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Figure S1: Sample photos of catalyst dispersed in toluene (top) and water (bottom): (a) Me&Et-PhSO3H-SiO2-ZrO2, (b) Amberlyst 15 and (c) Aquivion

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**Figure S2:** Chromatogram peaks for group of GMO and OA in 80ACN20H20 0.1%TFA mobile phase catalysed by ZrO2-SiO2-Me&Et-PhSO3H

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**Figure S3:** Chromatogram peaks for group of GDO and GTO in 40ACN40MeOH20THF mobile phase catalysed by ZrO2-SiO2-Me&Et-PhSO3H

Table S1: Comparison of the textural properties of ZrO2-SiO2-Me&EtPhSO3H catalyst with those of commercial Amberlyst 15 and Aquivion catalyst

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| **Catalysts** | **BET** | | | **Acidity** | **Particle size distribution (µm)** |
| **Area (m2/g)** | **Pore volume (cm3/g)** | **Average pore diameter (nm)** |
| ZrO2-SiO2-Me&Et-PhSO3H | 79.75 | 0.0247 | 3.77 | 0.62 mmol/g | 5.01 |
| Amberlyst 15 | 42.5 | 0.290 | 28.8 | 4.7 mequiv./g | 300 |
| Aquivion PFSA- superacid\* | <0.1 | - | - | 0.98- 1.06 mmol/g | 660 |

\*The characterization data of Aquivion was obtained from [30]