

Supplementary Information

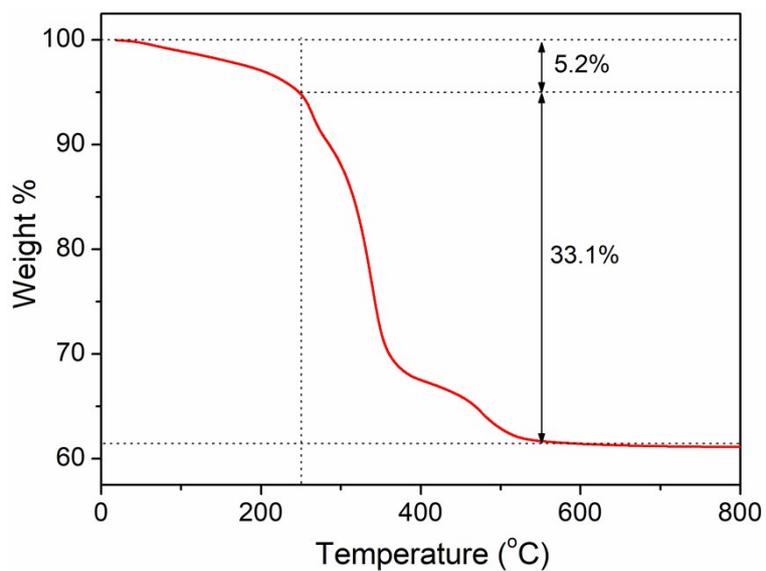
**Rice-shaped porous  $\text{ZnMn}_2\text{O}_4$  microparticles as advanced anode materials for lithium ion batteries**

