

**Supported oxides catalysts for the dehydration of isobutanol into  
butenes: relationships between acidic and catalytic properties**

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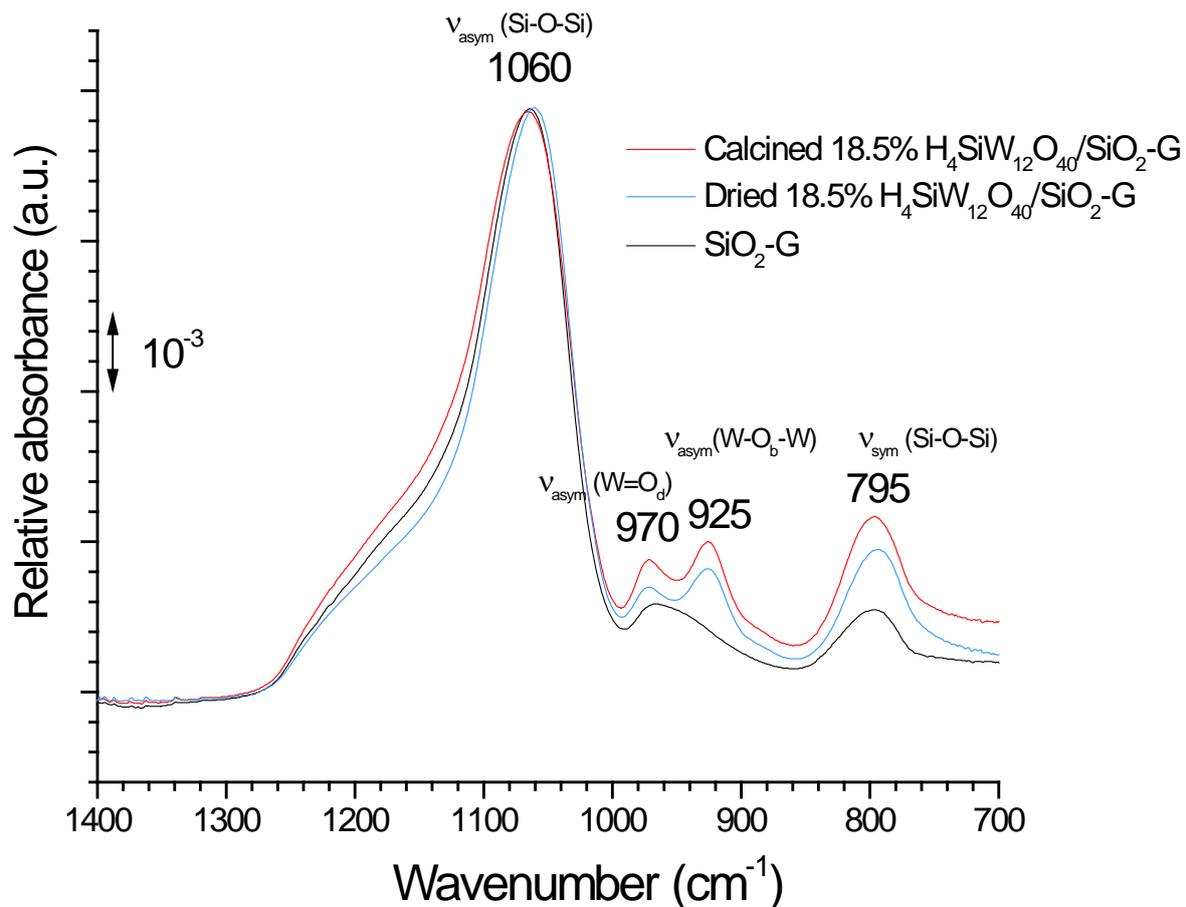
**Table S1.** XPS Binding Energies of the Si 2p, Sn 3d<sub>5/2</sub>, Ti 2p<sub>3/2</sub> and O 1s bands observed for different compounds.

Catalyst	Binding Energy (eV)				ICP	
	Si 2p	Sn 3d <sub>5/2</sub>	Ti 2p <sub>3/2</sub>	O 1s	M/Si	M/Si
26.0% SnO <sub>2</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> -G	103.3	487.3	-	532.6 (79%) 530.8 (21%)	0.49	0.14
20.4%TiO <sub>2</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> -G	103.3	-	459.0	532.6 (92%) 530.8 (8%)	0.15	0.19
TiO <sub>2</sub> -P25	-	-	458.5	529.7	-	-
SiO <sub>2</sub>	103.5	-	-	532.6	-	-

