

## **Supporting Information**

### **Methanolysis fractionation and catalytic conversion of poplar wood toward methyl levulinate, phenolics, and glucose.**

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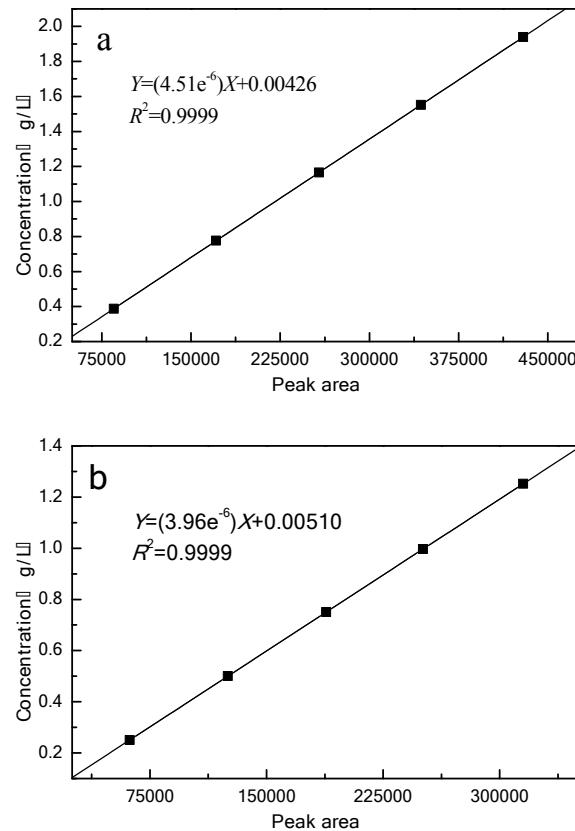
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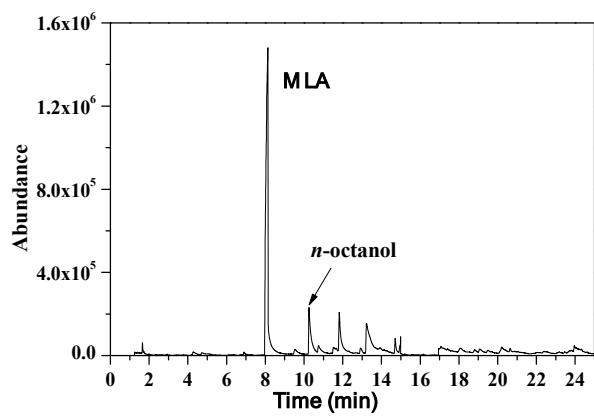
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a. Methyl xyloside; b. Methyl glucoside

**Fig.S1** The standard curve of concentration of methyl xyloside and methyl glucoside.



**Fig.S2** GC chromatograms for quantitative analysis of methyl levulinate by internal standard method

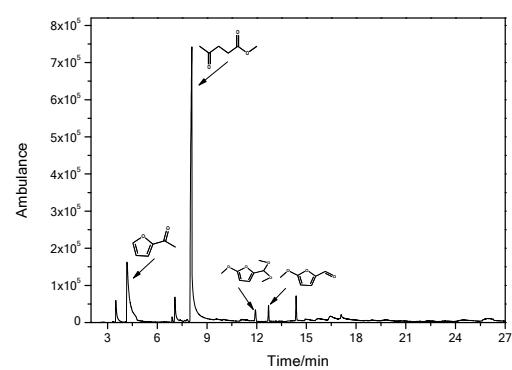
**Table S1** Methanolysis of poplar wood with different acid and acid concentration

Catalytic <sup>a</sup>	Amount of acid equivalent	Conv. (%)	Yield of methyl glycoside (%)	Delignification (%)	Carbohydrate retention (%)	
					Cellulose	Hemicellulose
No acid		18.24	5.31	18.04	95.25	87.54
$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	1	52.25	24.85	74.21	82.63	14.33
	2	60.27	30.54	78.35	74.15	10.13
$\text{HCl}$	1	26.62	7.29	36.54	90.21	82.34
	5	33.70	10.43	43.27	84.66	62.45
	10	40.21	16.77	50.25	73.34	38.39
	15	42.57	18.52	54.45	68.97	34.54
$\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$	1	25.39	7.04	30.64	91.42	85.33
	5	31.37	9.49	38.47	82.34	70.15
	10	37.06	15.64	46.93	78.83	42.53
	15	39.87	16.37	50.25	76.34	37.56
HPW	0.1	24.34	8.12	32.48	90.46	83.15
	0.2	36.17	13.35	47.52	80.83	62.17
	0.3	45.35	18.42	52.32	76.34	23.51
$\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{SO}_3\text{H}$	1	49.36	21.48	61.32	70.34	16.51
	2	57.87	26.37	66.37	65.87	10.27
p-TSOH	1	51.71	25.92	69.56	78.53	18.12
	2	60.24	29.28	74.65	74.38	13.36

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: temperature: 160°C; catalyst: 1.0 g; poplar: 20 g; methanol: 200 mL; time: 40min. The acid dose is based on the amount of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ .

**Table S2** Decomposition behavior of the methyl- $\beta$ -D-xylopyranoside at various temperatures

Reaction temperature/ $^{\circ}$ C	Reaction time/min	Conversion/%	Byproducts	
			furfural/%	$\beta$ -methoxy-2-furanethanol /%
200	10	94	8	42
180	10	65	5	40
160	10	27	3	18
140	10	19	-	12
120	10	5	-	-



**Fig S3.** The GC-MS analysis of product distributions of the conversion of methyl glycoside in methanol/DMM

**Table S3.** Molecular distribution (Mw and Mn) and polydispersity (Mw/Mn) of the lignin fragments.

Sample	Mw /g mol <sup>-1</sup>	Mn /g mol <sup>-1</sup>	Mw/Mn
Lignin 1#	2376	1443	1.65
Lignin 2#	1316	723	1.82
Lignin oil	368	251	1.47

**Table. S4** The composition analysis of the lignin oil based on the GC-MS analysis

Type	Retention time (min)	Compounds	Relative content (%)
Type	15.109	4-Hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde	6.73
	15.932	Benzene, 1,3-bis(1-methylethenyl)-	1.07
	19.938	2-methoxy-4-propylphenol	14.50
	22.633	4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenylacetic acid	9.85
	24.829	4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenethanol	2.83
	25.287	3-methoxy-4-hydroxybenzoic acid methyl ester	6.12
	25.511	(1,1'-Biphenyl)-2,2'-dicarboxaldehyde	2.25
	27.546	Benzaldehyde, 3,4-dimethoxy-, methylmonoacetal	3.67
	28.192	2-(3,5-dimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)ethanol	11.58
	29.139	3,5-diethyl-4-methylbenzaldehyde	4.18
	31.696	3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-propenoic acid methyl ester	7.80
	34.013	1-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-4-methoxybenzene	6.70
	<b>Total</b>		<b>77.28</b>
	9.739	Pentanoic acid, 4-oxo-, methyl ester	<b>3.61</b>
Others	11.963	1,4-Cyclohexanedione	1.46
	14.723	5-methoxymethyl-furfural	4.17
	15.927	Pentanoic acid, 4,4-dimethoxy-, ethyl ester	1.78
	21.759	Methyl- $\alpha$ -D-Xylofuranoside	6.09
Others	24.571	Methyl(methyl 4-O-methyl-. $\alpha$ .-d-mannopyranoside)uronate	3.68
	<b>Total</b>		<b>20.79</b>