

## Supplementary Materials to the article

# In Situ-Generated, Dispersed Cu Catalysts for the Catalytic Hydrogenolysis of Glycerol

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Entry	Gly/Cu, mol	KOH/Cu, mol	$\tau, \text{h}$	$p(\text{H}_2), \text{MPa}$	$X_{\text{Gly}}, \%$	$S_x, \%$	$Y_{\text{EG}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	$Y_{\text{PG}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	$Y_{\text{LA}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	$Y_{\text{GA}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	N
1	50	0	5	3	3.1	0.4	-	-	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.4	1.6	0.1	2
2			2.5	1	9.9	0.5	0.2	0.1	3.7	0.3	4.5	0.4	1.5	0.1	2
3				2	11.5	0.6	0.3	0.1	5.4	0.6	4.2	0.1	1.6	0.1	2
4				3	13.0	2.3	0.2	0.1	7.7	1.5	3.2	0.3	1.9	0.4	2
5				4	13.0	1.2	0.4	0.2	7.2	0.9	3.7	0.5	1.7	0.1	2
6		5.8	5	14.8	0.2	0.3	0.1	8.9	0.4	3.7	0.2	1.9	0.1	2	
7					15.5	0.6	0.6	0.1	8.0	0.2	5.7	0.3	1.2	0.1	2
8		100	3	7.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	3.6	0.5	2.6	1.3	0.7	0.4	3	
9					7.1	0.6	0.2	0.1	3.7	0.3	2.5	0.3	0.7	0.1	2

