

# Supporting Information

## Rapid, Efficient and Controllable Photo-assisted Polysulfide Sealing Over MnO<sub>2</sub>

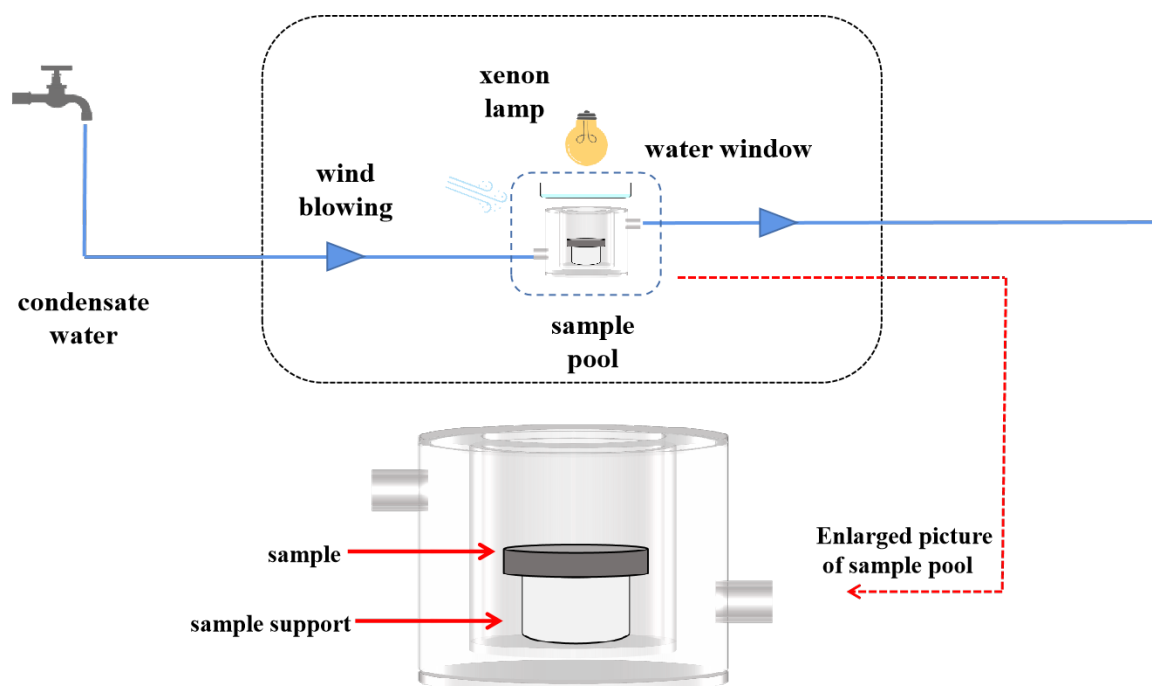
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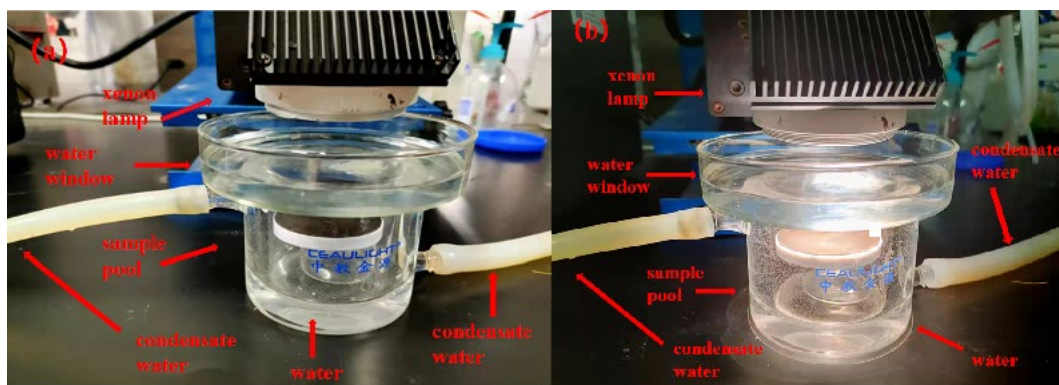
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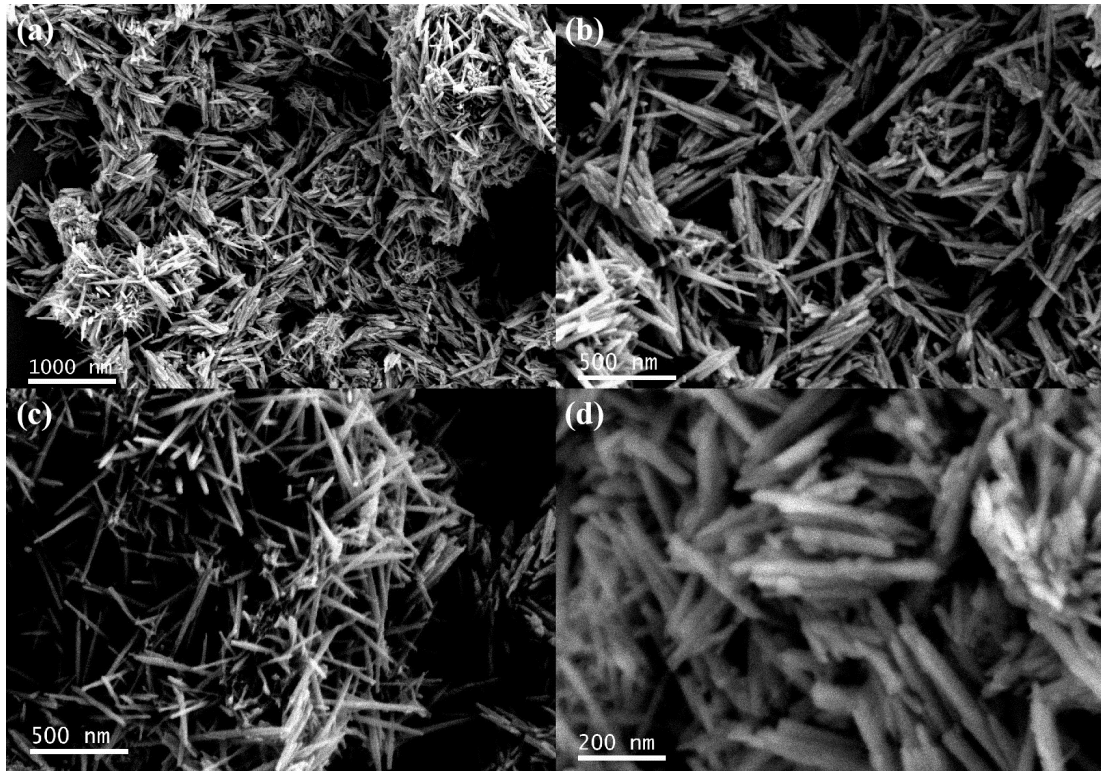
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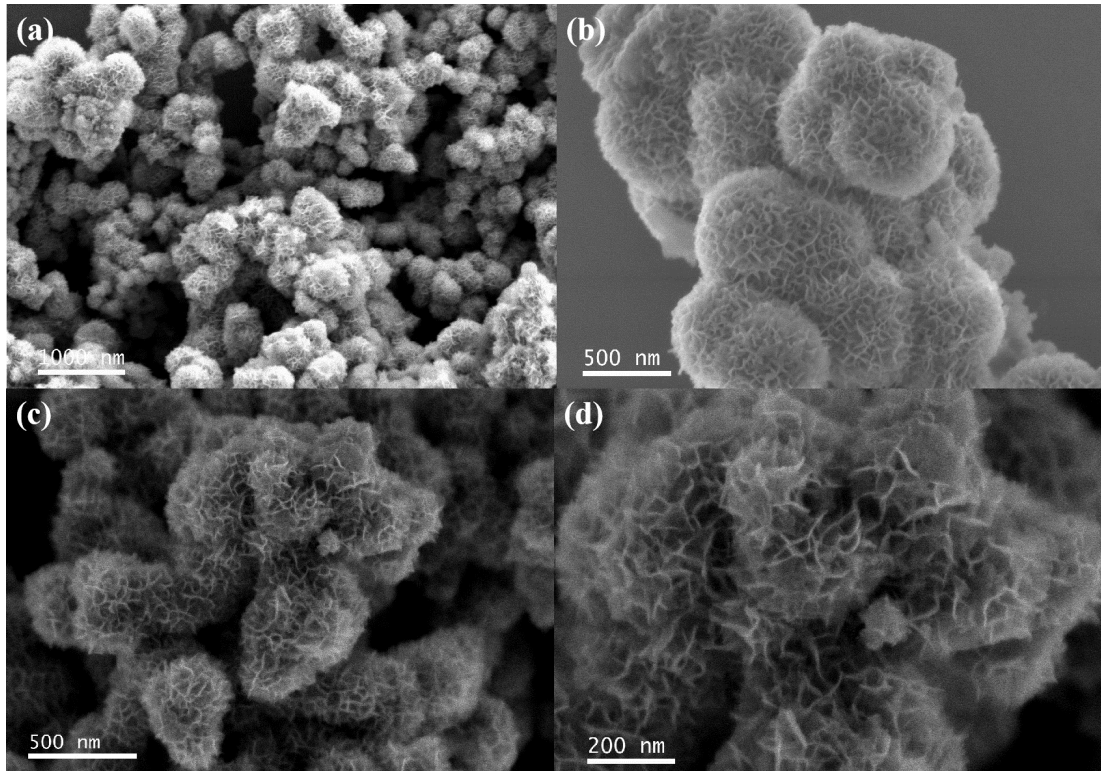
**Figure S1.** Diagram of glass reactor for photo-assisted polysulfide curing.



