

## Supporting Information

For

### **Direct synthesis of V-containing all silica Beta zeolite for efficient one-pot and one-step conversion of carbohydrates into 2,5-diformylfuran**

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## **Supplementary Experimental**

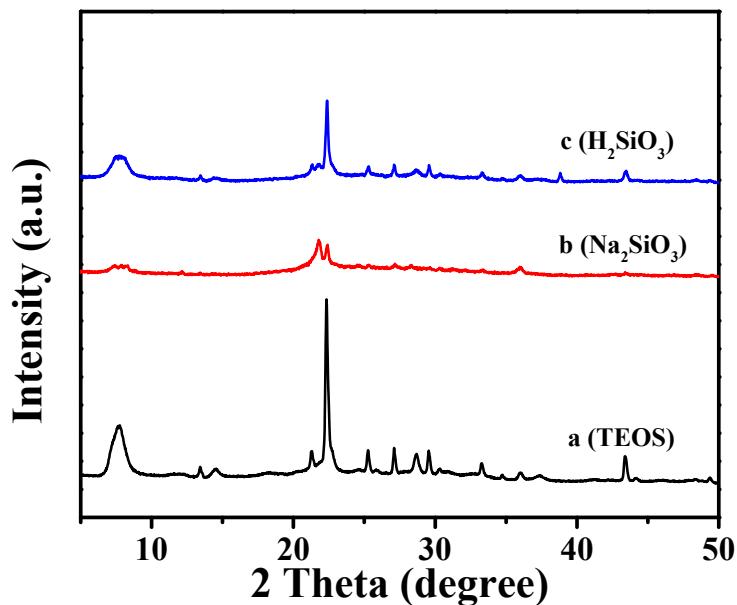
### **Synthesis of V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>@Si-Beta**

Si-Beta supported V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>@Si-Beta) with the same Si/V molar ratio as the one of VSi-Beta(100) was prepared through wet-impregnation. Typically, quantitative ammonium metavanadate (NH<sub>4</sub>VO<sub>3</sub>, Zhejiang Yuda) was dissolved in water (1 mL) and then mixed with Si-Beta (1 g). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 0.5 h and then evaporated to remove water. After that, the solid were dried at 100 °C in an oven and then calcined at 550 °C for 5 h to give the final product V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>@Si-Beta.

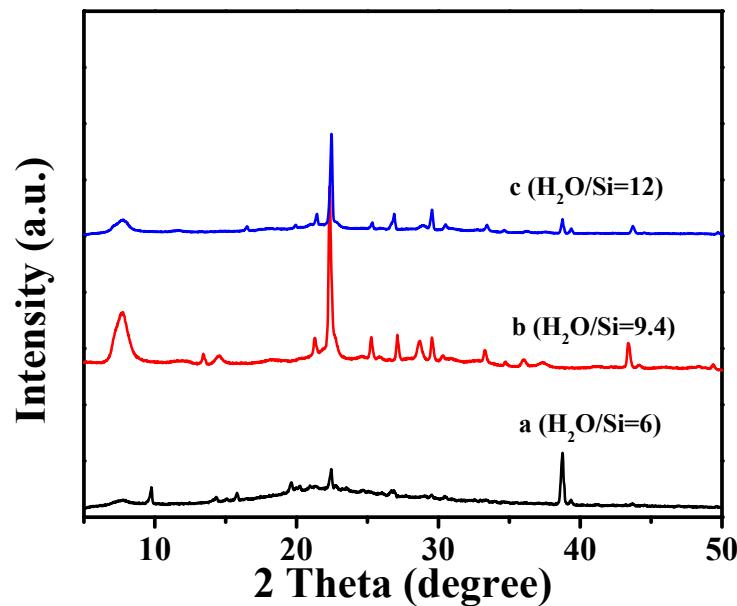
### **Synthesis of VAlSi-Beta**

VAlSi-Beta with the same Si/V molar ratio as VSi-Beta(100) was synthesized with the similar procedure to VSi-Beta(100) except that sodium aluminate (NaAlO<sub>2</sub>, 41 wt% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Shanghai Chem. Reagent Co., AR) was added before the addition of TEAOH and NaOH.

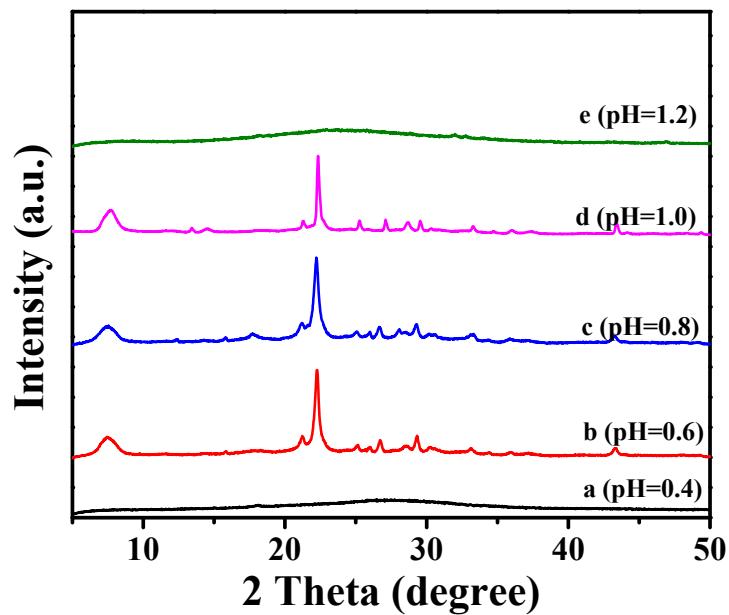
## Supplementary Figures



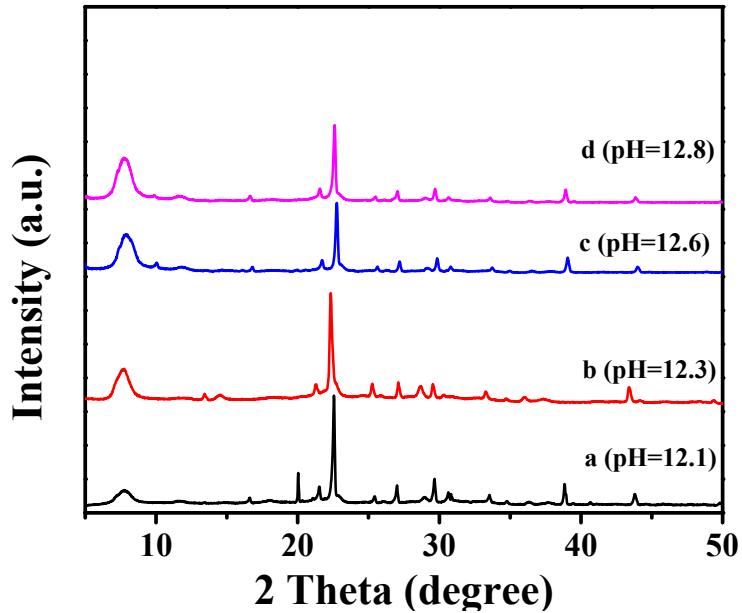
**Figure S1.** XRD patterns of the samples synthesized with different silica source. The gel molar composition was 1  $SiO_2$ : 0.27  $(TEA)_2$ : 0.01 V: 0.54 HF: 9.4  $H_2O$ . Silica source: TEOS. The pH value in the initial acid hydrolysis step: 0.8. Crystallization: 180 °C, 3 d, pH=12.3.



