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**Tailoring properties of SBA-15 materials by controlling conditions  
 of hydrothermal synthesis**

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**Table 1S.** Parameters obtained from Small Angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS) for the calcined SBA-15 samples prepared from TEOS at 100°C.

Sample $\delta^a$	$2\theta$ (deg.) <sup>b</sup>	$d$ (nm) <sup>c</sup>	$I/I_0^d$	$hkl^e$	$a$ (nm) <sup>f</sup>
<b>SBA-15/6 0.084</b>	0.87	10.15	1000	100	11.72
	1.52	5.81	25	110	11.62
	1.75	5.05	19	200	11.66
	2.32	3.80	1	210	11.61
	2.61	3.38	1	300	11.71
	3.02	2.92	1	220	11.70
	3.16	2.79	1	310	11.62
<b>SBA-15/24 0.084</b>	0.84	10.52	1000	100	12.15
	1.46	6.07	40	110	12.14
	1.68	5.26	22	200	12.15
	2.22	3.97	2	210	12.13
	2.52	3.51	1	300	12.16
<b>SBA-15/48 0.085</b>	0.83	10.62	1000	100	12.26
	1.45	6.11	48	110	12.22
	1.67	5.29	21	200	12.21
	2.21	4.00	3	210	12.23
	2.50	3.54	1	300	12.26
<b>SBA-15/72 0.084</b>	0.82	10.77	1000	100	12.44
	1.42	6.23	55	110	12.46
	1.64	5.38	21	200	12.42
	2.17	4.07	4	210	12.43
	2.45	3.60	1	300	12.47
<b>SBA-15/96 0.09</b>	0.82	10.77	1000	100	12.44
	1.42	6.23	57	110	12.46
	1.63	5.41	20	200	12.49
	2.16	4.09	4	210	12.49
	2.45	3.60	1	300	12.47
<b>SBA-15/120 0.083</b>	0.83	10.64	1000	100	12.28
	1.45	6.07	54	110	12.14
	1.68	5.27	16	200	12.17
	2.21	3.99	3	210	12.19

<sup>a</sup> $\delta$  - Full width at half maximum of the most intense peak; <sup>b</sup> $2\theta$  – scattering angle; <sup>c</sup> $d$  – interplanar spacing; <sup>d</sup> $I/I_0$  – relative intensity defined as the ratio of the areas of a given peak to the most intense peak multiplied by 1000; <sup>e</sup> $hkl$  – Muller indexes; <sup>f</sup> $a$  – unit cell parameter.

**Table 2S.** Parameters obtained from Small Angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS) for the calcined SBA-15\* samples prepared from TEOS at 120°C.

Sample $\delta^a$	$2\theta$ (deg.) <sup>b</sup>	$d$ (nm) <sup>c</sup>	$I/I_0$ <sup>d</sup>	$hkl^e$	$a$ (nm) <sup>f</sup>
<b>SBA-15/12*</b> <b>0.084</b>	0.83	10.64	1000	100	12.28
	1.44	6.14	44	110	12.28
	1.65	5.34	19	200	12.33
	2.20	4.02	2	210	12.29
	2.49	3.55	1	300	12.29
	2.90	3.05	1	220	12.20
<b>SBA-15/24*</b> <b>0.081</b>	0.83	10.64	1000	100	12.28
	1.44	6.14	49	110	12.28
	1.65	5.34	21	200	12.33
	2.19	4.03	3	210	12.31
	2.48	3.56	1	300	12.33
<b>SBA-15/48*</b> <b>0.096</b>	0.84	10.52	1000	100	12.15
	1.47	6.01	56	110	12.01
	1.69	5.23	14	200	12.08
	2.22	3.97	3	210	12.14
	2.53	3.50	1	300	12.11
	2.92	3.03	1	220	12.13
<b>SBA-15/72*</b> <b>0.084</b>	0.82	10.77	1000	100	12.44
	1.42	6.23	66	110	12.46
	1.64	5.40	16	200	12.47
	2.16	4.09	4	210	12.49
	2.45	3.61	1	300	12.47

<sup>a</sup> $\delta$  - Full width at half maximum of the most intense peak; <sup>b</sup> $2\theta$  – scattering angle; <sup>c</sup> $d$  – interplanar spacing; <sup>d</sup> $I/I_0$  – relative intensity defined as the ratio of the areas of a given peak to the most intense peak multiplied by 1000; <sup>e</sup> $hkl$  – Muller indexes; <sup>f</sup> $a$  – unit cell parameter.

**Table 3S.** Parameters obtained from Small Angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS) for the calcined NaSBA-15 samples prepared from sodium metasilicate at 100°C.

