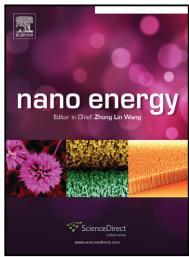
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Abstract

Structural defects, e.g. Mn³⁺/oxygen non-stoichiometry, largely affect the electrochemical performance of both Li₂MnO₃ and Lithium-rich Manganese-rich (LMR) layered oxides with Li₂MnO₃ as one of the key components. Herein, Li₂MnO₃ samples with different amount of structural defects of Mn³⁺/oxygen non-stoichiometry are prepared. The results clearly demonstrate that the annealed Li₂MnO₃ (ALMO), quenched Li₂MnO₃ (QLMO), and quenched Li₂MnO₃ milled with Super P (MLMO) all show pure C2/m monoclinic phase with stacking faults. MLMO shows the largest amount of Mn³⁺, followed by the QLMO and then the ALMO. The increased amount of Mn³⁺ in Li₂MnO₃ (such as sample MLMO) facilitates the activation of Li₂MnO₃ and leads to the highest initial discharge specific capacity of 167.7 mAh g⁻¹ among the

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