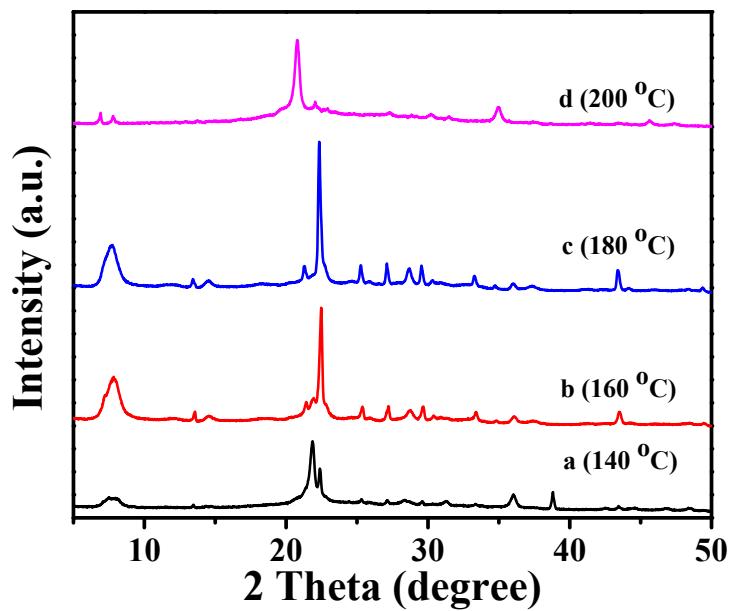
**Figure S2.** XRD patterns of the samples synthesized with different  $H_2O/SiO_2$  molar ratios. The gel molar composition was 1  $SiO_2$ : 0.27  $(TEA)_2$ : 0.01 V: 0.54 HF: 9.4  $H_2O$ . Silica source: TEOS. The pH value in the initial acid hydrolysis step: 0.8. Crystallization: 180 °C, 3 d, pH=12.3.



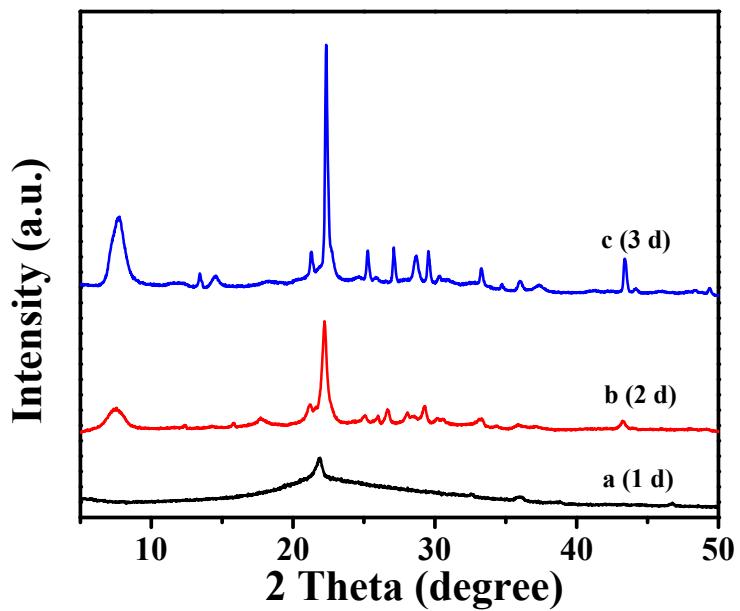
**Figure S3.** XRD patterns of the samples synthesized with initial acid hydrolysis pH values. The gel molar composition was 1 SiO<sub>2</sub>: 0.27 (TEA)<sub>2</sub>: 0.01 V: 0.54 HF: 9.4 H<sub>2</sub>O. Silica source: TEOS. Crystallization: 180 °C, 3 d, pH=12.3.



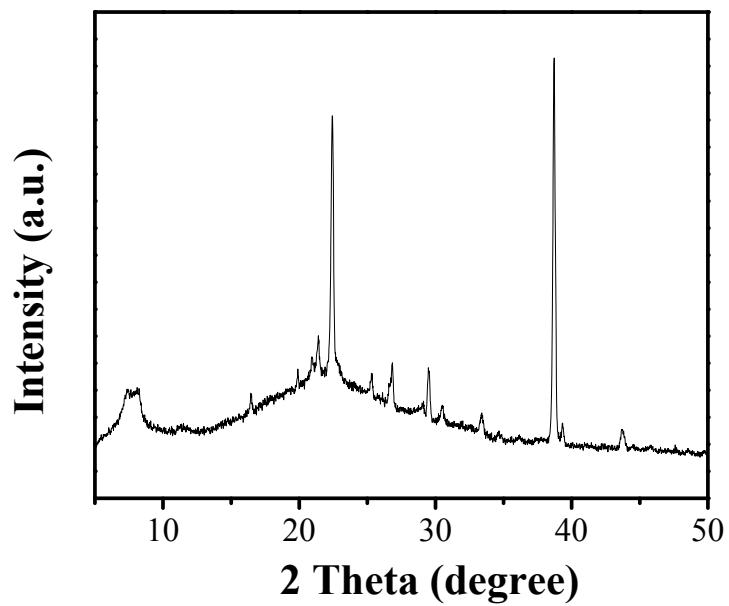
**Figure S4.** XRD patterns of the samples synthesized with different crystallization pH values. The gel molar composition was 1 SiO<sub>2</sub>: 0.27 (TEA)<sub>2</sub>: 0.01 V: 0.54 HF: 9.4 H<sub>2</sub>O. Silica source: TEOS. The pH value in the initial acid hydrolysis step: 0.8. Crystallization: 180 °C, 3 d.



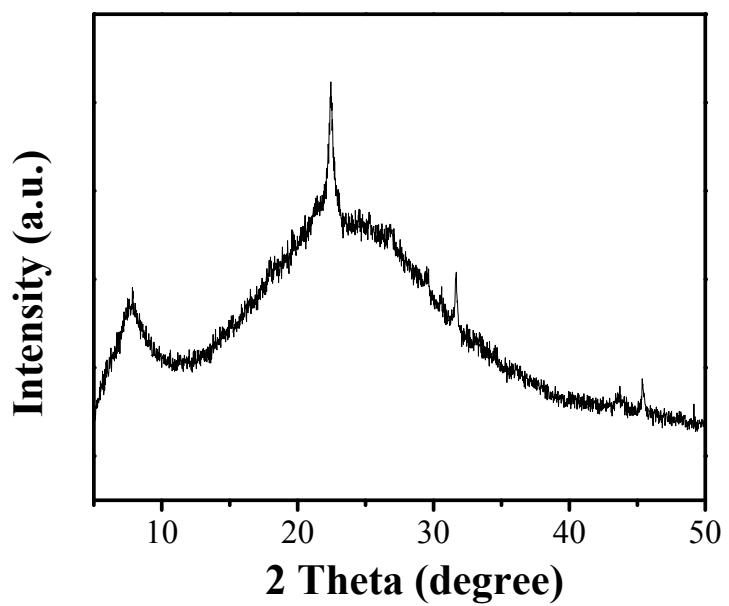
**Figure S5.** XRD patterns of the samples synthesized with crystallization at (a) 140, (b) 160, (c) 180 and (d) 200 °C. The gel molar composition was 1 SiO<sub>2</sub>: 0.27 (TEA)<sub>2</sub>: 0.01 V: 0.54 HF: 9.4 H<sub>2</sub>O. Silica source: TEOS. The pH value in the initial acid hydrolysis step: 0.8. Crystallization: 3 d, pH=12.3.



