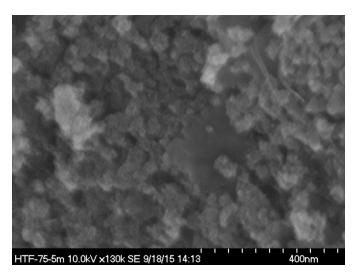
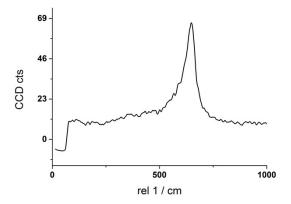
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Supporting Info Figure 1: SEM images of birnessite synthesized with  $M^+/alkali$  ion molar ratios  $Li^+/Na^+/K^+$  of 0.11/0.68/0.21 isolated after 5 min



**Supporting Info Figure 2:** Confocal Raman line-scan spectra of birnessite with molar ratio of Li+/Na+/K+ = 0.22/0.68/0.11.