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Title: Low temperature operating gas sensor with high response to  $NO_2$  based on ordered mesoporous Ni-doped  $In_2O_3$ 

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## **Supporting Information**

Figure S1. Nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherms and corresponding pore size distribution(inset) of Ni-doped  $\rm In_2O_3$  without SBA-15

The Ni-doped  $In_2O_3$  without SBA-15 had been synthesized in the same condition with ordered mesoporous Ni-doped  $In_2O_3$  mentioned in the paper. The nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherms and the corresponding pore size distribution of the Ni-doped  $In_2O_3$  prepared without the template SBA-15 were shown in Fig.S1. The pore size distribution of Ni-doped  $In_2O_3$  without SBA-15 was not single as that of mesoporous ordered  $In_2O_3$ . The surface area of Ni-doped  $In_2O_3$  without SBA-15 is 17.1 m<sup>2</sup>/g, which is much smaller than that of mesoporous Ni-doped  $In_2O_3$  (58.5 m<sup>2</sup>/g) and mesoporous  $In_2O_3$  (50.3 m<sup>2</sup>/g). It meant the materials synthesized by nanocasting method with SBA-15 as template had higher surface area.



Figure S2. The SEM image of mesoporous Ni-doped In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

The morphology of mesoporous Ni-doped  $In_2O_3$  was characterized by SEM. It could be seen that mesoporous Ni-doped  $In_2O_3$  consisted of fiber-like aggregates, which was similar to the typical morphology of SBA-15.