

## Supplementary Material

### Silicalite-1 zeolite acidification by Zn modification and its catalytic properties for iso-butane conversion

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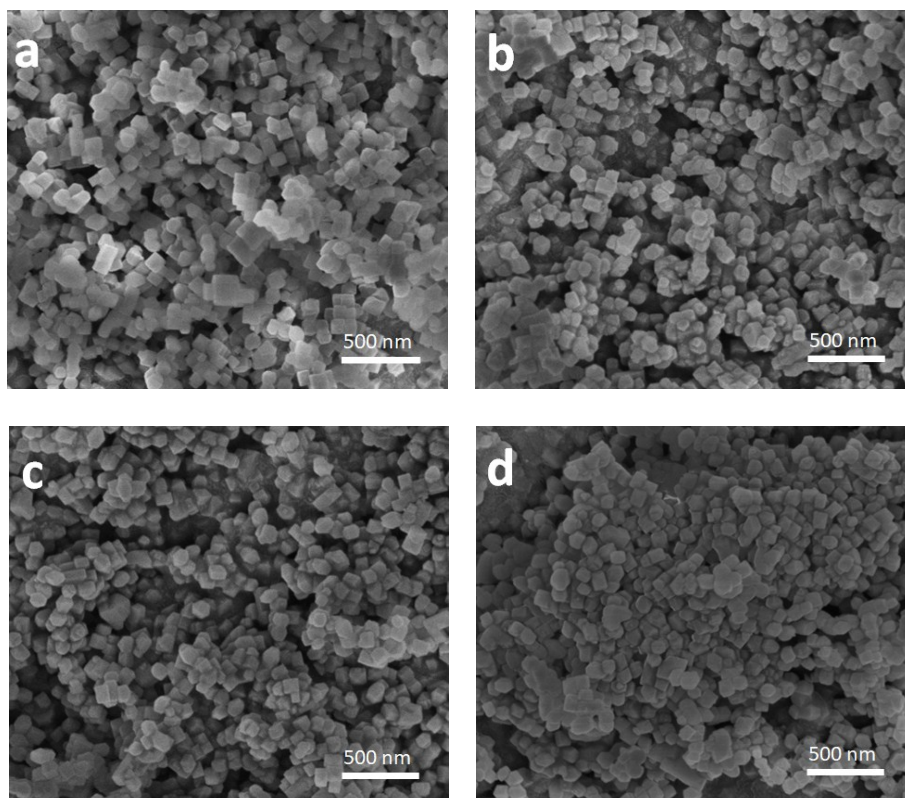
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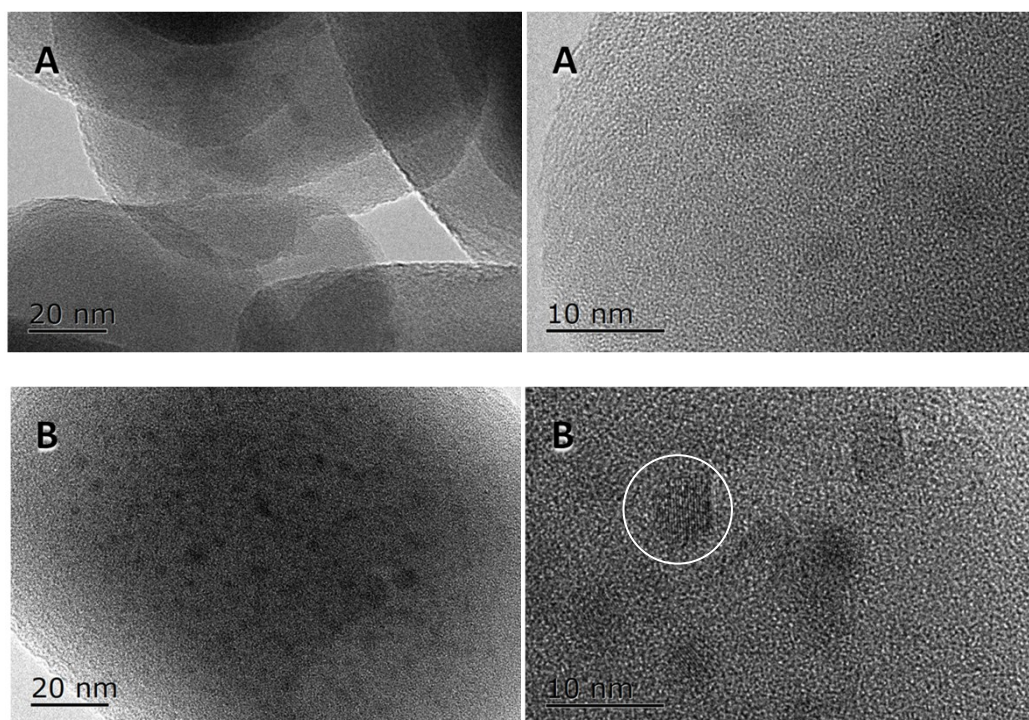
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**Table S1.** XRF analysis of parent S-1 zeolite.

