

## Supplementary Information

### **Rational design and synthesis of imine linked Porous organic polymers: A bifaceted approach towards customizing the acid-base properties for heterogeneous catalysis**

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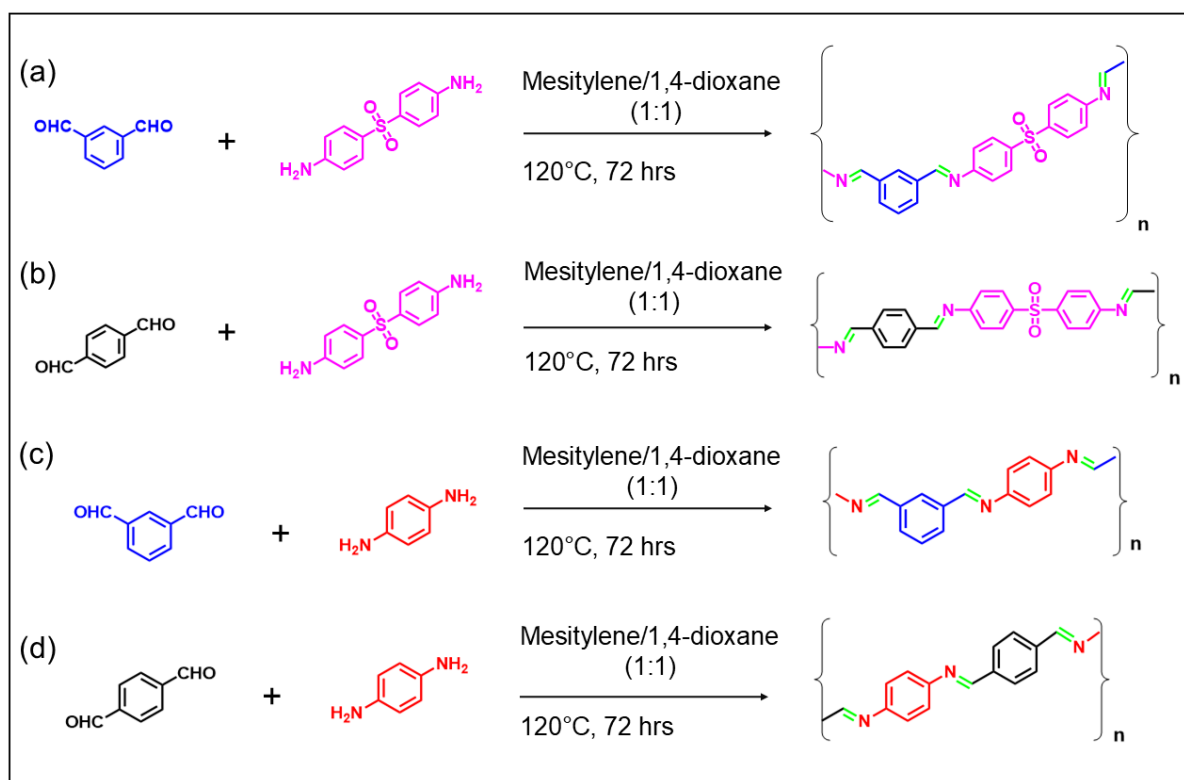
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## Materials and methods

All the chemicals were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, Spectrochem, Merck and TCI and used without further purification. FT-IR spectra were recorded using Shimadzu IR Tracer 100 with DLATGS and MCT detectors. Thermogravimetric analysis were performed using Perkin Elmer Thermal Analyzer STA 8000. Powder X-ray diffraction were recorded using Rigaku XRD Smart Lab. Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy were obtained using Carl Zeiss model Gemini SEM 300. BET analysis was performed using Autosorb iQ-MP-MP-(2STAT)VITON. The solid state  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded using 400 MHz Jeol solid state spectrometer  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV III 400 MHz. Temperature Programmed Desorption measurements were performed using Chemisorption catalyst analyser model: BELCAT II from MicrotracBEL Corp. XPS measurements were performed using Thermofisher K-Alpha Xray Photoelectron Spectroscopy

### Synthesis of Porous organic polymers



**Scheme S1.** Schematic representation of the synthesis of Porous organic polymers (a) IASD, (b) TASD, (c) IAPD and (d) TAPD

## Characterizations of POPs

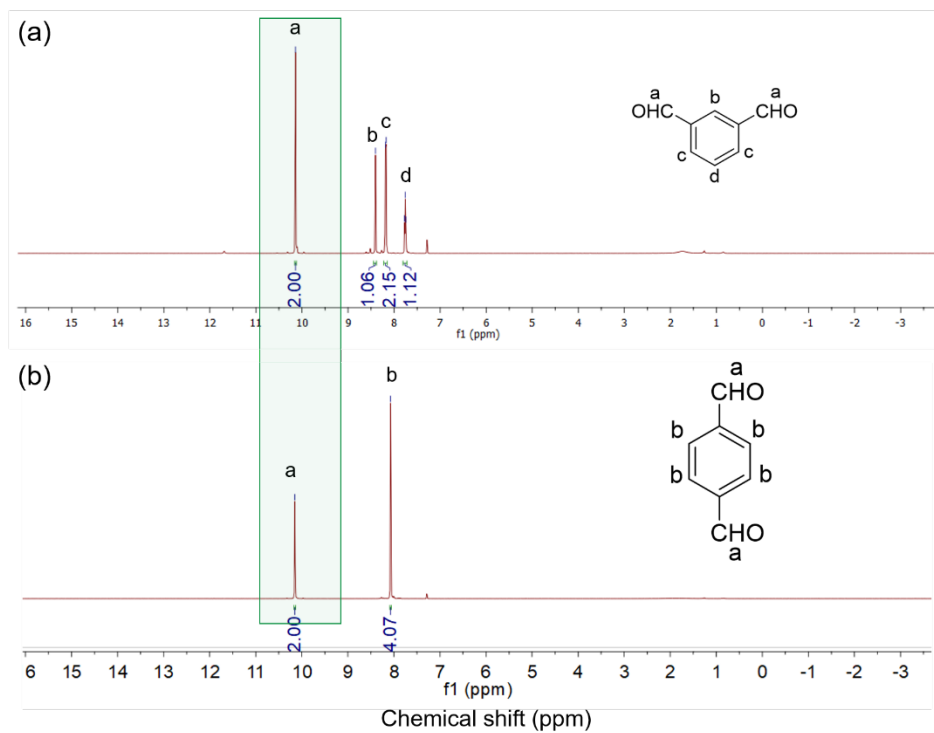


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (a) isophthalaldehyde (b) terephthalaldehyde (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

