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### Abstract

In the present work, we report synthesis of anchored palladium complex on functionalized Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles via simple and inexpensive procedure. The final nanohybrid compound was characterized by Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS), inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES), X-ray Diffraction(XRD), thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) and vibrating sample magnetometer (VSM) measurements. The catalytic activity of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd as an efficient and reusable catalyst was investigated for Suzuki and Stille reactions and synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one derivatives. The heterogeneous catalyst could be easily separated by applying a simple magnet and reused several consecutive runs without appreciable change in its catalytic activity.

**Keywords** Magnetic nanoparticle, Palladium, 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one, Suzuki, Stille.

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## 1. Introduction

The simplified recovery, reusability and the potential for incorporation in continuous reactors and microreactors are unique properties in organic synthesis, thus the major area of research is recently shifted toward more environment friendly catalysts [1-3]. In homogeneous systems it is complicated to recover the catalyst from the final reaction mixture; thus heterogeneous catalysts are used as supports. Heterogeneous catalysts have attracted a considerable attention in synthesis of organic compounds, because of their recovery by conventional filtration or centrifugation techniques. However, recovery and recycling of the heterogeneous catalysts are difficult because they require a tedious workup via filtration and the inevitable loss of solid in the recovery process [4-10]. Magnetic nanoparticles have recently proposed as ideal supports because of their multifunctional physical and chemical properties such as easy preparation and functionalization, high chemical activity, long catalytic life, large surface area ratio, excellent thermal and chemical stability, low price, less toxicity, high dispersion and easy separation via external magnet [11-22]. Furthermore, magnetic nanoparticles can be used as recoverable and reusable heterogeneous catalysts in Suzuki and Stille reactions and synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one derivatives [23-28]. 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one derivatives are an important class of heterocyclic compounds in the production of industrially important chemicals and biological activities such as antitumor, antibiotic, antidefibrillatory, antipyretic, antihistamine, vasodilating behavior, analgesic, antihypertonic, diuretic and antidepressant [29,30]. Furthermore, the C-C coupling reactions are widely applied for the synthesis of the sartan family of hypertensive drugs, antimicrobial, fungicide boscalid, anti-proliferative, anti-inflammatory, anti-diabetic and analgesic applications [31-34]. In the present study, we prepared and characterized efficient and novel  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd nanoparticles via simple work-up procedure and commercially available materials. Also, we will focus on the investigation of the catalytic

activity of this heterogeneous nanocatalyst in Suzuki and Stille reactions and synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one derivatives.

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1. General remarks

All reactants used in this work are commercially available from Sigma-Aldrich and Merck chemical companies and used without further purification. The particle size and morphology of the samples were taken using SEM with a FESEM-TESCAN MIRA3, and also using TEM with a Zeiss-EM10C transmission electron microscope. VSM measurements were carried out in an external field up to 15kOe at several temperatures by a Vibrating Sample Magnetometer (VSM) MDKFD. The thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curves were obtained on Shimadzu DTG-60 instrument. Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serin-Pd(0) catalyst was collected using Co  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.78897 \text{ \AA}$ ) with operating at 40 keV, and a cathode current of 40 Ma. IR spectra were recorded by KBr disc using a VRTEX 70 model BRUKER FT-IR spectrophotometer. The content of metal in the catalyst was measured by inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES). Melting points were recorded by an Electrothermal 9100 apparatus.

### 2.2. Preparation of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) nanocatalyst

Superparamagnetic nanoparticles were prepared by stirring 2.35 g of  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 0.86 g of  $\text{FeCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in 40 ml deionized distilled water under nitrogen gas at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  and then adding 5 mL of  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  solution into the reaction mixture. After stirring the mixture for 30 min, black precipitate was immediately formed. The black magnetite nanoparticles were separated by magnetic decantation, washed several times with deionized hot water and ethanol and dried in vacuum at  $60^\circ\text{C}$ . To prepare  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine, 1 g of MNPs powder and 1.5 g of serine

ligand were suspended in distilled water (30 mL) and refluxed for 20 h. Finally,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine was separated by an external magnet and washed with ethanol/water and dried in vacuum at 80 °C. In the last step,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) nanoparticles were afforded by mixing the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine (1 g) and  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (0.5 g) in absolute ethanol (30 mL) and stirring under reflux for 16 h. Then Pd(II) ions reduced with  $\text{NaBH}_4$  to give the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0).

