

Synthesis and Characterization of Graphitic Carbon Nitride Supported Tris(Hydroxymethyl)Aminomethanem) G-C₃N₄/THAM) as Novel Catalyst for the Synthesis of Poly Hydroquinoline and Pyranopyrazole Derivatives

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Abstract

Here, an impressive heterogeneous catalytic system, graphitic carbon nitride supported tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (g-C₃N₄/ THAM) is presented. The novel g-C₃N₄/ THAM nanocatalysts were characterized by analyzing methods such as FT-IR, EDX, XRD, TGA, and FESEM. Afterward, the performance of fabricated nanocatalyst g-C₃N₄/ THAM was suitably investigated in multicomponent reactions (MCRs) for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine and pyranopyrazole derivatives. By optimizing reported nanocatalyst, the corresponding reaction products were obtained with excellent efficiency and then the reversibility process was examined. The g-C₃N₄/ THAM nanocatalyst is environmentally friendly and was catalyzed the reactions in the presence of ethanol as a green solvent.

Introduction

Graphitic carbon nitride (g-C₃N₄) is this astounding material, is certainly one of the oldest economical and nontoxic polymeric catalyst¹. The g-C₃N₄ is made easily and large-scale by thermal polymerization (hydrothermal method) from inexpensive precursors such as melamine, dicyandiamide, urea, etc. without the use of organic solvent and is considered a green method²⁻⁵. The g-C₃N₄ due to its characteristics such as having a small bandgap (2.7 eV), non-toxicity, porous structure, high thermal stability, large surface area, remarkable mechanical properties as a catalytic support for many heterogeneous catalytic application processes⁶⁻⁸. Due to the special morphology and available surface of polymeric g-C₃N₄, it is extremely easier to modify the structures of g-C₃N₄. As a consequence, The g-C₃N₄ became a hot topic for study, and its surface can be modified with different functional groups to achieve the desired application.

Many reactions have been done with modified carbon nitride, such as oxygen reduction reaction⁹, carbonylation reaction¹⁰, electrooxidation of alcohols¹¹, photocatalyst¹², and multi-component reactions like the synthesis of imidazole derivatives¹³, quinoxaline derivatives¹⁴, and polysubstituted pyridine¹⁵.

Tris (hydroxymethyl) aminomethane (THAM) molecule can be described as consisting of three CH₂OH groups and an NH₂ functional group. The THAM molecule particular structure enriches it with donor-acceptor groups¹⁶. This structure is a creative and very interesting combination that broadly used in molecular biology, biochemistry and chemistry^{17,18}. One of the things that has attracted the attention of chemists to this molecule is its non-toxicity, cost-effectiveness, degradability and biocompatibility of the compound¹⁹.

The use of multicomponent reactions (MCRs) paves the way for us to synthesize complex compounds with more confidence²⁰. In many multi-component reactions with the change of one substance new compounds would synthesis. Simple purification of products, mild reaction conditions, and high yields are the benefits of these reactions²¹.

Despite their complexity, MCRs have been identified since the beginning of organic chemistry in the nineteenth century²². Up to date, more than a dozen MCRs have been developed, many of them named after people. Many basic MCRs, for instance, Passerini²³, Ugi²⁴, Biginelli²⁵, Strecker²⁶, Pictet-Spengler²⁶, Hantzsch²⁷, Mannich²⁸, Kabachnik-Fields²⁹, and Döbner³⁰ are named reactions.

Among them, the Hantzsch reaction is one of the oldest, most famous, and challenging multicomponent reactions and it was discovered in 1882^{31,32}. Hantzsch derivatives are one of the significant heterocyclic compounds due to their pharmacology properties such as antitumor³³, calcium channel blockers³⁴, analgesic³⁵, and neuroprotective³⁶ and still is on progress. One-pot condensation of aldehydes, dimedone, ammonium acetate, and ethyl acetoacetate in reflux condition is the classical method of synthesis unsymmetric 1,4-dihydropyridines. This previous method also has some problems such as long reaction time, use of toxic solvents, and low yields that scientists are trying to solve^{37,38}.

pyranopyrazole are another functional and important compound that is more easily synthesized by MCRs³⁹. Due to various properties of pyranopyrazole derivatives such as anticancer³⁸, anti-inflammatory⁴⁰, antimicrobial⁴¹, anti-HIV, and biological activities their synthesis is interesting. Also, many bioactive compounds that have agrochemical and medical activities containing pyranopyrazole ring. Due to these compounds' remarkable properties, scientists are doing their best to synthesis pyranopyrazole derivatives with several methods⁴². The reported methods have disadvantages such as long reaction time, complex and hard work-up process, and also the destructive environment⁴³.

In this report, we have introduced a new catalyst, g-C₃N₄/ Pr/THAM composite that shown in scheme 1 and used it as novel nanocatalyst in the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine and pyranopyrazole derivatives. Some advantages of using this catalyst are high yields, mild reaction conditions, use of non-toxic solvents, short reaction time, and simple purification. To prepare this nanocatalyst, g-C₃N₄ is synthesized as a substrate and its surface modified with THAM ligand to create a synergistic effect. Mentioned ligand was placed on the substrate surface with 1,3-dibromopropane linker.

Experimental

General

All chemicals were purchased by the Merck Company and used without further purification. The melting points of the prepared derivatives were measured by an electrothermal 9100 apparatus. Al-plates supported by silica gel F254 were used for monitoring reaction progress. The X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern was obtained using PHILIPS-PW 1800 diffractometer with monochromatized Cu K α radiation ($\lambda=1.542 \text{ \AA}$). Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra of compounds were performed on a Bruker Tensor27 FT-IR spectrometer. thermal stability of samples was studied by Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) using the STA504 analyzer system. energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectroscopy for elemental studying of the catalyst was recorded on Oxford Instrument (ZEISS- Sigma VP). Field emission scanning

electron microscopy (FESEM) were carried out on MRIA3 TESCAN-XMU. The purity of the obtained products was confirmed by Varian Inova 500 NMR Spectrometer in DMSO-*d*₆.

