

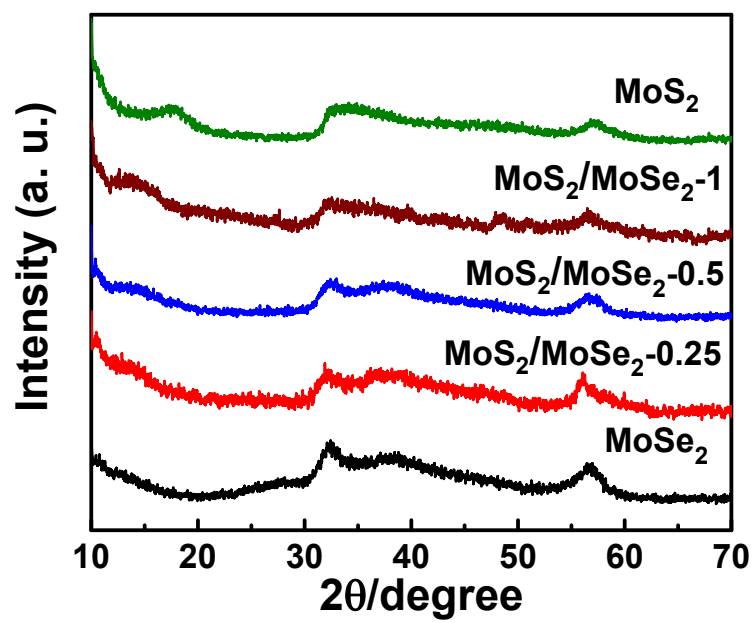
## Supporting information

### **Engineering Additional Edge Sites on Molybdenum Dichalcogenides toward Accelerated Alkaline Hydrogen Evolution Kinetics**