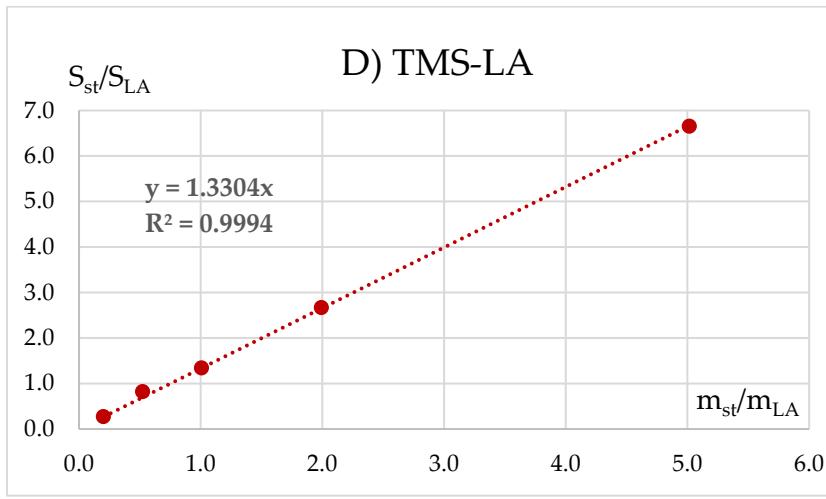
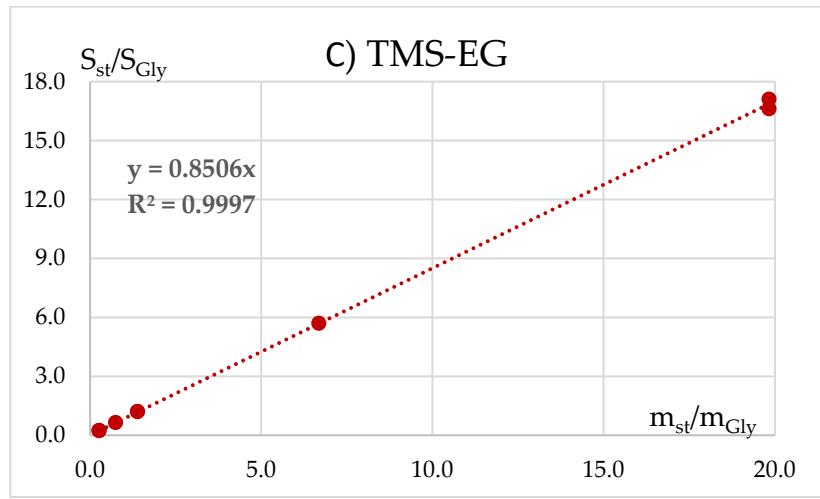
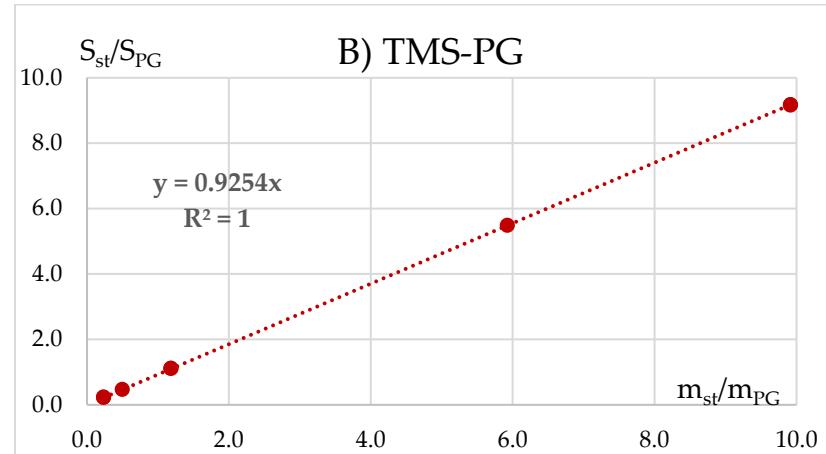
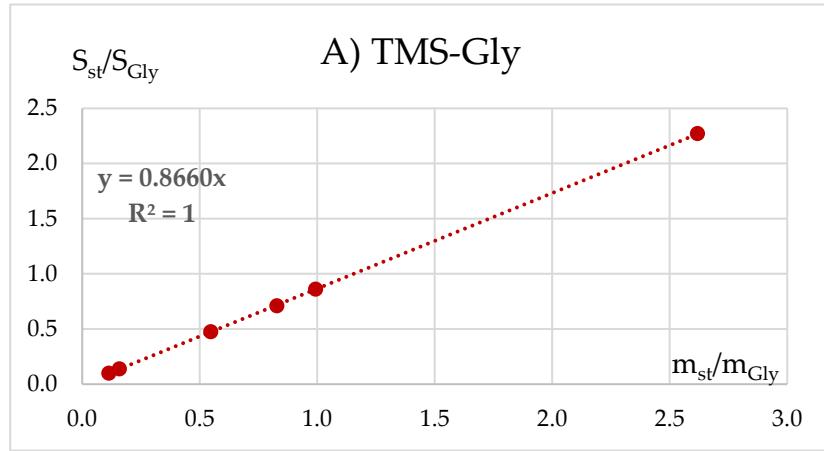
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Entry	Gly/Cu, mol	KOH/Cu, mol	Gly/H <sub>2</sub> O, vol	$\tau, \text{h}$	$X_{\text{Gly}}, \%$	$S_x, \%$	$Y_{\text{EG}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	$Y_{\text{PG}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	$Y_{\text{LA}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	$Y_{\text{GA}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	$N$	
1	50	2.3	4.1	5	3.4	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.5	1.5	0.1	16	
2					2.8	0.2	-	-	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.1	1.4	0.1	2	
3					3.5	-	-	-	1.1	-	1.1	-	1.3	-	1	
4					1	2.9	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.9	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	2
5					2.5	8.0	1.4	0.3	0.1	6.1	1.2	1.0	0.1	0.6	0.1	2
6				10	5	13.4	1.5	0.7	0.1	10.0	1.1	1.7	0.5	1.0	0.2	2
7					15	15.3	2.4	0.8	0.3	11.2	2.0	2.5	0.1	0.8	0.1	2
8					30	23.8	2.1	1.1	0.4	17.9	2.6	3.9	0.9	0.9	0.2	3
9					60	30.6	1.1	1.1	0.2	22.9	1.2	5.7	1.4	0.9	0.1	3
10					12.6	-	0.4	-	6.3	-	4.7	-	1.2	0.1	1	
11		3.6		5	12.8	-	0.4	-	6.4	-	4.4	-	1.6	0.1	1	
12					0.4	13.3	1.4	0.4	0.1	4.0	0.4	7.3	1.2	1.6	0.6	2
13		5.8	4.1	5	0.8	14.5	1.8	0.6	0.1	6.8	1.8	5.9	0.3	1.2	0.1	3
14					1.4	13.7	0.1	0.3	0.1	6.5	1.4	5.3	2.0	1.6	0.5	2
15				10	30	13.4	0.6	0.4	0.1	5.9	0.5	5.8	0.1	1.3	0.1	2
16					1	12.6	1.7	0.4	0.1	6.9	1.0	4.0	0.8	1.3	0.2	13
17					2.5	14.4	1.0	0.4	0.1	7.5	0.8	5.1	0.9	1.4	0.3	3
18					5	16.8	2.4	0.7	0.2	8.5	1.6	6.8	1.2	0.8	0.4	21
19		4.1	10	15	10	18.5	1.3	0.8	0.2	9.4	0.8	7.4	0.6	0.9	0.3	2
20					30	20.3	2.4	0.8	0.2	10.4	1.6	8.4	1.1	0.7	0.3	13
21				60	24.4	2.8	1.1	0.4	13.5	2.4	9.1	0.1	0.7	0.1	2	
22					23.2	2.5	0.8	0.2	12.9	2.8	8.9	0.3	0.6	0.3	2	
23		100	4.1	5	0	2.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.1	2
24					0.3	2.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.1	2
25				5.8	7.8	0.6	0.2	0.1	4.0	0.4	3.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	2	
26					10	11.5	0.7	0.3	0.2	5.1	0.1	5.6	0.4	0.5	0.1	2
27					15	8.6	0.7	0.3	0.1	4.4	0.4	3.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	2
28					10	10.6	-	0.5	-	5.3	-	4.2	-	0.6	-	1

