

## Supporting Information

### ***P*-toluenesulfonic acid functionalized imidazole ionic liquids encapsulated into bismuth SBA-16 as the high-efficiency catalyst for Friedel–Crafts acylation reaction**

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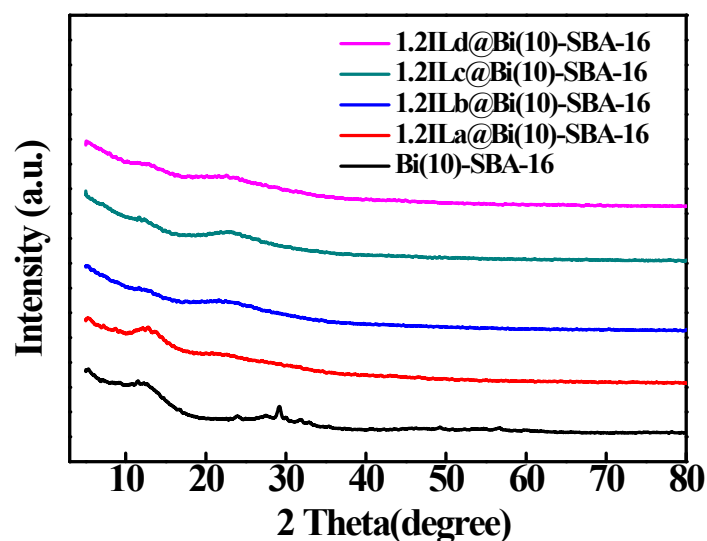


Fig. S1 Wide-angle XRD patterns of Bi(10)–SBA-16 catalysts and 1.2ILs@Bi(10)-SBA-16.

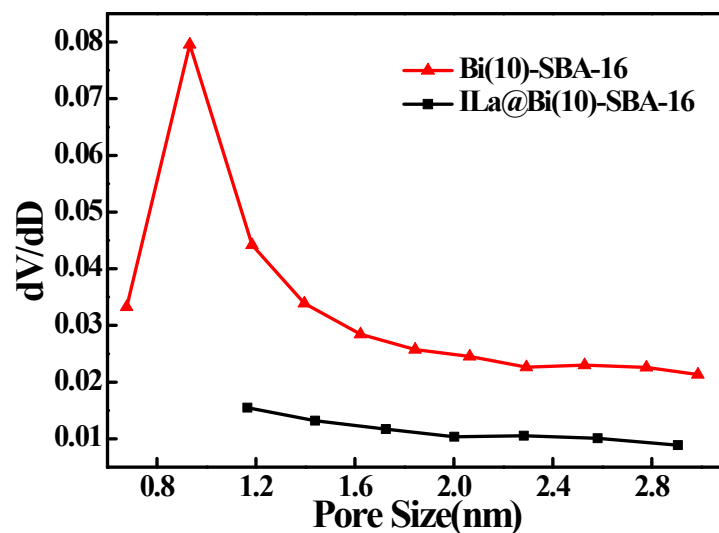
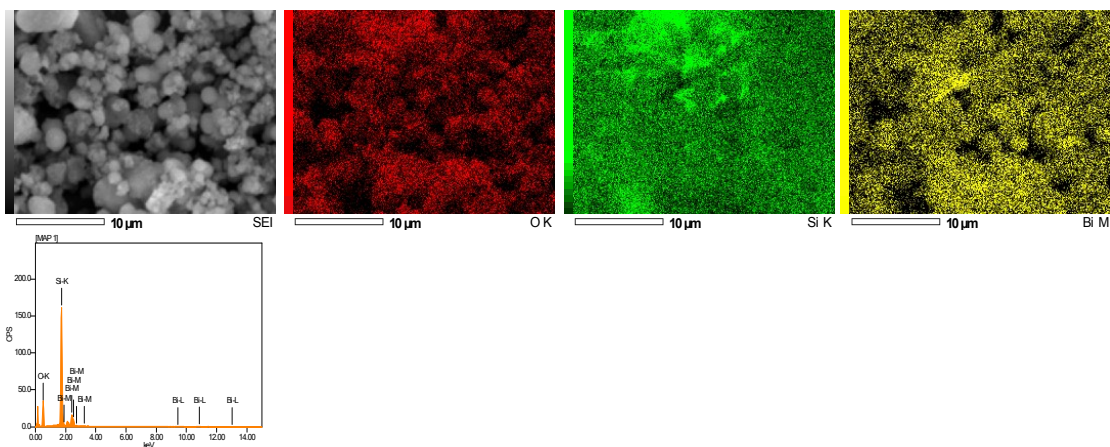
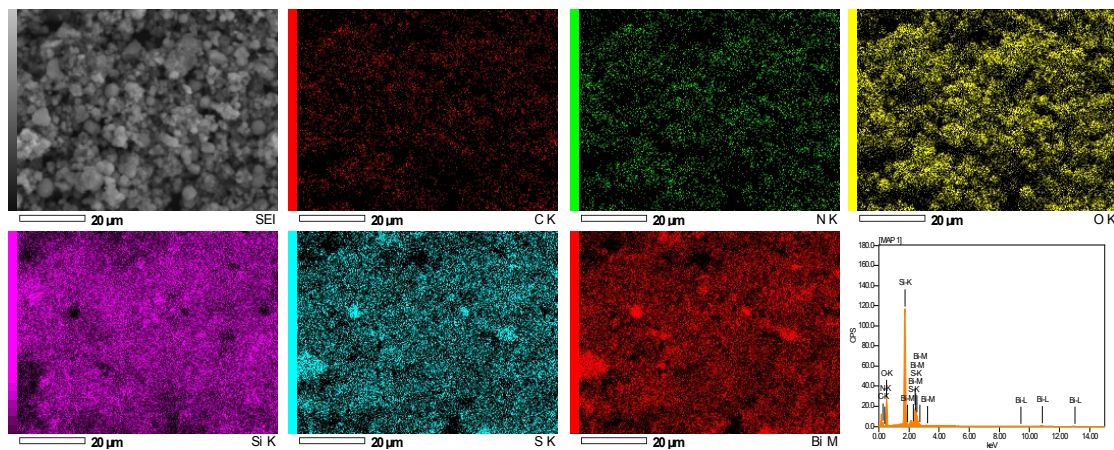


