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**Effective conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> into light olefins over bifunctional catalyst  
consisting of La-modified ZnZrO<sub>x</sub> oxide and acidic zeolite**

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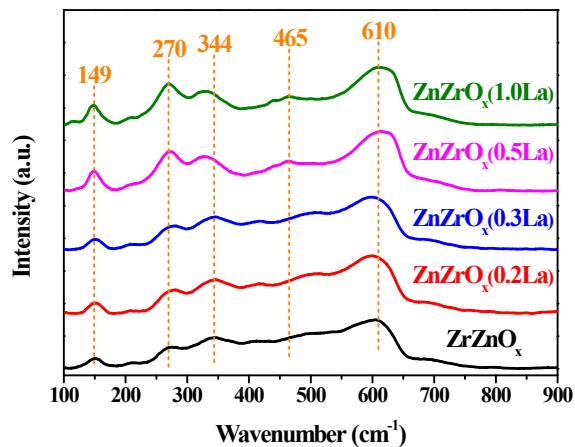
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**Table S1.** Crystal structure and texture properties of various  $\text{ZnZrO}_x$  and  $\text{ZnZrO}_x(n\text{La})$  oxides.<sup>a</sup>

Catalysts	Phase	$S_{\text{BET}}$ ( $\text{m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	$V_{\text{micro}}$ ( $\text{cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	$D_{\text{size}}$ (nm)	Cell volume ( $\text{\AA}^3$ )
$\text{ZnZrO}_x$	Tetragonal	11.2	0.026	5.1(4.3)	66.17
$\text{ZnZrO}_x(0.2\text{La})$	Tetragonal	100.2	0.106	2.6(3.5)	66.54
$\text{ZnZrO}_x(0.3\text{La})$	Tetragonal	121.5	0.100	2.3(3.6)	66.69
$\text{ZnZrO}_x(0.5\text{La})$	Amorphous	97.48	0.099	-	-
$\text{ZnZrO}_x(1.0\text{La})$	Amorphous	71.8	0.067	-	-

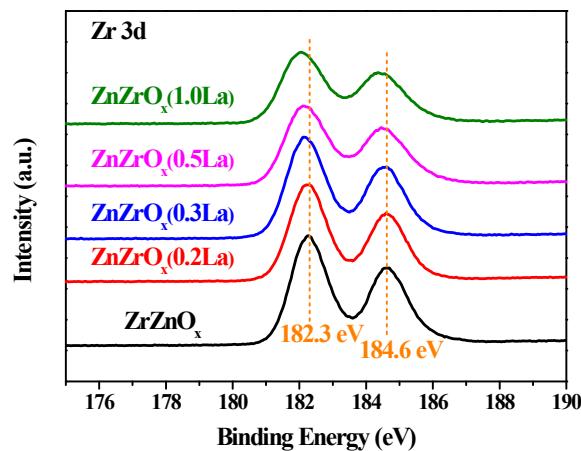
<sup>a</sup> The phase structure and cell parameter of various samples were identified and calculated by the Rietveld refinement of XRD patterns. The surface area ( $S_{\text{BET}}$ ) and pore volume ( $V_{\text{micro}}$ ) were obtained from  $\text{N}_2$  sorption results by the BET and t-plot methods, respectively. The average particle sizes of NPs ( $D_{\text{size}}$ ) were estimated by the Scherrer equation. The particle sizes in the parentheses were estimated by counting around 100 particles in the TEM images.

**Figure S1.**



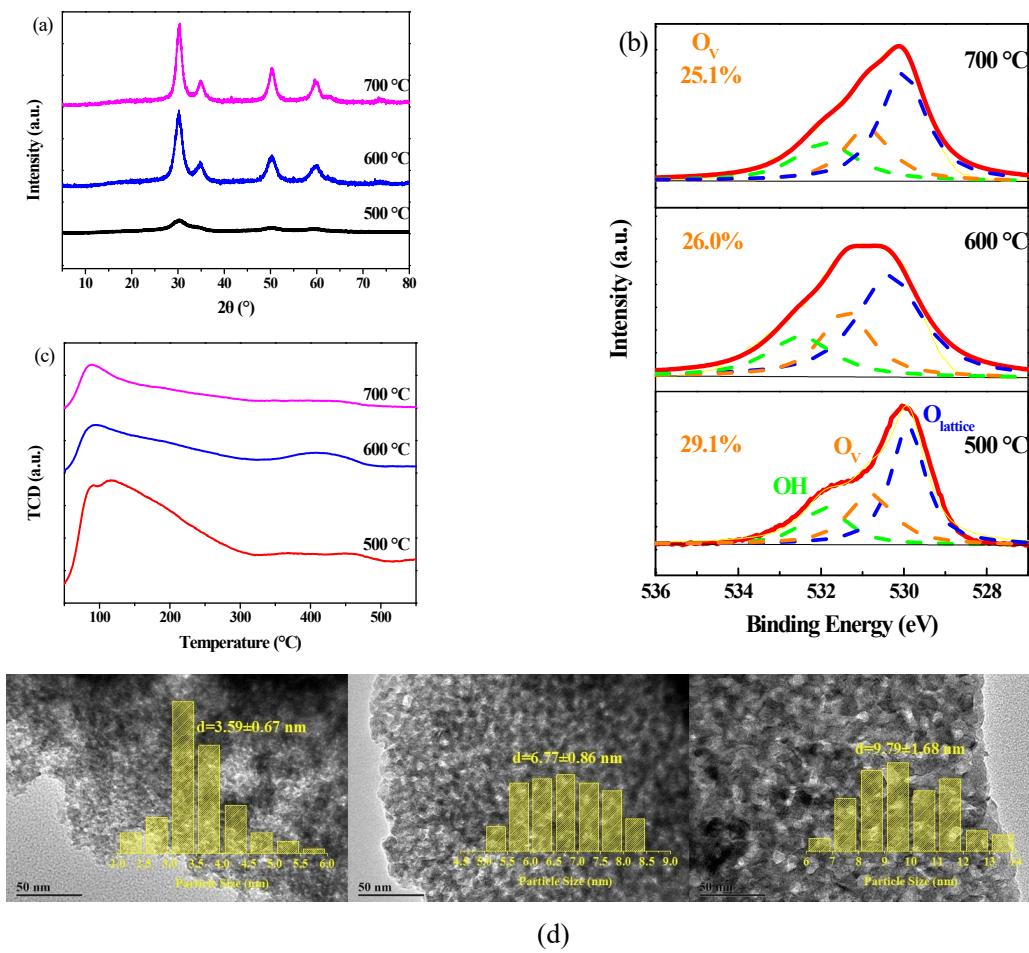
**Figure S1.** The Raman spectra of various  $\text{ZnZrO}_x$  and  $\text{ZnZrO}_x(n\text{La})$  oxides.

