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## **Supporting information**

## A single-step room-temperature electrochemical synthesis of nitrogen-doped graphene nanoribbons from carbon nanotubes

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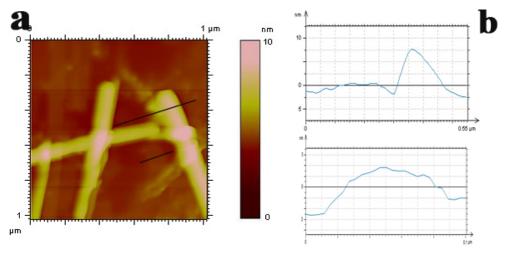


Fig. SI 1 (a) AFM image of N-doped GNRs showing widths ranging from 80 to 150 nm; and (b) height profiles for the marked areas showing layer thickness of 2 and 8 nm.

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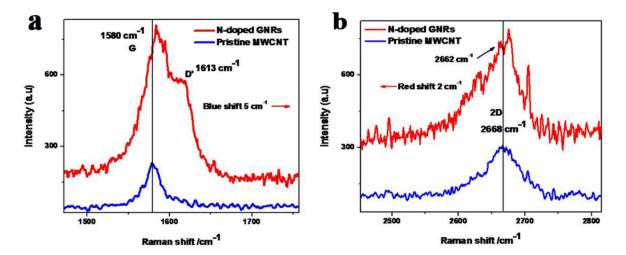
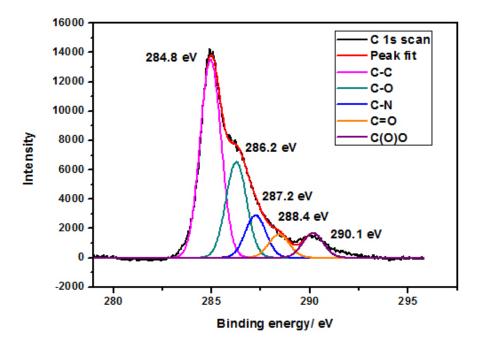


Fig. SI 2 (a) High-resolution Raman spectra showing the G band at ~1580 cm<sup>-1</sup> for MWCNTs and N-doped GNRs. N-doped GNRs show a shoulder (D' band) at 1613 cm<sup>-1</sup> and a relative blue shift of 5 cm<sup>-1</sup> from MWCNTs. (b) High-resolution Raman spectra showing 2D band at 2668 cm<sup>-1</sup> for MWCNTs and N-doped GNRs. The latter shows a red shift of 2 cm<sup>-1</sup> and an extra small peak at 2662 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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**Fig. SI 3** High-resolution C 1s XPS spectrum of N-doped GNRs showing the presence of C–C, C–O, C–N, –C=O, and C(O)O bonding features at binding energies of 284.8, 286.2, 287.2, 288.4, and 290.1 eV, respectively.

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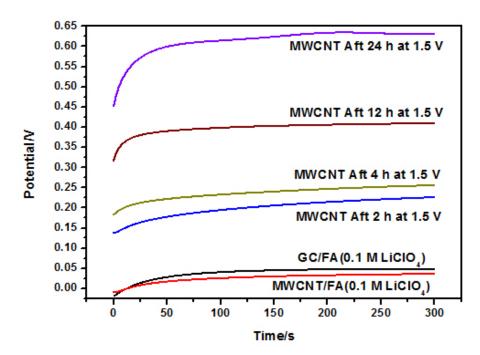


Fig. SI 4. Open circuit potentials of MWCNT-coated GC in formamide containing  $0.1 \,\mathrm{M}$  LiClO<sub>4</sub> against Pt wire quasi reference electrode. The OCPs for MWCNT-coated GC were 0.04, 0.20, 0.24, 0.40 and  $0.62 \,\mathrm{V}$ , respectively, for electric field exposure of 0, 2, 4, 12, and  $24 \,\mathrm{h}$ , respectively.