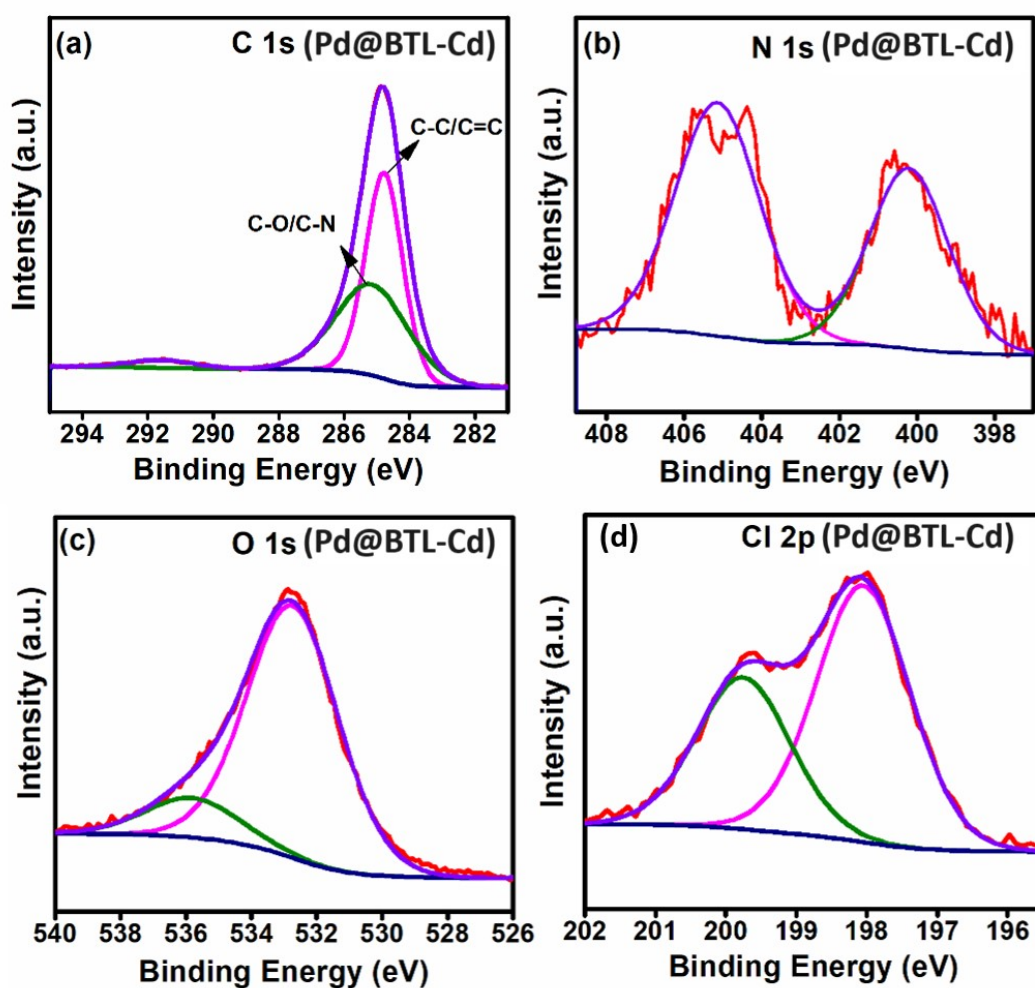


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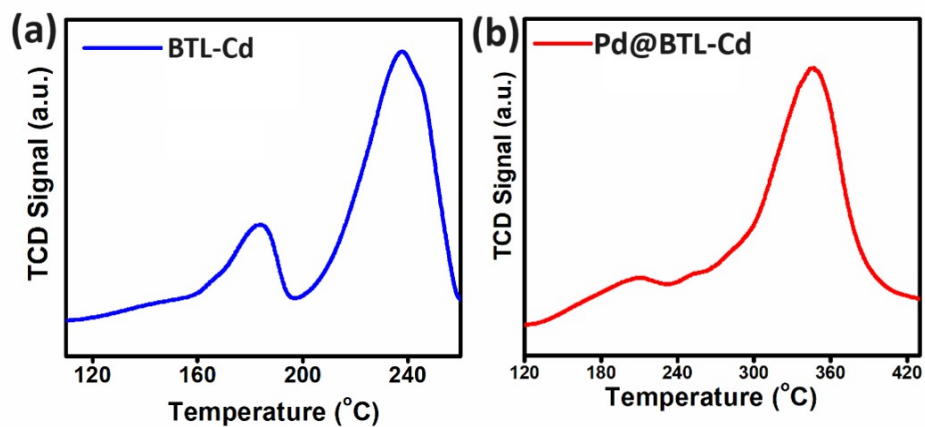


