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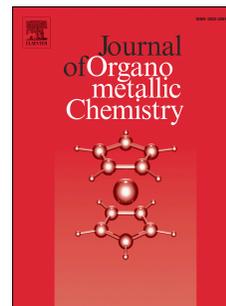
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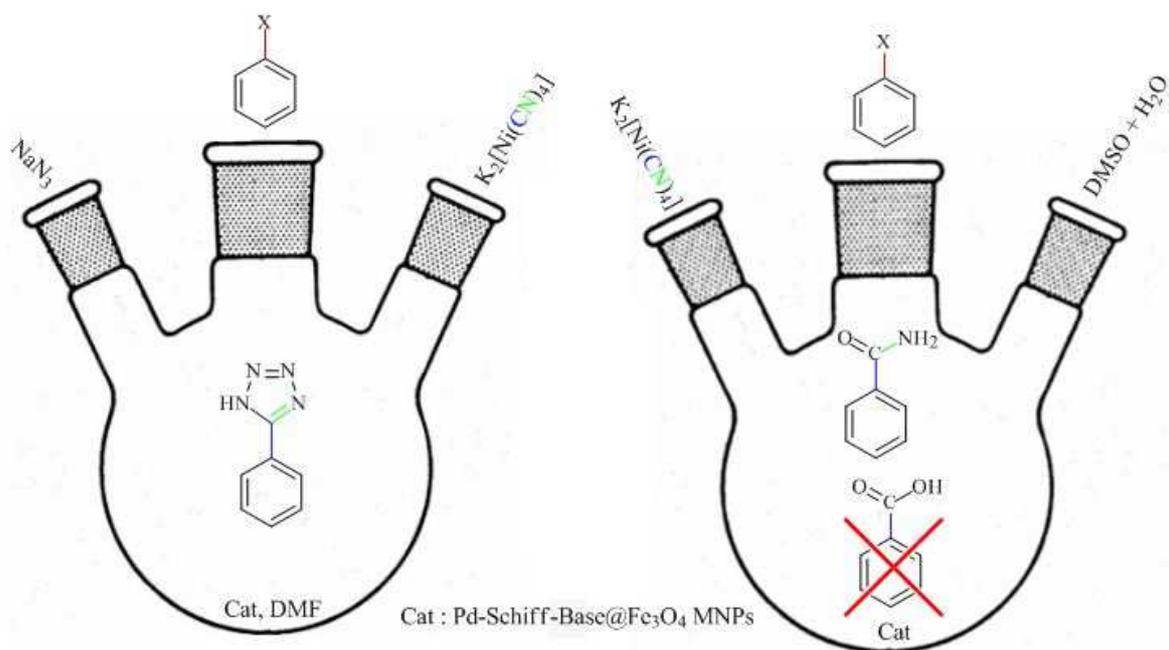
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### Abstract

A novel method for the one-pot synthesis of 5-substituted 1-*H* tetrazole and Benzamide from arylhalide containing *in situ* CN insertion from inorganic salt source was accomplished in presence of a new magnetically catalyst, palladium on surface-modified Schiff-Base complex. K<sub>2</sub>[Ni(CN)<sub>4</sub>] plays a role of nontoxic inorganic cyanide source in arylhalide Nucleophilic substitution. The synthesized Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs was characterized by various techniques such as FT-IR, TGA, SEM, VSM, XRD, TEM, ICP-AES, EDX, BET and XPS. The nano structure catalyst was easily recovered by external magnetic field and reused several times without noticeable loss of its catalytic activity. Leaching study of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs shows palladium strong bonded to different active parts of catalyst surface. Heterogeneity of this catalyst has been examined using hot filtration and ICP-AES techniques.

### Introduction

Cascade reactions have fascinated organic chemists due to their roles in providing the pathways for design the specific targeted molecules of considerable structural and stereochemical complexity poses a significant intellectual challenge and can be one of the most impressive activities in natural product synthesis [1]. High atom economy, economies of labor, time, resource management and waste generated are other undeniable advantages of cascade reactions [2]. As well as, study of cascade reactions is an evergreen field in the branch of organic chemistry due to only a single reaction solvent, workup procedure and purification step.

There are a small number of submitted methods for the synthesis of amides. The reaction of between aldehyde, ammonia and hydrogen peroxide in order the synthesis of Benzamide was reported [3]. Using hydroxylamine source is the other pathway for the synthesis of amides [4].

Tetrazoles are an important class of heterocyclic compounds which attracted significant attention due to the broad spectrum of application in organic synthesis field such as drug design,[5] carboxylic acid surrogates, lipophilic spacers,[6], antihypertensive,[7] anti-allergic,[8] antibiotic,[9] anti-diabetic,[10] anti-arrhythmic,[11] anti-inflammatory, anti-neoplastic and antiviral.[12, 13]

The conventional method for the synthesis of 5-substituted 1-*H* tetrazole is based on [3+2] cycloaddition of various nitriles with sodium azide [14, 15]. trimethylsilylazide[16], hydrozoic acid[17] and etc. [18-20] are other azide sources. Also, a plethora of catalysts which have been introduced for this type of reaction such as BF<sub>3</sub>.OEt,<sup>[21]</sup> AlCl<sub>3</sub>,<sup>[22]</sup> Cu<sub>2</sub>O,<sup>[23]</sup> ZnO,<sup>[24]</sup> clay,<sup>[25]</sup>



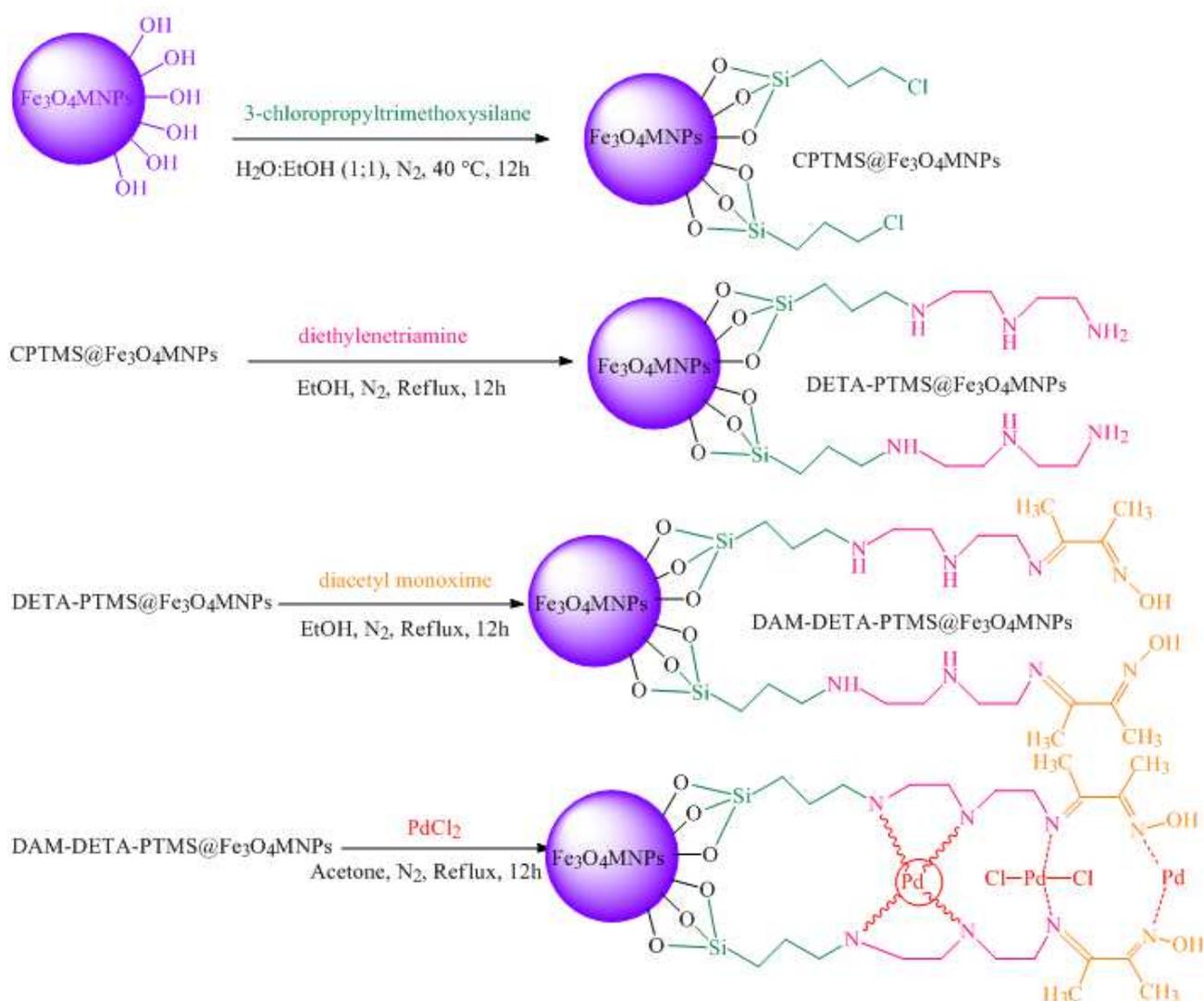
$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  on a Bruker AC AV ANCEPDX (400&500) spectrometer. Infrared (IR) spectra of the catalysts and reaction products were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR Equinax-55 single beam spectrophotometer. SEM image was recorded using VEGA3 TESCAN. Transmittance electron microscopy (TEM) image was performed with Ziess-EM10C at 10KV. XRD pattern was recorded on a panalytical, X'Pert Pro. Amount of palladium carried out with an Analytik Jena nova 300 (model 330, German) atomic absorption spectrometer utilizing an air-acetylene flame atomizer. The thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curve is recorded using STA504-germany –BAHR (Ar, up to  $1000^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $10^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ ). The specific surface area (BET method), the total pore volume and the mean pore diameter (BJH method) were measured using a  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherm by using a PHS-1020(PHSCHINA) instrument.

