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**Modification of  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  by dielectric barrier discharge and its  
application in hydroxylation of benzene**

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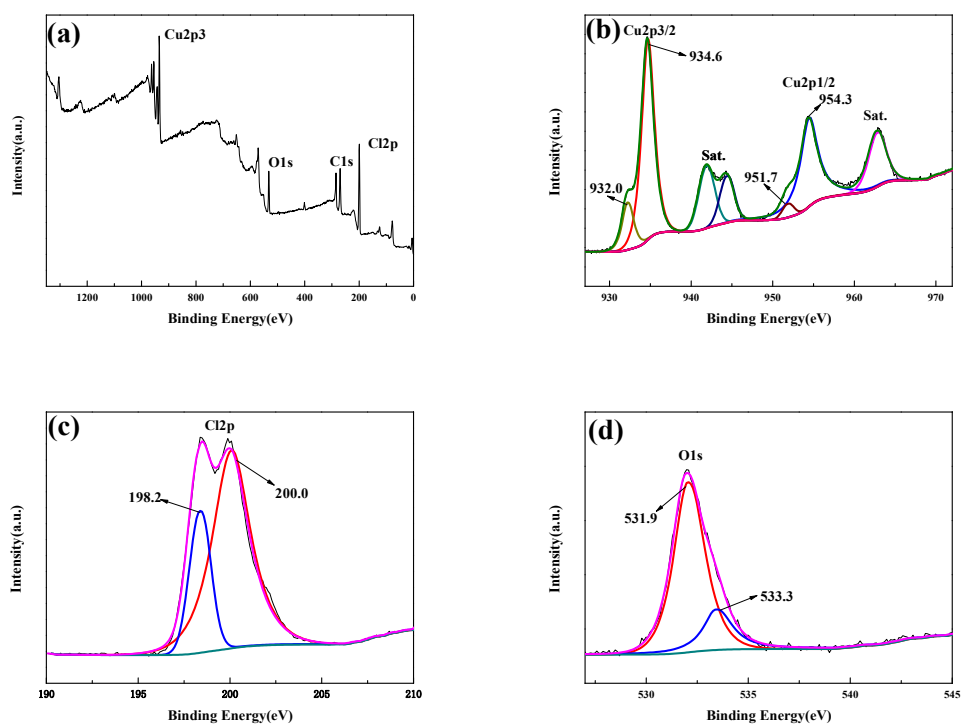
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**Table S1 Structural parameters of samples**

Sample	Specific surface area(m <sup>2</sup> /g)(BET)	Pore volume(cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	Pore diameter(nm)(BJH)
CuCl <sub>2</sub> -pure	16.1	0.07	3.92
CuCl <sub>2</sub> -DBD	9.4	3.28	3.93



