## Insight into the Alkaline Earth Metal Salts Promotion for Alkali-catalyzed Glucose Isomerization

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## **MS characterization**

Electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-MS) was performed on an Orbitrap XL mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) with ESI ionization in the positive mode. The reaction solution was measured in the range of m/z 100-300 with the following operating parameters: capillary voltage 3.2 kV, sample cone voltage 40 V, source vaporizer temperature  $150 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , cone gas (N<sub>2</sub>) flow 20 L/h, injection volume  $5 \mu$ L. A collision energy of 20 eV was used for the collision-induced dissociation MS/MS measurement stage. Data acquisition and analyses were performed using Xcalibur software.



Figure S1 The MS of glucose reaction solution in Sr(OH)<sub>2</sub>

First-order rate reaction was assumed and the reaction rate could be expressed as follows:

## $\ln\left([[\mathrm{Glu}]_t]/[\mathrm{Glu}]_0\right) = -kt$

where  $[Glu]_t = glucose$  concentration at time t with unit of mol/L,  $[Glu]_0 = initial glucose concentration, k = observed rate constant,$ and t stands for time in seconds. A linear correlation between  $ln([[Glu]_t]/[Glu]_0)$  and reaction time t was plotted. The k obtained under different temperature was obtained. The results are shown in Figure S2-S5



Figure S2 First order kinetic fit for the conversion of fructose in Sr(OH)<sub>2</sub>



Figure S3 First order kinetic fit for the conversion of glucose in  $Sr(OH)_{2.}$ 



Figure S4 First order kinetic fit for the conversion of fructose in CaCl<sub>2</sub>-Sr(OH)<sub>2</sub>



Figure S5 First order kinetic fit for the conversion of glucose in  $CaCl_2$ -Sr(OH)<sub>2</sub>

	$C_6H_{12}O_6$	α-D- Fructofuranose	β-D- Fructofuranose	β-D- Fructopyranose
$\Delta G$	-687.2045314	-687.2039814	-687.206687	-687.207196
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**Table S1** The optimized structures, energy differences ( $\Delta G$  in hartree) for  $C_6H_{12}O_6$ ,  $\alpha$ -D-Fructofuranose,  $\beta$ -D-Fructofuranose and  $\beta$ -D-Fructopyranose at the B3LYP/AUG-cc-pVDZ level.

**Table S2** The isomers, energy differences ( $\Delta G$  in hartree) for Ca<sup>2+</sup>+ $\beta$ -D-Fructofuranose at the B3LYP/ BSI level.



**Table S3** The isomers, energy differences ( $\Delta G$  in hartree) for Ca<sup>2+</sup>+ $\alpha$ -D-Fructofuranose at the B3LYP/ BSI level.

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Ca <sup>2+</sup> +α-D- Fructofuranose	Iso-1	Iso-2	Iso-3	Iso-4	Iso-5
ΔG	-1364.748074	-1364.744576	-1364.745985	-1364.744735	-1364.747669

Table S4 The isomers, energy differences ( $\Delta G$  in hartree) for Ca<sup>2++</sup> $\beta$ -D-Fructopyranose at the B3LYP/BSI level.

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Ca <sup>2+</sup> +β-D- Fructopyranose	Iso-1	Iso-2	Iso-3	Iso-4	Iso-5
ΔĜ	-1364.750756	-1364.750434	-1364.750433	-1364.749652	-1364.74802



 Table S5 Reaction formula and reaction energy(kcal/mol).

	$C_6H_{12}O_6 + CaCl_2$	$C_6H_{12}O_6CaCl_2$
ΔE	0	-12.0
$\Delta H$	0	-12.0
$\Delta G$	0	-0.3



Figure S6 The ratio of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -glucopyranose at 60°C for 5min in NaOH-CaCl\_2 solution



Figure S7 The ratio of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -glucopyranose at 60°C for 5min in LiOH-CaCl<sub>2</sub> solution



Figure S8 The ratio of  $\beta$ -glucopyranose at room temperature with the

time



Figure S9 Effect of reaction temperature and reaction time on glucose isomerization in 0.5 g·mL<sup>-1</sup>CaCl<sub>2</sub>-0.008 g·mL<sup>-1</sup> NaOH.



Figure S10 Effect of reaction temperature and reaction time on glucose isomerization in 0.5 g·mL<sup>-1</sup>CaCl<sub>2</sub>-0.0048 g·mL<sup>-1</sup> LiOH.