

## Supplementary data

### Mesoporous Zr-SBA-15 as green solid acid catalyst for Prins reaction

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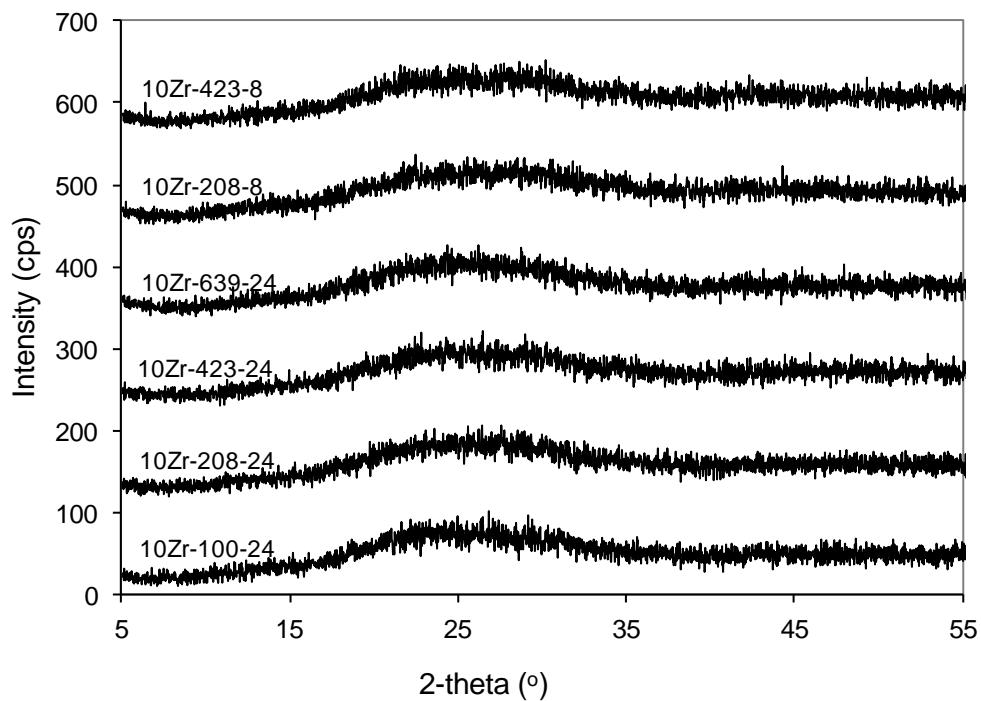


Fig. S1. Wide-angle XRD patterns of 10Zr-SBA samples (a) 10Zr-100-24 (b) 10Zr-208-24 (c) 10Zr-423-24 (d) 10Zr-639-24 (e) 10Zr-208-8 and (f) 10Zr-423-8.

