

## Supporting Information

### **Interacting MXene Nanosheets with Cobalt-Tipped Carbon Nanotubes for Efficient Oxygen Reduction Reaction**

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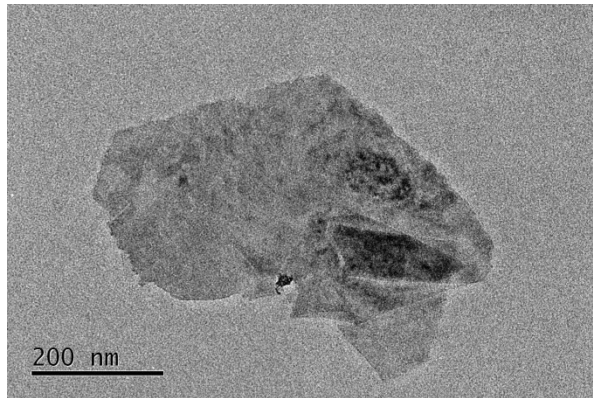
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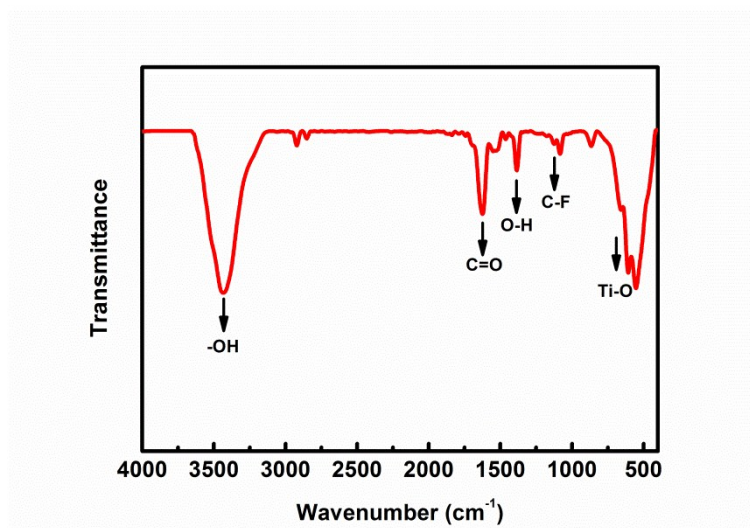
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## Supporting Figures

