

Supporting Information

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Hydrothermal synthesis

Table 1: : Detailed list of the synthesized samples through hydrothermal route.

Samples	Reagents	Quantities	PM (g/mol)	Density (g/cm ³)	moles	Concentration (M=mol/mL)	Molar ratios	Temperature (°C)	Time (h)
V1(1.2)_24h	V ₂ O ₅	0.1670 g	181.88		0.000918	0.0000918	1	160	24
	Citric acid	0.2376 g	210.14		0.001131	0.0001131	1.2		
	Deionized H ₂ O	10 mL	18.00	1.000	0.555556		605		
N1(1.2)_24h	NH ₄ VO ₃	0.1666 g	181.88		0.000916	0.0000916	1	160	24
	Citric acid	0.2368 g	210.14		0.001127	0.0001127	1.2		
	Deionized H ₂ O	10 mL	18.00	1.000	0.555556		607		
V2(1.2)_24h	V ₂ O ₅	0.1673 g	181.88		0.000920	0.0000920	1	160	24
	Oxalic Acid	0.0987 g	90,034		0.001096	0.0001096	1.2		
	Deionized H ₂ O	10 mL	18.00	1.000	0.555556		604		
N2(1.2)_24h	NH ₄ VO ₃	0.1064 g	181.88		0.000585	0.0000585	1	160	24
	Oxalic Acid	0.0635 g	90,034		0.000705	0.0000705	1.2		
	Deionized H ₂ O	10 mL	18.00	1.000	0.555556		950		
V3(1.7)_24h	V ₂ O ₅	0.1679 g	181.88		0.000923	0.0000923	1	160	24
	Oxalic Acid	0.1420 g	90,034		0.001577	0.0001577	1.7		
	Deionized H ₂ O	10 mL	18.00	1.000	0.555556		602		
V4(1.7)_24h	V ₂ O ₅	0.1687 g	181.88		0.000928	0.0000928	1	180	24
	Oxalic Acid	0.1425 g	90,034		0.001583	0.0001583	1.7		
	Deionized H ₂ O	10 mL	18.00	1.000	0.555556		599		
V5(1.7)_12h	V ₂ O ₅	0.1672 g	181.88		0.000919	0.0000919	1	180	12
	Oxalic Acid	0.1416 g	90,034		0.001573	0.0001573	1.7		
	Deionized H ₂ O	10 mL	18.00	1.000	0.555556		604		

V6(1.7)_8h	V ₂ O ₅	0.1686 g	181.88		0.000927	0.0000927	1	180	8
	Oxalic Acid	0.1427 g	90,034		0.001585	0.0001585	1.7		
	Deionized H ₂ O	10 mL	18.00	1.000	0.555556		599		
V7(1.7)_6h	V ₂ O ₅	0.1677 g	181.88		0.000922	0.0000922	1	180	6
	Oxalic Acid	0.1418 g	90,034		0.001575	0.0001575	1.7		
	Deionized H ₂ O	10 mL	18.00	1.000	0.555556		603		

