

**Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for**

**Metal-organic framework derived trimetallic oxides with dual  
sensing functions for ethanol**

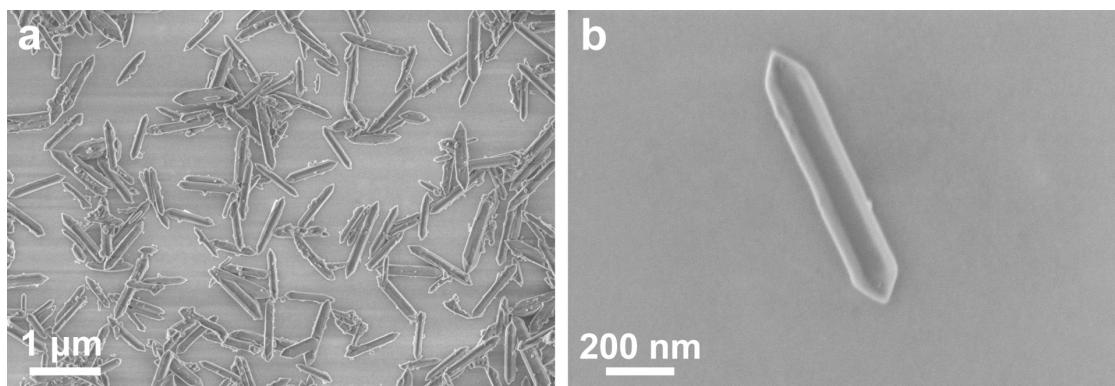
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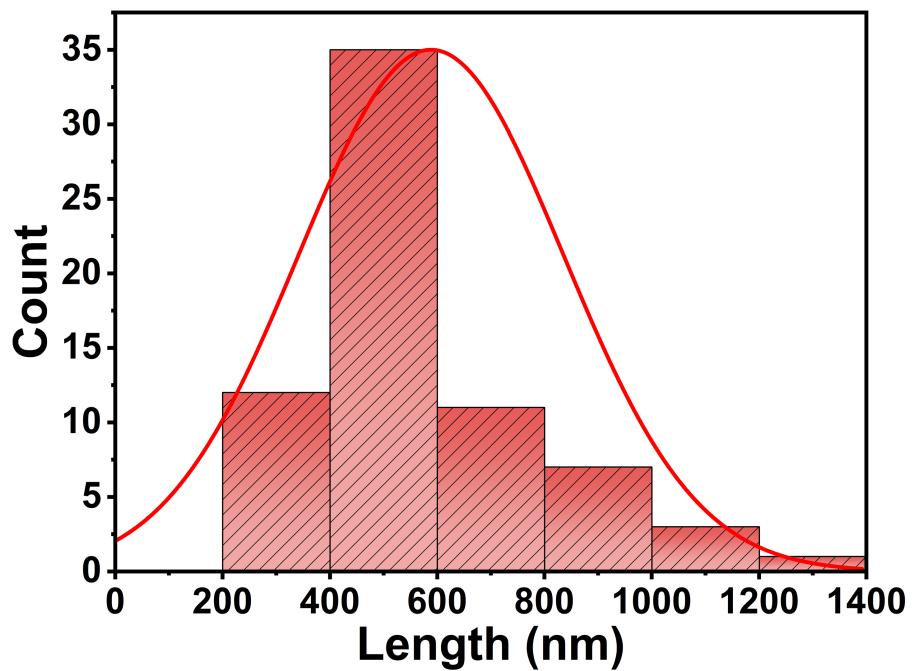
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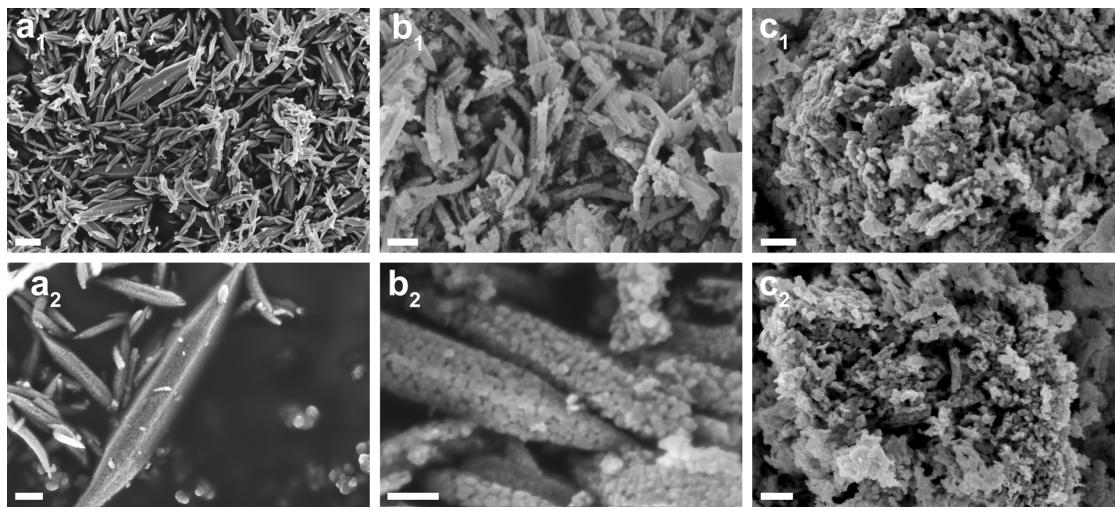
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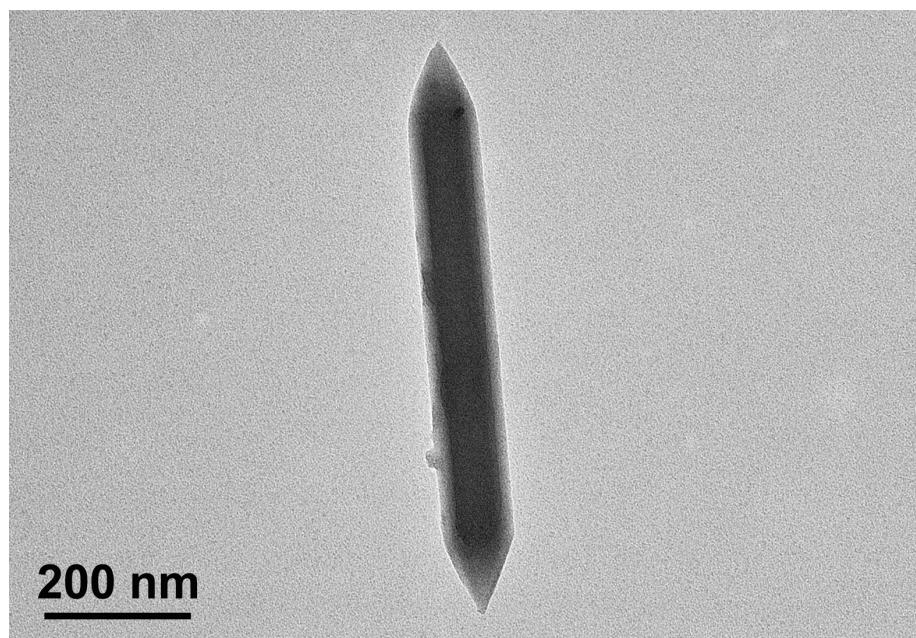
**Fig. S1** FE-SEM images of the Fe-MIL-88B template with different resolutions.



