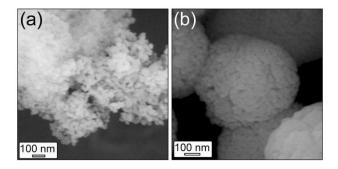
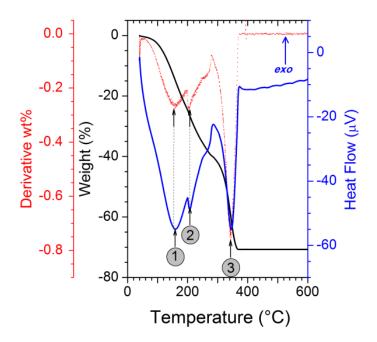
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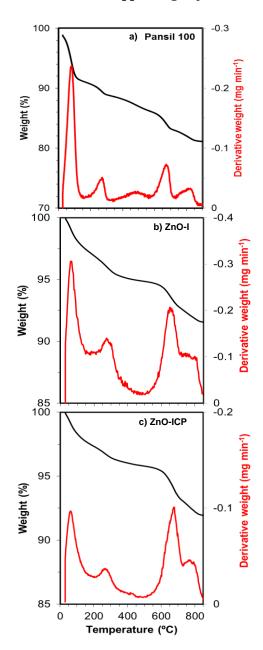
# **Supporting Information**



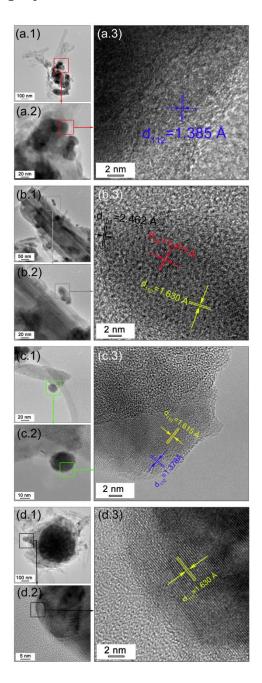
**Supporting Info 1.** Field emission-scanning electron microscopy micrographs of the initial materials used in the dry-nanodispersion method; **(a)** ZnO nanoparticles, and **(b)** hierarchically organized nanoparticles of ZnO.



**Supporting Info 2.** TGA-DTA curves of  $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6(H_2O)$ , used as ZnO precursor. The labelled regions correspond to dehydration (①, ②) and nitrate elimination (③) processes. The blue trace is the DTA curve, while the TGA weight loss and its derivate are represented by black and red traces, respectively.



Supporting Info 3. TGA of raw material sepiolite (a) and calcined composites ZnO-I (b) and ZnO-ICP (c).



Supporting Info 4. TEM (1, 2) and HR-TEM (3) images of the thermally treated samples synthesized by impregnation method (a), by impregnated carbon procedure (b), and by dry-mixing with isolated ZnO nanoparticles (c) or hierarchically organized nanoparticles (d). From high resolution-TEM images (a3-d3) the interplanar distance of the ZnO on the ZnO/sepiolite catalyst series can be measured.