Supplementary Materials

S1. XRD patterns of representative samples





S2.  $N_2$  adsorption/desorption isotherms of samples: 0.11-E and 0.20-E (top); 0.11-Au-8d and 0.20-Au-8d (bottom). Inset: pore size distribution.



S3. TG/DTG curves of samples: 0.11-E and 0.20-E (left); 0.11-Au-8d and 0.20-Au-8d catalysts (right).

S4. Evolution of the two liquid phase system at times of a) 0 days, b) 1 day and c) 8 days.

