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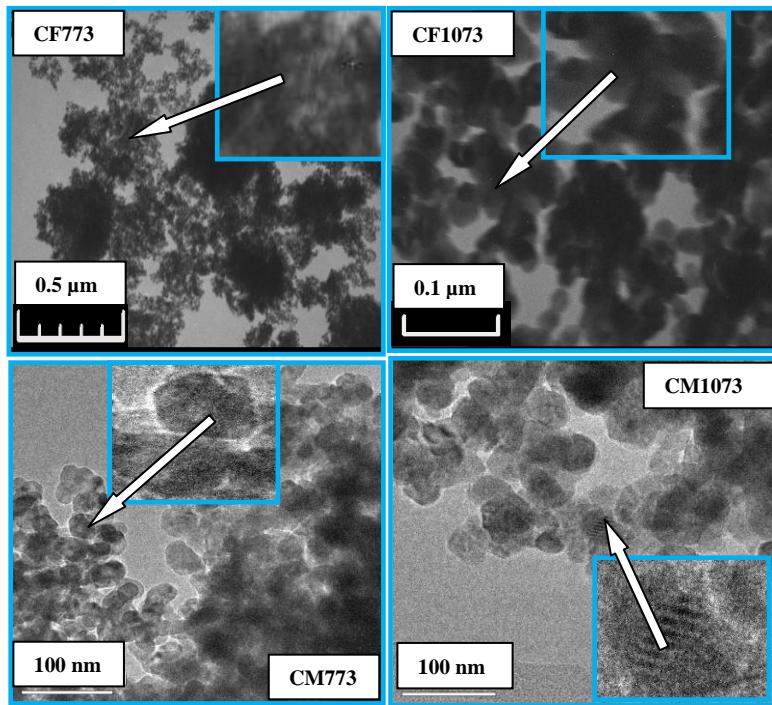
### **Structural characterization and catalytic evaluation of transition and rare earth metal doped ceria–based solid solutions for elemental mercury oxidation**

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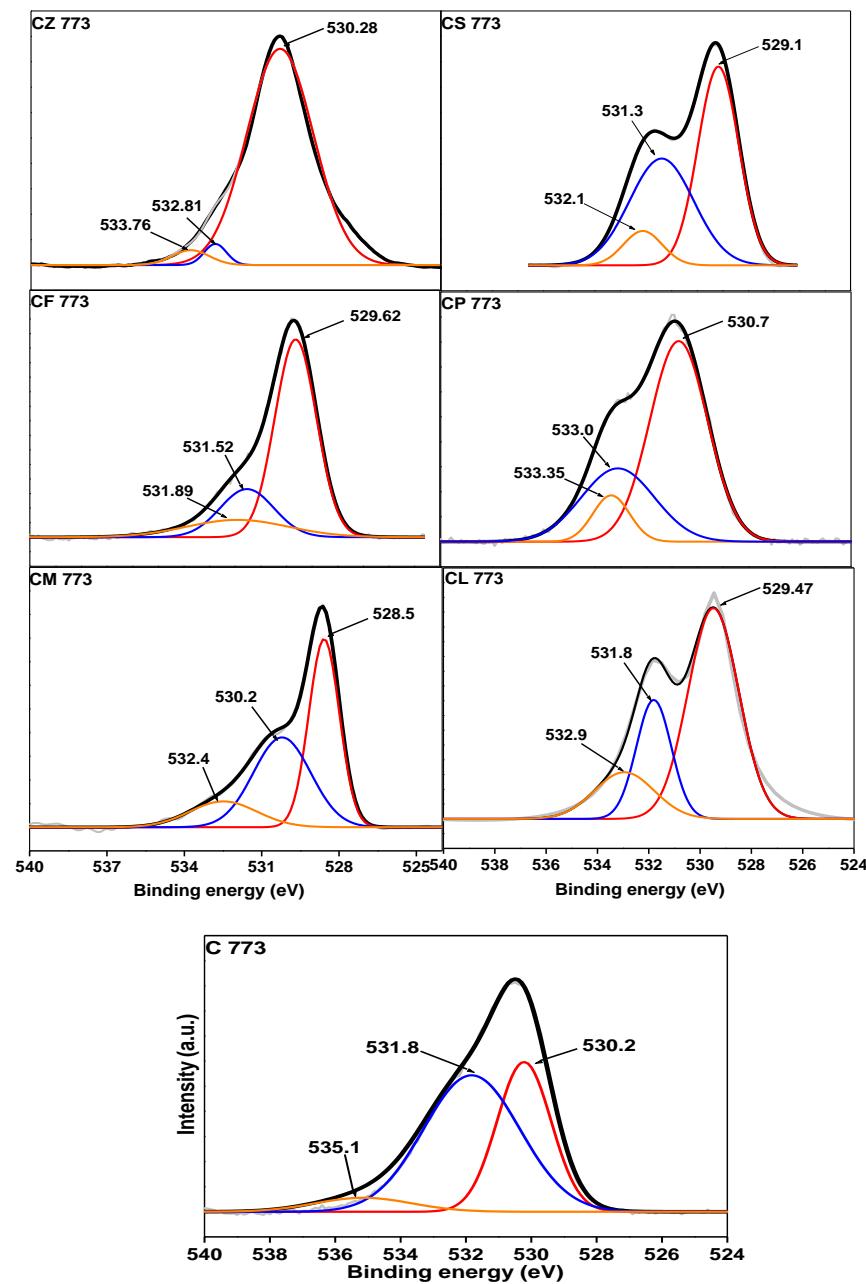
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**Fig. S1** TEM images of  $\text{Ce}_{0.8}\text{Fe}_{0.2}\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  (CF), and  $\text{Ce}_{0.7}\text{Mn}_{0.3}\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  (CM) catalysts calcined at 773 and 1073 K.



