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Catalytic Conversion of Lignins for Valuable Chemicals

Message from the Guest Editor

Oxidation of native and technical lignins produces vanillin, syringaldehyde, and other valuable chemicals. Since the wide adoption of copper oxide as the traditional catalyst, numerous other catalytic systems have been proposed to improve the processes. Studies of new catalysts and their comparison with traditional ones are of great interest and are invited for submission to this Special Issue. Various oxidants can be used for production of valuable chemicals from lignins. Many methods of lignin oxidation include, but are not limited to, wet air oxidation, oxidation in different solvents, and electrochemical oxidation. Comparisons of different oxidants, processing methods, and their efficiency will allow for better evaluation of their market prospects and are also invited for submission to this Special Issue. Processing native lignins of wood and agricultural waste is closely tied to the problem of utilization and conversion of the carbohydrates remaining after oxidation, and studies on solving this problem are also invited. Finally, discussions on new fields of application, market prospects of vanillin, syringaldehyde, and related products are welcome.

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