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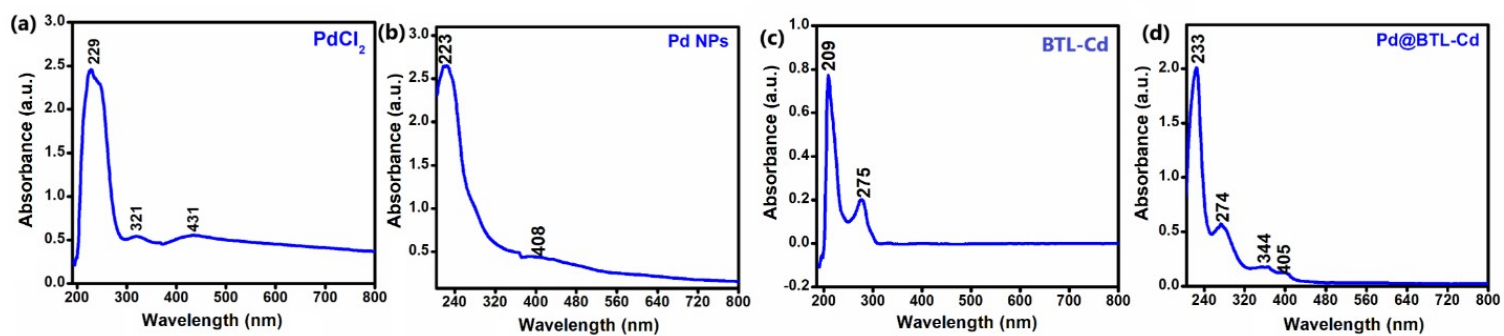


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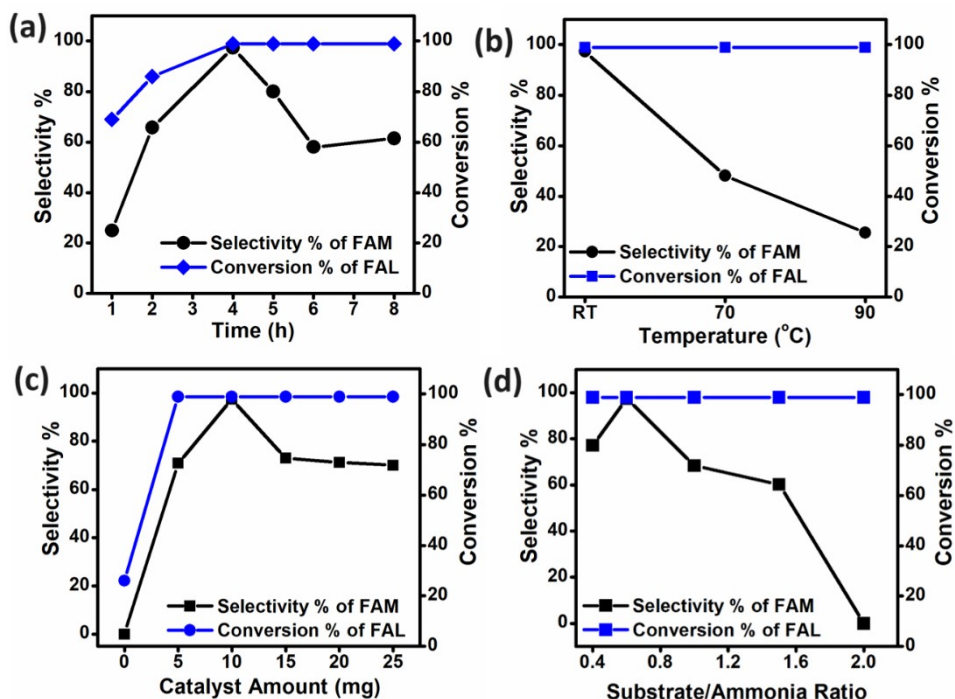


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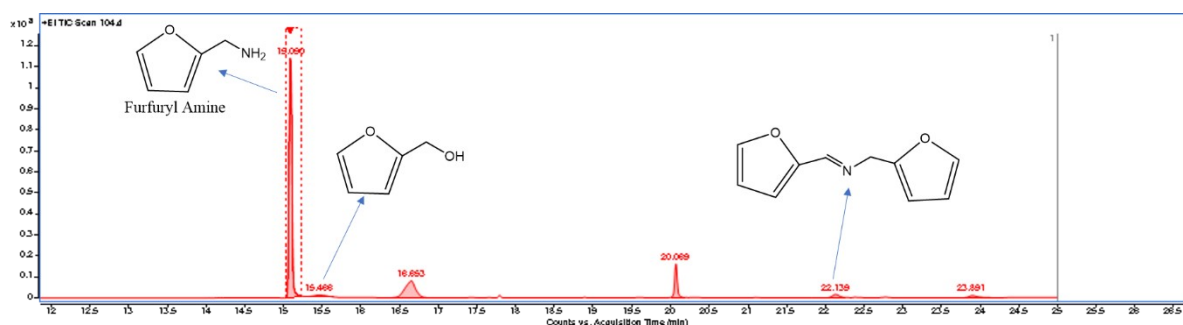


