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## 1 Abstract

2 Heterogeneous Brønsted solid acid catalysts have the potential to decrease the environmental  
3 impact related with chemical production. Herein, we have synthesized the polyvinyl bound  
4 trisulfonate ethylamine chloride (PV-THEAC) and polyvinyl bound disulfonate ethylamine (PV-  
5 DSEA) as a Brønsted solid acid catalysts and it was effectively exhibited catalytic activity for  
6 acid catalyzed glycosylation reaction with sugar derivatives. Especially, the 0.3 equiv. PV-  
7 THEAC catalyst was found to be the most efficient and reusable catalyst for glycosylation  
8 reactions. A high density of the trisulfonic group (-OSO<sub>3</sub>H) contributed to excellent catalytic  
9 activity during the glycosylation. Moreover, glycosylation reaction with D-mannose, D-xylose  
10 and D-glucose has been studied with alcohol. Remarkable acceleration of glycosylation using  
11 glycosyltrichloroacetimidate donor was obtained with selective production of β-glycoside.

12 **Keyword:** solid acid; trisulfonate; glycosylation; trichloroacetimidate.

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## 1 *1. Introduction*

2 Homogeneous Brønsted acid catalysts such as H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> are the remarkable catalyst for  
3 production of the fuel and it is a very important chemical for industry [1, 2]. However, the uses  
4 of these catalysts need energy-inefficient processes for recycling, separation and treatment of  
5 spent acids [3, 4]. Moreover, neutralization of homogeneous acid generates sulfate waste and  
6 thus, the acid does not succeed for requirement of catalyst that can be reused for accelerate the  
7 reaction. The development in chemistry toward green chemical processes has been activated with  
8 use of recyclable strong solid acid as replacements for such unrecyclable liquid acid catalyst [5,  
9 6]. However, the main disadvantage to such progress is the lack of solid acids that is as active,  
10 stable and inexpensive.

11 Solid acid catalysts have received much attention in the green field of catalysis with  
12 advantages no pollution, easy separation and reusability [7, 8]. Thus, an ideal solid acid material  
13 for such applications should have high stability and many strong protonic acid sites [9, 10]. In  
14 this regard, researchers around the world have been committed to improving the acid density,  
15 strength and stability of solid acids [11, 12]. Although organic or inorganic solid oxide hybrids  
16 and strong acidic cation exchangeable resins such as perfluorosulfonated monomers have been  
17 studied broadly for the construction of desired solid acid [13], such materials are expensive and  
18 their activation is still much lower than that of sulfuric acid, so their convenient effectiveness is  
19 limited [14,15]. However, this work has explored by the development of solid acid catalysts such  
20 as sulfated zirconium [16, 17], Cs-exchanged heteropoly acids [14], acidic polymers [17] and  
21 zeolites [18]. In recent years, sulfonated carbon based solid acid use as the efficient catalyst for a  
22 variety of acid catalyzed reactions has been reported. This type of solid acid was usually  
23 prepared through carbonization and sulfonation reaction via renewable biomass as a carbon

1 source [19, 20]. These solid acids have proven their worth as a catalyst for some important  
2 chemical transformations like biodiesel production and hydrolysis of the cellulose acetylation of  
3 glycerol etc [21].

4 In inorganic solid acid, the acid strength depends on several factors such as crystallinity,  
5 topology of structure, morphology and most importantly chemical composition. For example,  
6 microporous zeolites through its crystalline nature demonstrate stronger acid strength than  
7 mesoporous A1-MCM-42, although they are both composed of aluminosilicates [22, 23].  
8 Moreover, polystyrene sulphonic acid resins are among the very important solid acids in industry  
9 and have been widely used in acid catalysed reactions such as etherification, olefin hydration,  
10 etherification and alkylation of phenols [24, 25]. In the case of polymer based solid acids great  
11 challenge still remain in improving the acid strength via factors beyond chemical composition,  
12 which are probably due to lack of morphology, structure controls of polymers [26]. In this paper,  
13 we report the synthesis and performance of polyvinyl bonded Brønsted trisulfonic group (-  
14 OSO<sub>3</sub>H) solid acids as a novel, strong and stable solid acid catalyst with high density of sulfuric  
15 acid groups. A new strategy is adopted for the development of new types of solid acids:  
16 polyvinyl bound tri sulfonate ethyl amine chloride. This simple approach of polyvinyl bound  
17 trisulfonic group through triethanol amine exhibits remarkable catalytic activity for the  
18 glycosylation of unprotected sugars/ glycosyl trichloroacetimidate.

## 19 ***2. Experimental procedure***

### 20 ***2.1. Material***

21 Polyvinyl chloride (99 % pure) with average ( $M_w = 48000$  g/mol), diethanol amine (99  
22 % pure), triethanol amine (99 % pure), chloromethane (99 % pure) and sodium sulfate (99 %),  
23 Amberlyst 15, sulfamic acid (99.3% pure). All substrates used for glycosylation reaction were

1 purchased from Aldrich and Acros with (99 %) purity and were used without further purification.  
2 glycosyltrichloroacetimidate donor was prepared by previously reported procedure in the  
3 literature using D-glucose, acetic anhydride (99 % pure) and trichloroacetanitrile (99 %)  
4 chemicals [37]. TLC analysis was performed on silica-gel (SIL G/UV 254) plates to monitor the  
5 reaction.

## 6 **2.2. Characterization**

7 The FTIR spectra of samples were obtained by pelletizing the dried samples with  
8 potassium bromide (KBr) and recorded using a Varian 2000 (Scimitar series) spectrophotometer.  
9 A spectrum was recorded from 4000 to 500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  maintaining a resolution of 4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  with 32 scans  
10 in transmittance mode. Mass spectra for samples were obtained using Waters Micromass ZQ  
11 LC/MS 2000 (Scimitar series) spectrophotometer. Thermo gravimetric analysis (Scinco TGA N-  
12 100) was used to check the thermal stability of samples. The heating of samples was carried out  
13 from room temperature to 600  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , at a heating rate of 10  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$  under the continuous purge of  
14 nitrogen (50 mL/min), and spectra's were collected using Q600 Software (TA Instruments). The  
15 specific surface area, pore volume and pore diameter were determined based on physical  
16 adsorption of nitrogen on the solid surface of Brønsted solid acid catalyst by Brunauer–Emmett–  
17 Taller (BET) approach, using BELSORP-Max (MP) from BEL Japan. NMR spectra were  
18 recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 25  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  on either Bruker 400 (400 MHz) or Bruker 200 spectrometer (200  
19 MHz). For  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra, carbon chemical shifts were internally referenced to the deuterated  
20 solvent signal of  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (77.16 ppm).

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## 22 **2.3. Typical synthesis procedure for solid acid catalyst**

1 **2.3.1. Preparation of trisulfonate solid acid catalyst (polyvinyl bound trisulfonate triethyl**  
2 **amine chloride)**

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4 In a typical synthesis procedure of polyvinyl bound diethanol amine (PV-DEA), a  
5 mixture of PVC (10.0 g, 160.10 mmol, 53.57 % Cl content), diethanolamine (16.81 g, 160.12  
6 mmol) and acetonitrile (50 mL) was heated at 80 °C for 48 h in a 125 mL round bottom flask  
7 with stirring. After cooling this reaction mixture to room temperature, solid residue was collected  
8 by filtration and washed successively with water and acetone. Then, solid was dried under  
9 vacuum at 60 °C for 12 h and afforded PV-DEA as product. The loading of diethanol amine  
10 attached to PVC was 3.89 mmol/g determined by nitrogen content from elementary analysis. 88  
11 % of Cl was reacted through the calculation. The chloroethanol (160.12 mmol, 17.35 g) with PV-  
12 DEA (10.0 g) and acetonitrile (40 mL) were added into a round bottom flask and mixture was  
13 heated at 80 °C for 24 h. After which the reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature.  
14 The liquid phase was poured off and solid residue was washed with acetone. Then, solid was  
15 dried under vacuum at 60 °C and obtained polyvinyl triethanol amine chloride (PV-THEAC).

