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## Capsules-embedded reduced graphene oxide: Synthesis, mechanism and electrical properties

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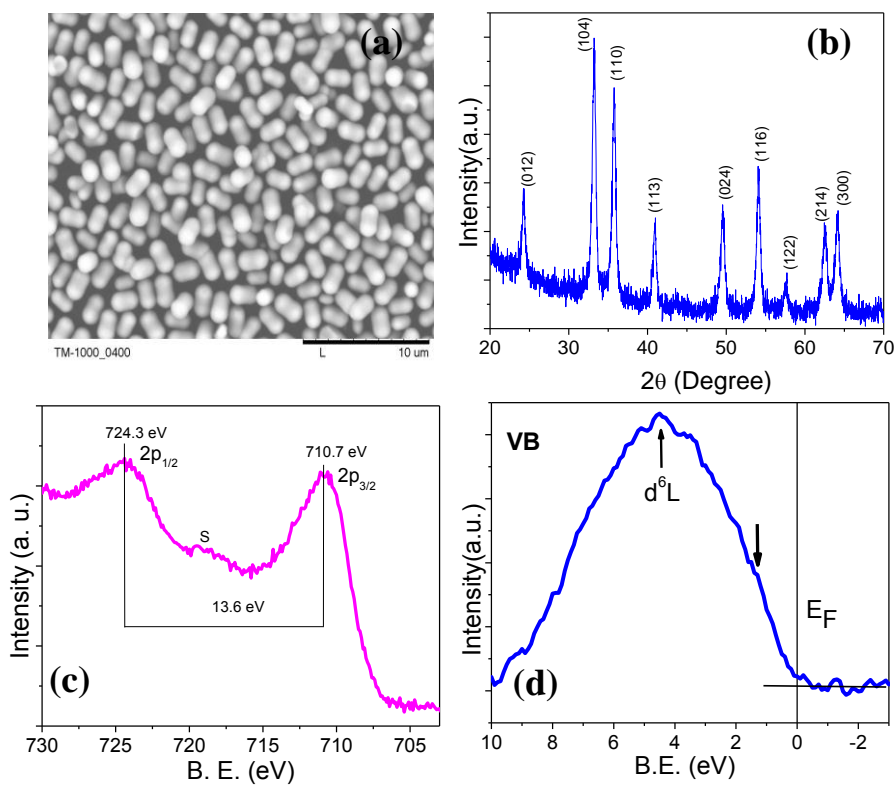


Fig. S1: (a) SEM microstructure, (b) XRD data, (c) Fe 2p spectrum and (d) VB spectrum of synthesized  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> particle

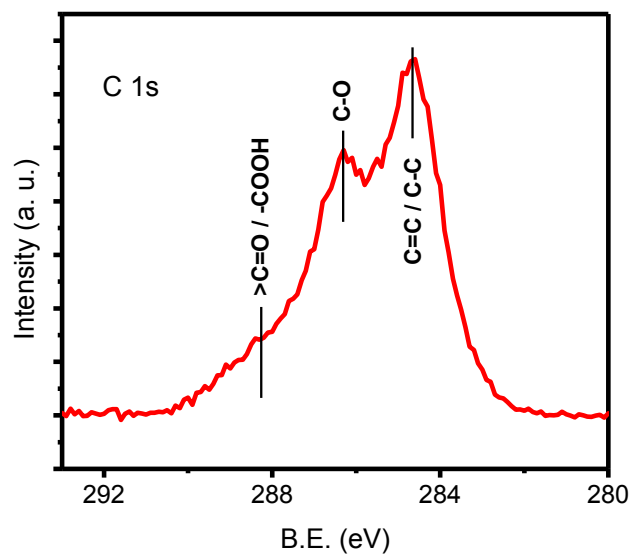


Fig. S2: C 1s XPS spectrum of GO

Table I - Comparison of electrical conductivity of rGO obtained by two-step method (photocatalytic / vacuum annealing) with reported reduction methods.

<b>Reduction method</b>	<b>Conductivity (S m<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Reference</b>
N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	156.2	Ref-17
NaOH	3.6	Ref-17
NaBH <sub>4</sub>	0.006	Ref-17
Solvothermal	4.8	Ref-17
High temperature	231.1	Ref-17
Vacuum annealing	~50	Ref-51
Two-step (Reduction / high temperature annealing)	267.8	Ref-17
Two-step (Photocatalytic reduction / vacuum annealing)	2000	Present work