

Electronic supplementary information (ESI) for the manuscript:

**Effect of tungsten surface density of $\text{WO}_x\text{-ZrO}_2$ on its catalytic performance
in hydrogenolysis of cellulose to ethylene glycol**

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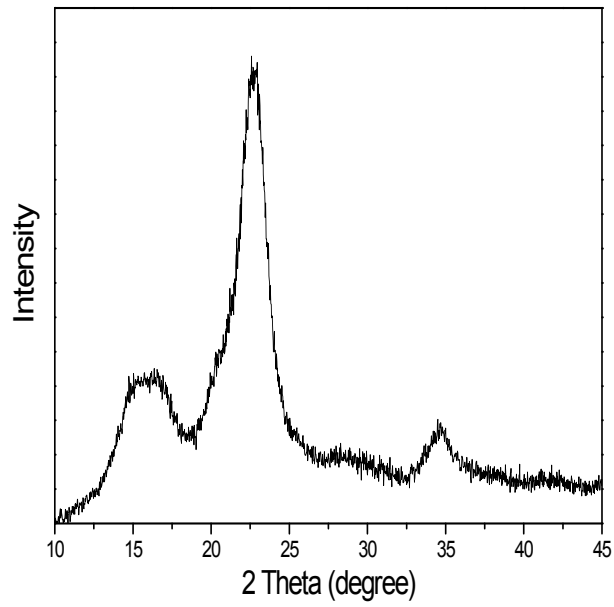


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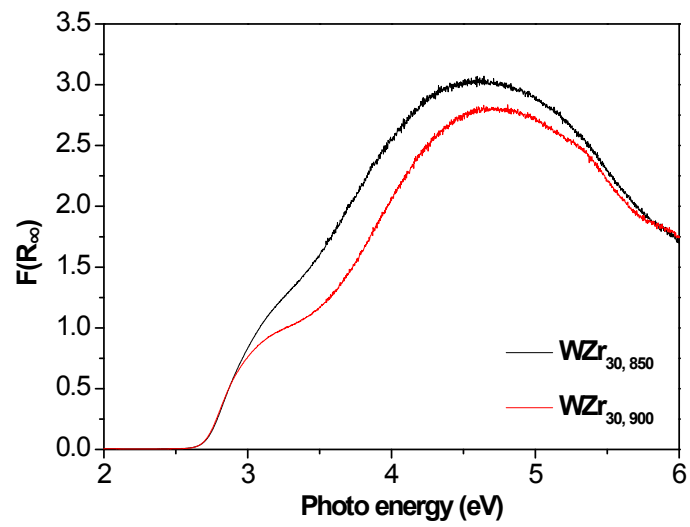


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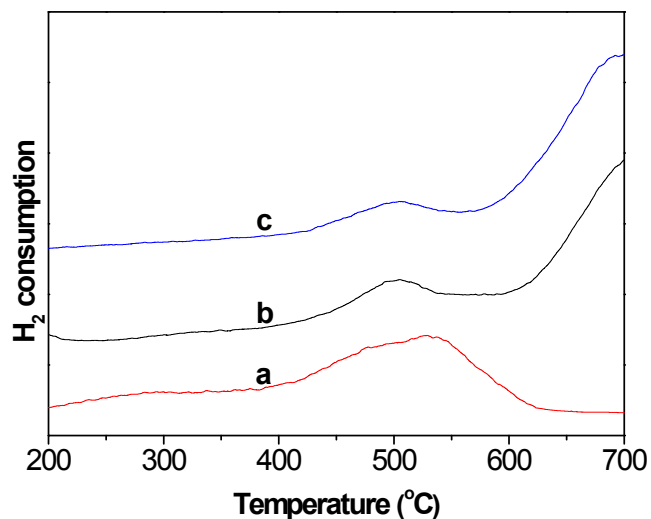


Fig. S3 H₂-TPR profile of (a) WZr_{30,850} combined with Ru/C (b) WZr_{30,850} (c) WZr_{30,900}

The more intense reduction peak of the WZr_{30,850} combined with Ru/C than those of WZr_{30,850} and WZr_{30,900} reveals that Ru/C promotes the reduction of WO₃ to W⁵⁺ species.

