

IMMOBILIZATION OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PALLADIUM CATALYST ONTO POLY(4-VINYLPYRIDINE): SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION

(Pemegunan Mangkin Paladium yang Efektif ke atas Poli(4-vinilpiridina):
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Abstract

A commonly known weakness of homogeneous catalysts is the difficulty to recover the active catalyst from the product. Due to the disadvantage, the designing of supported catalyst has been approached to overcome the separation difficulty of the palladium-based homogeneous catalyst. New polymer supported N_2O_2 metal complex was successfully immobilized by mixing of poly(4-vinylpyridine) with palladium(II) complex in the presence of ethyl acetate as solvent. Then, the reaction was stirred for 72 hours at room temperature to form corresponding P_4VP-Pd catalyst. The properties of immobilized catalyst were characterized by various techniques such as fourier transform infrared (FTIR), thermogravimetric (TGA), X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy/energy dispersive X-ray (SEM/EDX) and inductively coupled plasma-optical emission (ICP-OES) spectroscopy.

Keywords: immobilized catalyst, palladium(II) complex, poly(4-vinylpyridine)

Abstrak

Satu kelemahan penggunaan mangkin homogen adalah umum diketahui bahawa kesukaran untuk memperoleh kembali mangkin yang aktif daripada hasil produk. Oleh kerana kelemahan ini, reka bentuk mangkin berpenyokong telah diperkenalkan untuk mengatasi kesukaran pemisahan mangkin homogen berasaskan logam paladium. Kompleks logam N_2O_2 berpenyokong polimer baru telah berjaya dipegunkan dengan mencampurkan poli(4-vinilpiridina) dengan kompleks paladium(II) dengan kehadiran etil asetat sebagai pelarut. Kemudian, campuran tindak balas dikacau selama 72 jam pada suhu bilik untuk menghasilkan mangkin P_4VP-Pd . Sifat – sifat mangkin yang berjaya dipegunkan telah dicirikan dengan pelbagai teknik spektroskopi antaranya infra merah transformasi fourier (FTIR), analisis termogravimetrik (TGA), pembelauan sinar-X (XRD), mikroskopi elektron imbasan/ sinar-X tenaga tersebar (SEM/EDX) dan spektroskopi pancaran optik-aruhan (ICP-OES).

Kata kunci: mangkin terpegun, kompleks paladium(II), poli(4-vinilpiridina)

Introduction

Historically, the homogeneous catalysts have been developed to be used in industry earlier than heterogeneous catalyst. Homogeneous catalyst offered a several number of advantages to the researchers. It was found the homogeneous catalyst having transition metal complexes exhibited high selectivity and activity [1]. Despite of its advantages, the homogeneous catalyst is not commonly used as heterogeneous catalyst due to its difficulties to recover. These was proven when Dunnewijk et al. [2] reported that homogeneous catalyst is not widely used in chemical industry because the catalyst is difficult to recover and the catalysts also suffer from corrosion problems and product contamination [2]. Moreover, the homogeneous metal catalyst such as palladium is expensive to afford, toxic and suffered from prohibited drawbacks deactivation of poor conversion [3]. Therefore, due to these reason there is a need to use the most applicable catalyst which is heterogeneous catalyst where the metal is heterogenized on a polymer support [4]. Other than that, heterogeneous catalyst offered easy recovery of catalyst from the reaction mixture by simple filtration and can be reused for several times [5].

One of the reasons palladium is commonly used in research because palladium is one of the most versatile of the transition metals and can form coordination with electron donor atoms such as nitrogen and oxygen [6]. Due to these reason, Evangelisti et al. [7] discovered that the development of heterogeneous Schiff base a phosphine-free palladium catalyst which is economic and its environmental points of view have been done [7]. Schiff base is a compound which consists of nitrogen analogue of an aldehyde or ketone in which carbonyl group (C=O) have been replaced with an imine or azomethine group. The Schiff base compounds or also known as azomethines are very easy to be prepared from relatively inexpensive material and these selective ligands are sensitive towards most of the metal ions [8 – 10].

Polymers have been widely explored as immobilised material for supported catalyst [11]. In this research, poly(4-vinylpyridine) (P₄VP) has emerged as an interesting approach for catalyst support to the Schiff base metal complex. P₄VP has gained interest due to its stability towards high temperature resistance, hardness, impact strength, and its transparency can be precisely controlled through the metallocene structure.

