

**Electronic supplementary information (ESI)**

**Metal–support interaction modulated catalytic activity of Ru nanoparticles on Sm<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> for efficient ammonia decomposition**

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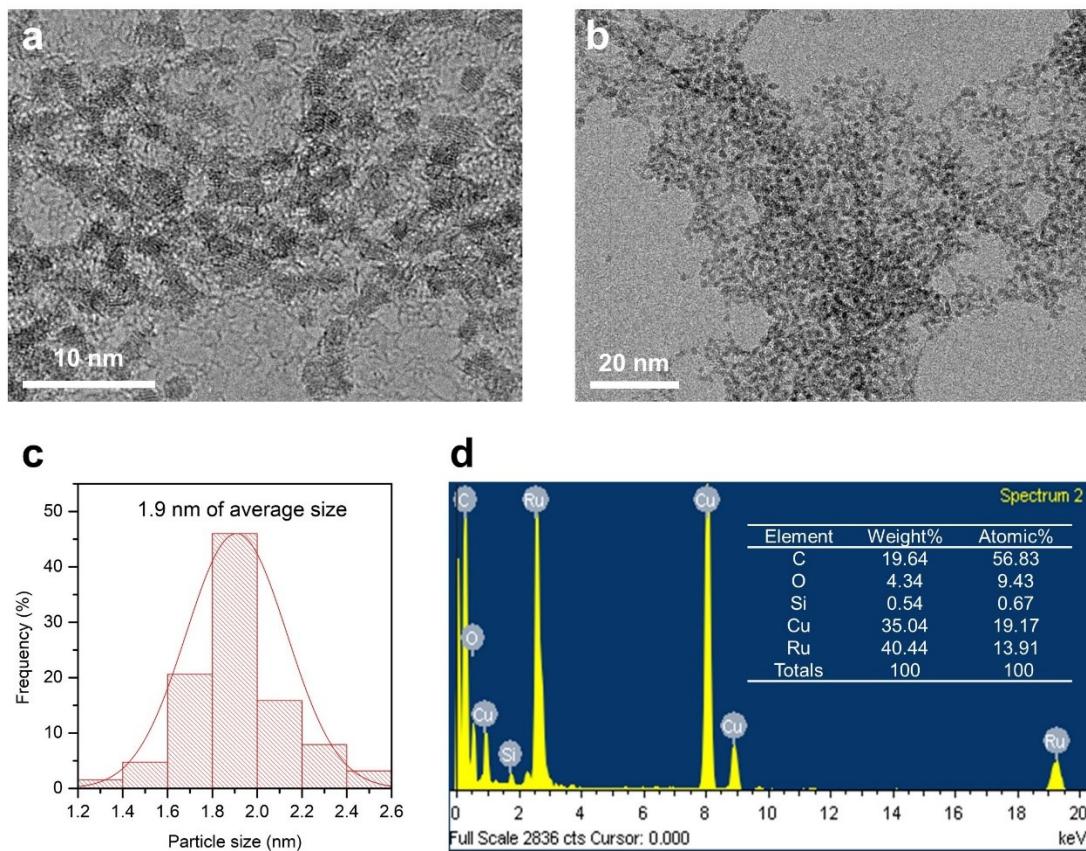


Fig. S1 TEM images in different scales (a–b), particle size distribution (c) and Energy Dispersive X-Ray (EDX) Spectroscopy (d) of RuO<sub>2</sub> NPs.

