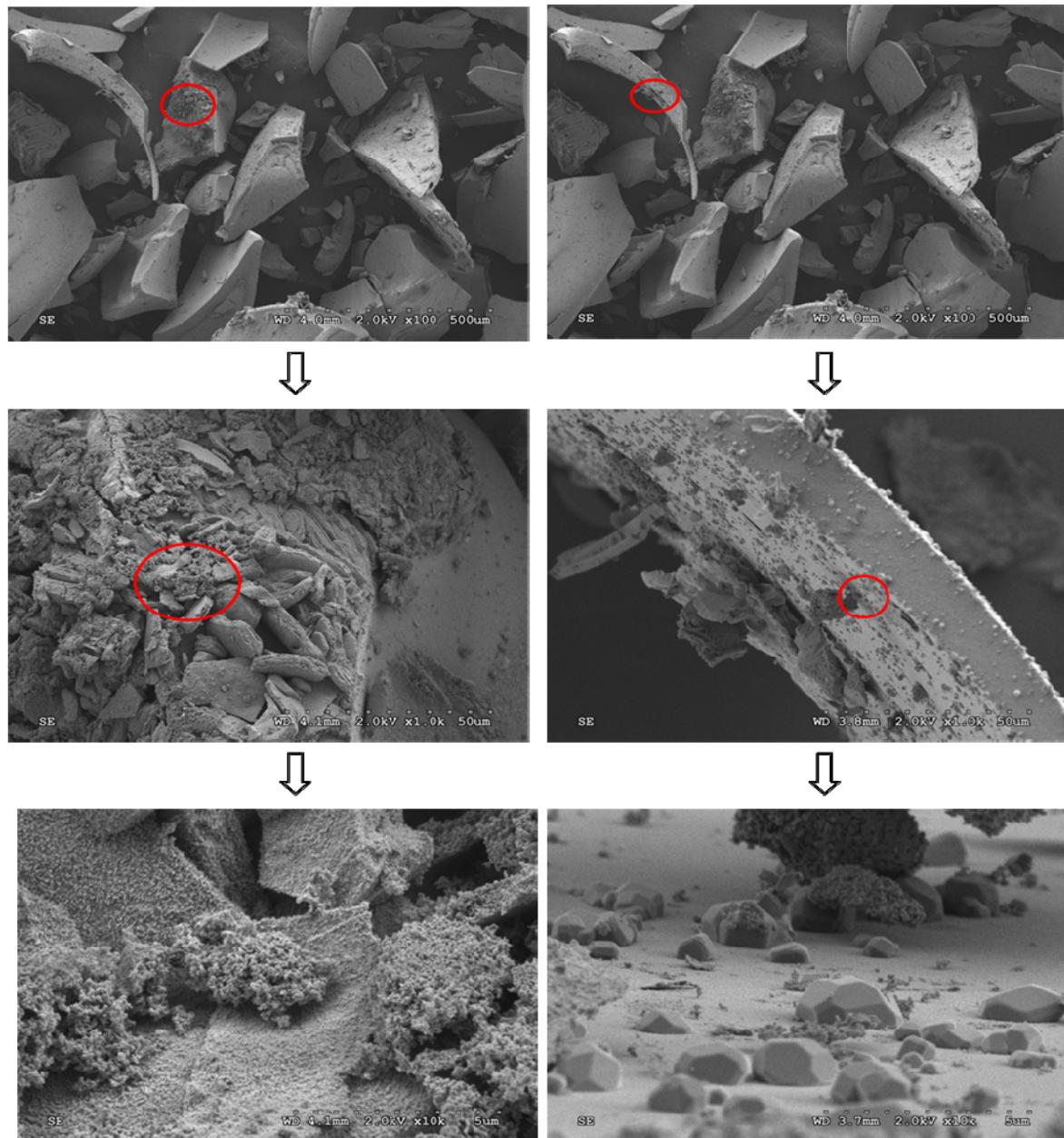


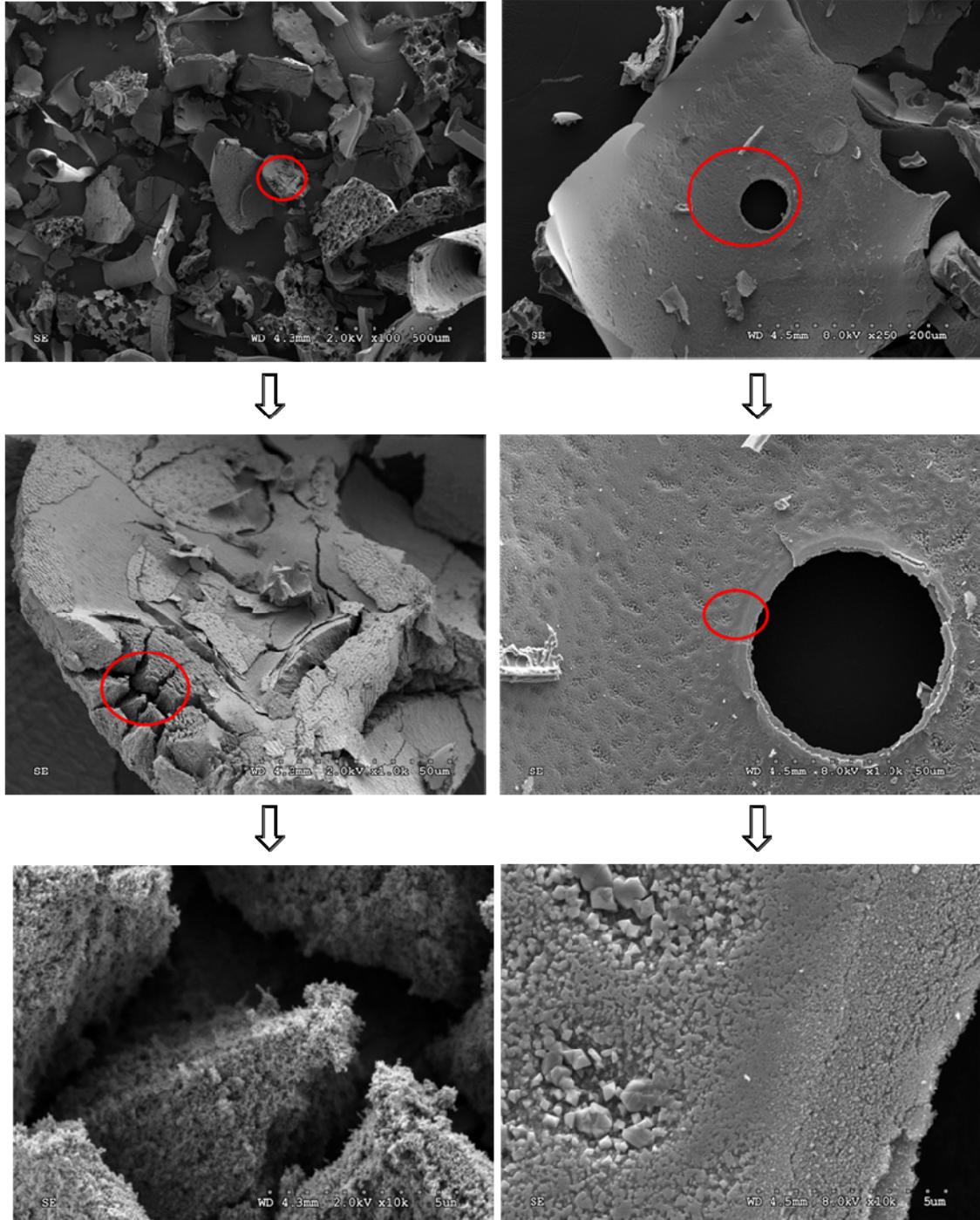
## Electronic Supporting Information

