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Two Stages Upgrading of Bio-Oil Through Esterification and Hydrodeoxygenation Reactions using Fe₂O₃-CoO Supported Catalyst

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Abstract

Bio-oil contains many oxygenated compounds, as well as high acid and a ater content which can reduce the stability of its components and have poor overall physicochemical properties. In this study, the quality of bio-oil produced from the pyrolysis of oil palm fronds was enhanced through a hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) reaction that was preceded by esterification as a pre-treatment. The catalyst 16 d in the HDO reaction is mixed metal oxide (Fe₂O₃-CoO) anchored with 12 zeolite mordenite (Fe₂O₃-CuO/Mor). The catalysts were characterized using XRD, SEM-EDX, and BET methods. The presence of metal oxides on the surface of mordenite increases the activity of the catalys 2n producing liquid products while reducing the formation of 80 ke. Upgrading of bio-oil has improved the physico 19 mical properties of bio-oil compared to the one-stage upgrading process. The analysis of product showed that the C and H content increased from 11.5 wt% to 23.5 wt%, and from 9.76 wt% to 11.2 wt%, respectively. On the other hand, the O cont 33 decreased from 78.7 wt% to 65.2 wt% with a degree of deoxygenation of 59.8%. Moreover, highest heating value (HHV) of the bio-oil increased by 38% from 11.6 MJ/kg to 16.0 MJ/kg.



52 1. Introduction

Bio-oil is pro20ced through the pyrolysis process of lignocellulosic biomass. Palm fronds, which contain acidic compounds (acetic acid), phenolic compounds (phenol, 2-methoxy phenol), aldehydes (2-fu₄ncarboxaldehyde), and ketones (1-hydroxy-2-propanone), are one of the potential biomass resources [1]. However, biooil produced from pyrolysis cannot be d 4 ctly used as fuel because its properties and characteristics have not yet met the required standards [2]. As produced bio-oil is corro are with high acidity and low heating value due to high water content [3, 4]. Moreover, it is unstable when stored at room temperature due to its high content of oxygenated compounds [5]. Bio-oil is prone to undergo changes as a resign of oxidative and thermal degradation during 30 rage [6]. Oxidation causes polymerization and thus increases the viscosity of bio-oil. On the other hand, thermal degradation causes particing ecomposition of the components leading to the loss of volatila ompounds in bio-oil.

Upgrading the quality bio-oil is important to make bio-oil more compatible for storage and subsequent processing into liquid fuel. Esterification of bio-oils produces bio-oils with greater stability and compatibility during storage, for exam , via the formation of compounds like esters, 24 ompanied with further purification processes [4, 7]. Whereas, the conversion of bio-oil to fuel for transportation can be carried out via hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) method. HDO reaction required high operating temperature and pressure. HDO of biomass produces ketones and aldehydes, such as furfural, a 76 phenone and vanillin, can efficiently 22 hance the thermodynamic stability of the biooil [8]. Two steps upgrading of bio-oil, i.e. esterification and HDO, has currently become a significant research area to develop alternative fuels and hig 42 alue chemicals [9]. In this case, catalyst is required to make the process faster and effective. So far, HDO process has been developed with numerous strategies, including base catalyzed [10].

Catalysts have played a hugely diverse range of theoretical and practical roles in the development of chemical industries and supporting economic growth since their first introduction to chemical reactions. Heterogenous catalysts are the most used and developed type of catalysts. Metal-based heterogeneous catalyst, such as Nickel (Ni), Cuprum (Cu), Rhodium (Rh), Cobalt (Co), and Iron (Fe) and more has been developed for HDO process [11–14]. Cobalt (Co) is a promising atalyst [15], where cobalt oxide catalysts have demonstrated better catalytic performance in a number 55 eactions among many other transition metal oxides. However, the cobalt oxide catalysts still require modification to improve its catalytic activity, product selectly, and stability of the catalysts. Iron metal (Fe) is a transition element that has a relatively empty d orbitals, whigh can increase the total number of active sites of the catalysts [16].

