Water: Friend or Foe in Catalytic Hydrogenation? A Case Study Using Copper Catalysts

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Supplementary information

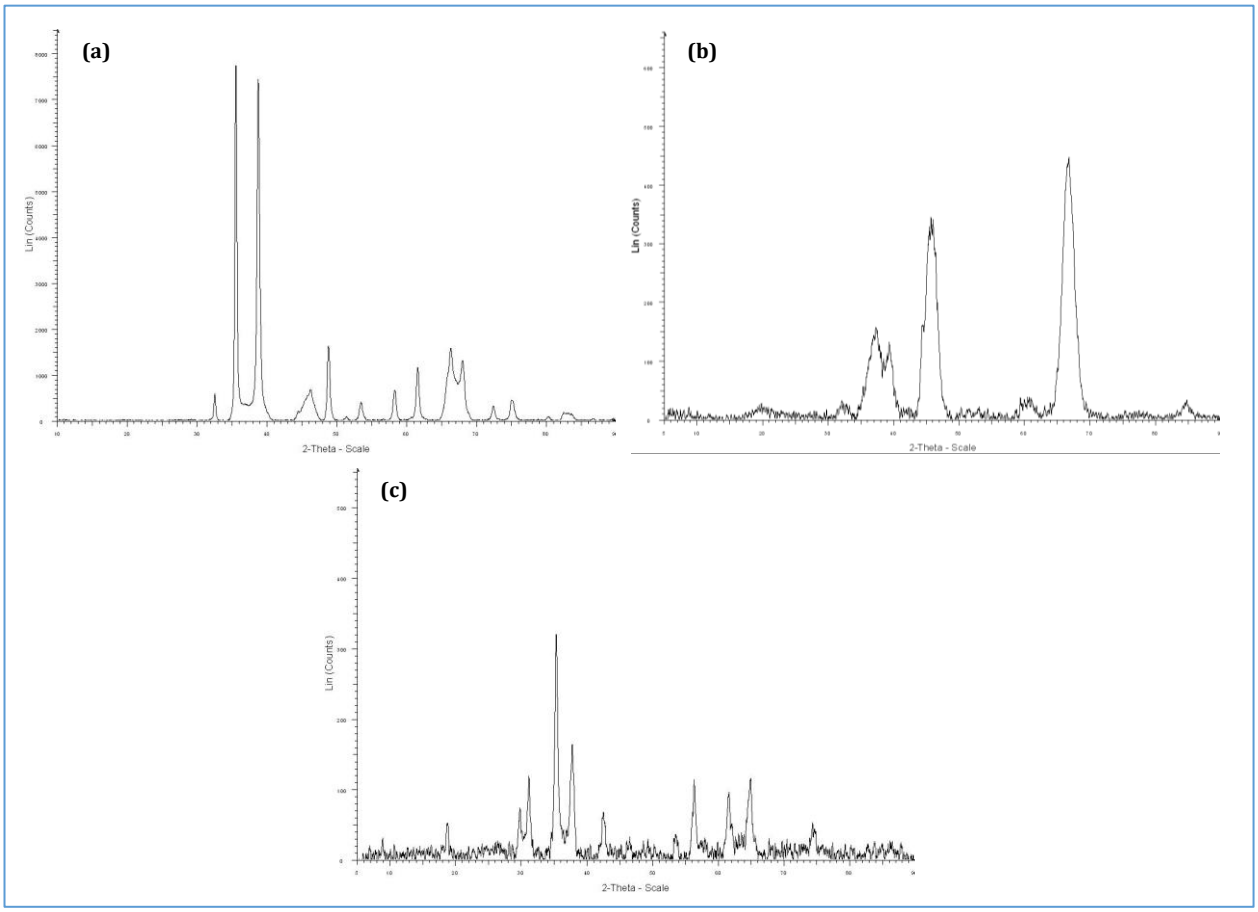
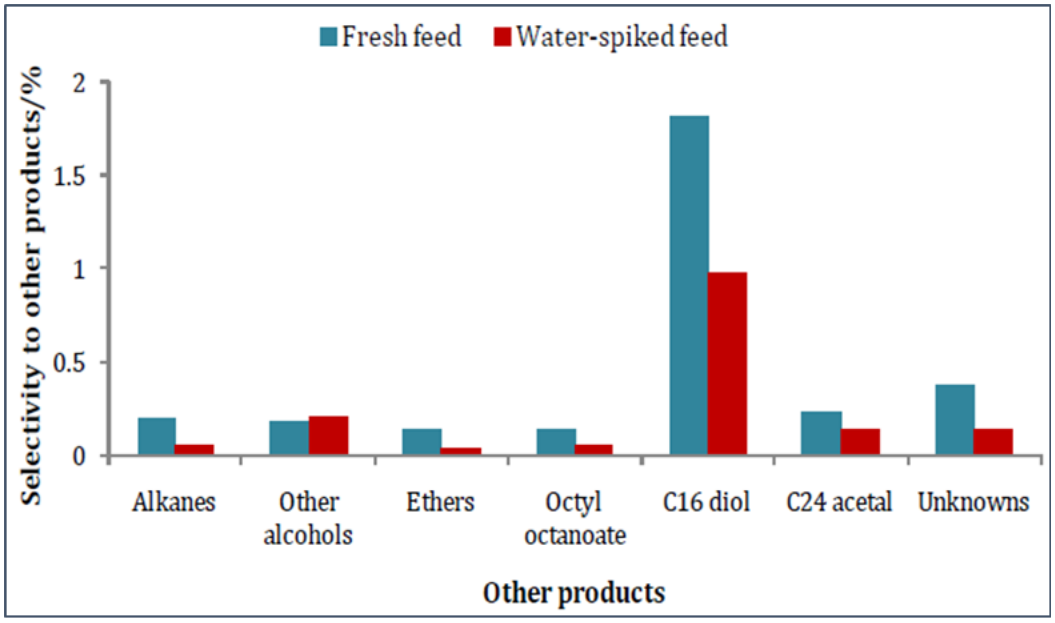


