**Supporting Information** 

## Catalytic performance of Ni-Co/HZSM-5 catalysts for aromatic compound promotion in simulated bio-oil upgrading

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Fig. S1. Diagram of the experimental setup.



Fig. S2 (a)  $N_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms and (b) pore size distribution curves for the Ni-Co/HZSM-5 catalysts.



Fig. S3. EDS data for the Ni-Co/HZSM-5 catalysts.



Fig. S4. SEM images of the regenerated catalysts: (a) 6Ni-4Co/HZSM-5 and (b) 10Ni/HZSM-5.

6Ni-4Co/HZSM-5 Catalyst	Binding energy (eV) (Co2p <sub>3/2</sub> -Co2p <sub>1/2</sub> )	Binding energy (eV)										
		Co <sup>3+</sup> 2p		Co <sup>2+</sup> 2p		Sat		Co <sup>0</sup>	Ni <sup>2+</sup>		sat	
		3/2	1/2	3/2	1/2	3/2	1/2	3/2	3/2	1/2	3/2	1/2
Fresh	797.4-782.1 (15.3)	781.3	796.6	783.3	798.4	785.4	802.6		856.6	874.4	862.7	881.2
After 10 min	797.4-782.1 (15.3)	781.3	796.6	783.3	798.4	785.7	802.7	776.5	856.6	874.4	862.9	881.3
After 20 min	797.4-782.1 (15.3)	781.4	796.7	783.2	798.4	785.7	802.7		856.6	874.4	862.7	881.0
After 30 min	797.4-782.1 (15.3)	781.3	796.6	783.2	798.4	785.7	802.7	776.5	856.6	874.4	862.7	881.1

## Table S1. Binding energies of the 6Ni-4Co/HZSM-5 catalyst.