Sample $\delta^a$	$2\theta$ (deg.) <sup>b</sup>	d (nm) <sup>c</sup>	I/I <sub>0</sub> <sup>d</sup>	hkl <sup>e</sup>	a (nm) <sup>f</sup>
NaSBA-15/12 0.11	0.87	10.15	1000	100	11.72
	1.50	5.90	19	110	11.80
	1.73	5.09	14	200	11.75
NaSBA-15/24 0.115	0.84	10.52	1000	100	12.15
	1.46	6.03	21	110	12.14
	1.69	5.23	14	200	12.08
	2.22	3.97	1	210	12.13
	2.53	3.48	1	300	12.05
NaSBA-15/48 0.116	0.82	10.77	1000	100	12.44
	1.44	6.13	29	110	12.25
	1.67	5.30	14	200	12.24
	2.18	4.05	1	210	12.30
	2.44	3.62	1	300	12.54
NaSBA-15/72 0.109	0.83	10.64	1000	100	12.28
	1.43	6.17	32	110	12.34
	1.66	5.33	15	200	12.31
	2.20	4.02	1	210	12.29
	2.49	3.55	1	300	12.29
NaSBA-15/120 0.116	0.83	10.65	1000	100	12.28
	1.43	6.17	36	110	12.34
	1.65	5.35	13	200	12.33
	2.19	4.03	2	210	12.31
	2.47	3.57	1	300	12.36
NaSBA-15S/24 0.09	0.89	9.93	1000	100	11.46
	1.55	5.71	26	110	11.42
	1.79	4.95	14	200	11.43
	2.36	3.73	1	210	11.40
	2.68	3.30	1	300	11.43
NaSBA-15S/48 0.096	0.86	10.27	1000	100	11.86
	1.50	5.90	34	110	11.80
	1.72	5.13	16	200	11.85
	2.27	3.88	1	210	11.85
	2.58	3.42	1	300	11.85

<sup>a</sup> $\delta$  - Full width at half maximum of the most intense peak; <sup>b</sup> $2\theta$  – scattering angle; <sup>c</sup>d – interplanar spacing; <sup>d</sup>I/I<sub>0</sub> – relative intensity defined as the ratio of the areas of a given peak to the most intense peak multiplied by 1000; <sup>e</sup>hkl – Muller indexes; <sup>f</sup>a – unit cell parameter.

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**Table 4S.** Parameters obtained from N<sub>2</sub> adsorption at -196°C and SAXS data for the calcined SBA-15 samples prepared from TEOS at 100°C and SBA-15S/48.

Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Single point V <sub>s</sub> <sup>a</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	ā <sup>b</sup> (nm)	w <sub>d</sub> (nm)	b <sub>d</sub> (nm)	w <sub>KJS</sub> (nm)	V <sub>t</sub> <sup>c</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>me</sub> <sup>d</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>mi</sub> <sup>e</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
<b>SBA-15/06</b>	1012	1.14	11.66	9.39	2.27	9.45	1.16	0.91	0.20
<b>SBA-15/24</b>	965	1.26	12.15	10.18	1.97	10.53	1.26	1.06	0.15
<b>SBA-15/48</b>	890	1.29	12.24	10.49	1.75	10.74	1.28	1.11	0.11
<b>SBA-15/72</b>	836	1.31	12.44	10.75	1.69	11.29	1.35	1.16	0.10
<b>SBA-15/96</b>	809	1.35	12.47	10.82	1.65	11.44	1.33	1.19	0.09
<b>SBA-15/120</b>	772	1.31	12.20	10.60	1.60	11.55	1.35	1.17	0.11
<b>SBA-15S/48</b>	912	1.26	12.40	10.45	1.95	10.57	1.28	1.08	0.13

<sup>a</sup> Single-point pore volume V<sub>s</sub> evaluated from nitrogen adsorption isotherms; <sup>b</sup>ā – average unit cell parameter; <sup>c</sup>V<sub>t</sub> - total pore volume obtained by integration of the PSD curves; <sup>d</sup>V<sub>me</sub> - volume of primary mesopores calculated by integration of the PSD curves from 3 to ~17 nm; <sup>e</sup>V<sub>mi</sub> - micropore volume calculated by integration of the PSD curves up to 3 nm. Other symbols: S<sub>BET</sub> - BET specific surface area, w<sub>d</sub> – mesopore width evaluated according to the formulae reported in *Langmuir*, 1997, **13**, 6267, w<sub>KJS</sub> - mesopore width at the maximum of the pore size distribution obtained by the KJS method (see ref given above), and b<sub>d</sub> – mesopore wall thickness expressed as follows: b<sub>d</sub> = ā - w<sub>d</sub>.