Synthesis of bulk g-C₃N₄ and g-C₃N₄ nanosheets

The bulk g-C₃N₄ was synthesized by heating melamine with a rate of 2.5 °C min⁻¹ using a muffle furnace and kept for 2 h at 550 °C with the ramp for 4h. After cooling down to ambient temperature, bulk g-C₃N₄ was ground into light yellow color and fine powder. For the preparation of the g-C₃N₄ nanosheets, first 1.0 g bulk g-C₃N₄ was added into 20 mL of H₂SO₄ under stirring for 1 h at 90 °C. After 5h, 200.0 mL ethanol was added to the mixture and stirred at room temperature yielding a white mixture. The reaction was complete after 2 h. The white precipitate was formed which was separated by simple filtration, then it was washed several times with deionized water, and dried in the oven at 60°C.

Synthesis of sheet g-C₃N₄/Pr/tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane composite

In the first step, a mixture of 0.027 g sodium iodide, 0.028 g potassium carbonate, 0.026 g tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane, 0.5 ml 1,3-dibromopropane, and 20 ml dry toluene as solvent was added in a round bottom flask and refluxed for 12h. Then, the product was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate.

In the next step, in a round bottom flask, a mixture of the obtained salt product, 0.027 g sodium iodide, g-C₃N₄ (0.1 g), and 20 ml dry toluene was added and refluxed for 12h. Finally, the product was filtered and washed with ethyl acetate and water to remove unreacted materials (scheme 2).

General procedure for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine derivatives

A mixture of aldehyde (1.0 mmol), ethyl acetoacetate (1.0 mmol), dimedone (1.0 mmol), ammonium acetate (1.0mmol), g-C₃N₄/Pr/ THAM nanocatalyst (20.0 mg), and ethanol (2.0 ml) was added in a round bottom flask and refluxed at 70 °C. After completion of the reaction, (monitored by TLC), the catalyst was separated by filtration. Eventually, the products were obtained by recrystallization.

General procedure for the synthesis of pyranopyrazole derivatives

A mixture of aldehyde (1.0 mmol), ethyl acetoacetate (1.0 mmol), hydrazine hydrate (1.0 mmol), malononitrile (1.0mmol), g-C₃N₄/Pr/ THAM nanocatalyst (20.0 mg), and ethanol (2.0 ml) was added in a round bottom flask and refluxed at 70 °C. After completing the reaction (monitored by TLC), the catalyst was separated by filtration. Eventually, to purifying the product was used recrystallization.

Spectral data of selected products

Ethyl-1,4,7,8-tetrahydro-2,7,7,4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(6H)-oxoquinolin-3-carboxylate (5b):

IR (KBr): 3445, 3416, 3291, 3222, 2957, 1695, 1612, 1072, 847 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz): δ_{H} = 0.99 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.11 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.12 (3H, t, CH_3), 2.14 - 2.25 (m, 4H), 2.35 (3H, s, CH_3), 4 (2H, q), 4.83 (1H, s, CH), 7.14 (2H, d), 7.23 (2H, d), 9.1 (1H, s, NH).

6-Amino-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-2,4-dihydropyrano[2,3-c] pyrazole-5-carbonitrile (10b):

IR (KBr): 3480, 3235, 2188, 1640, 1596 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 500 MHz): δ_{H} (ppm) = 1.79 (3H, s, CH_3), 4.63 (1H, s, CH), 6.91 (2H, s, NH_2), 7.192–7.20 (2H, d, H-aromatic), 7.37–7.38 (d, 2H, H-aromatic), 12.12 (1H, s, NH).

Results And Discussion

To investigate the surface functionalization $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ substrate characterized by Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR), energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectroscopy indicates the type of elements present in the $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4/\text{Pr}/\text{THAM}$ nanocatalyst. X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern is shown to investigate the crystal structure of the compound and the field emission scanning electron microscope (FESEM) analysis indicates the morphology of the synthesized catalyst surface. Finally, the heat resistance of the desired compound is characterized by Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA).

FT-IR spectroscopy

According to the spectrum presented in Figure 1, a broad peak has appeared in the range of 3000-3300 cm^{-1} , which is related to the stretching vibration of NH bonds; the peak width can be assigned to NH groups involved in the hydrogen bond or the existence of the OH group. The stretching vibrational peak C=N is observed at 1602 cm^{-1} . Peaks 1303 and 1082 cm^{-1} are attributed to the tensile vibration of C-N bonds formed between triazine and N-H groups, and the stretching vibration of C-N bonds in the ring in 1448 and 1379 cm^{-1} is easily visible. Also, the peak is 786 cm^{-1} due to the vibration of tri-s-triazine units. The presence of C-H stretching peaks (2800-3000 cm^{-1}) confirms the synthesis of the desired composite.

EDS analysis

In this section, we will go to the EDS spectrum to confirm the synthesis of the $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4/\text{THAM}$ nanocatalyst compound. As shown in Figures 2, presence elements such as C, N, O confirms the synthesis of $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4/\text{THAM}$ nanocatalyst. Very small amounts of sodium, potassium and iodine are observed in the analysis, all of which are related to substances that added to the reaction to modify the surface carbon dioxide. Due to many elements and their disintegration, the names of the elements are not mentioned in the device's intermediate diagram; they are listed in the quantitative table shape.

XRD analysis

The structure of the $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4/\text{Pr}/\text{THAM}$ nanocatalyst was characterized using by XRD pattern. As observed in Figure 3, the broad and intense reflection peaks at $2\theta = 27.4$ were assigned to the reflection

peak of graphitic carbon nitride with Card No. JCPDS 87-1526. The new couriers have corresponded to the surface modification and nanocatalyst synthesis.

