Supporting Information

Mesoporous Nanobelts and Nano-necklace of Co_3O_4 Converted from β-$Co(OH)_2$ Nanobelts via Thermal Decomposition Route For Electrocatalytic Oxidation of H_2O_2

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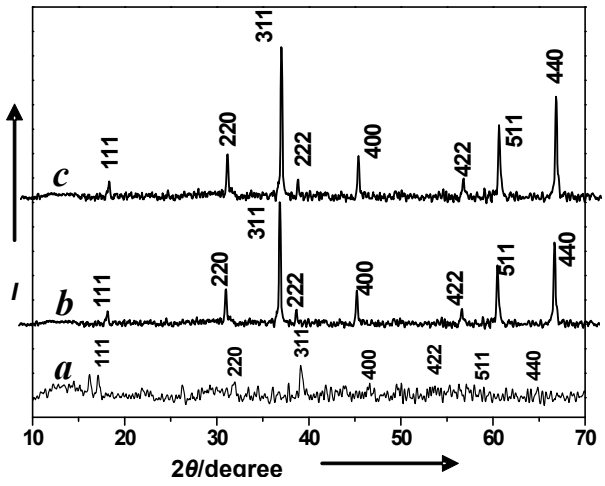


Figure S1. XRD patterns of the samples. (a) the precursor nanobelts; (b) the mesoporous Co_3O_4 nanobelts; (c) the Co_3O_4 nano-necklaces.

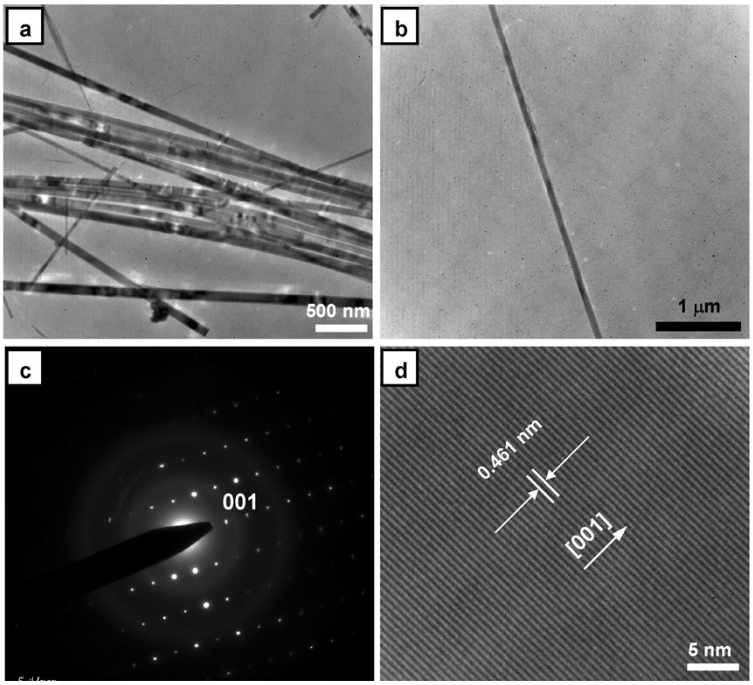


Figure S2. The TEM images of the as-prepared precursor β-$Co(OH)_2$ nanobelts. (a) The TEM images of the precursor nanobelts; (b) a TEM image of a single β-$Co(OH)_2$ nanobelt; (c) the corresponding SAED pattern of the β-$Co(OH)_2$ nanobelts; (d) an HRTEM image of the as-obtained nanobelts.