#### ***Preparation of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ magnetic nanoparticles***

$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  magnetic nanoparticles was prepared by co-precipitation technique [55]. In a typical procedure,  $\text{FeCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.99 g, 10 mmol) and  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5.41 g, 20 mmol) were dissolved in Distillated water (30 mL). The solution was heated to  $60^\circ\text{C}$  under nitrogen while being stirred by a mechanical stirrer about 30 min, followed by the slow addition of 25% ammonia solution (35 mL). The mixture was stirred for 30 min. After that, the reaction mixture was cooled then precipitate was separated by external magnet and washed with deionized water ( $3 \times 100$  mL). The gel was dried at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  in an oven for 2 h. (abbreviated as  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  MNPs)

#### ***Preparation of Schiff-Base complex of Pd on $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ MNPs surface***

The Schiff-Base complex of Palladium supported on  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  MNPs was prepared as follows. In order to prepare  $\text{CPTMS}@Fe_3O_4$  MNPs, 1g of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  MNPs was dispersed in 50 mL ethanol/water (1:1) solution under ultrasonic irradiation for 60 min. afterward, 1.5 ml of 3-chloropropyltrimethoxysilane (CPTMS) was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred using mechanical stirring under nitrogen atmosphere at  $40^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h. the precipitated was recovered through magnetically separation, washed with ethanol and dried at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  in an oven for 2 h. then the resulting solid ( $\text{CPTMS}@Fe_3O_4$  MNPs) was refluxed with 1g of diethylenetriamine (DETA) in ethanol for 12h under nitrogen atmosphere. After this period of time, the reaction mixture was cooled, separated by magnetic decantation, washed with ethanol and dried at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  in an oven for 2 h. (abbreviated as  $\text{DETA-PTMS}@Fe_3O_4$  MNPs). In order to prepare  $\text{DAM-DETA-PTMS}@Fe_3O_4$ , 0.5g of diacetyl monoxime was refluxed with  $\text{DETA-PTMS}@Fe_3O_4$  in ethanol for overnight under nitrogen atmosphere. The solid product ( $\text{DAM-DETA-PTMS}@Fe_3O_4$  MNPs), was obtained by magnetically separation, then washed with ethanol and dried by mentioned method. Finally, for preparation of Pd-Schiff-Base@ $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  MNPs, 210 mg of  $\text{PdCl}_2$  dissolved in 70 mL of pure acetone and refluxed with the complex prepared at before step ( $\text{DAM-DETA-PTMS}@Fe_3O_4$ ) in ethanol for overnight under nitrogen atmosphere. The Schiff-Base complex of palladium was separated by external magnet and dried under vacuum at  $60^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Scheme 2.** Synthesis structural of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs

#### **General procedure for synthesis of 5-substituted 1-H tetrazoles**

A mixture of halobenzene (1 mmol), Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (3 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>[Ni(CN)<sub>4</sub>] (120.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), NaN<sub>3</sub> (3 mmol), DMF (2mL) and Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs (8 mg) was taken in 5 mL round bottomed flask and heated at 110 °C. After completion of reaction (monitored by TLC), the catalyst was separated from reaction mixture by an external magnet. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and residue was dissolved in water (5mL) and acidified with HCl, then a white solid was obtained.

#### **General procedure for synthesis of Benzamide**

A mixture of halobenzene (1 mmol), Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (3 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>[Ni(CN)<sub>4</sub>] (120.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), DMSO (1.4 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (0.6 mL) and Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs (5 mg) was taken in 5 mL round bottomed

flask and heated at 100 °C. After completion of reaction (monitored by TLC), the catalyst was separated from reaction mixture by an external magnet. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude product was recrystallized in EtOH to give pure Benzamide.

**Physical and spectroscopic data for selected of 5-substituted 1-H tetrazole derivatives**

5-phenyl-1H-tetrazole (3a):

FT-IR (KBr);  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3467, 3083, 3046, 2981, 2918, 2848, 2768, 2698, 2612, 2577, 2475, 1890, 1614, 1570, 1505, 1434, 1404, 1285, 1258, 1187, 1164, 1125, 1086, 1054, 1027, 991, 823, 744, 711, 698, 615, 506, 486, 475, 457, 440, 420. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.61 (d, 3H, *J* = 7 Hz, ArH), 8.10 (m, 2H, *J* = 7 Hz, ArH) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 124.9, 127.8, 130.3, 132.1, 156.1

5-(3-Nitrophenyl)-1H-tetrazole (3c):

FT-IR (KBr);  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3101, 3079, 2998, 2909, 2862, 2695, 2608, 2483, 1988, 1931, 1796, 1754, 1627, 1588, 1531, 1479, 1409, 1348, 1307, 1278, 1251, 1176, 1163, 1090, 1059, 1033, 992, 916, 870, 817, 765, 738, 726, 709, 677, 655, 551, 523, 445, 424. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.79 (t, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz, ArH), 8.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz, ArH), 8.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz, ArH), 8.10 (s, 1H, ArH) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 122.2, 126.3, 126.9, 131.9, 133.8, 149.0, 157.7

2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl) phenol (3f):

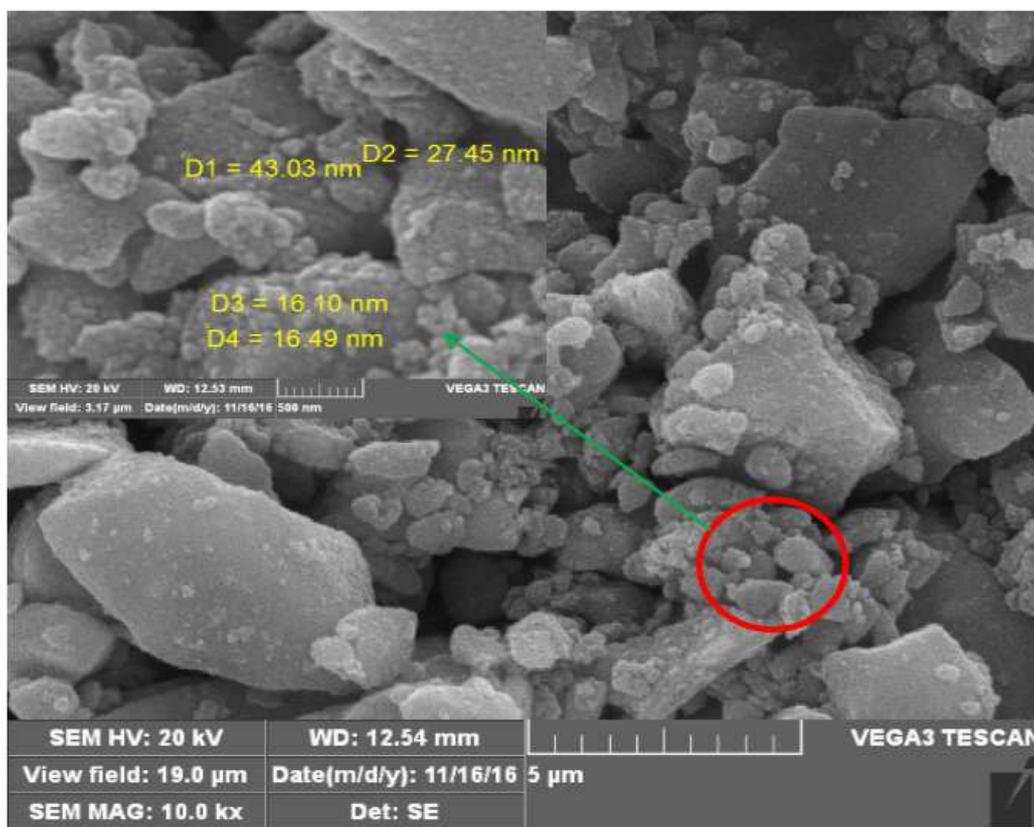
FT-IR (KBr);  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3096, 1597, 1526, 1472, 1449, 1375, 1344, 1287, 1255, 1233, 1205, 1160, 1143, 1096, 1059, 987, 911, 829, 762, 743, 716, 695, 668, 526, 466. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.13 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, ArH), 7.2 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, ArH), 7.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, ArH), 7.51 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, ArH), 7.92 (s, 1H, OH) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 111.4, 117.2, 120.6, 129.9, 133.5, 152.7, 156.2

**Physical and spectroscopic data for Benzamide**

FT-IR (KBr);  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3293, 3216, 3085, 2966, 1698, 1617, 1529, 1484, 1381, 1342, 1308, 1283, 1235, 1217, 1172, 1145, 1106, 1071, 1033, 1001, 975, 756, 535. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 5.91 (bs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.44-7.58 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.8-7.84 (m, 2H, ArH). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) = 127.3, 128.5, 132, 133.5, 169.5.

**Result and discussion**

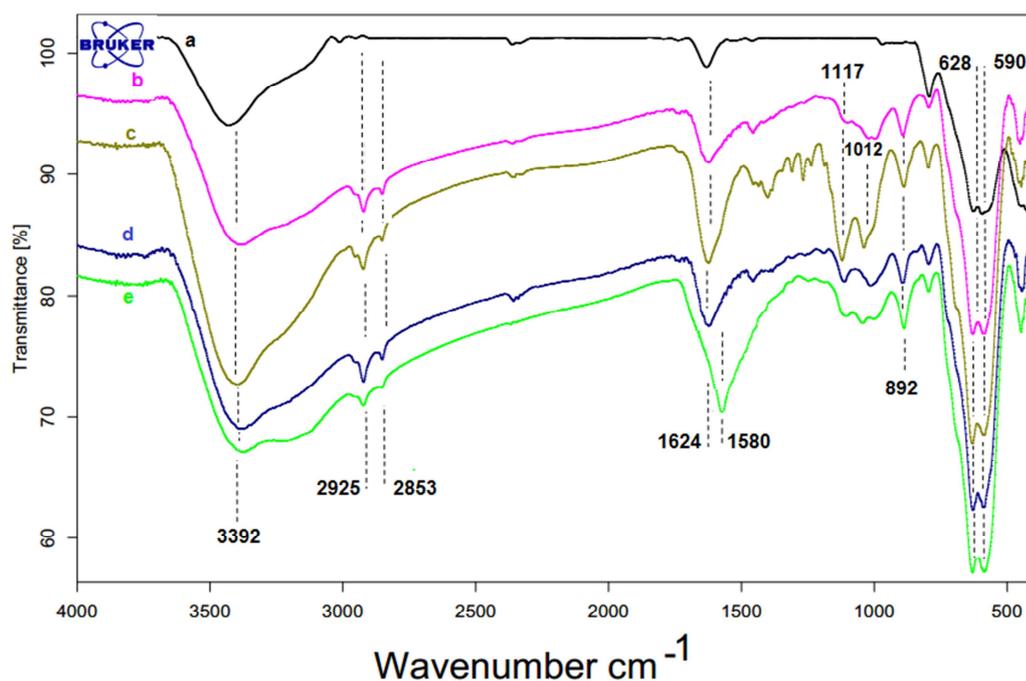
The morphology of the Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs was studied by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) (Fig. 1). The SEM image shows the average size of particles, roughly 25nm.



