

## Supporting information

### **Self-Supported CoFe LDH/Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se Nanosheet Arrays as Efficient**

### **Electrocatalysts for Oxygen Evolution Reaction**

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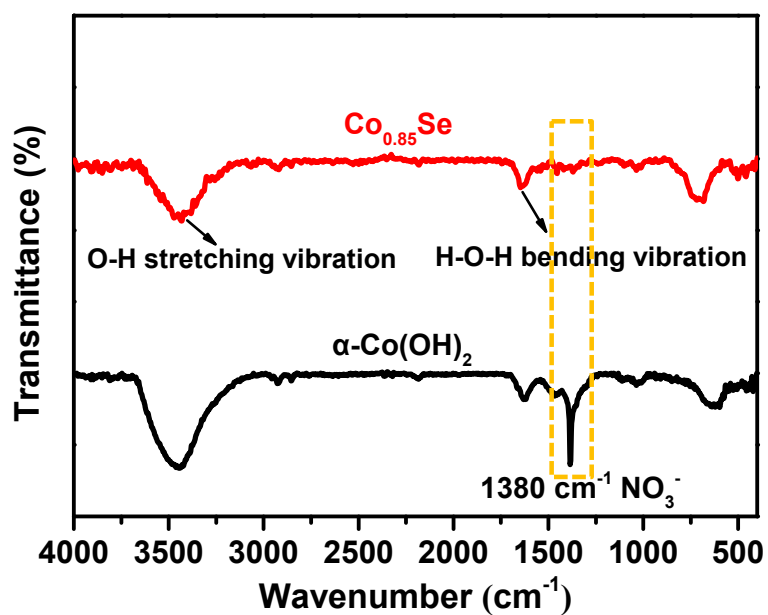
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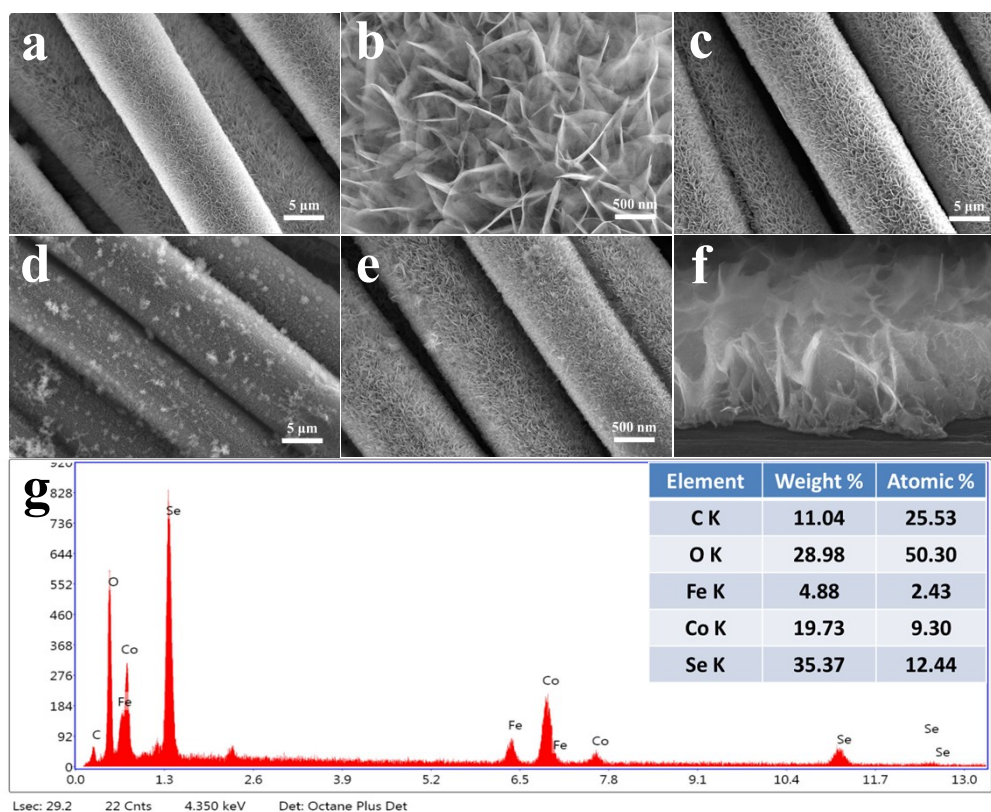
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**Figure S1.** The FTIR spectra of  $\alpha$ -Co(OH)<sub>2</sub> and Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se.