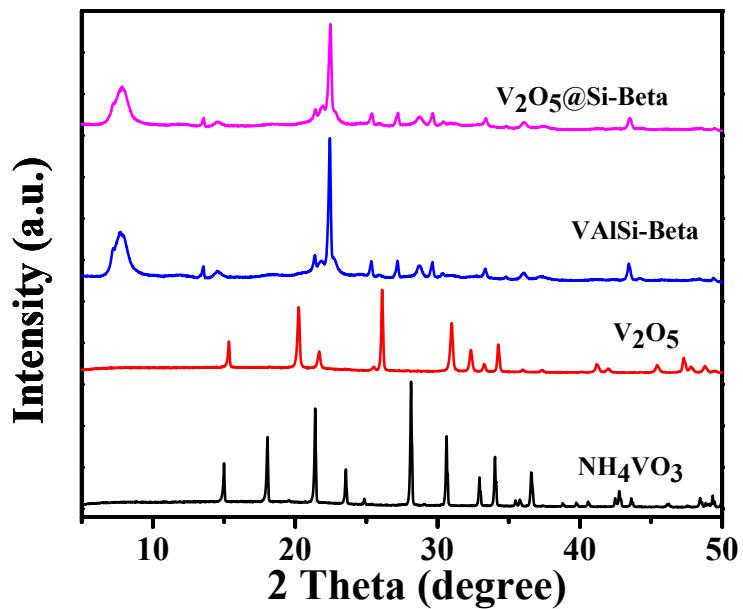
**Figure S6.** XRD patterns of the samples synthesized with the crystallization for (a) 1, (b) 2 and (c) 3 d. The gel molar composition was 1 SiO<sub>2</sub>: 0.27 (TEA)<sub>2</sub>: 0.01 V: 0.54 HF: 9.4 H<sub>2</sub>O. Silica source: TEOS. The pH value in the initial acid hydrolysis step: 0.8. Crystallization: 180 °C, pH=12.3.



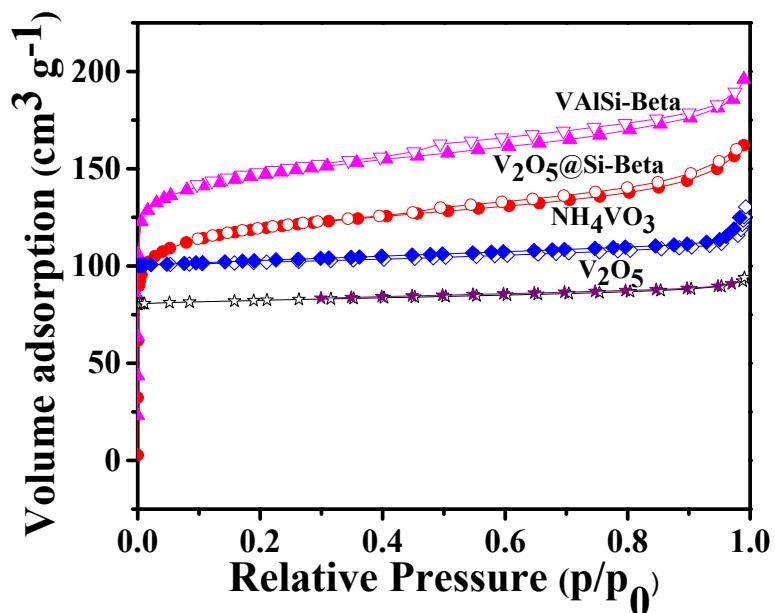
**Figure S7.** XRD pattern of VSi-Beta(33). The gel molar composition was 1 SiO<sub>2</sub>: 0.27 (TEA)<sub>2</sub>: 0.03 V: 0.54 HF: 9.4 H<sub>2</sub>O. Silica source: TEOS. The pH value in the initial acid hydrolysis step: 0.8. Crystallization: 180 °C, 3 d, pH=12.3.



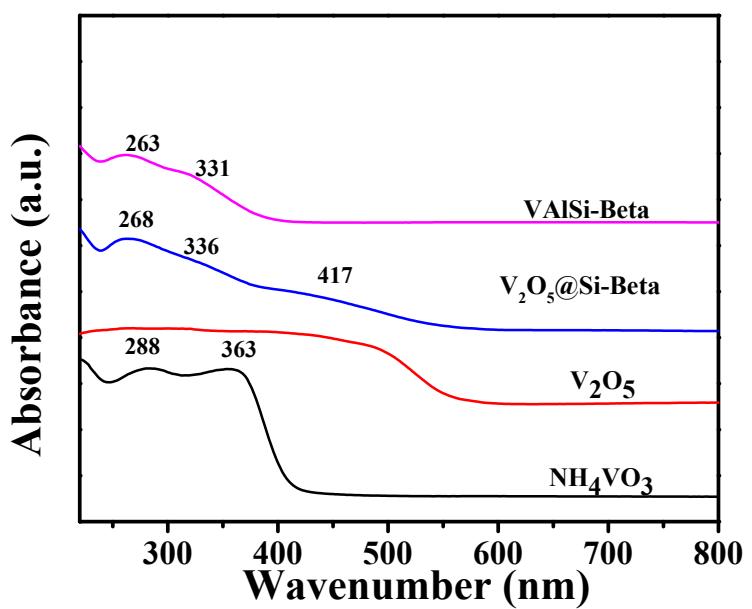
**Figure S8.** XRD pattern of VSi-Beta-basic synthesized in basic hydrolysis route. The gel molar composition is 1 SiO<sub>2</sub>: 0.27(TEA)<sub>2</sub> :0.01 V: 0.54 HF: 9.4 H<sub>2</sub>O. Crystallization: 180 °C, 3 d, pH=12.3.



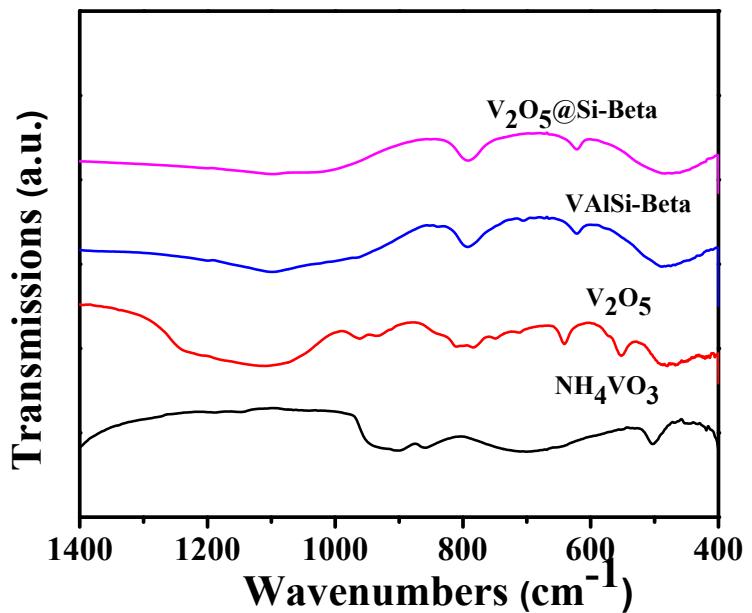
**Figure S9.** XRD patterns of control samples.