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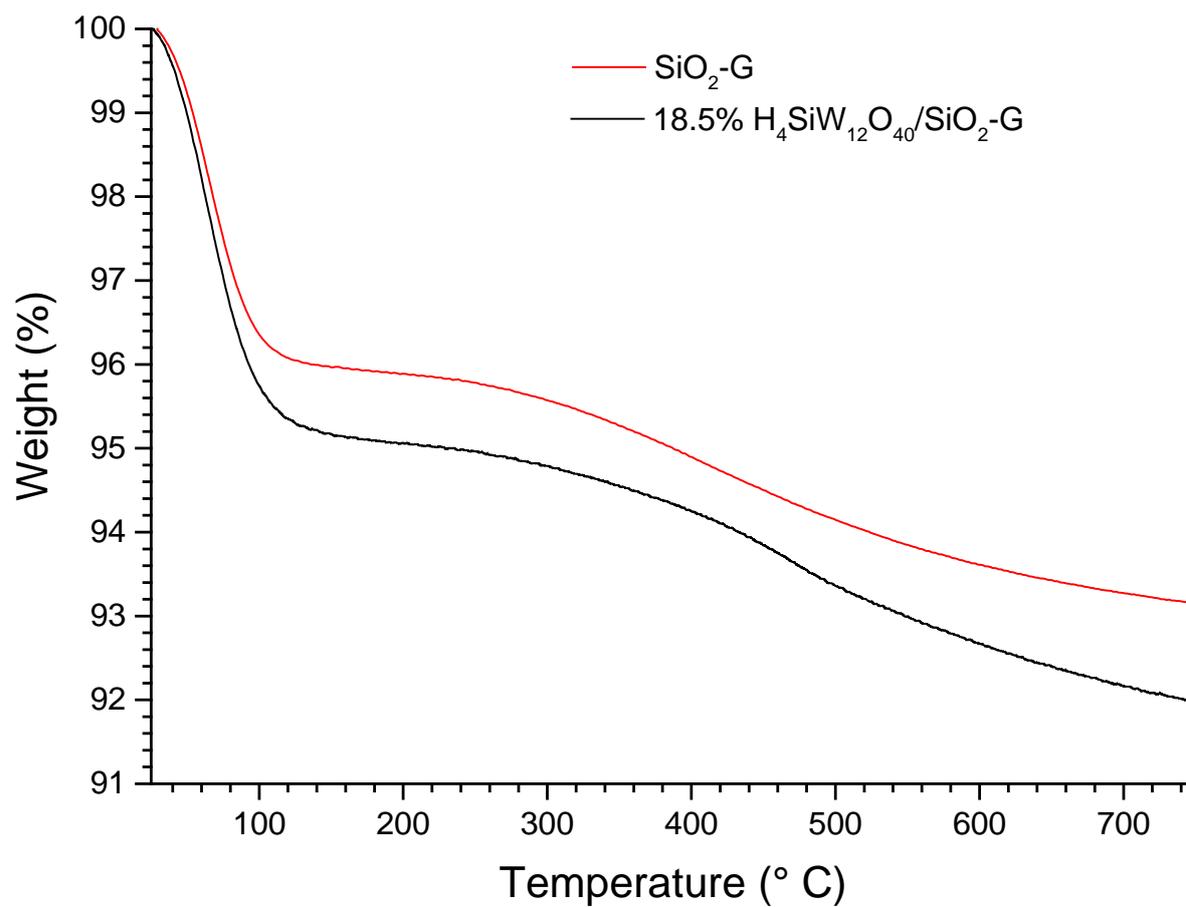
**Table S2.** Shift of the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{O})$  band of CO molecules coordinated to Lewis sites compared to physisorbed CO molecules ( $2136\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and shift of the  $\nu(\text{O-H})$  bands located at  $3720\text{-}3740\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

Compound	Shift of the $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{O})$ band ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	Shift of the $\nu(\text{O-H})$ bands ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
26.0% $\text{SnO}_2/\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$	+51	-100
20.4% $\text{TiO}_2/\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$	+51 ; +42	-102
15.9% $\text{WO}_3/\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$	+77 ; +45 ; +33	-90
39.7% $\text{WO}_3/\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$	+72 ; +44	-
18.5% $\text{H}_4\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}/\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$	+45	-100



