

Supplementary information

Dual-engine-driven synthesis of unsaturated esters over channel-expanding Cu-Cs catalysts

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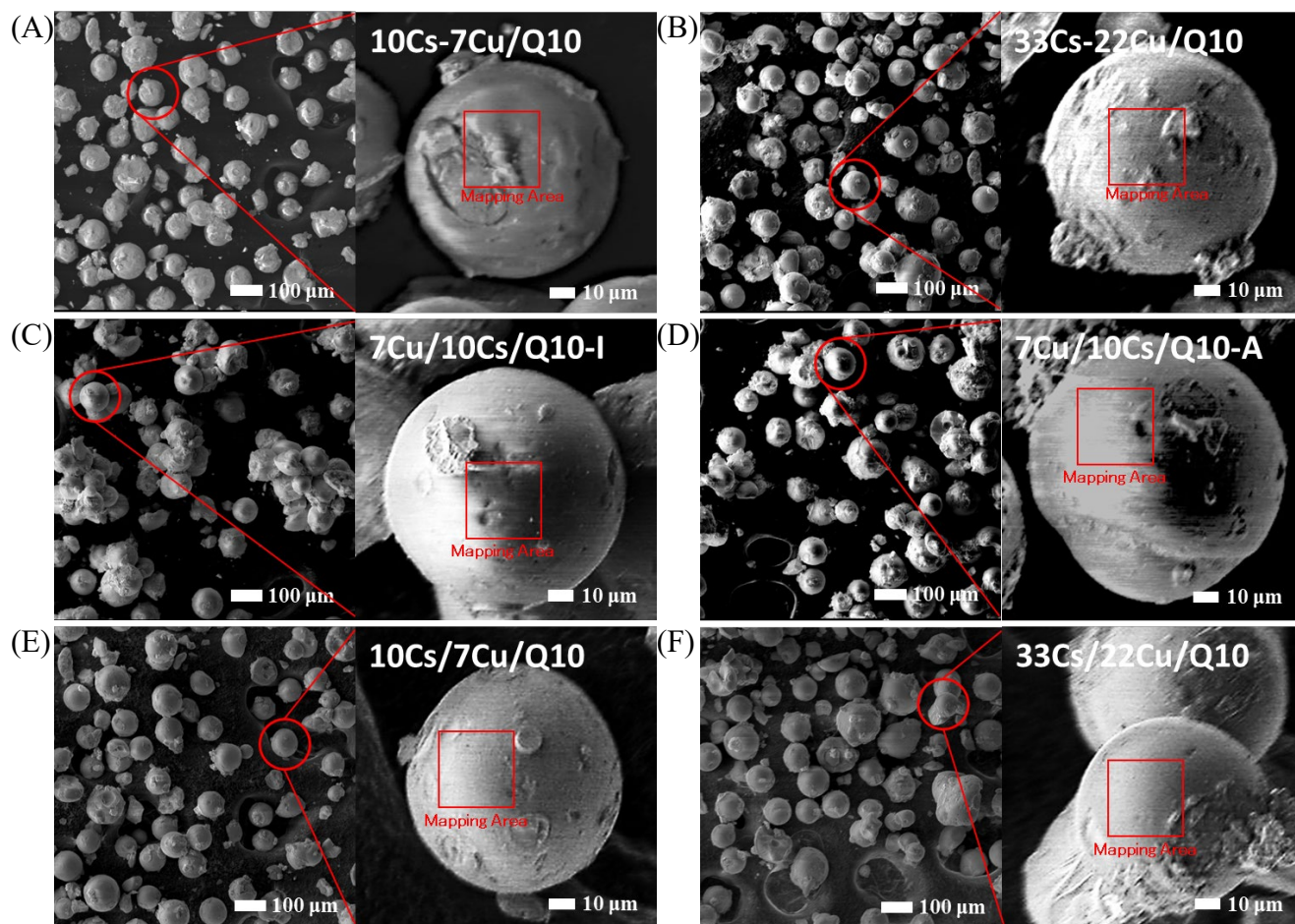


Figure S1. SEM images of (A) 10Cs-7Cu/Q10, (B) 33Cs-22Cu/Q10, (C) 7Cu/10Cs/Q10-I, (D) 7Cu/10Cs/Q10-A, (E) 10Cs/7Cu/Q10, (F) 33Cs/22Cu/Q10.