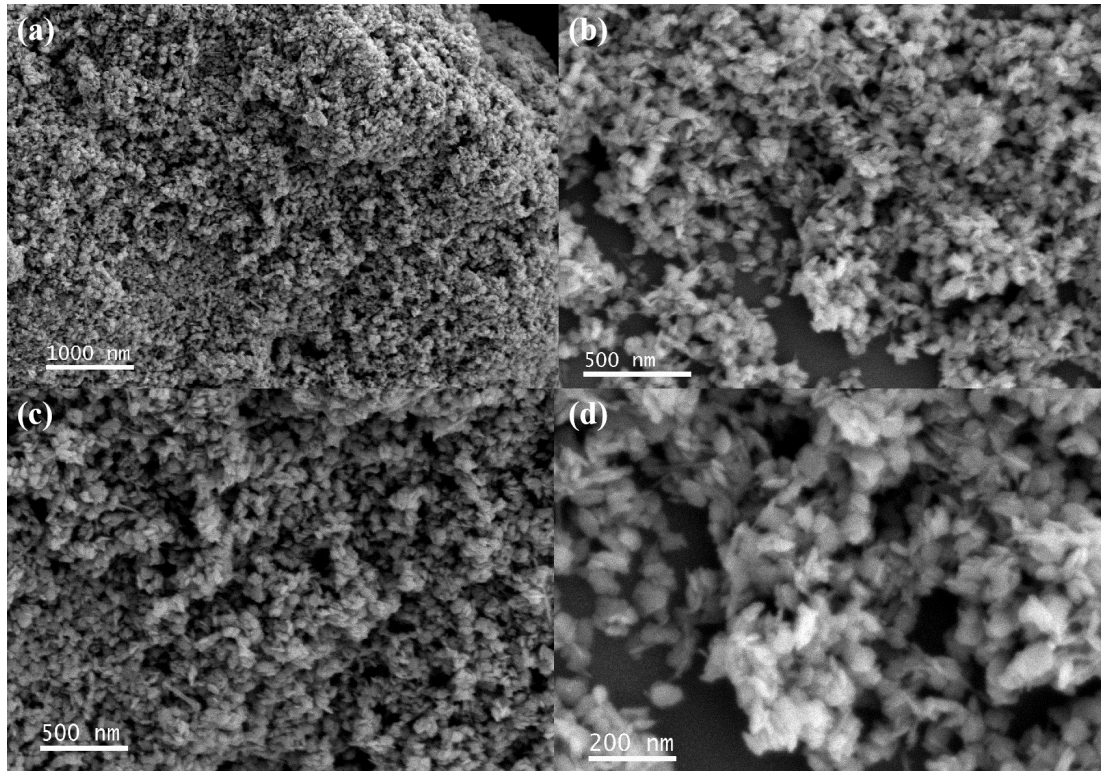
**Figure S2.** The photo-assisted polysulfide curing device physical drawing of the glass reactor with water window. (a) turning off light, (b) turning on light.



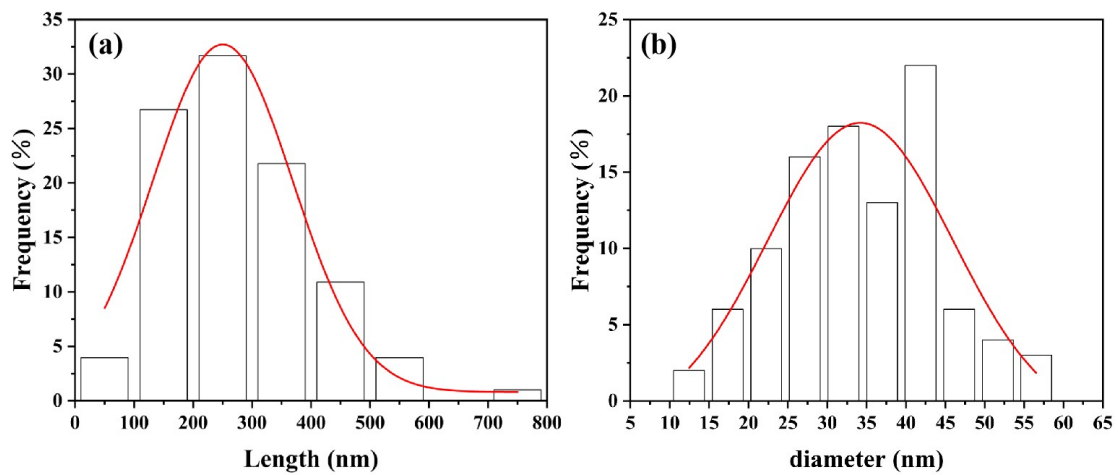
**Figure S3.** SEM images of  $\alpha$ - $\text{MnO}_2$  at different resolutions (a) 1000 nm, (b) 500 nm, (c) 500 nm, (d) 200 nm.



**Figure S4.** SEM images of  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> at different resolutions (a) 1000 nm, (b) 500 nm, (c) 500 nm, (d) 200 nm.



**Figure S5.** SEM images of  $\gamma$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> at different resolutions (a) 1000 nm, (b) 500 nm, (c) 500 nm, (d) 200 nm.



**Figure S6.** The length distribution (a) and diameter distribution (b) of  $\alpha$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>.