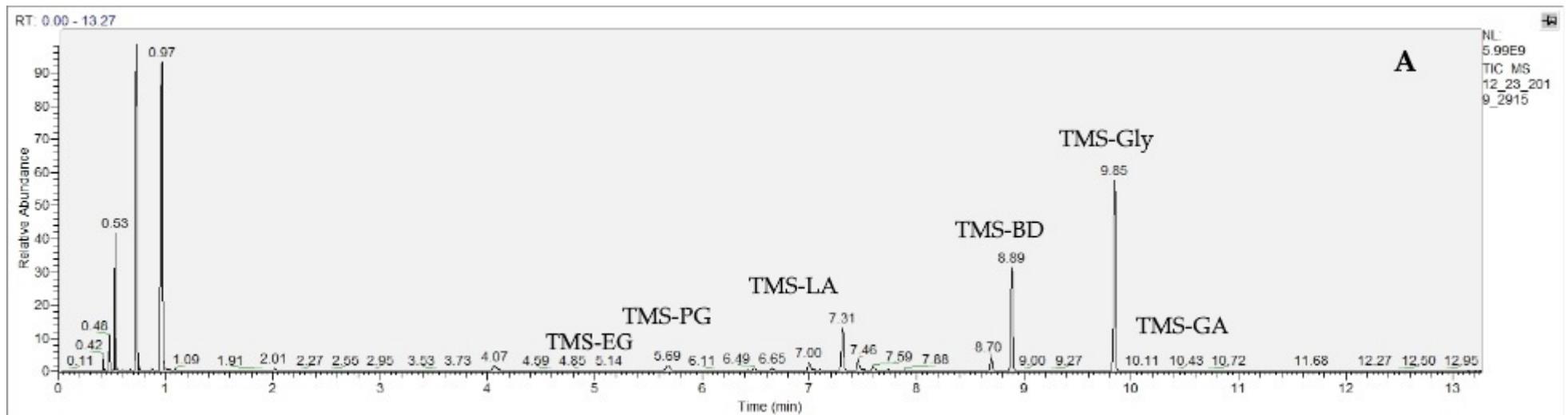
30	200	5.0			3.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	2.0	0.1	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	2
31	219	11.0			5.9	2.1	0.2	0.1	2.6	1.2	2.9	0.6	0.2	0.2	2

