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4   **Spin transition nanoparticles made electrochemically**

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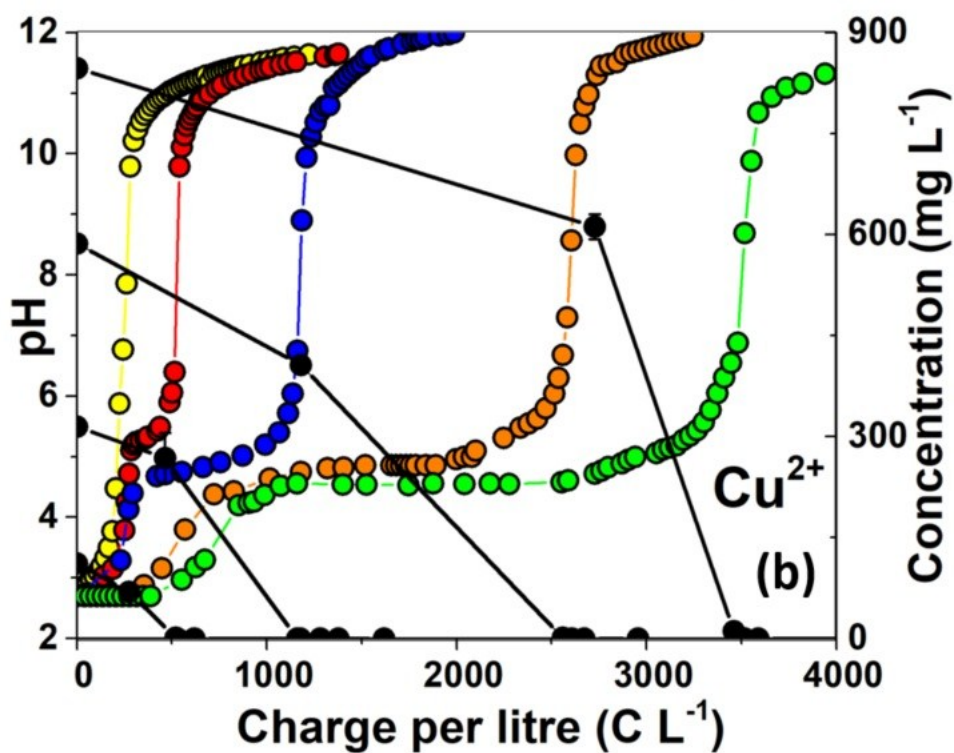
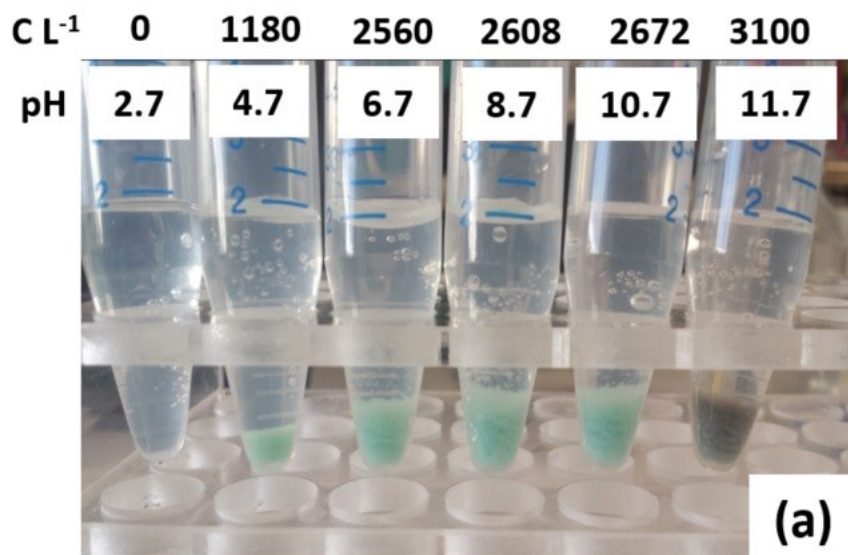
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20 **Figure ESI1.** (a) Photograph of liquid samples taken at different pH using 9 mM of  $Cu^{2+}$  as  
 21 metal precursor (orange line) according to increasing charge density (0 to 3100  $C L^{-1}$ ). (b) Effect  
 22 of single  $Cu^{2+}$  concentration on charge density consumption using  $CuCl_2$  as metal precursor.