**Figure S2.** (a, b) The SEM images of  $\alpha$ -Co(OH)<sub>2</sub>/CC, (c) the low resolution SEM image of Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC, (d) the SEM image of CoFe LDH/CC (e-f) the low resolution

SEM image of CoFe LDH/Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC and its edgea and (g) EDS spectra for CoFe LDH/Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC.

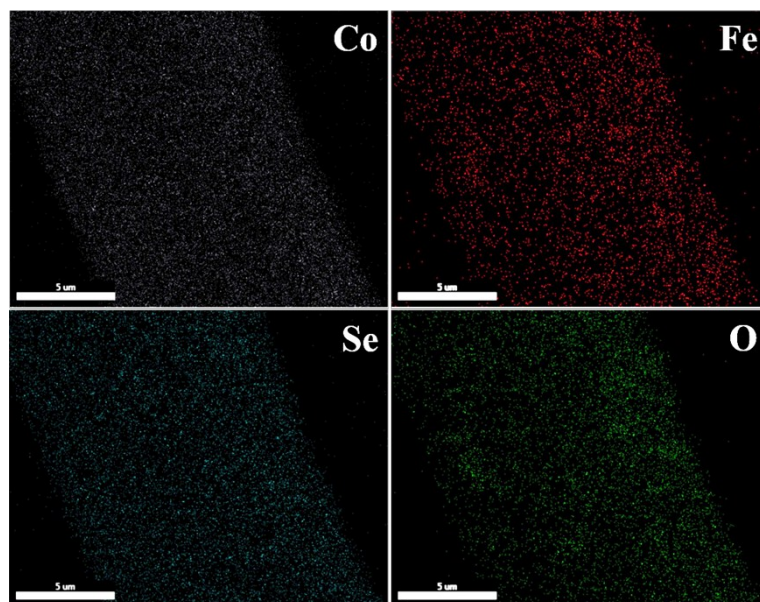


Figure S3. The elemental mappings of CoFe LDH /Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC.

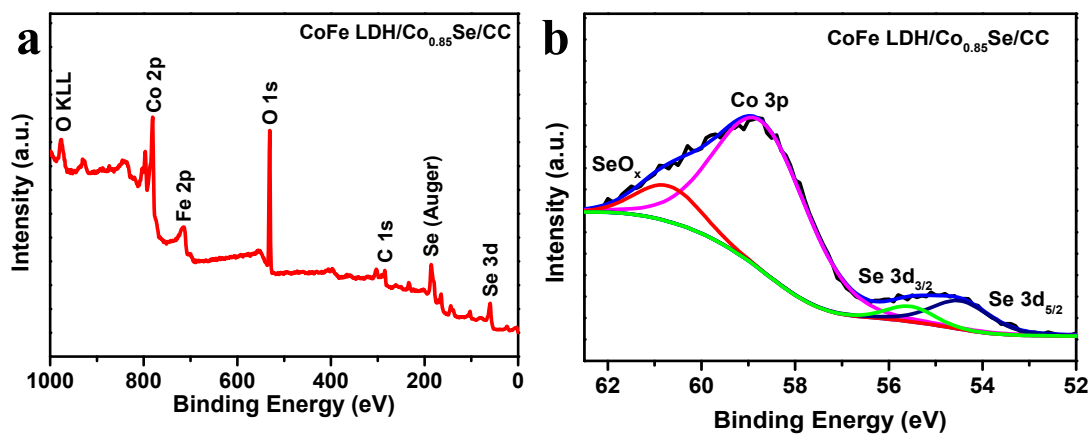
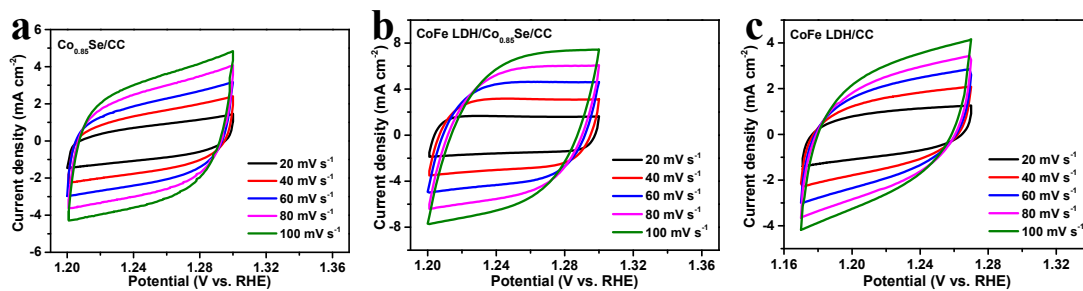
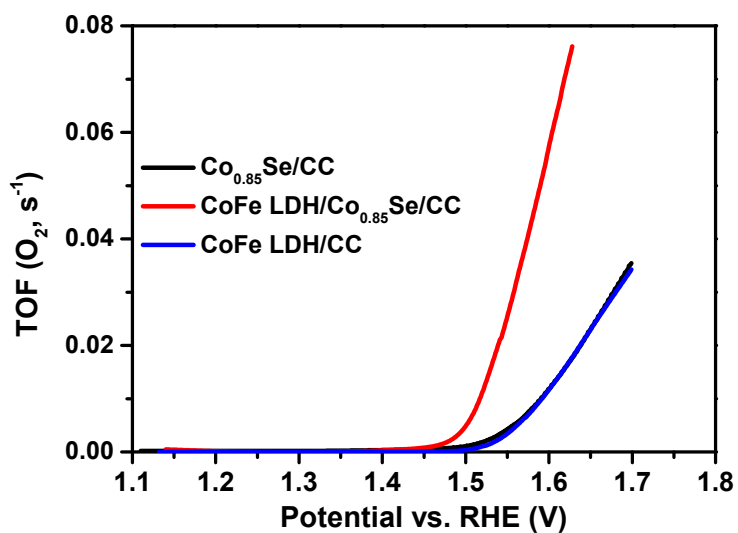


