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Oxidation of Sulfides to Sulfoxides Mediated by Ionic Liquids

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E1. Characterization data of sulfoxides

Methyl phenyl sulfoxide: pale yellow oil. M.p.: 30°C, ¹ found 28-30°C. IR(cm⁻¹): 1032vs (SO).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): 2.60 (3H, s, Me), 7.39 (5H, m, Ph), 7.53 (2H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 43.75, 123.29, 129.17, 130.81, 145.62.

Ethyl phenyl sulfoxide: yellow oil. B.p.: 284°C, ² found 285-287°C. IR(cm⁻¹): 1018vs (SO) . ¹H

NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 1.05 (3H, t, Me), 2.73 (2H, m, CH₂), 7.37 (3H, m, Ph), 7.48 (2H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 6.06, 50.49, 124.38, 129.33, 131.08, 143.78.

Diphenyl sulfoxide: white crystal. M.p.:70°C, ³ found 70-72°C. IR(cm⁻¹): 1034vs (SO). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 7.38 (6H, m, Ph), 7.57 (4H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR(CDCl₃, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 123.80, 128.31, 130.02, 144.69.

Dibutyl sulfoxide: white solid. M.p.:31°C, ³ found 31-33°C. IR(cm⁻¹): 1023vs (SO). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 0.99 (6H, t, Me), 1.49 (4H, m, CH₂), 1.85 (4H, m, CH₂), 2.97 (4H, m, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 13.53, 21.78, 23.95, 52.50.

Dimethyl sulfoxide: colorless liquid. B.p.: 189°C, ⁴ found 190-192°C. IR(cm⁻¹): 1015vs (SO). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 2.47 (6H, s, Me). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 41.30.

2-(Phenylsulfinyl)ethanol: pale yellow oil. B.p.: 362°C, ⁵ found 360-363°C. IR(cm⁻¹): 3343s (OH), 1018vs (SO). ¹H NMR (DMSO, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 2.97 (1H, m, CH₂OH), 3.67 (1H, m, CH₂SO), 3.84 (1H, m, CH₂SO), 5.10 (1H, t, OH), 7.54 (3H, m, Ph), 7.62 (2H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR (DMSO, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 54.32, 59.92, 123.78, 129.20, 130.65, 144.66.

Methyl 2-(phenylsulfinyl) acetate: pale yellow oil. B.p.: 341 °C, ⁶ found 342-344 °C. IR(cm⁻¹): 1043vs (SO). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 3.54 (3H, s, Me), 3.69 (1H, m, CH₂), 7.39 (3H, m, Ph), 7.54-7.56 (2H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 52.63, 61.34, 124.03, 129.37, 131.73, 142.92, 165.17.

Phenyl allyl sulfoxide: yellow oil. B.p.: 297 °C, ⁷ found 297-300 °C. IR(cm⁻¹): 1037vs (SO). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 3.45 (2H, m, CH₂), 5.11 (1H, d, CH=CH₂), 5.24 (1H, d, SOCH₂), 5.56 (1H, m, SOCH₂), 7.43 (3H, m, Ph), 7.52 (2H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR(CDCl₃, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 59.76, 122.85, 123.27, 124.19, 128.01, 130.06, 141.85

Methoxymethyl phenyl sulfoxide: yellow oil. B.p.: 296 °C, ⁸ found 295-298 °C. IR(cm⁻¹):1015. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 3.68 (3H, s, OMe), 4.53 (2H, s, SOCH₂), 7.60 (2H, m, Ph), 7.66 (1H, m, Ph), 7.95 (2H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR(CDCl₃, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 61.19, 87.78, 128.74, 129.23, 134.07, 137.39

Phenyl isopropyl sulfoxide: yellow oil. B.p.: 290 °C, ⁹ found 292-294 °C. IR(cm⁻¹): 1020vs (SO). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 1.05 (3H, d, Me), 1.14 (3H, d, Me), 2.75 (1H, m, SOCH), 7.41-7.44 (3H, m, Ph), 7.51 (2H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 13.82, 15.84, 54.45, 124.91, 128.83, 130.93, 141.68.

Benzyl phenyl sulfoxide: white solid. M.p.:124-126 °C, ¹⁰ found 123-125 °C. IR(cm⁻¹): 1027vs (SO). ¹H NMR(CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 4.10 (2H, m, SOCH₂), 7.02 (2H, m, Ph), 7.35 (3H, m, Ph), 7.46 (5H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 63.57, 124.47, 128.26, 128.46, 128.86, 129.13, 130.37, 131.19, 142.72.

