

Supplementary Materials

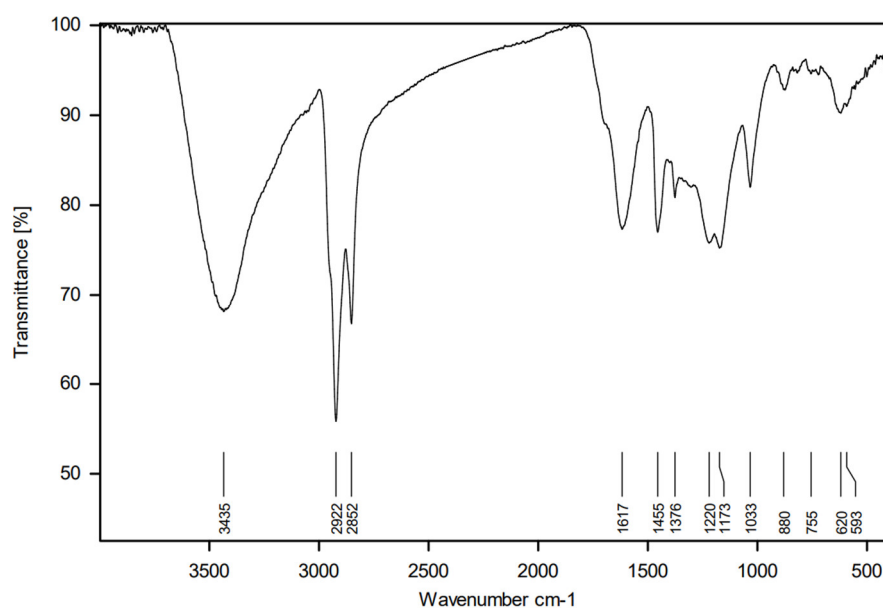


Figure S1. IR spectrum of products of oxidation of petroleum asphaltenes with $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ [32]

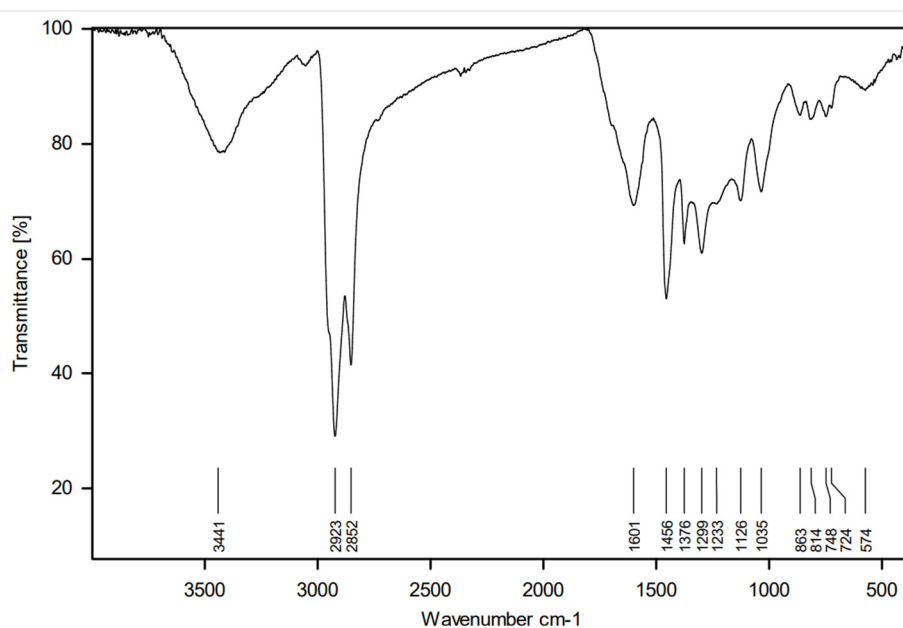


Figure S2. IR spectrum of products of oxidation of petroleum asphaltenes with $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ [34]

