

# Supporting Information

## **Hydrothermal carbon enriched with oxygenated groups from biomass glucose as efficient carbocatalyst**

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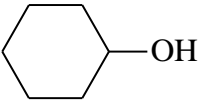
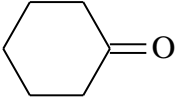
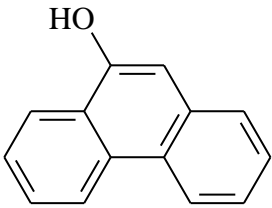
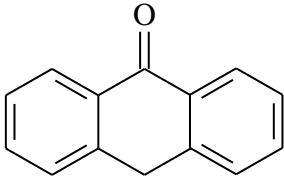
**Table S1.** Textural properties of HTC and zeolite samples.

Sample	$S_{\text{BET}}$ (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	$S_{\text{micro}}$ (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	$V_{\text{p}}^{\text{a}}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	$D_{\text{p}}^{\text{b}}$ (nm)
HTC-10G	6.5	0	0.01	5.5
HTC-5G	7.8	0	0.01	6.1
HTC-2.5G	17.0	0	0.03	6.6
HTC-10GPVA	19.8	0	0.03	5.4
HTC-10G1A	9.0	0	0.01	6.5
HTC-10G3.3A	5.5	0	0.01	6.4
HTC-10G10A	13.9	0	0.04	10.7
HTC-10G10A300	34.0	0	0.05	7.6
HTC-10G10A300m	151.6	118.0	0.10	7.6
HY	323.7	0	0.61	5.7
HZSM-5	368.4	225.1	0.20	3.9

<sup>a</sup> Pore volume measured at the single point of  $P/P_0 = 0.99$ .

<sup>b</sup> BJH desorption average pore diameter.

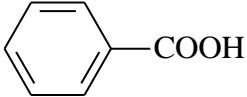
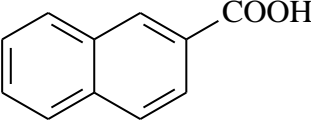
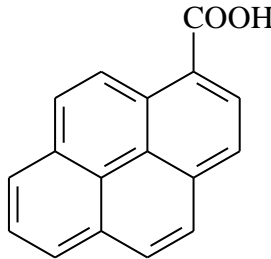
**Table S2.** Reduction of nitrobenzene using organic model molecules as catalysts.<sup>[a]</sup>

Model molecule	Conversion (%)	Aniline selectivity (%)
Blank <sup>[b]</sup>	23.2	79.8
	17.9	84.1
	20.7	66.6
	74.6	87.3
	33.8	80.2

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: 0.3 mmol model molecules, 1.2 g nitrobenzene, 6.0 equivalent hydrazine monohydrate (3.4 g), 100 °C, 4 h.

<sup>b</sup> Blank experiment was conducted in the absence of any model molecules.

**Table S3.** Beckmann rearrangement of cyclohexanone oxime using organic model molecules as catalysts.<sup>[a]</sup>

Model molecule	Conversion (%)	Lactam selectivity (%)	Cyclohexanone selectivity (%)
blank <sup>b</sup>	10.3	72.8	27.2
CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	11.0	0	100
	32.4	82.4	17.6
	14.1	0	100
	14.4	0	100

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: 115 mg cyclohexanone oxime, 10 mL solvent benzonitrile, 0.4 mmol model molecules, 130 °C, 1.5 h.

<sup>b</sup> Blank experiment was conducted in the absence of any model molecules.

