

## Electronic Supporting Information (ESI)

### Preparation of different shaped $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles with large particle of iron oxide red

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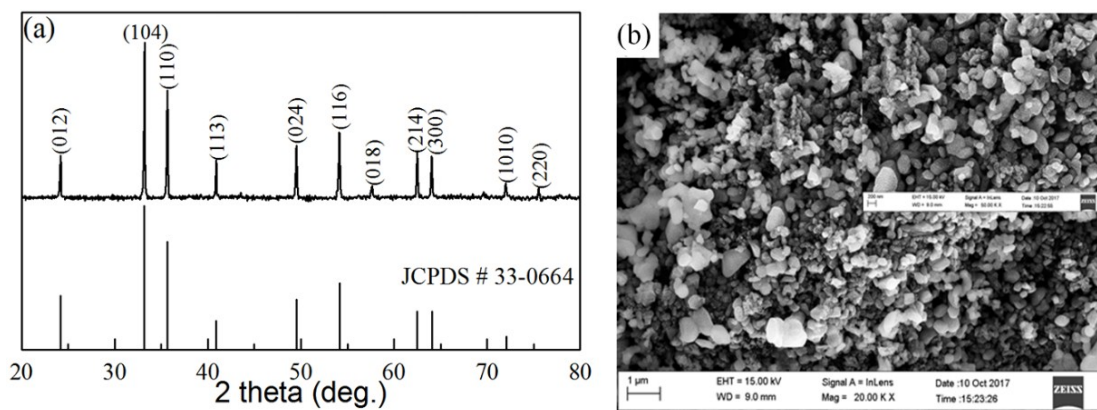


Figure S1 (a) XRD pattern and (b) SEM image of iron oxide red.

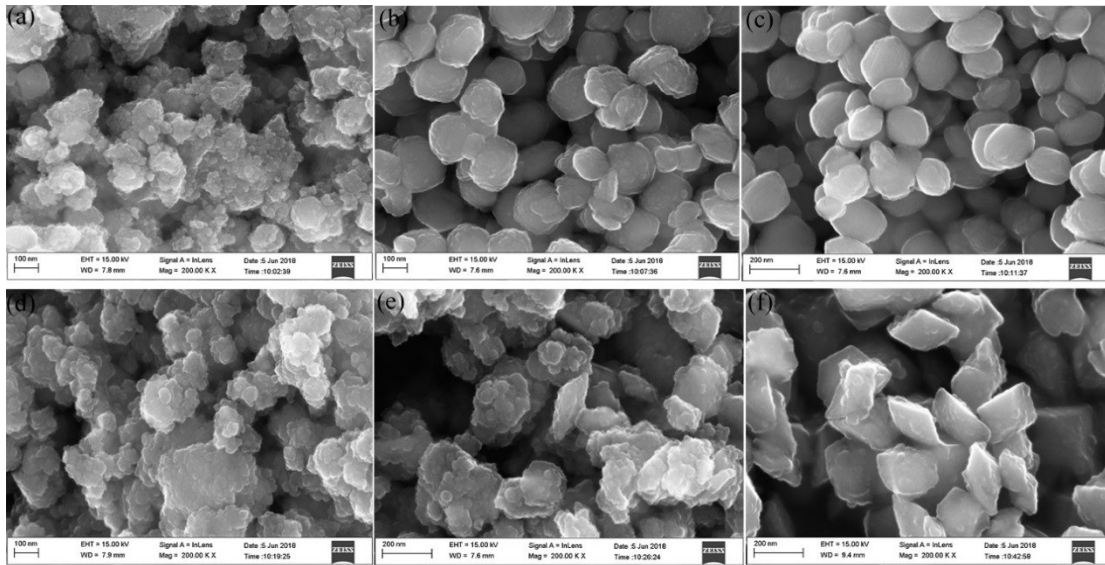


Figure S2. SEM images of the samples prepared at 180 °C for different times (a) CH<sub>3</sub>COOH 1h, (b) CH<sub>3</sub>COOH 2h, (c) CH<sub>3</sub>COOH 4h, (d) HCl 1h, (e) HCl 2h, (f) HCl 4h.

Table S1 The chemical composition of oxidized scale (mass/%)

Chemical composition	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CaO	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MnO
Mass/%	99.18	0.05	0.05	0.15	0.37

Table S2 The crystal structure parameters, FTIR positions ( $\nu_1$ ,  $\nu_2$ ), band gap energies ( $E_g$ ) and magnetic properties ( $M_r$ ,  $H_c$ ) of prepared  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Sample	$A$ (Å)	$c$ (Å)	$\nu_1$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\nu_2$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$E_g$ (eV)	$M_r$ (emu/g)	$H_c$ (Oe)
None	5.0180	13.7422	565	477	1.94	0.082	2441
HCl	5.0014	13.6827	546	475	2.04	0.139	1695
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	5.0170	13.7338	570	477	2.02	0.128	909
HNO <sub>3</sub>	5.0089	13.7086	540	471	2.06	0.152	1045
CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	5.0065	13.6932	562	481	1.98	0.141	480