# **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## **Recoverable Polyoxometalate-Ionic Liquids Catalyst for Selective**

# Cleavage of Lignin β-O-4 Models Under Mild Conditions

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## Lists of the purchased organic chemicals with CAS numbers

| 1-methyl-3-(4-sulfobutyl)-1H                | l-imidazolium inner s | (BMIM-SO <sub>3</sub> , CAS#: 179863-07-1) |                       |                  |  |
|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| 1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol                     | (CAS#: 93-56-1)       |  | 2-hydroxyacetophenone | (CAS#: 582-24-1) |  |
| phenethoxybenzene                           | (CAS#: 40515-89-7     | 7)   | 4-methoxybenzoic acid | (CAS#: 100-09-4) |  |
| 3,4-dimethoxybenzoic acid                   | (CAS#: 93-07-2)       |  | 4-hydroxybenzoic acid | (CAS#: 99-96-7)  |  |
| 2-methoxylphenol                            | (CAS#: 90-05-1)       |  | p-methylphenol        | (CAS#: 106-44-5) |  |
| 2-bromoacetophenone                         | (CAS#: 70-11-1)       |  | $\beta$ -bromostyrene | (CAS#: 103-64-0) |  |
| 2-bromo-1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethanone (CA |                       |  | S#: 1835-02-5)        |                  |  |
| 2-bromo-4'-hydroxyacetophenone (CA          |                       |  | S#: 2491-38-5)        |                  |  |
| 2-bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (CA     |                       |  | S#: 2632-13-5)        |                  |  |
| ethyl 2-oxocyclohexanecarb                  | oxylate               | (CA  | S#: 1655-07-8)        |                  |  |



Figure S1 FT-IR spectrum of HPMoV.

 Table S1
 The catalytic results of PP-one oxidation under different conditions.

| Entry | Substrates | Additions  | Con. (%) | BA Yield (%) | Ph-OH     | Aromatic products |
|-------|------------|--|----------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|
|       |            |  |          |              | Yield (%) | Yield (%)         |
| 1     | PP-one     | O <sub>2</sub> , HPMoV, BMIM-SO <sub>3</sub>                           | 95       | 85           | 75        | 80                |
| 2     | PP-one     | N <sub>2</sub> , HPMoV, BMIM-SO <sub>3</sub>                           | 38       | 7            | 33        | 20                |
| 3     | PP-one     | O <sub>2</sub> , HPMoV   | 87       | 84           | 72        | 78                |
| 4     | PP-one     | O <sub>2</sub> , BMIM-SO <sub>3</sub>                                  | 57       | 37           | 48        | 43                |
| 5     | PP-one     | O <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , BMIM-SO <sub>3</sub> | 79       | 59           | 59        | 59                |
| 6     | PP-one     | O2, HPMoV, BMIM-SO3, LiOH  | 88       | 60           | 66        | 63                |

Conditions: PP-one (0.3 mmol), HPMoV (0.03 mmol), BMIM-SO<sub>3</sub> (0.15 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.075 mmol), LiOH (0.15 mmol), DMSO (1 mL), 130 °C, 6 h, 1 atm gas pressure.



**Figure S2** Digital photo of the post-reaction solution catalyzed by HPMoV before (left) and after (right) addition of EA.



Figure S3 The yields of aromatic products and mass loss curve of catalyst in five cycles.



