

HIGHLY ACTIVE PANDANUS NANOCELLULOSE-SUPPORTED POLY(AMIDOXIME) COPPER (II) COMPLEX FOR ULLMANN CROSS-COUPLING REACTION

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BACKGROUND

Synthesis process is necessary due to the **molecular complexity** and various type of **bond formation** through the organic transformations is being grown in parallel fashion.

C-C or C-N bonds formation (cross-coupling) reactions are **important** for the synthesis of essential chemicals such as:

1. Fine chemicals,

2. Drug and intermediate products,

3. Natural products etc.

Transition metal catalysts (Pd, Cu, Ni) are normally used for cross-coupling reactions (suzuki, heck, sonogashira, click etc.).





OBJECTIVES

- To extract the cellulose from the agro-waste (pandanus fruit fibre) and utilize to synthesize a poly(amidoxime) ligand,
- To prepare heterogeneous copper catalysts from the cellulose-supported amidoxime ligands,
- To evaluate the catalytic ability and reusability of synthesize catalyst in Ullmann cross-coupling reaction.

METHODOLOGY

Cellulose Extraction



(Sources: Rahman et al., 2016)

Synthesize nanocellulose



Heat until 50°C

Procedure:

- 1. Boil the cellulose with 40% of H₂SO₄ for 1 hours.
- 2. Pour the mixture into the cool water after reaction done.
- 3. Neutralize the solution using NaOH .
- 4. Wash and dry.

Graft Copolymerization (Poly(acrylonitrile))



Heat until 55°C

Procedure:

- 1. Hydrolyze cellulose react with ceric initiator in inert condition for 15 min
- 2. Purified monomer (methyl acrylate) is

added.

- 3. Heat for 4 hours at 55°C.
- 4. Wash and dry

(Sources: Mandal et al., 2016)

Synthesis of Poly(amidoxime) Ligand



Heat until 70°C for 6 hours

Procedure

- 1. Hydroxylamine hydrochloride is dissolved into 4:1 methanolic solution.
- 2. PMA is added into the hydroxylamine solution and heat for 6 hours at 70°C.
- 3. PHA ligand is washed by methanolic solution.
- 4. In order to cover chelating polymeric ligand into H-form ligand, the ligand was treating with 100 mL of 0.1 M of hydrochloric acid (HCl) in methanolic for five minutes.
- 5. Wash and dry.

(Sources: Shaheen et al., 2016)

Preparation Of Metal Catalyst (Cu²⁺)



Wash the ligand and dry it. The ICP-OES analysis should be used to estimate the copper adsorbed



(Sources: Rahman et al., 2016)

Reaction Mechanism



Ullmann Reactions



RESULT

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Product



Pandanus fruit and its fibre



Cellulose from Pandanus fruit fibre

Extraction: 49.5 ± 1.0 g from 100g dried fruit fibre Yeld: (\approx 50%)



(nanocellulose)

Physical stability of cellulose and nanocellulose





15 min String

Leave For 3 hour



Product



Poly(acrylonitrile)

Yield: **18.15 g** from 10g dried nanocellulose



Poly(amidoxime) Ligand

Yield: **28.50g** from 10g dried poly(acrylonitrile)



Cu(II)@PAM

ICP-OES= 0.50mmol/g of copper



FE-SEM Analysis



Pandanus fruit fiber

Pandanus-cellulose

Magnification: 1000X

FE-SEM ANALYSIS





Poly(acrylonitrile) Magnification: 5000X

nanocellulose Magnification: 1000X

FE-SEM Analysis







Poly(amidoxime)

Magnification: 5000X

Energy Dispersive X-ray Diffraction (EDX Analysis)



Cu(II)@PAM

Copper = 35.4% Carbon = 40.7% Oxygen = 20.2% Nitrogen= 3.8%



TGA & DSC



XRD RESULT



XPS ANALYSIS



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Optimization Of Ullmann Reaction

Entry	Cu(II)@PAM (mg)	Temperature (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1	15	80	8	98
2	5	50	8	99
3	3	50	2	99
4	1.5	50	2	89

• Conditions: 4-nitrobenzyl bromide (1 mmol), phenol (1.2 mmol), a catalytic amount of complex copper and 3 mol equiv. of K₂CO₃ in 5 mL of acetonitrile.

REACTION







Mechanism for Ullmann Reaction



REUSABILITY



LEACHING STUDY



CONCLUSION

Successful synthesis high active, stable and safe copper catalyst for Ullmann etherification reaction. The synthesized copper catalyst can afford the Ullmann etherification in good to high yield of product.

FUTURE WORK

- Test the synthesize catalyst in other cross-coupling reaction (C-C, C-N, C-S, etc.)
- Utilize the Cu(II)NPs@PAM in total synthesis of natural product, medicine compound.

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