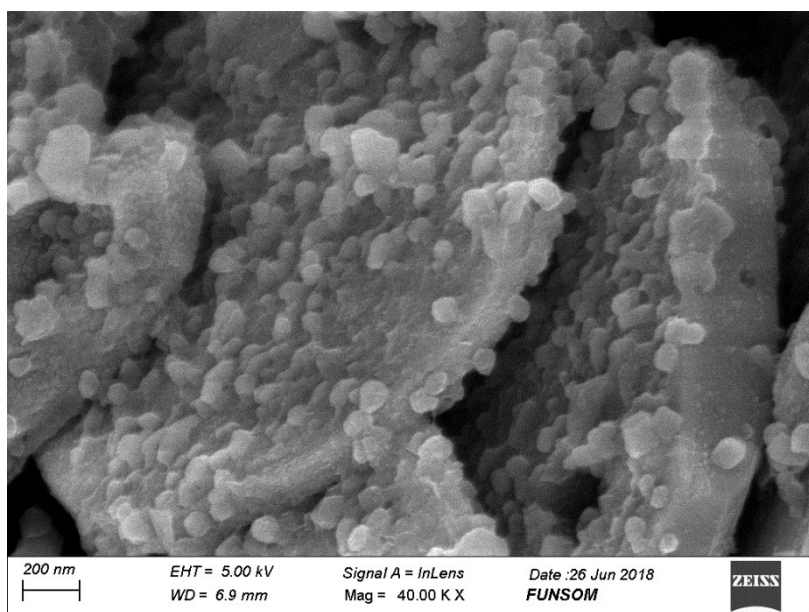


**Figure S1.** TEM image of Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> nanosheets.

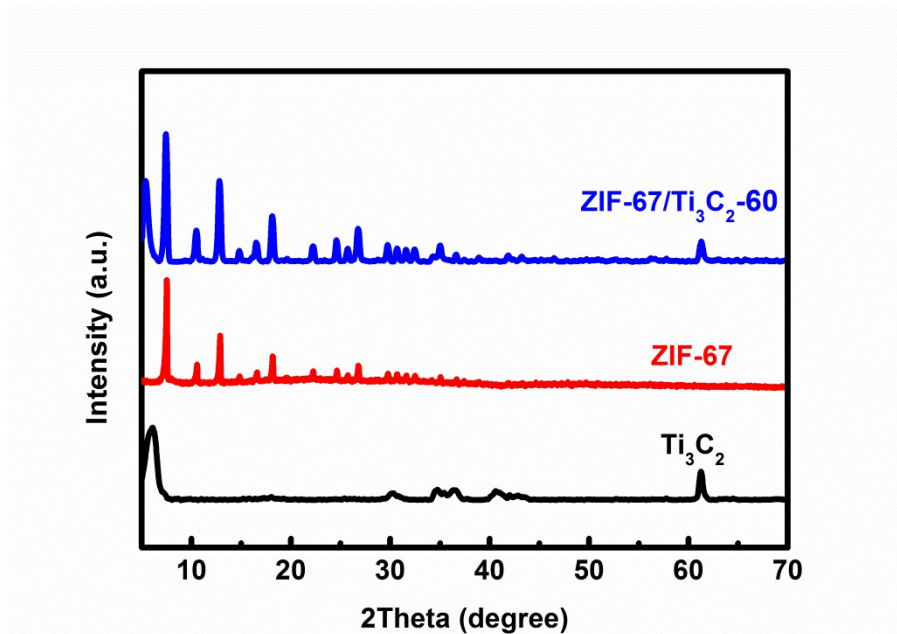


**Figure S2.** FTIR spectrum of Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> nanosheets.

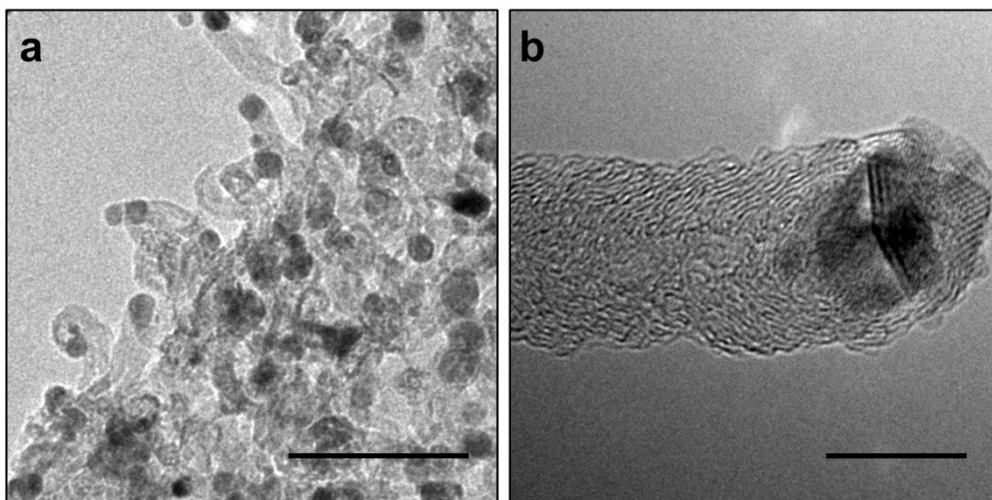
The function groups on the surface of Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> were examined by Fourier Transformed Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy. Peaks at 3430 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1630 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1390 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1100 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 662 cm<sup>-1</sup> can be attributed to the stretching vibrations of -OH, C=O, O-H, C-F and Ti-O bonds, which agreed well with the previous report.<sup>1</sup>



