

## Supporting information

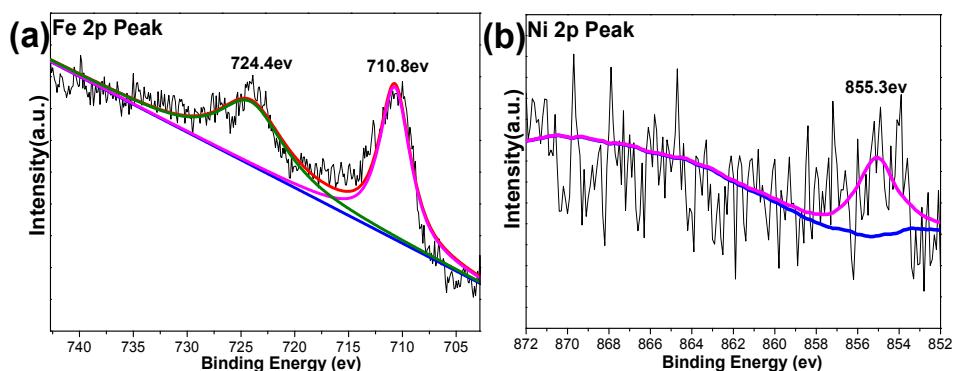


Fig.S1 XPS high-resolution spectra of the Fe 2p and Ni 2p regions of the as-prepared 10%  $\text{Fe}_{3(1-x)}\text{Ni}_x\text{N}$ , respectively.

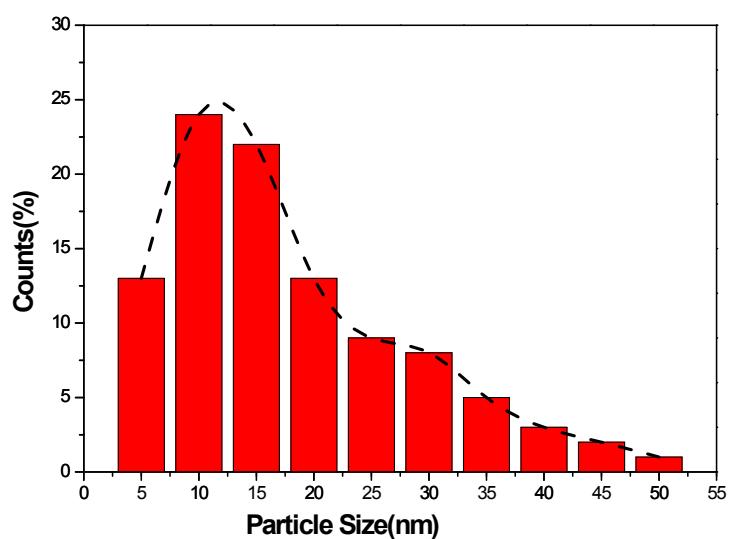


Fig.S2 The particle size distribution of 20%  $\text{Fe}_{3(1-x)}\text{Ni}_x\text{N}$  NPs.

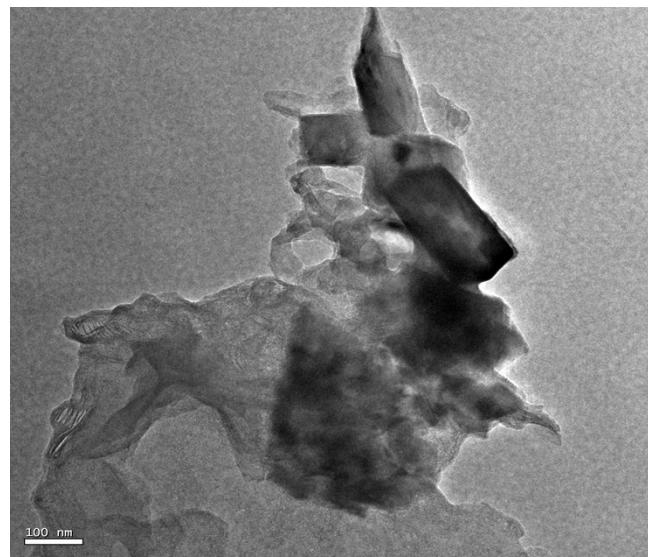


Fig.S3 HRTEM images of Fe<sub>3</sub>N

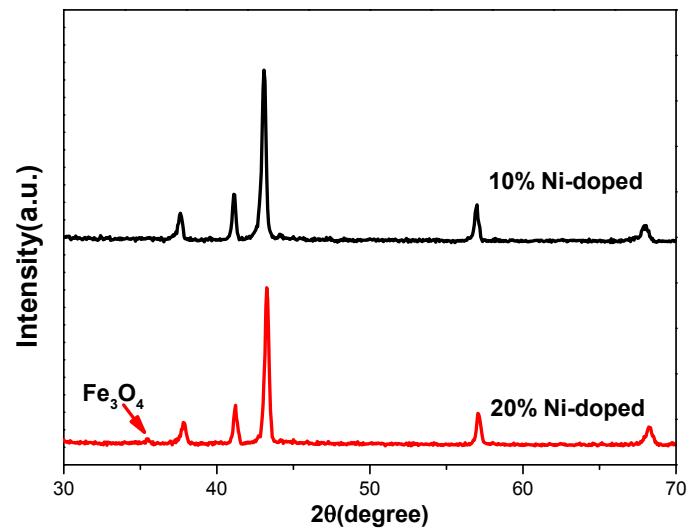


Fig.S4 XRD spectra of samples after catalysis