

## Supporting Information

### Facile synthesis of hierarchical N-doped hollow porous carbon whisker with ultrahigh surface area via synergistic inner-outer activation for casein hydrolysate adsorption

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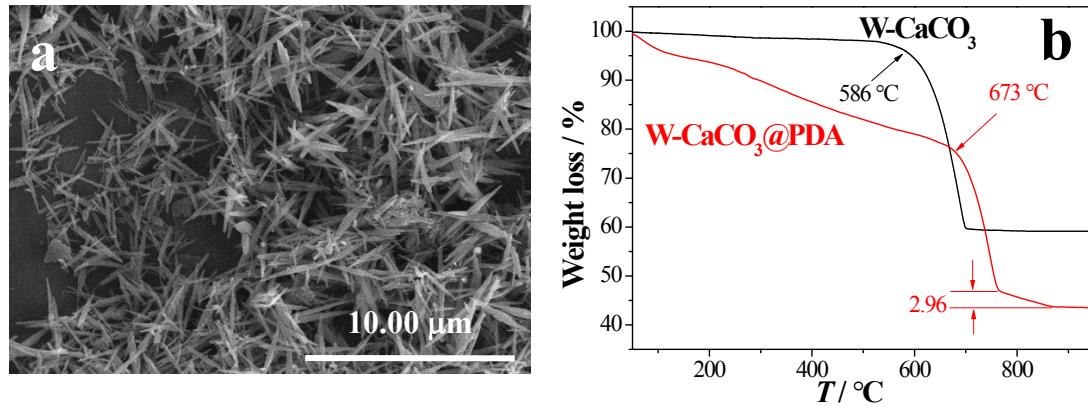


Figure S1. SEM images of (a) W-CaCO<sub>3</sub> whisker particles; (b) TGA curves of the W-CaCO<sub>3</sub> and W-CaCO<sub>3</sub>@PDA.

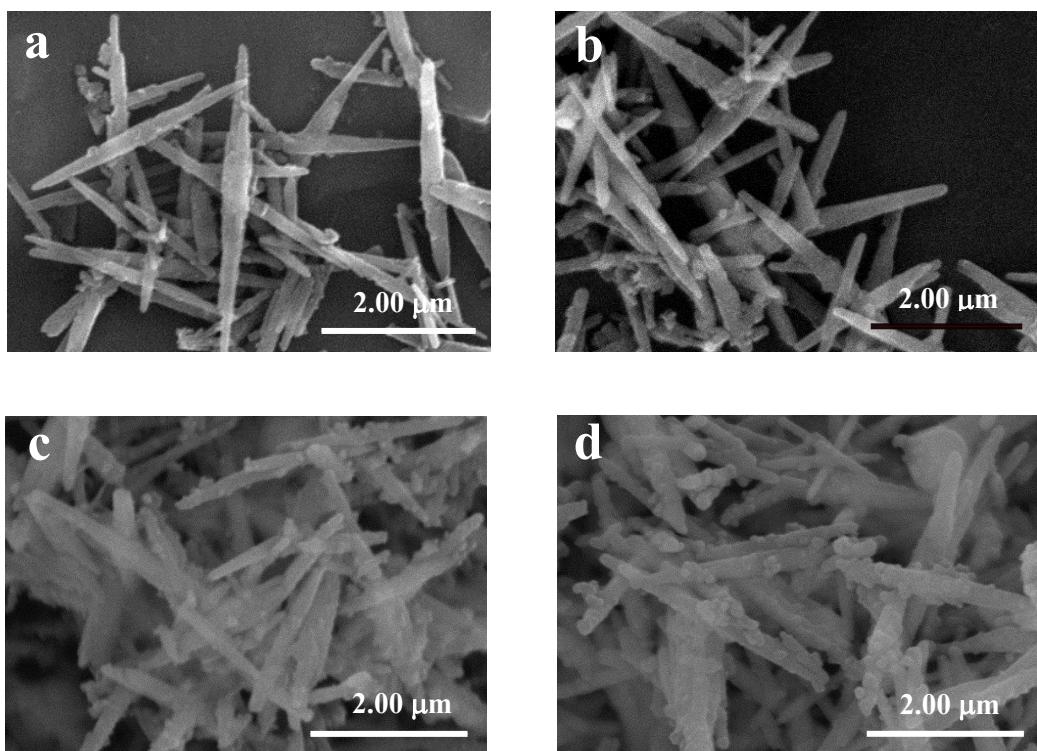


Figure S2. SEM images of W-CaCO<sub>3</sub>@PDA obtained with different concentrations of dopamine hydrochloride solution: (a) 2 g·L<sup>-1</sup>, (b) 4 g·L<sup>-1</sup>, (c) 5 g·L<sup>-1</sup>, (d) 7 g·L<sup>-1</sup>.

