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**Formation of carbon nanodots with different spin states in mechanically processed mixtures of ZnO with carbon nanoparticles: an electron paramagnetic resonance study**

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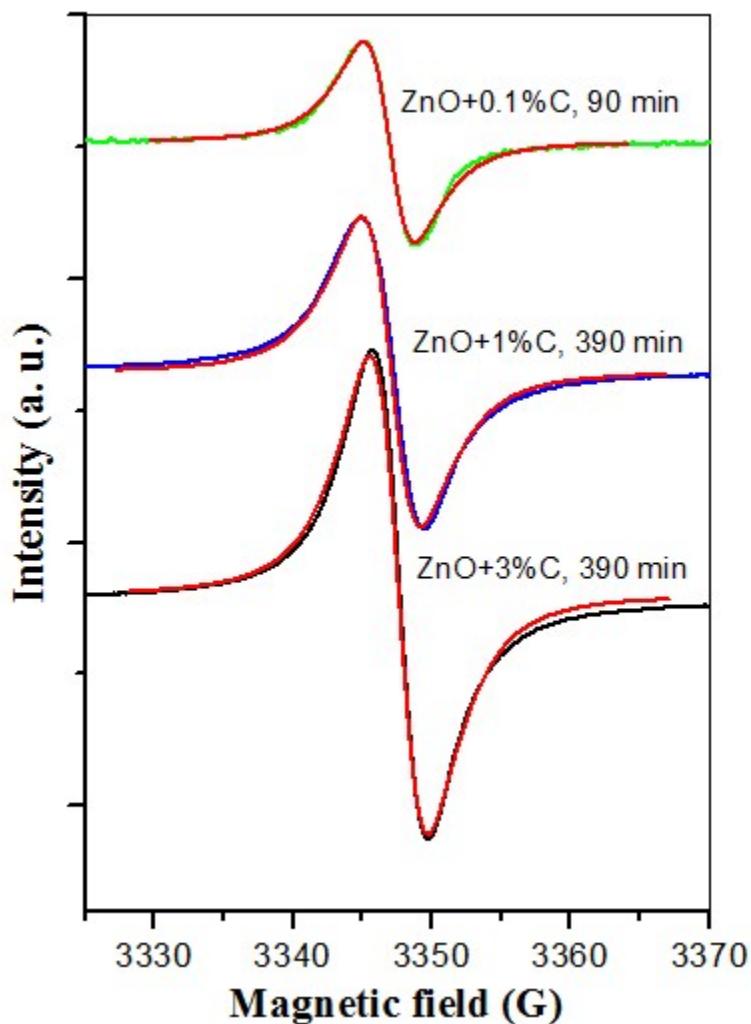


FIG. S1. Comparison of the shapes of experimental C EPR signals (black line,  $P = 0.5$  mW) for  $\text{ZnO}+\text{x}\text{C}$  samples with a Lorentzian lineshape (red line) having the same width and amplitude.

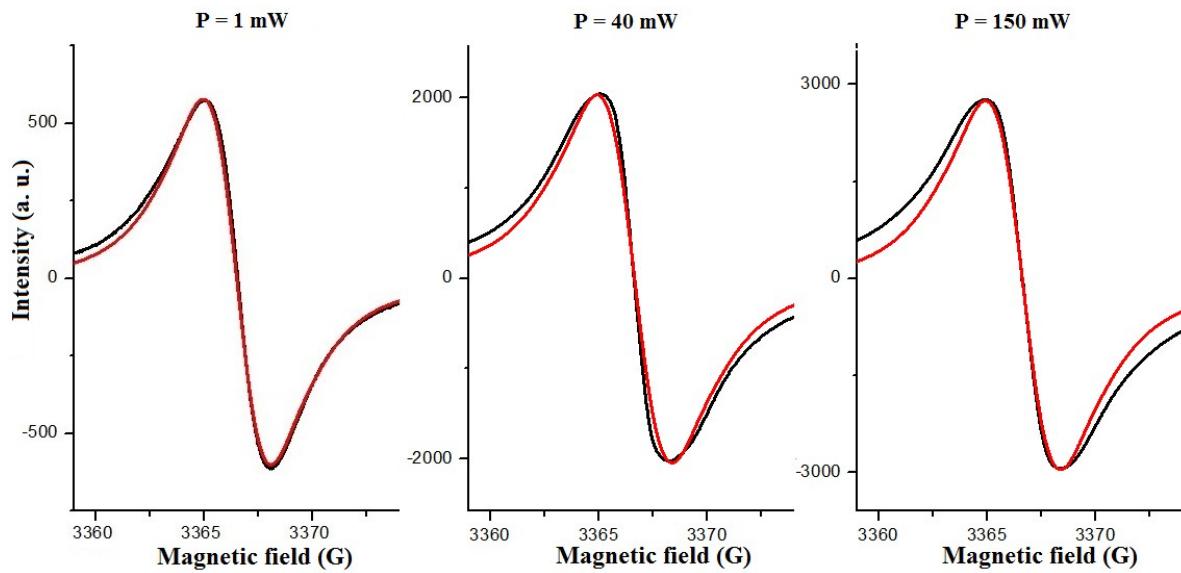


FIG. S2. Comparison of the shapes of experimental C EPR signals (black lines) recorded at different microwave power for ZnO+3% C sample with a Lorentzian lineshape (red lines) having the same width and amplitude.