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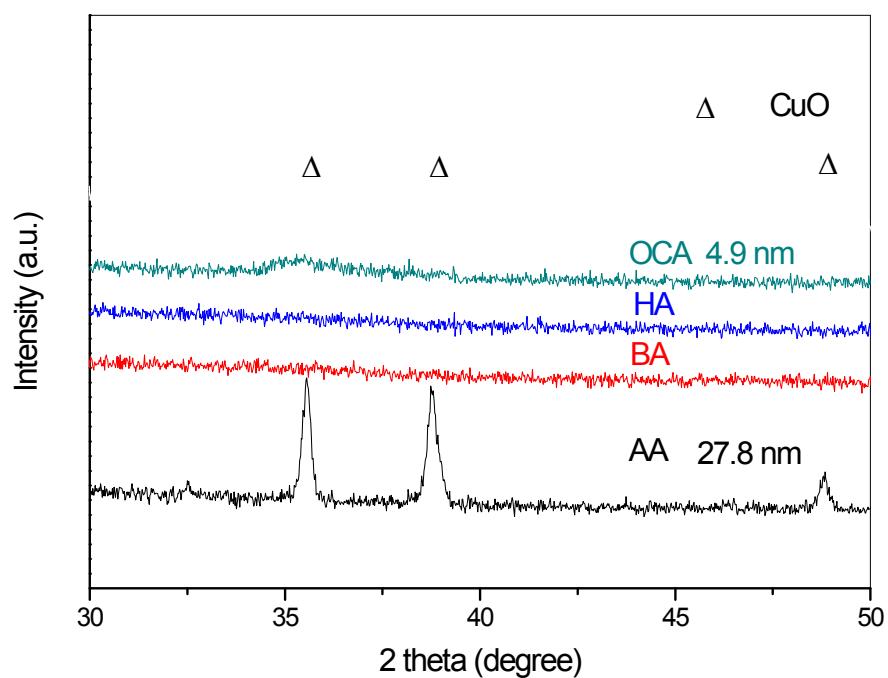
# In-situ Self-Assembled Core-Shell Precursor Route to Prepare Ultrasmall Copper Nanoparticles on Silica Catalysts

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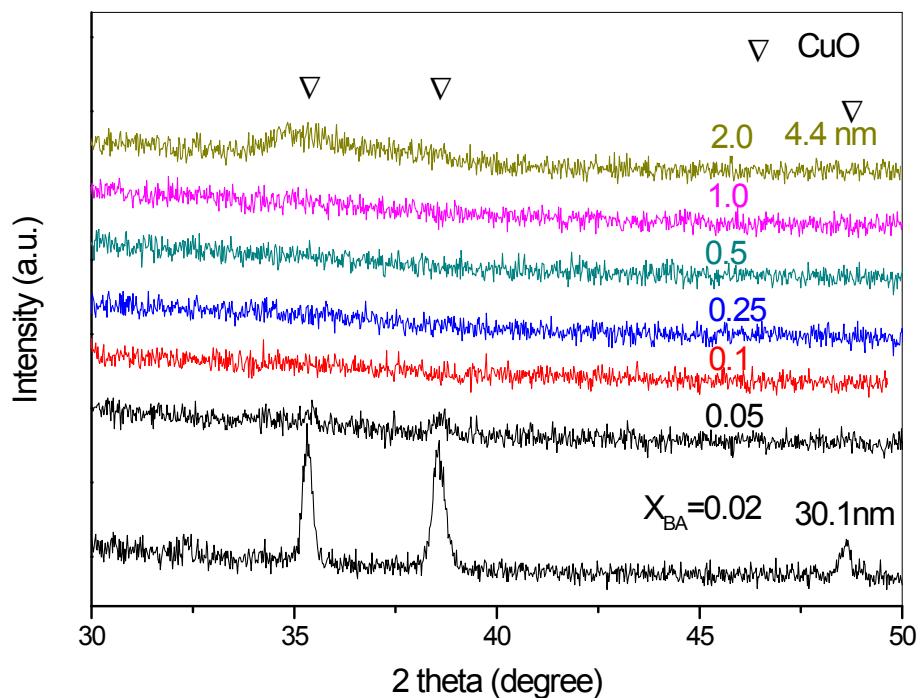
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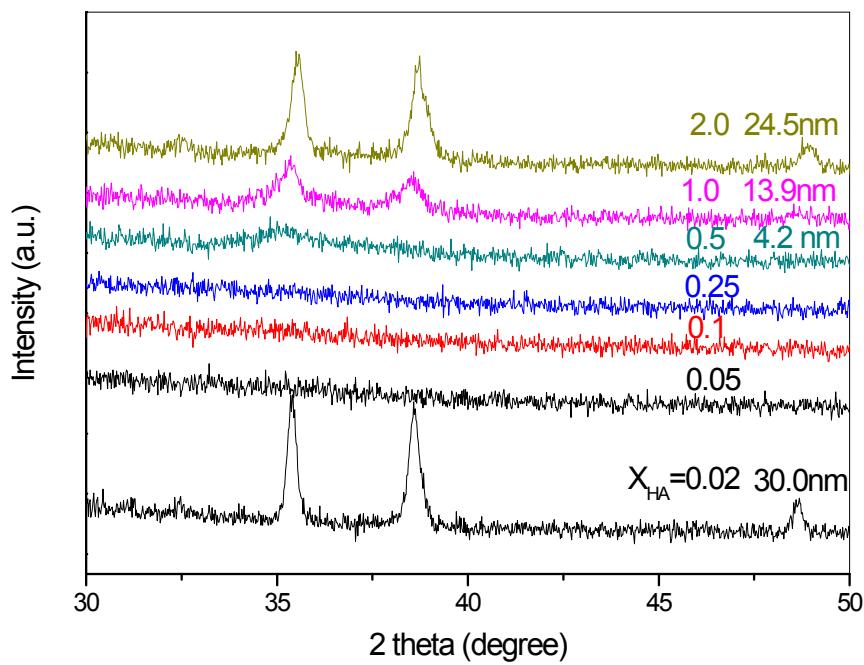
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**Figure S1.** XRD patterns of 10%Cu/SiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts prepared in presence of different FAs.



**Figure S2.** XRD patterns of 10%Cu/SiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts prepared with different  $X_{BA}$ .



**Figure S3.** XRD patterns of 10%Cu/SiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts prepared with different X<sub>HA</sub>.