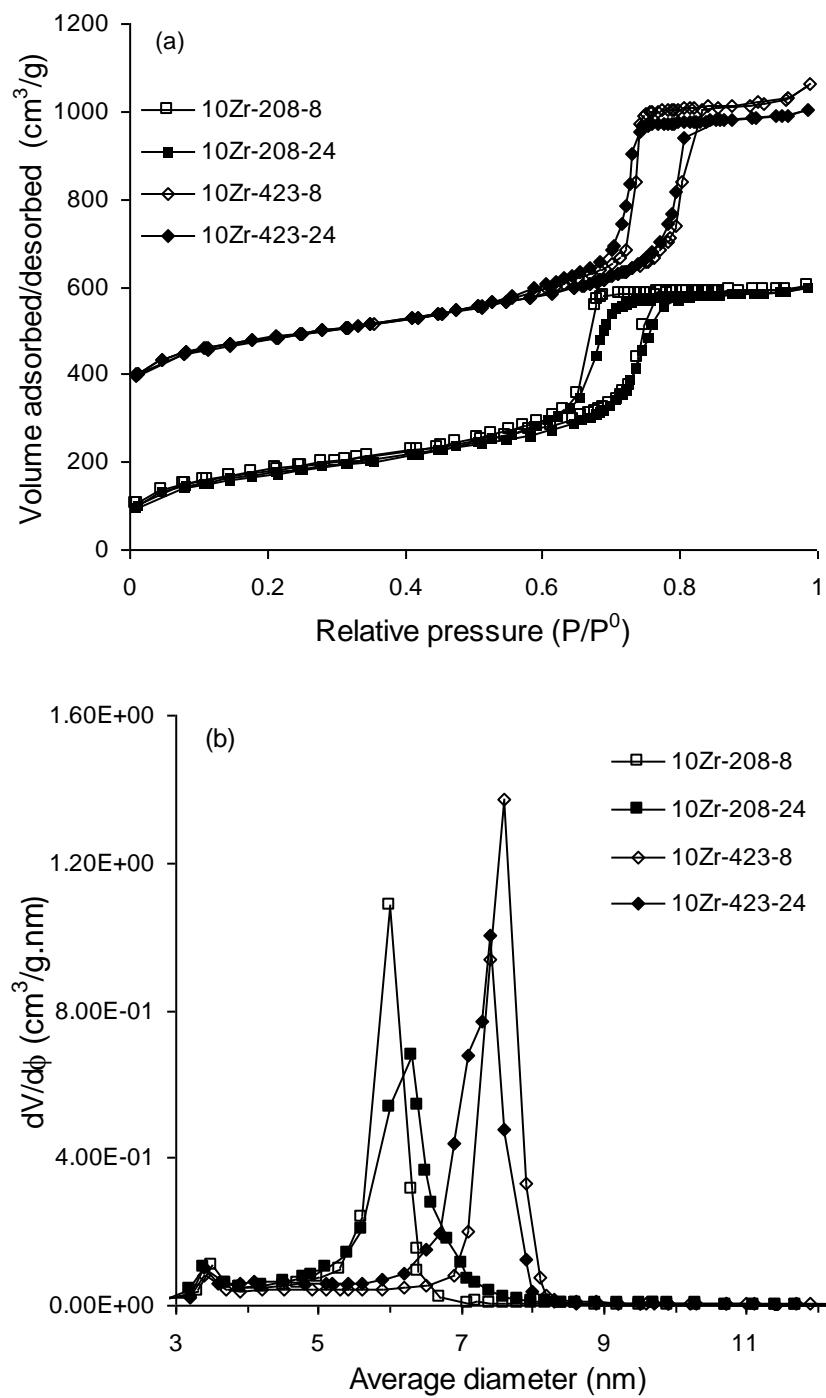


Fig. S2. (a)  $N_2$  adsorption–desorption isotherms and (b) pore size distribution of calcined 10Zr-208 and 10Zr-423 formed with 8 and 24 h aging time. Isotherms of 10Zr-423-8 and 10Zr-423-24 offset by  $300 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$ .