FE-SEM analysis

FESEM analysis was used to study the morphology and particle size distribution of the synthesized nanocomposite. Figure 4(a-d) has demonstrated images of nano-sheets $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ and nano-sheets $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4/\text{Pr}/\text{THAM}$ nanocatalyst by FE-SEM studies. As expected, FE-SEM images of graphitic carbon nitride (a,b) are smooth and are almost neatly linked and placed on each other due to being graphitic. In nano-sheets $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4/\text{Pr}/\text{THAM}$ nanocatalyst images (c,d), $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ plates are not smooth and have particles on them that exhibited the synthesis of the nanocomposite. Also, carbon nitride nano-sheets have become irregular.

TGA analysis

These observations also agree with the thermogravimetric analysis (TGA). Figure 5 shows the thermal stability of synthesized graphitic carbon nitride/ tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane composite which was carried out by TGA. The resulting catalyst as evidenced by TGA has displays high-temperature resistance up to approximately 400 °C. The mass-loss curve presents an inflection point at 400 °C. From 400°C, the diagram exhibits a gentle slope which is probably due to the decomposition of the composite before entering a nearly sharp slope being attributed to the thermal decomposition of carbon nitride.

Catalyst application of the $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4/\text{Pr}/\text{THAM}$ nanocatalyst in MCRs

The catalytic activity of the $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4/\text{Pr}/\text{THAM}$ nanocatalyst was studied in two MCRs for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine and pyranopyrazole derivatives to obtain the highest performance. To achieve the best result, different experimental conditions such as temperature, solvent, and amount of catalyst must be examined. To optimize the reaction conditions and performance evaluation of the $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4/\text{Pr}/\text{THAM}$ nanocatalyst in Hantzsch reaction for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine derivatives, a one-pot four components reaction of chlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol), ethyl acetoacetate (1 mmol), dimedone (1 mmol), and ammonium acetate (1 mmol) were investigated as a model reaction. Also, for the synthesis of pyranopyrazole derivatives a four-component reaction ethyl acetoacetate (1 mmol), hydrazine hydrate (1 mmol), 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol), and malononitrile (1 mmol) in ethanol was considered as the model reaction. Both model reactions showed almost the same behavior. One of the crucial factors in multicomponent reactions is solvent selection due to the different yields of each catalyst in different solvents. therefore, we have examined different solvents (protic and aprotic) to observe the effect. First, optimization experiments were conducted in ethanol, methanol, acetonitrile, DCM, DMF, DMSO, THF, toluene, water, ethanol/water (3:1), methanol/water (3:1), and solvent-free conditions as green conditions in both model reaction and the best efficiency were obtained in ethanol (Table 1, entries 1). Among these solvents, just MeOH, DCM, and ACN gave the intended product for 92, 60, and 66% yield, respectively (Table 1, Entries 2-4). Protic solvents have shown great progress in model reactions in comparison to

aprotic solvents. In aprotic solvents, the intended product has not been seen in TLC even after 1h. Thus, we have desired to use protic solvents more than aprotic solvents. Unfortunately, model reactions showed no intended product in TLC in water as solvent (Table 1, entry 9). The insolubility of organic compounds in water could be the reason for this event. Therefore, we have used the combination of water and ethanol (Table 1, entries 10-11). The results showed that the existence of water would decrease the yields. We also tried model reactions in solvent-free conditions. In these conditions, the intended product has not been seen in TLC even after 1h. After concluding the results, ethanol was the best solvent among the others and was selected as the constant solvent for further studies.

The subsequent model reaction was performed without catalyst and in the presence of ethanol, the yield of this MCRs was not considerable (Table 1, entries 14). Another critical factor in multicomponent reactions is the amount of catalyst in the reaction. By adding the g-C₃N₄/Pr/ THAM nanocatalyst to the model reaction in the presence of a solvent, the efficiency increased dramatically and the yield was reached about 91%. Thus, we have examined the different amounts of the catalyst to find the optimum amount, and the results have shown in Table 1. Hence, we have added 0.01 g of catalyst to the reaction mixture. The TLC monitoring showed that the intended product is produced (Table 1, Entry 15). For optimizing catalyst amount, we have increased the amount by 30 mg. As a result, it showed that the amount of catalyst upper 0.02 g does not affect the yield of the intended product. (Table 1, Entry 18). Accordingly, it was observed that 0.02g nanocatalyst is sufficient to conduct this MCRs.

Table 1. Optimizing the reaction conditions in the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine^a and pyranopyrazole^b derivatives

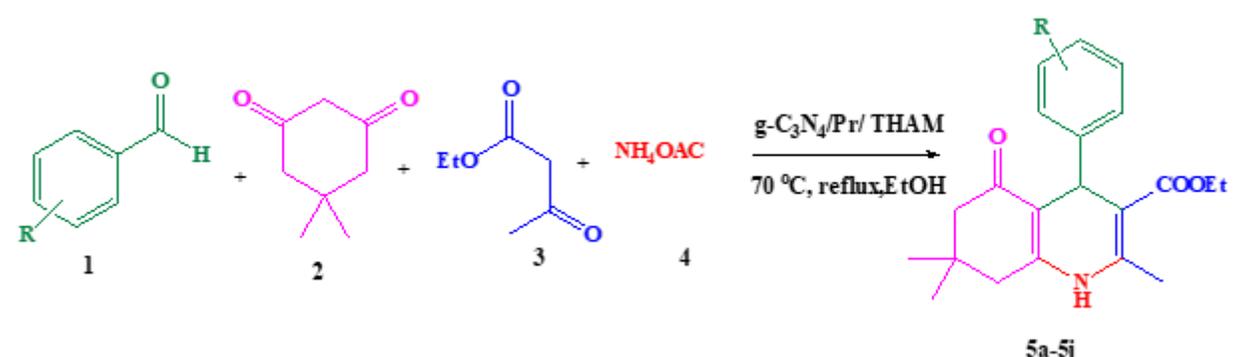
Entry	Solvent	Catalyst amount (g)	Time (min)	Yield ^(a) (%)	Yield ^(b) (%)
1	EtOH	0.02	15	90	91
2	MeOH	0.02	15	87	85
3	MeCN	0.02	15	68	63
4	DCM	0.02	15	53	50
5	DMF	0.02	60	–	–
6	DMSO	0.02	60	–	–
7	THF	0.02	60	–	–
8	Toluene	0.02	60	–	–
9	H ₂ O	0.02	60	–	–
10	EtOH/H ₂ O (3:1)	0.02	15	75	73
11	EtOH/H ₂ O (3:1)	0.02	15	68	64
12	–	0.02	60	–	–
13	–	0.02	60	–	–
14	EtOH	–	60	–	–
15	EtOH	0.01	15	53	50
16	EtOH	0.015	15	73	71
17	EtOH	0.02	15	90	91
18	EtOH	0.03	15	66	64