### *2.3. General procedure for the synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-ones*

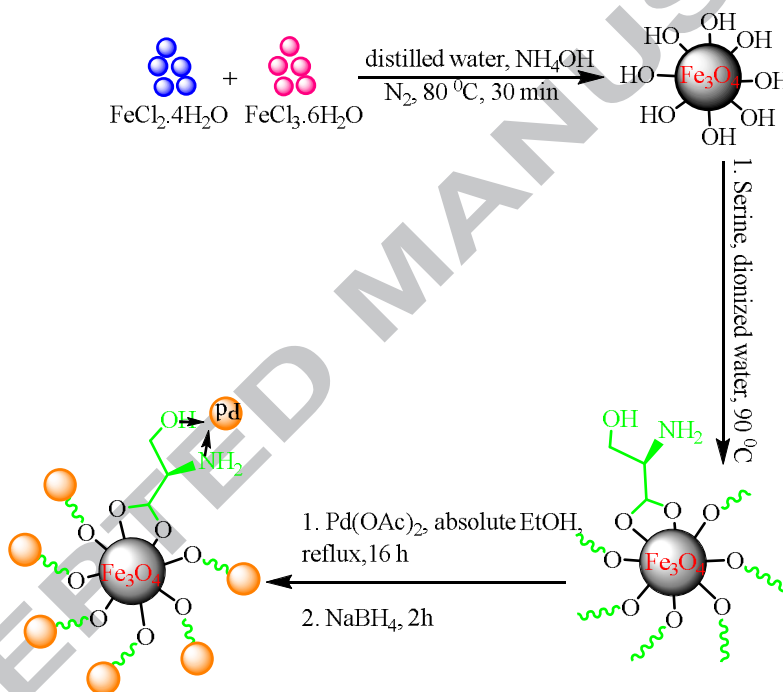
In a typical procedure, a mixture of aldehyde (1 mmol), 2-aminobenzamide (1 mmol) and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) catalyst (0.007 g) in water (2 mL) was magnetically stirred in the reaction flask at room temperature. After the completion of the reaction indicated by TLC, the catalyst was separated by an external magnet and solvent was evaporated at 70 °C for reuse. Finally, a crude solid was obtained followed by crystallization from hot ethanol which prepared the pure product with excellent yield.

### *2.4. General procedure for synthesis of biphenyl derivatives*

In a 5 mL round-bottom flask, to a mixture of arylhalide (1 mmol), phenylboronic acid (1 mmol) or triphenyltin chloride (0.5 mmol),  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3 mmol) and 2 mL of PEG,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) (0.007 g) as catalyst was added; and the obtained mixture was heated at 100 °C for an appropriate time under stirring conditions. After the reaction was completed (monitored by TLC), the catalyst separated by an external magnet. Finally, the obtained organic layer was extracted with ethyl acetate to afford the pure biphenyl derivatives by removing solvent in good to high yield.

### 3. Results and discussion

In order to design and synthesize of a new and highly efficient catalyst system, the superparamagnetic nanoparticles (MNPs) were synthesized with chemical coprecipitation method [35-37]. Then, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine nanoparticles were obtained by the immobilization of serine on the surface of the synthesized magnetite nanoparticles via coordination bonding through hydroxyl group interaction. Afterward, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) nanocatalyst was successfully achieved by reaction of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> with the obtained Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine ligand in ethanol under reflux condition (Scheme 1).



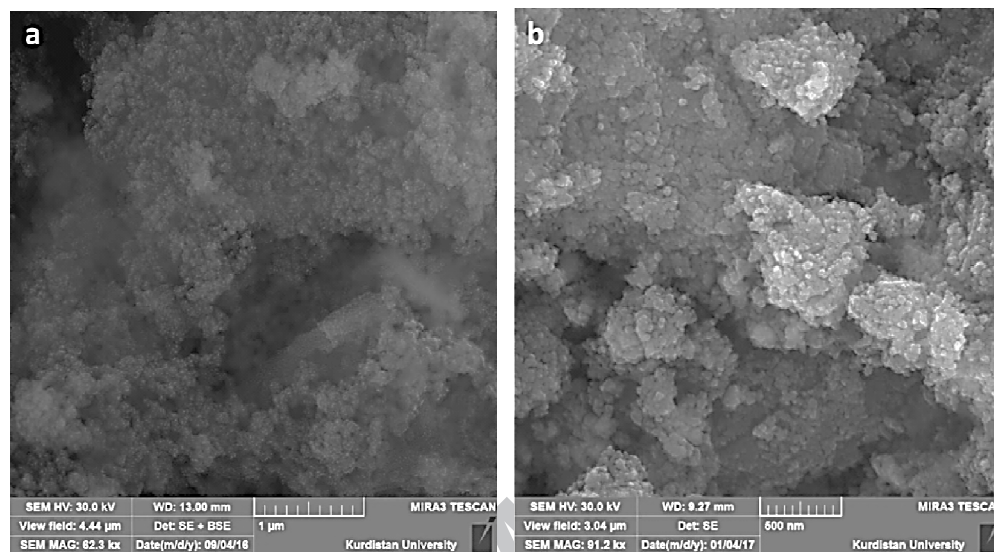
**Scheme 1** General route for the fabrication of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0).

#### 3.1. Catalyst characterization

The obtained Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) catalyst has been characterized by XRD, FT-IR, TEM, SEM, TGA, EDS, ICP and VSM techniques.

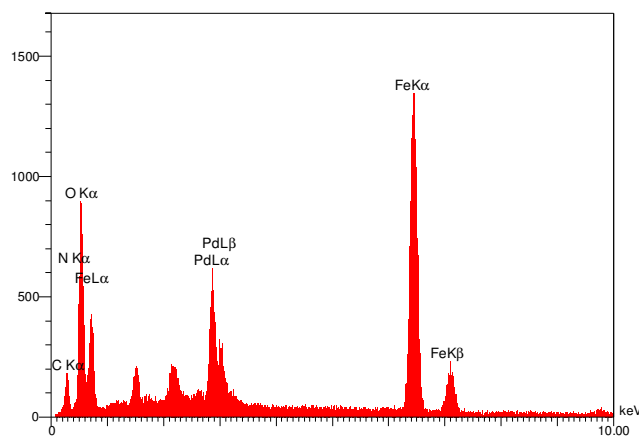
As shown in Fig. 1, the particle shape, the size distribution, surface morphology and fundamental physical properties of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) were investigated by Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM). Therefore, it can be concluded that the synthesized

materials are with uniform nanometer-sized particles. More importantly, no noticeable change in the surface morphology occurs upon the formation of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) nanocatalyst.



