Supplementary Information

Facile hydrothermal synthesis and electrochemical properties of orthorhombic

LiMnO₂ cathode materials for rechargeable lithium batteries

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Fig. S3. Particle size distributions of M_0 (a), M_m (b), M_3 (c), M_6 (d), M_9 (e) and M_{12} (f).

Fig. S4. TEM images of M₀ (a), M₃ (b), M₆ (c), M₉ (d), M₁₂ (e).

Fig. S5. XRD patterns of products synthesized under different conditions: (a) 0.1 mol L⁻¹ MnCl₂, 0.6 mol L⁻¹ LiOH, 0.1 mol L⁻¹ NaClO, 0.1 mol L⁻¹ EDTA, 180 °C, 24 h; (b) heat treatment of (a) in air at 300 °C for 2 h; (c) heat treatment of (a) in air at 600 °C for 2 h.

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1. The effect of EDTA on product composition



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2. The preparation of Al doped *o*-LiMnO₂



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3. The particle size distributions of the as-obtained samples



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4. The micromorphology and particle size of pure and Al doped o-LiMnO₂



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5. The heat treatment of as-obtained o-LiMnO₂ in air



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6. The electrochemical performance of the as-obtained o-LiMnO₂ and LiMn₂O₄



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