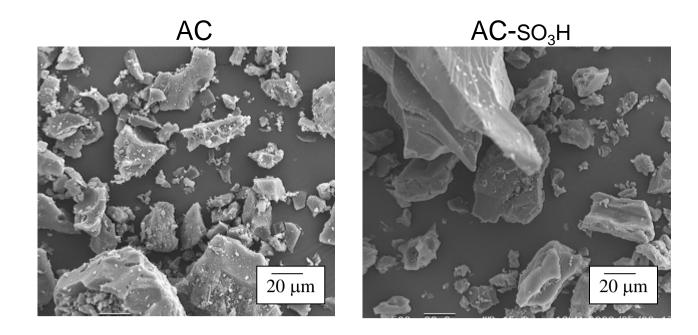


Figure S1. SEM images of the tested catalysts.



## Sulfated zirconia

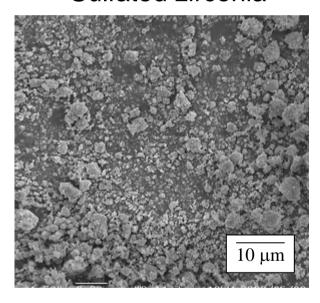
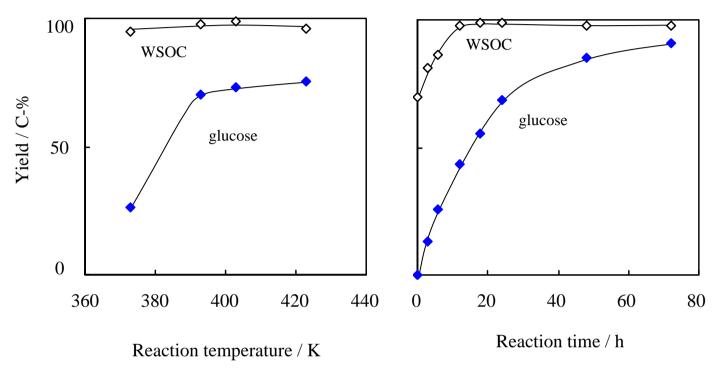


Figure S1. SEM images (continuation).



**Figure S2**. Effect of reaction temperature (a) and reaction time (b) on the starch hydrolysis using the AC-SO<sub>3</sub>H catalyst. Reaction conditions; reaction time 24 h (a), reaction temperature 393 K (b). catalyst 50 mg, starch 45 mg, distilled water 5 mL, agitation.