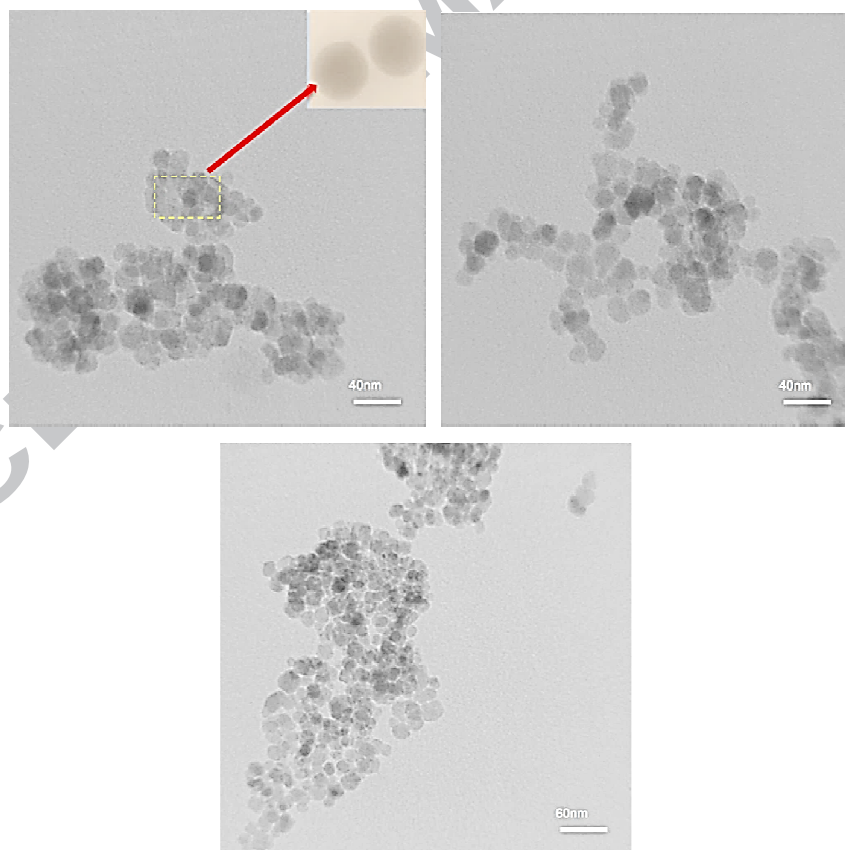
**Fig. 1** SEM images of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  (a) and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) catalyst (b).

The presence of the kinds of elements in the synthesized  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) was investigated by the energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) analysis. According to the database of the EDX pattern in Fig. 2, the presence of Fe, O, N, C and Pd specie in the obtained catalyst were verified. Also, the loading of Pd on the surface of the synthesized nanocatalyst was calculated by the ICP atomic emission spectroscopy technique. The exact amount of Pd loaded on modified magnetic nanoparticles is found to be  $1.55\text{mmol g}^{-1}$ .



**Fig.2** EDX pattern of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0).

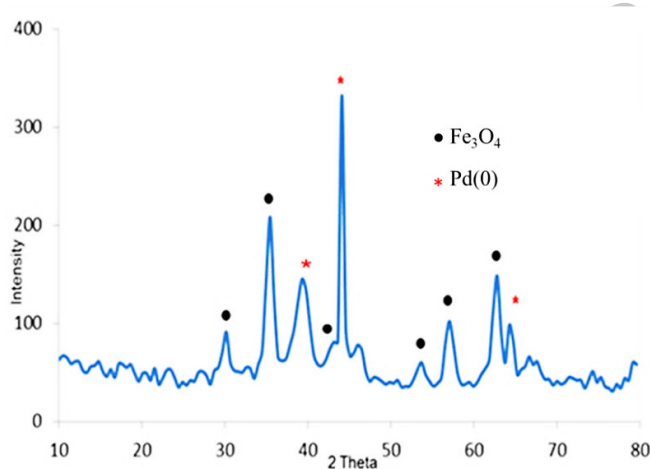
TEM micrograph has been a suitable tool for determining the particle shape and size distribution. As it can be seen in Fig. 3, the magnetic cores of the nanoparticles were uniform in both shape and in size. It should be mentioned that the size of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) catalyst is around 15–25 nm.



