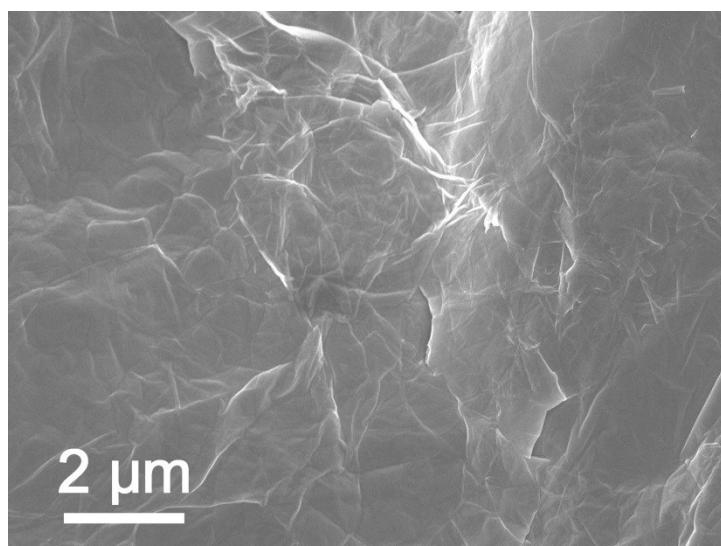


## Supporting Information

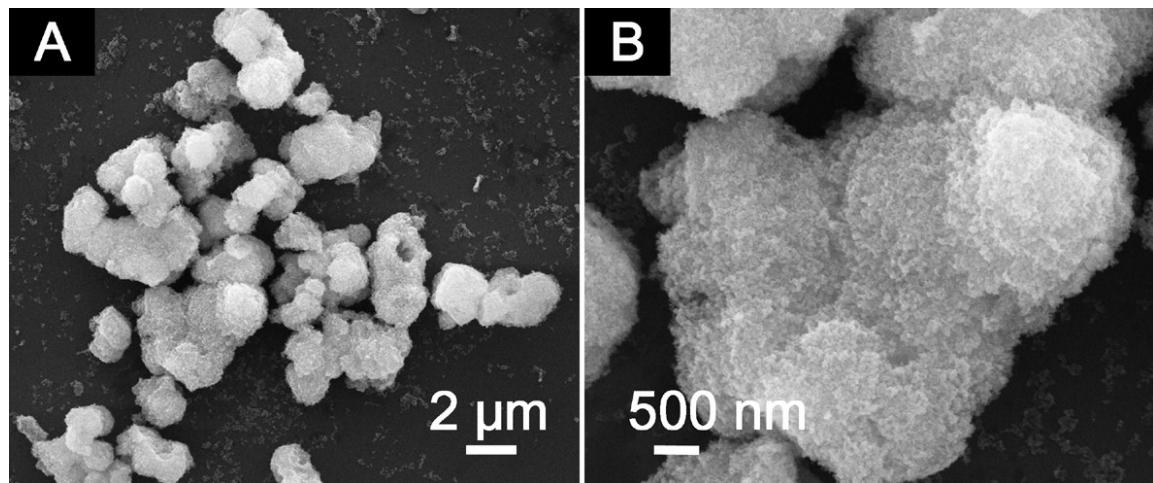
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### Construction of sandwich-type hybrid structures by anchoring mesoporous ZnMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanofoams on reduced graphene oxide with highly enhanced lithium storage capability

