

Support information

**Selective Catalytic Hydrogenation of 5-Hydroxymethylfurfural over
Silica Supported FeCoNiCuRu High-Entropy Alloy Nanoparticles**

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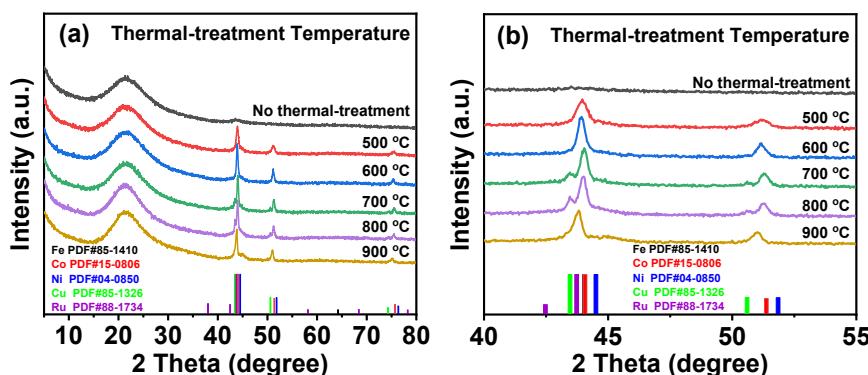


Figure S1. XRD patterns of (FeCoNiCuRu-1TA/SiO₂)-T catalysts (a), enlargement of the diffraction intensity from 40° to 55° (b).

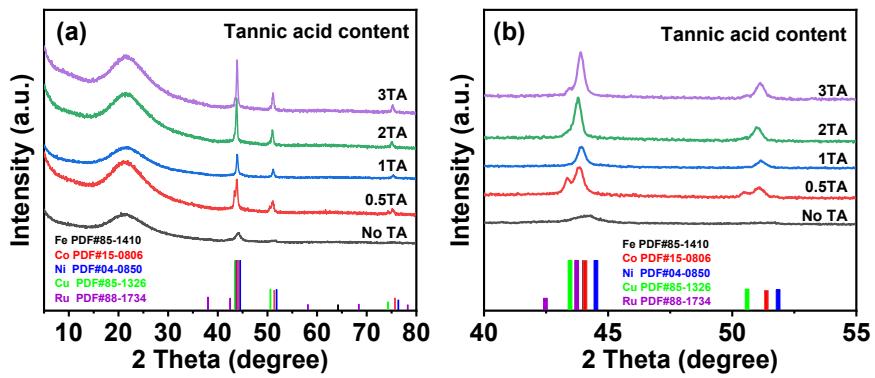


Figure S2. XRD patterns of (FeCoNiCuRu-xTA/SiO₂)-600 catalysts (a), enlargement of the diffraction intensity from 40° to 55° (b).

