

# Mesoporous CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles assembled by hollow nanostructures: formation mechanism and enhanced catalytic property

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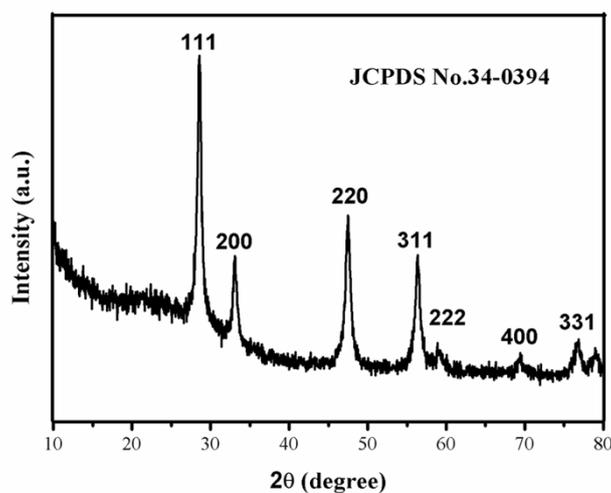


Fig. S1 XRD pattern of the product obtained by the calcination of the cerium formate precursor at 400 °C for 2 h.

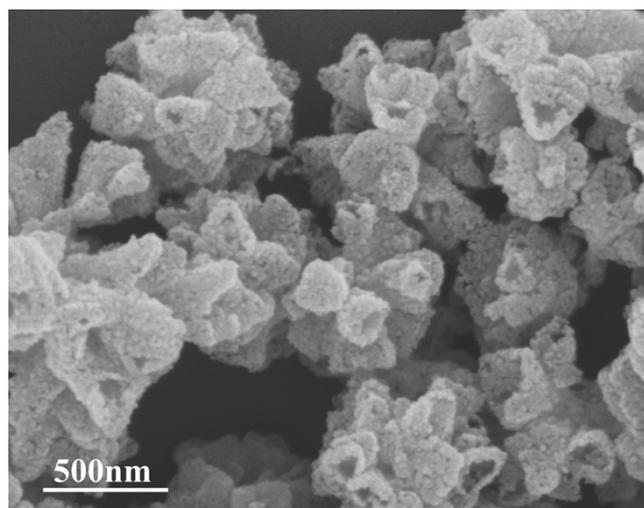
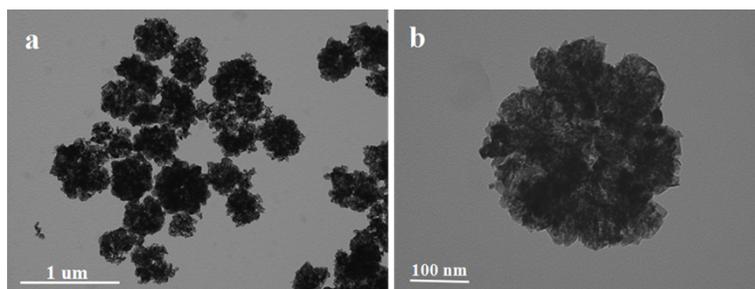
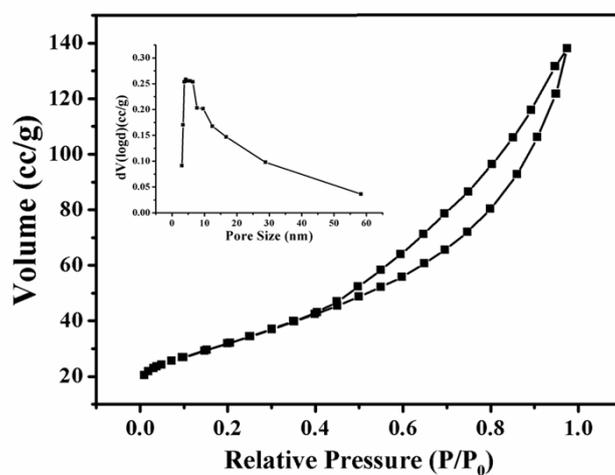


