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Low-temperature catalytic hydrogenation of bio-based furfural and relevant aldehydes using cesium carbonate and hydrosiloxane

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Fig. S1 GC-MS spectrum of the siloxane intermediate in hydrogenation of FUR to FFA; Reaction conditions: 0.5 mmol FUR, PhSiH₃ (1.47 mmol H⁻), 2 mL DMF, 16 mg Cs₂CO₃, 25 °C, and 6 h.



Fig. S2 ¹H NMR spectra of the siloxane intermediate in hydrogenation of FUR to FFA. Reaction conditions: 0.5 mmol FUR, PhSiH₃ (1.47 mmol \dot{H}), 1 mL DMSO- d_6 , 16 mg Cs₂CO₃, 25 °C, and 6 h.



Fig. S3. ¹H-¹³C HSQC NMR spectrum of the siloxane intermediate in hydrogenation of FUR to FFA. Reaction conditions: 0.5 mmol FUR, $PhSiH_3$ (1.47 mmol H⁻), 1 mL DMSO- d_6 , 16 mg Cs₂CO₃, 25 °C, and 6 h.

Entry	H-donor	Yield (%)	Conversion (%)	
1	Et ₃ SiH	0.2	0.6	
2	(MeO) ₃ SiH	5.4	10.0	
3	Me ₃ Si-O-MeSiH-O-SiMe ₃	30.7	40.0	
4	(EtO) ₃ SiH	32.5	42.0	
5	Me ₂ SiH-O-HSiMe ₂	50.7	60.0	
6	Ph ₂ SiH ₂	88.4	90.0	
7	PhSiH ₃	99.1	99.2	
8	PMHS	99.5	99.5	

Table S1 Effect of different hydrosilanes on the hydrogenation of FUR to FFA

Reaction conditions: 0.5 mmol FUR, 16 mg Cs₂CO₃, H-donor (1.47 mmol H⁻), 2 mL DMF, 80 °C, and 6 h.

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Entry	Time (h)	T (°C)	Catalyst dosage (mg)	Reaction cycle	Yield (%)	Conv. (%)
			(2)	5		
1	6	80	16	1	99	99

Table S2 The recycling study of cesium carbonate-catalyzed reduction of FUR to FFA

2	6	80	16	2	30.4	43.1
3	6	25	16	1	90	99
4	6	25	16	2	47	48

Reaction conditions: 0.5 mmol FUR, PMHS (1.47 mmol H⁻), 2 mL DMF.



Fig. S4 STEM and elemental mapping profiles of recovered Cs_2CO_3 catalyst. (A) STEM-HAADF image and elemental mappings of (B) Cs, (C) Si, (D) C and (E) O



Fig. S5 ¹H NMR spectra of the formation of formate during hydrosilylation reaction. Reaction conditions (A): PhSiH₃ (1.47 mmol H⁻), 1 mL DMSO- d_6 , 16 mg Cs₂CO₃, 25 °C, and 6 h; Reaction conditions (B): 0.5 mmol FUR, PMHS (1.47 mmol H⁻), 1 mL DMSO- d_6 , 16 mg Cs₂CO₃, 25 °C, and 6 h.



Pentavalent silicate

Fig. S6 The possible structure of pentavalent silicate intermediate in the hydrogenation of FUR to FFA.



Fig. S7 The possible structure of hexavalent silicate intermediate in the hydrogenation of FUR to FFA.



Fig. S8 ¹H NMR spectra of the interaction between PMHS and Cs_2CO_3 . Reaction conditions: PMHS (1.47 mmol H⁻), 1 mL DMSO- d_6 , 16 mg Cs_2CO_3 , 25 °C, and 6 h.





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Fig. S9 GC-MS spectra of various alcohols obtained from hydrogenation of corresponding aldehyde



Fig. S10 GC-MS spectrum of dimethoxydiphenylsilane formed in the reaction of Ph₂SiH₂ and MeOH