16 The PV-THEAC (5 g, 80 mmol) and chlorosulphonic acid (27.88 g, 240 mmol) were  
17 added into a round bottom flask and this reaction mixture was vigorously stirred for 48 h. After  
18 that, solid residue was collected by filtration and washed separately with water and acetone. The  
19 formation of PV-TSEAC was confirmed by sulphur contained using elemental analysis and IR.  
20 Elemental Analysis: PV-DEA calcd: N 8.41 %, C 43.25 %, H 7.80 %, observed; N 7.35 %, C  
21 48.25 %, H 7.45 %. PV-THEAC calcd: N 6.63 %, C 45.49 %, H 8.50 %, observed; N 5.58 %, C  
22 45.48 %, H 8.85 %. PV-TSEAC calcd: N 3.63 %, C 21.28 %, H 3.99 %, S 21.30 %, observed; N  
23 3.23 %, C 45.48 %, H 8.85 %, S 60.30 %. PV-DSEA calcd: N 3.63 %, C 25.70 %, H 4.28 %, S  
24 15.42 %, observed; N 3.27 %, C 30.45 %, H 3.13 %, S 15.81 %.

### 1 2.3.2. General procedure for glycosylation

2 A mixture of unactivated, unprotected sugars/glycosyl trichloroacetimidate donor (1  
3 mmol), alcohol (5 mmol) and 15 wt % PV-TSEAC was stirred at 60 °C for 4 h. After  
4 consumption of glycosyl donor from TLC, reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and  
5 the catalyst was separated by filtration. The filtrate was evaporated in a rotary evaporator and  
6 further purified by column chromatography to obtain the desired glycosides.

#### 7 Propargyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (a)

8 White solid; Yield 97 %;  $R_f$  = 0.3 (EtOAc-Pet ether = 1:2);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  
9  $\delta$  2.01 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.48 (t,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71-3.75 (m,  
10 1H), 4.11-4.17 (m, 1H), 4.26-4.30 (m, 1H), 4.37 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H),  
11 5.0-5.04 (m, 1H), 5.11 (t,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (t,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 50 MHz)  
12  $\delta$  20.5, 20.6, 29.6, 55.8, 60.3, 61.6, 68.1, 70.8, 71.8, 72.6, 75.4, 78.0, 98.0, 169.3, 169.4, 170.2,  
13 170.6; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{10}\text{Na}$  409.11, found 407.12.

#### 14 2-propyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-galactopyranoside (c)

15 White crystals; M.p-87<sup>0</sup>c ; Yield 97%;  $R_f$  = 0.2 (EtOAc-Pet ether = 1:2);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  
16 ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.84 (dddd, 1H,  $J$  = 17.1 Hz, 10.5 Hz, 6.1 Hz, 5.0 Hz) 5.27 (dq, 1H,  $J$   
17 =17.1 Hz, 1.6 Hz), 5.25-5.18 (m, 1H), 5.21 (app t, 1H,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz), 5.09 (app t, 1H,  $J$  = 9.6Hz),  
18 5.02 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz, 7.9 Hz), 4.55 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz), 4.32 (ddt, 1H,  $J$  = 13.2Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1.6  
19 Hz), 4.25 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 12.2 Hz, 4.7 Hz), 4.12 (dd, 1H,  $J$  = 12.2 Hz, 2.5Hz), 4.08 (ddt, 1H,  $J$  =  
20 13.2 Hz, 6.1 Hz, 1.3 Hz), 3.67 (ddd, 1H,  $J$  = 9.8 Hz, 4.7 Hz, 2.5Hz), 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H),  
21 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (63 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$ 170.2, 169.9, 169.1, 168.9, 133.1,  
22 117.2, 99.3, 72.6, 71.5, 71.0, 69.7, 68.2, 61.7, 20.4,20.32, 20.26 (2C); HRMS (ESI+):  $m/z$  calcd.  
23 for  $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_{10}\text{Na}]$  411.12, found 411.12.

1 2-butene-1-ol 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-  $\beta$  -D-galactopyranoside (d)

2 White solid; Yield 94 %;  $R_f$  = 0.3 (EtOAc-Pet ether = 1:1);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.01  
3 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 3.69-3.70 (m, 1H), 4.15-4.21 (m, 3H), 4.24 (d,  $J$   
4 = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (t,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (bs, 1H), 4.35-4.39 (m, 1H), 4.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz,  
5 1H), 4.98-5.03 (m, 1H), 5.09 (t,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (t,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.6-5.67 (m, 1H), 5.83-  
6 5.89 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$  20.6, 20.7, 20.73, 58.5, 61.9, 64.3, 68.4, 71.2, 71.7,  
7 72.7, 99.2, 126.7, 133.3, 169.4, 169.4, 170.3, 170.8; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  
8  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_{11}\text{Na}$  441.13, found 441.10.

9 1-decyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-  $\beta$  -D-galactopyranoside (e)

10 White solid; Yield 98%;  $R_f$  = 0.6 (EtOAc-Pet ether = 1:2);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  0.87 (t,  
11 3H), 1.24 (m, 18H), 1.5-1.59 (m, 2H), 2.0 (s, 3H), 2.2 (s, 3H), 2.4 (s, 3H), 2.8 (s, 3H), 3.43-3.49  
12 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.71 (m, 1H), 3.84-3.89 (m, 1H), 4.11-4.14 (m, 1H), 4.26 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8 and 4.6 Hz,  
13 1H), 4.49 (d,  $J$  = 7.8, 1H), 4.97 (dd,  $J$  = 8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (t,  $J$  = 9.7, 9.5 Hz), 5.2 (t,  $J$  = 9.5, 9.2 Hz,  
14 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.2, 20.5, 22.5, 25.7, 29.2, 29.5, 31.7, 61.8, 68.3, 70.2,  
15 71.2, 71.5, 72.7, 100.7, 169.3, 169.4, 170.3, 170.7; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  
16  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_{10}\text{Na}$  525.26, found 524.80.

17 2-isopropyl-5-methyl cyclohexyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-  $\beta$  -D-galactopyranoside (f)

18 White solid ; Yield 94%;  $R_f$  = 0.5 (EtOAc-Pet ether = 1:2);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$   
19 0.73 (d,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (s, 3H), 0.89 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 3H), 0.91-0.93 (m, 2H), 1.14-1.41 (m,  
20 4H), 1.55-1.72 (m, 5H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 3.25-3.45 (m, 1H),  
21 3.63-3.76 (m, 1H), 4.07-4.28 (m, 2H), 4.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd,  $J$  = 9.7 and 3.6 Hz, 1H),  
22 5.07 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9 and 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (t,  $J$  = 9.4 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$  15.4,  
23 15.9, 20.5, 20.6, 20.7, 20.9, 21.0, 22.3, 22.8, 25.0, 31.4, 31.6, 34.0, 34.1, 40.8, 42.8, 47.4, 48.0,

1 62.4, 68.7, 68.9, 71.5, 71.6, 73.0, 79.1, 83.1, 98.7, 101.9, 169.3, 169.5, 170.4, 170.2; HRMS  
2 (ESI)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{24}H_{38}O_{10}Na$  509.23, found 508.80.

3 1-adamantanylmethyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-  $\beta$  -D-galactopyranoside (g)

4 White solid; Yield 97%;  $R_f = 0.6$  (EtOAc-Pet ether = 1:1);  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$   
5 1.48-1.52 (m, 3H), 1.58-1.74 (m, 12H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 2.97  
6 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.63-3.71 (m, 1H), 4.16 (dd,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.28  
7 (dd,  $J = 7.7$  and 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd,  $J = 9.4$  and 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (t,  
8  $J = 9.47$  Hz, 1H), 5.21 (t,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$  20.6, 20.68, 20.7, 28.0,  
9 33.8, 37.0, 39.2, 61.9, 68.4, 71.2, 71.6, 72.7, 80.9, 101.7, 169.2, 169.4, 170.3, 170.7; HRMS  
10 (ESI)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{25}H_{36}O_{10}Na$  519.22, found 519.01.

11 (Z)-octadec-9-enyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-  $\beta$  -D-galactopyranoside (h)

12 White solid; Yield 82 %;  $R_f = 0.3$  (EtOAc-Pet ether = 1:2);  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$   
13 0.89 (t, 3H), 1.26 (bs, 24H), 1.5-1.67 (m, 4H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s,  
14 3H), 3.44-3.5 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.85-3.90 (m, 1H), 4.14 (dd,  $J = 9.7$  and 2.4 Hz, 1H),  
15 4.5 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd,  $J = 7.8$  and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.1 (t,  $J = 9.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.21 (t,  $J = 9.5$   
16 Hz, 1H), 5.34-5.37 (m, 1H) ;  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  14.2, 20.1, 20.68, 21.7, 28.0, 33.8,  
17 37.5, 39.2, 61.9, 68.4, 71.2, 71.6, 72.7, 80.9, 103.7, 169.2, 169.4, 170.5, 170.1.