**Figure S2.**



**Figure S2.** The Zr (3d) XPS of various  $\text{ZnZrO}_x$  and  $\text{ZnZrO}_x(n\text{La})$  oxides.

**Figure S3.**



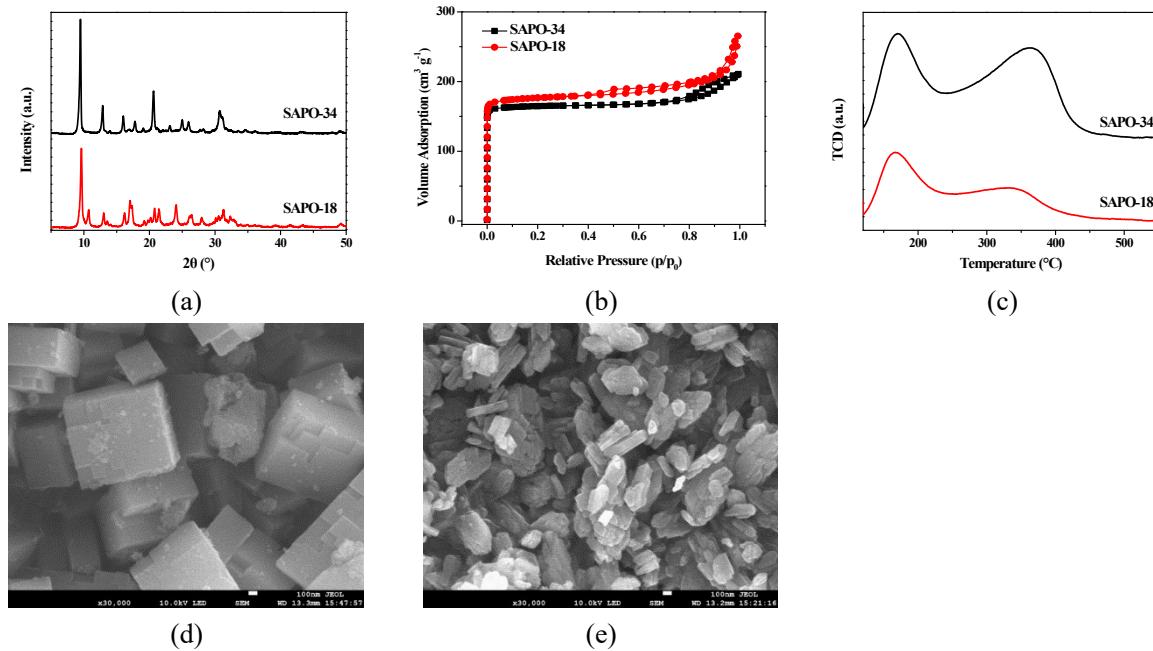
**Figure S3.** The XRD (a), O (1s) XPS (b), CO<sub>2</sub>-TPD (c) and TEM images and the particle size distribution (estimated by counting around 100 particles) (d) of ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La) oxide calcinated at different temperatures.

**Table S2.** Crystal structure and texture properties of ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La) oxide prepared by using different calcinating temperatures.<sup>a</sup>

Catalysts	Phase	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	V <sub>micro</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	D <sub>size(d)</sub> (nm)	Cell volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )
ZnZrO <sub>x</sub> (0.3La)-500°C	Tetragonal 1	121.5	0.100	2.3 (3.6)	66.69
ZnZrO <sub>x</sub> (0.3La)-600°C	Tetragonal 1	38.1	0.042	4.3 (6.8)	67.54
ZnZrO <sub>x</sub> (0.3La)-700°C	Tetragonal 1	26.9	0.060	6.0 (9.8)	68.03

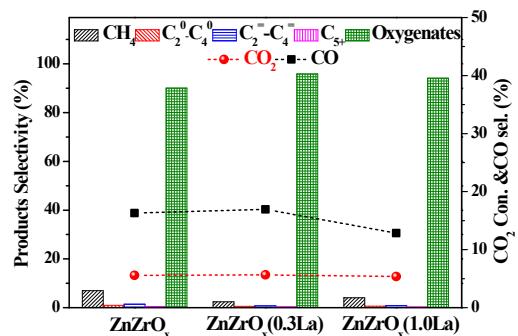
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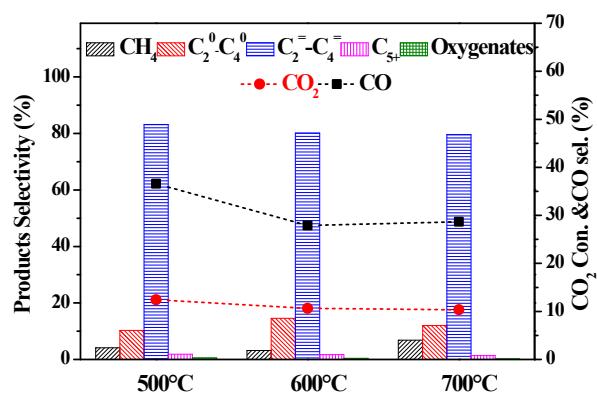
**Figure S4.** XRD patterns (a),  $N_2$  sorption isotherm (b),  $NH_3$ -TPD profile (c) and SEM images (d for SAPO-34 and e for SAPO-18) of H-SAPO-34 and H-SAPO-18 zeolites.