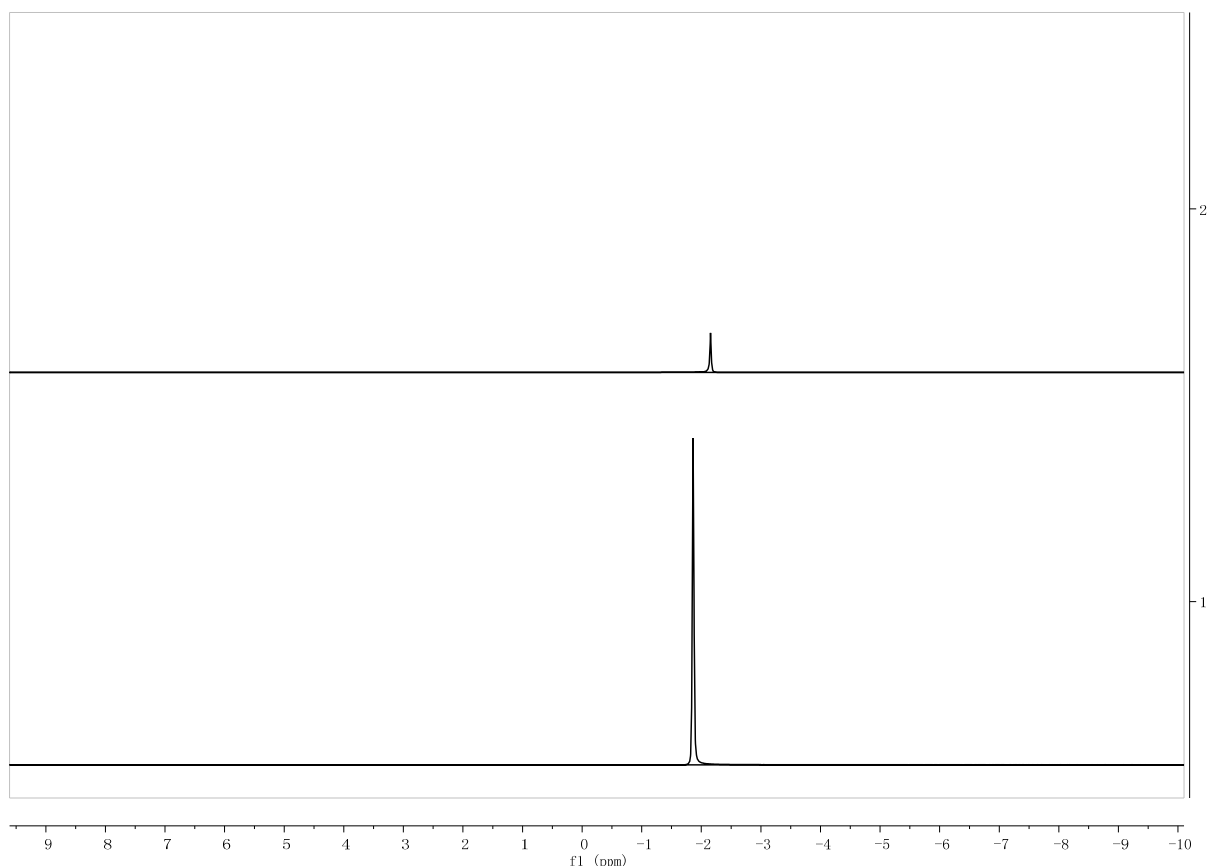
Dibenzyl sulfoxide: white crystalline powder. M.p.:135°C,¹¹ found 135-137°C. IR(cm⁻¹): 1028vs (SO). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 3.94 (4H, m, CH₂SOCH₂), 7.31-7.38 (4H, m, Ph), 7.43 (6H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 57.18, 128.42, 128.99, 130.16, 130.86.

Dibenzothiophene oxide: off-white to pale yellow solid. M.p.:194-196°C,¹² found 195-197°C. IR(cm⁻¹): 1018vs (SO). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 7.56 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.65 (2H, m, Ph), 7.87 (2H, m, Ph), 8.03-8.05 (2H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100Hz, r.t. ppm): δ = 120.89, 126.55, 128.55, 131.55, 136.10, 144.12.

