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Mild organosolv pretreatment of sugarcane bagasse with acetone/phenoxyethanol/water for enhanced sugar production

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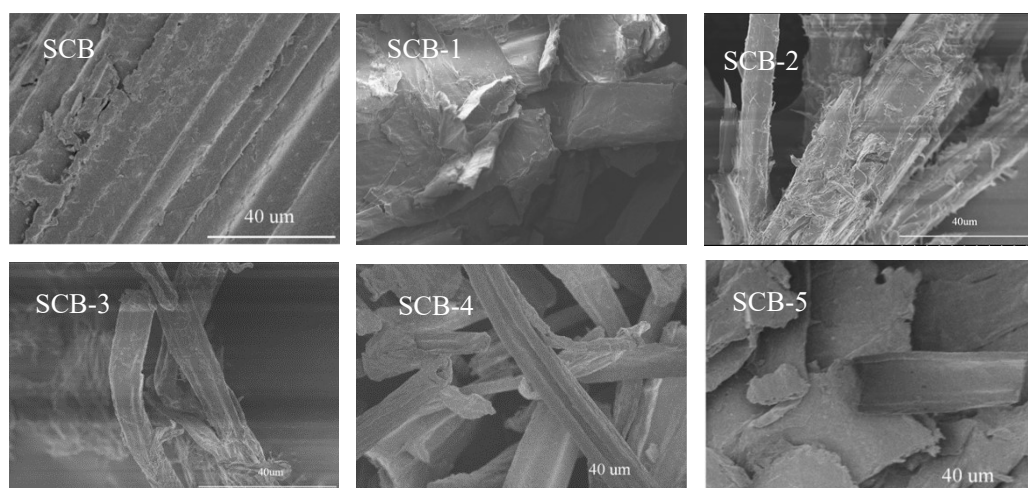


Figure S1 SEM images of raw biomass (SCB) and residues (SCB-1, 125 °C - 120 min - 0.17 M H₂SO₄ - LSR15; SCB-2, 110 °C - 120 min - 0.15 M H₂SO₄ - LSR10; SCB-3, 110 °C - 110 min - 0.1 M H₂SO₄ - LSR10; SCB-4, 110 °C - 80 min - 0.2 M H₂SO₄ - LSR10; SCB-5, 110 °C - 90 min - 0.15 M H₂SO₄ - LSR10).

