

Supporting Information

Two-step conversion of biomass-derived glucose with high concentration over Cu-Cr catalysts

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Table S1. One-step conversion of glucose over CuCr(4) catalyst with or without Ca(OH)₂

Entry	Substrates (30 wt%)	Reaction conditions	Conv. (%)	Yield (%)				
				1,2-PD	C2-4 ^b	C6 ^c	Oligos. ^d	Oth. ^e
1	Glucose ^a	493 K, 6MPa, 5h	Coking					
2	Glucose	493 K, 6MPa, 5h	Coking					
3	Glucose ^a	413 K, 6MPa, 5h	60.0	-	-	55.7	2.4	0.4
4	Glucose	413 K, 6MPa, 1h	90.4	11.7	22.1	9.0	50.1	4.1
5	Glucose	413 K, 6MPa, 2h	96.9	18.1	31.6	22.6	22.7	6.3
6	Glucose	413 K, 6MPa, 5h	>99.9	24.1	49.2	27.5	1.2	10.1

^a without Ca(OH)₂; ^b C2-4: EG, 1,2-PD, GLY and ERY; ^c C6: SOR and MAN; ^d Water-soluble oligosaccharides; ^e Others: liquid (methanol, ethanol, propanol, furfuran and some unknown), gas (CO₂, CH₄, CO).

Table S2. Reaction results of glucose conversion in references

Concentration of glucose (%)	Catalyst	Reaction conditions	Yield (%)	References
50	Ni/Kieselguhr+ CaCO_3	220 °C, 13.7 MPa	$\text{Y}_{\text{GLY}}=43\%$	1
26	Os/AC+ $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$	210 °C, 5 MPa	$\text{Y}_{\text{EG}+1,2\text{-PD}}=46\%$	2
5	$\text{Ni}_2\text{P-W/AC} + \text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$	200 °C, 4 MPa	$\text{Y}_{\text{EG}}=22\%$, $\text{Y}_{1,2\text{-PD}}=12\%$	3
40	Ruthenium acetylacetonate	250 °C, 13.7 MPa	$\text{Y}_{\text{EG}}=10\%$, $\text{Y}_{1,2\text{-PD}}=30\%$	4

Table S3. Surface elemental composition and various Cu oxidation species of fresh and used catalysts

	Atomic composition (%)				Composition (%)			
	Cu 2p	Cr 2p	O 1s	Ca 2s	Cu/Cr	Cu ⁰	Cu ⁺	Cu ²⁺
CuCr(4)	14.6	12.5	72.9		1.2			
CuCr(4)-R	20.2	14.4	65.4		1.4	47.1	24.2	28.7
CuCr(4)-RS	13.4	13.1	73.5		1.0	55.7	29.6	14.7
CuCrCa-S	11.5	12.0	74.0	2.5	1.0	45.4	42.3	12.3

Table S4. XPS analysis of various carbon oxide species on fresh and used catalysts

Species		Binding energy (eV)	Composition (%)		
			CuCr(4)-R	CuCr(4)-RS	CuCrCa-S
Peak 1	Carbonyl (C=O)	288.1	7.3	4.3	5.9
Peak 2	Adventitious (C-C)	284.5	92.7	60.6	63.3
Peak 3	Alcohol or ether (C-OH or C-O-C)	285.7	0	35.1	30.8

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