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# Successive Oxidation- Condensation Reactions using Multifunctional Gold supported Nanocomposite (Au/MgCe-HDO)

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#### **Supporting Information:**

#### Reaction Procedure for oxidation of benzyl alcohol

For every reaction, Schlenk tube was taken alongwith 0.5 mmol alcohol, 50 mg catalyst and 3mL toluene was taken as solvent. The reaction mixture was then stirred vigorously at 373 K for 2-3 hours. The resulting reaction mixture was then filtered for the removal of catalyst. The filtrate was then dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The purification was done using 5% (v/v) ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent to obtain the desired product. The final product was characterized with <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR.

# Reaction Procedure for Successive oxidation-condensation reaction with malononitrile/ethyl cyanoacetate/acetophenone.

For every reaction, Schlenk tube was taken along with 0.5 mmol alcohol, 50 mg catalyst and 3mL toluene was taken as solvent. The reaction mixture was then stirred vigorously at 373 K for 4-6 hours. Add 1mmol malononitrile/ethyl cyanoacetate/acetophenone after formation of corresponding aldehyde as suggested by TLC technique. The resulting reaction mixture was then filtered for the removal of catalyst. The filtrate was then dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The purification was done using 5% (v/v) ethyl acetate/hexane as eluent to obtain the desired product. The final product was characterized with <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR.

#### **Calculation for yield:**

Yield (%) =  $\frac{amount of product formed (in mmol)}{amount of reactant taken (in mmol)} x 100$ 

#### **Calculation for metal loading:**

 $Metal \ loading = \frac{Concentration \ of \ metal \ (ppm) \ X \ Volume \ of \ extract \ (Litre)}{Weight \ of \ solid \ sample \ taken \ for \ extraction \ (grams)}$ 

#### Calculation for mol% of catalyst:

Mol % of catalyst used =  $\frac{no.of moles of catalyst used}{(no. of moles of catalyst used+no.of moles of limiting reagent)} X 100$ 

#### SEM-EDX data



Figure- S1 SEM-EDX of Au/MgCe-HDO nanocomposite., Spectrum, Table of SEM-EDS

#### NMR spectra:

(2a) 2-nitrobenzaldehyde: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 10.43 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.75 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 188.152, 149.575, 134.081, 133.712, 131.337, 129.626, 124.492



(2d) 2-methoxybenzaldehyde: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 9.88 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 190.817, 164.607, 131.972, 129.936, 114.409, 55.576



(2g) 2-methylbenzaldehyde: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 10.29 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.68 (3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 192.817, 140.622, 134.153, 133.647, 132.045, 131.770, 126.326, 19.590



(4b) 2-(4-nitrobenzylidene)malononitrile: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.37 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 157.021, 150.426, 135.886, 131.419, 124.739, 112.729, 111.703, 87.597



(4e) 2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)malononitrile: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.89 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 164.928, 159.014, 133.576, 124.106, 115.230, 114.550, 113.467, 78.568, 55.919.



(4h) 2-(4-methylbenzylidene)malononitrile: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.32 (2H), 2.48 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 159.842, 146.427, 130.940, 130.398, 128.478, 114.059, 112.904, 81.135, 22.038



(6a) ethyl (Z)-2-cyano-3-(2-nitrophenyl)acrylate: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.74 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 161.034, 153.135, 147.380, 134.521, 132.211, 130.608, 128.131, 125.438, 113.915, 108.644, 63.186, 14.117



(6b) ethyl (Z)-2-cyano-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylate: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.33 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.40 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 161.395, 151.705, 149.727, 136.904, 131.496, 124.312, 114.514, 107.409, 63.345, 14.110



(6c) ethyl (Z)-2-cyano-3-(3-nitrophenyl)acrylate: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.44-8.34 (m, 2H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.72 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 161.550, 151.948, 148.661, 135.274, 132.955, 130.636, 127.148, 125.988, 114.633, 106.698, 63.356, 14.187



(6d) ethyl (Z)-2-cyano-3-(4-cyanophenyl)acrylate: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm)  $\delta$  8.23 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 161.598, 152.341, 135.322, 132.936, 131.086, 117.786, 116.070, 114.700, 106.852, 63.356, 14.187



(8a) (E)-3-(2-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.12 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03-7.98 (m, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H) ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 190.624, 148.623, 140.334, 137.478, 133.693, 133.271, 131.451, 130.464, 129.361, 128.902, 128.834, 127.445, 125.116.



# NMR Spectra:

# (2a) 2-nitrobenzaldehyde:

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)







#### (2d) 2-methoxybenzaldehyde:



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





# (2g) 2-methylbenzaldehyde:



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





# (4b) 2-(4-nitrobenzylidene)malononitrile:





<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)



#### (4e) 2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)malononitrile:



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





#### (4h) 2-(4-methylbenzylidene)malononitrile:





### <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)



#### (6a) ethyl (Z)-2-cyano-3-(2-nitrophenyl)acrylate



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





### (6b) ethyl (Z)-2-cyano-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylate



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





# (6c) ethyl (Z)-2-cyano-3-(3-nitrophenyl)acrylate



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





## (6d) ethyl (Z)-2-cyano-3-(4-cyanophenyl)acrylate



## <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)





# (8a) (E)-3-(2-nitrophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)









XPS narrow scan of Mg for Au/MgCe-HDO catalyst.



XPS narrow scan of C for Au/MgCe-HDO catalyst



XPS narrow scan of O for Au/MgCe-HDO catalyst



XPS narrow scan of Ce for Au/MgCe-HDO catalyst.