18 Benzoyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-  $\beta$  -D-galactopyranoside (i)

19 Yield 93%;  $R_f = 0.2$  (EtOAc-Pet ether = 1:2);  $^1H$  NMR (400 Hz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.07 (d, 2H,  $J$   
20 = 7.2 Hz), 7.61 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 7.47 (t, 2H,  $J = 7.6$  Hz), 5.94 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 5.55 (dd, 1H,  
21  $J_1 = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 10.4$  Hz), 5.50 (d, 1H,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 5.21 (dd, 1H,  $J_1 = 3.6$  Hz,  $J_2 = 10.8$  Hz),  
22 4.24-4.14 (m, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H) ppm.  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 Hz,  
23  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  170.1, 170.0, 169.7, 169.3, 164.4, 133.8, 130.0, 128.6, 128.4, 92.6, 71.6, 70.5, 67.7,

1 66.8, 60.9, 20.42, 20.35 ppm. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{24}NaO_{11}$  475.11. found  
2 474.80.

3 Cyclohexyl 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-  $\beta$  -D-galactopyranoside (j)

4 White solid ; Yield 93%;  $R_f$ = 0.2 (EtOAc-Pet ether = 1:2);  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$   
5 1.24-1.26 (m, 4H), 1.38-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.77 (m, 3H), 1.83-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 2.01  
6 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 3.58-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.64-3.69 (m, 1H), 4.10 (dd,  $J$  = 11.9 and  
7 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd,  $J$  = 11.9 and 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (dd,  $J$  = 9.6 and  
8 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (t,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (t,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 50 MHz)  $\delta$   
9 20.6, 20.65, 20.68, 20.7, 23.5, 23.6, 25.4, 31.5, 33.1, 62.0, 68.5, 71.4, 71.5, 72.8, 78.0, 99.3,  
10 169.2, 169.4, 170.3, 170.7; HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{30}O_{10}Na$  453.1737,  
11 found 452.20.

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### 13 **3. Results and discussion**

#### 14 **3.1. FT-IR analysis and Acidity determination of solid acid catalyst**

15 The fourier transform infrared spectra of PV-THEAC, PV-DEA and PVC are shown in  
16 figure 1. The absorption bands in pure polyvinyl chloride are identified by the vibration band at  
17  $750\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1398\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $3137\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for C-Cl, C-C as well as C-H respectively. When diethanol  
18 amine bound to polyvinyl Chloride, the C-Cl vibration band at  $750\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is disappeared. In  
19 additon, the C-N, -OH and C-O vibrabration band at  $1247\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $3409\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $957\text{ cm}^{-1}$   
20 appeared in the FT-IR spectra (Fig. 1A). Moreover, polyvinyl chloride bound to triethanol amine  
21 is identified by a vibration band at  $1247\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $957\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $3409\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for C-N, C-O as well as –  
22 OH functionlised groups respectively [27]. The spectra for PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA has a

1 vibration band at  $1169\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1038\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which are associated with the stretching frequency of  
2  $\text{O}=\text{S}=\text{O}$  and  $\text{SO}_3^-$  stretching mode in  $\text{SO}_3\text{H}$  group correspondingly (Fig. 2).

3 Yang and Kou et al determined Lewis and Brønsted acidity of solid acid by monitoring  
4 the shift of IR absorption bands at  $1438\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1540\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in pyridine [28]. Generally, the  
5 pyridine adsorbed complexes shows two major absorption peaks at  $1438\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1548\text{ cm}^{-1}$   
6 analogous to Lewis and Brønsted acidity, respectively. This method implies that the presence  
7 band occurring at  $1437\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to pure pyridine is shifted near to  $1450\text{ cm}^{-1}$  that indicates pyridine  
8 is coordinated to Lewis acid sites. While, the new band appeared near  $1541\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is an indication  
9 of pyridinium ions resulting from presence of Brønsted acidic sites. In this regard, result of  
10 pyridine adsorption spectra of PV-TSEAC, PV-DSEA catalyst and pure pyridine are shown in  
11 Fig .3. It can be seen that PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA catalyst has shown the new vibration band  
12 at position  $1541\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which confirms the prepared solid acids are strictly Brønsted acidic.  
13 Furthermore, evidence for Brønsted acidity is the presence of protonated pyridine band for  
14 individual N–H bending and C–C stretching modes in both catalyst spectra.

### 15 **3.2. TGA and BET analysis of solid acid catalyst**

16 TGA thermograms of PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA are shown in figure 4. It is described  
17 that both catalysts are stable up to  $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . In case of PV-TSEAC catalyst, 55 % continuous  
18 weight loss was recorded from  $100$  to  $305\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Indeed, this weight loss corresponds to the three –  
19  $\text{OSO}_3\text{H}$  groups from the PV-TSEAC. Afterward, the second weight loss observed from  $305\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  
20  $500\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  that is because of polyvinyl chloride decomposition which was previously reported in  
21 literature [29]. The TGA of PV-DSEA signify a continuous weight loss of approximately 54 %  
22 from  $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  due to the corresponding loss of  $-\text{OSO}_3\text{H}$  groups and the second weight

1 loss from 300 °C to 600 °C corresponds to the decomposition of polyvinyl chloride. Based on the  
2 result of the TGA analysis, it can be confirmed that of PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA are stable up  
3 to 100 °C, therefore it can be used in a wide variety of acid catalyzed reactions.

4 Figure 5a and 5b show nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of PV-TSEAC and PV-  
5 DSEA. The nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA exhibited a  
6 well-defined type-II isotherm pattern. This shows evidence for monolayer-multilayer  
7 adsorption up to the high  $P/P_0$ . Moreover, the existence of the  $H_5$  type hysteresis loop starts from  
8 the relative pressure  $P/P_0$  at 0.26, which indicates that macropores are present on the outer  
9 surface of the catalyst. The pore sizes of the PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA are shown to be 95.28 nm  
10 and 95.21 nm respectively. Moreover, the BET surface area of PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA was  
11 recorded as 2 m<sup>2</sup>/g. However, this result suggests a homogeneous distribution of the chelating  
12 group (-OSO<sub>3</sub>H) in the macroporous polymer framework, which probably provides good density  
13 of acidic sites and activity for acidic reactions.

### 14 **3.2. Catalytic activity**

15 Fischer glycosylation always proposes a useful way for the preparation of simple alkyl or  
16 aryl glycosides from the unprotected, unactivated reducing sugars. Moreover, the Fischer  
17 glycosylation reaction has been enhanced using heterogeneous solid acid catalysis [7, 8]. We  
18 sought to explore the catalytic activity of ours as prepared catalyst as a probable heterogeneous  
19 Brønsted acid catalyst for glycosylation reactions using different sugar derivatives. In the  
20 preliminary set of reactions, unprotected D-glucose (1 equiv.) was allowed to react with 1-  
21 octanol (5 equiv.) under solvent and catalyst-free conditions at 60 °C and reaction progress  
22 monitored continuously, there was no reaction up to 8 h (scheme 3). Afterward, the same  
23 reaction was conducted in 0.3 equiv. of PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA catalyst under solvent-free

1 condition at 60 °C. After 4 h, total utilization of the D-glucose was verified by TLC for PV-  
2 TSEAC catalyst, whereas in 6h total utilization of the D-glucose was observed for the PV-DSEA  
3 catalyst. The reaction mixture was then separated from the catalysts by filtration, purified by  
4 column chromatography and subjected to  $^1\text{H}$  NMR. In  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra it was observed that the  
5 reaction of D-glucose with 1-octanol using PV-TSEAC afforded high (96 %) yield of glycoside  
6 product (Table 1). While, the PV-DSEA catalyst provided only 88% yield of glycoside. These  
7 results indicate that the prepared catalysts are active for glycosylation of glucose and between the  
8 PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA catalyst; PV-TSEAC catalyst shows the highest activity for  
9 glycosylation reaction of glucose. Therefore, we considered PV-TSEAC as a Brønsted acid  
10 catalyst for further catalytic study.