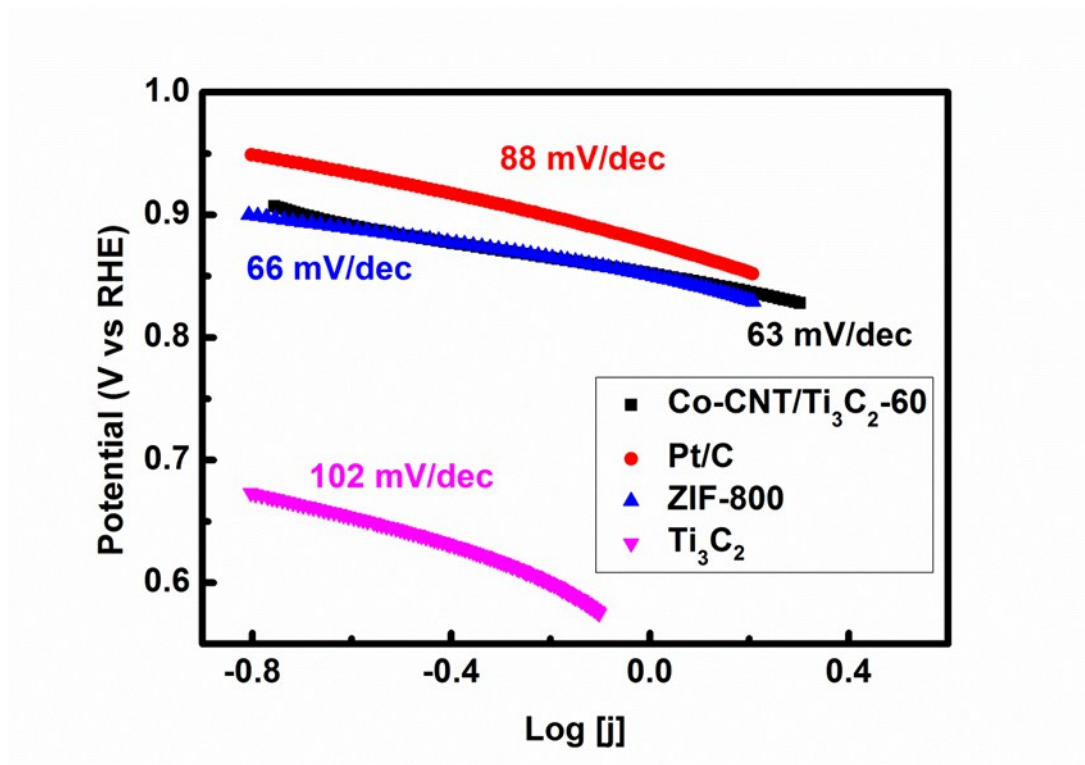
**Figure S3.** SEM image of ZIF-67/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-60.