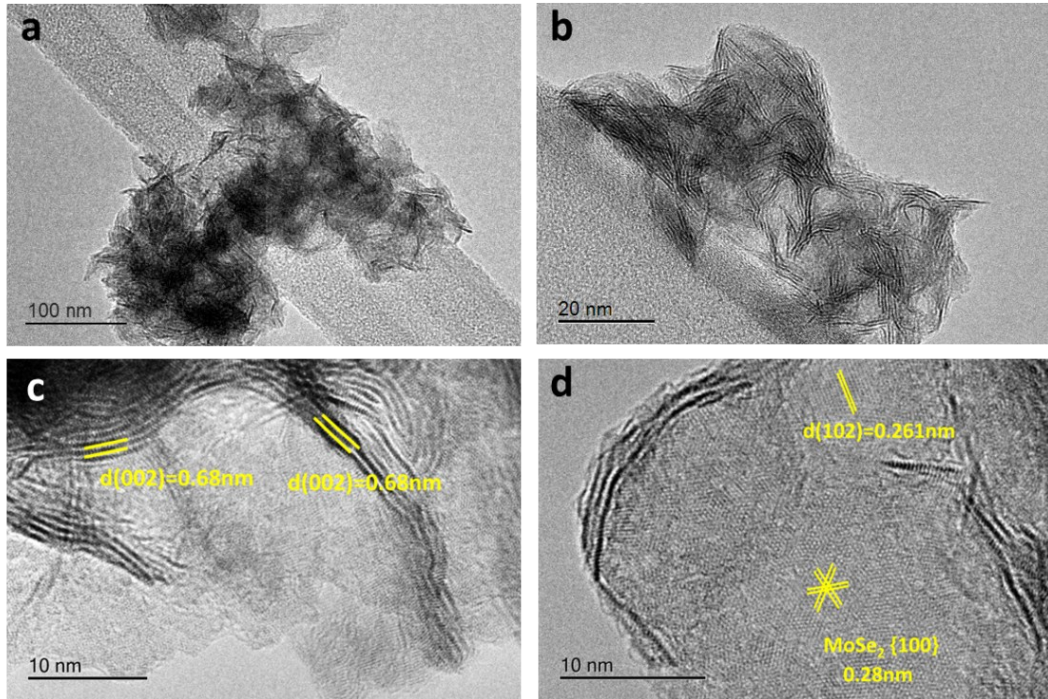
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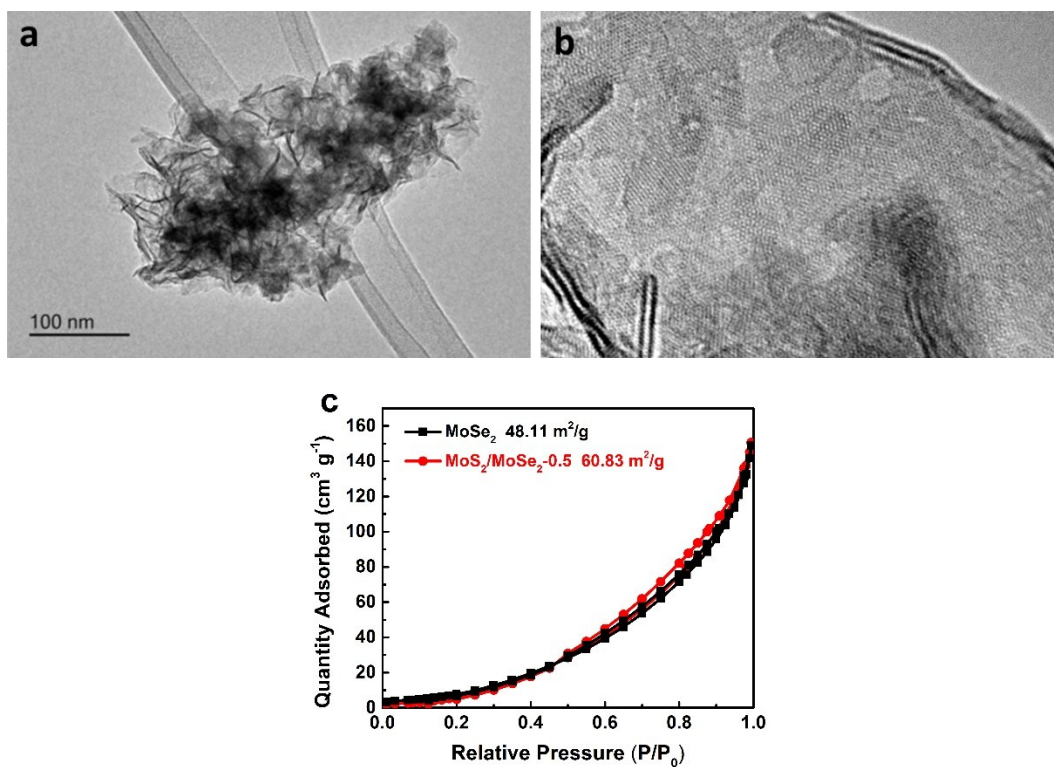
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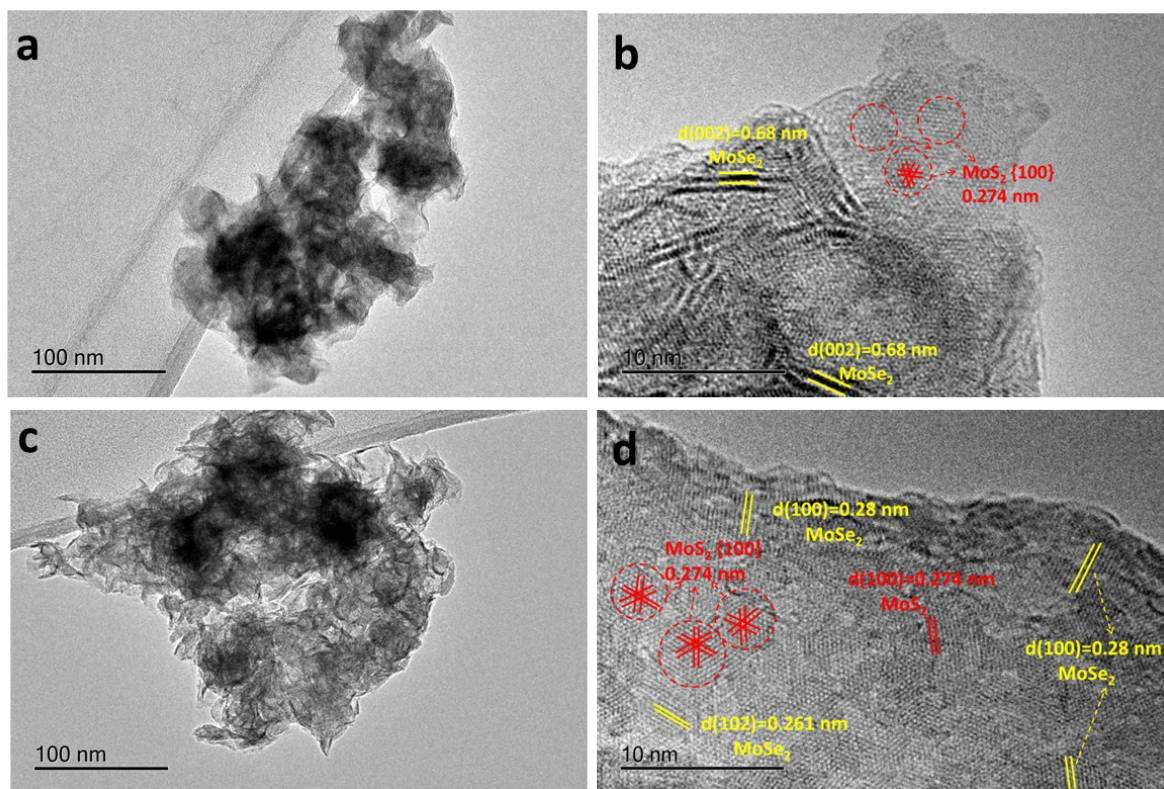
**Fig. S1.** XRD patterns of MoS<sub>2</sub>, MoSe<sub>2</sub>, and MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub>-x.



