

Supplementary Material

Microwave-Assisted Noncatalytic Esterification of Fatty Acid for Biodiesel Production: A Kinetic Study

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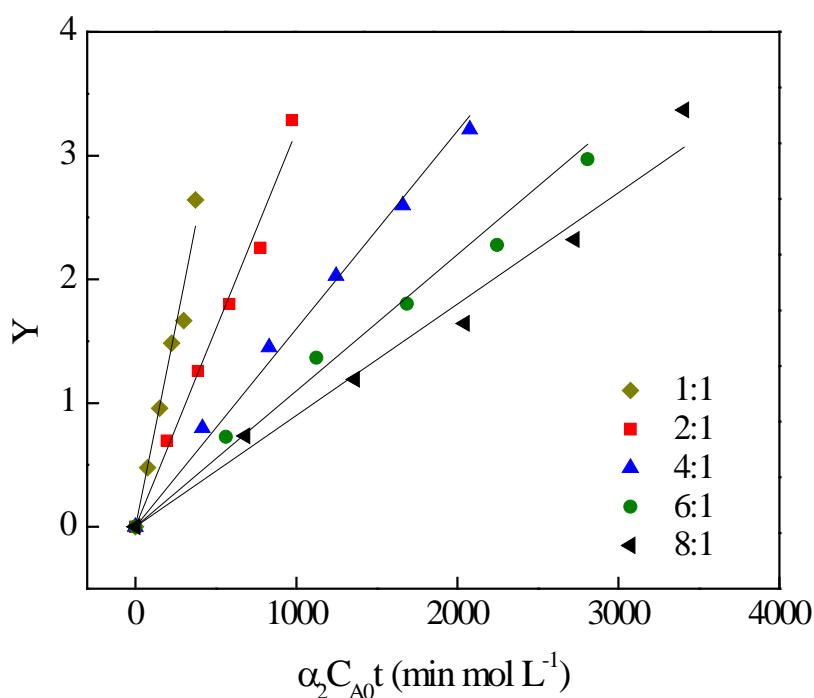


Figure S1. Kinetic model for calculating forward reaction rate constant of esterification of oleic acid with ethanol at different reactant molar ratios. Y denotes $\ln \left[\frac{(-1-\theta_B - \frac{\theta_D}{K_e} + \alpha_2)X + 2\theta_B}{(-1-\theta_B - \frac{\theta_D}{K_e} - \alpha_2)X + 2\theta_B} \right]$.