Fig. S2 N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms and pore size distribution of microporous pore size distribution of Bi(10)-SBA-16 and ILa@Bi(10)-SBA-16.

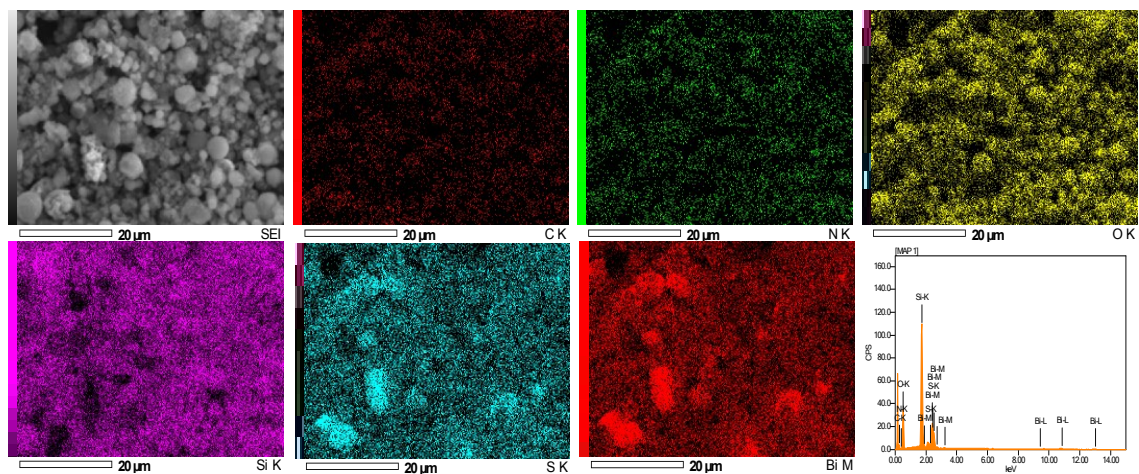
