

## **Supplementary Information**

### **Electrochemical behaviors of graphene nanosheets in alkylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate ionic liquids electrolytes: influences of organic solvents and the alkyl chains**

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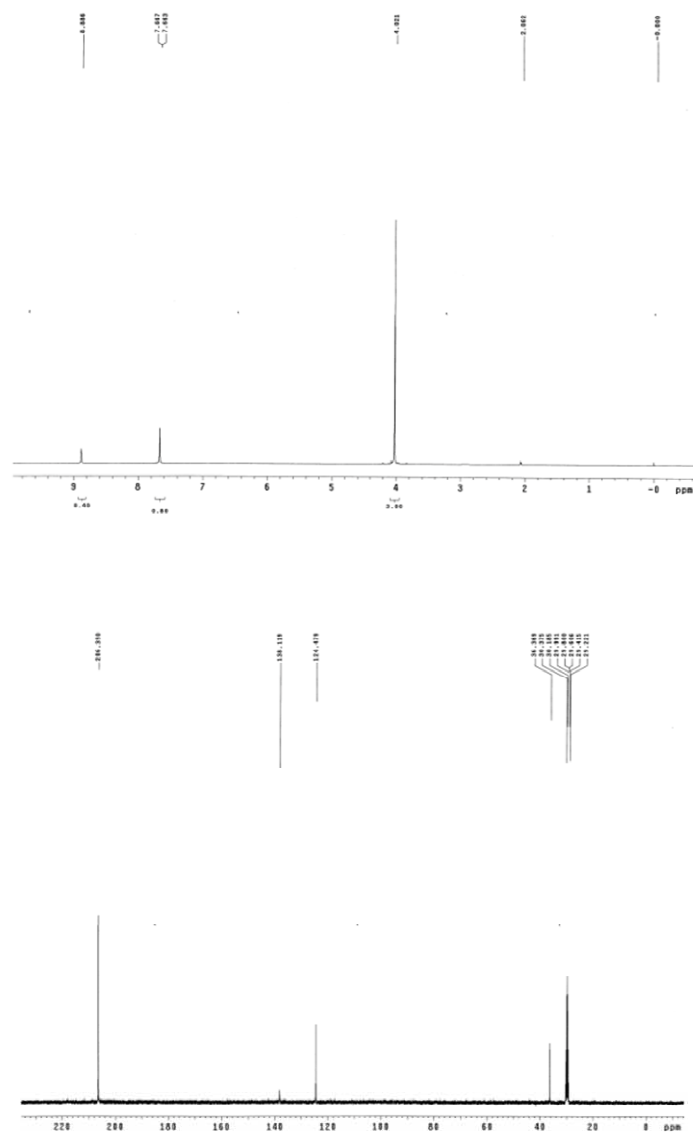
**NMR data:**

**MMIMBF<sub>4</sub>**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 8.83 (s, 1 H), 7.66 (s, 2 H), 4.02 (s, 6 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 138.12, 124.48, 124.48, 36.37, 36.37 ppm.

**EMIMBF<sub>4</sub>**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 8.98 (s, 1 H), 7.76 (s, 1 H), 7.66 (s, 1 H), 4.38 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 4.03 (s, 3 H), 1.55 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 137.27, 124.64, 122.96, 45.57, 36.41, 15.54 ppm.

