

Supporting information

Chemoselective reduction of quinoline over Rh-C₆₀ nanocatalysts

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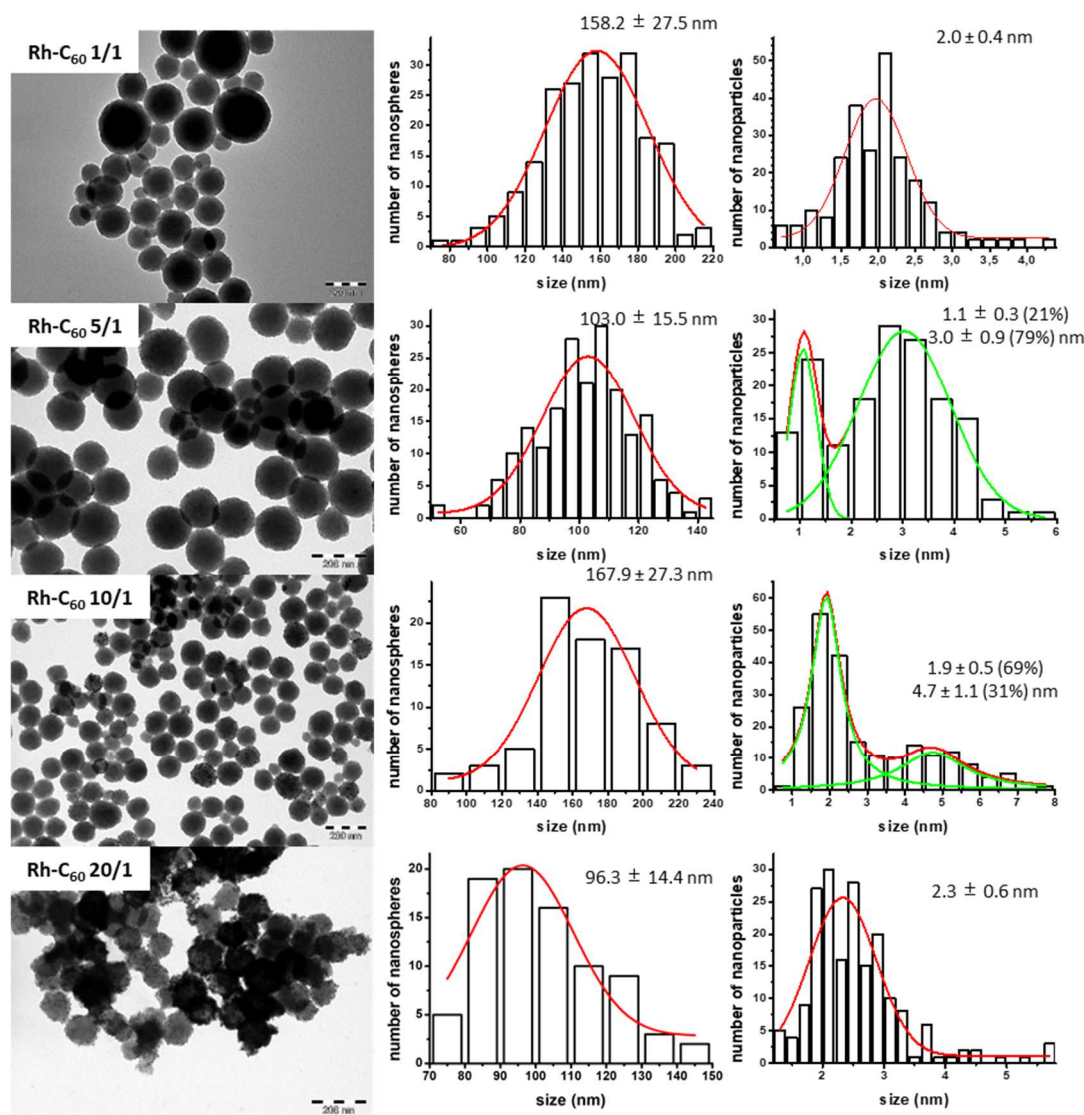


Figure S1. TEM images and size distribution histograms of Rh-C₆₀ 1/1, 5/1, 10/1 and 20/1 (scale bar 200 nm).

