

Electronic Supplementary information

**Hydrodeoxygenation of bio-derived anisole to cyclohexane
over bi-functional IM-5 zeolite supported Ni catalysts**

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Table S1. Ni concentration of IM-5 supported Ni catalysts.

| Sample | Ni content, wt % (ICP-MS) | Ni content, wt % (XPS) |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Ni/IM-5 | 5.0 | 0.8 |
| Ni/IM-5-h | 4.9 | 1.0 |
| Ni/IM-5-m | 5.3 | 1.2 |

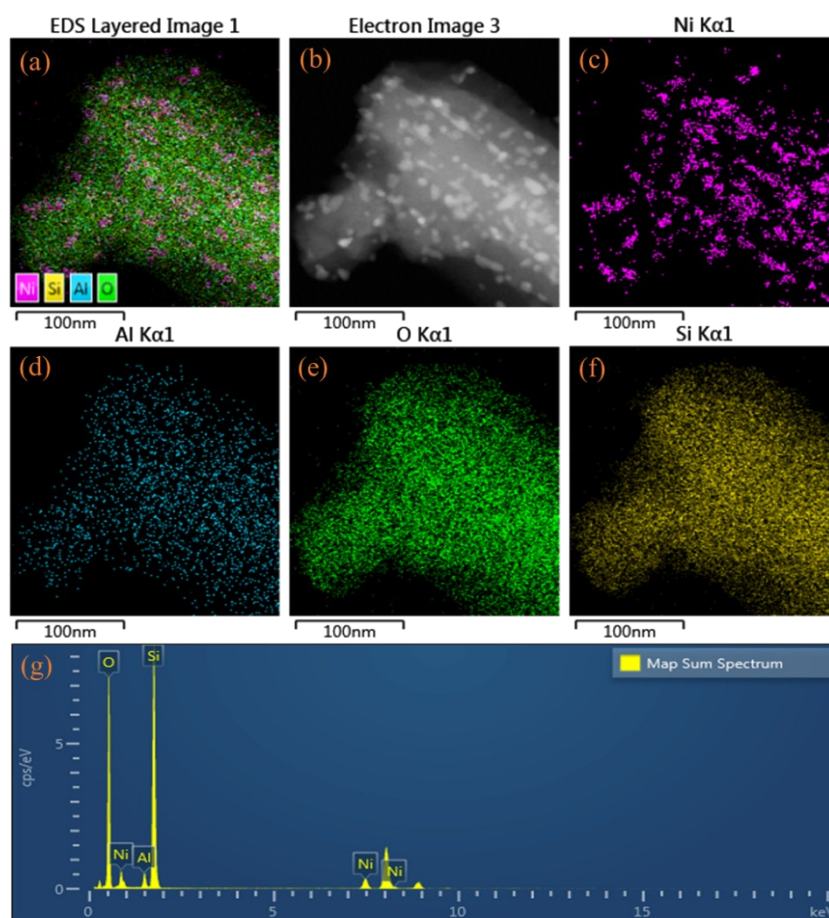


Figure S1. STEM image (a) and its corresponding EDX Ni, Al, O and Si elemental maps (b-g) for the Ni/IM-5-h catalyst.

