

## Supporting information

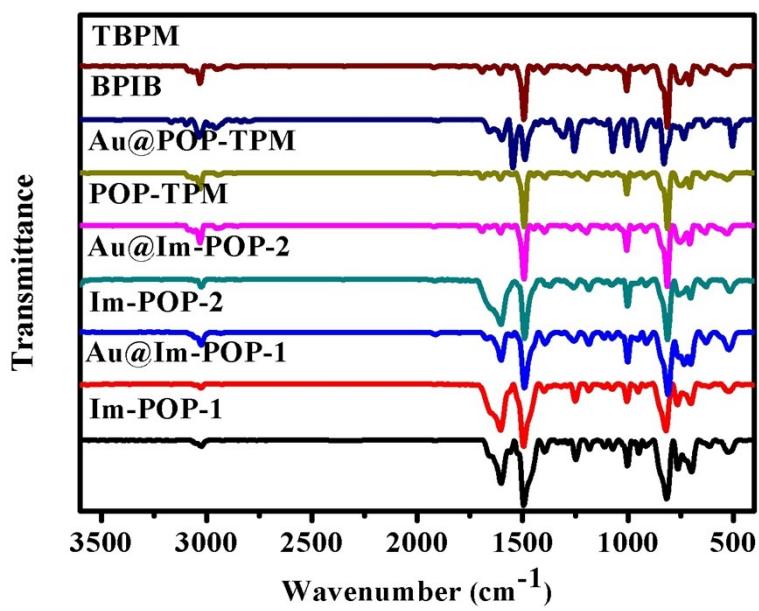
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### Gold Nanoparticles Supported by Imidazolium-based Porous Organic Polymers for Nitroarenes Reduction