11 Stereochemical control of glycosylation is the most recent area of synthesis to be entirely  
12 resolved. In this context, we initiated an investigation to see if the Brønsted acid catalyst could  
13 be used for stereochemical outcome of a glycosylation reaction. Glycosyl trichloroacetimidates is  
14 one of the most reliable, applicable classes of glycosyl donors and it is easily activated by  
15 catalytic quantities of Brønsted acid [30]. Therefore, we sought to investigate glycosylation of  
16 glycosyltrichloroacetimidate donor (scheme 4) using PV-TSEAC as Brønsted acid catalyst. When  
17 a glycosyltrichloroacetimidate donor (1) was used for glycosylation under a solvent free  
18 condition, an excellent yield of  $\beta$ -glycoside as the major product was obtained (Table 2).  
19 Probably,  $\beta$ -glycoside product selectivity was obtained via reaction proceeds through  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$   
20 reaction (nucleophilic attack of  $-\text{OR}$  from  $\beta$  side) which depends on good leaving groups and  
21 solvent free reaction conditions that was previously reported [31]. In this fashion, we observed  
22 that glycosylation of glycosyltrichloroacetimidate donor (1) with cyclohexanol in presence of  
23 PV-TSEAC catalyst at 60 °C led to formation of  $\beta$ -cyclohexyl glycoside as 93 % yield (Table 2

1 entry j). Thus, reaction conditions have been generalized by treating a set of alcohols with  
2 glycosyltrichloroacetimidate donor (1) and very good yield of  $\beta$ -alkyl glycoside were obtained .  
3 A series of primary alcohol such as 1-pentanol and 1-decanol also demonstrated 94 %, 98 %  
4 (Table 2 entry b & e) yields of  $\beta$ -alkyl glycoside under similar conditions via PV-TSEAC  
5 Brønsted acidic catalyst. Moreover, from cyclic alcohols such as 2-isopropyl-5-methyl  
6 cyclohexanol and cyclohexanol were obtained excellent yields of 2-isopropyl-5-methyl  
7 cyclohexyl glycoside and cyclohexyl glycoside respectively (Table 2 entry f & j). In case of a  
8 Aromatic and secondary alcohol also obtained an excellent stereoselective yield of  $\beta$ -glycoside  
9 product. The NMR spectral analysis of acetylated products revealed the formation of the  
10 products as  $\beta$ -anomers. Moreover, activity of the catalyst was also demonstrated using the O-  
11 bezylated glycosyl donor 2 (scheme 3). Donor 2 in presence of PV-TSEAC catalyst was tested  
12 with propyl alcohol acceptor, which provided a high yield with 94 % selectivity of  $\beta$ -glycoside  
13 product (Table 2 entry k). On the other hand, the noteworthy activating power of PV-TSEAC  
14 catalyst was further established via disaccharide synthesis. We examined the reactivity of  
15 acceptor 4 with donor 2 and donor 1. In these case as well, the coupling reaction occurred  
16 smoothly under mild conditions and afforded desired  $\beta$ -linked disaccharide (Table 2 entry l &  
17 m).

18 Additionally, glycosylation reactions using other monosaccharide such as D-mannose,  
19 D-xylose and D-galactose were also allowed to react with 1-octanol under similar condition  
20 using PV-TSEAC Brønsted acidic catalyst. As expected, these reactions also proceeded  
21 smoothly and provided 95 %, 88 % and 91 % yield of glycoside product from D-mannose, D-  
22 fructose and D-xylose respectively (Table 3). The acid density in PV-TSEAC is the vital aspect  
23 for glycosylation through formation and breakage of hydrogen bond interaction [32]. The ratio of

1 the anomeric products was determined by comparing the integral values of the peaks in  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  
2 and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra. A comparative study of the catalytic performance of the PV-TSEAC with  
3 other catalysts is shown in Table 4. In comparative studies, the PV-TSEAC catalyst obtained a  
4 high yield of product as that of sulfamic acid and triflic acid catalyst. Under the same optimal  
5 conditions commonly used acid catalyst as an amberlyst 15 and sulfonated zirconia has been  
6 screened and result afforded clearly shows that PV-TSEAC as the excellent catalyst for  
7 glycosylation reaction. Moreover, comparing the Hammett acidity of these catalysts using 2, 4  
8 dinitroaniline as an indicator on UV-spectroscopy. Hammett acidity ( $H_o$ ) of the sulfonic acid (-  
9 4.64), HOTf (-4.73), sulfonated zirconia (-4.67) and amberlyst 15 catalysts (-4.59) are  
10 comparatively lower than that PV-TSEAC catalyst (-5.18) (Table 5). Hence, we can demonstrate  
11 that PV-TSEAC is the best heterogeneous Brønsted acid catalyst for glycosylation reaction.

12 Reusability is a very significant factor in the case of solid acid catalyst. Innovative  
13 accomplishment of new ecofriendly, mild, advanced and reusable catalyst for glycosylation is  
14 one of the major ambitions of this study. To study the reusability of the catalyst it was collected  
15 at the end of reaction, wash three times with distilled water and reused. The catalytic activity of  
16 recycled PV-TSEAC catalyst was studied under similar condition with 1-octanol and D-glucose  
17 for five successive cycles (Fig. 6). Excellent yield of 1-octyl glycoside was obtained for up to  
18 five cycles without any significant loss of activity. Hence, the catalyst is capable of five recycles  
19 without any loss of catalytic activity.

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## 21 4. Conclusion

1 In conclusion, new Brønsted solid acid catalysts as PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA were  
2 synthesized via sulfonate group fictionalization on polyvinyl polymer. We characterized the  
3 sulfonate group ( $-\text{OSO}_3\text{H}$ ) moiety on polyvinyl polymer by FT-IR spectroscopy and elemental  
4 analysis. TGA analysis also showed the stability of the catalyst is up to 100 °C and distribution  
5 of  $-\text{OSO}_3\text{H}$  group was proved by BET analysis. The synthesized PV-TSEAC catalyst showed  
6 excellent catalytic activity for glycosylation reaction with alcohol and sugar derivatives. We also  
7 investigated  $\beta$ -glycoside selectivity using glycosyltrichloroacetimidate donor as reactant. From the  
8 result, we can conclude that high density of  $-\text{OSO}_3\text{H}$  group contributed to the catalytic activity  
9 of the catalyst during glycosylation. Overall result revealed that synthesized PV-TSEAC catalyst  
10 exhibited excellent activity for glycosylation reaction.

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#### **Scheme captions**

**Scheme 1.** Synthesis procedure of PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA solid acid catalyst.

**Scheme 2.** Structure of PV-DSEA and PV-TSEAC.

**Scheme 3.** Reaction of D-glucose with 1-octanol in presence of catalyst at 60 °C.

**Scheme 4.** Reaction of glycosyltrichloroacetimidate donor with alcohol in presence of PV-TSEAC catalyst.

**Scheme 5.** Different glycosyl donor and acceptor used for glycosylation of sugars using PV-TSEAC as the catalyst.

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**Table 1.** Fischer glycosylations under predictable reflux conditions.

**Table 2.** Catalytic activity of synthesized PV-TSEAC for glycosilytion from glycosyltrichloroacetimidate donor in various alcohols.

**Table 3.** Catalytic activity of synthesized PV-TSEAC for glycosilytion using different sugar derivatives with cyclohexanol.

**Table 4.** Comparison of catalytic activity of different catalyst for glycosylation of D-glucose using 1-octanol at 60 °C.

**Table 5.** Comparison of Hammett acidity functions of different acids with PV-TSEAC catalyst.

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**Figure 1.** FT-IR analysis of PVC (A) polyvinyl bound diethanol amine (B), polyvinyl bound triethanol amine chloride (C).

