

## Supporting information

### Figure Caption

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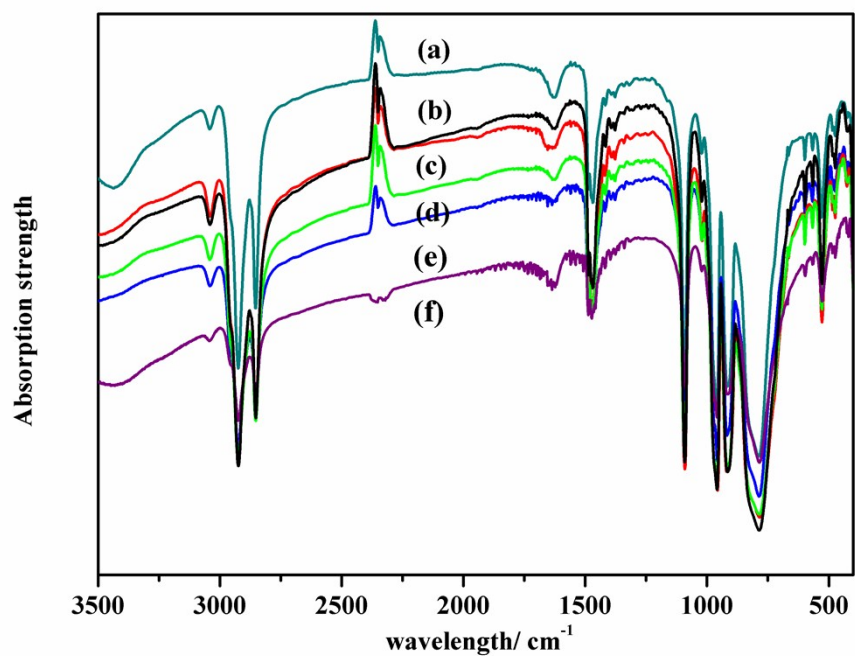
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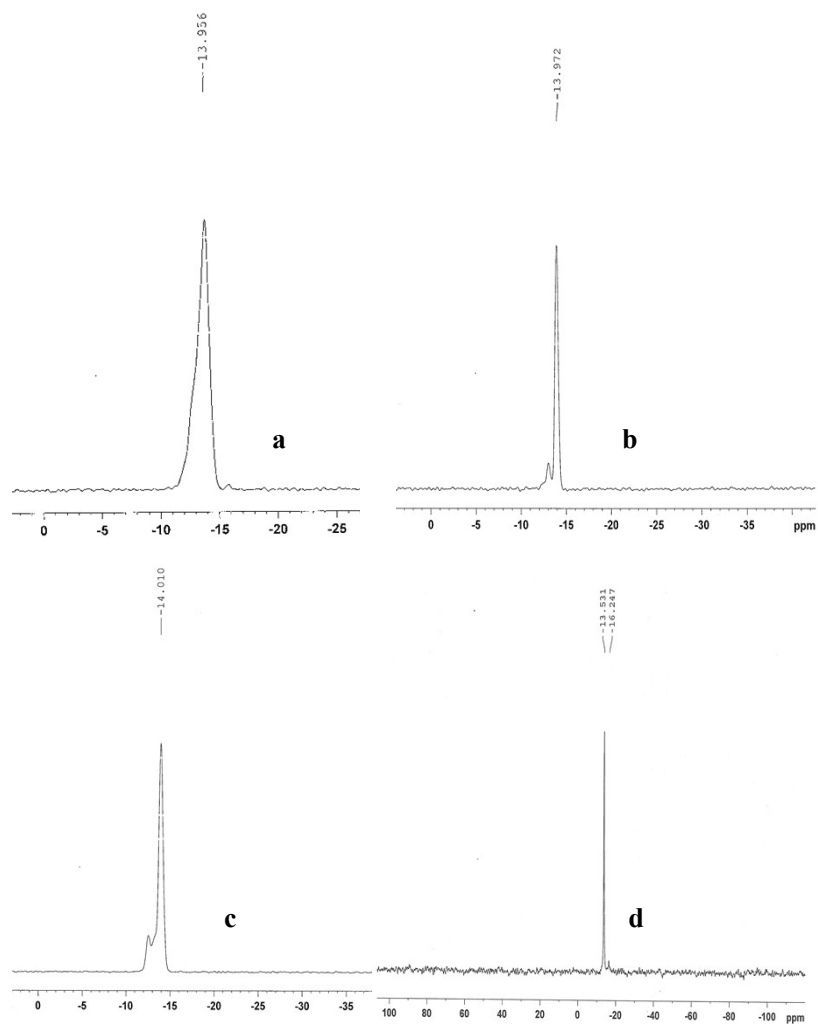
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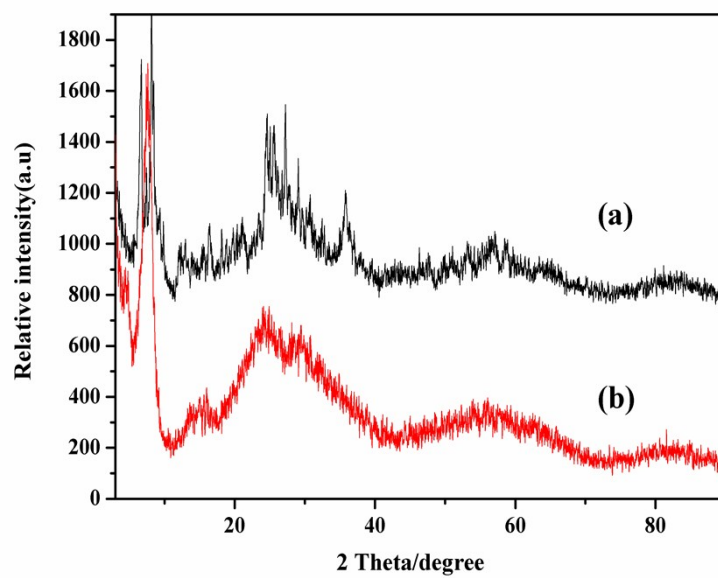
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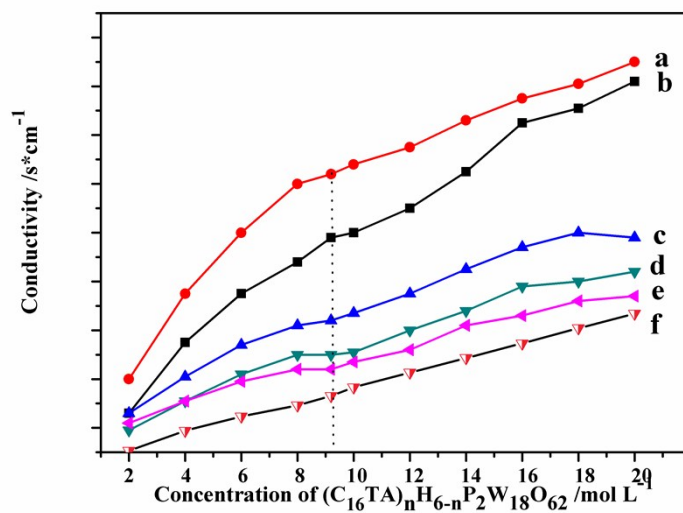
