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## **Supporting Information**

## Lowering the Operating Temperature of Perovskite Catalysts for N<sub>2</sub>O Decomposition Through Control of Preparation Methods

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Catalyst	Prep method	Pre-treatment temperature (°C)	Calcination Temperature (°C)						
BPC	Citric Acid	400	900						
PBC	Citric Acid	500	550						
PBC	SAS	300	700						
PBC	Oxalic	300	700						

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Fig. S7. Catalytic activity data as a function of time and temperature for the catalysts tested in the manuscript. Reaction conditions:  $1 \% N_2O/He$ , total flow 100 ml min<sup>-1</sup>. Legend: a - BPC b - PBC Citric, c - PBC Oxalic, d - PBC SAS.



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Fig. S9. Temperature programmed reduction of BPC and PBC catalysts, performed at 5 °C min<sup>-1</sup> up to 700 °C, under a flow of 10 %  $H_2$ /Ar. Legend: Green – BPC, Black – PBC, Blue – PBC Oxalic, Red – PBC SAS.



Fig. S10. Co 3p XPS spectra of PBC and BPC catalysts normalised to the same counts per second scale.

Compound	Structure	Space Group	Space Group Numb er <sup>#</sup>	a,b,c (Å)	α,β,γ (°)	Cell volume (pm <sup>3</sup> )	Pseudo cubic cell a,b,c (Å)	Pseudo cubic volume (pm <sup>3</sup> )
				a 5.34	α 90.0		a 3.78	
BPC	Orthorhombic	Pnma	62	b 7.58	β 90.0	215 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	b 3.79	54.4 x 10 <sup>6</sup>
				c 5.38	γ 90.0		c 3.80	
				a 3.78	α 90.0		a 3.78	
PBC Citric	Cubic	Pm-3m	221	b 3.78	β 90.0	54.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	b 3.78	54.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup>
				c 3.78	γ 90.0		c 3.78	
				a 3.89	α 90.0		a 3.89	
PBC Oxalic	Tetragonal	P4/mmm	123	b 3.89	β 90.0	116 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	b 3.89	57.8 x 10 <sup>6</sup>
				c 7.66	γ 90.0		c 3.83	
				a 5.37	α 90.0		a 3.80	
PBC SAS	Orthorhombic	Pnma	62	b 7.61	β 90.0	221 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	b 3.81	55.3 x 10 <sup>6</sup>
				c 5.41	γ 90.0		c 3.83	

Table S3. Data showing the unit cell parameters of the catalysts discussed in the paper.

<sup>#</sup> Space group number as assigned by the International Union of Crystallography.