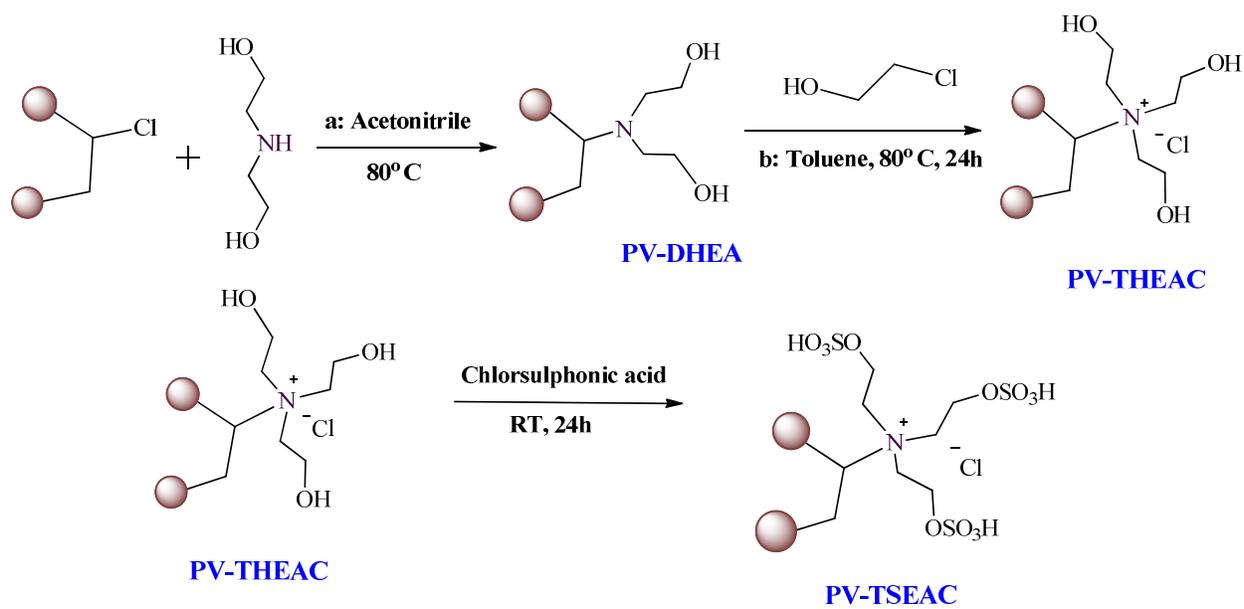
**Figure 2.** FI-IR spectra of PV-TSEAC (A) and PV-DSEA (B) that shows  $-\text{OSO}_3\text{H}$  group vibration band.

**Figure 3.** Acidity determination by IR spectroscopy based on pyridine: Pyridine (A), PV-TSEAC (B), PV-TSEAC with Pyridine (C) and PV-DSEA with Pyridine (D).

**Figure 4.** Thermogravimetric analysis of synthesized PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA solid acid catalyst.

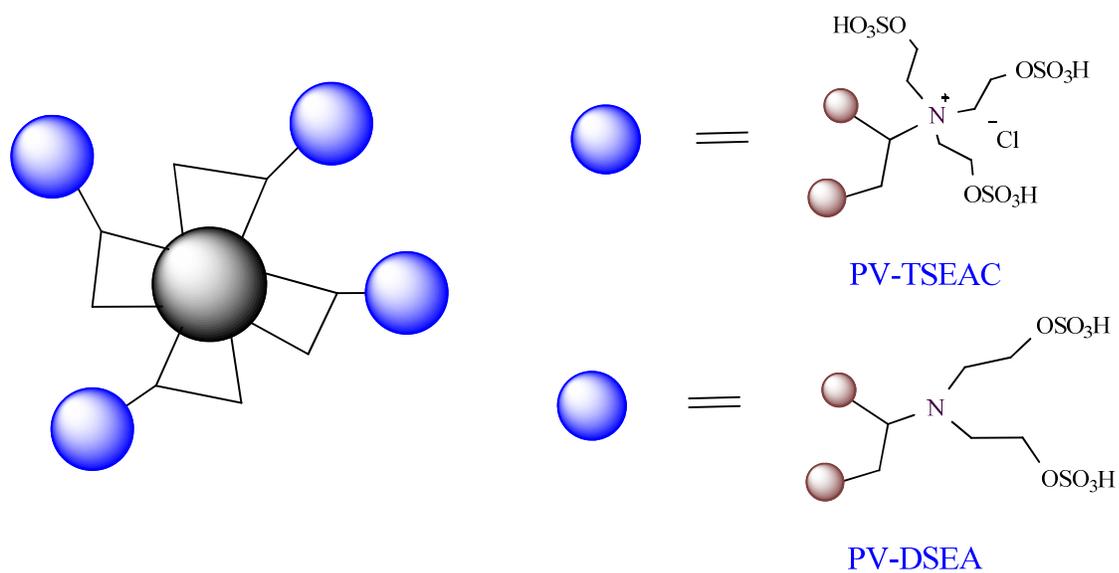
**Figure 5.** BJH cure (A) and Pore size distribution cure (B) for synthesized PV-TSEAC and PV-DSEA solid acid catalyst.

**Figure 6.** Reusability of PV-TSEAC catalyst for glycosylation reaction using D-glucose and 1-octanol at  $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 h.

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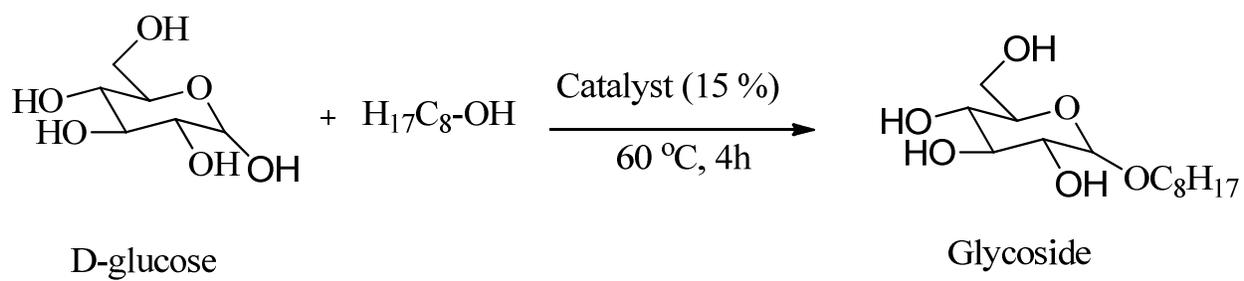
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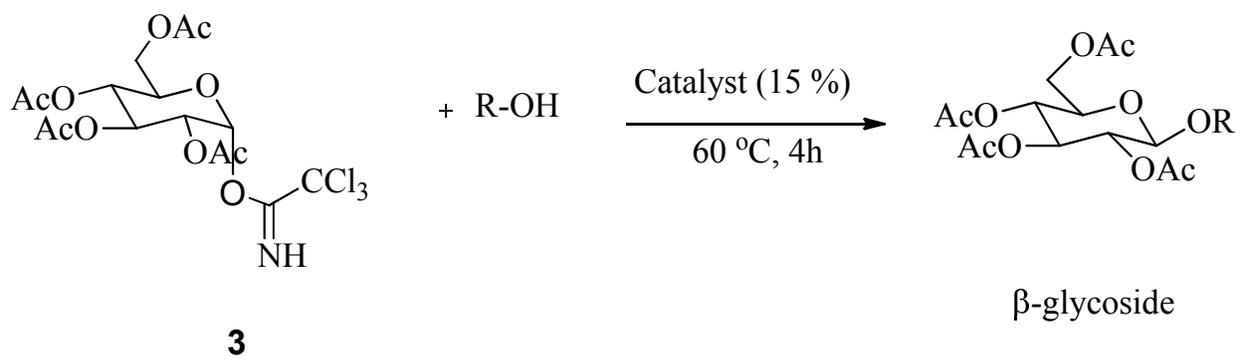
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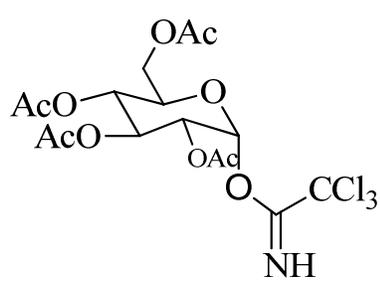
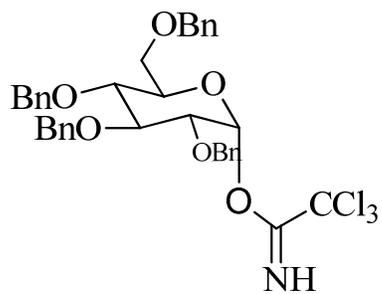
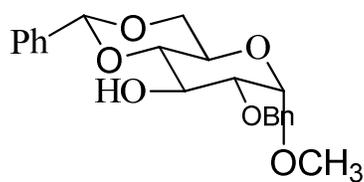
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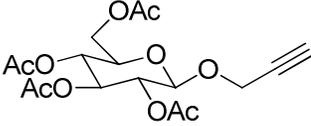
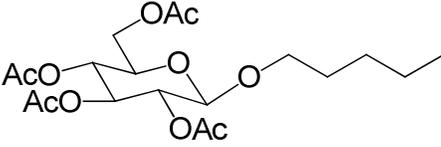
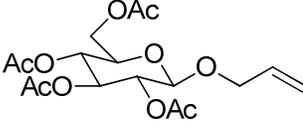
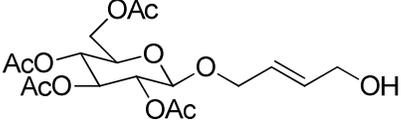
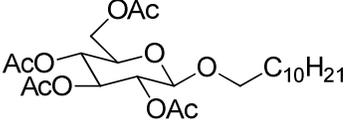
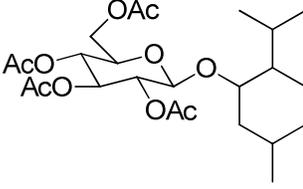
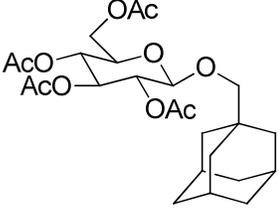
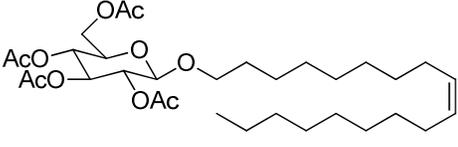
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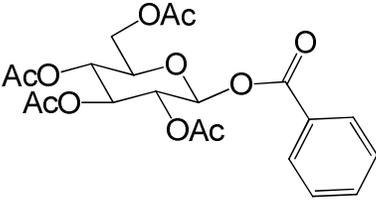
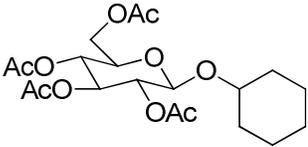
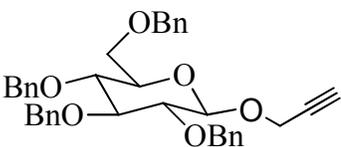
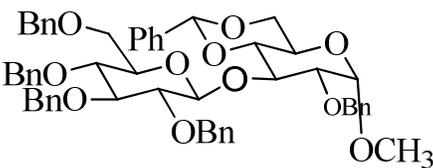
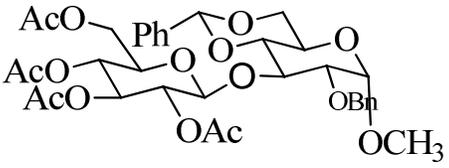
Entry	Heating time [h]	Reactant [%]	Yield [%]
<sup>a</sup> 1	8	100	0
2	1	< 22	40
3	2	10	60
4	3	< 6	90
5	4	0	96
<sup>b</sup> 6	6	0	88