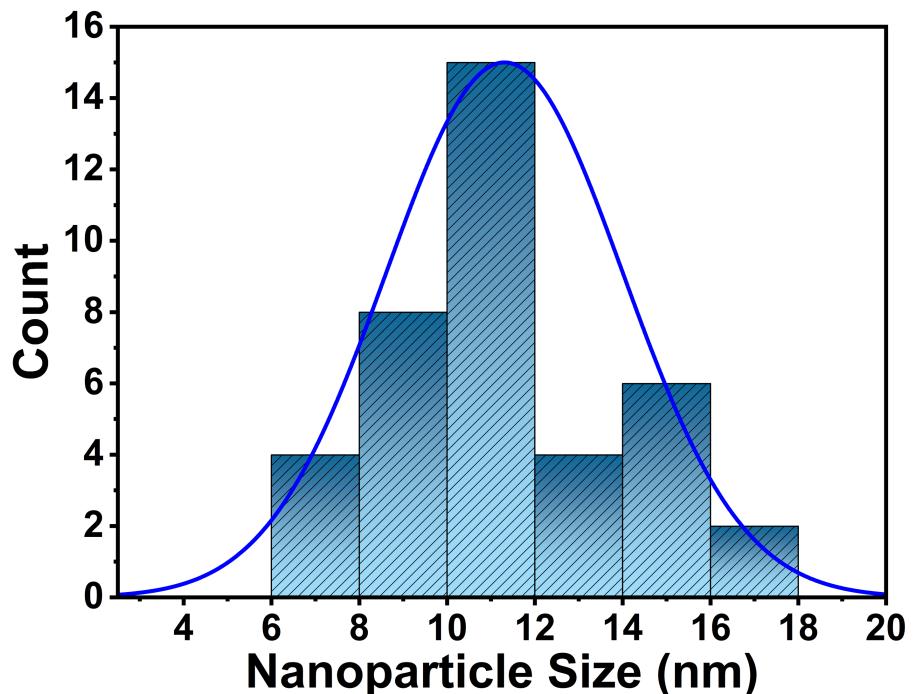
**Fig. S2** Length distribution of elongated hexagonal rods of  $\text{Fe}_7\text{Co}_{1.5}\text{Ni}_{1.5}$ .