(a) Reaction conditions: chlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol), ethyl acetoacetate (1 mmol), dimedone (1 mmol), and ammonium acetate (1 mmol), catalyst (0.01-0.03 g), the yields relate to the isolated product:

(b) Reaction of ethyl acetoacetate (1 mmol), hydrazine hydrate (1 mmol), 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol) and malononitrile (1 mmol), catalyst (0.01-0.03 g), the yields relate to the isolated product.

After the optimization process, the generality of the procedure was evaluated by the reaction of different aromatic aldehydes with different types of electron-donating and electron-withdrawing groups. As observed in Table 2 and 3, all desired product was obtained with high yields in short reaction times. After optimizing the reaction conditions, we investigated the limitation and generality of the presented procedure using different aromatic aldehydes (Table 2 and 3).

Table 2. The synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine derivatives in optimized condition using g-C₃N₄/Pr/THAM nanocatalyst.



Entry	R	Products	Time (min)	Mp (°C)		Yield ^a (%)
				Observed	Literature	
1	H	5a	15	201-203	203-204 ⁴⁴	90
2	4-Cl	5b	15	245-246	245-246 ⁴⁵	96
3	3-NO ₂	5c	30	182-183	180-183 ⁴⁶	89
4	4-OH	5d	25	231-233	231-233 ⁴⁶	87
5	2-Cl	5e	15	200-202	202-204 ⁴⁷	95
6	4-Me	5f	25	259-261	259-262 ⁴⁸	86
7	4-NO ₂	5g	20	241-243	241-243 ⁴⁹	90
8	4-OMe	5h	25	256-258	258-260 ⁵⁰	87
9	2,4-Cl	5i	35	241-243	240-242 ⁵¹	94
10	3-OH	5j	30	232-233	230-232 ⁵²	89

^a The yields relate to the isolated product.

Table 3. The synthesis of pyranopyrazole derivatives in optimized condition using the g-C₃N₄/Pr/THAM nanocatalyst.

Entry	R	Products	Time (min)	MP (°C)		Yield ^a (%)
				Observed	Literature	
1	H	10a	20	244-246	⁵³ 243-245	91
2	4- Cl	10b	20	231-233	⁴³ 230-232	95
3	4- NO ₂	10c	25	250-252	⁵⁴ 250-251	88
4	2,4- Cl	10d	40	234-236	⁵⁵ 234-236	92
5	4- OH	10e	30	223-224	⁵⁵ 223-224	93
6	4- Me	10f	30	176-177	⁵⁵ 177-178	91
7	3- NO ₂	10g	35	213-215	⁵⁵ 213-216	93
8	2- Cl	10h	20	255-257	⁵⁵ 245-246	93
9	4- MeO	10i	30	176-177	⁵⁵ 177-178	87
10	4- Br	10j	35	180-182	⁵⁶ 179-181	90

^a The yields relate to the isolated product.

Suggested mechanism for synthesis of pyranopyrazole and 1,4-dihydropyridine derivatives

The characteristics of g-C₃N₄/Pr/THAM nanocomposite as a multifunctional catalyst was utilized for the synthesis pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazol and 1,4-dihydropyridine derivatives.

The Hantzsch reaction widely used for direct synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine (DHPs) derivatives. Based on previous studies^{57,58}, we propose the following mechanism for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine derivatives. We know that the surface of our g-C₃N₄/Pr/THAM catalyst plays an important role for the synthesis of desired derivatives. 1,4-dihydropyridine derivatives are synthesized by two slightly different methods. In the first method which presented in Scheme 3, the critical intermediate (I) formed through Knoevenagel condensation of benzaldehyde and dimedone in the presence of g-C₃N₄/Pr/THAM. On the other hand, the nucleophilic attack of the nitrogen of the ammonium acetate and the condensation of ethyl acetoacetate and ammonium acetate generated the intermediate (II). The next step involves Michael addition of (II) to (I), ring closing, and water elimination produced 1,4-dihydropyridine derivatives. But there is another mechanism for this reaction, In the second method, the reaction between dimedone and ammonium acetate in the presence of catalyst would obtain intermediate (III). The reaction between ethyl acetoacetate and aldehyde would obtain intermediate (IV). Eventually, by the reaction of two intermediates, the corresponding product would obtain and the g-C₃N₄/Pr/ THAM nanocatalyst was returned to reaction cycle. Also, the essential role of the catalyst is shown.

To form the pyranopyrazole derivatives, the g-C₃N₄/Pr/THAM nanocomposite as a bifunctional catalyst was utilized. According to reported articles^{43,57}, we have proposed a plausible reaction mechanism for the preparation of pyranopyrazole derivatives which is outlined in Scheme 4. First, the carbonyl groups were subjected to the nucleophilic attack of hydrazine hydrate with two nucleophilic sites. At this stage, by removing water and ethanol molecules respectively and also tautomerization intermediate (I) is formed. On the other hand, intermediate (II) was produced via Knoevenagel condensation reaction and with loss of H₂O between catalyst-activated aromatic aldehyde and malononitrile. In the second stage, two intermediate pyrazolone ring and 2-phenylidenemalononitrile catalyzed with g-C₃N₄/Pr/ THAM compound and produced intermediate (III) and (IV). These compounds are formed by the reactions Michael addition, 6-exo-dig cyclization respectively. In the last step, by proton transfer and tautomerization of molecule (IV), the desired pyranopyrazole derivatives were obtained. Then g-C₃N₄/Pr/THAM nanocatalyst was returned to the reaction cycle to reuse.

