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Report on hydrogenation of alternative feedstock for producing 2-MTHF, GVL & MeBDO

Demonstration of solvent and resin production from lignocellulosic biomass via the platform chemical levulinic acid

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About GreenSolRes

The need to establish economic and sustainable large-scale operations for the conversion of renewable resources to chemical building blocks is becoming increasingly urgent in the context of climate change and depleting fossil fuel reservoirs. Pathways for manufacturing of bio-based fuels and chemicals have been developed but most of them rely on sugar and starch crops for feedstock. GreenSolRes aims at a sustainable and competitive industrial production of the platform chemical levulinic acid (LVA) from non-food lignocellulosic biomass. Further, the conversion of LVA and LVA esters into industry relevant building blocks γ -valerolactone (GVL), 1-methyl-1,4-butanediol (MeBDO) and 2-methyltetrahydrofuran (2-MTHF) will take place by new catalytic methods developed during the course of this project. Finally, these chemicals will be upgraded to solvents and resin monomers for the production of high added value adhesives and consumer products. This project was started in September 2016 and has a duration of five years.

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Publishable Summary

Hydrogenation of LVA to MeBDO via GVL in one pot as well as GVL to MeBDO have been investigated in detail and reported in previous deliverables. Here, we present the hydrogenation of levulinate esters to MeBDO via GVL in one pot using a substrate to catalyst ratio of 12000 with rates up to 50000 moles of hydrogen per catalyst per hour.