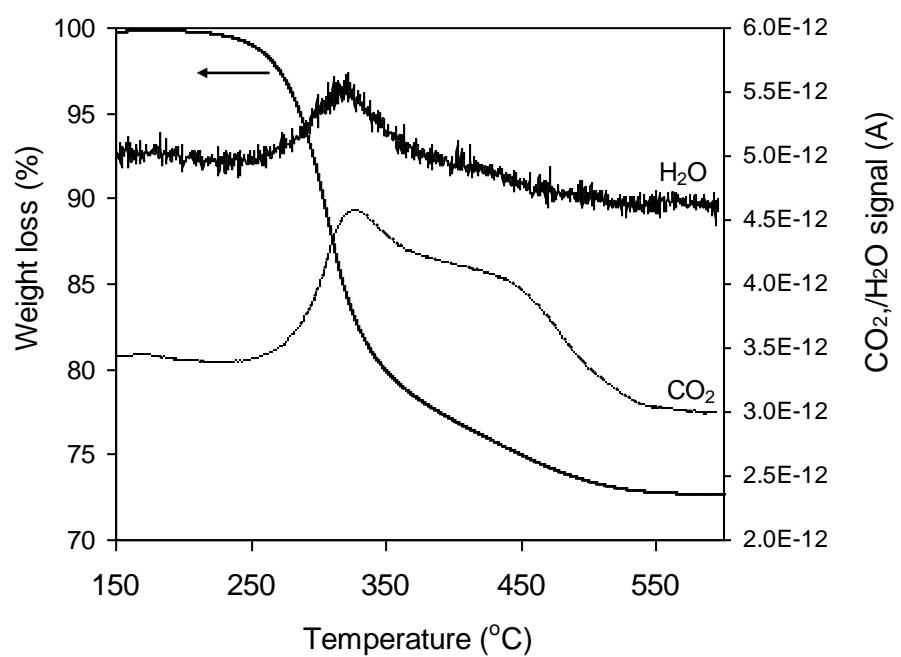


Fig. S3. TGA-MS of uncalcined 10Zr-100-24.

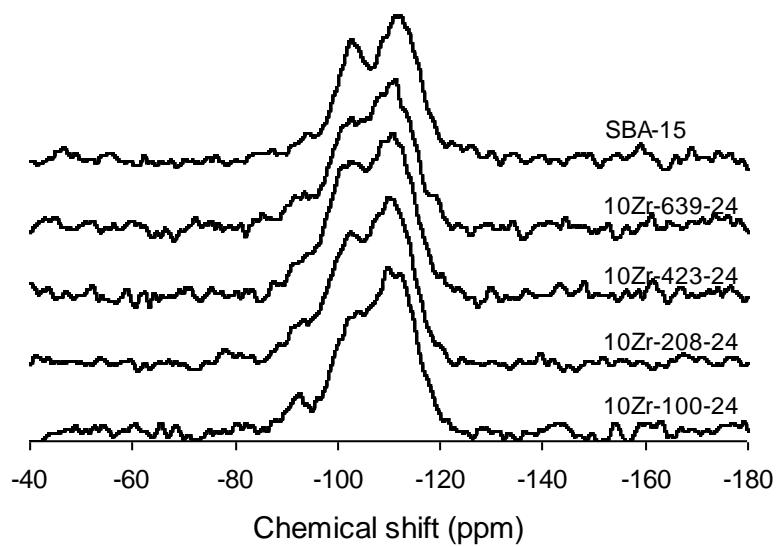


Fig. S4.  $^{29}\text{Si}$  NMR of Si-SBA-15 and 10Zr-SBA-15 samples.