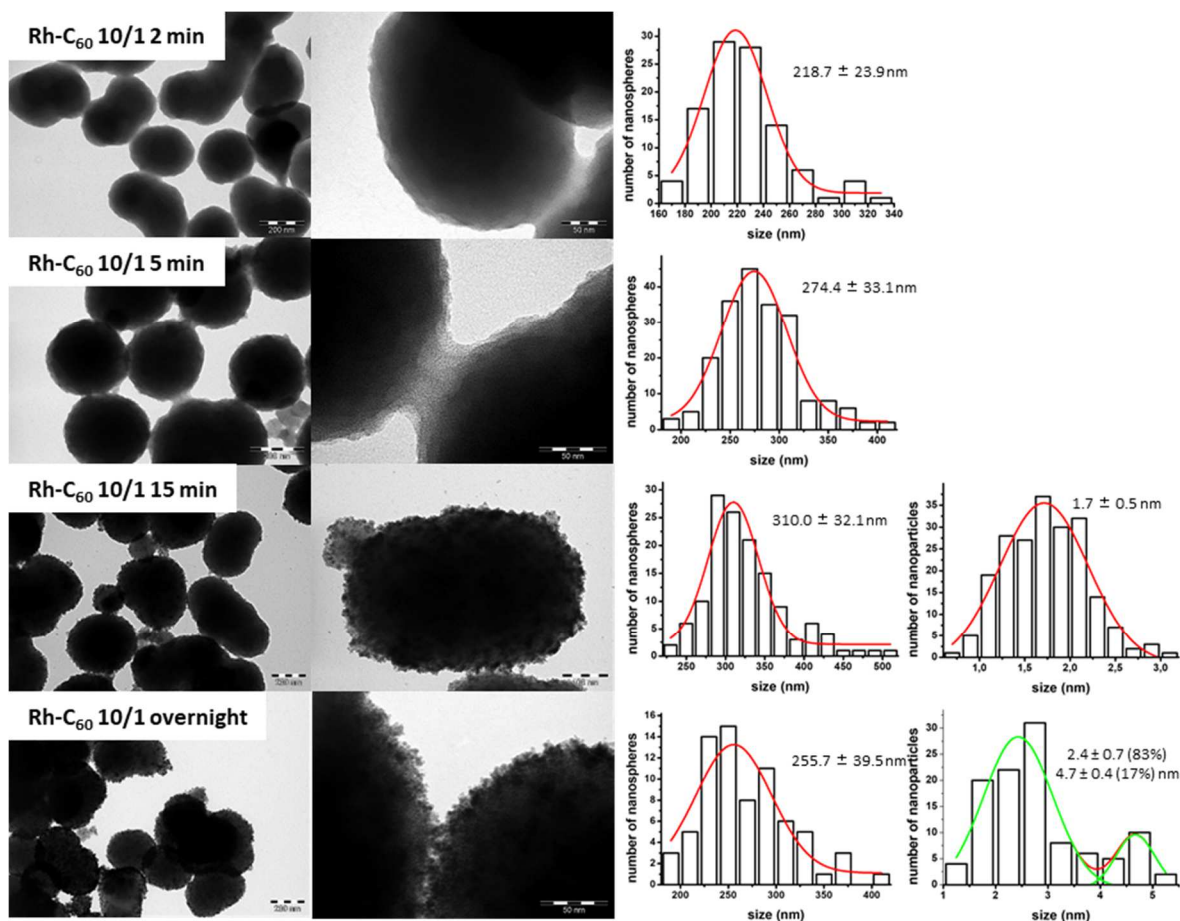


Figure S2. TEM images and size distribution histograms of Rh-C₆₀ 10/1 synthesized in dichlorobenzene at -20°C (scale bar from left to right: 2 min, 200 and 50 nm; 5 min, 200 and 50 nm; 15 min, 200 and 50 nm; and overnight, 200 and 50 nm).

Table S1. Mean size distributions of Rh-C₆₀ nanocatalysts synthesised at -20°C.

Time	NP mean size (nm) ^a	Nanospheres mean size (nm) ^a
2 min	-	218.7 ± 23.9
5 min	-	274.4 ± 33.1
15 min	1.7 ± 0.5 NP on the nanospheres surface 3.4 ± 1.3 NP dispersed on the TEM grid	310.0 ± 32.1
overnight	2.4 ± 0.7 (83%) / 4.7 ± 0.4 (17%) ^b	255.7 ± 39.5

^a Manual measurement from enlarged TEM micrographs. ^b In brackets percentage of each population

