

# Supporting Information

## Highly Monodisperse $\text{Cu}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_9$ Micropompons with Excellent Performance in Photocatalysis, Photocurrent Response and Lithium Storage

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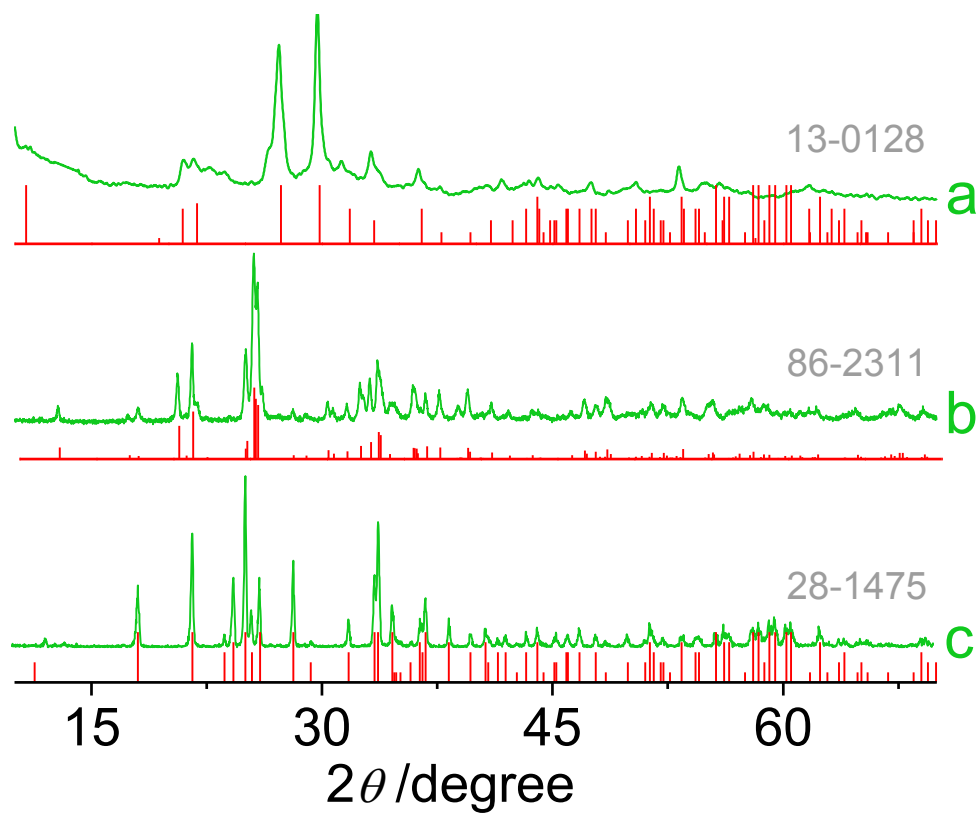
