

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### **Rod-like anhydrous V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> assembled by tiny nanosheets as a high-performance cathode material for aqueous zinc-ion batteries**

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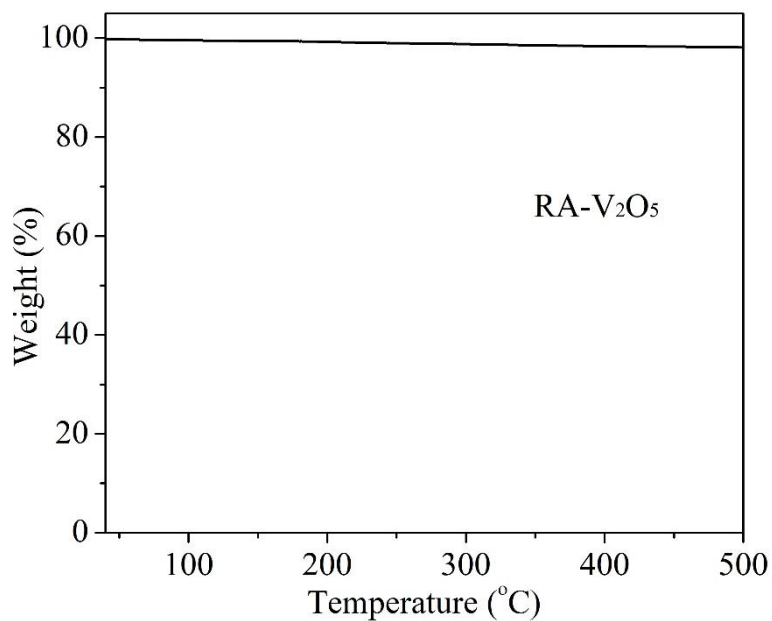
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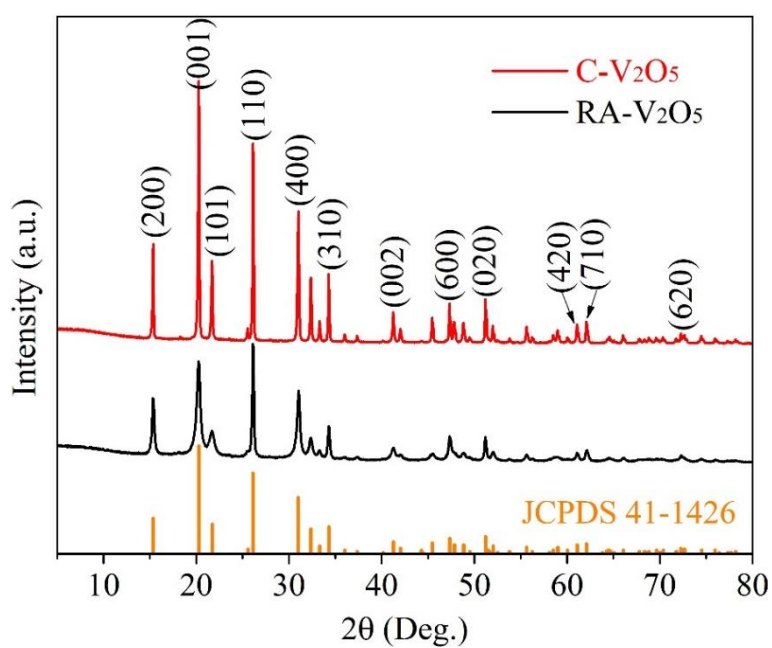
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**Fig. S1** TGA curve of RA-V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, measured in air at a heating rate of 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S2** XRD pattern of C-V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, in comparison with that of RA-V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.