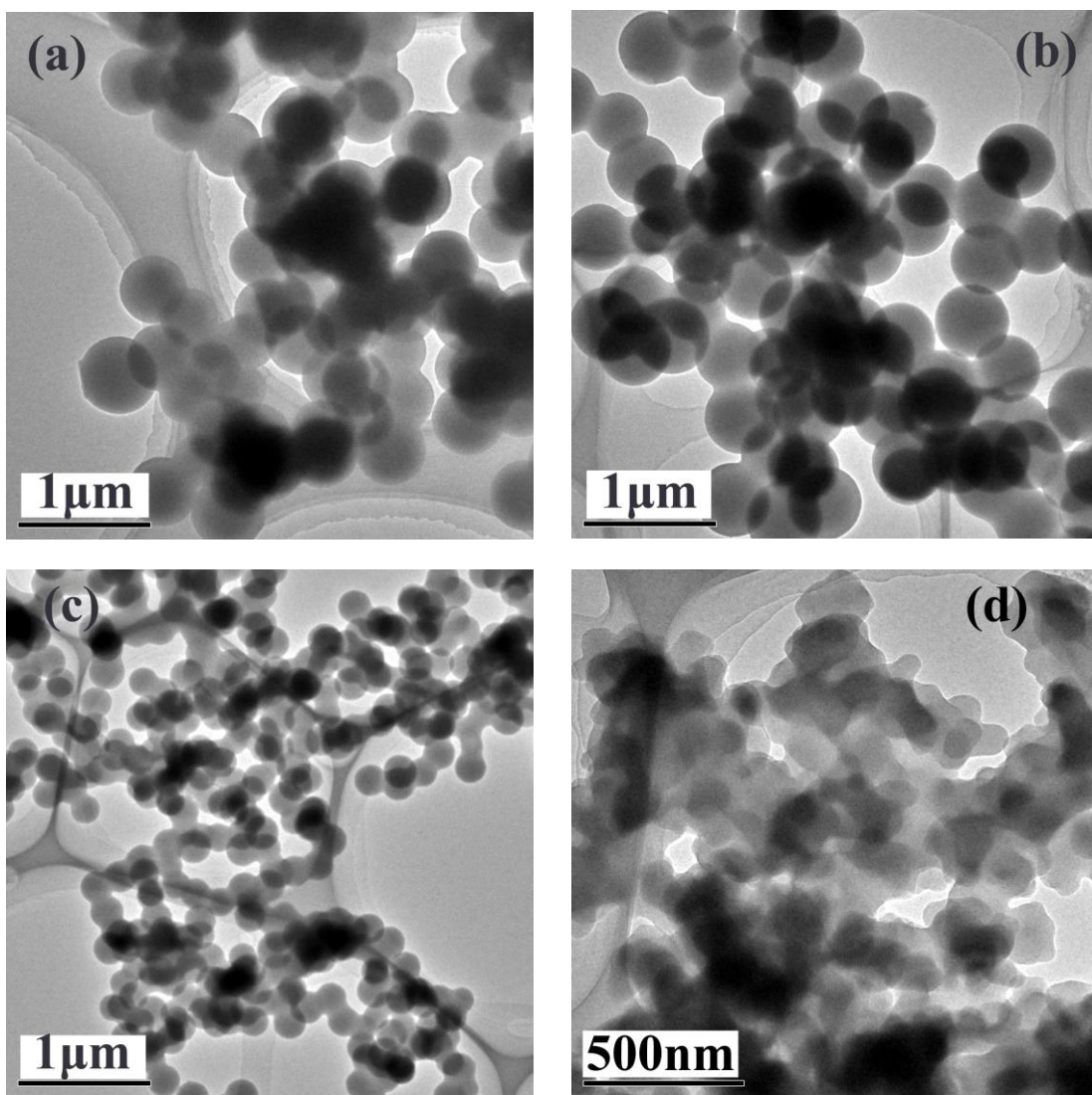


Figure S1. TEM images of HTC samples. (a) HTC-10G, (b) HTC-5G, (c) HTC-2.5G, (d) HTC-GPVA.