All reactions are carried out using PV-TSEAC catalyst with D-glucose and 1-octanol under solvent free condition at 60°C. <sup>a</sup> Reaction was carried out catalyst free condition with other same condition. <sup>b</sup> reaction was carried out with PV-DSEA catalyst under same condition.

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2 Table 2

Entry	Alcohol	Product	Time [h]	Yield [%]	$\beta$ ratio
a	Propargyl alcohol		3.5	97	96
b	1-pentanol		3	94	98
c	2-propenol		4.2	97	98
d	2-butene-1,4-diol		4	94	99
e	1-decanol		4	98	96
f	2-isopropyl-5-methyl cyclohexanol		3.5	94	98
g	1-adamantane methanol		3	96	90
h	(Z)-octadec-9-enol		4.3	82	96

i	Benzoic acid		4	88	90
j	cyclohexanol		2.5	93	99
k	Propargyl alcohol		3.5	95	94
l	(2R,4aR,6S,7R,8S,8aS)-8-Hydroxy-6-methoxy-2-phenylhexahydropyrano[3,2-d][1,3]dioxin-7-yl benzoate		3.8	88	91
m	(2R,4aR,6S,7R,8S,8aS)-8-Hydroxy-6-methoxy-2-phenylhexahydropyrano[3,2-d][1,3]dioxin-7-yl benzoate		3.5	86	90

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**Table 3**

<b>Carbohydrate</b>	<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>Time [h]</b>	<b>Yield [%]</b>	<b><math>\alpha:\beta</math></b>
D-Glucose	1-octanol	3.5	97	<25:>75
D-Mannose	1-octanol	3.6	95	<45:>55
D-Fructose	1-octanol	4	88	<23:>77
D-Xylose	1-octanol	4	91	<18:>82

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Entry	Catalyst	Catalyst load	Time [h]	Yield [%]	Refs.
1	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	0.1 equiv.	24	55	34
2	Sulfamic acid	0.2 equiv.	5	81	35
3	TfOH	0.2 equiv.	5	77	36
4	BF <sub>3</sub> .OEt <sub>2</sub>	1.0 equiv.	16	52	37
5	PV-TSEAC	0.3 equiv.	4	97	In this study
6	Amberlyst 15	0.3 equiv.	4	65	In this study
7	Sulfated Zirconia	0.3equiv.	4	78	In this study

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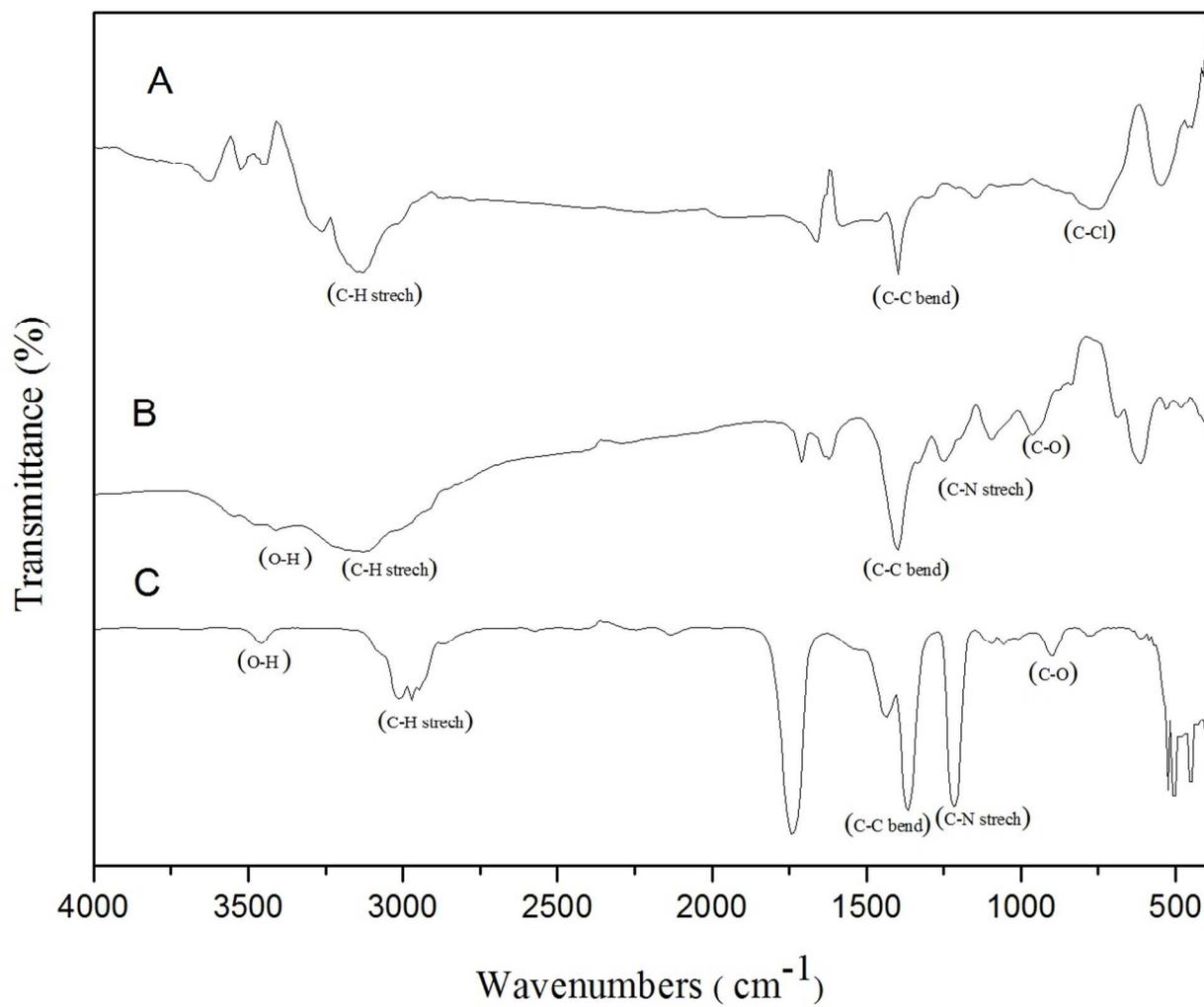
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Acid	$A_{\max}$	[I] (%)	[IH+] (%)	$H_0 (\pm 0.05)$
Sulfonated Zirconia	0.65	41.8	58.1	- 4.67
Sulfamic acid	0.66	43.2	56.7	- 4.64
HOTf	0.58	38.2	61.7	- 4.73
Amberlyst 15	0.71	46.4	53.5	- 4.59
PV-TSEAC	0.30	19.6	80.3	- 5.18