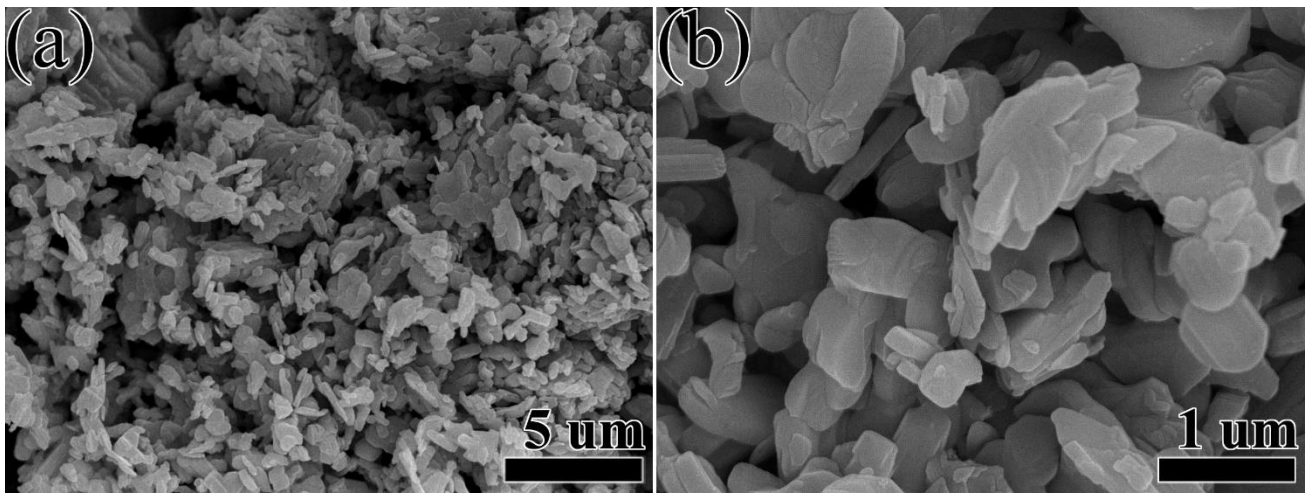


Fig. S3 (a, b) SEM images C-V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.

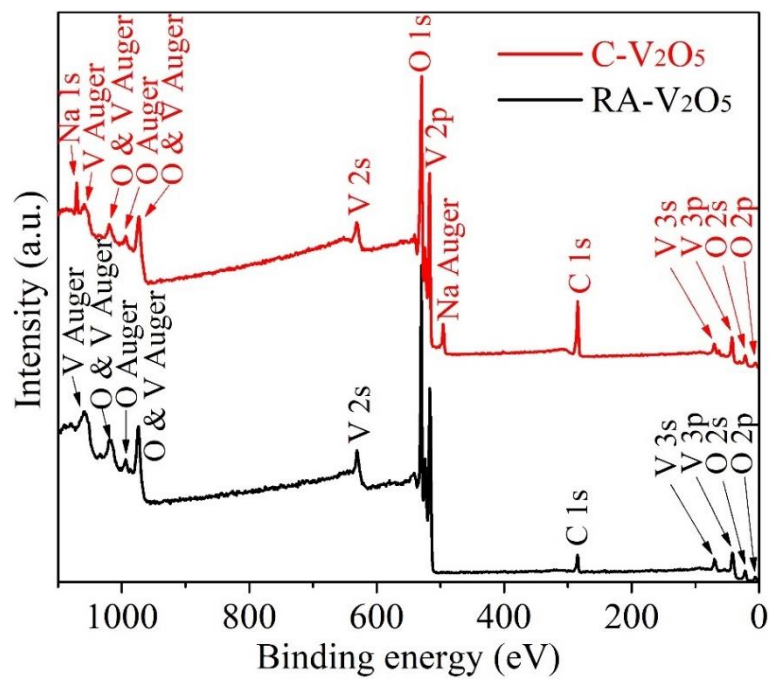
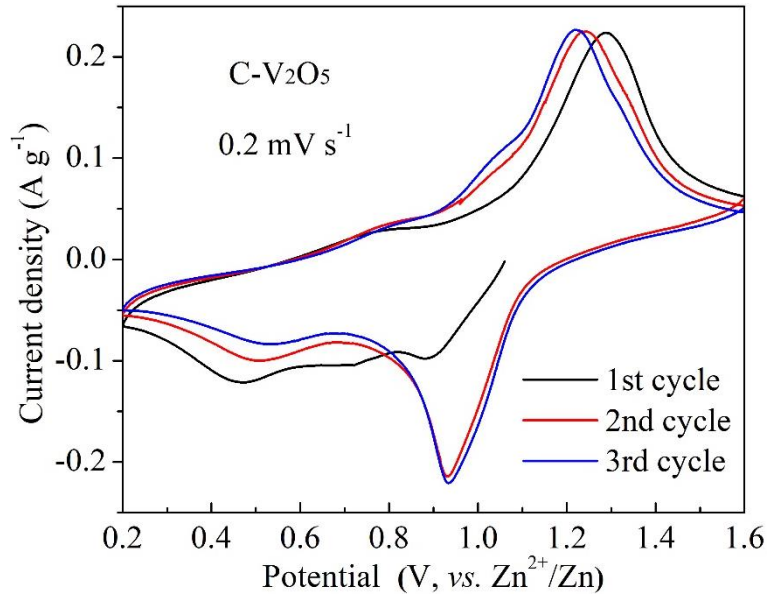
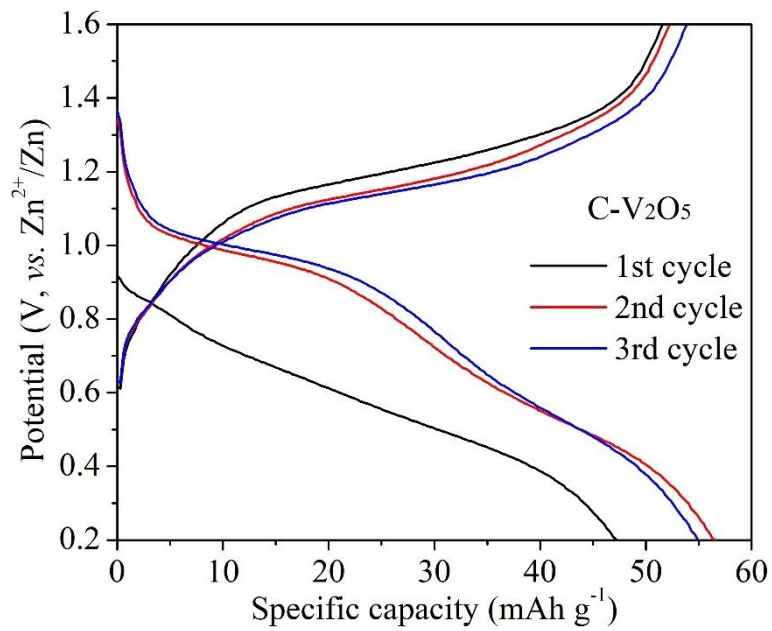


