

## **Supporting information**

### **Effect of water and methanol on the dissolution and gelatinization of corn starch in [MMIM][(MeO)HPO<sub>2</sub>]**

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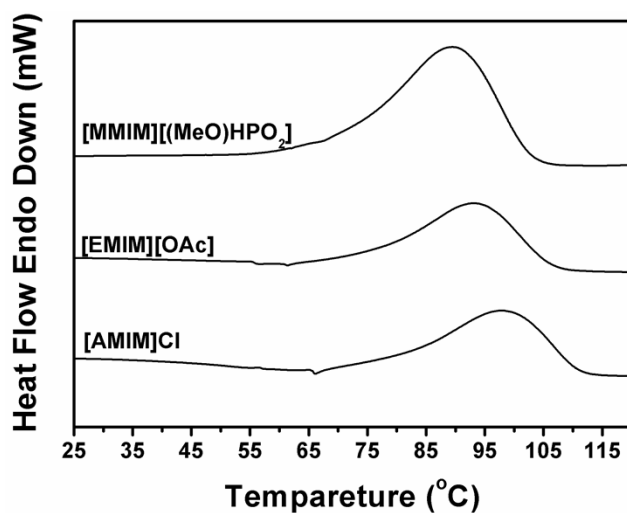
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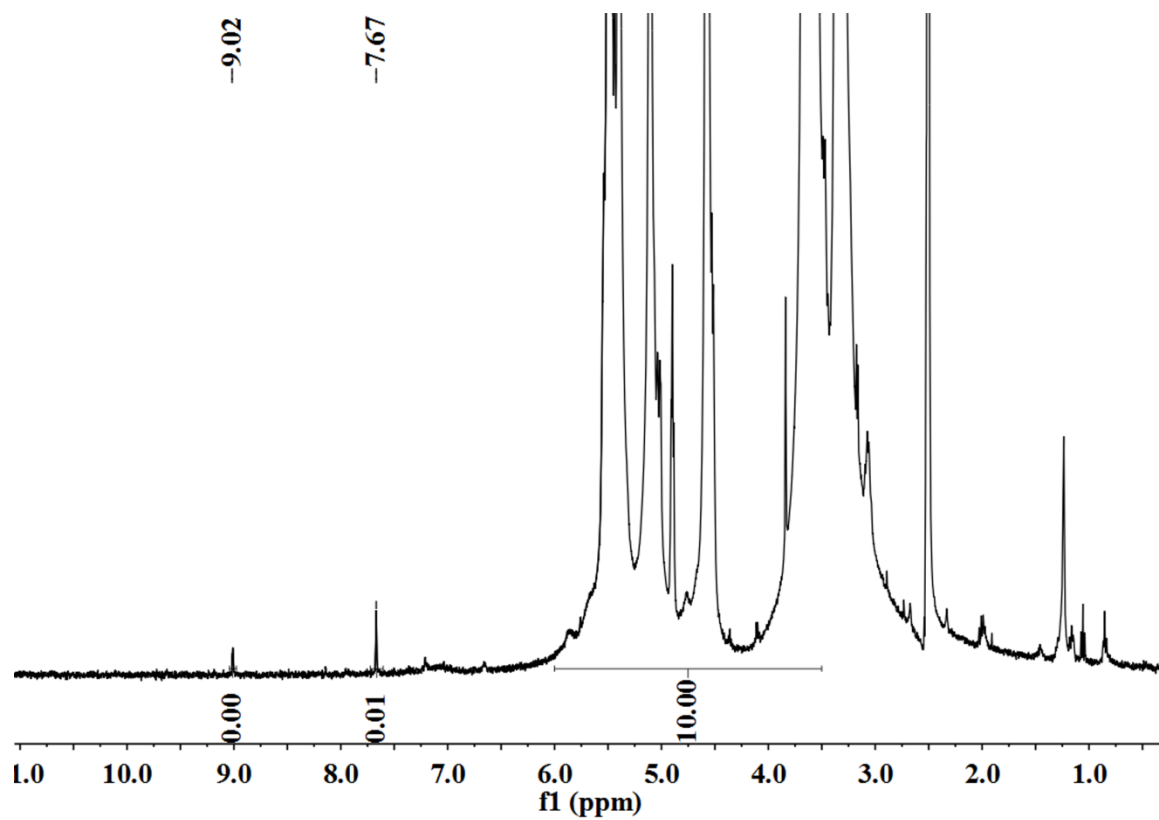


**Figure S1.** DSC curves of corn starch in different ionic liquids. Aluminum crucibles are heated from 25 °C to 120 °C at scanning rate of 5 °C/min.

**Table S1.** DSC data of 10 wt% corn starch in different ionic liquids.<sup>a</sup>

Ionic liquids	T <sub>o</sub> (°C)	T <sub>p</sub> (°C)	T <sub>e</sub> (°C)	ΔH (J g <sup>-1</sup> )
[MMIM][(MeO)HPO <sub>2</sub> ]	70	90	103	14.02
[EMIM][OAc]	75	93	107	12.00
[AMIM]Cl	78	98	111	9.01

<sup>a</sup> T<sub>o</sub>: onset temperature; T<sub>p</sub>: peak temperature; T<sub>e</sub>: endset temperature; ΔH: transition enthalpy.



**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of regenerated starch after dissolved in  $[\text{MMIM}][(\text{MeO})\text{HPO}_2]$  at 80 °C for 50 min.