**Figure S5.**



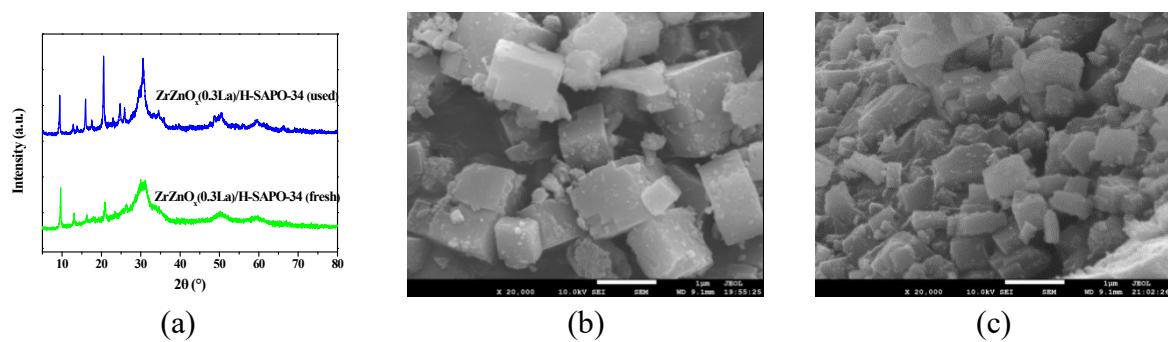
**Figure S5.** CO<sub>2</sub> conversion and product selectivity in CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation to methanol on various ZnZrO<sub>x</sub> and ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(nLa) oxides at the same CO<sub>2</sub> conversion. Reaction conditions: 290-300 °C, GHSV=4000-4800 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> and H<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub>=3/1.

**Figure S6.**



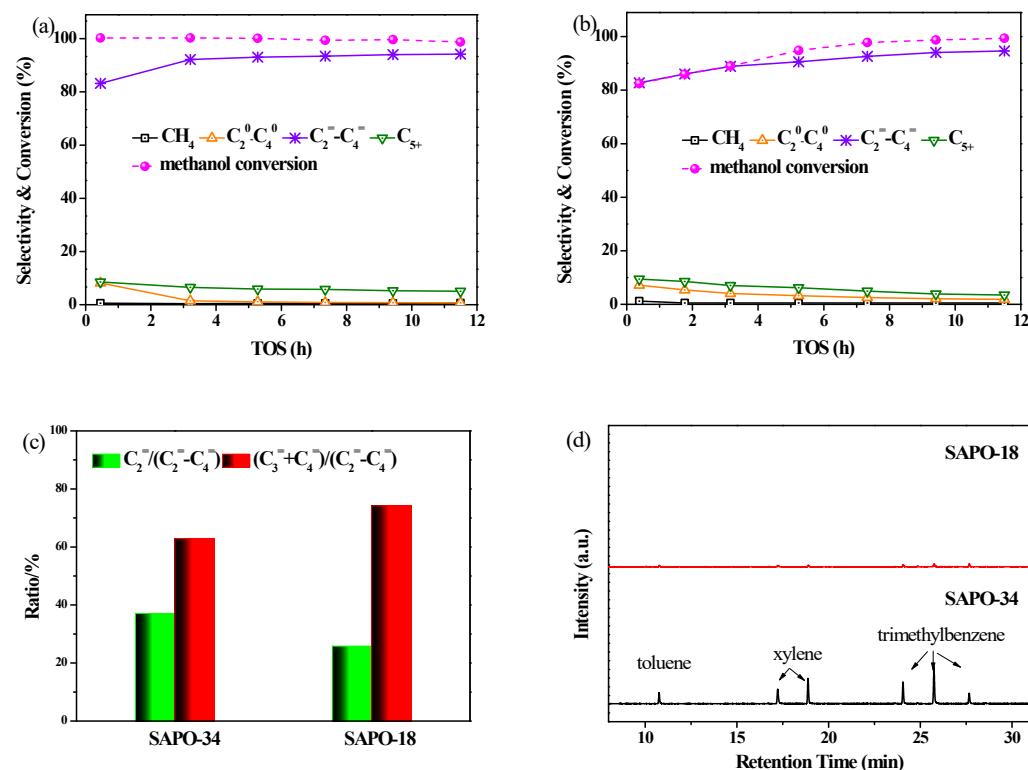
**Figure S6.** CO<sub>2</sub> conversion and product selectivity in CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation to light olefins on various ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La) oxides of different calcinating temperature. Reaction conditions: 350 °C, 2.0MPa, GHSV=4000 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> and H<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub>=3/1.