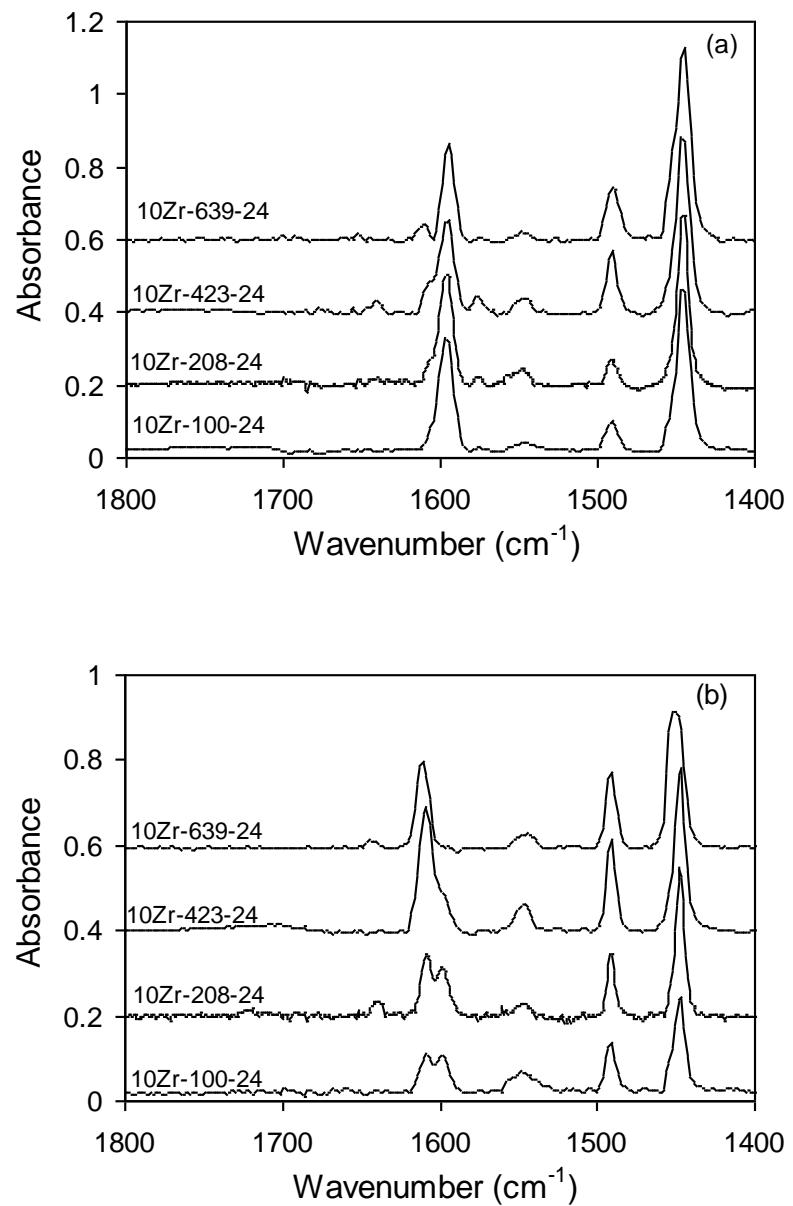


Fig. S5. Pyridine IR of 10Zr-SBA samples after pyridine adsorption followed by evacuation for 1 h at (a) room temperature and (b) 100 °C.

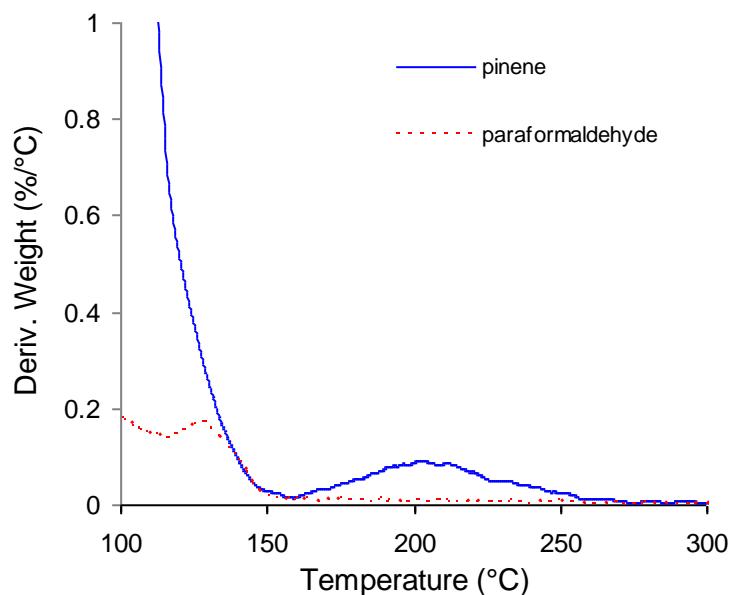


Fig. S6. Derivative weight loss versus temperature for  $\beta$ -pinene and formaldehyde adsorbed on 10Zr-423-8. Heat ramp at  $10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$  from room temperature to  $500\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  in  $\text{N}_2$ . Displayed curve is after subtraction from blank run of 10Zr-423-8.