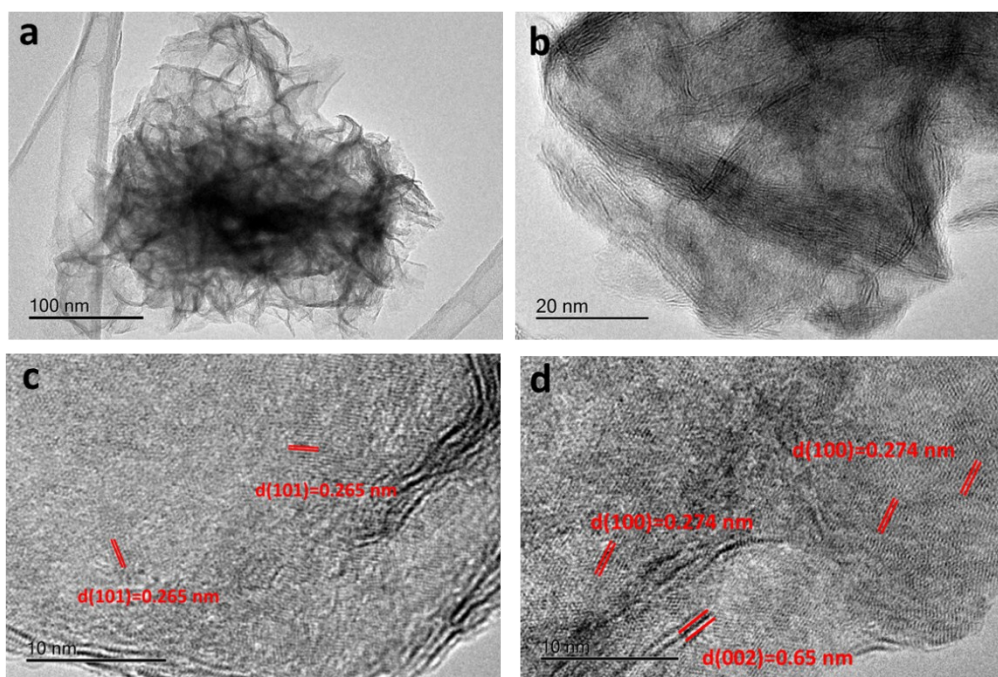
**Fig. S2.** (a), (b) TEM images and (c), (d) HRTEM images of pristine MoSe<sub>2</sub>.



