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## Supporting information

## CO<sub>2</sub> methanation mechanism over Ni/Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: An *in situ* diffuse reflectance infrared Fourier transform spectroscopic study

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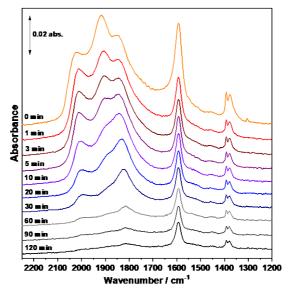


Fig. S1 Infrared spectra of species formed on 20 wt.% Ni/Al $_2$ O $_3$  under the prolonged exposure to 5% H $_2$ –95% N $_2$  at 300 °C for 120 min after the measurement in 10% CO $_2$ –40% H $_2$ –50% N $_2$  (Fig. 3).

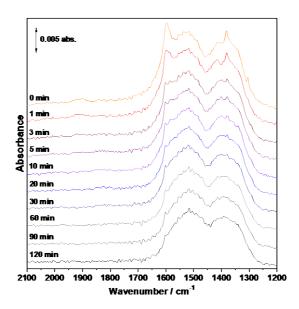


Fig. S2 Infrared spectra of species formed on 20 wt.%  $Ni/Y_2O_3$  under the prolonged exposure to 5%  $H_2$ –95%  $N_2$  at 250 °C for 120 min after the measurement in 10%  $CO_2$ –40%  $H_2$ –50%  $N_2$  (Fig. 6).