## **Supporting Information**

## An Efficient Environmentally Friendly CuFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub> Catalyst for Vanillyl Mandelic Acid Oxidation in Water at Atmospheric Pressure and Mechanism Study

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Scheme S1 Schematic diagram of Catalytic oxidation VMA by CuFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>

**Fig.S1** The high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) spectrum of the reaction mixture before and after oxidation.

Fig.S2 The fourier infrared spectrum of Purified Vanillin

Fig.S3 The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of Purified Vanillin

Fig.S4 The Energy Dispersive Spectrometers (EDS) of  $CuFe_2O_4/SiO_2$ 

Fig.S5 The stability of vanillin at different pH for 6 hours under 100 °C

**Fig.S6** The H<sub>2</sub>-TPR profiles of CuFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>

Fig.S7 The <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of Reaction Mixture after oxidation for 6 hours







Fig. S1 The high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) spectrum of the reaction





Fig.S3 The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of Purified Vanillin



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 9.80 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90

(s, 3H).



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