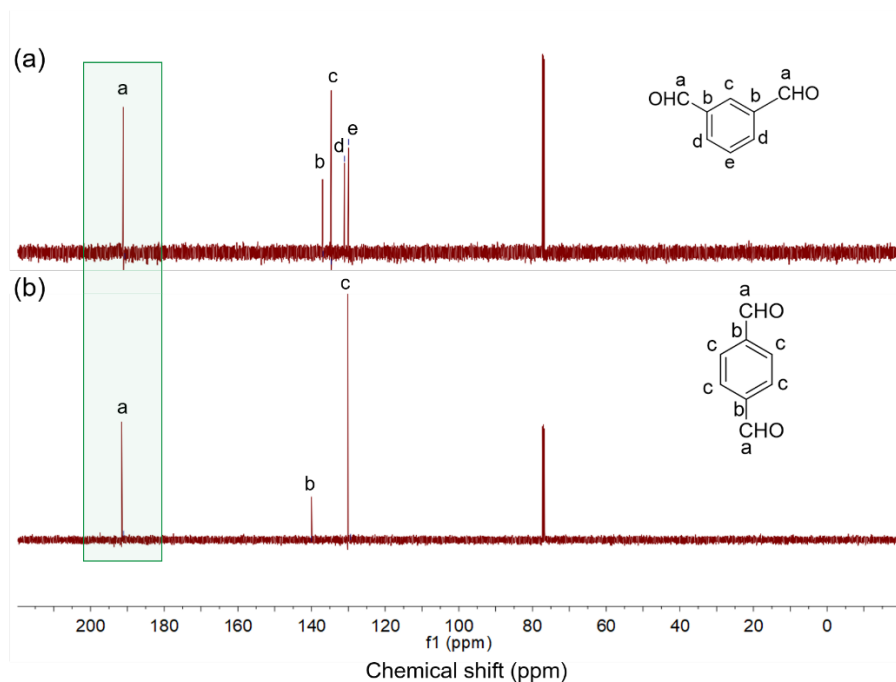
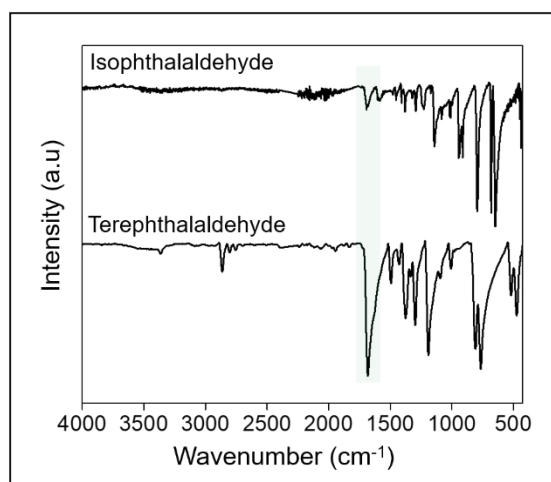
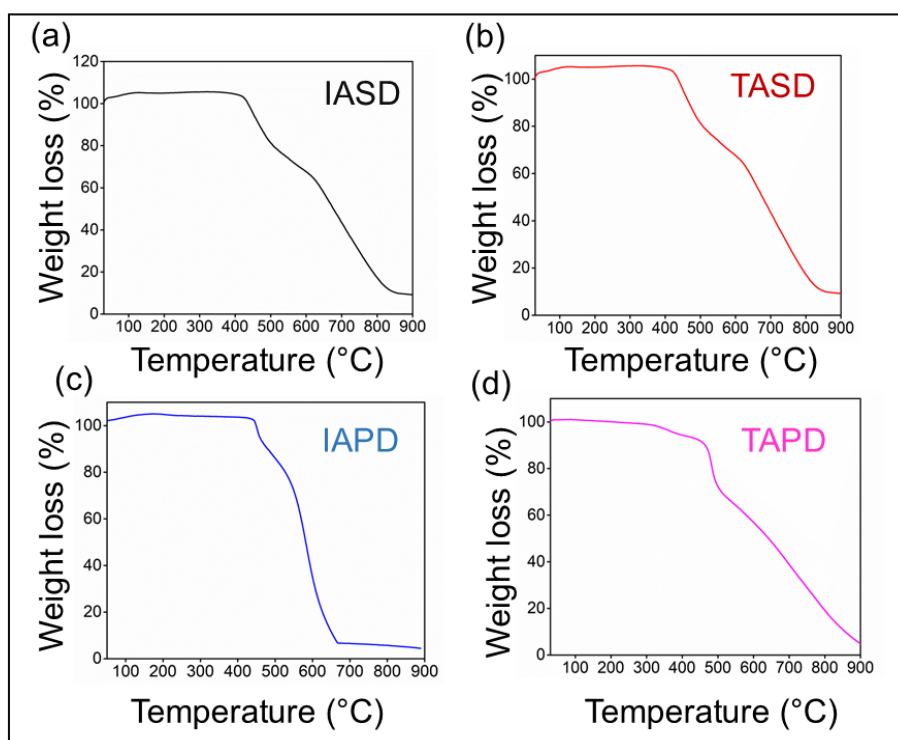


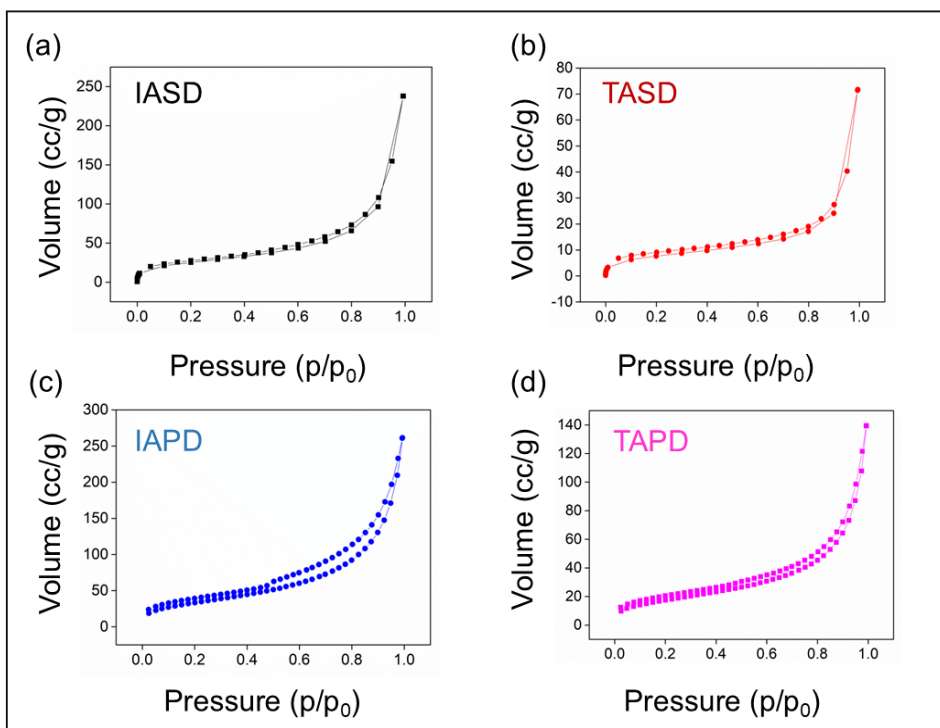
Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of (a) isophthalaldehyde (b) terephthalaldehyde (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