XRD analyses

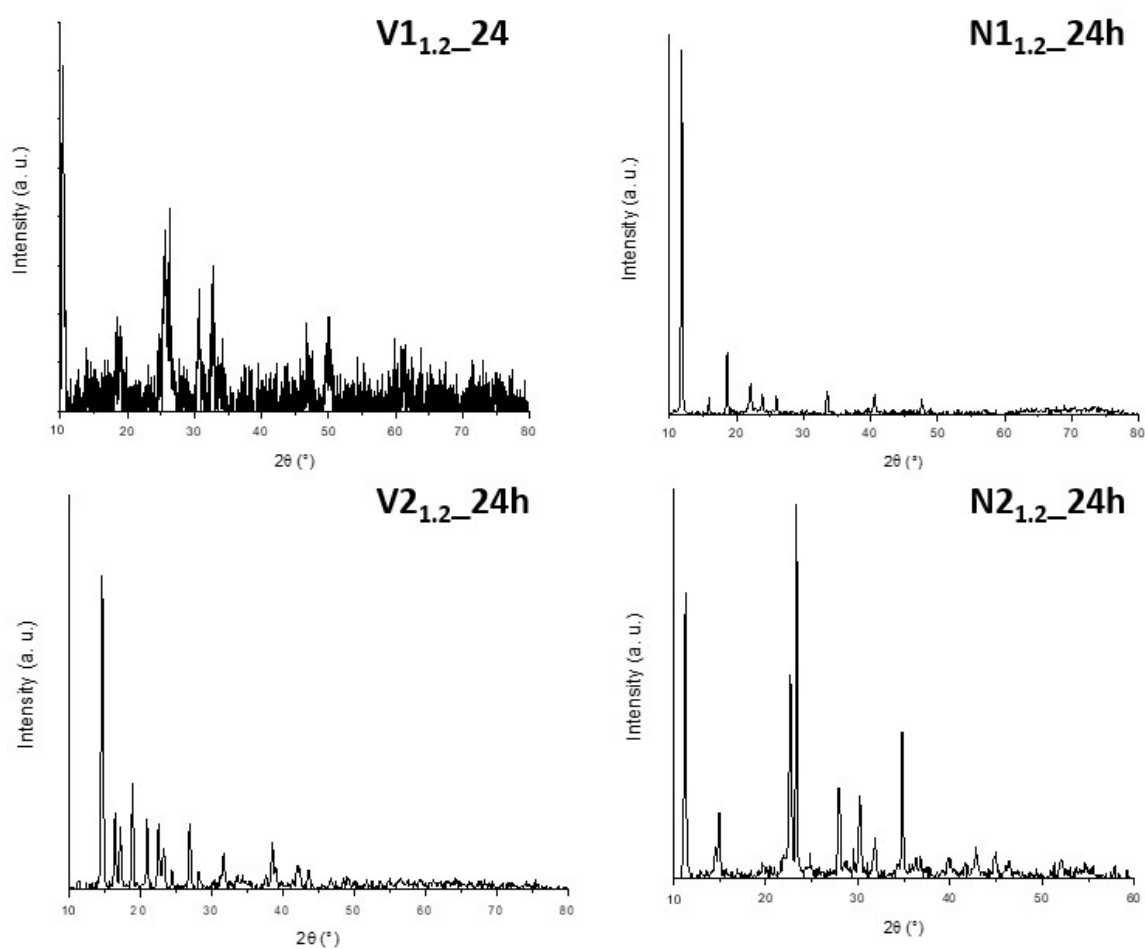


Figure S1: XRD analyses of the following samples: V1_{1.2}_24h, N1_{1.2}_24h, V2_{1.2}_24h, N2_{1.2}_24h.

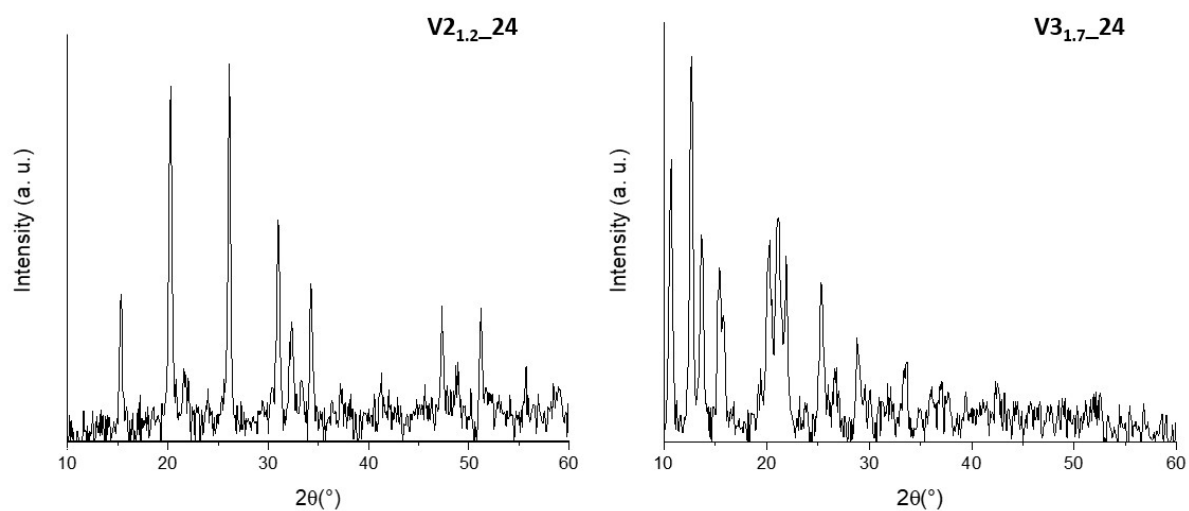


Figure S2: XRD analyses of $V2_{1.2_24h}$ (on the left) and $V3_{1.7_24h}$ (on the right) with two different vanadium precursor/reducing agent molar ratios, e.g. 1:1.2 and 1:1.7 respectively, without showing any improvement in the formation of the pure crystalline phase $VO_2(B)$.

