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Dehydrogenative silylation of cellulose in ionic liquid

Illustration of dual roles of 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium acetate (EmimOAc) for dehydrogenative silylation of cellulose with monohydrosilane as a green synthetic method of bio-based polymer. It shows that EmimOAc interact with the O-H group on cellulose to dissolve it while EmimOAc catalyze the formation of Si-O bonds, generating clean  $\rm H_2$  gas as bubbles from hydrogen atoms on the O-H group of cellulose and the Si-H group of monohydrosilane.