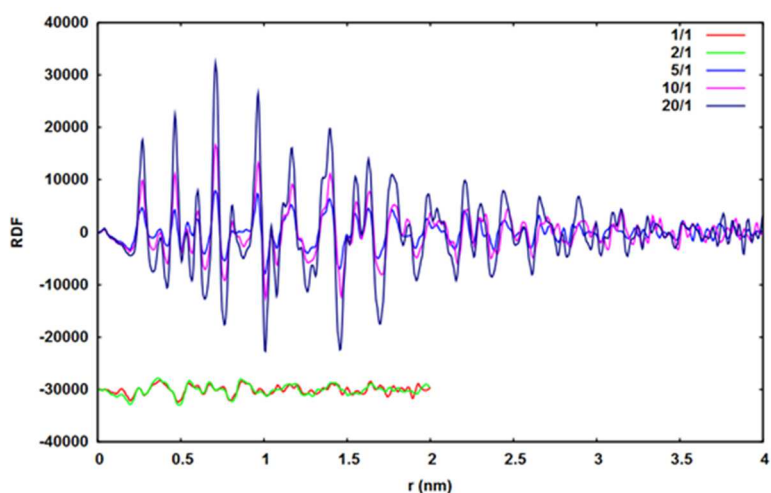


Figure S3. Related PDF for Rh-C₆₀ compounds.

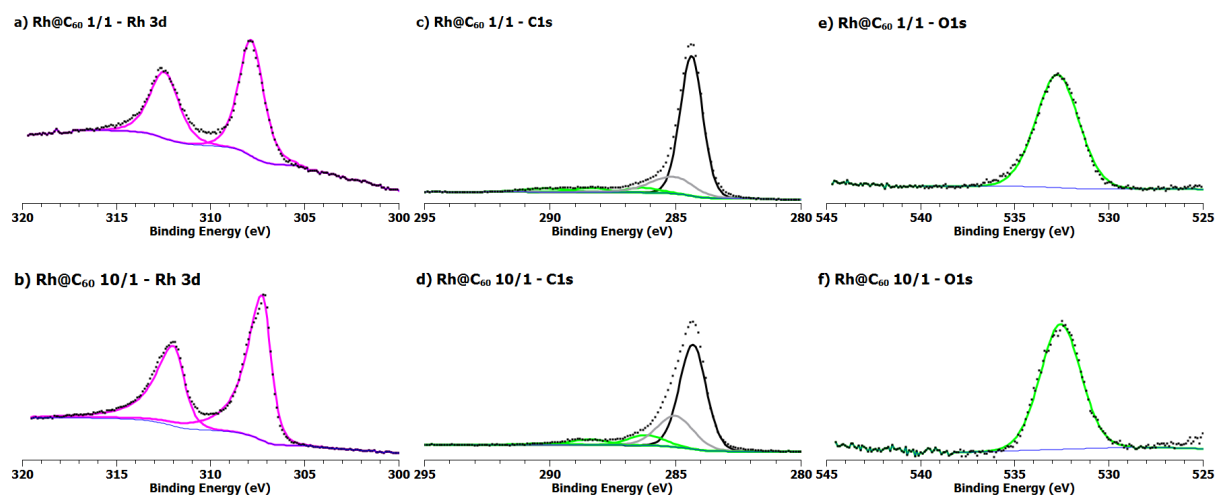


Figure S4. XPS analyses and peak fitting of Rh-C₆₀ compounds, top 1/1, bottom 1/10.

Table S2. XPS data (peak fitting, FWHM and atomic concentration) for Rh-C₆₀ samples.

Core peak	Component	Rh@C ₆₀ 1/1			Rh@C ₆₀ 10/1		
		BE (eV)	FWHM (eV)	At %	BE (eV)	FWHM (eV)	At %
Rh 3d	Rh metal	307.8-312.4	1.6-1.8	1.5	307.2-311.9	1.1-1.4	8.0
	C ₆₀	284.3	1.1	68.7	284.3	1.2	52.5
	C-C, C-H	285.0	1.8	16.1	285.0	1.7	21.2
C 1s	Oxygenated	286.3	1.6	3.6	286.2	1.7	6.0
	Carbon	288.4	1.6	2.2	288.4	1.7	2.8
	Shake-up	290.2	2.2	3.4	290.0	2.0	1.2
O 1s	O bound to C	532.7	2.7	4.5	532.6	2.5	8.3