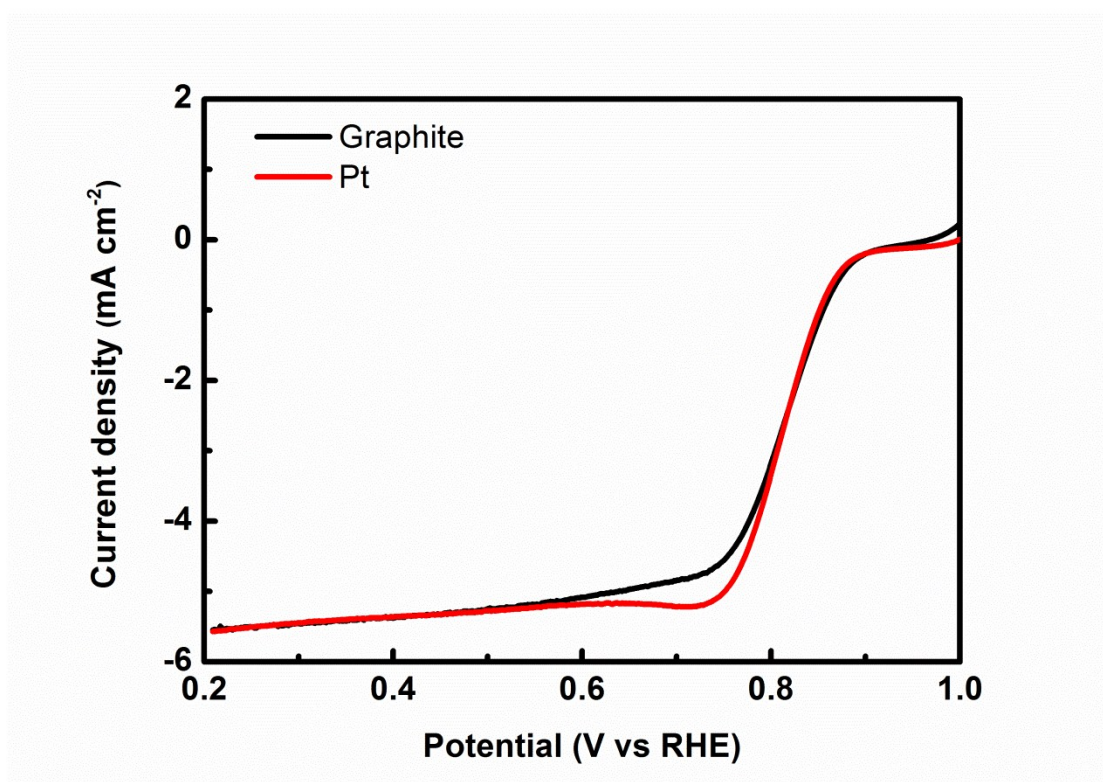
**Figure S4.** XRD patterns of Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>, ZIF-67 and ZIF-67/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-60.



**Figure S5.** TEM and HRTEM images of Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-60. Scale bars are 100 nm and 10 nm in (a) and (b), respectively.

