

## Supporting Information

### **Yolk-shell structured Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Eu<sup>3+</sup> phosphor prepared by spray pyrolysis: Effect of preparation conditions on microstructure and luminescence properties**

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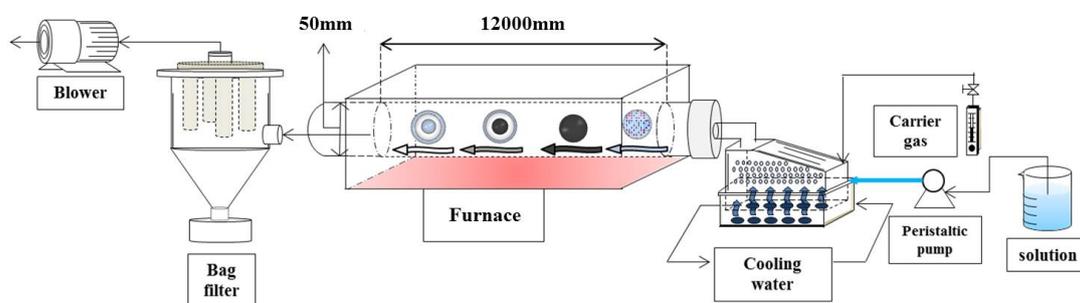


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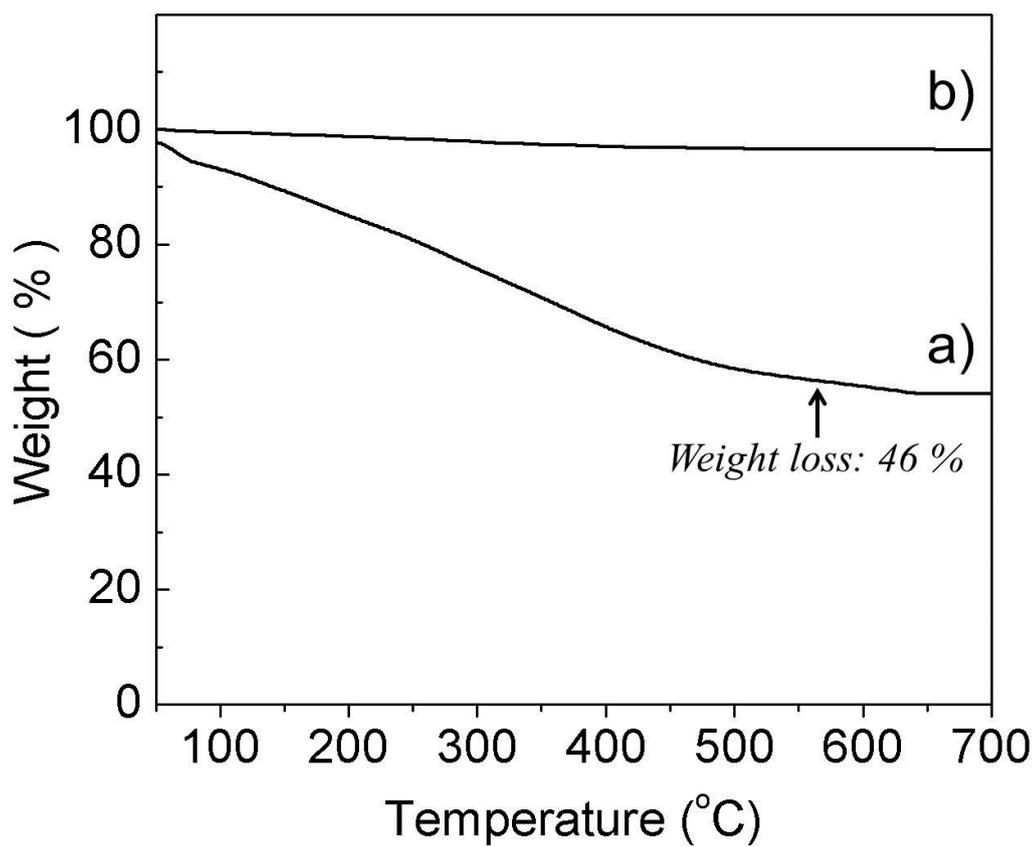


