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## **Supporting Information**

Fig. S1. Chromatogram obtained for the oxidation of benzene with hydrogen peroxide using [Fe(pyhd)Cl<sub>2</sub>] as homogeneous catalyst after 3 hours of reaction at 50°C in acetonitrile, mass spectra for the major product peak at 6.8 min and result of corresponding search in the data base.



Fig. S2. NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> for the phenol isolated by column chromatography using as eluent 20 petroleum ether: 80 ethyl acetate from the oxidation of benzene with hydrogen peroxide using [Fe(pyhd)Cl<sub>2</sub>] as homogeneous catalyst after 3 hours of reaction at 50°C in acetonitrile: (A) <sup>1</sup>H and (B) <sup>13</sup>C.



Fig. S3. NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> for phenol (Aldrich): (A)  ${}^{40}$  H and (B)  ${}^{40}$  I<sup>3</sup>C.



Fig. S4. UV-visible spectra of the adsorption of the [Fe(salhd)Cl] complex onto the Na@HMS and Na@AC materials in ethanol, as well as the washing ethanol solution of both materials.

	%C	%Н	%N	[Fe(salhd)] (µmol/g)
HMS	0.20	0.16		
Na@HMS	0.20	0.83		
[Fe(salhd)]@HMS	0.83	0.51	0.01	26 <sup>a</sup>
AC	86.13	0.55	0.47	
Na@AC	80.94	0.52	0.45	
[Fe(salhd)]@AC	82.13	0.40	0.69	86 <sup>b</sup>

Table S1. Elemental analysis for the silica and carbon materials

<sup>a</sup> Calculated from the variation in the %C, taking into consideration that the [Fe(salhd)] has 20 carbon atoms.

<sup>b</sup> Calculated from the variation in the %N, taking into consideration that the [Fe(salhd)] has 2 nitrogen atoms. If the variation in the %C 50  $\mu$ mol/g of [Fe(salhd)] would be obtained.

Table S2.	XPS	analysis	for	the silica	and	carbon	materials

	%C	%O	%Na	%Si	%Cl	%N	%Fe	[Fe(salhd)]
								$(\mu mol/g)^a$
Na@HMS	3.54	68.38	0.02	28.05				
[Fe(salhd)]@HMS	6.86	67.27	0.54	24.27	0.07	0.16	0.83	44
Na@AC	91.75	7.06	0.36		0.09	0.75		
[Fe(salhd)]@AC	94.63	4.29			0.14	0.82	0.11	9.0

<sup>a</sup> Calculated from the iron atomic%.



Fig. S5. XRD patterns for the HMS, APTES@HMS, [Fe(acac)<sub>2</sub>]APTES@HMS,

[Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>]APTES@HMS and [VO(acac)<sub>2</sub>]APTES@HMS



Fig. S6. XRD patterns for the HMS, Na@HMS and [Fe(salhd)]@HMS materials.

	d <sub>100</sub> (nm)	$a_0 (nm)$
HMS	3.2	3.7
APTES@HMS	3.5	4.0
[Fe(acac) <sub>2</sub> ]APTES@HMS	3.4	3.9
[Fe(acac) <sub>3</sub> ]APTES@HMS	3.6	4.2
[VO(acac) <sub>2</sub> ]APTES@HMS	3.6	4.2
Na@HMS	3.9	4.5
[Fe(salhd)]@HMS	3.9	4.5

Table S3.  $d_{100}$  spacing and  $a_0$  for the HMS materials

<sup>a</sup> Calculated using the Bragg equation. <sup>b</sup> Calculated using the equation:  $a_0 = 2d_{100}/\sqrt{3}$ .