



**Figure Caption:** Nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms for (A) control blank mesoporous silica and (B) U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>-incorporated mesoporous silica. Insert: pore distribution of (C) control blank mesoporous silica and (D) U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>-incorporated mesoporous silica. The surface areas of control blank sample and U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>-incorporated mesoporous sample are 568.2 m<sup>2</sup>/g and 250 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.