**Fig. 3** TEM images of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0).



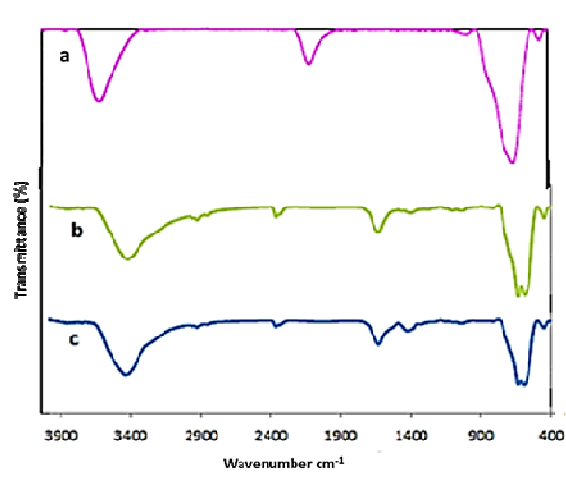
Also, to extend the scope of catalyst characterization, the X-ray diffraction analysis (XRD) pattern of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) was investigated (Fig. 4). The XRD pattern of a standard  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  crystal indicated six characteristic peaks at (2 2 0), (3 1 1), (4 0 0), (4 2 2), (5 1 1), and (4 4 0) [38]. According to the Fig. 4, these peaks ( $2\theta=30.17^\circ$ ,  $35.5^\circ$ ,  $43.2^\circ$ ,  $53.7^\circ$ ,  $57.1^\circ$  and  $62.9^\circ$ ) can be assigned to the pure  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles. Also, a sequence of particular diffraction peaks ( $39.3^\circ$ ,  $45.1^\circ$  and  $66.1^\circ$ ) confirmed the presence of Pd(0) in the prepared nanostructure.



**Fig. 4** XRD pattern of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0).

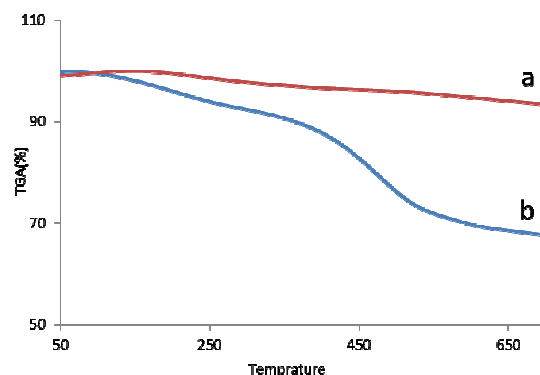
The existence of palladium complex on the surface of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles was verified by FTIR studies. FTIR spectra for the pure  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) are shown in Fig.5 in the  $400\text{--}4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The strong absorption at approximately  $580\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) was exhibited which was attributed to the presence of Fe–O stretching vibration [39]. Absorption peaks at approximately  $2840\text{--}2970\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C–H stretching vibration), absorption band at nearly  $1390\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C–N stretching vibration) and absorption peak at approximately  $1690\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C=O stretching vibration) in the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine spectra is due to the coating of serine ligand on the surface of the synthesized magnetite nanoparticle. More importantly, the band near  $1425\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine is attributed to  $\nu(\text{NH}_2)$  bending; this band is shifted to lower wavenumber in the spectrum of the

$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) due to the coordination of the amino group nitrogen atom to the metal ion [38]. Also, FT-IR spectrum of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine exhibits a stretching band at  $3489\text{ cm}^{-1}$  while in the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) spectrum this band is shifted to lower frequency and appears at  $3475\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicating the formation of Pd-ligand bond [40].



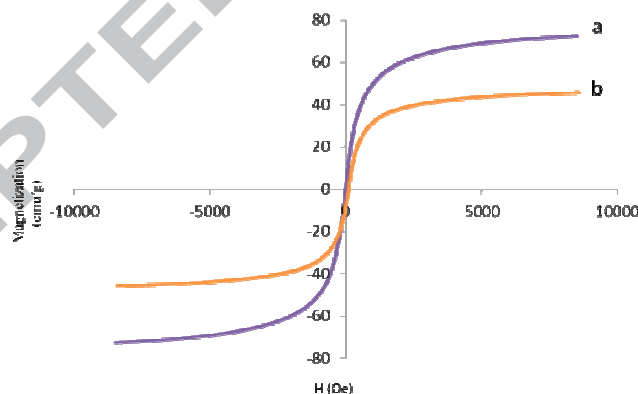
**Fig. 5** FTIR spectrum for bare  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles (a),  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine (b) and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) (c).

The thermal stability of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd was studied by thermo-gravimetric analysis (TGA) (Fig. 6). In all samples the TGA curve shows the small amount of weight loss below  $200\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  that is due to removal of the adsorbed water as well as dehydration of the surface OH groups [41]. The 28% weight loss in the range of  $200\text{--}550\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  can be due to the decomposition of the organic layers on the surface of the synthesized magnetite nanoparticles. On the basis of this result, the well grafting of organic groups including Pd complex on the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  is verified.



**Fig. 6** The TGA diagrams of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (a) and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) (b).

Vibrating sample magnetometer curves of the uncoated magnetic iron oxide (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) and palladium complex coated Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles at room temperature were shown in Fig. 7. The saturation magnetization value (M<sub>s</sub>) of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) nanoparticles were 73 and 45.6 emu g<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The magnetic saturation for Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles is higher than Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) that is due to the existence of nonmagnetic materials (palladium complex) on the surface of nanoparticles [36].

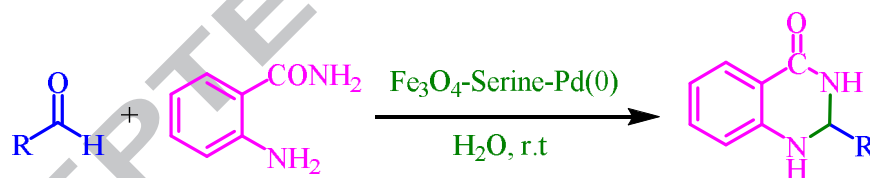


**Fig. 7.** Magnetization curves of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (a) and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) (b) at room temperature.

