## Supplementary Material

## *Tert*-butyl hydroperoxide decomposition as a descriptor for liquid-phase hydrocarbon oxidation over transition metal oxide-based catalysts: a screening study

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**Figure S1.** Volumetric gas measurement set-up (GASMESS-5) commercially available from MesSen Nord GmbH to record the evolved or consumed gas volume as a function of time.



**Figure S2.** Evolved O<sub>2</sub> volume as a function of time for repeated TBHP decomposition experiments under identical reaction conditions over a commercial CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> catalyst to verify the reproducibility of the volumetric set-up. Reaction conditions: 50 mg catalyst, 20 mL acetonitrile, 500  $\mu$ L TBHP, 60 °C, 700 rpm.



**Figure S3.** Evolved  $O_2$  volume as a function of time for TBHP decomposition experiments at different stirring speeds. Reaction conditions: 50 mg commercial CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 20 mL acetonitrile, 500 µL TBHP, 60 °C, 200/400/600/700/800 rpm.



**Figure S4.** Evolved O<sub>2</sub> volume as a function of time for TBHP decomposition experiments using different catalyst amounts (left) and the corresponding linearized plot of the reaction rate as a function of the catalyst amount after 60 min (right). Reaction conditions: 30/40/50/60/70 mg commercial CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 20 mL acetonitrile, 500 µL TBHP, 60 °C, 700 rpm.



**Figure S5.** Linearized plot of the evolved  $O_2$  volume as a function of time for TBHP decomposition experiments at different temperatures (left) and the selected linear time ranges for the determination of the reaction constant k (right). Reaction conditions: 50 mg commercial CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 20 mL acetonitrile, 500 µL TBHP, 40/50/60/70/80 °C, 700 rpm.



**Figure S6.** Evolved O<sub>2</sub> volume as a function of time for TBHP decomposition experiments using the same catalyst for three reaction runs under identical reaction conditions to test its stability and reusability (left) and the corresponding reaction rates normalized to the catalyst amount after 40 min (right). Reaction conditions: 50 mg commercial CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 20 mL acetonitrile, 500  $\mu$ L TBHP, 60 °C, 700 rpm, 3 × 90 min.



**Figure S7.** Evolved  $O_2$  volume as a function of time for TBHP decomposition experiments using different solvents. Reaction conditions: 50 mg commercial CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 20 mL solvent, 500 µL TBHP, 60 °C, 700 rpm.