

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# Synthesis of gallium oxynitride nanoparticles through hydrothermal reaction under a presence of acetylene black and their photocatalytic NO<sub>x</sub> decomposition

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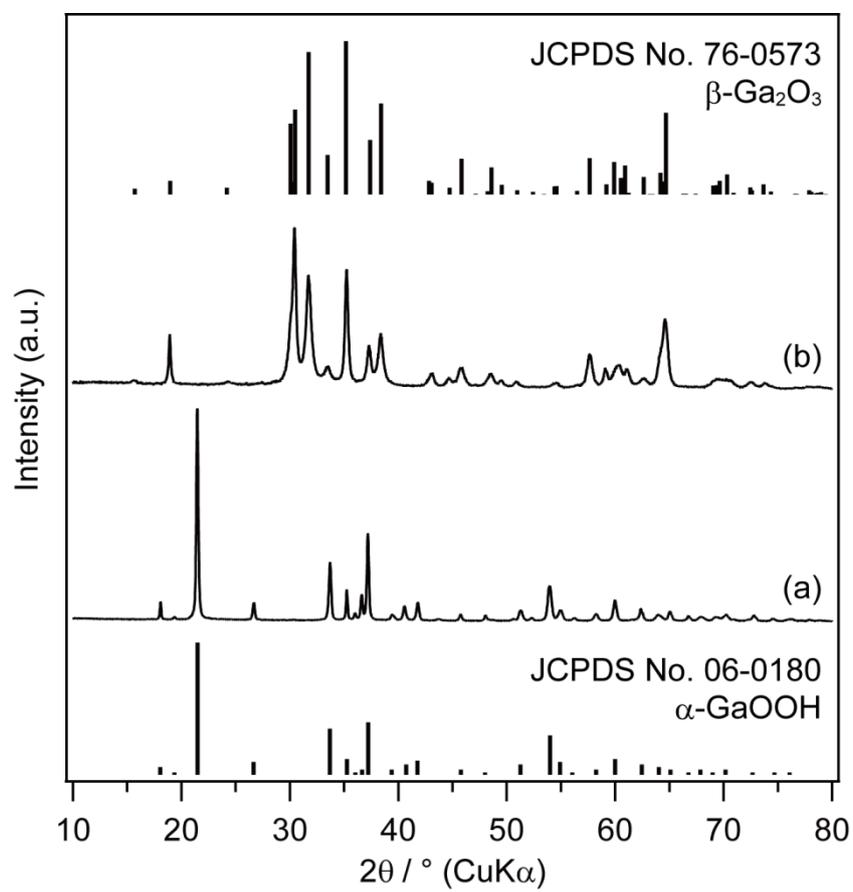