**Figure S3.** FT-IR spectra of monomer aldehydes



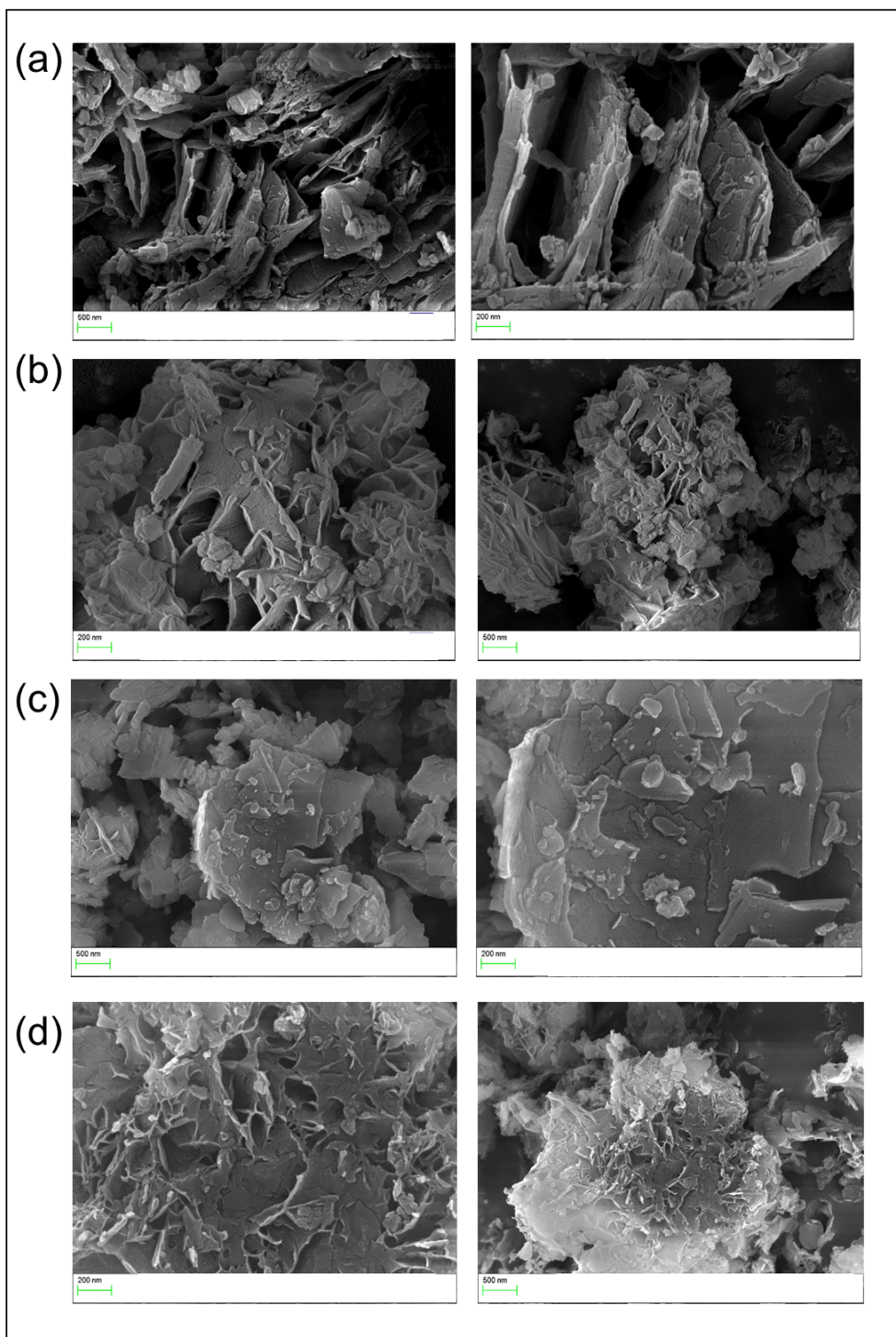
**Figure S4.** Thermogravimetric analysis of POPs



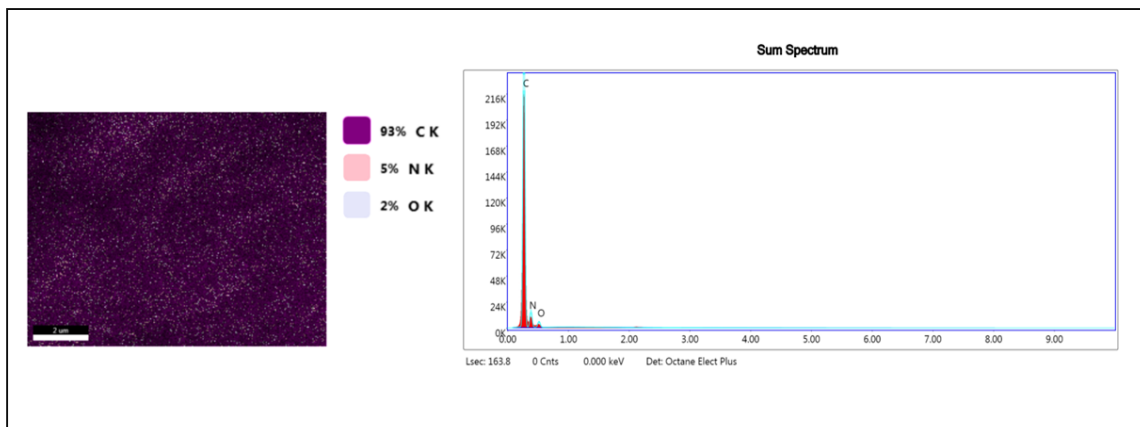
**Figure S5.** Brunauer-Emmett-Teller Surface area analysis of POPs

**Table S1.** Surface area and average pore radii for POPs

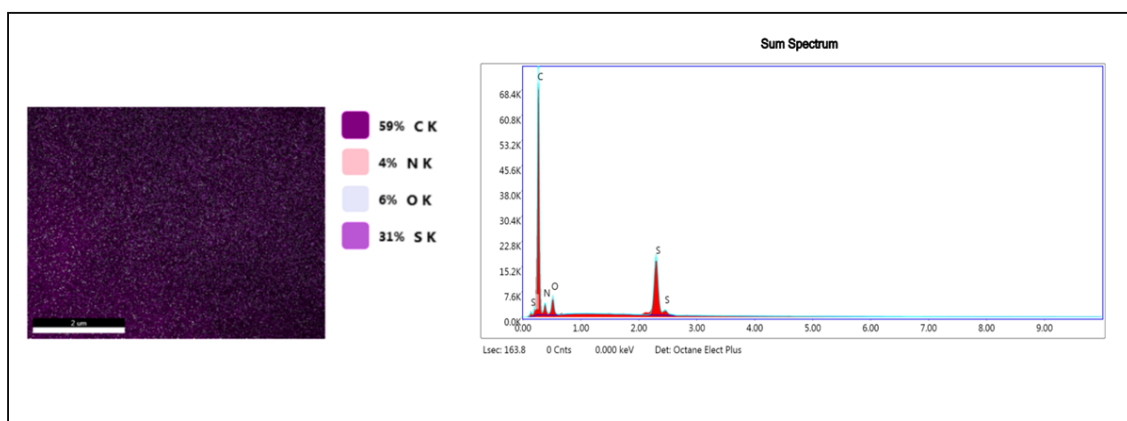
Sample	Surface area ( $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ )	Average pore radius (nm)
IAPD	124.88	6.47
IASD	89.34	8.239
TAPD	65.01	6.64
TASD	27.118	8.17