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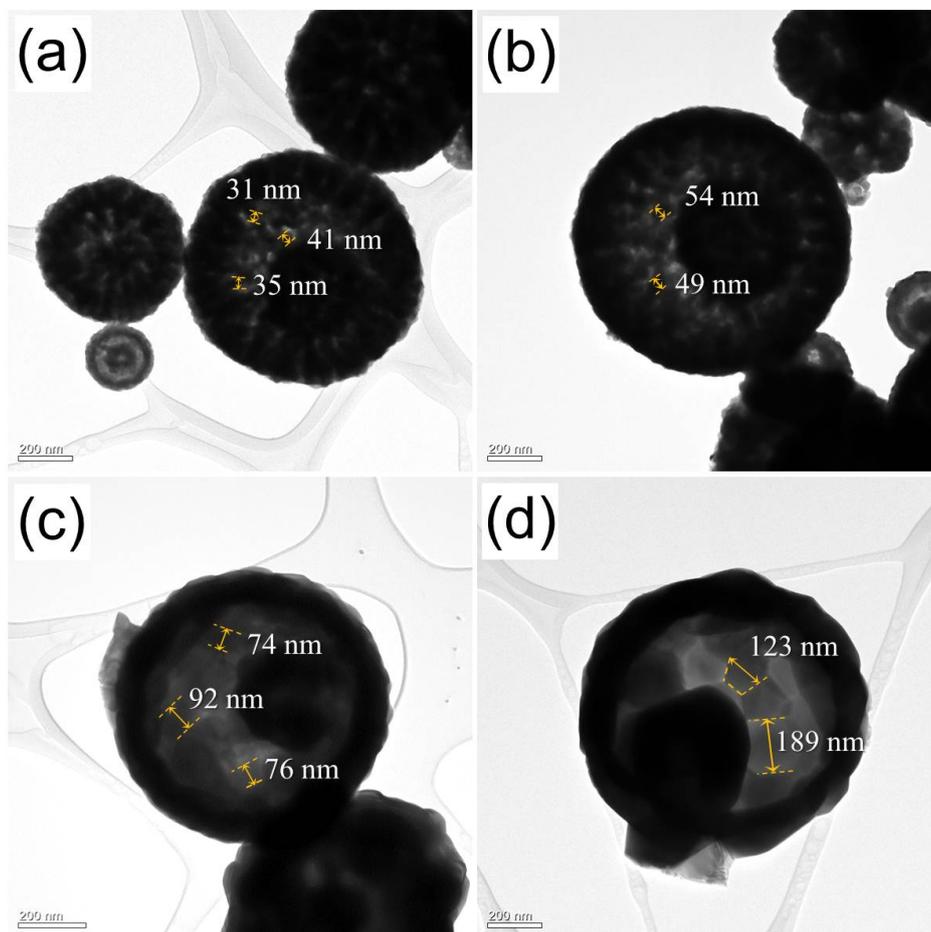


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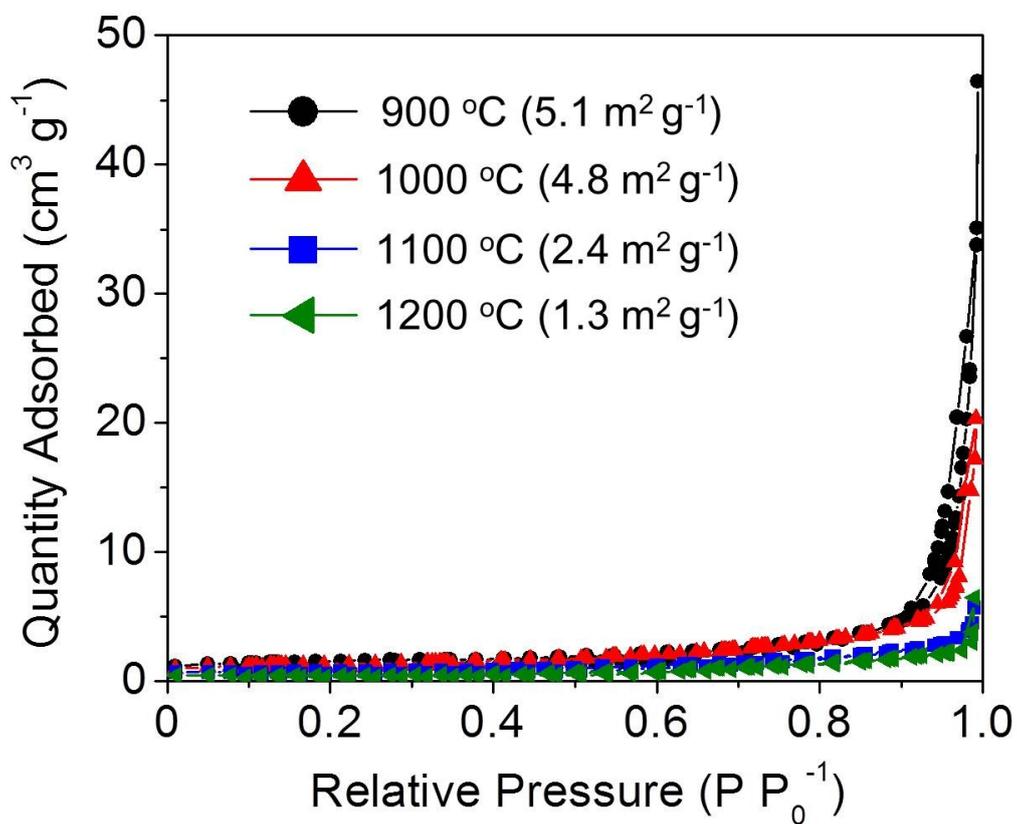