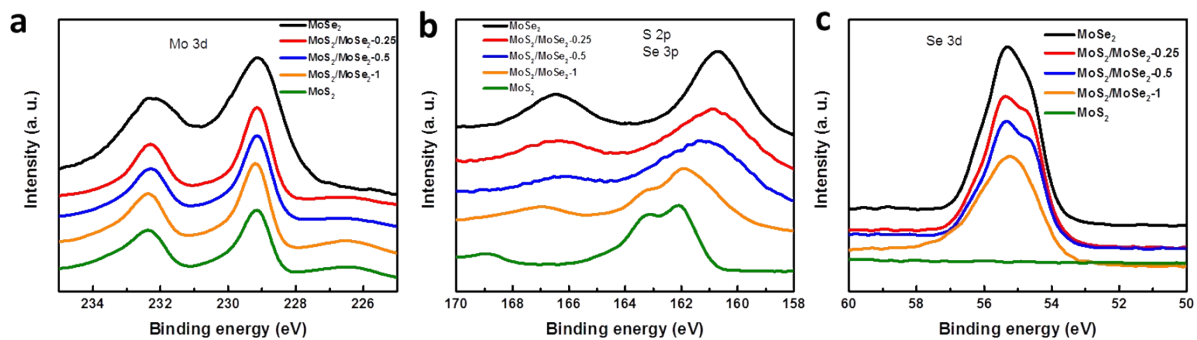
**Fig. S3.** (a) TEM, (b) HRTEM image of MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub>-0.5. (c) Nitrogen gas adsorption-desorption isotherms (BET curve) of MoSe<sub>2</sub> and MoS<sub>2</sub>-MoSe<sub>2</sub>-0.5, the specific surface areas of MoSe<sub>2</sub> and MoS<sub>2</sub>-MoSe<sub>2</sub>-0.5 are determined to be 48 and 61 m<sup>2</sup>/g, respectively



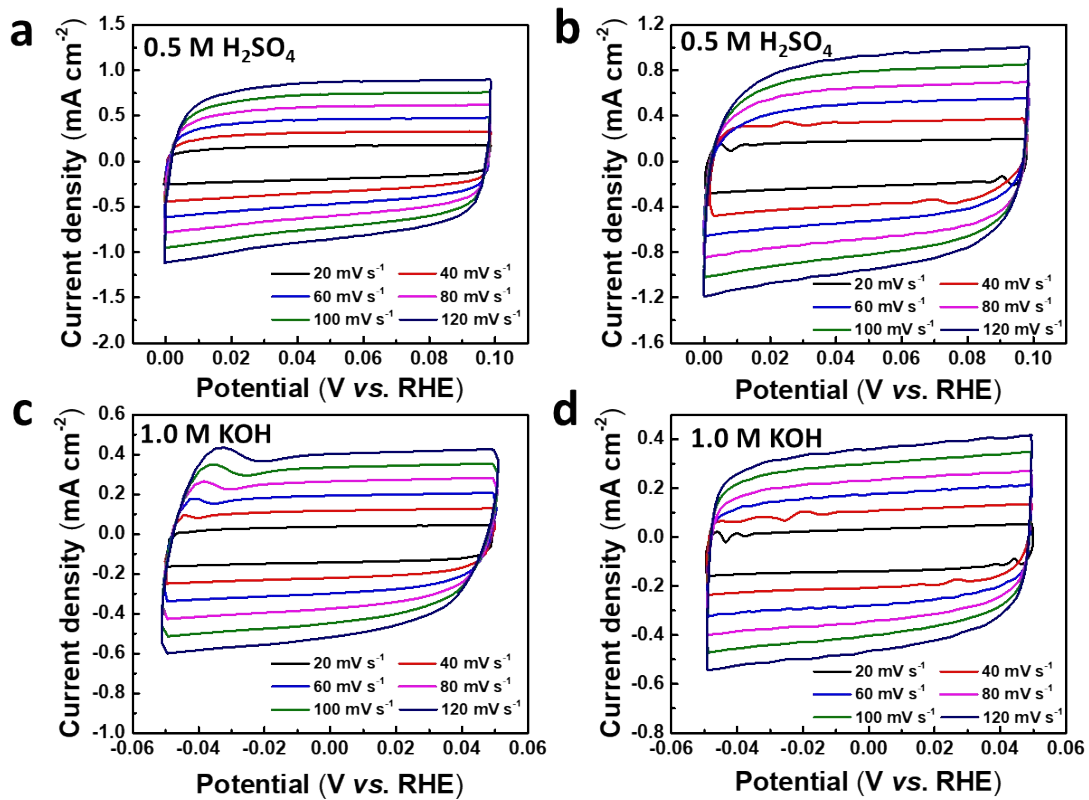
**Fig. S4.** (a) TEM, (b) HRTEM images of MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub>-0.25; (c) TEM, (d) HRTEM images of MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub>-1.