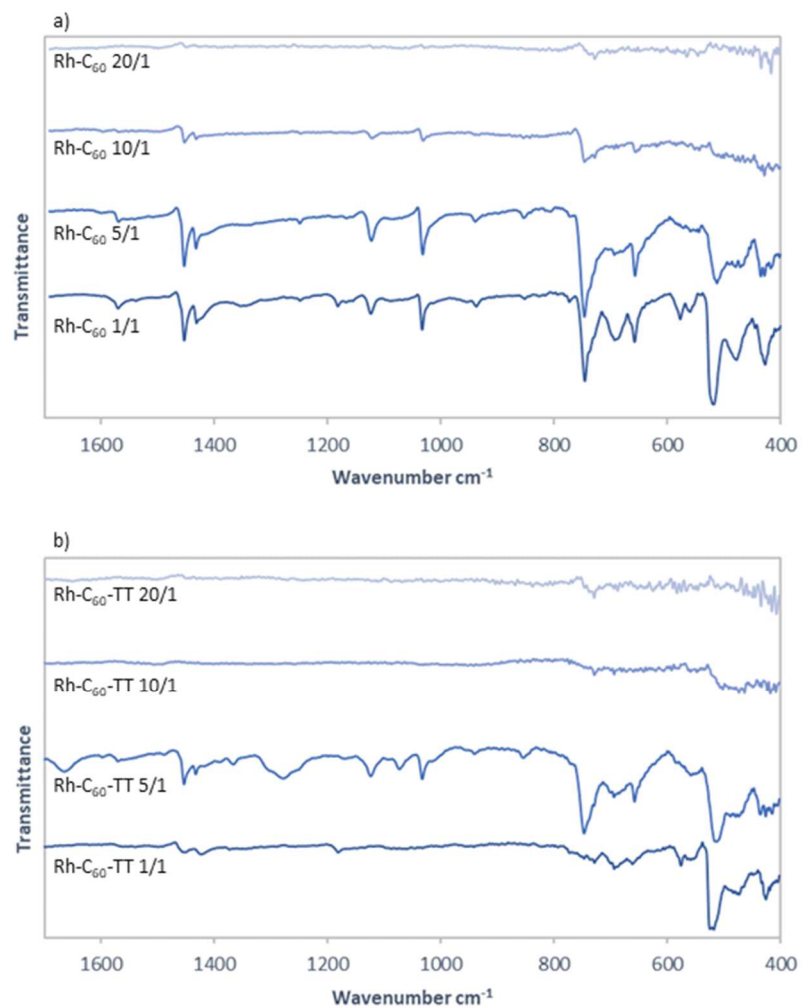


Figure S5. ATR-IR spectra of a) Rh-C₆₀ and b) Rh-C₆₀ after thermal treatment.

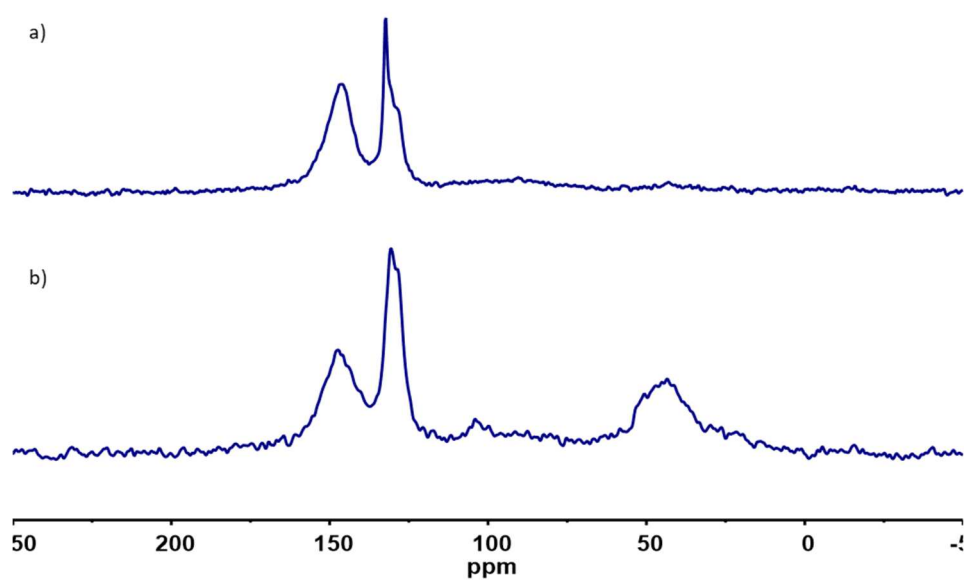


Figure S6. a) ¹³C{¹H} and b) CP-MAS ¹³C{¹H} NMR of Rh-C₆₀ 10/1.