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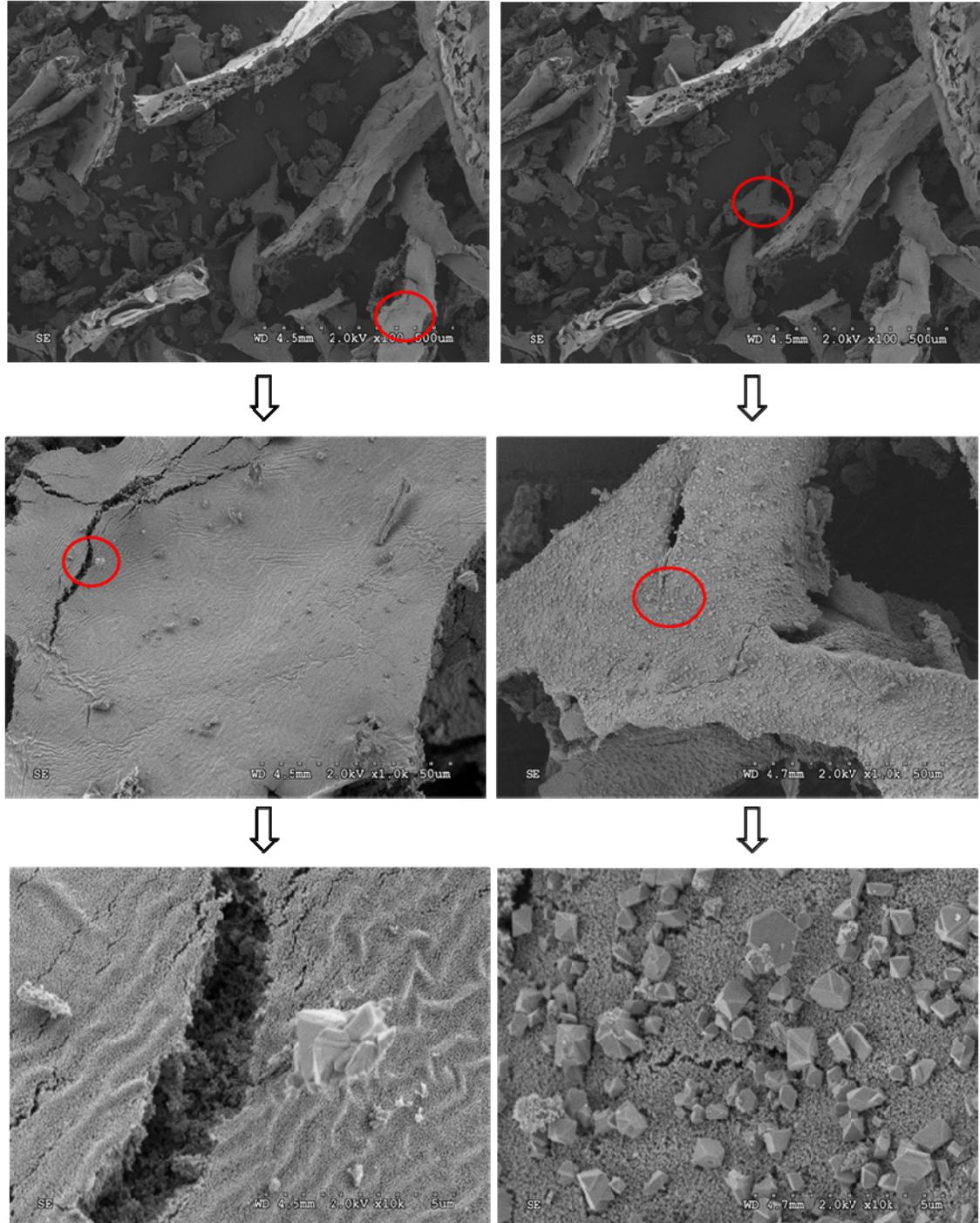
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