

Electronic Supplementary Information

The catalytic behaviour in aqueous-phase hydrogenation over a renewable Ni catalyst derived from perovskite-type oxide

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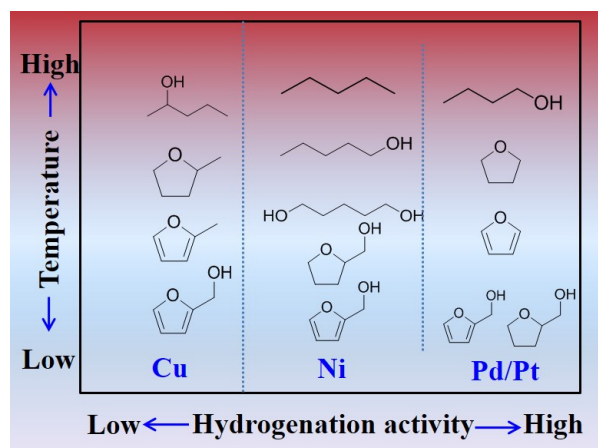


Fig. S1 The comparison of Ni catalyst with Cu and Pd/Pt catalysts in hydrogenation of furfural

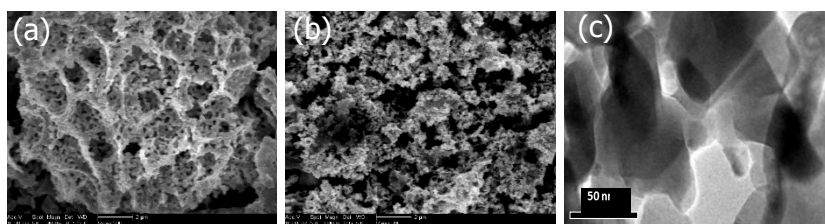


Fig. S2 The morphology of LaNiO_3 precursor and Ni-LN650.

(a) SEM image of LaNiO_3 , (b) SEM image of Ni-LN650, (c) TEM image of Ni-LN650.

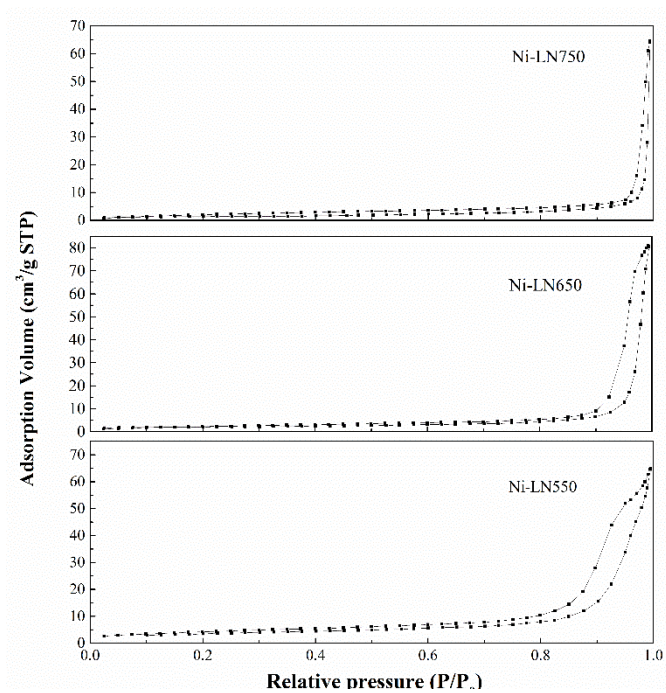


Fig. S3 Adsorption and desorption isotherm curves of Ni-LN550, Ni-LN650 and Ni-LN750 catalysts.

