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Dissolution and Transesterification of Cellulose in y-

valerolactone Promoted by Ionic Liquids

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Fig.S1 Arrhenius equation plots for different X_{ILs} in the OESs: a ($X_{ILs} = 1.0$), b ($X_{ILs} = 0.8$), c ($X_{ILs} = 0.6$), d ($X_{ILs} = 0.4$), respectively, at 4 wt% cellulose concentration. Solid lines are fit lines ($R^2 \ge 99.6\%$).



Fig.S2 FT-IR spectra of α -cellulose (spectrum A) and α -cellulose ester CE-2, (spectrum B); CE-1, (spectrum C); CE-3, (spectrum D, DS = 3.00).



Fig.S3 ¹H-NMR spectrum of α -cellulose chloroacetate sample CE-4 (DS = 1.43) in DMSO-d₆. Reaction conditions: 10 wt% α -cellulose solution, vinyl chloroacetate /AGU = 3:1, 80°C, 4h.



Fig.S4 ¹H-NMR spectrum of α -cellulose pivalate sample CE-5 (DS = 3.00) in DMSO-d₆. Reaction conditions: 10 wt% cellulose solution, vinyl pivalate/AGU = 3:1, 80°C, 4h. The "OAc" marked peak belongs to the α -carbon of additional bounded acetate esters.