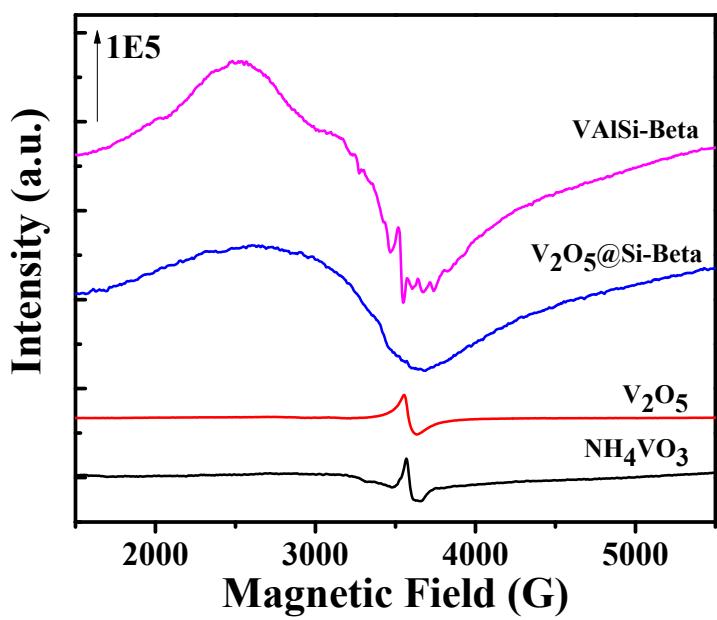
**Figure S10.**  $\text{N}_2$  sorption isotherms of control samples.



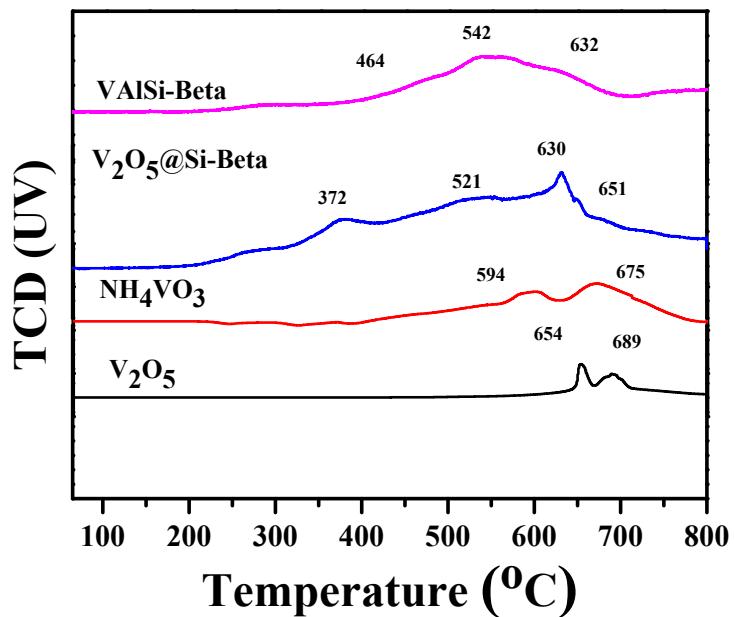
**Figure S11.** UV-vis spectra of control samples.



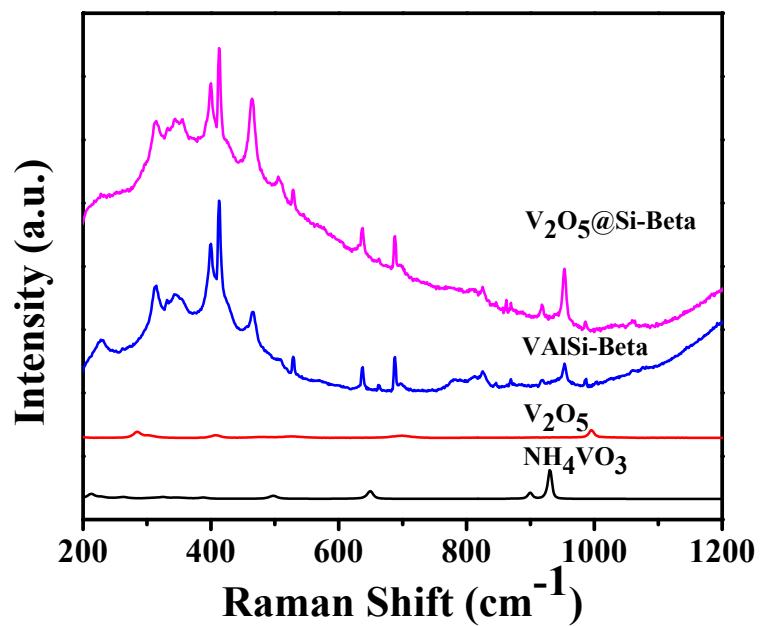
**Figure S12.** FTIR spectra of control samples.



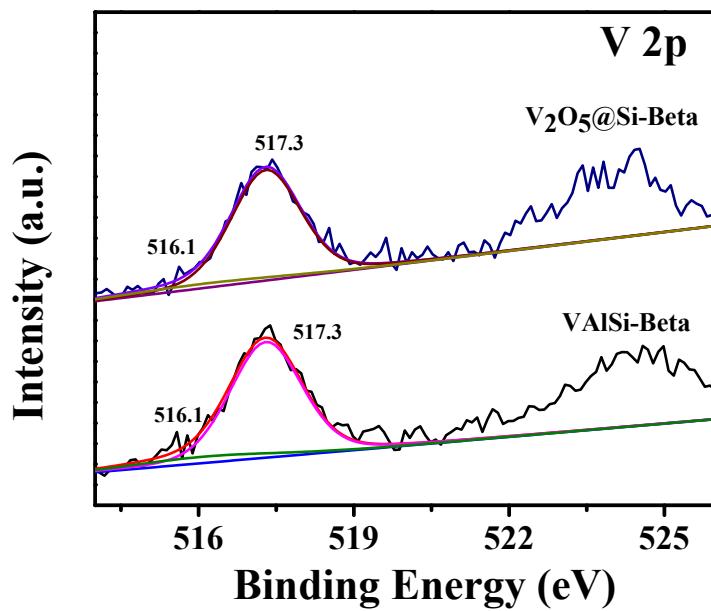
**Figure S13.** EPR spectra of control samples.



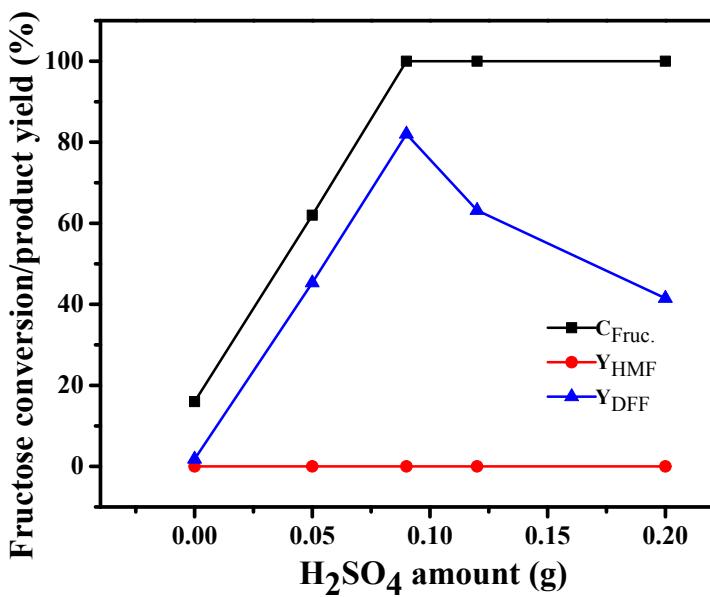
**Figure S14.** H<sub>2</sub>-TPR profiles of control samples.