**Fig. S5.** (a), (b) TEM images and (c), (d) HRTEM images of pure MoS<sub>2</sub>.

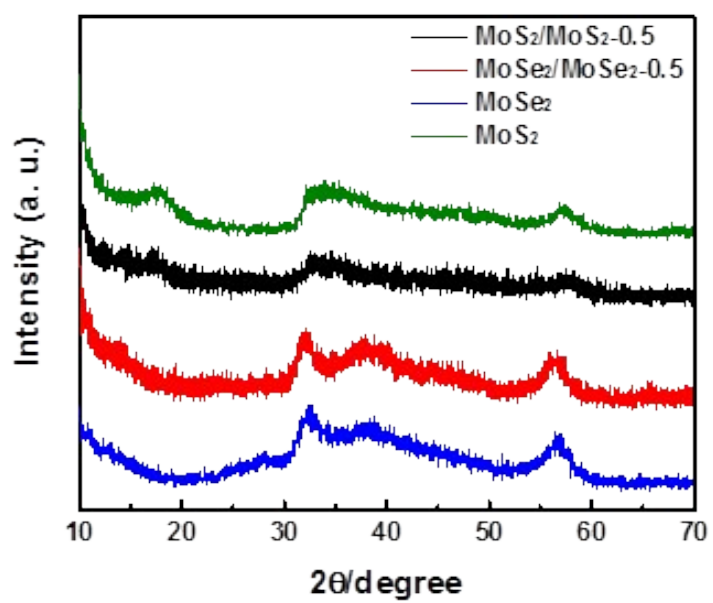


**Fig. S6.** (a) Mo 3d, (b) S 2p & Se 3p, (c) Se 3d XPS spectra of MoSe<sub>2</sub>, MoS<sub>2</sub>, and MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2-x</sub> heterostructures.

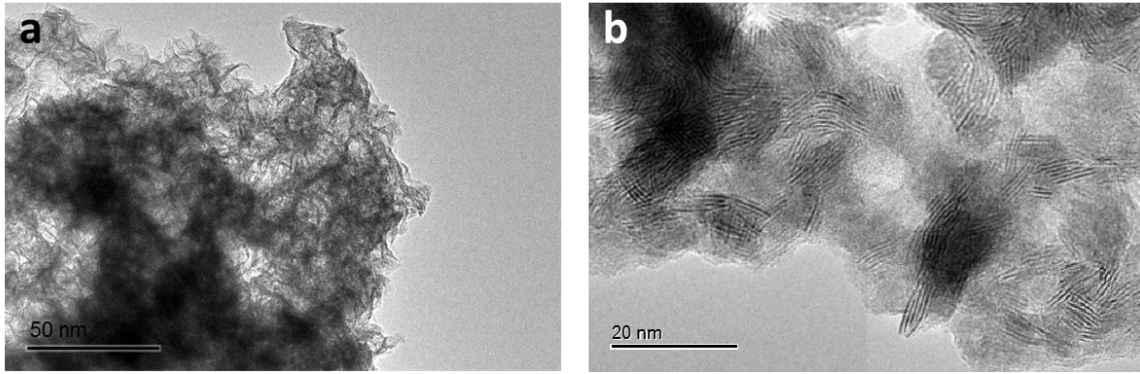


**Fig. S7.** CV curves of (a) (c) MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub>-0.5 and (b) (d) MoSe<sub>2</sub> electrode in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 1M KOH and with different scan rates.