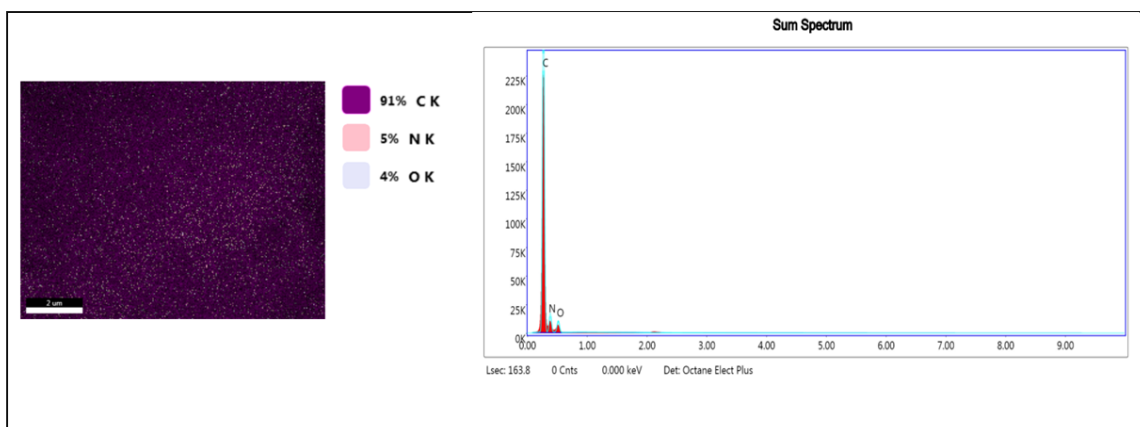
**Figure S6.** Field emission scanning electron microscopy images of POPs (a) IAPD, (b) IASD, (c) TAPD and (d) TASD



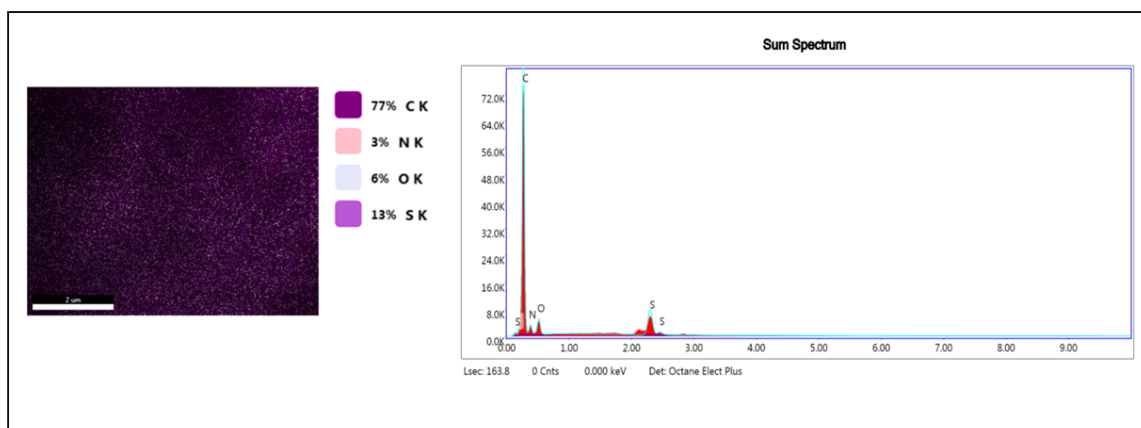
**Figure S7.** Elemental analysis of POP IAPD