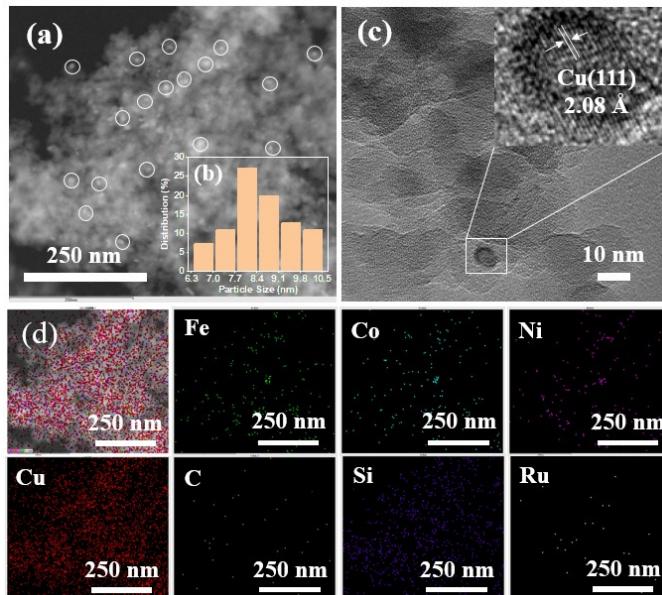


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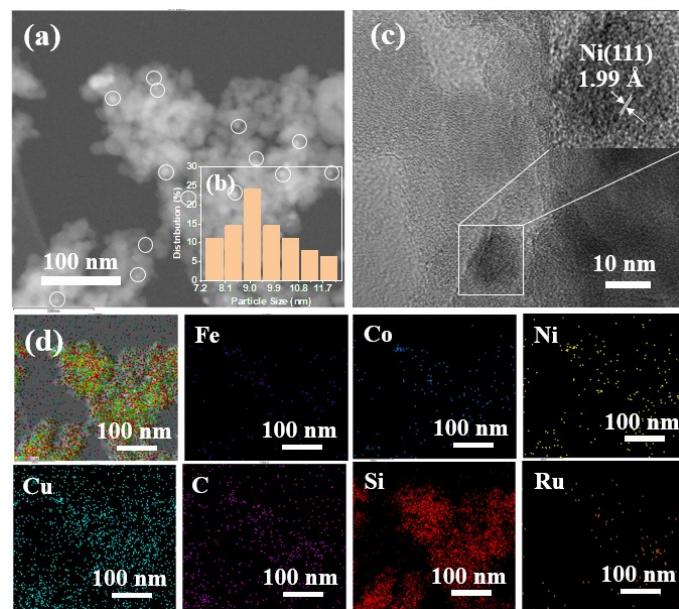


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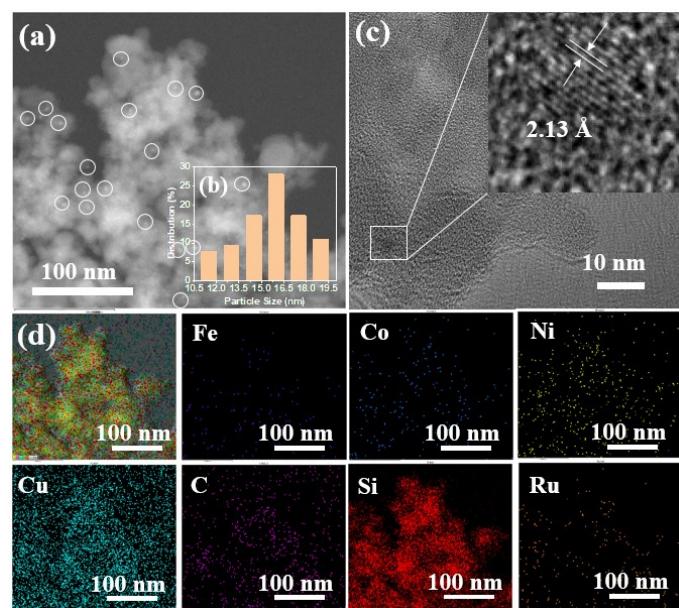


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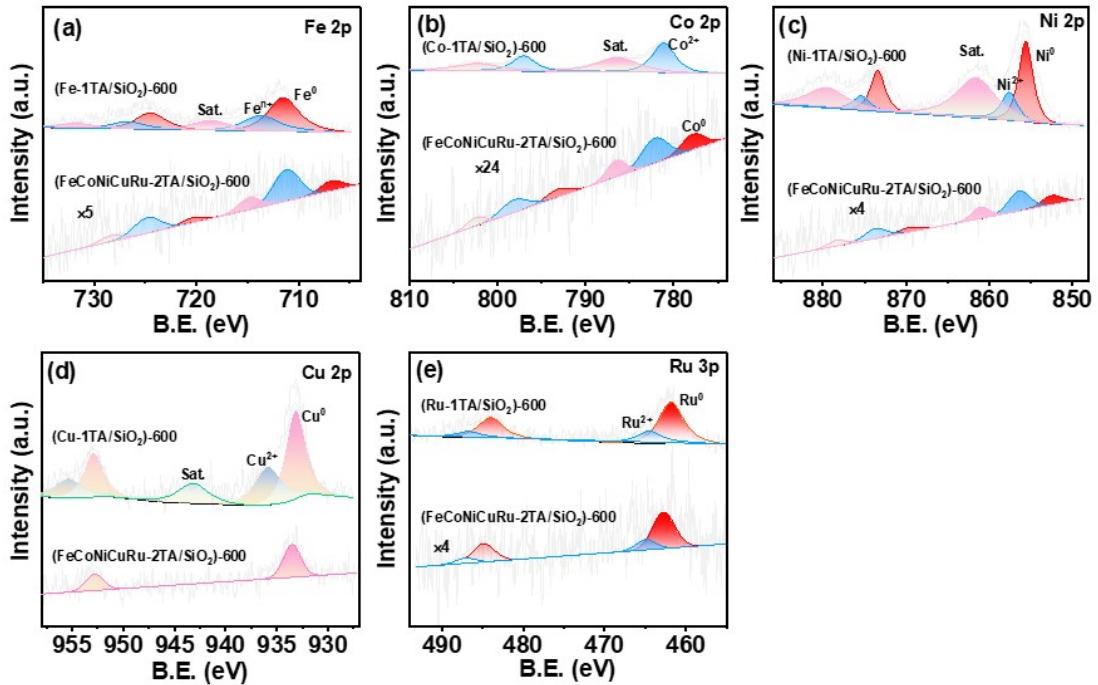