**Fig. 1 SEM image of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs**

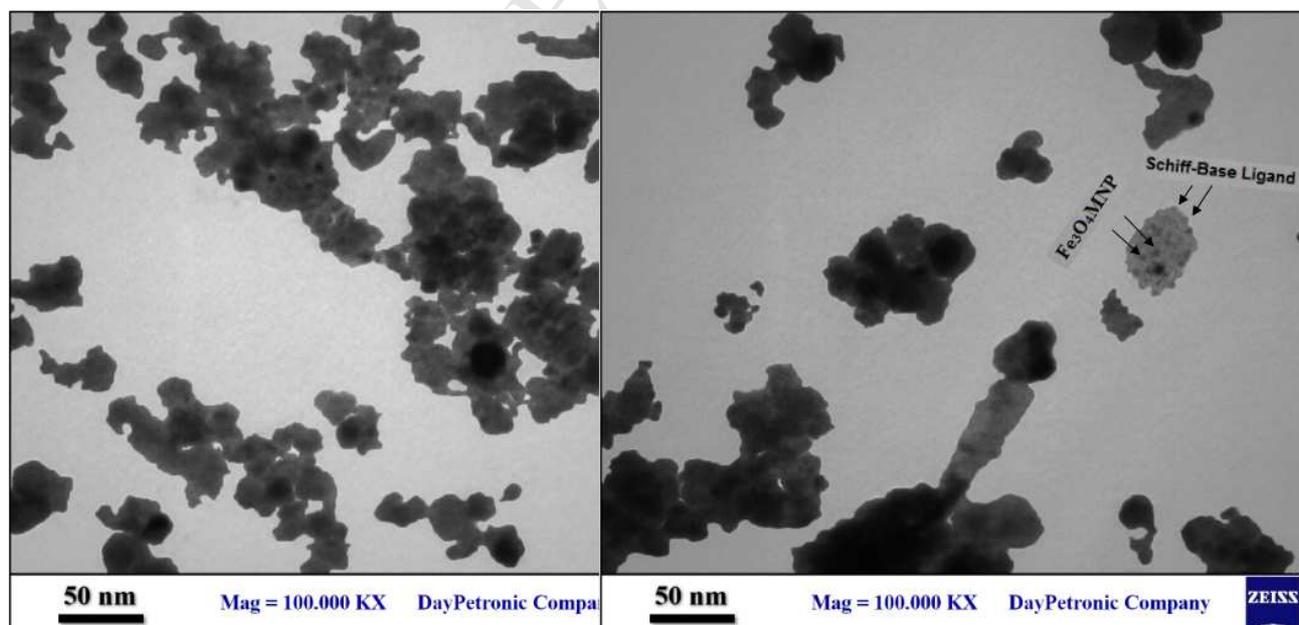
FT-IR spectra of bare Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs, CPTMS@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs, DETA-PTMS@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs, DAM-DETA-PTMS@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs and Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs are shown in Fig. 2. The FT-IR spectrum of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs (2a) exhibits characteristic peaks at 590 and 628 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to Fe-O band in tetrahedral sites of bare magnetic nanoparticles [56] and the broad band at 3392 cm<sup>-1</sup> which is assigned to asymmetric and symmetric stretching vibrations of -OH band of surface of magnetic nanoparticles. Also a peak appears at 1624 cm<sup>-1</sup> is assigned to the bending vibration of OH band or stretching vibrational mode of an adsorbed water layer [57]. In the FT-IR spectrum of CPTMS@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs (2b), the presence of the anchored Cl-propyl group is confirmed by C-H stretching vibrations that appear at 2853 and 2925 cm<sup>-1</sup>, the peak at 892 cm<sup>-1</sup> which is attributed to Fe-O-Si stretching vibration. The existence of the characteristic C-N stretching at 1012 and 1117 cm<sup>-1</sup> on DETA-PTMS@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs (2c), are evidences to confirm the formation of desired ligand [58]. A peak at 1624 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the spectrum of DAM-DETA-PTMS@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs (2d), is due to C=N bond formation.

In the spectrum of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs (2e), C=N bond absorption shifts to lower frequency, 1580 cm<sup>-1</sup>, in comparing of C=N bond absorption in spectrum of DAM-DETA-PTMS@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs (2d) and it's due to successful bond formation between palladium and C=N bonds.



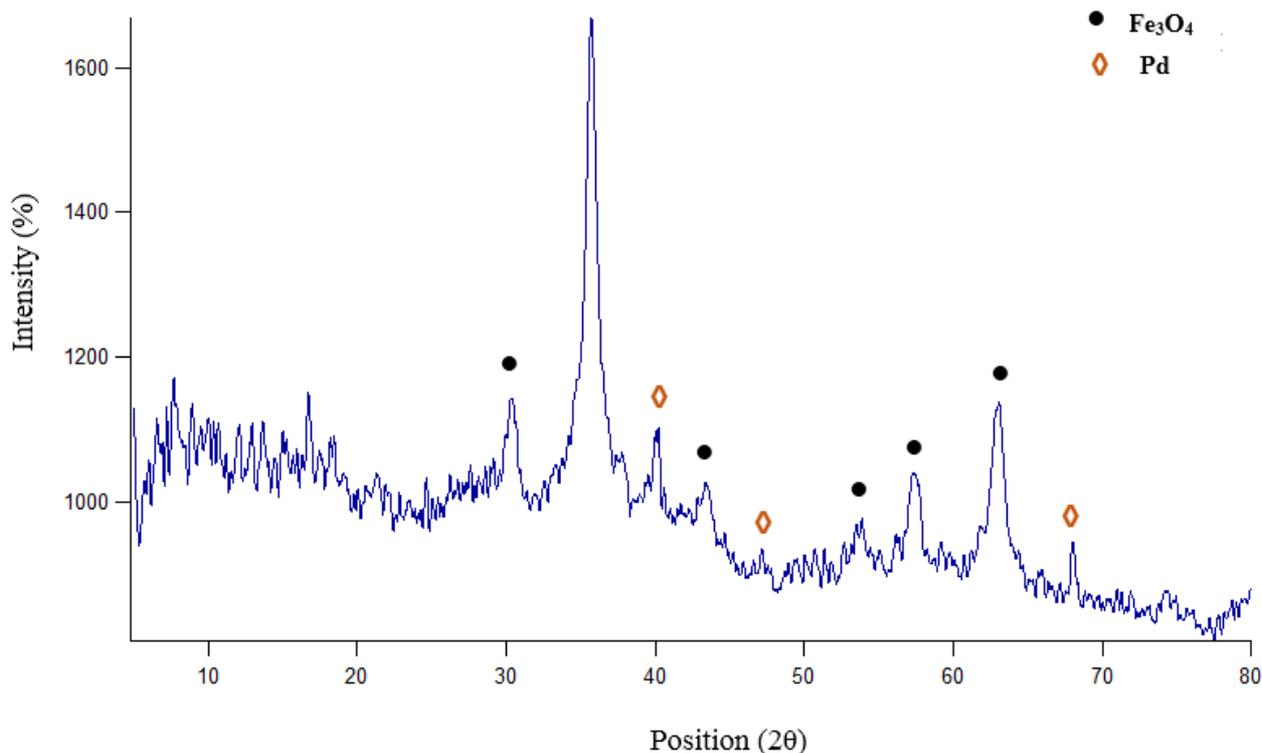
**Fig. 2.** FT-IR spectra of bare  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{MNPs}$  (a),  $\text{CPTMS@Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{MNPs}$  (b),  $\text{DETA-PTMS@Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{MNPs}$  (c),  $\text{DAM-DETA-PTMS@Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{MNPs}$  (d) and  $\text{Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{MNPs}$  (e)

TEM micrographs of synthesized catalyst ( $\text{Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{MNPs}$ ) are given in Fig. 3. Generally, nanoparticles have spherical morphology and their sizes are varying ranges and summarized in Fig.8.



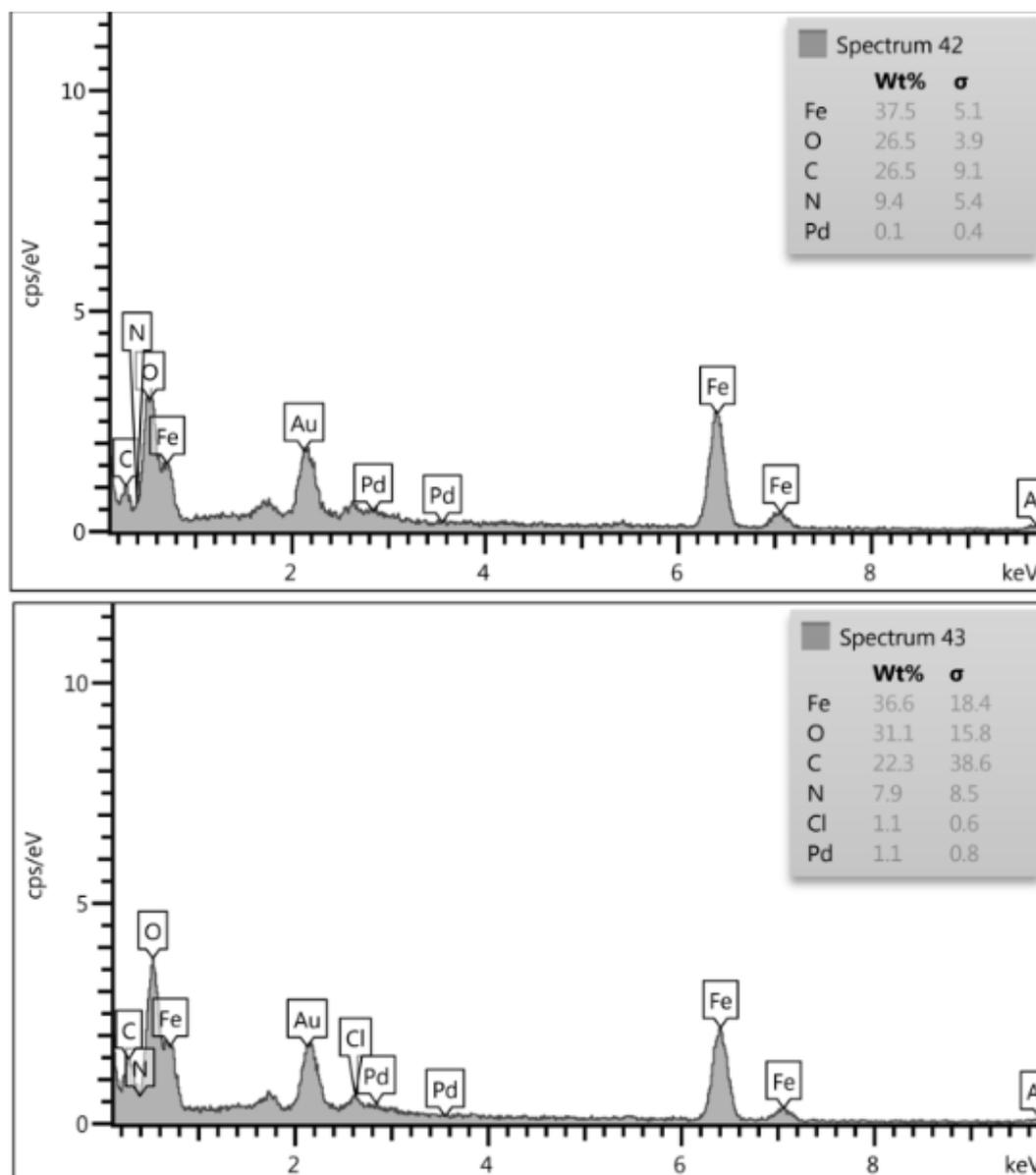
**Fig. 3** TEM images of  $\text{Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe}_3\text{O}_4\text{MNPs}$

In order to formation of crystal phase in Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs X-Ray Diffraction pattern (XRD) was performed (Fig.4). As shown in Fig.4, the iron oxide phase was identified by peak positions at 30.3° (220), 35.67° (311), 43.39° (400), 53.66° (422), 57.34° (511) and 62.93° (440) agreement with the standard magnetite XRD pattern[59] and also peaks at 40.21°, 47.15° and 68.01° confirm the presence of palladium specie[60, 61].



