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Siliceous tin phosphates as effective bifunctional catalysts for selective conversion of dihydroxyacetone to lactic acid

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Table S1 Physicochemical properties of the calcined siliceous tin phosphates.

| Entry | Catalyst | Sn source | Specific | Sn content ^a | Si content ^a | Total acid sites ^b |
|-------|---|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | surface area (m ² g ⁻¹) | wt% | wt% | (mmol g ⁻¹) |
| 1 | Sn(IV)P | SnCl ₄ ·5H ₂ O | 168 | 47.2 | - | 0.67 |
| 2 | Si ₆ -Sn(IV)P-o | SnO ₂ | 171 | 60.8 | 9.3 | 0.17 |
| 3 | Si ₆ -Sn(II)P | SnCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O | 135 | 22.3 | 11.4 | 0.11 |
| 4 | Si ₂ -Sn(IV)P | SnCl ₄ ·5H ₂ O | 176 | 44.5 | 5.1 | 0.55 |
| 5 | Si ₄ -Sn(IV)P | SnCl ₄ ·5H ₂ O | 208 | 39.2 | 10.2 | 0.51 |
| 6 | Si ₆ -Sn(IV)P | SnCl ₄ ·5H ₂ O | 192 | 34.6 | 13.2 | 0.46 |
| 7 | Si ₈ -Sn(IV)P | SnCl ₄ ·5H ₂ O | 157 | 31.7 | 16.5 | 0.41 |
| 8 | Si ₁₀ -Sn(IV)P | SnCl ₄ ·5H ₂ O | 173 | 28.4 | 18.8 | 0.35 |
| 9 | Si ₆ -Sn(IV)P-g ^c | SnCl ₄ ·5H ₂ O | 139 | 30.1 | 14.6 | 0.42 |

^a Determined by ICP analysis, ^b Determined by ammonia TPD, ^c The silicon source is silica gel.

Table S2. Conversion of DHA and product yields over different calcined tin phosphates in water.^a

| Entry | Catalyst | Conv. (%) | PA (%) | LA (%) |
|-------|---------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Si ₂ -Sn(IV)P | 45.7 | 39.7 | 5.9 |
| 2 | Si ₄ -Sn(IV)P | 39.1 | 31.4 | 4.3 |
| 3 | Si ₆ -Sn(IV)P | 36.4 | 30.6 | 3.4 |
| 4 | Si ₈ -Sn(IV)P | 30.6 | 25.8 | 2.5 |
| 5 | Si ₁₀ -Sn(IV)P | 26.3 | 20.5 | 3.4 |

^a Reaction conditions: 0.3125 M DHA, 80 mg Catalysts, 140 °C, 15 min.

Table S3. Conversion of DHA and product yields over as-synthesized tin phosphates in water^a

| Entry | Catalyst | Conv. (%) | PA (%) | LA (%) |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Blank | 1.01 | <0.5 | <0.5 |
| 2 | H ₃ PO ₄ | 23.1 | 18.6 | 0.8 |
| 3 | SnCl ₄ ·5H ₂ O | 28.3 | 20.7 | 4.1 |
| 4 | SnCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O | 27.3 | 23.6 | 5.4 |
| 5 | Si ₆ -Sn(IV)P-o | 3.3 | 1.8 | <0.5 |
| 6 | Si ₆ -Sn(II)P | 2.5 | 1.4 | <0.5 |
| 7 | Si ₂ -Sn(IV)P | 70.8 | 59.2 | 9.4 |
| 8 | Si ₄ -Sn(IV)P | 72.7 | 58.3 | 12.5 |
| 9 | Si ₆ -Sn(IV)P | 72.8 | 58.6 | 12.6 |
| 10 | Si ₈ -Sn(IV)P | 75.9 | 56.7 | 11.2 |
| 11 | Si ₁₀ -Sn(IV)P | 57.4 | 45.0 | 10.1 |
| 12 | Sn-Beta | 27.5 | 5.1 | 14.3 |

^a Reaction conditions: 0.3125 M DHA, 80 mg Catalysts, 140 °C, 15 min.

Table S4. Characterization of recycled as-synthesized Si₆-Sn(IV)P and Sn(IV)P catalyst by adsorption, ICP, and TGA analysis.

| Catalyst | Run | Specific surface area (m ² g ⁻¹) | Total acid sites (mmol g ⁻¹) | Relative Sn content (%) | Relative P content (%) | Weight loss (%) | Carbon deposition (%) |
|--------------------------|-------|---|--|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Si ₆ -Sn(IV)P | Fresh | 137 | 0.77 | 100 | 100 | 9.1 | - |
| | 1 | 135 | 0.73 | 96.3 | 94.6 | 9.35 | 0.25 |
| | 2 | 141 | 0.65 | 95.7 | 93.1 | 9.41 | 0.31 |
| | 3 | 129 | 0.63 | 95.2 | 92.5 | 9.59 | 0.49 |
| Sn(IV)P | Fresh | 146 | 0.72 | 100 | 100 | 16.2 | - |
| | 1 | 140 | 0.65 | 94.5 | 93.7 | 16.91 | 0.71 |
| | 2 | 137 | 0.59 | 93.6 | 92.5 | 17.13 | 0.93 |
| | 3 | 131 | 0.53 | 92.2 | 92.0 | 17.45 | 1.25 |

Fig. S1.