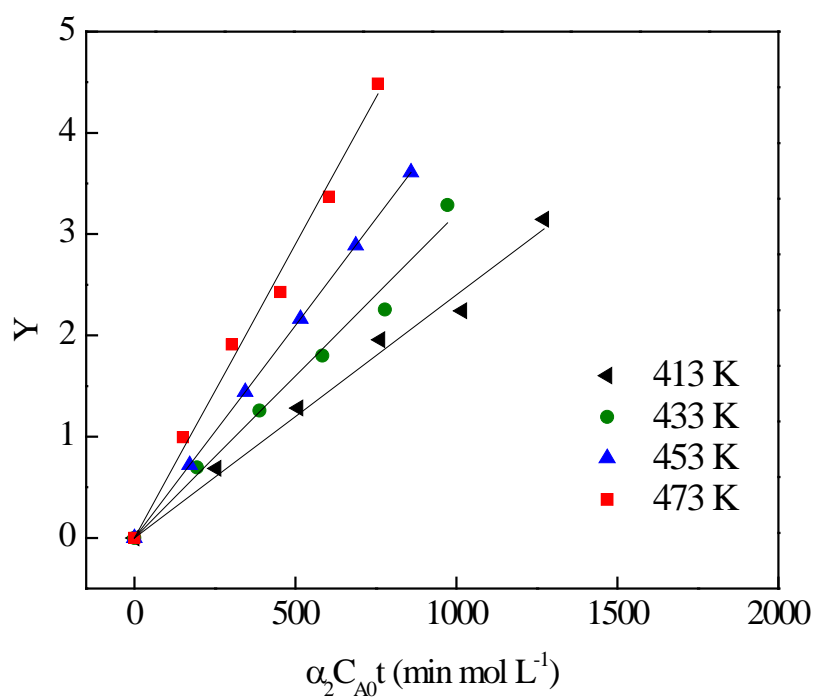


Figure S2. Kinetic model for calculating forward reaction rate constant of esterification of oleic acid with ethanol at different temperatures. Y denotes $\ln \left[\frac{(-1-\theta_B - \frac{\theta_D}{K_e} + \alpha_2)X + 2\theta_B}{(-1-\theta_B - \frac{\theta_D}{K_e} - \alpha_2)X + 2\theta_B} \right]$.

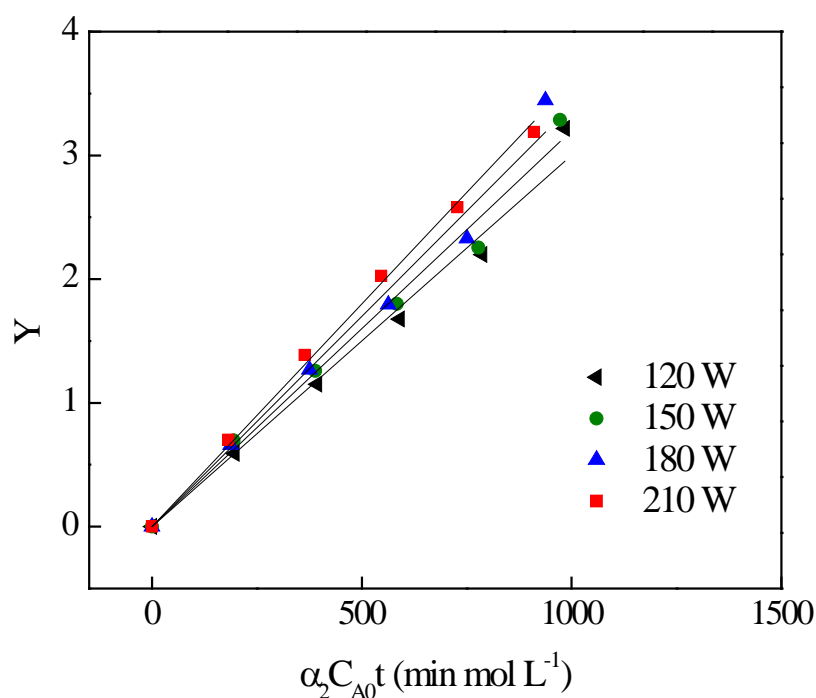


Figure S3. Kinetic model for calculating forward reaction rate constant of esterification of oleic acid with ethanol at different microwave power levels. Y denotes $\ln \left[\frac{(-1 - \theta_B - \frac{\theta_D}{K_e} + \alpha_2)X + 2\theta_B}{(-1 - \theta_B - \frac{\theta_D}{K_e} - \alpha_2)X + 2\theta_B} \right]$.

Table S1. Forward reaction rate constant k_1 and equilibrium rate constant K_e for esterification using conventional heating.

Run	Molar ratio of ethanol to oleic acid	Temperature (K)	Equilibrium constant, K_e	Forward reaction rate constant, k_1 (L mol ⁻¹ min ⁻¹)	R ²
1	1:1	433	2.4213	2.2×10^{-3}	0.988
2	2:1	433	1.5584	1.5×10^{-3}	0.996
3	4:1	433	0.7237	0.8×10^{-3}	0.988
4	6:1	433	0.5484	0.5×10^{-3}	0.963
5	8:1	433	0.2980	0.5×10^{-3}	0.952
6	2:1	413	1.0501	1.0×10^{-3}	0.989
7	2:1	433	1.5584	1.5×10^{-3}	0.996
8	2:1	453	3.6264	1.9×10^{-3}	0.978
9	2:1	473	5.4830	2.4×10^{-3}	0.975

