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### Ethanolysis of selected carbohydrates catalyzed by functionalized

# acidic ionic liquids: An unexpected effect of ILs structural

# functionalization on selectivity phenomena

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#### 1. NMR and FT-IR spectra of synthesized ionic liquids

[**bmim**]**HSO**<sub>4</sub>, Yield 93.1%, IR (neat): 3275, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ (ppm) 9.06 (s. 1H) 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s,1H), 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.76 (2, 3H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.25 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (120 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ (ppm) 137.14, 126.2, 123.6, 47.60, 32.77, 34.42, 19.59, 13.47; MS (ESI-M<sup>+</sup>) m/z 83 [HIm<sup>+</sup>] (20%), 127.0 [M<sup>+</sup>] (100%).

[hemim]HSO<sub>4</sub>.Yield 92.6%, IR (neat): 3277, 3241(OH).<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ (ppm) 8.64 (s, 1H); 7.40 (s, 1H); 7.35(s, 1H); 4.19 (m, 2H); 3.79 (m, 2H); 3.78 (s, 3H),<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (120 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ (ppm) 136.4, 123.6, 122.4, 59.8, 51.1, 35.8; MS (ESI-M<sup>+</sup>) 127.0 [M<sup>+</sup>] (100%).

[hpmim]HSO<sub>4</sub>.Yield 91.7%, IR (neat): 3276, 3241 (OH),<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ (ppm) 8.65 (s, 1H); 7.49 (s, 1H); 7.43 (s, 1H), 4.20 (dd, 1H), 4.02 (dd, 1H); 3.98; 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.49 (m, 2H); 1.91 (m, 2H),<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (120 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ (ppm) 136.8, 123.2, 122.5, 58.2, 48.9, 36.6, 31.5; MS (ESI-M<sup>+</sup>) m/z 83 [HIm<sup>+</sup>] (9%), 147.1 [M<sup>+</sup>] (100%)

[**glymim**]**HSO**<sub>4</sub>. Yield 92.3%, IR (neat): 3275, 3238 (OH),<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ (ppm) 8.77 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H); 7.43 (s, 1H); 4.28 (dd, 2H); 4.01 (m, 1H); 3.91; 3.94; 3.89 (s, 3H); 3.61 (m, 2H),<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (120 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ (ppm) 137.3, 123.2, 123.1, 69.8, 62.4, 51.7, 35.7; MS (ESI-M<sup>+</sup>) m/z 83 [HIm<sup>+</sup>](41%), 157.1 [M<sup>+</sup>] (100%)

**[bmmim]HSO**<sub>4</sub>, Yield 92.8%, IR (neat): 3277, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ (ppm) 7.78 (d, 1H); 7.51 (d, 1H); 4.19 (m, 2H); 4.00 (a, 3H); 2.77 (s, 3H), 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.35 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (120 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O): δ (ppm) 145.42, 123.45, 212.95, 49.00, 35.87, 32.39, 20.16, 13.84, 10.30; MS (ESI-M<sup>+</sup>) m/z 83 [HIm<sup>+</sup>] (30%), 141.0 [M<sup>+</sup>] (100%).

#### 2. GC/MS spectra of the representative products of ethanolysis



Fig. S1. GC chromatogram of the reaction product of xylose with ethanol









Fig. S8. GC chromatogram of the reaction product of fructose with ethanol





Fig. S10. MS spectrum of component 2 (5-ethoxyfuraldehyde),  $\tau = 15.27$  min.



**Fig. S11.** MS spectrum of component **3** (5-hydroxymethylfurfural),  $\tau = 15.97$  min.





Fig. S13. GC chromatogram of the reaction product of glucose with ethanol





**Fig. S16.** MS spectrum of component **3** (5-hydroxymethylfurfural),  $\tau = 16.28$  min.





Fig. S18. MS spectrum of component 5 (ethyl  $\beta$ -glucopyranoside),  $\tau = 20.93$  min.