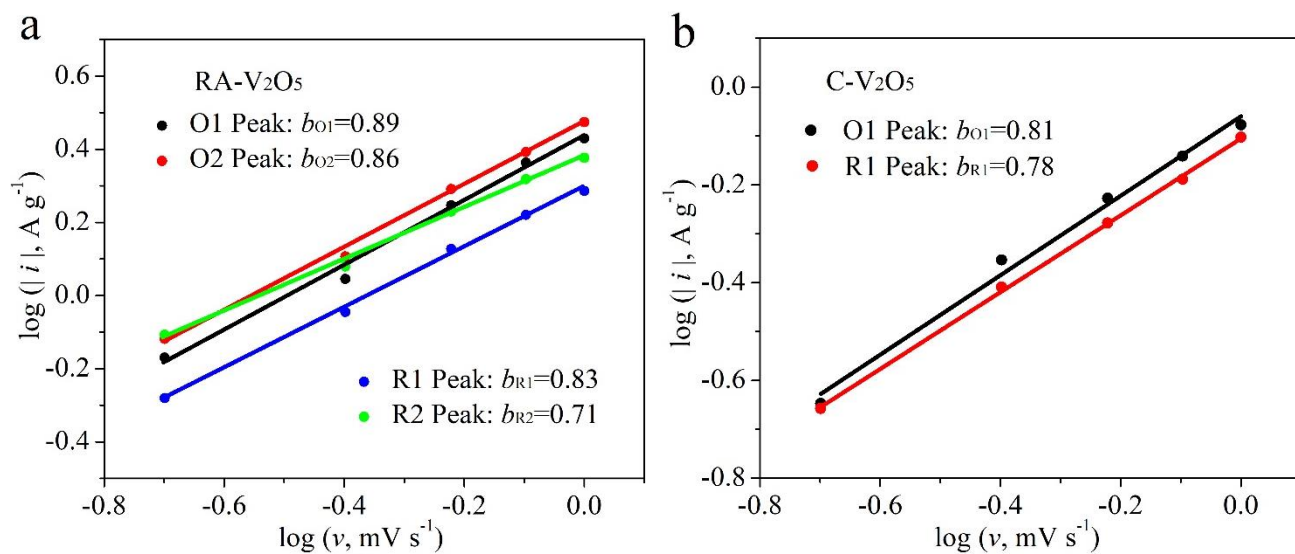
Fig. S4 XPS spectra of RA-V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and C-V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.