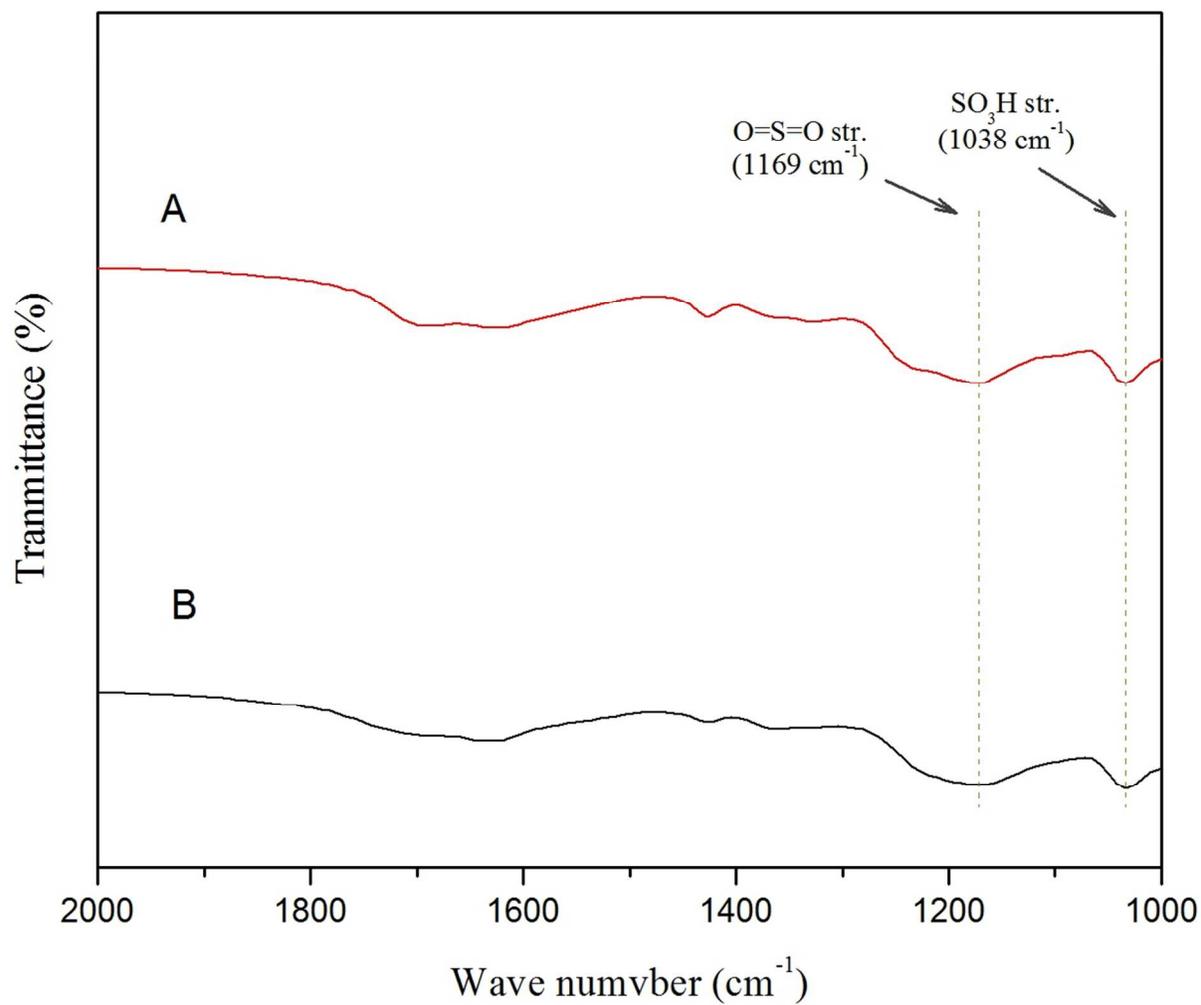
7 Indicator: 2, 4 dinitroaniline ( $pK(I)_{\text{aq}} = - 4.53$ )

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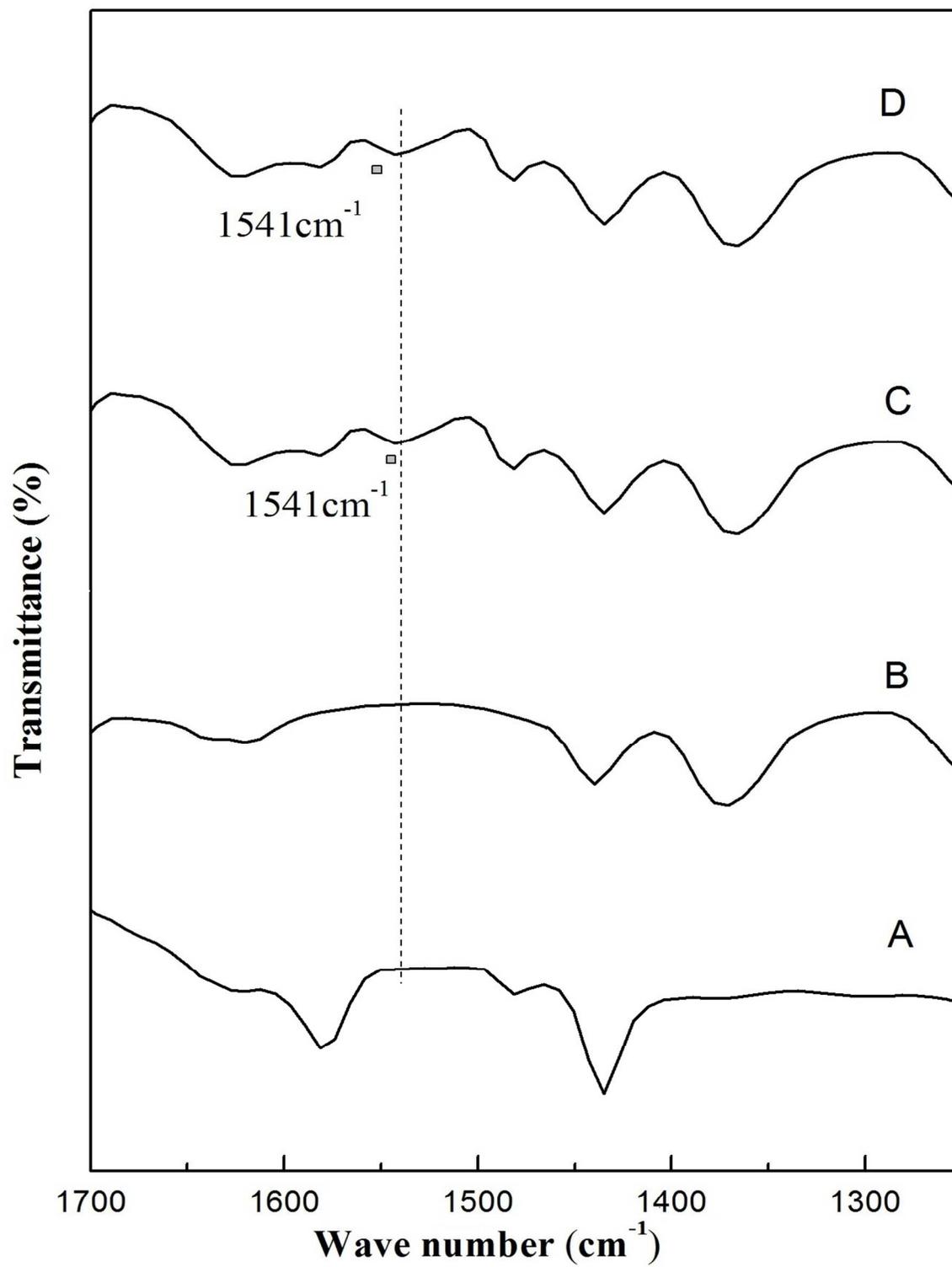
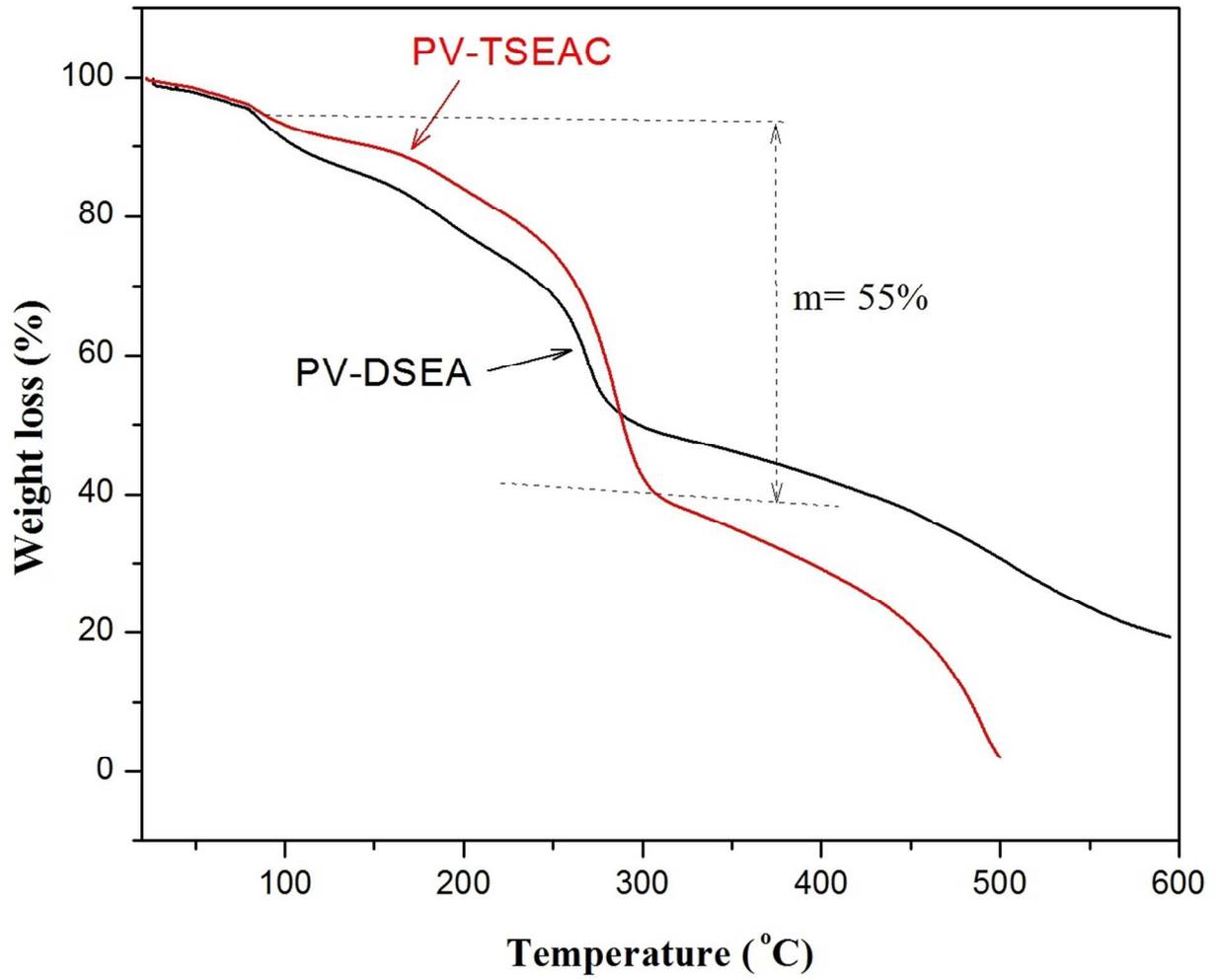