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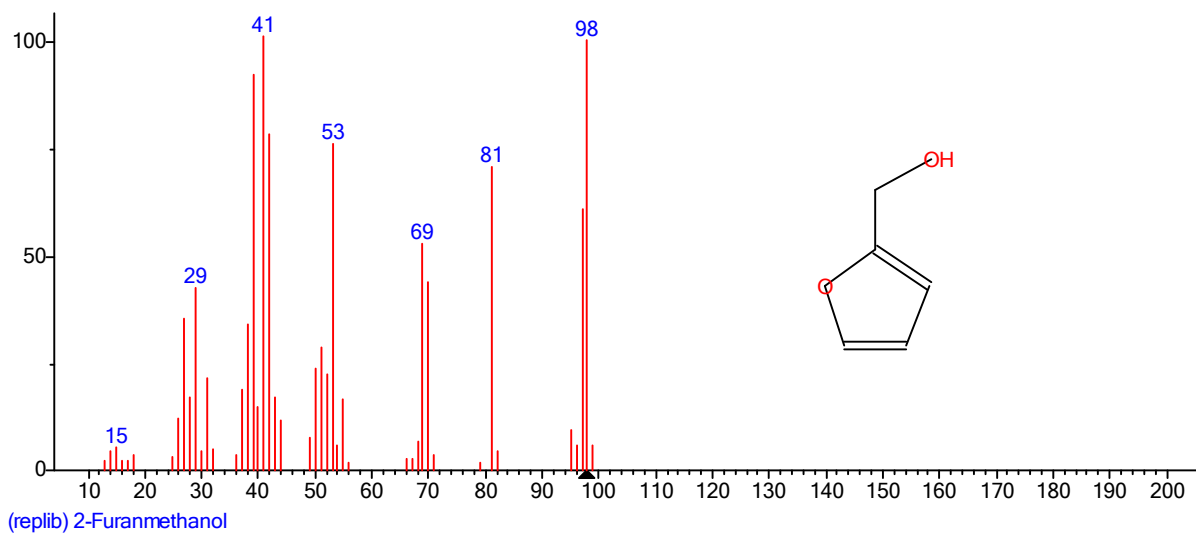


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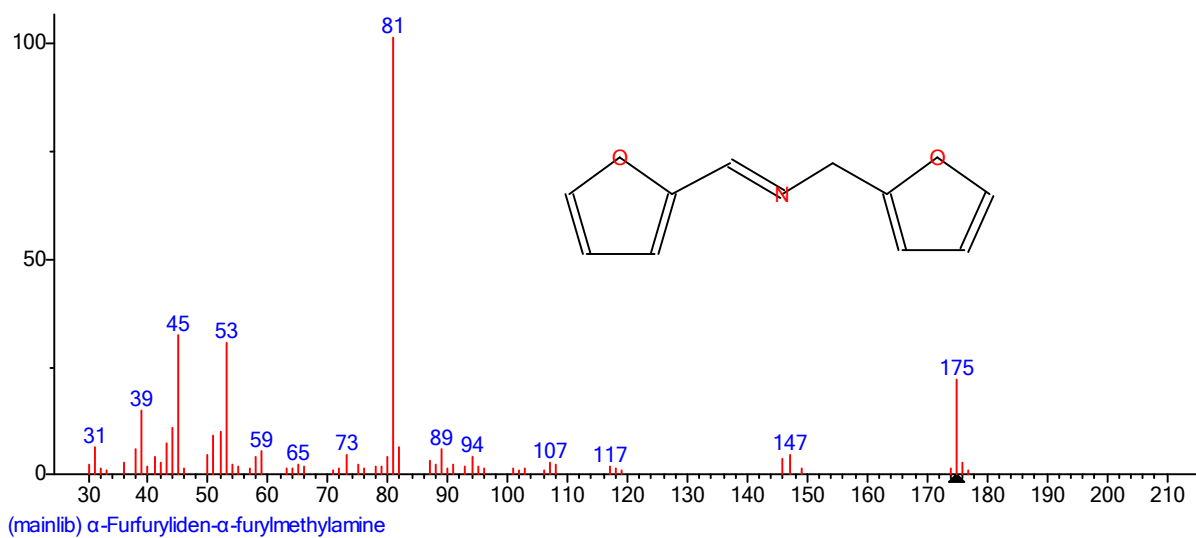


