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Supplementary Information

A comprehensive study on the effect of preparation methods for Aucore@shell silica materials in room temperature oxidative amide formation

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Figure S1 Histogram of size distribution of SiO_2 particles



Figure S2 Histogram of shell thickness distribution of SiO₂@mSiO₂ particles



Figure S3 Histograms of Au particle size distribution of (a) Au/SiO₂@mSiO₂(IM)-H₂-300, (b) Au/SiO₂@mSiO₂(IM)-H₂-400 and (c) Au/SiO₂@mSiO₂(IM)-H₂-500 catalysts



Figure S4 Histograms of Au particle size distribution of (a) Au/SiO₂@mSiO₂(DP)-H₂-300, (b) Au/SiO₂@mSiO₂(DP)-H₂-400 and (c) Au/SiO₂@mSiO₂(DP)-H₂-500 catalysts



Figure S5 Histograms of Au particle size distribution of (a) Au/SiO₂@mSiO₂(DP)-air-300, (b) Au/SiO₂@mSiO₂(DP)-air-400 and (c) Au/SiO₂@mSiO₂(DP)-air-500 catalysts