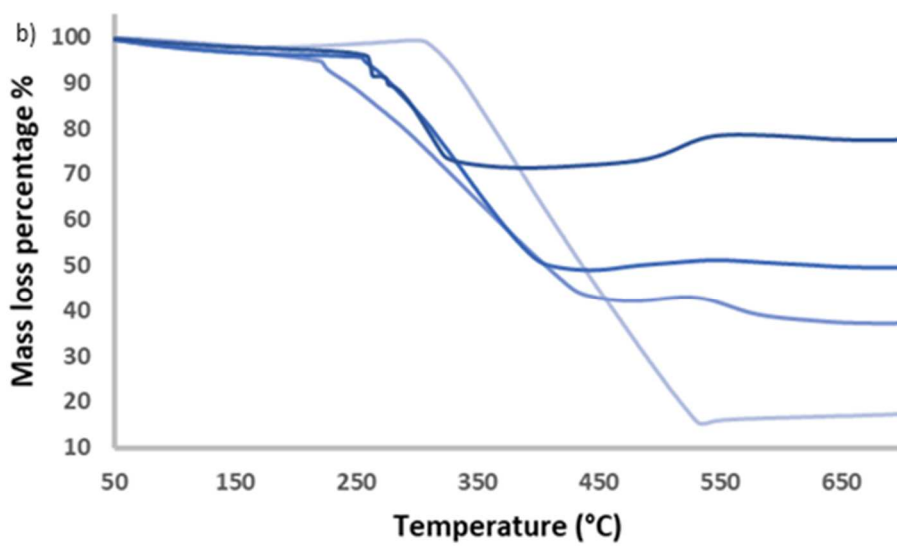
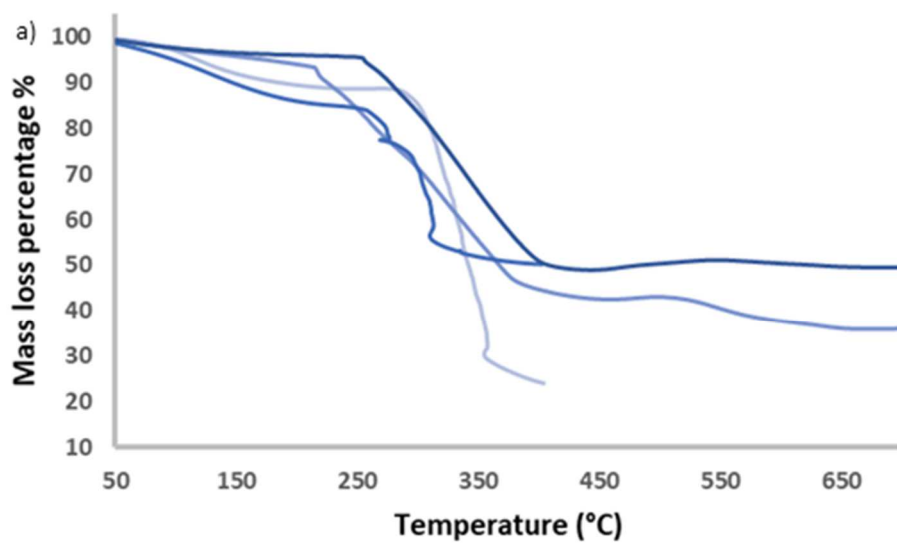


Figure S7. Thermogravimetric analyses of a) Rh-C₆₀ and b) Rh-C₆₀ after thermal treatment.

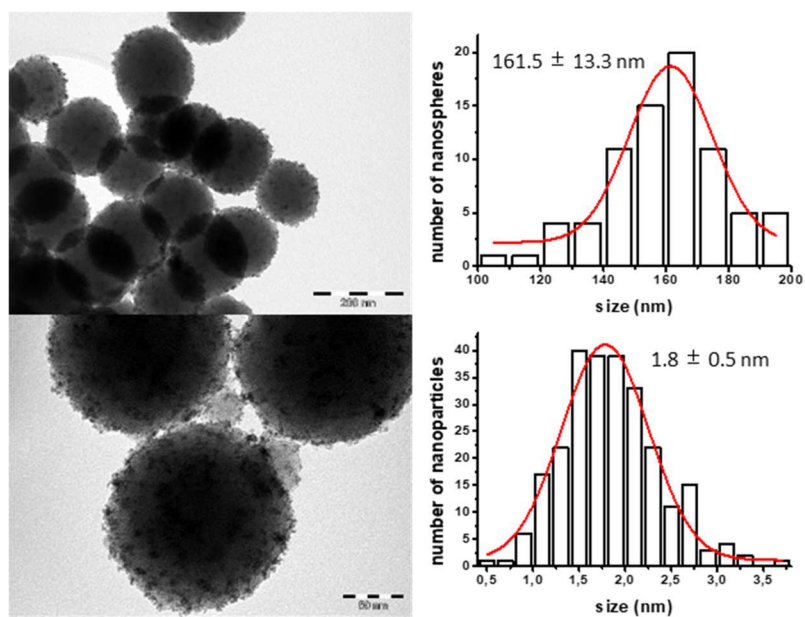


Figure S8. TEM images of Rh-C₆₀ 5/1 after thermal treatment under argon at 200°C (scale bar top: 200 nm; bottom 50 nm).