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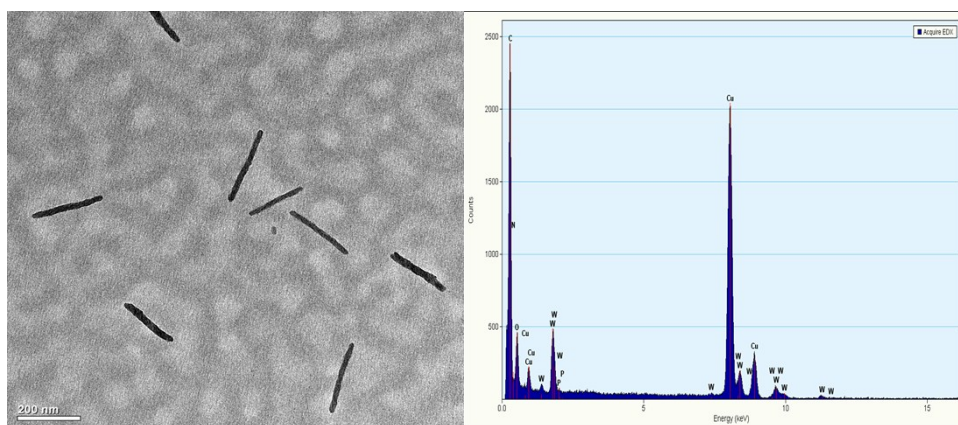
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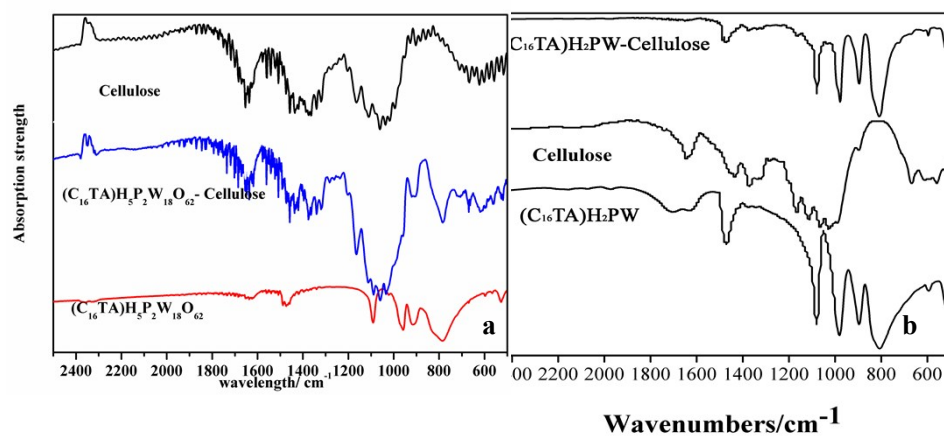
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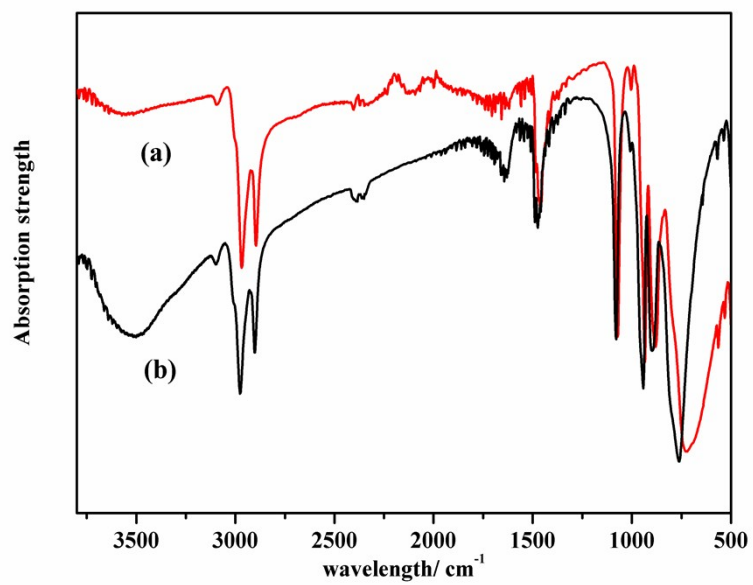
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**Table S1** Hydrolysis of cellulose comparison with recently reported chemical procedures.