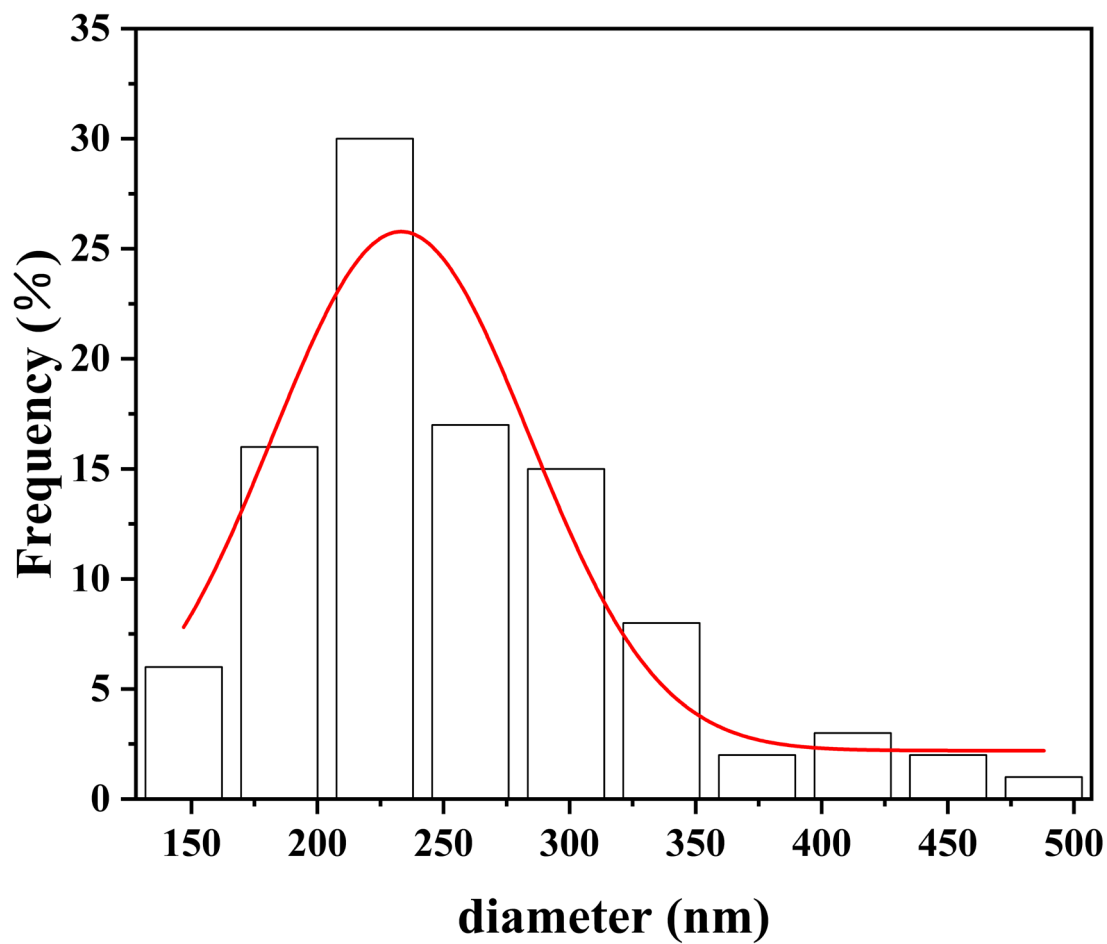
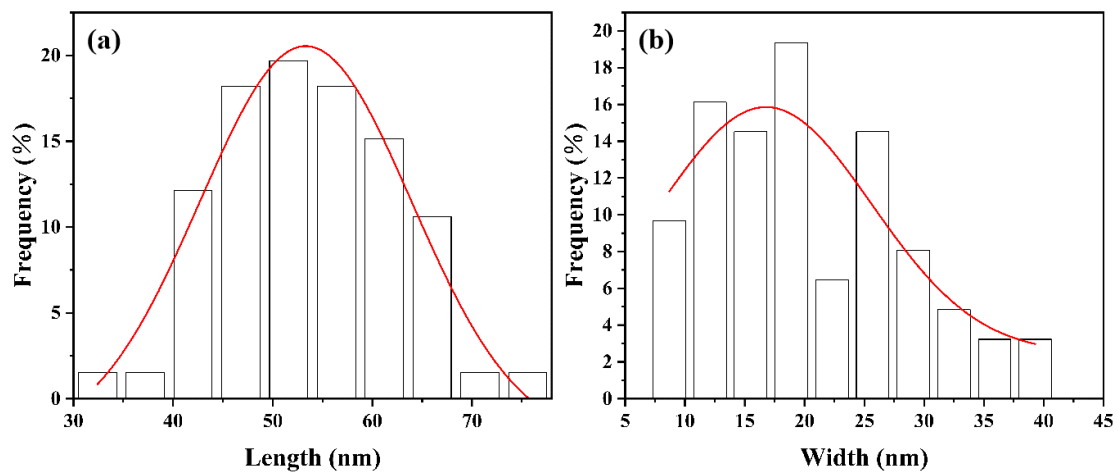
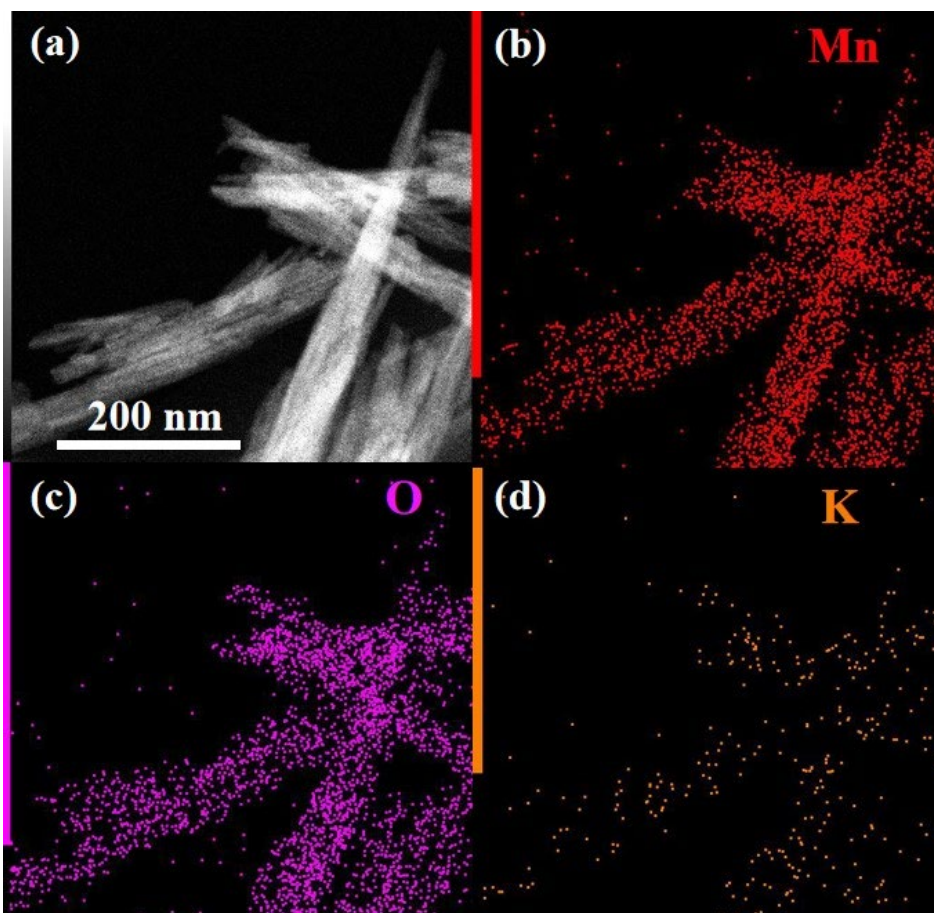


Figure S7. The diameter distribution of  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>.