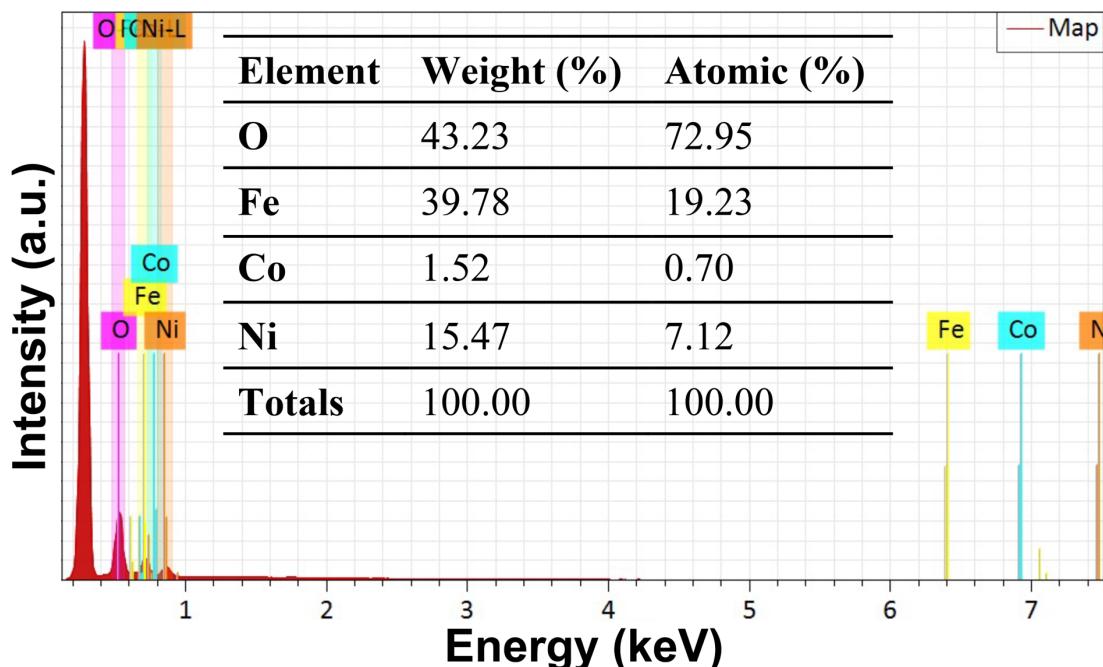
**Fig. S3** SEM images of (a1, 2)  $\text{Fe}_6\text{Co}_2\text{Ni}_2$ , (b1, 2)  $\text{Fe}_4\text{Co}_4\text{Ni}_2$ , and (c1, 2)  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Co}_6\text{Ni}_2$ , respectively. Scale bar: 200 nm.