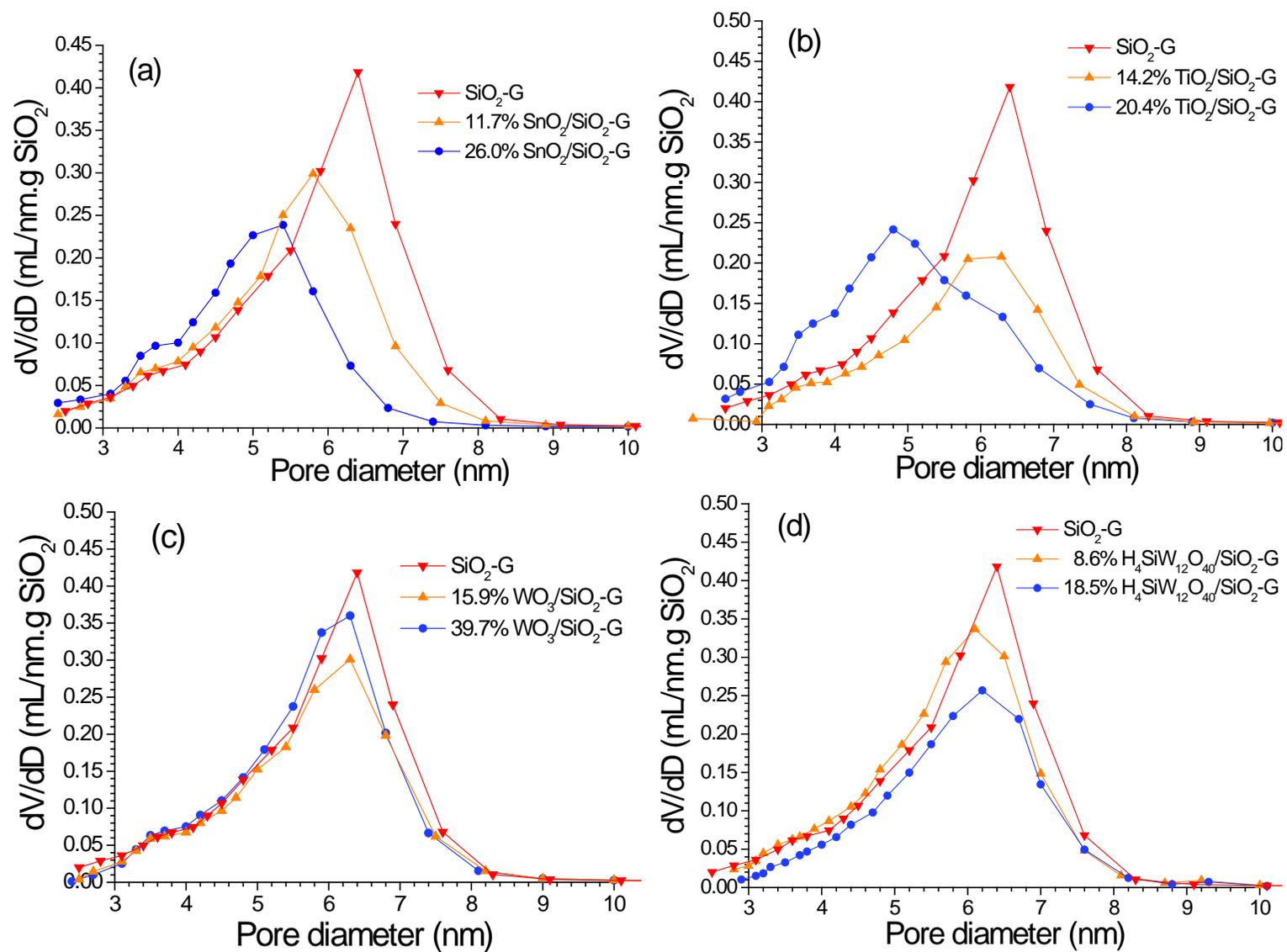
**Figure S1.** ATR IR spectra of the  $\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$  support, dried and calcined 18.5%  $\text{H}_4\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}/\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$  solids. The vibrational bands of  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_4\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}$  were attributed from [42-44].

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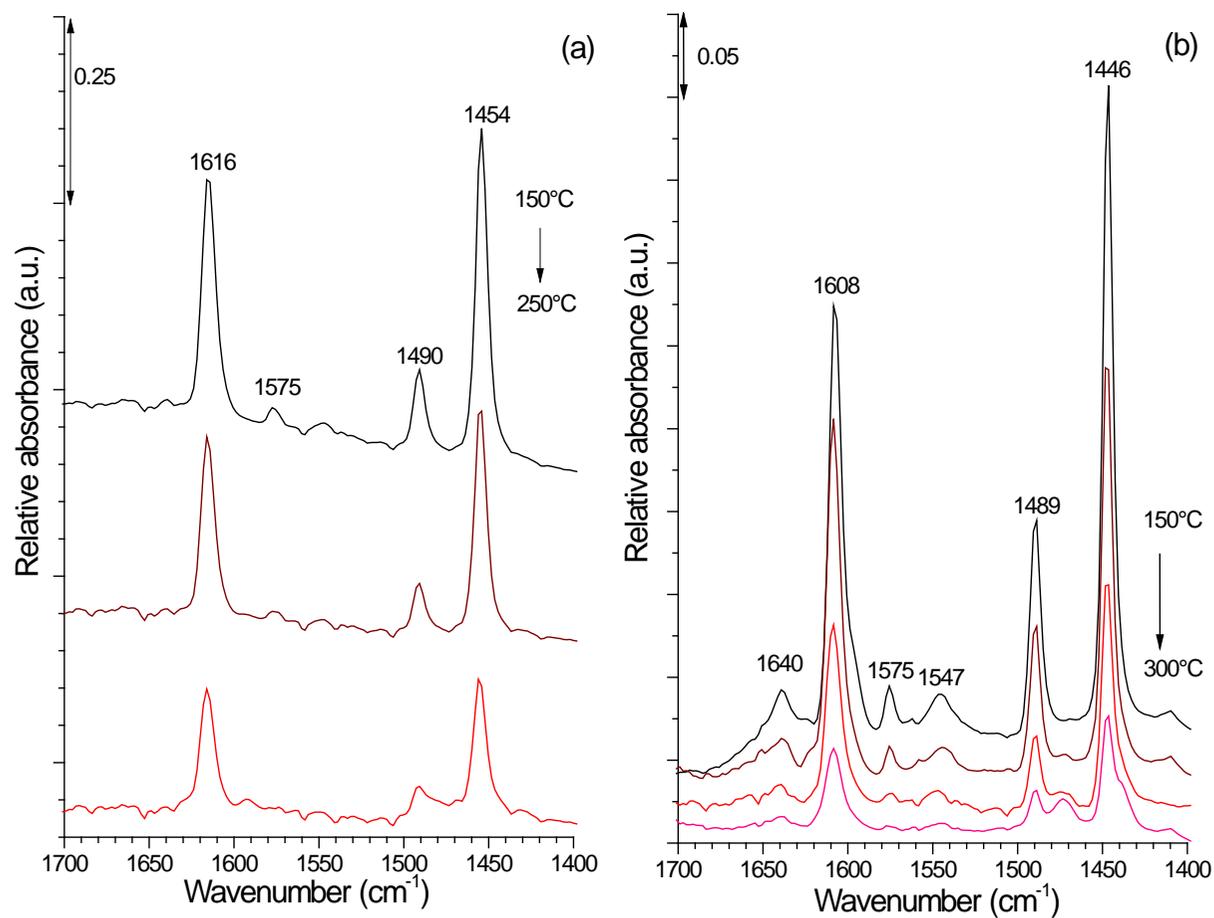
**Figure S2.** TGA curves of the SiO<sub>2</sub>-G support and 18.5%H<sub>4</sub>SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G compound.