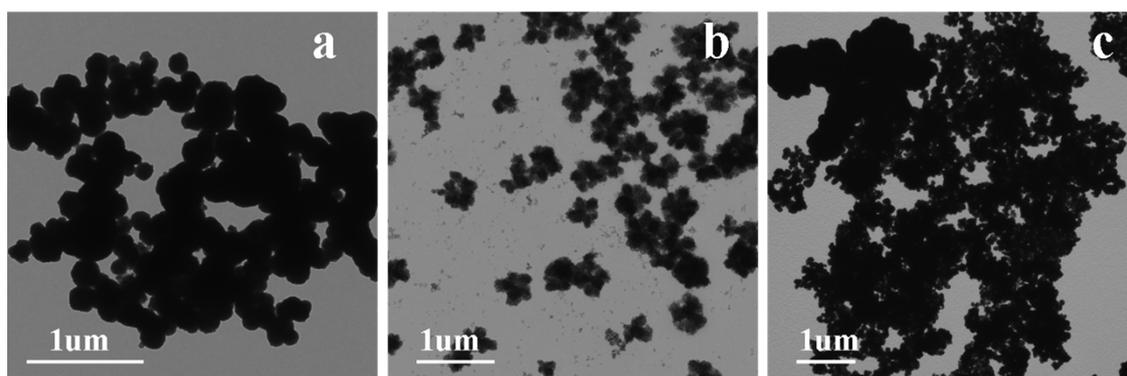
Fig. S2 high-magnification SEM image of the as-prepared CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles



**Fig. S3** Representative TEM images of CeO<sub>2</sub> nanospheres after calcination method via cerium formate precursor: (a) over morphology of the products; (b) TEM image of a single nanosphere.



**Fig. S4** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption- desorption isotherms of the CeO<sub>2</sub> spherical structures after calcination method; inset is the corresponding BJH pore size distribution curve.



**Fig. S5** The TEM images of the products of solvothermal reaction: (a) with slow injection of strong ammonia (10M); (b) with PVP instead of OP-10; (c) without OP-10.

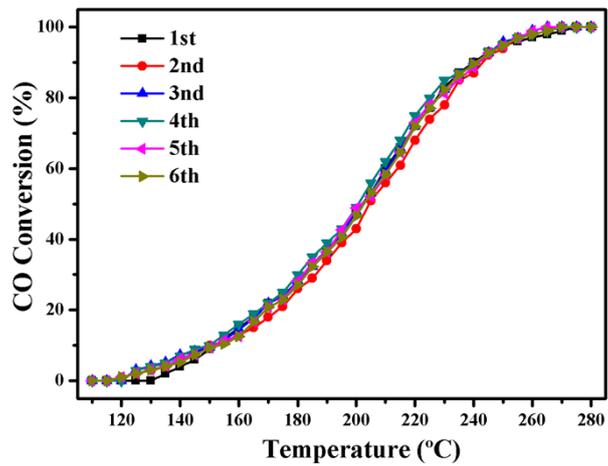


Fig. S6 Catalytic performance of the obtained CeO<sub>2</sub> in different runs.

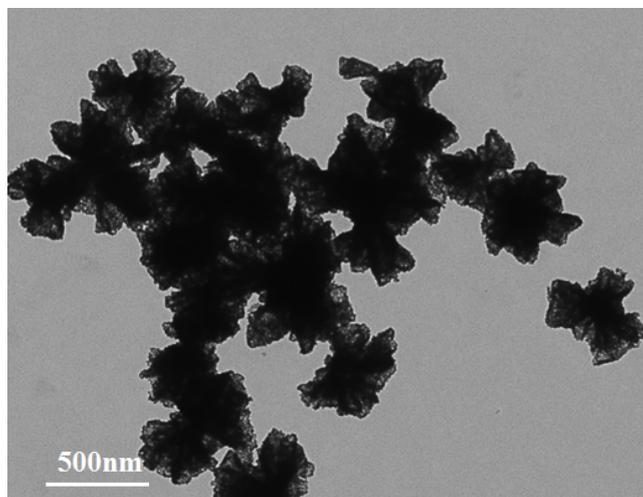


Fig. S7 The TEM image of the nano-cone constructed CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles after the catalysis.