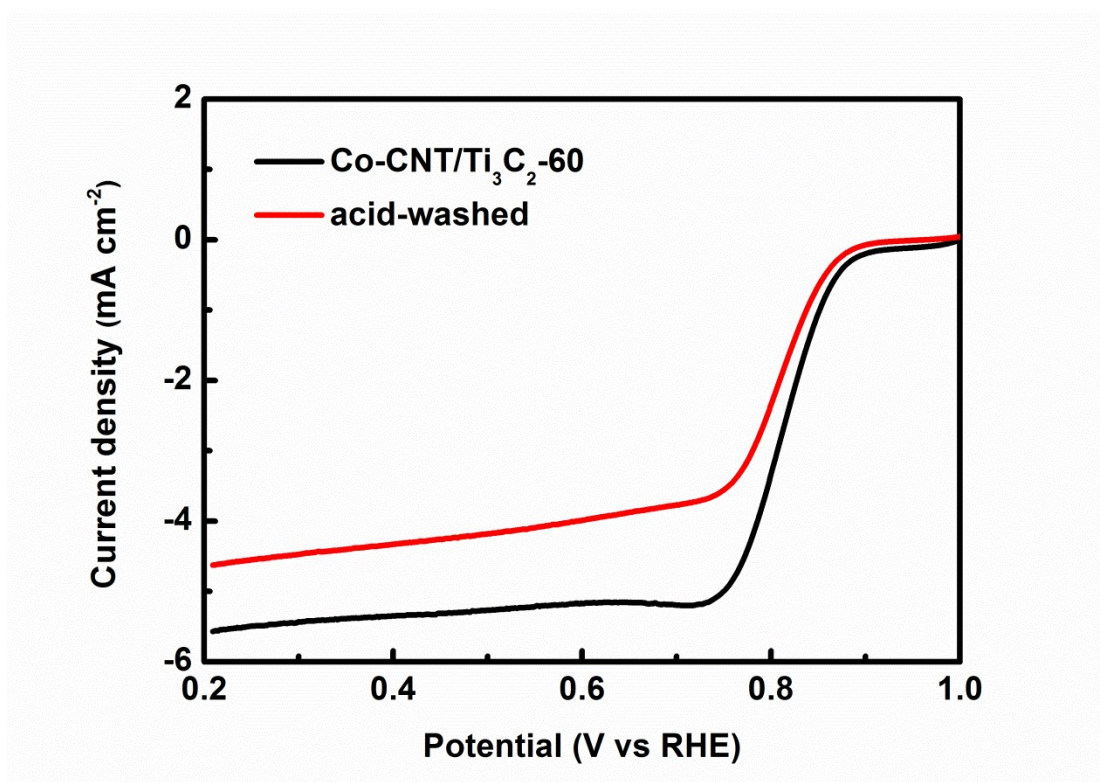


**Figure S6.** Tafel plots of Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-60, Pt/C, ZIF-800 and Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>.

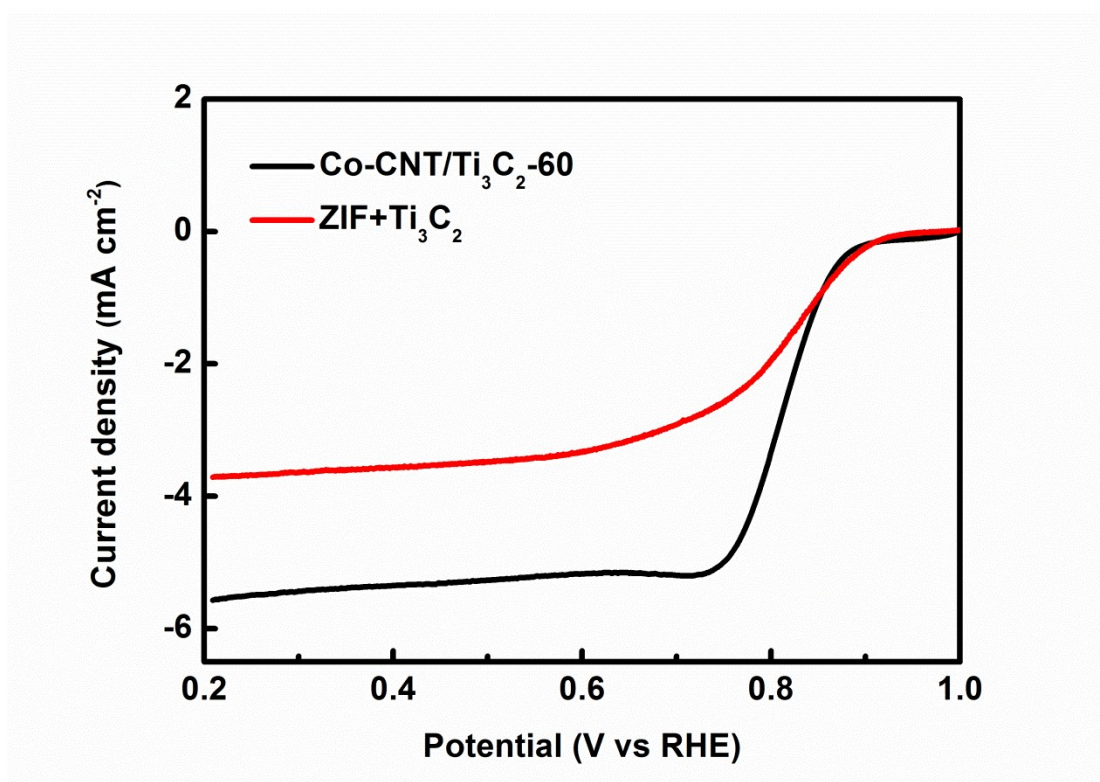


**Figure S7.** LSV curves of Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-60 with graphite rod (black) and Pt (red) as counter electrode.

