

## **Preparation and characterization of WO<sub>3</sub> bonded imidazolium sulfonic acid chloride as novel and green ionic liquid catalyst for the synthesis of adipic acid**

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## **Experimental section**

All commercially available reagents were used without purification unless otherwise noted. All the yields refer to isolated yields after crystallization. Melting points were determined on a Buchi melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on Bruker 3000 Hyperion Microscope with Vertex 80 FTIR System.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE III 500 MHz (AV 500) multi nuclei solution NMR Spectrometer, TMS as internal reference; chemical shifts ( $\delta$  scale) are reported in parts per million (ppm).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra are reported in the order: multiplicity, coupling constant (J value) in hertz (Hz) and no of protons; signals were characterized as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet). Elemental analyses were carried out using Flash 2000 Thermo Scientific instrument. All  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  at 500 Hz on Bruker spectrometer.

### **Oxidation of cyclohexene to adipic acid**

An amount of 1.01 ml (10 mmol) of cyclohexene was dissolved in 10 ml of acetonitrile. This was followed by addition of 50 mg of the catalyst. Subsequently, 2.8 ml (120 mmol) of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (30% aq. solution) was slowly added to the above reaction mixture over a period of 30 minutes and stirred at  $90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  in an oil bath fitted to a condenser till the complete conversion was achieved as confirmed by TLC. The catalyst was then recovered under hot conditions from the reaction mixture through filtration. The product (adipic acid) thus formed in the reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature to obtain the white solid precipitate and recrystallized with methanol. The obtained solid product was characterized by melting point,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, FTIR, and Elemental analyses.

### **Oxidation of cyclohexanol to adipic acid**

An amount of 1.04 ml (10 mmol) of cyclohexanol was dissolved in 10 ml of acetonitrile. This was followed by addition of 50 mg of the catalyst. Subsequently, 2.8 ml (120 mmol) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30% aq. solution) was slowly added to the above reaction mixture over a period of 30 minutes and stirred at 90 °C in an oil bath fitted to a condenser till the complete conversion was achieved as confirmed by TLC. The catalyst was then recovered under hot conditions from the reaction mixture through filtration. The product thus formed in the reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature to obtain the white solid precipitate and recrystallized with methanol. The obtained solid product was characterized by melting point, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, FTIR, and Elemental analyses.

### **Oxidation of cyclohexanone to adipic acid**

An amount of 1.03 ml (10 mmol) of cyclohexanone was dissolved in 10 ml of acetonitrile. This was followed by addition of 50 mg of the catalyst. Subsequently, 2.8 ml (120 mmol) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30% aq. solution) was slowly added to the above reaction mixture over a period of 30 minutes and stirred at 90 °C in an oil bath fitted to a condenser till the complete conversion was achieved as confirmed by TLC. The catalyst was then recovered under hot conditions from the reaction mixture through filtration. The product thus formed in the reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature to obtain the white solid precipitate and recrystallized with methanol. The obtained solid product was characterized by melting point, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, FTIR, and Elemental analyses.

### **Oxidation of cycloheptanol to heptanedioic acid**

An amount of 1.2 ml (10 mmol) of cycloheptanol was dissolved in 10 ml of acetonitrile. This was followed by addition of 50 mg of the catalyst. Subsequently, 2.8 ml (120 mmol) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30% aq. solution) was slowly added to the above reaction mixture over a period of 30 minutes and stirred at 90 °C in an oil bath fitted to a condenser till the complete conversion was achieved as confirmed by TLC. The catalyst was then recovered under hot conditions from the reaction mixture through filtration. The product thus formed in the reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature to obtain the white solid precipitate and recrystallized with methanol. The obtained solid product was characterized by melting point, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, FTIR, and Elemental analyses.

#### **Oxidation of cycloheptanone to heptanedioic acid**

An amount of 1.8 ml (10 mmol) of cycloheptanone was dissolved in 10 ml of acetonitrile. This was followed by addition of 50 mg of the catalyst. Subsequently, 2.8 ml (120 mmol) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30% aq. solution) was slowly added to the above reaction mixture over a period of 30 minutes and stirred at 90 °C in an oil bath fitted to a condenser till the complete conversion was achieved as confirmed by TLC. The catalyst was then recovered under hot conditions from the reaction mixture through filtration. The product thus formed in the reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature to obtain the white solid precipitate and recrystallized with methanol. The obtained solid product was characterized by melting point, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, FTIR, and Elemental analyses.

#### **Oxidation of cyclooctanol to octanedioic acid**

An amount of 1.31 ml (10 mmol) of cyclooctanol was dissolved in 10 ml of acetonitrile. This was followed by addition of 50 mg of the catalyst. Subsequently, 2.8 ml (120 mmol) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30% aq. solution) was slowly added to the above reaction mixture over a period of 30 minutes

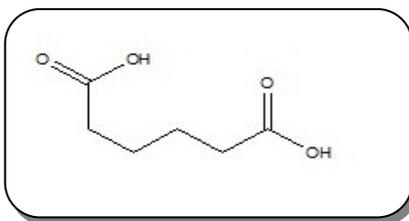
and stirred at 90 °C in an oil bath fitted to a condenser till the complete conversion was achieved as confirmed by TLC. The catalyst was then recovered under hot conditions from the reaction mixture through filtration. The product thus formed in the reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature to obtain the white solid precipitate and recrystallized with methanol. The obtained solid product was characterized by melting point, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, FTIR, and Elemental analyses.