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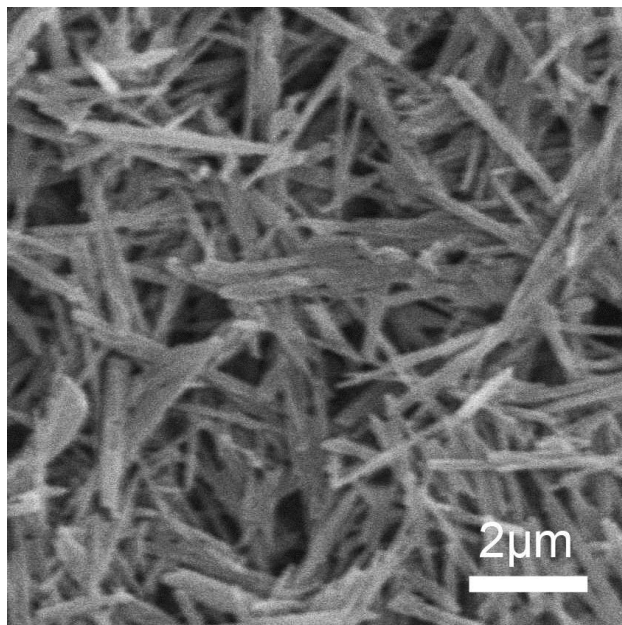
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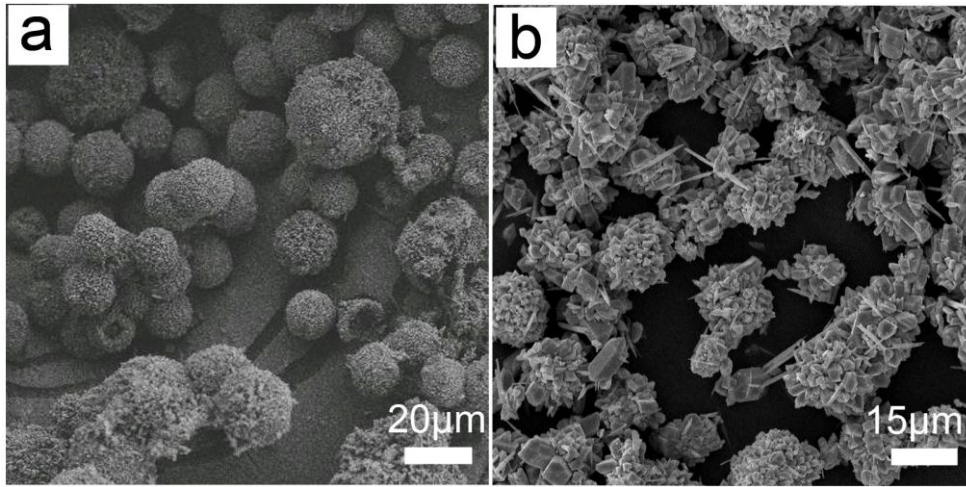
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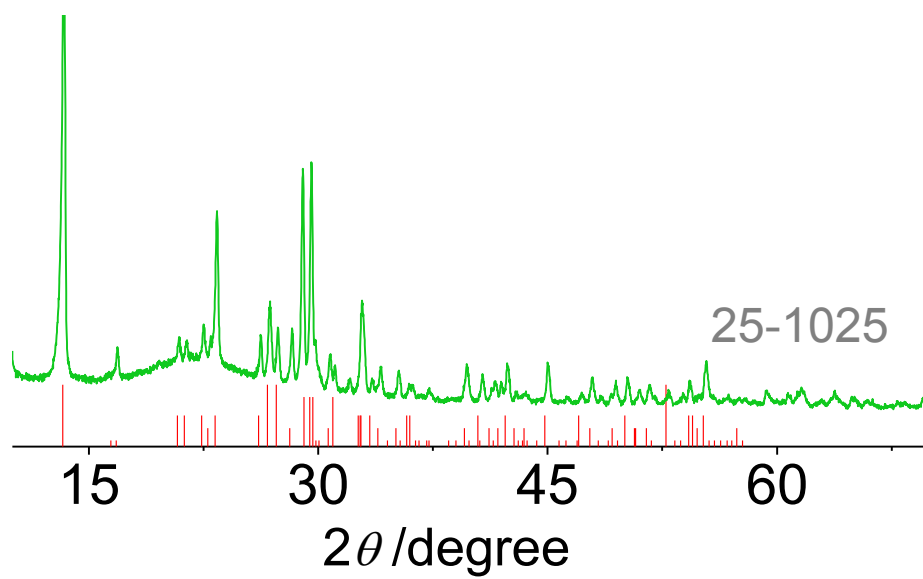