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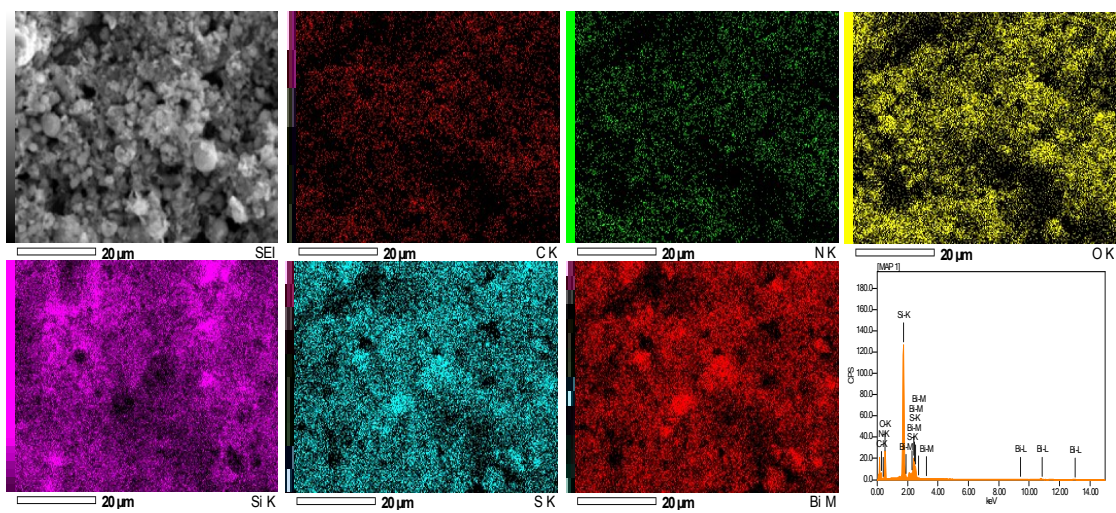
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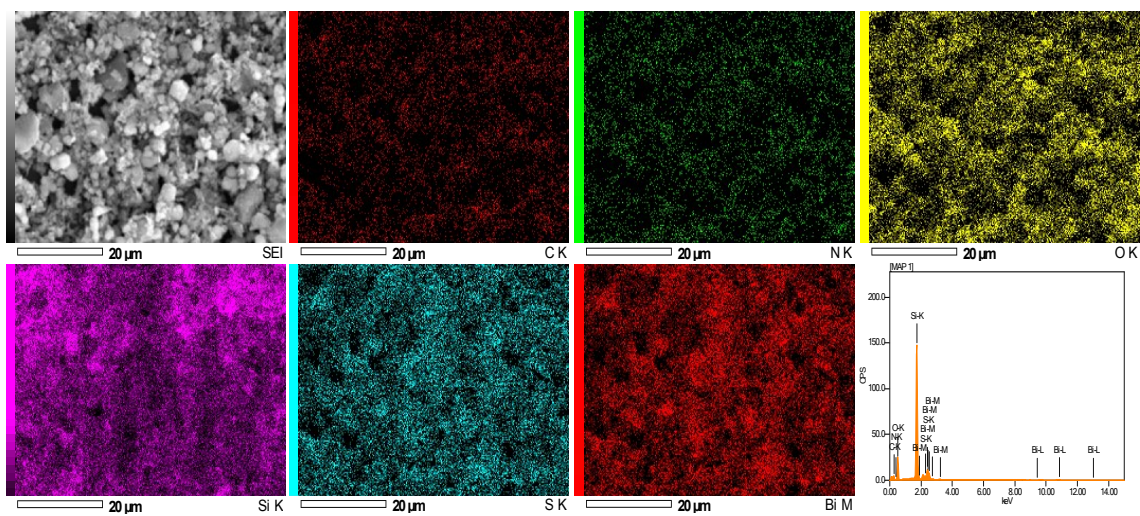
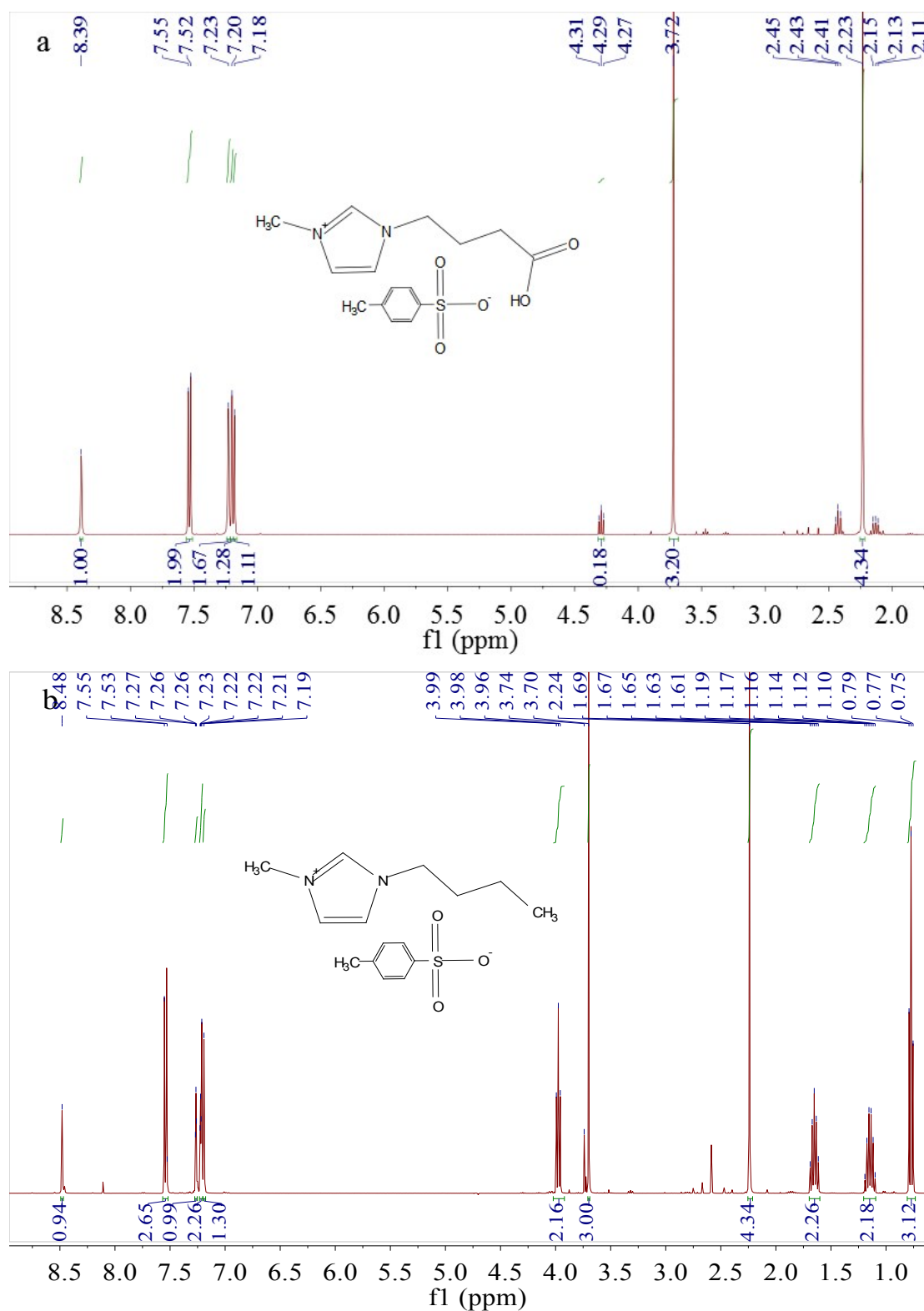