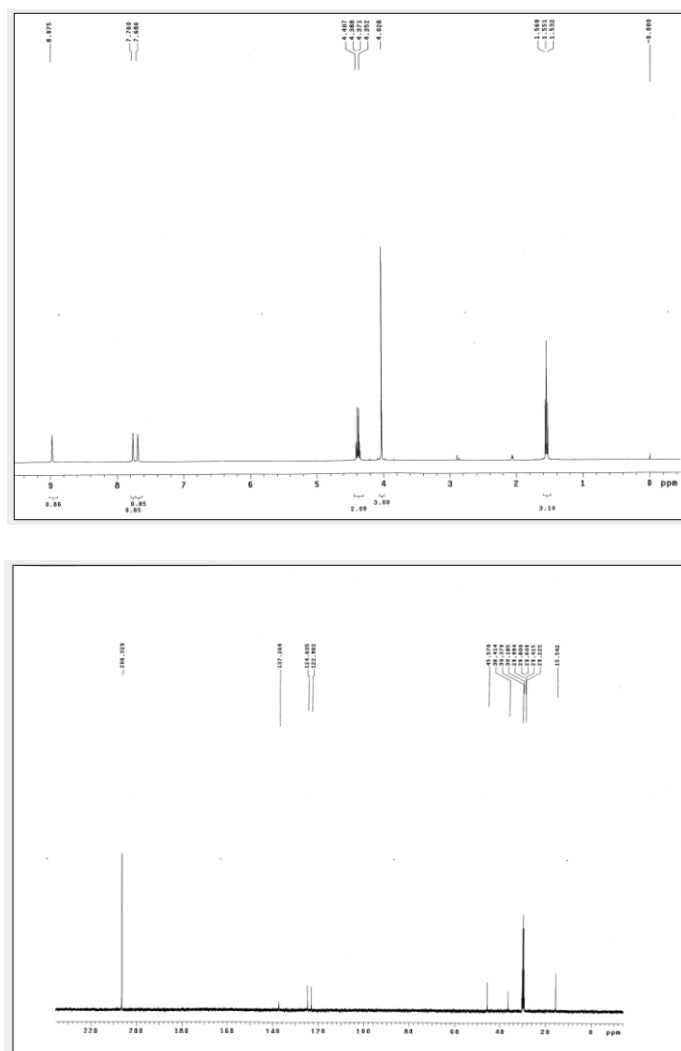
**BMIMBF<sub>4</sub>**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 8.99 (s, 1 H), 7.76 (s, 1 H), 7.70 (s, 1 H), 4.24 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.04 (s, 3 H), 1.92 (quintet, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 1.38 (quartet, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 137.52, 124.68, 123.30, 50.07, 36.48, 32.68, 19.88, 13.60 ppm.

**$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra:**

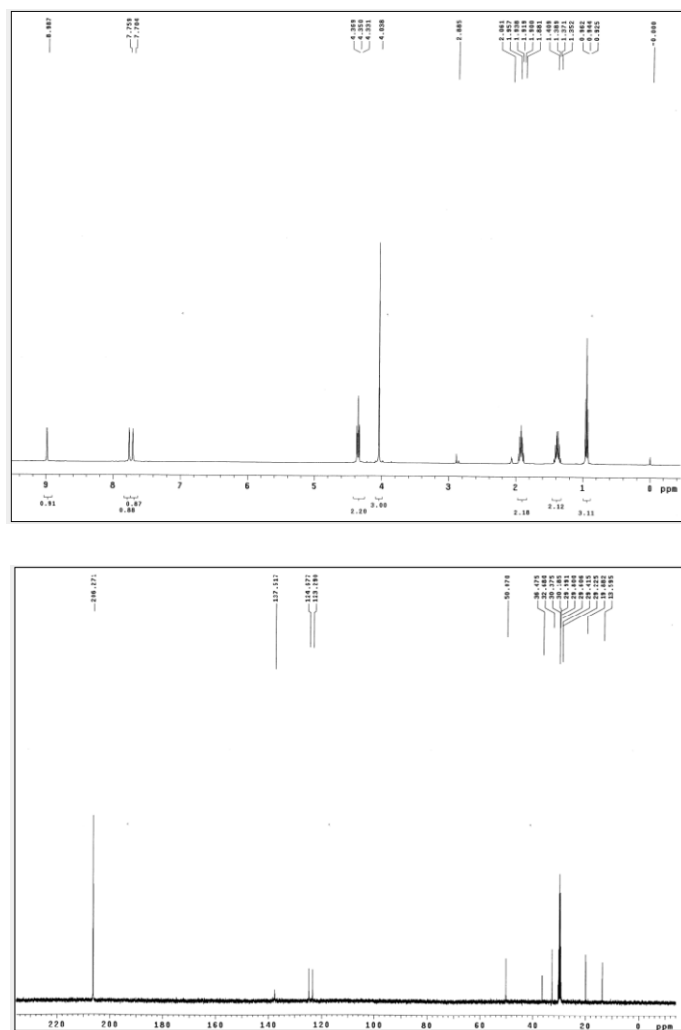


**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy of the MMIMBF<sub>4</sub> ionic liquid**

**Fig. 1 The  $^1\text{H}$  (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom) NMR spectra of the MMIMBF<sub>4</sub> ionic liquid**



**Fig. 2** The <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the EMIMBF<sub>4</sub> ionic liquid



**Fig. 3** The <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR spectra of the BMIMBF<sub>4</sub> ionic liquid