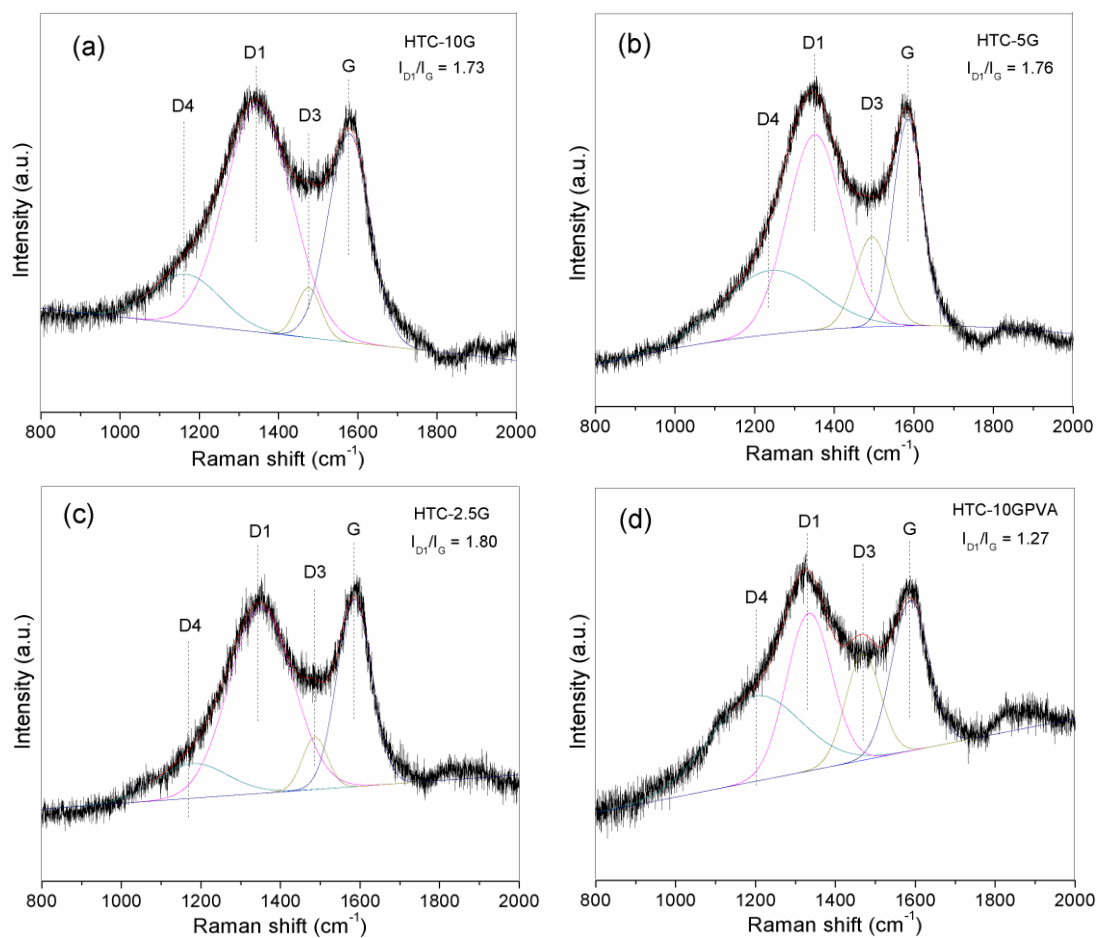


Figure S2. Raman spectra of HTC samples. (a) HTC-10G, (b) HTC-5G, (c) HTC-2.5G, (d) HTC-GPVA.

