

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### 3D Hierarchical Porous NiO Nanoflowers as an Advanced Anode Material with Remarkable Lithium Storage Performance

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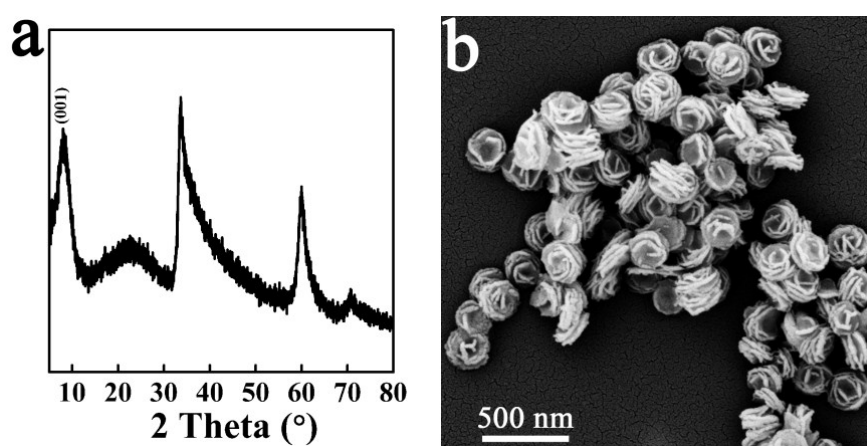


Fig. S1 XRD pattern and SEM images of nickel-precursor<sup>1</sup>.

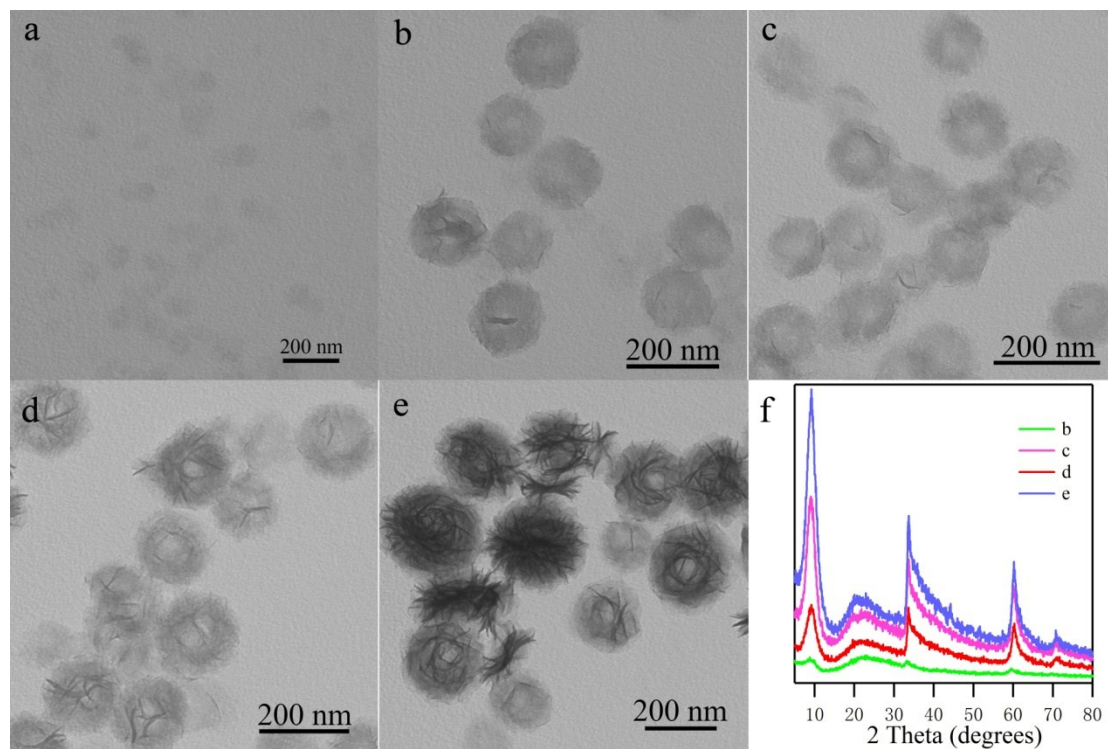


Fig. S2 TEM (a–e) images and XRD pattern (f) of the samples obtained for different solvothermal reaction times. (a) 50 min, (b) 60 min, (c) 180 min, (d) 240 min, (e) 300 min.

