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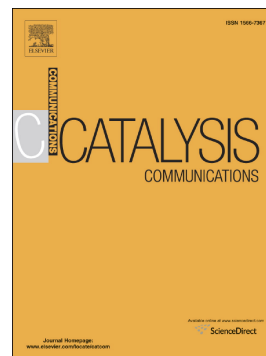
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Abstract

The influence of loading order of ZrO₂ and La₂O₃ into MCM-41 mesoporous molecular sieve supports on their catalytic activities in the Meerwein-Ponndorf-Verley reduction reaction (MPV) of acetophenone was investigated. The results indicate that comparing with ZrO₂/MCM-41, loading ZrO₂ first and then La₂O₃ into MCM-41 mesoporous molecular sieve supports could significantly improve the catalytic activity, followed by loading La₂O₃ first and ZrO₂ latter, the last is loading ZrO₂ and La₂O₃ at the same times, attributed to the changes in the acidity strength and the amount of acidic sites. The stronger acidity and/or more acid sites could lead to the higher catalytic activity.

Keywords: Meerwein-Ponndorf-Verley reaction; acetophenone; zirconia; lanthana; loading order; MCM-41 mesoporous molecular sieve

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