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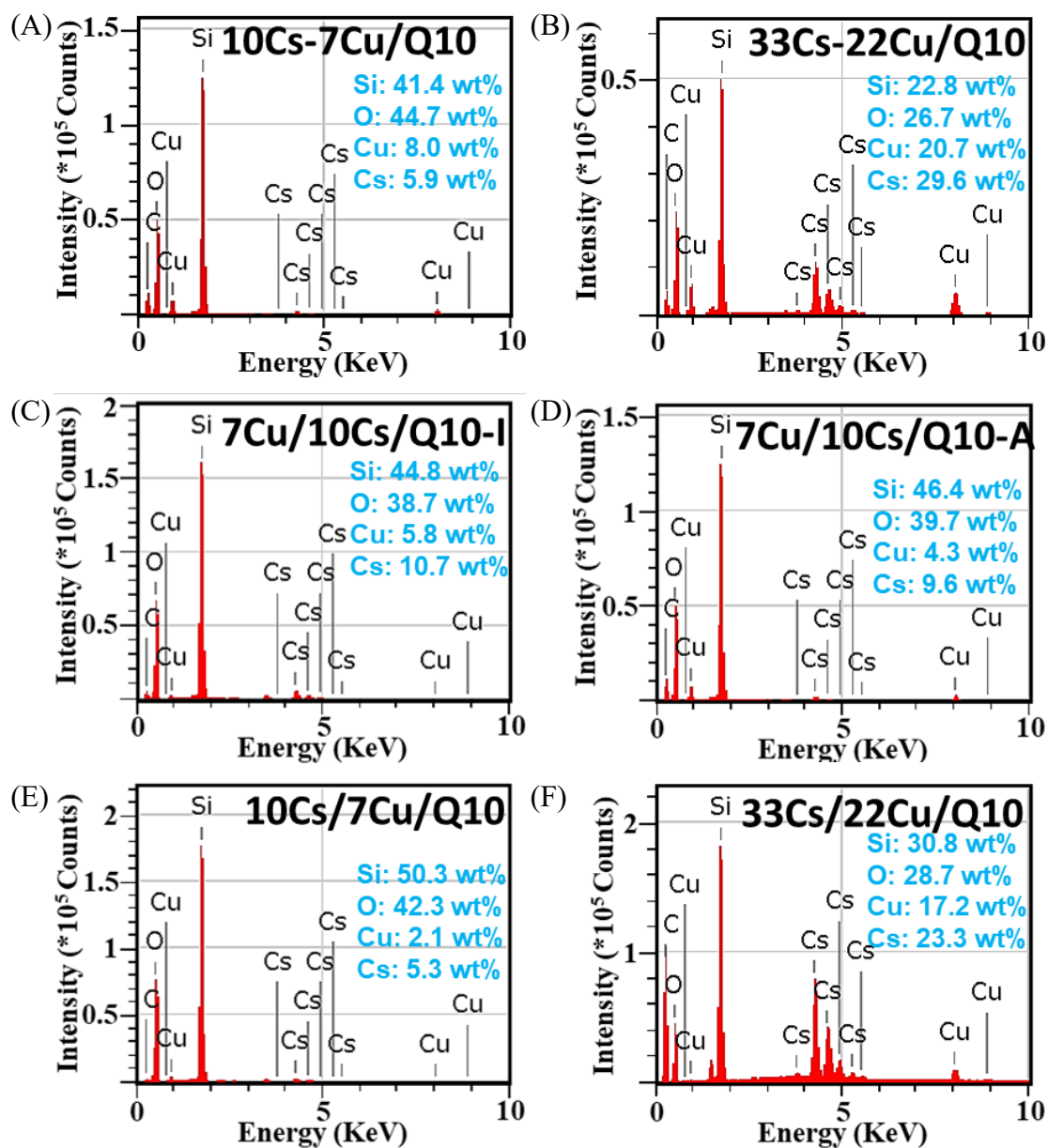


Figure S2. EDS mapping analysis of (A) 10Cs-7Cu/Q10, (B) 33Cs-22Cu/Q10, (C) 7Cu/10Cs/Q10-I, (D) 7Cu/10Cs/Q10-A, (E) 10Cs/7Cu/Q10, (F) 33Cs/22Cu/Q10.