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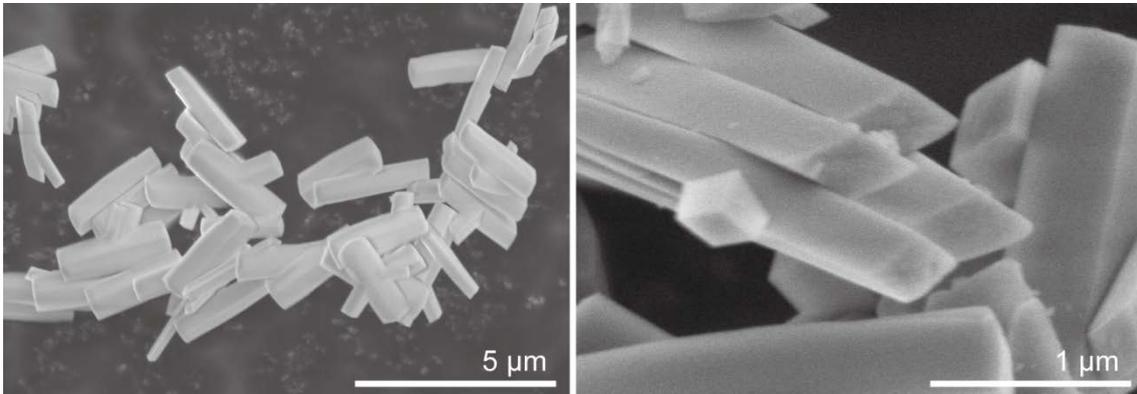
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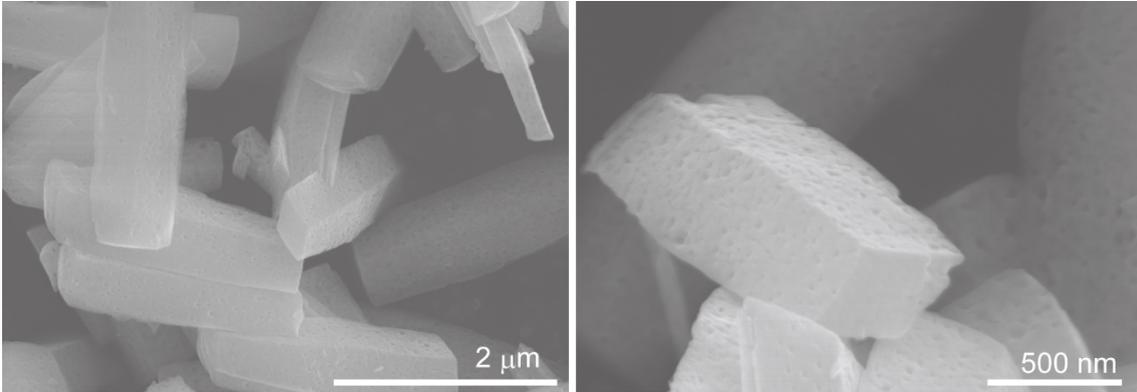
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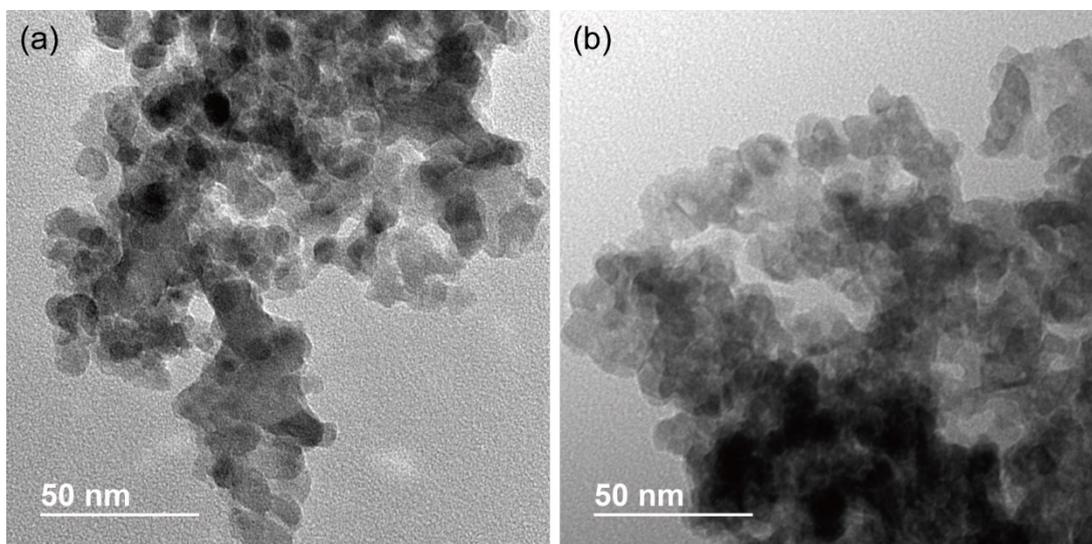
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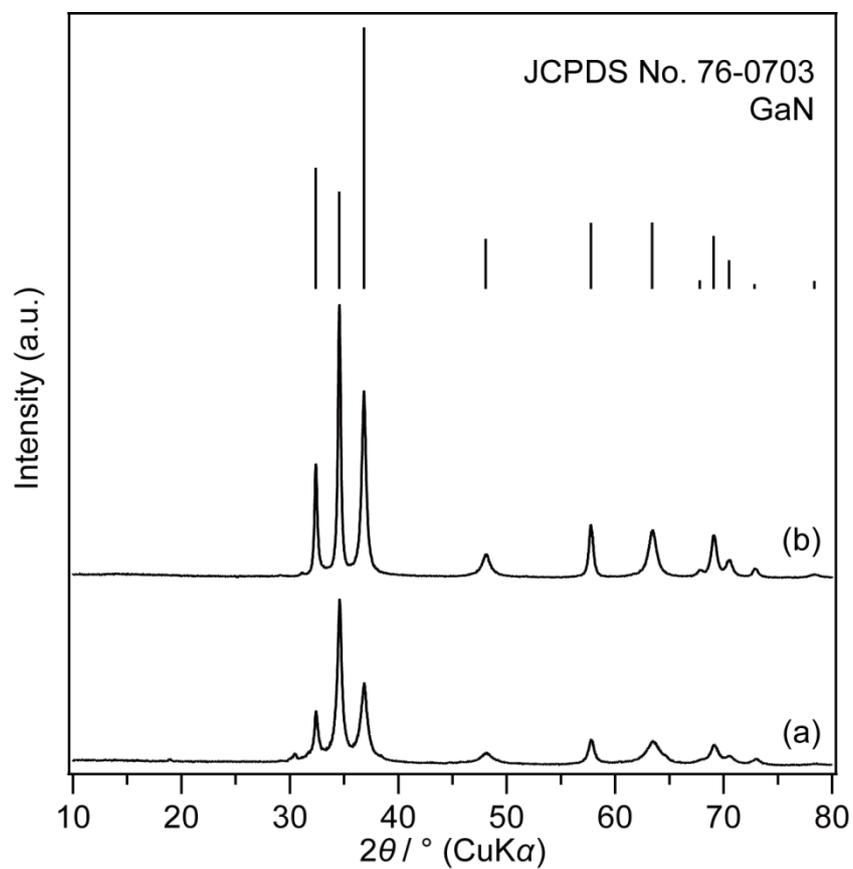
