Multidentate copper complex on magnetic biochar nanoparticles as a

practical and recoverable nanocatalyst for the selective synthesis of

tetrazole derivatives

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Abstract:

In this work, biochar nanoparticles (B-NPs) were synthesized by pyrolysis of chicken manure. Then, the B-NPs were magnetized by Fe(0) nanoparticles. Then, the surface of biochar magnetic nanoparticles (FeB-MNPs) was modified by (3-chloropropyl)trimethoxysilane (3Cl-PTMS). Finally, а multidentate copper complex of 2,2'-(propane-1,3diylbis(oxy))dianiline (P.bis(OA)) was immobilized on the surface of modified FeB-MNPs, which labelled as Cu-P.bis(OA)@FeB-MNPs. Cu-P.bis(OA)@FeB-MNPs was investigated as commercial, homoselective, practical, and recyclable nanocatalyst in the synthesis of 5substituted-1H-tetrazole compounds through [3+2] cycloaddition of sodium azide (NaN₃) and organo-nitriles in PEG-400 as a green solvent. Cu-P.bis(OA)@FeB-MNPs was characterized by wavelength dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (WDX), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS), vibratingsample magnetometer (VSM), atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS) and N₂ adsorptiondesorption (BET method) techniques. Cu-P.bis(OA)@FeB-MNPs was recovered and reused for several runs in the synthesis of tetrazoles.

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¹H NMR spectral data



2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)benzonitrile

¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO): δ_{H} = 8.06 (d, *J*= 5.42 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (t, *J*= 7.05 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t,

J= 7.12 Hz, 1H) ppm.



 $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)benzonitrile from [3+2] cycloaddition of NaN_3 with phthalonitrile



4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)benzonitrile

¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO): δ_{H} = 8.20 (d, *J*= 8.22 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (d, *J*= 4.95 Hz, 2H) ppm.



 $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)benzonitrile from [3+2] cycloaddition of NaN_3 with terephthalonitrile



5-(3-nitrophenyl)-1H-tetrazole

¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO): δ_{H} = 8.81 (s, 1H), 8.42 (t, *J*= 8.25 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (t, *J*= 7.62 Hz,



1H) ppm.

 1 H NMR spectrum of 5-(3-nitrophenyl)-1H-tetrazole from [3+2] cycloaddition of NaN₃ with 3-nitrobenzonitrile



5-phenyl-1H-tetrazole

 ^1H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO): $\delta_{\text{H}}\text{=}$ 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.59 (m, 3H) ppm.



¹H NMR spectrum of 5-phenyl-1H-tetrazole from [3+2] cycloaddition of NaN₃ with 3nitrobenzonitrile



5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1H-tetrazole

¹H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO): $δ_{\rm H}$ = 7.79 (d, *J*= 5.90 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J*= 6.35 Hz, 1H), 7.58



(m, 2H) ppm.

 $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1H-tetrazole from [3+2] cycloaddition of NaN_3 with 2-chlorobenzonitrile



5-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-tetrazole

 ^1H NMR (250 MHz, DMSO): $\delta_{\text{H}}\text{=}$ 8.03 (d, J= 6.65 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J= 6.75 Hz, 2H) ppm.



 $^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-tetrazole from [3+2] cycloaddition of NaN_3 with 4-chlorobenzonitrile