## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Table S1 Chemical shifts of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for eight kinds of ILs

TT a		<sup>1</sup> H NMR spectra ( $\delta$ , ×10 <sup>-6</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>								
ILS	2-H	4-H	5-H	6-H	7-H	8-H	9-H	10-H		
[Bmim]Cl	10.17	7.51	7.66	4.11	4.35	1.87	1.38	0.95		
	(1H, s)	(1H, s)	(1H, s)	(3H, s)	(2H, t)	(2H, m)	(2H, m)	(3H, t)		
[Bmim]Br	10.06	7.61	7.72	3.02	4.35	1.91	1.38	0.96		
	(1H, s)	(1H, s)	(1H, s)	(3H, s)	(2H, t)	(2H, m)	(2H, m)	(3H, t)		
[Bmim]BF <sub>4</sub>	10.09	7.43	7.59	4.07	4.32	1.89	1.36	0.96		
	(1H, s)	(1H, d)	(1H, d)	(3H, s)	(2H ,t)	(2H, m)	(2H, q)	(3H, t)		
[Bmim]PTSA	10.16	7.44	7.56	4.08	4.29	1.86	1.33	0.93		
	(1H, s)	(1H, d)	(1H, d)	(3H, s)	(2H ,t)	(2H, m)	(2H, q)	(3H, t)		

[Pmim]Br	10.03	7.65	7.69	3.68	4.32	1.91	0.96
	(1H, s)	(1H, s)	(1H, s)	(3H, s)	(2H, q)	(2H, t)	(3H, t)
[Pmim]BF <sub>4</sub>	10.15	7.42	7.58	4.07	4.29	1.95	0.98
	(1H, s)	(1H, s)	(1H, s)	(3H, s )	(2H, t )	(2H, m)	(3H, t)
[Amim]Cl	9.89	7.51	7.68	4.08	4.33	1.91	0.96
	(1H, s)	(1H, s)	(1H, s)	(3H, s)	(2H, q)	(2H, t)	(3H, t)
[Amim] BF <sub>4</sub>	9.25	7.41	7.34	3.86	4.96	6.07	5.45
	(1H, s)	(1H, d)	(1H, d)	(3H, m)	(2H, d)	(1H ,m )	(1H, m)

<sup>a</sup> Eight kinds of ILs were all dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and recorded on Varian-INOVA 400 NMR spectrometry.

<sup>b</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts were recorded at 100MHz and reported downfield from trimethylsilane (TMS). Multiplicities are abbreviated as s=singlet, d=doublet, q=quartet, t=triplet and m=multiplet.

II a <sup>a</sup>	<sup>13</sup> C NMR spectra ( $\delta$ , ×10 <sup>-6</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>								
ILS	2-C	4-C	5-C	6-C	7-C	8-C	9-C	10-C	
[Bmim]Cl	137.26	121.74	123.47	36.31	49.44	31.91	19.14	13.23	
[Bmim]Br	136.49	121.86	123.44	36.29	49.32	31.69	18.97	13.02	
[Bmim]BF <sub>4</sub>	137.02	121.95	123.56	36.56	49.67	31.98	19.28	13.29	
[Bmim]PTSA	137.13	121.84	123.50	36.55	49.62	32.00	19.31	13.30	
[Pmim]Br	135.49	121.60	123.59	36.30	46.52	20.49	12.40		
[Pmim]BF <sub>4</sub>	137.15	121.88	123.56	36.62	49.69	21.03	13.45		
[Amim]Cl	136.83	121.72	123.67	36.30	51.57	129.99	77		
[Amim] BF <sub>4</sub>	138.03	121.98	123.62	36.67	53.12	133.1	115.5		

Table S2 Chemical shifts of <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for eight kinds of ILs

<sup>a</sup> Eight kinds of ILs were all dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and recorded on Varian-INOVA 400 NMR spectrometry.

<sup>b</sup> <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts were recorded at 400MHz and reported downfield from trimethylsilane (TMS)

## **Table S3** The amount (mg/g) of quercetin extracted by different extraction methods. (n=3)

Samples	Proposed method <sup>a</sup>		Reference methods <sup>b</sup>							
	ILs-MAE (10 min, 60°C)		ILs-ME (24 h, room temperature)		ILs-HE (4 h, 60°C)		ILs-UAE (2h, 60℃)			
	Observed values <sup>c</sup>	Recovery <sup>c</sup>	Observed values <sup>c</sup>	Recovery <sup>c</sup>	Observed values <sup>c</sup>	Recovery <sup>c</sup>	Observed values <sup>c</sup>	Recovery <sup>c</sup>		
Toona sinensis	$175.52\pm3.08$	$220.28 \pm 2.48$	80.24 ± 2.84	132.19 ±2.61	114.84 ± 3.12	162.40 ±2.72	$154.14\pm2.95$	205.92 ±3.01		

<sup>a</sup> It was performed under optimized conditions.

<sup>b</sup> The contrastive methods were also carried out under their optimized conditions respectively.

<sup>c</sup> The results consisted of mean amount±standard deviations of triplicate measurements.

Table S4 The extracted amount (mg/g) of quercetin in samples from different producing areas and the comparison between non-degreased sample and degreased sample. (n=3)

Producing area	Observed values <sup>a</sup> (mean $\pm$ S.D., mg/g)					
	non-degreased sample	degreased sample				
Changsha, Hunan	180.42±2.42	185.81±2.84				
Dezhou, Shandong	165.58±2.98	174.56±2.22				
Beijing	162.59±3.62	167.86±1.89				
Yuncheng, Shanxi	173.29±1.94	189.12±3.16				

<sup>a</sup> The results consisted of mean amount ± standard deviations of triplicate measurements.



Fig.S1 synthesis processes of eight kinds of ILs



Fig.S2 constitutional formulas of eight kinds of ILs



Fig.S3 The kinetic mechanism curve of quercetin extracted from *Toona sinensis*.



**Fig.S4** Chromatogram maps of [Bmim]Br aqueous solution (the A trace), standard solution of quercetin (the B trace), extraction solution of *Toona sinensis* sample (the C trace) and extraction solution of *Toona sinensis* sample which added in few standard quercetin (the D trace). Peak S: quercetin.



**Fig.S5** Comparison of quercetin peak areas extracted from *Toona sinensis* sample (the Fig. S3(C) trace) and *Toona sinensis* sample which added in few standard quercetin (the Fig. S3(D) trace). Peak S: quercetin.



Fig.S6 FT-IR spectra of *Toona sinensis* samples before and after different extraction techniques.



**Fig.S7** Negative ion mass spectrums of quercetin standard solution (A) and quercetin extracted from T*oona sinensis* sample (B), respectively.