**Figure S8.** Elemental analysis of POP IASD

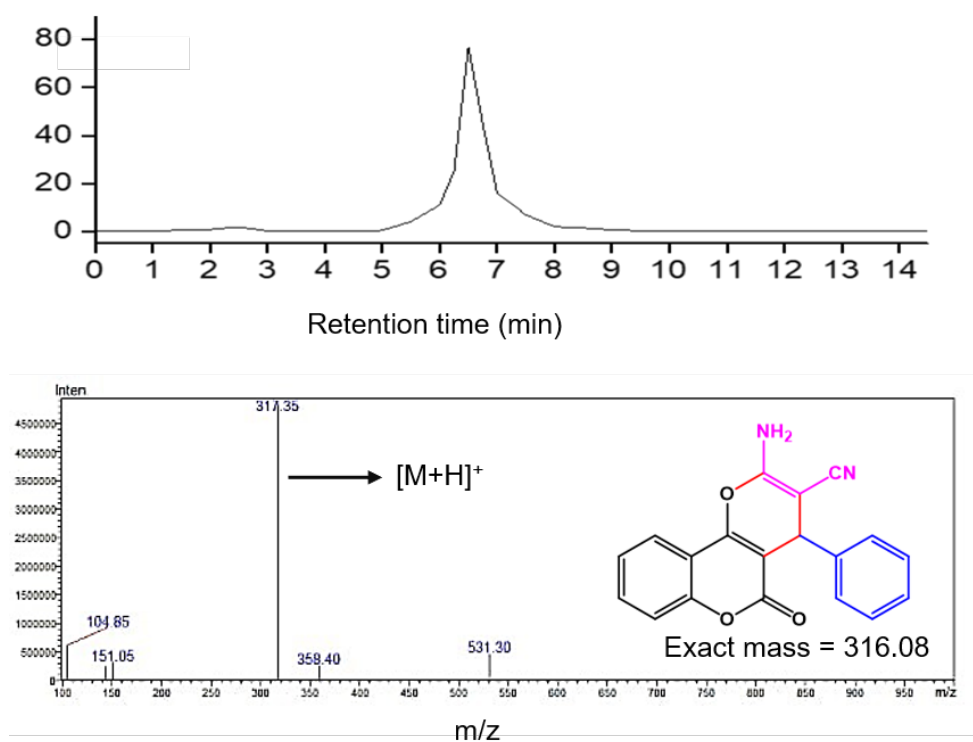


**Figure S9.** Elemental analysis of POP TAPD

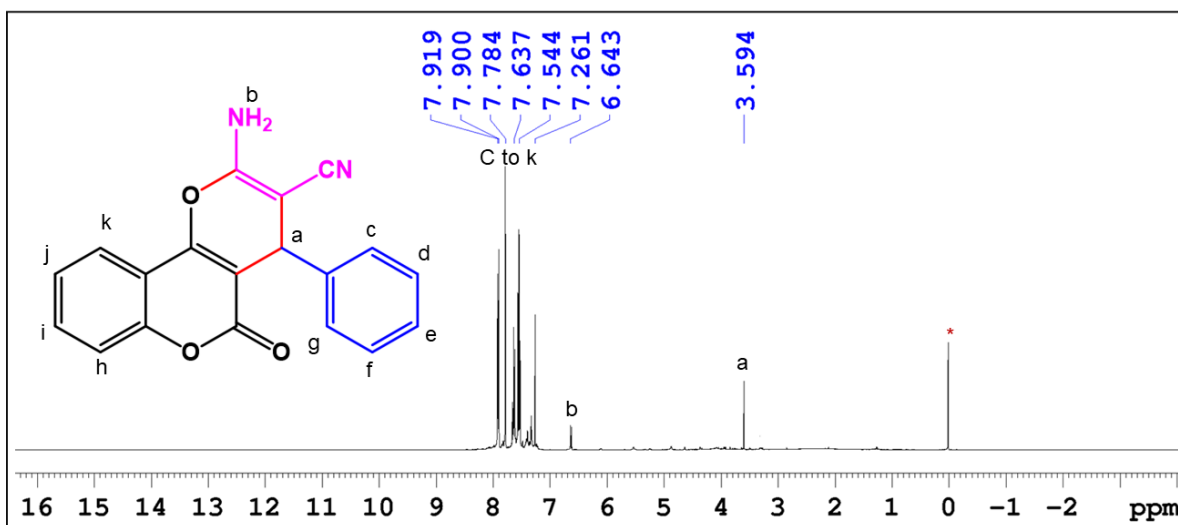


**Figure S10.** Elemental analysis of POP TASD

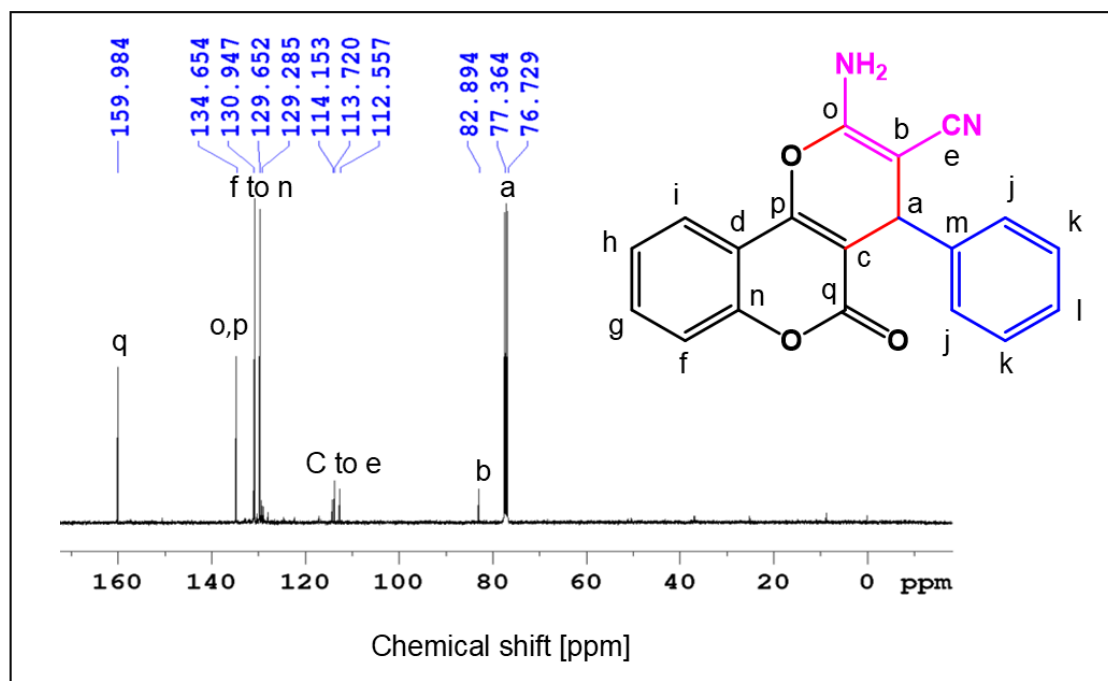
### Characterization of product obtained



**Figure S11.** LC-MS analysis of pyranochromene; Calculated  $[M+H]^+ = 317.08$  Observed  $[M+H]^+ = 317.35$

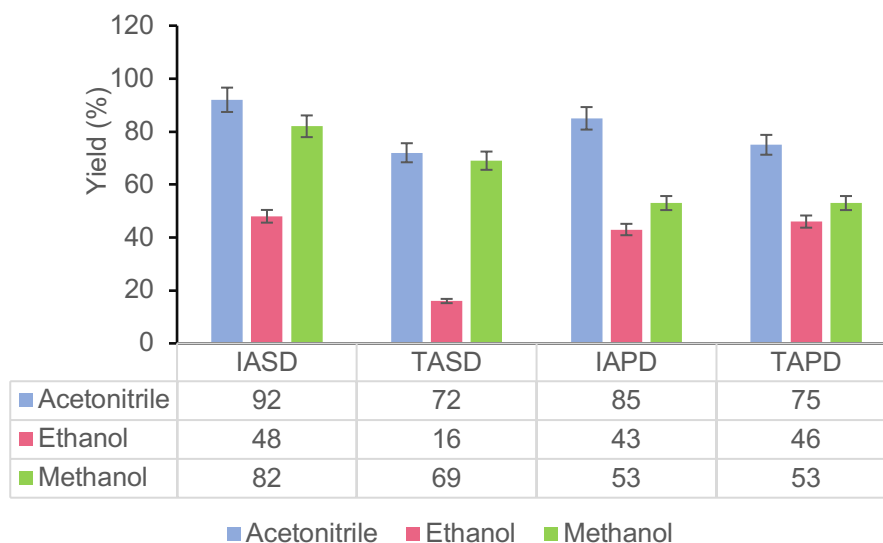


**Figure S12** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of pyranochromene in DMSO- d<sub>6</sub> at 400 MHz. (\* represent Tetramethylsilane signal)