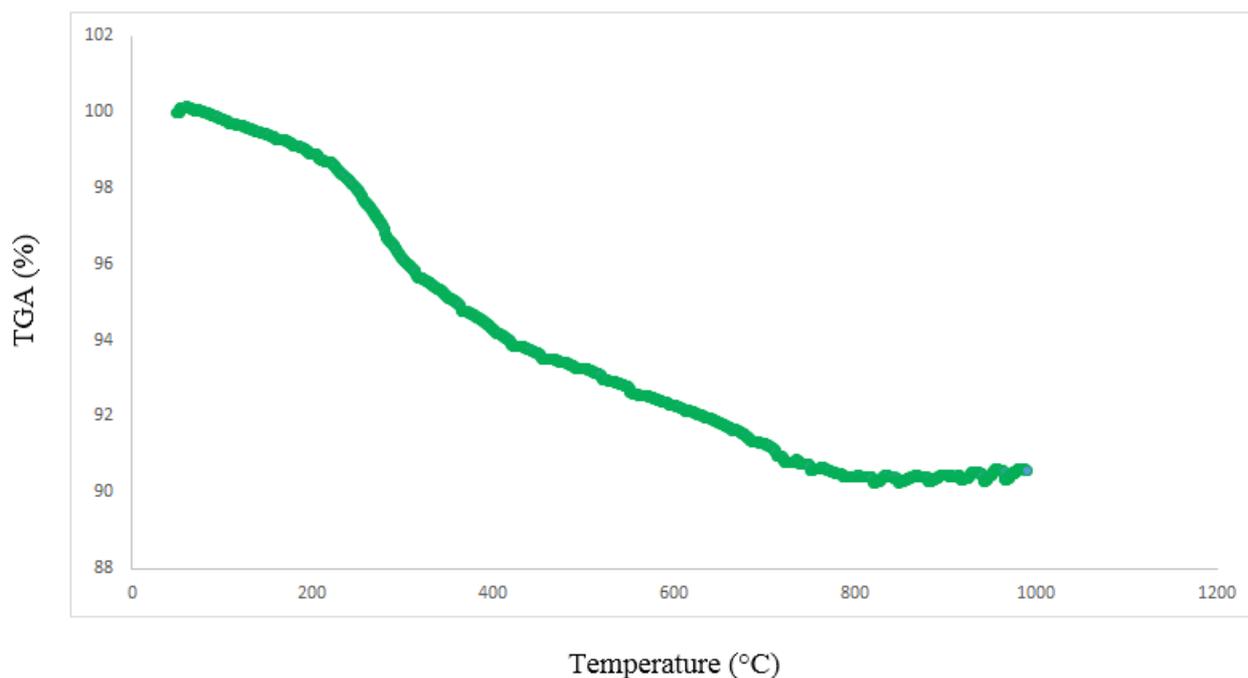
**Fig. 4. XRD pattern of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs**

The EDX spectra of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs are shown in Fig. 5. EDX spectra at different points of the images confirm the presence of Pd in the catalyst and it is attribute atomic absorption spectroscopy. Fig. 5, confirms the presence of C, N, O, Fe, Cl and Pd species. Also for more studied, we have determined the exact amount of palladium on catalyst support by ICP-AES (Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectroscopy) technique. The palladium amount of immobilized catalyst on Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs was found  $1.92 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol g}^{-1}$ .



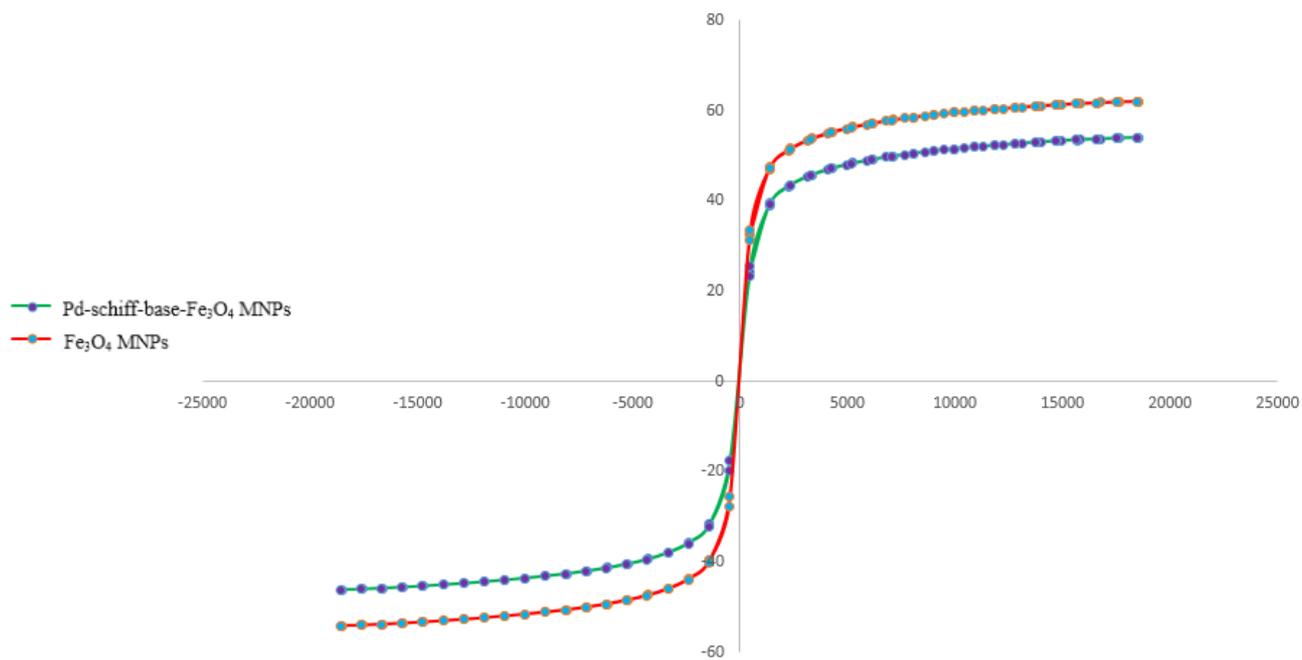
**Fig. 5 EDX spectra of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs**

TGA is an efficient and fascinating technique to investigate the thermal stability of immobilized catalyst relative to that of magnetic nanoparticles. Also the bond formation between magnetite nanoparticles and catalyst can be as well interpreted and verified by TGA. The TGA curve of the Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs shows the mass loss of the organic functional groups as it decomposes upon heating. As shown in Fig. 6 the TGA curve of the Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs shows small amount of weight loss below 250 °C is due to desorption of physically adsorbed solvents and surface hydroxyl groups. Furthermore a weight loss about of 5% from 250 to 700°C, resulting from the decomposition of immobilized organic spaces on Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs surface.

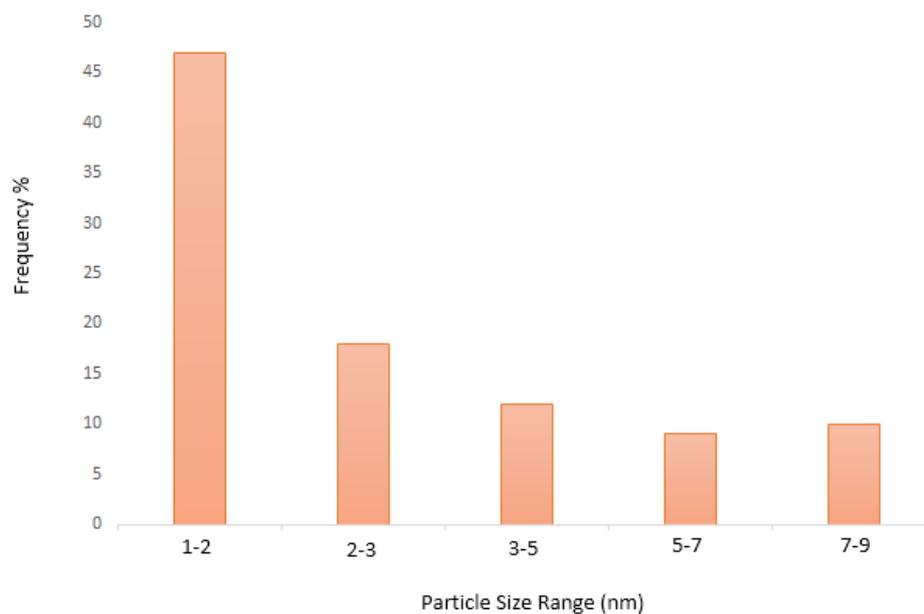


**Fig. 6 TGA curve of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs**

Superparamagnetic particles are beneficial for magnetic separation, the magnetic property of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs and Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs were characterized by VSM. As shown in Fig.7, VSM measurement for Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs shows the saturation magnetization ( $M_s$ ) is 62.10 emu g<sup>-1</sup>, while  $M_s$  of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs is decreased to 54.04 due to the anchored palladium complex.



**Fig. 7** magnetization curves for Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs and Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs



**Fig. 8.** Particle range size of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs

The magnetic separation ability is further studied in reaction media through a separation process by placing an external magnet near the reaction mixture vessel. The Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs were attracted towards the external magnet in 5 seconds (Fig. 9).



**Fig. 9. Photograph of the aqueous solution A, with dispersed Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs and B after 5 second applied magnetic field**

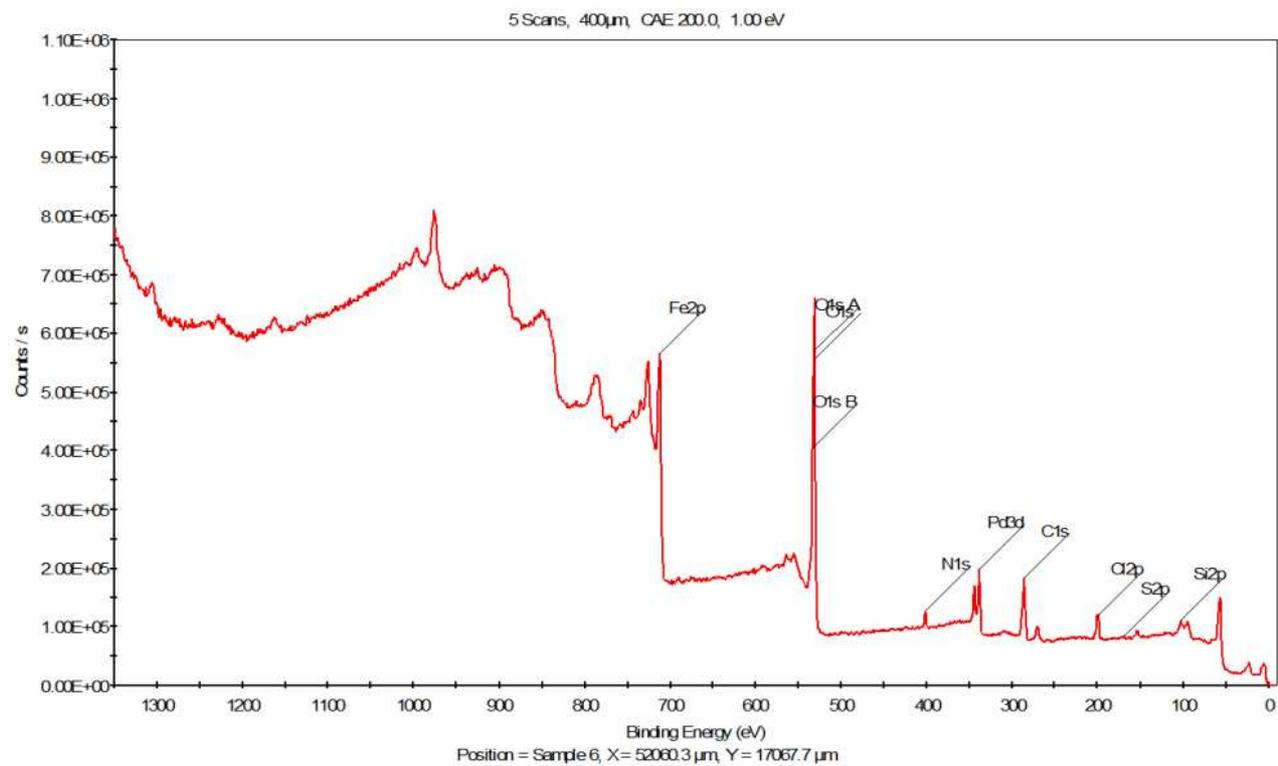
Figs. 10-15 show the XPS elemental survey scans of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs. As shown in Fig.10, the peaks corresponding to palladium, carbon, nitrogen, chlorine oxygen, iron and silicon clearly observed.

