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## **Supplementary Information**

## Insight into 6-Aminopenicillanic Acid Structure and Study of the Quantum Mechanical Calculations as the Acid-Base site onto γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> Core-Shell Nanocomposites and Efficient Catalysts in Multicomponent Reactions

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Fig. S1: XRD pattern of  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>,  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> and 6-APA/ $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>

**Table S1.** Elemental distribution (atomic %) of  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-STZ.

Sample	Fe	0	Si	С	S	N	Total
6-APA/γ-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub>	47	37.09	4.64	5.39	0.49	5.25	100



Fig. S2: Thermogravimetric (TG) and differential thermogravimetric (DTG) analyses of 6-APA/ $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>



Fig. S3: VSM diagram of  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@SiO2 and 6-APA/ $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>



Fig. S4: FT-IR spectra of (a)  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub>, (b) 6-APA/ $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>, and (c) 6-APA



Table S2. Study of multicomponent reaction of 1,4-dihydropyrano[2,3-c] pyrazole derivatives

5	4-MeO-Ph-	OMe N N Ph	30	86	172–1741
6	4-Me-Ph-	Me CN N Ph	25	88	177–1791
7	4-Br-Ph-	Br CN N O NH <sub>2</sub>	10	95	176-1793
8	3-NO2-Ph-	$NO_2$ N N O $NH_2$ Ph	20	91	187–1901
9	2,6-Cl-Ph-	CI CI CI CI CN CN N O NH <sub>2</sub> Ph	15	92	180–1841
10	4-F-Ph-	F CN N O NH <sub>2</sub>	15	94	166–1681

11	2-Cl-Ph-		15	92	144-1472
		Ph			

a Reaction conditions: aldehyde (2 mmol), 3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5(4H) -one (2 mmol), malononitrile (2 mmol), catalyst (30 mg), H2O (4 ml), during 30 min at room temperature

b Isolated yield

**Table S3**: Comparison of 6-APA/ $\gamma$ -Fe2O3@SiO2with other catalysts reported in the literature for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyrano [2,3-c] pyrazole

Entry	Catalyst	Conditions	Time (min)	Yield (%)	Ref
1	OPC-SO3H (0.02gr)0	EtOH at 80°C	2	91	4
2	Fe3O4@THAM-SO3H (0.01gr)	EtOH-H2O(1:1), reflux	10	80	5
3	NB- Fe3O4@SiO2@CPTMO@DEA-SO3H	EtOH-H2O(2:1), reflux	40	93	6
4	Fe3O4@GO-N-(pyridin-4-amine) (0.01gr)	H2O, reflux	30	94	8
5	6-APA/γ-Fe2O3@SiO2 (0.03gr)	H2O, rt	20	90	Present work

## Analytical data for selected compound:

6-Amino-4-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-5-cyano-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1,4-dihydropyrano[2,3-c] pyrazole



White powder. Melting point =  $180-184^{\circ}$ C. Yield: 92%.

<sup>1</sup> H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ = 1.793 (s, 3H, CH3), 5.678 (s, 1H, 4-H), 7.314–7.782 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.807-7811 (d, 2H, ArH).

IR (KBr) vmax: 3456, 3321, 2198, 1660, 1591, 1392, 1269, 1126, 1049, 758 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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