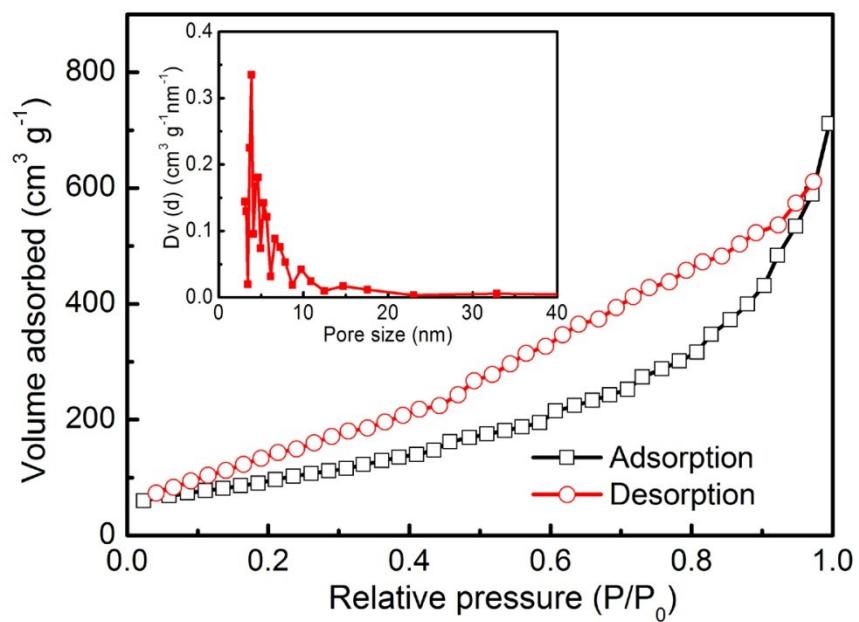
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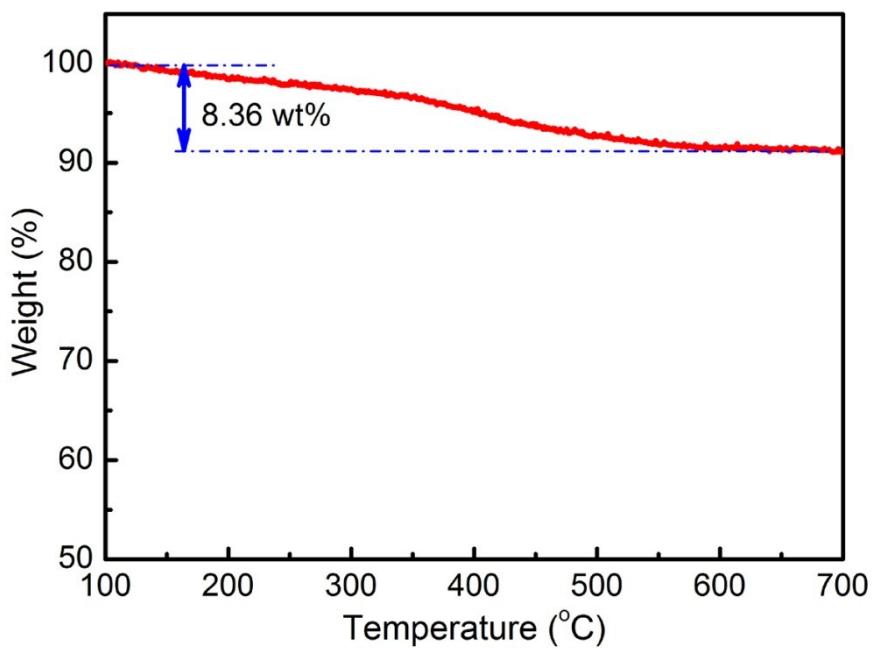
**Figure S1.** FESEM image of GO sheets.



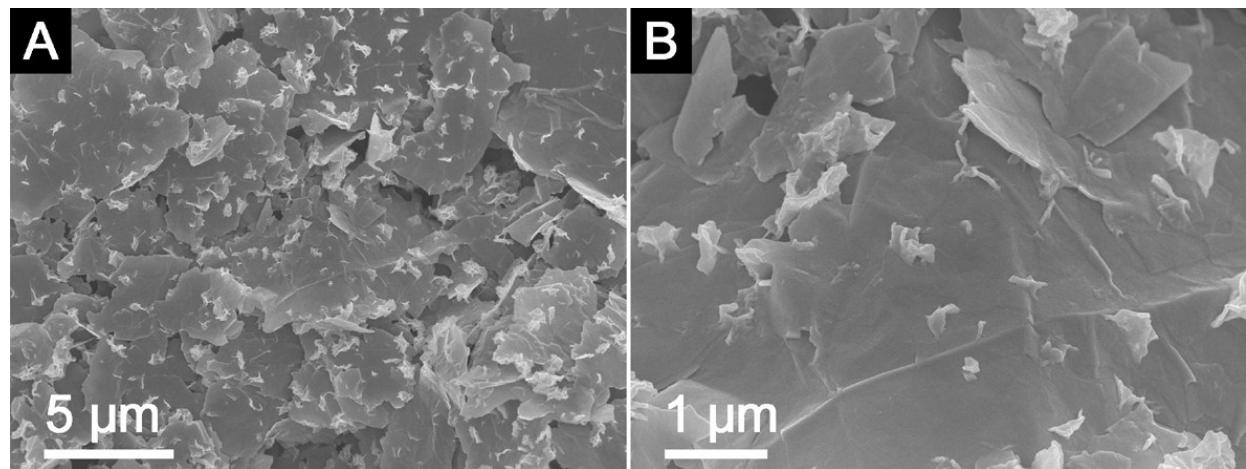
**Figure S2.** FESEM images of aggregated  $\text{ZnMn}_2\text{O}_4$  microsphere without GO sheets support.