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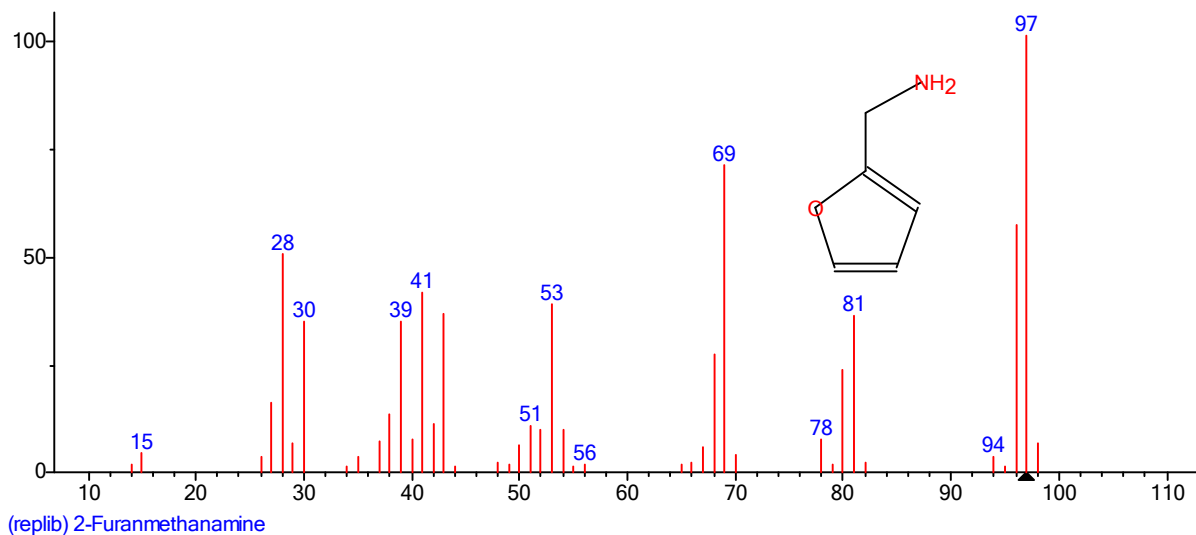


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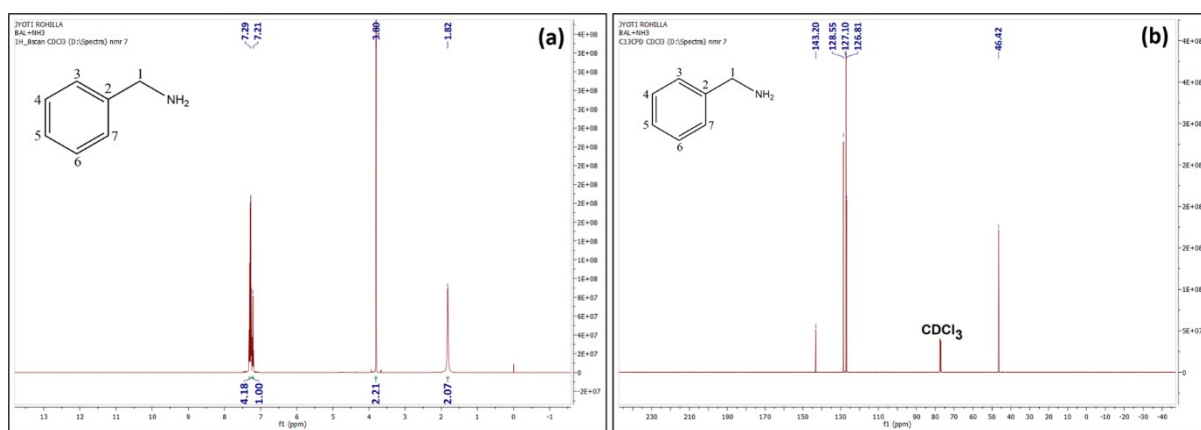


Fig. S19 ^1H and ^{13}C nmr of benzyl amine [^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): 1.82 (s, 2H, $-\text{NH}_2$), 3.80 (s, 2H, H^1), 7.21 (t, 1H, $3J = 10$ Hz, H^5), 7.29 (m, 4H, $3J = 10$ Hz, $\text{H}^{3,4,6,7}$). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): (46.42, C^1), (126.81, C^5), (127.10, C^3, C^7), (128.55, C^4, C^6), (143.19, C^2)].