**Figure S4** FT-IR spectra of HPMoV, BMIM-SO<sub>3</sub>, and recovered HPMoV-BMIM-SO<sub>3</sub>H ILs catalysts.

| Substrates | Catalyst   | Solvent                            | Conditions                          | Products (Yield %)                                       | Recyclability | Ref.      |
|------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------|
| PP-ol      | VO(acac) <sub>2</sub>  | C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> COOH | 1 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 80 °C, 8 h   | Ph-OH (49), BA (26)                                      | No            | S1        |
| PP-ol      | Pd/CeO <sub>2</sub>  | methanol                           | 1 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 185 °C, 24 h | Ph-OH (48), acetophenone (38)                            | Yes           | S2        |
| PP-ol      | VOSO <sub>4</sub> , TEMPO  | CH₃CN                              | 4 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 100 °C, 12 h | PP-one (82)  | No            | S3        |
| PP-one     | Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> , phen  | methanol                           | 4 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 80 °C, 2 h   | Ph-OH (85), BA (95)                                      | No            | S3        |
| PP-ol      | Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> , phen  | DMSO                               | 4 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 80 °C, 6 h   | BA (79)  | No            | S4        |
| PP-ol      | NaNO <sub>2</sub> , DDQ, NHPI  | CH₃CN                              | 4 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 80 °C, 2 h   | PP-one (95)  | No            | S5        |
| PP-one     | [OMIm][OAc]  | H <sub>2</sub> O                   | 14 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 100 °C, 2 h | Ph-OH (96), BA (86)                                      | No            | S6        |
| PP-one     | Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> , BF <sub>3</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub>                               | methanol                           | 4 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 100 °C, 6 h  | Ph-OH (95)   | No            | S7        |
| PP-one     | CTFs   | methanol                           | 5 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 160 °C, 6 h  | Ph-OH (45), BA (24)                                      | Yes           | S8        |
| PP-ol      | VB <sub>12</sub> @C, K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>                                    | methanol                           | 1 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 80 °C, 24 h  | Ph-OH (96), BA (73), MB (26)                             | Yes           | S9        |
| β-O-4-ol   | Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>   | DMSO                               | Air, 60 °C, 18 h                    | β-O-4-one (84 >)   | No            | S10       |
| PP-ol      | NENU-MV-5  | methanol                           | 4 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 100 °C, 12 h | Ph-OH (60), BA (10), MB (90)                             | Yes           | S11       |
| PP-ol      | $[MIMPS]_2H_4P_2Mo_{18}O_{62}$   | ethanol                            | 5 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 140 °C, 10 h | Ph-OH (84), acetophenone (75)                            | Yes           | S12       |
| PP-ol      | $BetH_5V_2Mo_{18}$   | ethanol                            | 8 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 140 °C, 8 h  | Ph-OH (86), acetophenone (77), BA (5), EB (1.8)          | Yes           | S13       |
| PP-one     | CTFs   | methanol                           | 5 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 120 °C, 2 h  | Ph-OH (60), MB (10), BA (15), methyl benzoylformate (25) | Yes           | S14       |
| PP-ol      | CuCl <sub>2</sub> , phen, NIS,   | DMSO                               | 5 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 140 °C, 12 h | MB (87)  | No            | S15       |
|            | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , methanol, 4 Å   |                                    |                                     |  |               |           |
| PP-one     | CuCl, NaOH   | H <sub>2</sub> O                   | Air, 30 °C, 5.5 h                   | Ph-OH (89), BA (85)                                      | No            | S16       |
| PP-ol      | $H_5PMo_{10}V_2O_{40}, BMIM-SO_3$  | DMSO                               | 1 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 130 °C, 12 h | Ph-OH (80), BA (95)                                      | Yes           | This work |
| PP-one     | H <sub>5</sub> PMo <sub>10</sub> V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>40</sub> , BMIM-SO <sub>3</sub> | DMSO                               | 1 bar O <sub>2</sub> , 130 °C, 6 h  | Ph-OH (75), BA (85)                                      | Yes           | This work |

### Table S2 Comparing of the activities of different catalysts in the oxidation of PP-ol or PP-one.

BA, benzoic acid. Ph-OH, phenol. MB, Methyl benzoate. EB, ethyl benzoate.



Figure S5 Digital photo and GC signal of the post-reaction solution using pine wood extractives as substrate.



Figure S6 GC-MS pattern of (2-phenoxyvinyl)benzene.



Figure S7 Digital photo of poly(4'-hydroxyacetophenone) and poly(4'-hydroxyacetophenol).



Figure S8 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of PP-one.



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Figure S18 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-one.



**Figure S19** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)propan-1-ol.

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