**Figure S7.**



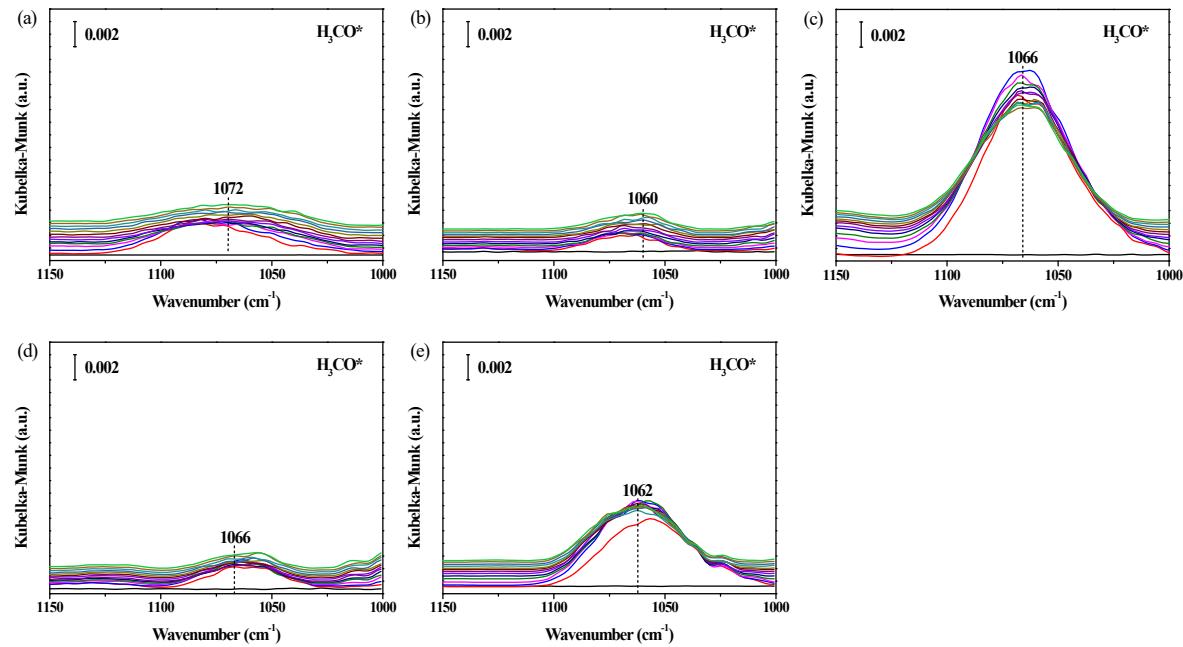
**Figure S7.** XRD patterns of fresh and used ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La)/H-SAPO-34 catalyst (a), SEM images of fresh (b) and used (c) ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La)/H-SAPO-34 catalyst.

**Figure S8.**



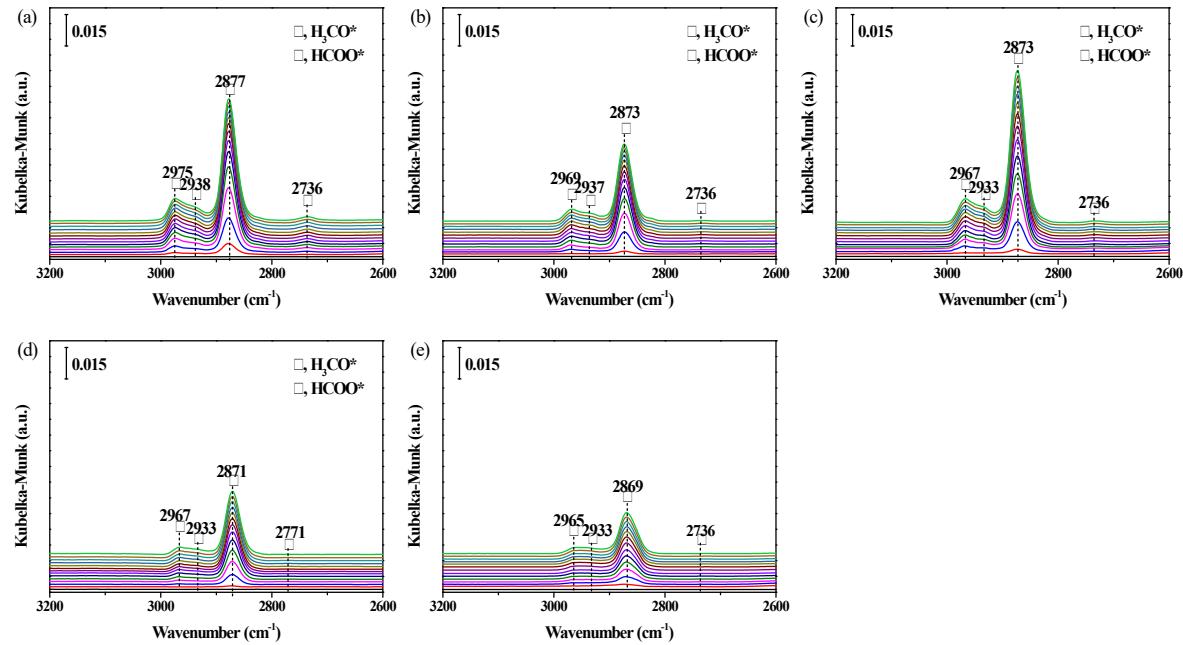
**Figure S8.** Methanol conversion and product selectivity in methanol to light olefins on H-SAPO-18 (a) and H-SAPO-34 (b) composite catalyst and the corresponding proportion of ethene and propene+butene in total C<sub>2</sub><sup>=</sup>-C<sub>4</sub><sup>=</sup> (c), and GC-MS (d) of used H-SAPO-18 and H-SAPO-34. Reaction conditions: 350 °C and WHSV<sub>methanol</sub> of 0.5 h<sup>-1</sup>.