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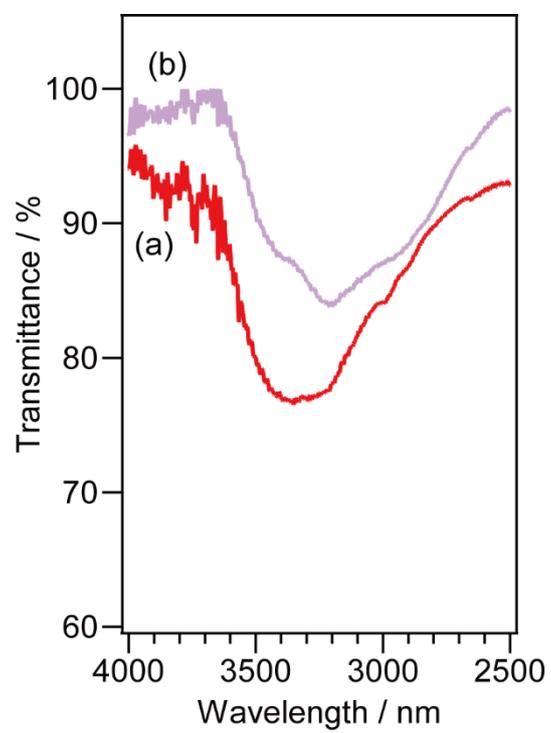
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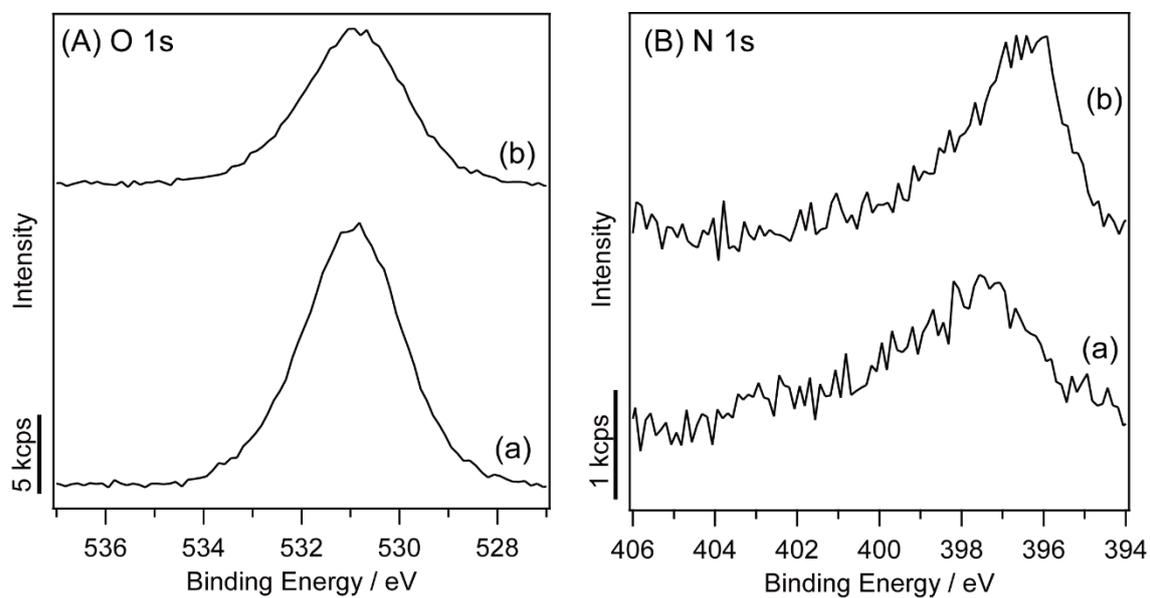
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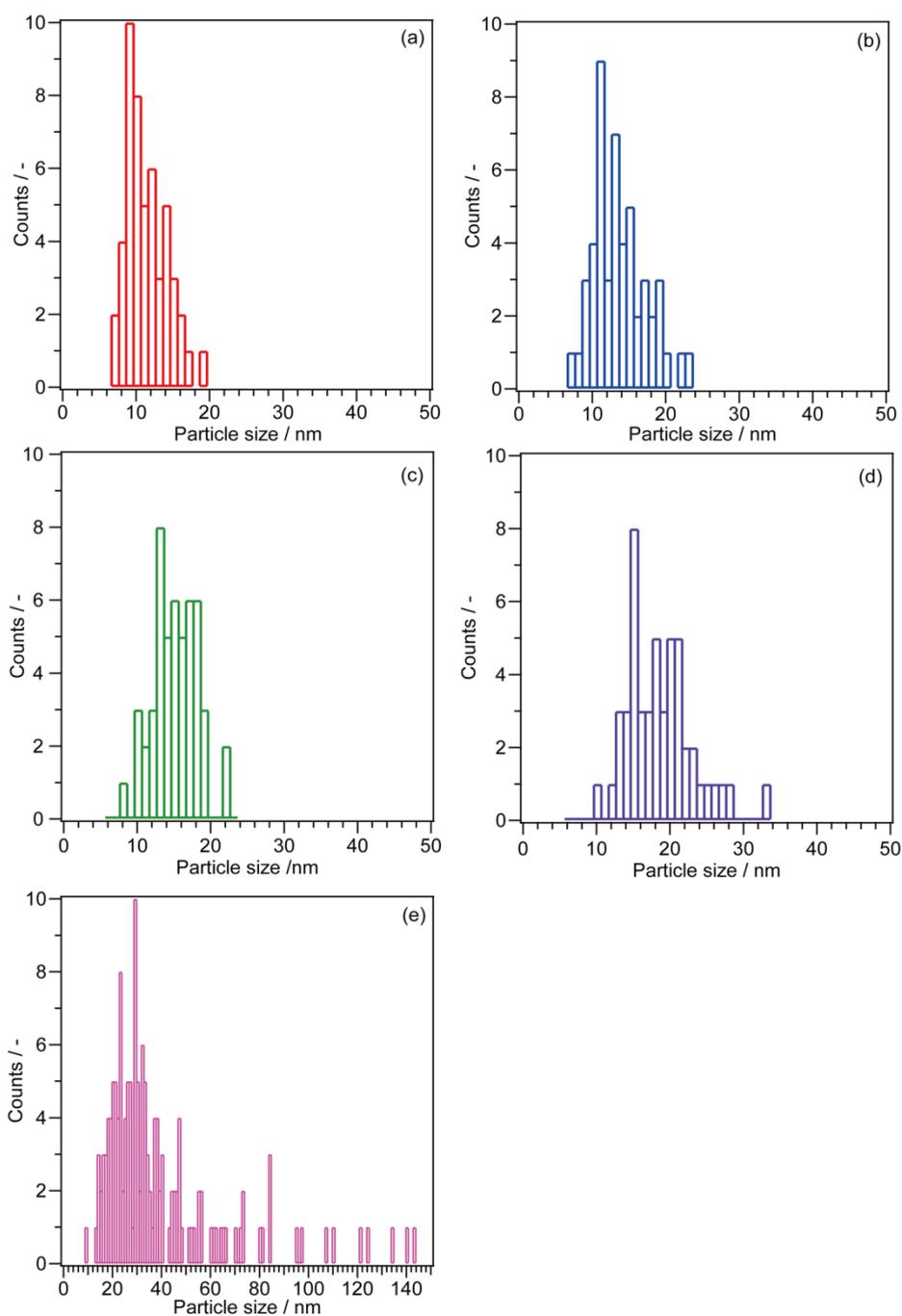
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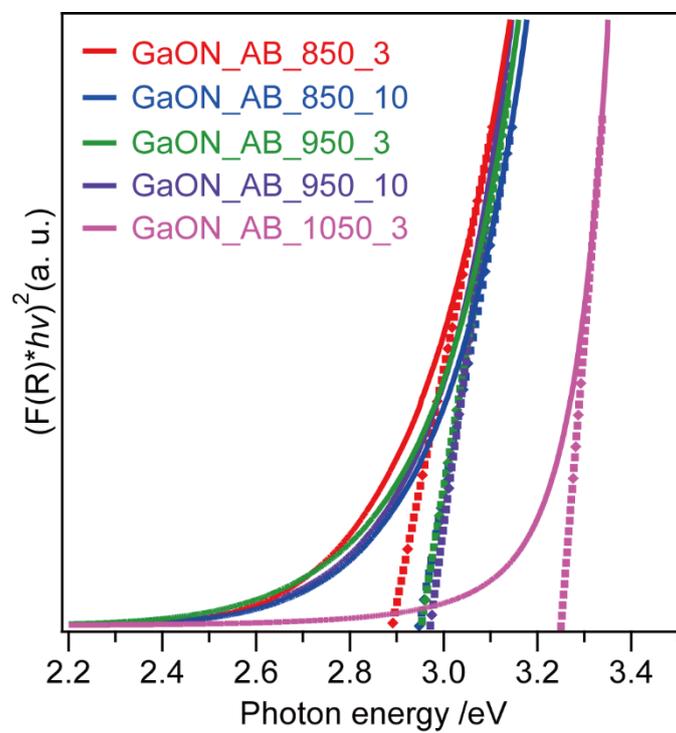