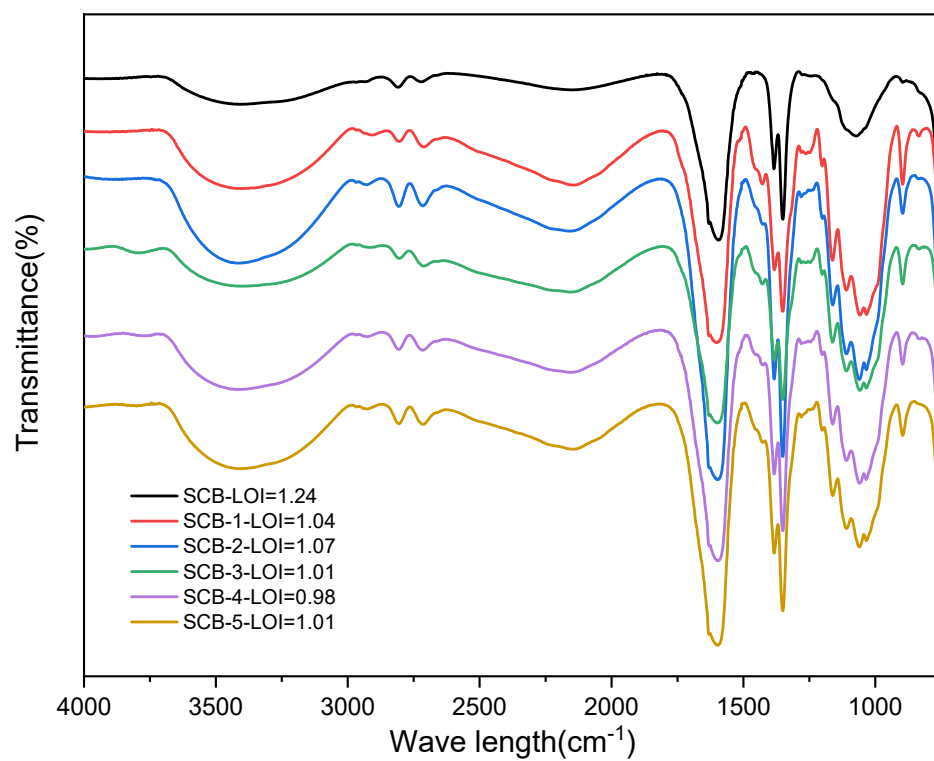


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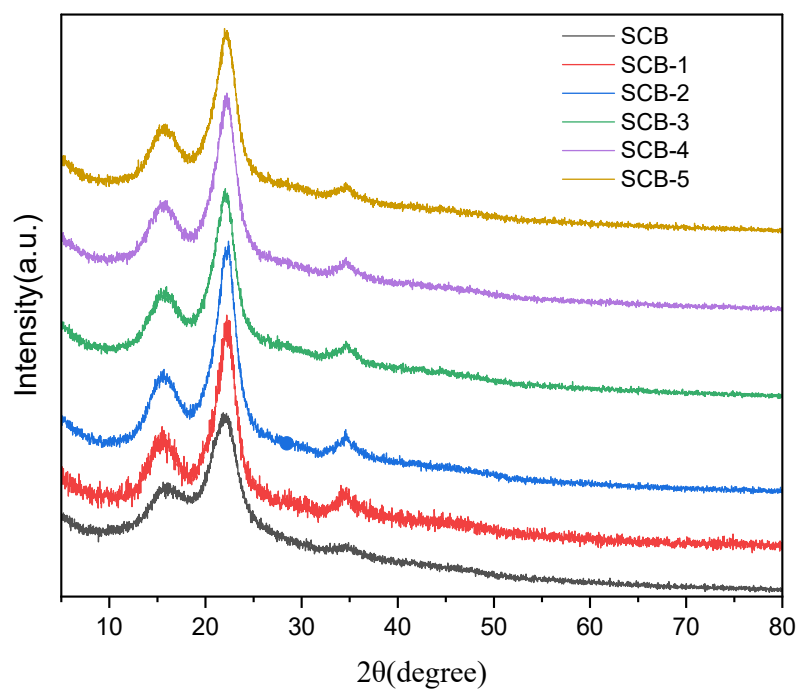


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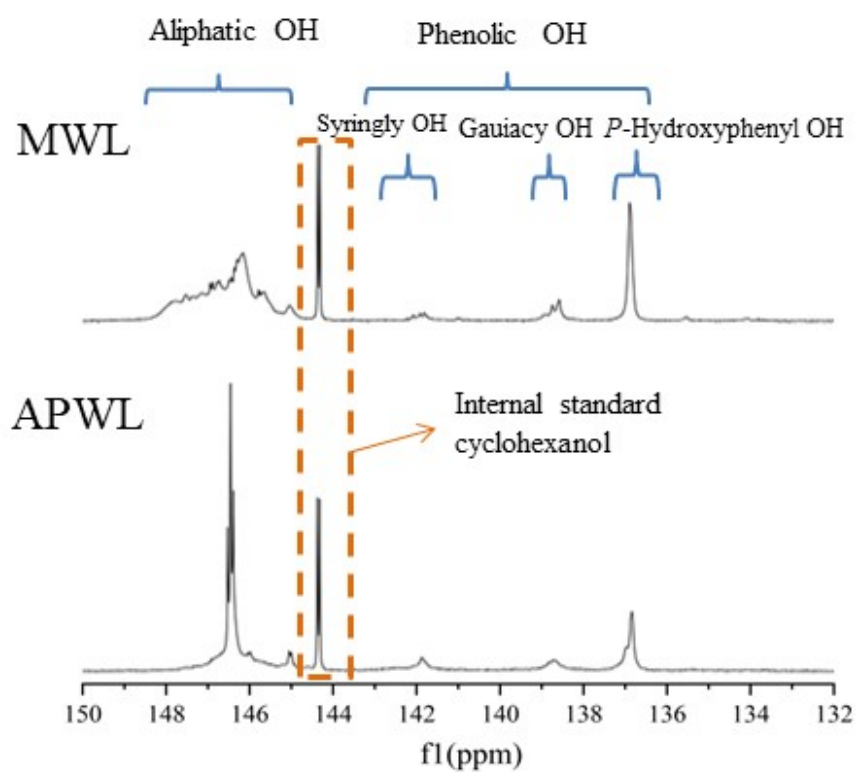


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Table S1 Four-fraction Box-Behnken design

Symbol	Variable	Coding level		
		-1	0	1
X ₁	Time, min	30	75	120
X ₂	Temperature, °C	80	105	130
X ₃	H ₂ SO ₄ , M	0.05	0.175	0.3
X ₄	L:S	10	15	20

Table S2 Variance analysis of the quadratic model

Source	Sum of squares	df	Mean square	F value	p-value Prob>F	Remarks
Model	18158.1	14	1297	22.52	0.000	significant
X ₁	1657.5	1	1657.5	28.78	0.000	significant
X ₂	11660.1	1	11660.1	202.46	0.000	significant
X ₃	2167.9	1	2167.9	37.64	0.000	significant
X ₄	5.7	1	5.7	0.1	0.758	
X ₁ ²	90.6	1	90.6	1.57	0.230	
X ₂ ²	1955.3	1	1955.3	33.95	0.000	significant
X ₃ ²	440.0	1	440.0	7.64	0.015	
X ₄ ²	105.7	1	105.7	1.84	0.197	
X ₁ X ₂	49.8	1	49.8	0.87	0.368	
X ₁ X ₃	281.4	1	281.4	4.89	0.044	
X ₁ X ₄	14.9	1	14.9	0.26	0.619	
X ₂ X ₃	164.0	1	164.0	2.85	0.114	
X ₂ X ₄	22.3	1	22.3	0.39	0.544	
X ₃ X ₄	13.7	1	13.7	0.24	0.634	
Residual	806.3	14	57.6			
Lack of fit	792.3	10	79.2	22.65	0.004	
Pure error	14.0	4	3.5			
Cor Total	18964.4	28				