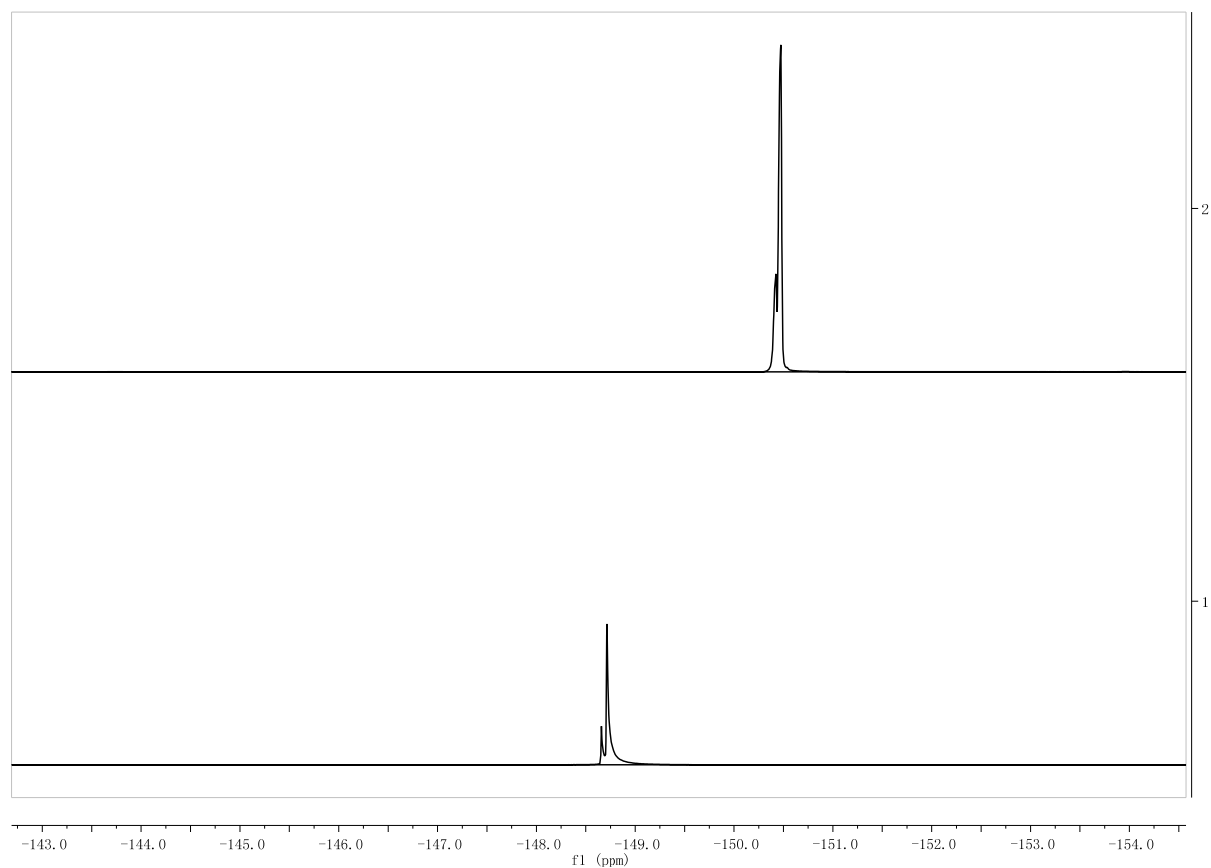
E2. Spectroscopic data

E2.1 NMR spectra comparison

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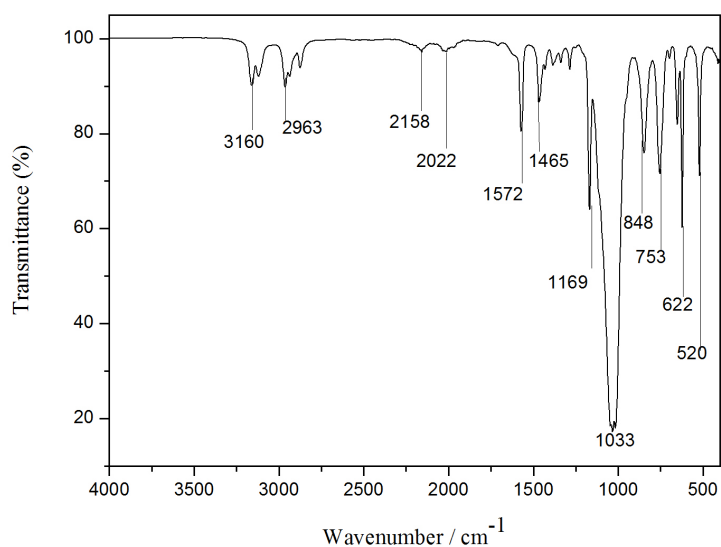