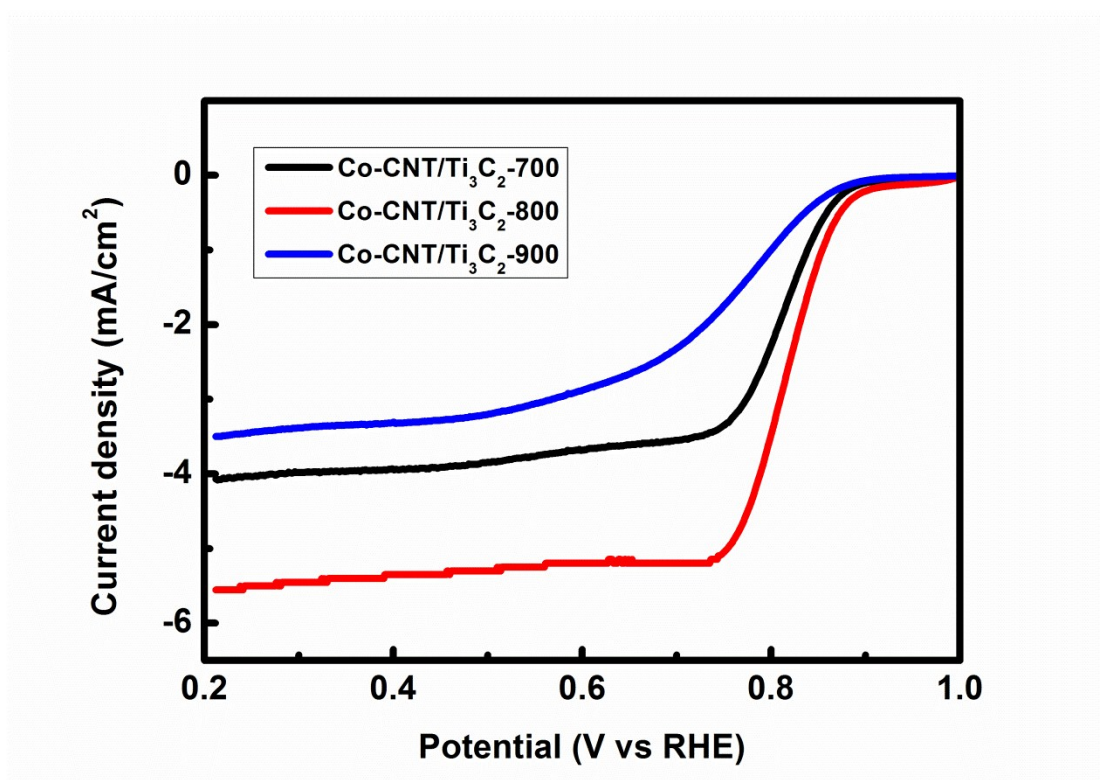




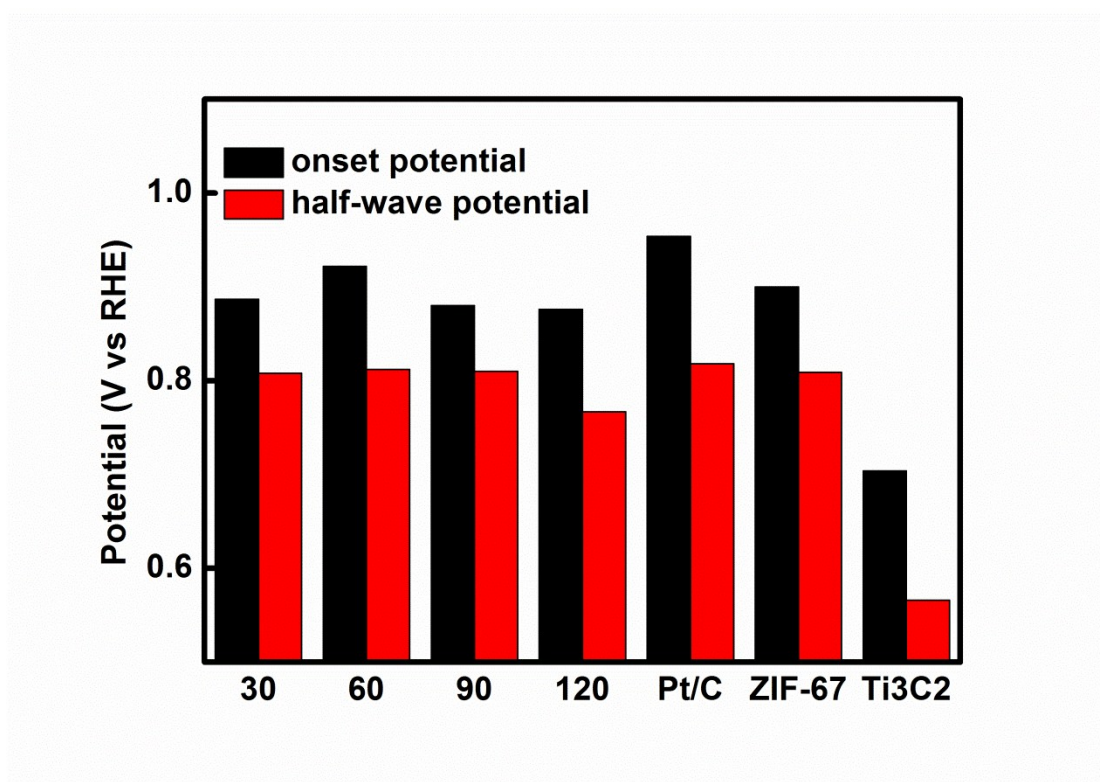
**Figure S8.** LSV curve of Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-60 after acid treatment.