Catalyst	Solvents	Temp. (K)	Time (h)	Glucose yield (%)	Ref.
HNbMoO <sub>6</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	403	12	8.5	1
Zn–Ca–Fe	H <sub>2</sub> O	433	20	29	2
Amberlyst–15	[BMIm]Cl/H <sub>2</sub> O	373	5	11	3
CP–SO <sub>3</sub> H	H <sub>2</sub> O	393	10	93	4
Nafion NR50	H <sub>2</sub> O	403	2	35	5
Nafion SAC50	H <sub>2</sub> O	463	24	11	6
PCPs–SO <sub>3</sub> H	H <sub>2</sub> O	393	3	5.3	7
AC–SO <sub>3</sub> H	H <sub>2</sub> O	373	3	64	8
BC–SO <sub>3</sub> H	H <sub>2</sub> O	363(MW)	1	19.8	9
CSA–SO <sub>3</sub> H <sup>b</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	403(MW)	1	34.6	10
SC–SO <sub>3</sub> H	[BMIm]Cl/H <sub>2</sub> O	383	4	63	11
AC–N–SO <sub>3</sub> H–250	H <sub>2</sub> O	423	24	62.6	12
CMK–3–SO <sub>3</sub> H	H <sub>2</sub> O	423	24	74.5	12
SimCn–SO <sub>3</sub> H	H <sub>2</sub> O	423	24	50.4	13
H <sub>3</sub> PW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	423	2	18	14
H <sub>3</sub> PW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	453	2	50.5	15
H <sub>5</sub> BW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	333	6	77	16
H <sub>3</sub> PW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	363(MW)	3	75.6	17
Micellar HPA	H <sub>2</sub> O	443	8	39.3	18
[MIMPSH] <sub>n</sub> H <sub>3–n</sub> PW	H <sub>2</sub> O/MIBK	413	5	36	19
CsH <sub>2</sub> PW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	433	6	27	20
H-beta	H <sub>2</sub> O	423	24	12	21
HY zeolite	[C <sub>4</sub> mim]Cl/H <sub>2</sub> O	373(MW)	0.13	37	22
HY zeolite	[BMIm]Cl/H <sub>2</sub> O	403	2	50	23
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> –SBA–SO <sub>3</sub> H	H <sub>2</sub> O	423	3	26	24
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> –SBA–SO <sub>3</sub> H	H <sub>2</sub> O	423	3	50	25
MNPs@SiO <sub>2</sub> –SO <sub>3</sub> H	H <sub>2</sub> O	423	3	30.2	26
Ru/CMK–3	H <sub>2</sub> O	503	24	34.2	27
CaFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	423	24	36	28
HT–OH <sub>Ca</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	423	24	40.7	29
AC–SO <sub>3</sub> H	H <sub>2</sub> O	423	12	42.5	30
PDVB–SO <sub>3</sub> H–[C <sub>3</sub> vim]– [SO <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>3</sub> ]	[C <sub>4</sub> mim]Cl/H <sub>2</sub> O	373	5	77.0	31
PVP–HPW	Butanol	433	4	61.6 $\alpha$ -BGS	32
PVP–HSiW (1/5 : 3/4)		433	4	60.8 $\alpha$ -BGS	
K26, HCl	H <sub>2</sub> O	453	1	88	33
K26			1	36	
Cp–SO <sub>3</sub> H–1.69	H <sub>2</sub> O	443	10	2.1	34
NbP	H <sub>2</sub> O	453(MW)	0.25	22	35
(CTA)H <sub>5</sub> P <sub>2</sub> W <sub>18</sub> O <sub>64</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	433	9	69.1	This work
(CTA)H <sub>5</sub> P <sub>2</sub> W <sub>18</sub> O <sub>64</sub>	methanol	433	7	58.5MLA	This work