### **Oxidation of cyclooctanone to octanedioic acid**

An amount of 1.3 ml (10 mmol) of cyclooctanone was dissolved in 10 ml of acetonitrile. This was followed by addition of 50 mg of the catalyst. Subsequently, 2.8 ml (120 mmol) of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30% aq. solution) was slowly added to the above reaction mixture over a period of 30 minutes and stirred at 90 °C in an oil bath fitted to a condenser till the complete conversion was achieved as confirmed by TLC. The catalyst was then recovered under hot conditions from the reaction mixture through filtration. The product thus formed in the reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature to obtain the white solid precipitate and recrystallized with methanol. The obtained solid product was characterized by melting point, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, FTIR, and Elemental analyses.

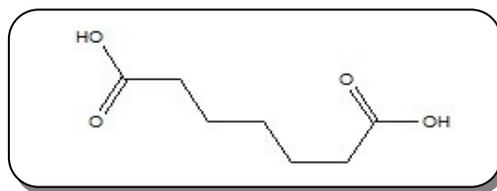
### **Spectral data of representative compounds**

#### **Adipic Acid (S1)**



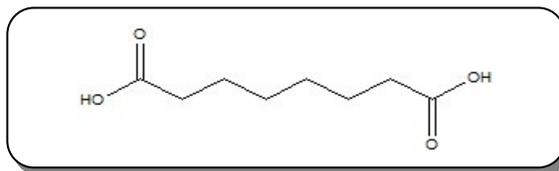
<b>Nature</b>	: White crystals
<b>Molecular formula</b>	: C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
<b>Melting Point</b>	: 151-152°C
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CH<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	: δ 1.72 (m,4H), 2.42 (m,4H), 5.30 (s,2H)
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (500 MHz, CH<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	: δ 175.9, 33.1, 24.1
<b>FTIR</b>	: 1696, 2959 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Elemental analyses (%)</b>	: calculated: C, 49.31; H, 6.90 found: C, 49.38; H, 6.79

### Heptanedioic acid (S2)



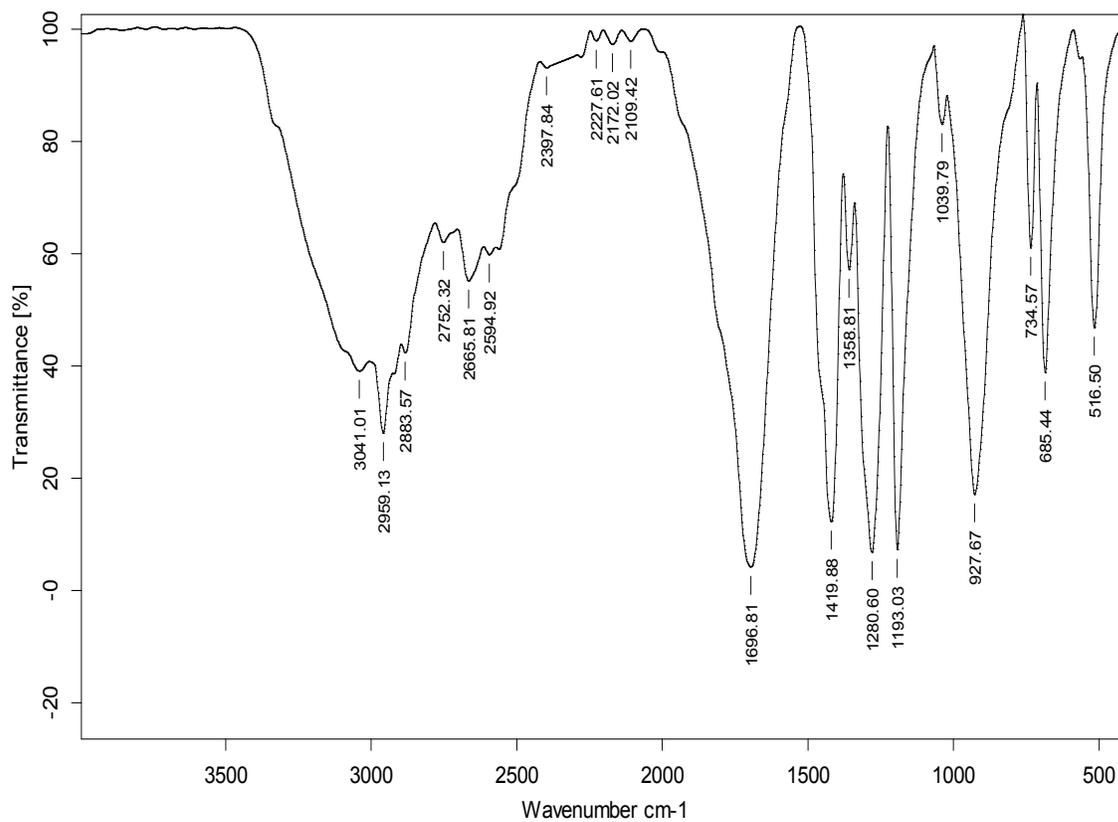
<b>Nature</b>	: White Solid
<b>Molecular formula</b>	: C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
<b>Melting Point</b>	: 103-104°C
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CH<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	: δ 1.43(m,2H),1.67 (m,4H),2.33 (m, 4H), 5.2 (s,2H)
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CH<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	: δ 176.1, 33.3, 28.3, 24.3
<b>FTIR</b>	:1700, 2942 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Elemental analyse (%)</b>	: calculated: C, 52.49; H, 7.55 found: C, 52.54; H, 7.51

