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Photocatalytic hydrogenation of acetophenone over  $\mathrm{Pd}\text{-TiO}_2$  using saccharides as hydrogen sources

Acetophenone was hydrogenated to 1-phenylethanol over a  $Pd-TiO_2$  photocatalyst using various saccharides without the use of  $H_2$  gas. This photocatalytic system shows wide applicability of saccharides; 15 kinds of saccharides including 3 kinds of polysaccharides could be used as hydrogen sources. The results indicate the possibility of utilizing biomass for hydrogenation instead of  $H_2$  gas.