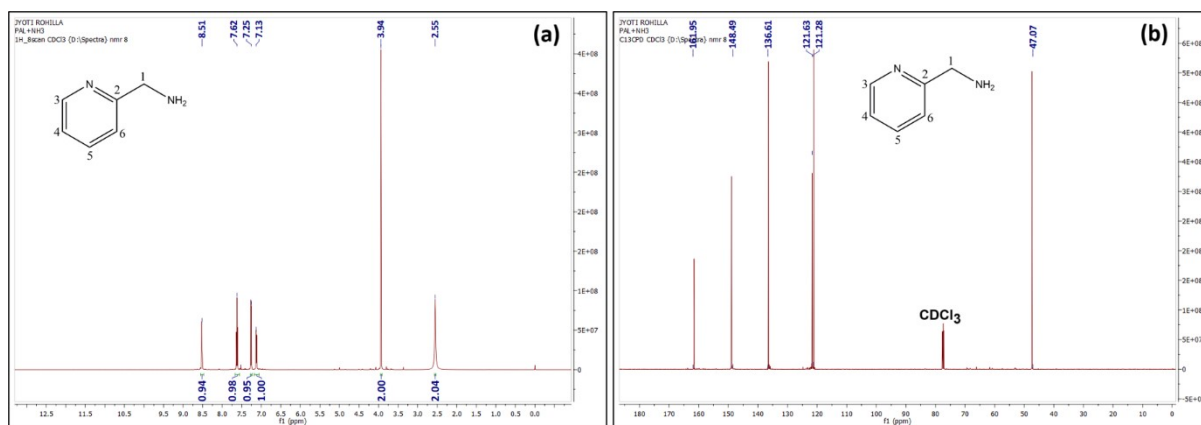


Fig. S20 ^1H and ^{13}C spectra of 2-pyridine methanamine [^1H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): 2.55 (s, 2H, -NH₂), 3.90 (s, 2H, H¹), 7.12 (dt, 1H, 3 J = 5 Hz, H⁴), 7.25 (d, 1H, 3 J = 10 Hz, H⁶), 7.62 (dt, 1H, 3J = 5 Hz, H⁵), 8.51 (d, 1H, 3J = 5 Hz, H³). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): (47.07, C¹), (121.08, C⁴), (121.63, C⁶), (136.04, C⁵), (148.49, C³), (161.02, C²)].

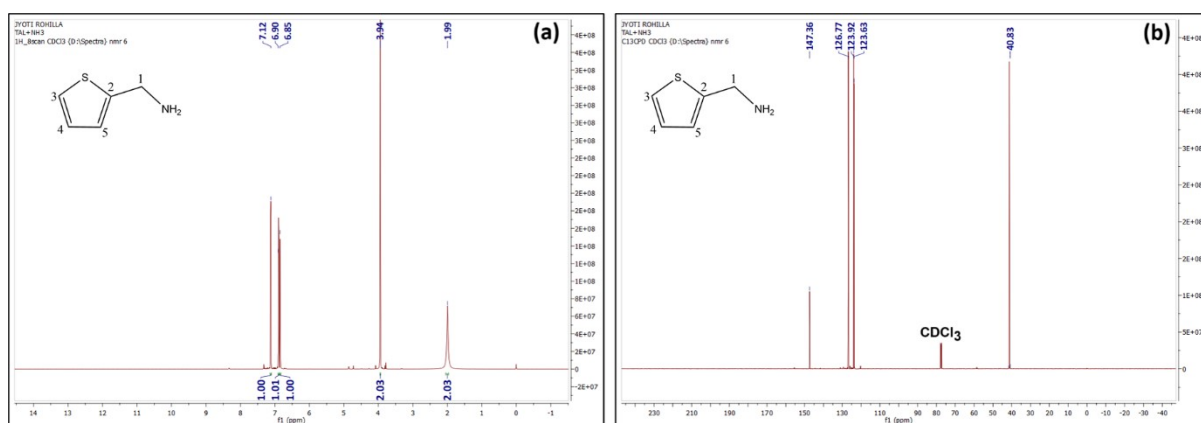


Fig. S21 ^1H and ^{13}C spectra of 2-thiophene methanamine [^1H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): 1.99 (s, 2H, -NH₂), 3.94 (s, 2H, H¹), 6.847 (m, 1H, 3 J = 5 Hz, H⁴), 6.891 (dd, 1H, 3 J = 5 Hz, H⁵), 7.125 (dd, 1H, 3J = 5 Hz, H³). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): (41.21, C¹), (123.63, C³), (123.92, C⁵), (126.77, C⁴), (147.35, C²)]

