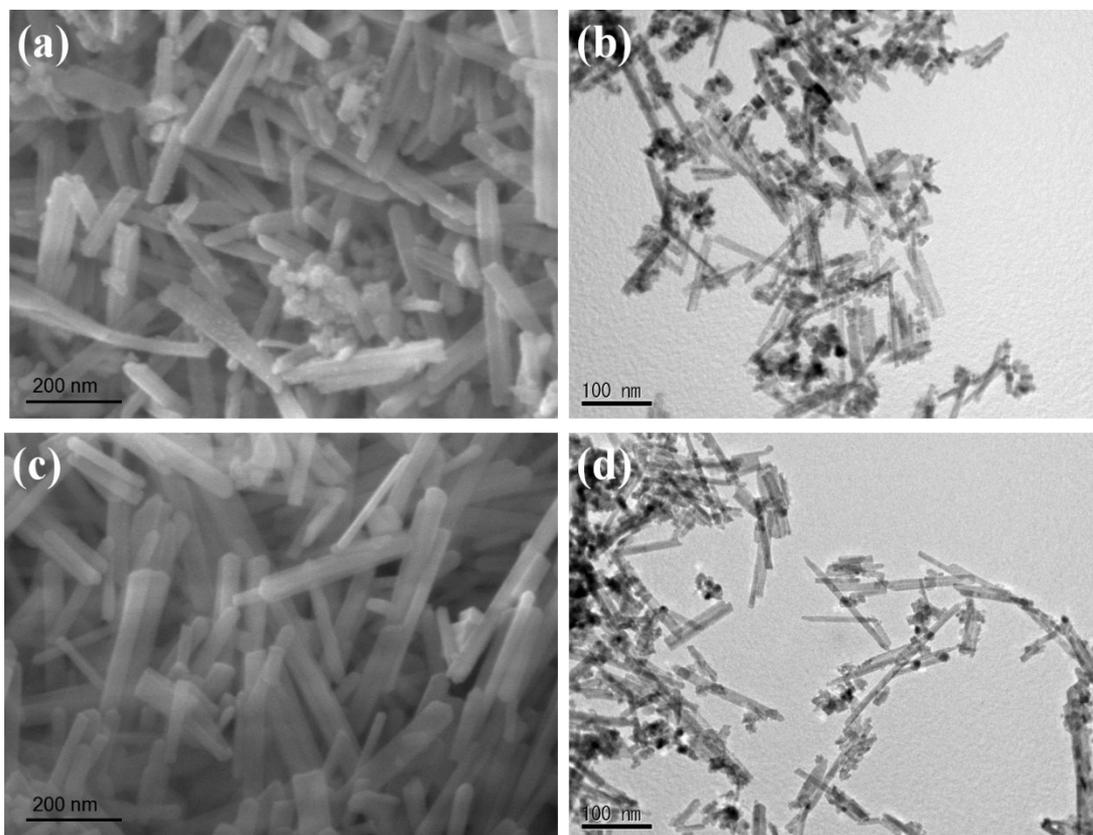


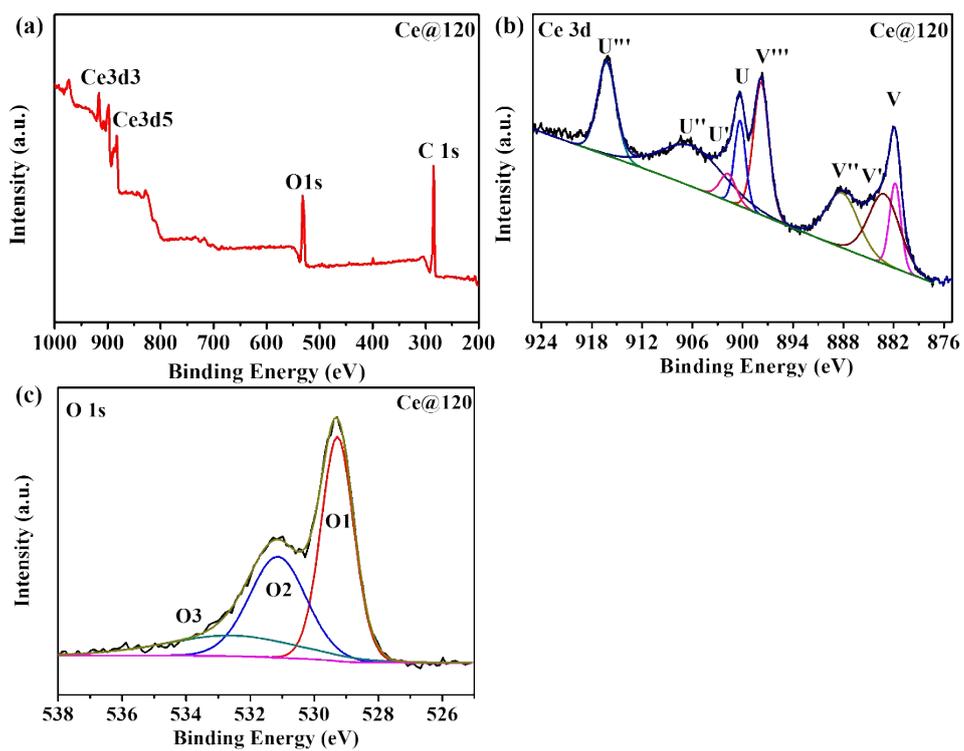
## *Supporting Information*

### **Oxygen Vacancies Promoting the Electrocatalytic Performance of the CeO<sub>2</sub> Nanorods as the Cathode Materials for