

Preparation of Al_2O_3 -encapsulated Ru Nanoparticle Catalysts for the Hydrodeoxygenation of Guaiacol

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Al_2O_3 -encapsulated Ru nanoparticle ($\text{Ru@Al}_2\text{O}_3$) catalysts were synthesized by a simple one pot synthesis method using a PVP-stabilized Ru colloid solution. Because the alumina-encapsulated Ru nanoparticles have the more metal-support interface, the catalytic activity of $\text{Ru@Al}_2\text{O}_3$ was significantly higher compared to the conventional alumina-supported Ru catalysts ($\text{Ru/Al}_2\text{O}_3$) for the liquid phase hydrodeoxygenation of Guaiacol, demonstrating three times higher conversion and four times higher oxygen removal. $\text{Ru@Al}_2\text{O}_3$ catalyst exhibited good selectivity to the production of cyclohexene, an important intermediate in various industrial processes.