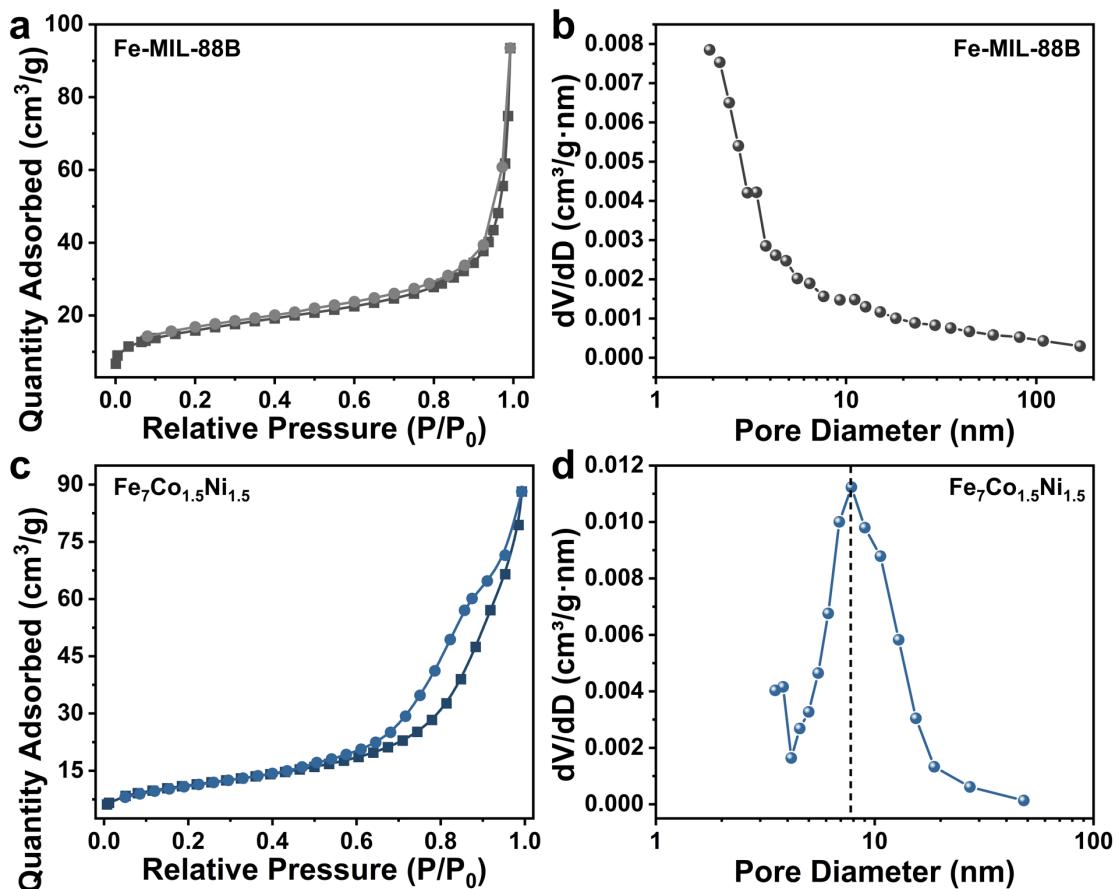
**Fig. S4** TEM image of the Fe-MIL-88B template.



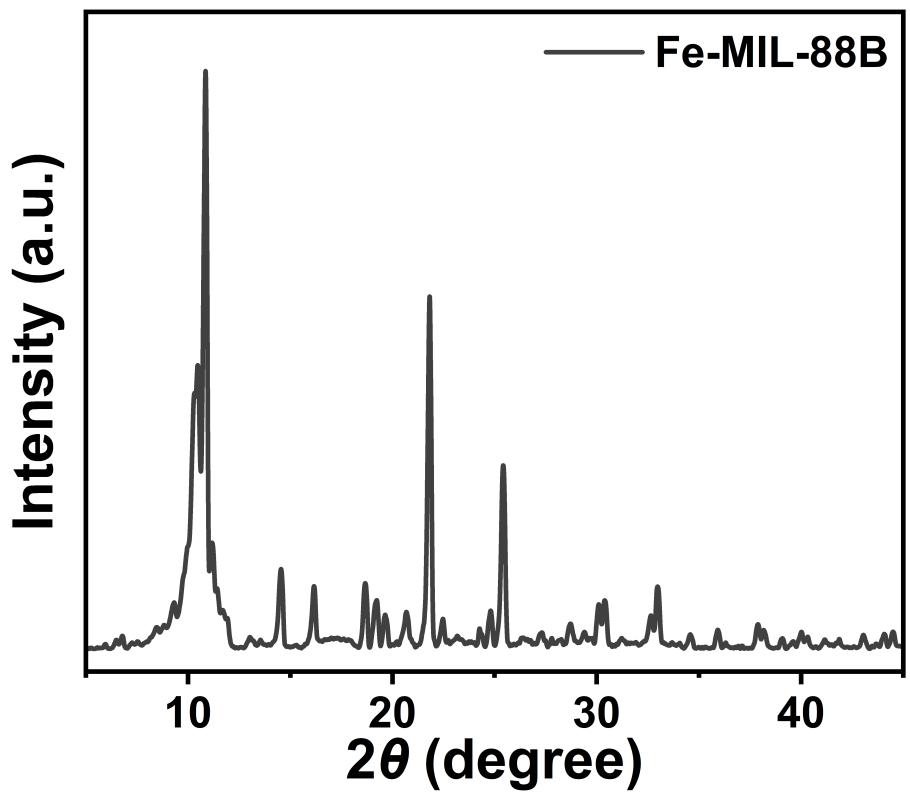
**Fig. S5** Size distribution of nanoparticles of  $\text{Fe}_7\text{Co}_{1.5}\text{Ni}_{1.5}$ .



