Electronic Supplementary information

CO oxidation activity enhancement of $Ce_{0.95}Cu_{0.05}O_{2-\delta}$ induced by Pd co-substitution

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Fig. SI 1 Rietveld refined XRD patterns of $CeO_{2,} Ce_{0.98}Pd_{0.02}O_{2-\delta,} Ce_{0.95}Cu_{0.05}O_{2-\delta}$ and $Ce_{0.93}Cu_{0.05}Pd_{0.02}O_{2-\delta}$.



Fig. SI 2 Classical Williamson-Hall plot used to determine the lattice strain and crystallite sizes for $CeO_{2,}$ $Ce_{0.98}Pd_{0.02}O_{2-\delta}$, $Ce_{0.95}Cu_{0.05}O_{2-\delta}$ and $Ce_{0.93}Cu_{0.05}Pd_{0.02}O_{2-\delta}$.

Catalyst	Ce	Pd	Cu	SBET	Average pore	Pore volume
	(at%)	(at%)	(at%)	(m²/g)	size (nm)	(cm ³ /g)
CeO ₂	100	-	-	69	2.7	0.048
$Ce_{0.98}Pd_{0.02}O_{2-\delta}$	99.0	1.0		58	2.9	0.047
$Ce_{0.95}Cu_{0.05}O_{2-\delta}$	94.8	-	5.2	51	3.2	0.041
$Ce_{0.93}Cu_{0.05}Pd_{0.02}O_{2-\delta}$	93.0	1.5	5.5	45	4.0	0.037

Table SI 1: Chemical composition and surface properties of prepared catalysts.



Fig. SI 3 In situ X-ray diffraction patterns of $Ce_{0.98}Pd_{0.02}O_{2-\delta}$ and $Ce_{0.95}Cu_{0.05}O_{2-\delta}$ at temperature window between room temperature and (c) 1100 °C. (a) = 100 °C and (b) = 600 °C.



Fig. SI 4 HRTEM images of (a) $Ce_{0.93}Cu_{0.05}Pd_{0.02}O_{2-\delta}$



Fig. SI 5 CO conversion as a function of temperature at different $CO:O_2$ molar ratios over $Ce_{0.93}Pd_{0.02}Cu_{0.05}O_{2-\delta}$. GHSVs = 48 000 h⁻¹



Fig. SI 6 DRIFT spectra of $Ce_{0.95}Cu_{0.05}O_{2-\delta}$, $Ce_{0.93}Pd_{0.02}Cu_{0.05}O_{2-\delta}$ and $Ce_{0.98}Pd_{0.02}O_{2-\delta}$. Spectra were recorded in the absence (BF) and presence of $CO + O_2$ at room temperature (RT), 60 °C and 120 °C.