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TiO_2 supported Ru catalysts for the hydrogenation of succinic acid: influence of the support

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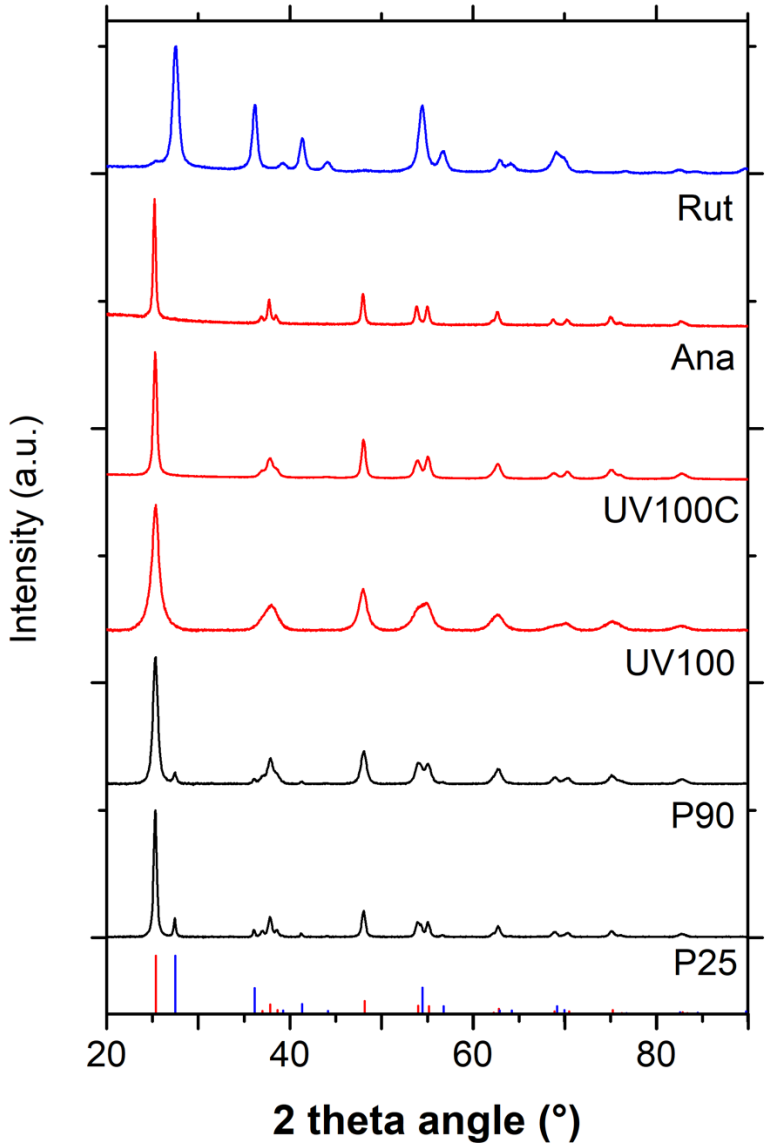

Figure S1. X-ray diffraction patterns of the TiO_2 supports. Reflexes were assigned to both anatase TiO_2 and rutile TiO_2 phases using 21-1272 and 21-1276 JCPDS cards, respectively.

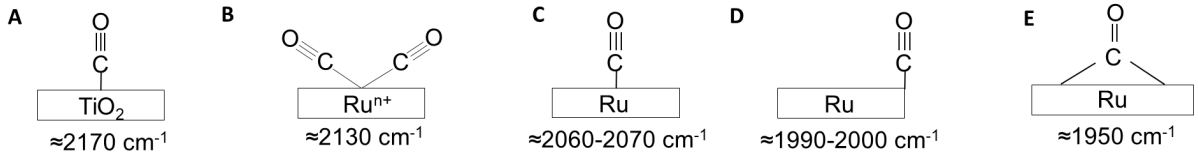

Figure S2. Simplified illustration of the different bonded CO species used for the band assignment in the FTIR spectra of adsorbed CO recorded for the Ru/TiO_2 catalysts. (A) CO adsorbed on the TiO_2 support surface, (B) multicarbonyl species on partially oxidized Ru crystallite, (C) , linear-bonded CO on facets, (D) linear bonded CO on steps and (E) bridge-bonded CO.

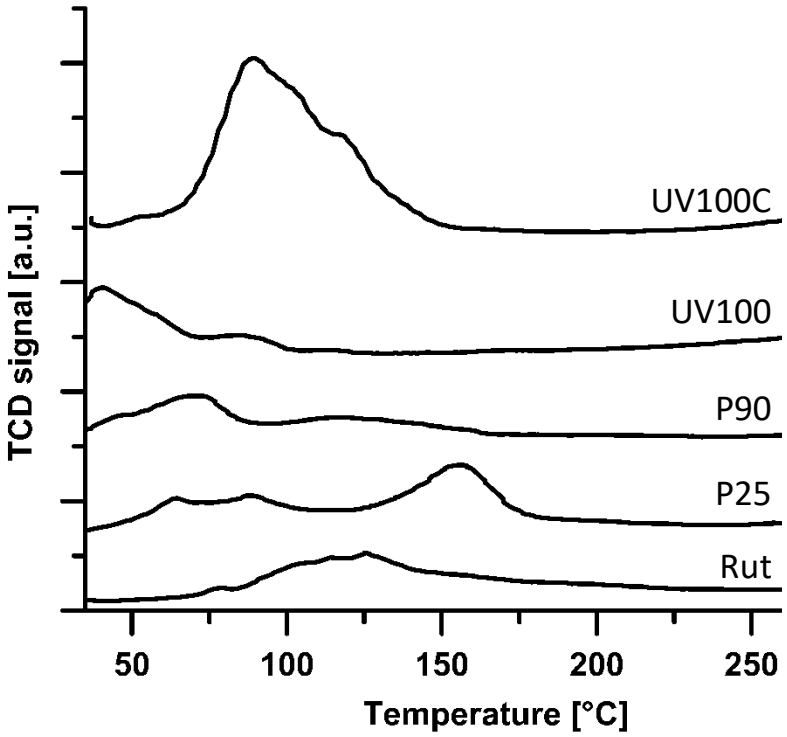

Figure S3. Temperature programmed reduction (TPR) profiles for the 1%Ru/TiO_2 catalysts after the oxidation step, for the catalysts prepared *via* the wet impregnation method.

No TPR signal can be obtained for the catalysts prepared at room temperature by direct chemical reduction with $NaBH_4$ or though the solar photon-assisted synthesis method.