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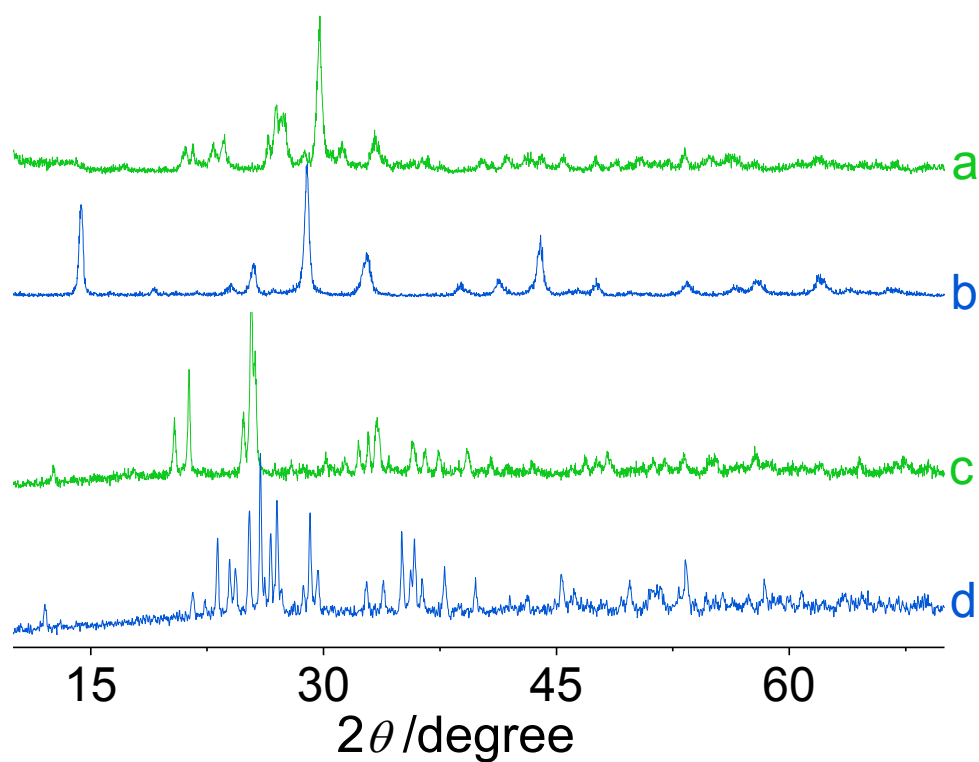
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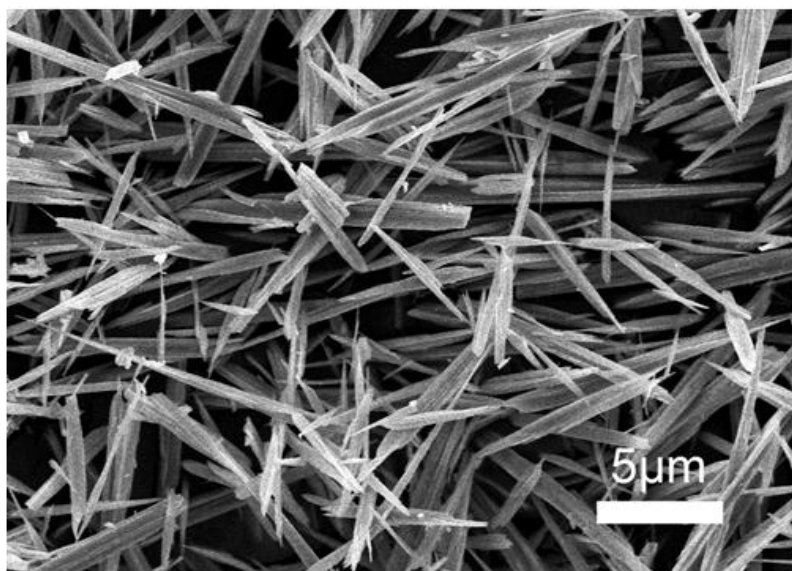
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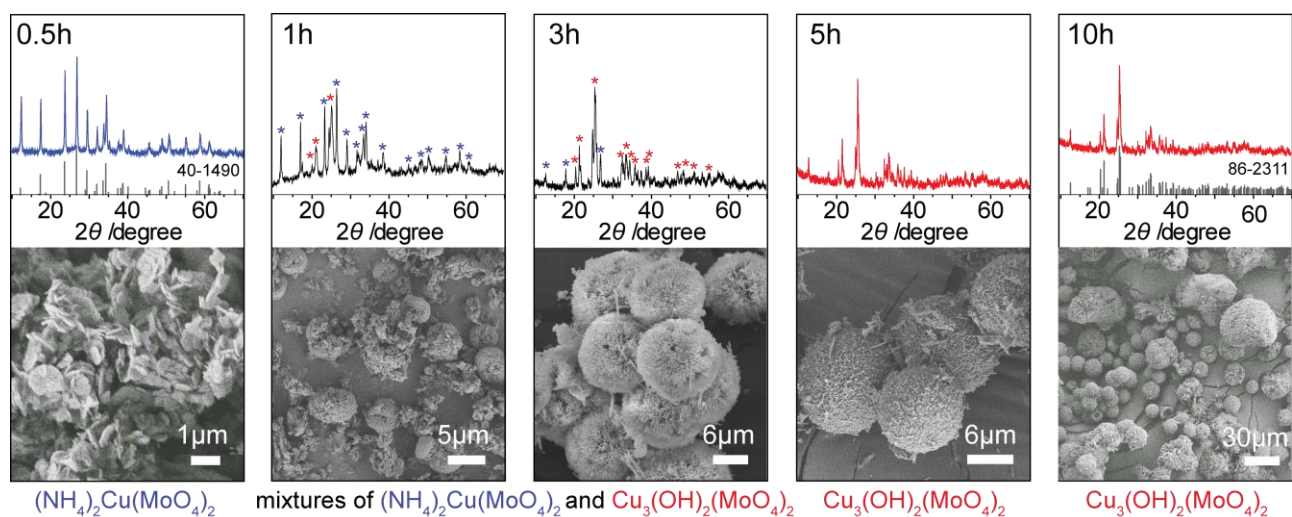