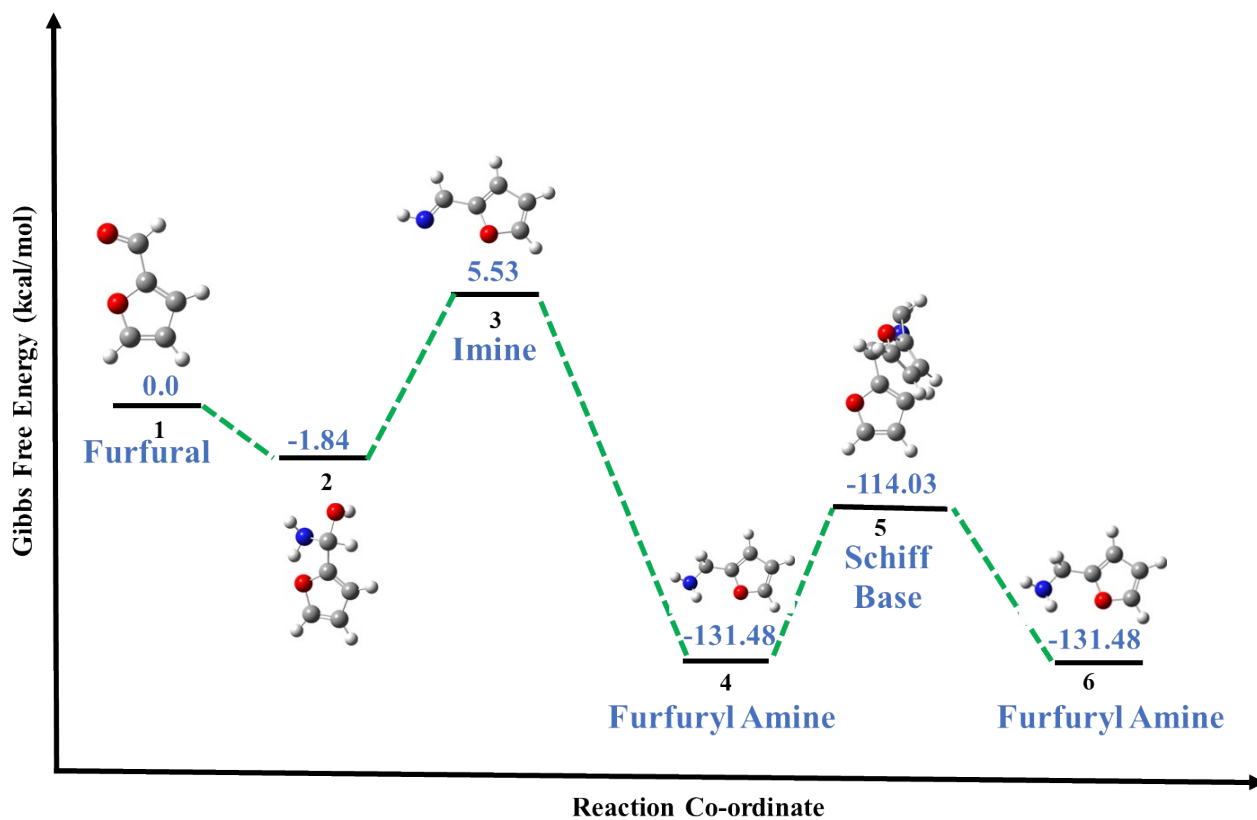


Fig. S22 Energy profile diagram of catalytic conversion of furfural to furfuryl amine.

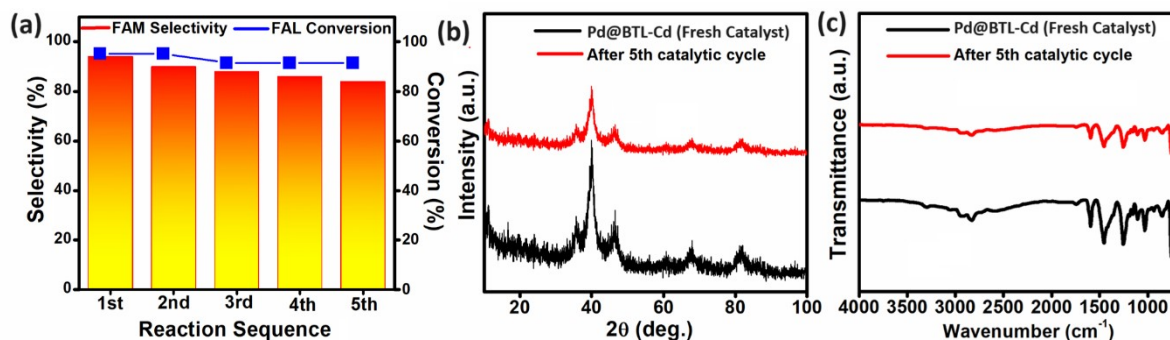


Fig. S23 (a) Recyclability study of Pd@BTL-Cd, (b) PXRD pattern of Pd@BTL-Cd fresh catalyst and after 5th catalytic cycles, (c) FTIR spectra of Pd@BTL-Cd fresh catalyst and after 5th catalytic cycles.