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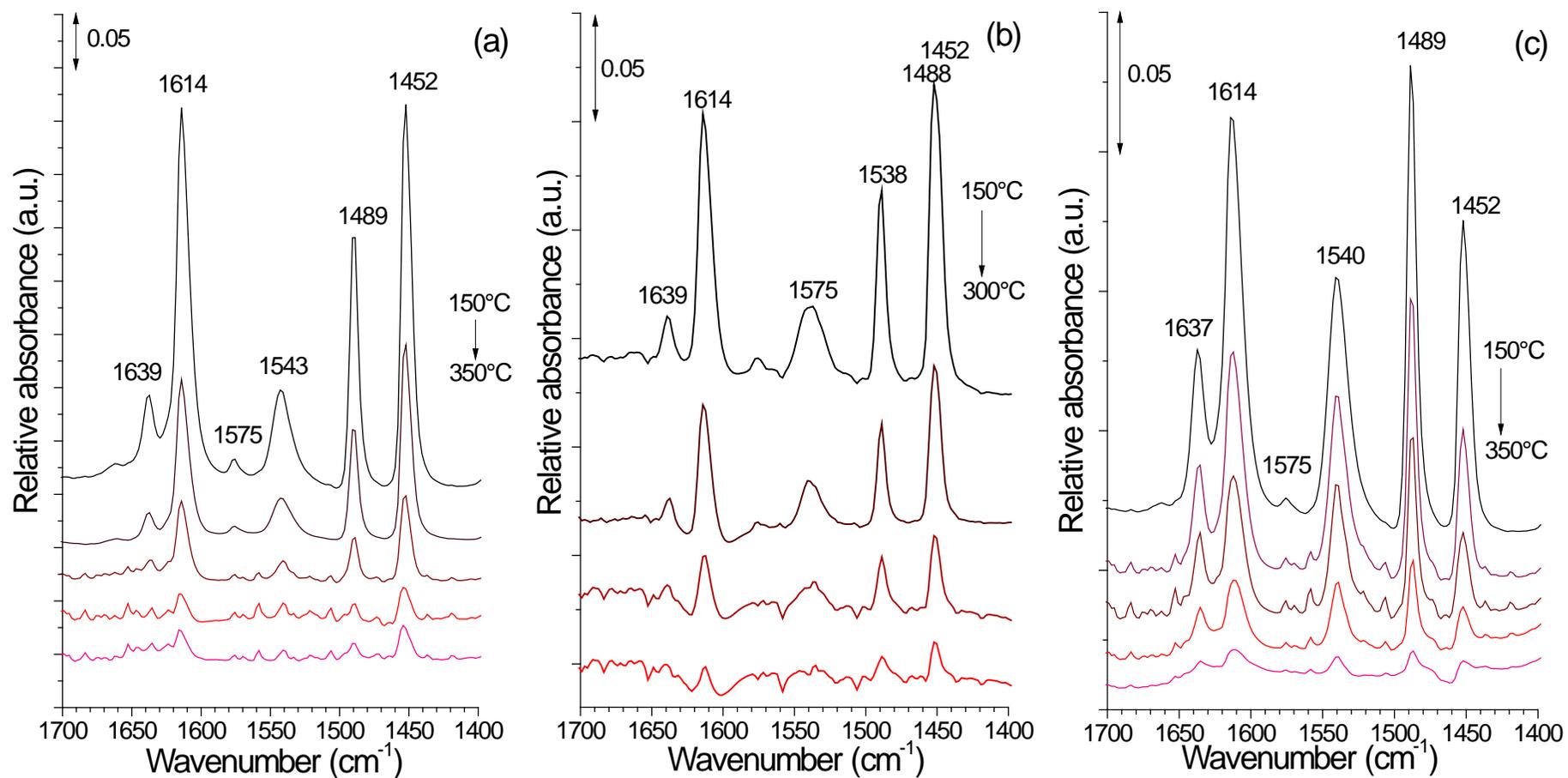
**Figure S3.** Pore diameter distributions of (a) SnO<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G, (b) TiO<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G, (c) WO<sub>3</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G and (d) H<sub>4</sub>SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G compounds.