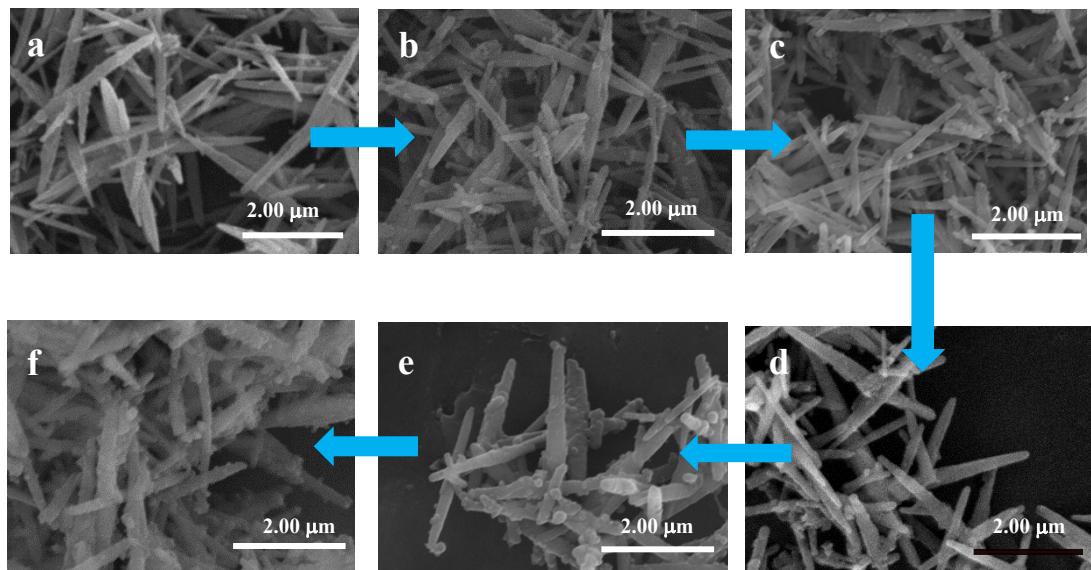


Figure S3. SEM images of W-CaCO<sub>3</sub> particles and W-CaCO<sub>3</sub>@PDA synthesized at different reaction times under 4 g·L<sup>-1</sup> of dopamine hydrochloride solution: (a) 0 h; (b) 2 h; (c) 10 h; (d) 20 h; (e) 25 h; (f) 30 h.

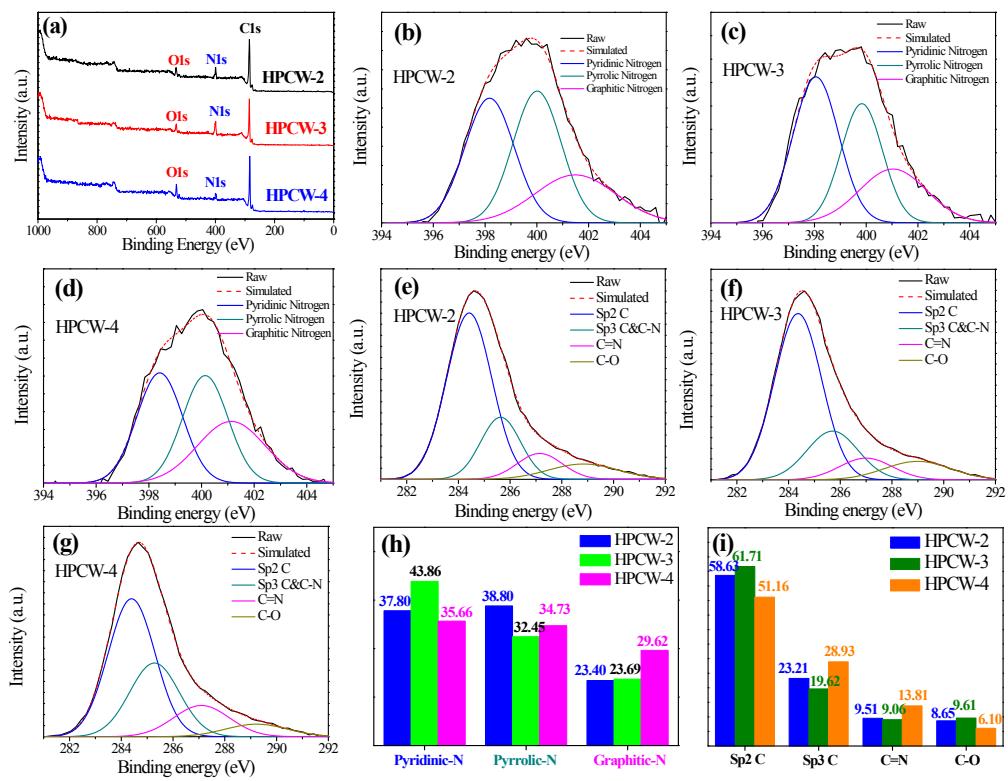


Figure S4. (a-g) XPS spectra, (h) N species (N 1s XPS) and (i) C species (C 1s XPS) contents of HPCW-2, HPCW-3 and HPCW-4.

Table S1. Pore structure parameters of HPCWs materials.

Sample	Langmuir (m <sup>2</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> )	BET (m <sup>2</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> )	V <sub>t</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> )	V <sub>m</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> )	S <sub>m</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> )	S <sub>m</sub> /S <sub>t</sub> (%)
HPCW-1	780.2	638.4	1.104	0.173	382.6	59.93
HPCW-2	3648.8	3007.0	1.669	0.886	2255.9	75.02
HPCW-3	3354.3	2802.0	2.631	0.700	1754.3	62.61
HPCW-4	2843.4	2372.8	1.125	0.796	2044.7	86.17
HPCW-5	843.9	707.4	0.641	0.246	589.5	83.33
HPCW-1-800	623.6	531.0	0.908	0.136	313.5	59.04
HPCW-1-900	413.2	290.6	0.880	0.044	84.2	28.97

Table S2. Comparison of Adsorption quantity of some porous materials for proteins and peptides.

Sample	AC <sup>1</sup>	P(GMA–DVB) <sup>2</sup>	OMC <sup>3</sup>
<b>Adsorption quantity (mg·g<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>300</b>
Surface areas (BET, m <sup>2</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> )	1408	312	639
Adsorbate	Ile-Trp	BSA	BSA

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