Table S1 Crystallographic data and structural parameters for ligand BTL and BTL-Cd

Parameters	BTL	BTL-Cd
Empirical formula	C ₂₇ H ₃₉ Cl ₃ N ₄ O ₃	C ₂₇ H ₃₄ Cd ₂ Cl ₂ N ₄ O ₃
Formula weight	573.97	758.28
Temperature/K	293(2)	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2
a/Å	10.0304(10)	26.9155(6)
b/Å	19.479(3)	15.7883(3)
c/Å	17.5363(18)	8.7097(2)
α/°	90	90
β/°	97.579(12)	90
γ/°	90	90
Volume/Å ³	3396.3(7)	3701.19(14)
Z	4	4
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.123	1.361
μ/mm ⁻¹	0.300	1.321
F(000)	1216.0	1512.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.8 × 0.6 × 0.2	0.7 × 0.4 × 0.2
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	Mo Kα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.282 to 57.472	6.52 to 54.884
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -24 ≤ k ≤ 23, -22 ≤ l ≤ 20	-33 ≤ h ≤ 34, -20 ≤ k ≤ 13, -11 ≤ l ≤ 10
Reflections collected	25032	31122
Independent reflections	7133 [R _{int} = 0.1827, R _{sigma} = 0.1471]	7869 [R _{int} = 0.0386, R _{sigma} = 0.0408]
Data/restraints/parameters	7133/0/337	7869/1/308
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.904	1.037
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0925, wR ₂ = 0.2654	R ₁ = 0.0346, wR ₂ = 0.0678
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.1874, wR ₂ = 0.3455	R ₁ = 0.0486, wR ₂ = 0.0719
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.49/-0.42	0.28/-0.31

Table S2 Selected bond length (Å) and bond angle (°) for BTL

Bond length (Å)			
BTL		BTL-Cd	
O1-C5	1.358(7)	Cd01-O3	2.289(3)
O2-C14	1.367(6)	Cd01-O2	2.303(4)
O3-C23	1.379(7)	Cd01-N4	2.359(4)
N1-C7	1.506(6)	Cd02-C11	2.414(13)
N2-C27	1.508(6)	Cd02-O3	2.184(4)
N2-C11	1.484(7)	Cd01-N2	2.331(4)
C13-C18	1.373(7)	Cd01-N1	2.461(4)
C5-C4	1.391(7)	Cd01-N3	2.367(4)
C10-C11	1.523(7)	Cd02-C12	2.421(17)
C22-C23	1.399(7)	Cd03-O2	2.148(3)

Bond angle (°)			
BTL		BTL-Cd	
C7-N1-C8	115.3(4)	O3-Cd01-N2	112.18(13)
C11-N2-C27	115.2(4)	O3-Cd01-N1	153.81(15)
C9-N4-C10	110.2(4)	O3-Cd01-N3	118.92(15)
C19-N4-C10	110.2(4)	N2-Cd01-N4	111.09(17)
C19-N4-C9	110.4(4)	O2-Cd01-N2	83.25(15)
C21-N3-C20	113.7(4)	O2-Cd01-N4	152.31(14)
O2-C14-C13	117.7(4)	N4-Cd01-N1	74.42(16)
C4-C3-C2	121.9(5)	N3-Cd01-N1	73.99(15)
C3-C4-C5	120.5(6)	O3-Cd02-C11	116.95(11)
C6-C7-N1	112.3(4)	O2-Cd02-C11	114.51(11)
C6-C1-C2	120.8(6)	O2-Cd02-O3	78.12(13)
C24-C25-C26	120.0(6)	C18-O3-Cd01	131.6(3)
N3-C20-C19	111.3(5)	C8-N2-Cd01	110.9(3)
C16-C15-C14	119.8(5)	Cd02-O2-Cd01	104.78(14)
	BTL-Cd	C10-N1-Cd01	106.8(3)
N4-Cd01-N3	109.76(16)	C19-N1-C10	111.8(4)
C11-Cd02-C12	112.43(6)	O3-Cd01-O2	72.96(12)
O3-Cd02-C12	114.63(11)	O3-Cd01-N4	79.60(14)
O2-Cd02-C12	116.26(12)	N2-Cd01-N1	75.07(13)
Cd02-O3-Cd01	104.05(14)	N2-Cd01-N3	118.44(15)
C18-O3-Cd02	124.2(3)	O2-Cd01-N1	133.17(14)
C7-N2-Cd01	114.3(3)	O2-Cd01-N3	81.15(15)
C23-O2-Cd01	121.2(2)	C9-N1-Cd01	105.5(3)
C19-N1-Cd01	109.3(3)	C12-N4-Cd01	110.8(4)

