

Supplementary Material to  
Green and selective toluene oxidation–Knoevenagel-condensation  
domino reaction over Ce- and Bi-based CeBi mixed oxide mixtures

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**STable 1**

Calculated cell parameters for pure oxides and solid solutions in the CeO<sub>2</sub>–Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> system.

Obtained materials	a (nm)	b (nm)	c (nm)	space group
CeO <sub>2</sub> [4]	0.5411	equals with a	equals with a	Fm $\bar{3}$ m
Ce <sub>0.9</sub> Bi <sub>0.1</sub> O <sub>1.8</sub>	0.5421	equals with a	equals with a	Fm $\bar{3}$ m
Ce <sub>0.4</sub> Bi <sub>0.6</sub> O <sub>1.7</sub>	0.5837	0.8154	0.7504	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
$\alpha$ -Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> [5]	0.5848	0.8166	0.7510	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c

**STable 2**

Conversion/TOF and selectivity results of the Knoevenagel condensation over varying amount of Ce<sub>0.4</sub>Bi<sub>0.6</sub>O<sub>1.7</sub> catalyst (benzaldehyde (1.0 eq), diethyl malonate (1.5 eq), T = 35°C, t = 180 min in ethanol).

Amount of catalyst (g)	Conversion (%) / TOF (molecules/basic sites/h)	Selectivity (%)
0.001	10/35.4	100
0.002	20/35.4	100
0.005	50/35.4	100
0.015	60/13.8	100
<b>0.02</b>	<b>80/14.4</b>	100
0.03	90/8.4	85

**STable 3**

Conversion/TOF and selectivity results of the Knoevenagel condensation over Ce<sub>0.4</sub>Bi<sub>0.6</sub>O<sub>1.7</sub> in various solvents (benzaldehyde (1.0 eq), diethyl malonate (1.5 eq); m<sub>cat</sub> = 0.02 g, T = 35°C and t = 180 min).

Solvent	Conversion (%) / TOF (molecules/basic sites/h)	Selectivity (%)
chloroform	1/0.12	100
acetonitrile	–	–
<b>ethanol</b>	<b>80/14.4</b>	100
water	49/9.0	100
water/ethanol = 1:1	61/10.8	100

**STable 4**

Conversion/TOF and selectivity results of the Knoevenagel condensation over  $\text{Ce}_{0.4}\text{Bi}_{0.6}\text{O}_{1.7}$  at varying reaction temperatures and time (benzaldehyde (1.0 eq) and diethyl malonate (1.5 eq);  $m_{\text{cat}} = 0.02$  g in ethanol).

Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Reaction time (min)	Conversion (%) / TOF (molecules/basic sites/h)	Selectivity (%)
25	180	53/9.0	100
35	180	80/14.4	100
<b>35</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>100/9.0</b>	<b>100</b>
45	180	100/15.0	83
60	120	100/19.8	74
60	60	71/28.8	76
25	360	92/8.4	100
25	1440	98/2.4	100
reflux	60	100/38.4	73

**STable 5**

The scope of the reaction – conversion/TOF and selectivity results of the Knoevenagel condensation between benzaldehyde derivatives (1.0 eq) and active methylene compounds (1.5 eq) over  $\text{Ce}_{0.4}\text{Bi}_{0.6}\text{O}_{1.7}$ ;  $m_{\text{cat}} = 0.02$  g,  $T = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $t = 360$  min, ethanol.

Aldehyde derivative	Active methylene compound	Conversion (%) / TOF (molecules/basic sites/h)	Selectivity (%)
4-chlorobenzaldehyde	diethyl malonate	93/7.8	98
4-nitrobenzaldehyde	diethyl malonate	96/8.4	94
4-hydroxybenzaldehyde	diethyl malonate	54/3.6	70
4-methylbenzaldehyde	diethyl malonate	48/3.6	78
benzaldehyde	malononitrile	96/7.8	90
benzaldehyde	malonic acid	–	–

**STable 6**

Scope of the reaction – conversion/TOF and selectivity results of toluene oxidation with TBHP over  $\text{Ce}_{0.9}\text{Bi}_{0.1}\text{O}_{1.8}$  catalyst;  $m_{\text{cat}} = 0.1 \text{ g}$ ,  $T = 60^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $t = 1440 \text{ min}$ , solvent-free.

Toluene derivative	Oxidising agent	Conversion (%) / TOF (molecules/basic sites/h)	Selectivity (%)
4-chlorotoluene	TBHP	1/1.2	49
4-nitrotoluene	TBHP	0.2/0.24	60
4-hydroxytoluene	TBHP	30/46.2	80
4-methyltoluene	TBHP	34/58.8	88

**STable 7**

Effect of the solvents – conversion/TOF and selectivity results of toluene oxidation with TBHP over  $\text{Ce}_{0.9}\text{Bi}_{0.1}\text{O}_{1.8}$  catalyst;  $m_{\text{cat}} = 0.1 \text{ g}$ ,  $T = 60^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $t = 1440 \text{ min}$ .

Solvent	Conversion (%) / TOF (molecules/basic sites/h)	Selectivity (%)
water	35/53.4	79
ethanol	–	–
water/ethanol = 1:1	12/12.6	54