# Supplemental materials for:

#### Production of furfural from xylose and corn stover catalyzed by a novel porous

#### carbon solid acid in γ-valerolactone

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Run	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th b</sup>	7 <sup>th c</sup>
Furfural	76.2	74.7	73.1	69.5	45	35%	25%
yield (%)							

Table S1. Deactivation study of S-RFC.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: 0.6 g S-RFC, 0.8 g xylose, 32 ml GVL, 170°C, 5 min reaction time, 25 min heating-up time.

<sup>b</sup> The catalyst was regenerated by a new sulfonation cycle

<sup>c</sup> The catalyst was regenerated by removal of deposits

Catalyst	fresh	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5
Sulfur content (%)	2.75	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.1	1.5

Table S2. S content of reused S-RFC.



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