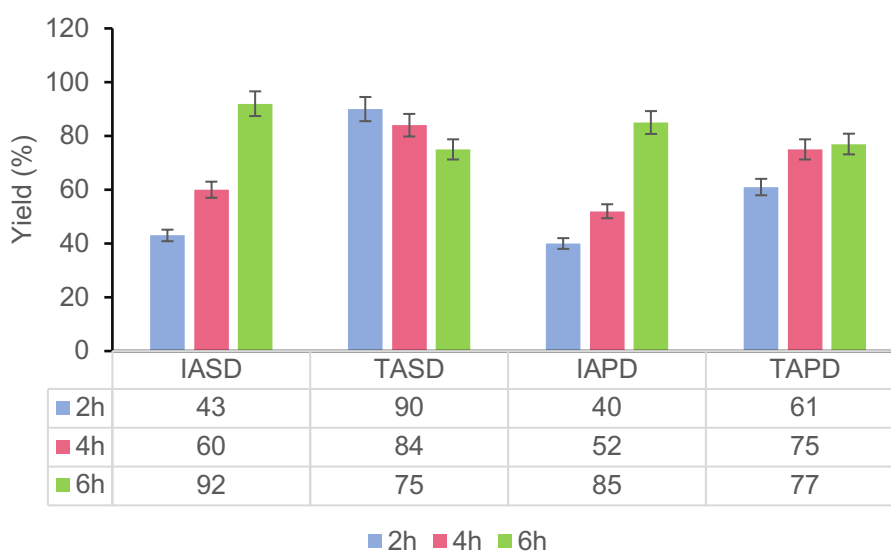


**Figure S13.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of pyranochromene in d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO at 101 MHz

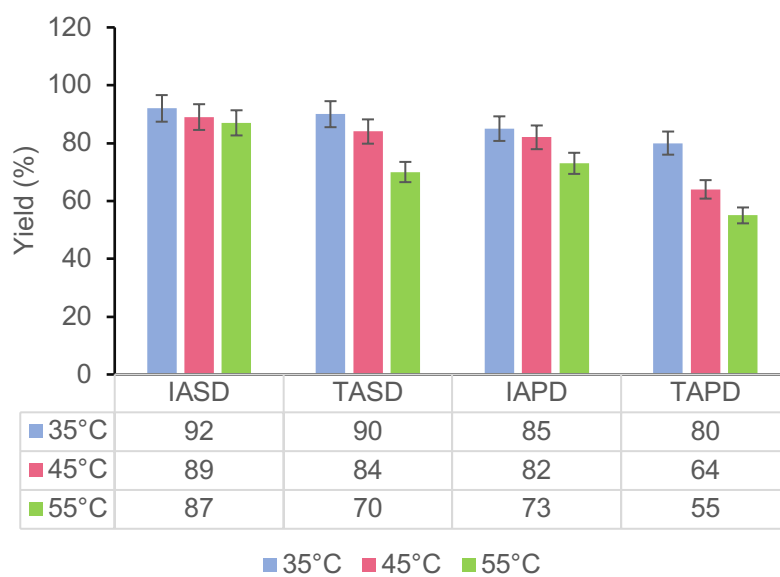
## Catalytic synthesis of pyranochromene: optimization of reaction parameters



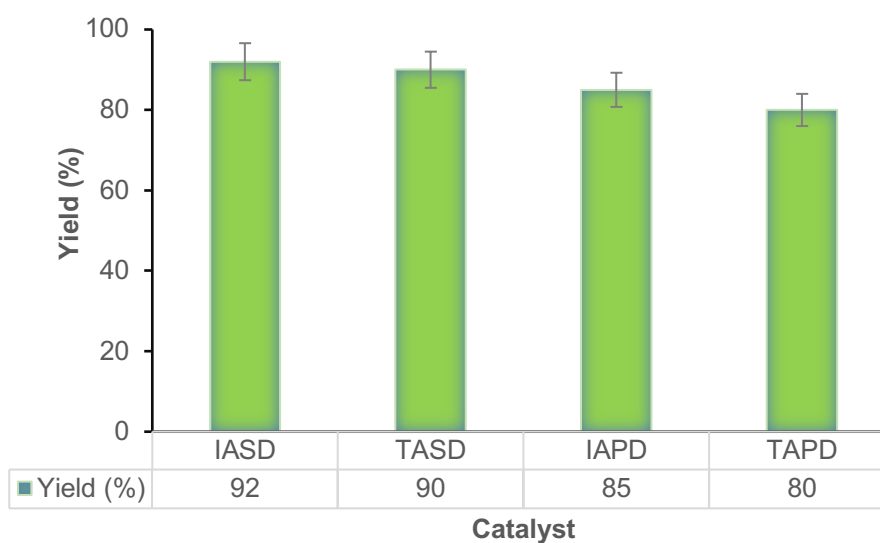
**Figure S14.** Effect of solvent on % yield (0.3 mmol reactants/room temperature/20 mg catalyst)



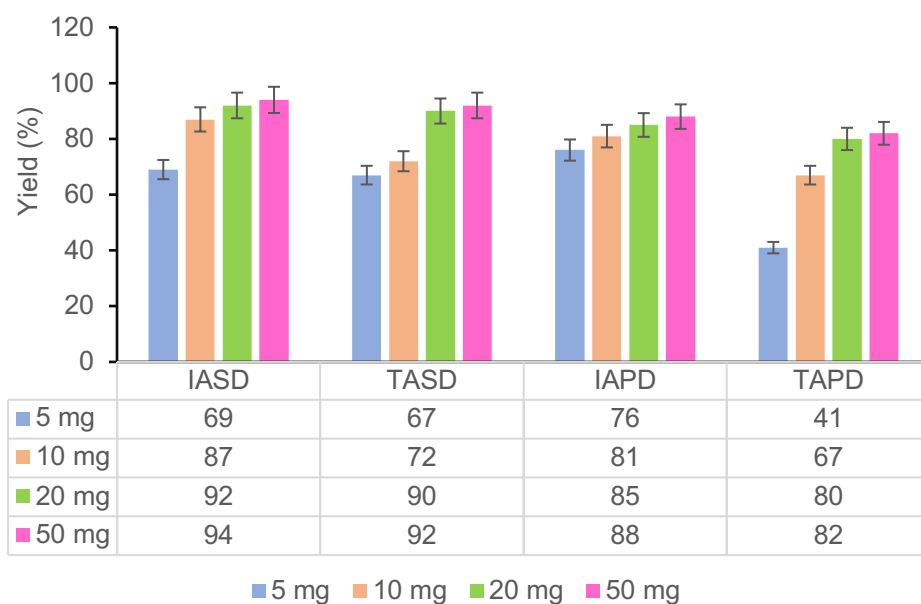
**Figure S15.** Effect of time on % yield of reaction (0.3 mmol reactants/room temperature/Acetonitrile /20 mg catalyst)