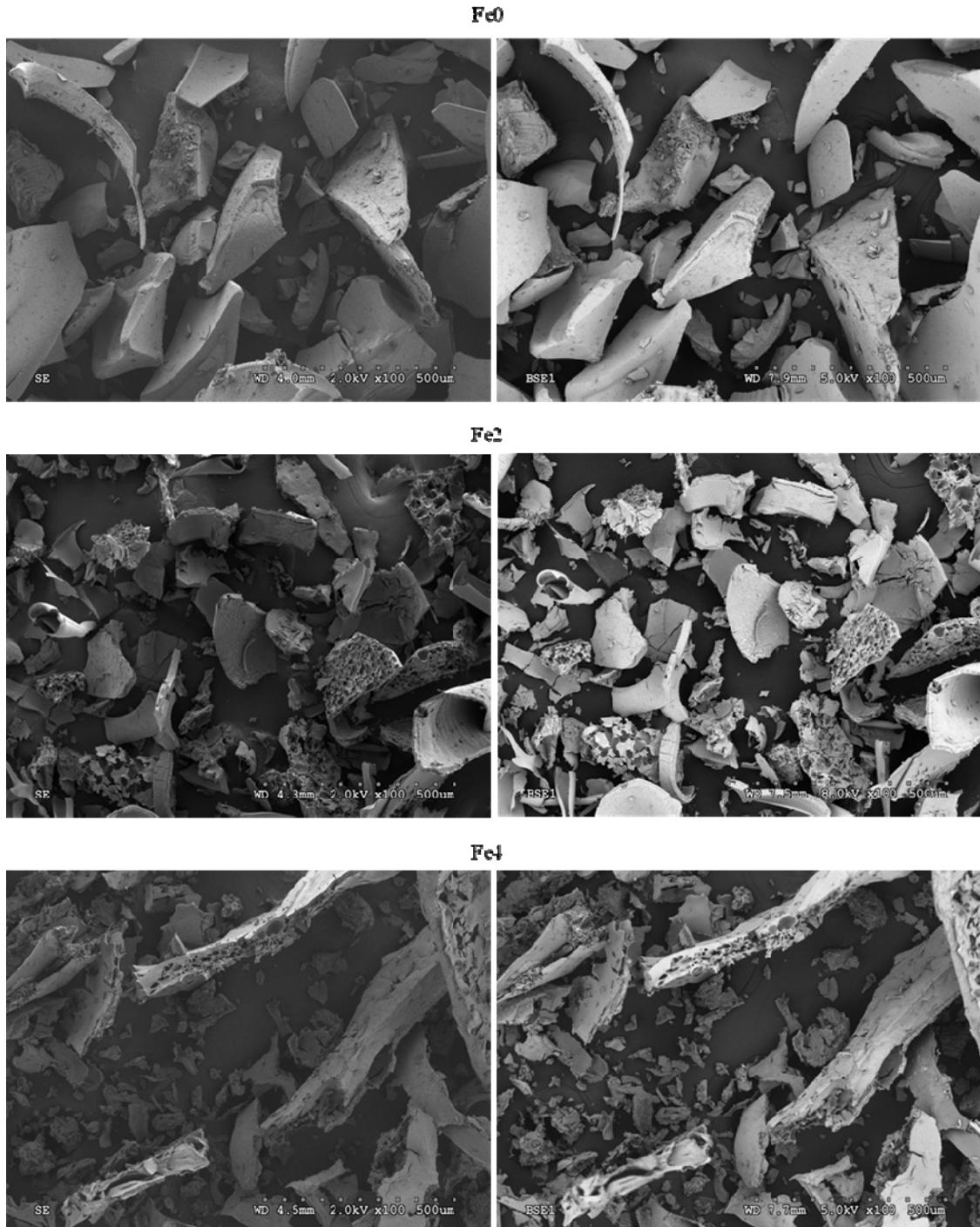
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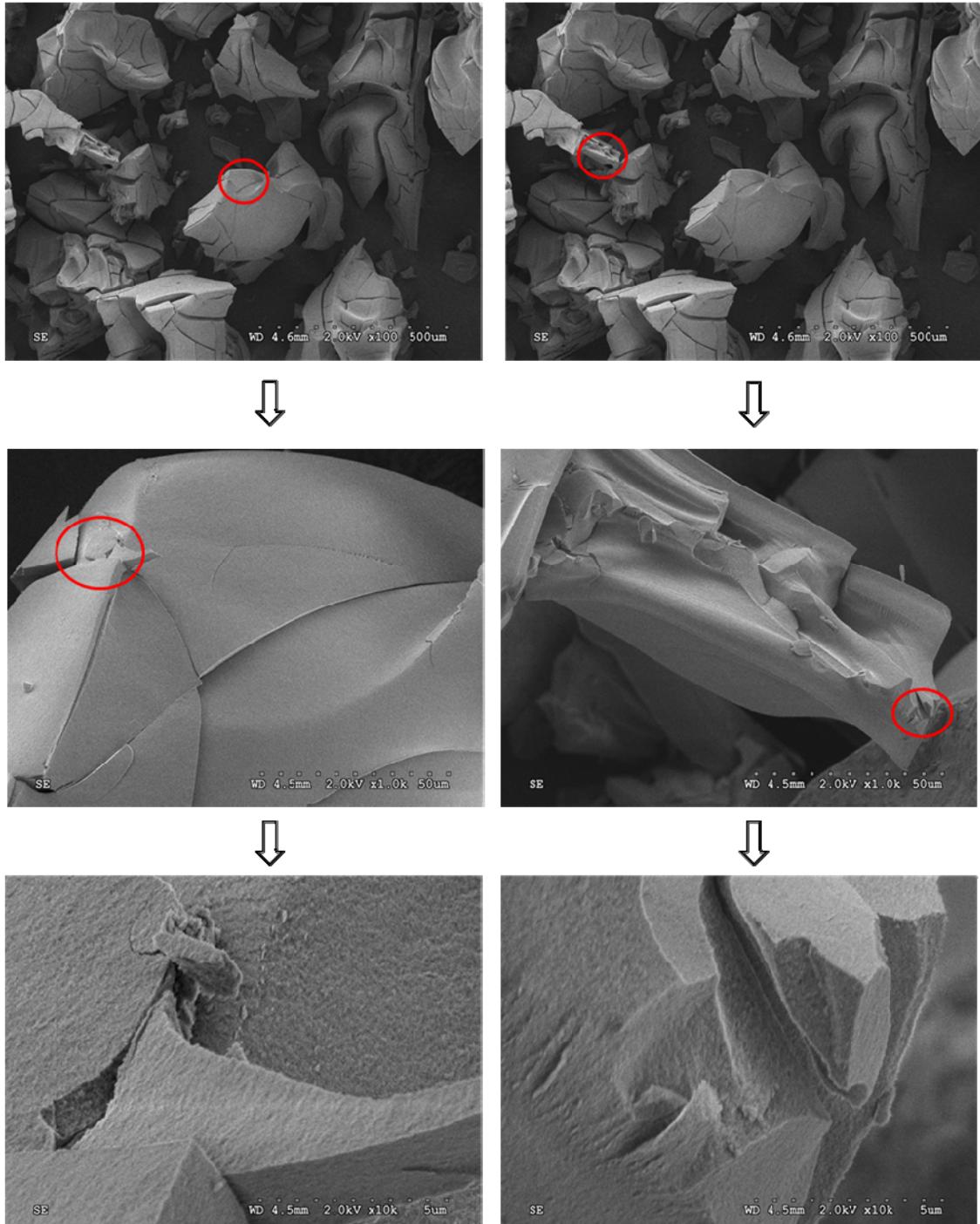