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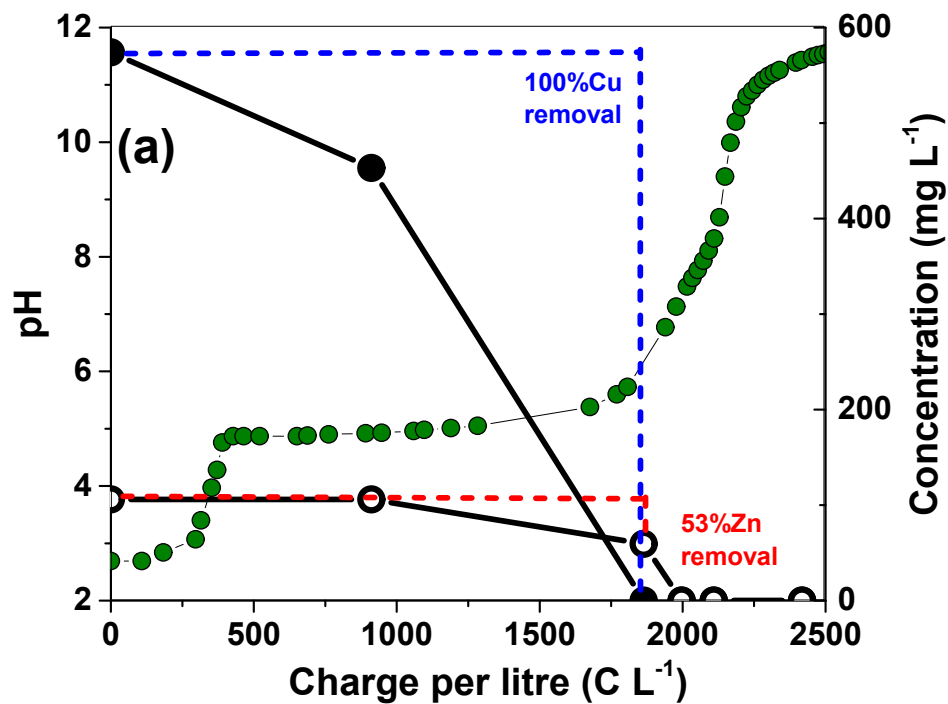
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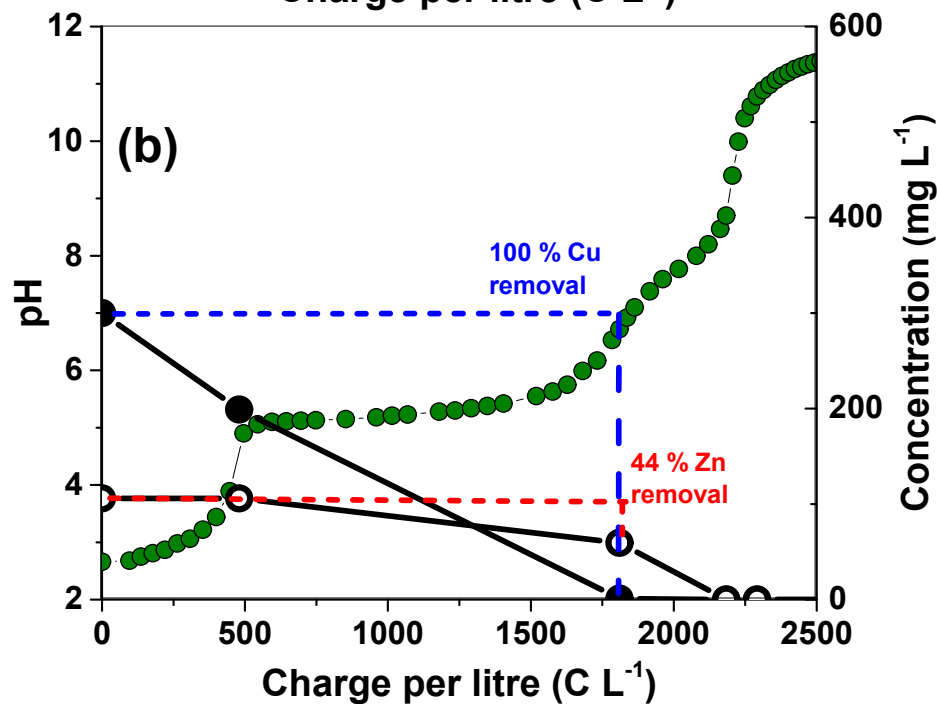
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