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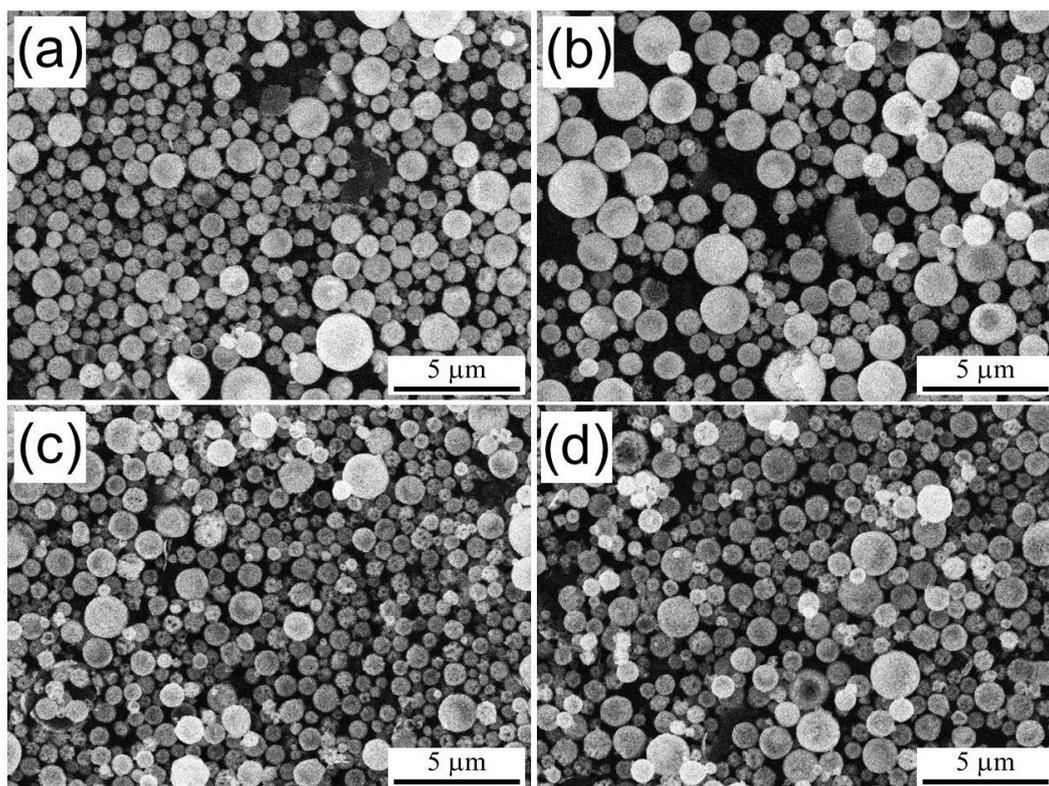


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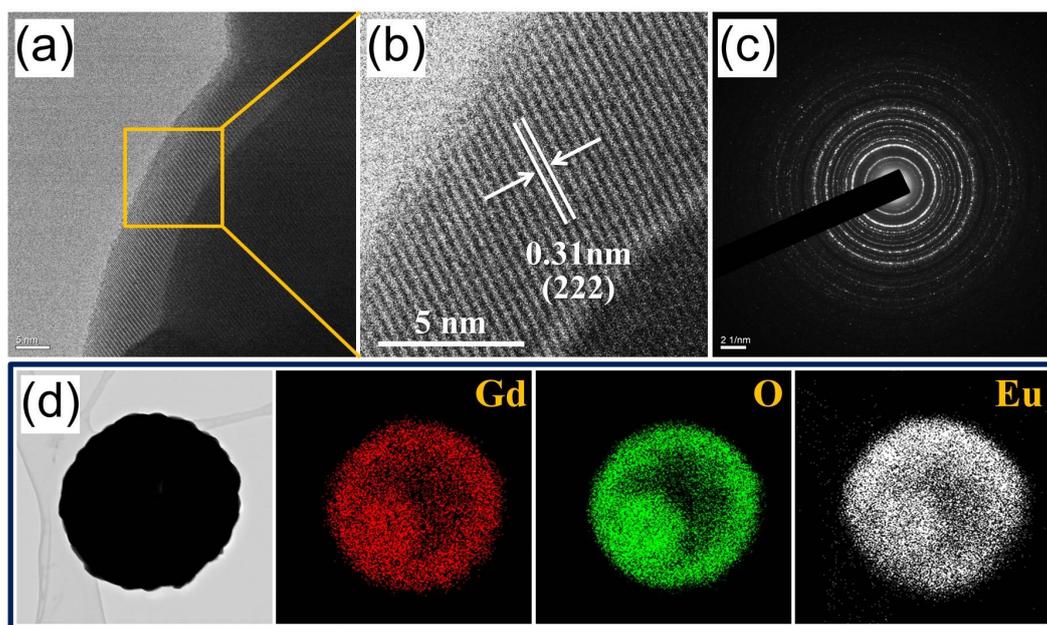


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