Fig. S3 The EDS spectra of (A) Bi(10)-SBA-16, (B) 1.2ILa@ Bi(10)-SBA-16, (C) 1.2ILb@ Bi(10)-SBA-16, (D) 1.2ILc@ Bi(10)-SBA-16, (E) 1.2ILd@ Bi(10)-SBA-16.



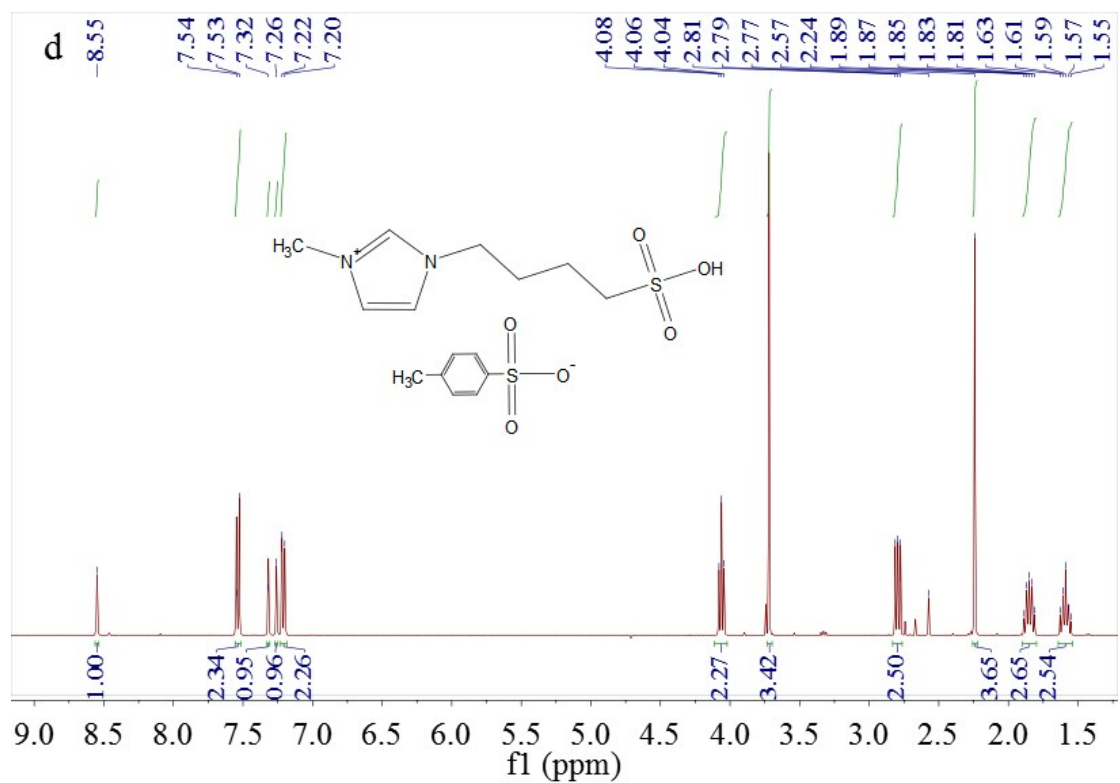
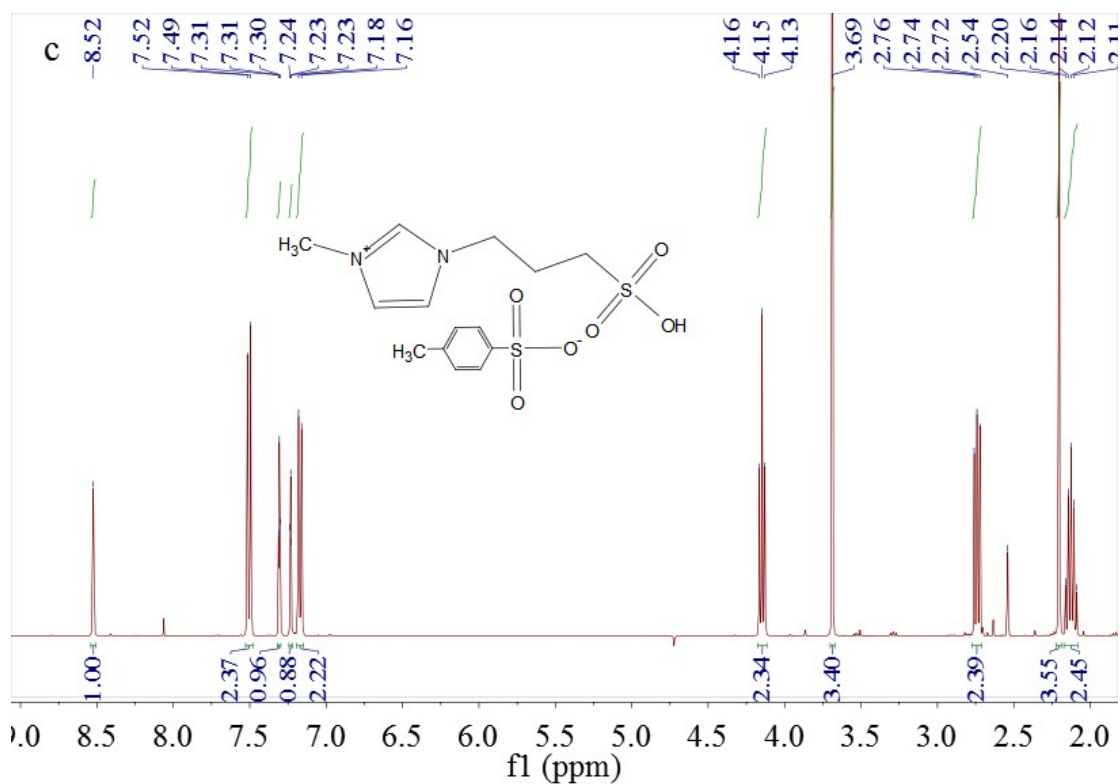
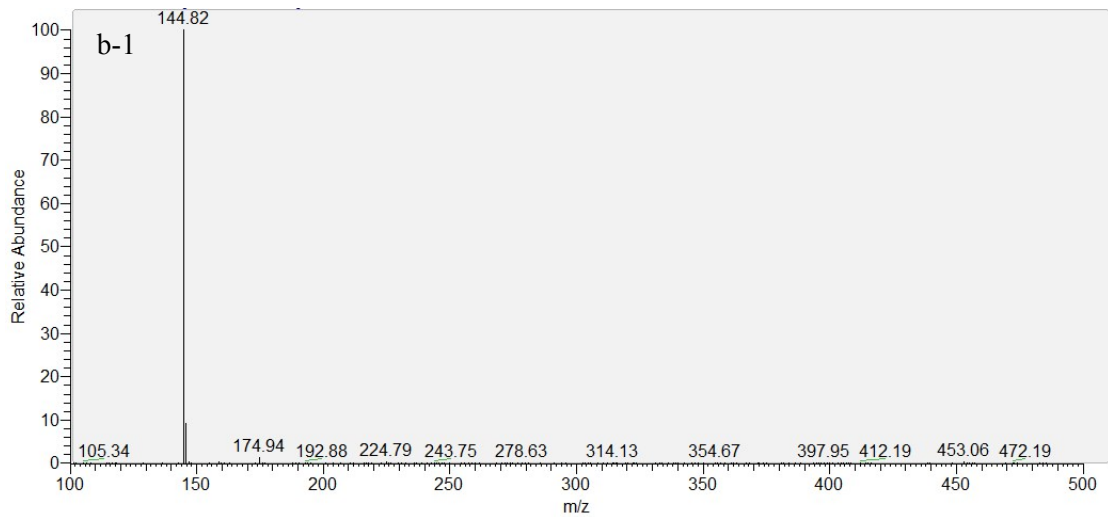
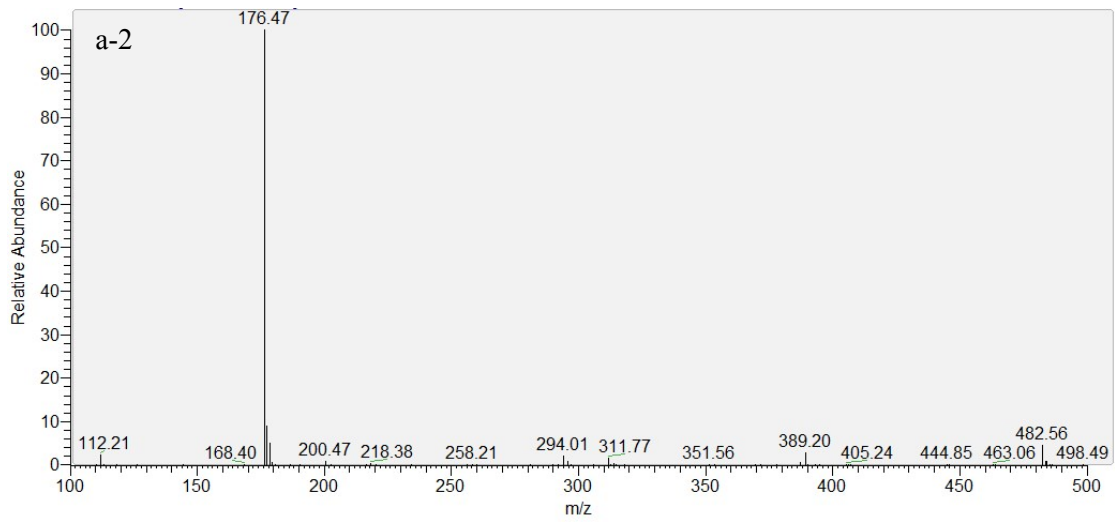
