Supporting Information for "Facile synthesis of ultrasmall monodisperse 'raisin bun'-type MoO_3/SiO_2 nanocomposites with enhanced catalytic properties"

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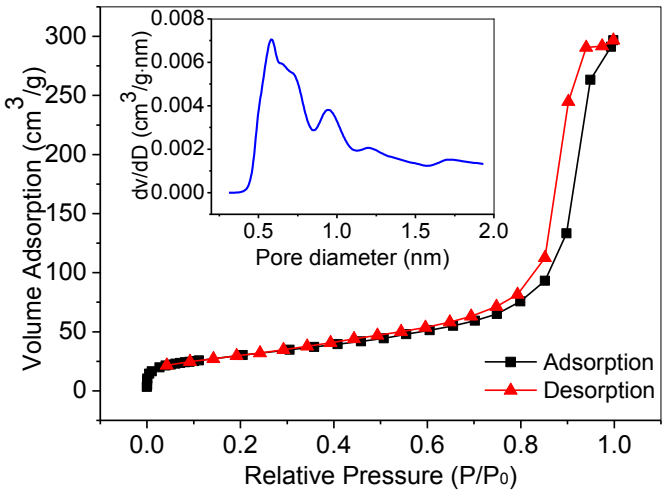

Fig. S1 N_2 sorption isotherm of R-MoO_3/SiO_2. The inset figure shows the micropore size distribution calculated by Horvath– Kawazoe (HK) model. A sharp capillary condensation step at P/P_0 of 0.8–0.9 seems to be the feature of mesoporous. However, combined with the TEM results (Fig. 1a), we can conclude that the mesopores are stemmed from the interparticle voids, *i.e.*, piled pores.

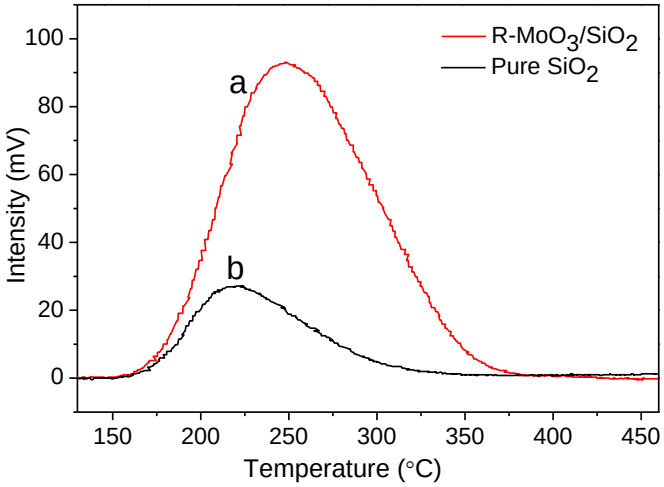

Fig. S2 NH_3-TPD curve of (a) R-MoO_3/SiO_2 and (b) pure SiO_2.

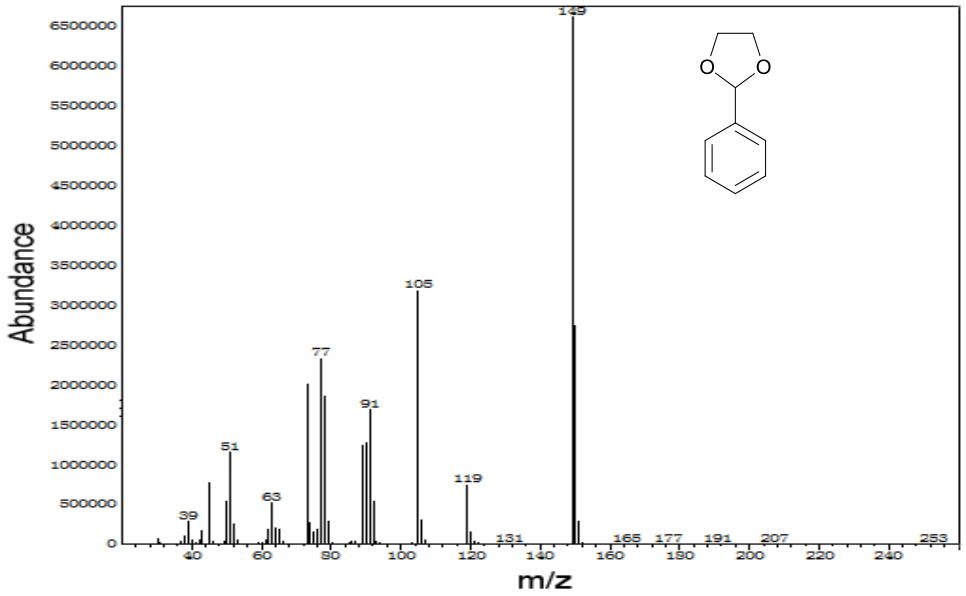

Fig. S3 Mass spectrometry of the acetalization product, 2-phenyl-1,3-dioxolane.

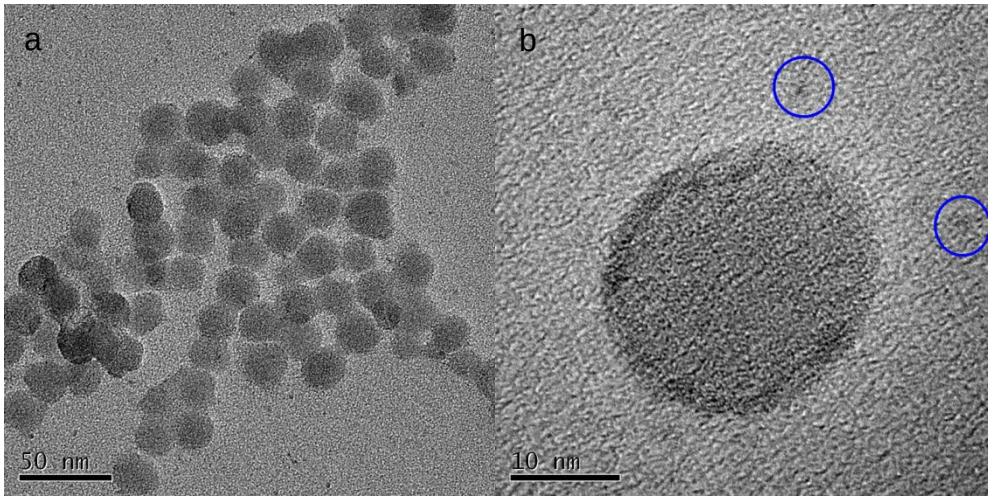

Fig. S4 (a) TEM and (b) HRTEM image of I-MoO_3/SiO_2.