### 3.2. Catalytic studies

After characterizing the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0), the catalytic activity of this nanocatalyst in organic reactions such as the preparation of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-ones derivatives

(Scheme 2) and carbon–carbon bond formation using triphenyltin chloride or phenylboronic acid to obtain biphenyl derivatives (Scheme 4) was investigated. In search of the optimized reaction conditions for the synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-ones, the condensation of 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol) with 2-aminobenzamide in presence of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) as catalyst was used as a model reaction. For assessing the generality of optimized reaction condition, the effect of various parameters such as solvent and catalyst concentration was investigated for the model reaction. During optimization of solvent, among solvents tested, the best results are obtained with water based on product yield (Table 1, entries 2–4). To investigate the effect of the catalyst concentration, different amounts of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) were used (Table 1, entries 1–5). It should be mentioned that the reaction possess no desirable conversion in the absence of catalyst after 5 h (Table 1, entry 1). According to these results, 7 mg of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) seems appropriate as the optimum amount of catalyst (Table 1, entry 3). The results of optimization were summarized using designed experiments in Table 1.



**Scheme 2.** Synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-ones.

**Table 1**

Optimization of various parameters for the synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-ones by Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) <sup>a</sup>.

Entry	Solvent	Catalyst (mg)	Time (min)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	H <sub>2</sub> O	0	5h	Trace
2	H <sub>2</sub> O	8	25	97
3	H <sub>2</sub> O	7	25	96
4	H <sub>2</sub> O	6	25	88
5	H <sub>2</sub> O	5	25	81

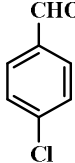
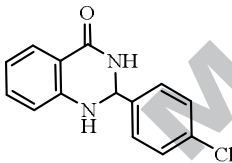
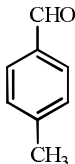
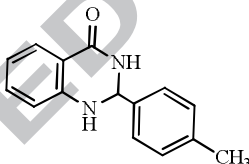
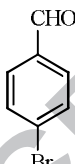
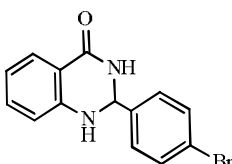
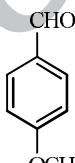
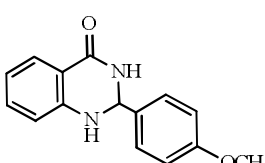
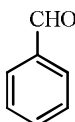
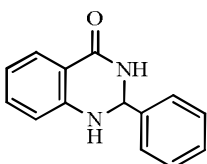
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8	PEG	7	25	89
9	DMF	7	25	61

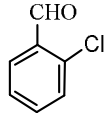
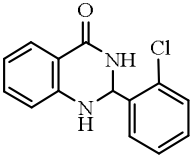
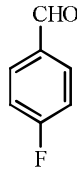
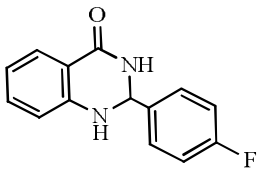
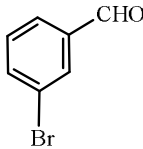
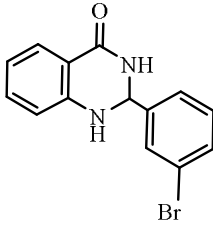
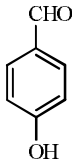
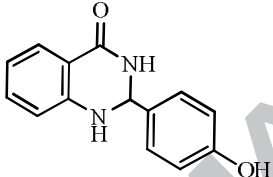
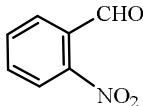
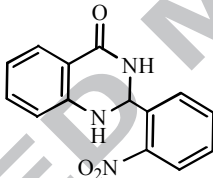
<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol) and 2-aminobenzamide (1 mmol) as a model reaction at room temperature.

<sup>b</sup> Yields refer to isolated pure product.

As shown in Table 2, under the optimized reaction conditions, different aldehydes were tested for the synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-ones to give the products in good to excellent yields.

**Table 2**  
Synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-ones catalyzed by Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0)<sup>a</sup>.

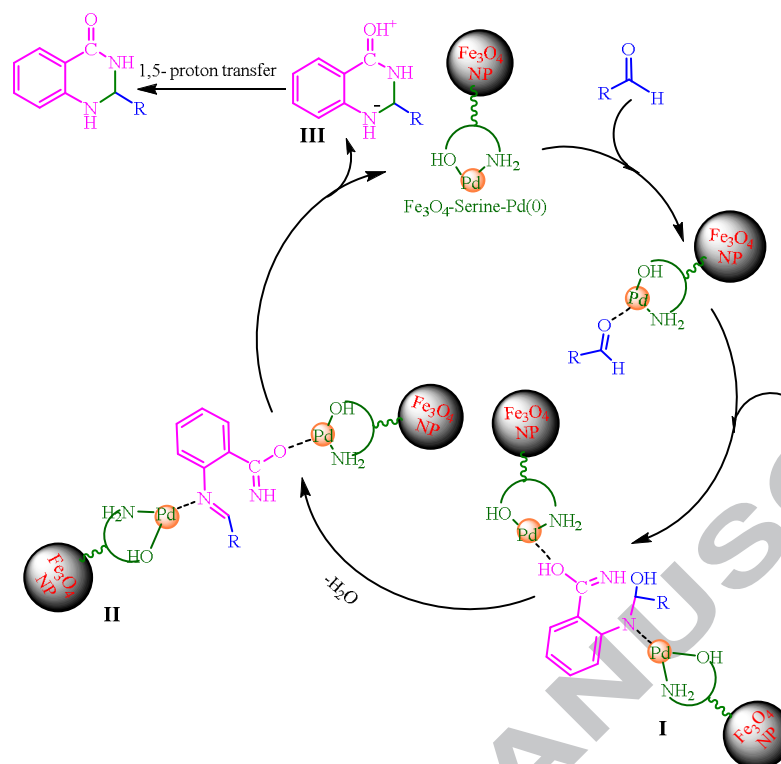
Entry	Aldehyde	Product	Time (min)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	Mp (°C) [Ref.]
1			25	96	202-204 [42]
2			50	98	228-232 [25]
3			35	93	197-200 [42]
4			55	94	190-1191 [25]
5			40	96	218-222 [43]