**Figure S9.**



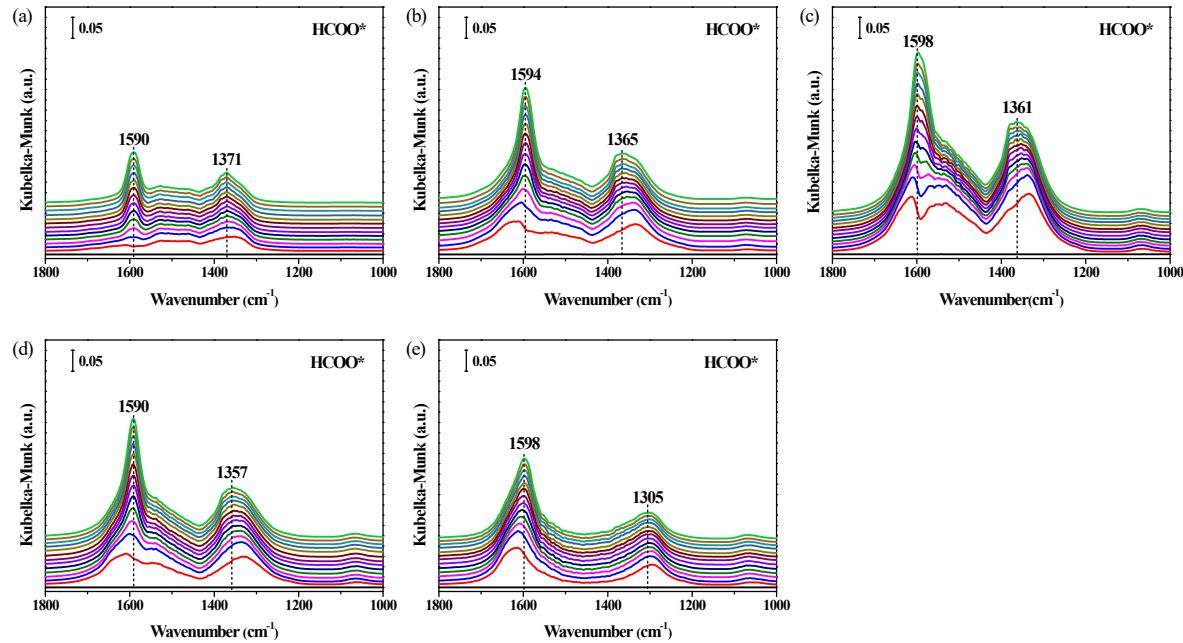
**Figure S9.** In situ DRIFTS in the range of 1000-1150 cm<sup>-1</sup> for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation on ZnZrO<sub>x</sub> (a), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.2La) (b), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La) (c), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.5La) (d) and ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(1.0La) (e). The spectra was collected every 5 min up to 60 min after pre-treatment of the sample with H<sub>2</sub> (30 mL/min) for 2 h at 400 °C and purged with Ar (30 mL/min) for 0.5 h at 300 °C (Typical reaction conditions: 300 °C and 0.1 MPa).

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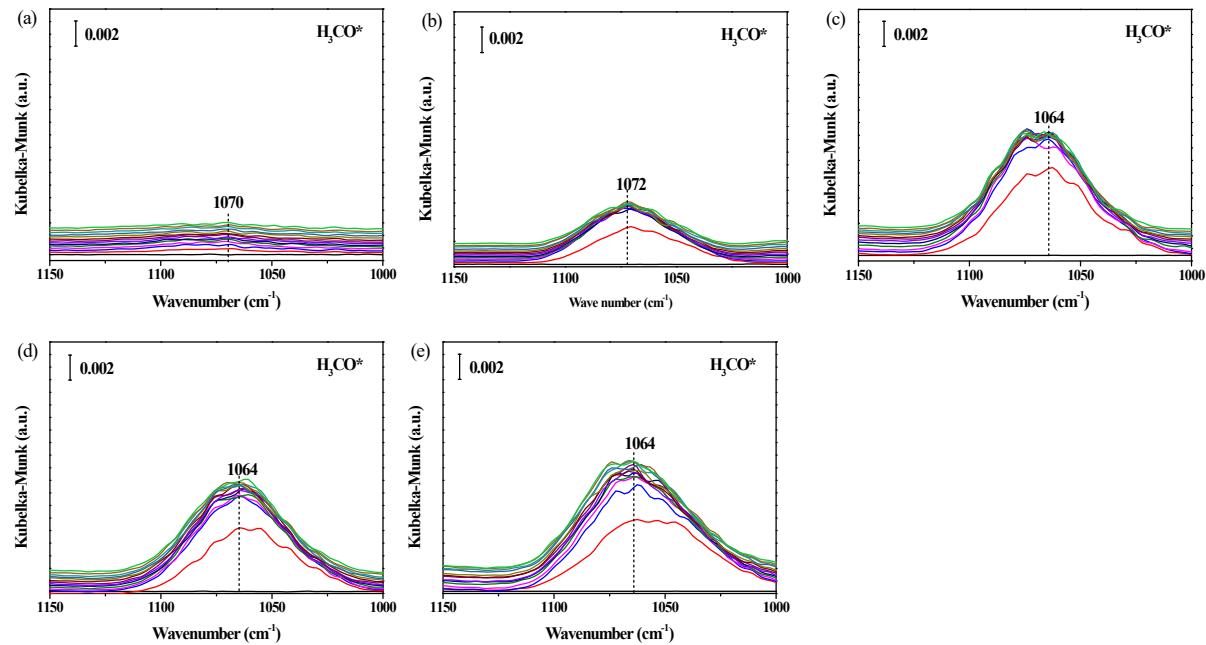
**Figure S10.** In situ DRIFTS in the range of 2600–3200 cm<sup>-1</sup> for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation on ZnZrO<sub>x</sub> (a), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.2La) (b), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La) (c), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.5La) (d) and ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(1.0La) (e). The spectra was collected every 5 min up to 60 min after pre-treatment of the sample with H<sub>2</sub> (30 mL/min) for 2 h at 400 °C and purged with Ar (30 mL/min) for 0.5 h at 300 °C (Typical reaction conditions: 300 °C and 0.1 MPa).