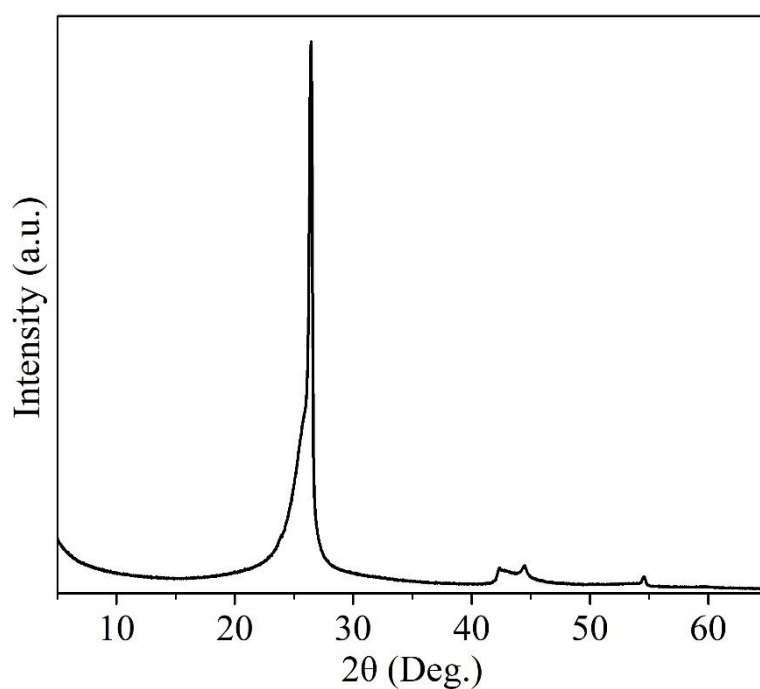
**Fig. S5** CV curves of C-V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> in initial three cycles at 0.2 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



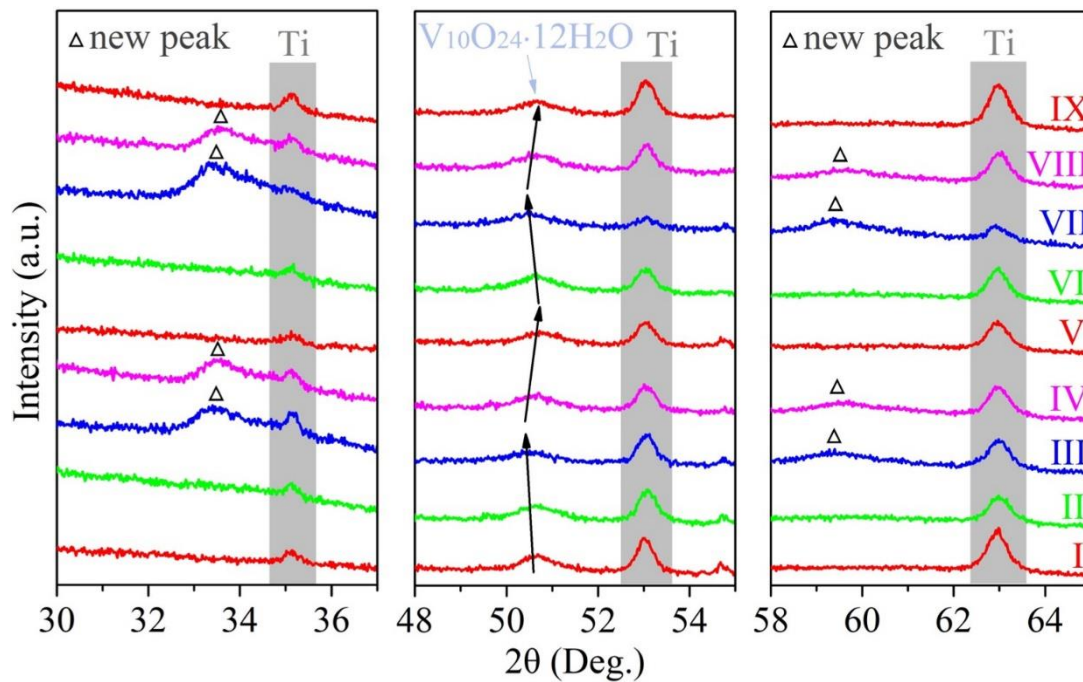
**Fig. S6** GCD curves of C-V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> in initial three cycles at 0.1 A g<sup>-1</sup>.