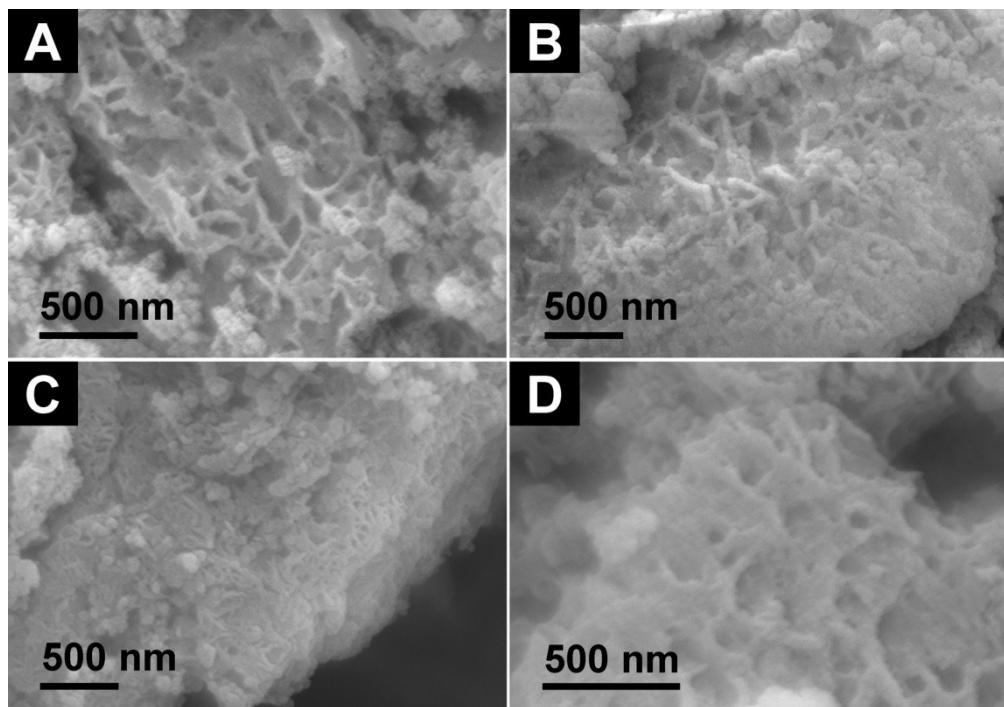
**Figure S3.**  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherm of the as-prepared sandwich-type rGO/ $\text{ZnMn}_2\text{O}_4$  NFs and pore size distribution curve (inset) obtained from BJH method.