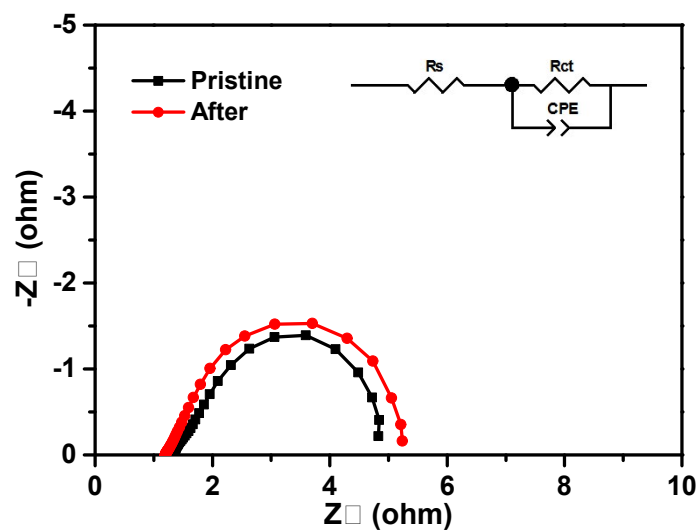
Figure S4. (a) XPS survey spectrum and (b) Se 3d spectra of CoFe LDH/Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC.



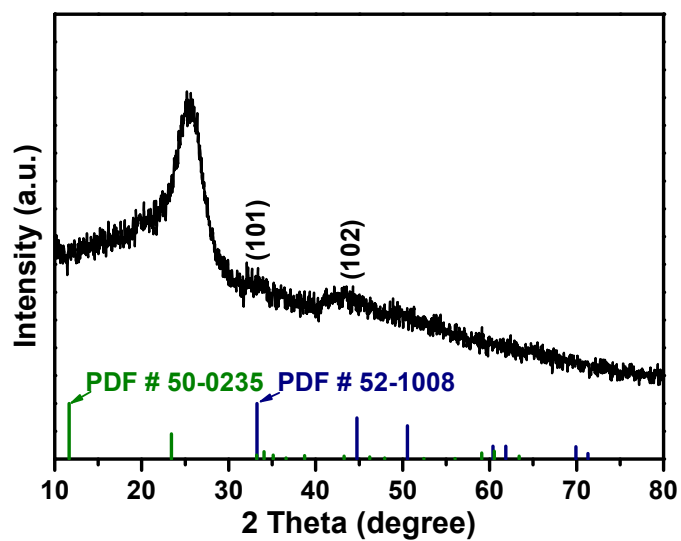
**Figure S5.** Different scan rates of CV of (a) Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC, (b) CoFe LDH/Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC, (c) CoFe LDH/CC for OER.