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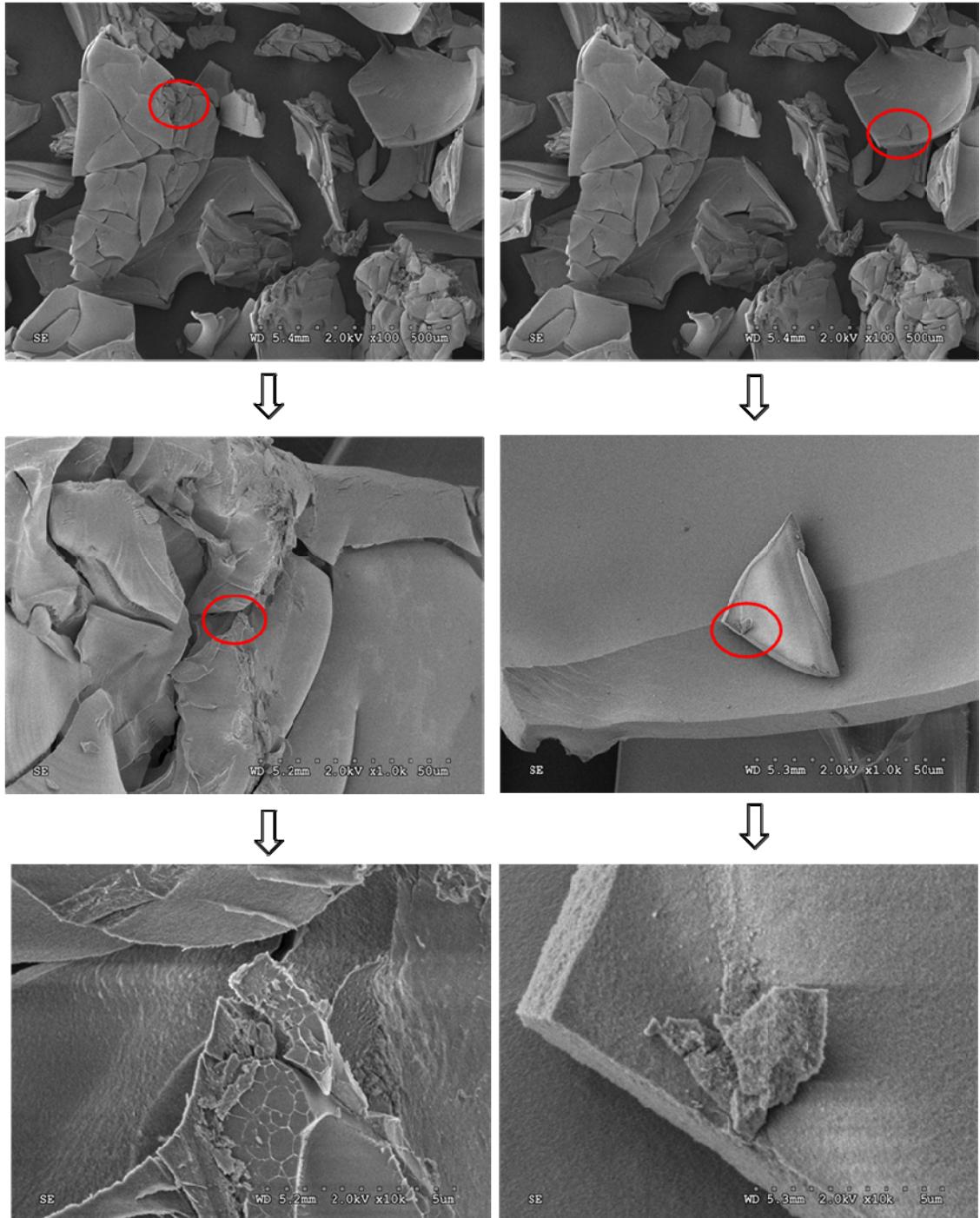
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