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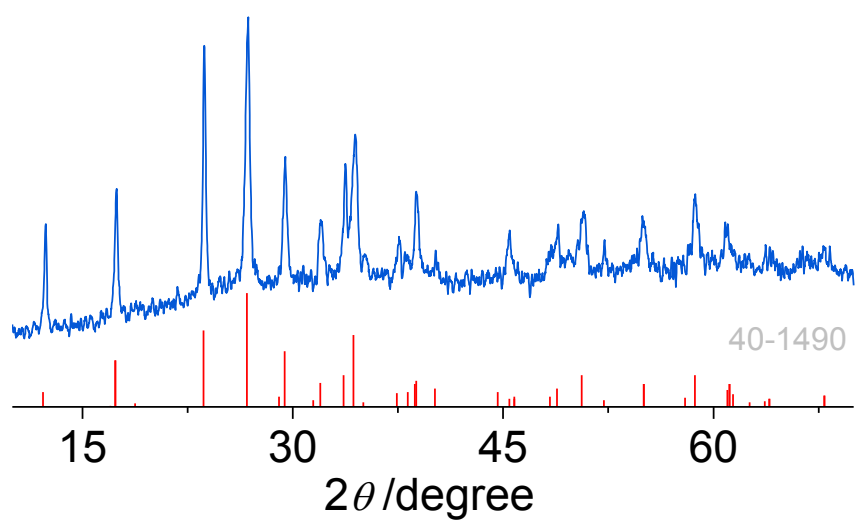


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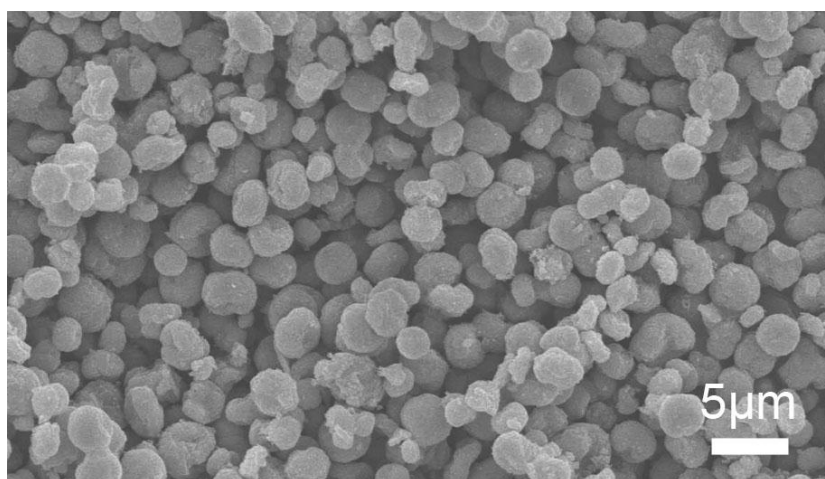


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