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## Calcium and nitrogen species loaded into SBA-15 - a promising catalyst tested in

## **Knoevenagel condensation**

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| Catalyst —       | Binding energy, eV |       |       |       |
|------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|                  | O 1s               | Si 2p | Ca 2p | N 1s  |
| SBA-15-AP        | 532.1              | 102.6 | -     | 399.4 |
|                  | 530.1              | -     | -     | -     |
| SBA-15-Im        | 532.6              | 103.2 | -     | 400.8 |
|                  | 530.3              | -     | -     | 399.0 |
| CaSBA-15         | 533.2              | 103.8 | 351.3 | -     |
|                  | 531.8              | 102.2 | 347.6 | -     |
| CaSBA-15-AP      | 532.1              | 102.7 | 350.4 | 399.2 |
|                  | 530.1              | 101.9 | 346.8 | -     |
| CaSBA-15-Im      | 532.6              | 103.4 | 350.9 | 401.1 |
|                  | 531.4              | 102.6 | 347.3 | 399.3 |
| Ca/SBA-15-550    | 532.7              | 103.2 | 350.9 | -     |
|                  | 531.1              | 101.6 | 347.3 | -     |
| Ca/SBA-15-550-AP | 532.1              | 102.6 | 350.4 | 399.3 |
|                  | 529.9              | 100.9 | 346.8 | -     |
| Ca/SBA-15-550-Im | 532.5              | 103.1 | 350.7 | 401.0 |
|                  | 530.2              | 101.8 | 347.2 | 399.1 |
| Ca/SBA-15-700    | 532.8              | 103.4 | 351.2 | -     |
|                  | 531.7              | 102.1 | 347.6 | -     |
| Ca/SBA-15-700-AP | 532.1              | 102.6 | 350.4 | 399.3 |
|                  | 529.9              | 100.8 | 346.8 | -     |
| Ca/SBA-15-700-Im | 532.5              | 103.1 | 350.7 | 400.7 |
|                  | 530.1              | 101.3 | 347.1 | 398.9 |

Table S1. Binding energies of O 1s, Si 2p, Ca 2p and N 1s region.



Figure S1. XRD patterns of silica and metallosilicates.



Figure S2. The FTIR spectra of synthesized samples in the range of 4000 - 400 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure S3. XP spectra of N 1s for SBA-15-AP and SBA-15-Im.



Figure S4. The two possibilities of amine and imidazole anchored in mesoporous silicas and metallosilicates.



Figure S5. ATR-FTIR spectra of Ca/SBA-15\_550-Im before and after its reuse and wash with acetone.