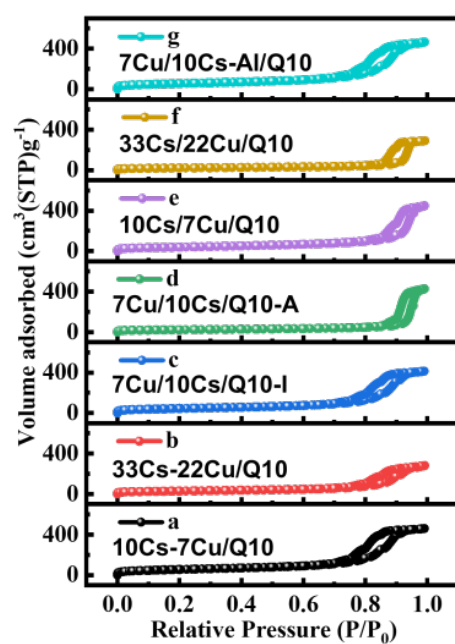


Figure S3. The N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms of as-synthesized samples.

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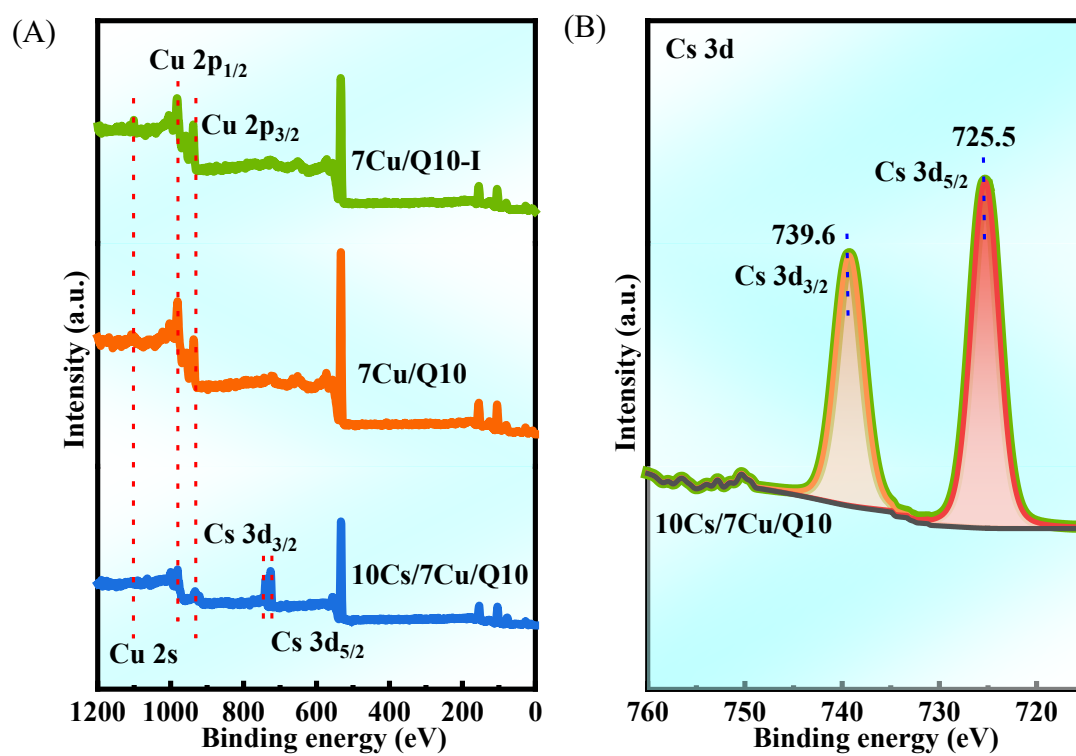


Figure S4. XPS of (A) Cu containing samples, (C) Cs 3d in 10Cs/7Cu/Q10.