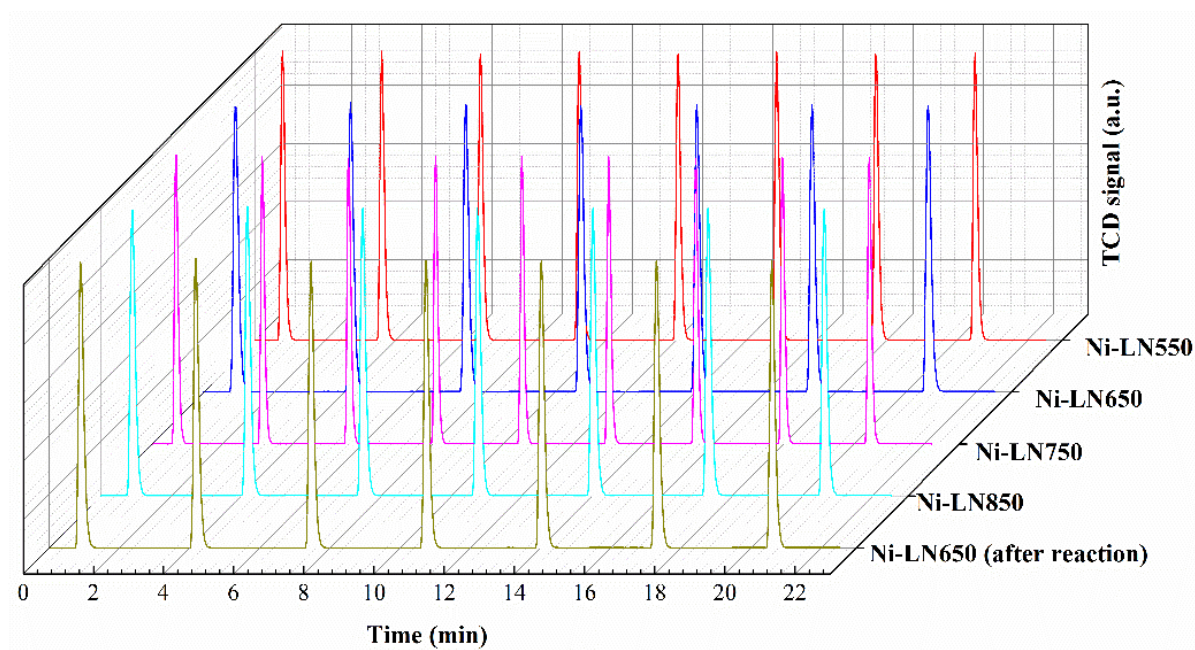


Fig. S4 the CO pulse chemisorption for Ni-LN550, Ni-LN650, Ni-LN750, Ni-LN850 and Ni-LN650 (after reaction)

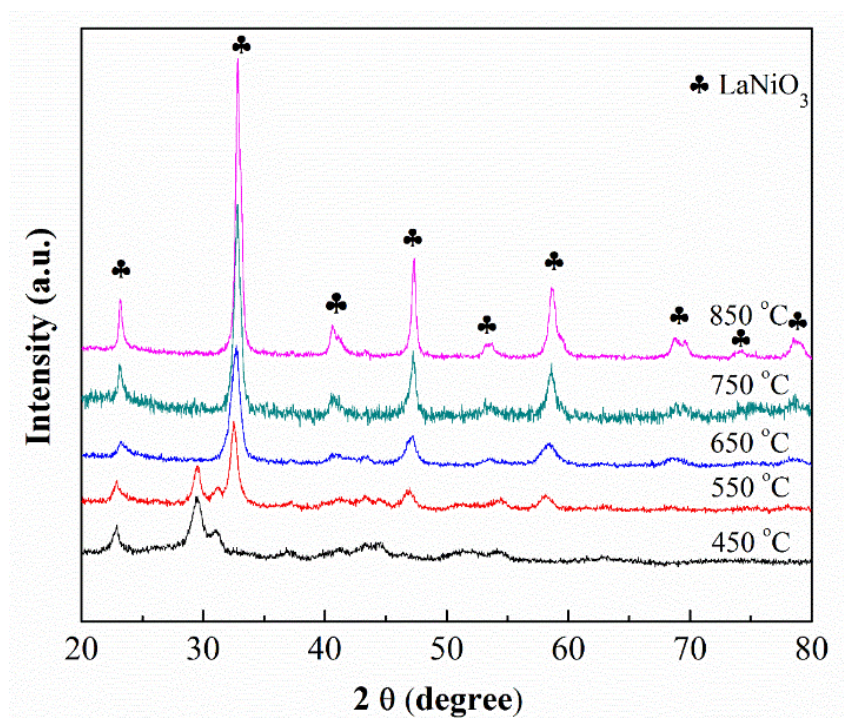


Fig. S5 The XRD patterns of LaNiO₃ precursor derived at different calcination temperatures.