Fig. 11, displays the iron binding energy of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs. This spectrum exhibits two major peaks centered at 711 and 724.3 eV, which are assigned to Fe 2P<sub>3/2</sub> and Fe 2P<sub>1/2</sub> for Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, respectively [62-65]. Also a satellite peak at 719.8 eV is corresponding to Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions in  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [66]. It may be due to partial oxidation of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs.

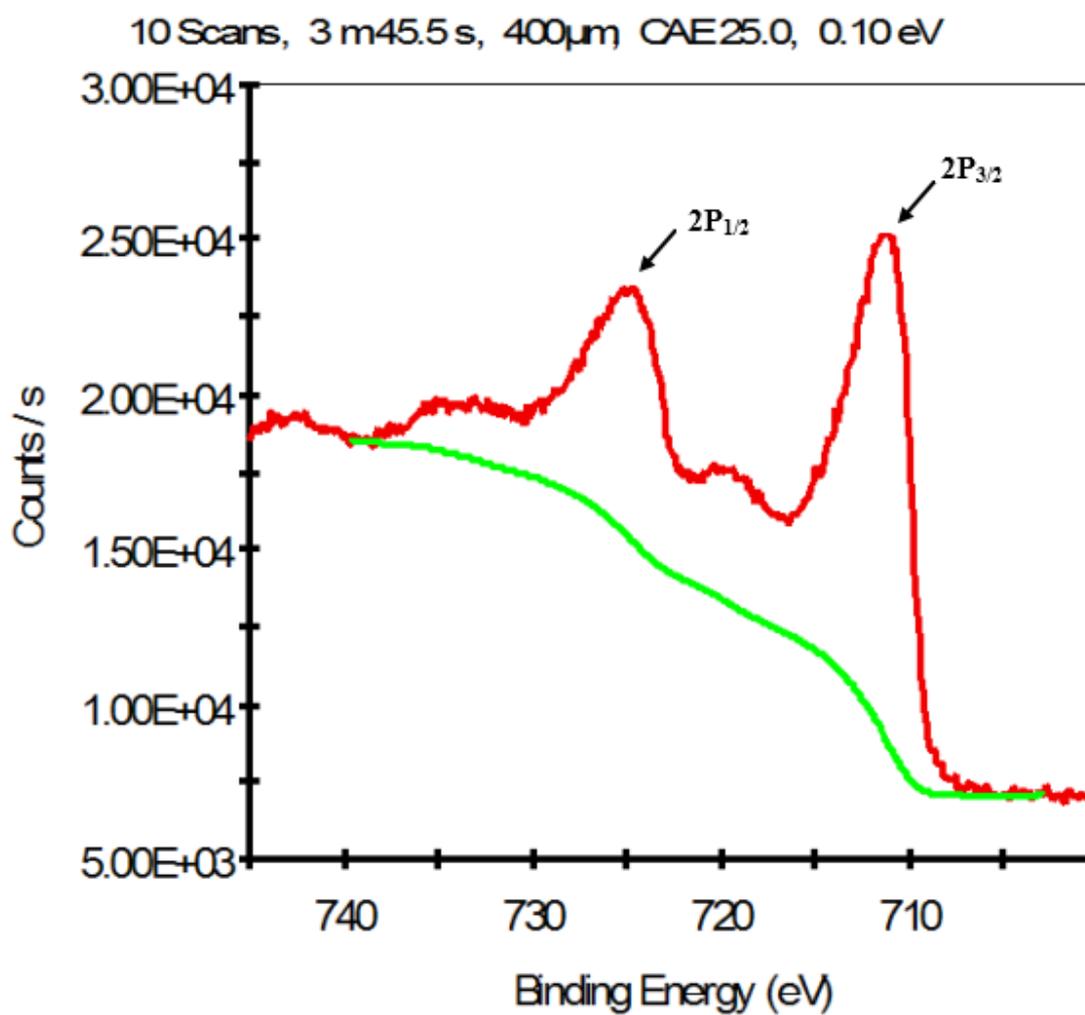
In order to determine the Fe<sup>3+</sup>/Fe<sup>2+</sup> ratio, deconvolution of Fe 2P<sub>1/2</sub> and Fe 2P<sub>3/2</sub> peaks accomplished (Fig. 12). The Fe<sup>3+</sup>/Fe<sup>2+</sup> ratio equaled 1.8 based area under curves [67]. This value is acceptable in comparison with experimental part.

In order to study of types of carbon covalent bonds, deconvolution of C 1s accomplished. As shown in Fig.13, three peaks at 285, 286.7 and 288.9 eV are corresponding carbon-carbon single bond (C-C), carbon-nitrogen double bond (C=N) and carbon-nitrogen single bond (C-N), respectively [68-70]. Also, as shown in Fig. 14, the peaks at 389.5, 400.6 and 403 eV reflect the bonding structure of carbon-nitrogen double bond (C=N), carbon-nitrogen single bond (C-N) and nitrogen-oxygen single bond (N-O), respectively [70, 71].

Fig. 15, shows the palladium binding energy of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs. This spectrum exhibits two prominent peaks at 338.3 and 343.5 eV, readily assigned to Pd 3d<sub>3/2</sub> and Pd 3d<sub>5/2</sub>, respectively [72, 73].



**Fig.10 full XPS spectrum of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs**



Position = Sample 6, X = 52060.3  $\mu$ m, Y = 17067.7  $\mu$ m

Fig. 11 XPS spectrum of Fe 2P of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs

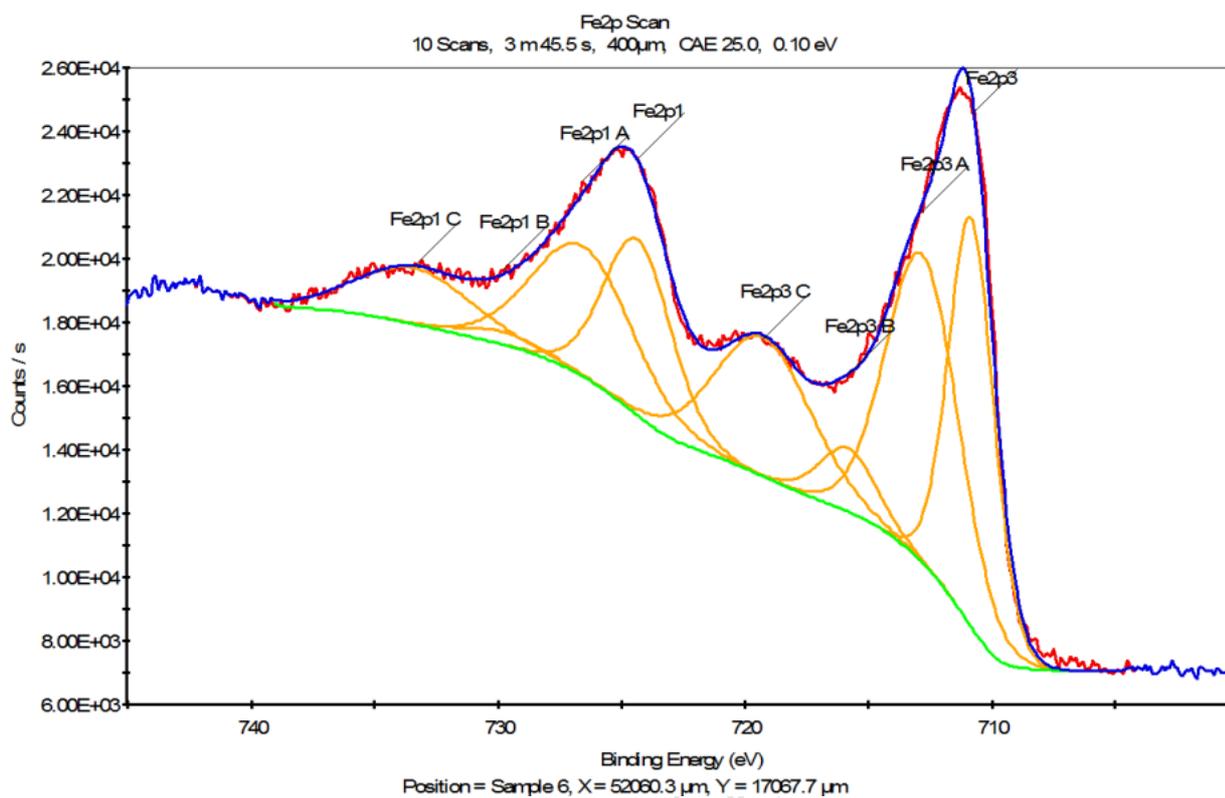


Fig. 12 deconvoluted XPS spectrum of Fe 2P of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs

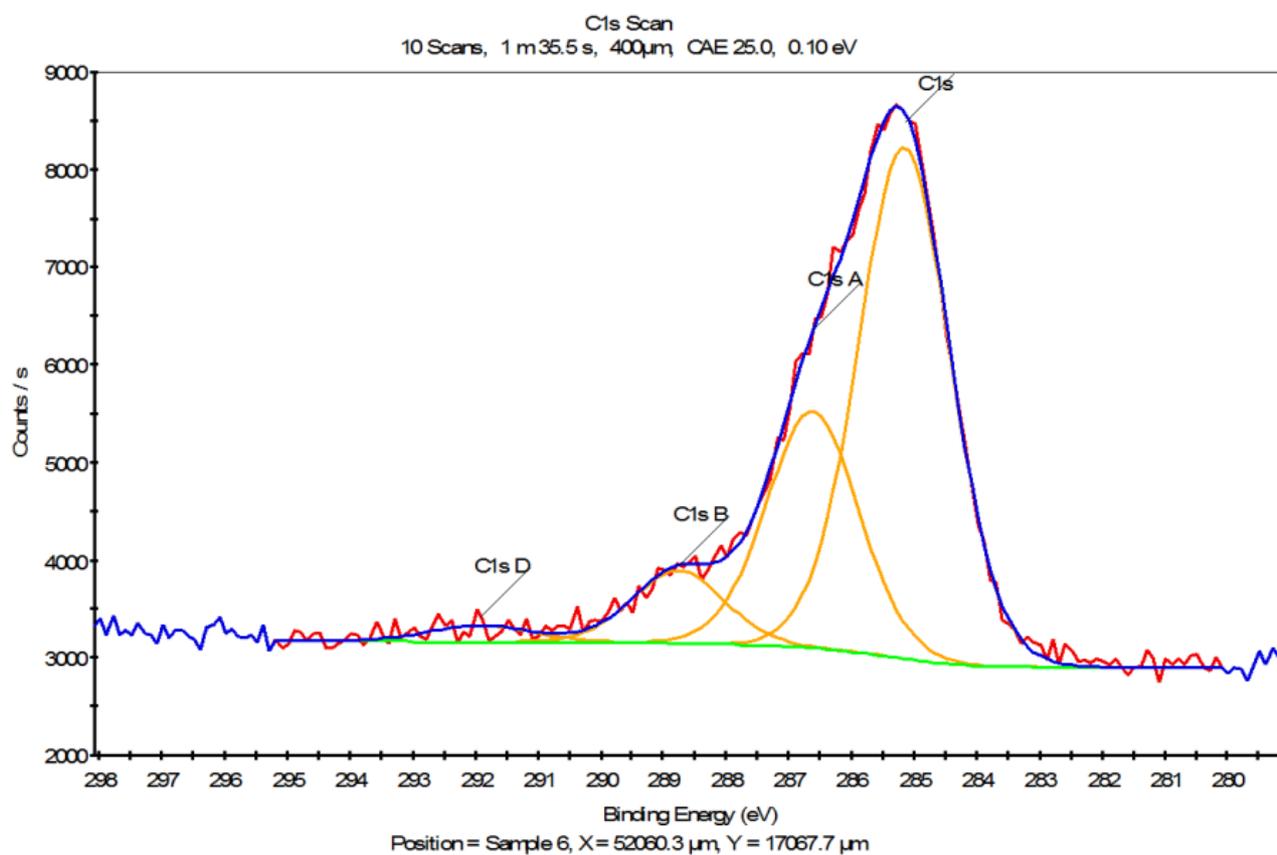


Fig. 13 XPS spectrum of C 1S of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs