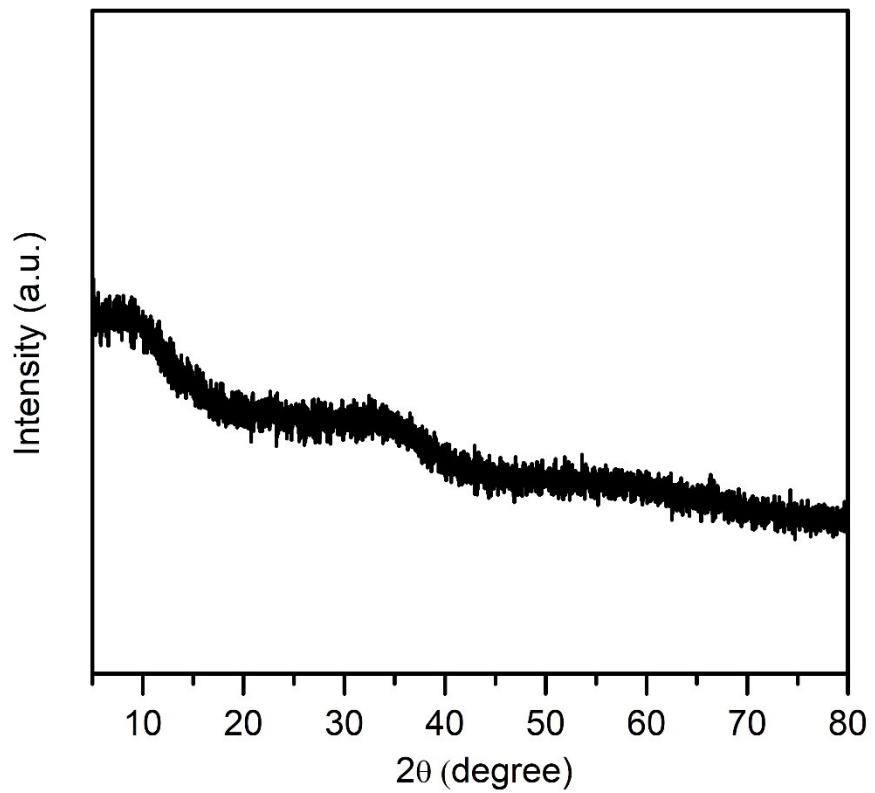


Fig. S2 XRD pattern of RuO<sub>2</sub> NPs.

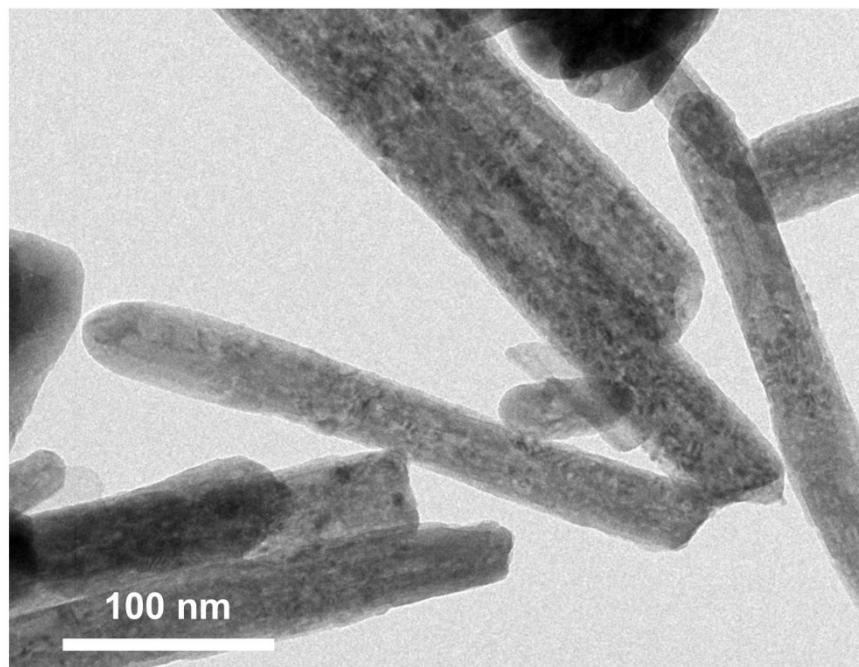


Fig. S3 TEM image of  $\text{Sm}(\text{OH})_3$  support.

