

# **Supporting information**

## **Importance of Zinc Oxide in Cu-Based Catalysts for the Ethynylation of Formaldehyde to 1,4-Butynediol**

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Table S1. Textural Properties of the Cu-Based Catalysts

	$S_{\text{BET}} (\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{g}^{-1})$	$D_{\text{pore}} (\text{nm})$	$V_{\text{pore}} (\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{g}^{-1})$
CuO	8.02	9.02	0.023
CuO-0.2ZnO	9.47	11.82	0.028
CuO-0.33ZnO	12.92	10.9	0.033
CuO-1ZnO	52.61	19.82	0.26

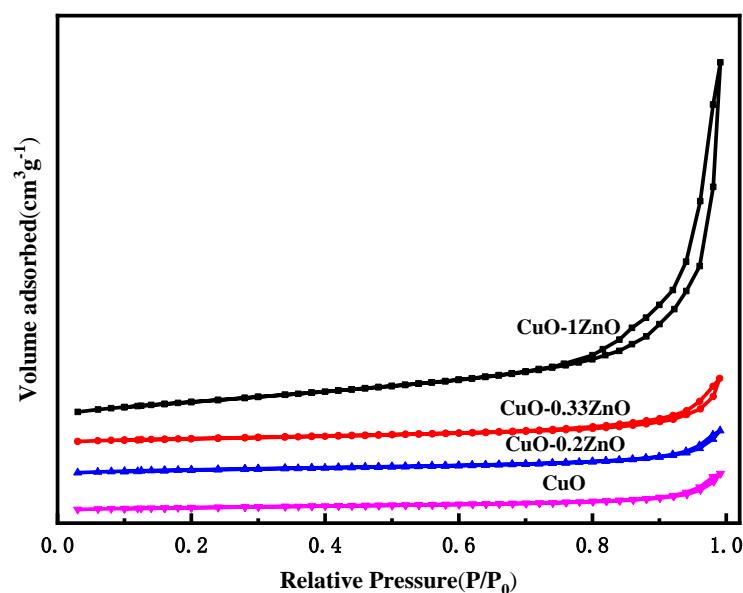


Figure S1. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms

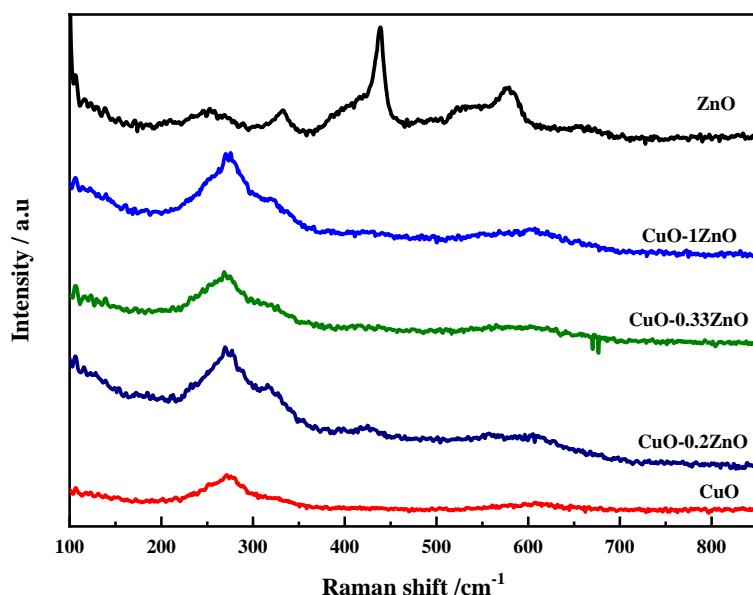


Figure S2. Raman spectra of the CuO and CuO-xZnO catalysts.

