## Supporting Information

Simple and scalable synthesis of hierarchical porous carbon derived from cornstalk without pith for high capacitance and energy density

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| Sample     | Carbon precursor | Carbon precursor: K <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> : CaCO <sub>3</sub><br>(by weight) |  |
|------------|------------------|---|--|
| BC         | entire plant     | /   |  |
| C-1        | entire plant     | 1:1:1   |  |
| R-1.5      | rind             | 1:1.5:1   |  |
| P-1.5      | pith             | 1:1.5:1   |  |
| C-1.5      | entire plant     | 1:1.5:1   |  |
| C-2        | entire plant     | 1:2:1   |  |
| <b>R-2</b> | rind             | 1:2:1   |  |

Table S1. Corn stalk-based porous carbon with different reaction condition.



Figure S1. SEM images of C-1 (a) and C-2 (b); TEM images of C-1 (c) and C-2 (d).



**Figure S2.** XPS survey spectra of C-1 and R-2 (a); high-resolution O1s spectra of C-1 (b) and R-2 (c).

|        | XPS composition (at%) |      |      | O species (%) |      |      |
|--------|-----------------------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| Sample | С                     | Ν    | 0    | 01            | 02   | 03   |
| BC     | 77.22                 | 2.68 | 20.1 | 28.2          | 29.4 | 42.4 |
| C-1    | 91.20                 | 2.30 | 6.47 | 25.1          | 28.6 | 46.3 |
| C-1.5  | 90.29                 | 2.74 | 6.97 | 42.8          | 29.6 | 27.6 |
| R-1.5  | 89.34                 | 1.81 | 8.85 | 51.7          | 23.1 | 25.2 |
| C-2    | 92.93                 | 1.20 | 5.87 | 40.3          | 20.2 | 39.5 |
| R-2    | 91.00                 | 1.20 | 7.80 | 34.2          | 23.3 | 42.4 |

**Table S2.** Relative concentrations of oxygen species by fitting the O1s XPS spectra.



Figure S3. CV curves (a) and GCD curves (b) of C-1.



Figure S4. CV curves (a) and GCD curves (b) of C-2.



Figure S5. CV curves (a) and GCD curves (b) of R-2.



Figure S6. CV curves of C-1.5 symmetrical supercapacitor in different operation voltages at a scan rate of 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup> (a); CV curves of C-1.5 symmetrical supercapacitor at different scan rates (b); GCD curves of C-1.5 symmetrical supercapacitor at different current densities (c); specific capacitances for a single electrode at different current densities (d).



**Figure S7.** Cycle stabilities of C-1.5 at a current density of 10.0 A g<sup>-1</sup> (a) and Ragone plots compared with other carbon materials in aqueous electrolyte (b).