Catalysts can be manufactured by anchoring active metal components on the surface of carriers or support that have large surface areas. Condensation will result in an even distribution of metal across the entire surface of the catalyst and thus improving its overall properties. In comparison to catalysts with no carriers, catalogs with carriers have a better catalytic performance because of the increase in catalysts' surface areas and number of active sites due to the dispersion of active metals onto the catalysts' surface. Materials commonly used as support se silica [17], alumina [18, 19], zeolite [20, 21], and zirconia [22]. Due to its excellent deoxygenation capabilities, zeolite catalyst is the most frequently used catalyst in the biomass conversion process [23]. Mordenite is renowned for its exceptional properties, including high thermal stability because of its ability to keep its structure at 800-900 °C. Mordenite is also ideal as an adsorbent, ion exchange medium, and carrier material because of the presence of voids and channels in its structure [24]. In this work, we aimed to produced heterogeneous catalyst using Co-Fe metal attached to mordenite catalyst by the impregnation method and upgrading bio-oil with two steps esterification and HDO based transition metal oxides and mordenite catalyzed.

43 Experimental 2.1 Materials

The materials used in this study were synthetic mordenite type zeolite (HSZ-640HOA, Tosoh Corporation Japan), FeCl₃·6H₂O (E, Merck), Co(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (E, Merck), deionized water, ethanol p.a (E. Merck), H₂SO₄ (E. Merck), and KOH (E. Merck). Palm frond waste was obtained from PT. Perkebunan Nusantara II (Percut Sei Tuandistrict, North Sumatra, Indonesia)

2.2 Preparation of Bio-oil

The conversion of palm frond waste into bio-oil was carried out by semi-fast $\frac{1}{2}$ yrolysis method. First, the clean palm fronds are mashed into powder, 50 g of powder was put into a reactor. Next, the reactor was set at 500 °C at a heating rate of 1.3 °C/second. Then N₂ gas was flowed at an adjusted flow rate of ± 5 mL/sec such that the powder would not be carried away by the gas flow. The pyrolysis process is carried out for 2 h.

2.3 Preparation of Catalyst

Mordenite was thermally activated by calcination at 500 °C under N₂ atmosphere in a fixed-bed reactor. After that, metal impregnation was carried out by the reflux method 2 Catalyst was prepared by firstly dissolving Co precursor (0.5 g) in 500 mL deionized water in a round bottom flask followed by the addition of 100 g 10 nordenite into the mixture. The mixture was refluxed while constantly stirred at 600 RPM with a magnetic stirrer for 2 h at 80 °C. The condensate was oven-dried at 120 °C to obtain Co/Mor catalyst. Secondly, (10 Mor catalyst was combined into Fe metal precursor solution (1 g/L) and the mixture was reflected while constantly stirred for 2 h at 80 °C. The condensate was dried in an oven at 120 °C, followed by oxidation process at 500 °C for 2 h with oxygen gas flow (±5 mL/sec) to obtain Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalyst.

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2.4 Catalyst Characterization

The crystallography of the catalyst was characterized using X-ray diffraction 17 rument (XRD Shimadzu 6100). Nitrogen adsorption-desorption test was carried out using gas sorption analyzer. Surface area was calculated using BET method, while pore volume and pore size were analyzed from the desor 15 ion band using BJH method. The component mapping of the produced catalyst was analyzed using scanning electron microscope with energy-dispersive X-Ray spectroscopy model series (SEM-EDS Type Zeiss EPOMH 10Zss).

