## **Supporting Information**

## **Oxygen Vacancies Dependent Au Nanoparticle Deposition and CO**

## Oxidation

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Figure S1. TEM images of (a) CeO<sub>2</sub> NRs (b) VC-CeO<sub>2</sub>



Figure S2. TEM images of (a) Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>, (b) Au/VC-CeO<sub>2</sub> and HRTEM identification of (c) Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>, (d) Au/VC-CeO<sub>2</sub> after the catalyzed CO oxidation.



Figure S3. XRD patterns of CeO<sub>2</sub> NRs, VC-CeO<sub>2</sub>, Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>, and Au/VC-CeO<sub>2</sub>.

Catalysts	Au <sup>0</sup>	Au <sup>+</sup>	Au <sup>3+</sup>	$O_{\beta}/O_{\alpha}$	
CeO <sub>2</sub> NRs				0.42	
VC-CeO <sub>2</sub>				0.98	
Au/CeO <sub>2</sub>	31.4%	18.6%	50.0%	0.55	
Au/VC-CeO <sub>2</sub>	34.6%	41.0%	24.4%	0.53	

Table S1. Content of Au and O species calculated from XPS.

**Table S2.** Content of Au and Ce species calculated from XPS after CO oxidation.

Catalysts	Au <sup>0</sup>	Au⁺	Au <sup>3+</sup>	Ce <sup>3+</sup>
Au/CeO <sub>2</sub>	73.1%	16.2%	10.69%	27.56%
Au/VC-CeO <sub>2</sub>	84.68%	15.32%	0%	26.18%



Figure S4. XPS spectra of (a) Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>, and (b) Au/VC-CeO<sub>2</sub> after CO oxidation.



Figure S5. Raman spectra of CeO<sub>2</sub> NRs, VC-CeO<sub>2</sub>, Au/CeO<sub>2</sub>, and Au/VC-CeO<sub>2</sub> after CO oxidation.



Figure S6. TEM observation of (a) pristine CeO<sub>2</sub> NRs and (b) VC-treated CeO<sub>2</sub> NRs

reacted with HAuCl<sub>4</sub>, respectively.