Figure S6. Fe 2p(a), Co 2p (b), Ni 2p (c), Cu 2p (d) and Ru 3p (e) spectra of (FeCoNiCuRu-2TA/SiO₂)-600, (Fe-1TA/SiO₂)-600, (Co-1TA/SiO₂)-600, (Ni-1TA/SiO₂)-600, (Cu-1TA/SiO₂)-600 and (Ru-1TA/SiO₂)-600 catalysts.

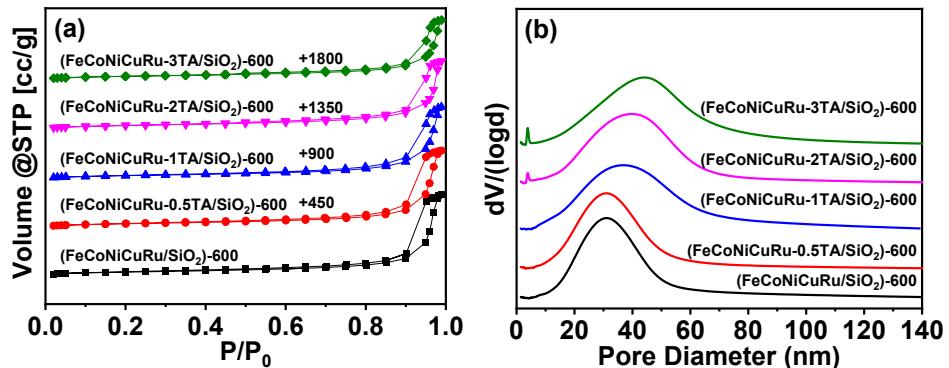
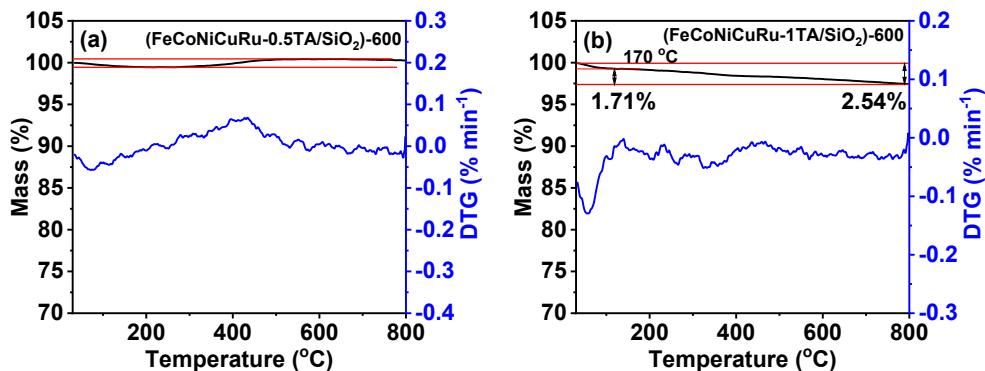


Figure S7. Nitrogen adsorption isotherms (a) and pore sizes (b) of (FeCoNiCuRu-xTA/SiO₂)-600 catalysts.