Figure S1: Diffractograms of (a) CuO/Al_2O_3; (b) the Al_2O_3 support and (c) $CuCr_2O_4$



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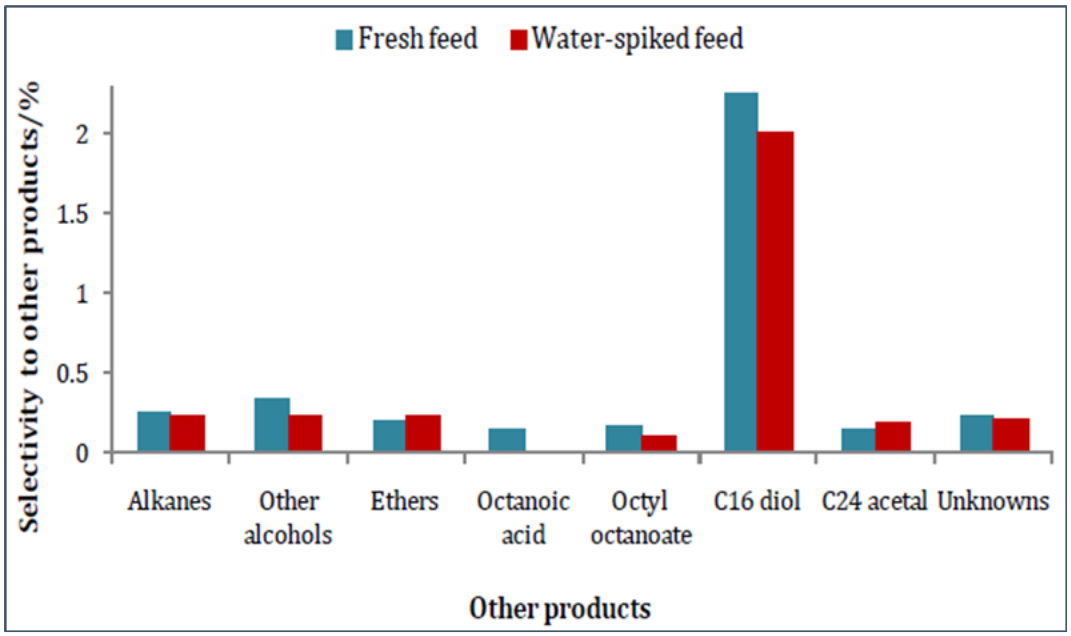

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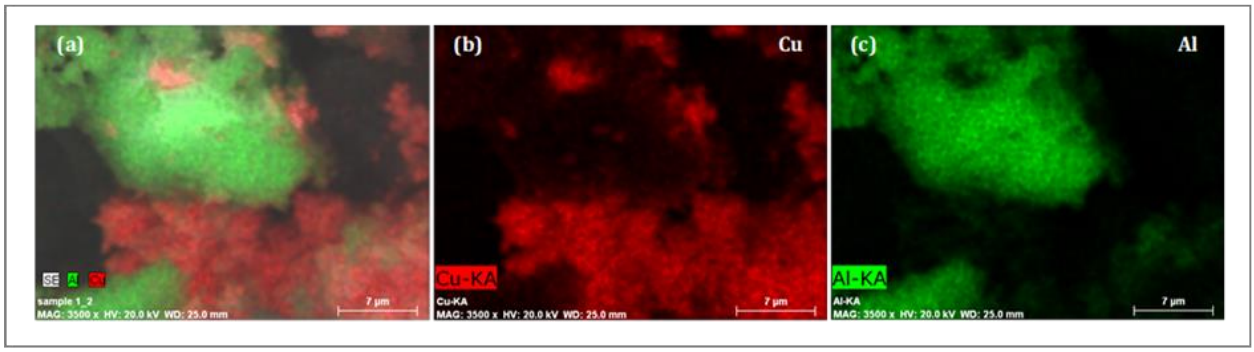

