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## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for**

## Simple preparation of Cu<sub>6</sub>Sn<sub>5</sub>/Sn composites as anode materials for

## lithium-ion batteries

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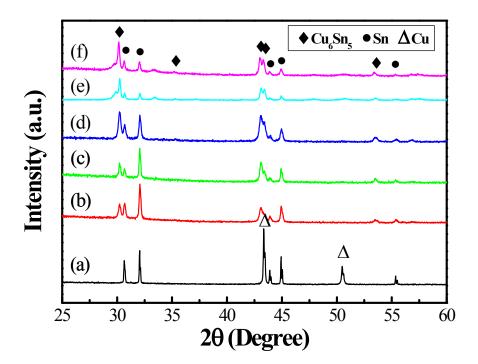


Fig. S1. XRD patterns of the sample with y = 7 prepared in different ball-milling times (a) before ball milling, (b) 50 min, (c) 100 min, (d) 200 min, (e) 400 min and (f) 600 min.

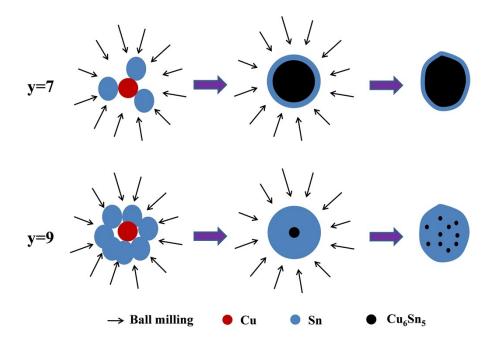


Fig. S2. The formation process of the core-shell structure of the samples with y=7 and y=9.

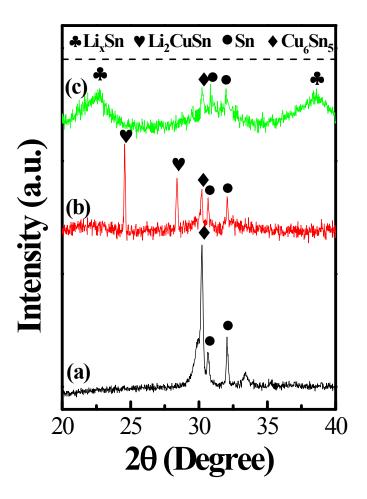


Fig. S3. XRD patterns of the sample with y=7 anode before and after discharge to different voltage vs.  $Li^+/Li$ , (a) before discharge, (b) after discharge to 0.4 V, and (c) after discharge to 0.01 V.

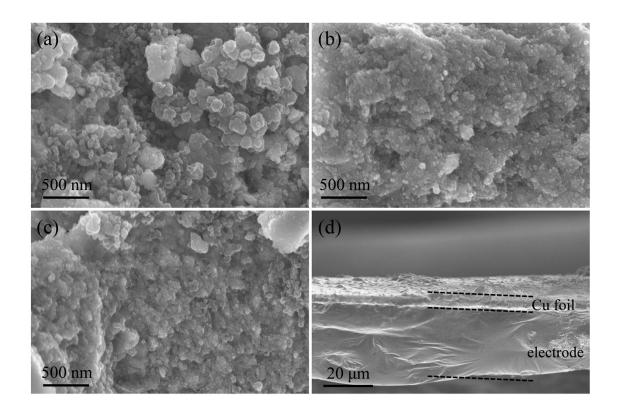


Fig. S4. SEM images of the  $Cu_xSn_y$  anodes, (a) y=9, (b) y=7, and (c) y=4.5; (d) SEM image of the cross profile of the anode with y=7.