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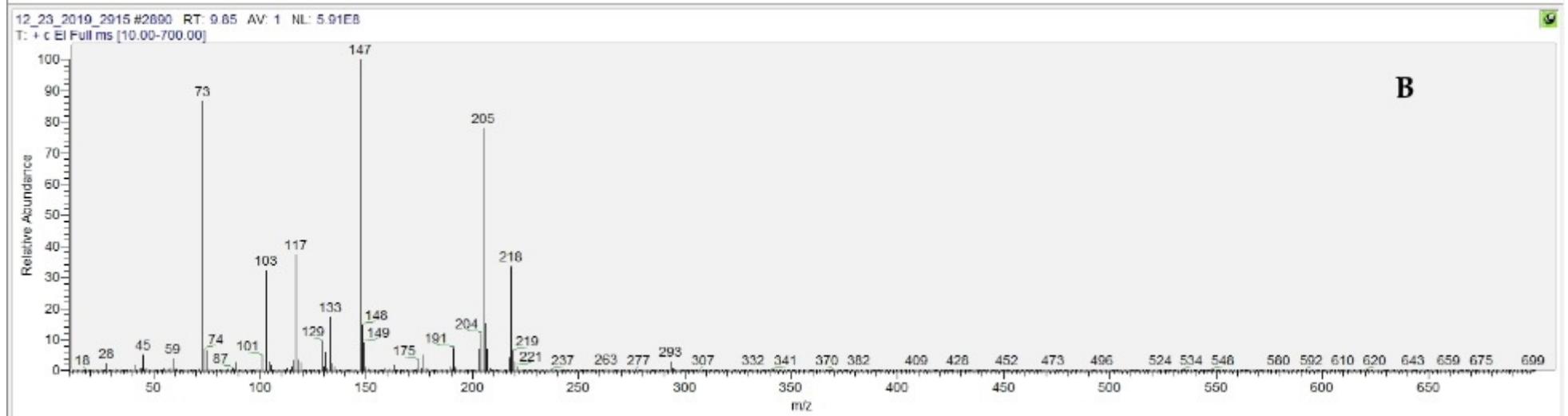
Entry	Precursor salt or catalyst	T, °C	Gly/Cu, mol	KOH/Cu, mol	τ, h	$X_{\text{Gly}}, \%$	$S_x, \%$	$Y_{\text{EG}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	$Y_{\text{PG}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	$Y_{\text{LA}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	$Y_{\text{GA}}, \%$	$S_y, \%$	N	
1	$\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	200	50	5.8	5	15.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	7.0	0.2	7.0	0.2	0.6	0.1	2	
2					10	15.2	1.6	0.5	0.1	8.9	1.2	5.0	0.4	0.8	0.1	3	
3			100		5	7.0	-	0.2	-	4.0	-	2.5	-	0.3	-	1	
4					10	8.1	-	0.4	-	4.7	-	2.9	-	0.1	-	1	
5		220	50		5	16.6	1.2	0.8	0.2	10.4	1.5	5.1	1.9	0.3	0.2	2	
6					10	18.4	1.8	0.9	0.2	10.7	1.2	6.8	0.7	-	-	2	
7			100		5	8.5	-	0.4	-	4.7	-	3.3	-	0.1	-	1	
8					10	8.5	-	0.3	-	4.8	-	3.4	-	-	-	1	
9	$\text{Cu-Cr}_2\text{O}_3$	200	50	0	5	7.4	1.9	0.1	0.1	6.0	2.0	1.3	0.1	-	-	2	
10					10	10.6	2.7	0.1	0.1	10.1	2.0	0.4	0.3	-	-	2	
11			100		5	3.6	0.5	-	-	3.6	0.4	-	-	-	-	2	
12					10	9.3	1.2	0.3	0.2	8.3	1.6	0.7	0.2	-	-	3	
13		220	50		5	19.0	1.6	0.2	0.1	17.3	1.7	1.5	0.1	-	-	2	
14					10	26.1	0.9	0.2	0.1	25.4	1.3	0.5	0.4	-	-	2	
15			100	0	5	34.5	-	1.5	-	23.6	-	9.4	-	-	-	1	
16					5	11.8	0.9	0.1	0.1	8.6	0.8	3.1	0.1	-	-	2	
17			230		10	19.5	3.7	0.1	0.1	19.0	4.1	0.4	0.4	-	-	3	
18					5	31.8	-	1.3	-	20.7	-	9.8	-	-	-	1	
19	$\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	200	50	5.8	5	11.0	3.6	0.3	0.1	5.8	3.0	4.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	2	
20		220				16.2	1.0	0.5	0	6.7	0.1	8.3	1.0	0.7	0.1	2	



**Figure S1.** Calibration plots of response ratio ( $S_{st}/S$ ) versus mass ratio ( $m_{st}/m$ ) for internal standardization by GC-FID for **A:** TMS-Gly derivative; **B:** TMS-PG derivative; **C:** TMS-EG derivative; **D:** TMS-LA derivative. For GA, the same coefficient was used as for Gly.