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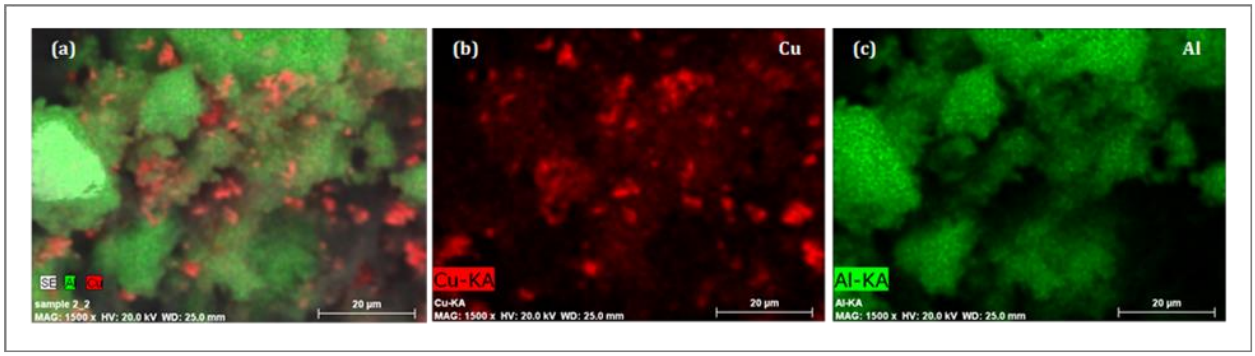

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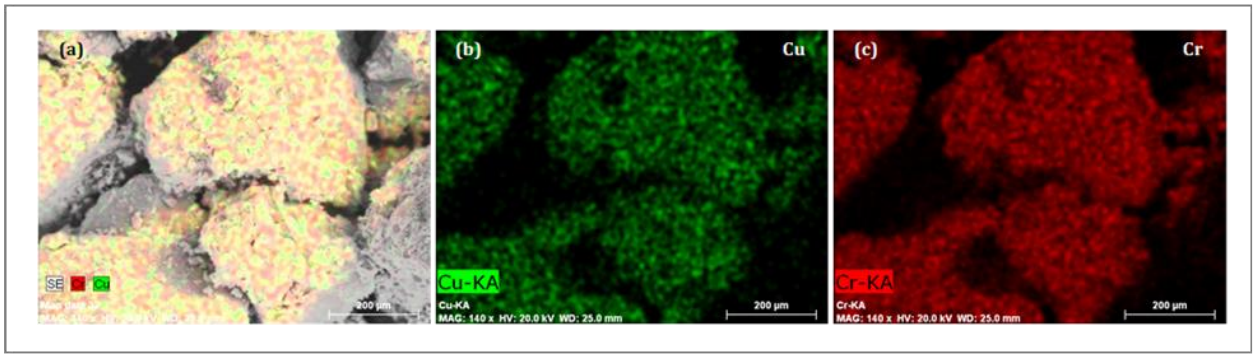

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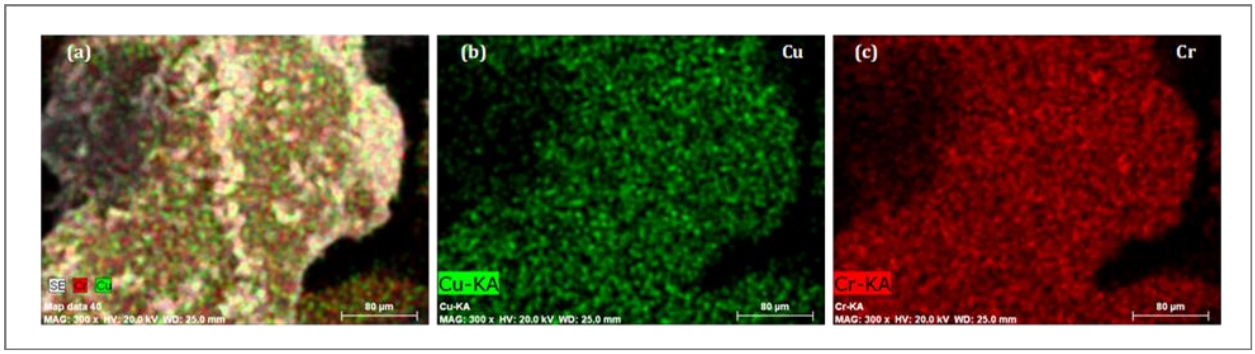

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