**Figure S1 XPS spectra of CuCl<sub>2</sub>-pure**

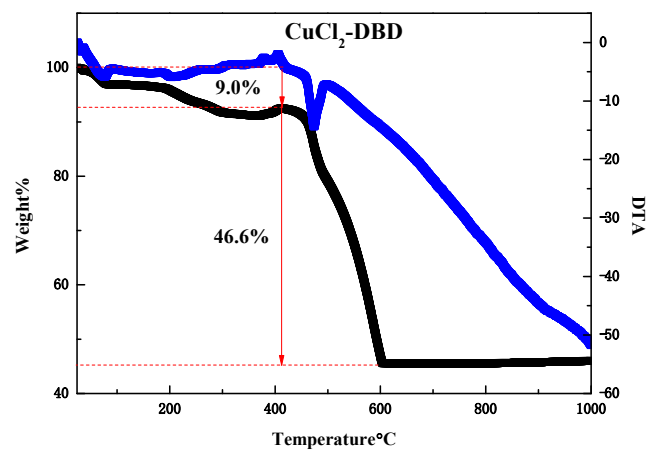
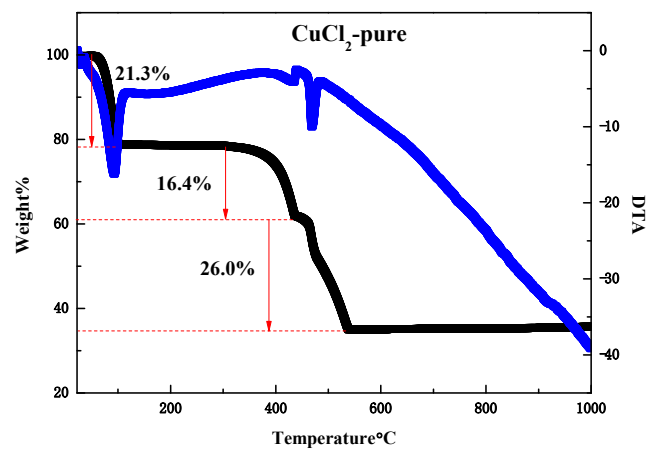
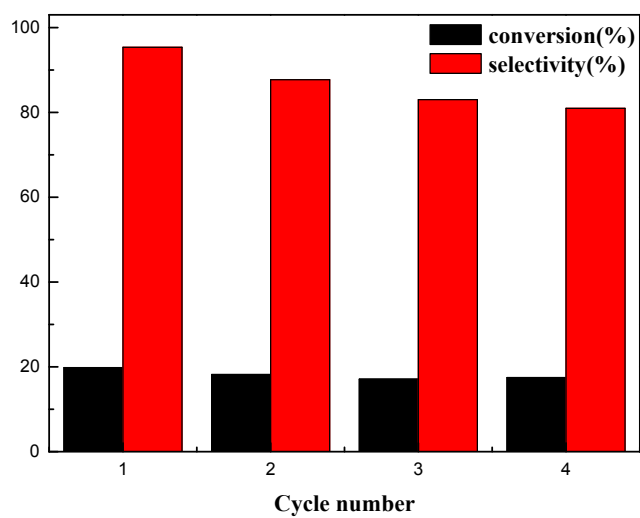
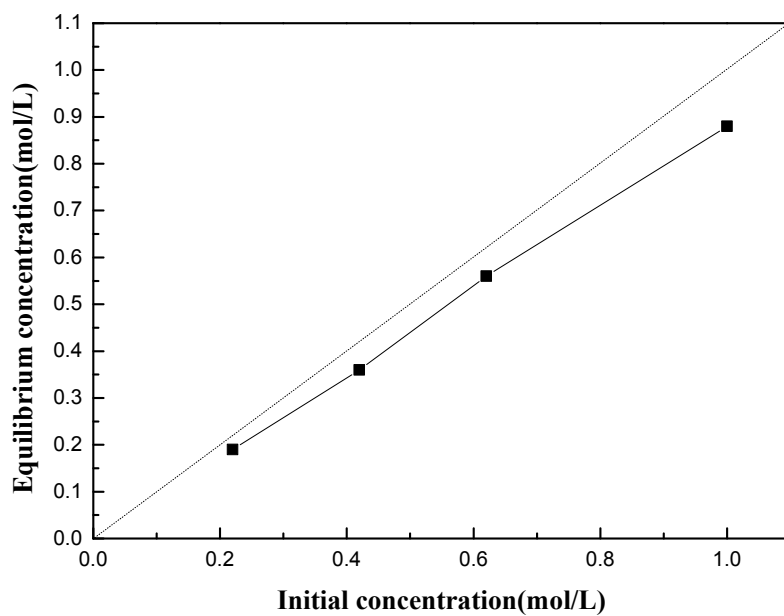


Figure S2 TG-DTA analysis of CuCl<sub>2</sub>-pure and CuCl<sub>2</sub>-DBD



**Figure S3 Effect of reused catalyst on hydroxylation of benzene to phenol**  
 Reaction conditions: catalyst 10mg, benzene 1mL, CH<sub>3</sub>CN 5mL, 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 2mL, 65°C, 4h



**Figure S4 The relationship between initial and equilibrium concentrations of benzene on CuCl<sub>2</sub>-DBD**

**Table S2 Effect of CuCl<sub>2</sub>-pure and CuCl<sub>2</sub>-DBD on hydroxylation of benzene to phenol**

Catalyst	Solubility	Benzene conversion[%]	Phenol yield[%]	Phenol selectivity[%]
CuCl <sub>2</sub> -pure	dissolve in acetonitrile	19.7	15.1	77.1
CuCl <sub>2</sub> -DBD	insoluble in acetonitrile	20.0	19.1	95.6

Reaction conditions: catalyst 10mg, benzene 1mL, CH<sub>3</sub>CN 5mL, 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 2mL, 65°C, 4h

**Table S3 CuCl<sub>2</sub>-DBD and CuCl<sub>2</sub>-pure in different temperature for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> decomposition**

Temperature (°C)	CuCl <sub>2</sub> -pure		CuCl <sub>2</sub> -DBD	
	Fitting rate equation	R <sup>2</sup>	Fitting rate equation	R <sup>2</sup>
50	$\ln(V_{\infty}-V_t)=-1.518t+12.82$	0.9941	$\ln(V_{\infty}-V_t)=-0.0078t+2.81$	0.9869
55	$\ln(V_{\infty}-V_t)=-2.716t+18.47$	0.9873	$\ln(V_{\infty}-V_t)=-0.018t+2.29$	0.9870
60	$\ln(V_{\infty}-V_t)=-3.649t+15.79$	0.9844	$\ln(V_{\infty}-V_t)=-0.038t+2.54$	0.9800
65	$\ln(V_{\infty}-V_t)=-4.478t+11.14$	0.9947	$\ln(V_{\infty}-V_t)=-0.081t+2.44$	0.9814

Reaction condition: 2mg catalyst / 5mLCH<sub>3</sub>CN / 1mLH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30%)