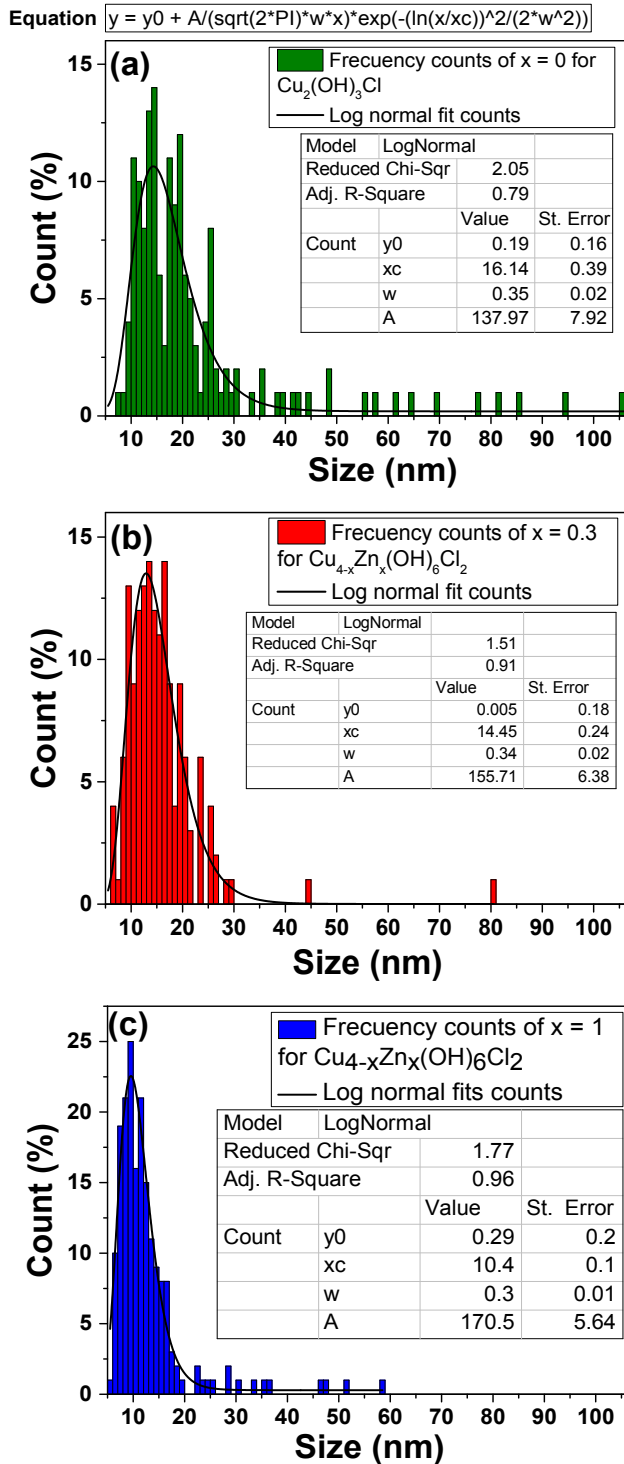
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46 **Figure ESI2.** Effect of mixed Cu<sup>2+</sup> and Zn<sup>2+</sup> concentration on charge consumption during the

