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Preparation and characterization of Ti supported bimodal mesoporous catalysts using a self-assembly route combined with a ship-in-a-bottle method

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Figure S1. FT-IR spectra of Ti supported ILBMMs.

Figure S2. Diffusion reflectance UV-vis spectra Ti supported ILBMMs.


Figure S1. FT-IR spectra of Ti supported ILBMMs.

As seen in Figure S1, FT-IR spectra of all samples reveal almost same feature as that of ILBMMs, in other words, the bands at $2950 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, 2842 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, 1573 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, 1458 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, 1184 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, and $810 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ are corresponding to the characteristic absorptions of IL, besides, others at $1085 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, $960 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and $815 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ belong to the vibration peaks of the mesoporous framework ( $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Si}$ ). Notably, the band at $960 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ also can be ascribed to the symmetrical stretching vibrations of Si-O-Ti, although this observation cannot be used as the direct evidence of the introduction of Ti .


Figure S2. Diffusion reflectance UV-vis spectra Ti supported ILBMMs.

Figure S 2 presents the Uv-vis spectra of $\mathrm{T} / / I L B M M s$ samples. As a reference, the Uv-vis spectrum of mixture of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{TiCl}_{2}$ with BMMs exhibits a broad adsorption bands, in which the adsorption peaks are centered at $\lambda=250 \mathrm{~nm}, 420 \mathrm{~nm}$ and 550 nm . As compared, the Uv-vis spectra of $\mathrm{Ti} /$ ILBMMs samples illustrate that the band at 216.8 nm is attributed to imidazole ring of IL. These observations obviously indicate a strong interaction between IL and $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{TiCl}_{2}$.