6			35	92	228-230 [44]
7			15	94	193-195 [42]
8			30	97	184-187 [16]
9			35	94	278-280 [43]
10			40	96	191-194 [43]

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: aldehyde (1 mmol), 2-aminobenzamide (1 mmol), catalyst (0.007 g) in H<sub>2</sub>O solvent (2 mL) at room temperature.

<sup>b</sup>Isolated yield.

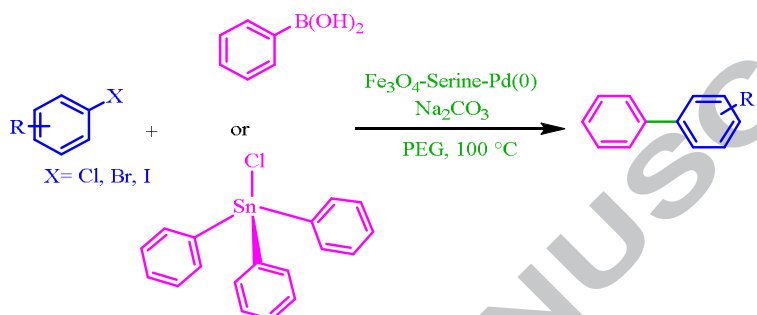
A plausible reaction mechanism for the synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-ones derivatives in the presence of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) as catalyst is shown in Scheme 3. As shown in this scheme, anhydride is activated. Then, an intermediate (I) is formed by the N-nucleophilic attacks of amine on the carbonyl. In following, the imine intermediate II is obtained. Also, after activation of imine in this intermediate by metal, intermediate III could be generated by intramolecular nucleophilic attack of the amide nitrogen on activated imine group. Finally, 1,5-proton transfer occurred to yield the final product [45].



**Scheme 3** Proposed mechanism for the synthesis of quinazolinones.

In continuation of this research work, the catalytic activity of  $Fe_3O_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) was evaluated in the synthesis of biphenyl compounds through the reaction of aryl halides with phenylboronic acid or triphenyltin chloride. In the preliminary stage of investigation, the Suzuki cross-coupling reaction was done between iodobenzene (1mmol) and phenylboronic acid (1mmol) to optimize the reaction conditions, including catalyst amount, solvent, base and temperature. Initially, our studies focused on the effects of various solvents such as DMF, PEG, EtOH, DMSO and  $H_2O$  (Table 3, entries 1–5). Finally, among the tested solvents, PEG was obtained as the best solvent based on product yield. Subsequently, we investigated the effect of various bases such as  $K_2CO_3$ ,  $Na_2CO_3$ , KOH, NaOH and  $Et_3N$  in the model reaction (Table 3, entries 6–10). Among the examined bases, the best result is obtained for  $Na_2CO_3$  as an excellent base for this reaction. The reported result in Table 3 showed that the amount of base was also important in the synthesis of biphenyls. Subsequently, we

explored the effect of the amount of catalyst to obtain the best operative experimental conditions. It should be mentioned that 0.007 g of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) catalyst and 3 mmol of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  as the base were evaluated in the selection of an optimized conditions for the C-C coupling reaction (Table 3, entries 6). The results of this investigation are summarized in Table 3.



**Scheme 4** General scheme for the Suzuki and Stille reactions catalysed by  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0).

**Table 3**

Optimization of various parameters for synthesis of biphenyl catalysed by  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0).

Entry	Solvent	Base	Time (min)	Catalyst (mg)	Base (mmol)	Temp. (°C)	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)
1	DMSO	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	7	3	80	43
2	EtOH	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	7	3	80	34
3	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	7	3	80	42
4	DMF	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	7	3	80	63
5	PEG	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	7	3	80	84
6	PEG	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	7	3	100	97
7	PEG	$\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	7	3	100	74
8	PEG	KOH	20	7	3	100	61
9	PEG	NaOH	20	7	3	100	53
10	PEG	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}$	20	7	3	100	58
11	PEG	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	6	3	100	85
12	PEG	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	5	3	100	80
13	PEG	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	8	3	100	98
14	PEG	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	7	2	100	86
15	PEG	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	20	7	4	100	98
16	PEG	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	24 h	-	3	100	N.R

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yield.