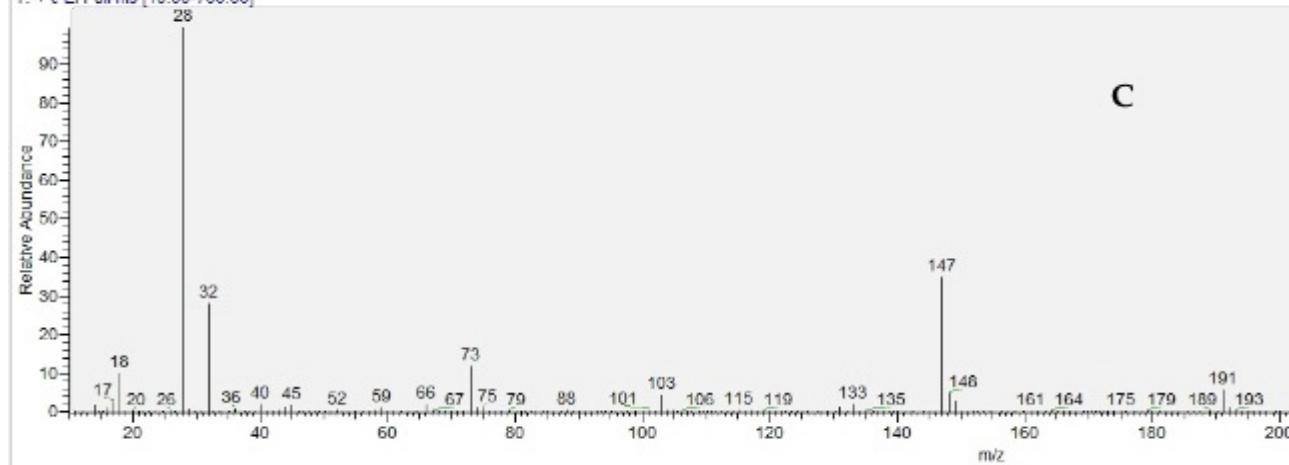


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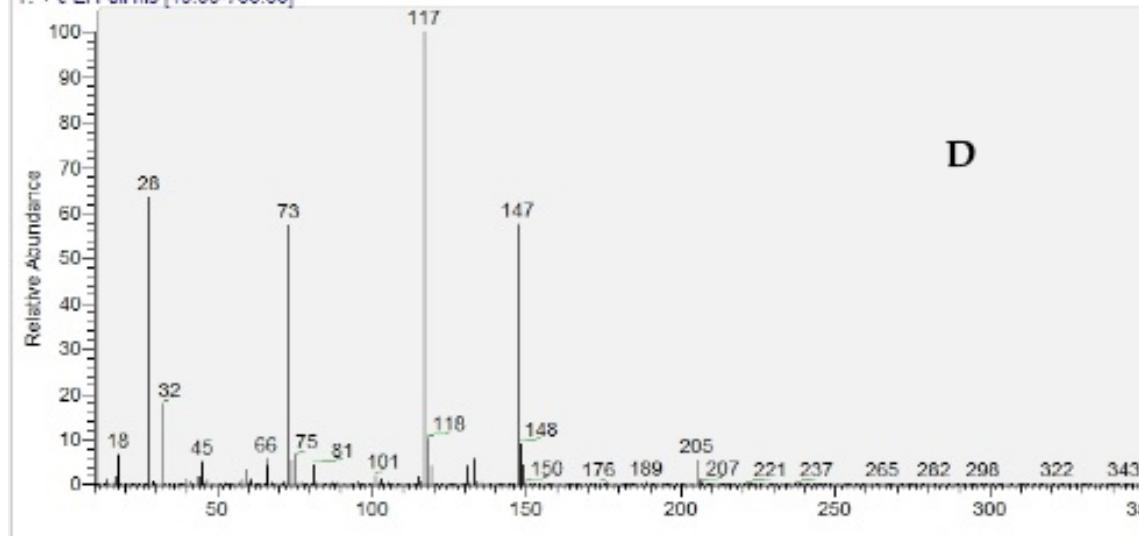
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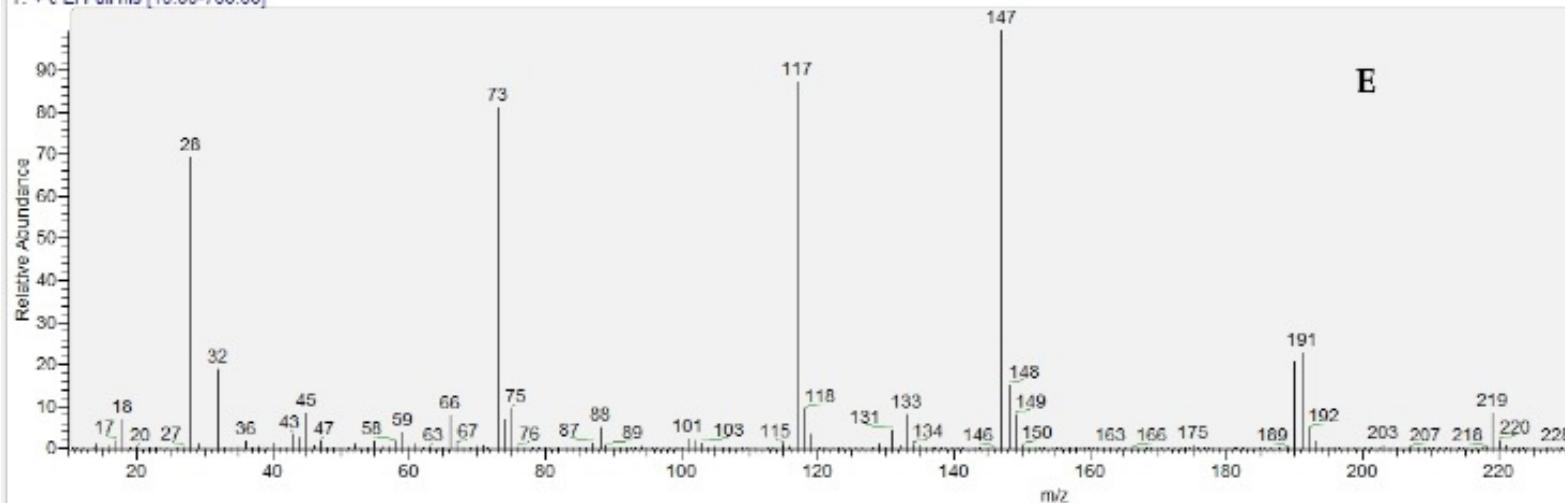
