Supplementary Information

The role of soft colloidal templates in shape evolution of flower-like MgAl-LDH hierarchical microstructures

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Fig. S3 XRD patterns of MgAl-SDS-LDH samples synthesized at different hydrothermal temperature for 6 h: (a and b) 100 °C, (c and d) 120 °C, (e and f) 140 °C, and (g and h) 160 °C.



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