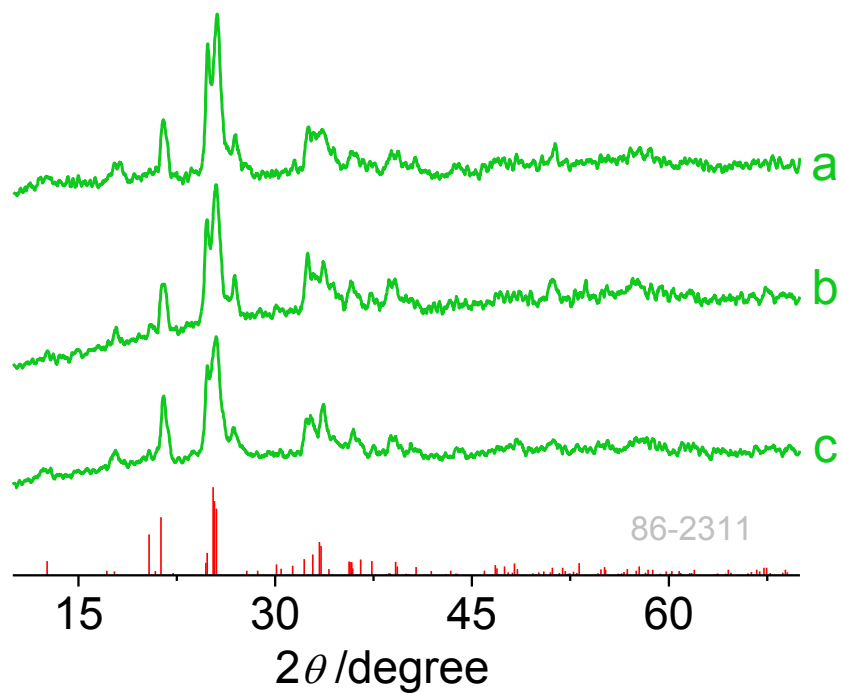




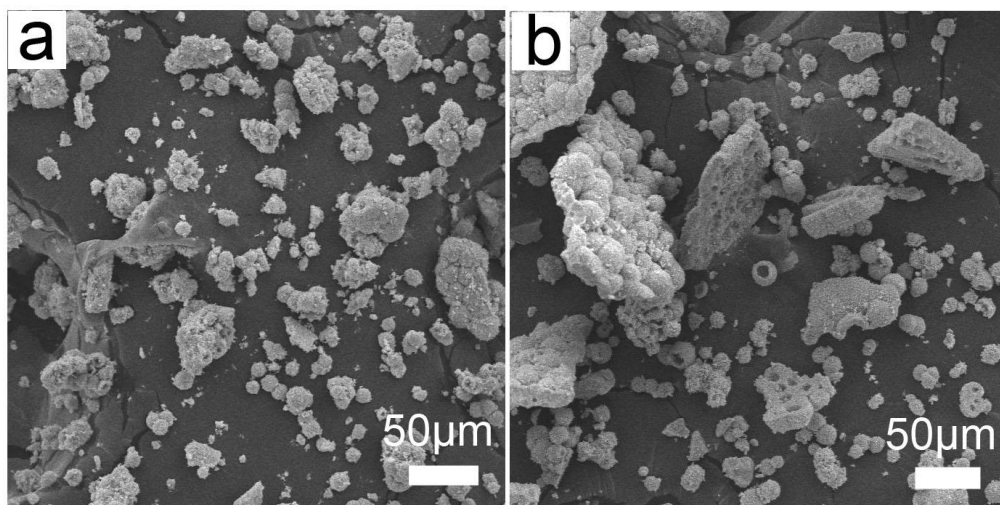
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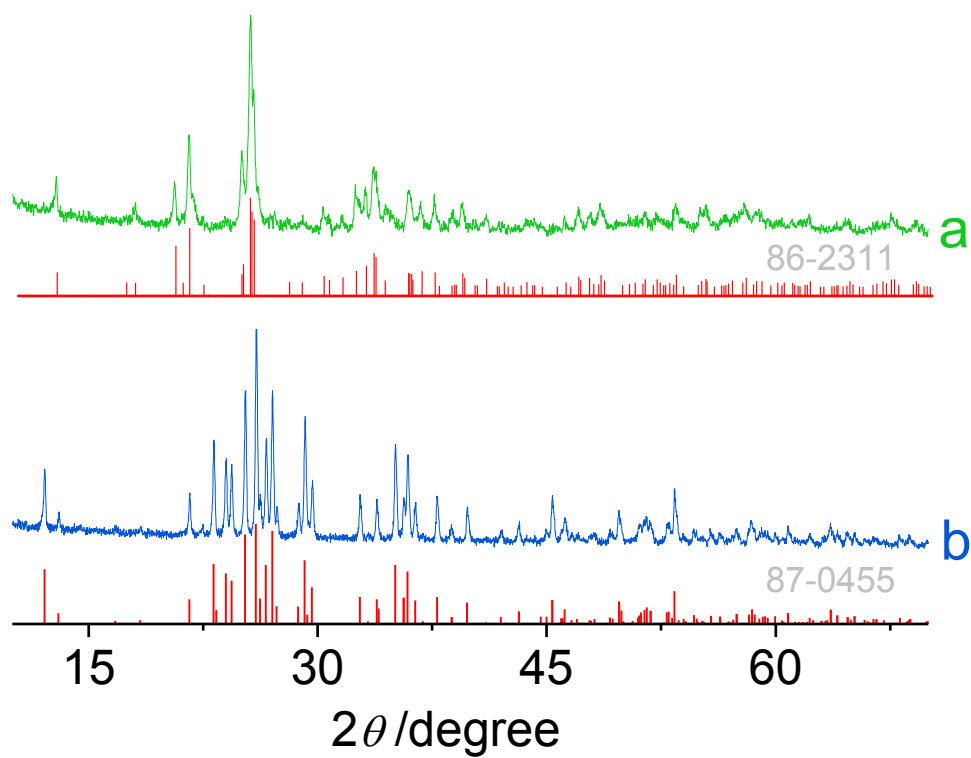
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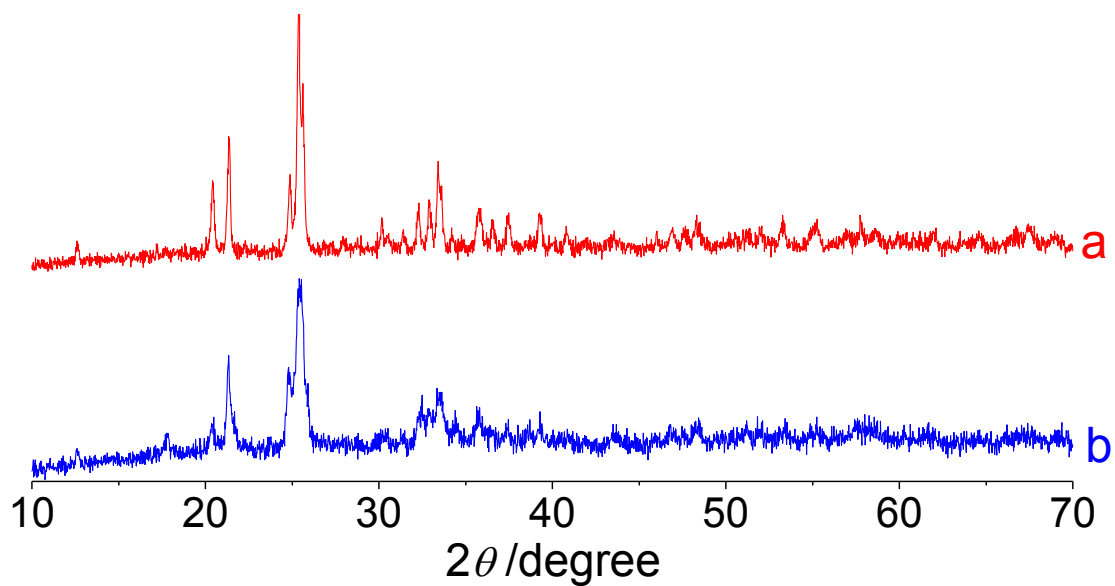