## Octanedioic acid (S3)

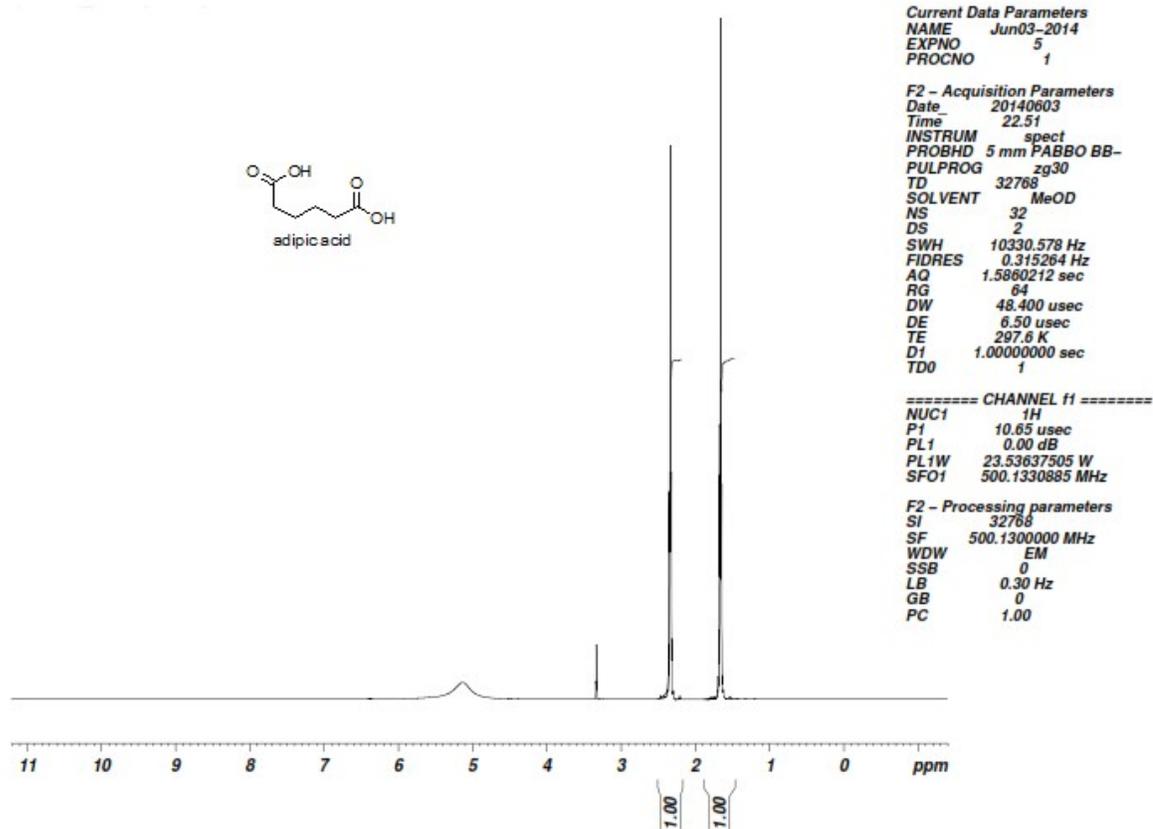


<b>Nature</b>	: crystalline solid
<b>Molecular formula</b>	: C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>11</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
<b>Melting Point</b>	: 141-141°C
<b><sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CH<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	: δ 1.41 (m,4H), 1.65 (m,4H), 2.32 (m,4H), 5.0 (s,2H)
<b><sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CH<sub>3</sub>OD)</b>	: δ 17.2, 33.4, 28.4, 24.5.
<b>FTIR</b>	: 1698, 2945 cm <sup>-1</sup>
<b>Elemental analyses (%)</b>	: calculated: C, 56.14; H, 6.47 found: C, 56.19 ; H, 6.42

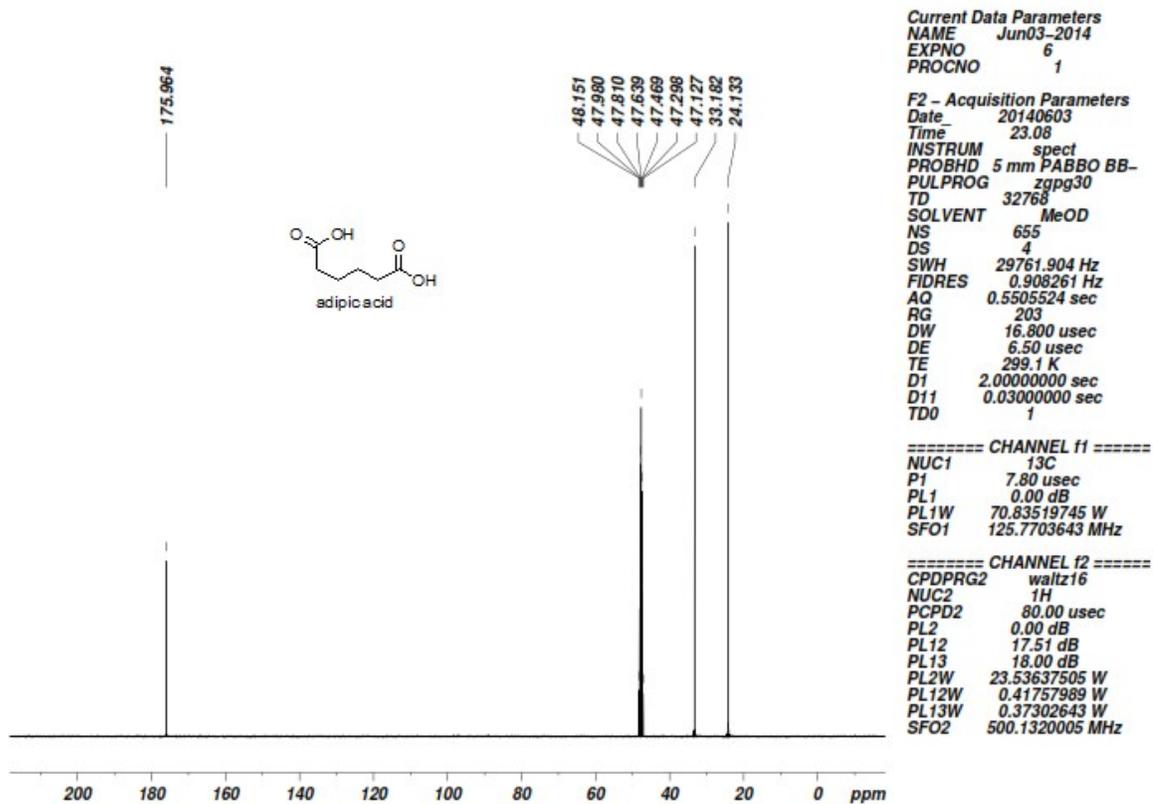
# FTIR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra