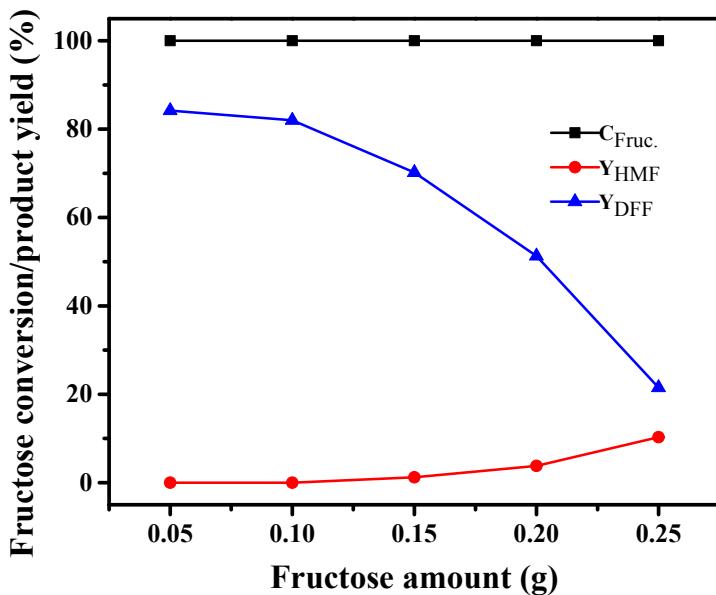
**Figure S15.** Raman spectra of control samples.



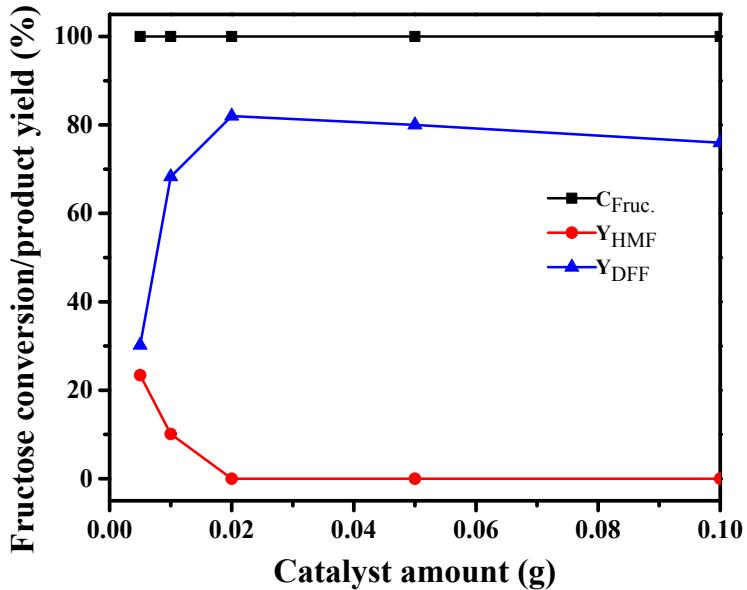
**Figure S16.** V 2p XPS spectra of control samples.



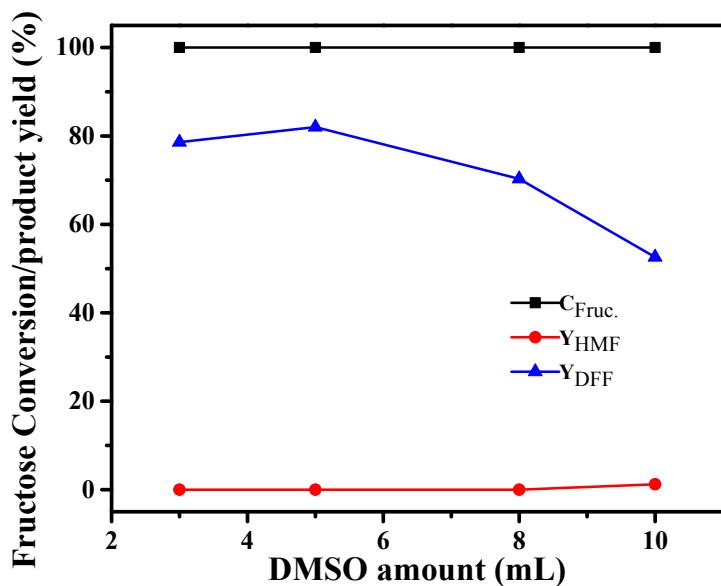
**Figure S17.** Influence of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  amount in the VSi-Beta(100) catalyzed one-pot and one-step conversion of fructose into DFF. Reaction conditions: 0.1 g fructose, 0.02 g catalyst, 5 mL DMSO, 130 °C, 4 h,  $\text{O}_2$  balloon.



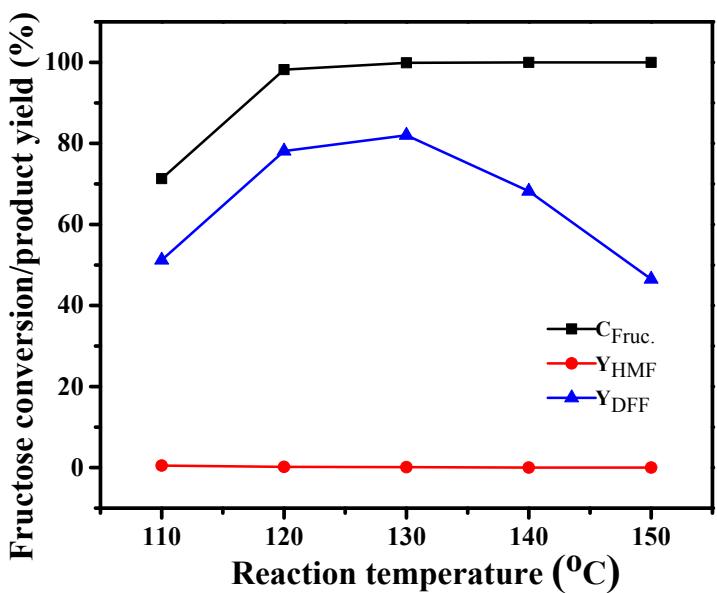
**Figure S18.** Influence of fructose amount in the VSi-Beta(100) catalyzed one-pot and one-step conversion of fructose into DFF. Reaction conditions: 0.02 g catalyst, 0.09 g  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 5 mL DMSO, 130 °C, 4 h,  $\text{O}_2$  balloon.