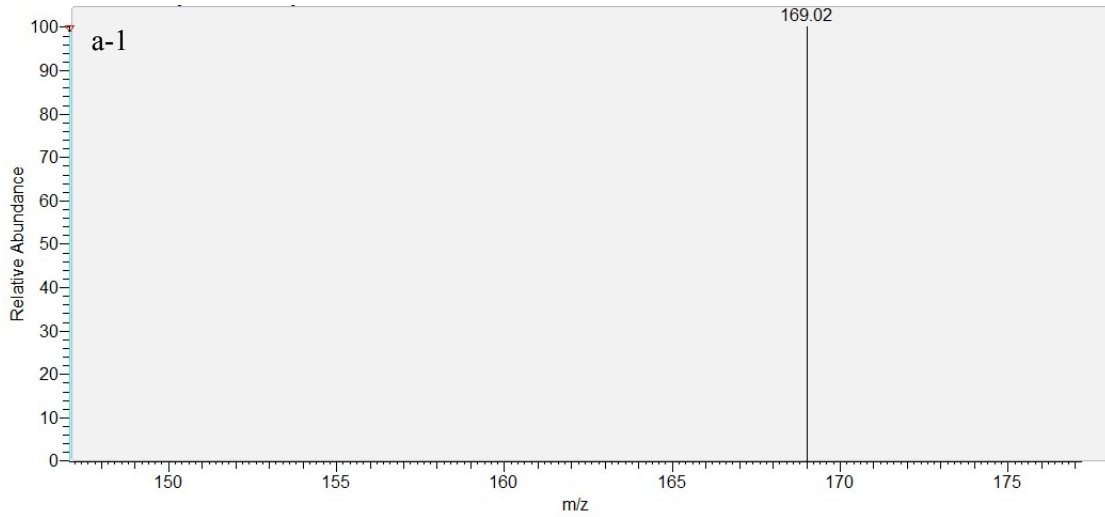
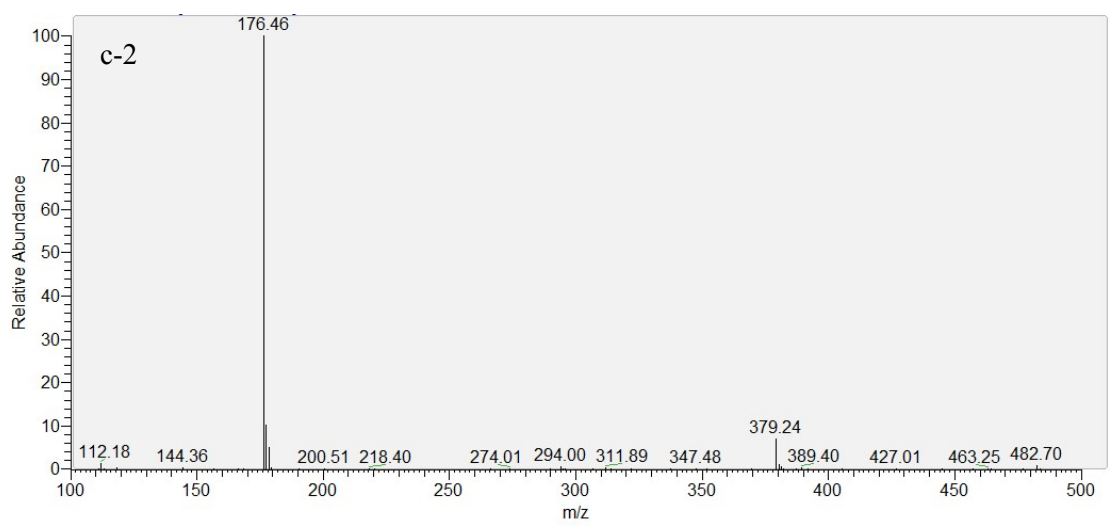
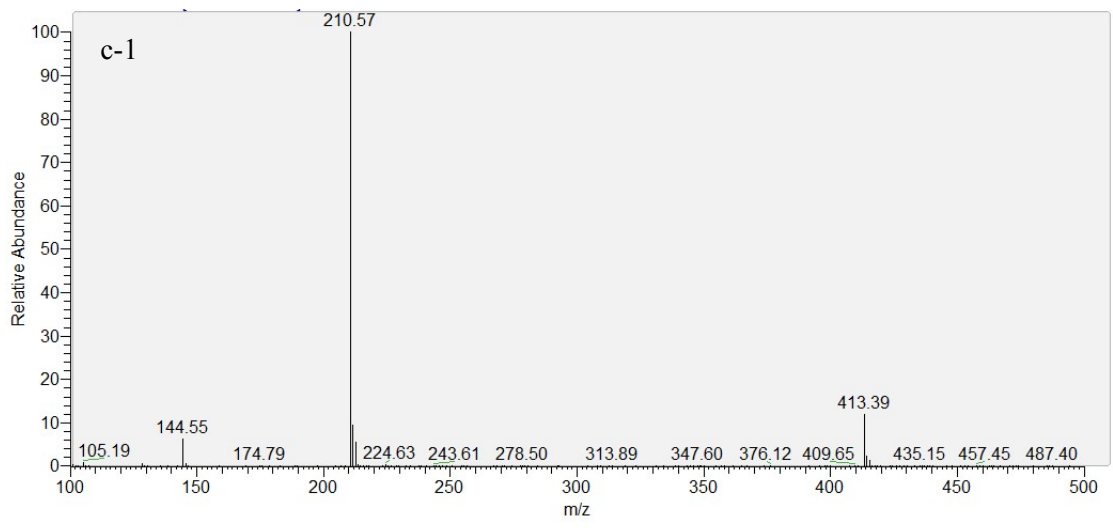
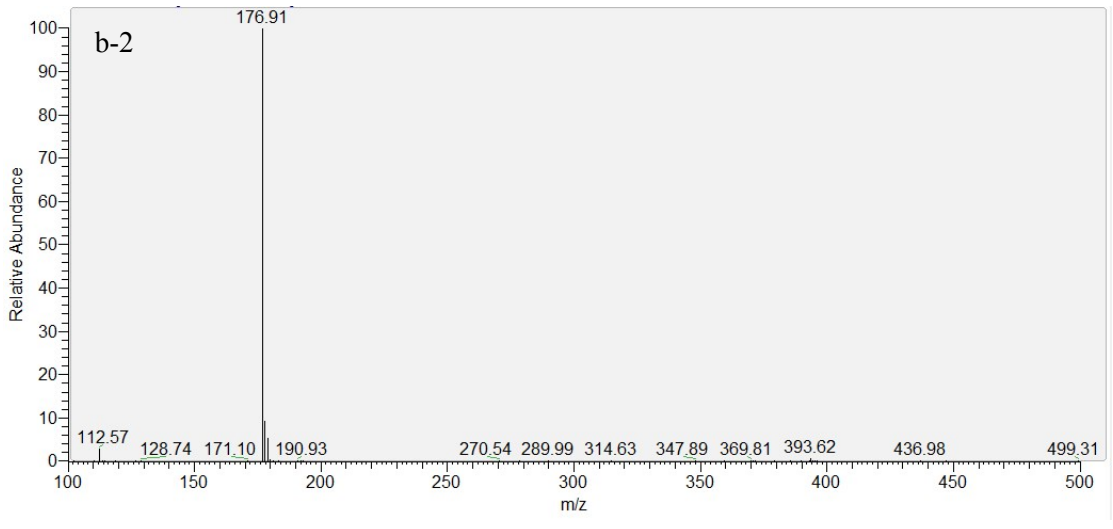


