

# Heterogeneous Hydroxyl-Directed Hydrogenation over a Pd-M Alloy Catalyst

**A recyclable heterogeneous catalyst achieves high stereoselectivity for pharma and specialty chemicals.**

Currently, there are no heterogeneous catalysts available for high yielding and stereoselective hydrogenation of hydroxyl-containing substrates. Researchers at Purdue University have developed a Pd-Cu nanoparticle heterogeneous catalyst for this application that demonstrates high conversion of up to 99% with diastereoselectivity as high 17:1 for the substrates examined. Because this is a supported catalyst, this also means that it can be easily recycled. Advances in this area have applications in pharmaceuticals and specialty chemicals.

## **Advantages:**

- More cost effective than homogeneous alternatives
- Recyclable
- Heterogeneous

## **Applications:**

- Pharmaceuticals
- Specialty chemicals

## **Technology Validation:**

This technology has been validated through laboratory demonstration.

**TRL:** 4

## **Intellectual Property:**

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Performance Chemicals  
Chemicals & Advanced  
Materials/Green & Bio-Based  
Chemistry  
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