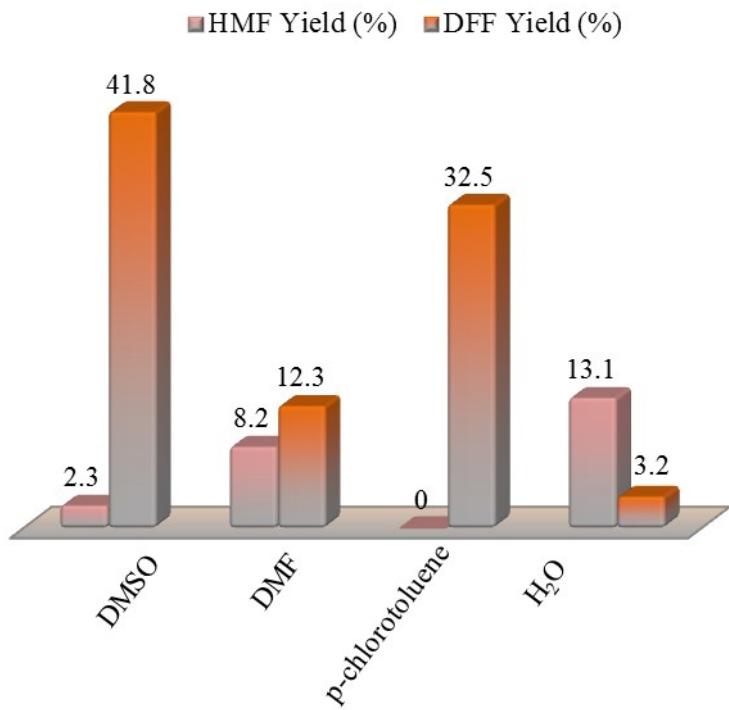
**Figure S19.** Influence of catalyst amount in the VSi-Beta(100) catalyzed one-pot and one-step conversion of fructose into DFF. Reaction conditions: 0.1 g fructose, 0.09 g H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 5 mL DMSO, 130 °C, 4 h, O<sub>2</sub> balloon.



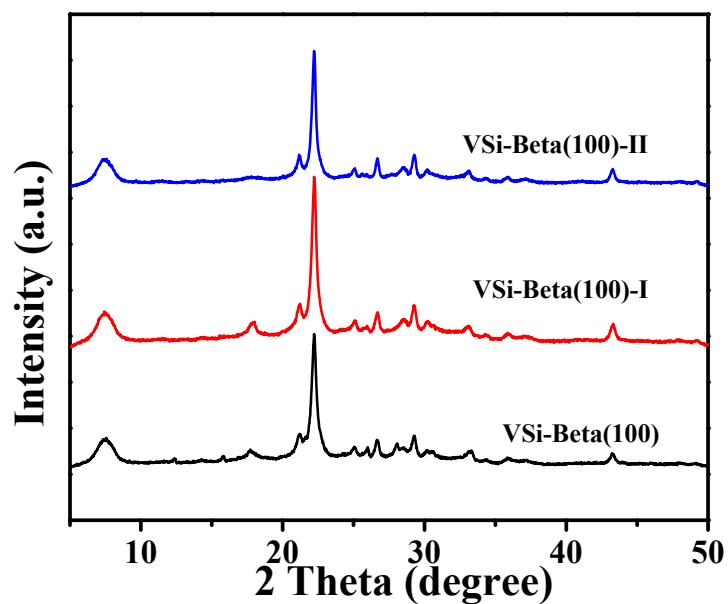
**Figure S20.** Influence of DMSO amount in the VSi-Beta(100) catalyzed one-pot and one-step conversion of fructose into DFF. Reaction conditions: 0.1 g fructose, 0.02 g catalyst, 0.09 g H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 130 °C, 4 h, O<sub>2</sub> balloon.



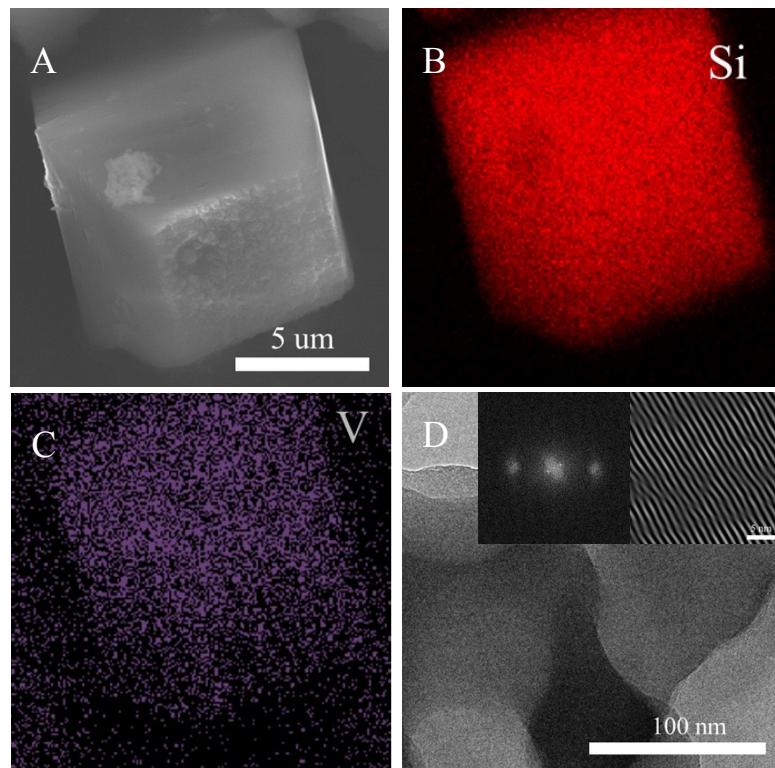
**Figure S21.** Influence of reaction temperature in the VSi-Beta(100) catalyzed one-pot and one-step conversion of fructose into DFF. Reaction conditions: 0.1 g fructose, 0.02 g catalyst, 0.09 g  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 5 mL DMSO, 4 h,  $\text{O}_2$  balloon.



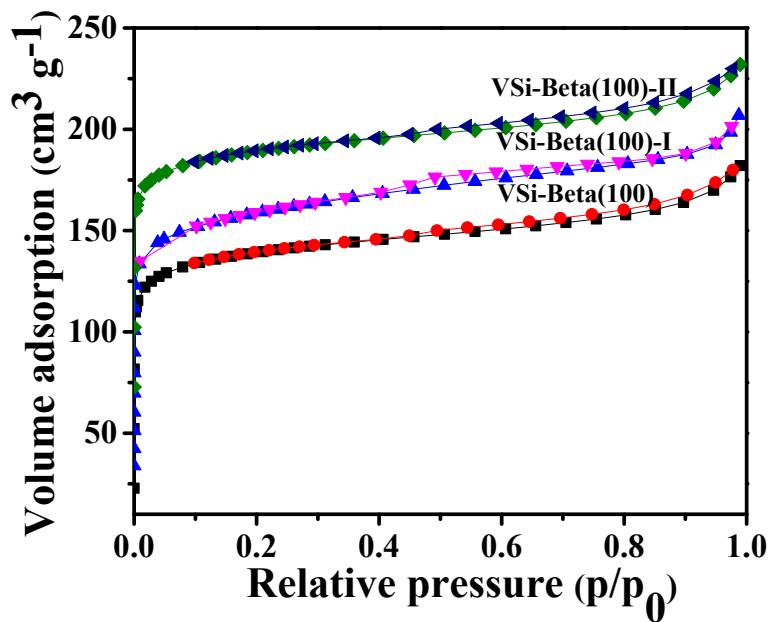
**Figure S22.** Influence of solvents in the VSi-Beta(100) catalyzed one-pot and one-step conversion of fructose into DFF. Reaction conditions: 0.1 g fructose, 0.02 g catalyst, 0.09 g  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 100  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 4 h,  $\text{O}_2$  balloon.



