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Supporting information

Highly dispersed, ultra-small and noble metal-free Cu nanodots supported on porous SiO_2 and their excellent catalytic hydrogenation of dimethyl oxalate to methyl glycolate

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Ref	Reaction temperature (°C)	H2/DMO Ratio mol mol^{-1}
This work Cu/SiO_2 (Sonochem)	220	200
This work Cu/SiO_2 (Hydrotherm)	210	200
3	210	300
6	180	150
11	200	80
13	80	17.5
14	220	110
5	220	80

Table. S1. Reaction condition of the catalysts used in the comparison of the catalytic performance(Related to Table 2).

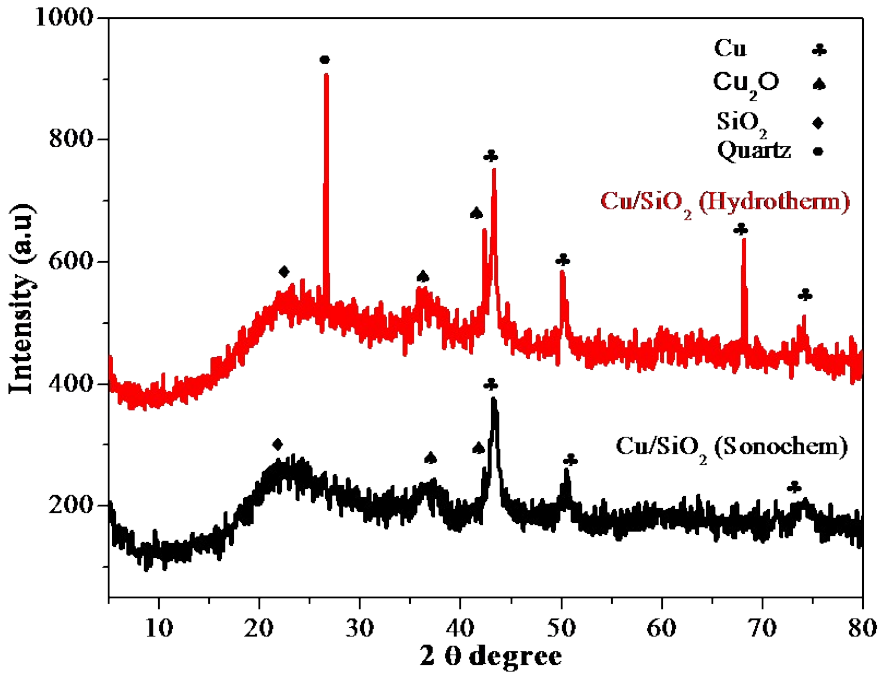

Fig. S1 XRD diffraction pattern for the spent Cu/SiO_2 catalyst synthesized by sonochemical and hydrothermal methods

