

## Electronic supplementary information

### Promoting effects of MgO, (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or MoO<sub>3</sub> modification in oxidative esterification of methacrolein over Au/Ce<sub>0.6</sub>Zr<sub>0.4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> based catalysts

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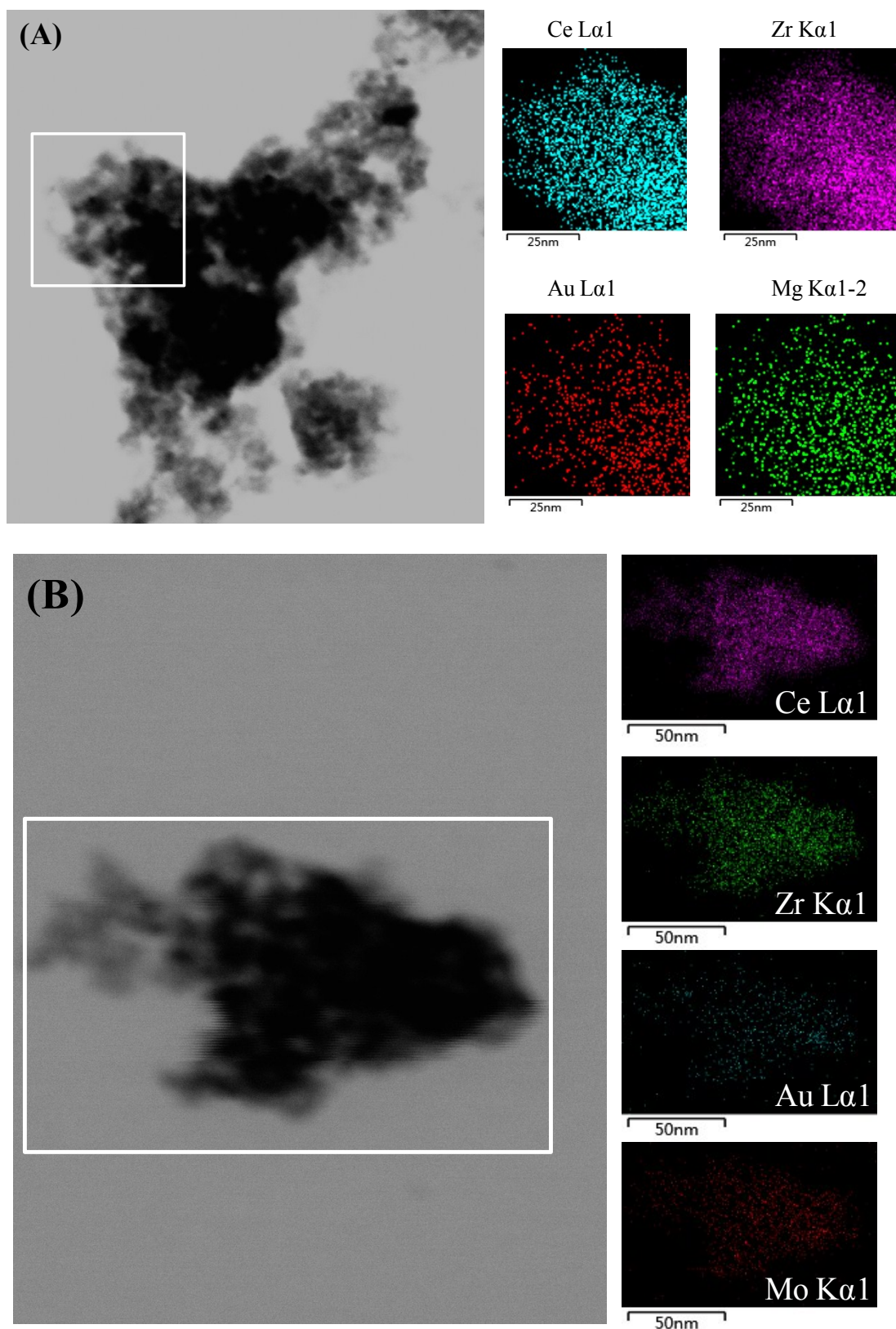
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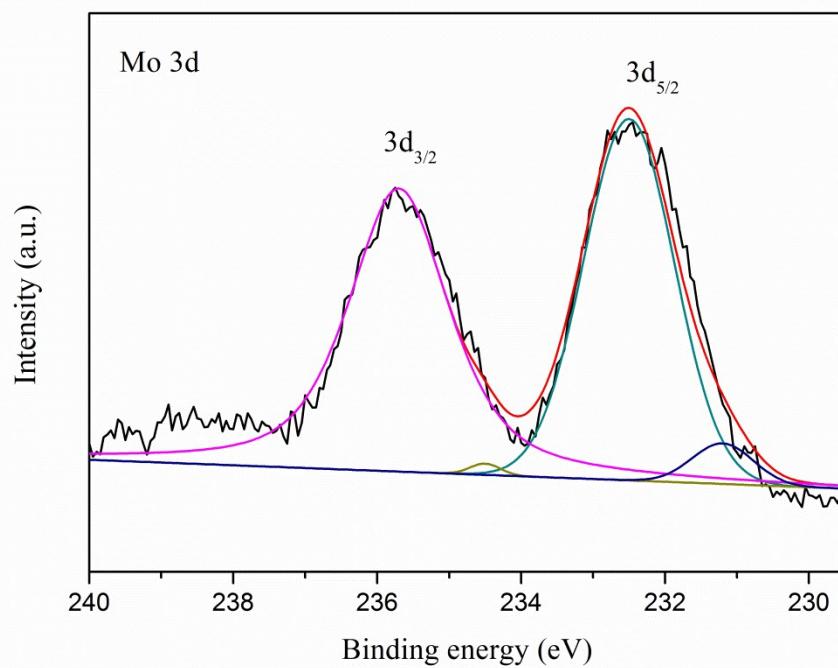
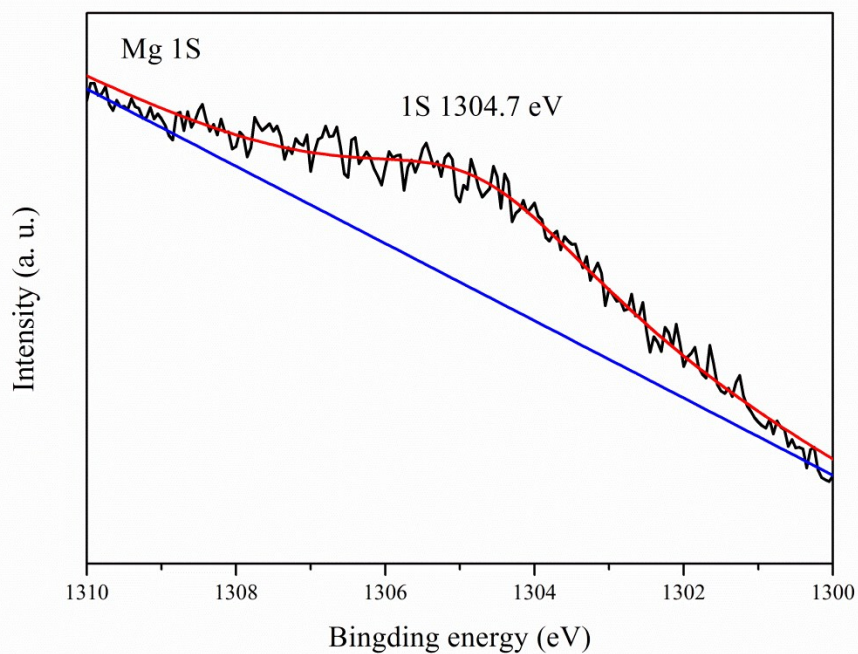
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**Fig. S1.** STEM-EDS elemental mapping of catalysts Au/MgCZ (A) and Au/MoCZ (B).



**Fig. S2.** Mg 1s and Mo 3d XPS spectra of Au/MgCZ and Au/MoCZ catalysts, respectively.

Table S1 Reaction performance without catalyst or over MgCZ for the oxidative esterification of MAL with methanol<sup>a</sup>

Catalyst	Conversion (%)	Selectivity <sup>c</sup> (%)	
		MMA	acetal
None	21	0	3
MgCZ <sup>b</sup>	29	0	4

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: CH<sub>3</sub>OH:MAL = 20:1 (molar ratio); CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 15 mL; P (O<sub>2</sub>) = 0.2 MPa; T = 343 K; t = 2 h.

<sup>b</sup> MgCZ, 0.50g.

<sup>c</sup> MMA, methyl methacrylate; acetal, 1,1-dimethoxy-2-methylpropylene.