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## Abstract

This research is related to the preparation of heavy crude oil upgrading homogenous nano catalyst. The present research is directed to reduce the operational temperature of catalytic hydrocracking of heavy crude oil and also to increase the yield of process by utilizing the lower concentration of the synthesized nano catalyst. Therefore, we have successfully prepared kerosene from heavy crude oil during a hydrocracking reaction in the presence of the as-prepared oil soluble homogenous nano catalyst. In this reaction, liquid product yield is more and the reaction temperature is less than the other previous similar researches. So, the novelty of this research is preparation of the exfoliated-MoS<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles, utilization of this new homogenous nanocatalyst in the hydrocracking and upgrading of heavy crude oil and demonstration of its excellent properties in comparison with the similar catalysts that have been reported in the previous researches. This research was performed in four steps. Firstly, MoO<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles with average particle size about 50 nm were prepared with spray pyrolysis method. Secondly, the as-prepared

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