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## Support effect on the performance of Ni<sub>2</sub>P catalysts in the hydrodeoxygenation of methyl palmitate

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## **Supplementary Materials**



**Figure S1.** Pore size distributions determined from the desorption branch of N<sub>2</sub> isotherm for (a) NiP\_A/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and (b) NiP\_I/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalysts reduced at 550, 600 and 650 °C as well as for Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> support.



**Figure S2.** XRD patterns of NiP\_I/SiO<sub>2</sub>(600) catalyst prepared from phosphite precursor and reduced at temperature of 600 °C and SiO<sub>2</sub> support.



**Figure S3.** TEM images of  $Ni_xP_y/\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalysts prepared from different precursors: (a) NiP\_A/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 650 and (b) NiP\_I/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 600.





**Figure S4.** Full-scale mass-normalized 14 kHz MAS <sup>31</sup>P spectra of NiP\_I/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> reduced at 550, 600 and 650 °C. A significant decrease in intensity of the line corresponding to  $PO_x$  groups can be observed for the sample reduced at 650 °C.



**Figure S5.** Temperature effect on the conversion of methyl palmitate (solid symbols, solid lines) and oxygen-containing compounds (empty symbol, dash lines) over NiP\_A/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 650 and NiP\_I/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 600 catalysts (P<sub>H2</sub> = 3.0 MPa, T = 250-330 °C, H<sub>2</sub>/feed = 600 Nm<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>, methyl palmitate LHSV = 9 h<sup>-1</sup>).



**Figure S6.** Conversions of methyl laurate, lauric acid, dodecanal and dodecanol over Ni<sub>2</sub>P/SiO<sub>2</sub> catalyst at T = 290 °C,  $P_{H2}$  = 3.0 MPa,  $H_2$ /feed = 600 Nm<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>3</sup> and reagent LHSV = 10.7 h<sup>-1</sup>. Feed composition: **1** – 8.0 wt% of methyl laurate and 0.5 wt% of *n*-ocatane in *n*-decane; **2** – 7.6 wt% of lauric acid and 0.5 wt% of *n*-ocatane in *n*-decane; **3** – 7.0 wt% of dodecanal and 0.5 wt% of *n*-ocatane in *n*-decane; **4** – 7.1 wt% of dodecanol-1 and 0.5 wt% of *n*-ocatane in *n*-decane.



**Figure S7.** MP conversion (*X*<sub>MP</sub>) and total oxygen-containing compounds conversion (*X*<sub>o</sub>) as a function of time on stream for Ni<sub>2</sub>P/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Ni<sub>2</sub>P/SiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts at T = 290 °C, P<sub>H2</sub> = 3.0 MPa, H<sub>2</sub>/feed = 600 Nm<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>3</sup> and methyl palmitate LHSV = 3.6-9 h<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S8.** Dependence of the CO and CO<sub>2</sub> sum from pentadecane content in methyl palmitate hydrodeoxygenation over NiP\_A/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 650 catalyst (P<sub>H2</sub> = 3.0 MPa, T = 290 °C, H<sub>2</sub>/feed = 600 Nm<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>, methyl palmitate LHSV = 3.6–12 h<sup>-1</sup>).



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