

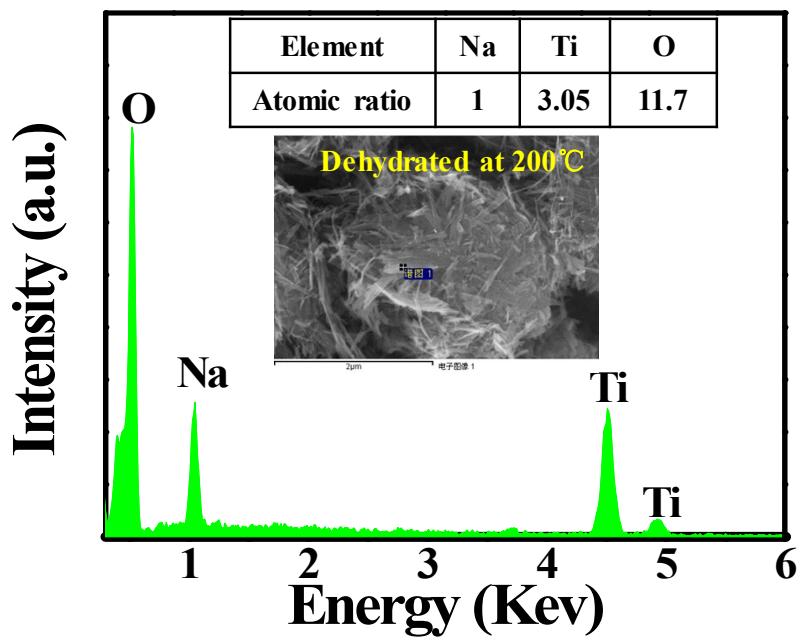
**Electronic Supplementary Information**

**Removing structural water from sodium titanate anode towards barrier-free ion diffusion for sodium ion batteries**

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**Figure S1** EDX of  $\text{NaTi}_3\text{O}_6(\text{OH})\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  sample after dehydrated at 200 °C.

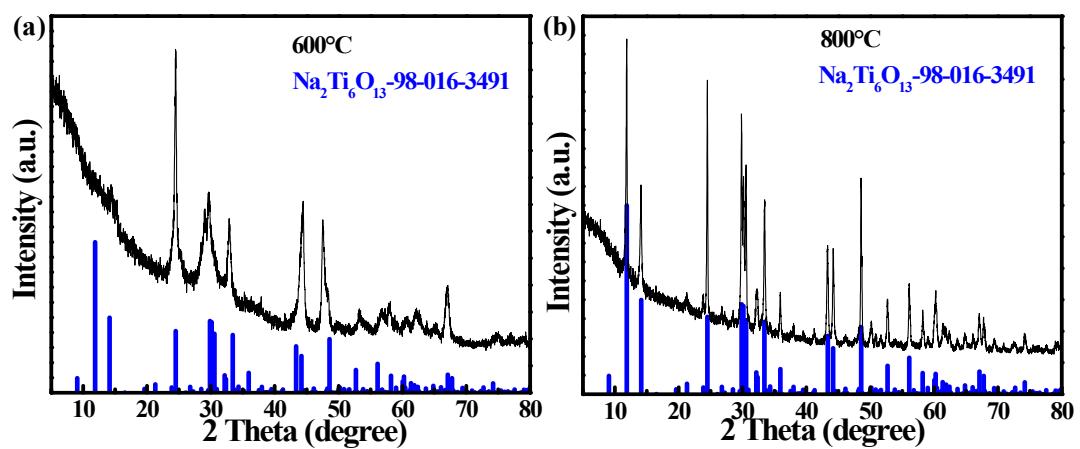
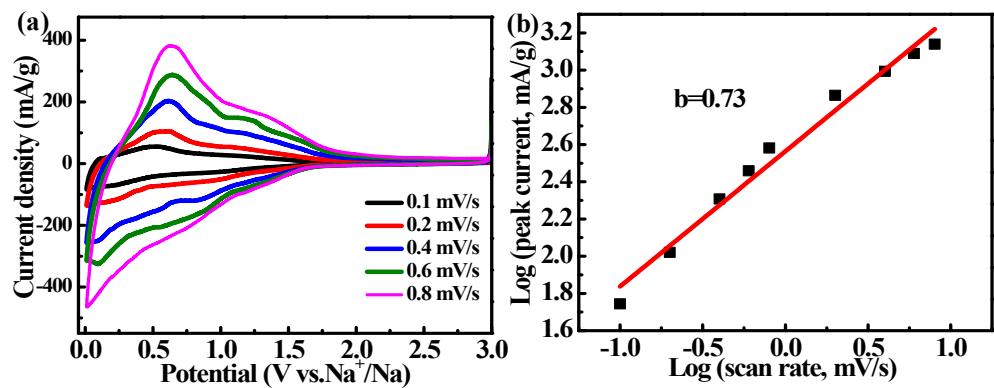


Figure S2 XRD patterns of  $\text{NaTi}_3\text{O}_6(\text{OH}) \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  sample after heated at (a) 600 and (b) 800 °C.