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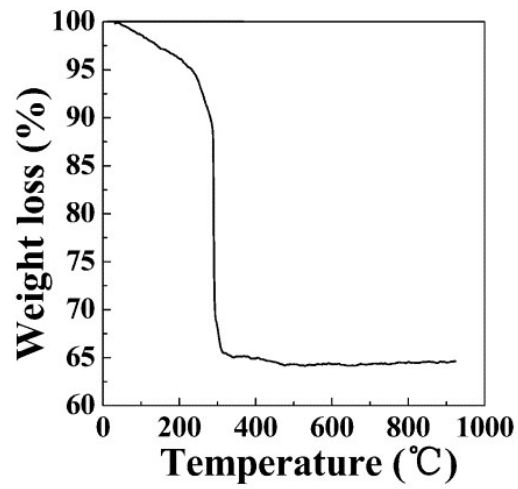


Fig. S3 TG-DSC curves of the as-prepared precursors.

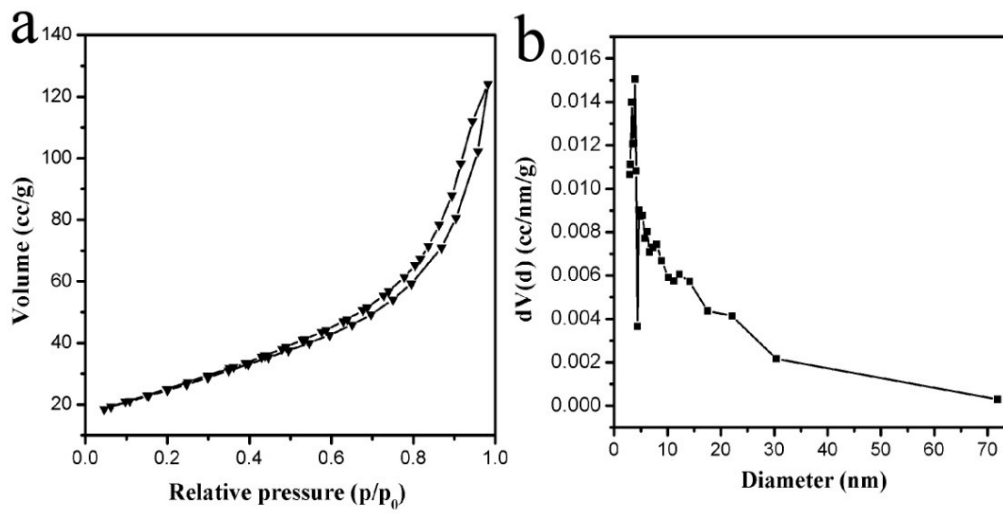
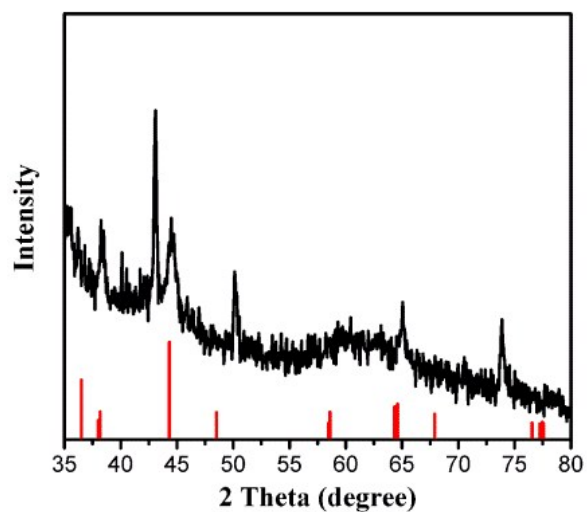


Fig. S4 (a) N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherm, and (b) pore-size distribution of the as-prepared NiO nanoflowers.

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**Fig. S5** XRD pattern of the product after being discharged/charged over 50 cycles at a current density of  $100 \text{ mA g}^{-1}$ .

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