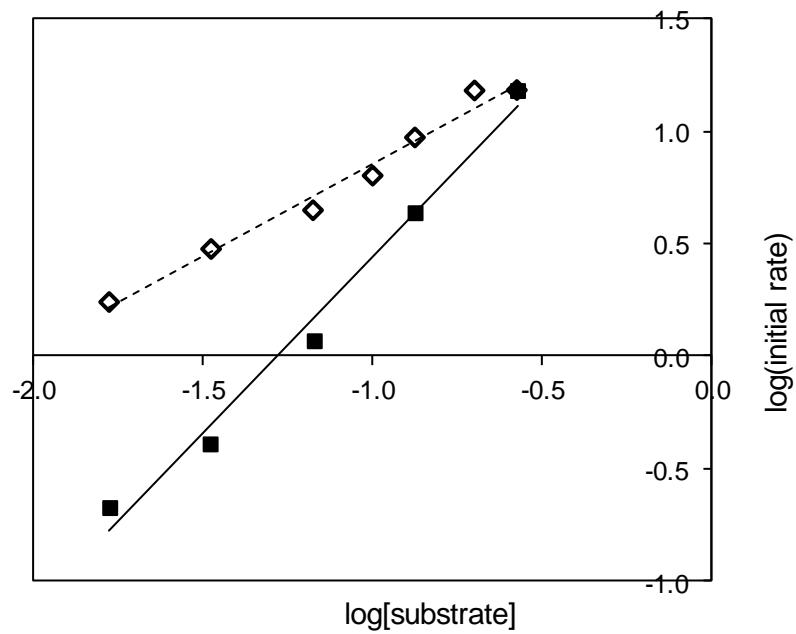


Fig. S7. Dependence of rate on concentration of ( $\diamond$ )  $\beta$ -pinene and ( $\blacksquare$ ) formaldehyde on 10Zr-423-8.

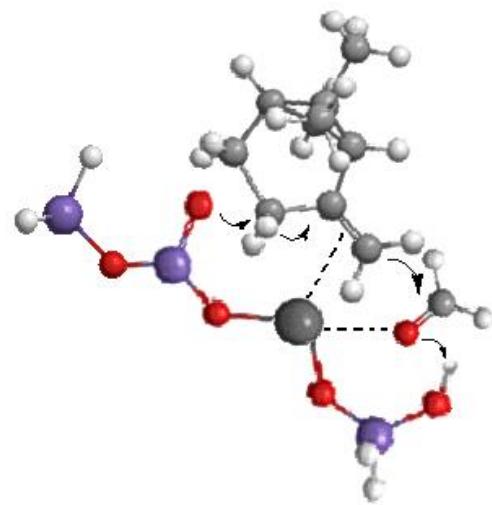


Fig. S8. Proposed coordination of  $\beta$ -pinene and formaldehyde at a zirconium site (dark grey sphere) leading to Nopol formation.

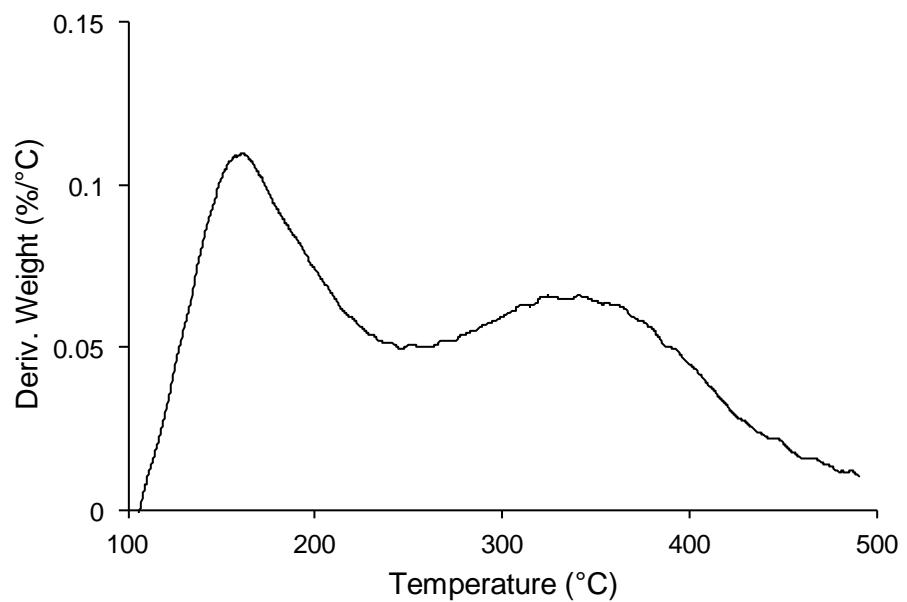


Fig. S9. Derivative weight loss versus temperature for 10Zr-423-8 after reaction, washing twice with 5 ml toluene and drying in N<sub>2</sub>. Heat ramp at 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup> from room temperature to 500 °C in N<sub>2</sub>. Displayed curve is after subtraction from blank run of 10Zr-423-8.