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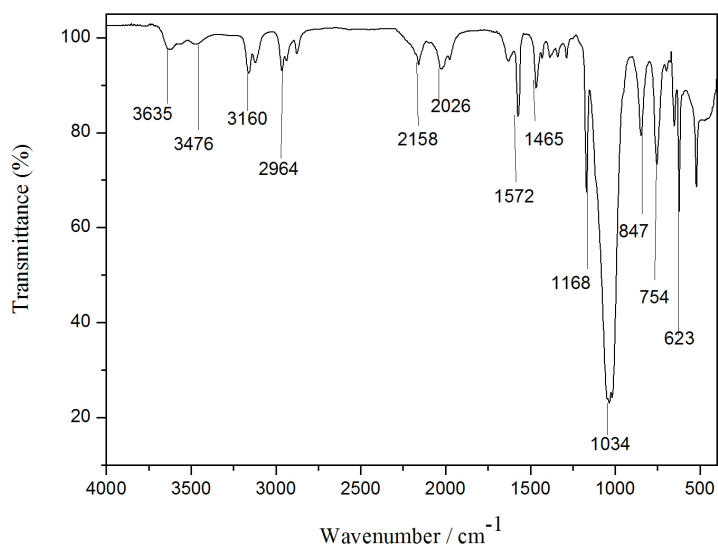