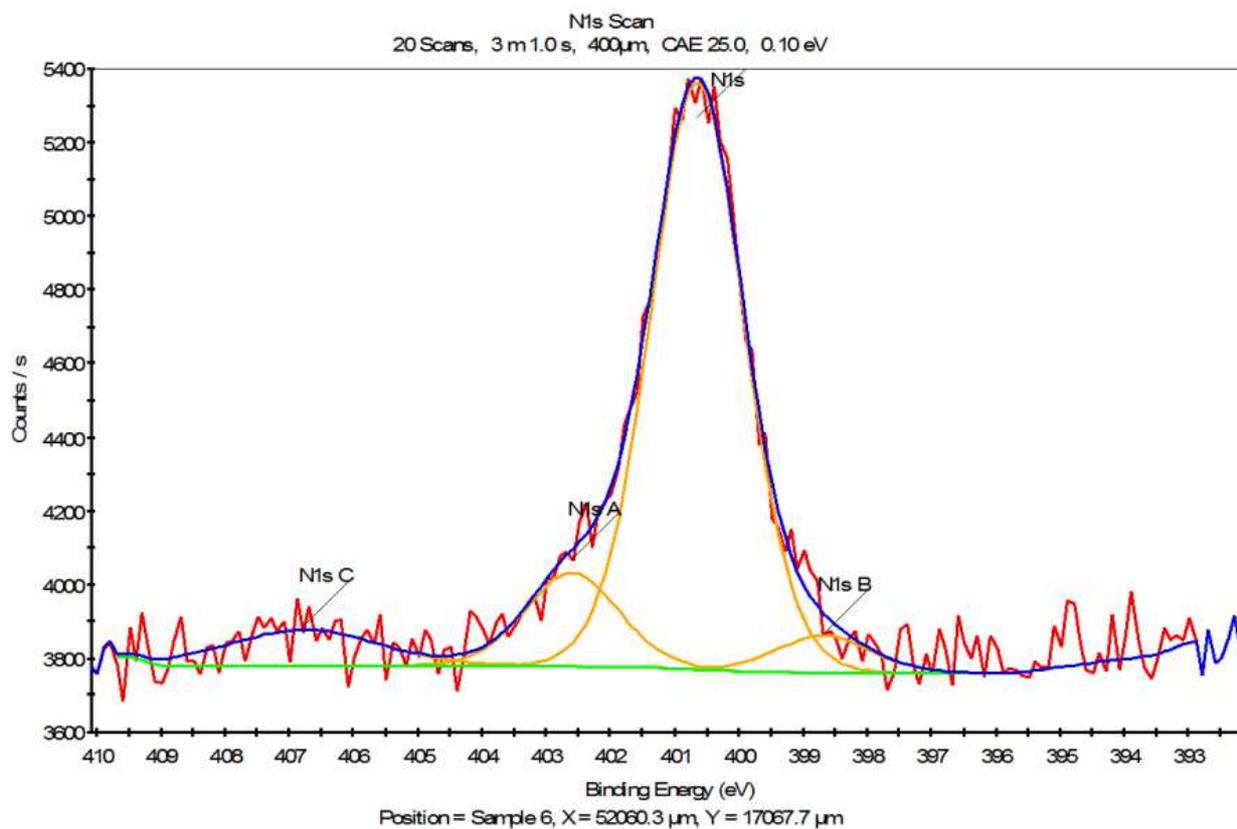
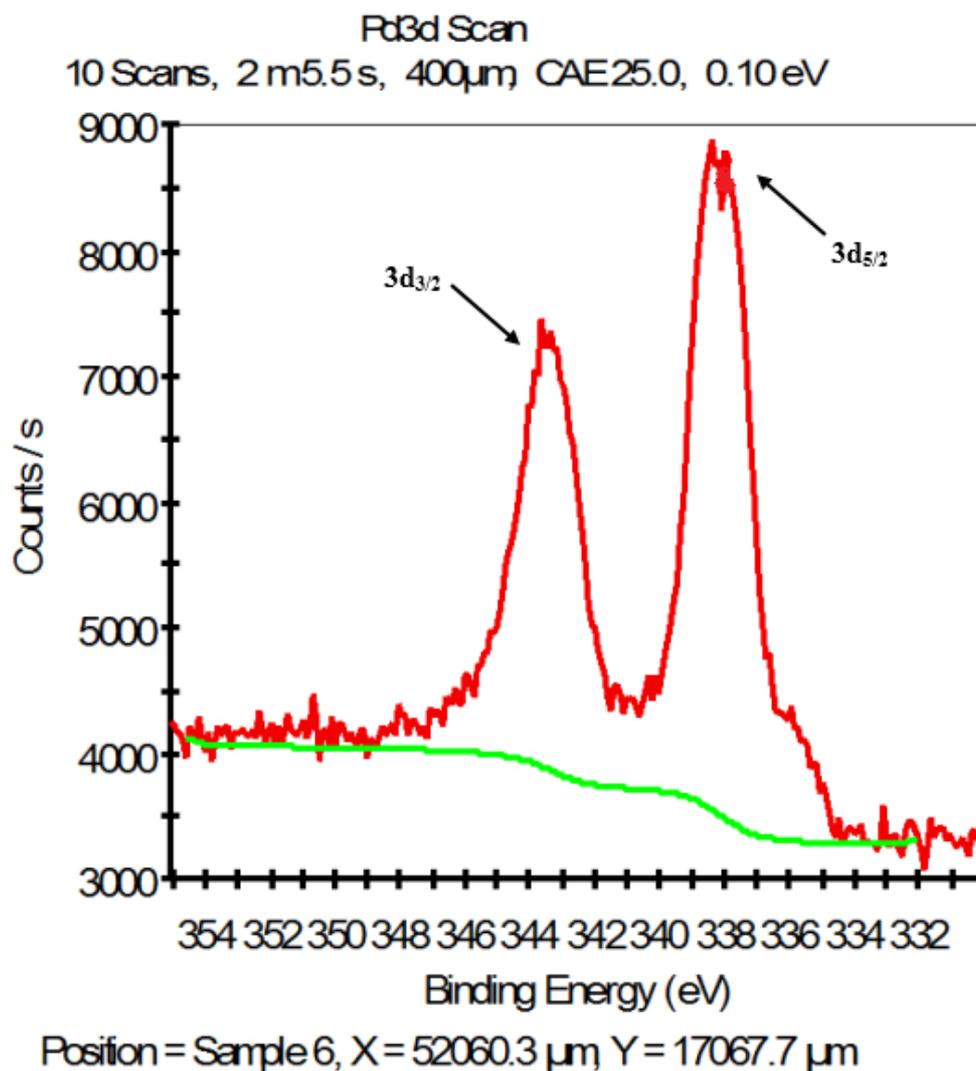


Fig. 14 XPS spectrum of N 1S of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs



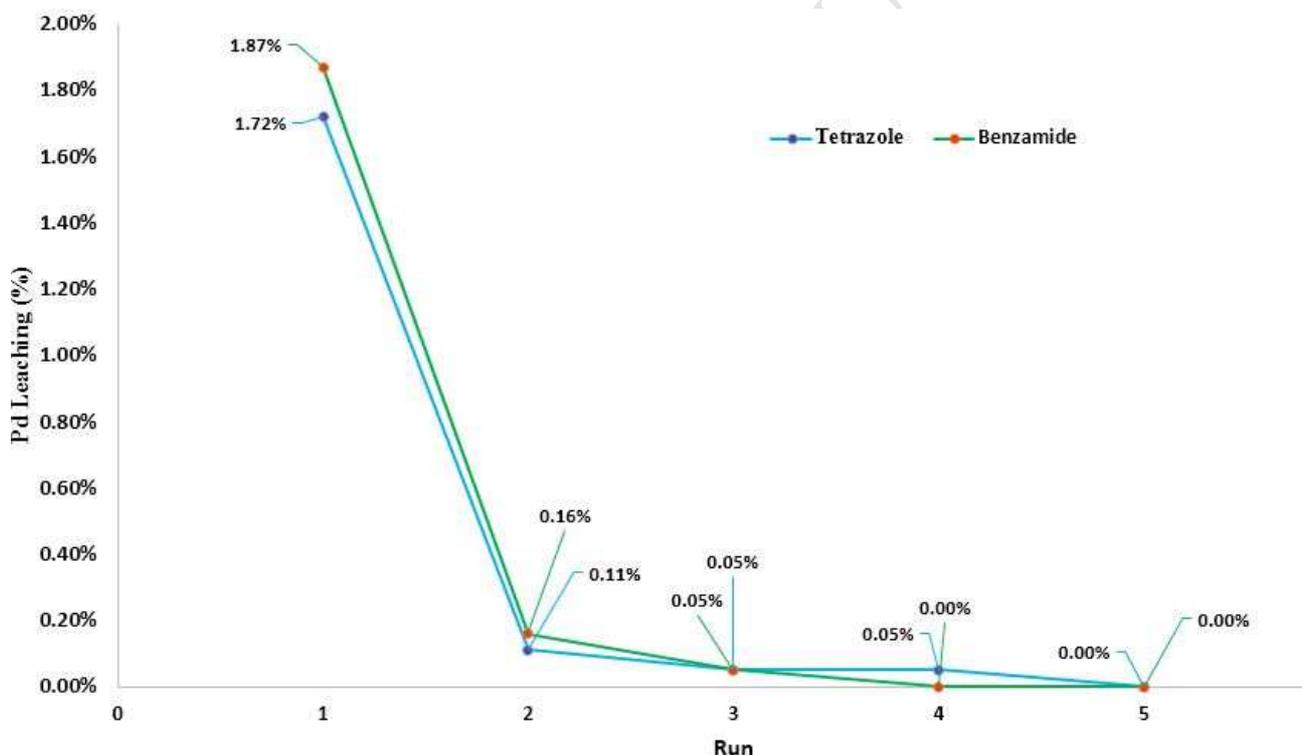
**Fig. 15 XPS spectrum of Pd 3d of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs**

Some textural and physicochemical properties of synthesized samples including pore diameter (DBJH), the BET surface area and pore volume are given in table 1. As seen, an obvious decrease in BET surface area, pore volume and pore diameter was detected after the modification which confirmed the ligand grafting on Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs surface.