Li-O<sub>2</sub> Batteries**

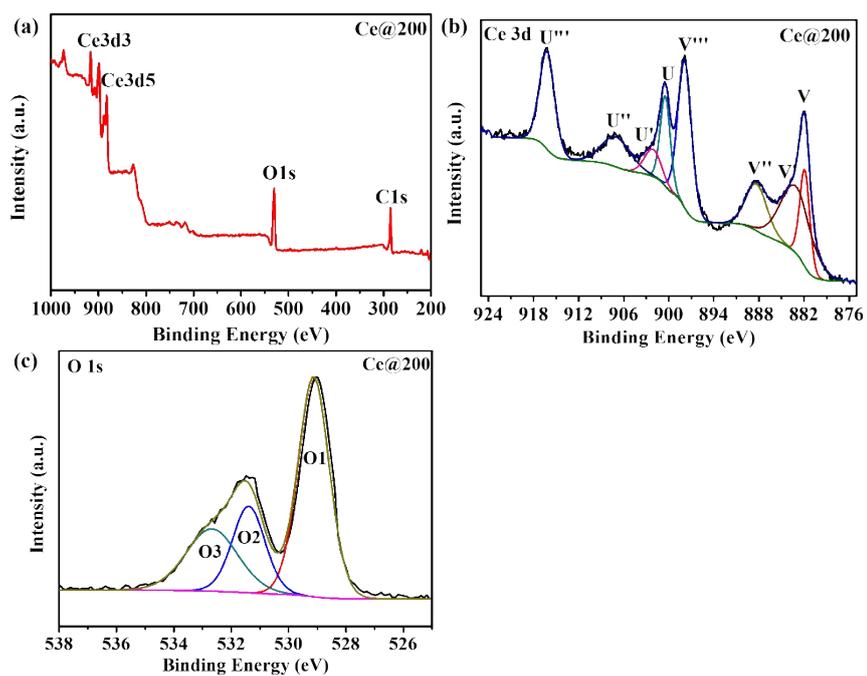
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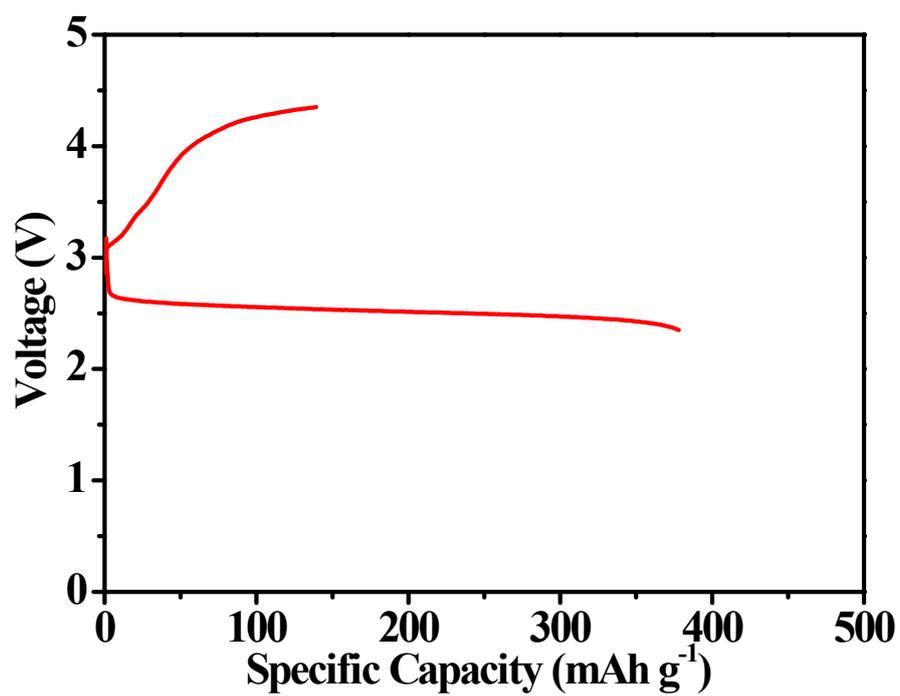
**Figure S1.** SEM and TEM images of Ce@120 nanorods(a)-(b), and Ce@200 nanorods (c)-(d).