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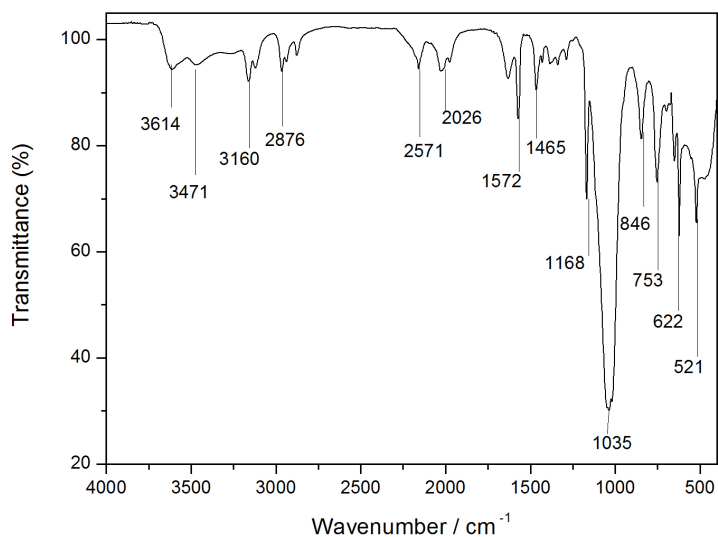
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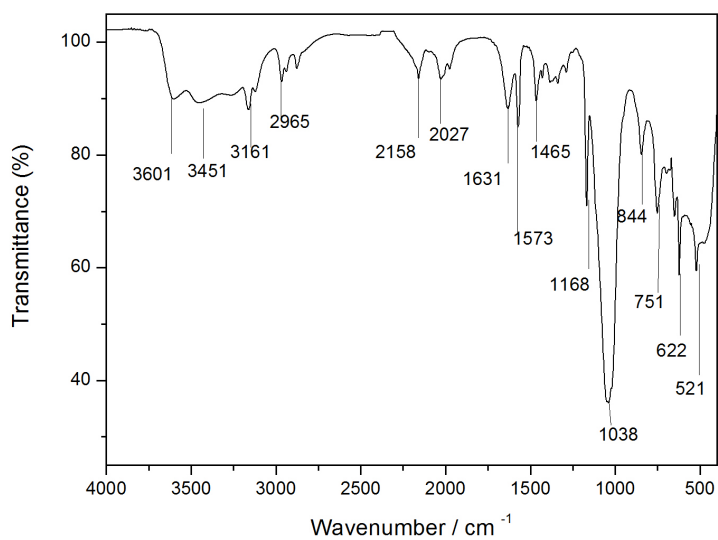
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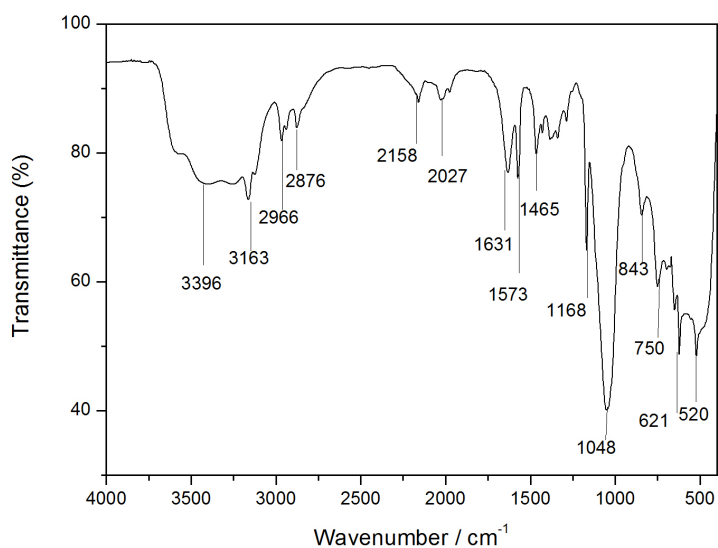
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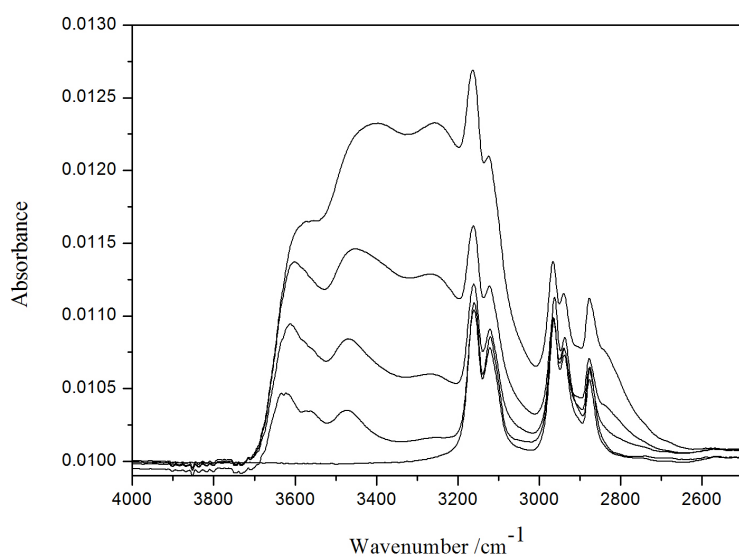
The line is the spectra for 1.5 mol/L H₂O₂ concentration in ionic liquid.



The line is the spectra for 3.8 mol/L H₂O₂ concentration in ionic liquid.

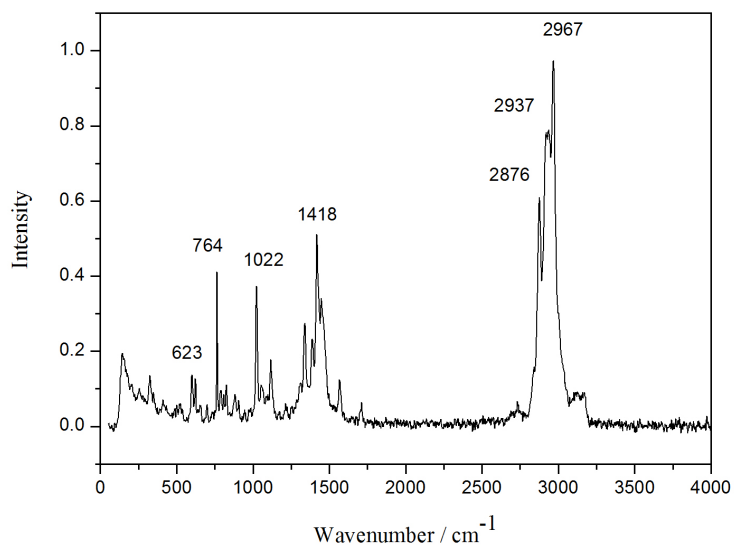


The IR spectra in the range of 3000 to 3500 cm⁻¹ for the treatment of [Bmim]BF₄ with different H₂O₂ concentrations.