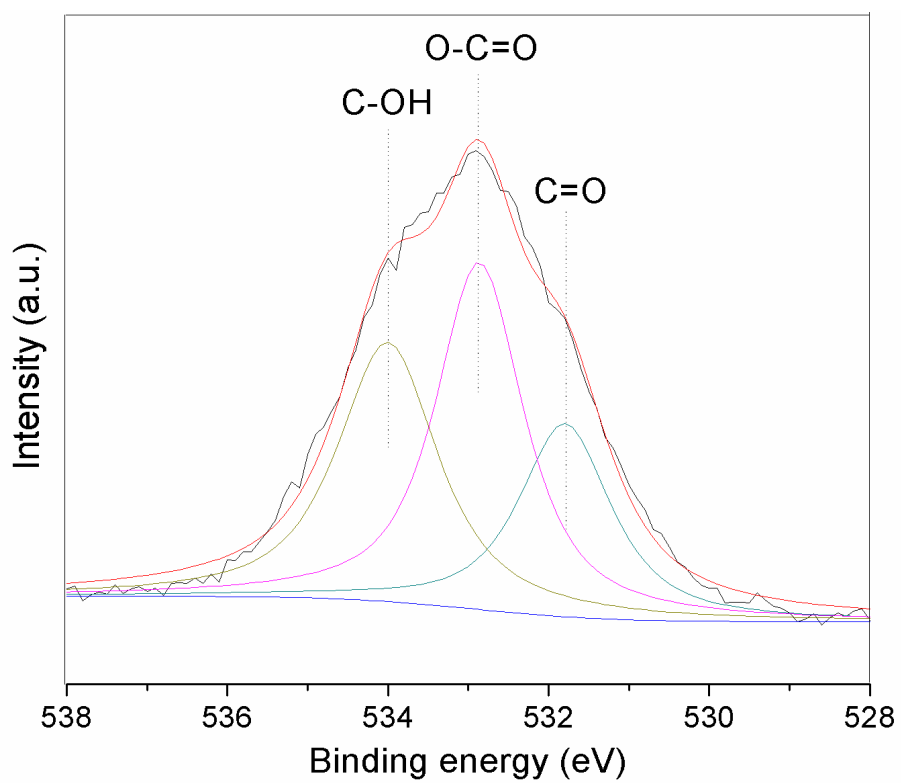


Figure S3. XPS spectra of HTC-10G (total surface O atom percentage is 13.0 at.%).