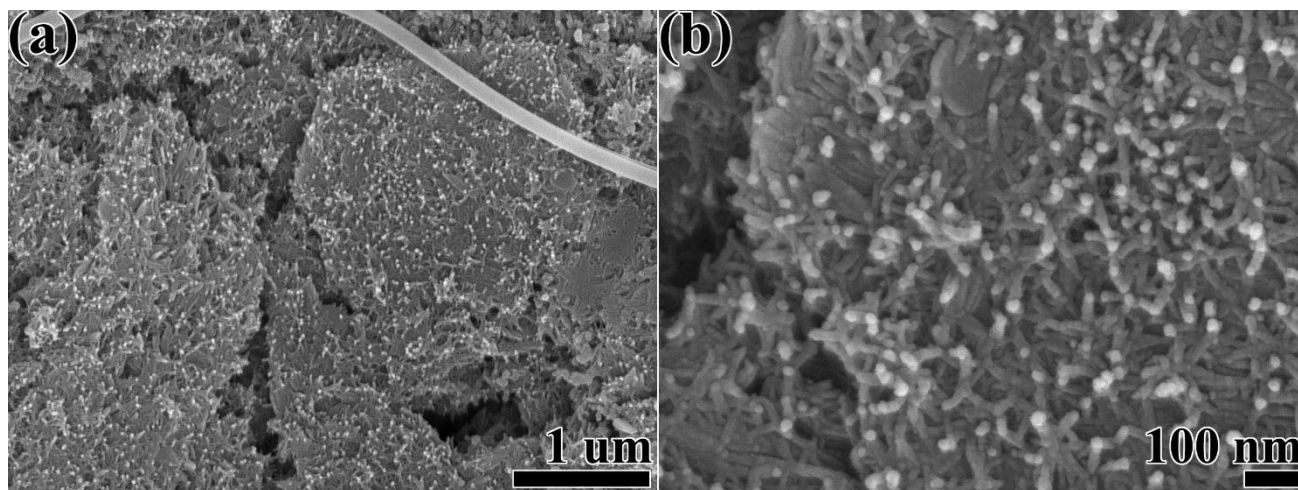
**Fig. S7** Log ( $i$ ) versus log ( $v$ ) plots of different redox peaks of (a) RA-V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and (b) C-V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> under CV measurements.



**Fig. S8** XRD pattern of neat CNT powder.



**Fig. S9** The magnified ex situ XRD patterns of RA- $V_2O_5$  at nine different charge/discharge states at 21<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>th</sup> cycles.



**Fig. S10** SEM images of the RA- $V_2O_5$  electrode surface after 2000 cycles at  $2 \text{ A g}^{-1}$ .



**Table S1** The capacities of RA-V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> in comparison with that of state-of-the-art vanadium-based cathode materials for AZIBs.

Cathode material	Capacity	Reference
RA-V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	449.8 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	This report
	314.3 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
	186.8 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
Mg <sub>0.34</sub> V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ·0.84H <sub>2</sub> O	353 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	1
	81 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
Ag <sub>0.4</sub> V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	340 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	2
	185 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
Porous V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> nanofibers	319 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.02 A g <sup>-1</sup>	3
	104 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 3 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> nanosheets	224 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	4
	100 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> nanospheres	188.7 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	5
	138.3 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> hollow spheres	280 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	6
	147 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
VO <sub>2</sub>	283 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	7
	72 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
VO <sub>2</sub>	274 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	8
	170 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>24</sub> ·12H <sub>2</sub> O	164.5 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	9
	90.4 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
VS <sub>2</sub>	190.3 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	10
	115.5 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
LiV <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	230 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.033 A g <sup>-1</sup>	11
	29 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.666 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
NaV <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ·1.5H <sub>2</sub> O	375 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	12
	165 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 4 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
NaV <sub>6</sub> O <sub>15</sub> nanorods	427 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	13
	195 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.6 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
Zn <sub>2</sub> V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	203.4 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.3 A g <sup>-1</sup>	14
	155 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 4 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
Zn <sub>2</sub> (OH)VO <sub>4</sub>	204 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	15
	160 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
Zn <sub>3</sub> V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	213 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	16
	76 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 3 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
Fe <sub>5</sub> V <sub>15</sub> O <sub>39</sub> (OH) <sub>9</sub> ·9H <sub>2</sub> O	385 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	17
	105 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
VOPO <sub>4</sub>	139 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	18
	50 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	

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