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L-histidine-assisted template-free hydrothermal synthesis of α-Fe_2O_3 porous multi-shelled hollow spheres with enhanced lithium storage properties

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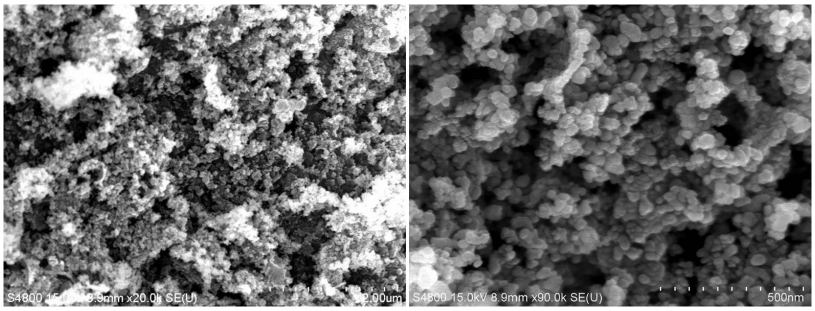

Fig.S1 SEM images of Fe_2O_3 hydrothermal treatment of 180 ℃ for 12 h with the L-histidine completely dissolved in solution by adding more deionized water. Only nanoparticles of Fe_2O_3 observed.

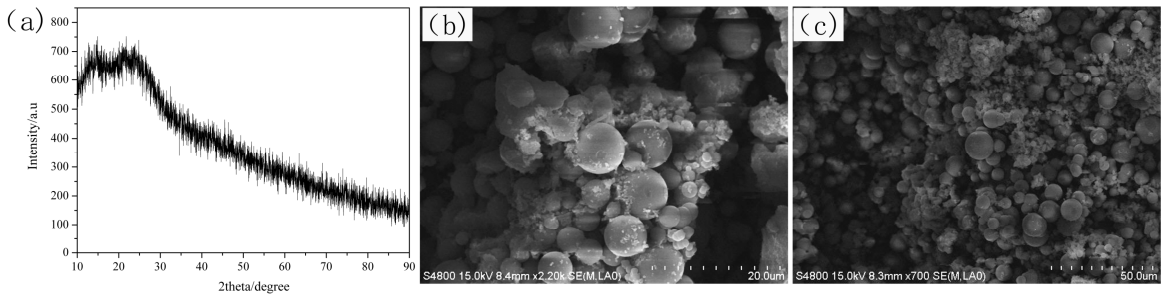

Fig.S2 XRD pattern of precursor (a) and SEM images of precursor (b), (c) the precursor of the α-Fe_2O_3 PMSHSs. The XRD results indicate that the precursor is amorphous. The SEM results show that the precursor was microspheres with relative smooth surface.

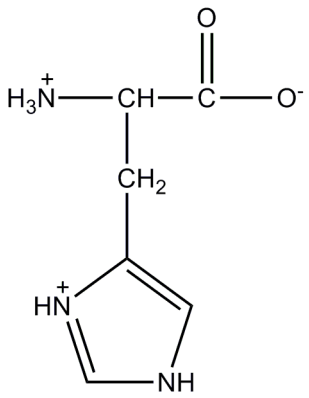

Fig.S3 structure of L-histidine with protons