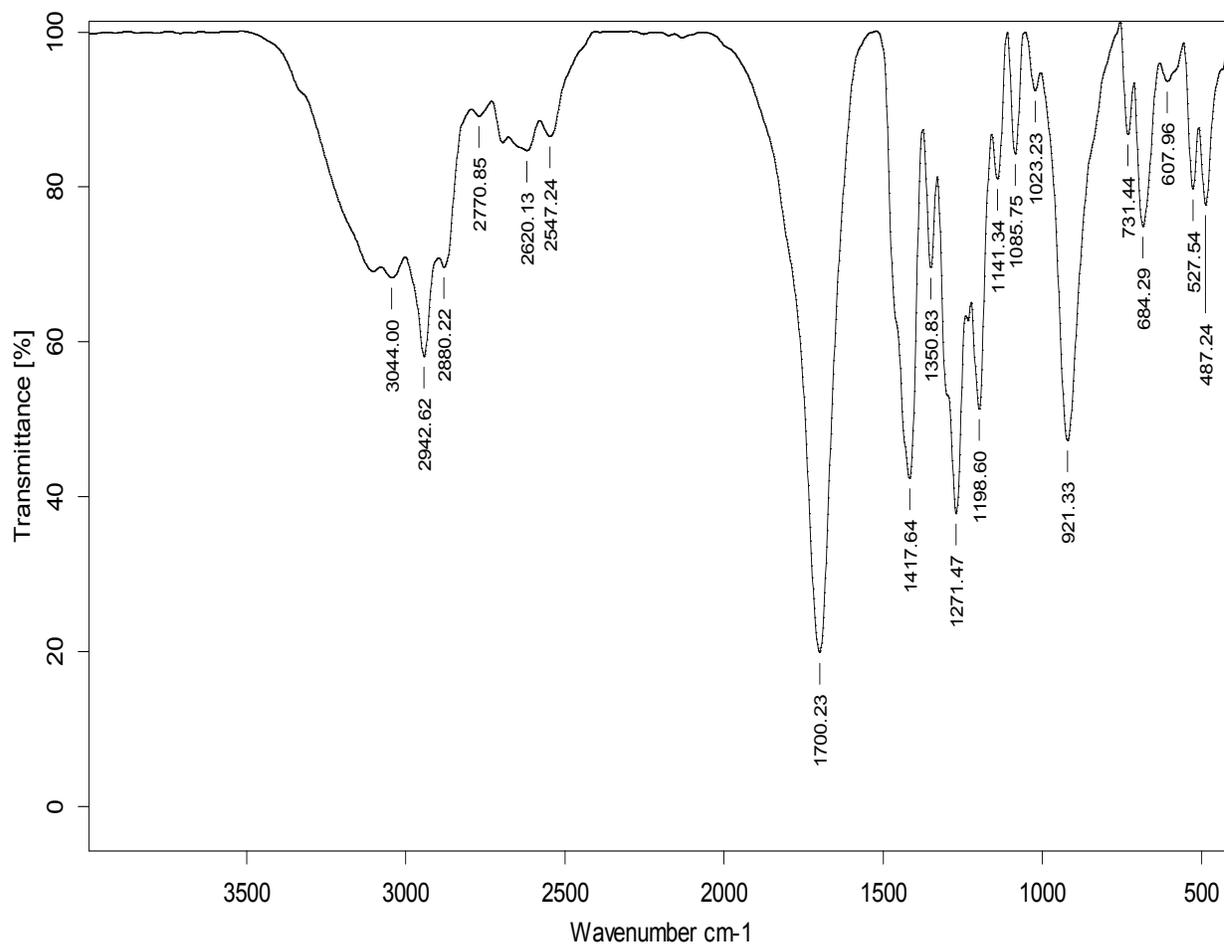
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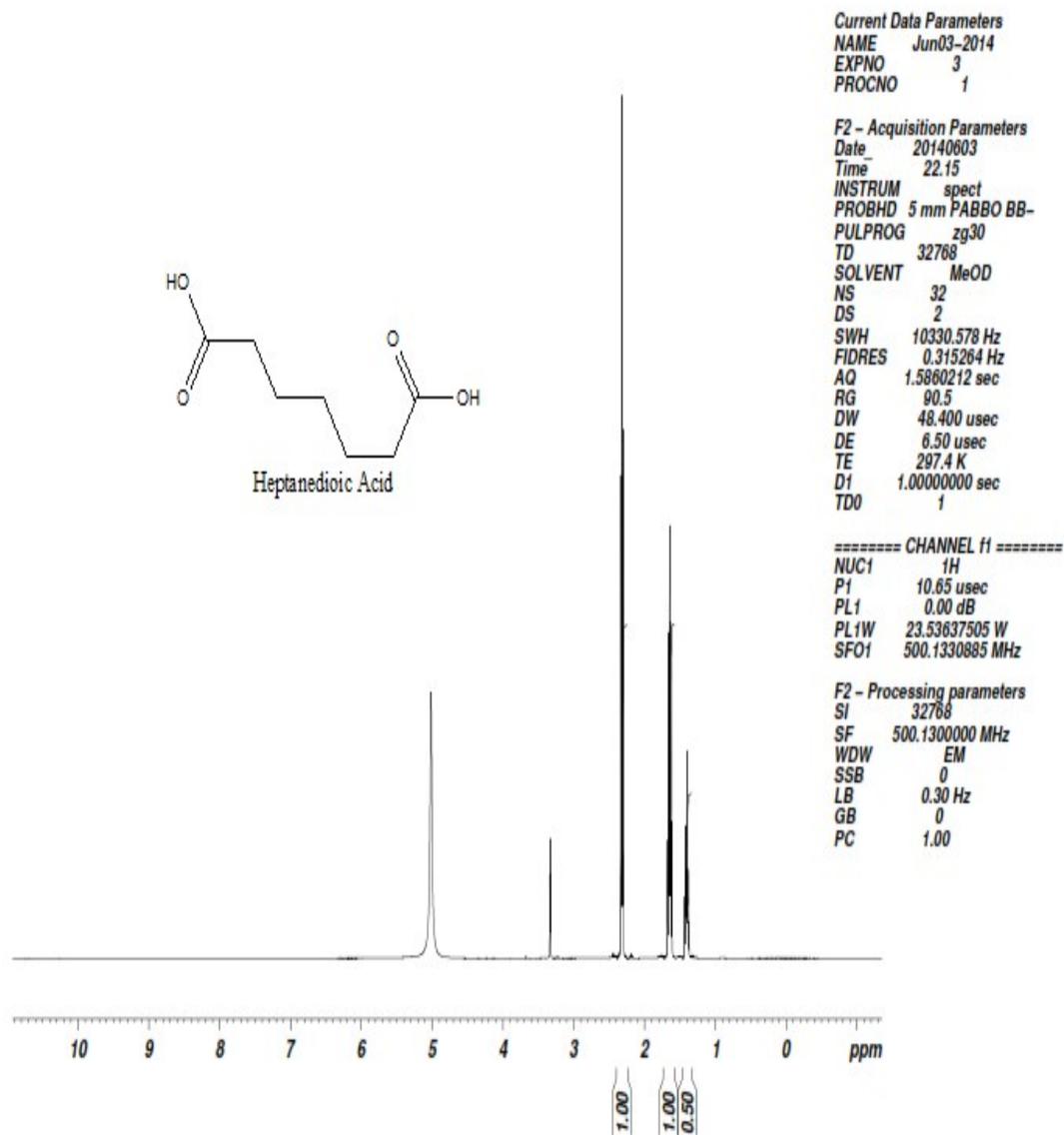