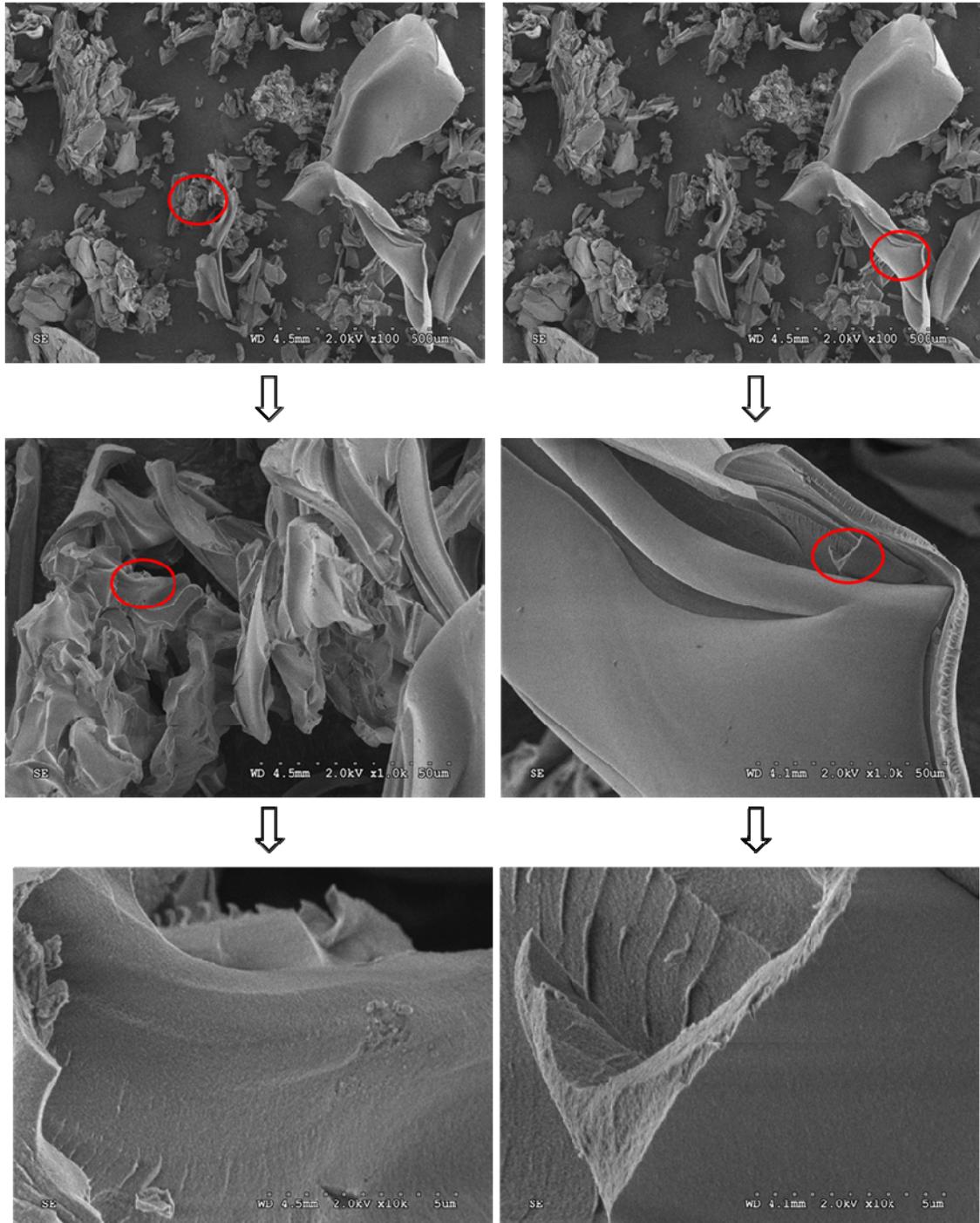
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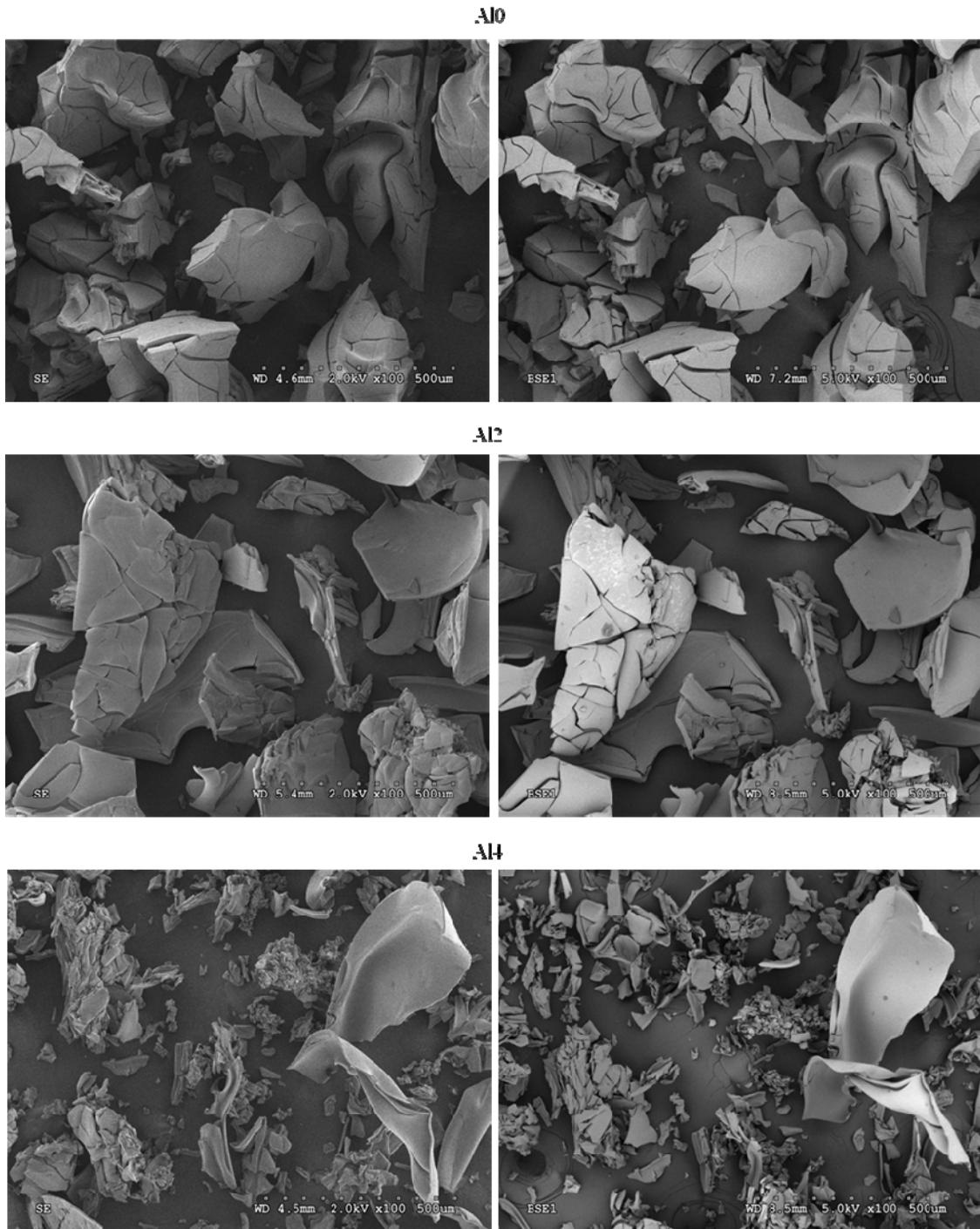