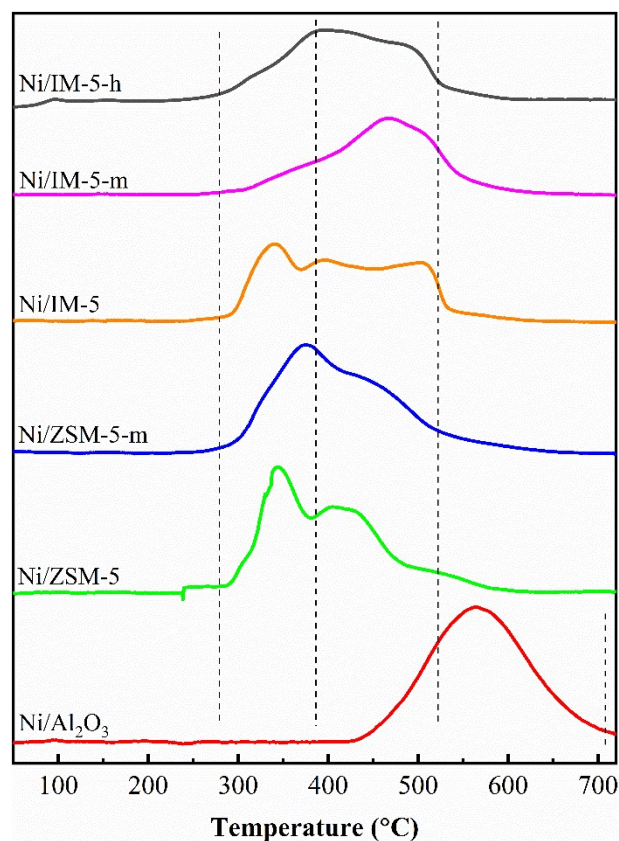
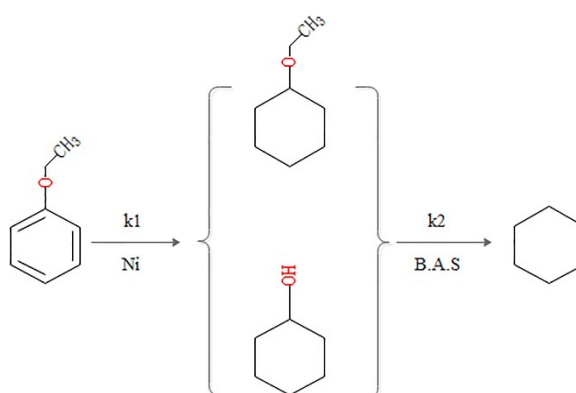


Figure S2. H₂-TPR curves of calcined catalysts.

Table S2. ICP-MS analysis of the fresh and spent Ni/IM-5-h samples.

| Sample | Ni content, wt % |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Ni/IM-5-h (fresh) | 4.9 |
| Ni/IM-5-h (spent) | 4.3 |



Scheme S1. Simplified reaction mechanism for anisole hydrodeoxygenation.

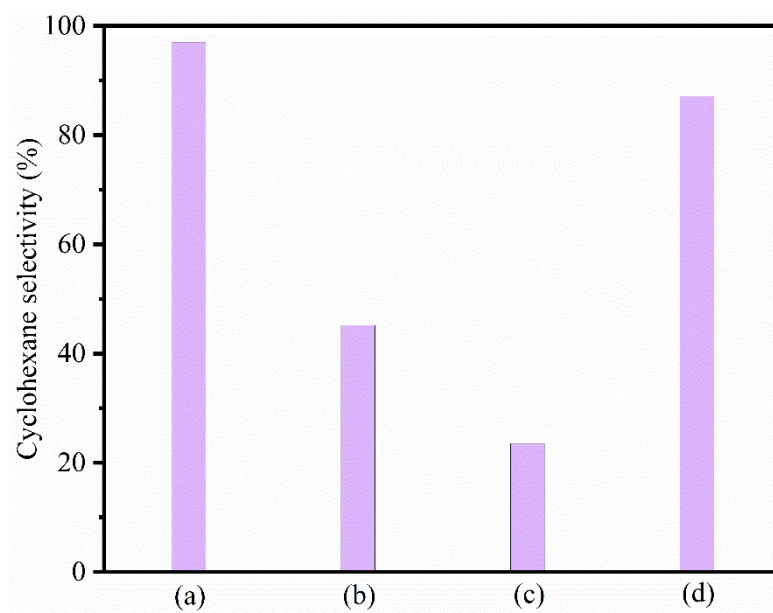


Figure S3. The cyclohexane selectivity over the Ni/IM-5-h catalyst with 1 catalytic cycle (a), 3 cycles (b) and 7 cycles (c), and the spent catalyst after regeneration (d).