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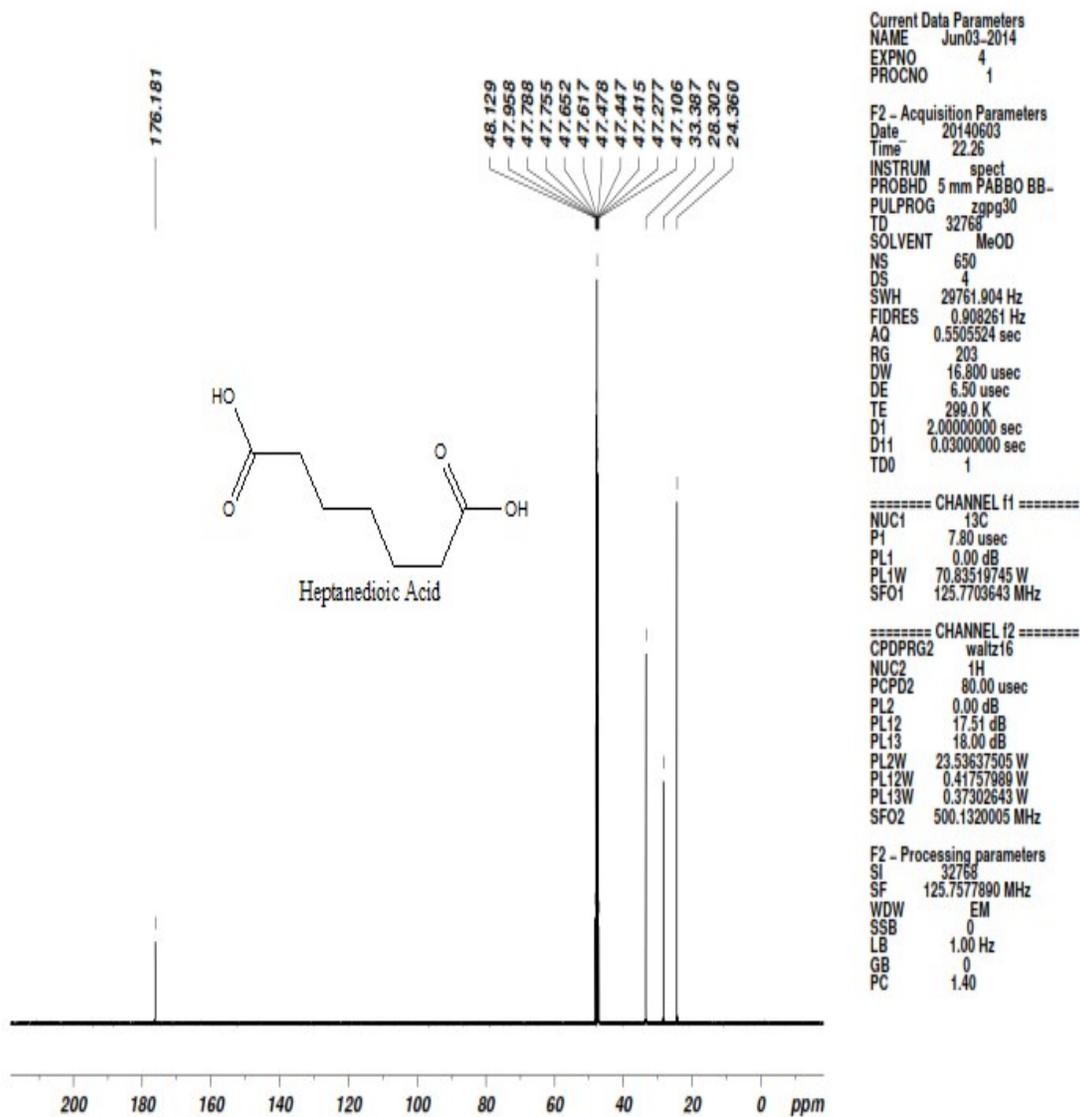
S1: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of adipic Acid