**Figure S3** (a) CV curves at different scan rates, (b) relationship between logarithm oxidatic peak current and logarithm scan rates of as-prepared  $\text{NaTi}_3\text{O}_6(\text{OH})\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  nanowires.

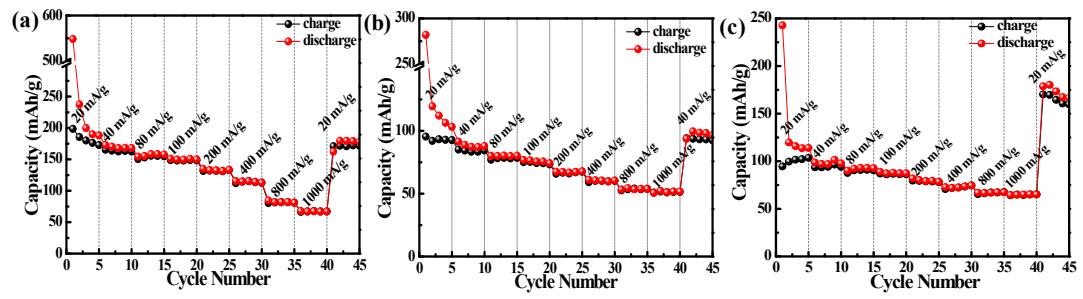
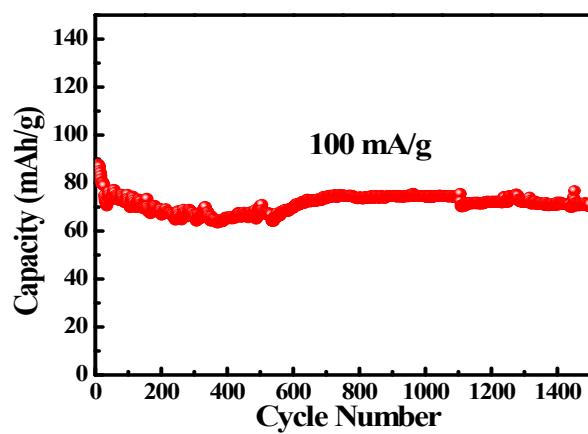
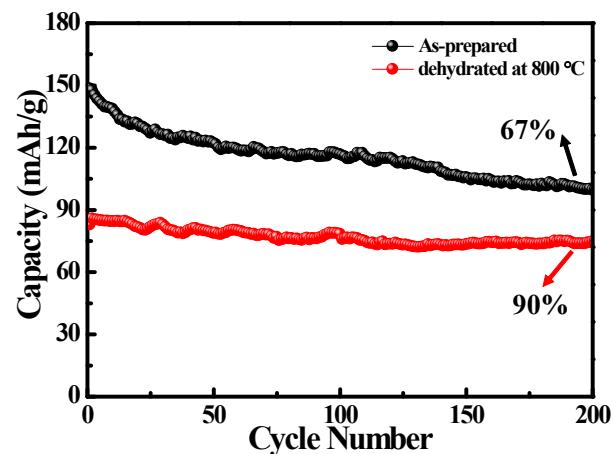
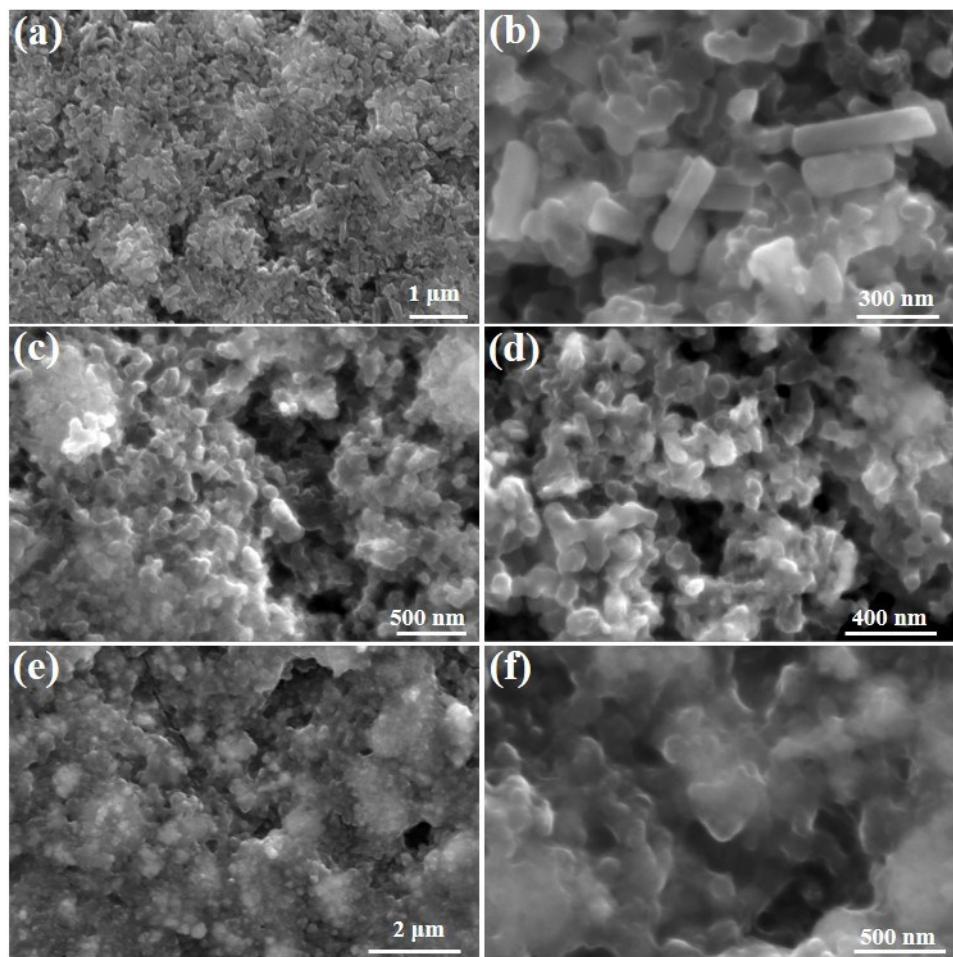