Stability test in alkaline pH

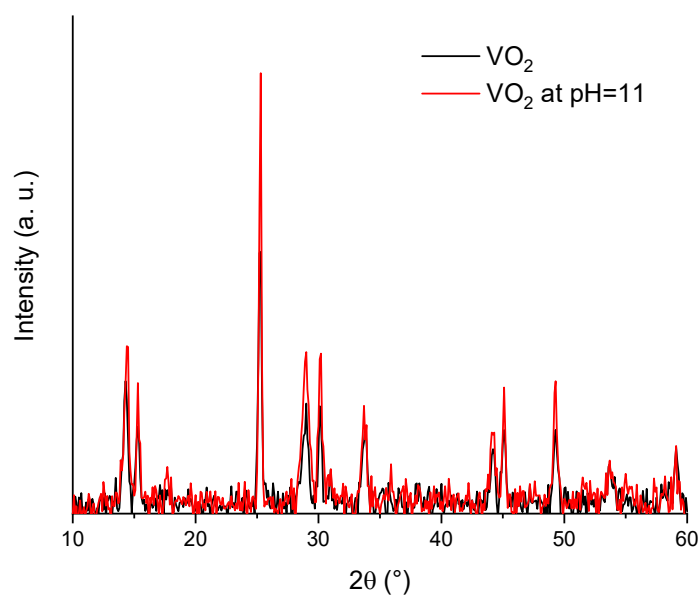


Figure S3: XRD analyses before (black line) and after (red line) the stability test of vanadium dioxide, by its suspension in an alkaline solution of $Ca(OH)_2$ at pH = 11 for 24 hours.

SEM measurements

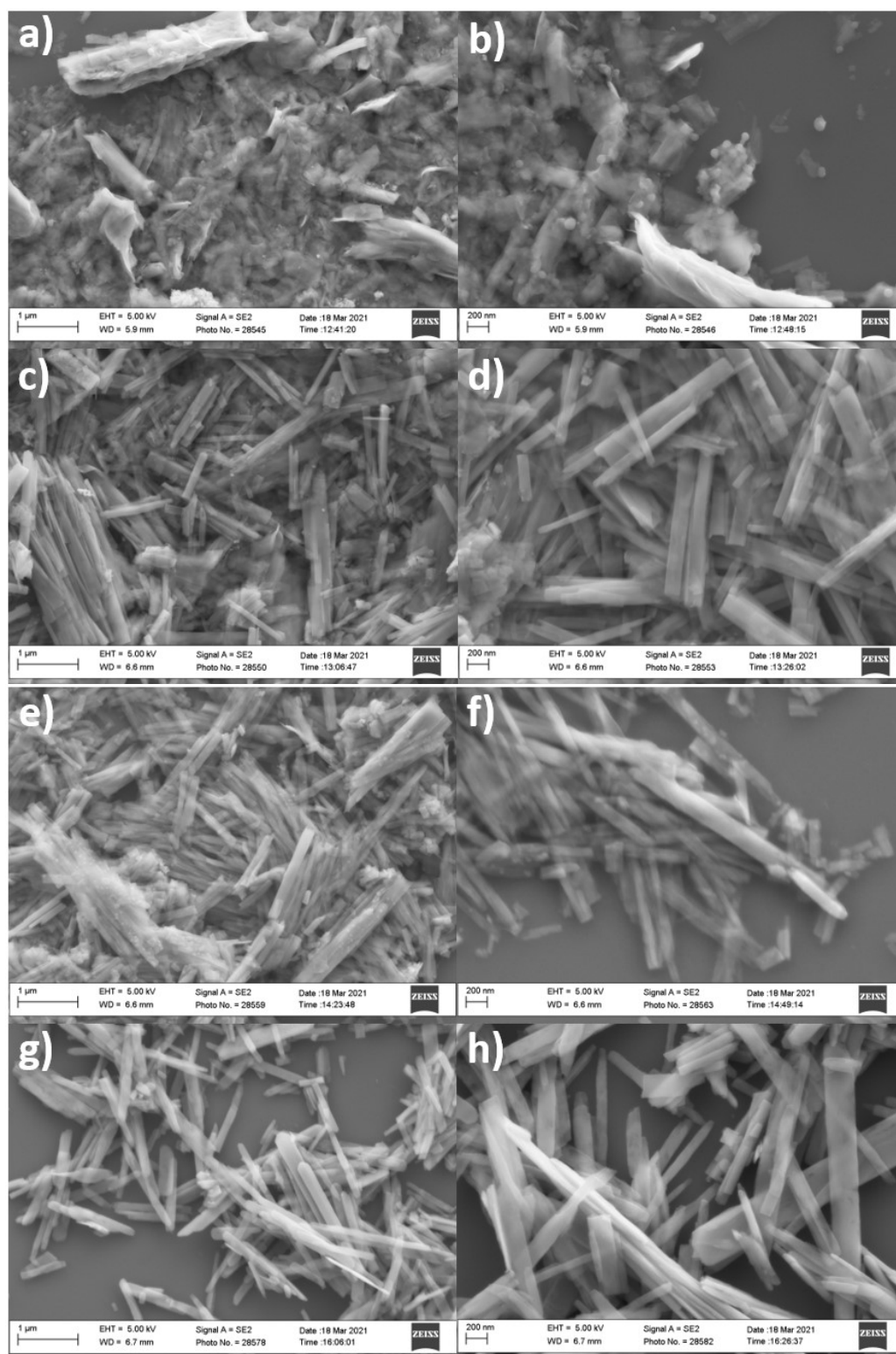


Figure S4: SEM images of the synthesized samples after a reaction time of 6 hours, a) and b), 8 hours, c) and d), 12 hours, e) and f), and 24 hours, g) and h).