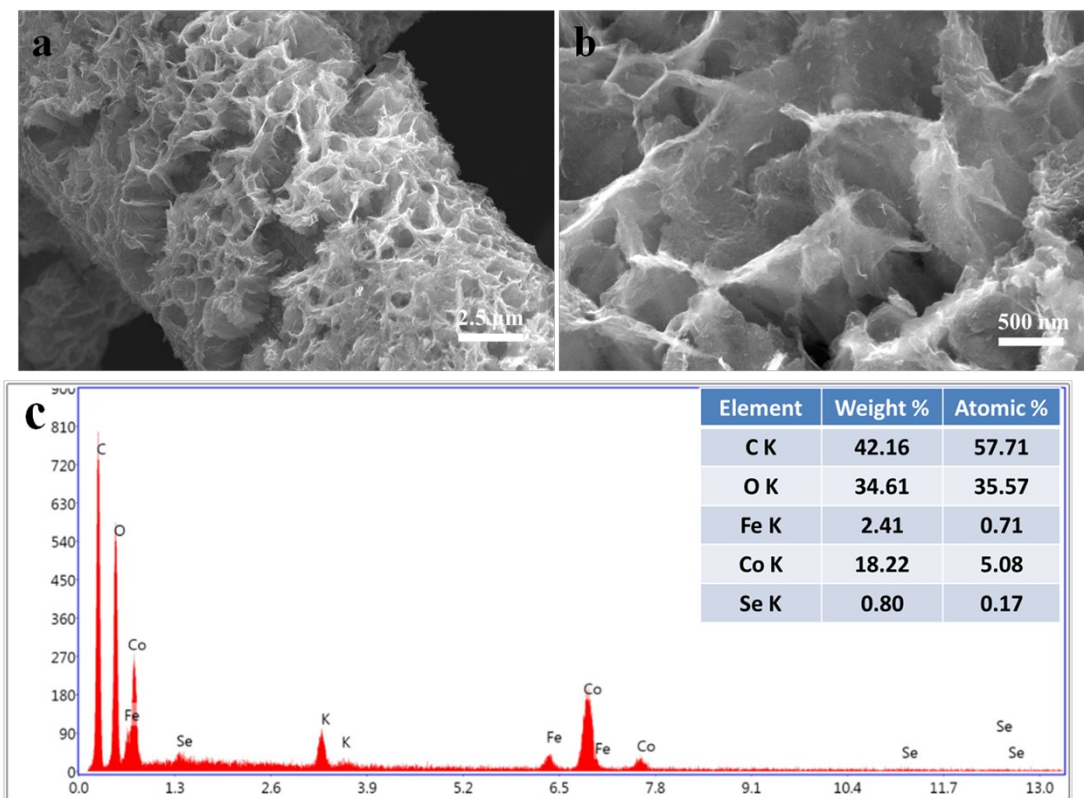
**Figure S6.** TOF values of the as-made Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC, CoFe LDH/Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC, and CoFe LDH/CC at different potentials.



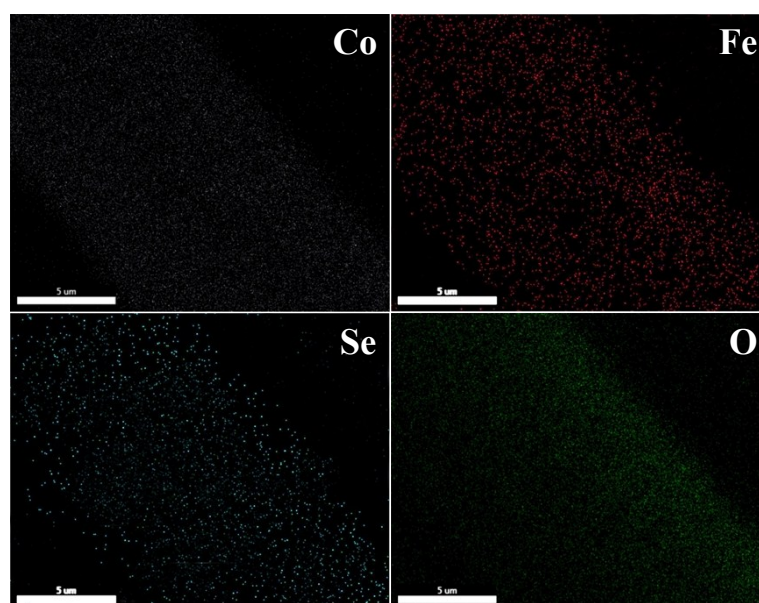
**Figure S7.** Nyquist plots of the CoFe LDH/Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC before and after long term OER in 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> for 40 h.



