Mussel-inspired immobilization of Au on bare and graphene-wrapped Ni nanoparticles toward highly efficient and easily recyclable catalysts

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Figure S1. (a) Magnified SEM image of Ni-PD-Au nanocomposite (b) Size distribution of AuNPS on nanocomposite surface using Image J software

Figure S2. (a) UV absorption spectra of MB reduction and (b) 4-NP reduction in presence of Ni-PD-Au

In reduction reaction of MB and 4-NP by NaBH₄ in presence of metal catalyst, BH₄⁻ ion get adsorbed on the metal surface that triggers the formation of active hydrogen species and initiates the reduction of the organic dye molecules. In our case, as the reduction of MB and 4-NP in presence of Ni-PD-Au proceeded, the appearance of additional peak at 256 nm (for MB reduction)¹ and 300 nm (for 4-NP reduction)² were observed due to formation of LMB and 4-AP respectively.
Table S1. Summary of the Results for the Average Particle Diameter of AuNPs from XRD Measurements of Ni-PD-Au Using Scherrer’s Equation

| XRD Reflections at 2θ (°) | X-Ray Wavelength, λ (nm) | Crystal Shape Factor, K | Line Broadening, β (rad) | Particle Diameter, D_p (nm) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 38                        |                          |                         | 0.0061                   | 23.9                      |
| 43                        | 0.154                    | 0.9                     | 0.0069                   | 21.3                      |
| 63                        |                          |                         | 0.0073                   | 22.3                      |
| 77.7                      |                          |                         | 0.0087                   | 20.4                      |

Average Diameter of AuNPs 22.0

Table S2. Summary of the Results for the Average Particle Diameter of AuNPs from XRD Measurements of Ni-G-PD-Au Using Scherrer’s Equation

| XRD Reflections at 2θ (°) | X-Ray Wavelength, λ (nm) | Crystal Shape Factor, K | Line Broadening, β (rad) | Particle Diameter, D_p (nm) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 38                        |                          |                         | 0.0057                   | 25.5                      |
| 43                        | 0.154                    | 0.9                     | 0.0061                   | 24.4                      |
| 63                        |                          |                         | 0.0069                   | 23.3                      |
| 77.7                      |                          |                         | 0.0078                   | 22.7                      |

Average Diameter of AuNPs 23.9

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