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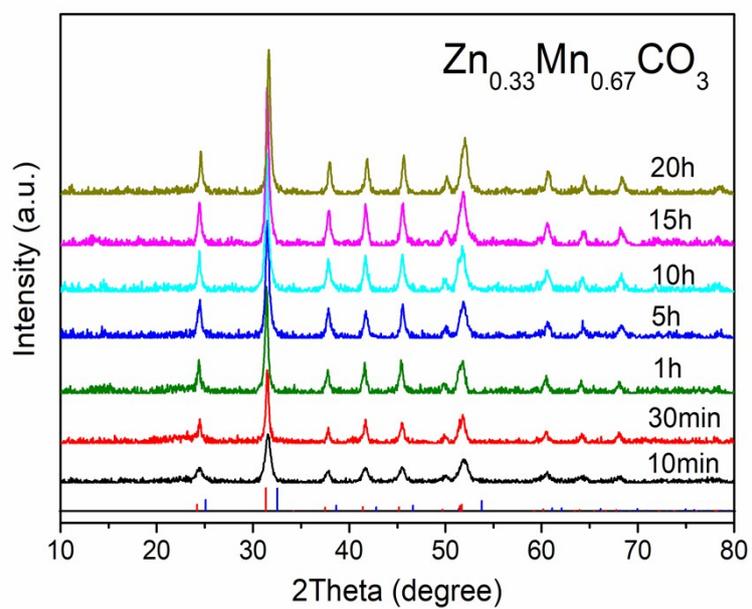
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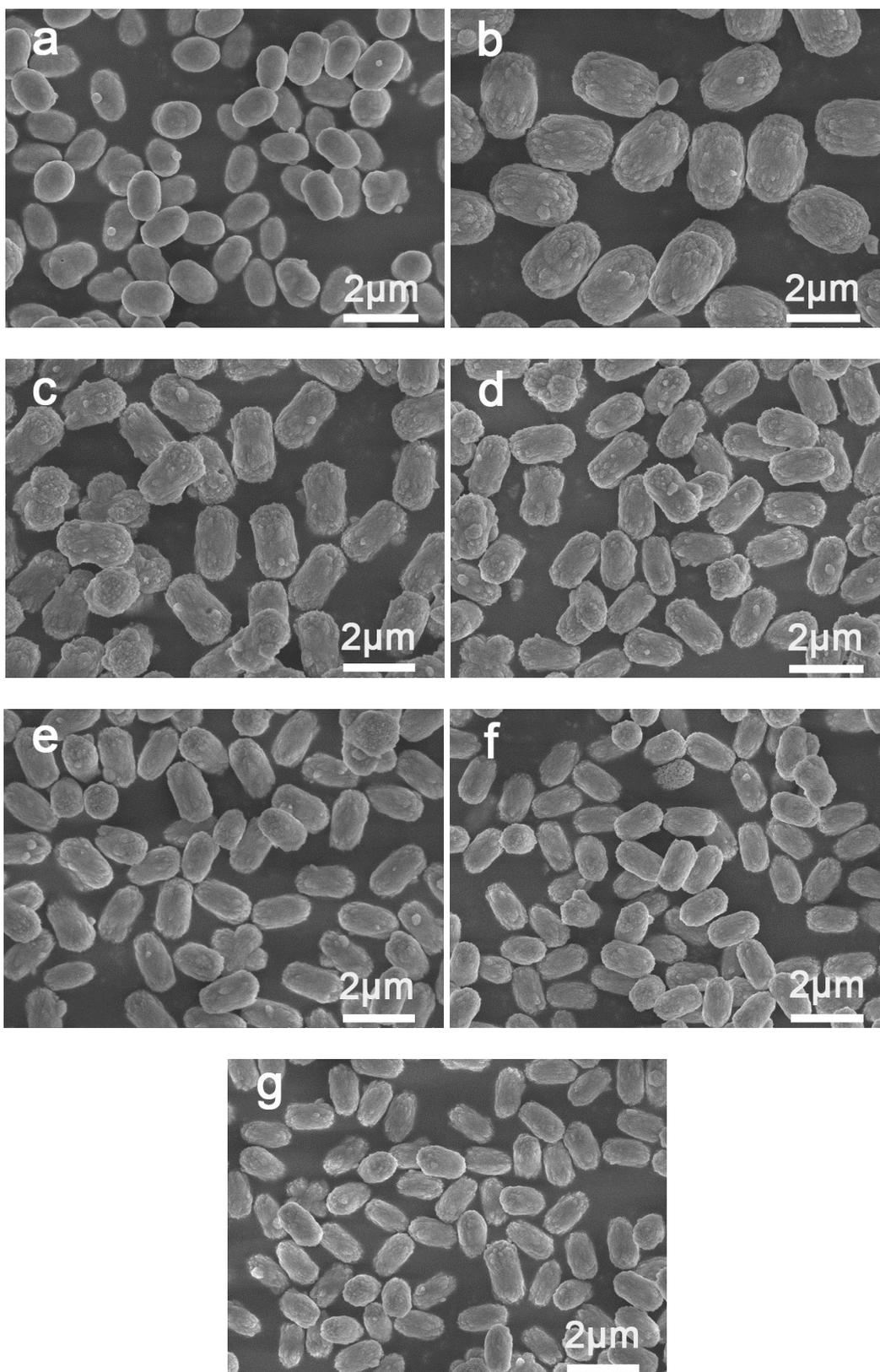
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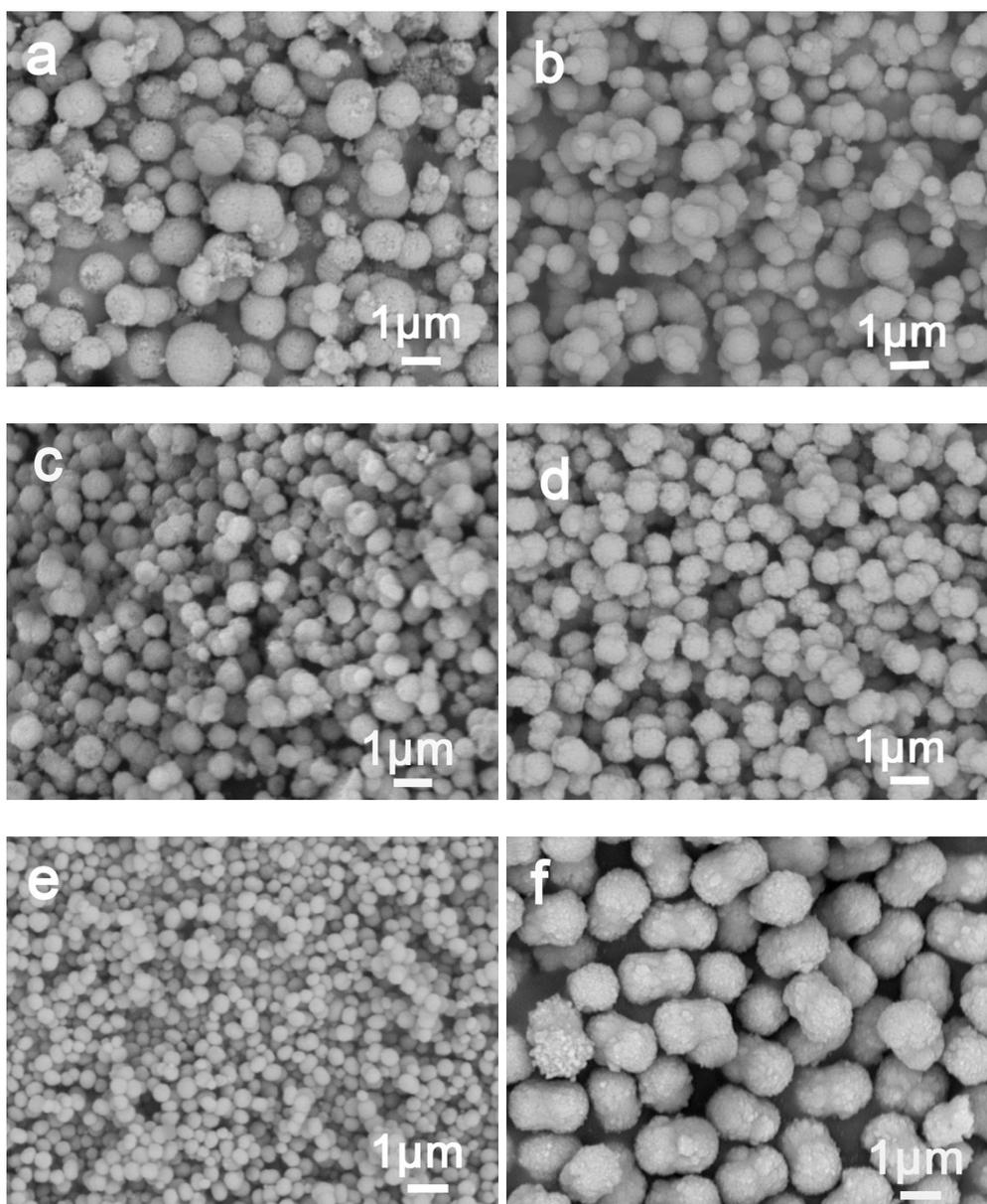
**Fig. S1** TG curve of the Zn<sub>0.33</sub>Mn<sub>0.67</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> precursors in flowing air.