2.5 Upgrasing Process

Bio-oil upgrading process is carried out in two stages, starting with esterification followed by the HDO process. Esterifica 24h procedure for bio-oil upgrading follows the method reported by Sondakh et al [25], which started by mixing bio-oil and ethanol in a ratio of 1:1 (w/w) into the reactor at 60 °C for 2 h, followed by the HDO reaction with the presence of 1 g of 18 lyst for 50 g of bio-oils. Both catalyst and bio-oil were put into the fixed bed reactor where N₂ gas was let to flow for 10 minutes to remove the oxygen content in the reactor. Next, the reactor was heated to 450 °C with H₂ gas flowing at 10 mL/min flow rate for 2 h. The product of the reaction was flowed to a cooling hose and weighed. The same procedure is repeated using a Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalyst. The product with the highest yield was analyzed for its components by using GC-MS.

2.6 Bio-Ca4 Characterization

The physicochemical properties of bio-oil before arg after the esterification and HDO reactions were compared. The physical and chemical tests carried out were elemental analysis (C,H,N,O) using CHN Analyzer LECO-CHN 628, water content analysis using Metrohm 870 KF Titrano Plus, acid number determination using titration method, higher heating value (HHV) using Sheng and Azvedo formulas, component analysis using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS QP2010 Plus Shimadzu brand), density and viscosity determination using gravimetric method and Ostwald viscometer.

3. Results and Discussions

3.1 Cata 49 Crystallinity

The crystallinity of the catalyst samples was examined using the X-ray diffraction. The diffractograms obtained from mordenite and Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor were compared in Fig. 1. The presence of high-intensity peaks is an indicative of crystalline materials [26]. In this study, synthetic mordenite catalyst used had 100% crystallinity, characterized by high diffraction peaks that were indicated by a narrow, sharp, and intense diffraction peaks located at 6.51; 9.68; 13.52; 19.70; 22.32; 25.69; and 27.62° (JCPDS 06-0239) [27]. Amorphous particles surrounding the crystal can be removed by calcination followed by the introduction of metals into the cavities in mordenite.

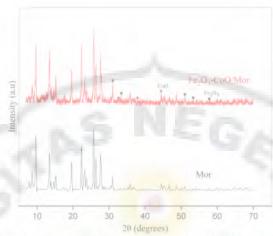


Fig. 1. Diffractogram of mordenite and Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalysts.

The intensity of mordeniteis affected by metal loading [28]. The crystallinity of the impregnated metal oxide catalyst is lower than that of pure mordenite. The main peaks of the two catalyst samples formed in the same 20 (degree) region with varying intensities. The formation of CoO crystal was indicated by the appearance of distinctive peak at 20 = 30.5; 36.37 and 57.5° which is correlated with the data JCPDS files of 78-431. While the Fe₂O₃ crystal formed were characterized by the appearance of a distinctive peak at 20 = 31.73; 52.46; and 47.45° in line with the data JCPDS 39-1346. Table 1 shows a comparison of the relative crystallinity of mordenite and Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalysts. The presence of metal oxides into mordenite catalyst did not damage its crystal structure, even though the peak intensity had changed.

Table 1. Comparison of relative crystallinity of Mor and Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalysts

Catalyst	Crystallinity (%)	
Mordenite	100	100
Fe ₂ O ₃ - CoO/Mor	58.07	

3.2 Catalyst Morphology and Composition

Surface morphology of the catalysts as observed by SEM analysis is shown in Fig. 2. The SEM micrograph of mordenite showed the presence of different particles which sized varies with the voids between particles. Meanwhile, the surface morphology of Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor is denser than mordenite. However, there are large lumps due to agglomeration by metal particles.

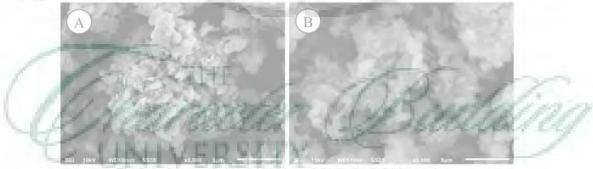


Fig. 2. Surface morphology of (a) Mor and (b) Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalysts.

