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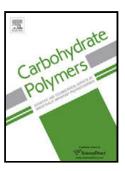
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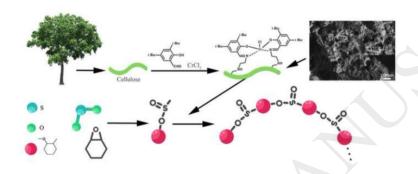
# Cellulosic Cr(salen) complex as an efficient and recyclable catalyst for copolymerization of $SO_2$ with epoxide

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#### Graphical abstract



#### **Highlights**

- Cellulose prepared Salen-type heterogeneous catalyst.
- This catalyst was characterized.
- SO<sub>2</sub> and epoxide were copolymerized by this catalyst.

#### Abstract:

The search for green catalytic processes for the synthesis of useful polymers and incorporating the waste SO<sub>2</sub> in highly-selective pathways become extremely important in the coming years. Herein, cellulose was modified by ethylenediamine, and then synthesized Schiff base with 3,5-di-tert-butyl-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde to immobilize chromium chloride and formed a novel heterogeneous cellulosic Cr(salen)-type catalyst for the first time. The cellulosic Cr(salen)-type catalyst shows high efficiency and recyclability in copolymerization of cyclohexene oxide with SO<sub>2</sub>. The influence factors such as the molar ratio of the catalyst and cyclohexene oxide, reaction temperature, and reaction time were researched in detail to study the optimal

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