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Abbreviations

WCO	Waste cooking oil
MTOMR	Methanol to oil molar ratio
MBCUS	<i>Musa balbisiana</i> Colla underground stem
ORCs	Optimum reaction conditions
JCO	<i>Jatropha curcas</i> oil
HT	High pressure–high temperature
Viz.	Namely
S	Second
nm	Nanometre
M	Molarity
N	Normality
Mmol	Millimole
mol/L	Moles per litre
Mm	Millimetre
mL	Millilitre
min	Minute
mg	Milligram
mmol g ⁻¹	Milimole per gram
m ² g ⁻¹	Square metre per gram
cm ³ g ⁻¹	Cubic centimetre per gram
L	Litre
mg/L	Milligram per litre
Kg	Kilogram
Kcal	Kilocalorie
JCPDS	Joint committee on powder diffraction standards
H ₊	Hammett strength
g	Gram
h	Hour
FAME	Fatty acid methyl ester
EN	European norms
ASTM	American society for testing and materials

SN	Saponification number
HHV	Higher heating value
wt. %	Weight percentage
TOF	Turnover frequency
AV	Acid value
BET	Brunauer-Emmett-Teller
BJH	Barrett-Joyner-Halenda
EDX	Energy dispersive X-ray
FESEM	Field emission scanning electron microscope
FFA	Free fatty acid
FT-IR	Fourier transform infrared spectrometer
GC-MS	Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry
HRTEM	High resolution transmission electron microscope
IV	Iodine value
MRMO	Molar ratio of methanol to oil
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
ORCs	Optimum reaction conditions
SAED	Selected area electron diffraction
SN	Saponification number
TGA	Thermogravimetric analysis
TLC	Thin layer chromatography
TOF	Turnover frequency
XPS	X-ray photoelectron spectrometer
XRD	X-ray diffractometer
CFPP	Cold filter plugging point
BMCP	Burnt <i>Musa champa</i> peel catalyst
BMCR	Burnt <i>Musa champa</i> rhizome catalyst
BMCS	Burnt <i>Musa champa</i> stem catalyst
CMCP-550	Calcined <i>Musa champa</i> peel catalyst at 550 °C
CMCR-550	Calcined <i>Musa champa</i> rhizome catalyst at 550 °C
CMCS-550	Calcined <i>Musa champa</i> stem catalyst at 550 °C
SBCC	Sugarcane bagasse calcined catalyst
BBP	Burnt Bharatmoni peel
BBS	Burnt Bharatmoni stem

BBR	Burnt Bharatmoni rhizome
CBP-550	Calcined Bharatmoni peel at 550 °C
CBS-550	Calcined Bharatmoni stem at 550 °C
CBR-550	Calcined Bharatmoni rhizome at 550 °C
XRD	X-ray diffractometer
EDX	Energy dispersive X-ray
FESEM	Field emission scanning electron microscope
FT-IR	Fourier transform infrared spectrometer
GC-MS	Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry
HRTEM	High resolution transmission electron microscope
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
SAED	Selected area electron diffraction