The results demonstrated that the metals have been evenly distributed throughout the surfaces of mordenite. The average particles diameters of mordenite and Fe_2O_3 -CoO/Mor catalysts were 361 nm and 723 nm, respectively. The composition of each catalyst was analyzed using EDX (Table 2). The decrease in Si and Al content of Fe_2O_3 -CoO/Mor indicates changes that occur during the metal impregnation, calcination, and oxidation processes. Calcination involved high temperatures process that could cause some of the Si and Al constituents of the skeleton to be separated from the mordenite framework. The increase in the percentage of O due to the oxidation process that forms the transition metal into its oxide form [29].

The Fe and C $_{64}$ tetals added to the mordenite to form Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalyst were quantified at 0.38 and 0.2 wt%, respectively. The distribution of Fe and Co metals on the catalyst surface was observed using the SEM-EDX elemental mapping analysis shown in Fig. 3. The two metals are not clearly observed due to its small amount. The elemental distribution shows that the morphology is dominated by Si, Al, and O. The mapping results were in line with EDX data. Impurities in the form of Ni and Cu elements were found in mordenite, but not in Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalyst. Processes, including impregnation, calcination, and oxidation in the preparation of Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalyst have removed the impurities.

Table 2. Mordenite and Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalysts composition

Components	Mordenite (mass%)	Fe ₂ O ₃ -CoO/Mor (mass%)
Si	36.67	30.81
.A1	3.15	2.99
0	55.01	57.84
C	4.02	7.78
Fe		0.38
Co		0.20
Impurities	1.14	
Si/Al	11.64	10.30

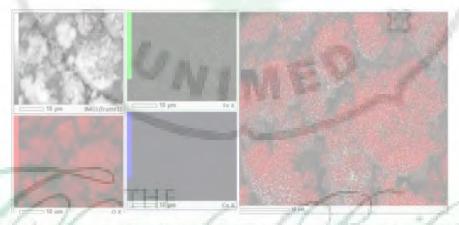


Fig. 3. SEM-EDX elemental mapping of Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalyst. The distribution of elements shows different color for oxygen with red color, iron with green color, and cobalt with blue color.

3.3 Nitrogen Gas Sorper in Analysis

The graph of the adsorption-desorption isotherm of each catal 3 is shown in Fig. 4. Following the IUPAC cl 51 fication, the isotherm of Mor and Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor is classified into type IV with a hysteresis loop at P/P₀ between 0.4-0.9. The presence of a hysteresis loop on the isotherm graph indicates that the material contains mesoporous (2-50 nm) [30].

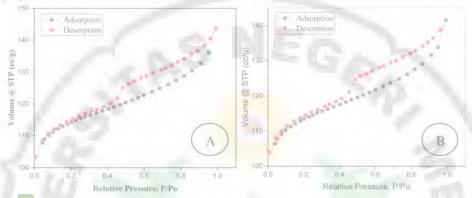


Fig. 4. N2 adsorption-desorption isotherm graphs of (a) Mor and (b) Fe2O3-CoO/Mor catalysts

The 25 ace area measurement, total volume, and pore diameters of the catalyst samples are summarized in Table 3. The surface area was calculated using BET method, while the total pore volume and pore diameter were analyzed by the desorption band using BJH method.

Table 3. Surface area and pore volume and diameters of mordenite and Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalysts

Catalyst	Surface Area	Pore Volume	Pore Diameter
Catalyst	(m^2/g)	(cc/g)	(nm)
Mor	415.8	0.056	3.755
Fe ₂ O ₃ -CoO/Mor-	415.3	0.053	3.782

Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalysts had slightly lower surface area and total pore volume, but slightly larger pore diameter when compared with mordenite. Ther 56 processing and loading of metal oxides on mordenite has changed the surface and pores of the mordenite catalyst. The calcination process removes (12 mic impurities in the pores, hence the improvement in the pore sizes and catalyst characteristic [31]. In 69 dition, the presence of metal oxides on the surface of mordenite wl 21 undergoes agglomeration could result in a overall decrease in the surf 53 area of mordenite. The presence of metal oxides can increase the number of active sites of mordenite which can improve the catalyst.