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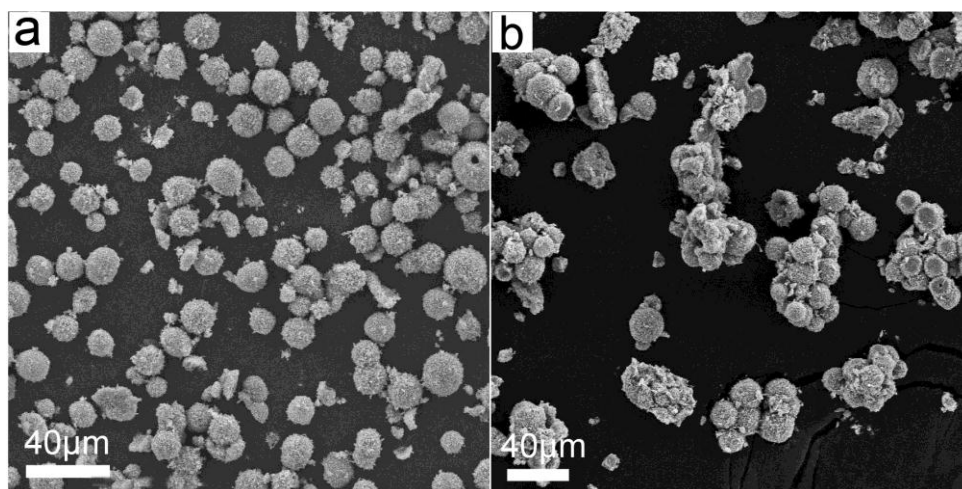
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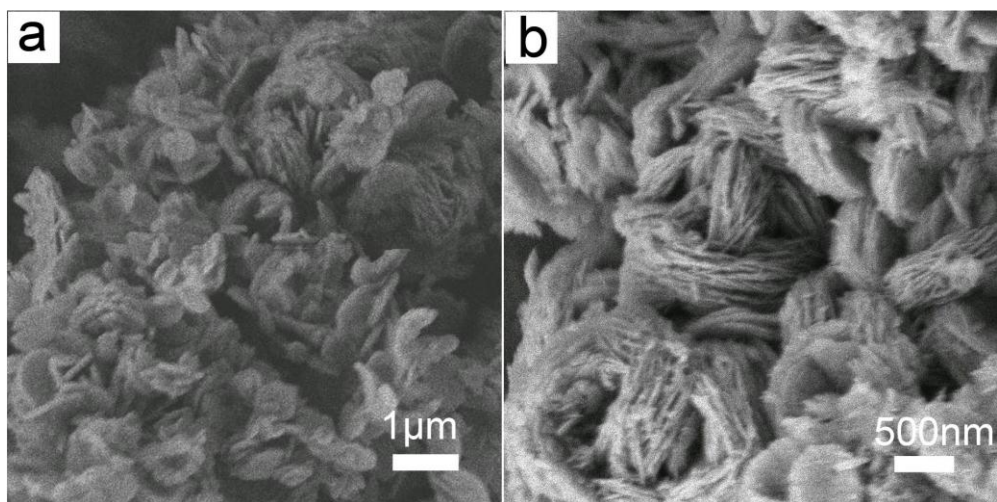
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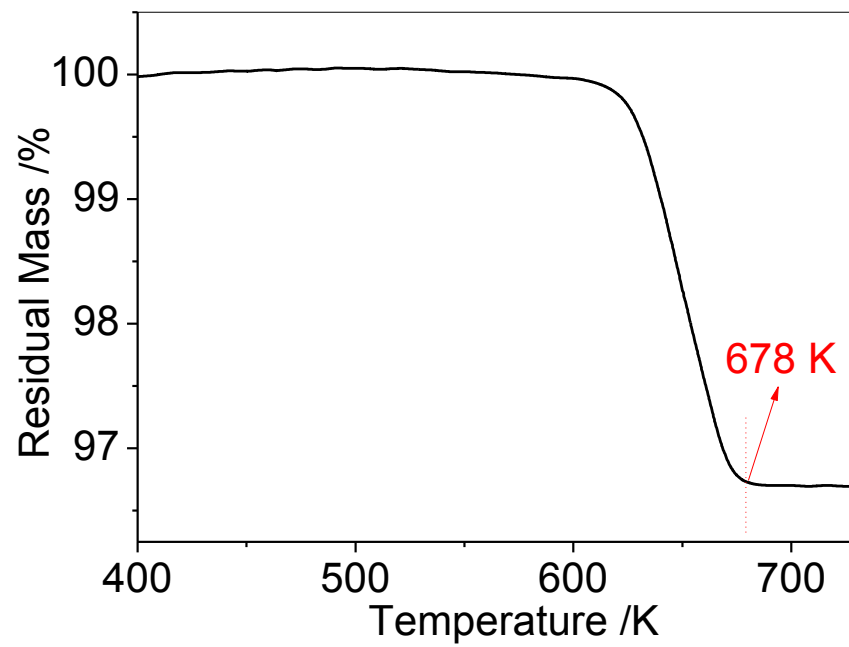