Fig. S4  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (a) ILa, (b) ILb, (c) ILc, (d) ILd in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .





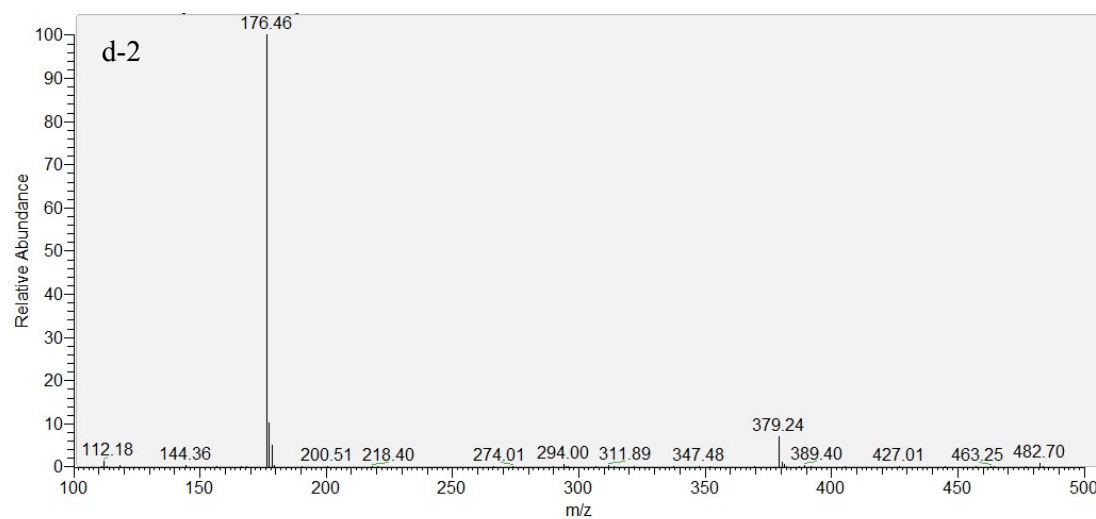
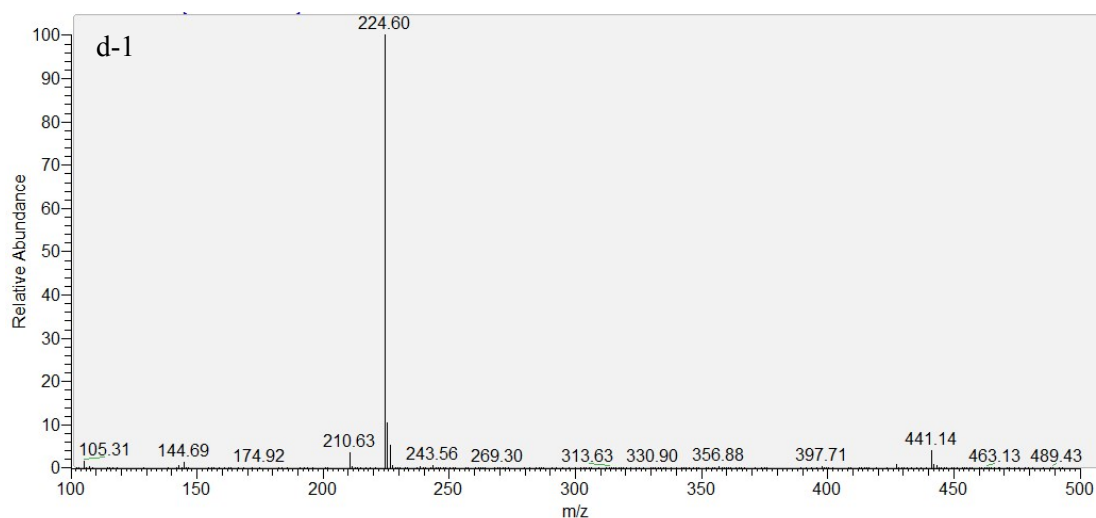