**Table 1. BET results of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs and Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs**

Sample	BET surface area (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Pore diameter (BJH) (nm)	Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	178.2	1.72	0.3
Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	149.1	1.17	0.22

Metal leaching and heterogeneity of the catalyst, Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs, was studied by hot filtration test and ICP analysis. Palladium leaching of the catalyst was determined as following procedure. We considered model reaction condition without reagents as a new condition. A mixture of catalyst (Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs), solvent (DMF or DMSO+H<sub>2</sub>O) and additive was taken in 5 mL round bottomed flask and sated optimized conditions. After completion of the reaction (optimized time for model reaction), the catalyst was separated by an external magnet and washed with hot EtOH, then dried in an oven at 120 °C for 2h. The amount of palladium in solution determined by ICP-AES. This experiment was determined for five time recycled. Above procedure performed for the synthesis of 5-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole and Benzamide and data summarized in Fig.16 and table 2. These results indicate that Pd leaching of the catalyst was negligible. Further, heterogeneity of the catalyst was confirmed by hot filtration test the synthesis of for 5-substituted 1-*H* tetrazole (T in scheme1) and Benzamide (B in scheme1). In this study we found the yield of products in the half time of the reaction was 56% and 50% for T and B, respectively. Then the reaction was repeated and in the half of the reaction, the catalyst was recovered and allowed the filtrate to react further. The yield of reactions in this stage was 58% and 53% for T and B, respectively that confirmed the leaching of palladium has not been occurred.



**Fig. 16. Palladium leaching percent of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs**

**Table 2. Palladium leaching study of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs**

Cycle	Residue Palladium (mmol/g)		Palladium Leaching (%)	
	Tetrazole	Benzamide	Tetrazole	Benzamide
1	1.887	1.884	1.72	1.87

2	1.885	1.881	0.11	0.16
3	1.884	1.880	0.05	0.05
4	1.883	1.880	0.05	0.00
5	1.883	1.880	0.00	0.00

For reusability study of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs, as magnetically nanocatalyst can be easily recovered from the reaction mixture and used for synthesis of 5-substituted 1-*H* tetrazoles and Benzamide. To investigate this issue, the recyclability of catalyst was examined for the synthesis of 3a and Benzamide under optimized reaction conditions. The catalyst was separated from reaction mixture using an external magnet and reused six times with negligible loss of activity. Partial loss of activity may be due to leaching of palladium from the catalyst (Figs. 17 and 18).

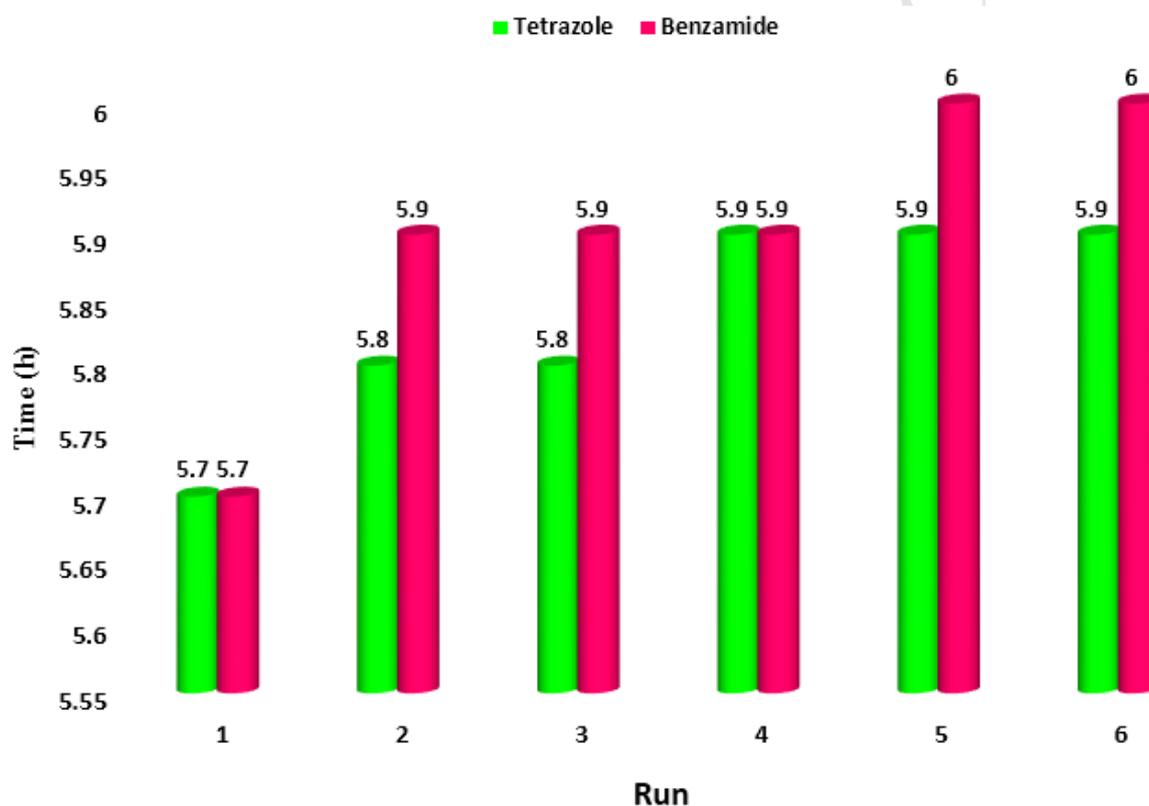
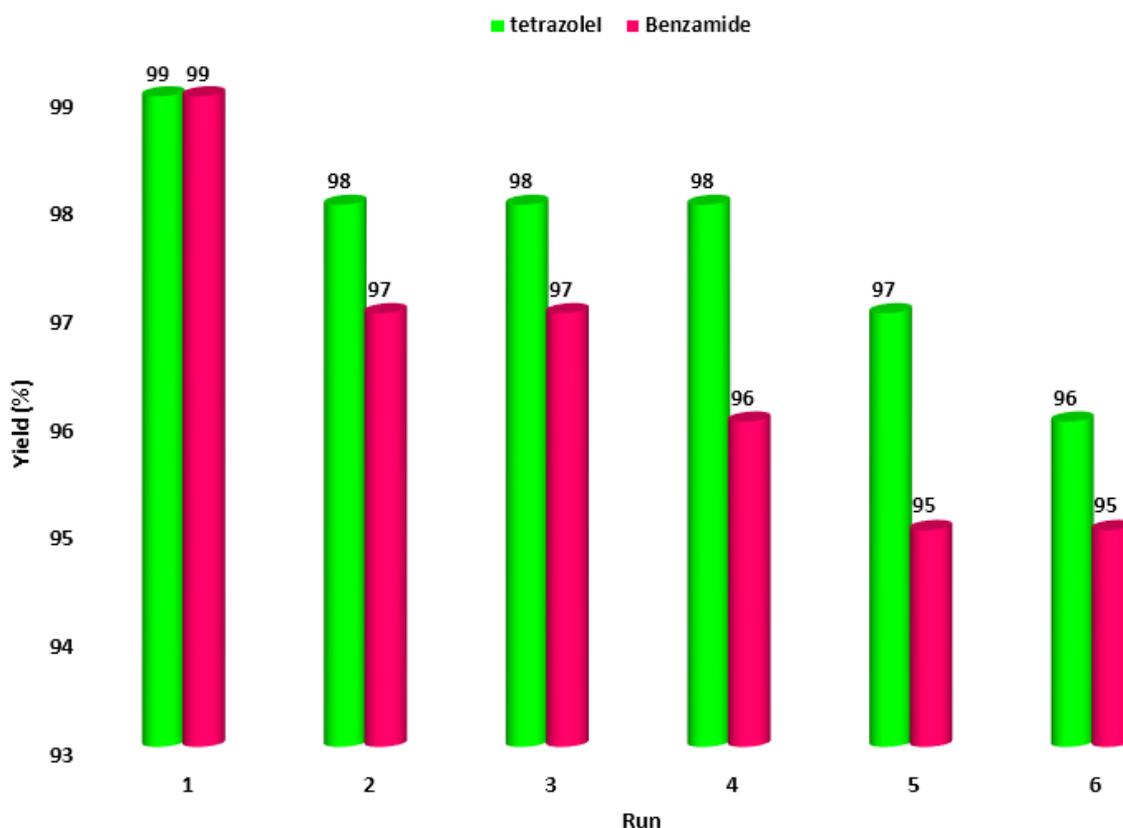


Fig. 17. Reusability of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs



**Fig. 18. Reusability of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs**

In order to optimize the reaction conditions, initially, the reaction of iodobenzene, trisodium phosphate, K<sub>2</sub>[Ni(CN)<sub>4</sub>] and sodium azide was considered as model reaction. The reaction conditions and media have dramatic effects on the yield and time of reaction due to the hard reaction conditions for synthesis of tetrazoles. The model reaction was optimized for the various parameters such as temperature, solvent, catalyst amount and base. The result summarized in table 3. In the preliminary stage of this investigation, the synthesis of 5-substituted 1-*H* tetrazole was performed at various temperatures (Table2, Entries1-4 ). The best result was obtained at 110 °C. The catalytic performance of Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs was investigate in the model reaction with different amount of catalyst (Table2, Entries3, 5-7 ). As shown in table 3, at a lower catalyst amount (7mg), a 89% yield of compound 4a was observed after 10.1 hours (table 3, entry 5). On increasing the catalyst weight to 8mg, the yield compound 4a increased up to 99% after 5.7 hours (table 3, entry 3). The increase in the product yield with an increase in the catalyst weight can be attributed to an increase in the availability of catalytically active sites required for this reaction. On further increasing the amount of catalyst, namely, amounts greater than 8mg, any appreciable change or improvement was not observed in product yield after complete the reaction (table 3, entries 6,7). The collect results in table 3 clearly demonstrate that the reaction rate and product yield not only depended strongly on the amount of catalyst (table 3, entries 3, 5-8), but also that the presence of catalyst is a pivotal topic in this process because it was found that once the reaction was carried out in the absence of catalyst (table 3, entry 17), any yield of the desired product was not observed after 72h. In order to find out the best base for tetrazole reaction the model

reaction was performed in presence of various bases (table 3, entries 4, 8-11). The results show trisodium phosphate is very effective for this conditions. Also the effects of various solvents on the model reaction were studied by using EtOH, H<sub>2</sub>O and DMSO instead of DMF (table 3, entries 13-15). The results show that the DMF was more effective than other solvents.