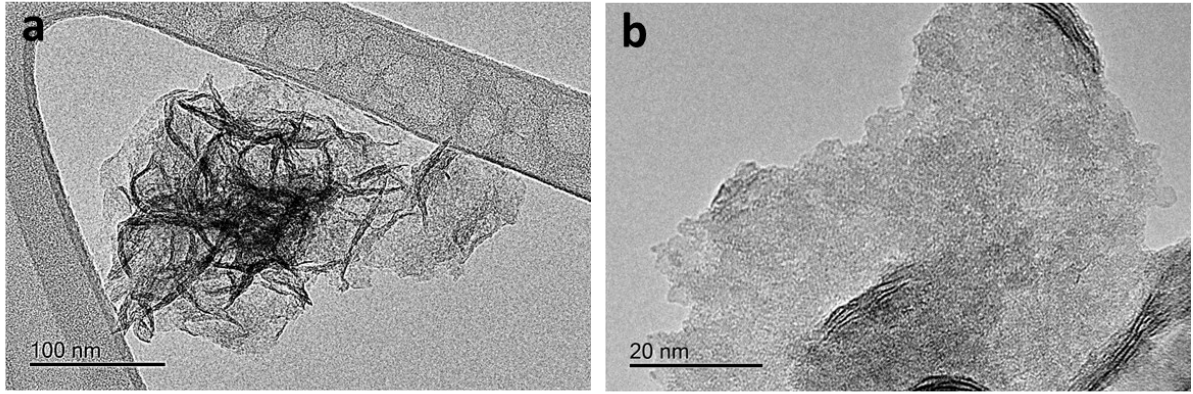




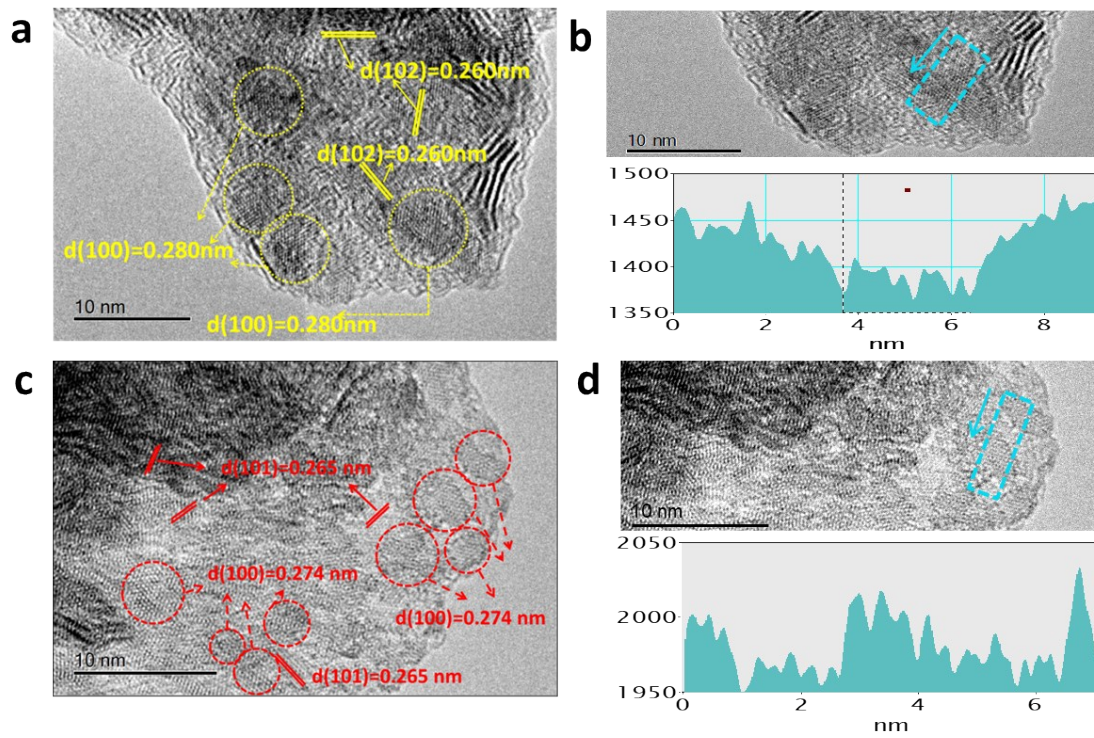
**Fig. S8.** XRD pattern of MoSe<sub>2</sub>, MoS<sub>2</sub>, MoSe<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub>-0.5, and MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoS<sub>2</sub>-0.5.