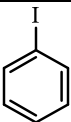
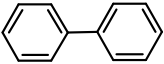
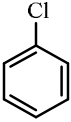
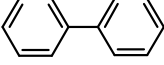
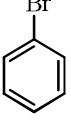
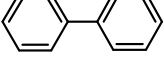
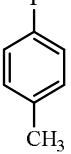
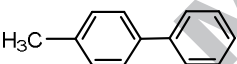
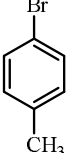
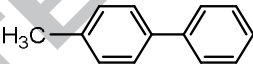

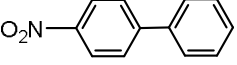
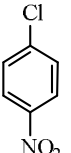
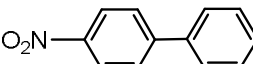
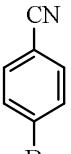
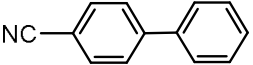
In continuation of this work on the applications of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0), we also explored the catalytic activity of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) for the Suzuki cross-coupling reaction of

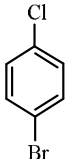
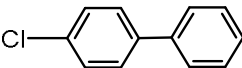
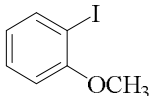
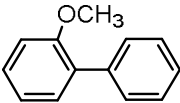
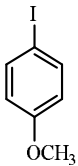
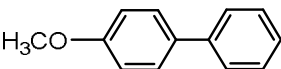
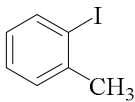
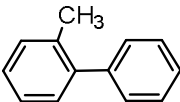
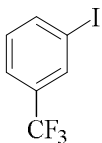
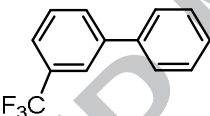


phenylboronic acid with a wide range of aryl halides under the optimized reaction condition in high to excellent yields in a short reaction time. The results are summarized in Table 4.

**Table 4**

C–C coupling of aryl halides with phenylboronic acid in the presence of Pd Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) <sup>a</sup>.

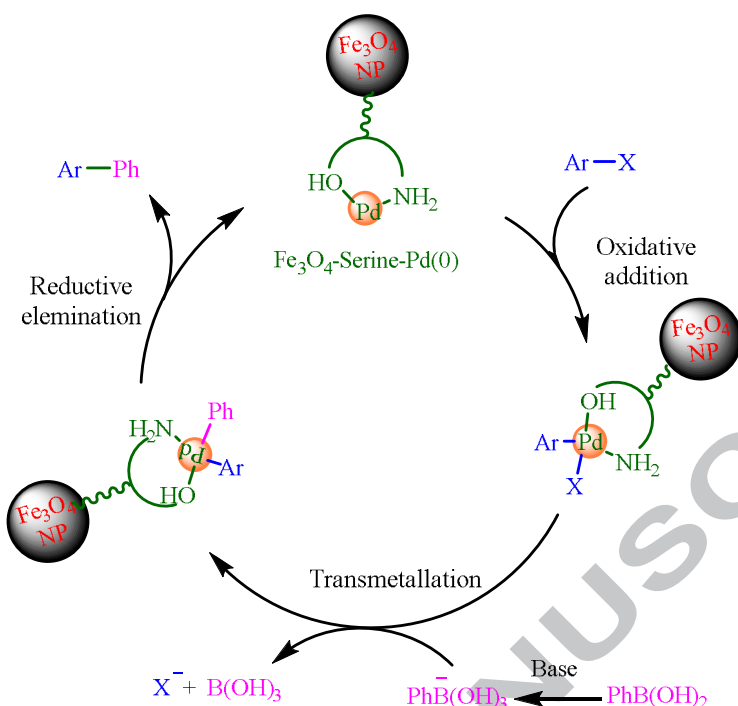
Entry	Aldehyde	Product	Time (min)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	Mp (°C) [Ref.]
1			20	98	66-69 [18]
2			95	94	68-71 [18]
3			40	96	69 [18]
4			15	93	45 [46]
5			30	98	46-48[46]
6			60	97	113-116[46]
7			75	96	115-118 [18]
8			90	93	78-81 [46]

9			70	95	78 [46]
10			90	96	Oil [43]
11			100	92	84–86 [46]
12			120	97	Oil [43]
13			30	97	Oil [43]

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: iodobenzene (1 mmol), phenylboronic acid (1 mmol), base (3 mmol), Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) (0.007 g), solvent (2 mL) at 110 °C.

<sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

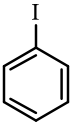
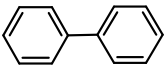
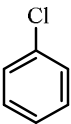
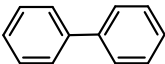
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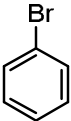
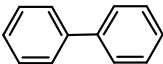
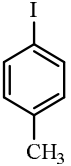
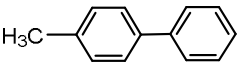
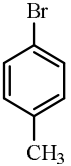
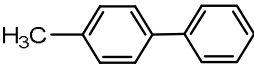
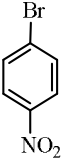
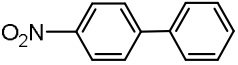
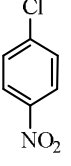
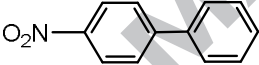
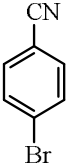
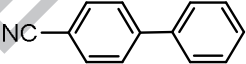

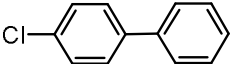
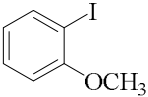
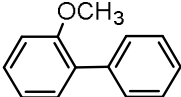


**Scheme 5** Mechanism of the palladium-catalyzed Suzuki reaction.

Also in order to investigate the behavior of the catalyst in the Stille reaction, under the optimized reaction condition, the biphenyl compounds were successfully synthesized through the reaction of the different aryl halides with triphenyltin chloride in high to excellent yields in a short reaction time. The results are shown in Table 5.

