## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Shrimp-shell Derived Carbon Nanodots as Carbon and Nitrogen Source to Fabricate Three-dimensional N-doped Porous Carbon Electrocatalyst for Oxygen Reduction Reaction

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Fig. S1 SEM image of surface acidification treated  $SiO_2$  spheres with an average diameter of ~200 nm.



**Fig. S2** Surface SEM images of pyrolytic carbon products obtained at 500 °C (A), 600 °C (B), 700 °C (C) and 900 °C (D).



**Fig. S3** Surface survey XPS spectra of pyrolytic carbon products obtained at 500 °C, 800 °C and 900 °C (denoted as NPC-500, NPC-800 and NPC-900).



Fig. S4 High resolution C 1s XPS spectra of NPC-500 (A), NPC-800 (B) and NPC-900 (C).



**Fig. S5** Linear sweep voltammogram (LSV) curves at different rotation speeds, corresponding K–L plots and electron transfer numbers over the potential range of - 0.4 V to -0.65 V of NPC-500 (A, B, C), NPC-600 (D, E, F), NPC-700 (G, H, I) and NPC-900 (J, K, L). The electrolyte is  $O_2$ -saturated 0.1 M KOH solution and the scan rate is 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S6** SEM image of N-doped carbon material obtained by direct pyrolysis of shrimp-shell derived N-doped carbon nanodots without SiO<sub>2</sub> spheres at 800 °C (NC-800).