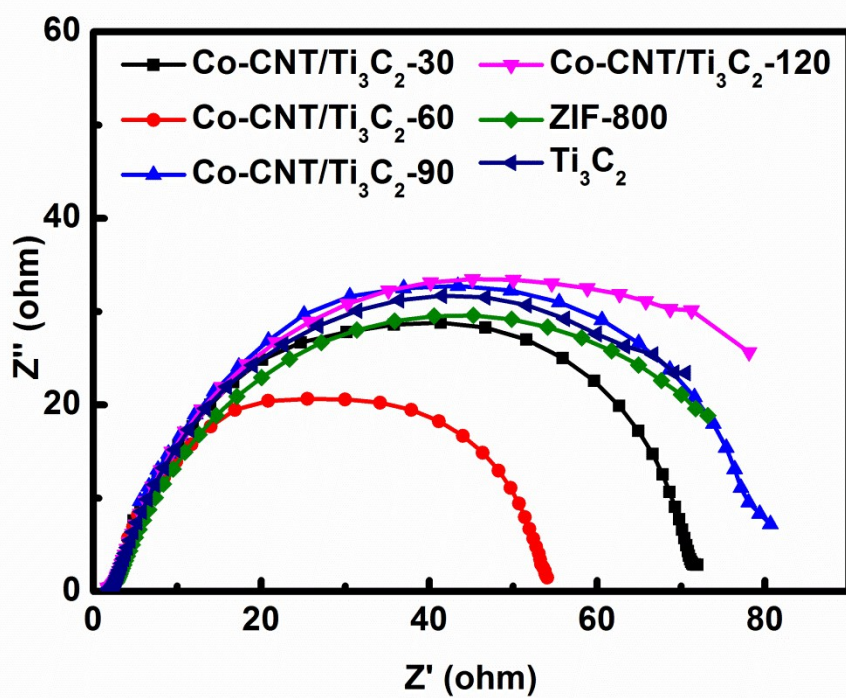
**Figure S9.** LSV curve of ZIF-800 and Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> mixture.