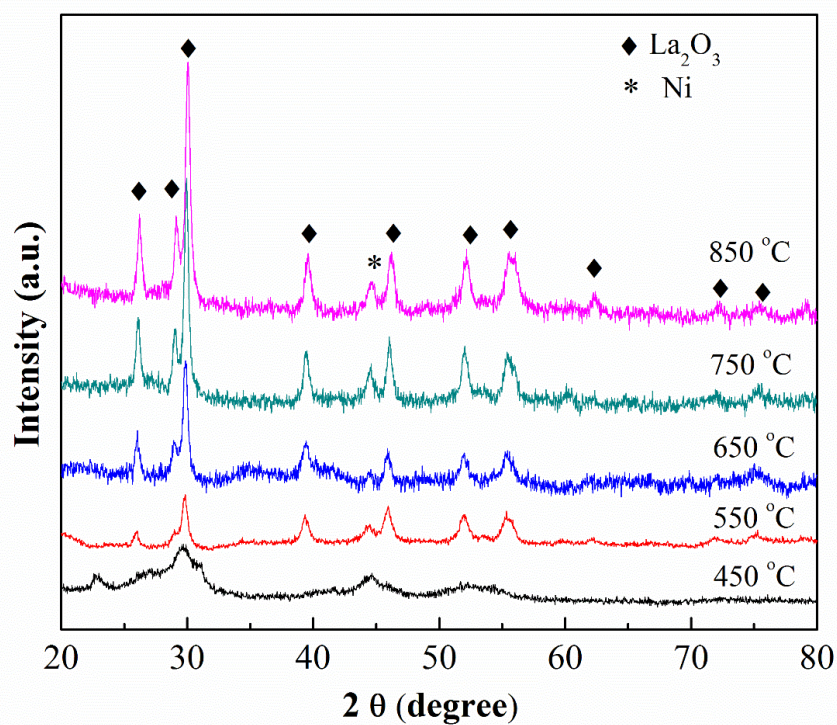


Fig. S6 The XRD patterns of Ni catalysts derived from the LaNiO₃ precursors calcining at different temperatures.

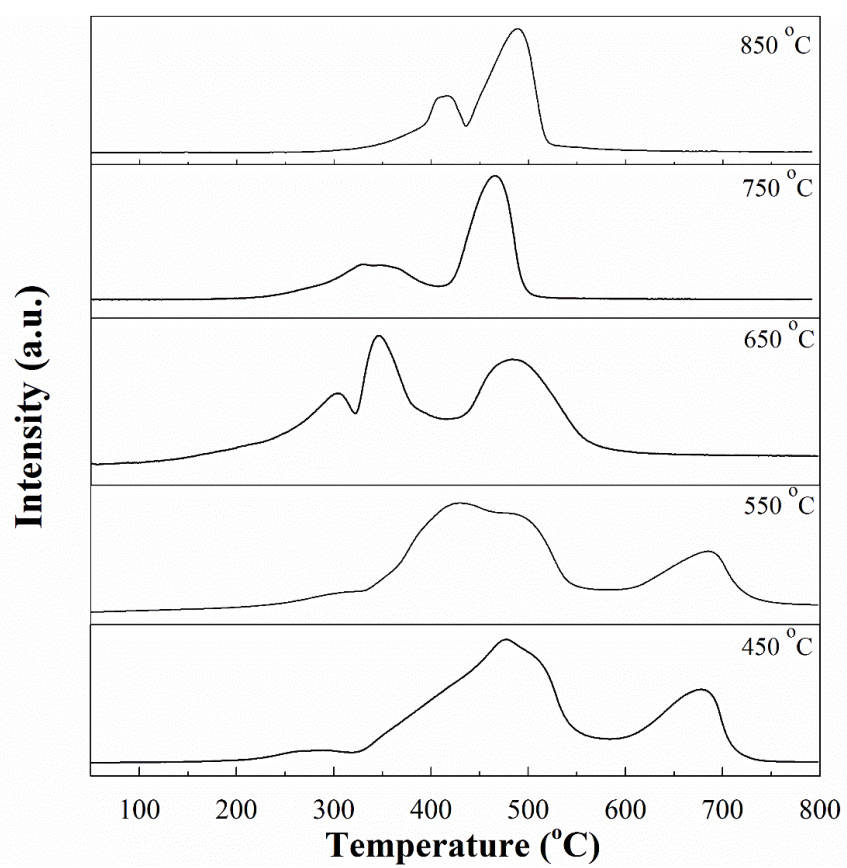


Fig. S7 The H₂-TPR profiles of LaNiO₃ precursor derived at different calcination temperatures.