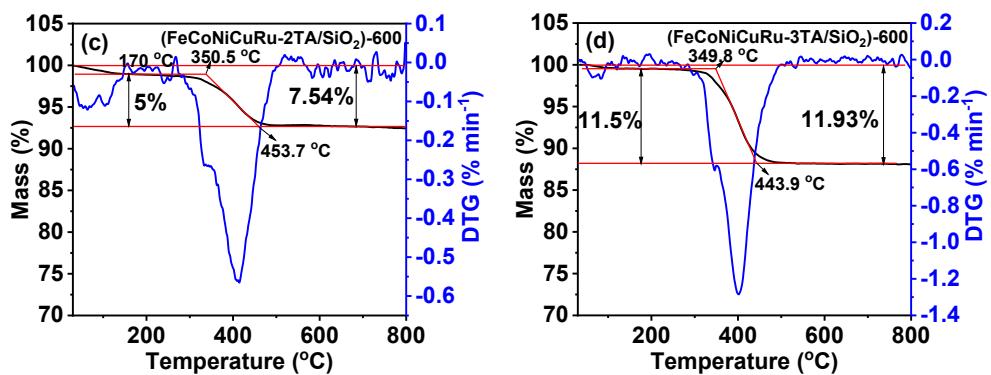


Figure S8. TG and DTG curves of (FeCoNiCuRu-0.5TA/SiO₂)-600 (a), (FeCoNiCuRu-1TA/SiO₂)-600 (b), (FeCoNiCuRu-2TA/SiO₂)-600 (c) and (FeCoNiCuRu-3TA/SiO₂)-600 (d) catalysts in air.

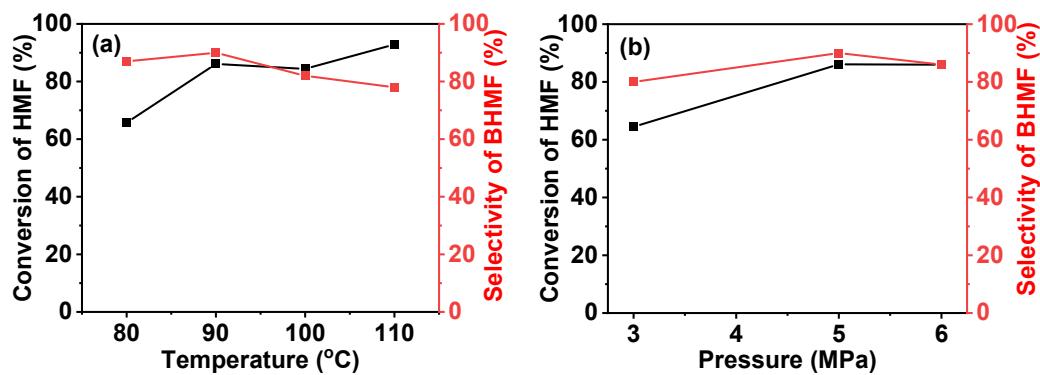


Figure S9. Hydrogenation of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural on the (FeCoNiCuRu-2TA/SiO₂)-600 in different reaction temperature (a) and different H₂ pressure (b). Reaction conditions: CH₃OH 25 mL, 0.25 g HMF, reaction time 2 h, m_{substrate}/m_{catalyst} = 50, 800 rpm.