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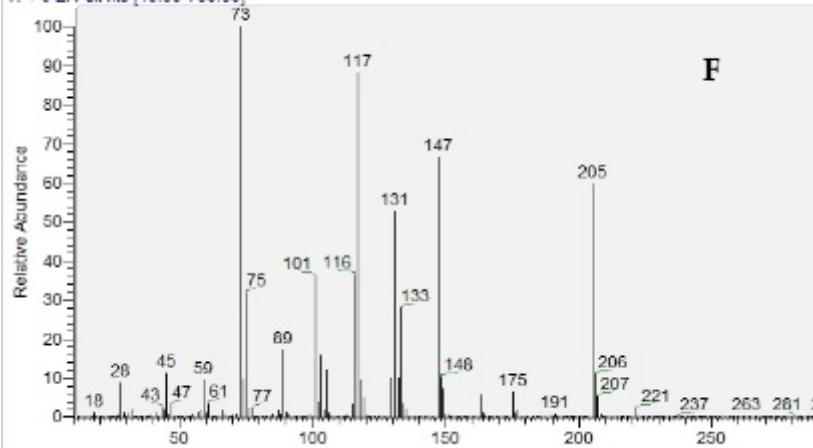
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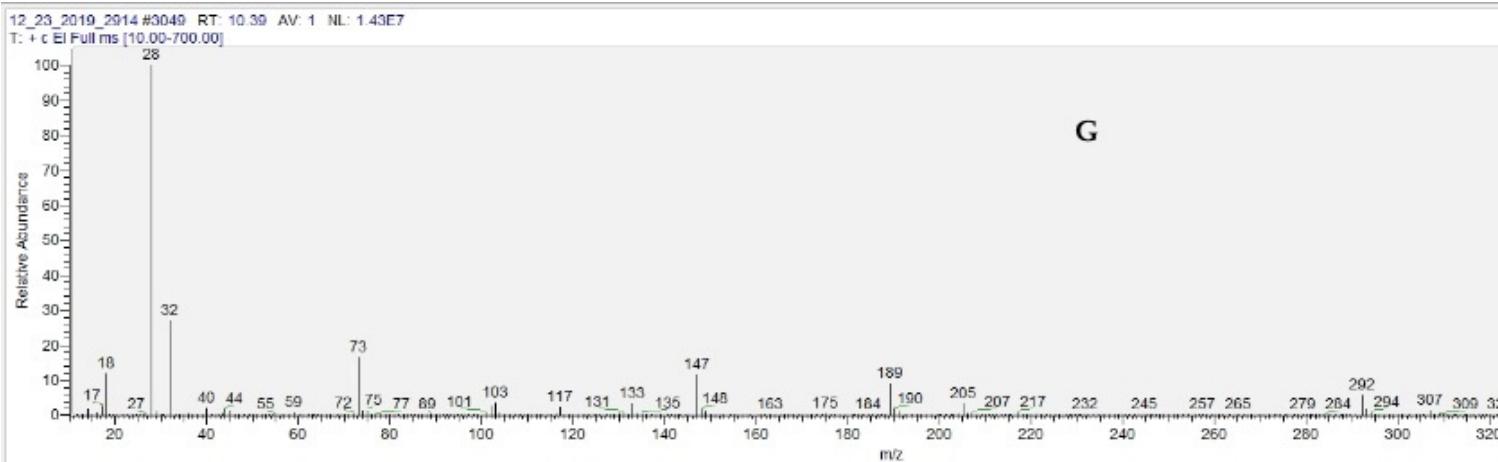
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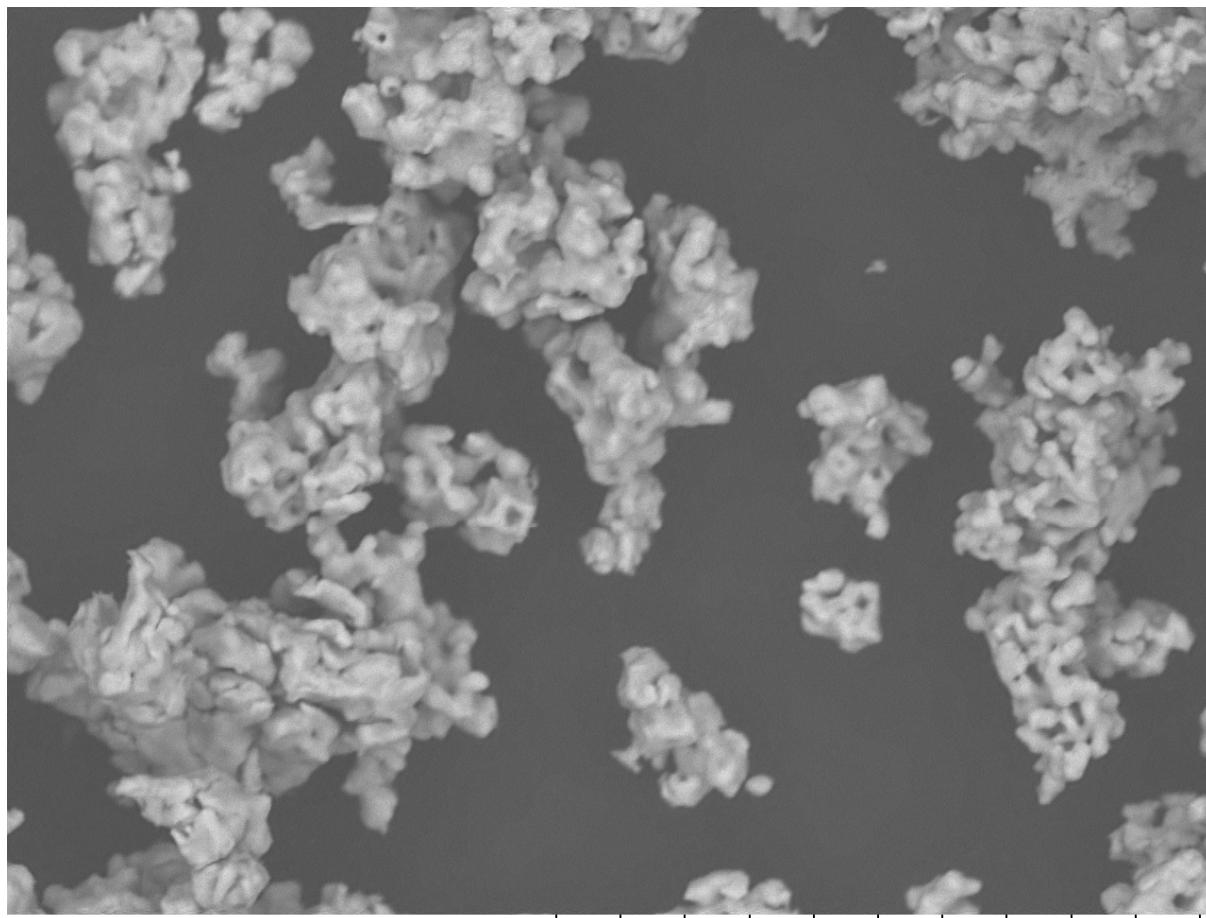


