

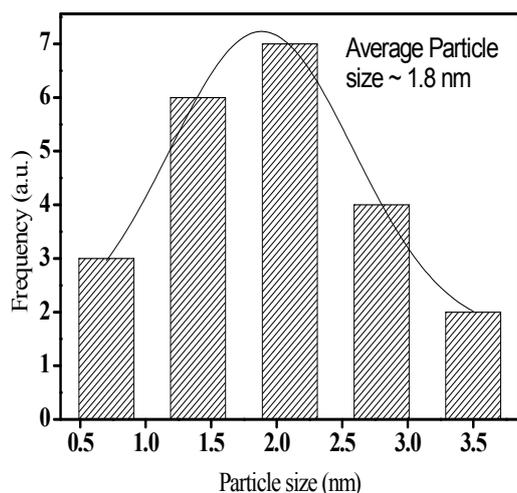
## Supporting information

### Nanocrystalline potassium impregnated SiO<sub>2</sub> as heterogeneous catalysts for the transesterification of karanja and jatropha oil

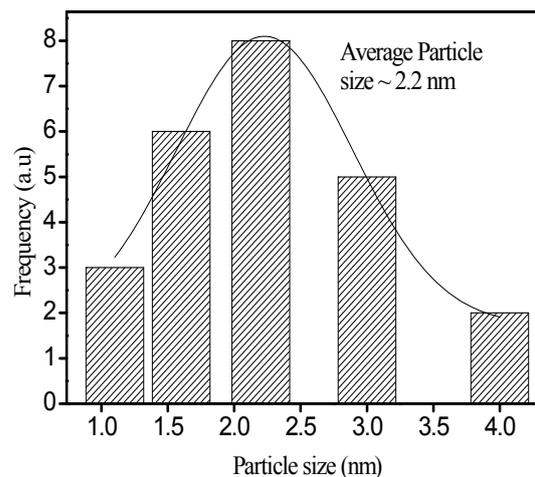
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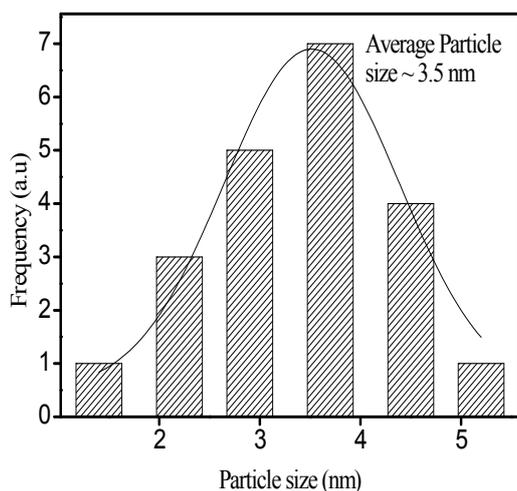
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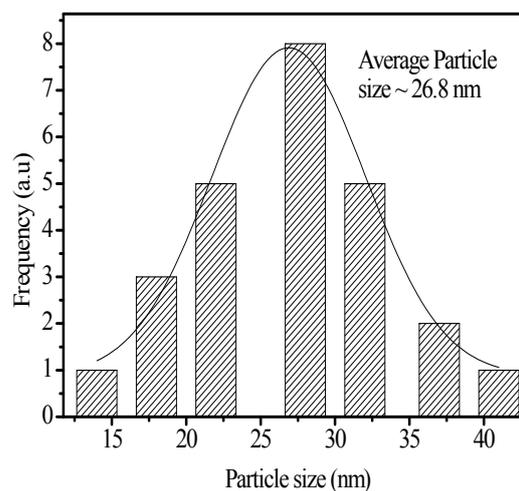
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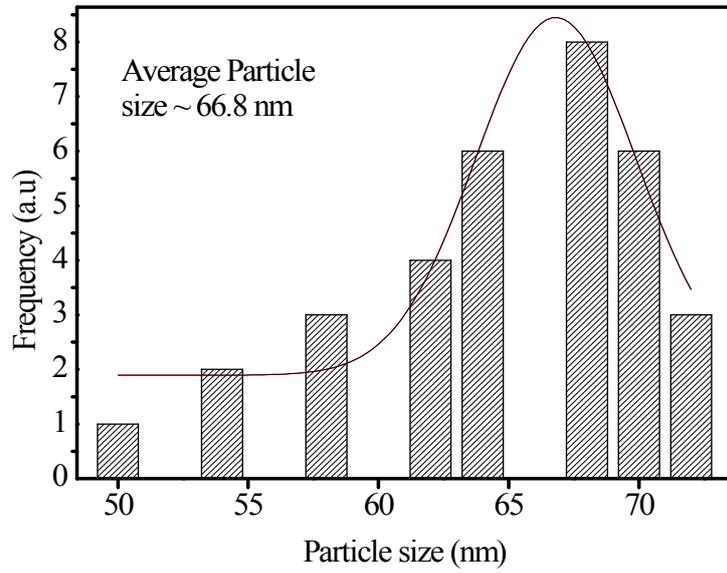
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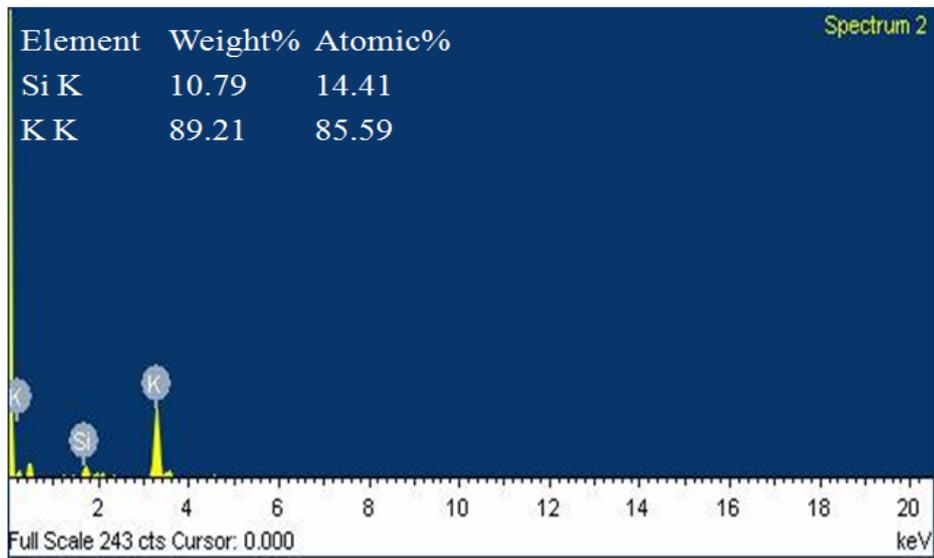
**S.I.-Fig. 3** Histogram for the diameters of impregnated species in Si: K-6.



