### Supporting Information

#### Pt supported on long rod β-FeOOH as an efficient catalyst for HCHO oxidation

#### at ambient temperature†

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#### 1. Experimental details of phenol spectrophotometric method

The phenol spectrophotometric method for analyzing the HCHO concentration in the gaseous mixture was performed as follows: The gas stream containing trace HCHO was bubbled through 5 mL phenol reagent ( $C_6H_4SN(CH_3)C/NNH_2$ ·HCl, Alfa Aesar) solution ( $1 \times 10^{-4}$  wt %) for 30 s to collect HCHO by absorption. Then, 0.4 mL (1 wt %) ammonium ferric sulfate ( $NH_4Fe(SO_4)_2 \cdot 12H_2O$ , Tianjin Fuchen Chemical Reagent Company) solution was added as the coloring reagent. After being shaken for 5 s and staying for 15 min in the dark, HCHO concentration in the gas stream was then determined by measuring light absorbance at 630 nm with a spectropho-tometer (UV-240, Shimadzu Co. Ltd., Japan).



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