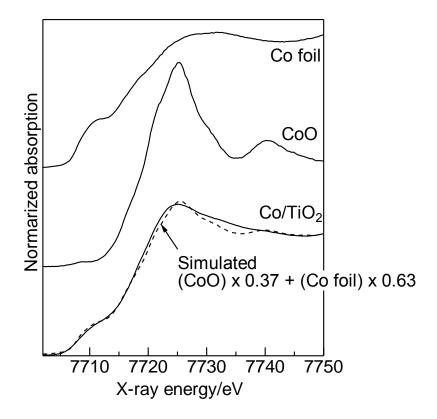
## **Supporting Information**

## Heterogeneous cobalt catalyst for accepterless dehydrogenation of alcohols

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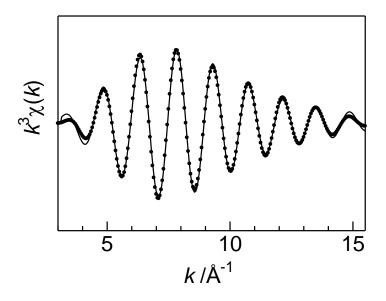
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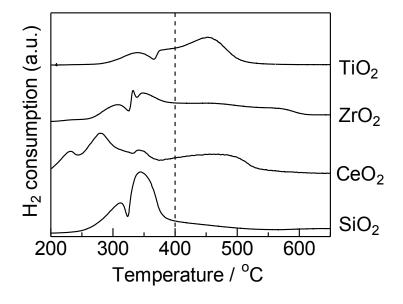
**Figure S1.** Fitting analysis of Co K-edge XANES. The experimental spectrum of  $Co/TiO_2$  (Co = 5 wt%, after H<sub>2</sub>-reduction at 400 °C) fitted with the simulated spectrum (dashed line) which is composed of XANES spectra of reference compounds (Co foil and CoO).

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**Figure S2.** Fourier filtered EXAFS function (R range = 1.32–2.88 Å) (solid line) and ( $\bullet$ ) its best fit derived from curve-fitting analysis of Co/TiO<sub>2</sub> (Co = 5 wt%, after H<sub>2</sub>-reduction at 400 °C).



**Figure S3.**  $H_2$ -TPR profiles of  $Co_3O_4$ -loaded metal oxides (Co = 5 wt%).