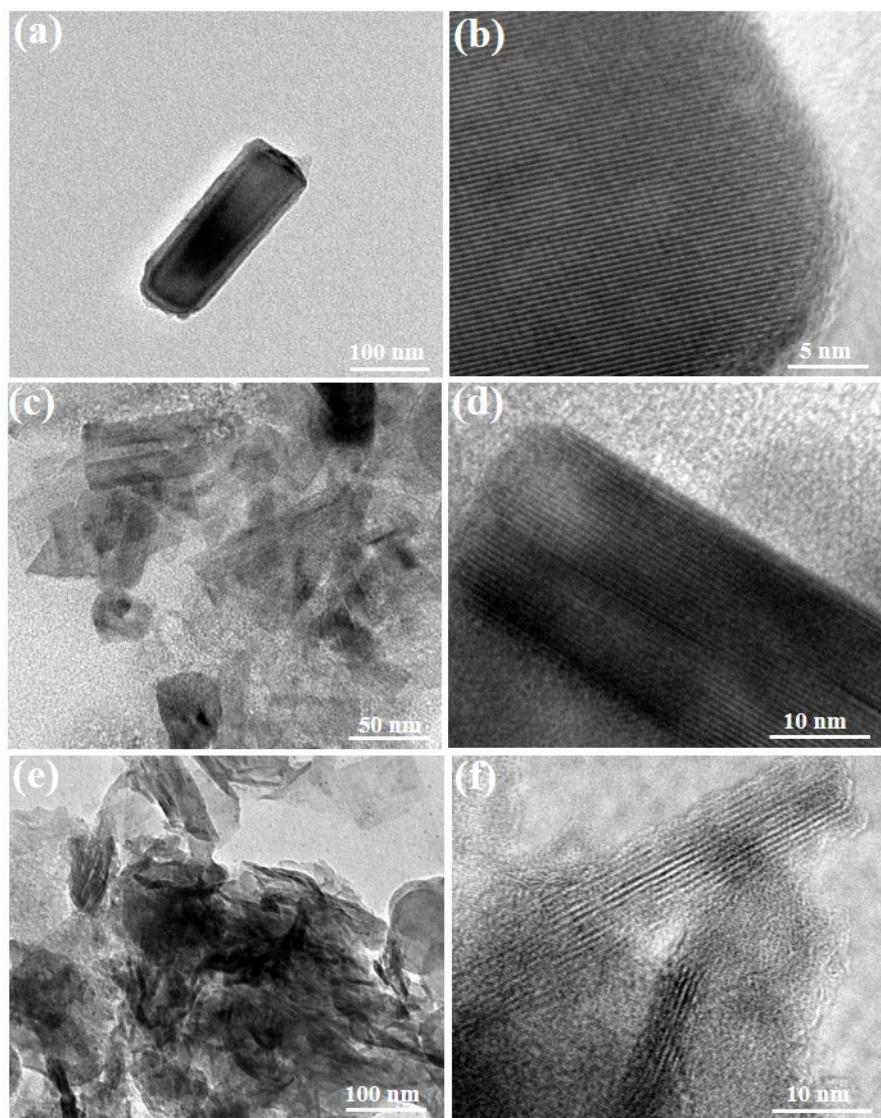
Figure S4 Rate performance of  $\text{NaTi}_3\text{O}_6(\text{OH}) \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  sample (a) before and after heated at (b)  $600$ , (c)  $800$   $^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure S5** Cycling performance comparison of NTO sample before and after dehydrated at 800 °C at the current density of 100 mA/g (up); long cycle performance of NTO sample dehydrated at 800°C at 100 mA/g (down).



**Figure S6** SEM images of sample (a, b) dedydrated at 800 °C, (c, d) dedydrated at 600 °C, (e, f) as-prepared sample after 50 cycles.



**Figure S7** TEM and HRTEM images of sample (a, b) dedydrated at 800 °C, (c, d) dedyhydrated at 600 °C, (e, f) as-prepared sample after 50 cycles.