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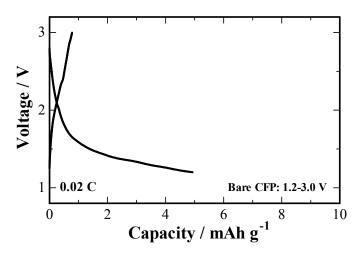
Electrochemical Properties of Stoichiometric CuS Coated on Carbon Fiber Paper and Cu Foil Current Collectors as Cathode Material for Lithium Batteries

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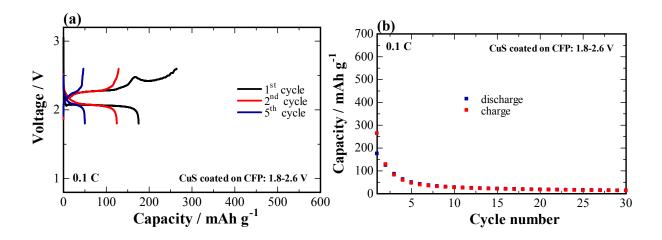
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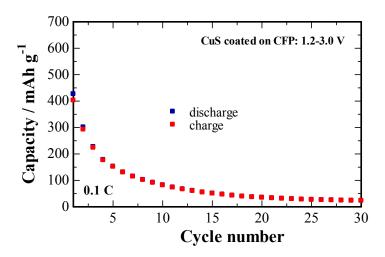
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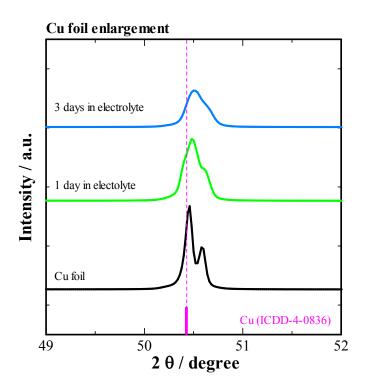
**Fig. S1**  $1^{st}$  charge-discharge profiles of bare CFP electrode at 0.02 C between 1.2-3.0 V.



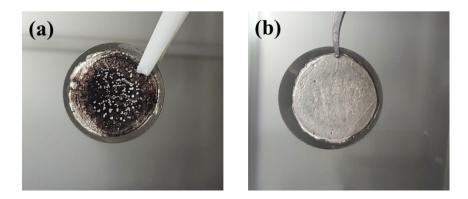
**Fig. S2** (a) Charge-discharge profile of stoichiometric CuS coated on a CFP current collector and cycled at 0.1 C between 1.8-2.6 V at the  $1^{st}$ ,  $2^{nd}$ , and  $5^{th}$  cycles. (b) Cycling performance at 0.1 C for 30 cycles.



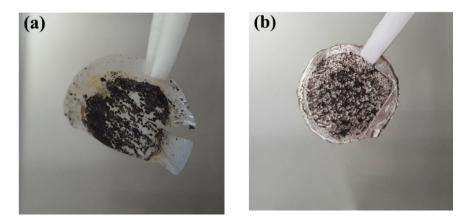
**Fig. S3** Cycling performance of stoichiometric CuS coated on a CFP current collector at 0.1 C for 30 cycles.



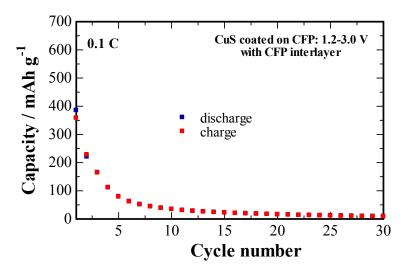
**Fig. S4** An enlargement of the XRD patterns (49-52 °) of the bare Cu foil and the Cu foil after soaking in the electrolyte for 1 and 3 days.



**Fig. S5** Recovered lithium metals after the 1<sup>st</sup> charge at 0.02 C of the cells with stoichiometric CuS coated on (a) a CFP current collector, (b) a Cu foil current collector.



**Fig. S6** Recovered separator and lithium metal after the 20<sup>th</sup> charge at 0.1 C from the cell with stoichiometric CuS electrode coated on a Cu foil current collector.



**Fig. S7** Cycling performance of stoichiometric CuS coated on a CFP current collector with a CFP interlayer at 0.1 C for 30 cycles.