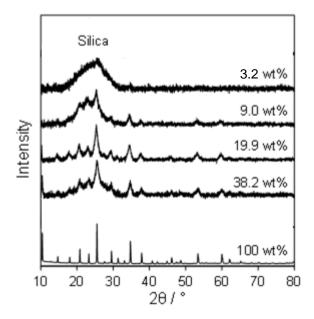
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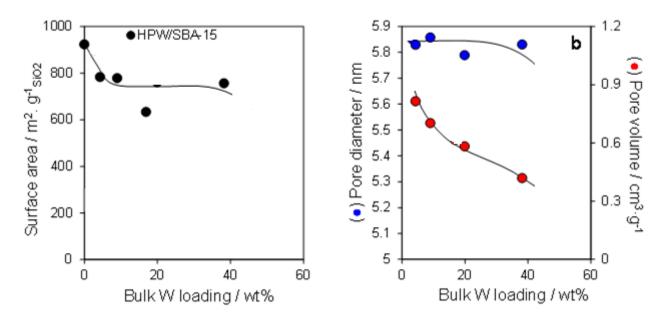
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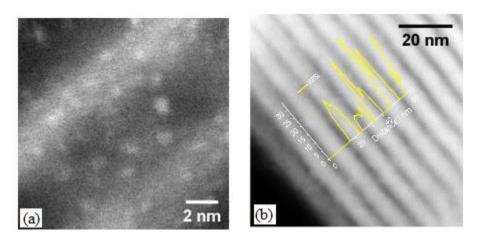
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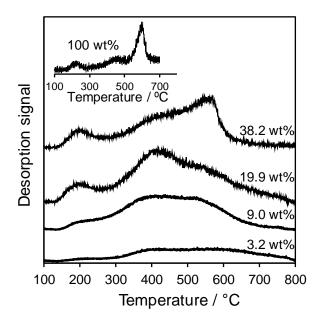
**Figure S1.** Powder XRD patterns for HPW/SBA-15 as a function of W loading, together with a pure HPW reference.



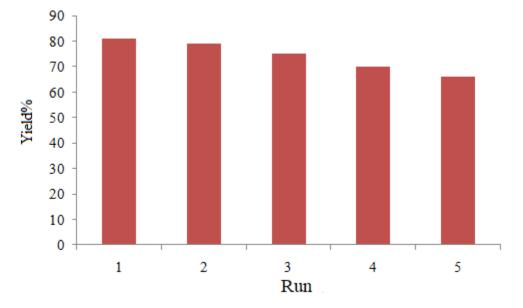
**Figure S2.** Variation of (a) surface areas of HPW/SBA-15 and (b) mesopore diameter and mesopore volume of HPW/SBA-15 as a function of bulk W loading.



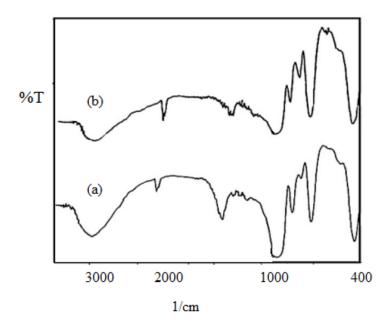
**Figure S3.** HRTEM dark-field images of 3.2 wt% HPW/SBA-15 (a) and 51.6 wt% HPW/SBA-15 (b). Inset shows the corresponding EDX profile.



**Figure S4.**  $NH_3$  TPD spectra for HPW/SBA-15 as a function of W loading. Inset shows corresponding desorption spectrum for pure HPW.



**Figure S5.** Indole yield over 51.8 wt% HPW/SBA-15 as a function of recycle. Reaction condition: benzaldehyde (1 mmol), malononitrile (1 mmol), and indole (1 mmol); 60 °C; 20 min; 5 mg catalyst.



**Figure S6**. FT-IR spectra of 51.8 wt% HPW/SBA-15 (a) as-prepared, and (b) after 5 consecutive reactions.

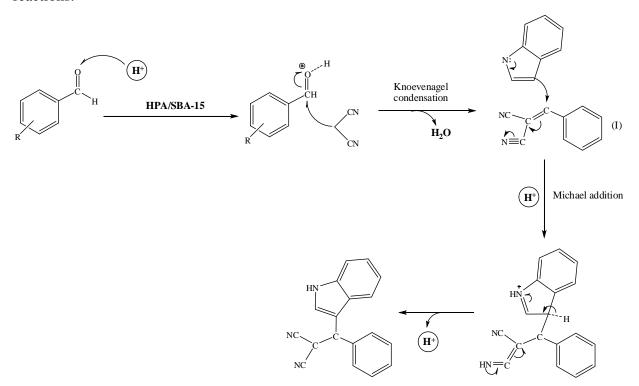


Figure S7. Proposed reaction pathway for the three-component condensation reaction.

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