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Abstract

A series of perovskite-like oxides  $LaCu_{1-x}MxO_3$  (M=Mn, Ti; 0.0 < x < 0.8)

was prepared by amorphous citrate decomposition and characterized by XRD,

ICP-OES and XPS techniques. The catalysts were tested in the Fenton-like

degradation of paracetamol with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, under mild reaction conditions, 25 °C

and nearly neutral pH. Values of decomposition of paracetamol between 80

and 97 % at 300 min were achieved for most of samples. The presence of the

Cu<sup>2+/</sup>Cu<sup>+</sup> pair at the surface of the catalysts is necessary to carry out the

reaction and the catalysts containing higher amount of copper at the surface,

resulted to be more active. The leaching of metals was less than 1 %, which

discards the contribution of the homogenous Fenton-like reaction and remarks

the high stability of the metals into the mixed oxide network. The catalytic

activity of LaCu<sub>0.8</sub>Mn<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was maintained after three cycles of reaction,

which proves the stability and reusability of the catalyst.

**Keywords:** Fenton-like reaction; paracetamol; copper perovskites;

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