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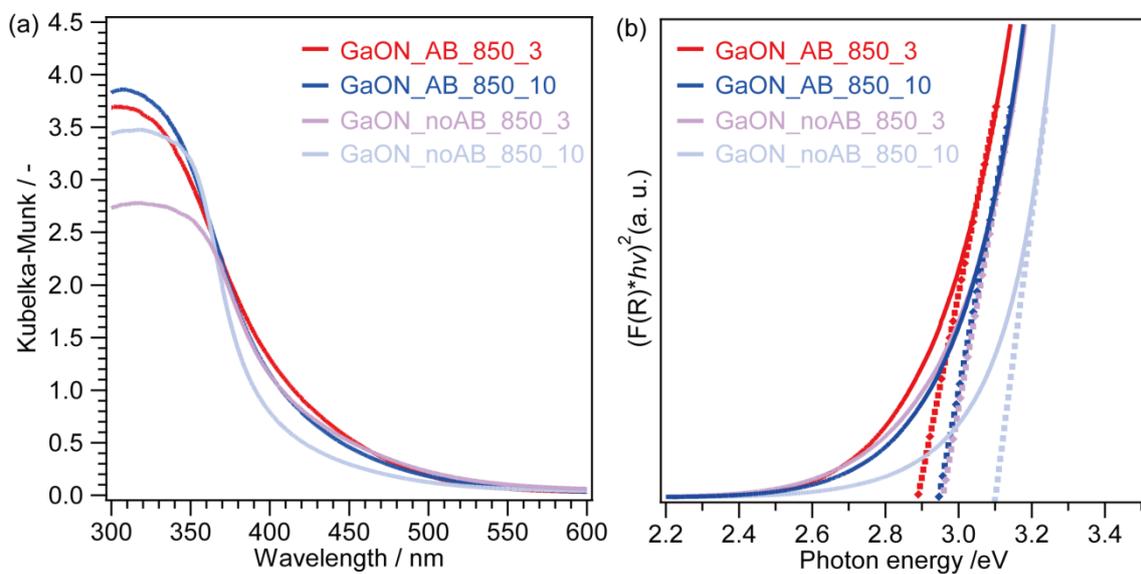
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**Fig. S8** Particle size distributions of (a) GaON\_AB\_850\_3, (b) GaON\_AB\_850\_10, (c) GaON\_AB\_950\_3, (d) GaON\_AB\_950\_10, and (e) GaON\_AB\_1050\_3. The distributions were collected by measurement of the size of particles in the TEM images.



**Fig. S9** Tauc plots of the samples obtained by nitridation of Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>\_AB.



**Fig. S10** (a) UV-vis DRS spectra and (b) Tauc plots of GaON\_AB\_850\_3, GaON\_AB\_850\_10, GaON\_noAB\_850\_3, and GaON\_AB\_no850\_10.