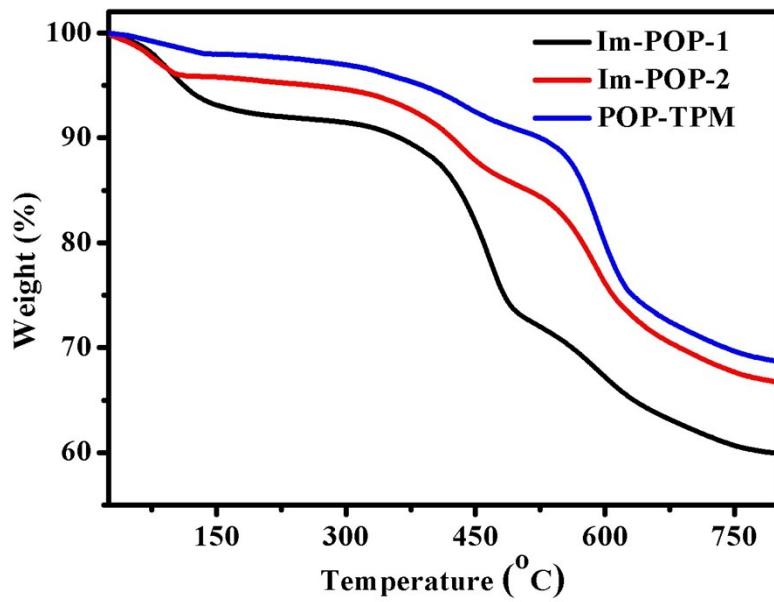
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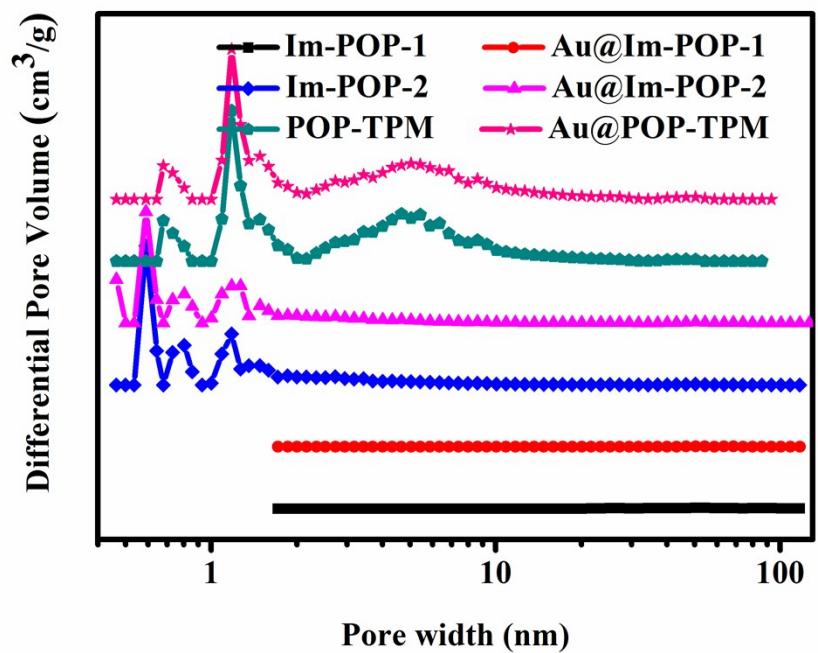
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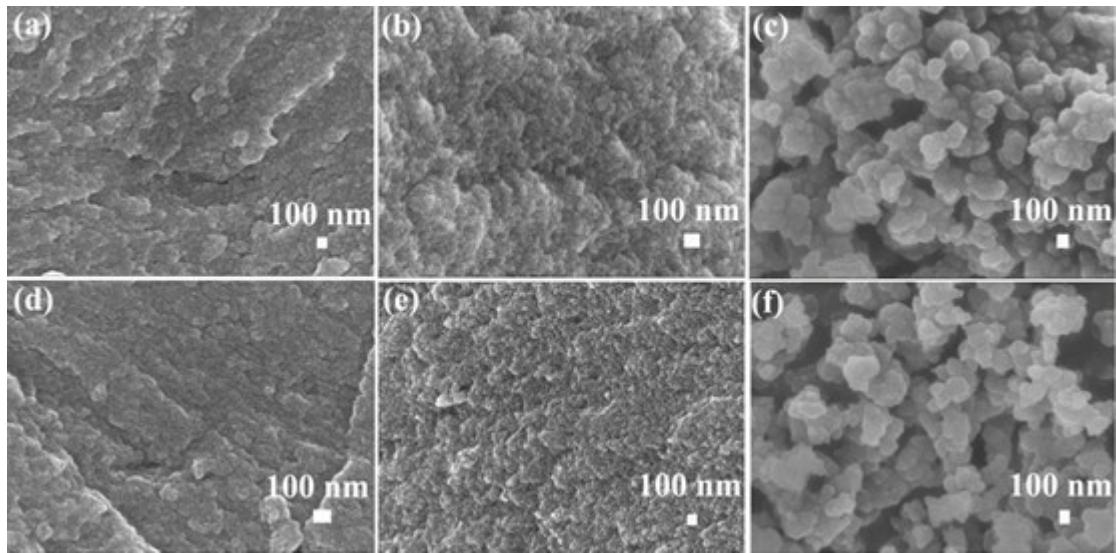
**Figure S1.** FTIR spectra of monomers and POPs.