**Table 5S.** Parameters obtained from N<sub>2</sub> adsorption at -196°C and SAXS data for the calcined SBA-15\* samples prepared from TEOS at 120°C and SBA-15S/48.

Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Single point V <sub>s</sub> <sup>a</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	ā <sup>b</sup> (nm)	w <sub>d</sub> (nm)	b <sub>d</sub> (nm)	w <sub>KJS</sub> (nm)	V <sub>t</sub> <sup>c</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>me</sub> <sup>d</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>mi</sub> <sup>e</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
<b>SBA-15/12*</b>	848	1.29	12.28	10.62	1.66	11.08	1.29	1.14	0.09
<b>SBA-15/24*</b>	834	1.30	12.30	10.65	1.65	11.03	1.29	1.14	0.08
<b>SBA-15/48*</b>	718	1.35	12.10	10.76	1.34	11.65	1.37	1.22	0.04
<b>SBA-15/72*</b>	695	1.30	12.47	10.99	1.48	11.77	1.33	1.20	0.04
<b>SBA-15S/48</b>	912	1.26	12.40	10.45	1.95	10.57	1.28	1.08	0.13

<sup>a</sup> Single-point pore volume V<sub>s</sub> evaluated from nitrogen adsorption isotherms; <sup>b</sup>ā – average unit cell parameter; <sup>c</sup>V<sub>t</sub> - total pore volume obtained by integration of the PSD curves; <sup>d</sup>V<sub>me</sub> - volume of primary mesopores calculated by integration of the PSD curves from 3 to ~17 nm; <sup>e</sup>V<sub>mi</sub> - micropore volume calculated by integration of the PSD curves up to 3 nm. Other symbols: S<sub>BET</sub> - BET specific surface area, w<sub>d</sub> – mesopore width evaluated according to the formulae reported in *Langmuir*, 1997, **13**, 6267, w<sub>KJS</sub> - mesopore width at the maximum of the pore size distribution obtained by the KJS method (see ref given above), and b<sub>d</sub> – mesopore wall thickness expressed as follows: b<sub>d</sub> = ā - w<sub>d</sub>.

**Table 6S.** Parameters obtained from N<sub>2</sub> adsorption at -196°C and SAXS data for the calcined NaSBA-15 samples prepared from sodium metasilicate at 100°C, NaSBA-15S/24 and NaSBA-15S/48.

Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Single point V <sub>s</sub> <sup>a</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	ā <sup>b</sup> (nm)	w <sub>d</sub> (nm)	b <sub>d</sub> (nm)	w <sub>KJS</sub> (nm)	V <sub>t</sub> <sup>c</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>me</sub> <sup>d</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>mi</sub> <sup>e</sup> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
<b>NaSBA-15/12</b>	876	1.01	11.76	9.26	2.50	9.43	1.02	0.80	0.16
<b>NaSBA-15/24</b>	905	1.10	12.11	9.81	2.30	10.05	1.12	0.89	0.16
<b>NaSBA-15/48</b>	887	1.18	12.37	10.36	2.01	10.68	1.20	0.99	0.13
<b>NaSBA-15/72</b>	805	1.13	12.30	10.26	2.04	10.77	1.12	0.97	0.11
<b>NaSBA-15/120</b>	760	1.15	12.32	10.41	1.91	11.01	1.16	1.01	0.09
<b>NaSBA-15S/24</b>	761	0.91	11.43	9.09	2.34	8.80	0.91	0.76	0.12
<b>NaSBA-15S/48</b>	820	1.06	11.84	9.73	2.11	9.84	1.06	0.90	0.12

<sup>a</sup> Single-point pore volume V<sub>s</sub> evaluated from nitrogen adsorption isotherms; <sup>b</sup>ā – average unit cell parameter; <sup>c</sup>V<sub>t</sub> - total pore volume obtained by integration of the PSD curves; <sup>d</sup>V<sub>me</sub> - volume of primary mesopores calculated by integration of the PSD curves from 3 to ~17 nm; <sup>e</sup>V<sub>mi</sub> - micropore volume calculated by integration of the PSD curves up to 3 nm. Other symbols: S<sub>BET</sub> - BET specific surface area, w<sub>d</sub> – mesopore width evaluated according to the formulae reported in *Langmuir*, 1997, **13**, 6267, w<sub>KJS</sub> - mesopore width at the maximum of the pore size distribution obtained by the KJS method (see ref given above), and b<sub>d</sub> – mesopore wall thickness expressed as follows: b<sub>d</sub> = ā - w<sub>d</sub>.