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## **Supplementary Information**

## Inhibiting degradation of cellulose dissolved in ionic liquids via amino acids

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Fig.S1 [Bmim]Cl-L-arginine recycling procedure



Fig.S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR carbon spectrum of cellobiose. Pure cellobiose a), cellobiose: L-arginine=1:0.33 b), cellobiose: L- arginine=1:1.14 c), cellobiose: L- arginine=1: 2.28 d)











Fig. S3 Viscosity of different ionic liquid-amino acids systems The ionic liquid solution of different amino acids was prepared according to the molar ratio of 1.25:100.

For [Amim]Cl, the viscosity of the binary system after adding threonine, valine, tyrosine, serine, proline, lysine, leucine, histidine, glycine and aspartic acid is firstly less than and then more than that of pure [Amim]Cl with the temperature increasing from 60°C to 130°C. As the temperature increases from 60°C to 130°C, the viscosity after adding L-arginine is more than that of pure [Amim]Cl throughout.

For [Bmim]Cl, the viscosity of the binary system after adding valine, tyrosine, serine, proline, lysine, leucine, histidine, glycine, aspartic acid and arginineis is more than that of pure [Bmim]Cl throughout with the temperature increasing from 60°C to 130°C. The viscosity of the binary system after adding threonine is firstly less than and then more than that of pure [Bmim]Cl as the temperature increases from 60°C to 130°C.

For [Emim]Cl, the viscosity of the binary system after adding valine, tyrosine, serine, proline, glycine, leucine, histidine and aspartic acidis is firstly less than and then more than that of pure [Emim]Cl with increasing temperature from 60°C to 130°C. As the temperature increases from 60°C to 130°C, the viscosity after adding threonine and lysine is less than that of pure [Emim]Cl throughout. As the temperature increases from 60°C to 130°C, the viscosity after adding threonine and lysine is less than that of pure [Emim]Cl throughout. As the temperature increases from 60°C to 130°C, the viscosity after adding L-arginine is more than that of pure [Emim]Cl throughout.

In summary, the effect of amino acids on the viscosity of ionic liquids is related to both

the type and structure of additives, the structure of ionic liquids and the temperature.

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Amino acid category	Amino acid		
non-polar amino acids	Valine, Leucine, Proline,		
polar uncharged amino acids	Glycine, Serine, Threonine, Tyrosine		
positively charged amino acids	Lysine, arginine, histidine		
negatively charged amino acids	Aspartic acid		

Table S2 Amino acid classification

Amino acid category	Amino acid				
Alinhatia amina asid	valine, leucine, aspartic acid, lysine,				
Anphatic amino acid	arginine, glycine, serine, threonine,				
Aromatic amino acid	tyrosine				
Heterocyclic amino acid	Histidine				
Heterocyclic amino acid	Proline				

According to the polarity and R group, amino acids can be divided into the following

types as shown in Table S1 and S2. The 11 kinds of amino acids selected contain all of the above types.