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## *In-situ* TEM study of lithiation into PPy coated α-MnO<sub>2</sub>/graphene foam freestanding electrode

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**Figure S1**. (a, b) SEM images of cellular-structured freestanding GF network, (c, d) TEM analysis of GF with a SAED pattern of crystallographic planes in inset.



Figure S2. Elemental maps and EDS results of a MnO<sub>2</sub>-PPy nanowire.



Figure S3. CV curves of (a)  $MnO_2$ -PPy/GF and (b)  $MnO_2$ /GF electrodes at a scan rate of 0.2 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S4.** (a) Sequential *in situ* TEM images of the initial lithiation process of MnO<sub>2</sub> nanowire. TEM images of MnO<sub>2</sub> (b) before and (c) after complete lithiation.