

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### A reflux system to SBA-15 synthesis for selective hydrogenation of cinnamyl aldehyde

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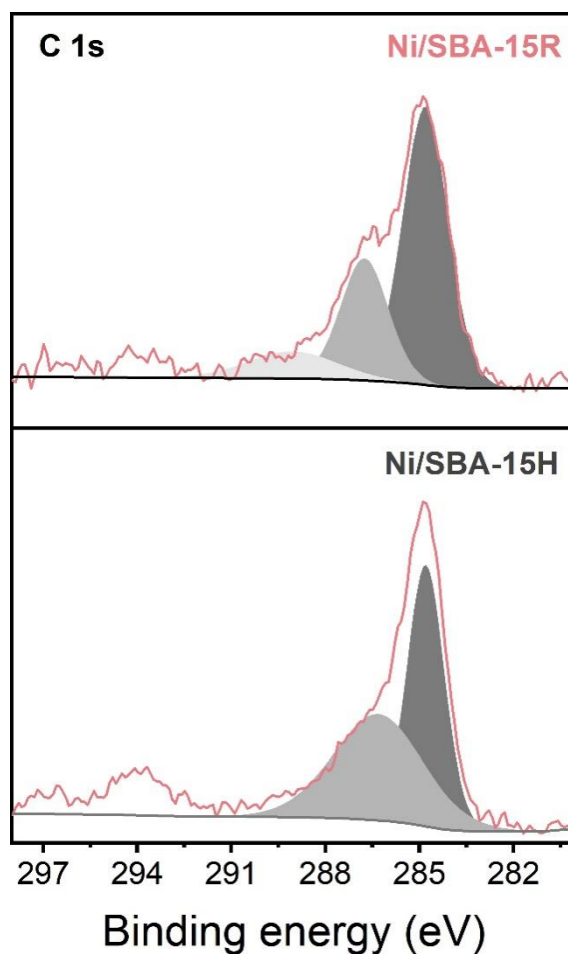
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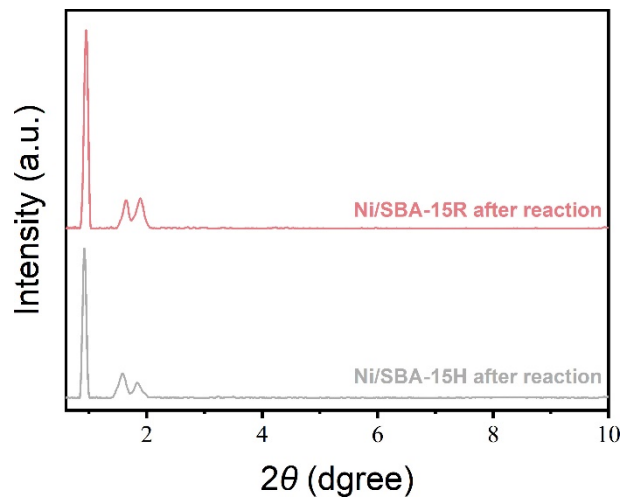
## 1. Synthesis of SBA-15H

4 g P123 was dissolved in the mixture of 30 mL H<sub>2</sub>O and 120 mL 2 M HCl solution. This homogeneous mixture was stirred for 2 h under room temperature. After stirring, 8.5 g TEOS was then added into the solution dropwise and stirred for 20 h. The resulting gel was transferred into a autoclave and heated at 120 °C overnight. The target SBA-15H was obtained by calcination of the precursor under stagnant air in a muffle oven at 500 °C for 12 h (heating ramp of 1 °C min<sup>-1</sup>).

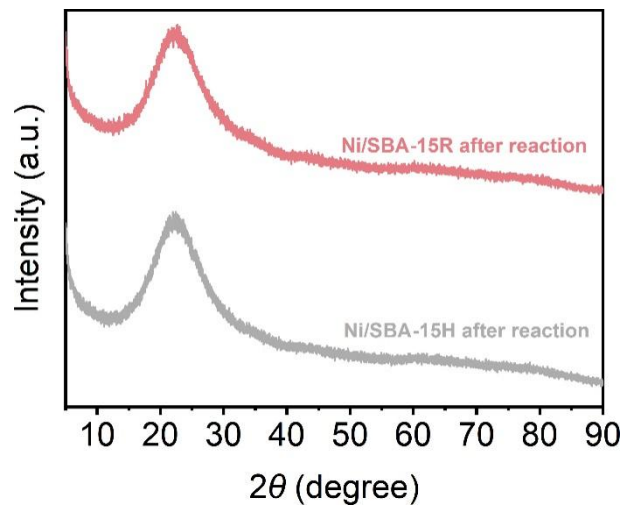
## 2. Characterization



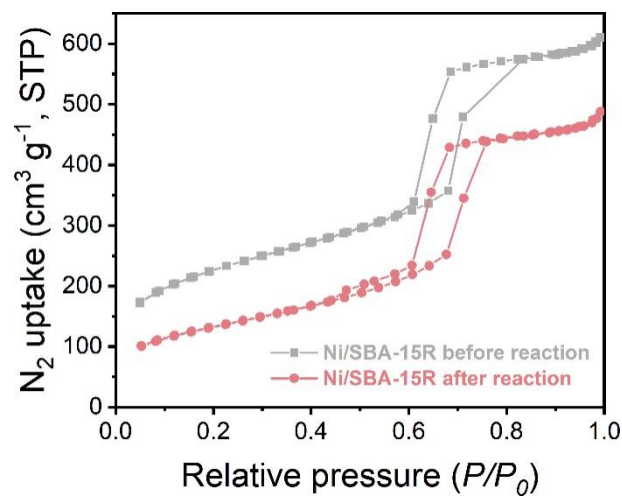
**Figure S1.** C 1s XPS profiles for Ni/SBA-15R and Ni/SBA-15H



**Figure S2.** Low-angle XRD patterns for Ni/SBA-15R and Ni/SBA-15H after reaction.



**Figure S3.** High-angle XRD patterns for Ni/SBA-15R and Ni/SBA-15H after reaction.



**Figure S4.** Comparison of N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherm for Ni/SBA-15R before and after reaction.

