

1. Characterization of the catalysts

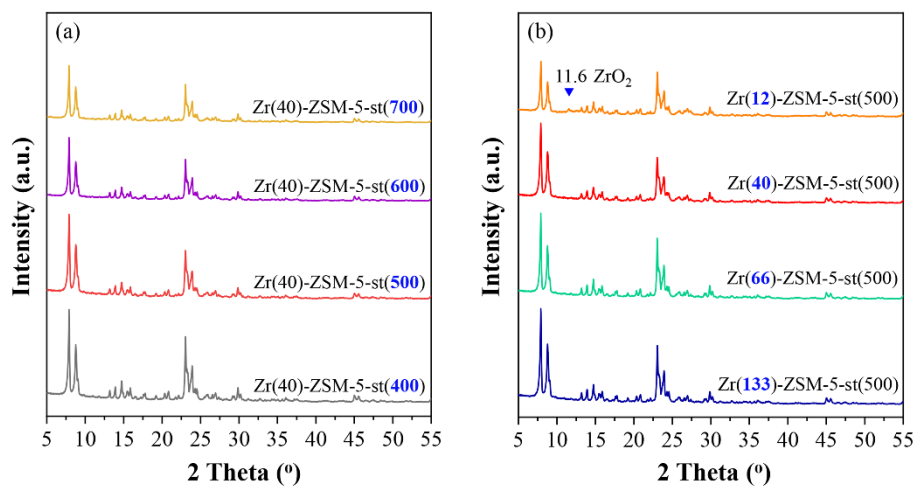


Figure S1. XRD patterns of Zr(40)-ZSM-5-st treated at 400-700°C(a) and Zr-ZSM-5-st(500) with Si/Zr mole ratio of 12-133(b).

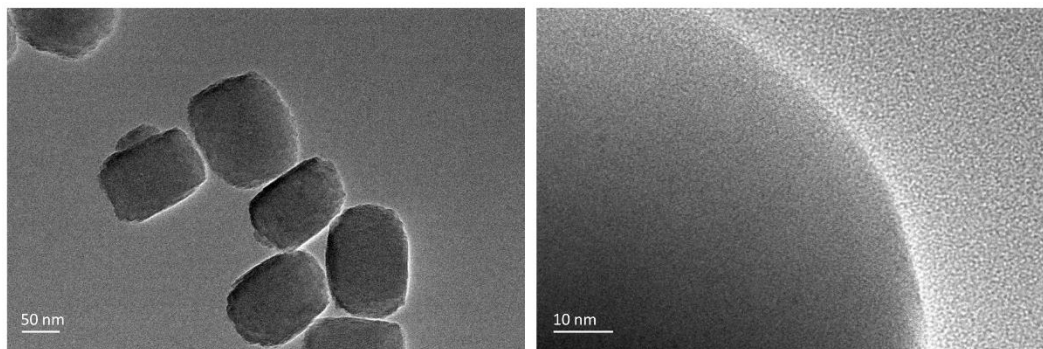


Figure S2. TEM images of ZSM-5 zeolite.

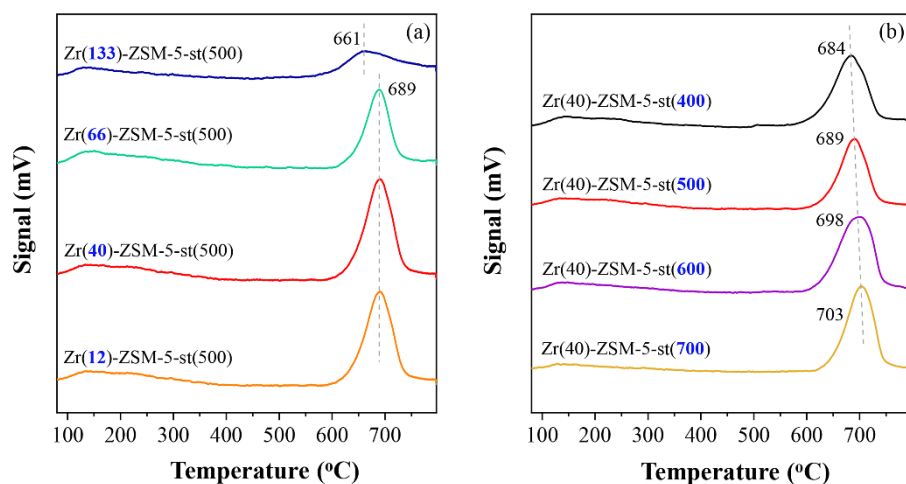


Figure S3. NH₃-TPD spectra of Zr(40)-ZSM-5-st treated at 400-700°C(a) and Zr-ZSM-5-st(500) with Si/Zr mole ratio of 12-133(b).

Table S1. Surface area and pore volume distribution of ZSM-5, Zr-ZSM-5 and a series of Zr-ZSM-5-st catalysts.

| Sample | S _{BET} ^a (m ² /g) | V _{total} ^b (cm ³ /g) | V _{micro} ^c (cm ³ /g) | V _{meso} ^d (cm ³ /g) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| ZSM-5 | 325.923 | 0.326 | 0.120 | 0.206 |
| Zr(40 ^d)-ZSM-5 | 325.329 | 0.324 | 0.117 | 0.207 |
| Zr(40)-ZSM-5-st(400 ^e) | 339.067 | 0.337 | 0.094 | 0.243 |
| Zr(40)-ZSM-5-st(500) | 383.716 | 0.370 | 0.085 | 0.285 |
| Zr(40)-ZSM-5-st(600) | 353.321 | 0.338 | 0.072 | 0.266 |
| Zr(40)-ZSM-5-st(700) | 325.208 | 0.304 | 0.061 | 0.243 |

^aS_{BET} is estimated by the BET method.

^bV_{total} (total volume) is calculated by the BJH adsorption method.

^cV_{micro} (micropore volume) is calculated by t-plot method.

^dV_{meso} (mesopore volume) = V_{total} - V_{micro}.