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Figure S1. Fe 2p XPS spectra of Fe $_3O_4$ / GS before and after heat treatment



Figure S2. The specific capacity-potential curves of 10th, 50th, 100th and 150th for the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/GS at a current density of 0.5 A g<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure S3 the test electrode is prepared with a weight ratio of 80:10:10 for active material, acetylene black and binder, respectively. Cycling performance (a) 0.5 A g<sup>-1</sup> and Rate Capability (b) at various current densities are shown.

| Table S1. | Comparison | of electrochen | nical performant | ce of Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /GS | with the other re | ported iron oxid | e/ carbon composite | es |
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| Sample   | Current<br>(mA g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Cycles<br>(N) | Capacity<br>(mAh g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Ref. |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|------|
| Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /GS                         | 500                              | 175           | 1002                               | This |
| $\alpha\text{-}Fe_2O_3/Carbon \ nanofiber$                 | 500                              | 100           | 288                                | (40) |
| $\gamma$ -Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Carbon nanofiber | 50                               | 40            | 837                                | (3)  |
| Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CNTs microspheres          | 390                              | 100           | 840                                | (41) |
| Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /carbon coating             | 500                              | 50            | 976                                | (42) |
| rGO/Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>                         | 500                              | 100           | 690                                | (43) |
| Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /C                          | 100                              | 40            | 1000                               | (18) |
| Fe2O3@PANI   | 100                              | 100           | 893                                | (45) |
| Fe2O3/CNT/graphene   | 372                              | 100           | 620                                | (46) |
| Fe3O4@CNTs   | 100                              | 145           | 656                                | (47) |

Table S2 Comparison of Nyquist plots of  $Fe_3O_4/GS$  and  $Fe_3O_4$  after 5 cycles and 50 cycles

| Sample                             | R( <sub>sf+ct)</sub> (Ω)<br>after 5 cycles | R( <sub>sf+ct)</sub> (Ω)<br>after 50 cycles |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /GS | 18.3                                       | 14.6  |

Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 106.6 46.5