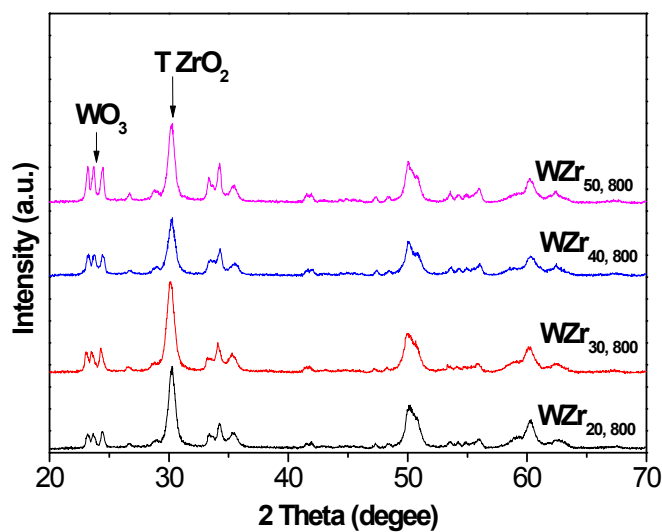


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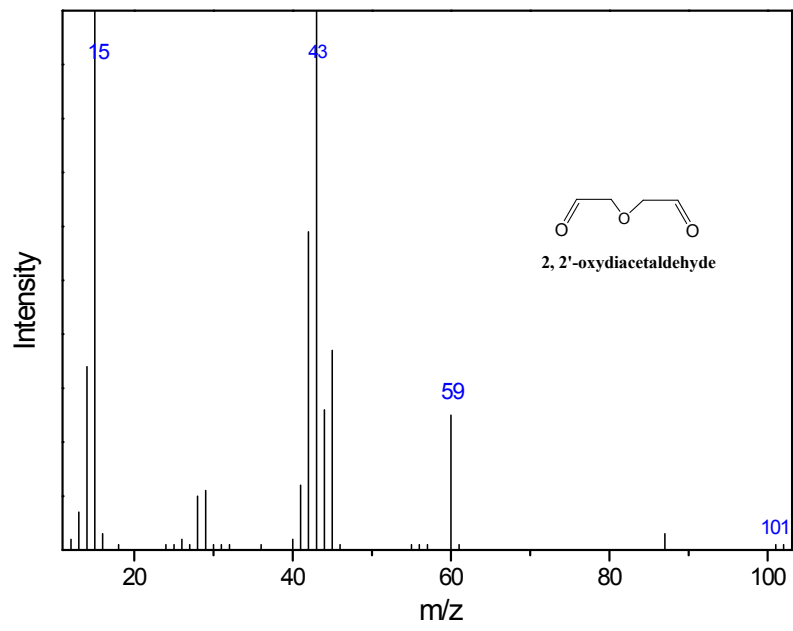
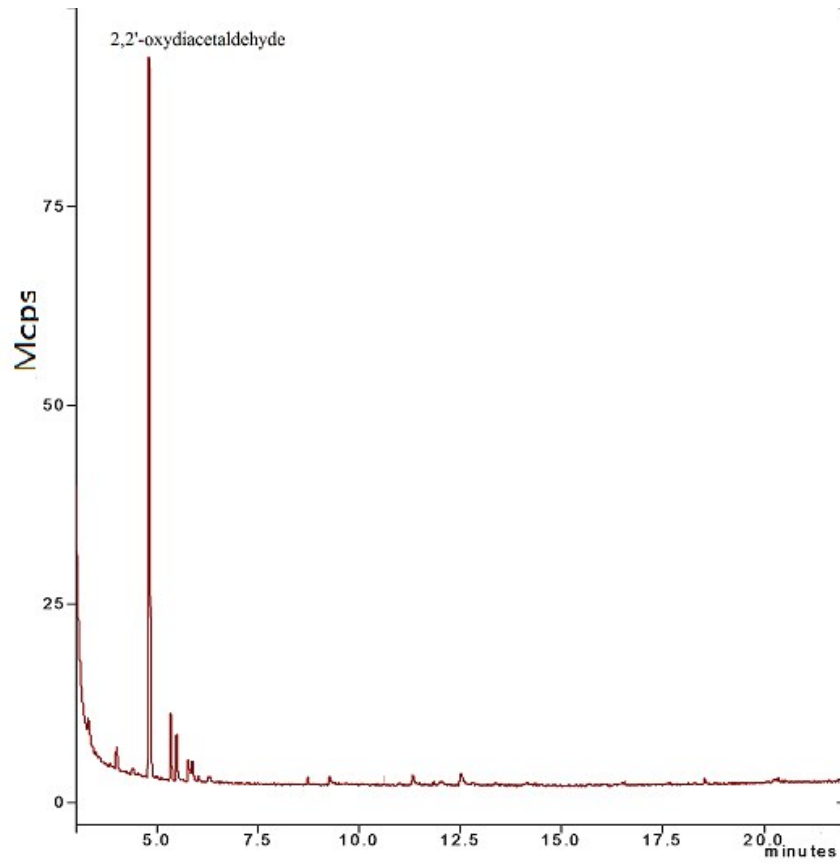