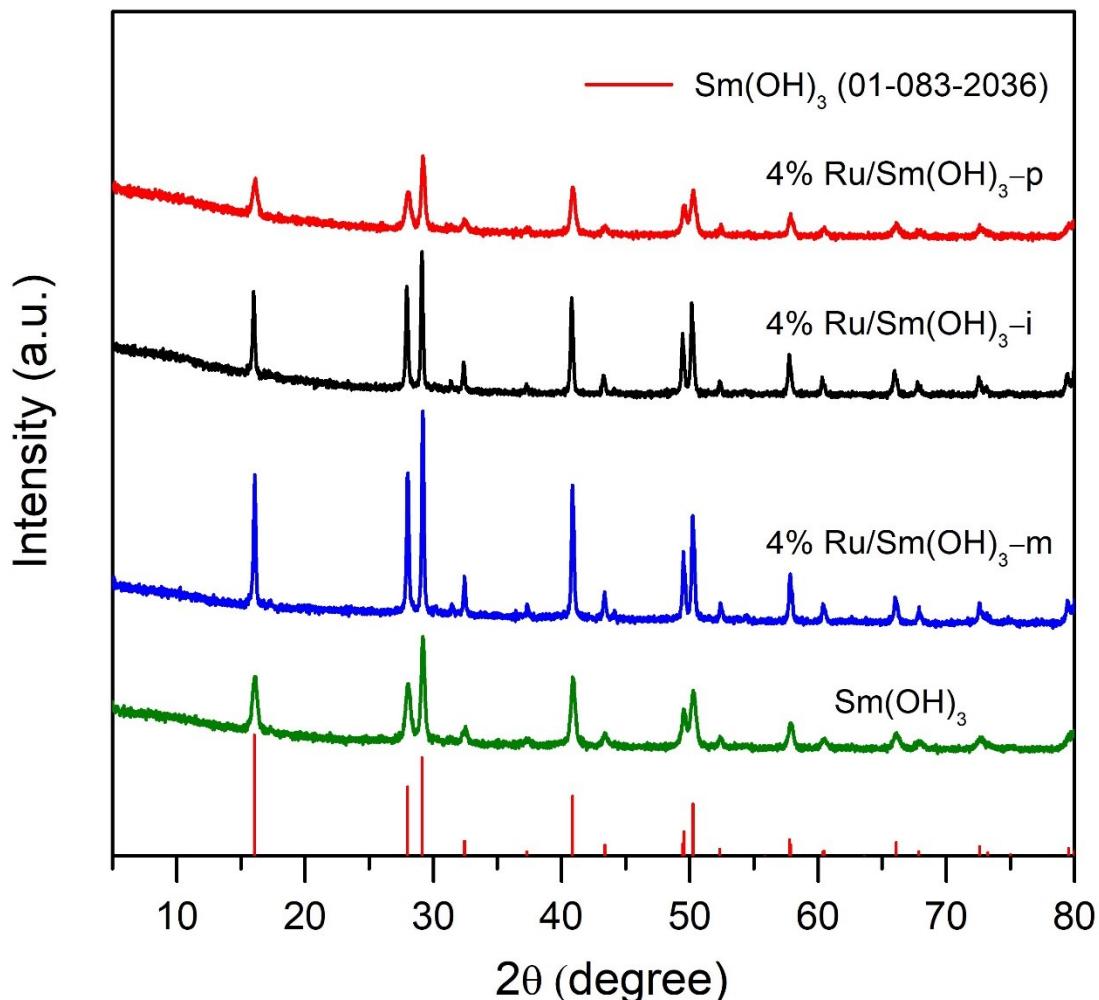


Fig. S4 XRD patterns of  $\text{Sm}(\text{OH})_3$ , 4% Ru/ $\text{Sm}(\text{OH})_3$ -m, 4% Ru/ $\text{Sm}(\text{OH})_3$ -i and 4% Ru/ $\text{Sm}(\text{OH})_3$ -p precursors.