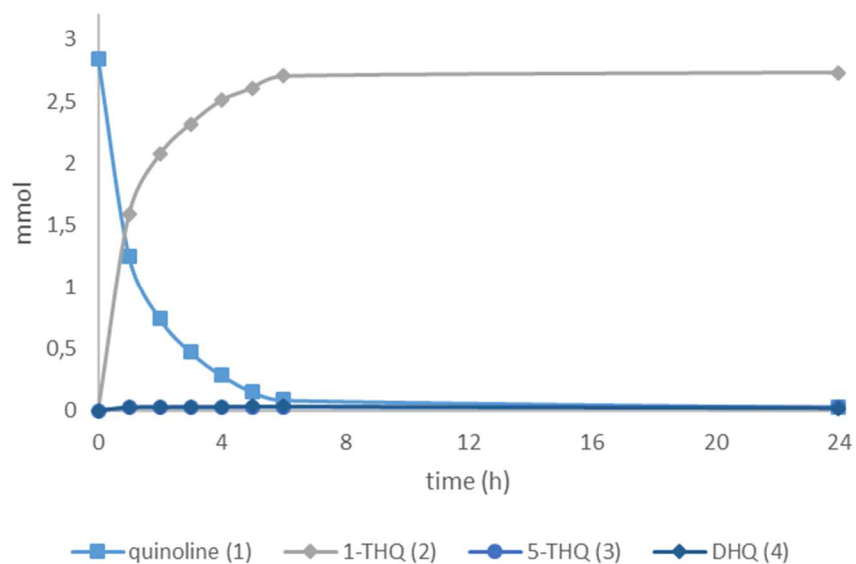


Figure S9. Time-concentration curve for quinoline hydrogenation using Rh-C₆₀ 10/1 in toluene.

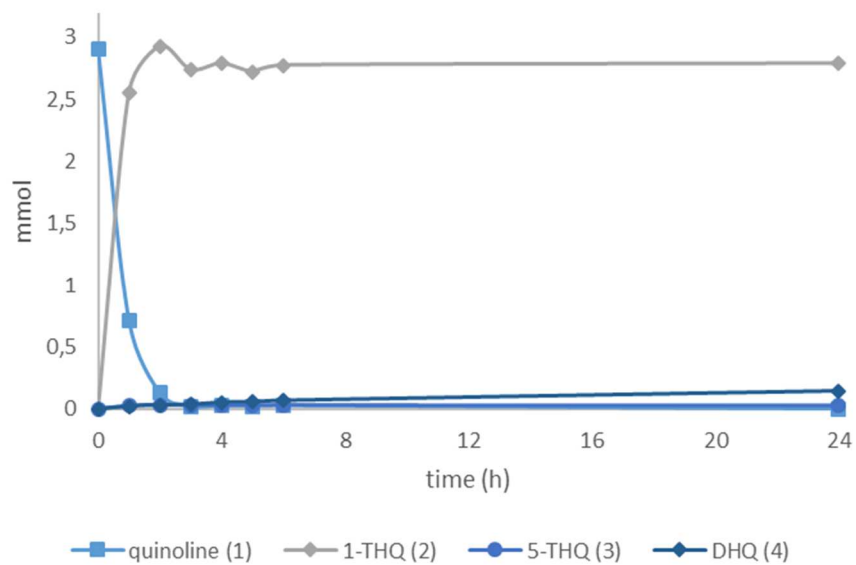


Figure S10. Time-concentration curve for quinoline hydrogenation using Rh-C₆₀ 10/1 in isopropanol.

