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## Amorphous MoS<sub>x</sub> Developed on Co(OH)<sub>2</sub> Nanosheets Generating Efficient Oxygen Evolution Catalyst

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Fig. S1 a) and b) high-magnification SEM images, c) HRTEM image and d) SAED pattern of Co(OH)<sub>2</sub> NSs.



Fig. S2 AFM image and corresponding height profile of a)  $Co(OH)_2$  NSs and b)  $aMoS_x/Co(OH)_2$  NSs (Co/Mo 8).



Fig. S3 Water contact angle measurements: images showing water droplets cast onto films of a)  $Co(OH)_2$  NSs and b)  $aMoS_x/Co(OH)_2$  NSs (Co/Mo 8).



Fig. S4 The atom configuration of Co(OH)<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S5 High resolution Co 2p spectra of  $aMoS_x/Co(OH)_2$  NSs (Co/Mo 8) and  $Co(OH)_2$  NSs.



Fig. S6 SEM images with different scale bar of  $aMoS_x/Co(OH)_2$  NSs. a) and f) Co/Mo 2, b) and g) Co/Mo 4, c) and h) Co/Mo 8, d) and i) Co/Mo 16, e) and j) Co/Mo 24.



Fig. S7 SEM images of pure  $aMoS_x$ .



Fig. S8 XRD pattern of pure  $aMoS_x$ .



Fig. S9 Morphology and mapping images of  $aMoO_x/Co(OH)_2NSs$  (Co/Mo 8).

Samples	Co Atom%	Mo Atom%	Co/Mo mole ratio
Co/Mo 2	18.80	8.67	2.17
Co/Mo 4	21.12	6.03	3.50
Co/Mo 8	22.64	2.73	8.29
Co/Mo 16	23.72	1.78	13.33
Co/Mo 24	25.39	0.97	26.18

Table S1. EDS analysis results of as-prepared  $aMoS_x/Co(OH)_2$  NSs with different Co/Mo mole ratio.