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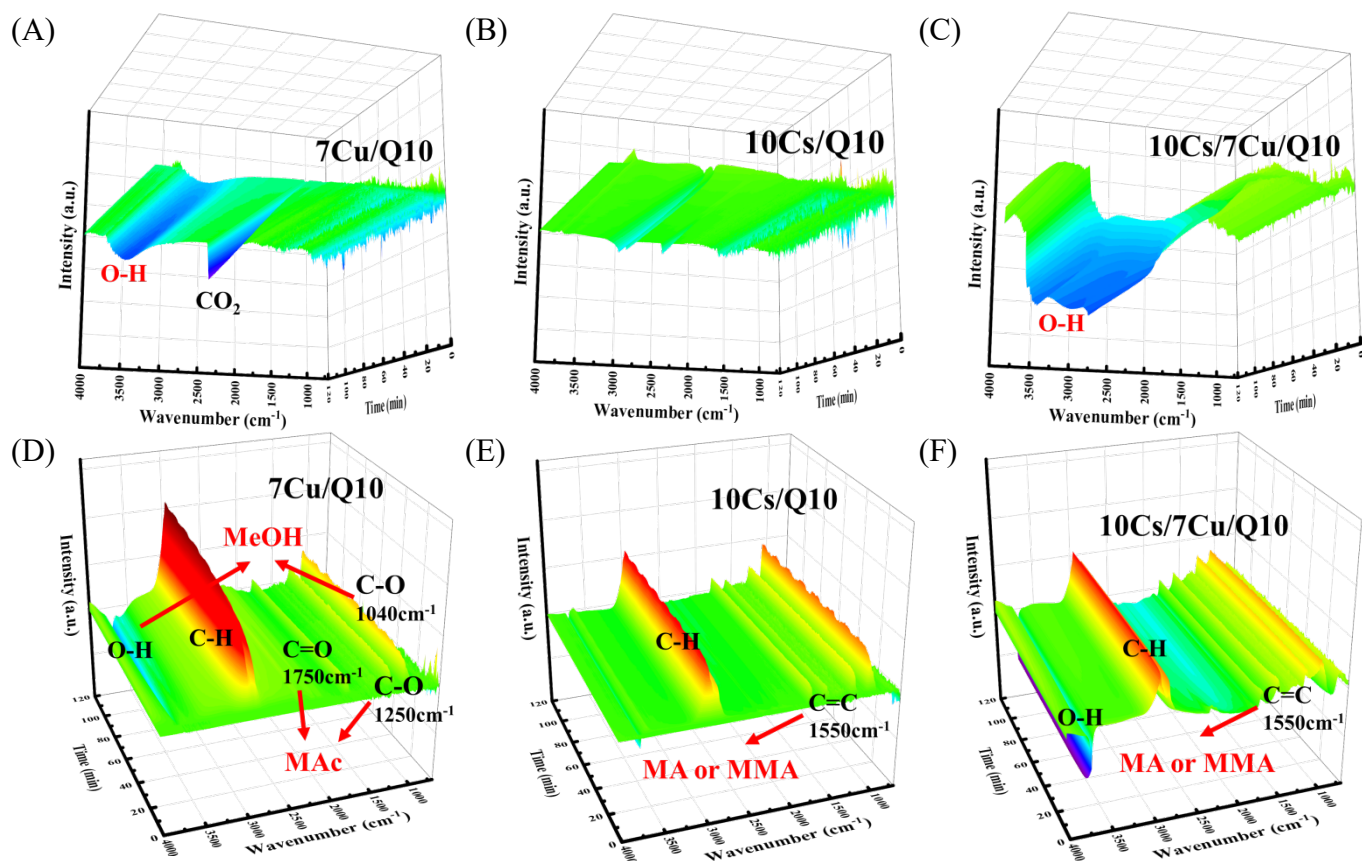


Figure S5. 3D In-situ FTIR spectra of as-synthesized samples during reduction and reaction; Reduction of 7Cu/Q10 (A), 10Cs/Q10 (B), and 10Cs/7Cu/Q10 (C); Reaction over 7Cu/Q10 (D), 10Cs/Q10 (E), and 10Cs/7Cu/Q10 (F).