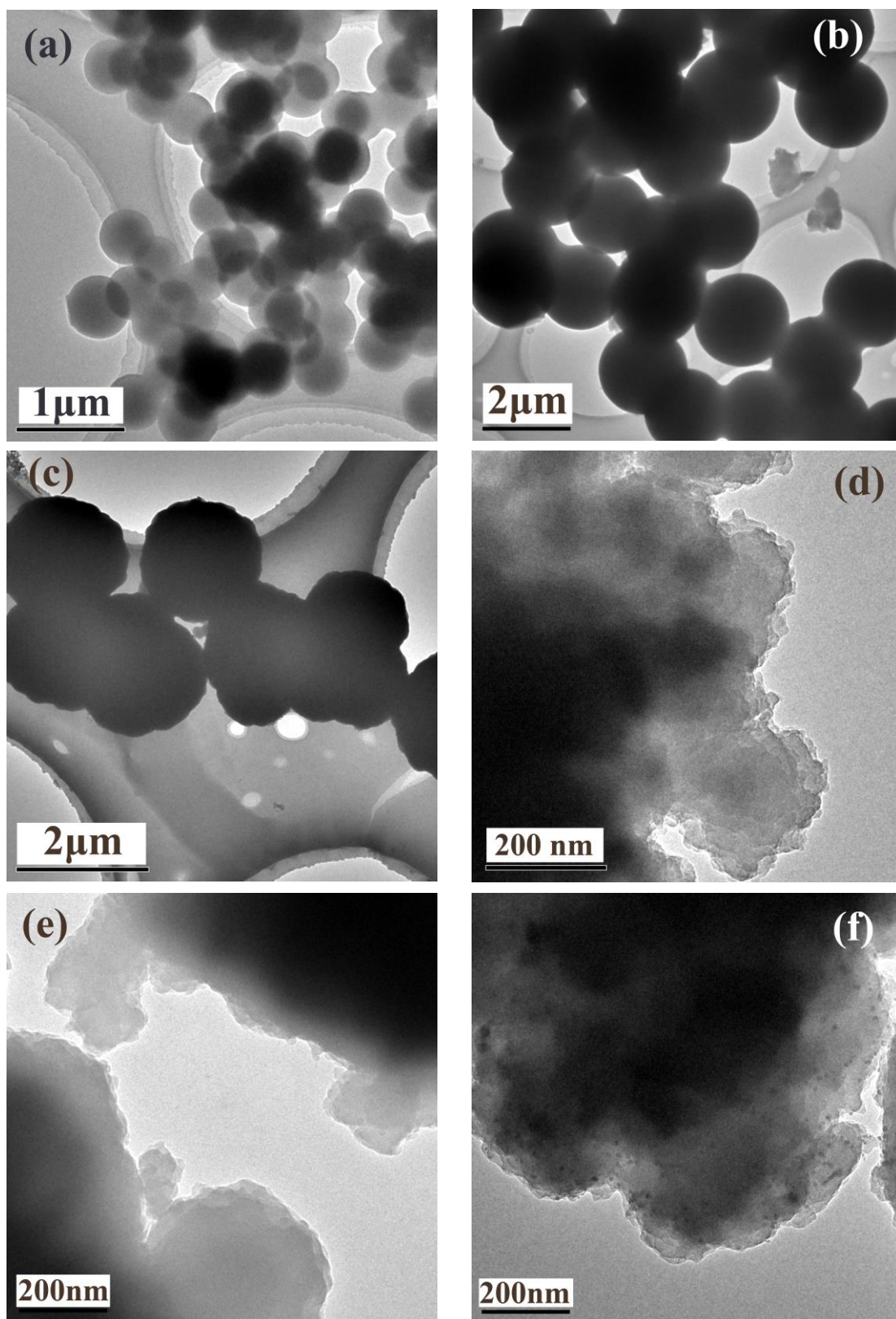


Figure S4. TEM images of HTC samples. (a) HTC-10G, (b) HTC-10G1A, (c) HTC-10G3.3A, (d) HTC-10G10A, (e) HTC-10G10A300, (f) HTC-10G10A300m.