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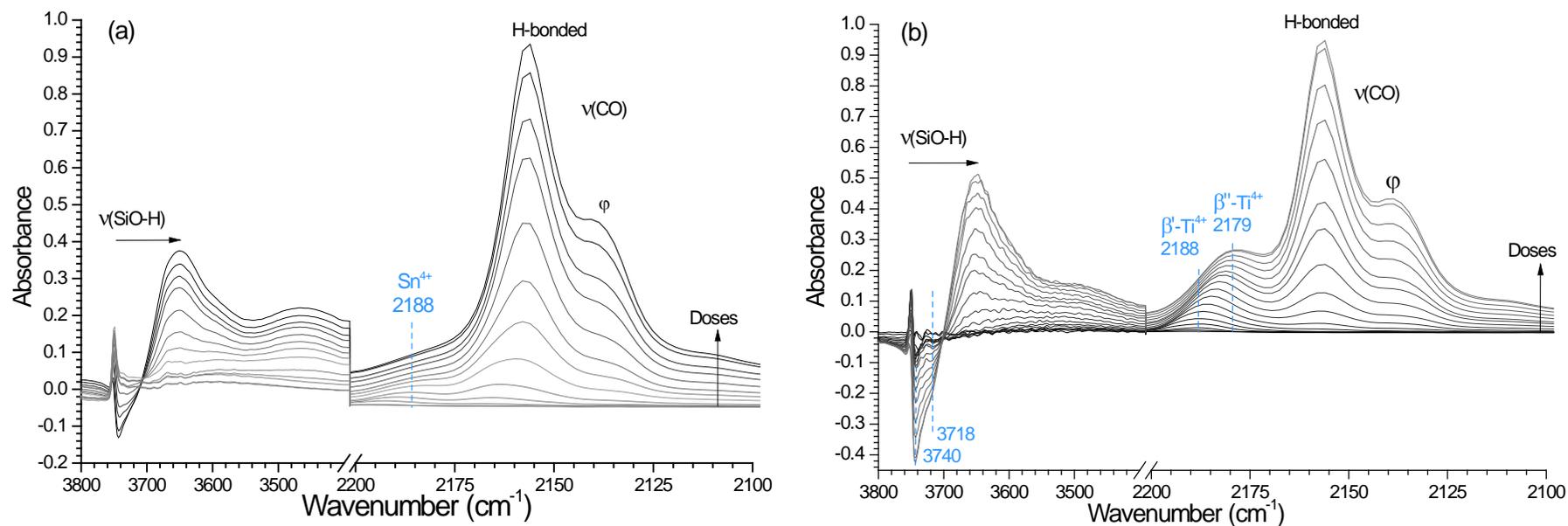
**Figure S4.** (a) Evolution of the IR spectrum of pretreated (a) 26.0%TiO<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G, (b) 20.4%TiO<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G compounds recorded upon adsorption of pyridine at RT and followed by evacuation at increasing temperatures. The background corresponded to the spectrum recorded at RT under dry air flow after pretreatment.

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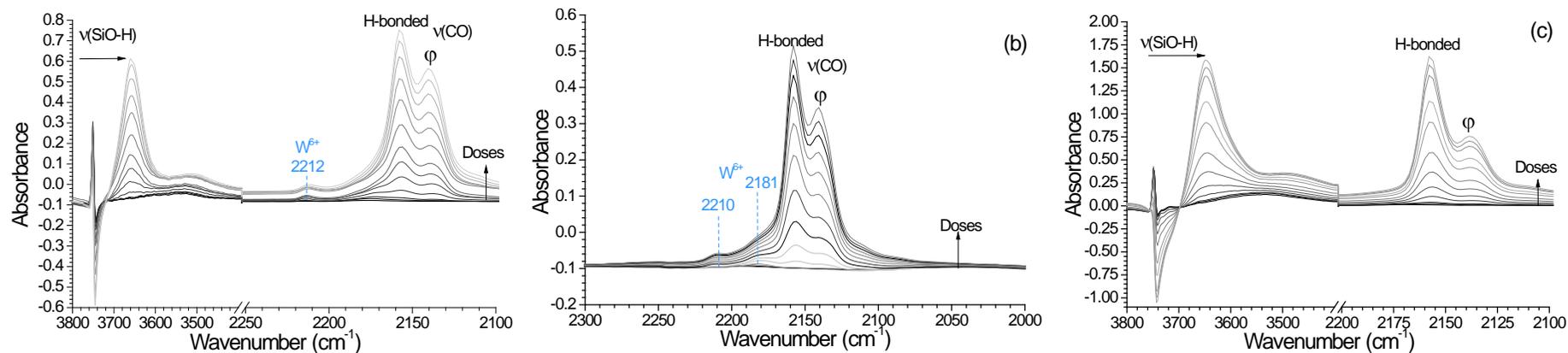
**Figure S5.** (a) Evolution of the IR spectrum of pretreated (a) 15.9% WO<sub>3</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G, (b) 39.7% WO<sub>3</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G and (c) 18.5% H<sub>4</sub>SiW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G compounds recorded upon adsorption of pyridine at RT and followed by evacuation at increasing temperatures. The background corresponded to the spectrum recorded at RT under dry air flow after pretreatment.