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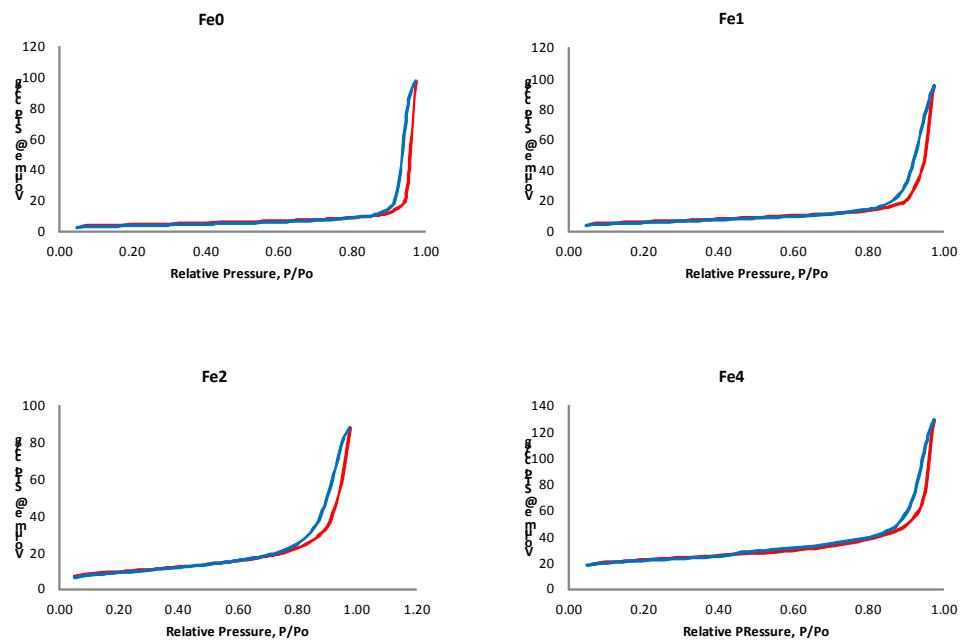
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