Supplementary material

How the acido-basic properties of Mg-silicates and clays govern the catalytic mechanism of transesterification reactions

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Kinetic data for Magnesol

Figure S1. Conversion of ethyl acetate (AcOEt) as a function of mass of Magnesol (*Reaction conditions:* temp = 60 °C; n(MeOH)/n(ester) = 24.3; reaction time = 5 h)



Figure S2. Conversion of AcOEt as a function of reaction time on Magnesol (*Reaction conditions:* $temp = 60 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}; n(MeOH)/n(ester) = 24.3; catalyst mass = 18 \text{ mg})$

Kinetic data for Laponite



Figure S3. Conversion of AcOEt as a function of mass of Laponite (*Reaction conditions:* temp = 60 °C; n(MeOH)/n(ester) = 24.3; reaction time = 5 h)



Figure S4. Conversion of AcOEt as a function of reaction time on Laponite (*Reaction conditions: temp = 60 °C; n(MeOH)/n(ester) = 24.3; catalyst mass = 18 mg*)



Figure S5. Evolution of AcOEt concentration with the reaction time on Laponite catalyst

Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) for Laponite



Figure S6. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) for Laponite and pretreated Laponite (Laponite-X)