3.4 Constituent of the Raw Bio-oil

Pyrolysis at a high temperature causes various compounds to decompose into other compounds. The conversion of biomass in the pyrolysis process goes through various mechanisms, such as char formation, depolymerization, or fragmentation. The formation of char consists of the conversion of biomass in solid residues which present an aromatic polycyclic structure. Depth merization consists of bond breaking between polymer monomer units. Fragmentation consists of breaking the covalent bonds [65] he polymer, even within monomer units, and results in the formation of non-condensable gases [32]. Therefore, an analysis was carried out to determine the compound. Formed after the pyrolysis process.

The bio-oil obtained from the pyrolysis of palm frond was analy 35 for its compound content using GC-MS analysis. The detected compounds were grouped into several groups of compounds such as acids, ketones, furans, alcohols, aldehydes, phenols, and esters which are summarized in Table 4.

Table 4. Composition of bio-oil compounds from palm frond

Group	Compound	Abundance (%)
Furans	2-Furancarboxaldehyde	38.59
	2-Furancarboxaldehyde, 5-methyl-	2.28
		40.87
Phenols	410nol	4.76
	Phenol, 2-methoxy-	0.39
	Phenol, 2,6-dimethoxy-	1.27
	43	6.42
Ketones	2-Cyclopenten-1-one, 2-hydroxy-3-methyl	0.74
	Cyclopentadecanone, 2-hydroxy-	15.65
		16.39
Acids	Pentadecanoic acid	1.98
	Hexadecanoic acid	12.42
	9-Octadecenoic acid	2.71
		17.11
Aldehydes	Tridecanedial	0.43
	9-Octadecenal	15.88
		16.31

Based on Table 4, the bio-oil content is dominated by furans, ketones, aldehydes, and acids. These compounds are the result of the decomposition of lignocellulose, where cellulose produces furan and keton 60 oups, hemicelluloses produce many acids and ketones, while lignin produce 67 penols [33]. These results prove that cellulose and hemicellulose are the most abundant components in palm frond. This is in as 7 ement with previous study which reported that the composition of lignocellulose in biomass generally ranged from 40-50 wt% for cellulose, 20-40 wt% for hemicellulose, and 10-40 wt% for lignin [34].

3.5 Bio-oil Upgrading

The hyd 48 exygenation (HDO) process was carried out on raw bio-oil and esterificated bio-oil. Esterification can reduce the acidity of bio-oil by adding polar solvents such as ethanol. It can also reduce 772 density and viscosity and increase the calorific value of bio-oil [35]. The HDO process is carried out to reduce oxygenated compounds in bio-oil to obtain a more stable compounds [36]. In this study, a comparison was made between the direct HDO method and the two-step method that combines the esterification and HDO steps. Upgrading of bio-oil with these two methods was carried out using Mor and Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalysts. The resulting yield distribution is shown in Fig. 5.



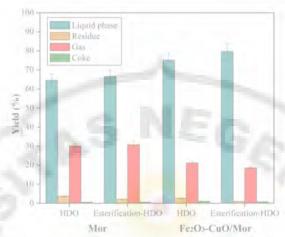


Fig. 5. Product distribution of HDO of bio-oil using Mor and Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalysts.

Based on Fig. 5, in general, more liquid phase is produced from the two-stage esterification-HDO method than using the direct HDO method. Less residue is left when using the two-step method, which indicates a more complete reaction. The esterification step showed a positive impact as a pre-treatment for the bio-oil sample. The conversion was found to be even better when using Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor as a catalyst. The presence of metal oxide active sites increases the activity of the catalyst to catalyze the bio-oil during the HDO reaction. Grioui et al. [37] explained that the presence of Fe₂O₃ causes the gas produced from the reaction to be inhibited by the condensation reaction and thus moving the gas between the catalyst particles that would result in the increasing residence time for the conversion of the condensed gas and liquid phase products. In addition, there was a decrease in coke formation indicating that the Fe₂O₃-CoO catalyst was effective in inhibiting polymerization and polycondensation reactions [12].