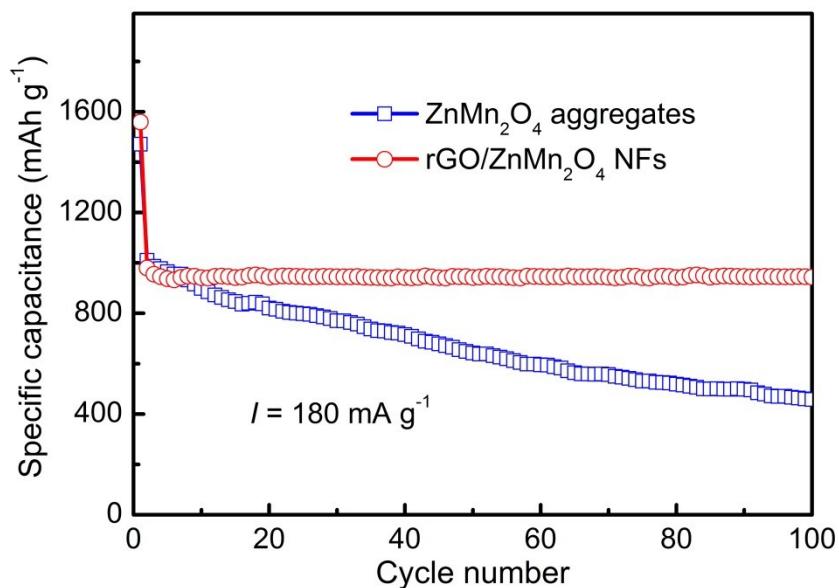
**Figure S4.** TGA profile of sandwich-type rGO/ZnMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NFs in air between 100 and 600 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>.



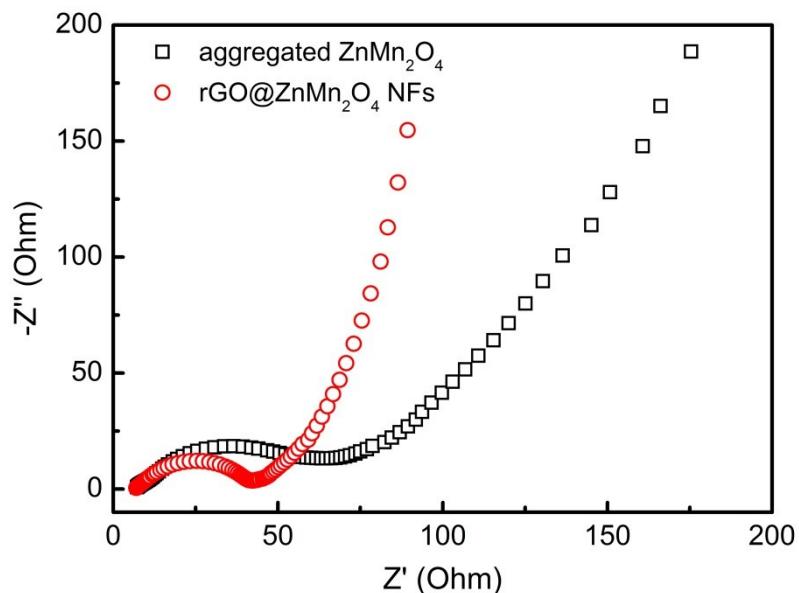
**Figure S5.** FESEM images of rGO/ZnMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanocomposites without adding HMT.



**Figure S6.** FESEM images of sandwich-type rGO/ZnMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NFs after (A) 1, (B) 5, (C) 10, (D) 20 cycles at 180 mA g<sup>-1</sup> between 0.005 and 3.0 V.



**Figure S7.** Cycling performance of aggregated ZnMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> microsphere and sandwich-type rGO/ZnMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NFs at a current density of 180 mA g<sup>-1</sup> between 0.005 and 3 V.



**Figure S8.** Nyquist plots of aggregated  $\text{ZnMn}_2\text{O}_4$ , rGO/ $\text{ZnMn}_2\text{O}_4$  NFs electrodes measured with the amplitude of 5 mV over the frequency range of 100 kHz and 0.01 Hz.