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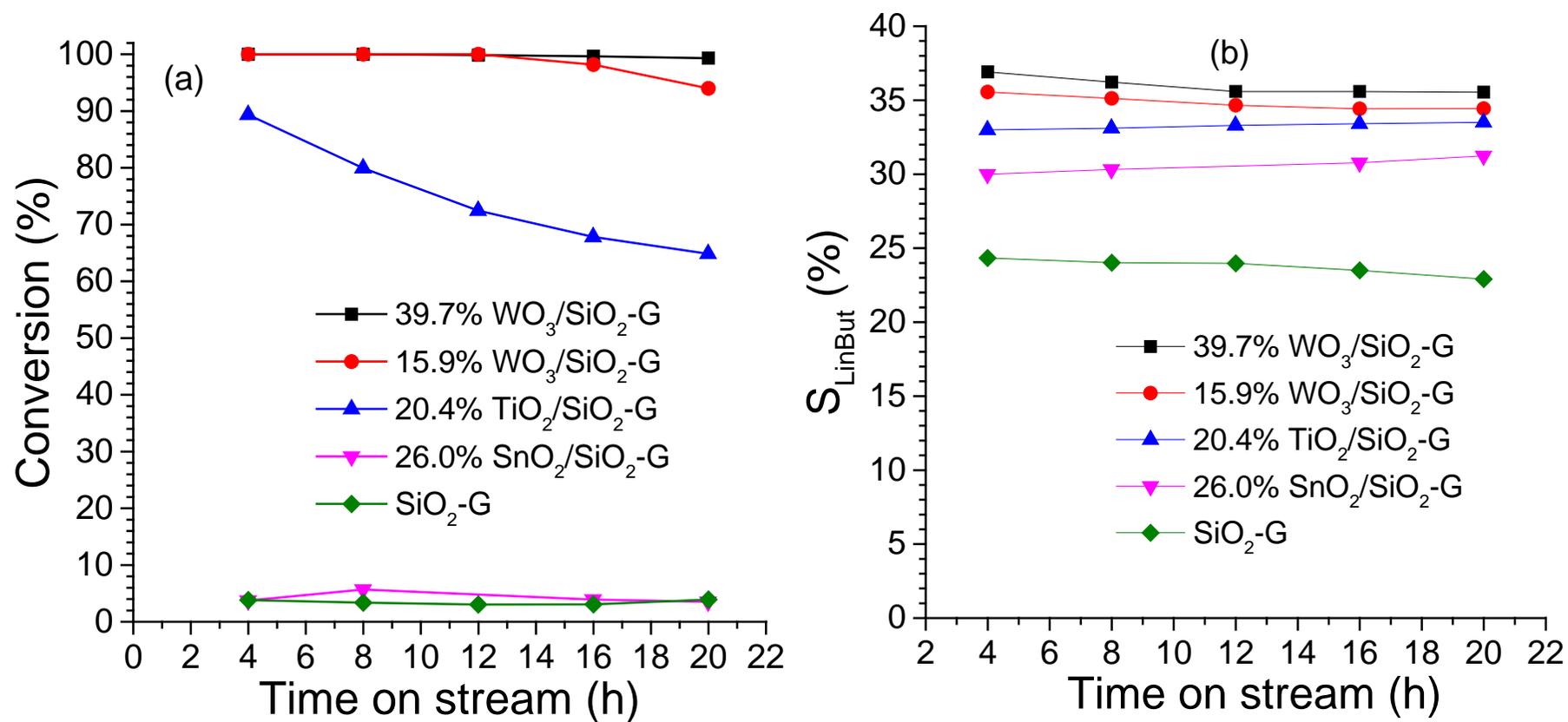


**Figure S6.** Evolution of the IR spectrum of pretreated (a) 26.0% SnO<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G, (b) 20.4% TiO<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G compounds upon adsorption of increasing doses of CO at 77 K. The background corresponded to the spectrum recorded at 77 K after pretreatment.