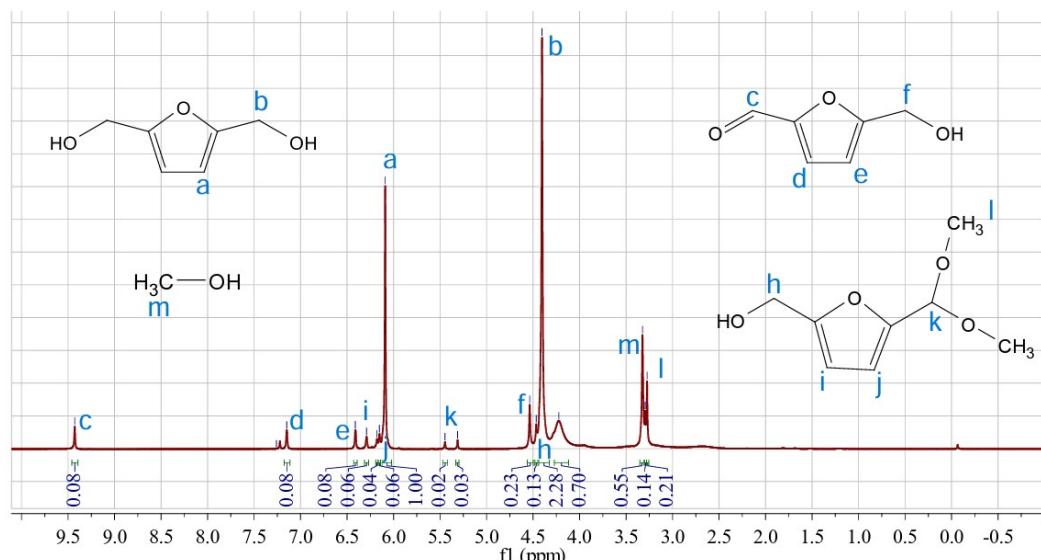


Figure S10. The NMR spectra of the HMF hydrogenation product mixture in the presence of the (FeCoNiCuRu-2TA/SiO₂)-600 catalyst (600 M, CDCl₃).

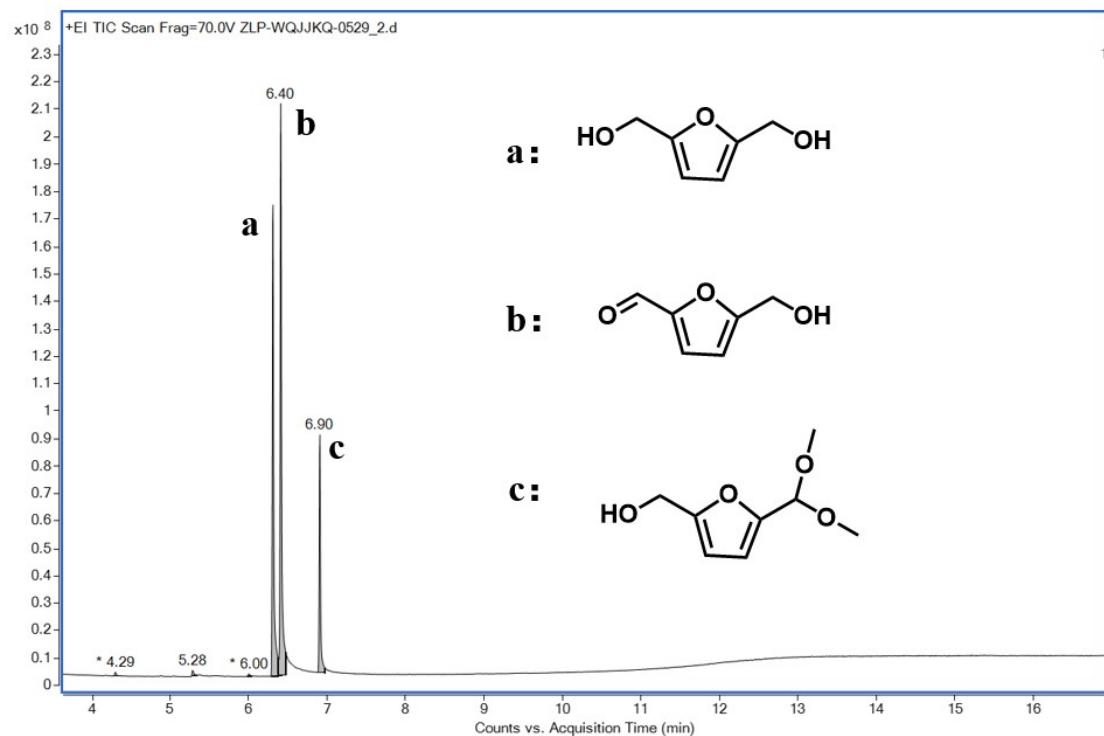


Figure S11. The TIC of the HMF hydrogenation product mixture in the presence of the (FeCoNiCuRu-3TA/SiO₂)-600 catalyst.