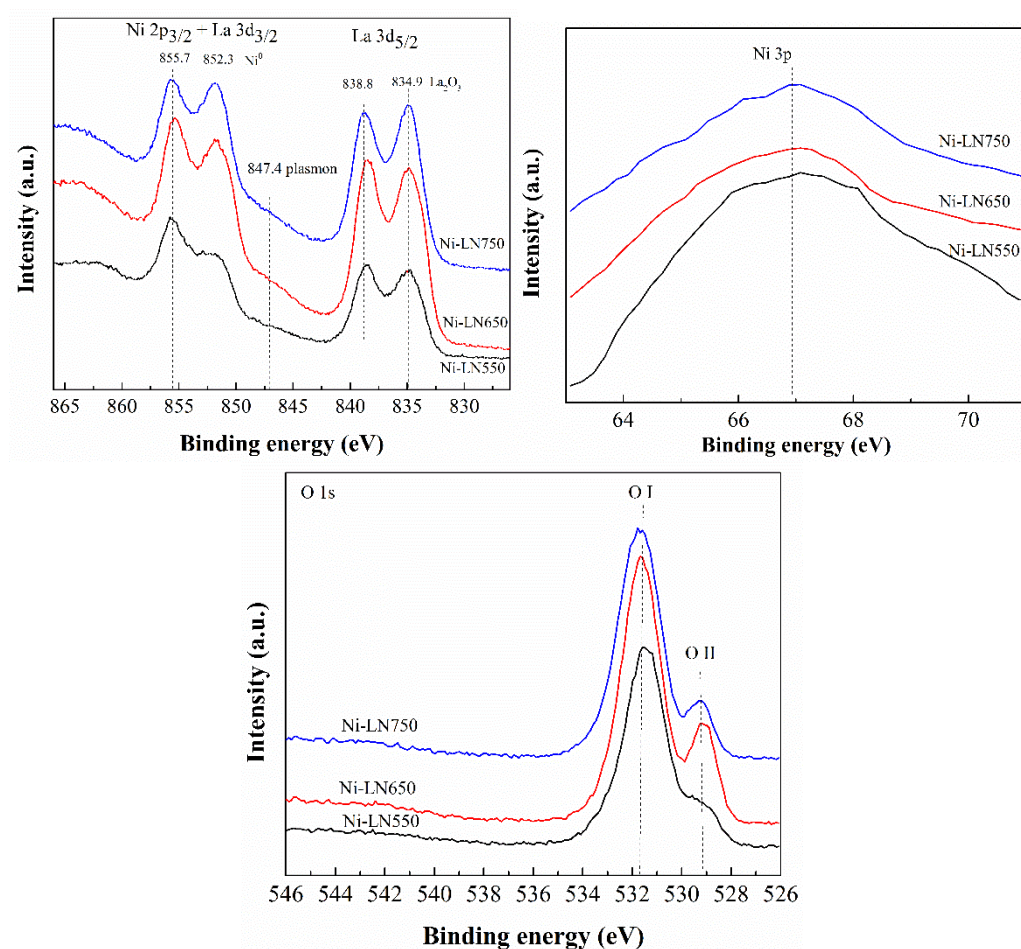


Fig. S8 The XPS spectra of La 3d+ Ni 2p, Ni3p and O 1s for the Ni-LN550, Ni-LN650 and Ni-LN750 catalysts.