Table S3 Previous reported Palladium based catalytic systems for reductive amination of furfural

S. N.	Catalyst	Hydrogen Source	Substrate (mmol)	Solvent	NH ₃ (mmol)	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Yield of FAM	Ref.
1.	Pd/CNT	Formic Acid	1	Methanol	-	120	6	>99	50
2.	Pd/SiO ₂	H ₂ gas	1	Dioxane/water	5	120	10	10	16
3.	Pd/HZSM-5(46)	H ₂ gas	2	Methanol	7 M	100	15 min	44	3
4.	Ru/Nb ₂ O ₅	H ₂ gas	0.5	MeOH	8	90	4	89	51
5.	Co@NC-800	H ₂ gas	1	EtOH	28	130	12	82	52
6.	Ru NPs	H ₂ gas	0.5	MeOH	8	90	2	90	53
7.	Ru/TiO ₂	H ₂ gas	0.5	MeOH	8	90	4	72	51
8.	Fe ₃ O ₄ @SiO ₂ -Ni	H ₂ gas	1	EtOH	750 μL	120	2	73	54
9.	Raney Ni	H ₂ gas	5	MeOH	NH ₃ (g) (0.1 MPa)	120	2	65	55
10.	Ru/BNC	H ₂ gas	0.12	MeOH	N ₂ H ₄ ·2H ₂ O (0.48)	80	16	95	56
11.	0.5% Ru/P25	Ethanol	0.5	EtOH	8	rt	6	69	19
12.	Ni/CaCO ₃	Water/Zn	5	Water	20	80	10	91	17
13.	Pd@BTL-Cd	Water	5	Water	8	RT	4	97	This Work

Table S4 Optimization of different aldehyde sources for the catalytic activity of Pd@BTL-Cd

S.No.	Substrate	Product	Product Yield (%)
1.	Benzaldehyde	Benzyl Amine	79
2.	2-Thiophene Carboxaldehyde	2-Thiophene methylamine	83
3.	2-Pyridine Carboxaldehyde	2-pyridyl methyl amine	80

Section S1

Detailed calculation of acidic active sites of Pd@BTL-Cd:

Calibration Factor (counts/mmol) = 35,890,228

Weight of catalyst = 0.0588 g

Area (count) at 209.7 °C = 5,34,351

Area (count) at 237.6 °C = 43,89,992

Total area (counts) = 49,24,343

$$\text{NH}_3 \text{ desorbed (mmol)} = \frac{\text{Total area (counts)}}{\text{Calibration Factor (counts/mmol)}} = \frac{49,24,343}{35,890,228} = 0.1372 \text{ mmol}$$

$$\text{Acidic Sites (mmol)} = \frac{\text{NH}_3 \text{ desorbed (mmol)}}{\text{Catalyst weight (g)}} = \frac{0.1372}{0.0588} = 2.33 \text{ mmol/g}$$

Section S2

Detailed calculation of Turnover Number:

In a heterogeneous catalytic reaction, active sites refer to the specific sites capable of facilitating a particular reaction. The no. of acidic site available in the catalyst was calculated through TPD studies. The available acidic sites act as catalytic active sites for the reaction.

The available acidic sites present in Pd@BTL-Cd = 2.333 mmol g⁻¹

According to TPD studies,

1 g of Pd@BTL-Cd contain active sites = 2.333 mmol g⁻¹

10 mg of Pd@BTL-Cd contain active sites = 2.33 × 10⁻² mmol g⁻¹

The effectiveness of the catalyst in a reaction system is typically expressed as the turnover number (TON), which quantifies the number of reactions occurring per active site. The TON value can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{TON} = \frac{\% \text{ yield} \times \text{No. of moles of reactant}}{\text{No. of moles of catalyst}}$$

For the catalytic reaction,

$$\% \text{ yield} = \frac{\textit{Selectivity}\% \times \textit{Conversion}\%}{100}$$

$$= 98 \times 99/100$$

$$= 97.02 \%$$

$$\text{TON} = \frac{97.02 \times 5}{2.33 \times 10^{-2}}$$

$$= 20819 \text{ mmolg}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Mol \%} = \frac{\textit{Moles of catalyst} \times 100}{\textit{Moles of reactant}}$$

$$= \frac{2.33 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mmol} \times 100}{5 \text{ mmol}}$$

$$= 0.5\%$$