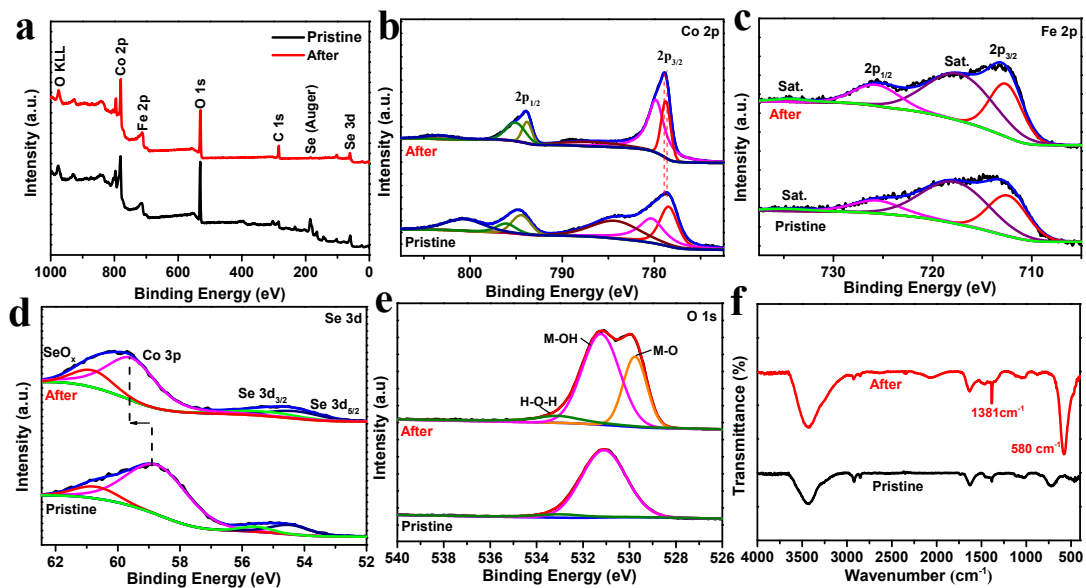
**Figure S8.** (a) The XRD pattern of CoFe LDH/Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC after long term OER in 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> for 40 h.



**Figure S9.** (a, b) The SEM image and (c) EDS spectra of CoFe LDH/Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC after long term OER in 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> for 40 h.



**Figure S10.** The elemental mappings of CoFe LDH /Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC after long term OER in 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> for 40 h.



**Figure S11.** (a) XPS survey spectra, (b) Co 2p, (c) Fe 2p, (d) Se 3d, (e) O 1s and (f) FTIR spectra of CoFe LDH/Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC after long term OER in 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> for 40 h.

**Table S1.** Comparison of BET surface area of samples.

Catalyst	Specific surface area (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )
Co <sub>0.85</sub> Se/CC	4.379
CoFe LDH/CC	4.379
CoFe LDH/Co <sub>0.85</sub> Se/CC	4.876

**Table S2.** Comparison of OER performances of CoFe LDH/Co<sub>0.85</sub>Se/CC with previously reported non-precious metal OER electrocatalysts.

Catalyst	Substrate	Electrolyte	J (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	η (mV vs RHE)	Tafel slope (mV dec <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
CoFe LDH/Co <sub>0.85</sub> Se	CC <sup>a</sup>	1M KOH	10 300	241 355	48	This work
CoFe LDH	GCE <sup>b</sup>	1M KOH	10	286	45	1
Co <sub>0.85</sub> Se/NC	GCE	1M KOH	10	320	75	2
CoFe-oxyhydroxide	CP <sup>c</sup>	1M KOH	10	330	37	3
C@NiCo Nw	CC	1M KOH	10	302	43.6	4
CoFe DH/NCNTs	GCE	1M KOH	10	270	56.88	5
SnCoFe hydroxide -Ar plasma	NF <sup>d</sup>	1M KOH	10	270	-	6
Ultrathin CoFe LDH with vacancies	GCE	1M KOH	10 50	266 313	37.85	7
Ultrathin CoFe LDH	GCE	1M KOH	10	270	58.3	8
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /Co-Fe oxide	GCE	1M KOH	10	297	61	9
NiFe LDH /Co <sub>0.85</sub> Se	EGF <sup>e</sup>	1M KOH	150	270	57	10
CoFe LDH/CoFe alloy	GCE	1M NaOH	10	286	48	11
Ag-CoSe <sub>2</sub> Nanobelts	GCE	0.1M KOH	10	320	56	12
α-Co <sub>4</sub> Fe(OH) <sub>x</sub>	GCE	1M KOH	10	295	52	13
CoS-Co(OH) <sub>2</sub> @aMoS <sub>2+x</sub>	NF	1M KOH	10	380	68	14
CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Ns	GCE	0.1M KOH	10	308	36.8	15

CC<sup>a</sup>: Carbon cloth

GCE<sup>b</sup>: Glassy carbon electrode

CP<sup>c</sup>: Carbon paper

NF<sup>d</sup>: Ni foam

EGF<sup>e</sup>: Exfoliated graphene foil



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