Fig. S5 GC-MS spectrum of (a) ILa , (b) ILb, (c) ILc, (d) ILd.



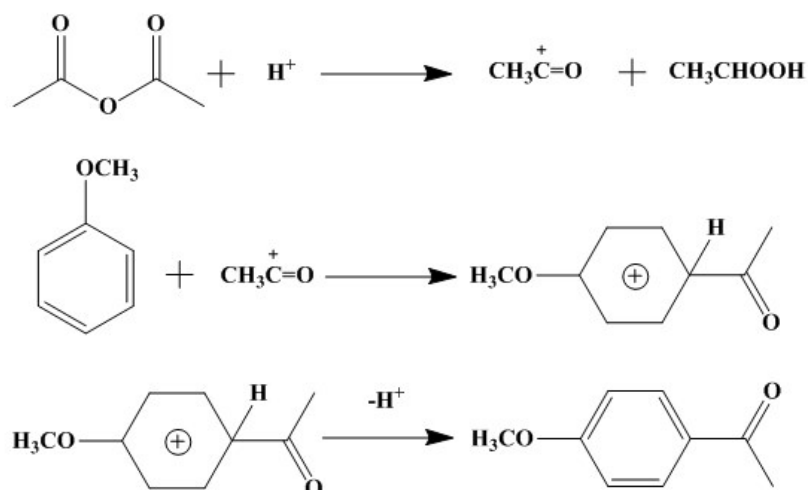


Fig. S6 Reaction mechanism diagram of anisole and acetic anhydride.

Table S1. Comparison of catalytic performance of various catalysts in the Friedel–Crafts acylation.

Catalyst	Conditions	Conversion%	References
HPW/MCM-41 (60% loading)	0.1 g of catalyst, The mole ratio of anisole to acetic anhydride was 4:1, at 120 °C, for 1 h.	44.2	1
Nanocrystalline ZSM-5 of 90 nm particle sizes	0.2 g of catalyst, The mole ratio of anisole to acetic anhydride was 8:1, at 100 °C, for 5 h.	66.2	2
HPA/SiO <sub>2</sub>	170 mg of catalyst, The mole ratio of anisole to acetic anhydride was 10:1, at 90 °C, for 250 min.	65	3
20%IL/MIL-101	0.5 g of catalyst, The mole ratio of anisole to acetic anhydride was 1:1, at 80 °C, for 1 h.	78.9	4

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