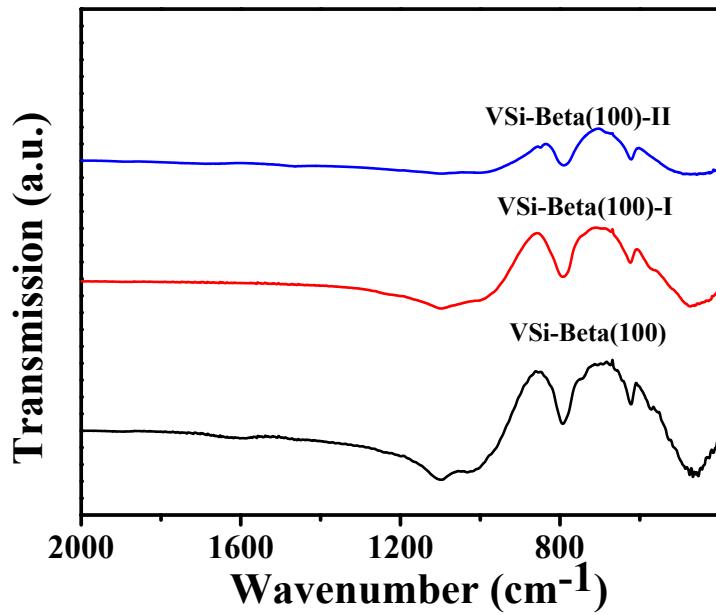
**Figure S23.** XRD patterns of VSi-Beta(100), VSiBeta(100)-I and VSiBeta(100)-II. VSiBeta(100)-I and VSiBeta(100)-II were the recovered VSi-Beta(100) after 5<sup>th</sup> run before and after calcination.



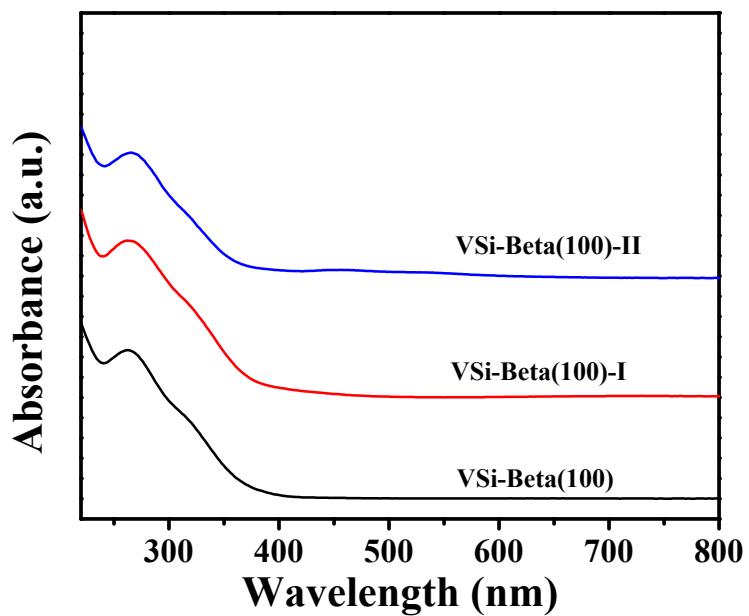
**Figure S24.** (A) SEM image with EDS elemental mapping images of (B) Si and (C) V element and (D) TEM image of VSi-Beta(100)-II.



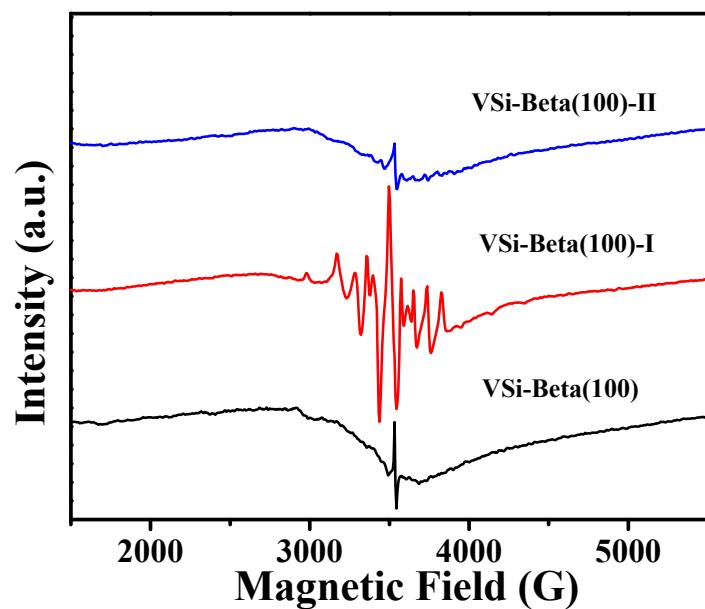
**Figure S25.** Nitrogen sorption isotherms of VSi-Beta(100), VSiBeta(100)-I and VSi-Beta(100)-II.



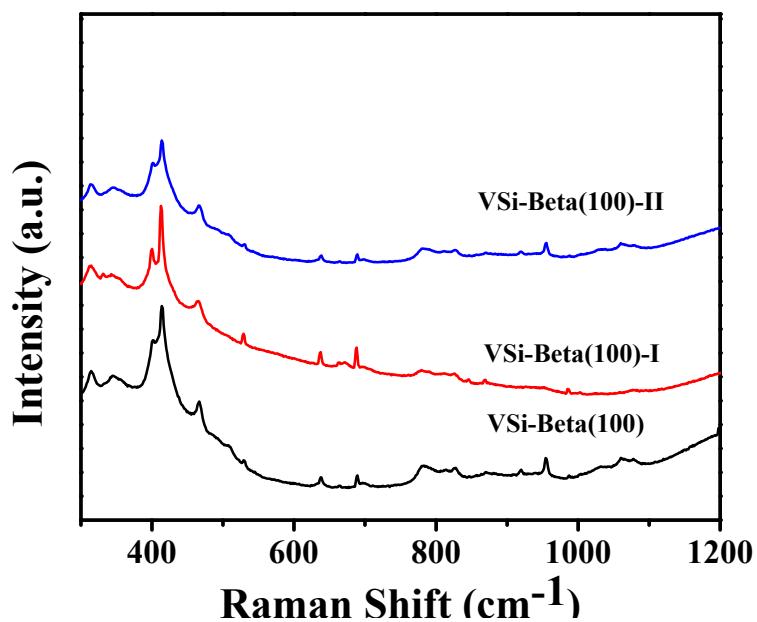
**Figure S26.** FTIR spectra of VSi-Beta(100), VSiBeta(100)-I and VSi-Beta(100)-II.



