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Supporting Information

Tailoring morphology of hierarchical catalysts for tuning pore diffusion behaviour: A rational guideline exploiting bench-top Pulsed-Field Gradient (PFG) Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)

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| Sample | RMSD _{OCT} (µm) | <i>RMSD</i> _{H2O} (µm) | RMSD _{MeOH} (µm) | RMSD _{EtOH} (µm) |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| $Al_2O_3(1)$ | 9.70 | 10.63 | 9.31 | 6.39 |
| $Al_2O_3(2)$ | 10.55 | 11.29 | 10.30 | 7.04 |
| $Al_2O_3(3)$ | 11.14 | 11.34 | 10.93 | 7.35 |
| $Al_2O_3(4)$ | 11.64 | 12.09 | 11.30 | 7.75 |
| $Al_2O_3(5)$ | 11.58 | 11.74 | 11.26 | 7.52 |
| $Al_2O_3(6)$ | 12.66 | 12.65 | 12.24 | 8.26 |
| $Al_2O_3(7)$ | 12.70 | 12.94 | 12.66 | 8.69 |
| $Al_2O_3(8)$ | 13.04 | 13.29 | 13.61 | 9.12 |

Table S1. Root mean squared displacements (*RMSD*) used to investigate the self-diffusivity of the guest molecules; *n*-octane, water, methanol and ethanol within the alumina carriers Al_2O_3 (1) - Al_2O_3 (8) during PFG

NMR diffusometry experiments.



Figure S1. Log attenuation plots of water imbibed within (a) $Al_2O_3(1) - Al_2O_3(4)$ and (b) $Al_2O_3(5) - Al_2O_3(8)$. Solid lines are fitting to Equation (1).



Figure S2. Log attenuation plots of methanol imbibed within (a) $Al_2O_3(1) - Al_2O_3(4)$ and (b) $Al_2O_3(5) - Al_2O_3(8)$. (8). Solid lines are fitting to Equation (1).



Figure S3. Log attenuation plots of ethanol imbibed within (a) $Al_2O_3(1) - Al_2O_3(4)$ and (b) $Al_2O_3(5) - Al_2O_3(8)$. (8). Solid lines are fitting to Equation (1).