Supporting Information

Title

In-situ Incorporation of Nanostructured Antimony in N-doped Carbon Matrix for Advanced Sodium-Ion Batteries

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Distinguished Professor, Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellow (FT3) Associate Editor, ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces School of Mechanical, Materials, Mechatronic, and Biomedical Engineering Institute for Superconducting & Electronic Materials Faculty of Engineering & Information Sciences University of Wollongong, NSW 2522 T + 61 2 4221 5225 F + 61 2 4221 5731 E-mail: zguo@uow.edu.au **Figure S1** XRD patterns of samples obtained by annealing Sb(Ac)₃ at different temperature of (a) 150 °C, (b) 250 °C, (c) 350 °C, (d) 450 °C and (e) 700 °C under Ar atmosphere for 2 h. # represents the peaks belong to Sb₂O₃ (JCPDS no. 72-1334) while * represents the peaks belong to Sb₂O₃ (JCPDS no. 71-0383).

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