Reusability

Reusability is one of the most important factors in any catalyst system, which highlights them as an efficient system due to time savings and economic benefits. The reusability of this synthesized catalyst was investigated in two MCRs. Initially, the heterogeneous catalyst was separated from the reaction mixture with filter paper. Then, it was washed several times with water and ethanol and dried in an oven at 80 ° C. It was observed that the catalyst can be reused at least five times without significantly reducing its activity (Figure 6).

Conclusion

In this paper, we have successfully synthesized g-C₃N₄/ tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane that have –OH functions. Next, we used this catalyst in two different multicomponent reactions to investigate the catalytic properties in various reactions. As shown, the yields of the pure products either in the Hantzsch reaction or in the synthesis of pyranopyrazole derivatives were excellent and high. Also, the intended products have been purified by simple recrystallization. The advantages of using this catalyst in organic reactions are high yield, non-toxic, easy separation, and reusability.

Declarations

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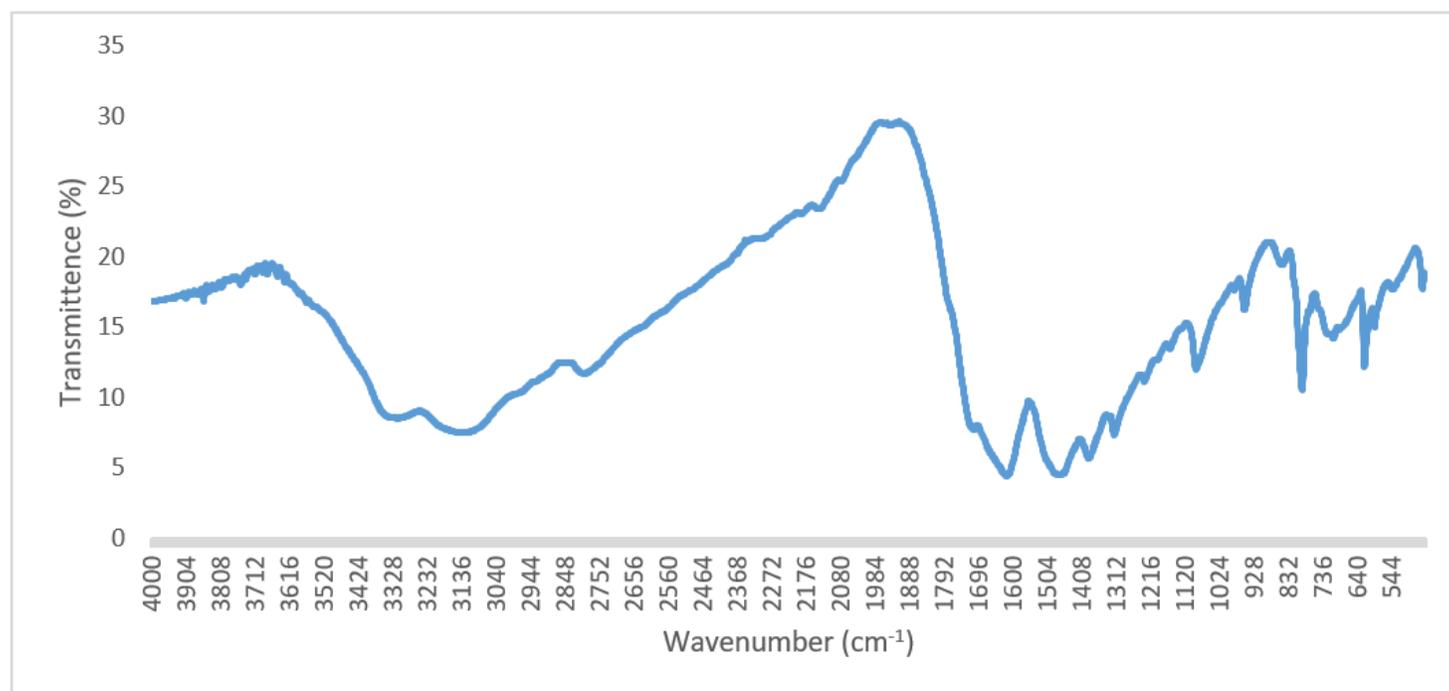
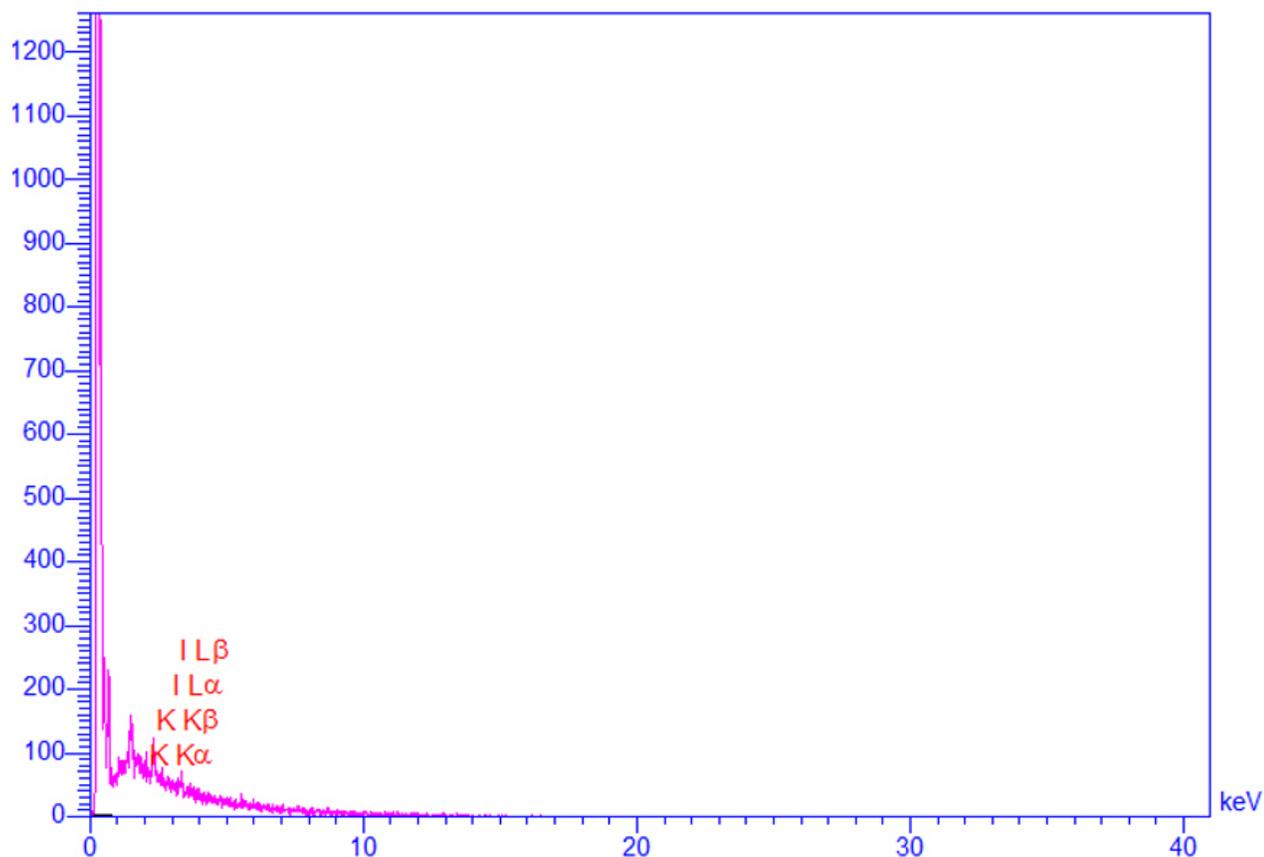


