## The promoting influence of the nickel species in the controllable

## synthesis and catalytic property of the nickel-ceria catalysts

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Fig. S1 The TEM images of the as-prepared cobalt-ceria samples when different volume of the 0.5M  $Co(NO_3)_2$  solution is added: (a) 115 µL, (b) 230 µL, (c) 460 µL, (d) 575 µL.



Fig. S2 The TEM images of the as-prepared copper-ceria samples when different volume of the 0.5M  $Cu(NO_3)_2$  solution is added: (a) 115 µL, (b) 230 µL, (c) 460 µL, (d) 575 µL.



Fig.S3 The XRD patterns of the cobalt-ceria products when the volume of the added 0.5M Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> solution is as follows: (a) 115  $\mu$ L, (b) 230  $\mu$ L, (c) 460  $\mu$ L, (d) 575  $\mu$ L.



Fig.S4 The XRD patterns of the cobalt-ceria products when the volume of the added 0.5M Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> solution is as follows: (a) 115  $\mu$ L, (b) 230  $\mu$ L, (c) 460  $\mu$ L, (d) 575  $\mu$ L.