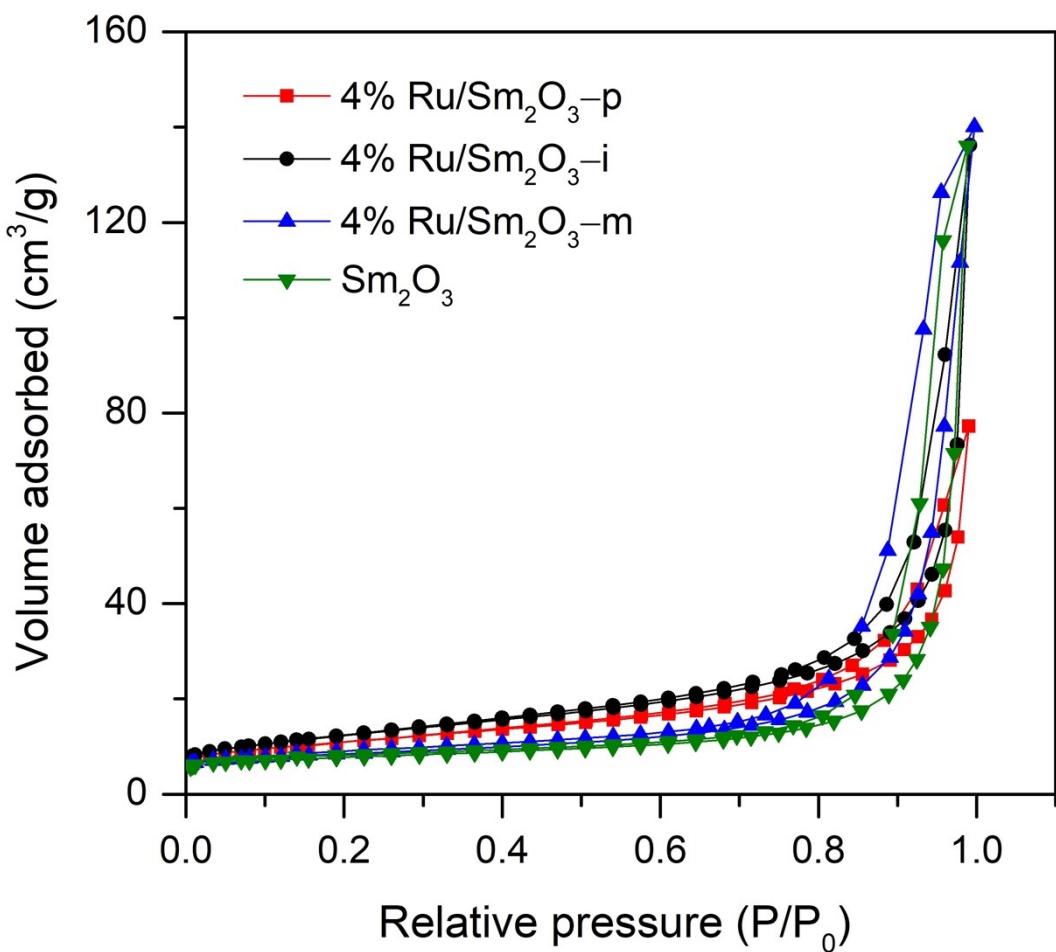


Fig. S5 N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms of Sm<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> support, 4% Ru/Sm<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-m, 4% Ru/Sm<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-i and 4% Ru/Sm<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-p catalysts.

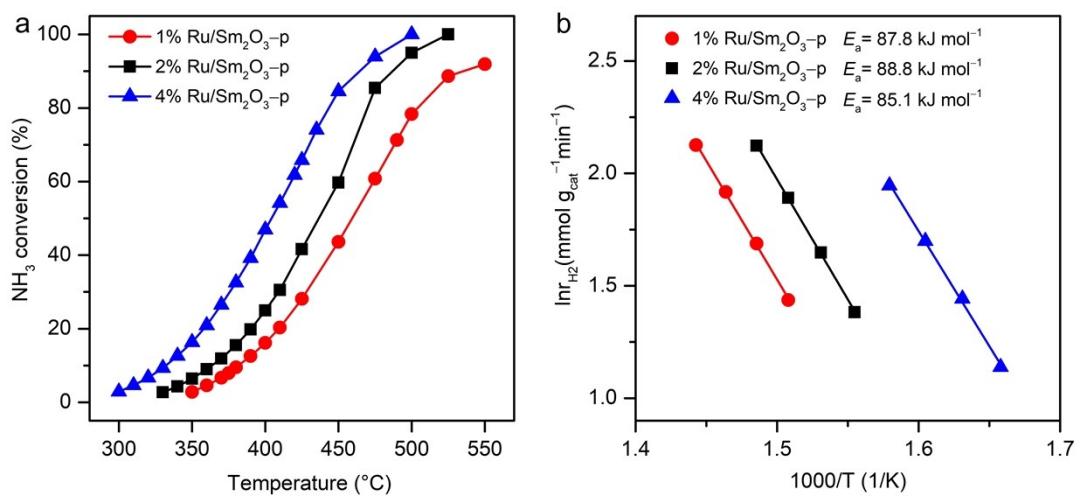


Fig. S6 Temperature-dependent NH<sub>3</sub> conversion (a) and Arrhenius plots (b) of Ru/Sm<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-p with different Ru mass loadings. WHSV= 30,000 mL g<sub>cat</sub><sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>.