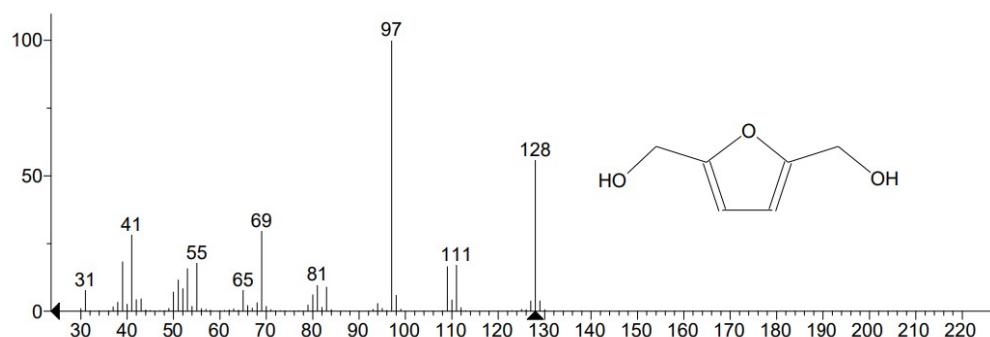


Figure S12. The mass spectrum of substance at 6.30 min in TIC .

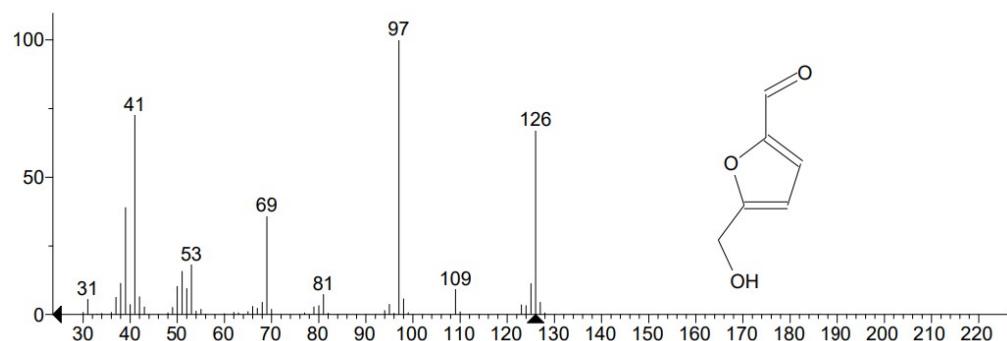


Figure S13. The mass spectrum of substance at 6.40 min in TIC.

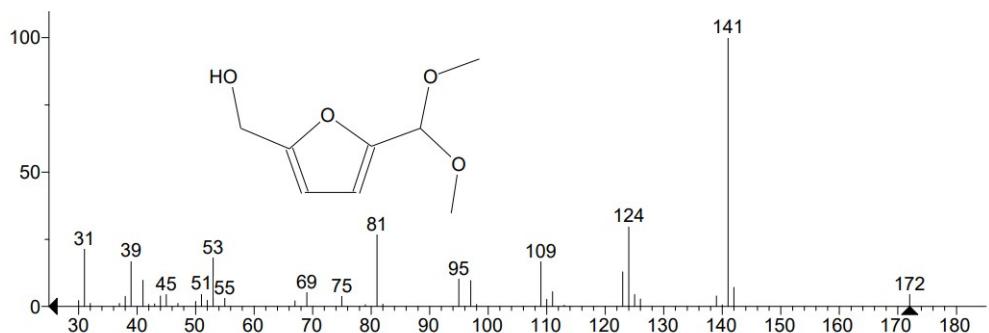


Figure S14. The mass spectrum of substance at 6.90 min in TIC.