**Figure S10.** LSV curve of ZIF-67/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> with different pyrolysis temperatures.

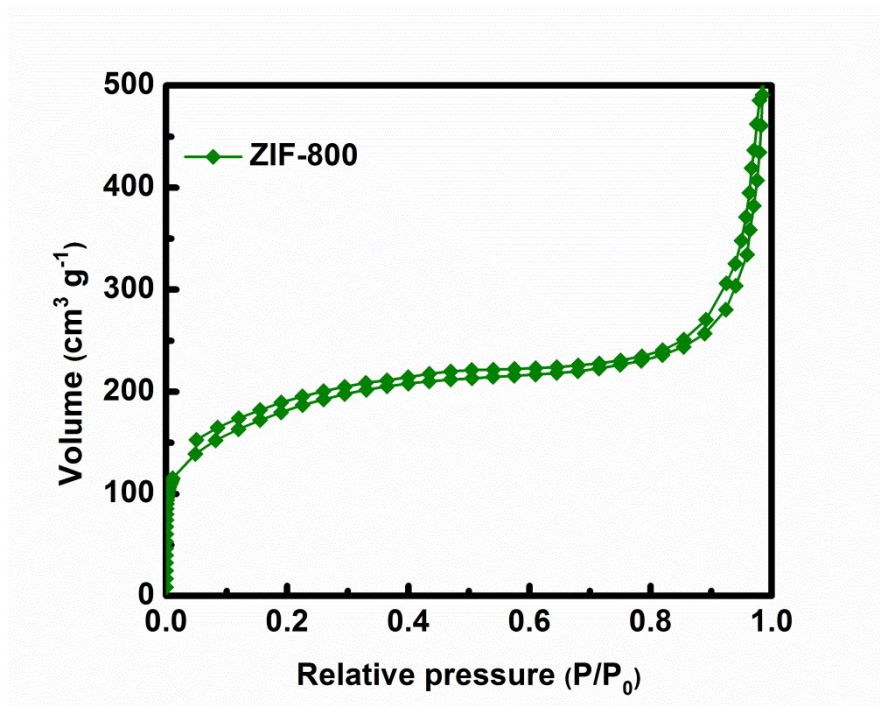


**Figure S11.** Onset potential and half-wave potential of Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-30, Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-60, Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-90, Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-120, Pt/C, ZIF and Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S12.** Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) plots for Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-30, Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-60, Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-90, Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-120, ZIF-800 and Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>.





**Figure S13.** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of ZIF-800.

**Table S1.** Comparisons of ORR performance between recent reported cobalt-based electrocatalysts with Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-60.

| Electrocatalysts                             | E <sub>1/2</sub> (V vs RHE) | Electron transfer number (n) | Tafel slope (mV/dec) | Reference        |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| CeO <sub>2</sub> -Co-NC hollow nanospheres   | 0.80                        | 3.61-3.78                    | 60                   | 2                |
| Co-N/CNFs                                    | 0.82                        | ~3.88                        | NG                   | 3                |
| CuCoO <sub>x</sub> /FeOOH                    | 0.78                        | 3.87-3.92                    | NG                   | 4                |
| Co-N <sub>2</sub> B-CSs                      | 0.83                        | 3.98-4.00                    | 64                   | 5                |
| LDH@ZIF-67-800                               | 0.83                        | ~4.00                        | 63                   | 6                |
| NC@Co-NGC DSNCs                              | 0.82                        | ~4.00                        | 51                   | 7                |
| Co@Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /NC-1      | 0.80                        | ~4.00                        | NG                   | 8                |
| Co@Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @C-CM      | 0.81                        | 3.80-3.90                    | NG                   | 9                |
| Co@NG  | 0.83                        | >3.80                        | NG                   | 10               |
| <b>Co-CNT/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>-60</b> | <b>0.82</b>                 | <b>&gt;3.90</b>              | <b>63</b>            | <b>This work</b> |

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