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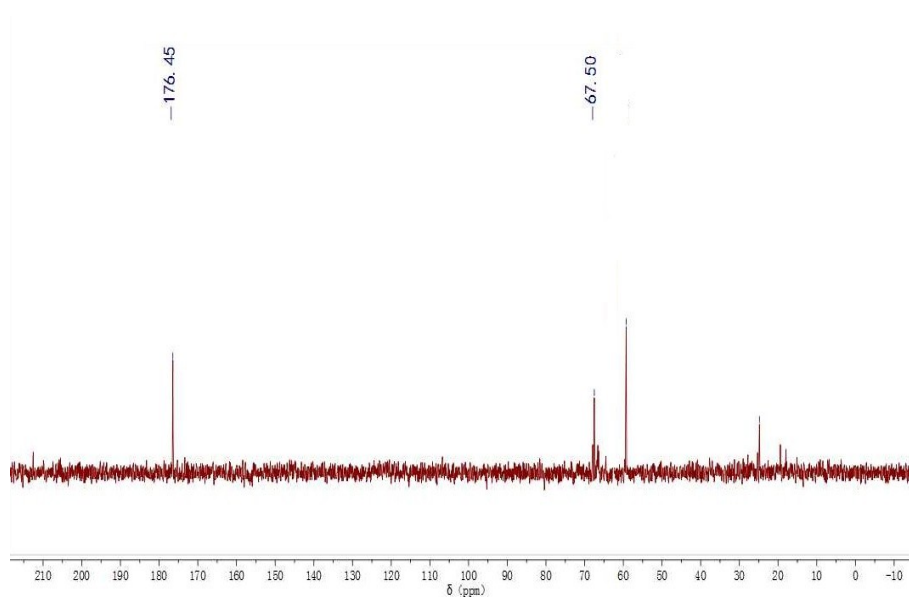


Fig. S6 ¹³C NMR spectrum of the products at the reaction of 0.5 h.

The 176.45 ppm peak can be attributed to the aldehyde carbon of 2,2'-oxydiacetaldehyde, and the 67.50 ppm peak can be attributed to the methylene carbon of 2,2'-oxydiacetaldehyde.

Table S1 BET surface area and tungsten surface density of WZr_x, 800.

Samples	WZr ₂₀ , 800	WZr ₃₀ , 800	WZr ₄₀ , 800	WZr ₅₀ , 800
BET (m ² /g)	49.2	41.7	36.3	25.6
Tungsten surface density (W/nm ²)	10.6	18.9	28.7	51.8