## **Supplementary information**

## Effect of Zr- substitution for Ce in $BaCe_{0.8}Gd_{0.15}Pr_{0.05}O_{3-\delta}$ on their chemical stability in $CO_2$ and water, and electrical conductivity

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Fig. S1 PXRD patterns obtained for  $BaCe_{0.8}zr_xGd_{0.15}Pr_{0.05}O_{3-\delta}$  (BCZGP) (x = 0.01. 0.05. 0.1, 0.2 and 0.3) samples after chemical stability measurements under pure CO<sub>2</sub> at 800 °C for 24 h. (# indicate peaks corresponding to the formation of BaCO<sub>3</sub> (JCPDS Card number: 5-378).)

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Fig. S2 Appearance of the BCZGP x=0.1 sample (a) as-prepared (b) after exposure to pure  $CO_2$  at 600 °C for 24 h (c) after exposure to H<sub>2</sub>O vapour treatment for 24 h at ~90 °C.