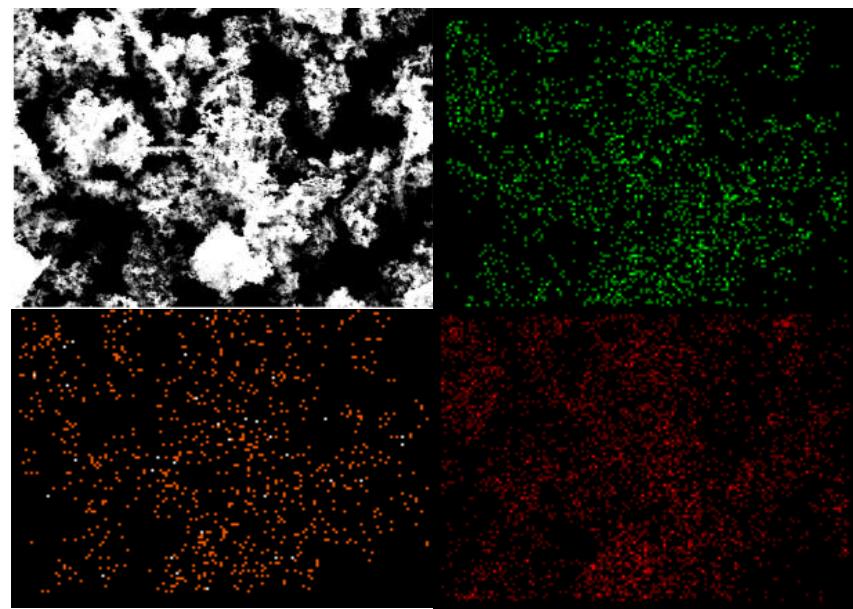


Figure S3. Elemental mappings of Cu, Zn, and O of the CuO-0.33ZnO catalyst.

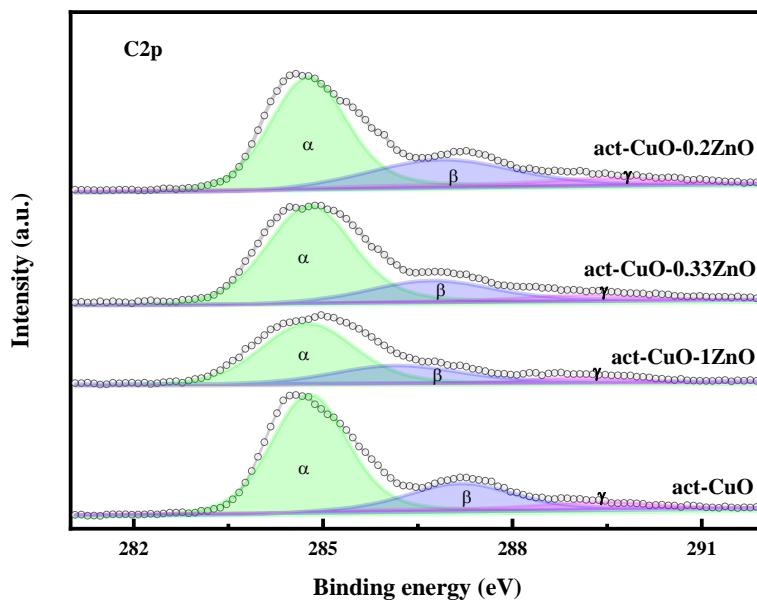


Figure S4. C 1s high-resolution XPS spectra of the CuO and CuO-xZnO catalysts.

Table S2 Structural and textural properties of catalysts

Samples	$\text{Cu}_{2\text{p}3/2}$ (eV)	$\text{Cu}_{2\text{p}1/2}$ (eV)	$\text{Zn}_{2\text{p}1/2}$ (eV)	$\text{Zn}_{2\text{p}3/2}$ (eV)	Zn/Cu (molar ratio) (activation catalyst)
CuO	933.9	953.9	-	-	-
CuO-0.2ZnO	932.8	952.8	1022.5	1045.6	0.17
CuO-0.33ZnO	932.8	952.8	1022.5	1045.6	0.32
CuO-1ZnO	933.2	953.2	1022.1	1045.2	1.72
ZnO	-	-	1021.4	1044.5	-