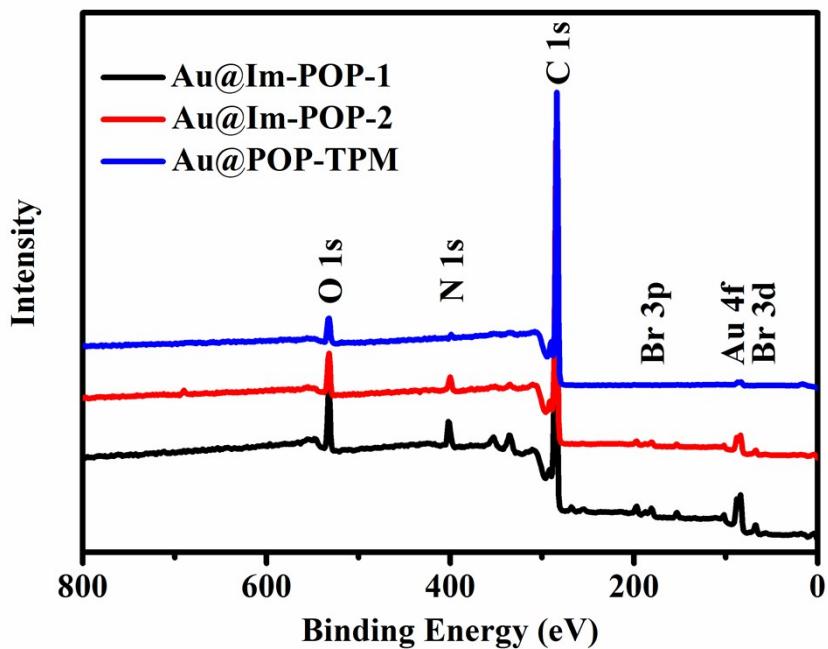
**Figure S2.** TGA curves of POPs.



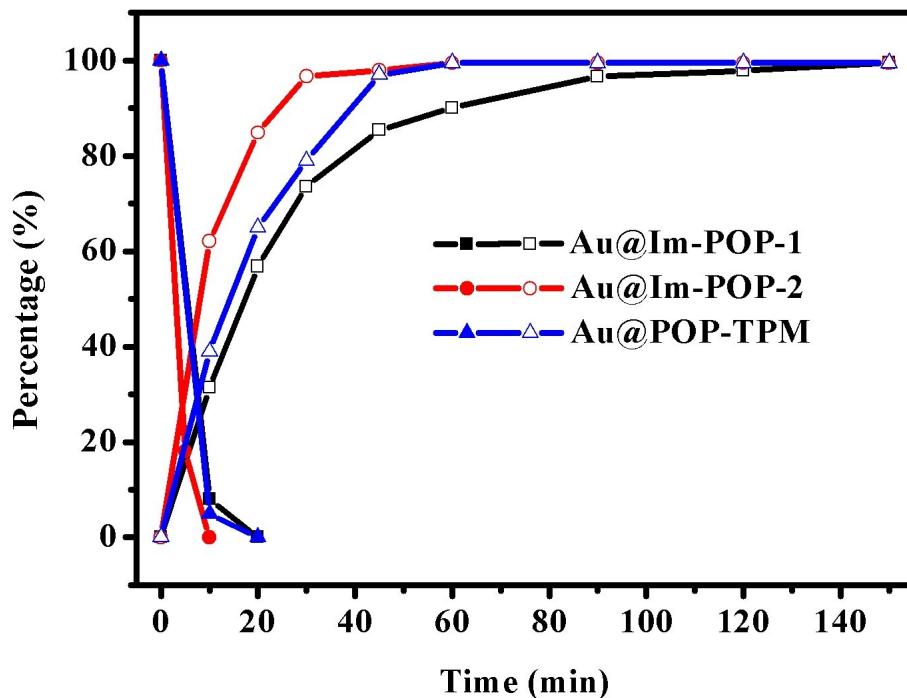
**Figure S3** Pore size distributions of POPs and Au@POPs.