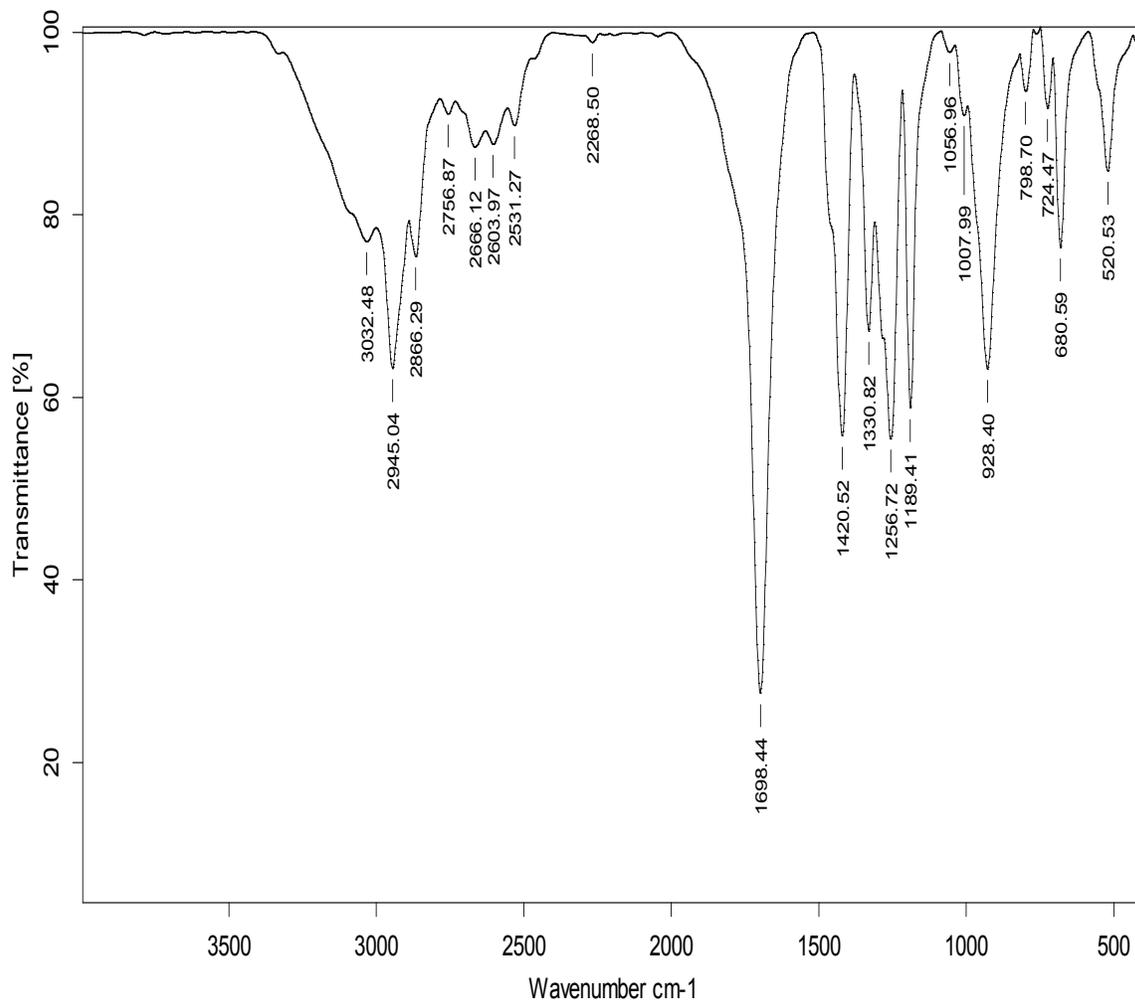
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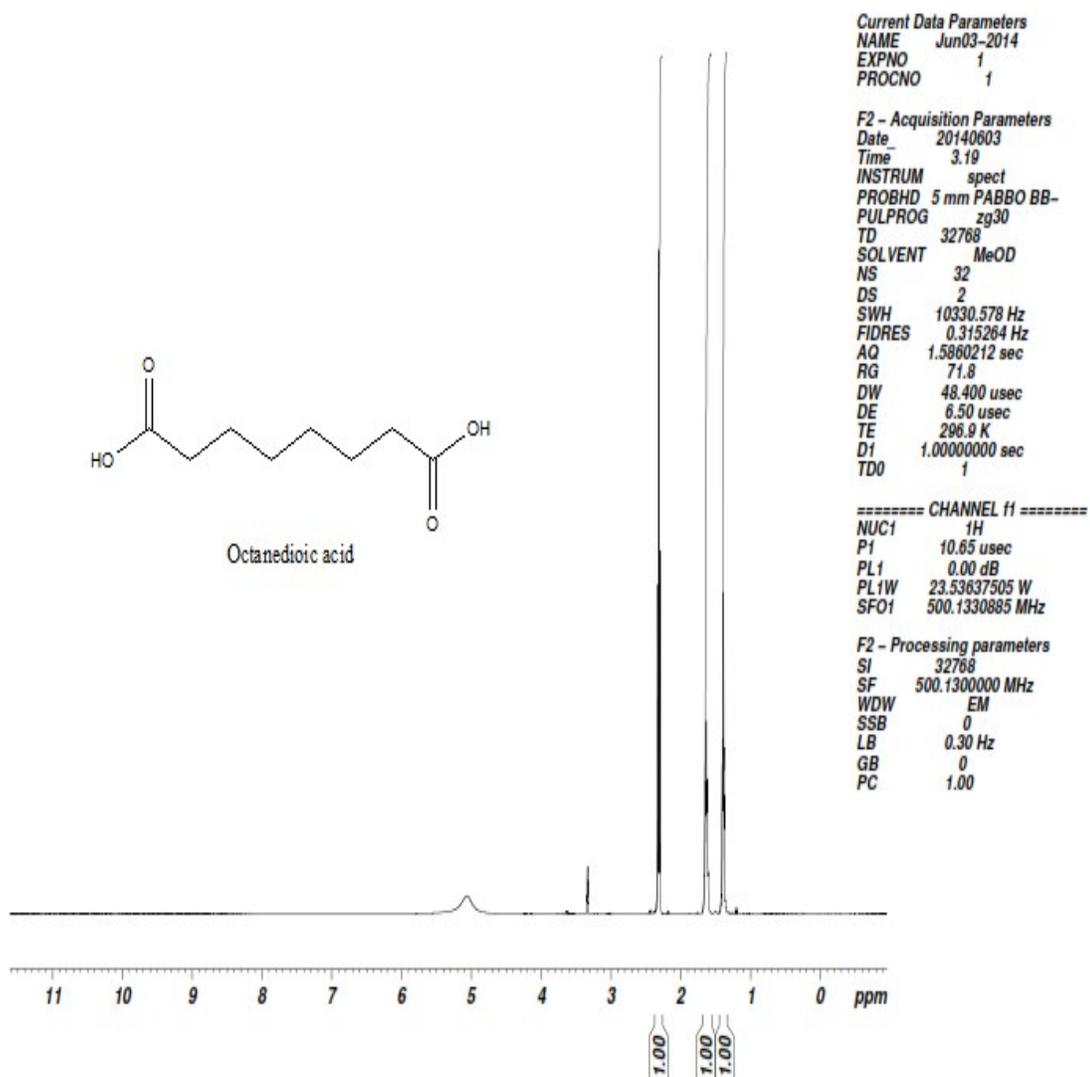