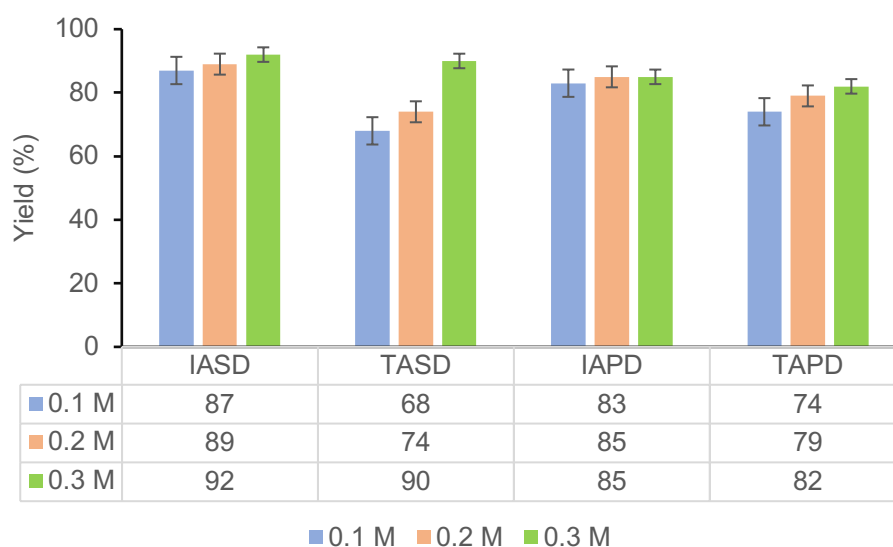
**Figure S16.** Effect of temperature on % yield of reaction (0.3 mmol reactants/Acetonitrile/20 mg catalyst)



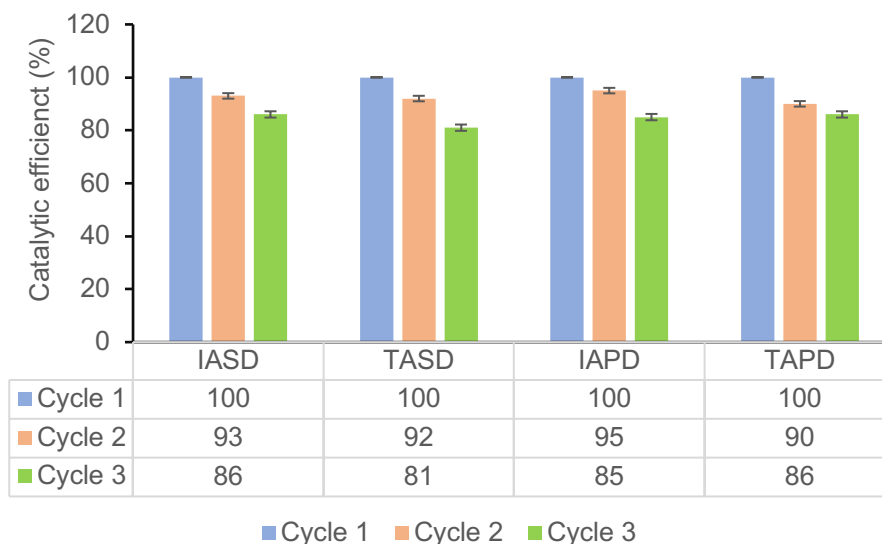
**Figure S17.** Effect of catalyst on % yield of reaction (0.3 mmol reactants/ Acetonitrile /room temperature/20 mg catalyst)



**Figure S18.** Effect of amount of catalyst loaded on % yield of reaction (0.3 mmol reactants/Acetonitrile/room temperature)



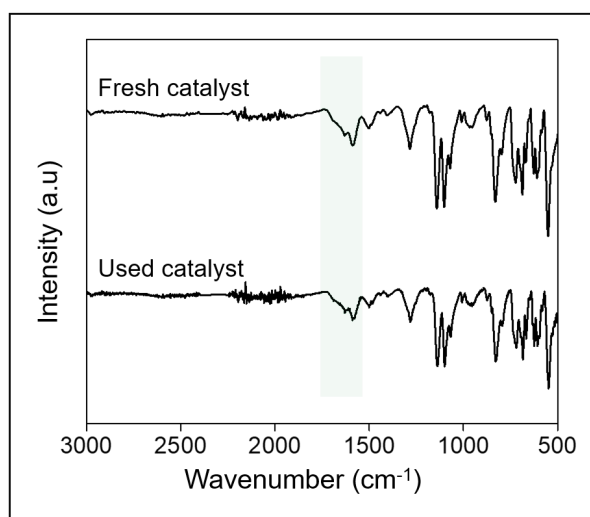
**Figure S19.** Effect of concentration of substrate on % yield of reaction (Acetonitrile/room temperature/20 mg catalyst)



**Figure S20.** Recyclability test performed for each polymer catalyst (0.3 mmol reactants/Acetonitrile/room temperature/20 mg catalyst)

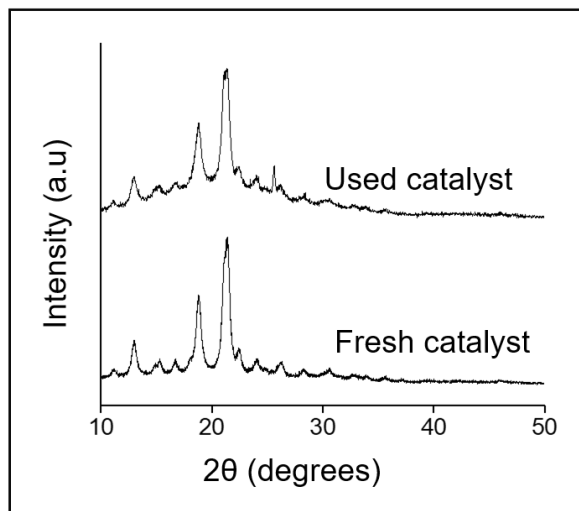
The structural integrity of the catalyst after reaction has been confirmed by FT-IR, PXRD, XPS and BET analysis using IASD as the model catalyst.

The FT-IR spectra of the used catalyst retained the characteristic imine vibrational band around  $1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Moreover there was no significant shifts in the observed peaks which confirms the stability of the sample after reaction.



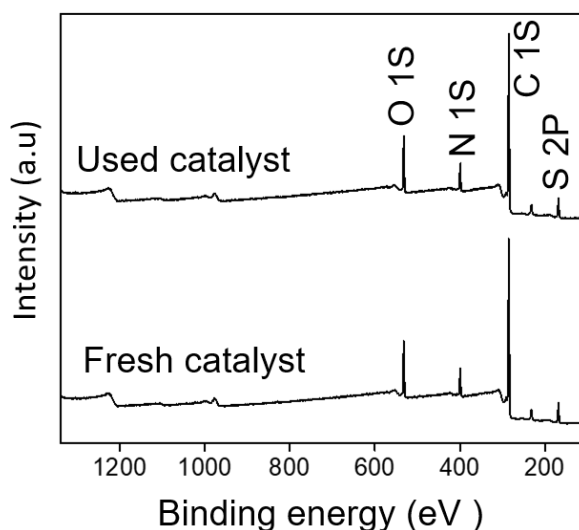
**Figure S21.** FT-IR spectra of fresh and used polymer IASD

The PXRD pattern of fresh and used polymers showed all the characteristic peaks in the spectra. There was no shift in the peak positions. The slight broadening of the base region might be attributed to decrease in crystallite size, micro strain, lattice defects or amorphization.