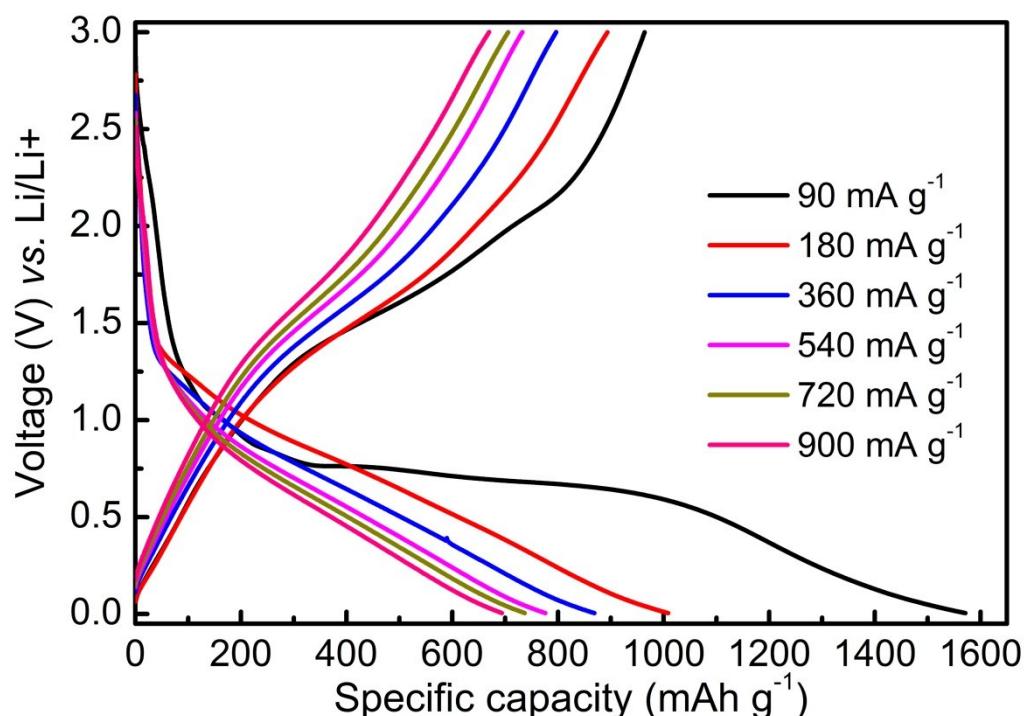


Figure S9. Discharge/charge voltage curves of rGO/ $\text{ZnMn}_2\text{O}_4$  NFs at different current densities in the voltage window of 0.5 mV and 3.0 V.

**Table S1.** Electrochemical comparison with other reported ZnMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-based anodes.

<b>Electrode materials</b>	<b>Discharge capacity in the second cycle</b>	<b>Capacity retention after long cycles</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
rGO/ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> NFs	980 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 180 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	96.5% after 150 cycle	This work
CNT/ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanosheets	600 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1224 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	83.3% after 100 cycle	1
ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> hollow nanotubes	736 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 200 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	90.9% after 280 cycles	2
Mesoporous ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanocrystals	771 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 400 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	94.7% after 800 cycles	3
ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Tubular Arrays	681 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> At 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	115.1% after 100 cycles	4
rGO/ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanoparticles	730 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 500 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	89% after 1500 cycles	5
ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ball-in-ball hollow microspheres	750 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 400 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	100% after 120 cycles	6
ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> on carbon aerogel	920 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	90.5% after 50 cycles	7
ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> hollow microsphere	722 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 400 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	84% after 100 cycles	8
Flower-like ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	752 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 60 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	66.8% after 30 cycles	9
Grapheme wrapped ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanorods	975 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	72.5% after 50 cycles	10
ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> twin microsphere	730 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 500 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	117.8% after 130 cycles	11
Flower-like ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	750 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	83.4% after 50 cycles	12
Loaf-like ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanorods	630 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 500 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	82.1% after 100 cycles	13

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<b>Electrode materials</b>	<b>Discharge capacity in the second cycle</b>	<b>Capacity retention after long cycles</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
rGO/ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> NFs for lithium ion batteries	980 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 180 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	96.5% after 150 cycle	This work
rGO/SnO <sub>2</sub> nanoparticles for sodium ion batteries	407 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	66.3% after 100 cycle	14
rGO/TiO <sub>2</sub> for lithium ion batteries	183 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 5000 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	76.5% after 100 cycles	15
rGO/SnO <sub>2</sub> nanoparticles for sodium ion batteries	936 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	123.5% after 100 cycles	16
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> @rGO for absorption properties	-	-	17
rGO/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanocomposite for lithium ion batteries	1209 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at	87% after 40 cycles	18

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