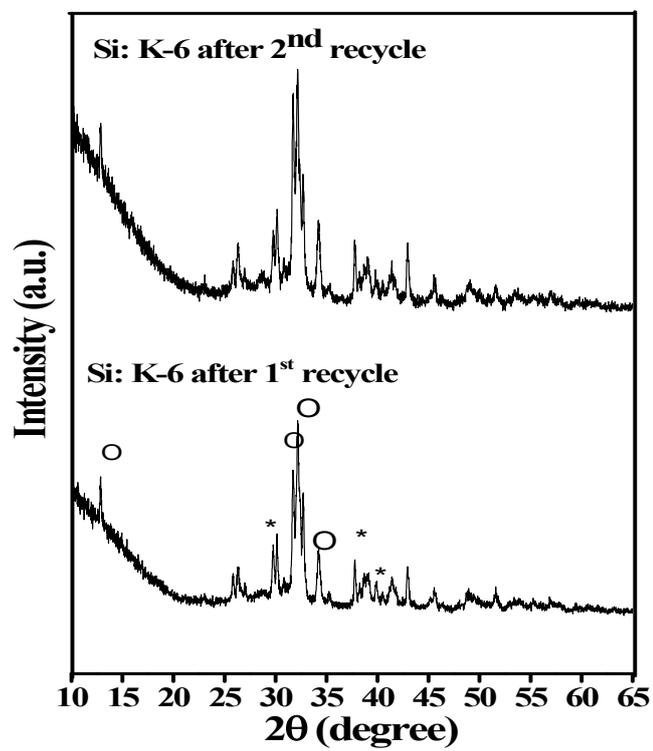
**S.I.- Fig. 4** Histogram for the particle size distribution of SiO<sub>2</sub> in Si: K-2



S.I.- Fig. 5 Histogram for the particle size distribution of SiO<sub>2</sub> in Si: K-6



S.I.-Fig. 6. SEM-EDX measurement of Si: K-6.



**S.I.-Fig. 7.** Powder XRD pattern of reused Si: K-X-6 catalysts (\*,  $K_2Si_2O_5$ ; O,  $K_6Si_3O_9$ ).