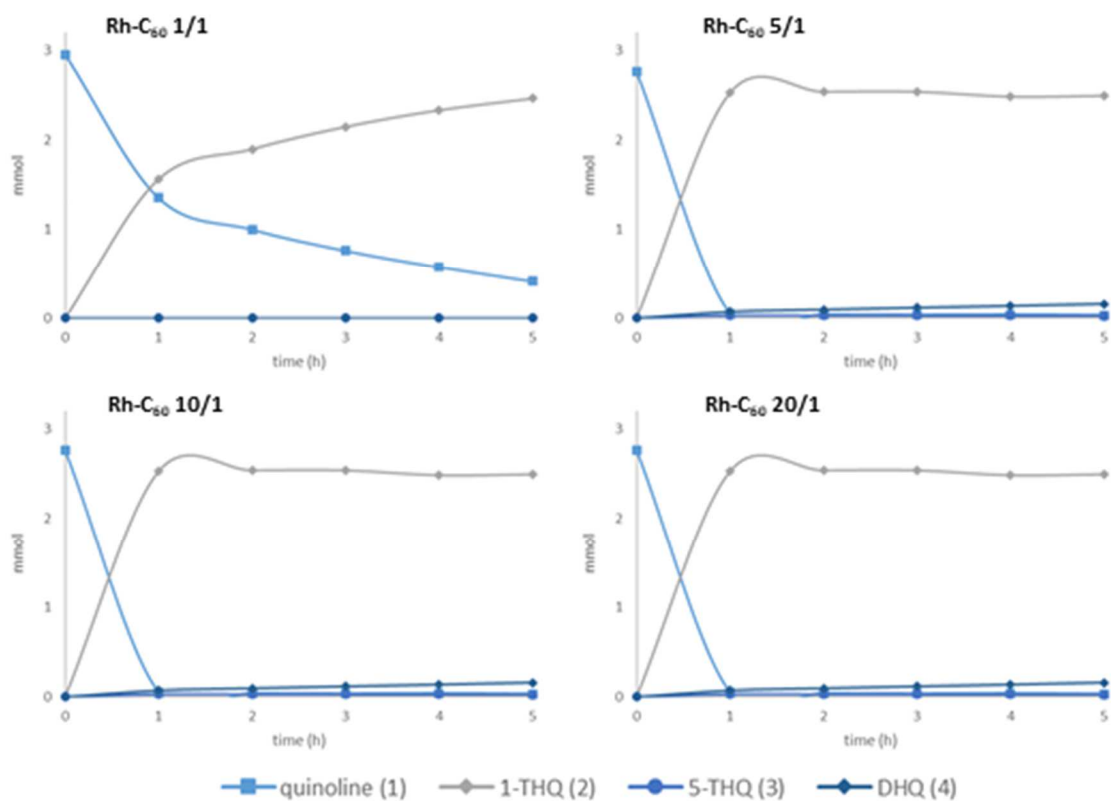


Figure S11. Time-concentration curve for quinoline hydrogenation using Rh-C₆₀ series in isopropanol at 100°C under 20 bar of H₂.

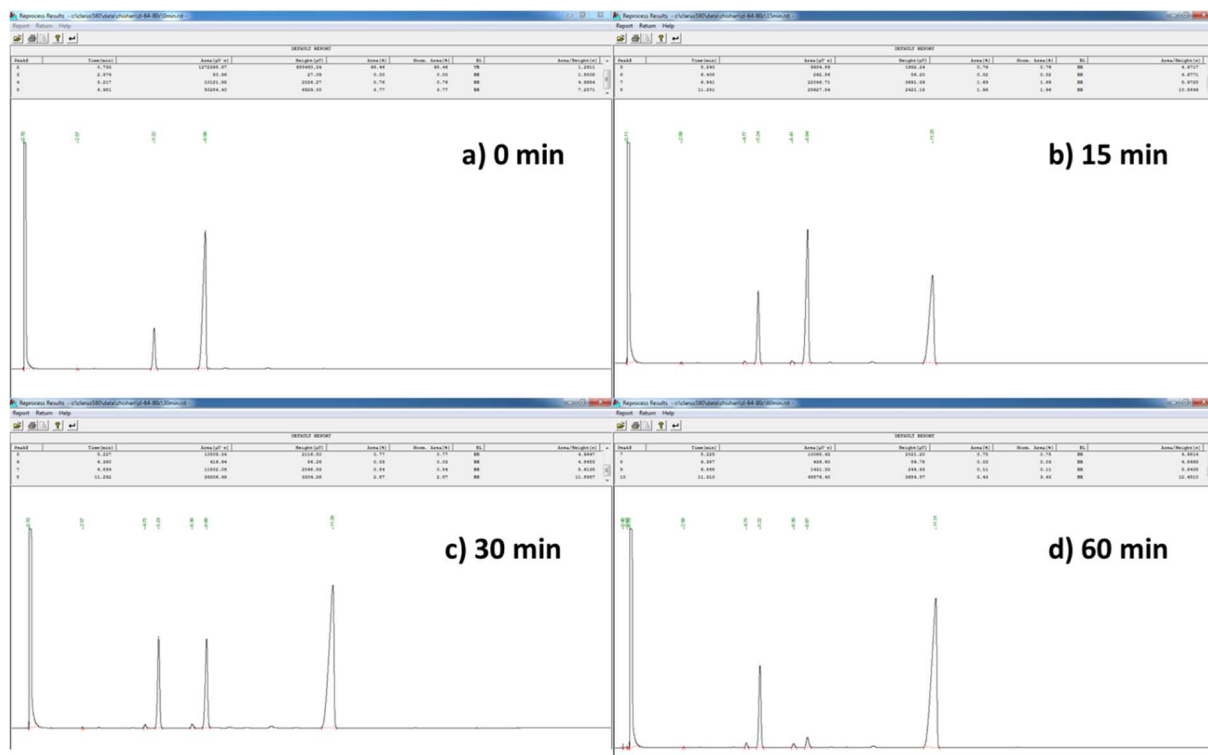


Figure S12. Chromatograms of quinoline hydrogenation using Rh-C₆₀ 5/1 TT in isopropanol at 80°C under 20 bar of H₂.