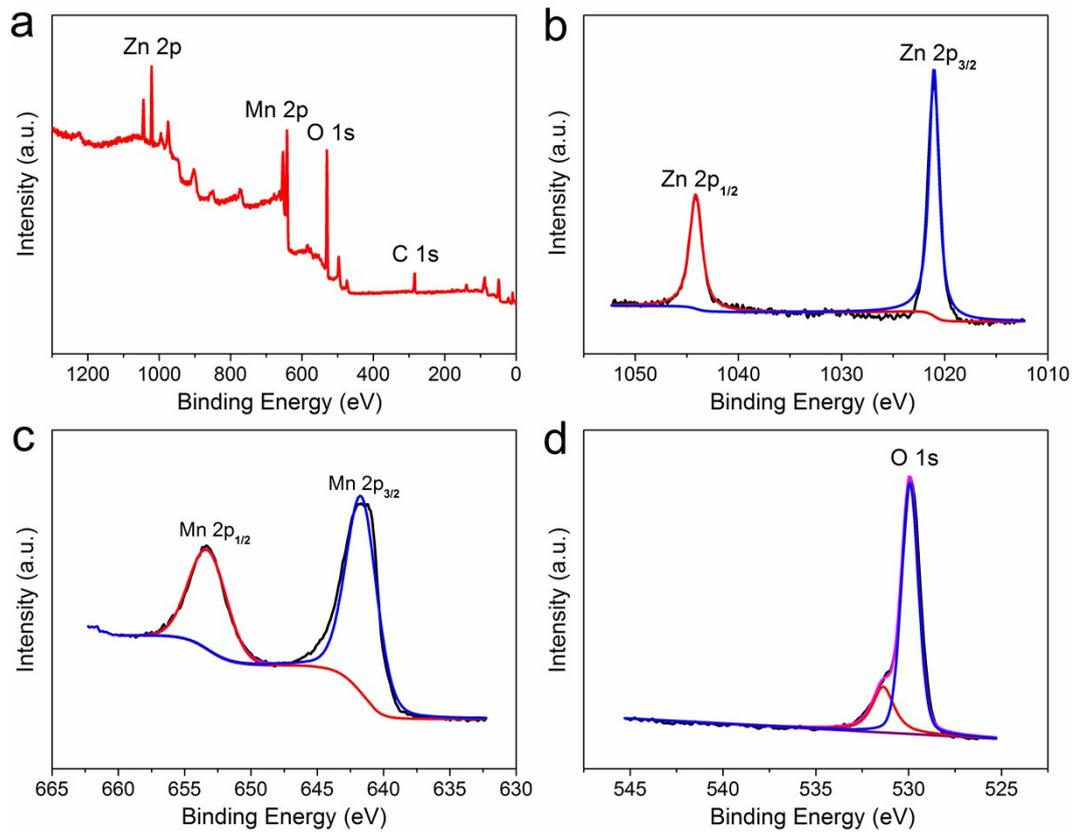
**Fig. S2** XRD patterns of the Zn<sub>0.33</sub>Mn<sub>0.67</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> precursors with different reaction times.



**Fig. S3** SEM images of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.33}\text{Mn}_{0.67}\text{CO}_3$  precursors with different reaction times: (a) 10 min; (b) 30 min; (c) 1 h; (d) 5 h; (e) 10 h; (f) 15 h; (g) 20 h.



**Fig. S4** SEM images of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.33}\text{Mn}_{0.67}\text{CO}_3$  precursors obtained in various solvent mediums: (a)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; (b)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -TEA(v/v, 1:3); (c) propanetriol; (d) DEG; (e) EG; (f) EG-TEA(v/v, 3:1).



**Fig. S5** XPS spectra of ZnMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: (a) survey spectrum, (b) Zn 2p, (c) Mn 2p, and (d) O 1s.