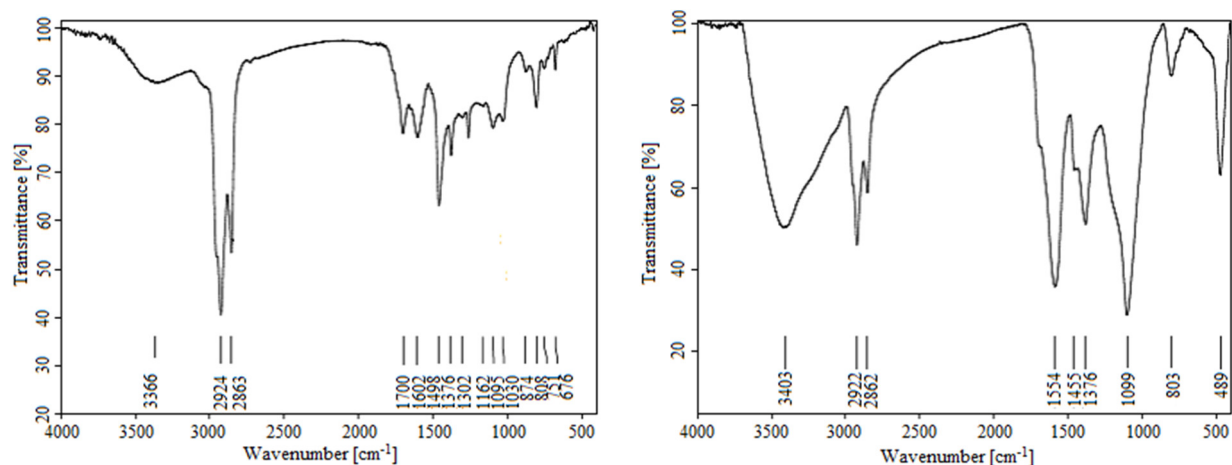


Figure S3. IR spectra of SP-1 (left) and SP-2 (right) products obtained by oxidation of petroleum asphaltenes with sodium percarbonate [40].

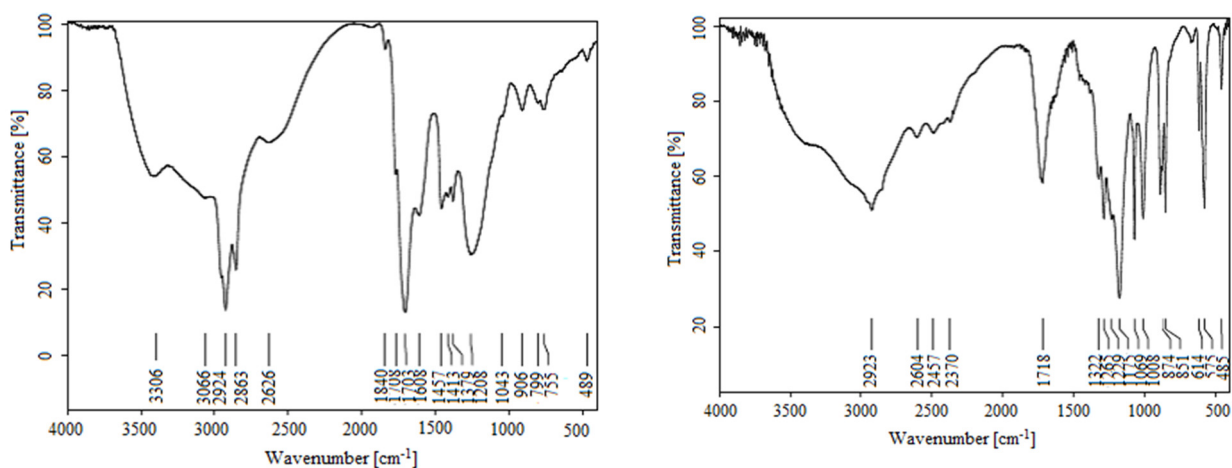
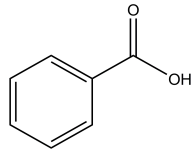
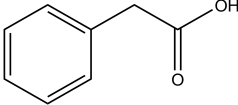
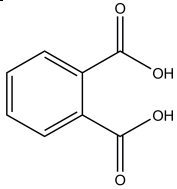
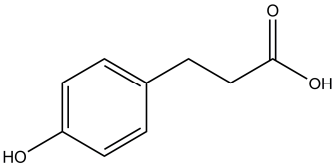
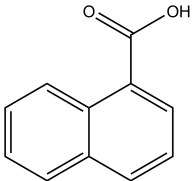
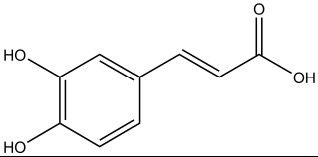
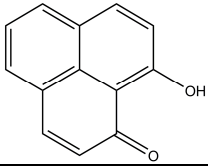
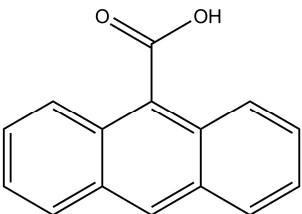
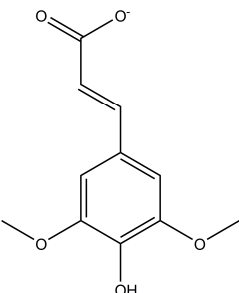
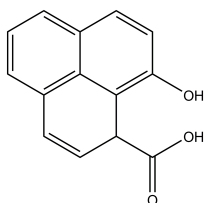
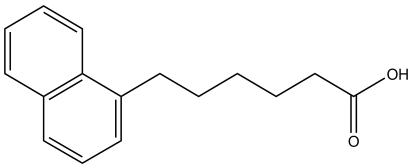
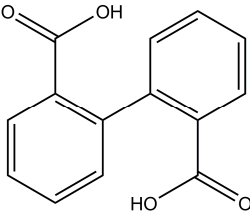
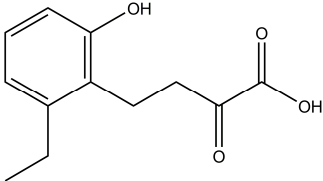
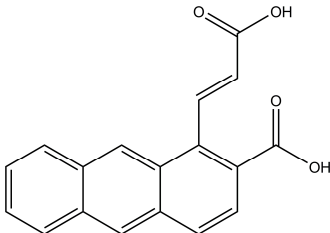
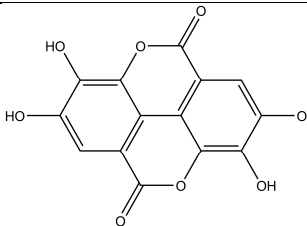
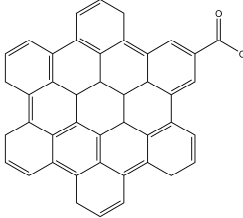
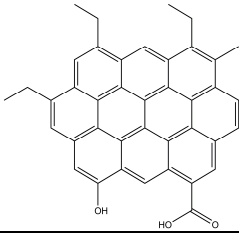