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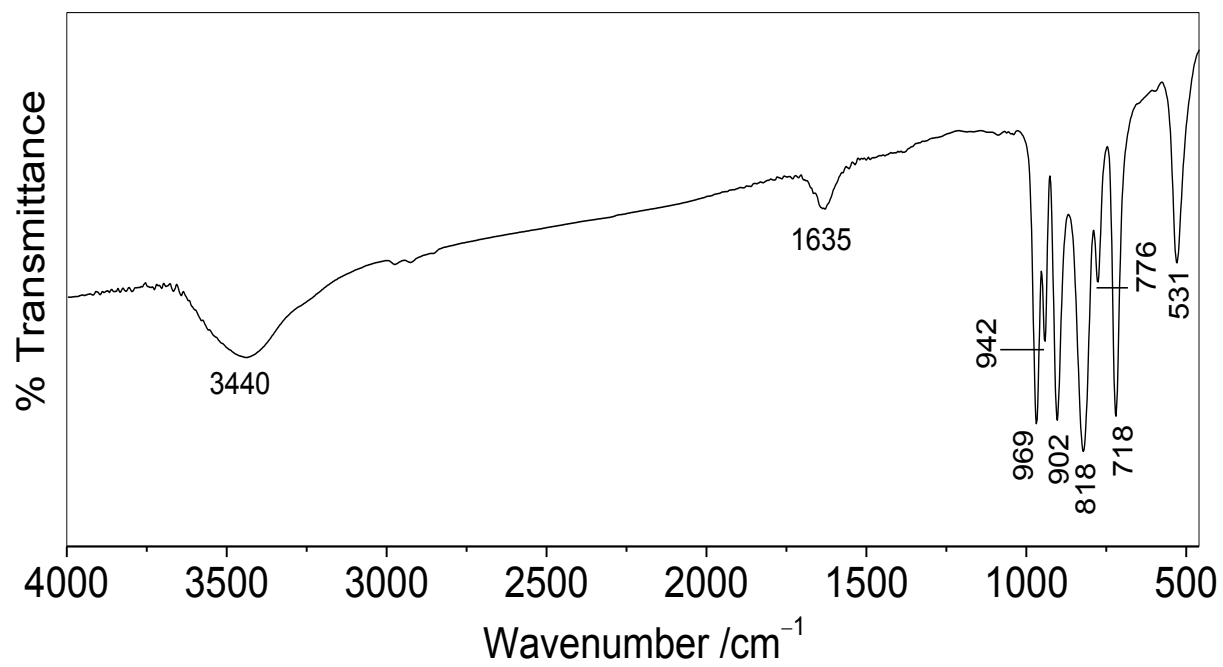
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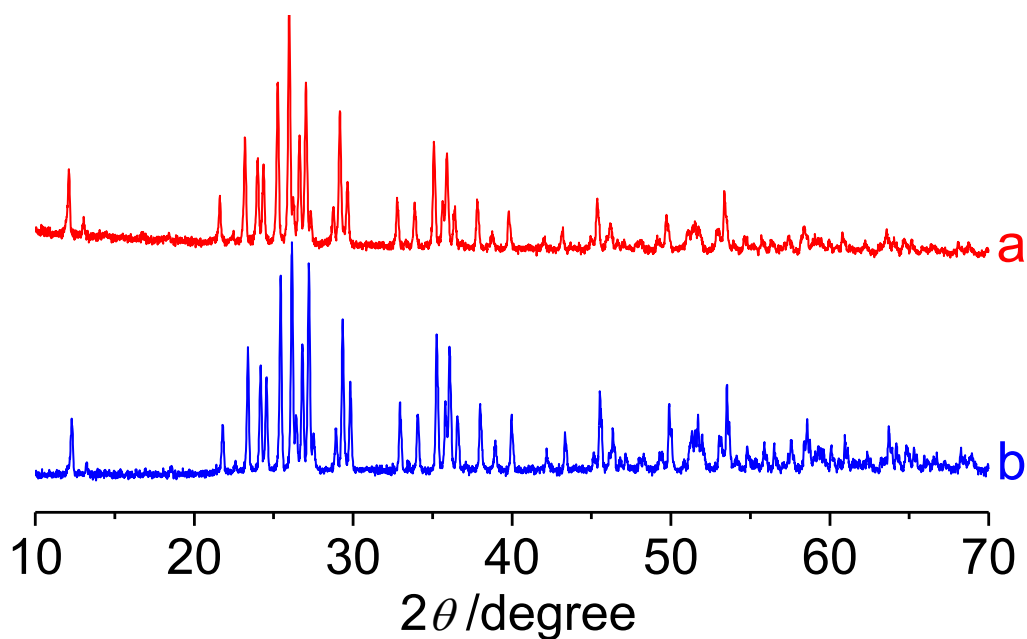


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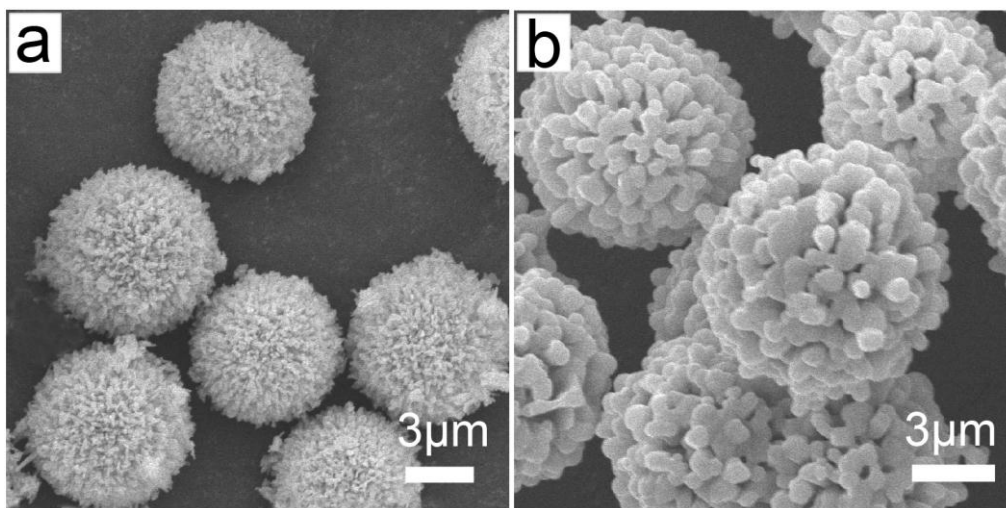


