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CoO microspheres and metallic Co evolved from hexagonal α-$Co(OH)_2$ plates in a hydrothermal process for lithium storage and magnetic application

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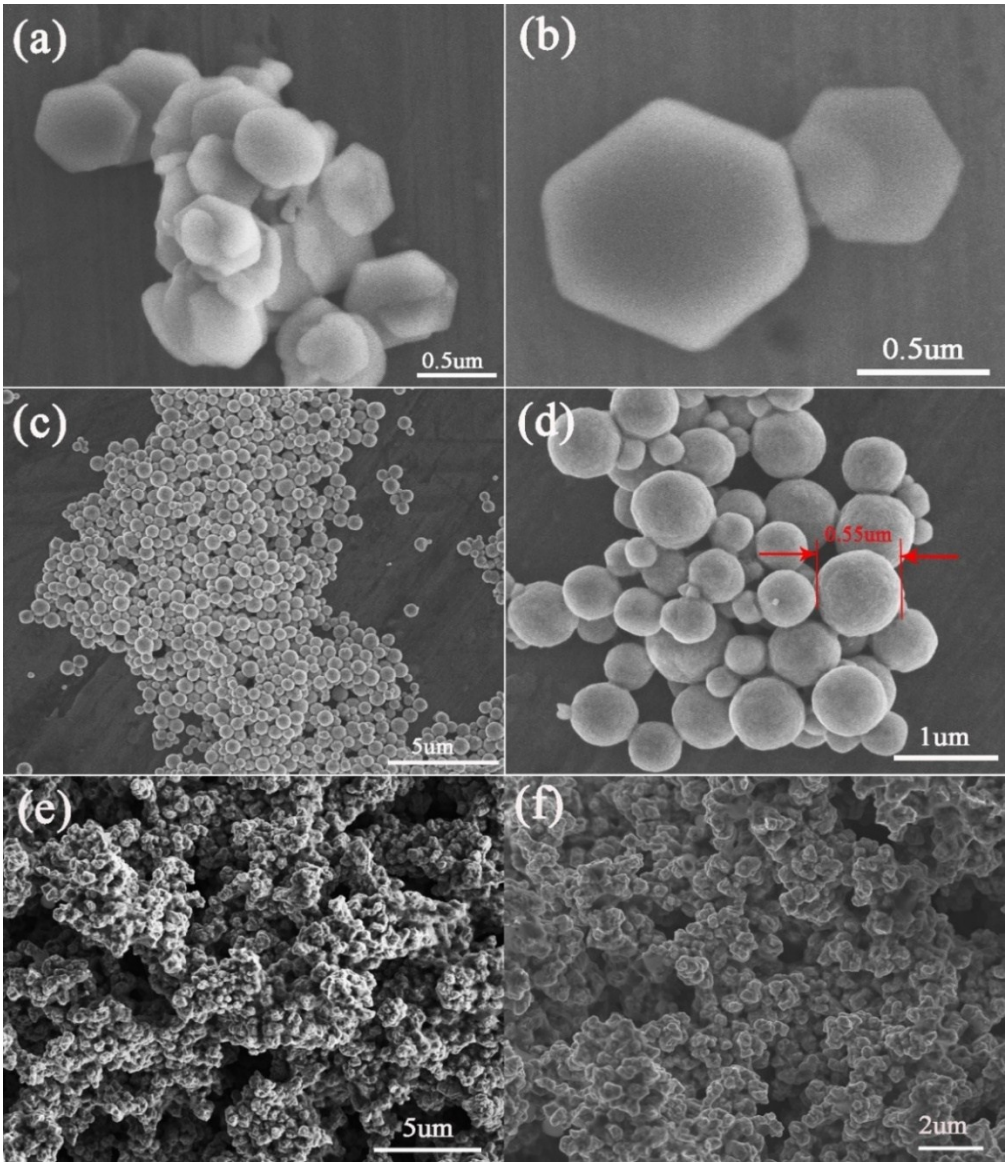
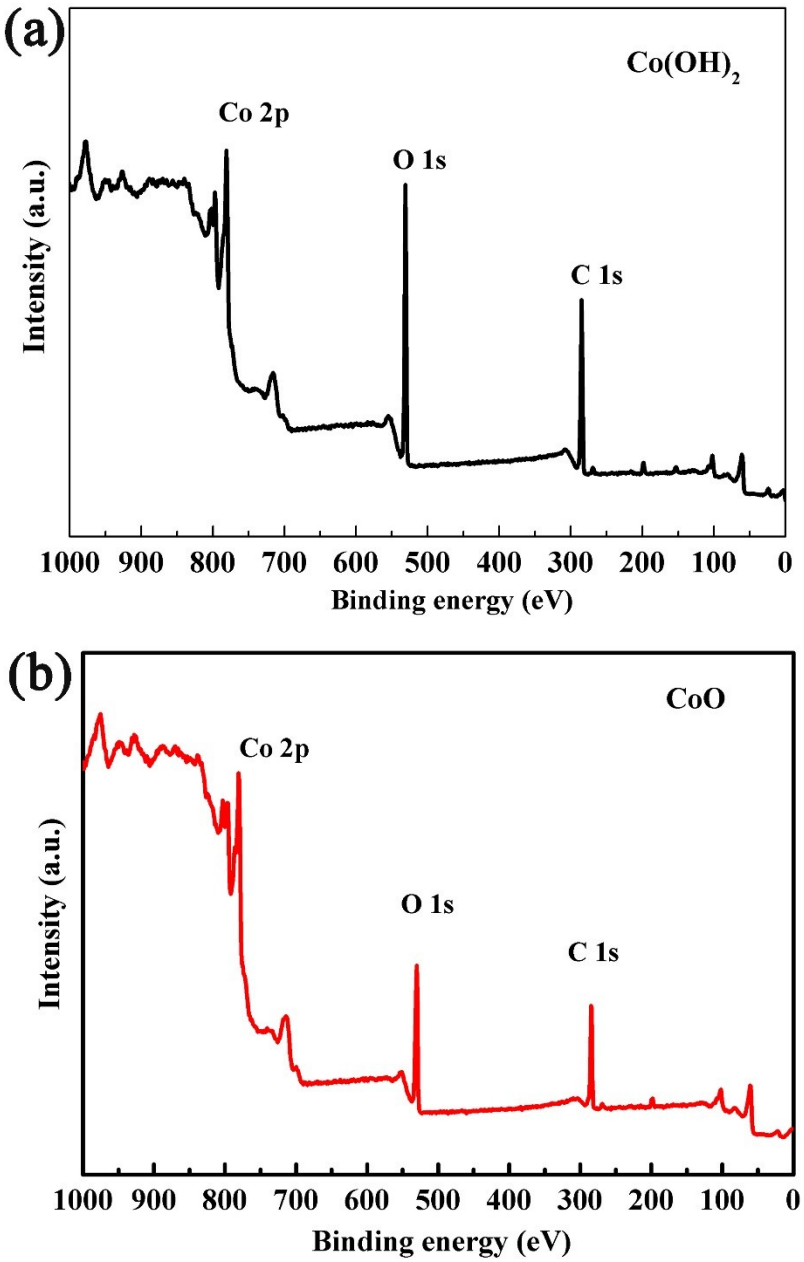
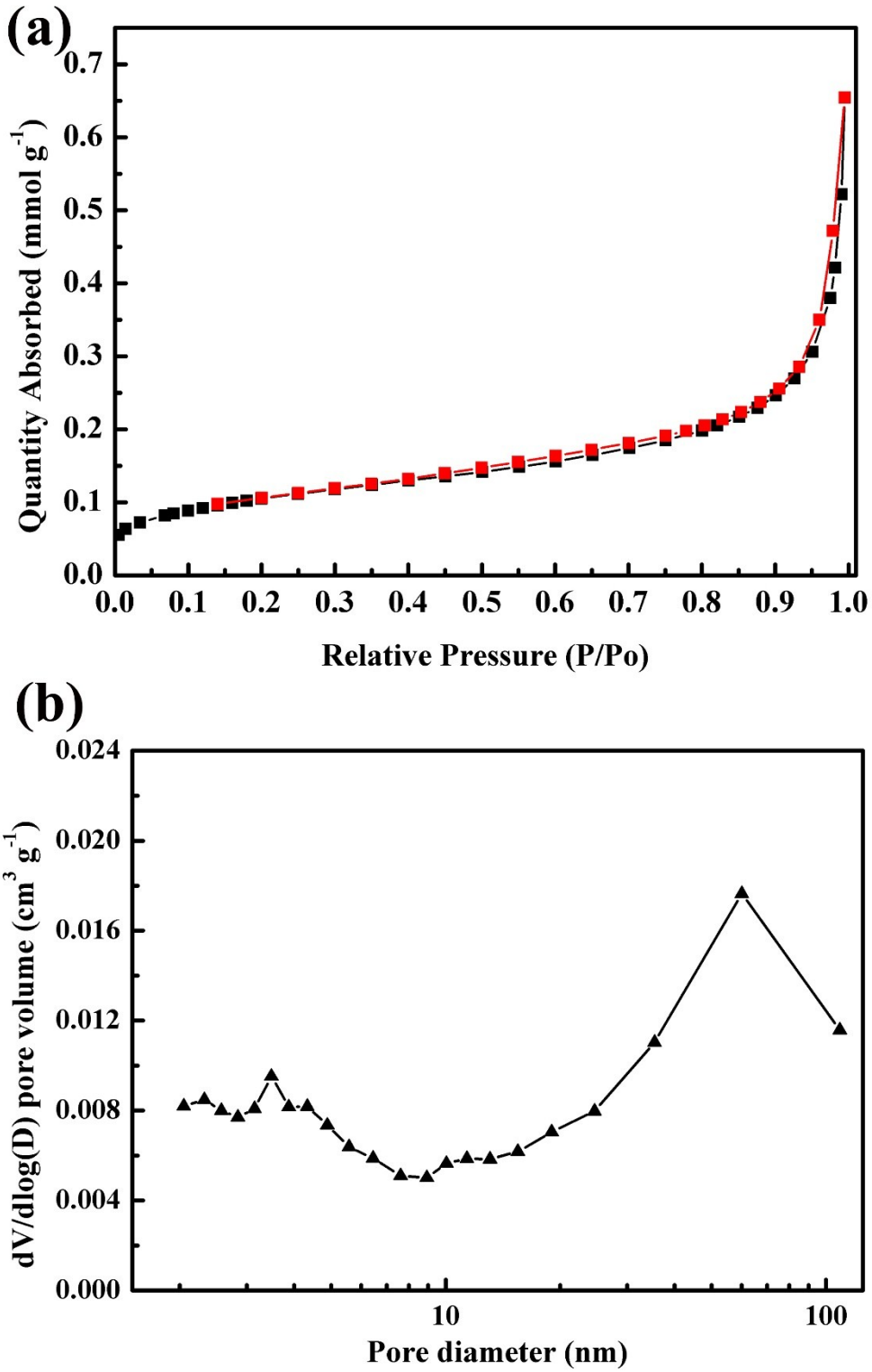


S-Figure 1 SEM images for $Co(OH)_2$ **(a-b)** , CoO **(c-d)** and Co **(e-f)**.



S-Figure 2 XPS full spectra survey of $Co(OH)_2$ **(a)** and CoO **(b)** sample.



S-Figure 3 **(a)** Nitrogen sorption isotherms of the CoO microspheres, and **(b)** pore size distribution curve.