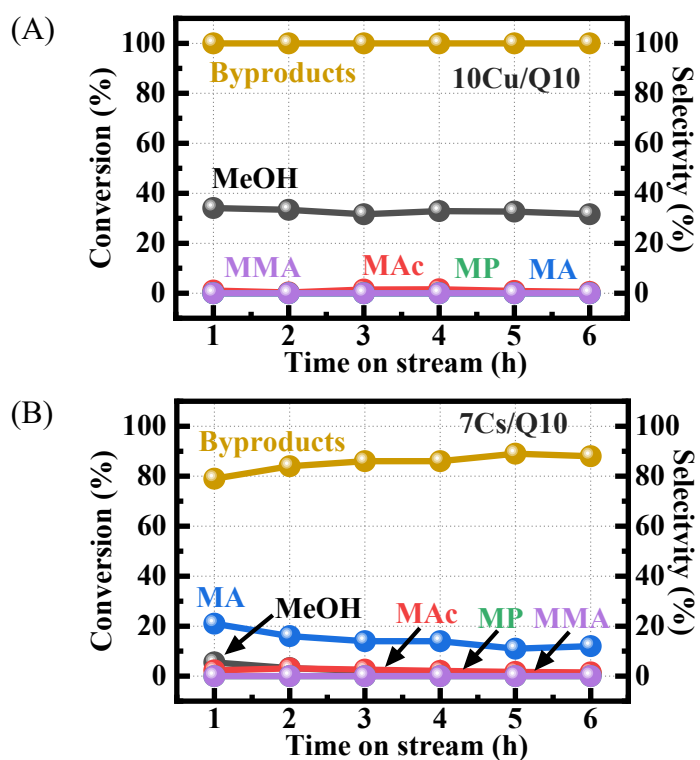


Figure S6. The catalytic performance of 10Cu/Q10 (A) and 7Cs/Q10 (B). Reaction conditions: 0.1 g catalyst loaded, GHSV = 3000 ml/gh, 400 °C, 0.1 MPa, MeOH/MAc = 2/1, N₂ flow rate 20 mL/min.

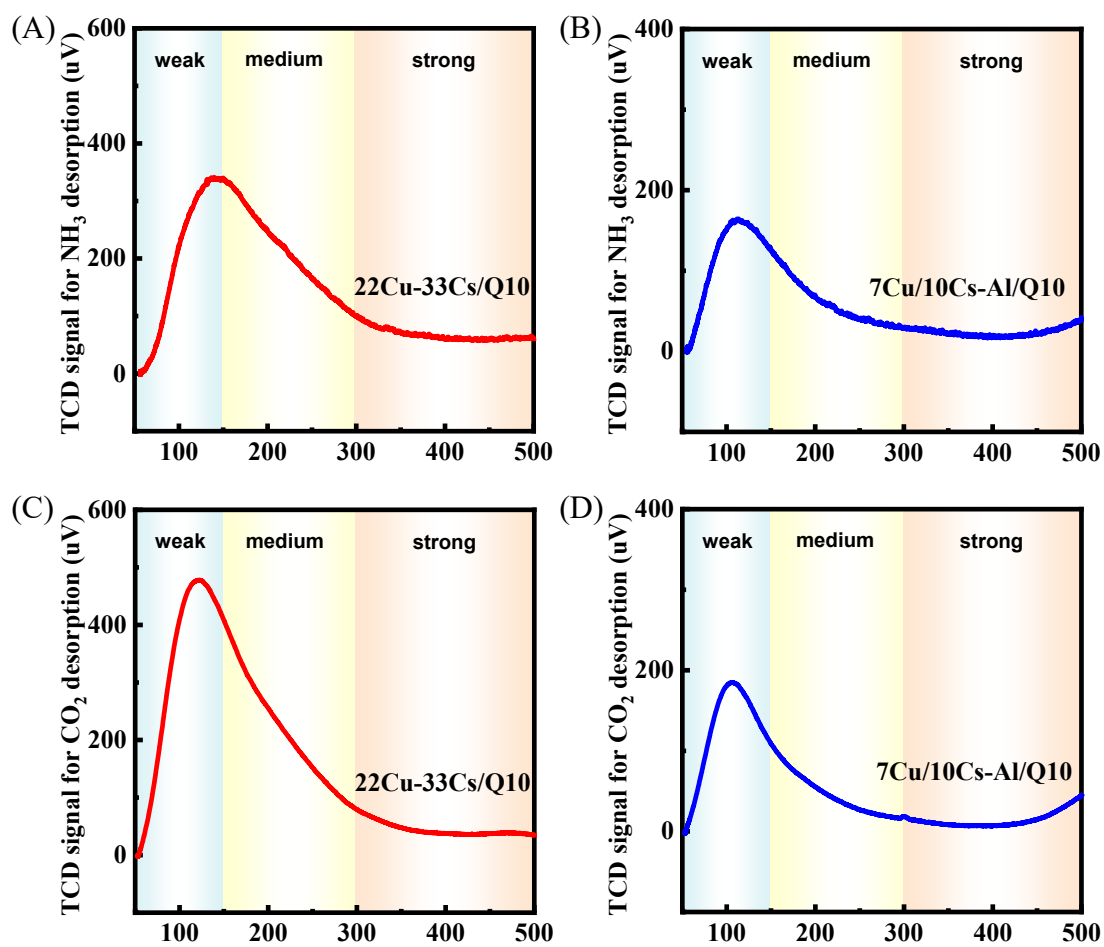


Figure S7. NH₃-TPD profiles of (A) 22Cu-33Cs/Q10, (B) 7Cu/10Cs-Al/Q10; CO₂-TPD profiles of (C) 22Cu-33Cs/Q10, (D) 7Cu/10Cs-Al/Q10.