In this present paper, the synthesis and characterization of the poly(4-vinylpyridine) supported palladium(II)-Schiff base complex which highly potential as heterogeneous catalyst for carbon-carbon bond formation were reported.

Materials and Methods

Materials

All of the reagents which included chemicals, materials and solvent are analytical grade and commercially purchased from standard suppliers (Aldrich and Fluka) were used without further purification. All reactions were carried out under an ambient atmosphere and no special precaution was taken to exclude air or moisture during synthesis work-up.

Synthesis of N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butylsalicylidene)-propane-1,3-diamine

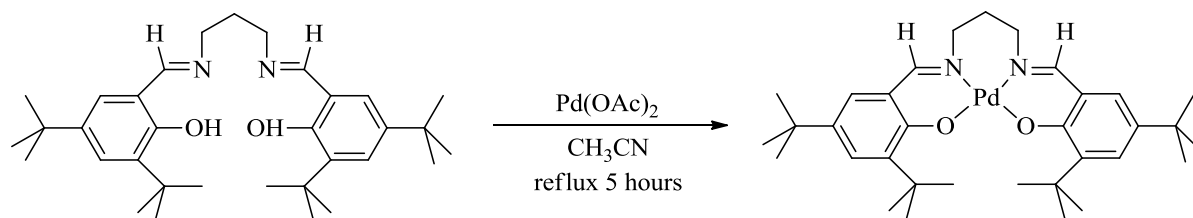
The N₂O₂-Schiff base ligand was synthesized according to the literature methods [12, 13]. The spectroscopic characterizations of these ligands were in agreement with literature values.

Synthesis of N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butylsalicylidene)-propane-1,3-diaminepalladium(II) complex

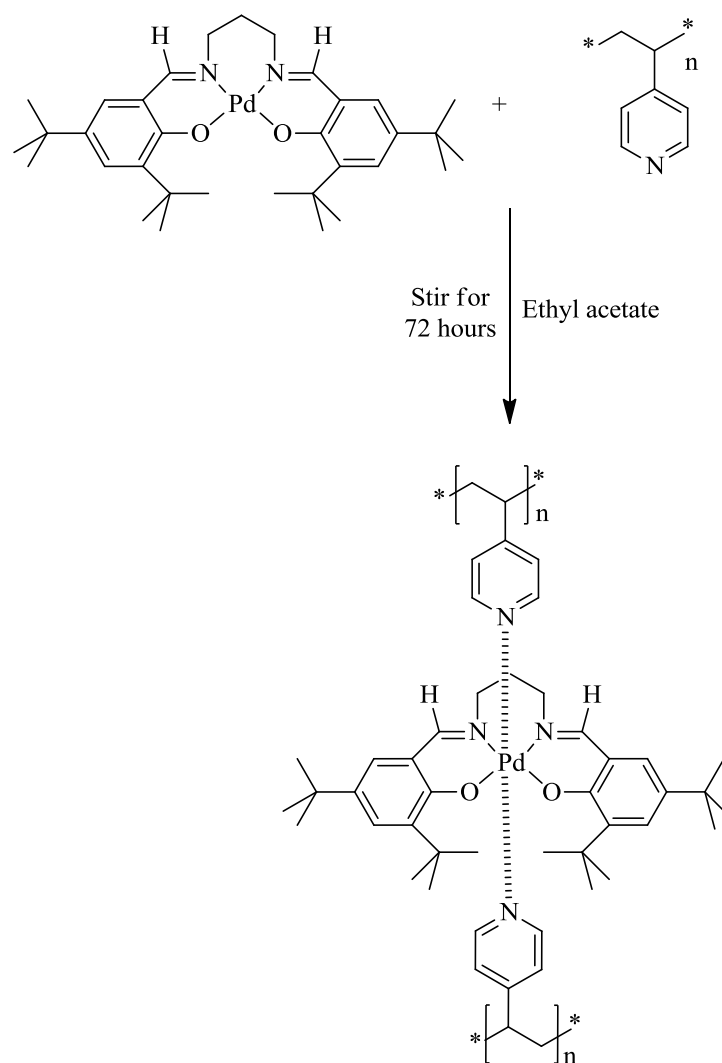
The Pd(II) complex (Scheme 1) was synthesized following standard method [14]. The complex was prepared by treating an equivalent molar amount of the corresponding ligand with Pd(OAc)₂ in acetonitrile. The spectroscopic data (¹H, ¹³C NMR and FTIR) of this complex are in agreement with those reported recently by Soh et al. [15]. Yield: 88%. Melting point: 375-376 °C. CHN elemental analysis (%): Experimental: C, 55.60; H, 6.53; N, 3.82. Calculated for C₃₃H₄₈N₂O₂Pd requires: C, 64.85; H, 7.92; N, 4.58