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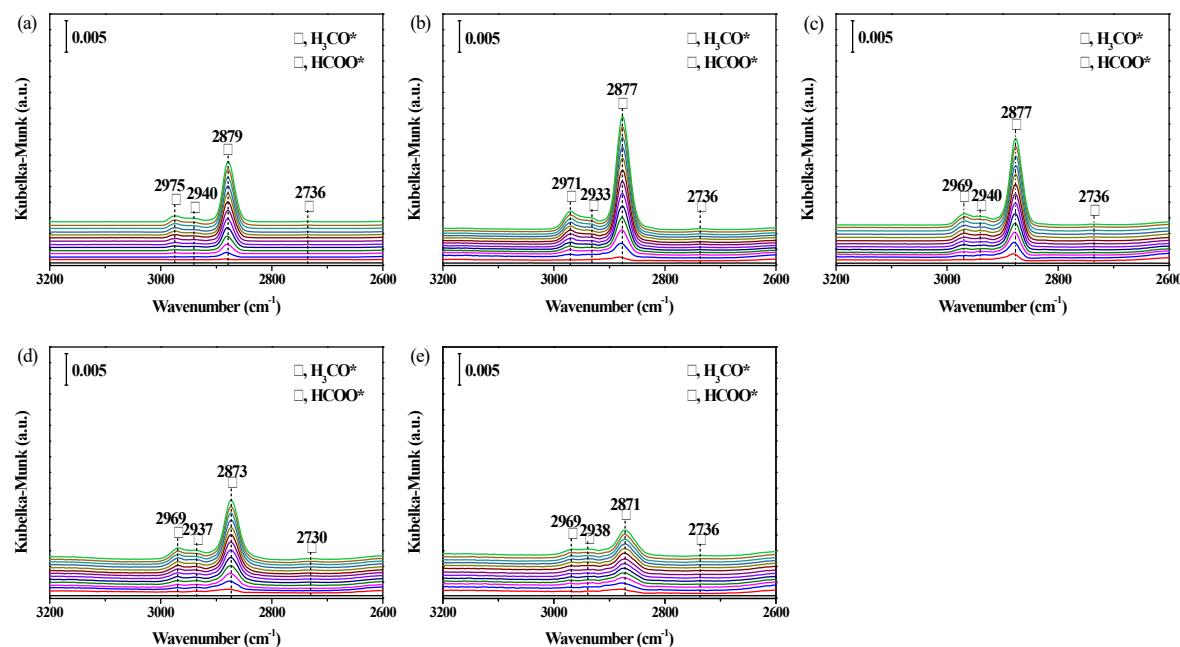
**Figure S11.** In situ DRIFTS for  $\text{CO}_2$  hydrogenation on  $\text{ZnZrO}_x$  (a),  $\text{ZnZrO}_x(0.2\text{La})$  (b),  $\text{ZnZrO}_x(0.3\text{La})$  (c),  $\text{ZnZrO}_x(0.5\text{La})$  (d) and  $\text{ZnZrO}_x(1.0\text{La})$  (e). The spectra was collected every 5 min up to 60 min after pre-treatment of the sample with  $\text{H}_2$  (30 mL/min) for 2 h at 400 °C and purged with Ar (30 mL/min) for 0.5 h at 260 °C (Typical reaction conditions: 260 °C and 0.1 MPa).

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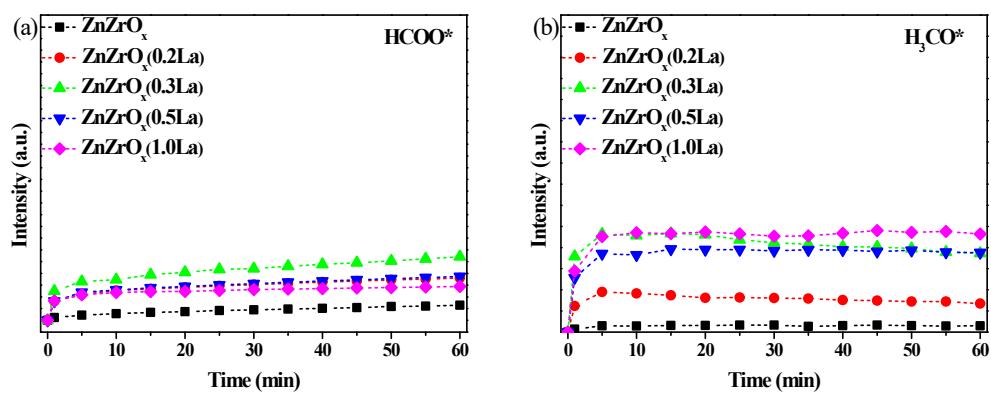
**Figure S12.** In situ DRIFTS in the range of 1000-1150 cm<sup>-1</sup> for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation on ZnZrO<sub>x</sub> (a), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.2La) (b), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La) (c), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.5La) (d) and ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(1.0La) (e). The spectra was collected every 5 min up to 60 min after pre-treatment of the sample with H<sub>2</sub> (30 mL/min) for 2 h at 400 °C and purged with Ar (30 mL/min) for 0.5 h at 260 °C (Typical reaction conditions: 260 °C and 0.1 MPa).