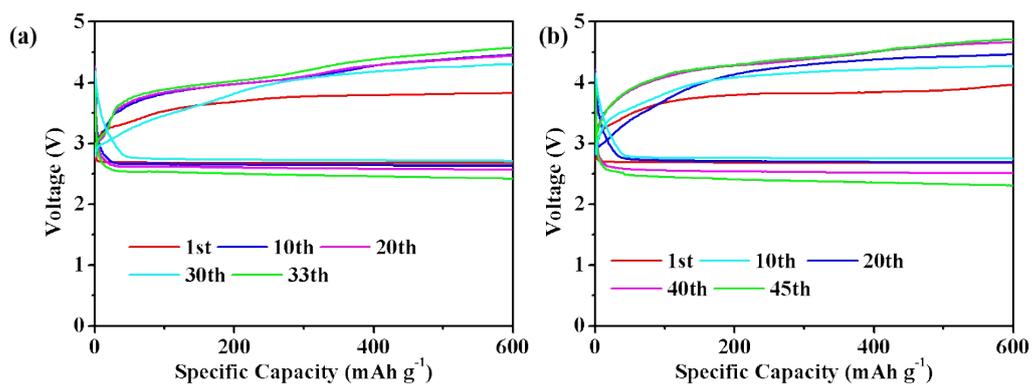
**Figure S2.** High-resolution XPS spectra of Ce@120 for survey curve(a), Ce 3d(b) and O 1s(c).



**Figure S3.** High-resolution XPS spectra of Ce@200 for survey curve(a), Ce 3d(b) and O 1s(c).



**Figure S4.** The initial discharge/charge profiles of the LOBs from 2.35 to 4.35 V for the pure carbon paper.



**Figure S5.** The corresponding typical discharge/charge profiles of the Ce@120 cathode(a) and the Ce@200 cathode(b) LOBs for selected cycles under a specific capacity limit of 600 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> at 100 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.