**Fig. S6** EDS spectrum and contents (inset) of  $\text{Fe}_7\text{Co}_{1.5}\text{Ni}_{1.5}$ .



**Fig. S7**  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms of (a) Fe-MIL-88B and (c)  $\text{Fe}_7\text{Co}_{1.5}\text{Ni}_{1.5}$ , respectively. The corresponding pore diameter distribution of (b) Fe-MIL-88B (d)  $\text{Fe}_7\text{Co}_{1.5}\text{Ni}_{1.5}$ , respectively.



**Fig. S8** XRD pattern of Fe-MIL-88B.

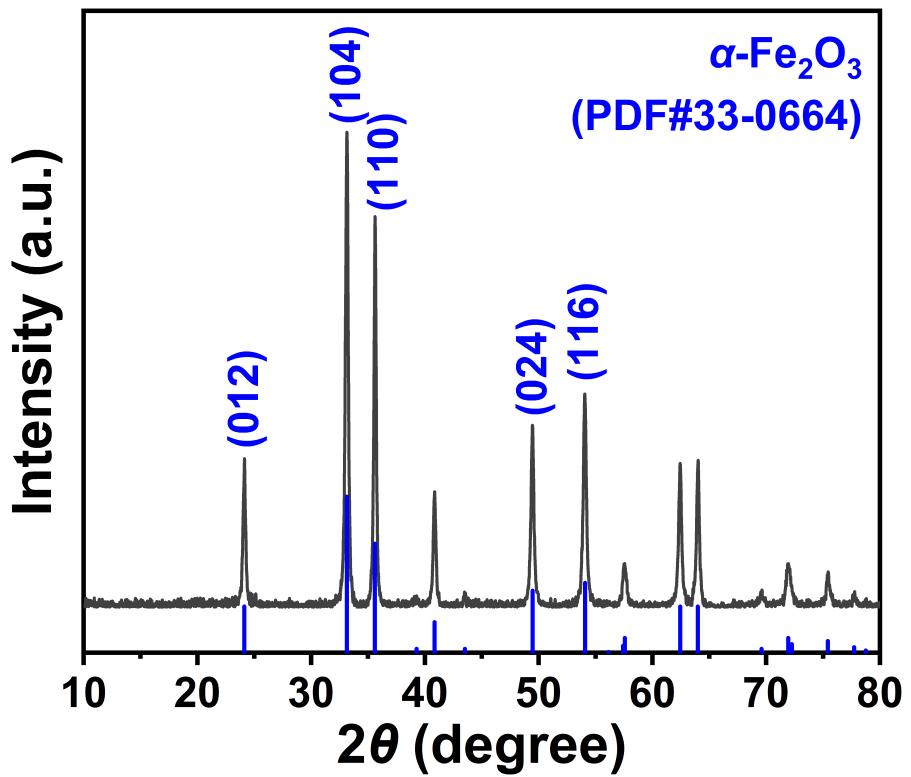
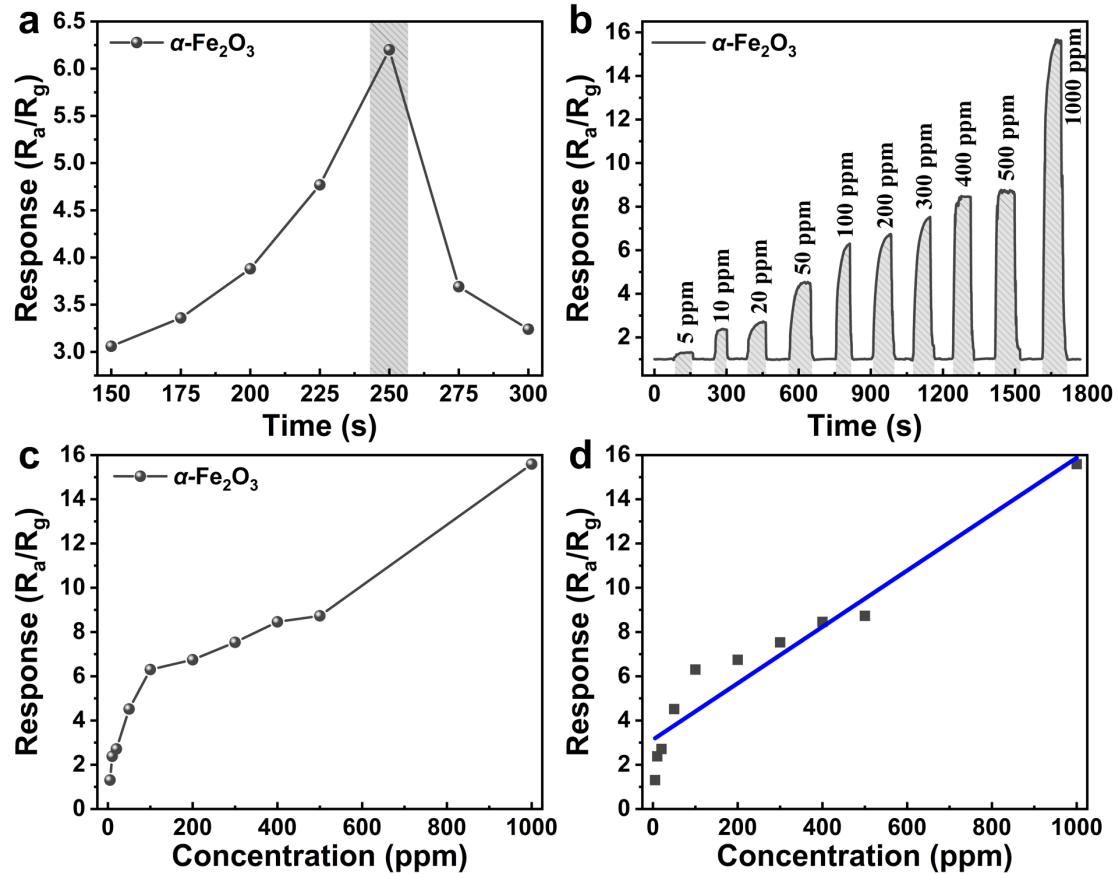


Fig. S9 XRD pattern of the pristine  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S10** (a) Responses of  $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  towards 100 ppm ethanol at different operating temperatures. (b) The dynamic response curve of  $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  towards different concentrations (from 5 to 1000 ppm) of ethanol at 250 °C. (c) The curve of responses vs. concentrations for  $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ . (d) The linear fitting of the response values as a function of ethanol concentrations.

**Table S1** The crystal planes of  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, and NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> correspond to the observed characteristic diffraction peaks.

Phase	2 $\vartheta$ (degree)						
	24.14	33.10	35.66	40.86	49.46	54.12	57.42
$\alpha$ -Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (PDF#33-0664)	(012)	(104)	(110)	(113)	(024)	(116)	(122)
Phase	2 $\vartheta$ (degree)						
	18.24	30.06	35.45	43.47	53.89	57.39	62.73
CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (PDF#03-0864)	(111)	(220)	(311)	(400)	(422)	(511)	(440)
Phase	2 $\vartheta$ (degree)						
	18.43	30.31	35.70	43.38	53.81	57.43	63.02
NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (PDF#54-0964)	(111)	(220)	(311)	(400)	(422)	(511)	(440)
Phase	2 $\vartheta$ (degree)						
	18.84	31.00	36.52	38.20	44.30	58.72	66.48
Co <sub>1.29</sub> Ni <sub>1.71</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (PDF#40-1191)	(111)	(220)	(311)	(222)	(400)	(511)	(440)