Synthesis of Poly(4-vinylpyridine) supported Pd(II) complex

The poly(4-vinylpyridine) (0.8 g) was loaded into round bottom flask containing complex (0.8 g) with ethyl acetate as a solvent. The solution was stirred for 72 hours at room temperature (Scheme 2). The resultant solid catalyst was filtered off and washed with ethyl acetate two times followed by acetone. The residue was dried in air for 24 hours.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of N,N'-bis(3,5-di-tert-butylsalicylidene)-propane-1,3-diaminepalladium



Scheme 2. Synthesis of poly(4-vinylpyridine) supported Pd(II) complex

Results and Discussion

Synthesis of N_2O_2 Schiff Base ligand and Palladium(II) complex

The Schiff base ligand N,N' -bis(3,5-di-*tert*-butylsalicylidene)-propane-1,3-diamine was obtained yellow solid in high yield through condensation reaction between 3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde with 1,3-diaminopropane. The resulting ligand was further treated with palladium(II) acetate in order to form metal complex. The synthesis of the Schiff base palladium(II) complex is shown in Scheme 1.

Synthesis of Poly(4-vinylpyridine) supported Pd(II) complex

The outline for synthesizing of P_4VP -Pd(II) complex was presented in Scheme 2. The N_2O_2 palladium(II) complex was then immobilized onto poly(4-vinylpyridine) solid support in order to obtain heterogeneous catalyst of P_4VP -Pd(II) complex. The immobilized P_4VP -Pd(II) complex was well characterized by FTIR, TGA, XRD, SEM-EDX and ICP-OES. The amount of metal present determined by ICP-OES suggested 0.361 mmol/g palladium loading onto supported palladium complex.

FTIR spectrum (Figure 1) showed the important bands of P_4VP -Pd(II) complex are located at 1610.73 cm^{-1} , 3401.29 cm^{-1} , and 1456.16 cm^{-1} due to stretching vibration of $\nu(C=N)$, $\nu(N-H)$ and $\nu(C=C)$. The thermal stability curves of P_4VP and its supported Pd(II) complex are presented in Figure 2 were carried out at a heating rate of $10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ in nitrogen over a temperature range of 30-700 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. TGA data demonstrated that P_4VP and P_4VP -Pd(II) complex degraded at considerably high temperature. P_4VP -Pd(II) complex was stable up to 330 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ and above this temperature it undergo decomposition process.

