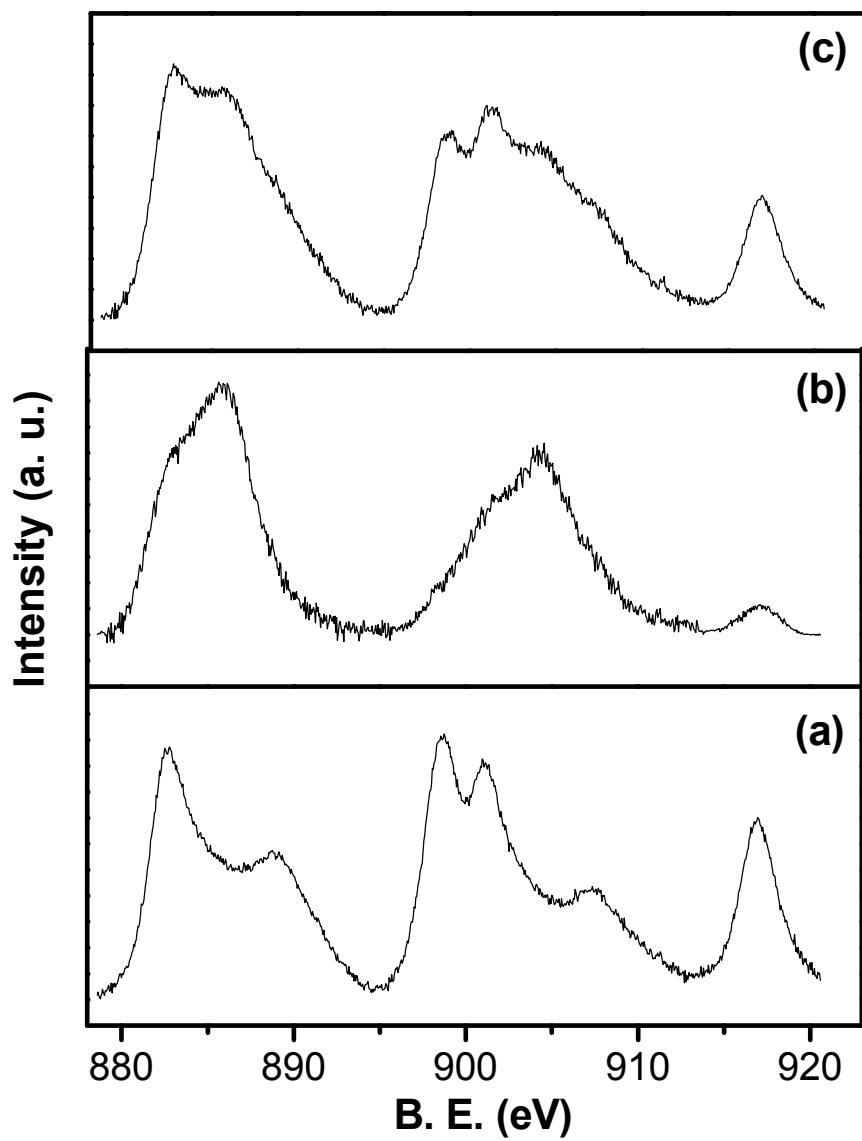
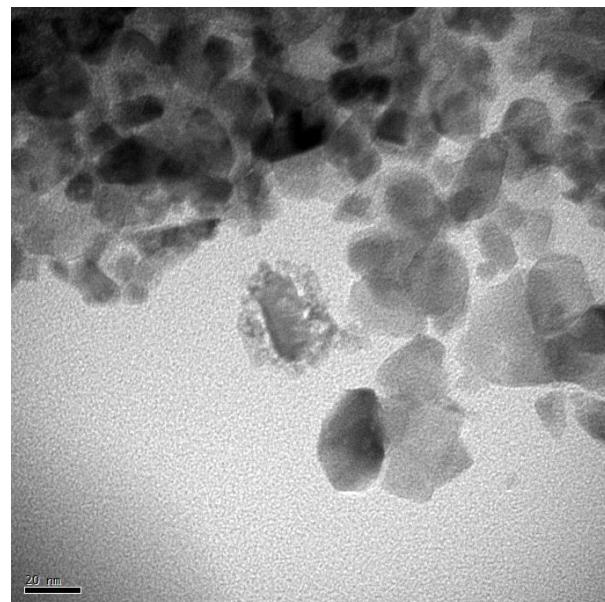