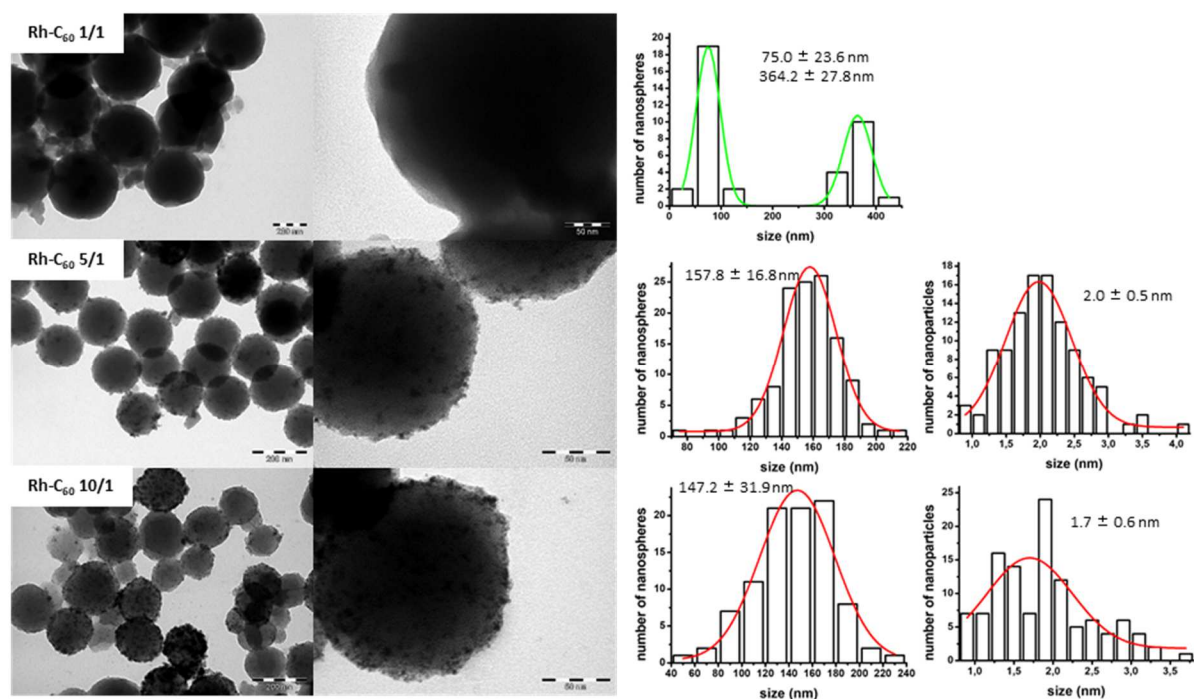


Figure S13. TEM images and size distribution histograms of Rh-C₆₀ nanostructures after catalysis (scale bar from left to right: 200 nm and 50 nm).

Table S3. Comparison of the TOFs values and selectivities in quinoline hydrogenation of several representative heterogeneous catalysts with Rh-C₆₀.

Catalyst	T (°C)	P (MPa)	t (h)	Select. (%)	TOF (h ⁻¹)
Rh-C ₆₀	100	2	0.25	>99	488.0
Rh/[bmim]Cl-ZnCl ₂ -[bmim][BF ₄] ¹	80	3	15	90	6.3
NHC-stabilized Rh ²	30	3	2.5	75	238
PEG ₄₀₀₀ -stabilized Rh ³	100	3	3	>99	762
Au/HAS-TiO ₂ ⁴	60	2	3.5	100	28.6
Ru-SiO ₂ -mSiO ₂ ⁵	90	2	5	100	29.9
Ru/[BMMIM][NTf ₂] ⁶	80	1	5	90	9
Pd-polymer ⁷	80	1	9	98	21.7
Pt/SiO ₂ -RF ⁸	RT	1	1.5	>99	16
BWT-stabilized Pd ⁹	80	2	0.5	96	192

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