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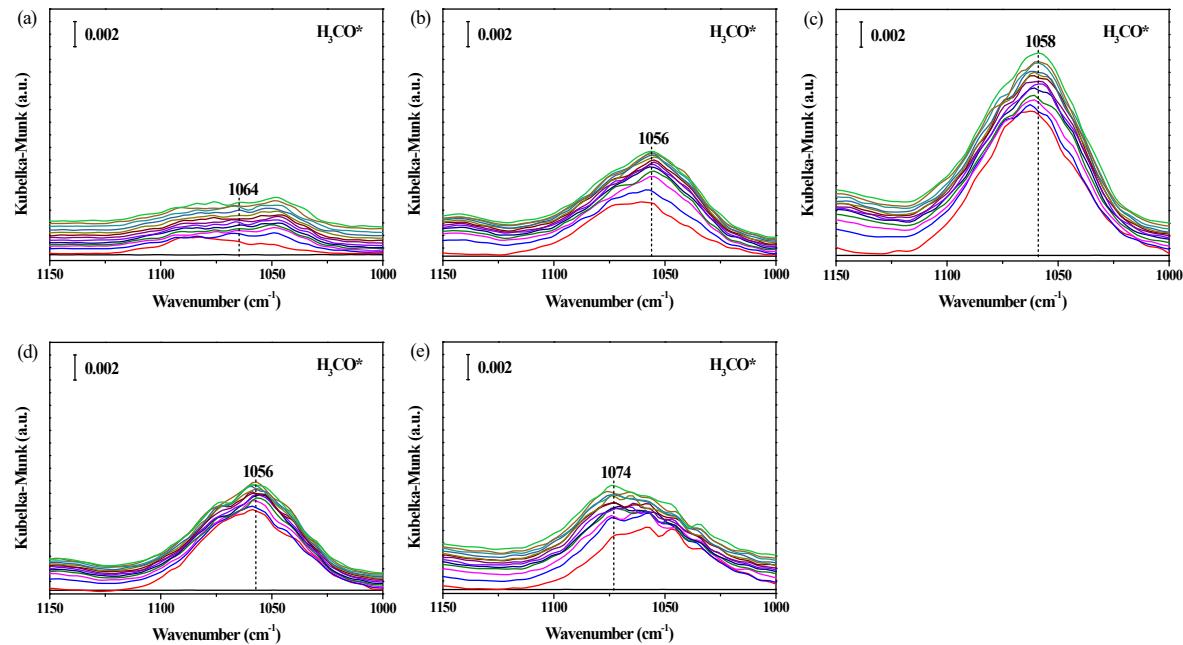
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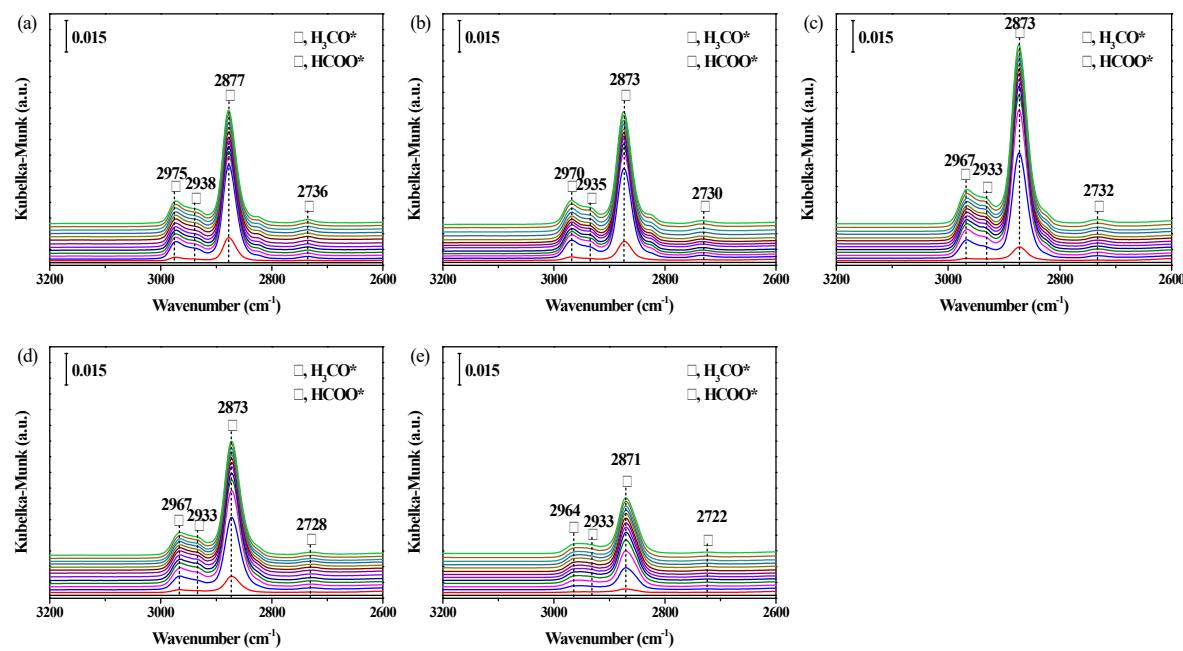
**Figure S14.** Variation of peak intensity of formate (a) and methoxy (b) intermediates with the reaction time over various ZnZrO<sub>x</sub> and ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(nLa) oxides (Typical reaction conditions: 260 °C and 0.1 MPa).