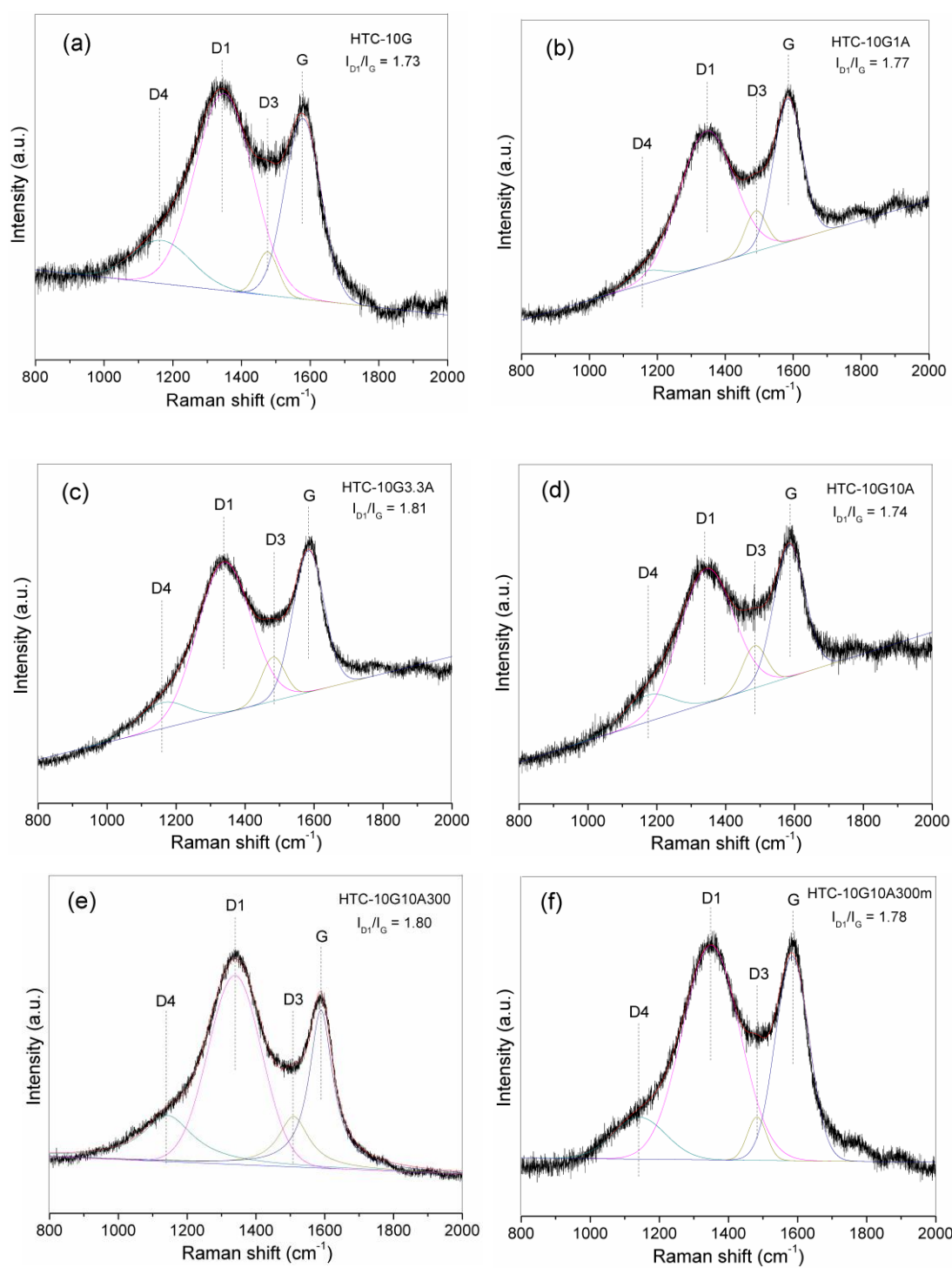


Figure S5. Raman spectra of carboxyl enriched HTC samples. (a) HTC-10G, (b) HTC-10G1A, (c) HTC-10G3.3A, (d) HTC-10G10A, (e) HTC-10G10A300, (f) HTC-10G10A300m.

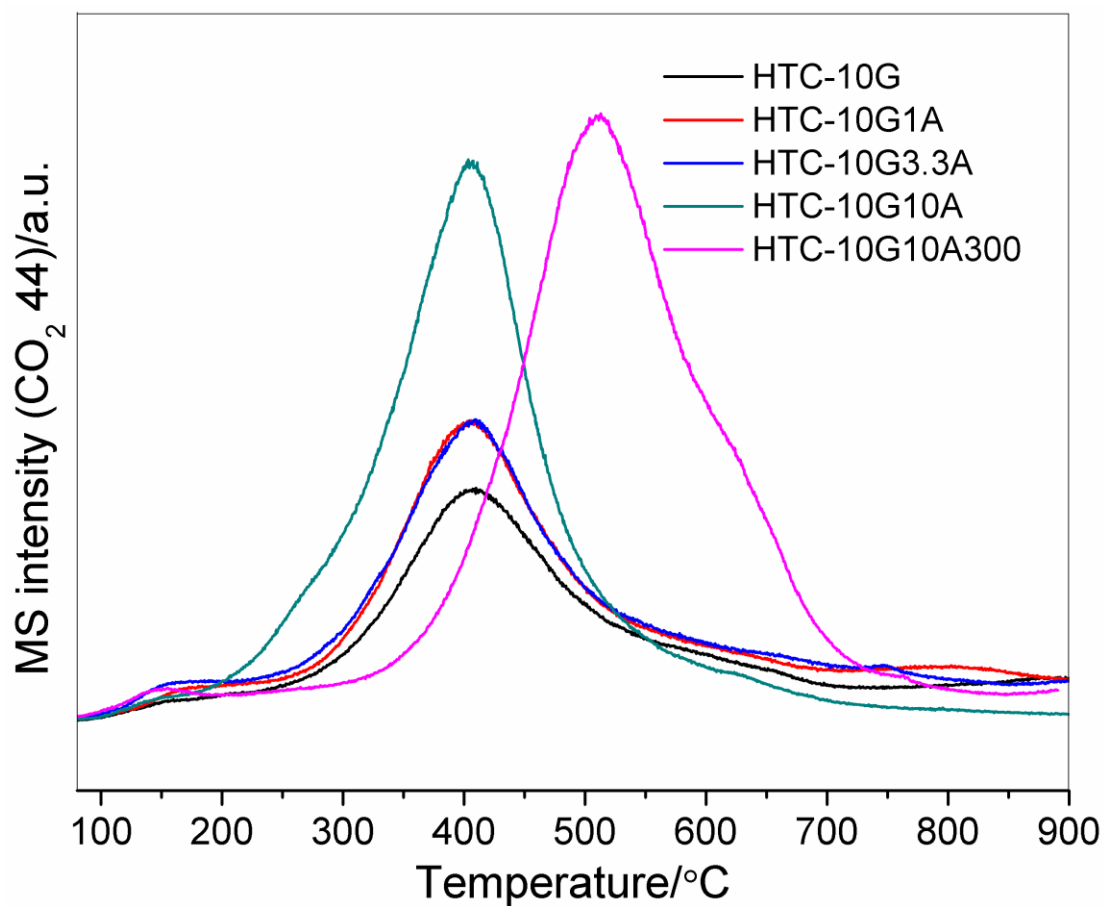


Figure S6. Evolution profiles of CO<sub>2</sub> (m/z=44) during the TPD test of carboxyl enriched HTC.