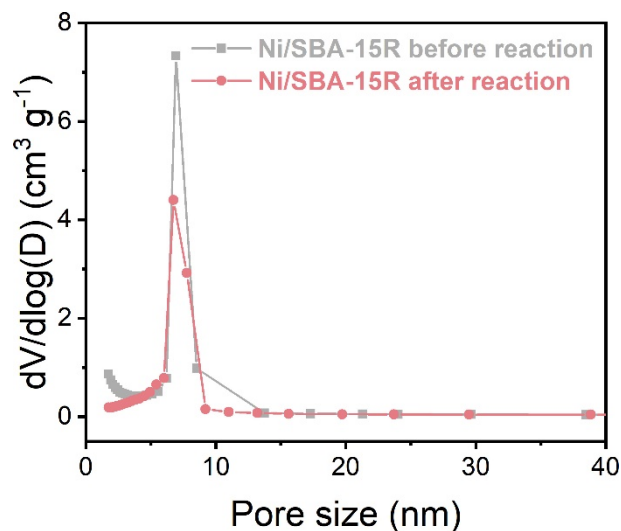


Figure S5. Comparison of pore size distribution for Ni/SBA-15R before and after reaction.

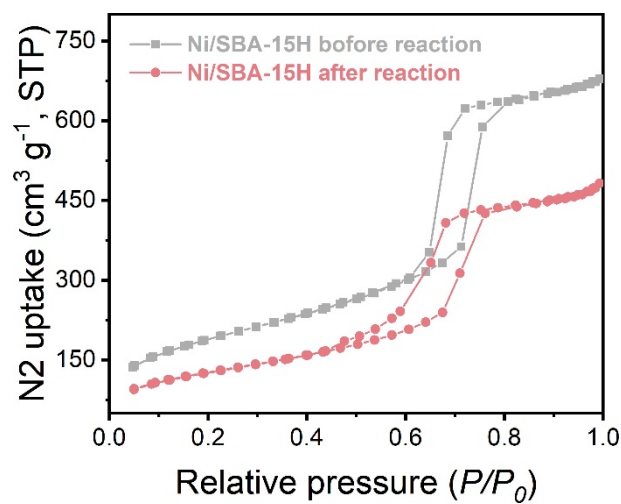


Figure S6. Comparison of N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherm for Ni/SBA-15H before and after reaction.

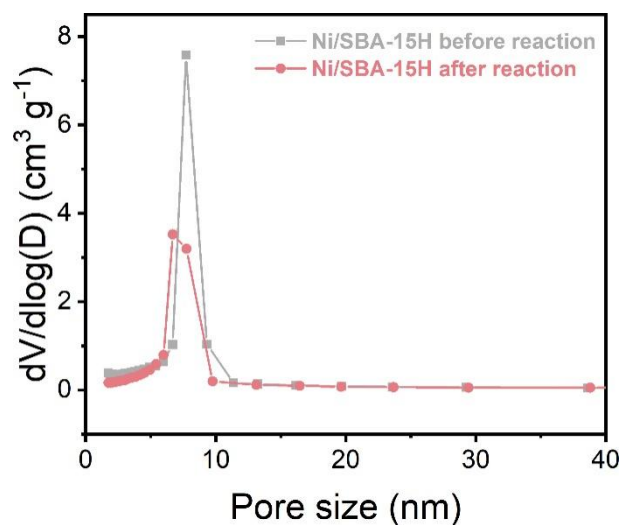


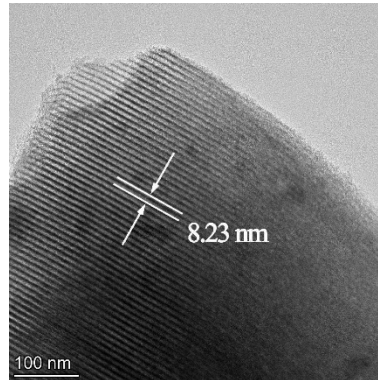
Figure S7. Comparison of pore size distribution for Ni/SBA-15H before and after reaction.



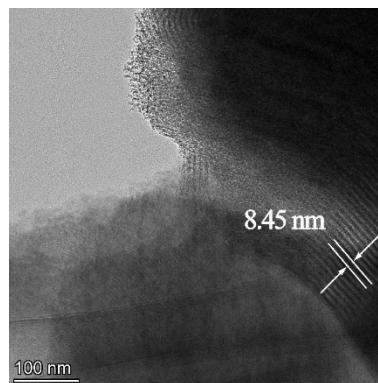
**Figure S8.** SEM images of Ni/SBA-15R after reaction.



**Figure S9.** SEM images of Ni/SBA-15H after reaction.



**Figure S10.** TEM images of Ni/SBA-15R after reaction.



**Figure S11.** TEM images of Ni/SBA-15H after reaction.