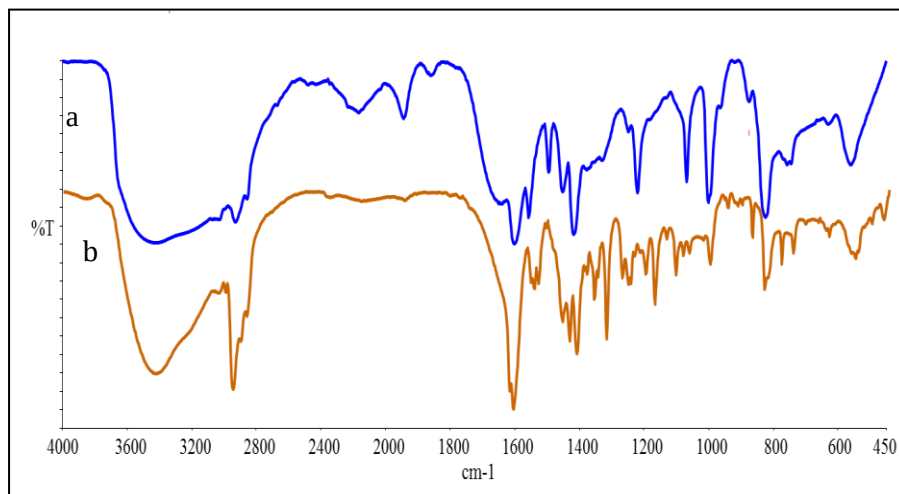


Figure 1. The FTIR spectrum for (a) P_4VP and (b) P_4VP Pd(II) complex

The surface morphological features of each sample of P_4VP and P_4VP -Pd(II) complex were observed using SEM (Figure 3) equipped with energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) (Figure 3). The morphology of P_4VP shows as compact and lumps surface. Meanwhile, the morphology of P_4VP -Pd(II) complex has changed and small like particles are observable through the specimen. This could be due to the existence of palladium crystallite. The EDX data (Figure 4) clearly supported the presence of palladium metal on the surface of polymeric chain of poly(4-vinylpyridine).