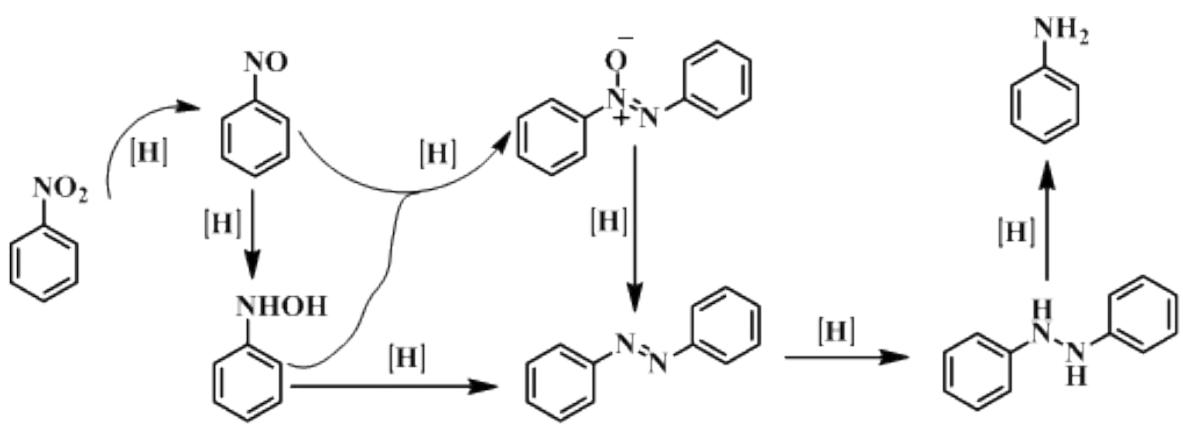
**Figure S4.** SEM images of (a) Im-POP-1, (b) Im-POP-2, (c) POP-TPM, (d) Au@Im-POP-1, (e) Au@Im-POP-2, (f) Au@POP-TPM.



**Figure S5** XPS survey spectra of Au@POPs.



**Figure S6.** Conversion of nitrobenzene and selectivity of nitrobenzene to aniline as a function of time in nitrobenzene reduction reaction. Reaction conditions: nitrobenzene (0.5 mmol), NaBH<sub>4</sub> (2.5 mmol), [Au] (0.1 mol%), 3 mL H<sub>2</sub>O/THF (2 : 1, v/v) at 25 °C.



**Figure S7.** Plausible pathways for the hydrogenation of nitrobenzene.

## Characterization data for the reduction of nitroarenes

**Aniline.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  7.28 (t,  $J=7.54$  Hz, 2H), 6.89 (t,  $J=7.36$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J=8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.66 (w, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  146.58, 129.52, 118.65, 115.40.

**p-Toluidine.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  7.08 (d,  $J=8.48$  Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J=8.36$  Hz, 2H), 3.59 (w, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  144.00, 129.81, 127.77, 115.43, 20.47.

**m-Toluidine.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  7.07 (t,  $J=7.64$  Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d,  $J=7.48$  Hz, 1H), 6.55 (s, 2H), 3.64 (w, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  146.28, 139.13, 129.19, 119.60, 116.09, 112.45, 21.59.

**o-Toluidine.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  7.17 (t,  $J=7.36$  Hz, 2H), 6.84 (t,  $J=7.36$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (t,  $J=7.40$  Hz, 1H), 3.62 (w, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  144.77, 130.51, 127.12, 122.40, 118.82, 115.05, 17.43.

**p-Anisidine.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  6.78 (d,  $J=8.76$  Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d,  $J=8.80$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.47 (w, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  152.86, 140.05, 116.54, 114.81, 55.71.

**4-Aminophenol.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  8.49 (w, 1H), 6.46 (dd,  $J_1=8.80$  Hz,  $J_2=30.32$  Hz, 4H), 4.38 (w, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  148.70, 141.10, 116.21, 115.70.

**4-*tert*-Butylaniline.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  7.25 (d,  $J=8.60$  Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J=8.64$  Hz, 2H), 3.39 (w, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  143.88, 141.50, 126.12, 115.13, 33.99, 31.60.

**4-Chloroaniline.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  7.13 (d,  $J=8.68$  Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J=8.72$  Hz, 2H), 3.69 (w, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  145.01, 129.17, 123.12, 116.30.

**4-Aminophenylmethanol.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  7.13 (d, *J*=8.44 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J*=8.40 Hz, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 3.46 (w, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  145.90, 131.18, 128.85, 115.24, 65.04.

**p-Phenylenediamine.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  6.59 (s, 4H), 3.19 (w, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  138.61, 116.83.

**m-Phenylenediamine.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  6.65 (t, *J*=7.88 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (t, *J*=7.88 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 5.78 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub>=2.08 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub>=7.80 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (w, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>] DMSO):  $\delta$  149.53, 129.50, 103.56, 100.61.

## NMR spectra