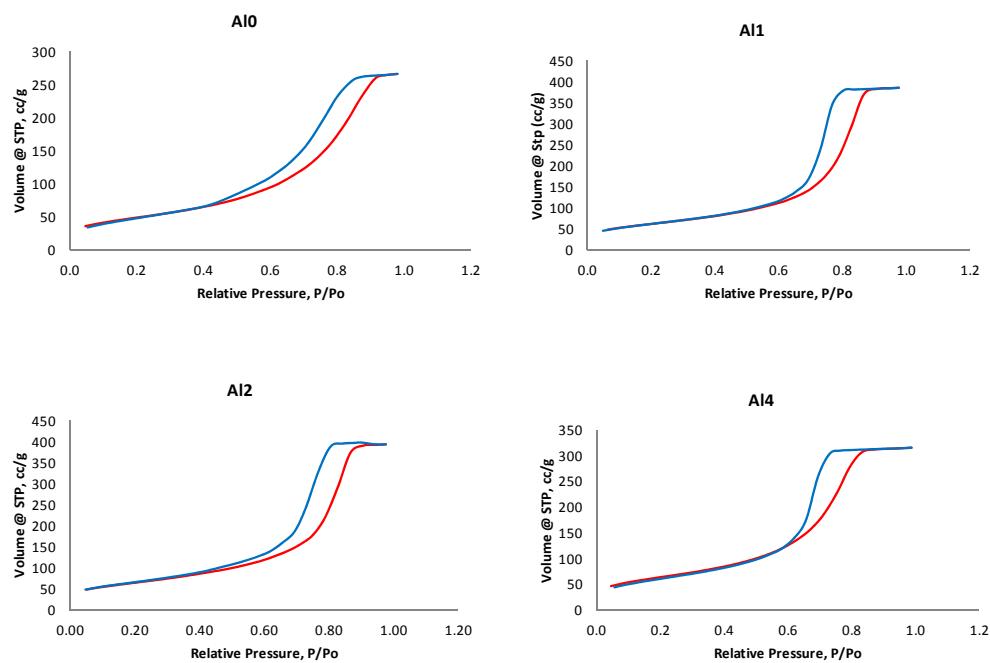
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ESI Fig. S3: N<sub>2</sub>-adsorption/desorption isotherms of the annealed iron samples.



ESI Fig. S4: N<sub>2</sub>-adsorption/desorption isotherms of the annealed aluminum samples.