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Catalysts	Elementary results (experiment value in parenthesis)/%					Acid content [mol·kg <sup>-1</sup> ]
	H	C	N	P	W	
$[C_{16}H_{33}N(CH_3)_3]_1H_5P_2W_{18}O_{62}$	1.02(1.10)	4.90(4.81)	0.30(0.29)	1.33(1.21)	71.12(71.45)	3.2
$[C_{16}H_{33}N(CH_3)_3]_2H_4P_2W_{18}O_{62}$	1.80(1.64)	9.25(8.43)	0.57(0.49)	1.26(1.22)	67.04(67.97)	2.8
$[C_{16}H_{33}N(CH_3)_3]_3H_3P_2W_{18}O_{62}$	2.49(2.52)	13.12(14.56)	0.81(0.76)	1.19(1.22)	63.40(62.70)	2.1
$[C_{16}H_{33}N(CH_3)_3]_4H_2P_2W_{18}O_{62}$	3.11(3.28)	16.59(15.44)	1.02(0.83)	1.13(1.31)	60.13(60.68)	1.5
$[C_{16}H_{33}N(CH_3)_3]_5HP_2W_{18}O_{62}$	3.68(3.53)	19.72(18.26)	1.21(1.09)	1.07(1.24)	57.18(59.70)	1.1
$[C_{16}H_{33}N(CH_3)_3]_6P_2W_{18}O_{62}$	4.18(4.10)	22.56(23.50)	1.38(1.29)	1.02(1.17)	54.51(54.69)	0.6

**Table S3** Voltammetric data<sup>a</sup> for heteropolytungstates using a wax-impregnated graphite electrode

Anion	Medium	E <sub>pa</sub> (V)	E <sub>pc</sub> (V)	Amount (mmol)	P <sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub> (MPa)	Conversion (%)	Yield (%)
PW <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> <sup>-3</sup>	1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	-0.04	-0.10	0.07	1.0	41.2	28.2 <sup>b</sup>
		-0.30	-0.36			51.8	29.1 <sup>c</sup>
P <sub>2</sub> W <sub>18</sub> O <sub>62</sub> <sup>-6</sup>	pH=5	0.02	-0.05	0.07	1.0	66.1	29.9 <sup>b</sup>
		-0.16	-0.22			91.2	21.1 <sup>c</sup>
		-0.55	-0.61				
		-0.68	-0.75				

<sup>a</sup>Anion concentration 1.0 mM; sweep rate 0.5 V min<sup>-1</sup>; all reductions are one-electron processes.

<sup>b</sup> Reaction condition: 100 mg of cellulose, 5 mL water at 160 °C in 3 h and in O<sub>2</sub> for 10 min.

<sup>c</sup> Reaction condition: 100 mg of cellulose, 5 mL water at 160 °C in 3 h and in O<sub>2</sub> for 30 min.

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