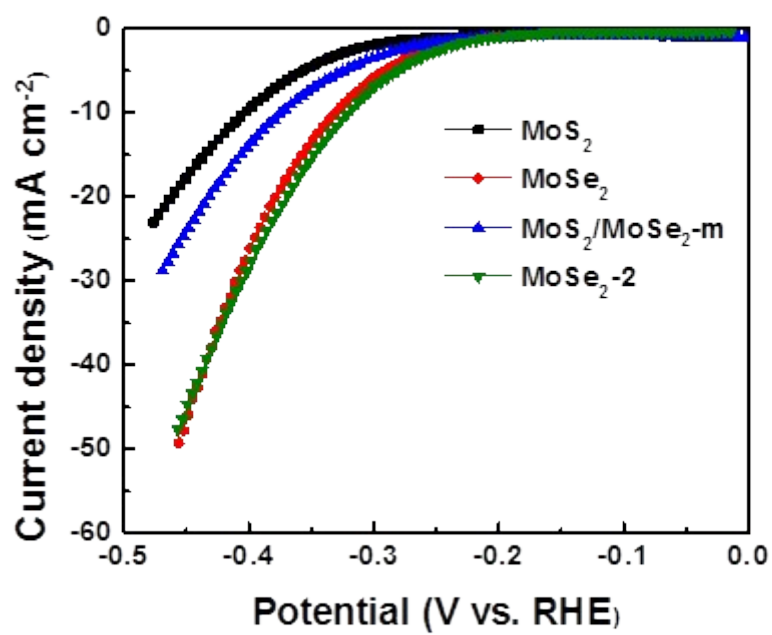
**Fig. S9.** (a), (b) TEM images of MoSe<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub>-0.5.



**Fig. S10.** (a), (b) TEM images of  $\text{MoS}_2/\text{MoS}_2\text{-}0.5$ .



**Fig. S11.** TEM images of (a) MoSe<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub>-0.5 and (c) MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoS<sub>2</sub>-0.5; Intensity profile of (b) MoSe<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub>-0.5 and (d) MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoS<sub>2</sub>-0.5.



**Fig. S12.** (a) iR-corrected LSV curves measured at a scan rate of 5 mV s<sup>-1</sup> in 1M KOH solution.

**Table S1 HER performance comparison of MoS<sub>2</sub>-based and MoSe<sub>2</sub>-based materials in alkaline solution.**

Catalyst	Substrate	Electrolyte	Overpotential (mV @ 10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Reference
MoS <sub>2</sub> /MoSe <sub>2</sub>	GC	1.0 M KOH	235	This work
Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> /MoS <sub>2</sub>	GC	1.0 M KOH	227	1
CoSe <sub>2</sub> /MoSe <sub>2</sub>	GC	1.0 M KOH	218	2
MoSe <sub>2</sub> -CoSe <sub>2</sub> NTs	GC	1.0 M KOH	237	3
GwC-MoSe <sub>2</sub>	GC	1.0 M KOH	~350	4
Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub> /MoS <sub>2</sub>	CC	1.0 M KOH	80	5
MoS <sub>2</sub> /NiCo-LDH	CFP	1.0 M KOH	78	6
MoS <sub>2</sub> /G	NF	0.1 M KOH	>600	7
MoS <sub>2+x</sub> nanoparticles	FTO	1.0 M KOH	310	8
ex-MoSe <sub>2</sub> :NiCl <sub>2</sub>	NM	1.0 M KOH	273	9
MoSe <sub>2</sub> /GCA	NF	1.0 M KOH	~300	10
MoSe <sub>2</sub> :CdS NHDs	PG	0.1 M KOH	~500	11
MoSe <sub>2</sub> /MoO <sub>3</sub>	PG	0.1 M KOH	270	12
MoSe <sub>2</sub> @Ni <sub>0.85</sub> Se	NF	1.0 M KOH	117	13

Note: GC = Glassy Carbon CC = Carbon Cloth CFP = Carbon Fiber Paper FTO = Fluorine-doped Tin Oxide NM = Nylon Membranes NF = Nickel Foam PGE = Pencil Graphite

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