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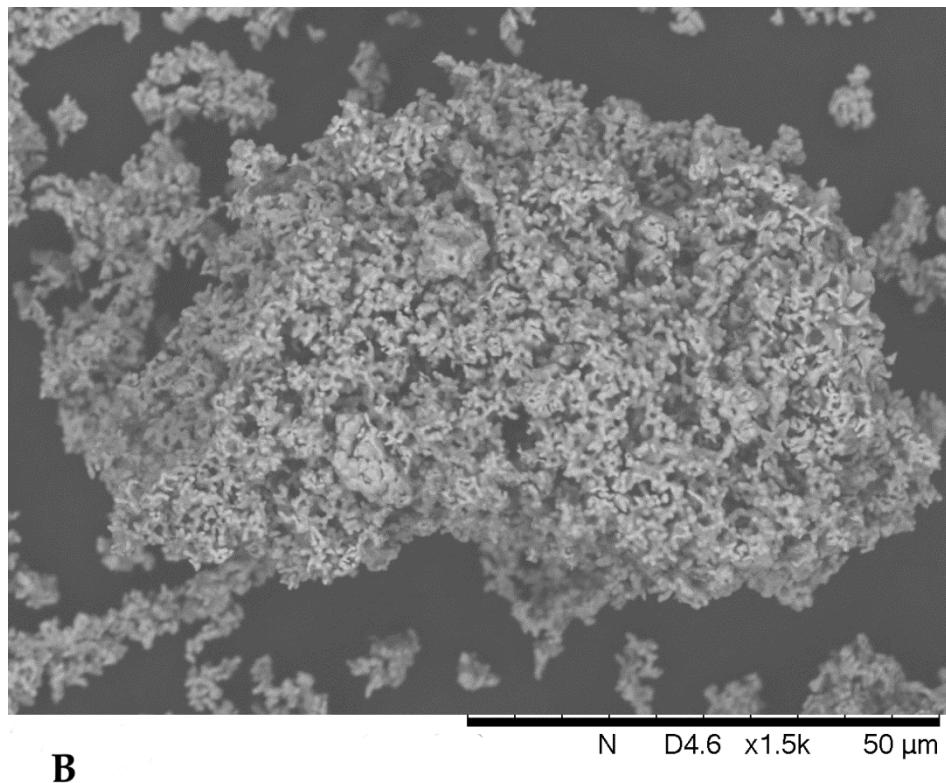
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**Figure S2.** A: The mass spectrum of silylated liquid sample after glycerol hydrogenolysis reaction; B: The mass spectrum of TMS-Gly; C: The mass spectrum of TMS-EG; D: The mass spectrum of TMS-PG; E: The mass spectrum of TMS-LA; F: The mass spectrum of TMS-BD; G: The mass spectrum of TMS-GA.

