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Supporting Information:

From nano to microcrystals: effect of different synthetic pathways on defects architecture in heavily Gd-doped ceria.

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Figure SI1. Experimental XRPD pattern on a Gd-doped ceria sample collected at the ID22 high resolution beamline of the ESRF. Although a first glance suggests a monophasic sample, high angle data reveal sample inhomogeneity.



Figure SI2. Experimental XRPD pattern on a Gd-doped ceria sample collected on a Panalytical X'Pert Pro diffractometer. The profiles are very sharp and the width of the structure peaks is comparable to that of a

standard, even though some asymmetry is observed on the left-hand part of the main peaks. Superstructure peaks are broader than the main ones.



Figure SI3. TEM images recorded on sample with Gd313 composition, top: *sg*500, bottom: *sg*900. The corresponding electron diffraction pattern is displayed on the right, showing a high (*sg*500) and a poor (*sg*900) powder averaging, according to the different size distributions.





Figure SI4. TEM - Bright field images recorded, from top to bottom, on Gd313 *sg*500, Gd375 *sg*500, Gd313 *sg*900, Gd375 *sg*900.



Figure SI5.Refinements of the local scale of PDF data for (*a*) single C-type, (*b*) single fluorite and (*c*) biphasic model for the four compositions investigated prepared via *ocp*. The fit residual Rw is indicated in each panel.



Figure SI6.Refinements of the local scale of PDF data for (*a*) single C-type, (*b*) single fluorite and (*c*) biphasic model for the four compositions investigated prepared via sg900. The fit residual Rw is indicated in each panel.



Figure SI7.Refinements of the local scale of PDF data for (*a*) single C-type, (*b*) single fluorite and (*c*) biphasic model for the four compositions investigated prepared via sg500. The fit residual Rw is indicated in each panel.