## Catalytic lignin valorization over HSZ-supported CuNiAl-based catalysts with microwave heating

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Catalyst					amount
	Sample	Constant		Element	of
	quality	volume	Element	concentration	elementa
	m <sub>0</sub> (g)	V <sub>0</sub> (mL)		C <sub>o</sub> (mol/L)	1
					matter (
					mol)
	0.0591	10	Al	0.44	0.0044
П1/П5Z 640	0.0591	10 Cu 0.31		0.31	0.0031
-040	0.0591	10	Ni	0.94	0.0094
	0.0955	10	Al	0.39	0.0039
П1/П5Z	0.0955	10	Cu	0.27	0.0027
-660	0.0955	10	Ni	0.91	0.0091
HT/HSZ -690	0.0559	10	Al	0.45	0.0045
	0.0559	10	Cu	0.34	0.0034
	0.0559	10	Ni	0.92	0.0092

Table S1 ICP results of CuNiAl/HSZ catalysts

## Table S2 Si/Al molar ratio before and after CuNiAl mix-oxide incorporation

Catalysts	HSZ-640	HSZ-660	HSZ-690
Si/Al ratio(before)	17	28	241
Si/Al ratio(after)	18	30	240

Table S3  $CO_2$ -TPD result of CuNiAl-HT and CuNiAl/HSZ materials

Catalyst	Temperature at maximum (°C)	Quantity(mmol/g)
CuNiAl-HT	109.4	0.0772
HT/HSZ-640	102.7	0.0713
HT/HSZ-660	93.5	0.0561
HT/HSZ-690	91.7	0.0807

Fntm	Catalysta	MW Elemental composition (wt.%)					UUV/				
	Catalysis	M <sub>n</sub>	$M_{\rm w}$	С	Н	0	Ν	S	O/C	H/C	1111 v
1	HT/HSZ-660 <sup>a</sup>	485.3	628.8	49.65	13.53	36.52	0.19	0.11	0.55	3.27	30.15
2	HT/HSZ- 660 <sup>b</sup>	492.1	639.2	48.82	12.53	39.52	0.10	0.13	0.61	3.06	28.17

Table S4 Effect of basic catalysts on molecular weights and HHV of bio-oil

Reaction conditions: a- metal mixtures supported on acidic HSZ; b-metal mixtures supported on basic HSZ, HT (Cu/Ni/Al ratio of 1.5:4.5:2); HHV (MJ/kg) = (34C+124.3H+6.3N+19.3S-9.8O)/100, where C, H, N, S, and O are the weight percentages of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, sulfur, and oxygen.

## Table S5 Effect of Cu in CuNiAl-HT/HSZ-660 catalyst

Entr	Catalysts	М	W		Elemental composition (wt.%)						нну	
У		M <sub>n</sub>	$M_{\rm w}$	С	Н	0	Ν	S	O/C	H/C	1111 V	
1	CuNiAl-	485.3	628.8	49.6	13.53	26.52	0.10	0.11	0.55	3.27	30.1	
	HT/HSZ-660			5		30.32	0.19				5	
2	NiAl-	501.1	645.2	49.8	12.78	12 70 20 (	29 (5	20.65 0.10	0.12	0.00	2 00	28.2
	HT/HSZ-660			0		38.65	0.03 0.18	0.12	0.60	3.09	2	

## Table S6 Mass balance of reaction <sup>a</sup>

Catalyst	Bio-oil	Char	Gas product
HT/HSZ-660	0.83g	0.15g	0.02g

<sup>a</sup> Reaction condition: 1 g lignin, 0. 05 g catalyst and 4 g solvent. In the end of the reaction, the mixture including of solvent, bio-oil and solid residue was concentrated on the rotary evaporator to remove the solvent.

Catalyst	HT/HSZ-640	HT/HSZ-660	HT/HSZ-690		
$S_{BET}^{a} (m^{2}/g)$	168.8	173.4	177.3		
Mean pore size <sup>a</sup> (nm)	15.7	16.4	16.2		
Average metal size <sup>b</sup> (nm)	14.8	14.5	14.2		
Cu/Ni ratio <sup>c</sup>	0.1965	0.2478	0.3247		
(Cu+Ni)/Al ratio <sup>c</sup>	2.96	2.95	2.95		
Al (wt%)	4.7	4.9	4.9		
Cu (wt%)	2.9	2.8	3.1		
Ni (wt%)	9.8	9.7	9.6		

Table S7 Chemical and physical properties of calcined HT/HSZ-640, HT/HSZ-660 and HT/HSZ-690.

a-Evaluated from N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms; b-Calculated by TEM; c-Calculated by ICP analysis.



Fig. S1 XPS analysis for CuNiAl-HT/HSZ-600 catalyst (a) Si2p, (a) Al2p.



Fig. S2  $N_2$  adsorption isotherms of HT/HSZ-640, HT/HSZ-660 and HT/HSZ-690.