## Template conversion of MoO<sub>3</sub> to MoS<sub>2</sub> nanoribbons: synthesis and electrochemical properties

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## **Support Information**

SI 1: Characterization of the precursor MoO<sub>3</sub>•2 H<sub>2</sub>O: a) SEM image, b) TG-DTA curves, c) Raman spectrum and d) XRD pattern.



SI 2: Diameter measurement of SEM images of as-prepared MoO<sub>3</sub> nanoribbons.



SI 3: a) Cyclic voltammogram at 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>of a MoO<sub>3</sub> film on ITO in 1 mol  $L^{-1}Mg(ClO_4)_2$  in PC. The cathodic peak shows the irreversible intercalation of  $Mg^{2+}$  in MoO<sub>3</sub>.



SI 4: TEM images of  $MoS_2$  obtained through heating from room temperature to 800 °C at 30°C/min under 5 %/95 %  $H_2/N_2$  (96 mL min<sup>-1</sup>).  $H_2S$  was streamed after the temperature reached 400 °C. The sample was treated at 800 °C for 30 min.