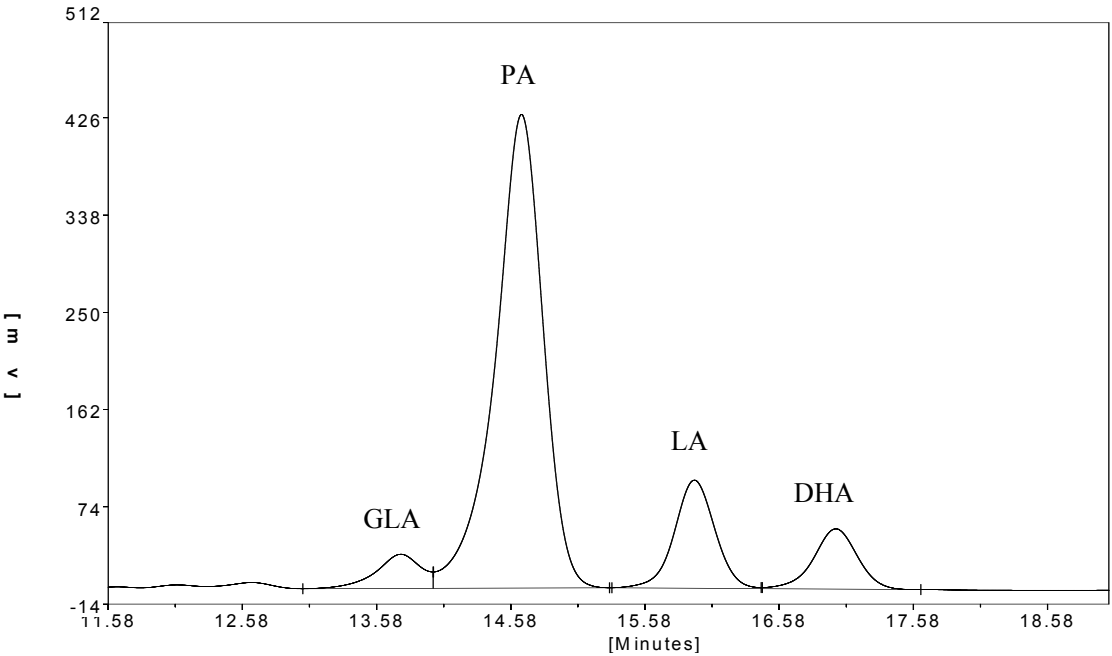


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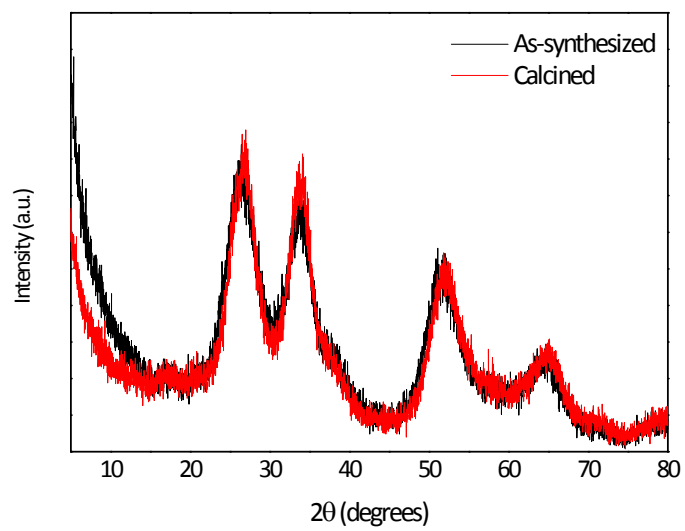


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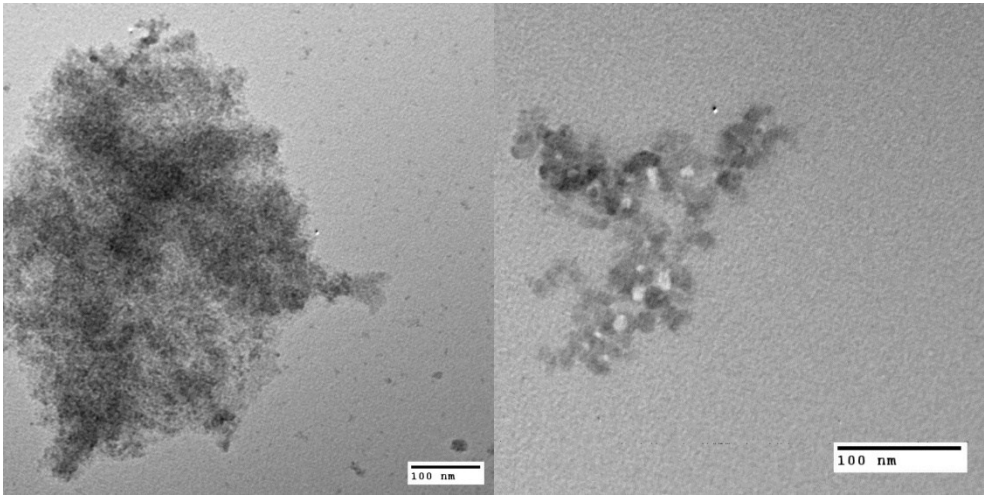