**Fig. S2** O 1s XPS spectra of pure ceria (C), Ce<sub>0.7</sub>Mn<sub>0.3</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> (CM), Ce<sub>0.8</sub>Fe<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> (CF), Ce<sub>0.75</sub>Zr<sub>0.25</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (CZ), Ce<sub>0.8</sub>La<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> (CL), Ce<sub>0.8</sub>Pr<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> (CP), and Ce<sub>0.8</sub>Sm<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>2-δ</sub> (CS) catalysts calcined at 773 K.

**Table S1.** Binding energies and surface atomic concentrations of  $\text{Ce}_{0.7}\text{Mn}_{0.3}\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  (CM),  $\text{Ce}_{0.8}\text{Fe}_{0.2}\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  (CF),  $\text{Ce}_{0.75}\text{Zr}_{0.25}\text{O}_2$  (CZ),  $\text{Ce}_{0.8}\text{La}_{0.2}\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  (CL),  $\text{Ce}_{0.8}\text{Pr}_{0.2}\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  (CP),  $\text{Ce}_{0.8}\text{Sm}_{0.2}\text{O}_{2-\delta}$  (CS), and pure ceria (C) catalysts calcined at 773 K.

catalyst	Ce 3d ( $\text{u}'''$ ) eV	O 1s ( $\text{O}_\text{A}$ ) eV	surface atomic concentration (%)		
			$\text{O}_\text{A}$	$\text{O}_\text{B}$	$\text{O}_\text{C}$
CM 773 K	916.1	528.5	45.5	40.8	13.7
CF 773 K	916.9	529.6	65.5	20.5	14
CZ 773 K	916.7	530.2	93.4	3.0	3.6
CL 773 K	916.6	529.3	65.3	22.7	12
CP 773 K	917.9	530.7	62.1	28.7	9.2
CS 773 K	916.9	529.2	49.8	41.9	8.3
C 773 K	918.1	530.2	35.83	58.19	5.96

$\text{O}_\text{A}$  = lattice oxygen;  $\text{O}_\text{B}$  = chemically adsorbed oxygen or weakly bonded oxygen;

$\text{O}_\text{C}$  = oxygen in hydroxyl or surface adsorbed water.