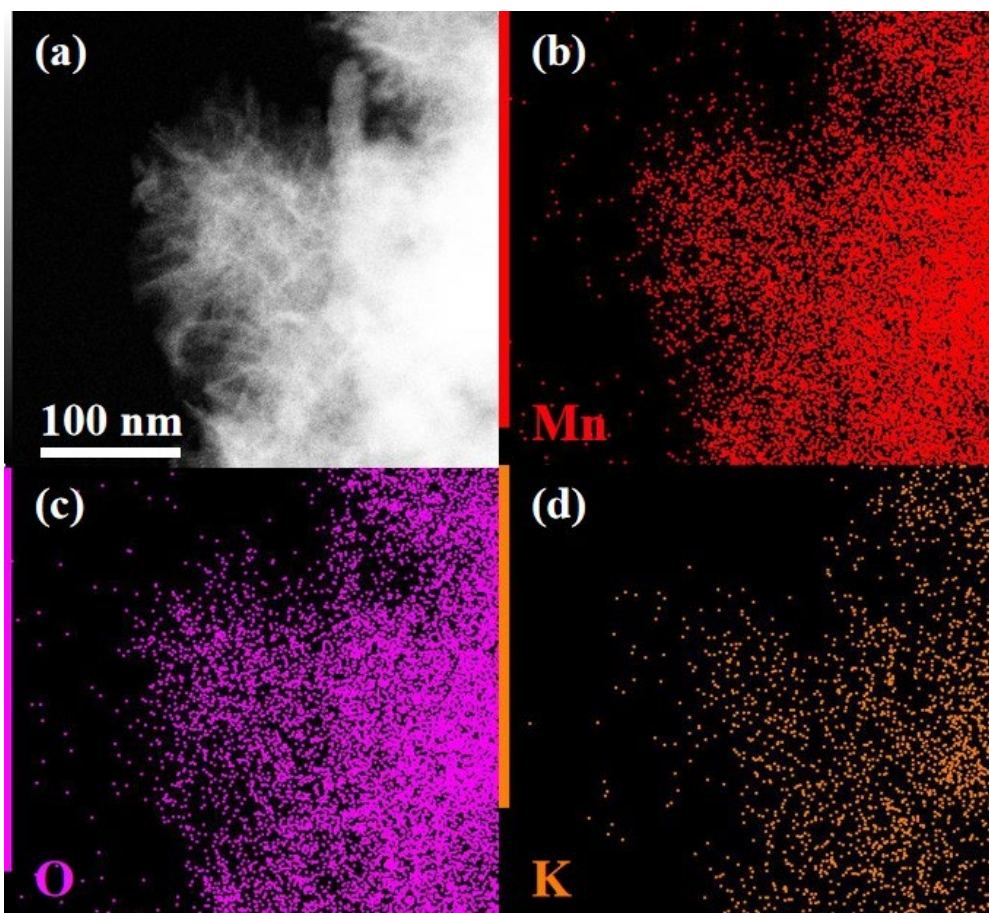




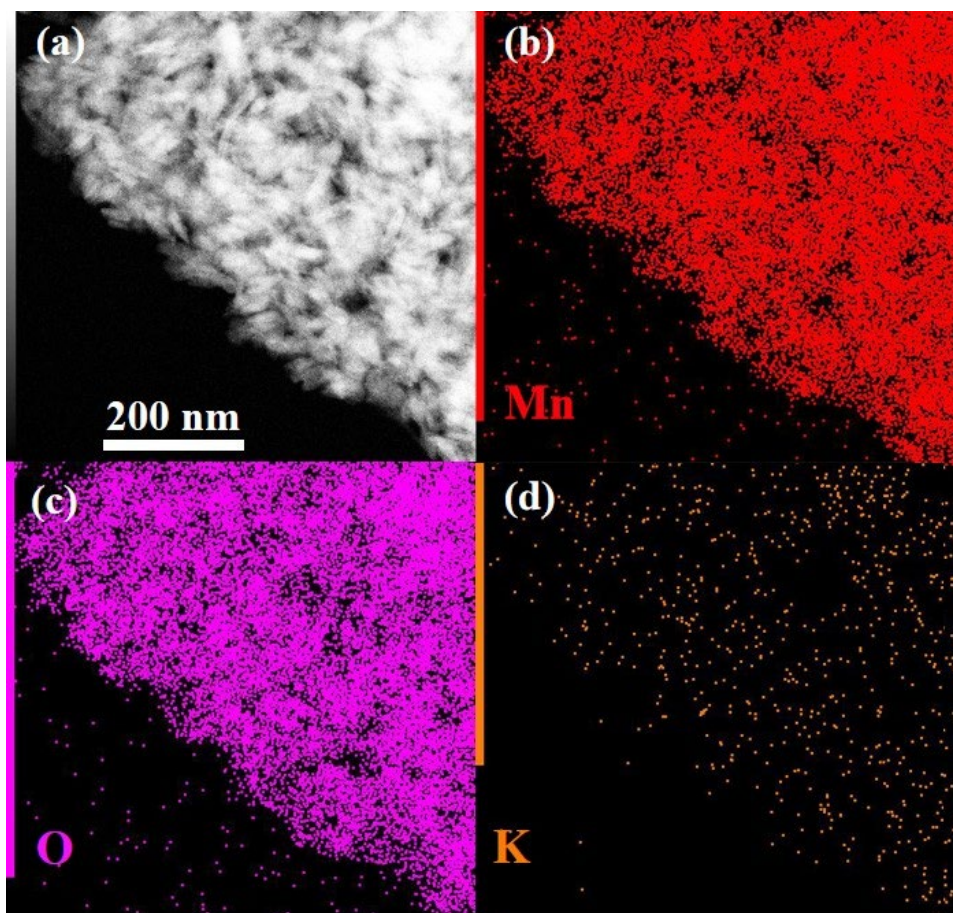
**Figure S8.** The length distribution (a) and width distribution (b) of  $\gamma$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>.



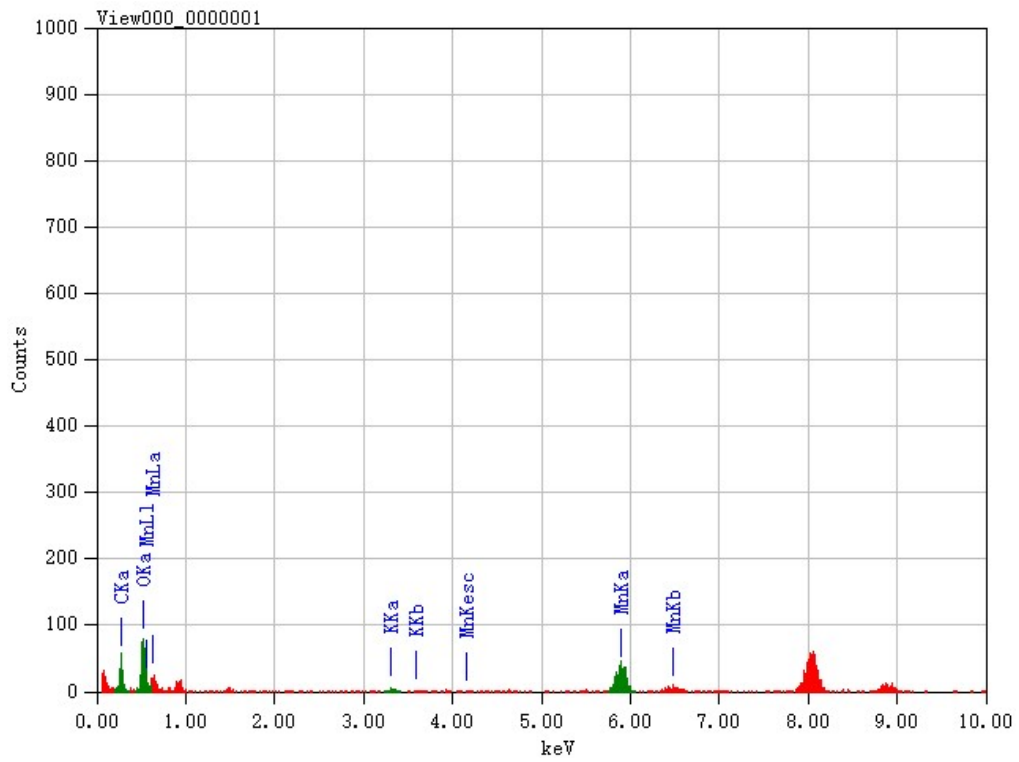
**Figure S9.** TEM images of  $\alpha$ - $\text{MnO}_2$  with a scale bar of 200 nm (a), EDX mapping of  $\alpha$ - $\text{MnO}_2$ , Mn (b), O (c), and K (d).



