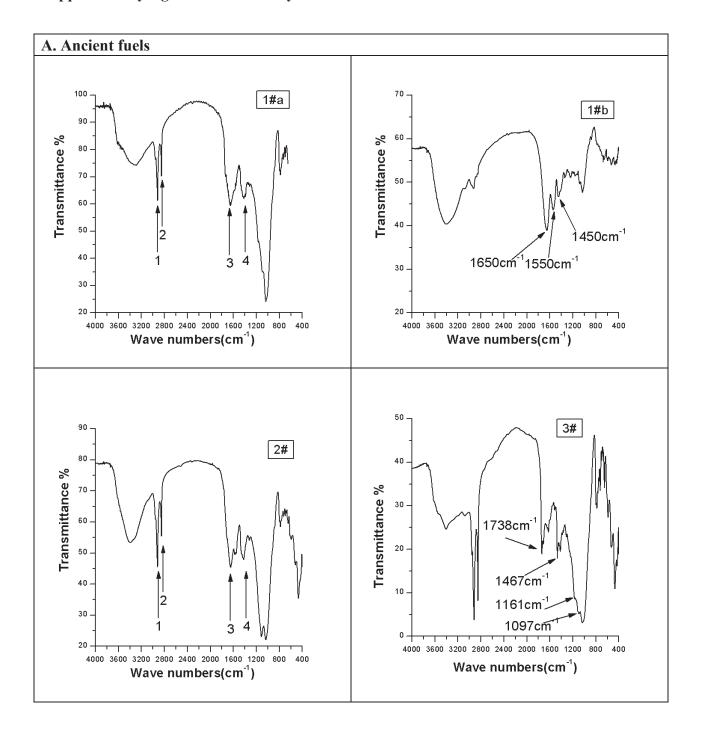
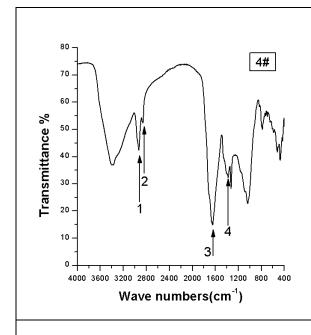
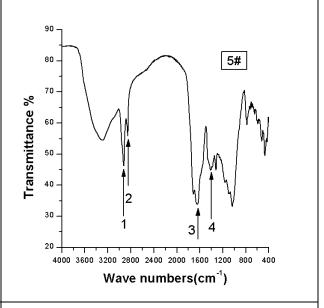
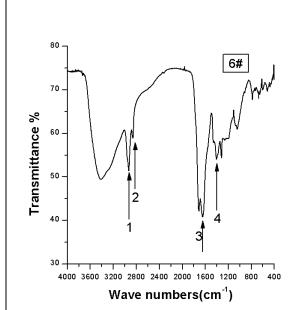
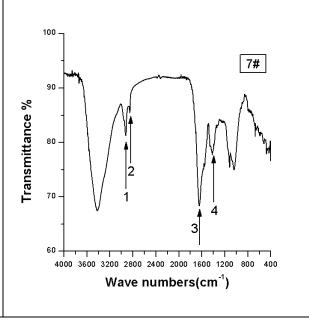
## Supplementary Figure 6S. FTIR analysis of Astana residues.

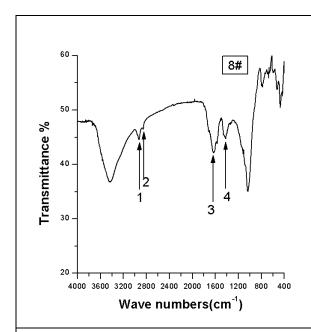




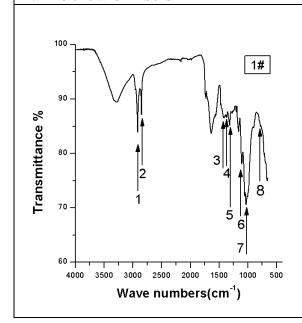


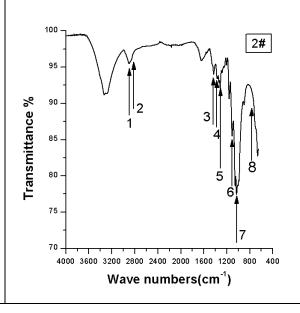


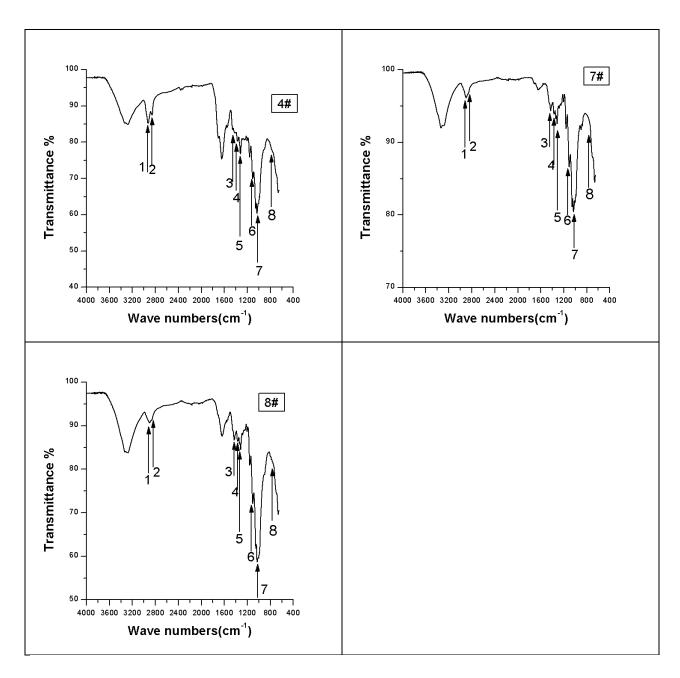




## **B.** Ancient wick fibers







**A: Ancient fuels.** Spectrum of sample 1#b shows protein-characteristic amid signals: amide I band at 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup>, amide II band at 1550 cm<sup>-1</sup> and amide III band at 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Spectrum of sample 3# shows fat-typical signals at 1738 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1467 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1161 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1097 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponding respectively to ester group in triacylglycerol, bending vibrations of the CH2 and CH3 aliphatic groups, stretching vibrations of the C-O group in esters and C-H bending vibrations of fatty acids. Spectra of samples 1#a, 4#, 5# and 6# look similar and present signals typical for organic material burnt to different degree (Oudemans, Boon et al. 2007).

**B:** Ancient wick fibers. All Astana wick fibers show characteristic cellulose peaks at 2920, 2851, 1417, 1370, 1317, 1115, 1037 and 779 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Liu 2010).