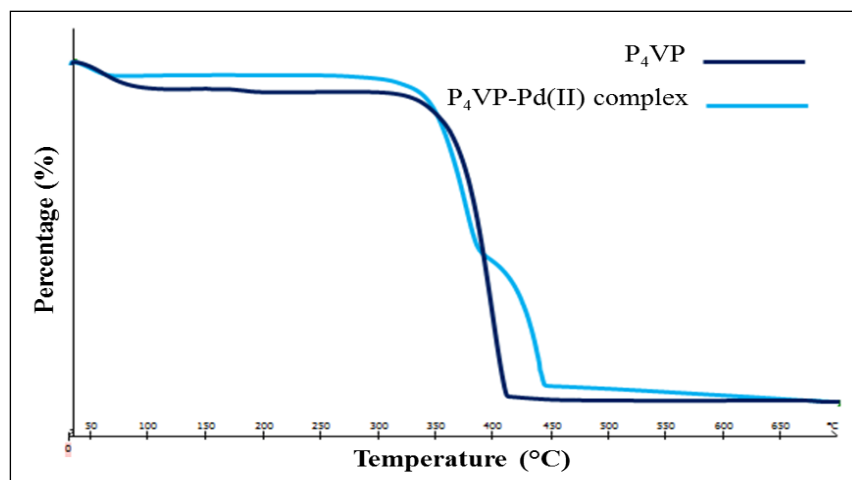


Figure 2. The TGA curves of the supported catalysts and free P₄VP

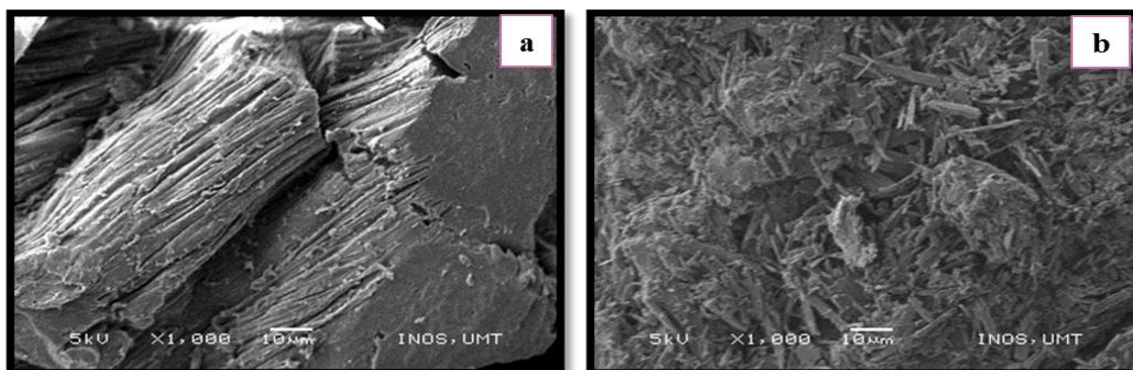


Figure 3. SEM image of the (a) P₄VP and (b) P₄VP-Pd(II) complex

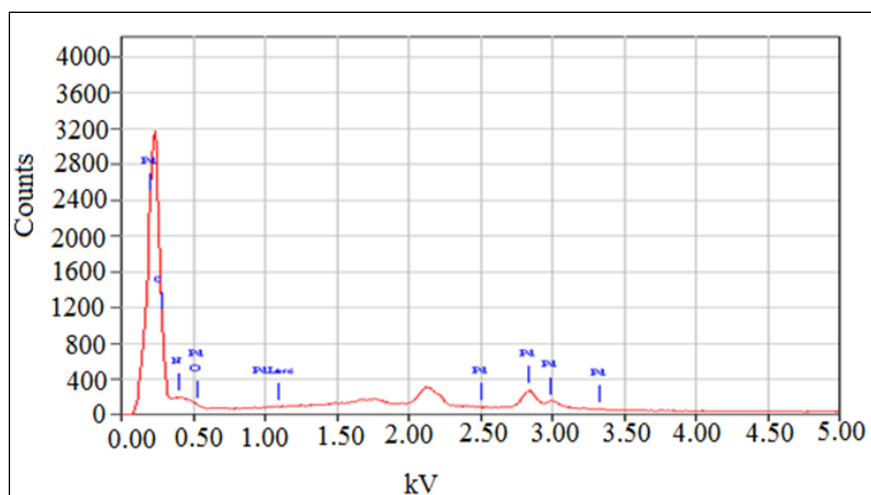


Figure 4. The EDS profile for supported P₄VP-Pd(II) complex

Powdered X-ray diffraction study is regularly used to assess the quality and structural ordering of P₄VP and supported catalyst (Figure 5). XRD pattern showed that the P₄VP support is amorphous nature with no characteristic XRD peaks is observed. The diffractogram of P₄VP-Pd(II) complex showed dramatic changes compared to P₄VP structure due to the represent of crystalline phase and indicated that the palladium complex which is incorporated with P₄VP matrix.

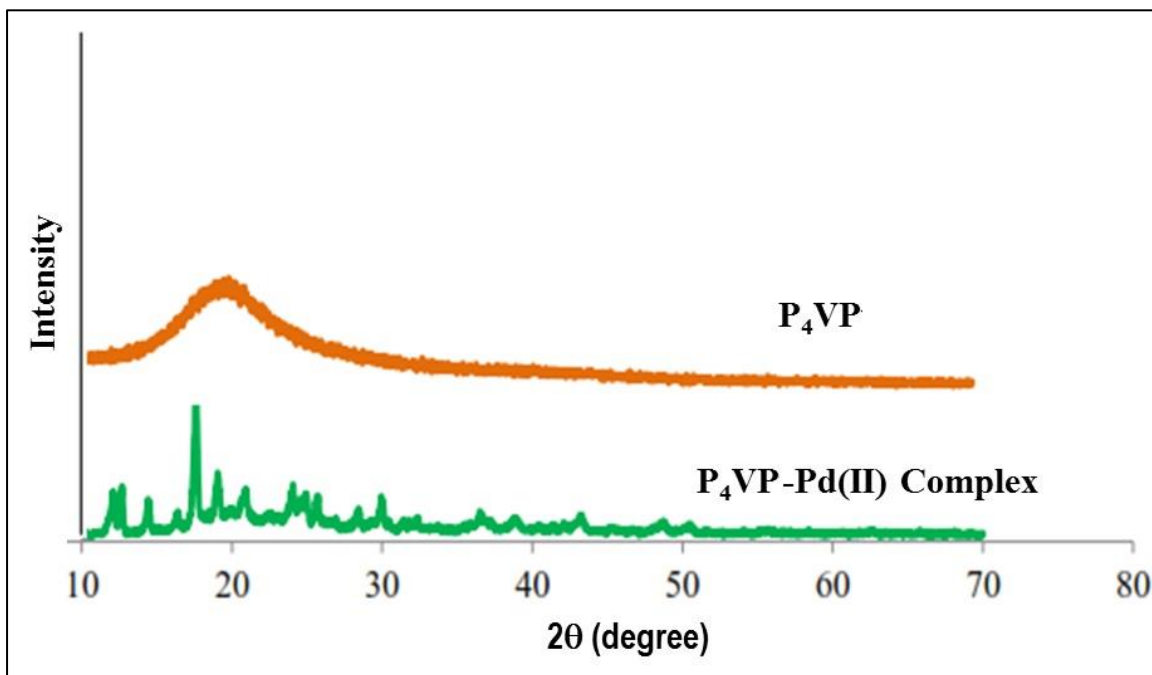


Figure 5. The XRD pattern for free P₄VP and its supported P₄VP-Pd(II) catalyst

Conclusion

In conclusion, Pd(II) complex was successfully immobilized onto P₄VP solid support and characterized via several of spectroscopic and analytical technique. The ease and simple preparation, stability towards air and moisture will make this immobilized catalyst as an ideal supported catalyst for C-C bond formation.

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