**Figure S10.** TEM images of  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> with a scale bar of 100 nm (a) and EDX mapping of  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>, Mn (b), O (c), and K (d).



**Figure S11.** TEM images of  $\gamma$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> with a scale bar of 200 nm (a) and EDX mapping of  $\gamma$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>, Mn (b), O (c), and K (d).



**Figure S12.** EDS spectra of  $\alpha$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>.

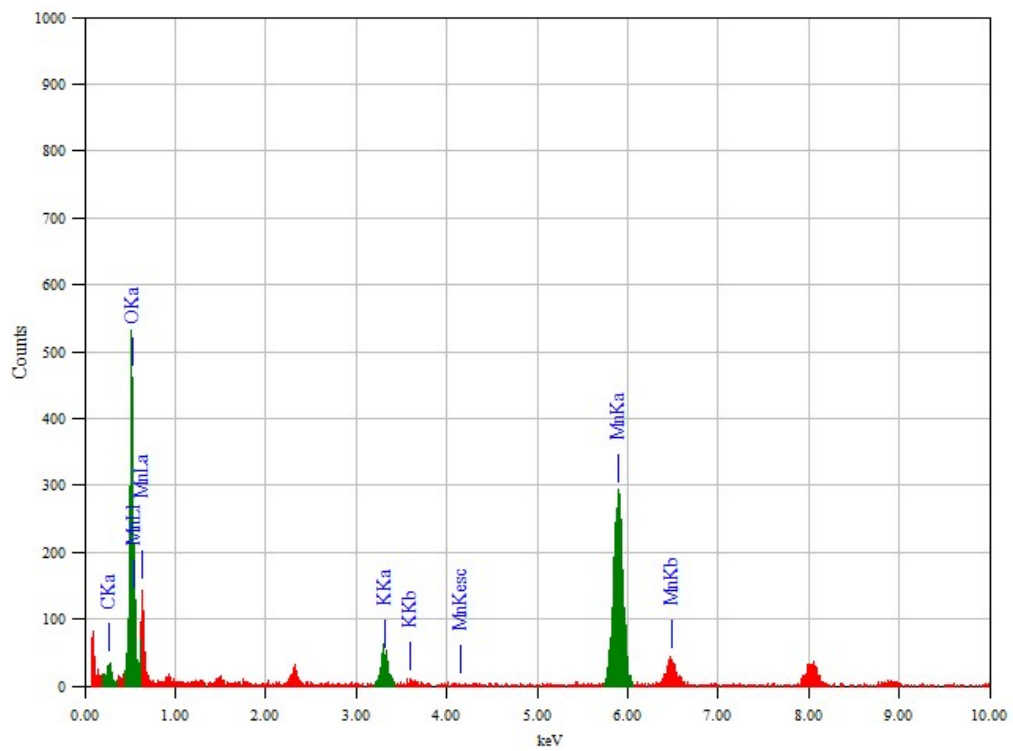


Figure S13. EDS spectra of  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>.

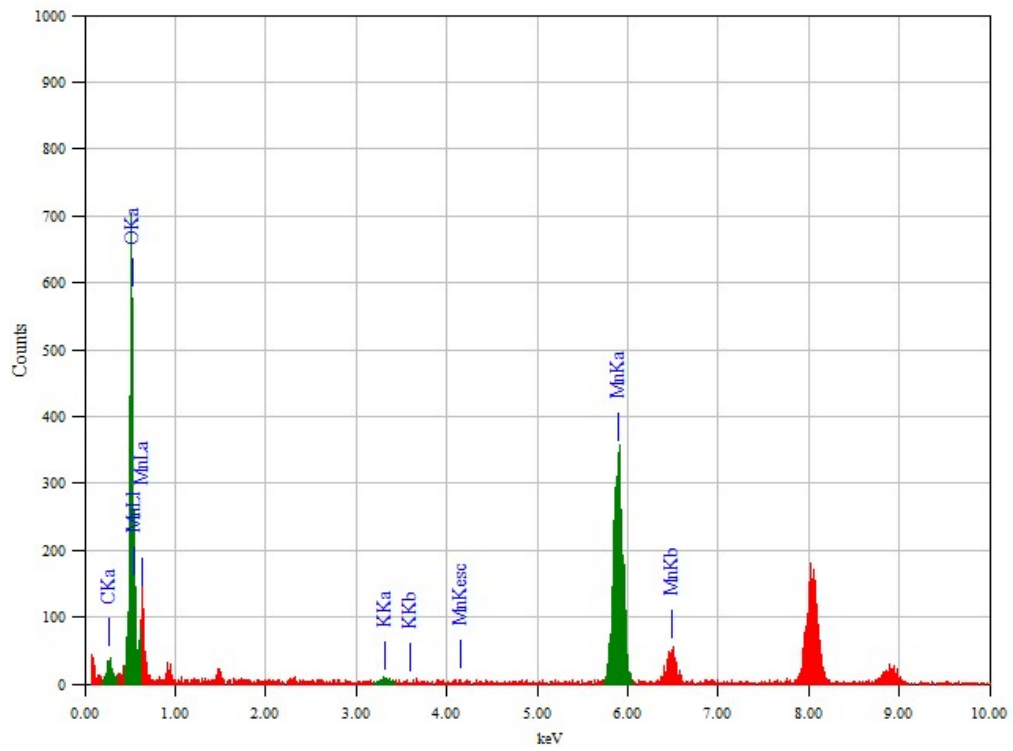
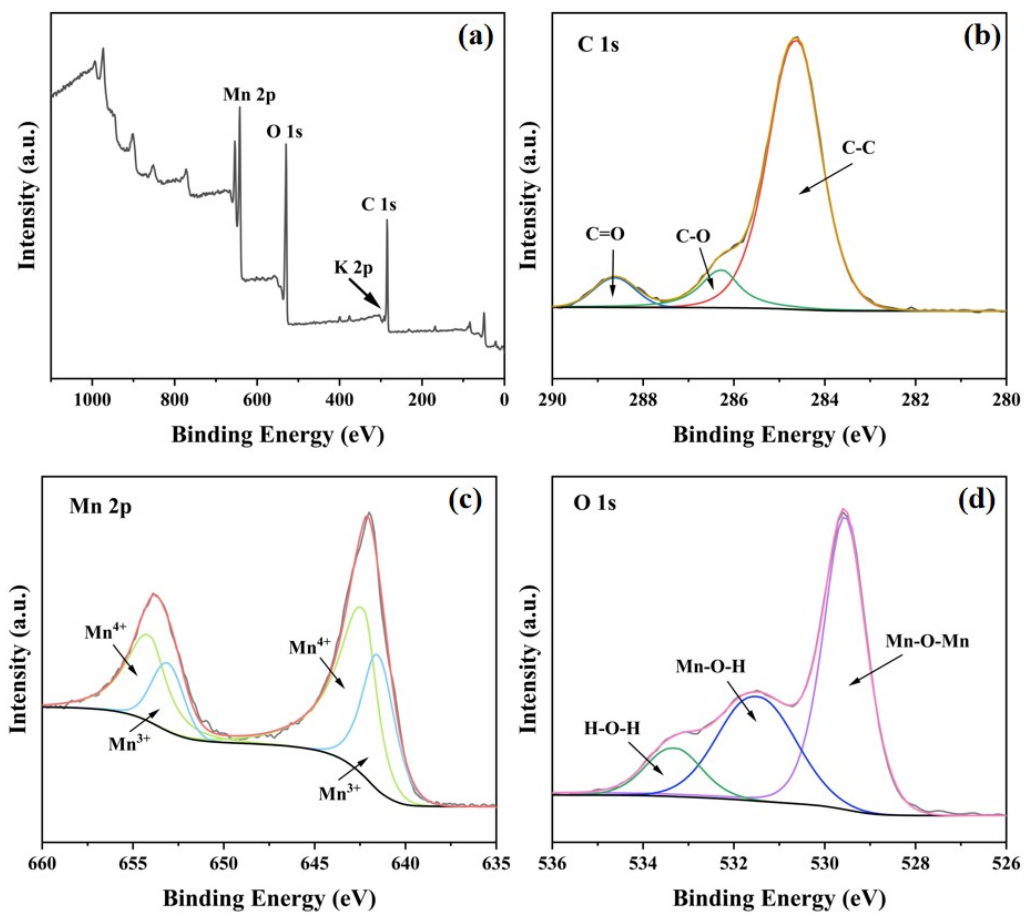


