

X24b Ly α Emitters with Very Large Ly α Equivalent Widths, $EW_0(\text{Ly}\alpha) \simeq 200 - 400 \text{ \AA}$, at $z \sim 2$

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We present physical properties of spectroscopically confirmed Ly α emitters (LAEs) with very large rest-frame Ly α equivalent widths $EW_0(\text{Ly}\alpha)$. Although the definition of large $EW_0(\text{Ly}\alpha)$ LAEs is usually difficult due to limited statistical and systematic uncertainties, we identify six LAEs selected from ~ 3000 LAEs at $z \sim 2$ with reliable measurements of $EW_0(\text{Ly}\alpha) \simeq 200 - 400 \text{ \AA}$ given by careful continuum determinations with our deep photometric and spectroscopic data. These large $EW_0(\text{Ly}\alpha)$ LAEs do not have signatures of AGN, but notably small stellar masses of $M_* = 10^{7-8} M_\odot$ and high specific star-formation rates of $\sim 100 \text{ Gyr}^{-1}$. These LAEs are characterized by the median values of $L(\text{Ly}\alpha) = 3.7 \times 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ and $M_{\text{UV}} = -18.0$ as well as the blue UV continuum slope of $\beta = -2.5 \pm 0.2$ and the low dust extinction $E(B - V)_* = 0.02^{+0.04}_{-0.02}$, which indicate a high median Ly α escape fraction of $f_{\text{esc}}^{\text{Ly}\alpha} = 0.68 \pm 0.30$. This large $f_{\text{esc}}^{\text{Ly}\alpha}$ value is explained by the low HI column density in the ISM that is consistent with FWHM of the Ly α line, $\text{FWHM}(\text{Ly}\alpha) = 212 \pm 32 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, significantly narrower than those of small $EW_0(\text{Ly}\alpha)$ LAEs. Based on the stellar evolution models, our observational constraints of the large $EW_0(\text{Ly}\alpha)$ and the small β imply that at least a half of our large $EW_0(\text{Ly}\alpha)$ LAEs would have young stellar ages of $\lesssim 20 \text{ Myr}$ and very low metallicities of $Z < 0.02Z_\odot$.