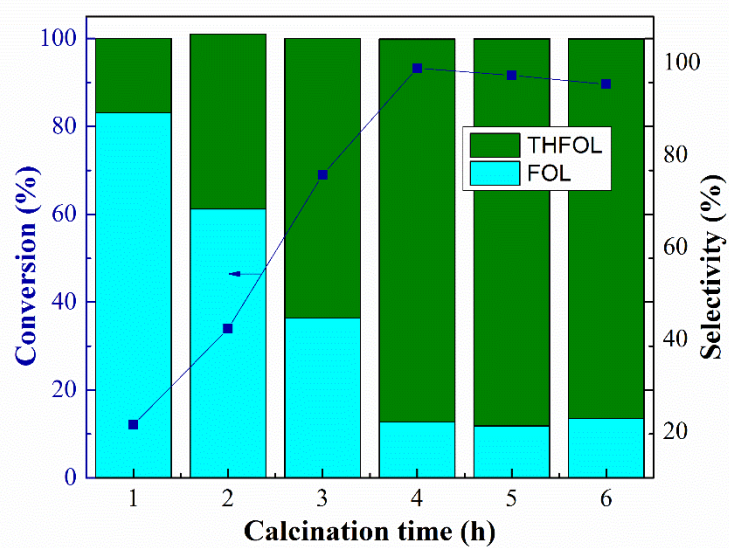


Fig. S9 The influence of calcination time on furfural conversion and product selectivity in aqueous-phase hydrogenation of furfural at 120 °C and 1 MPa H₂. Other conditions: 1.0 mmol furfural, 30 mg catalyst, 10 mL DI water, stirring speed 800 rpm.

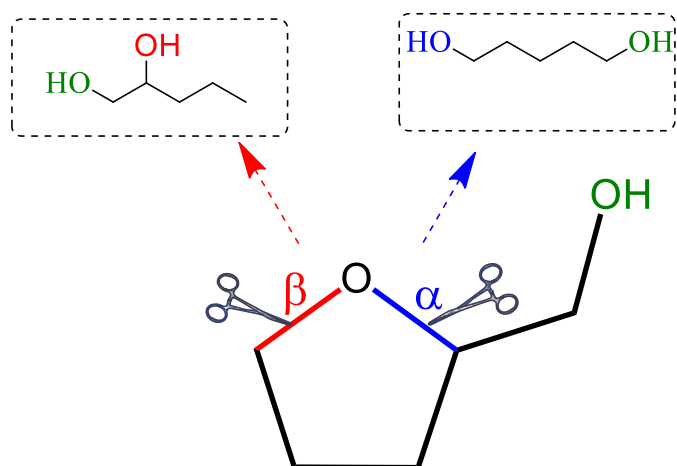


Fig. S11 The scission of THFOL at α and β positions.

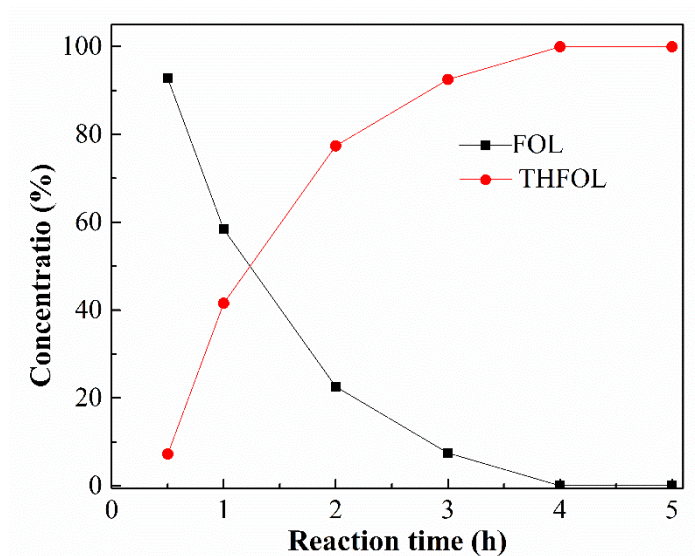


Fig. S12 The concentration of FOL and THFOL in the liquid product by using FOL as reactant.

Reaction condition: 120 °C, 1 MPa H₂, 1 mmol FOL, 30 mg Ni-LN650, 10 mL DI water, stirring speed 800 rpm.

