## **Electric Supplementary Information**

## Dispersed Ru nanoclusters transformed from grafted trinuclear Ru complex on SiO<sub>2</sub> for selective alcohol oxidation

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**Fig. S1.** (A, B) FT-IR spectra for Py-et-Si(OEt)<sub>3</sub> and **B** in (A) the vibration region and (B) in the ring-vibration and the rotation region. (C) FT-IR spectra for **A**, **A-Py<sub>3</sub>**, **B**, **C**, and **A+SiO<sub>2</sub>** (impregnated).



Fig. S2. <sup>13</sup>C liquid-state NMR of Py-et-Si(OEt)<sub>3</sub> (in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C SS MAS NMR of **B**.



**Fig. S3.** (A)  $k^3$ -Weighted Ru K-edge EXAFS oscillations and (B) their Fourier transforms for Ru powder, RuO<sub>2</sub>, **A**, **C**, **D**, **E**, and **F** (Ru: 3 wt%). Black solid lines in (B): observed data and red dashed lines: fitted data.



Fig. S4. Normalized Ru K-edge XANES spectra of Ru powder, RuO<sub>2</sub>, A, C, D, E, and F.



Fig. S5. XRD spectra of Ru powder, RuO<sub>2</sub>, D, E, and F (Ru: 3 wt%).



Fig. S6. TEM images of (A) D and (B) E.



**Fig. S7.** TEM images of **D** (Ru: 1 wt%, 3 wt%, and 6 wt%).



**Fig. S8.**  $k^3$ -Weighted Ru K-edge EXAFS Fourier transforms for **D** (fresh, Ru: 3 wt%) and **D** (after the benzyl alcohol oxidation, Ru: 3 wt%) measured at 20 K.



**Fig. S9.** Conversion – time plot for the selective oxidation of benzyl alcohol on **D** (•), and test of heterogeneous nature after the removal of solid part ( $\Box$ ). Reaction conditions: Ru<sub>3</sub> = 1.0 × 10<sup>-5</sup> mol, Ru<sub>3</sub>/benzyl alcohol/dodecane (internal standard) = 1/100/50 (molar ratio), 0.33 mol L<sup>-1</sup> of benzyl alcohol in toluene, 353 K, 101.3 kPa of O<sub>2</sub>, 6 h.