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Applications of CO2/H2O system in the bio-based platform molecules conversion

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## PURPOSE OF THE ABSTRACT

CO2/H2O system is green reaction medium with some unique features, and can be used in different chemical reaction. Especially, it can be used in the reactions catalyzed by weak acids, in which the use of conventional hazardous acids can be avoid. Because a unique and potentially useful property of CO2/H2O is the in situ generation of carbonic acid, which is capable of supposed to act as the proton donator in the Brønsted acid-promoted reaction.1 Therefore, we adopted a cascade strategy for the catalytic conversion of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural as well as of furfural to high-value-added chemicals by a combination of hydrogenation and acid-catalyzed reactions.2,3



## FIGURE 1 scheme 1 Transformation of bio-based platform molecules in the CO2/H2O system

#### **KEYWORDS**

CO2 | biomass | bio-based products | furfural

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