## Supplementary material

## Engineering active sites on reduced graphene oxide by hydrogen plasma irradiation: Mimicking bifunctional metal/supported catalysts in hydrogenation reactions.

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Scheme S1. Scheme of the plasma reactor used for treating graphene.



Figure S1. Chemisorbed and desorbed hydrogen vs. the XPS O/C



Figure S2. C-O/C=O ratio calculated from the area of the deconvoluted bands from the C 1s levels.

**Table S1.** Summary of the binding energy and intensity of the main components obtained from the deconvolution fitting of the XPS C1s and O1s peaks for each of the graphene samples under study.

	RGO		G0.4/60		G1.1/15		G1.1/30		G1.1/60		G2/60	
$\begin{array}{c} BE_x (eV) \\ A_x(cps*eV) \end{array}$	Ols	C1s	O1s	C1s	O1s	C1s	O1s	C1s	O1s	C1s	O1s	C1s
BE1	533.6	285.2	532.1	285.2	532.2	284.1	532.4	288.2	532.1	285.3	532.1	285.1
A1	920.0	5403.4	1320.8	5900.7	4987.1	7304.7	2725.1	444.1	1052.3	5382.7	1301.1	6591.0
BE2	532.4	284.5	533.6	284.6	533.4	285.5	533.7	284.6	533.7	284.6	533.6	284.5
A2	2501.1	2772.1	3594.2	3402.5	2206.0	1279.9	633.9	19434.3	3203.7	33062.1	3512.9	33361.5
BE3	534.8	285.8		286.9		284.5		286.5		287.0		286.6
A3	150.5	15192.1		1296.9		16805.1		1310.8		941.4		1328.9
BE4		286.6	530.9	286.1	530.6	288.7	530.9	285.4	530.9	286.1	530.9	286.0
A4		845.3	921.4	4304.2	367.8	2360.0	646.0	5611.6	762.9	3877.5	884.2	3427.8
BE5		289.2	535.9	288.3		285.0		292.7	535.7	288.4		
A5		3297.1	151.1	604.3		9269.6		3902.4	902.7	450.3		
BE6						286.3						
A6						2066.2						
TOTAL Amplitude	3571.6	38786.0	5987.5	46131.1	7561.0	39085.6	4005.1	30703.1	5921.5	43714.1	5698.2	44709.2

Ratio		0.13	0.10	0.13	0.14	0.13
O/C	0.09	0.15	0.19	0.15	0.14	0.15

Ai- area of the deconvoluted peaks; BE- binding energy



**Figure S3.** TEM images of G1,1/15, G1.1/60 and G2/60 at the same magnification. The white spots are corresponding to the defects on the sheet.



**Figure S4.** TPD-H<sub>2</sub> (A) and TPD-NH<sub>3</sub> (B) for a) RGO, b) G0.4/60, c) G1.1/15, d) G1.1/30, e) G1.1/60, f) G2/60.