**Figure S15.**



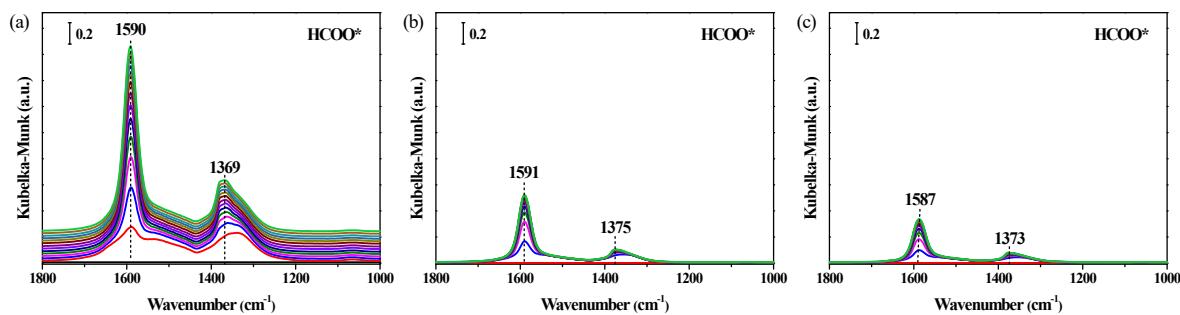
**Figure S15.** In situ DRIFTS in the range of 1000-1150 cm<sup>-1</sup> for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation on ZnZrO<sub>x</sub> (a), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.2La) (b), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La) (c), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.5La) (d) and ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(1.0La) (e). The spectra was collected every 5 min up to 60 min after pre-treatment of the sample with H<sub>2</sub> (30 mL/min) for 2 h at 400 °C and purged with Ar (30 mL/min) for 0.5 h at 350 °C (Typical reaction conditions: 350 °C and 0.1 MPa).

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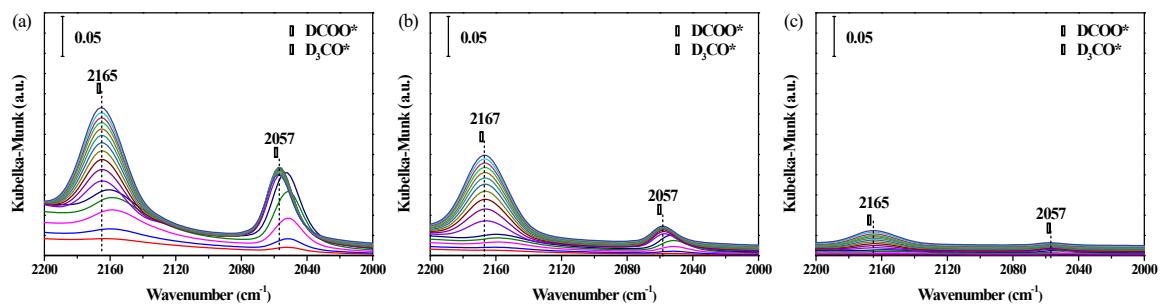
**Figure S16.** In situ DRIFTS in the range of 2600–3200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{CO}_2$  hydrogenation on  $\text{ZnZrO}_x$  (a),  $\text{ZnZrO}_x(0.2\text{La})$  (b),  $\text{ZnZrO}_x(0.3\text{La})$  (c),  $\text{ZnZrO}_x(0.5\text{La})$  (d) and  $\text{ZnZrO}_x(1.0\text{La})$  (e). The spectra was collected every 5 min up to 60 min after pre-treatment of the sample with  $\text{H}_2$  (30 mL/min) for 2 h at 400  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  and purged with Ar (30 mL/min) for 0.5 h at 350  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Typical reaction conditions: 350  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 0.1 MPa).

**Figure S17.**



**Figure S17.** In situ DRIFTS for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation on ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La)-500 °C (a), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La)-600 °C (b) and ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La)-700 °C (c). The spectra was collected every 1 min up to 15 min after pre-treatment of the sample with H<sub>2</sub> (30 mL/min) for 2 h at 400 °C and purged with Ar (30 mL/min) for 0.5 h at 300 °C (Typical reaction conditions: 300 °C and 0.1 MPa).

**Figure S18.**



**Figure S18.** Isotope-labeled in situ DRIFTS for CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation on ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La)-500 °C (a), ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La)-600 °C (b) and ZnZrO<sub>x</sub>(0.3La)-700 °C (c). The spectra was collected every 1 min up to 15 min after pre-treatment of the sample with H<sub>2</sub> (30 mL/min) for 2 h at 400 °C and purged with Ar (30 mL/min) for 0.5 h at 300 °C (Typical reaction conditions: 300 °C and 0.1 MPa).

**Table S3.** The catalytic performance of previous reported bifunctional catalysts in CO<sub>2</sub> hydrogenation to light olefins.

Catalysts	T/K	P/MPa	CO <sub>2</sub> Conv./%	C <sub>2</sub> <sup>=</sup> -C <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup> Sel./%	CO Sel./%	C <sub>2</sub> <sup>=</sup> -C <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup> Yield/%	Refs.
Zr-In <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /SAPO-34	673	3	35.5	76.4	85.0	4.1	[1]
ZnO-ZrO <sub>2</sub> /SAPO-34	653	3	12.6	80.0	43.0	5.7	[2]
ZnAl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /SAPO-34	643	3	15	87.0	49.0	6.6	[3]
ZnGa <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /SAPO-34	643	3	13.0	86.0	46.0	6.0	[4]
ZnZrO <sub>x</sub> (0.3La)/SAPO-34	623	2	12.4	83.2	36.5	6.6	This work
ZnZrO <sub>x</sub> (0.3La)/SAPO-18	623	2	11.9	77.5	31.6	6.3	This work

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