

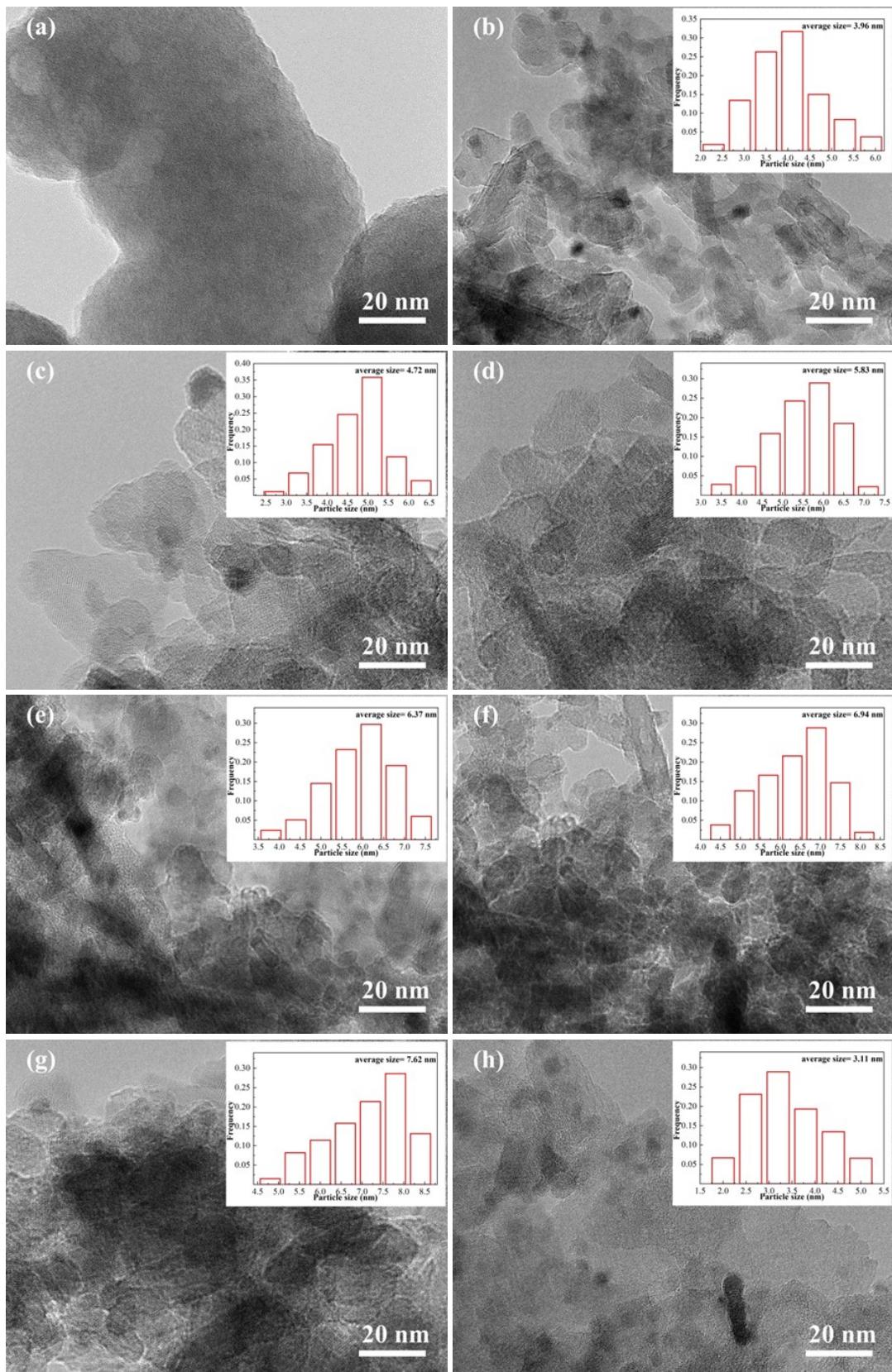
## **Construction of highly active and water-resistant Ni-based catalyst for HDO reaction of phenol**

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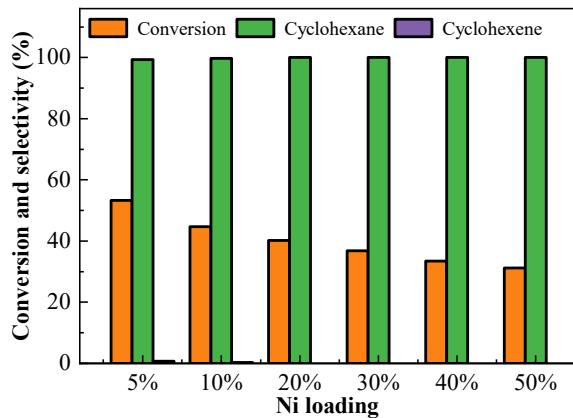
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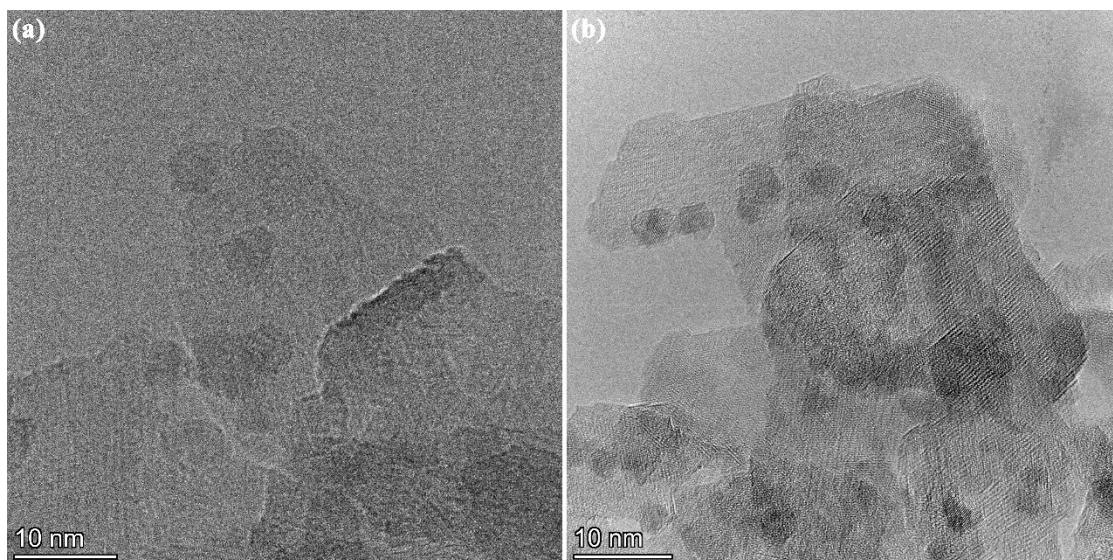


**Fig. S1** HRTEM and corresponding particle size distribution of Ni@C/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(1) (a), Ni@C/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(5), Ni@C/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(10), Ni@C/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(20), Ni@C/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(30), Ni@C/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(40), Ni@C/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(50) and Ni@C/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(5)-glucose.



**Fig. S2** Dehydration of cyclohexanol over  $\text{Ni}@\text{C}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3(x)$  catalysts.

Reaction conditions:  $T=250\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $P=2\text{ MPa}$ ,  $t=2\text{ h}$



**Fig. S3** HRTEM of fresh (a) and spent (b)  $\text{Ni}@\text{C}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ -glucose catalyst