Supporting Information

Cu@CuCl-visible light co-catalysed chlorination of C(sp3)-H bonds with MCln solution and photocatalytic serial reactor-based synthesis of benzyl chloride

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X-ray diffraction data of Cu@CuCl after five reactions



X-ray diffraction data of Cu@CuCl-CuCl₂

The XRD of the catalyst separated from the reactor in the catalytic reaction state.



SEM of Cu/CuCl

CuCl exists in particles of 50-100 nanometers in diameter, and Cu particles with a diameter of 5 nm are evenly distributed on the surface of cuprous chloride particles.



The equipment system of triple serial reactor-based chlorination of toluene

Diagram of the triple serial reactor-based photocatalytic reactor system for chlorination of toluene

The equipment system of triple serial reactor-based chlorination of toluene shown in figure. The system includes three photocatalytic reactor A, B, C, which installed with mechanical stirrer, LED lamp and bubblers. The mixture of bittern 120 mL, 12 mL HOAc, 0.2 g nano-Cu@CuCl (about 10 mol% loading level with nano-Cu), and 0.42 g tetrabutylammonium chloride (TBAC) was charged in each of the three photoreactors. Then toluene (0.5 mol) was added to A reactor and react for 2 h with stirring at room temperature under visible light (LED lamp) irradiation. After stewing 10 mins, and open stopcock-1, the organic phase was transformed to B reactor and was continually treated for 2h in the same conditions. The organic phase in B reactor was transformed to C reactor through opening stopcock-2, and repeated over process. After the reaction ended, the organic mixture in C reactor was separated through opening stopcock-3, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and filtered to collect the solution, which was fractionated to give 57g (90%) benzyl chloride.



¹H NMR of chlorination mixture of toluene



GS-MS of chlorination mixture of toluene



¹H NMR of chlorination mixture of ethylbenzene



GS-MS of chlorination mixture of ethylbenzene



GS-MS of chlorination mixture of 4-t-Bu-toluene



GS-MS of chlorination mixture of 4-Cl-toluene

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¹H NMR of chlorination mixture of 4-fluorotoluene





GS-MS of chlorination mixture of cyclohexane



GS-MS of chlorination mixture of cyclooctane



GS-MS of chlorination mixture (substate, 2-Cl-hexanole and 1,2-di-Cl-hexane) of cyclohexene



¹H NMR of chlorination mixture of cyclohexanone



GS-MS of chlorination mixture of cyclohexanone



¹H NMR of chlorination mixture of acetophenone



GS-MS of chlorination mixture of acetophenone



¹H NMR of chlorination mixture of 4-Cl-acetophene



GS-MS of chlorination mixture of 4-Cl-acetophene



GS-MS of chlorination mixture of 3,3-dimethyl-2-butanone