Figure S14. EDS spectra of  $\gamma$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S15.** XPS survey spectrum (a) spectrum of C 1s (b) Mn 2p (c) and O 1s (d) for  $\alpha$ - $\text{MnO}_2$ .



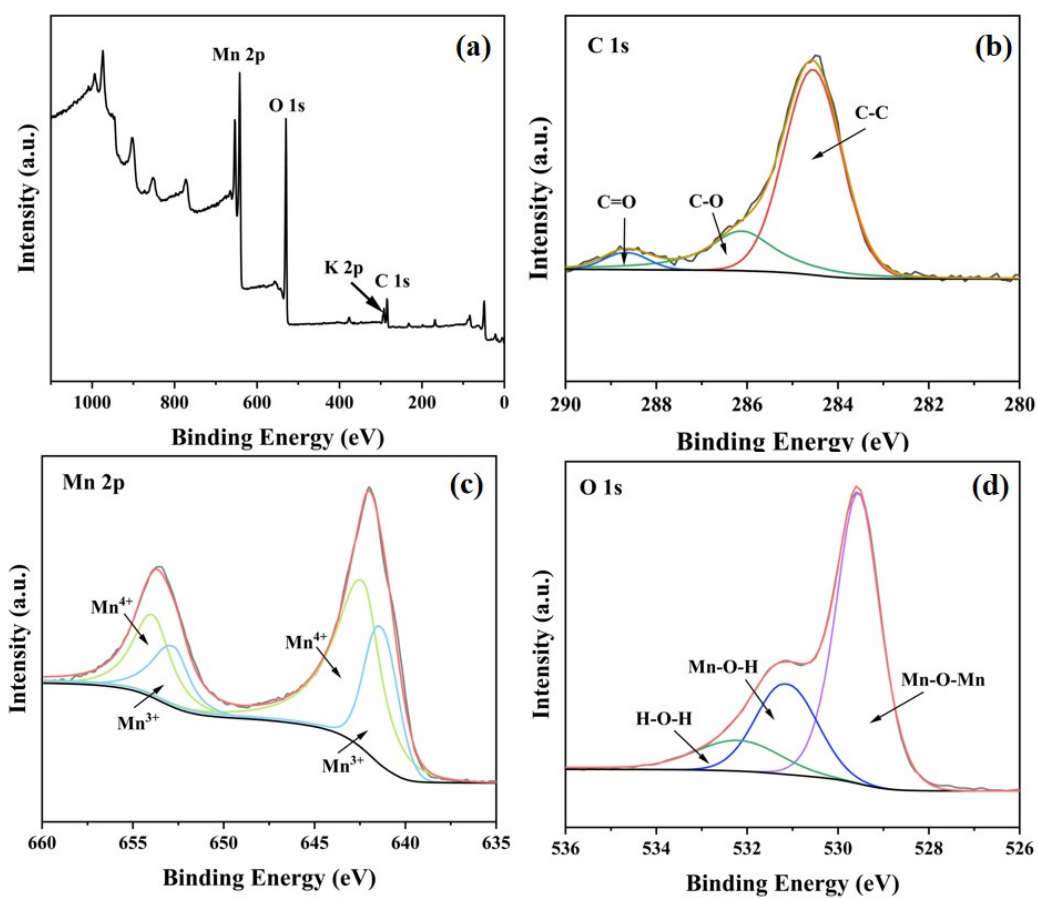
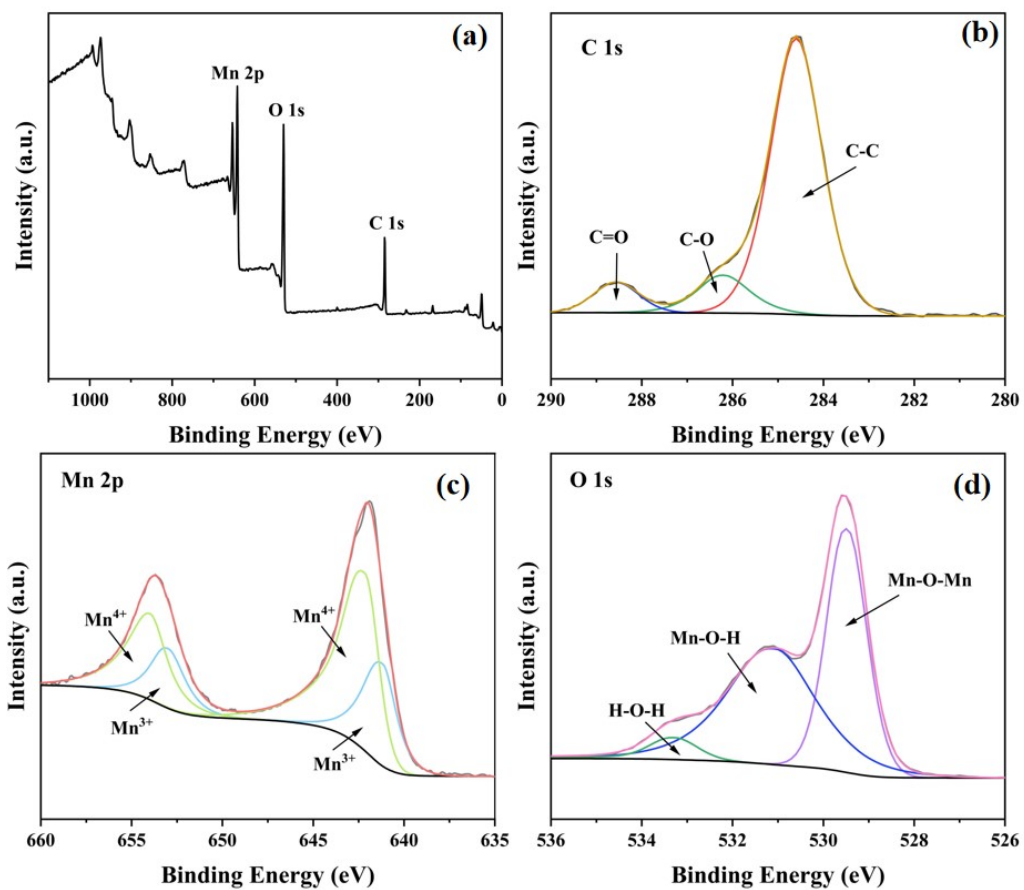
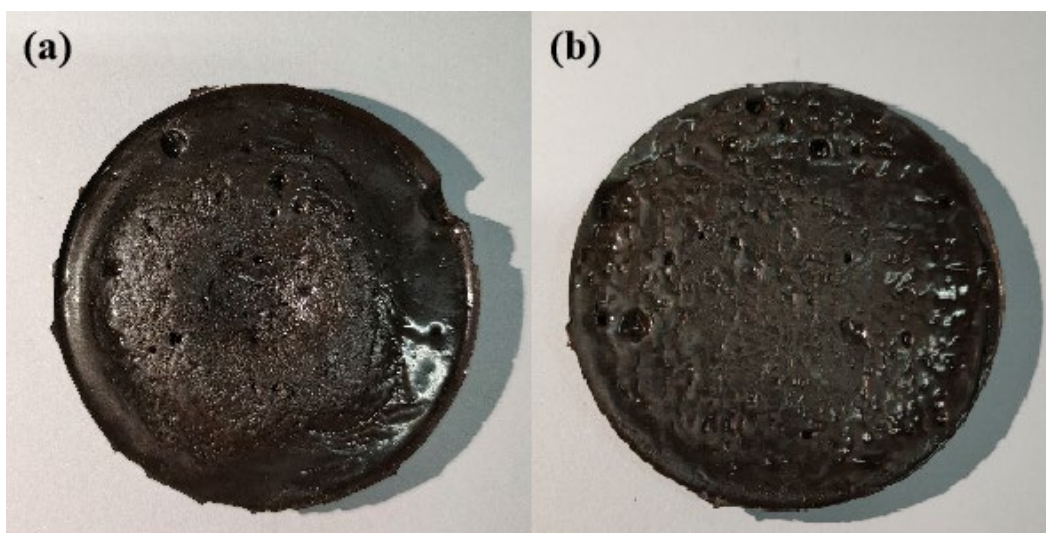