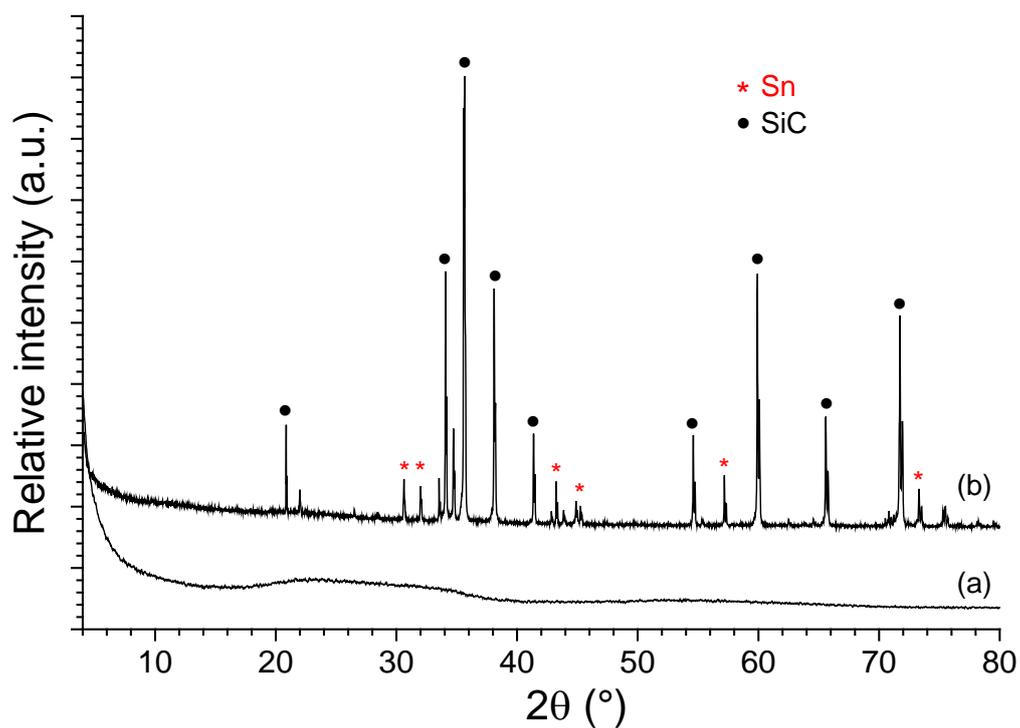
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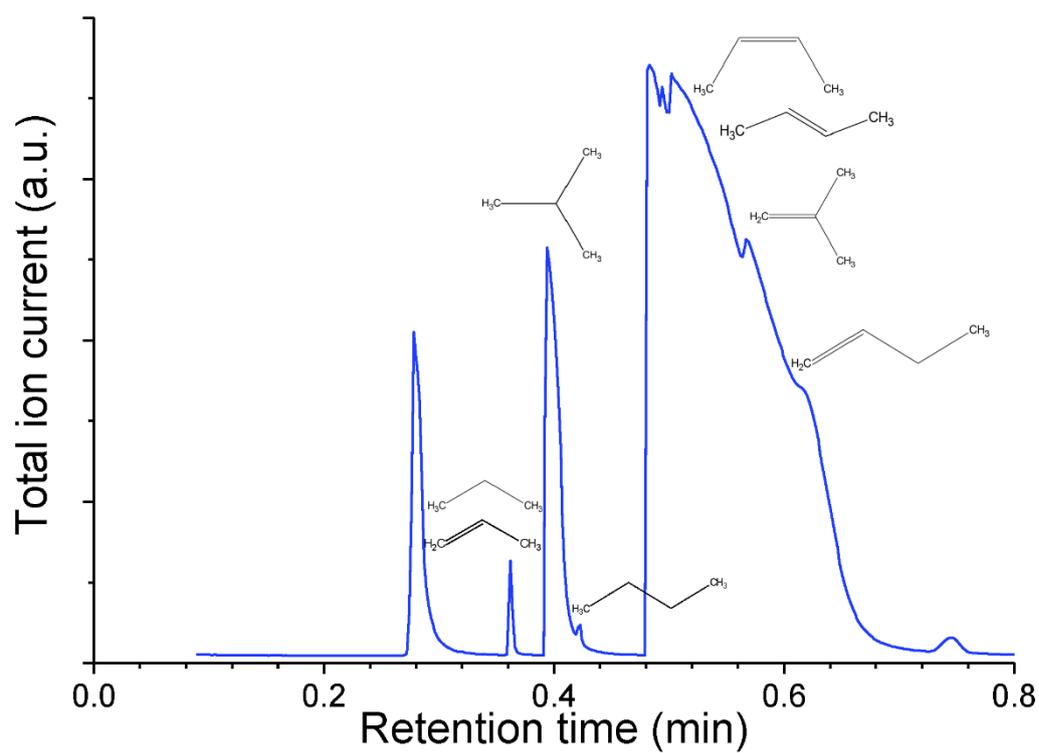
**Figure S7.** Evolution of the IR spectrum of pretreated (a) 15.9%  $\text{WO}_3/\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$ , (b) 39.7%  $\text{WO}_3/\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$  and (c) 18.5%  $\text{H}_4\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}/\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$  compounds upon adsorption of increasing doses of CO at 77 K. The background corresponded to the spectrum recorded at 77 K after pretreatment.



**Figure S8.** Evolutions of (a) the conversion and (b) the  $S_{LinBut}$  value with the time on stream for the different screened catalysts.