**Table 3. Optimization of reaction conditions for synthesis of 5-substituted 1-*H* tetrazole**

Entry	Solvent	Catalyst amount	Base (mmol)	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	DMF	8	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	90	12	78
2	DMF	8	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	7.5	92
3	DMF	8	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	110	5.7	99
4	DMF	8	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	120	6	70
5	DMF	7	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	110	10.1	89
6	DMF	9	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	110	5.7	96
7	DMF	10	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	110	7.3	90
8	DMF	8	Et <sub>3</sub> N (3)	110	8	91
9	DMF	8	NaOH (3)	110	10	65
10	DMF	8	KOH (3)	110	10	79
11	DMF	8	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (3)	110	5.8	98
12	DMF	8	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (2)	110	8.5	89
13	DMSO	8	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	110	N.R. <sup>b</sup>	-
14	EtOH	8	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	Reflux	48	71
15	H <sub>2</sub> O	8	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	Reflux	N.R. <sup>b</sup>	-
16	DMF	8 <sup>c</sup>	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	110	N.R. <sup>b</sup>	-
17	DMF	-	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	110	N.R. <sup>b</sup>	-

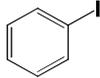
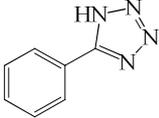
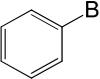
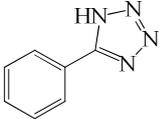
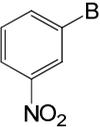
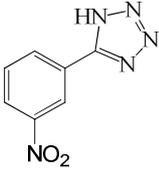
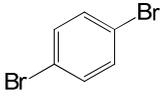
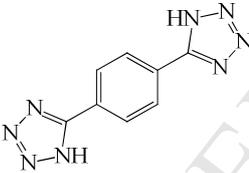
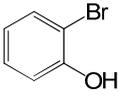
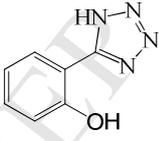
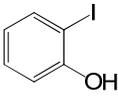
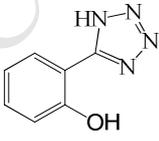
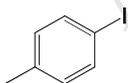
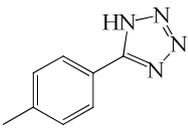
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<sup>b</sup> the reactions stop after 72h

<sup>c</sup> the catalyst used is Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNP

The scope and generality of this type of reaction is illustrated with respect to the different arylhalides,  $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$ , trisodium phosphate and sodium azide. The results summarized in the table 4.

Table 4. Synthesis of 5-substituted 1*H*-tetrazoles catalyzed by Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs

Entry	Substrate	Product	Time (h)	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)	M.p. (°C)	
					Found	Reported <sup>ref</sup>
3a			5.7	99	214-215	212-214[74]
3b			9	86	214-215	212-214[74]
3c			7.8	95	145-146	145-146[75]
3d			13.1	88	245-248	Not found
3e			14.3	65	223-225	221-224[76]
3f			5.9	99	223-225	221-224[76]
3g			10.9	81	241-243	242-245[74]

<sup>a</sup> Yield refer to isolated pure product

Table 5 shows the result of one pot synthesis of Benzamide in various conditions. The data show that only pathway for the synthesis of the benzamide is the reaction of between arylhalide,  $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$ ,

trisodium phosphate and (DMSO+H<sub>2</sub>O). Other solvents, bases and catalysts are not efficient in the synthesis of benzamide.

Table 5. One pot cascade reaction, for the synthesis of Benzamide from iodobenzene, K<sub>2</sub>[Ni(CN)<sub>4</sub>] and trisodium phosphate catalyzed by Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs.

Entry	Solvent	Catalyst (mg)	Base (mmol)	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (3:7)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	12	78
2	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	7.5	92
3	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	5.7	99
4	DMSO	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	N.R. <sup>c</sup>	-
5	H <sub>2</sub> O	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	N.R. <sup>c</sup>	-
6	DMF	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	N.R. <sup>c</sup>	-
7	DMF + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	N.R. <sup>c</sup>	-
8	DMF + H <sub>2</sub> O (1:1)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	N.R. <sup>c</sup>	-
9	DMF + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	48	7
10	EtOH	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	N.R. <sup>c</sup>	-
11	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	110	5.7	99
12	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (2)	90	6.6	97
13	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Et <sub>3</sub> N (3)	100	N.R. <sup>c</sup>	-
14	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	NaOH (3)	100	N.R. <sup>c</sup>	71
15	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	KOH (3)	100	N.R. <sup>c</sup>	-
16	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (3)	100	48	20
17	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	Pd-S.B. <sup>b</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (2)	100	6.8	95
18	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> <sup>d</sup> (5)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	N.R. <sup>c</sup>	-
19	DMSO + H <sub>2</sub> O (7:3)	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (1.7)	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (3)	100	5	71

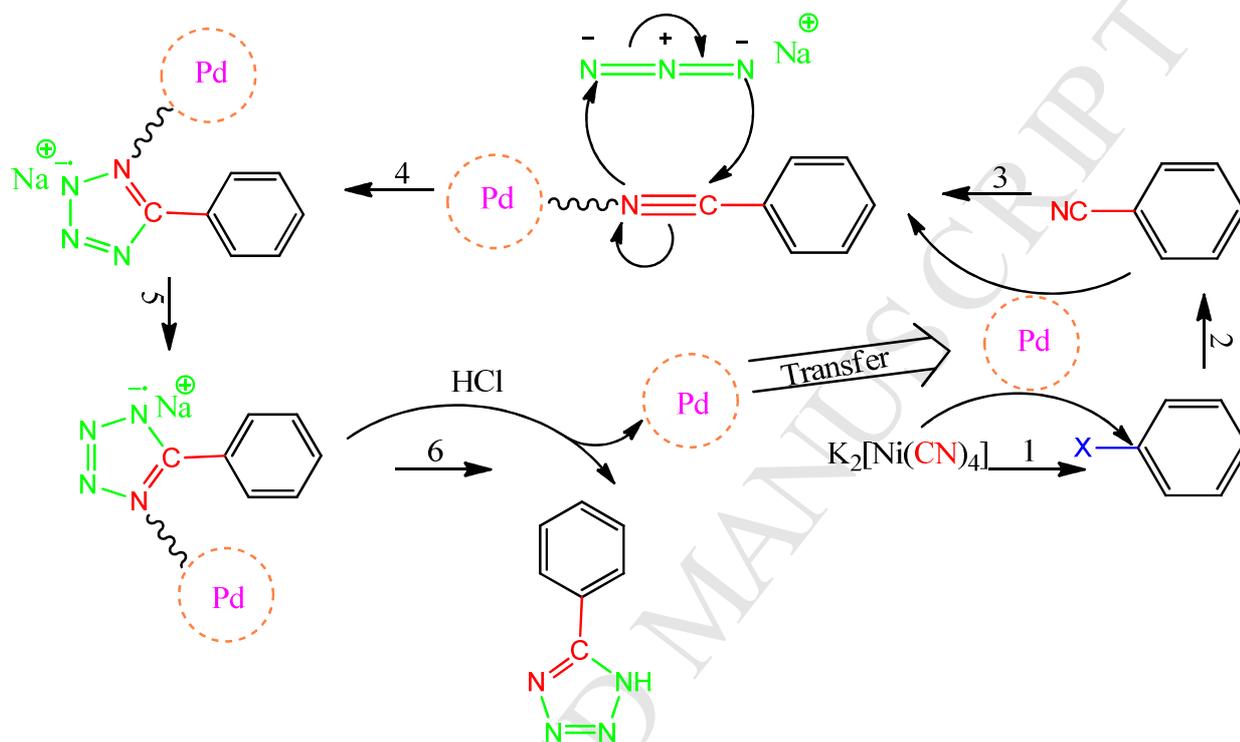
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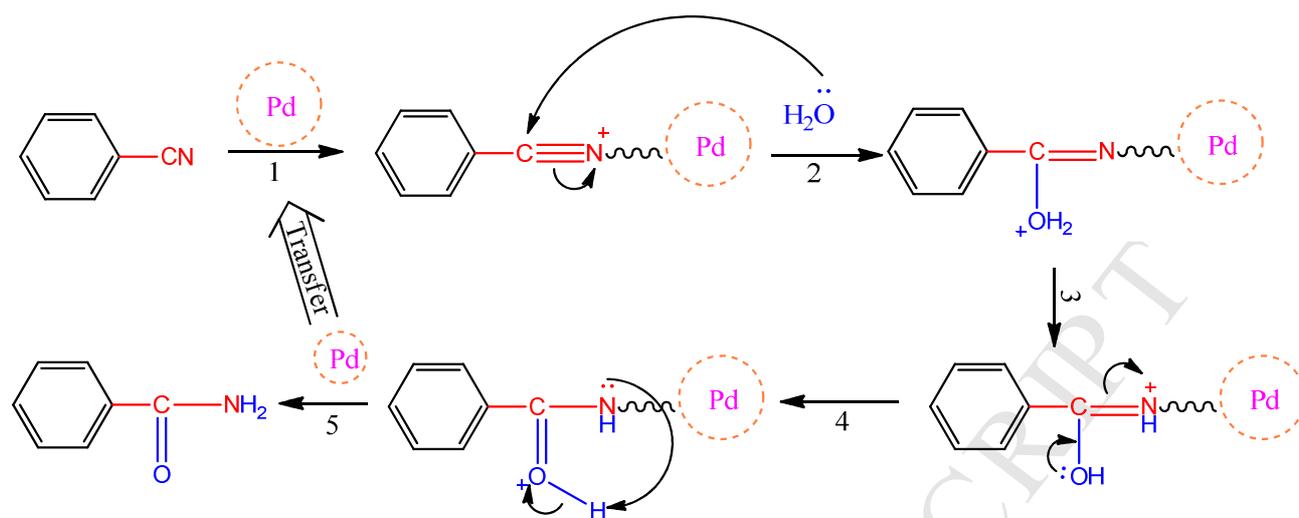
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a plausible mechanism for the synthesis of 5-substituted 1-*H* tetrazoles and benzamide catalyzed by Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>MNPs are shown in schemes 3 and 4, respectively, including full catalytic cycle including nucleophilic substitution and catalyst transformation.



**Scheme 3.** Plausible mechanism for the synthesis of 5-substituted 1-*H* tetrazoles



**Scheme 3.** Plausible mechanism for the synthesis of benzamide

## Conclusion

Finally, we have presented a novel method for the synthesis of amide and 5-substituted 1-*H* tetrazole starting from halobenzene using  $K_2[Ni(CN)_4]$  as safe inorganic cyanide source in presence of new type of magnetic nanocatalyst (Pd-Schiff-Base@ $Fe_3O_4$ MNPs) was synthesized from immobilization of palladium on functionalized  $Fe_3O_4$  magnetic nanoparticles. The characterization data provided us adequate and useful data in order to propose the authentic structure. Further achieved results indicate stable and strong grafted palladium bonds to different sites of catalyst support.

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**Highlight**

1. A novel method for the one-pot synthesis of 5-substituted 1-H tetrazole and Benzamide from arylhalide containing in situ CN insertion
2. Pd-Schiff-Base@Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> MNPs, immobilized palladium complex on surface of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> magnetite nanoparticles as a low leaching and reusable nanocatalyst was prepared by co-precipitation technique
3. This catalyst characterized by various techniques such as FT-IR, TGA, SEM, VSM, XRD, TEM, ICP-AES, BET, EDX and XPS. Also heterogeneity of this catalyst has been examined using hot filtration and ICP-AES techniques.