47 synthesis of herberthsmithite. (a) High initial Cu<sup>2+</sup> concentration ; (b) Low initial Cu<sup>2+</sup>

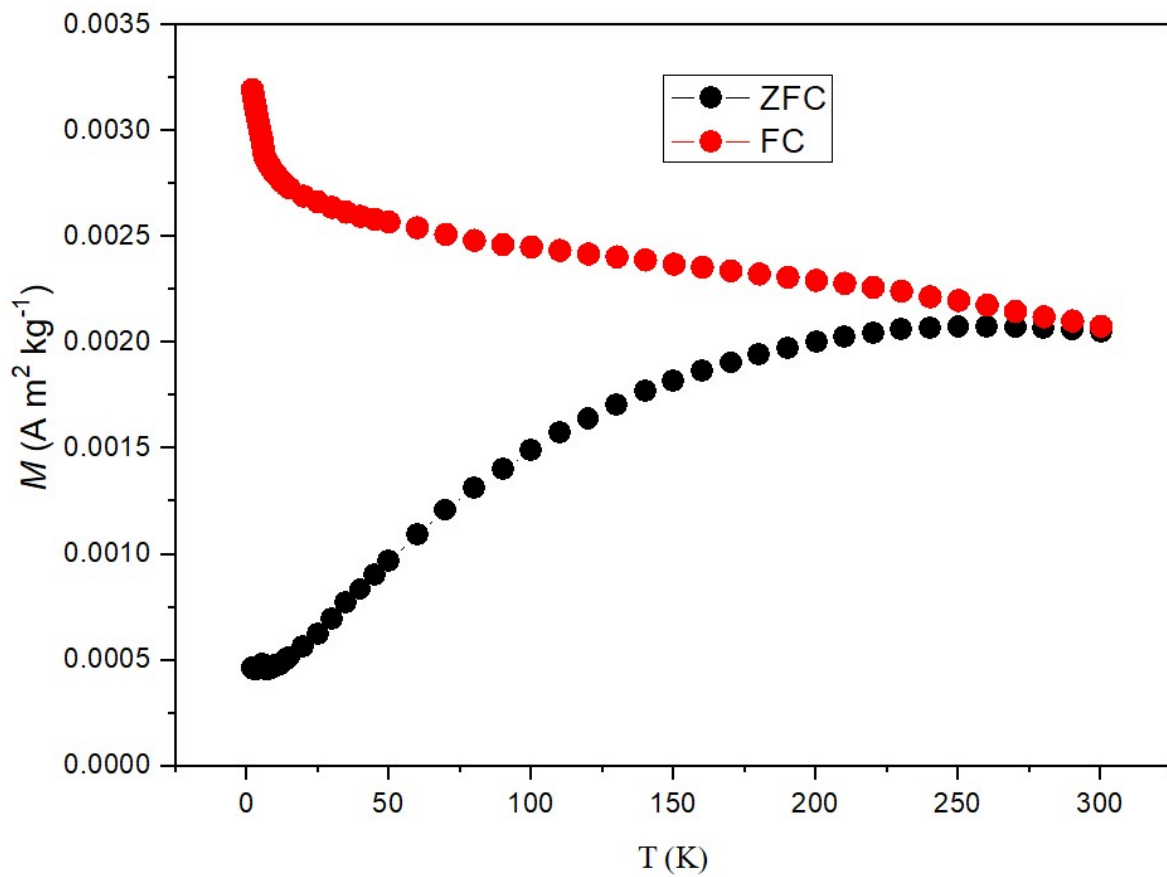
48 concentration.



69 **Figure ESI3.** Mean particle size and distribution of  $\text{Zn}_x\text{Cu}_{4-x}(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}_2$  products with a desired  
 70 value for  $x$ , a)  $x = 0$  for clinoatacamite ; b)  $x = 0.3$  for paratacamite and c)  $x = 1$  for  
 71 herbertsmithite.

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75 **Figure ESI4.** Temperature dependence of mass magnetization ( $M$ ) at 8 kA/m (100 Oe) for CuO  
76 as measured under ZFC-FC conditions.

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84 **Table S1.** Quantitative phase analysis (QPA) by Rietveld method and ICP-OES of powder samples.

Sample code	Charge consumed (C L <sup>-1</sup> )	ICP powder mg g <sup>-1</sup> solid		(mmol)		Cu/Zn ratio	Phase percentage (%)				Cu and Zn in Cu <sub>4-x</sub> Zn <sub>x</sub> (OH) <sub>6</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>		Stoichiometric coefficient (x)
		Cu	Zn	Cu	Zn		Cu <sub>4-x</sub> Zn <sub>x</sub> (OH) <sub>6</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ZnO	Cu(OH) <sub>2</sub>	CuO	Cu (mM)	Zn (mM)	
Sample (a)	987	546		8.6			100	0	0	0	8.6		0
Sample (b)	1876	783		12.3						100	12.3		0
Sample (c1)	778	469	64	7.4	1.0	7.3	82	3.2	15	0	7.1	0.8	0.3
Sample (c2)	850	524	72	8.3	1.1	7.3	98	1.6	1.8	0	8.2	1.1	0.4
Sample (d1)	2000	462	150	7.3	2.3	3.1	77	15	8	0	6.2	2.1	1.0
Sample (d2)	2018	467	144	7.4	2.2	3.2	80	16	4	0	6.2	2.1	1.0