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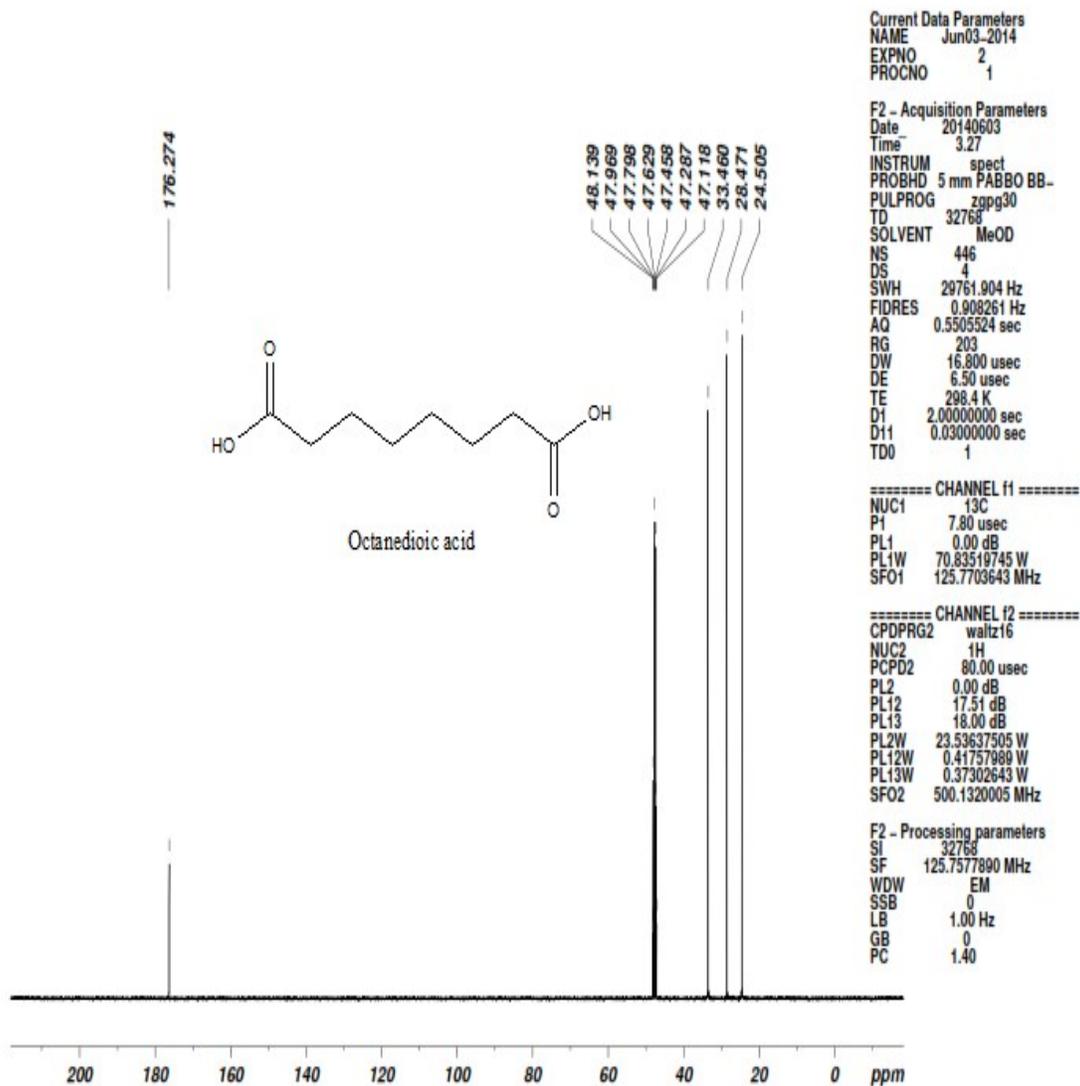
S2: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of heptanedioic Acid



