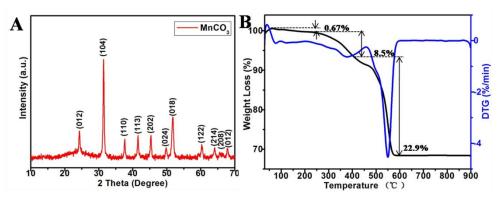
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**Figure S1.** (A) XRD patterns of precursor MnCO<sub>3</sub> microspheres. (B) TG-DTG curves of as-prepared precursor MnCO<sub>3</sub>.

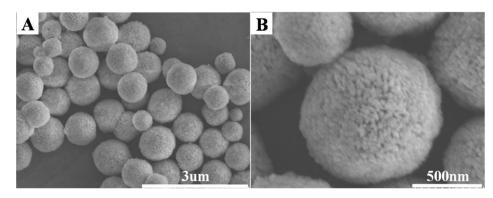
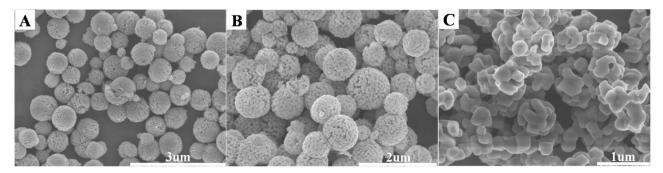
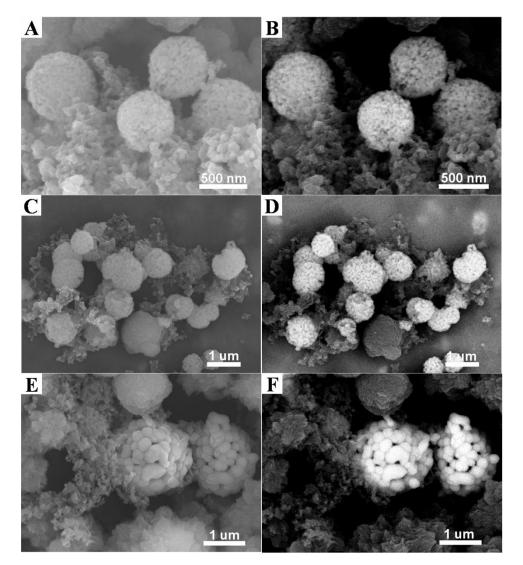


Figure S2. (A, B) SEM images of precursor MnCO<sub>3</sub> microspheres.



**Figure S3.** (A-C) SEM images with low magnification of  $Mn_2O_3$  microspheres annealed at 500, 700 and 900°C, respectively



**Figure S4.** SEM images and corresponding backscattered electron images of  $Mn_2O_3$  electrode materials after rate cycliability at different current density as anode for LIBs, Sample 500 (A, B), Sample 700 (C, D) and Sample 900 (E, F), respectively.