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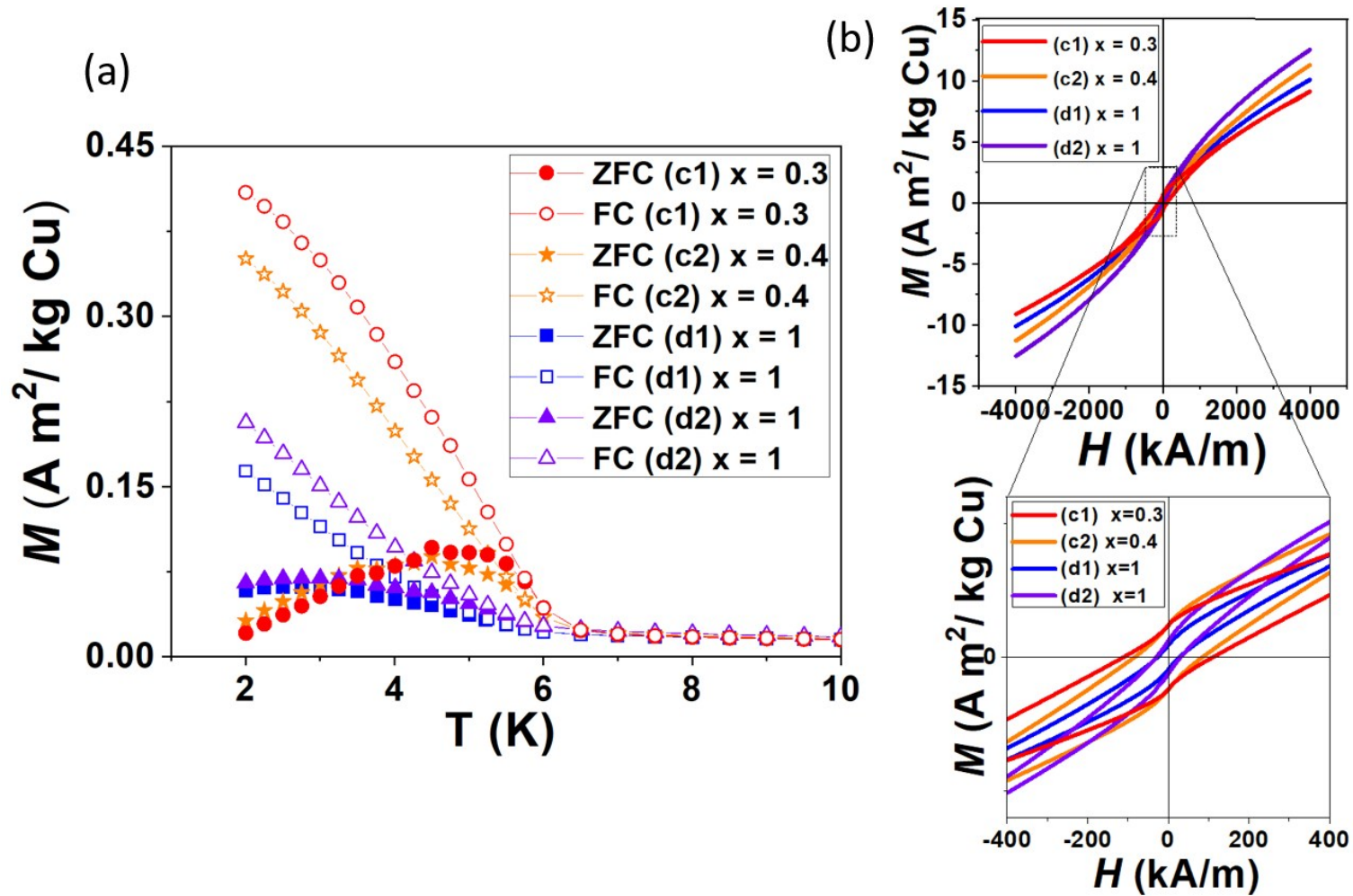
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96 **Figure EIS5.** (a) ZFC-FC thermal magnetization of a duplicates sample with stoichiometric coefficient ( $x = 1$  and  $x = 0.3$ ). (b)

97 Magnetization against field over temperature sweep at 2.0 K in duplicate samples.