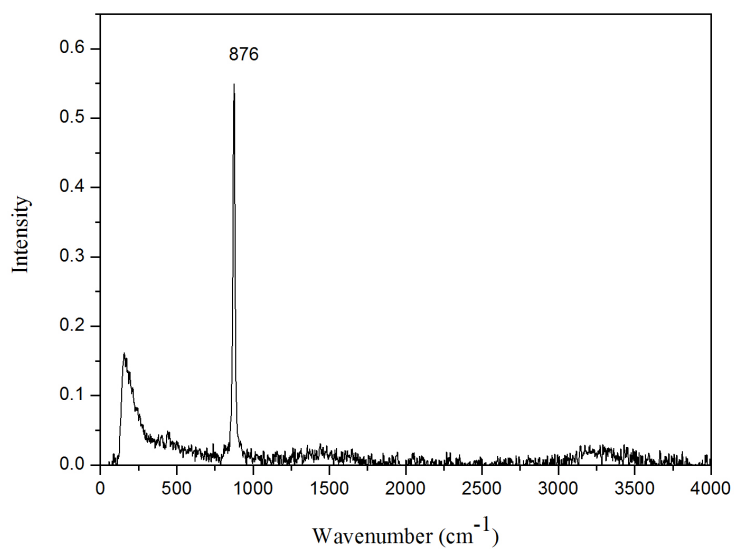


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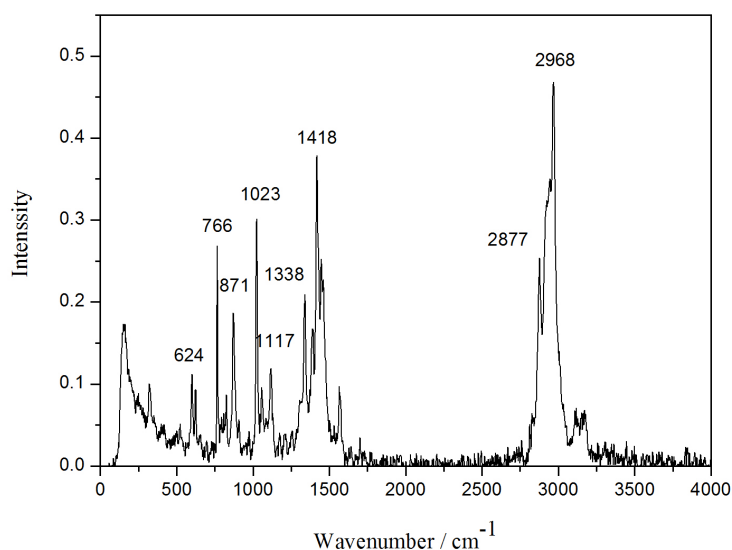
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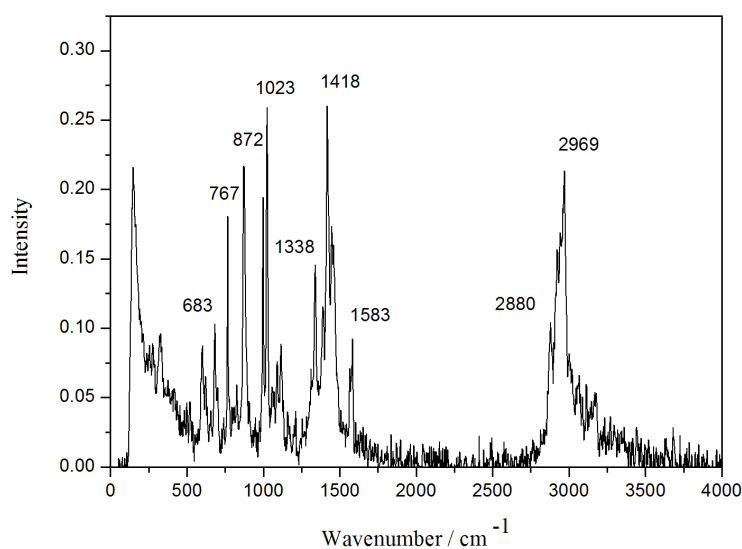
Pure H₂O₂ (35%)



The line is the spectra for 3.4 mol/L H₂O₂ concentration in ionic liquid.



The line is the spectra for 4.1 mol/L H₂O₂ concentration in ionic liquid.



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