## **Supporting Information**

## **Temperature-Dependent Formation of Ru-based Nanocomposites: Structures and Properties**

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**Fig. S1** XRD pattern of the sintering product of free  $RuCl_3$  at 773 K for 4 h in ambient atmosphere. The peaks of  $RuO_2$  are marked by red asterisks.



Fig. S2 HR-TEM image and SAED pattern of SP-g.



**Fig. S3** STEM images of the SP-c (a, d) and their EDS elemental mappings of O (b, e) and Ru (c, f). The orange ellipsoids and the orange circles were placed at the center of nanoparticles.



**Fig. S4** TGA curves of pure  $\beta$ -CD (a) and its intimate mixture with RuCl<sub>3</sub> in air (b: from 300 to 773 K; c: from 673 to 773 K and kept at 773 K during the collection). The inset of c is the XRD pattern of the collected sample at 773 K for 4 h. The blue and red asterisks denote the characteristic peaks of Ru and RuO<sub>2</sub>, respectively.



**Fig. S5** XRD patterns of the mixtures of RuCl<sub>3</sub> with  $\alpha$ -CD (A) and  $\gamma$ -CD (B) at (a) 573, (b) 773, (c) 873 and (d) 1173 K for 4 h in ambient atmosphere. The peaks of RuO<sub>2</sub> and Ru are marked by red and blue asterisks respectively.



Fig. S6 TG curves of  $\alpha$ -,  $\gamma$ -CD, and their intimate mixtures with RuCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S7** XRD patterns of the mixtures of  $RuCl_3$  with activated carbon at (a) 573, (b) 773, (c) 873 and (d) 1173 K for 4 h in ambient atmosphere. The peaks of  $RuO_2$  and Ru are marked by red and blue asterisks respectively.



**Fig. S8** XRD patterns of the sintering product of the mixture (1:1, molar ratio) of RuCl<sub>3</sub> and  $\beta$ -CD at 773 K for 2 and 4 h in ambient atmosphere. The peaks of RuO<sub>2</sub> and Ru are marked by red and blue asterisks respectively.



Fig. S9 XPS-(O 1s) spectra of SP-a and SP-d.