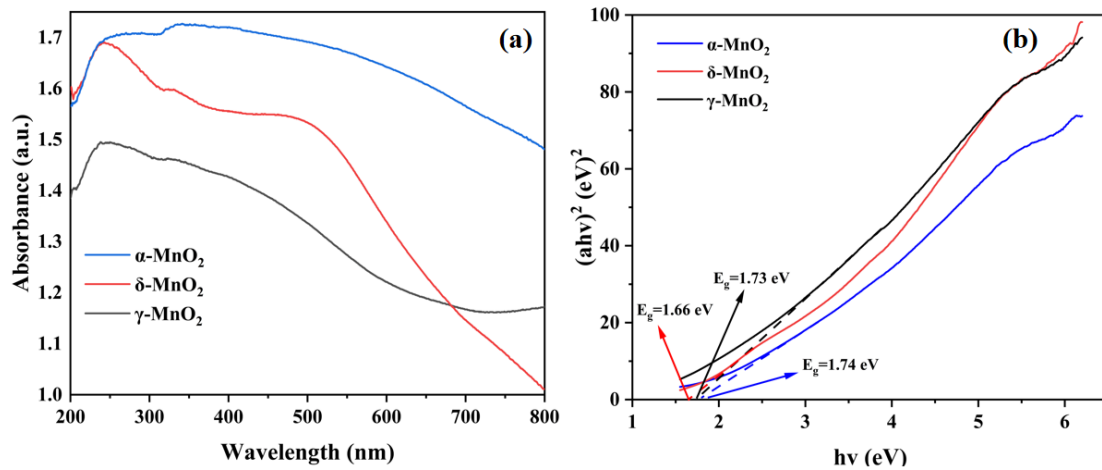
Figure S16. XPS survey spectrum (a) spectrum of C 1s (b) Mn 2p (c) and O 1s (d) for  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S17.** XPS survey spectrum (a) spectrum of C 1s (b) Mn 2p (c) and O 1s (d) for  $\gamma$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S18.** The polysulfide sealant photos over  $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$  under different conditions: (a) the position of rubber was fixed, (b) the rubber was uniformly shaken.



**Figure S19.** UV-Visible diffuse reflectance spectra of MnO<sub>2</sub> (a), and Tauc's plot for MnO<sub>2</sub> (b).

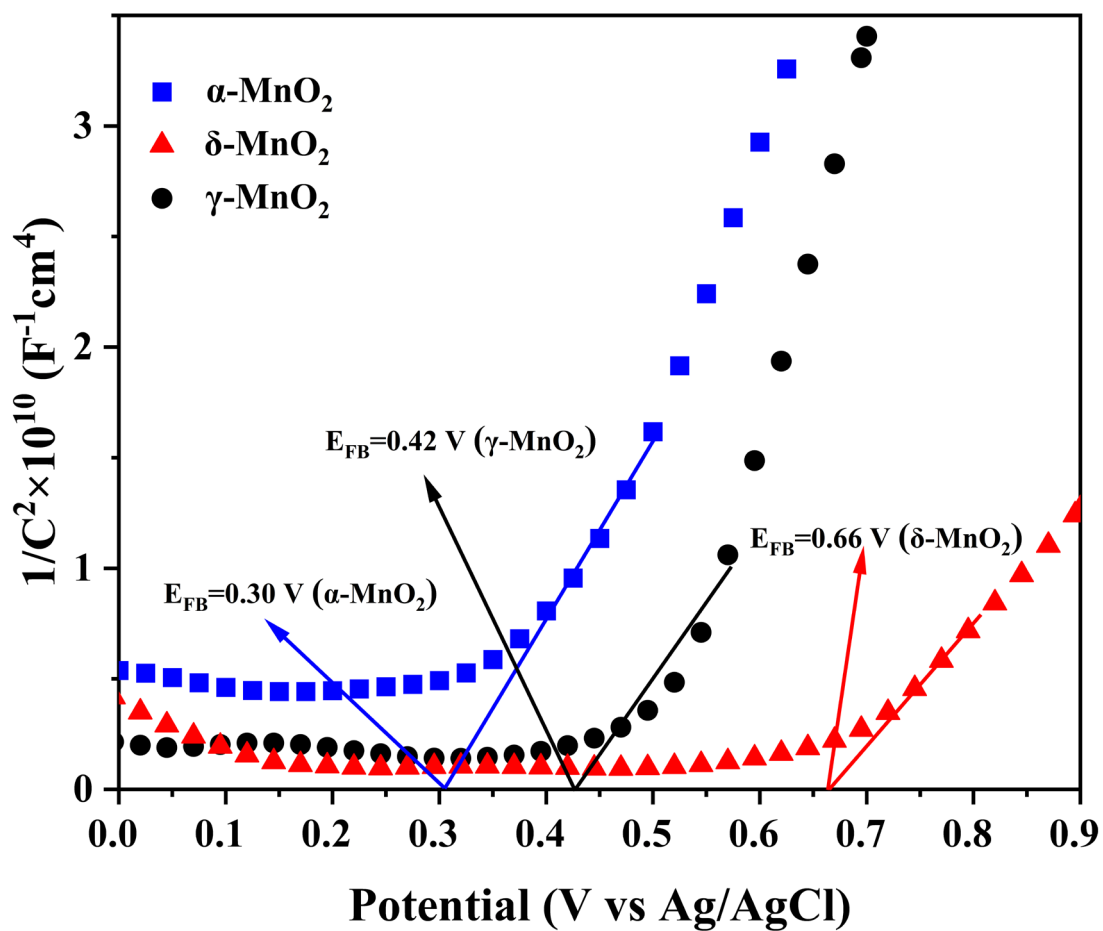


Figure S20. Mott-Schottky plot of MnO<sub>2</sub> in 0.5 M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution at 1000 Hz.