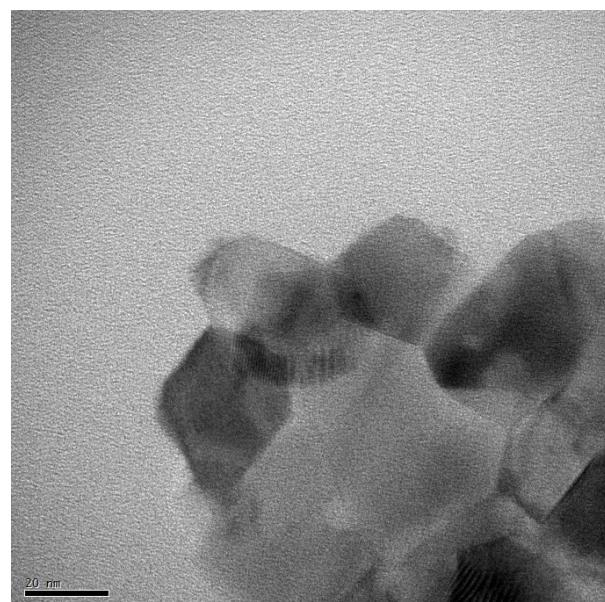
## Supporting Information



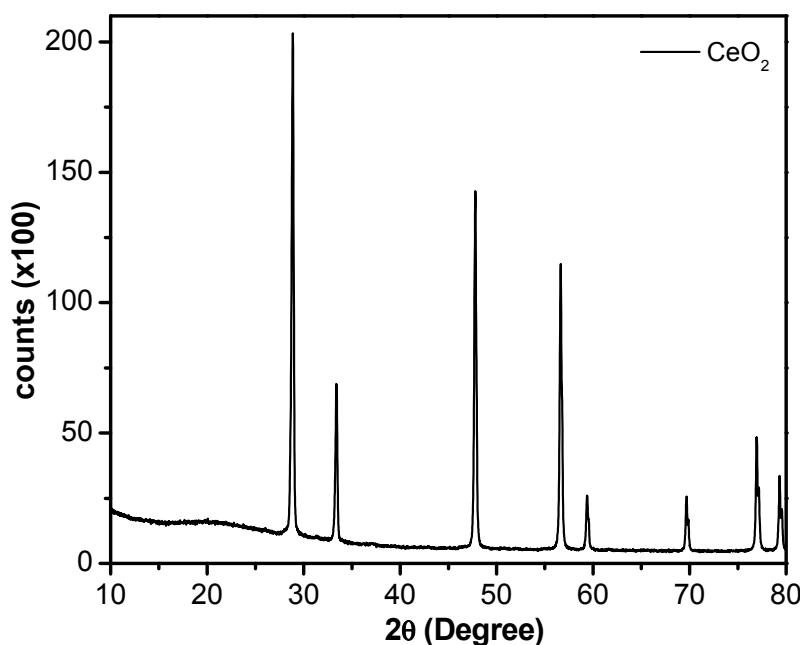
**Figure S0** XPS of Ce(3d) core level spectra in (a) CeO<sub>2</sub>; (b) Ce<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and (c) Ce(3d) core level spectrum obtained by the addition of CeO<sub>2</sub> and Ce<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in the ratio of 60:40.



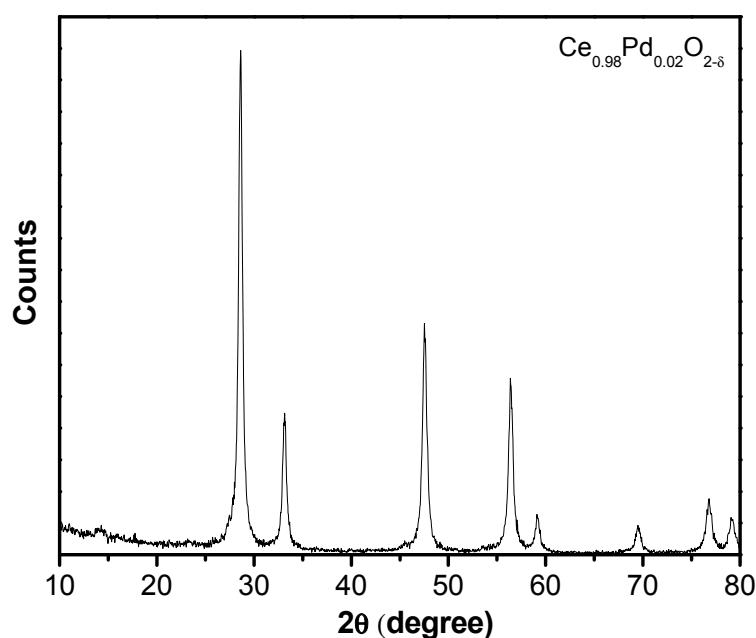
**Fig. S1** TEM image of  $\text{CeO}_2$  showing the cubic crystallites of  $\text{CeO}_2$ . Particle size ranges from 25-30 nm. Details are given in the manuscript text on page 5 and 6.



**Fig. S2** TEM image of  $\text{Ce}_{0.98}\text{Pd}_{0.02}\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  showing the cubic crystallites of  $\text{CeO}_2$  and no separated Pd metal particles are seen. Particle size ranges from 30-40 nm. Details are given in the manuscript text on page 5 and 6.



**Fig. S3** XRD pattern of  $\text{CeO}_2$ .



**Fig. S4** XRD pattern of  $\text{Ce}_{0.98}\text{Pd}_{0.02}\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  which does not show any peak related to Pd metal and  $\text{PdO}$ .