The resulting liquid 6 hase was then analyzed further to determine its physicochemical properties. These properties are compared with the properties of raw bio-oil resulting from pyrolysis and are summarized in Table 5.

Table 5. Physicochemical properties of raw bio-oil, HDO bio-oil, and Esterification-HDO bio-oil

Properties	Raw Bio-oil	HDO	Esterification-HDO
Elemental analysis (wt%)	N 30 10 11		
C	11.5	17.8	23.5
H	9.76	10.3	11.2
N	0.04	0.03	0.03
Oa	78.7	71.9	65.2
61 ter content (%)	75.2	50.1	45.2
Density (g/cm ³)	1.03	1.01	0.93
HHV (MJ/kg) ^b	11.6	13.7	16.0
Viscosity (cP)	1.13	1.10	1.14
Acid number (mg KOH/g oil)	124	112	64
H/C	10.2	6.94	5.69
Q/C	5.15	3.04	2.07
DOD (%)	10111	40.9	59.8
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Calculated by difference in percentage.

^b High heating value was calculated by using the following formula: HHV (MJ/kg) = -1.3675 + (0.3137 C) + (0.7009 H) + (0.0318 O)

Based on Table 5, there is a change in the physicochemical properties of bio-oil after undergoing the 75 rading process, either through the direct HDO metal on the two-stage Esterification-HDO method. Elemental analysis showed that the upgrading process succeeded in increasing the percentages of C and H, as well as reducing O levels. The magnitude of the decrease in O levels can be shown by calculating the degree of deoxygenation (DOD), where the DOD values (5) the HDO and Esterification-HDO methods are determined to be 40.9% and 59.85), respectively. In addition, the molar ratio of H/C and O/C can also be determined which could be used to estimate the tendency of the dominar 47 action pathway to be traversed during the upgrading process. In this case, for both methods there was a decrease in the O/C and H/C molar ratios, this indicates the deoxygenation or demethoxylation pathway is preferable over the hydrogenation pathway. Through this reaction pathway, a decrease in O levels can occur due to the release of O as a by-product in the form of H₂O or CO₂. This assumption is supported by GC-MS data which shows the compounds cont 16 d in bio-oil. With this analysis elemental data can also be calculated HHV. HHV bio-oil after upgrading process increased from 11.6 MJ/kg to 13.7 MJ/kg (HDO method), and 16.0 MJ/kg (Esterification-HDO method). The 38% increase in HHV value was recorded for the upgraded bio-oils.

Other physicochemical properties 54 t change during the upgrading process are moisture content, density, viscosity, and acid number. The density of bio-oil decreased 545 ttly due to the reduction of large-molecular organic compounds that were converted during the reaction. However, the viscosity of the bio-oil hardly changed. Meanwhile, the water content was reduced by up to a third due to the release of water molecules during the reaction at high temperatures. This also supports the reason for the increase in HHV bio-oil after treatment. Moreover, the acid in 58 per is drastically reduced by half, especially in the HDO-Esterification method. This value shows the positive role of the esterification process as the initial stage of the bio-oil upgrading processes. Decreased acid content provides better stability for bio-oil.

3.6 Constituent of Upgraded Bio-oil

The 34 pmpounds contained in the bio-oil after the upgrading process were analyzed using GC-MS. The compounds core in bio-oil were categorized into several groups, such as acids, aldehydes, furans, esters, ketones, and phenols as shown in Fig. 6.