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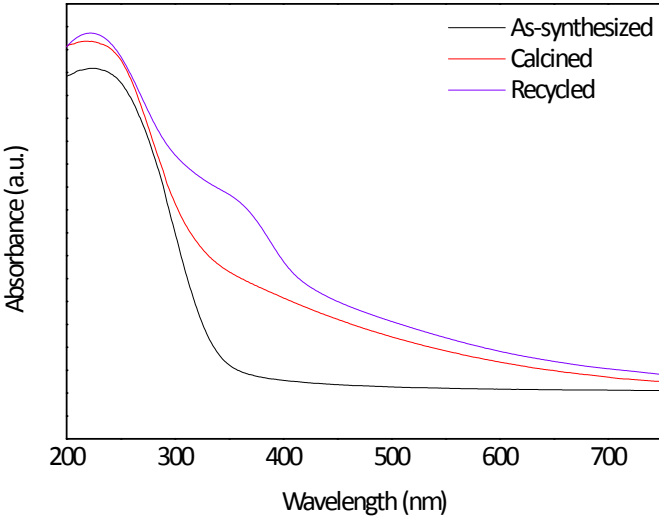


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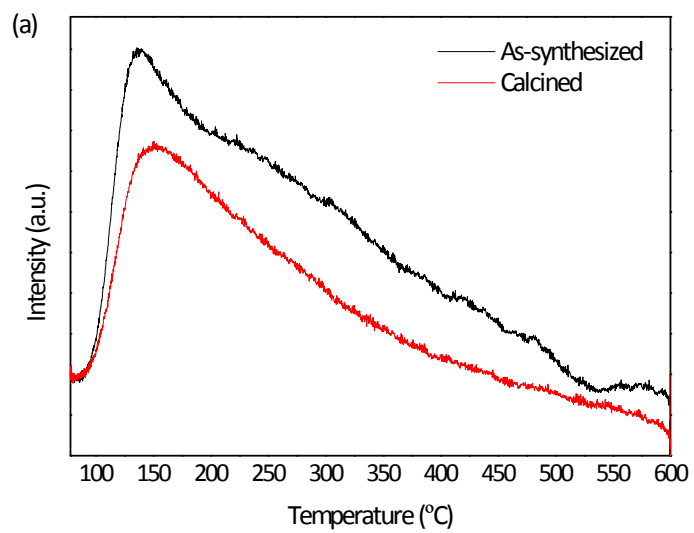


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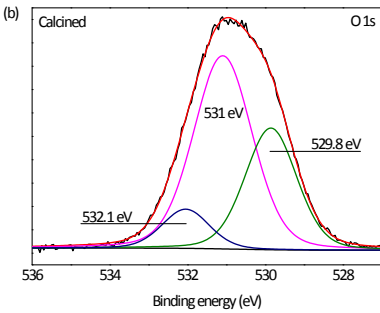
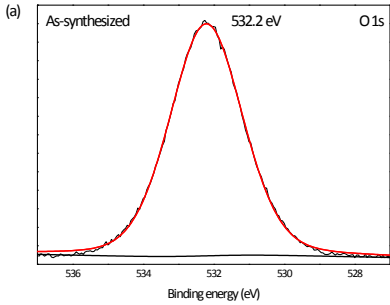


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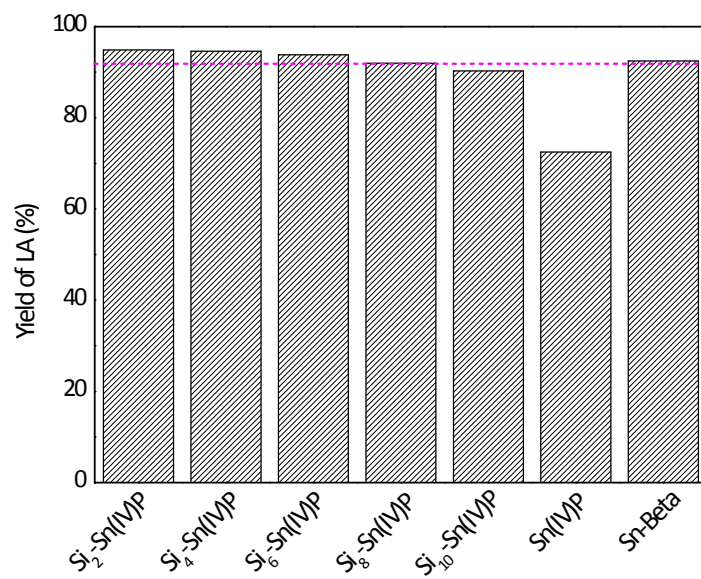


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