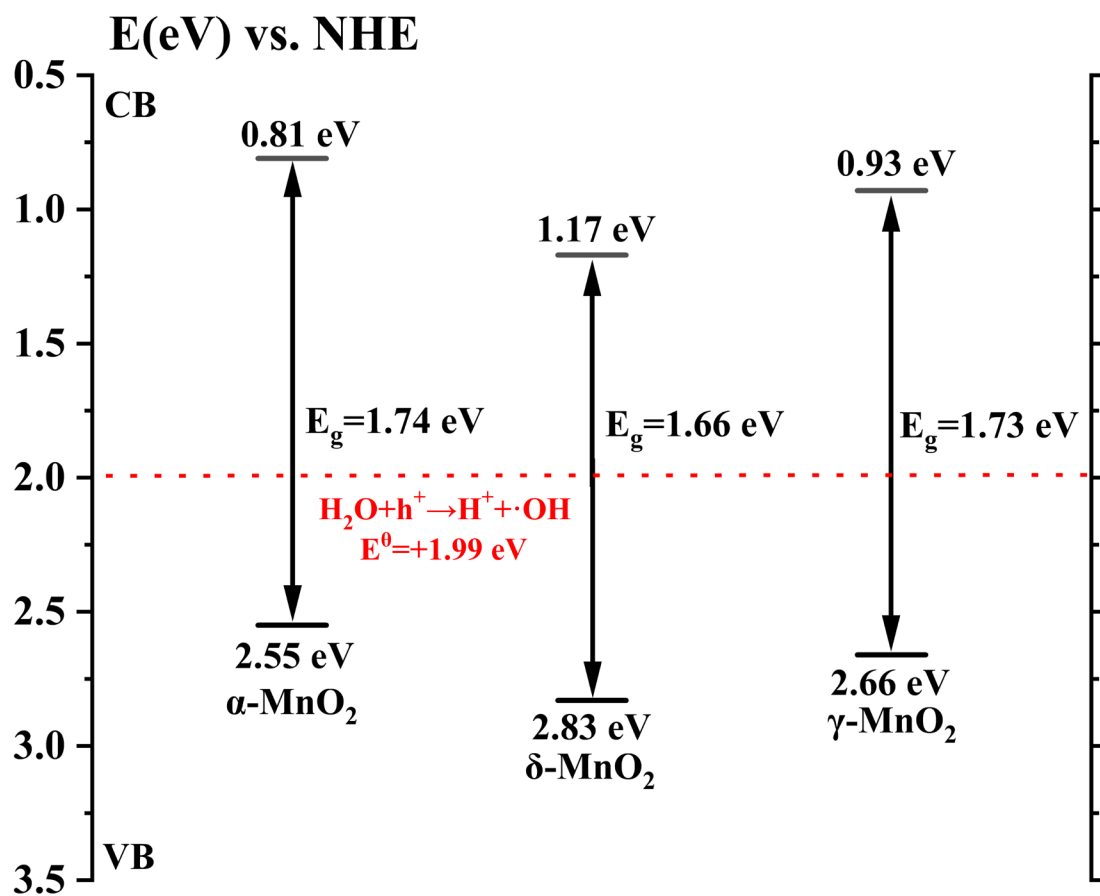
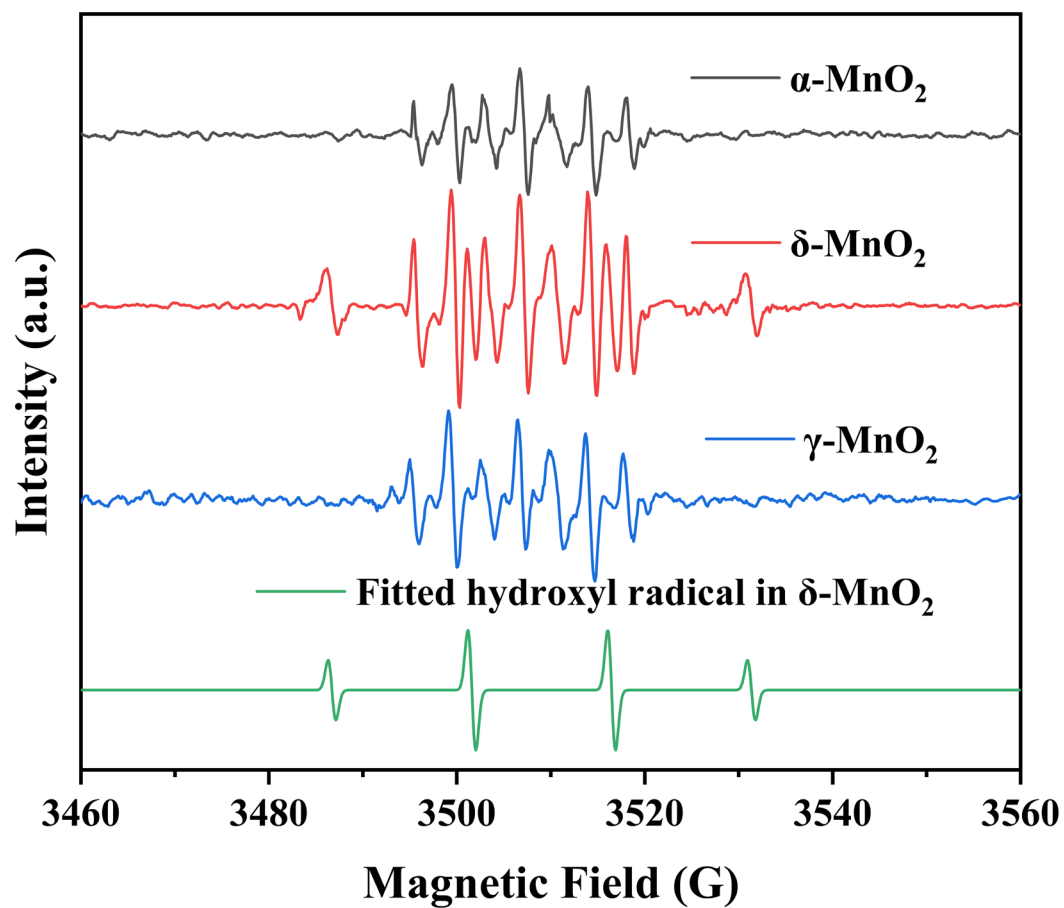


Figure S21. Diagram of energy band structure.



**Figure S22.** ESR spectra of  $\alpha$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>,  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>,  $\gamma$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> and fitted hydroxyl radical in  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>.

**Table S1.** Content of Mn and O elements in  $\alpha$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>,  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>,  $\gamma$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>.

	$\alpha$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	$\delta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	$\gamma$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>
<b>Mass % (Mn)</b>	33.27	54.72	55.80
<b>Mass % (O)</b>	28.71	36.76	40.19
<b>Atom % (Mn)</b>	11.07	26.91	26.46
<b>Atom % (O)</b>	32.79	62.09	65.42
<b>Mass % (K)</b>	1.62	5.23	0.39
<b>Atom % (K)</b>	0.76	3.62	0.26
<b>Mass % (C)</b>	36.40	3.28	3.63
<b>Atom % (C)</b>	55.38	7.38	7.86
<b>O/Mn</b>	2.96	2.31	2.47



**Table S2.** Summary of the results of the XPS analysis.

	$\alpha$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	$\delta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	$\gamma$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>
<b>K %</b>	0.29	1.37	0
<b>C %</b>	33.7	9.44	25.92
<b>Mn %</b>	8.40	14.79	10.28
<b>O %</b>	25.88	32.23	28.41
<b>K/ Mn %</b>	0.035	0.093	0
<b>Mn<sup>4+</sup>/ Mn %</b>	63.27	62.97	66.48
<b>O/Mn</b>	3.08	2.18	2.76