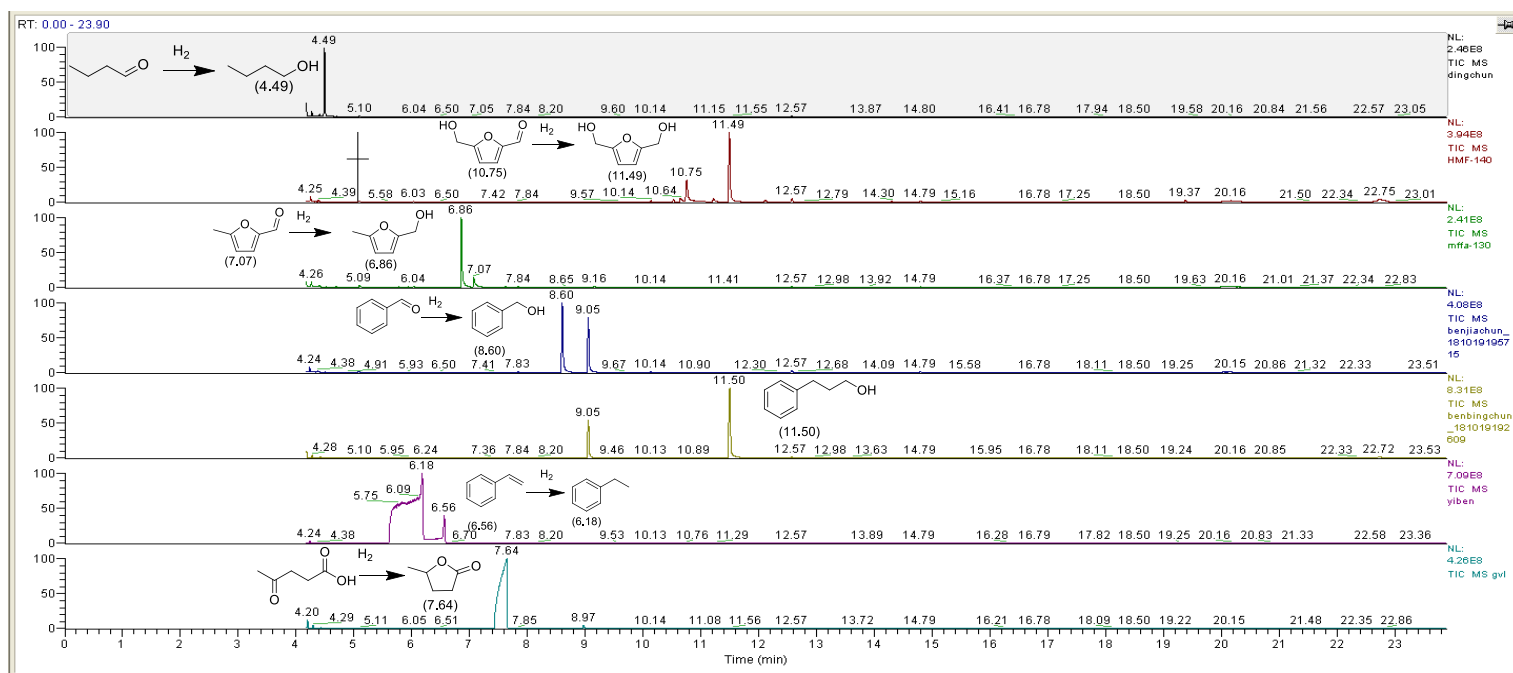


Fig. S13 The GC-MS spectrogram for aqueous-phase hydrogenation of aldehydes, alkene and carboxylic acid over Ni-LN650 catalyst

Table S1 The Ni dispersion and other properties of Ni-based catalysts

Catalyst	Ni content (%) ^a	Ni dispersion (%) ^b	Metallic surface area (m ² /g _{Ni}) ^b	Active Ni diameter (nm) ^b
Ni-LN550	25.7	10.8	71.8	9.4
Ni-LN650	26.2	30.8	205.2	3.3
Ni-LN750	25.6	25.2	167.9	4.1
Ni-LN850	26.4	24.1	160.6	4.3
Ni-LN650 (after reaction)	25.3	26.5	177.3	3.8

^a: determined by ICP;

^b: calculated from CO pulse chemisorption.

CO pulse chemisorption: 30 mg catalyst sample was loaded in U type quartz tube and installed in Micromeritics AutoChem II 2920 instrument. The sample was pretreated at 300 °C by a He gas for 1 h. After the sample was cooled to room temperature, the CO pulse chemisorption was tested until the pulse peak become stable (carrier gas: He; Pulse gas: CO).

Table S2 The comparison of Ni-LN650 with impregnated Ni/La₂O₃ and Raney Ni catalyst in aqueous-phase hydrogenation of furfural

Catalyst	Furfural conversion (%)	FOL selectivity (%)	THFOL selectivity (%)
Ni-LN650	98.8	12.7	87.2
Impregnated Ni/La ₂ O ₃	84.3	25.4	74.5
Raney Ni			
(particle size $\leq$ 50 μ m, dispersed in water)	95.8	18.6	81.3

Reaction conditions: Ni-LN650 and Ni/La₂O₃ 30 mg, Raney Ni 1 mL; 120 °C and 1 MPa H₂ for 3 h, 1mmol furfural, 10 mL DI water.