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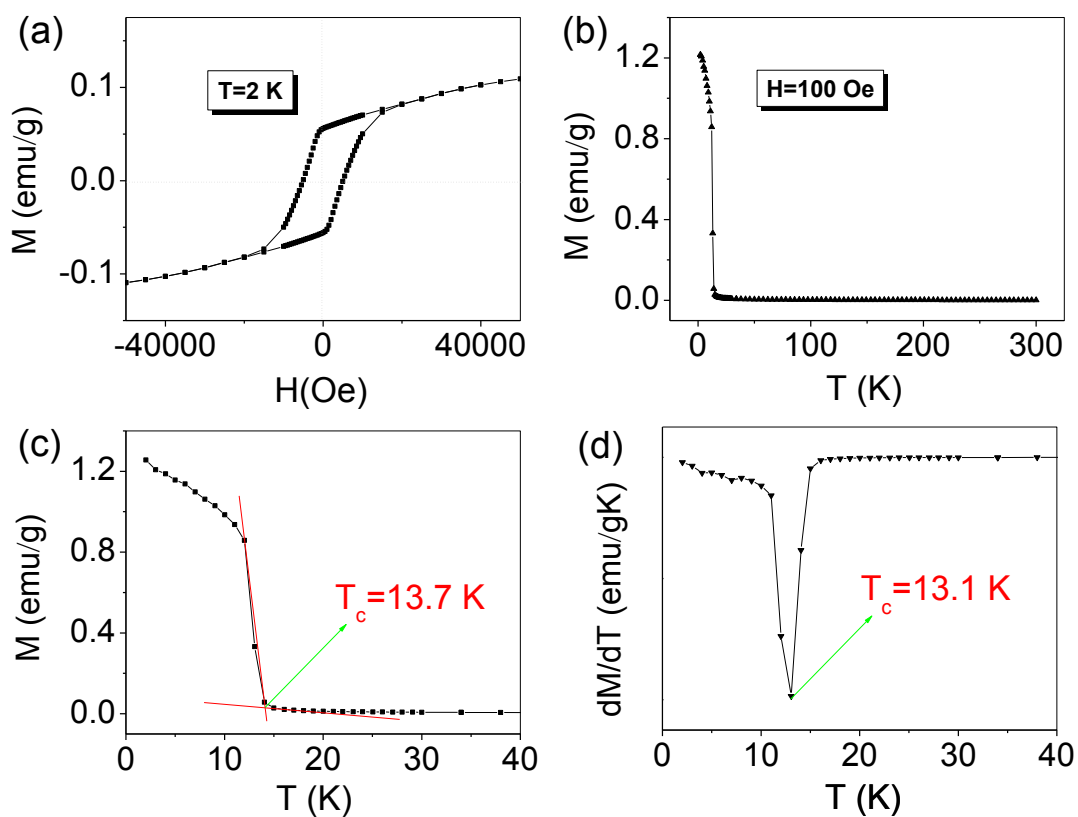




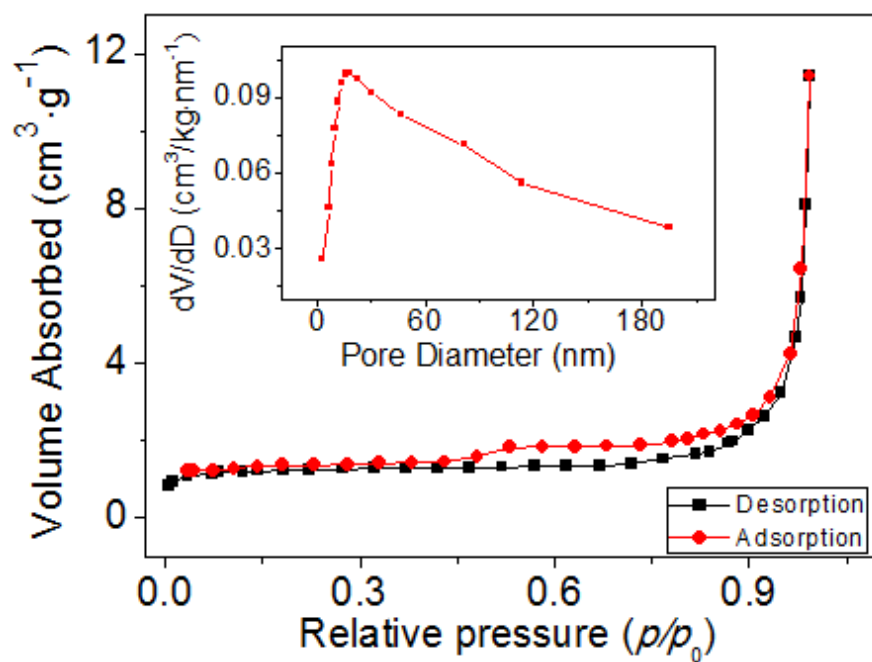
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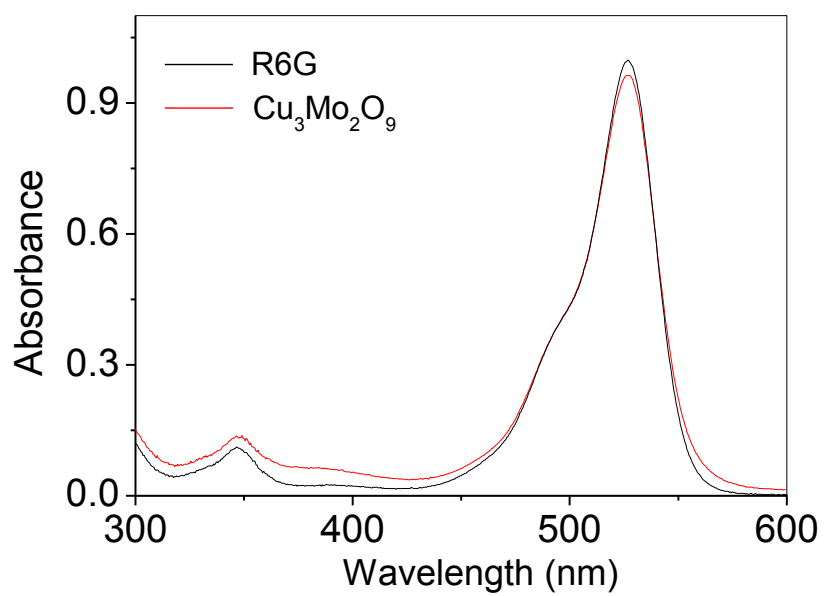
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