**Table 5**  
C–C coupling of aryl halides with phenylboronic acid in the presence of Pd-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0)<sup>a</sup>.

Entry	Aldehyde	Product	Time (min)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	Mp (°C) [Ref.]
1			35	95	68 [18]
2			110	93	66-69 [18]

3			45	94	71 [18]
4			30	98	45-48 [46]
5			45	96	47 [46]
6			65	96	110-112 [18]
7			80	97	113-115 [46]
8			85	98	80-83 [46]
9			60	93	76-79 [46]
10			80	92	Oil [43]

11			90	94	85–87 [46]
12			110	98	Oil [43]
13			45	93	Oil [43]

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: iodobenzene (1 mmol), triphenyltin chloride (0.5 mmol), base (3 mmol), Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) (0.007 g), solvent (2 mL) at 110 °C.

<sup>b</sup>Isolated yield.

In order to examine the efficiency of the procedures presented, we compared the results of synthesis of 2-Phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (entries 1-9) and Suzuki reaction (entries 10-14) in the presence of new catalyst with previously reported catalysts in the literature. The results of this comparison indicated shorter reaction time and higher yield of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) catalyst than the well-known catalyst from the literature. Noticeably, the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) catalyst is superior in terms of stability, commercially available materials, ease of operation and easy separation than the previously reported ones.

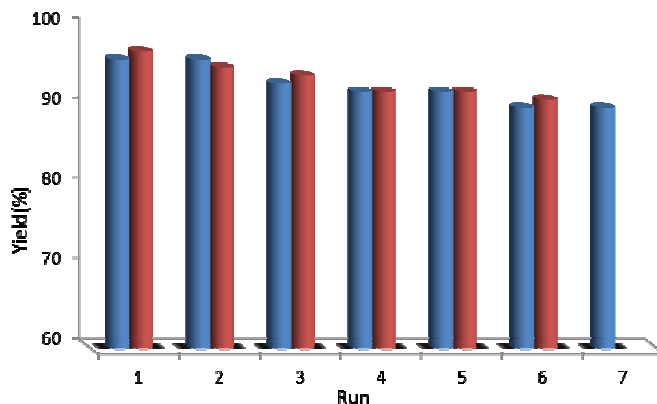
**Table 6** Comparison of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) catalyst with reported catalysts for Suzuki reaction and synthesis of 2-Phenyl-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one.

Entry	Catalyst	Substrate	Time (min)	Condition	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	GSA@MNPs	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	50	Ethanol, reflux	87 [48]
2	2-(N-Morpholino)ethanesulfo	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	180	Ethanol, 60°C	89 [49]

		nic acid			
3	[Bmim]PF <sub>6</sub>	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	40	Ionic liquid, 75 °C	90 [50]
4	Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	120	EtOH, r.t	94 [51]
5	Boehmite-SSA	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	50	EtOH, 80 °C	98 [52]
6	PdCl <sub>2</sub>	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	270	THF, reflux	86 [53]
7	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -SA-PPCA	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	110	EtOH, 50 °C	91 [25]
8	CuCl <sub>2</sub> /Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -TEDETA	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	60	EtOH, reflux	95 [20]
9	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -Serine-Pd(0)	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	25	H <sub>2</sub> O, r.t	96 [this work]
10	PANI-Pd	Iodobenzene	240	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , 1,4-dioxane– H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1), 95°C	91 [54]
11	Pd-MPTAT-1	Iodobenzene	480	NaOH, DMF–H <sub>2</sub> O (1:5), 85°C	95 [55]
12	Pd NPs	Iodobenzene	720	H <sub>2</sub> O, KOH, 100°C	95 [56]
13	NHC–Pd(II) complex	Iodobenzene	720	THF, Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , 80°C	88 [57]
14	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -Serine-Pd(0)	Iodobenzene	20	PEG, Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , 100,	98 [this work]

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yields.

To investigate the activity constancy of the catalyst, catalytic reusability of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-Serine-Pd(0) was investigated for Suzuki reaction and synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one under the optimized reaction conditions in the model reaction (Fig.8). In this procedure, the catalyst successfully reused several continuous cycles without noticeable change in its catalytic activity, which clearly demonstrates the practical recyclability of this catalyst. After completion of the reaction, the catalyst was magnetically recovered, washed with ethyl acetate several times and dried at 60 °C and reused for the next run. The weight loss of catalyst in the operation for recovery and/or deactivation of the catalyst may have led to decrease in the product yield.



**Fig. 8** Reusability of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -Serine-Pd(0) in the synthesis of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one (blue column) and 4-nitro-1,1-biphenyl (red column).

#### 4. Conclusions

In summary, a magnetically recoverable palladium catalyst was prepared by simple and versatile procedure as a novel catalyst and characterized using several techniques such as FTIR, XRD, SEM, EDX, ICP-OES, TEM, VSM and TGA, and then investigated its catalytic performance in Suzuki and Stille reactions and synthesis of 2,3-dihydroquinazolin-4(1H)-one derivatives. In these reactions, this nanohybrid compound represents the attractive features including high yield, operational simplicity, short reaction time, environmental friendliness, and recyclability of the magnetic catalyst, as well as the ability to tolerate a wide variety of substitutions in the reagents.

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