Figure 1

FT-IR spectra of g-C3N4/Pr/ THAM nanocatalyst



Quantitative Results

Elt	Line	Int	Error	K	Kr	W%	A%	ZAF	Formula	Ox%	Pk/Bg	Class	LConf	HConf	Cat#
C	Ka	1841.4	44.4689	0.5871	0.1674	28.59	32.23	0.5855		0.00	94.95	A	28.17	29.01	0.00
N	Ka	964.8	44.4689	0.3827	0.1091	62.02	59.96	0.1758		0.00	344.14	A	60.77	63.28	0.00
O	Ka	181.8	44.4689	0.0245	0.0070	9.12	7.72	0.0767		0.00	33.54	A	8.70	9.55	0.00
Na	Ka	30.6	44.4689	0.0014	0.0004	0.11	0.07	0.3466		0.00	3.10	B	0.10	0.12	0.00
K	Ka	30.5	1.3120	0.0018	0.0005	0.06	0.02	0.8597		0.00	2.88	B	0.05	0.07	0.00
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Figure 2

EDX spectrum of g-C3N4/ THAM nanocatalyst.

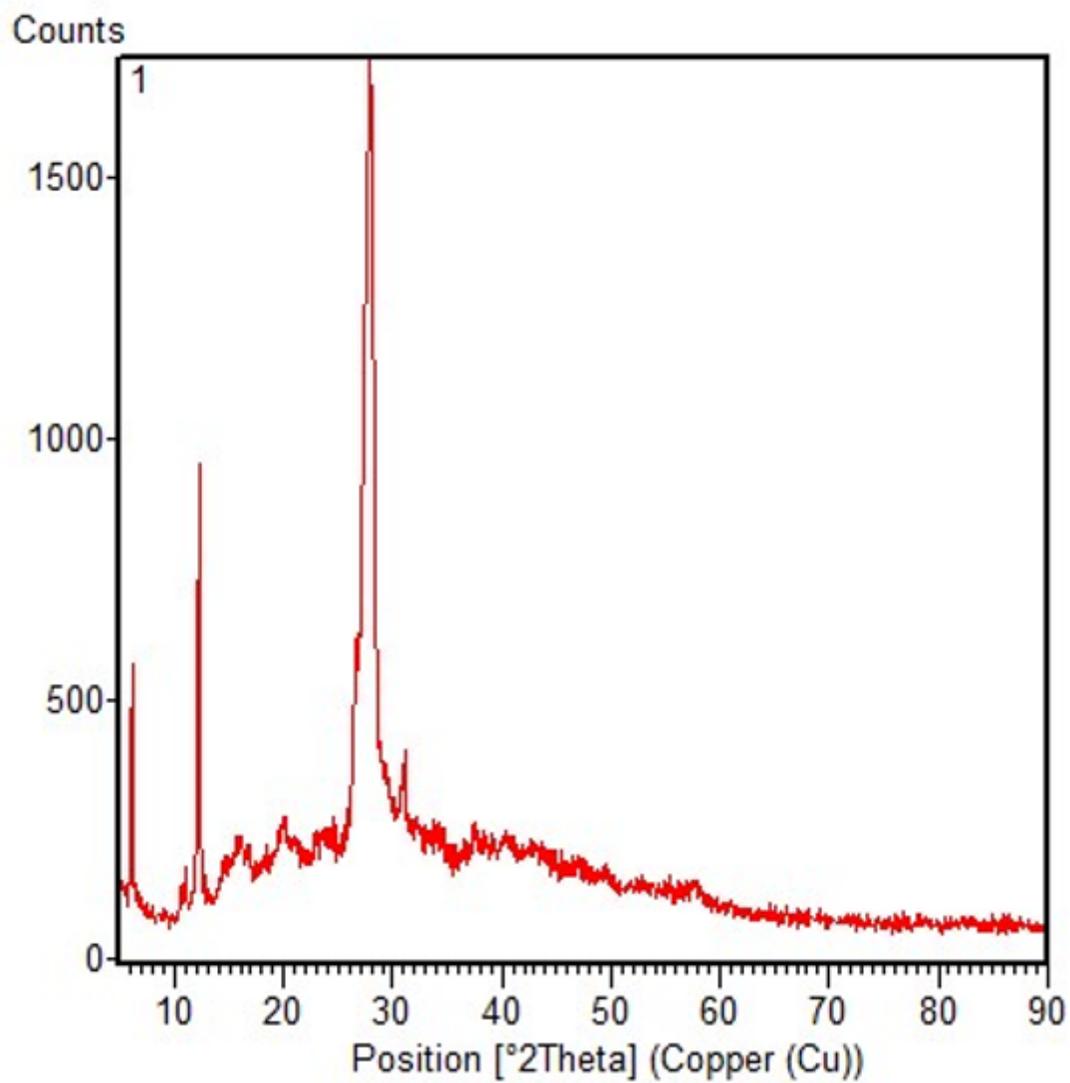


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XRD pattern of g-C₃N₄/ Pr/THAM nanocatalyst

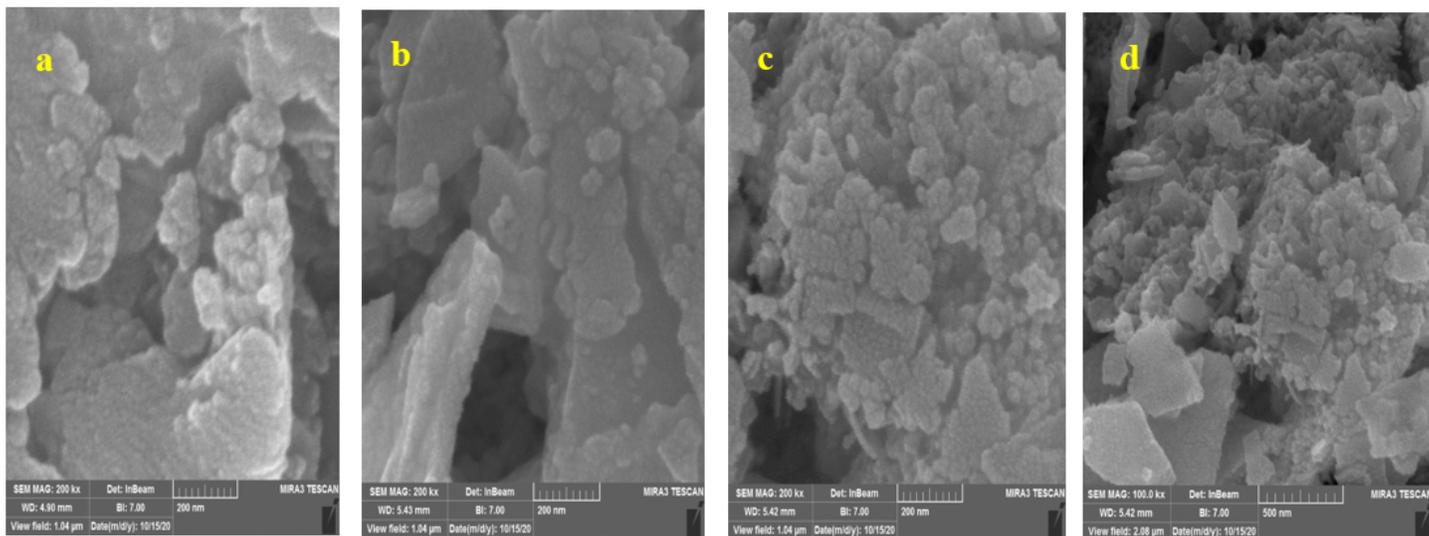


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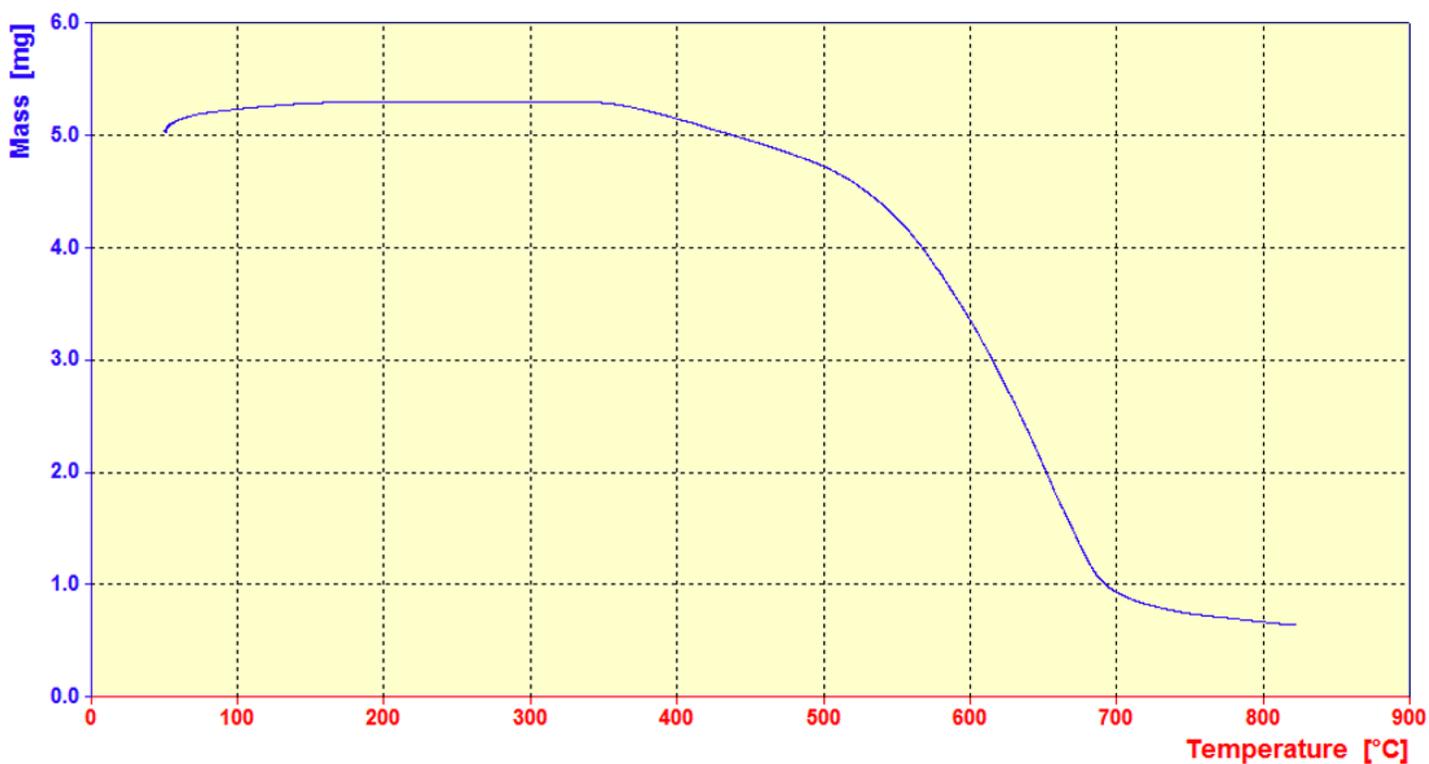


