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### **Supporting information**

# Selective production of bio-based aromatics by aerobic oxidation of native soft wood lignin in tetrabutylammonium hydroxide

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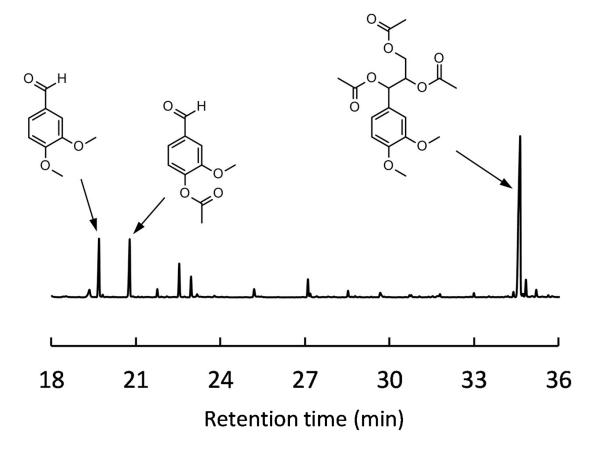
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**Figure S1.** Total ion chromatogram in GC/MS analysis of the acetylated reaction mixture obtained after the degradation of **LM1** in 1.25 mol/L Bu<sub>4</sub>NOH for 4 h under air. The identification of the large peak at 34.6 min was made from its molecular ion peak indicating m/z=354.

### Values in Figure 1

#### Figure 1A

Reaction time (h)	Vanillin (wt%)		Vanillic acid (wt%)	Total (wt%)	
	0	0	0	0	
	1	9.7	2.4	12.1	
	2	16.3	2.8	19.1	
	4	17.6	3.0	20.6	
	8	19.8	1.8	21.6	
	20	17.0	0.6	17.5	
Figure 1B					
Reaction time (h)		Vanillin (wt%)	Vanillic acid (wt%)	Total (wt%)	
Reaction time (h)	0	Vanillin (wt%) 0	Vanillic acid (wt%) 0	Total (wt%)	
Reaction time (h)					
Reaction time (h)	0	0	0	0	
Reaction time (h)	0 1.5	0 18.3	0 2.9	0 21.2	
Reaction time (h)	0 1.5 2.5	0 18.3 20.0	0 2.9 1.3	0 21.2 21.4	
Reaction time (h)	0 1.5 2.5 4	0 18.3 20.0 23.0	0 2.9 1.3 1.2	0 21.2 21.4 24.2	
Reaction time (h)	0 1.5 2.5 4 6	0 18.3 20.0 23.0 21.1	0 2.9 1.3 1.2 0.82	0 21.2 21.4 24.2 22.0	

Figure 1C

Reaction time (h)	Vanillin (wt%)	Vanillic acid (wt%)	Total (wt%)
0	0	0	0
10	7.8	2.0	9.8
18	11.6	2.9	14.5
43	15.3	3.	18.8
70	14.1	3.7	17.9

## Values in Figure 3

Figure 3A
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Reaction time (h)	0	1	4	6	16	24	43	
Veratrylalcohol (mol%)	0	0.9	2.2	3.5	7.0	8.5	9.1	
Vanillin (mol%)	0	0.5	2.5	4.5	10.5	14.0	15.7	
Veratric acid (mol%)	0	1.1	2.5	3.0	6.1	6.7	6.7	
Veratraldehyde (mol%)	0	4.7	7.4	6.5	6.8	3.8	2.2	
Total A Ring (mol%)	0	7.2	14.6	17.5	30.4	33.0	33.7	
Guaiacol (mol%)	0	12.3	31.0	43.0	45.9	47.6	48.4	
Recovery of LM1 (%)	100	86.4	56.7	40.2	15.4	8.2	3.7	
Figure 3B								
Reaction time (h)	0		1	6	24		43	
Veratrylalcohol (mol%)	0		0.3	2.2	2.9	3.9		
Vanillin (mol%)	0		0.1	0.8	0.59		0.4	
Veratric acid (mol%)	0		0.4	3.0	4.6	5.4		
Veratraldehyde (mol%)	0		1.9	6.0	5.7		5.2	
Total A Ring (mol%)	0		2.7	12.0	13.8	1	4.8	
Guaiacol (mol%)	0		2.3	1.8	0.1	(	0.16	
Recovery of LM1 (%)	100		89.5	74.8	66.6	4	57.1	

### Values in Figure 5

Figure 5A						
Reaction time (h)	0	0.25	0.5	1	2	4
Recovery of LM2 (%)	100	69.5	56.4	21.2	10.6	1
Enol ethers (mol%)	0	13.5	26.1	34.1	34.7	20.6
Vanillin (mol%)	0	9.2	23.5	40.8	45.4	59.5
Vanillic acid (mol%)	0	0.0	4.1	6.4	9.1	12.7
Guaiacol (mol%)	0	10.1	21.9	39.5	48.4	61.9
Figure 5B						
Reaction time (h)	0	0.25	0.5	1	2	4
Recovery of LM2 (%)	100	88.2	78.7	50.3	35	7.4
Enol ethers (mol%)	0	6.4	13.8	30.4	17.9	6
Vanillin (mol%)	0	5.4	11.9	23.3	38.7	83.8
Vanillic acid (mol%)	0	0	0.4	1.4	1.6	5.9
Guaiacol (mol%)	0	5.4	13.1	22.1	39.2	65.5