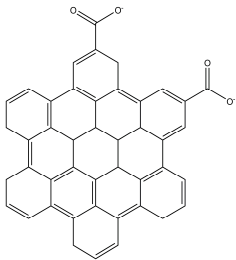
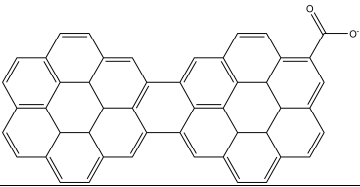
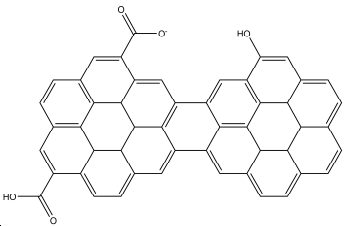
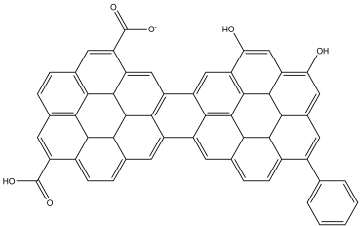
Figure S4. IR spectra of SP-3 (left) and SP-4 (right) products obtained by oxidation of petroleum asphaltenes with sodium percarbonate [40].

Table S1. Ion analysis results according to ESI-MS data (-) for SP-3 and SP-4 products

Nº	compound	structure	MS diagnostic ion
1	Benzoic acid		121(M ⁻), 77 (M ⁻ - CO ₂)
2	Phenylacetic acid		135 (M ⁻)

3	Phthalic acid		165 (M^-), 149 ($C_8H_5O_3$), 121 ($M^- - CO_2$)
4	3-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid		165 (M^-)
5	1-naphthoic acid		171 (M^-), 153 ($M^- - H_2O$), 127 ($M^- - CO_2$)
6	Caffeic acid		179 (M^-), 135 ($M^- - CO_2$)
7	9-hydroxyphenalen-1-one		195 (M^-)
8	Anthracene-9-carboxylic acid		221 (M^-)
9	Sinapic acid		223 (M^-)
10	9-oxophenalene-1-carboxylic acid		223 (M^-), 205 ($M^- - H_2O$), 195 ($M^- - CO$) 179 ($M^- - CO_2$)

11	6-(1-naphthyl) hexanoic acid		241 (M ⁻), 223 (M ⁻ - H ₂ O), 205 (M ⁻ - H ₂ O), 197 (M ⁻ - CO ₂), 195 (C ₁₀ H ₇ (CH ₂) ₃ CH=CH)
12	Diphenic acid		241 (M ⁻ , 5), 197 (M ⁻ - CO ₂ , 1), 179 (M ⁻ - CO ₂ - H ₂ O)
13	4-[2-ethyl-6-hydroxyphenyl]-2-oxobutanoic acid		221 (M ⁻), 177 (M ⁻ - CO ₂), 149 (M ⁻ - CO ₂ - CO), 121 (M ⁻ - CO ₂ - 2CO)
14	1-(2-)[3-Hydroxy-3-oxo-prop-1-enyl]anthracene-2-(1)-carboxylic acid		291 (M ⁻), 273 (M ⁻ - H ₂ O), 247 (M ⁻ - CO ₂), 221 (M ⁻ - CO ₂ - C ₂ H ₂), 203 (M ⁻ - 2CO ₂), 177 (M ⁻ - 2CO ₂ - C ₂ H ₂)
15	Ellagic acid		301 (M ⁻)
16	Hexabenzocoronenic acid		565 (M ⁻)
17	Triethylmethylhydroxy ovalic acid		583 (M ⁻)

18	Hexabenzocoronene diacid		608 (M ²⁻)
19	Dicoronenic acid		639 (M ⁻)
20	Hydroxydicoronedic diacid		701 (M ⁻)
21	Dihydroxyphenyldicoronenic diacid		793 (M ⁻)