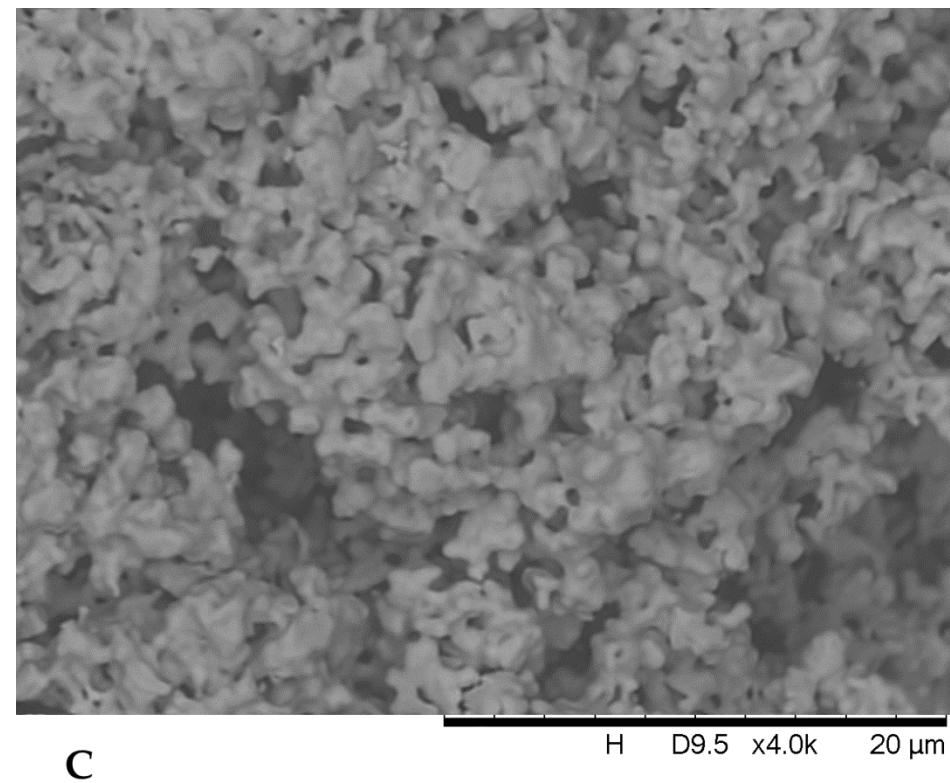


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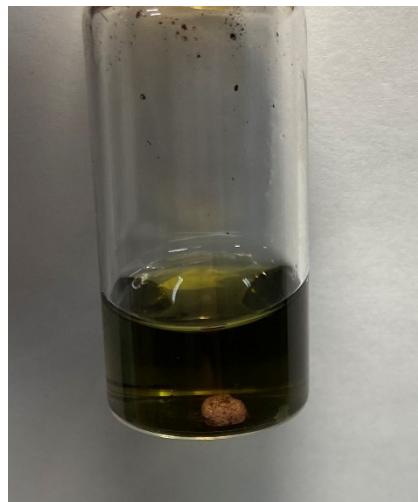


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**Figure S3.** The SEM microphotographs of the copper catalysts generated *in situ* in the reaction medium during hydrogenolysis of glycerol. **A, B:** Cu-5; **C:** Cu-15.



**Figure S4.** The appearance of the catalyst after 60 h of glycerol hydrogenolysis.



**Figure S5.**  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  in a water–glycerol solution prior to adding potassium hydroxide.