Figure 5

TGA analysis of g-C₃N₄/Pr/ THAM nanocatalysts

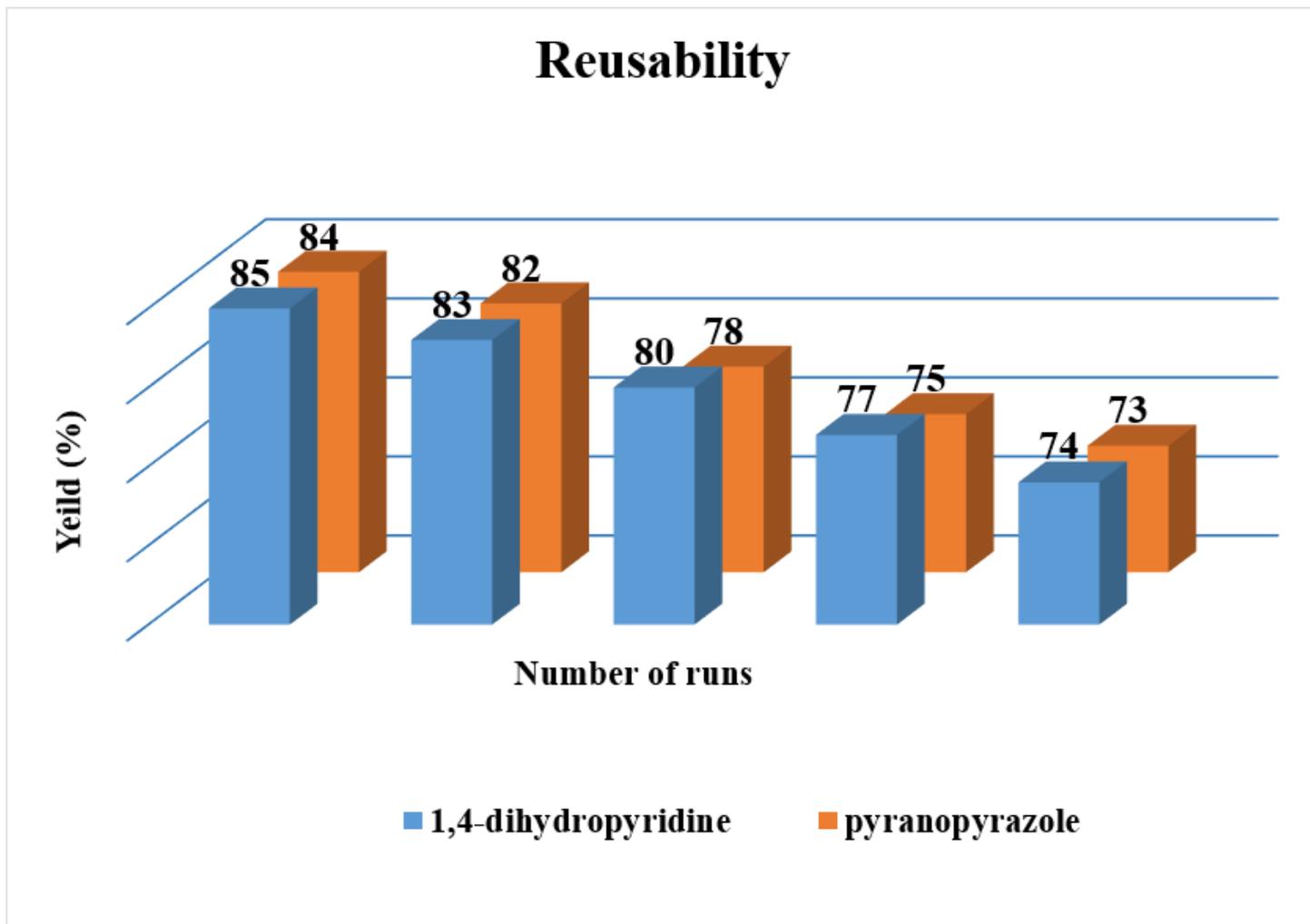


Figure 6

Reusability of the g-C₃N₄/Pr/ THAM nanocatalyst in the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine 10 b and pyranopyrazole 5 b.

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