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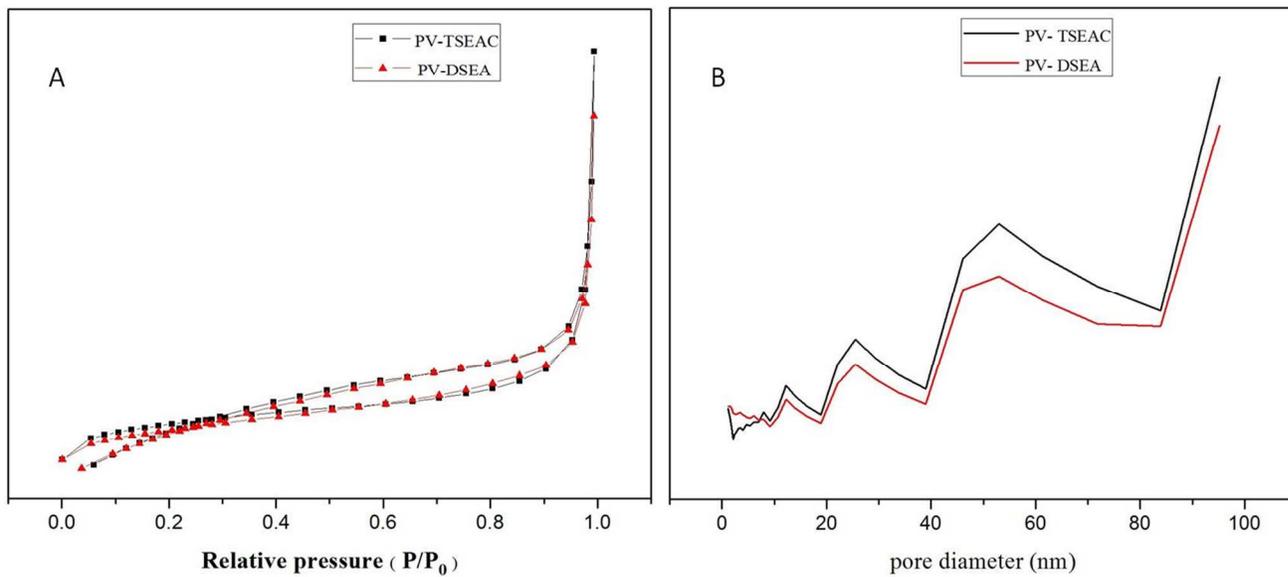
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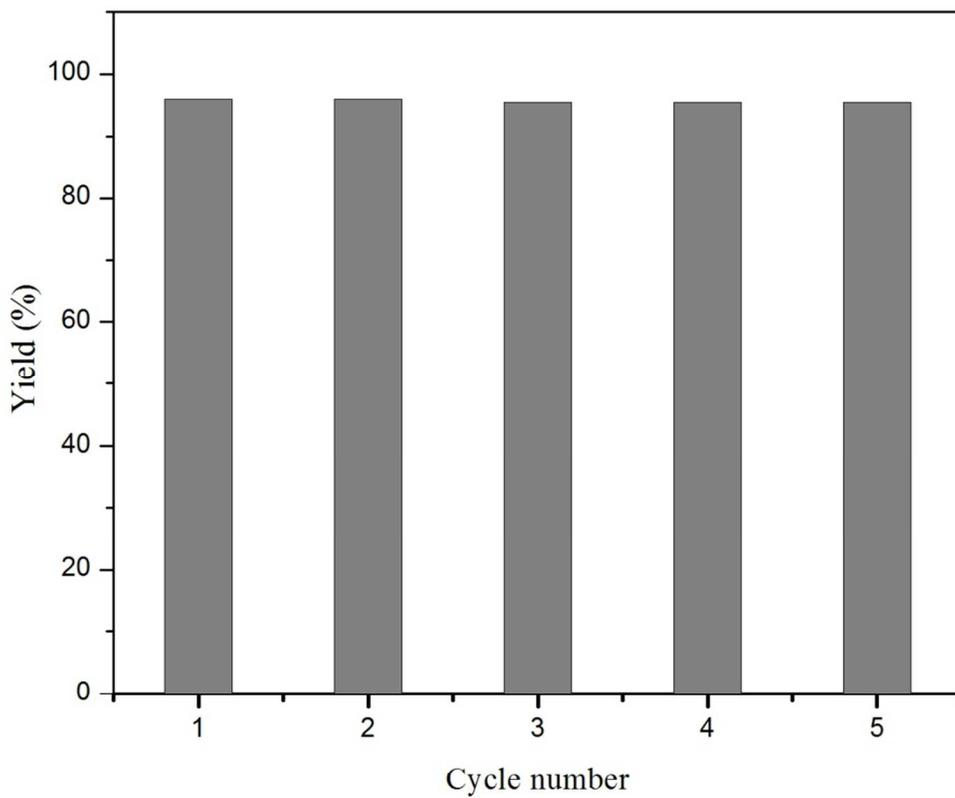
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