Supporting Information

## The Union of Intercalation and Conversion Reactions to

## Improve the Volumetric Capacity of Cathode in Li-S Batteries

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Figure S1. (a) SEM and (b) TEM images of VO<sub>2</sub> HSs.



Figure S2. (a, b) SEM images and (c, d) TEM images of  $V_2O_5$  HSs.







Figure S4. XRD patterns of (a) V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> HSs@S and (b) VO<sub>2</sub> particles@S.



Figure S5. (a) N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherm, and (b) pore size distribution of VO<sub>2</sub> HSs.



Figure S6. Cycling performance of a bare  $VO_2$  HSs cathode at a current density of 0.1 C for

100 cycles.



Figure S7. XPS spectra for S 2p of VO<sub>2</sub> HSs after remove sulfur from VO<sub>2</sub> HSs@S.