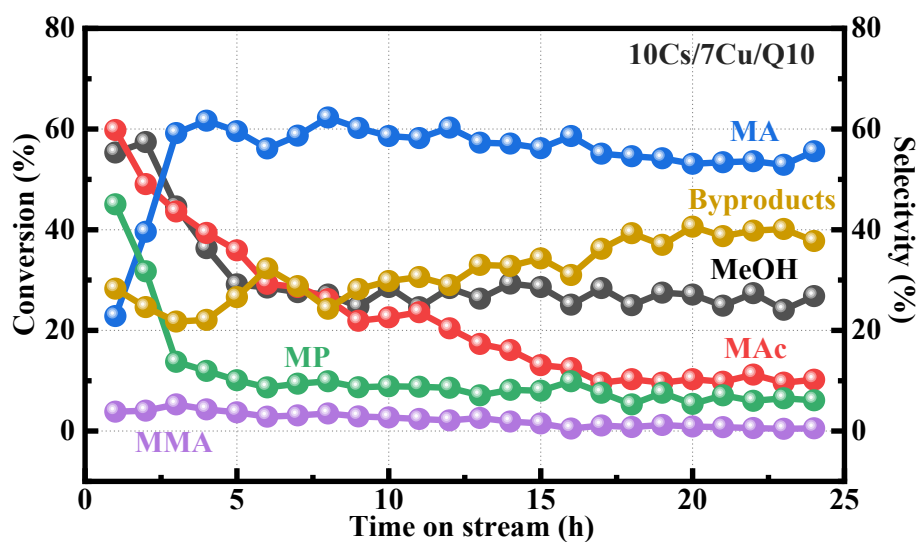


Figure S8. Stability of 10Cs/7Cu/Q10 catalyst in the synthesis system of unsaturated esters.

Reaction conditions: dual layer catalytic bed with 0.1 g sample loaded in upper layer and 0.2 g Cs-Al/Q10 in lower layer, GHSV = 3000 ml/gh, 400 °C, 0.1 MPa, MeOH/MAc = 2/1, N₂ flow rate 20 mL/min.

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54 **Table S1.** The concentration of Cu in the samples determined by ICP-OES.

Samples	m_0 (g) ^a	V_0 (ml) ^b	Element	C_0 (ppm) ^c	f^d	C_1 (mg/L) ^e	C_x mg/kg ^f
Fresh 10Cs/7Cu/Q10	0.2533	25	Cu	3.776	100	377.562	37264.3
Fresh 10Cs/7Cu/Q10	0.1503	25	Cs	5.057	100	505.685	84112.6
Spent 10Cs/7Cu/Q10	0.2533	25	Cu	3.572	100	357.205	35255.1
Spent 10Cs/7Cu/Q10	0.1522	25	Cs	5.105	100	510.521	83856.9

55 ^a Mass of samples.56 ^b Constant volume.57 ^c Concentration of diluted liquid.58 ^d Factor of dilution.59 ^e Concentration of original solution.60 ^f Elemental content.

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Table S2. Fragment m/z values for relevant chemicals and their relative intensities in MS.[1, 2]

Chemicals	M _r	Fragment m/z (relative intensities, %)
CH ₃ OH	32	31 (100 %), 32 (75 %), 29 (45 %), 15 (14 %), 30 (8 %)
CH ₃ COOCH ₃	74	43 (100 %), 74 (26 %), 42 (15 %)
CH ₂ =CHCOOCH ₃	86	55 (100 %), 27 (44 %), 15 (13 %), 85 (12 %)
CH ₃ CH ₂ COOCH ₃	88	57 (100 %), 29 (77 %), 59 (32 %), 88 (32 %), 27 (20 %),
CH ₂ =C(CH ₃)COOCH ₃	100	41 (100 %), 69 (63 %), 39 (37 %), 100 (32 %)

M_r: Relative molecular mass. The m/z values of the species employed in this work were marked in **red**.

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