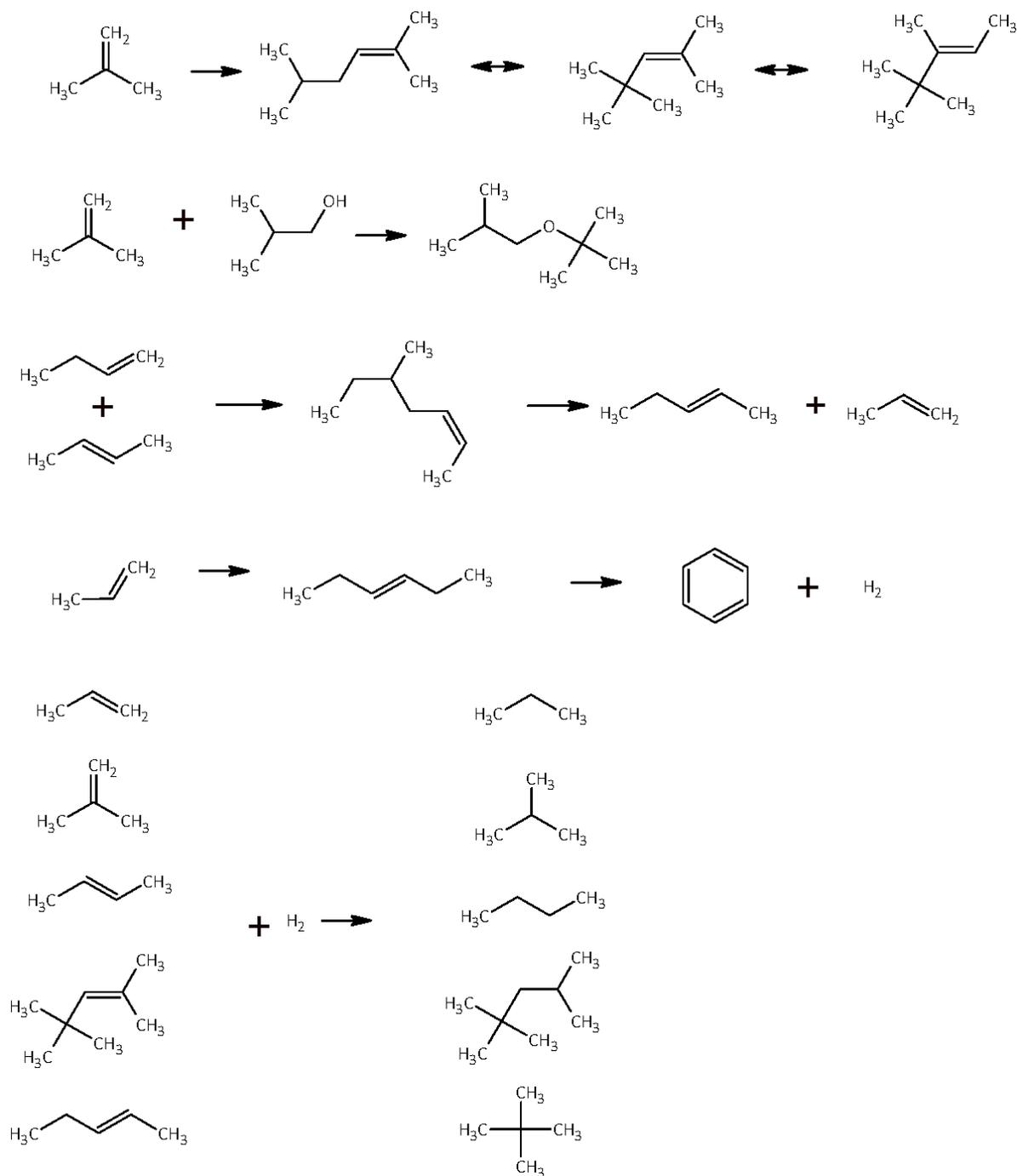


**Figure S9:** XRD pattern of 26.0%SnO<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>-G (a) before and (b) after 20 h of catalytic testing at 300 °C, 1/WHSV 0.33 h. \*: Sn tetragonal structure (ICDD: 01-089-2761), •: SiC hexagonal structure (ICDD: 04-012-5685).

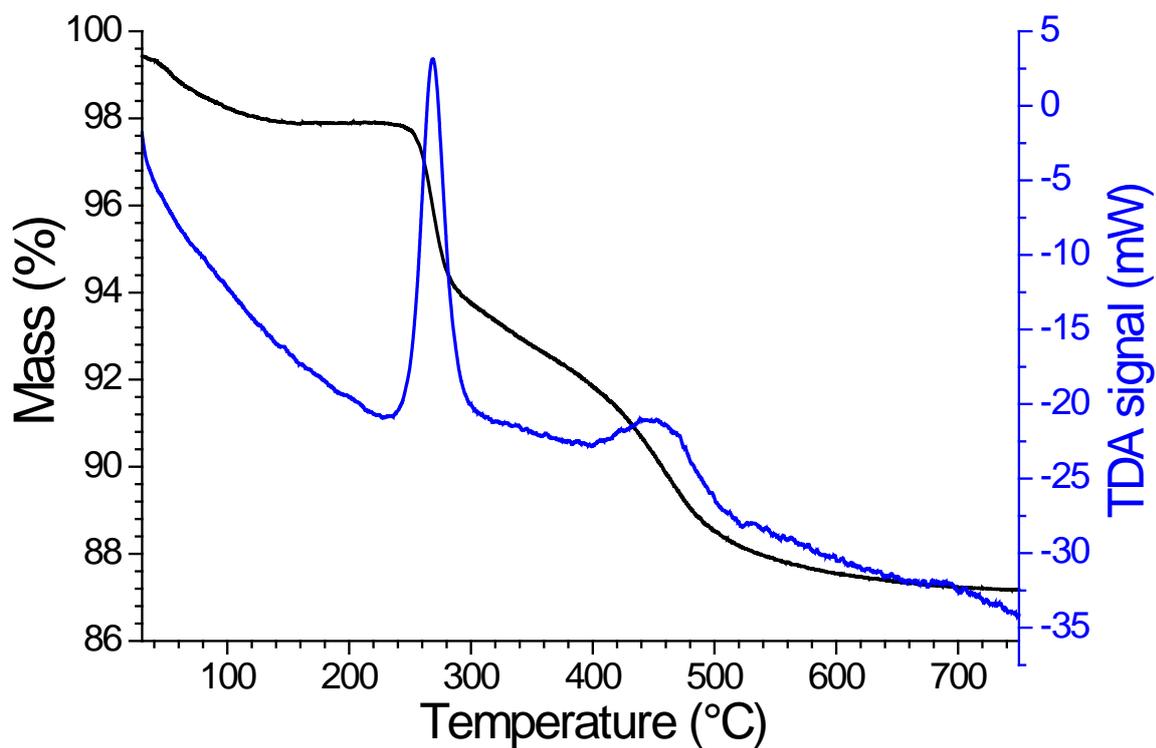


**Figure S10.**  $\mu$ GC-MS analysis of gas phase during catalytic testing of 18.5%  $\text{H}_4\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}/\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$ . Feed composition  $i\text{C}_4\text{OH}/\text{inert} = 30/70$ , temperature  $175\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $1/\text{WHSV}$  0.37 h, time 24 h.

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**Figure S11.** Formation and consecutive reaction of secondary products.



**Figure S12.** TGA and TDA curves obtained with 18.5%  $\text{H}_4\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}/\text{SiO}_2\text{-G}$  compound after catalytic testing. Feed composition  $i\text{C}_4\text{OH}/\text{inert} = 30/70$ , temperature 175 °C,  $1/\text{WHSV} = 0.37$  h, time 24 h.