## Synergistic Effect in Au-Cu Bimetallic Catalysts for the valorization of lignin-derived compounds.

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## **Supporting Information**

The high resolution spectra of Cu of both C- and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-supported samples are reported in figures S1 and S2.



Figure S1. Cu 2p deconvolution for A) Au<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>1</sub> B) Au<sub>1</sub>Cu<sub>1</sub> and C) Au<sub>1</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub> C-supported catalysts



Figure S2. Cu 2p deconvolution for A) Au<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>1</sub> B) Au<sub>1</sub>Cu<sub>1</sub> and C) Au<sub>1</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub> Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-supported catalysts.

The high resolution spectra of Au of both C- and  $Al_2O_3$ -supported samples are reported in figures S3 and S4. Spectra related to  $Au_1Cu_4$  are not reported because the too low resolution of the Au signal does not allow for deconvolution.



Figure S3. Au 4f deconvolution for A) Au<sub>1</sub>Cu<sub>1</sub> B) Au<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>1</sub> C-supported catalysts.

Au1Cu1/Al2O3 - Au4f

Au<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>1</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> - Au<sub>4</sub>f



Figure S4. Au 4f deconvolution for A) Au1Cu1 B) Au4Cu1 Al2O3-supported catalysts.

The A) gold and B) copper surface exposure as a function of the conversion of VA after 1 h for Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> supported catalysts is reported in figure S5.



**Figure S5.** Influence of A) gold and B) copper surface exposure on the conversion of VA after 1 h for Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> supported catalysts.

The influence of  $Au^{0}_{exp}$  exposure on the conversion at 1 h of reaction is reported in figure S6.



Figure S6. influence of  $Au^{0}_{exp}$  exposure on the conversion at 1 h of reaction.