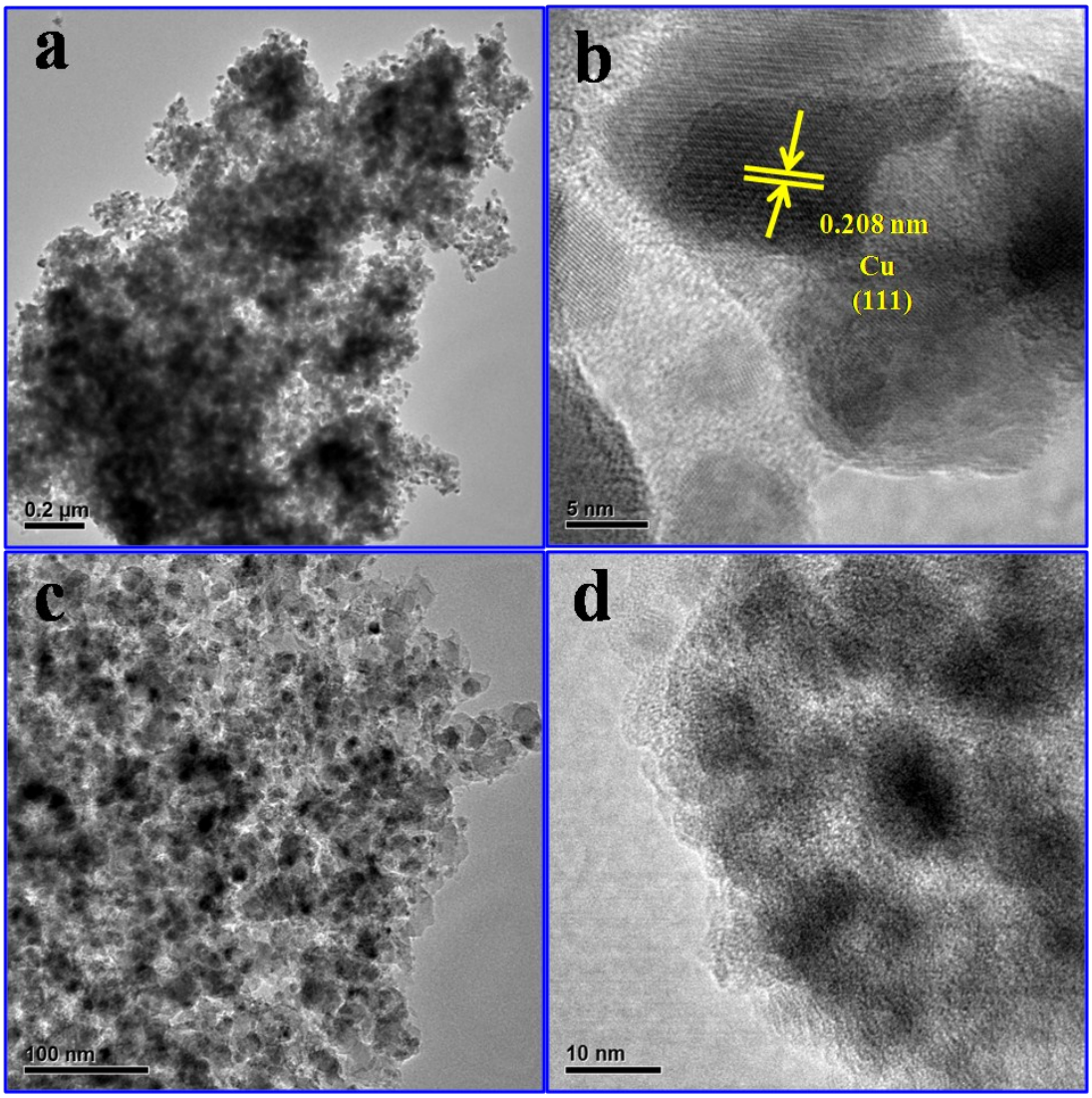

Fig. S2 TEM images of the spent Cu/SiO_2 catalysts synthesized by sonochemical and hydrothermal methods

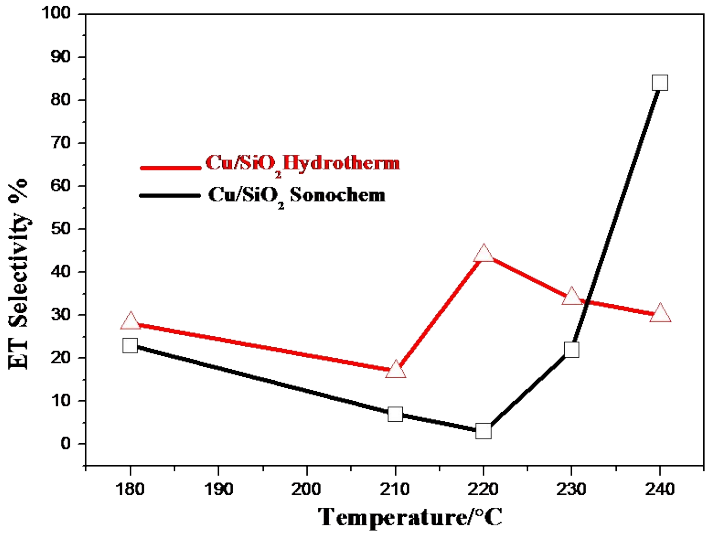

Fig. S3 ETOH selectivity for Cu/SiO_2 catalysts at different reaction temperatures.

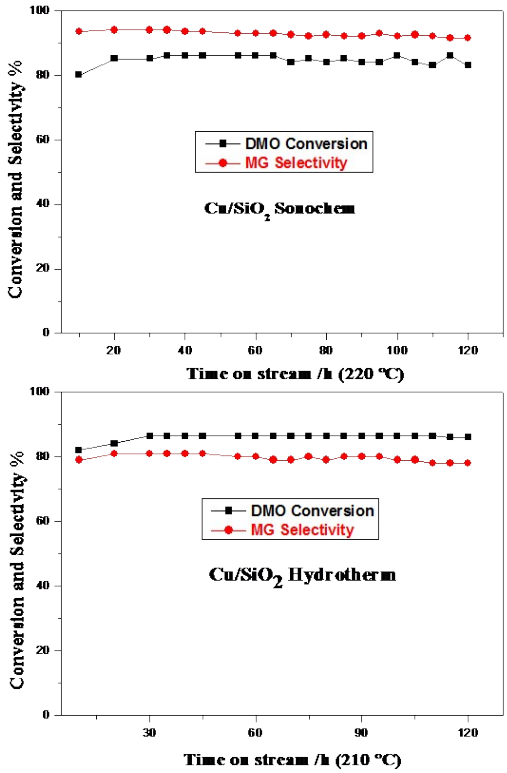

Fig. S4 Catalytic performance for Cu/SiO_2 catalysts at reaction condition of 2.5 MPa, H_2/DMO of 200 mol mol^{-1}, and $WLHSV_{DMO}$ of 0.257 g $_{gcatal}^{-1}$ h^{-1} for a period of 120 h.