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Supplementary Information

Optimized Al₂O₃ layer enhancing anode performance of NiCo₂O₄ nanosheets for

sodium ion batteries

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Fig. S1. XPS spectra of $NiCo_2O_4$ -0c: (a) survey spectrum, (b) Ni_{2p} , (c) Co_{2p} and (d) O_{1s} .



Fig. S2. (a) SEM and (b-f) elemental mapping images of $NiCo_2O_4$ -50c.



Fig. S3. The CV curves of (a) $NiCo_2O_4$ -5c, $NiCo_2O_4$ -10c and (c) $NiCo_2O_4$ -50c in the 1st, 2nd and 5th cycles.



Fig. S4. The chaprge-discharge profiles of (a) $NiCo_2O_4$ -5c, (b) $NiCo_2O_4$ -10c and (c)

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