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## Zeolitic Imidazole Framework Encapsulated Copper Nanoparticles for Hydrogenation of Aldehydes

$$Z_{\text{N}}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} + \bigvee_{\text{N}}^{\text{N}} \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} \text{N} \\ \text{N} \\ \text{H} \end{array}} \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} \text{CuCl}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{H}_2\text{O}, r.t., 1 h \end{array}} \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} \text{NaBH}_4 \\ \text{r.t., 1 h} \\ \text{NaBH}_4 \end{array}} \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} \text{CuNPs@ZIF-8} \\ \text{CuNPs@ZIF-8} \end{array} } (1)$$

**Significance:** Copper nanoparticles encapsulated in a zeolitic imidazole framework (CuNPs@ZIF-8), prepared as shown in equation 1, catalyzed the hydrogenation of aromatic aldehydes with hydrogen gas to give the corresponding alcohols in yields of 94–99% (eq. 2; 8 examples).

**Comment:** The CuNPs@ZIF-8 catalyst was characterized by means of XRD, XPS, AES, TEM, and HR-TEM analyses. In the hydrogenation of 5-(hydroxymethyl)furfural, the catalyst was recovered and reused four times without loss of its catalytic activity.

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