## **Supporting Information (SI)**

## Chemically reduced CuO-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> composite as highly efficient electrocatalyst for oxygen evolution reaction in alkaline media

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**Figure S1:** Elemental mapping images of pristine  $CuO-Co_3O_4$  and chemically reduced  $CuO-Co_3O_4$  composite



**Figure S2:** HRTEM images and SAED pattern of pristine CuO-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (a, c) and chemically reduced CuO-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (b, d)



**Figure S3:** SEM image of chemically reduced CuO-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> after chronoamperometric stability experiment



**Figure S3:** Cyclic voltammetry (CV) curves vs. RHE at the different scan rates for the calculation of double layer capacitance of  $Co_3O_4$ , CuO, pristine CuO-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and chemically reduced CuO-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> composite





Figure S4: The linear fitting of non-faradic current vs different scan rates

Table S1: Comparison of figure of merits chemically reduced CuO-Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> composite as OEF
catalyst with recently reported electrocatalysts.

Electrocatalyst	Electrolyte	Current Density	Overpotential	Tafel Slope	Ref.
Reduced CuO-Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1M KOH	40 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	144.5 mV	74 mV dec <sup>-1</sup>	This work
		100 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	183.4 mV		
N-doped CoO nanowires	1M KOH	10 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	319 mV	$74 \text{ mV dec}^{-1}$	1
		100 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	410 mV		
MnCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	1M KOH	10 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	290 mV	71 mV dec <sup>-1</sup>	2
Ni/NiS/NC	1M KOH	10 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	337 mV	$52 \text{ mV dec}^{-1}$	3
CoFe <sub>0.7</sub> Se <sub>1.7</sub>	1M KOH	10 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	279 mV	$43.9 \text{ mV dec}^{-1}$	4
		$50 \text{ mA cm}^2$	311 mV		
Co-doped CuO	1M KOH	50 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	299 mV	$134 \text{ mV dec}^{-1}$	5
		100 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	330 mV		
CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1M NaOH	10 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	490 mV	54.2 mV $dec^{-1}$	6
Ni <sub>2.2</sub> Fe(OH) <sub>x</sub>	1M KOH	100 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	234 mV	$64.3 \text{ mV dec}^{-1}$	7
Ni-B/Ni foam	1M KOH	100 mA cm <sup>2</sup>	360 mV	$76 \text{ mV dec}^{-1}$	8

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