Table S3 Comparison of treatment with APW to that with other organosolv solvents

Plant species	Pretreatment conditions	Lignin removal rate	Reference
Sugarcane bagasse	APW, 0.2 M H ₂ SO ₄ , 110 °C, 80min,	94.94%	This study
Sugarcane bagasse	50% ethanol + BHT, 20% H ₂ SO ₄ , 120°C, 30min	72.45%	[1]
Sugarcane bagasse	Water/1-butanol (4.0mol/mol), 200°C,	67%	[2]
Rice straw	70% EPH:30%H ₂ O, 0.05M H ₂ SO ₄ , 130°C, 2h	63.16%	[3]
Corn cob	60 % pentanol, 160 °C, 60 min	85%	[4]

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Table S4 The assignment of peaks in 2D HSQC spectra of MWL and APWL

Label	$\delta_C/\delta_H(\text{ppm})$		Assignment
	MWL	APWL	
B' _β	50.49/2.62	ND	C _β -H _β in β-β tetrahydrofuran (B')
B _β	53.36/3.71	54.25/3.69	C _β -H _β in β-β tetrahydrofuran (B')
OCH ₃	55.44/3.74	56.22/3.67	C-H in methoxyl
A _γ	60.14/3.57	ND	C _γ -H _γ in β-O-4 substructures (A)
B _γ	66.16/3.76	71.77/4.20	C _γ -H _γ in phenylcoumaran substructures (B)
A' _γ	63.95/4.27	ND	C _γ -H _γ in γ-acylated β-O-4 (A')
B _γ	71.77/4.19	69.75/3.97	C _γ -H _γ in β-β resinol (B)
Glc ₅	71.47/3.51	ND	C ₅ -H ₅ in cellulose
A _α	72.35/4.85	ND	C _α -H _α in β-O-4 substructures (A)
X ₂	72.71/3.21	ND	C ₂ -H ₂ in β-D-xylopyranoside (X)
B' _α	83.57/4.97	ND	C _α -H _α in β-β (B', tetrahydrofuran)
B _α	85.08/4.69	82.13/4.88	C _α -H _α in β-β resinol (B)
X ₃	74.94/3.25	ND	C ₃ -H ₃ in β-D-xylopyranoside (X)
X ₄	76.14/3.53	ND	C ₄ -H ₄ in xylan substructures (X)
A _β (G)	83.27/4.41	ND	C _β -H _β in β-O-4 substructures linked to G (A)
A _β (S)	86.38/4.13	ND	C _β -H _β in β-O-4 substructures linked to a S unit (A)
T ₆	94.75/6.60	ND	C' _{2,6} -H' _{2,6} in triclin (T)
T ₈	99.38/6.25	ND	C _{2,6} -H _{2,6} in triclin (T)
T ₃	105.45/7.05	ND	C ₈ -H ₈ in triclin (T)
S _{2,6}	104.53/6.72	105.96/6.62	C _{2,6} -H _{2,6} in syringyl units (S)
S' _{2,6}	107.13/7.34	106.76/7.32	C _{2,6} -H _{2,6} in oxidized S units (S')
T' _{2,6}	106.49/7.30	ND	C' _{2,6} -H' _{2,6} in triclin (T)
G ₂	111.64/7.0	ND	C ₂ -H ₂ in guaiacyl units (G)
FA ₂	112.02/7.35	111.89/7.32	C ₂ -H ₂ in ferulic acid (FA)
pCE ₈	114.20/6.24	114.59/6.29	C ₈ -H ₈ in p-coumarate unites (pCA)
G ₅	115.47/6.8	114.28/6.76	C ₅ -H ₅ in guaiacyl units (G)
G ₆	119.72/6.84	120.84/6.81	C ₆ -H ₆ in guaiacyl units (G)
H _{2,6}	128.51/7.18	129.65/7.16	C _{2,6} -H _{2,6} in p-hydroxyphenyl units (H)
pCE _{2,6}	130.48/7.46	130.06/7.45	C _{2,6} -H _{2,6} in p-coumaric acid (pCA)
pCE ₇ /FA ₇	145.31/7.41	145.08/7.44	C ₇ -H ₇ in p-coumarate unites (pCA) / ferulate units (FA)

Table S5 Hydroxyl group contents of MWL and APWL as determined by ³¹P NMR analysis

Lignin sample	Aliphatic OH mmol/g	Phenolic OH, mmol/g			COOH mmol/g
		Syringyl	Guaiacyl	p-hydroxy phenyl	
MWL	8.60	0.18	0.53	1.70	ND
APWL	6.12	0.52	0.66	1.86	ND