Fig. 6. Bio-oil compound composition after esterification and HDO

Based on the results from the GC-MS analysis, the compounds in raw bio-oil were dominated by cellulose derivatives including aldehydes, furan, ketones, and lignin derivatives [38]. The upgrading process starting with the esterification stage produces several different components. The esterification step plays an important role in convegage acids into esters [39, 40], which is supported by the high percentage of esters up to 30%. By reducing the acids contained in the bio-oil, the stability of the bio-oil improves. This HDO-esterification method also has an impact

on the transformation pathway of furfural compounds (Fig. 7). In this study, furan was one of the dominant compounds found. In the HDO-esterification stage, furfural can go through several reaction pathways as shown in Fig 7. Furfural undergoes cracking causing the furfural bond to break to form acetaldehyde, then in the presence of ethanol, acetaldehyde car 39 dergo aldolization to form ethane,1,1-diethoxy [41]. This compound is an acetal group that can be applied as an organic solvent, starting material for organic synthesis, and fuel additive [42–44]. Furfural can also undergo hydrogenation to produce furfuryl alcohol, then through the hydrogenolysis pathway it produces methylfuran which can then undergo demethylation to release CH₄ to produce furan compounds [45]. Methylfuran is an important chemical compound that has the potential to be used as a fuel component, and as an intermediate in various pharmaceutical and perfume industries [46, 47]. In addition, the ketone group is the most dominant product content. Ketones can be obtained from the rearrangement of furfuryl alcohol in the presence of hydrogen [48] or could also be obtained from ring opening of methylfuran to form open chain ketones [49]. This is supported by the reduced furans content during the upgrading process.

As for the bio-oil which only undergoes one stage of the process through direct HDO, only a very small amount of hydrocarbon compounds are formed in the form 3 octadecene (0.16%). The presence of octadecene may result from the dehydration of octadecanoic acid contained in the raw bio-oil, through the deoxygenation pathway to produce octadecanal, then through the hydrogenation pathway and undergo hydrogenolysis to produce octadec [23] [50]. This can not be separated from the role of the catalyst, where the presence of Fe oxide can catalyze the hydrogenation of the C=O bond and inhibit the breaking of the C-C bond during the HDO process. Iron-bearing in the catalyst played important roles by increasing the interaction between Co oxide and mordenite, which stabilized Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalyst during bio-oil HDO reaction. The better the interaction between Co oxide and mordenite, the better the adsorption of oxygenated compounds from raw bio-oil by Fe₂O₃-CoO/Mor catalyst. As a result, there was a not able increase in the conversion reaction rate of the absorbed oxygenated compounds to the desired hydrocarbon compounds [12].



Fig. 7. Possible reactions pathways in Furfural Esterification-HDO process.

4. Conclusions

Upgrading bio-oil using Fe₂O₃-CuO/Mor catalyst with two stages of esterification-HDO has improved the physicochological properties of bio-oil compared to the one-stage upgrading process, product analysis showed that the content of C and H increased from 11.5 wt% to 23.5 wt%, and from 9.76 wt% to 11.2 wt%, while O decreased from 78.7 wt% to 65.2 wt% with a degree of deoxygenation of 59.8%. M 36 over, HHV increased by 38% from 11.6 MJ/kg to 16.0 MJ/kg. Mixed metal oxide loaded on mordenite increases the number of active sites of the catalyst thereby

increasing the catalytic performance in the HDO process with the catalyst. Meanwhile, esterification provides an active role in reducing acidity by converting carboxylic acids into their ester forms. The upgrading process goes through various reaction pathways, such as hydrogenation, deoxygenation, demethylation, aldolization, and rearrangement. The octadecene hydrocarbon product is produced through the HDO process. In addition, various high value chemicals are obtained during the upgrading process, such as methylfuran and ethane,1,1-diethoxy.

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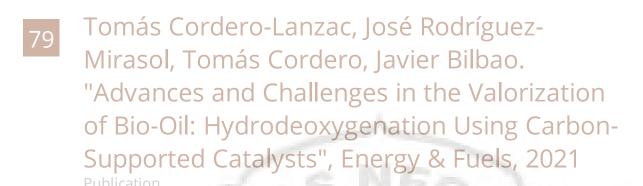
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