Carbon-coated Silicon Nanoparticle-embedded Carbon Sphere Assembly Electrodes with Enhanced Performance for Lithium-ion Batteries

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Figure S1. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curve of the C-SNP in air.



Figure S2. SEM images of (a) 44 wt.% C-SNP/micron-sized carbon particles and (b) 56 wt.% C-SNP/micrometer carbon particles (scale bar: $1 \ \mu m$)



Figure S3. Comparison of cycle performance of C-SNP/CS and C-SNP/commercial carbon

particles. The commercial carbon particles were purchased from Aldrich.



Figure S4. SEM images of (a) 44 wt.% C-SNP/CS after 150 cycles, (b) 56 wt.% C-SNP/CS after 150 cycles (scale bar: $1 \mu m$).



Figure S5. Impedance spectra measured after the rate capability test of bare C-SNP, 56 wt.% C-SNP/CS and 44 wt.% C-SNP/CS.