Elements	Compounds	Composition /wt.%
Si	SiO <sub>2</sub>	99.92
Na	Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.034
Ti	TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.010
Fe	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.010
Zn	ZnO	0.001
Cl	Cl	0.015



**Figure S1.** FE-SEM images of  $Zn_x/S-1$  catalysts with different Zn loading: parent S-1 zeolite (a);  $Zn_{1,0}/S-1$  (b);  $Zn_{6,0}/S-1$  (c);  $Zn_{12,0}/S-1$  (d).



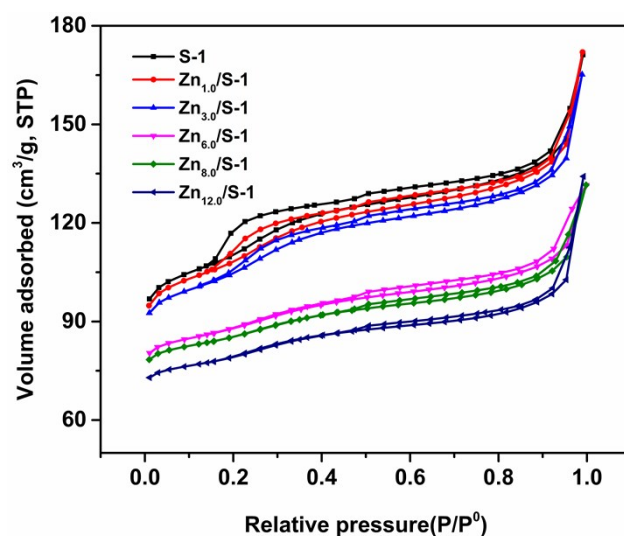
**Figure S2.** HRTEM images of  $Zn_{6,0}/S-1$  (A) and  $Zn_{12,0}/S-1$  (B).

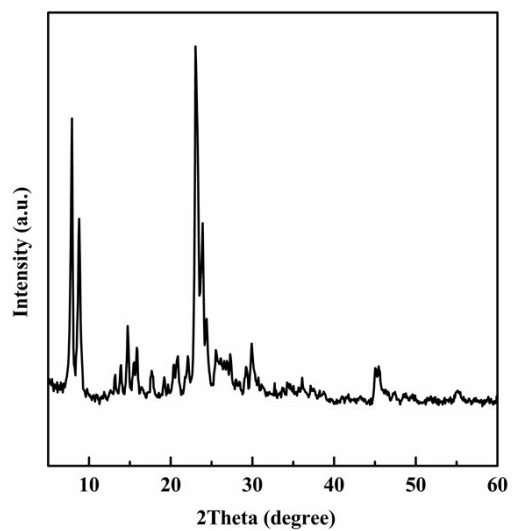
**Table S2.** The relative crystallinity of Zn<sub>x</sub>/S-1 catalysts

Catalysts	Crystallinity (%)
S-1	100
Zn <sub>1.0</sub> /S-1	85.1
Zn <sub>3.0</sub> /S-1	80.3
Zn <sub>6.0</sub> /S-1	75.2
Zn <sub>8.0</sub> /S-1	61.8
Zn <sub>12.0</sub> /S-1	53.5

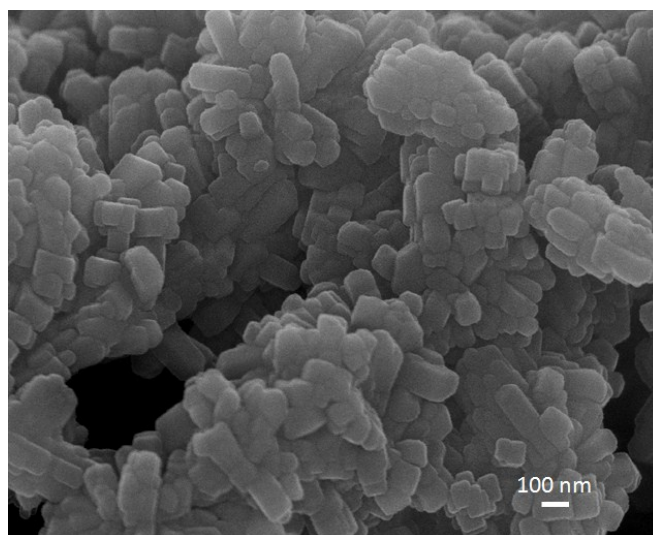
**Table S3.** The acid amounts of catalysts as determined by NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD

Catalysts	Acid amount (mmol/g)
S-1	0.00367
Zn <sub>1.0</sub> /S-1	0.0736
Zn <sub>3.0</sub> /S-1	0.134
Zn <sub>6.0</sub> /S-1	0.142
Zn <sub>8.0</sub> /S-1	0.151
Zn <sub>12.0</sub> /S-1	0.137
Zn <sub>6.0</sub> /ZSM-5	0.555
HZSM-5	0.676

**Figure S3.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherm of Zn<sub>x</sub>/S-1 (x from 0.0 to 12.0).



**Figure S4.** XRD pattern of H-type ZSM-5 zeolite.



**Figure S5.** SEM images of H-type ZSM-5 zeolite under the scale bar of 100 nm.