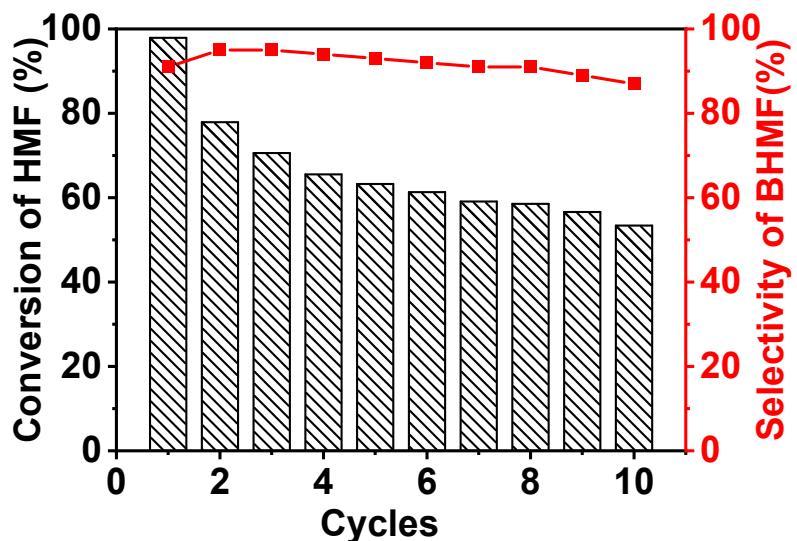


Figure S15. The cyclic stability of (FeCoNiCuRu-2TA/SiO₂)-600 in the hydrogenation of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural. Reaction conditions: 90 °C, 5 MPa H₂, CH₃OH 25 mL, 0.25 g HMF, reaction time 2 h, m_{substrate}/m_{catalyst} = 25, 800 rpm.

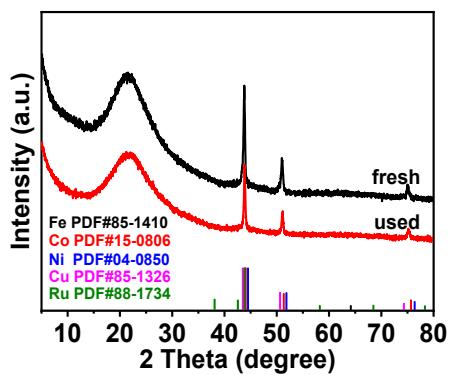


Figure S16. XRD patterns of fresh and used (FeCoNiCuRu-2TA/SiO₂)-600 catalyst.

Table S1. Thermodynamic parameters of the FeCoNiCuRu HEAs.

| Parameter (unit) | Value |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| δ (%) | 3.3 |
| ΔS_{mix} (J/mol*K) | 13.27 |
| ΔH_{mix} (kJ/mol) | 3.61 |
| Ω | 6.66 |
| VEC _{mix} | 9.34 |

Table S2. Binding energy of Fe, Co, Ni, Cu and Ru in (FeCoNiCuRu-2TA/SiO₂)-600, (Fe-1TA/SiO₂)-600, (Co-1TA/SiO₂)-600, (Ni-1TA/SiO₂)-600, (Cu-1TA/SiO₂)-600 and (Ru-1TA/SiO₂)-600 catalysts.

| Samples | Binding energy /eV | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Fe ⁰ | Co ⁰ | Ni ⁰ | Cu ⁰ | Ru ⁰ |
| (Fe-1TA/SiO ₂)-600 | 706.6 | - | - | - | - |
| (Co-1TA/SiO ₂)-600 | - | 781.5 | - | - | - |
| (Ni-1TA/SiO ₂)-600 | - | - | 855.6 | - | - |
| (Cu-1TA/SiO ₂)-600 | - | - | - | 933.0 | - |
| (Ru-1TA/SiO ₂)-600 | - | - | - | - | 461.8 |

Table S3. Physical properties of (FeCoNiCuRu-xTA/SiO₂)-600 catalysts.

| Samples | S.A.(m ² /g) | P.V. (cm ³ /g) | P.D. (nm) ^a |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| (FeCoNiCuRu/SiO ₂)-600 | 139 | 1.12 | 31.0 |
| (FeCoNiCuRu-0.5TA/SiO ₂)-600 | 135 | 1.08 | 31.0 |
| (FeCoNiCuRu-1TA/SiO ₂)-600 | 125 | 0.95 | 45.8 |
| (FeCoNiCuRu-2TA/SiO ₂)-600 | 167 | 0.94 | 46.0 |
| (FeCoNiCuRu-3TA/SiO ₂)-600 | 186 | 0.79 | 46.2 |

Note: a pore diameter calculated by the desorption branches of the isotherms using the BJH method.

Table S4. Elemental analysis of fresh and used (FeCoNiCuRu-2TA/SiO₂)-600 catalyst.

| Sample | Fe (wt%) | Co (wt%) | Ni (wt%) | Cu (wt%) | Ru (wt%) |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| (FeCoNiCuRu-2TA/SiO ₂)-600-fresh | 0.98 | 0.95 | 1.00 | 1.07 | 0.90 |

| Sample | Fe (wt%) | Co (wt%) | Ni (wt%) | Cu (wt%) | Ru (wt%) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| (FeCoNiCuRu-2TA/SiO ₂)-600-used | 0.83 | 0.73 | 0.80 | 0.62 | 0.80 |