**Figure S27.** UV spectra of VSi-Beta(100), VSiBeta(100)-I and VSi-Beta(100)-II.



**Figure S28.** EPR spectra of VSi-Beta(100), VSiBeta(100)-I and VSi-Beta(100)-II.



**Figure S29.** Raman spectra of VSi-Beta(100), VSiBeta(100)-I and VSi-Beta(100)-II.

## Supplementary Tables

**Table S1** Textural properties

| Sample                                 | V (wt%) <sup>[a]</sup> | Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> · g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> · g <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|--|------------------------|--|--|
| V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> @Si-Beta | 0.68                   | 507  | 0.25   |
| VAl-Beta                               | 0.73                   | 532  | 0.28   |
| NH <sub>4</sub> VO <sub>3</sub>        | 43.5                   | 8  | 0.04   |
| V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>          | 55.9                   | 4  | 0.01   |
| VSi-Beta(100)-I                        | 0.68                   | 527  | 0.28   |
| VSi-Beta(100)-II                       | 0.69                   | 532  | 0.28   |

[a] V content of the final solid products.

**Table S2** V XPS data of VSi-Beta(100) and control samples

| Catalyst                               | V <sup>4+</sup> |          | V <sup>5+</sup> |          |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
|  | BE (eV)         | Area (%) | BE (eV)         | Area (%) |
| VSi-Beta(100)                          | 516.1           | 1.9      | 517.2           | 98.1     |
| VSi-Beta(50)                           | 516.2           | 2.8      | 517.3           | 97.2     |
| VAl-Beta                               | 516.3           | 10.2     | 517.3           | 89.8     |
| V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> @Si-Beta | 516.3           | 8.0      | 517.3           | 92.0     |

**Table S3** One-pot synthesis of 2,5-di-formylfuran from carbohydrates

| Catalyst   | Substrate | P(O <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>[a]</sup> | Method    | Y <sub>DFF</sub><br>(%) <sup>[b]</sup> | TON                 | TOF (h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Ref  |    |
|--|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|---------------------|------------------------|------|----|
| g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> (H <sup>+</sup> ),<br>V-g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> (H <sup>+</sup> )        | fructose  | 0.1 MPa                           | Two-step  | 63                                     | 6.1                 | 0.7                    | S1   |    |
| V-g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> (H <sup>+</sup> )  | fructose  |                                   | One-Step  | 45                                     | 6.4                 | 0.8                    | S1   |    |
| Amberlyst-15<br>and Ru/HT  | fructose  | 20 mL/min                         | Two-step  | 49                                     | 12.5                | 1.3                    | S2   |    |
| Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> -SO <sub>3</sub> H,<br>Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> @HAP-Ru   | r-        | fructose                          | 20 mL/min | Two-step                               | 79.1                | 21.3                   | 0.8  | S3 |
| Cs <sub>3</sub> HPMo <sub>11</sub> VO <sub>40</sub>  | fructose  | 0.1 MPa                           | Two-step  | 60 (53)                                | 9.7                 | 1.2                    | S4   |    |
|  | fructose  |                                   | One-step  | 39                                     | 6.3                 | 0.9                    | S4   |    |
| Cs <sub>0.5</sub> H <sub>2.5</sub> PMo <sub>12</sub>   | fructose  |                                   |           | 69.3                                   |                     |                        |      |    |
|  | glucose   | air                               |           | (65.3)                                 |                     | 3.6                    | 0.9  |    |
|  | sucrose   | (0.1 MPa)                         | One-step  | 8.4                                    |                     | 0.8                    |      |    |
|  | inulin    |                                   |           | 28.9                                   | 1.6                 | 0.8                    | S5   |    |
|  |           |                                   |           | 32.0                                   | 2.2                 | 1.1                    |      |    |
| Amberlyst-15,<br>polyaniline-VO(acac) <sub>2</sub>   | fructose  | 20 mL/min                         | Two-step  | 71.1                                   | 5.8                 | 0.4                    | S6   |    |
|  | fructose  |                                   | One-step  | 42.1                                   | 3.4                 | 0.2                    | S6   |    |
| Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -RGO-SO <sub>3</sub> H,<br>ZnFe <sub>1.65</sub> Ru <sub>0.35</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | fructose  | 20 mL/min                         | Two-step  | 73.3                                   | 2.9                 | 0.3                    | S7   |    |
| Amberlyst 15,<br>SBA-15-Bimidazole-Ru  | fructose  | 20 bar                            | Two-step  | 72.4                                   | 36.6                | 2.6                    | S8   |    |
| Fe-S/C (S 8 wt%)   | fructose  | 1 bar                             | Two-step  | >99<br>(>99)                           | 3.3                 | 0.6                    | S9   |    |
| f-Ce <sub>9</sub> Mo <sub>1</sub> O <sub>δ</sub>   | fructose  | 10 mL/min                         | One-step  | 45                                     | 12.3                | 1.0                    |      |    |
|  |           |                                   | Two-step  | 74                                     | 7.5                 | 0.6                    | S10  |    |
| VSi-Beta   | fructose  |                                   |           | 82(82)                                 | 162                 | 40.5                   |      |    |
|  |           |                                   |           | /86.3 <sup>[c]</sup>                   | /270 <sup>[c]</sup> | /67.5 <sup>[c]</sup>   |      |    |
|  | glucose   |                                   |           | 38.2                                   | 15.1                | 2.5                    |      |    |
|  | sucrose   | 1 bar                             | One-step  | 32.1                                   | 41.6                | 6.9                    | This |    |
|  | inulin    |                                   |           | 39.3                                   | 15.5                | 2.6                    | work |    |
|  | raffinose |                                   |           | 20.1                                   | 28.4                | 4.7                    |      |    |
|  | maltose   |                                   |           | 18.1                                   | 7.6                 | 1.3                    |      |    |
|  | starch    |                                   |           | 28.2                                   | 11.1                | 1.2                    |      |    |

[a] Pressure of O<sub>2</sub>. [b] DFF yield; the value in the bracket is the yield after several recycles. [c] The maximum value for yield, TON and TOF, respectively.

**Table S4** Dehydration of fructose into HMF<sup>[a]</sup>

| Entry          | Catalyst                               | Con (%) <sup>[b]</sup> | Y <sub>HMF</sub> (%) <sup>[c]</sup> | Y <sub>DFF</sub> (%) <sup>[d]</sup> |
|----------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>e</sup> | -                                      | 100                    | 94.0                                | 0                                   |
| 2              | -                                      | 100                    | 91.0                                | 0                                   |
| 3              | VSi-Beta(100)                          | 100                    | 90.2                                | 4.8                                 |
| 4              | V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> @Si-Beta | 100                    | 82.2                                | 2.3                                 |

[a] Reaction conditions: 5 mL DMSO, 0.1 g fructose, 130 °C, 1 h, 0.09 g H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 0.02 g catalyst, O<sub>2</sub> balloon. [b] Conversion of fructose. [c] Yield of HMF. [d] Yield of DFF. [e] N<sub>2</sub> balloon.

**Table S5** Oxidation of HMF to DFF<sup>[a]</sup>

| Entry          | Catalyst                               | C <sub>HMF</sub> (%) <sup>[b]</sup> | Y <sub>DFF</sub> (%) <sup>[c]</sup> |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>d</sup> | -                                      | 25.3                                | 7.2                                 |
| 2              | -                                      | >99.9                               | 29.1                                |
| 3              | VSi-Beta(100)                          | >99.9                               | 92.9                                |
| 4              | V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> @Si-Beta | >99.9                               | 80.3                                |

[a] Reaction conditions: 5 mL DMSO, 0.07 g HMF, 130 °C, 3 h, 0.09 g H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 0.02 g catalyst, O<sub>2</sub> balloon. [b] Conversion of HMF. [c] Yield of DFF. [d] Without H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

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