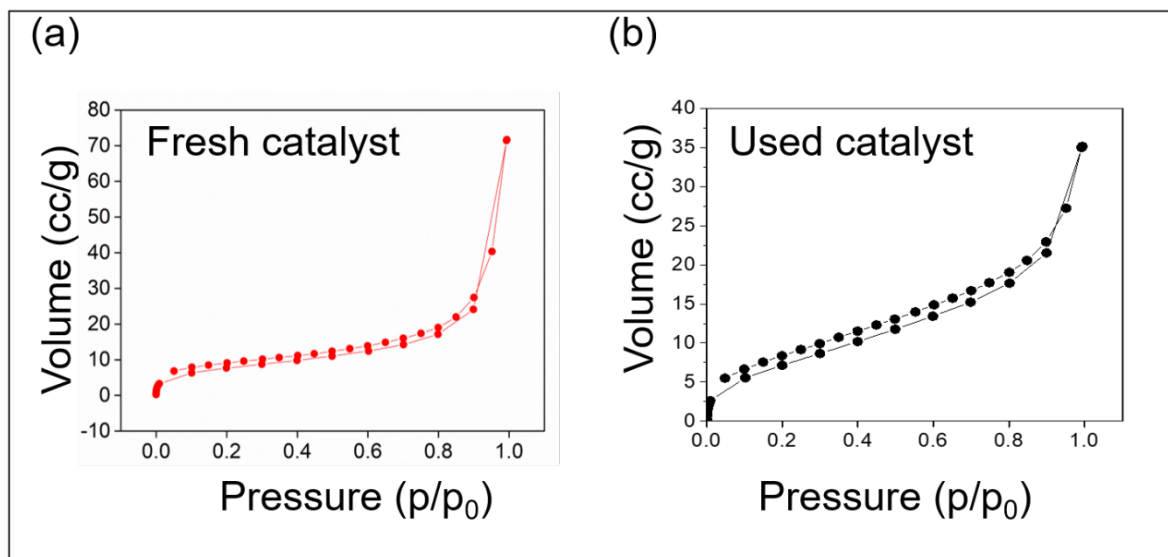
**Figure S22.** PXRD of fresh and used polymer IASD

The XPS survey scan of fresh and used polymers was also compared. The characteristic peaks corresponding to C1S, O1S, N1S and S 2P were obtained. There was no shift in the peak positions confirming the structural integrity after reaction.



**Figure S23.** XPS survey scan of fresh and used polymer IASD

The surface area of fresh and used catalysts were compared using the polymer TASD (polymer with lowest surface area obtained) as a model candidate. It was observed that a very slight decrease in the surface area was observed. The average pore radii have reduced considerably might be because of the pore collapse.

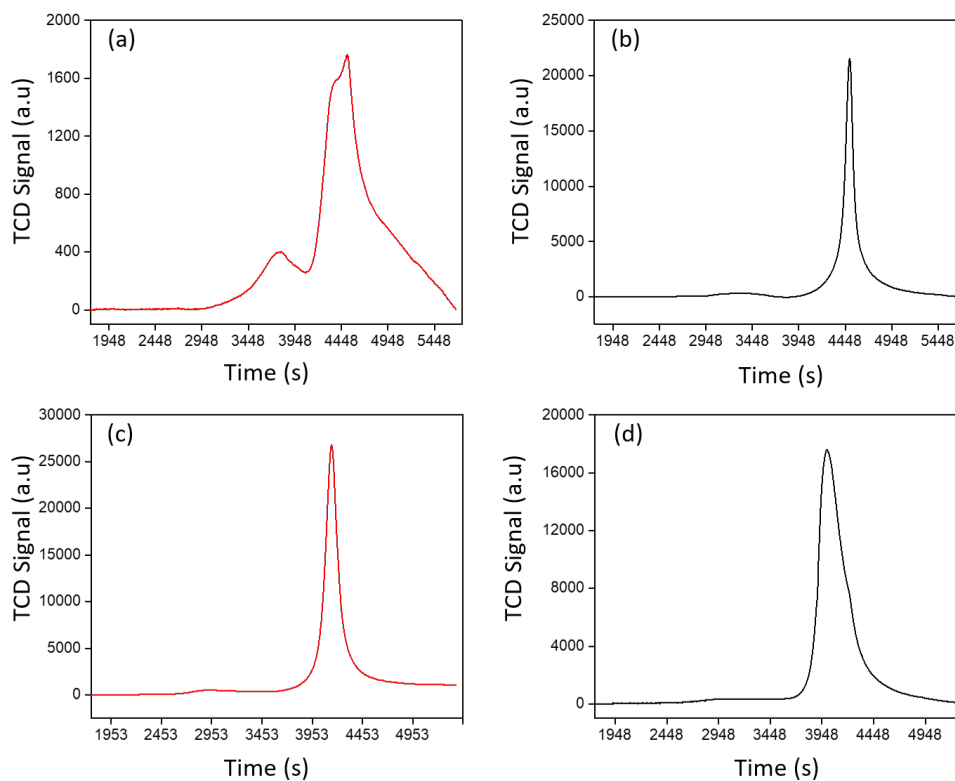


**Figure S24.** BET surface area analysis of fresh and used polymer TASD

**Table S2.** Surface area of fresh and used catalysts

Sample	Surface area ( $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ )	Average pore radius (nm)
Fresh catalyst	27.118	8.17
Used catalyst	26.618	4.08

Thus, the overall study concludes that the slight decrease in activity of the catalyst after every cycle might be attributed to the tendency of deactivation of catalyst due to amorphization and pore collapse in a minor extent



**Figure S26.** CO<sub>2</sub> TPD analysis for (a) TASD (b) IASD, NH<sub>3</sub> TPD analysis for (c) TASD (d) IASD.

**Table S3.** Comparison with other literature reports

Sl no.	Catalyst	Solvent	Temperature (°C)	Time (min)	Yield (%)	Reference
1	DBU	H <sub>2</sub> O	Reflux	7	92	1
2	TBAB	H <sub>2</sub> O	120	45	91	2
3	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> /S-Proline	H <sub>2</sub> O/EtOH	RT	120	81	3
4	[Sipim][HSO <sub>4</sub> ]	no	100	30	94	4
5	Nano ZnO	H <sub>2</sub> O	70	180	87	5
6	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -proline MNPs	EtOH	RT	1440	92	6
7	Hexamethylenetetramine	EtOH	Reflux	15	92	7
8	[DMAP-PEG1 <sub>000</sub> -DIL][BF <sub>4</sub> ]	H <sub>2</sub> O	100	30	92	8
9	TAP-POP	EtOH	RT	60	95	9

10	IASD	Acetonitrile	RT	360	92	This work (structure- activity study of 4 analogous POPs by tuning the surface acid-base properties)
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