## Supplementary Information for

## Ni-core CuO-shell Fibers Produced by Electrospinning and Electroplating as Efficient Photocathode Materials for Solar Water Splitting

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**Figure S1**. Top-view SEM images of the Ni fibers produced using electrospinning times of (a) 5, (b) 10, (c) 20, and (d) 30 s. The electroplating time was fixed at 10 s under 6 V applied voltage. Less Ni deposition per unit area is apparent for cases with longer electrospinning times.



**Figure S2**. (a) The <u>diffused\_diffuse</u> reflectance (DR) versus <u>wavelength</u> from 200 to 800 nm. Tauc plots from DR-UV-VIS analysis at (b) region from 2.0 to 5.0 eV and (c) from 1.5 to 2.0 eV.



**Figure S2**. (a)  $V_{exp}$  and  $\eta_F$  versus *t* from 0 to 280 min and (b) the photos of  $V_{exp}$  corresponding

*t* from 0 to 280 min.