**S3: FT-IR Spectra of octanedioic acid**

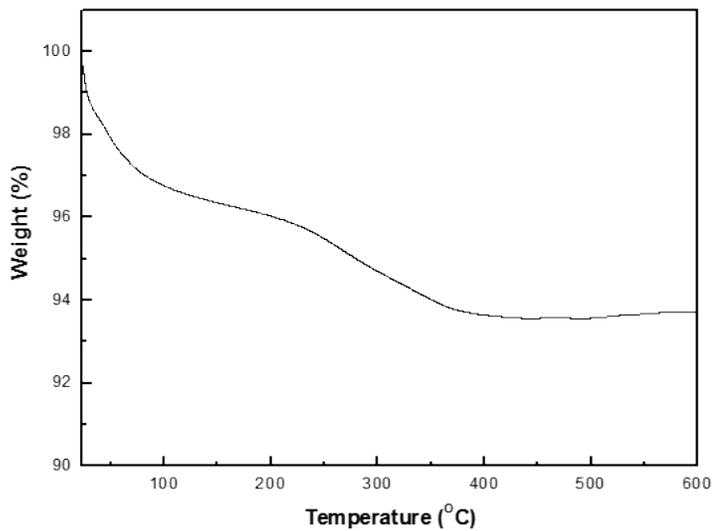


S3: <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of octanedioic acid



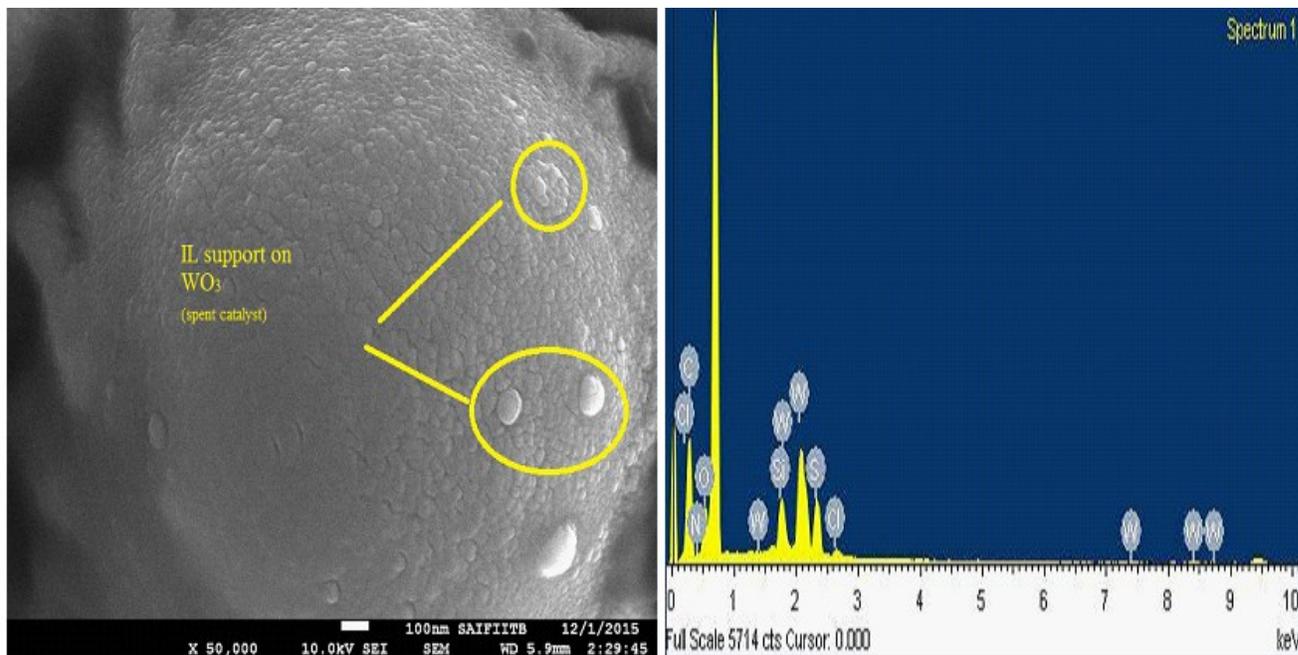
**S3: <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of octanedioic acid**

**TGA analysis of the spent catalyst:**



**S4: TGA curve of the spent catalyst**

**SEM image and EDX pattern of the spent catalyst:**



**S5: SEM image and EDX pattern of the spent catalyst**