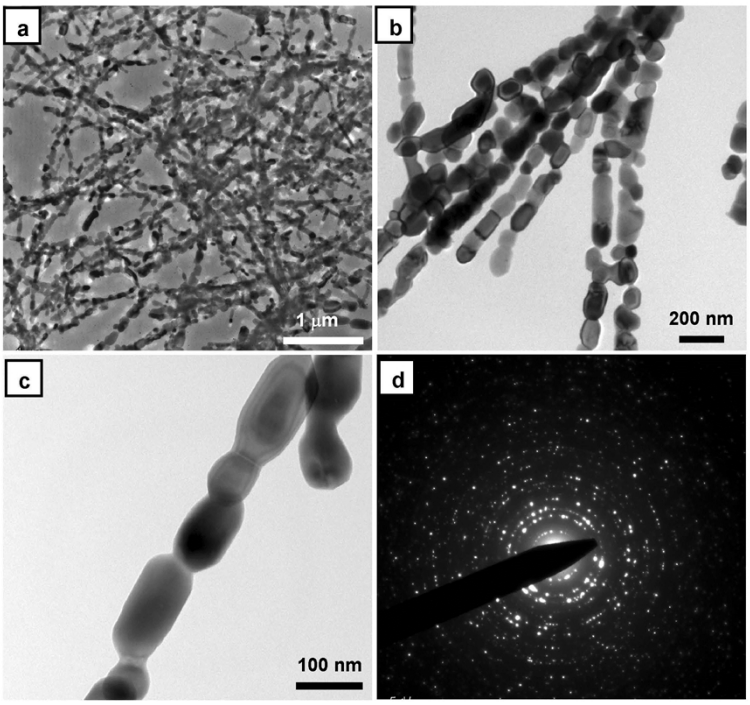


Figure S3. The TEM images of the as-prepared Co_3O_4 nano-necklaces. (a) the low magnification TEM images of the nano-necklaces; (b) the high magnification TEM images of the nano-necklaces; (c) a TEM image of a single Co_3O_4 nano-necklace; (d) the corresponding SAED pattern of the Co_3O_4 nano-necklaces.

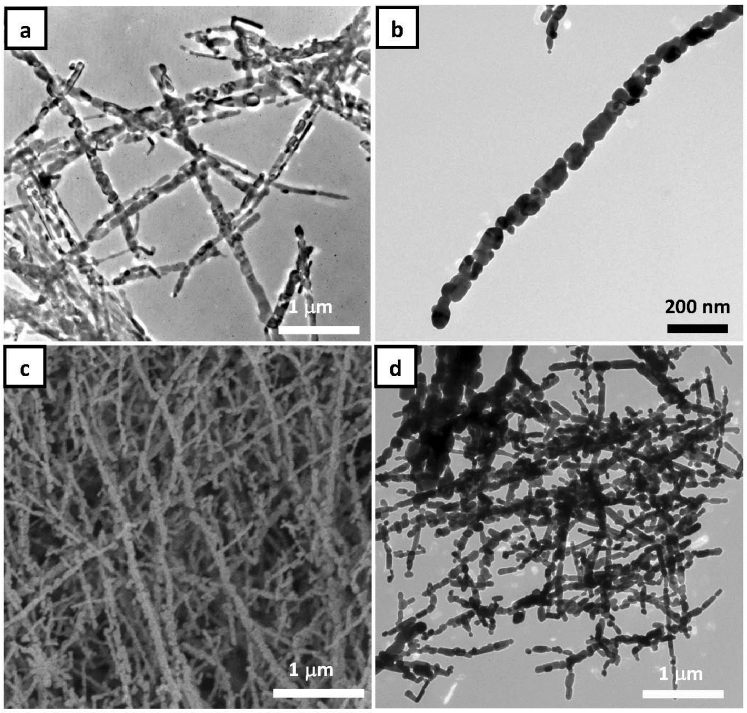
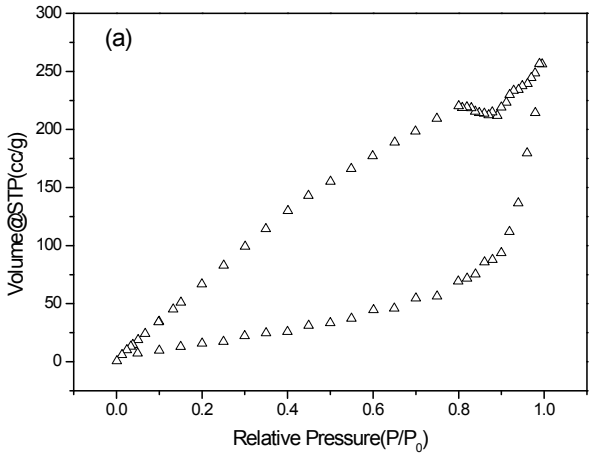


Figure S4. The TEM and SEM characterizations of the as-prepared Co_3O_4 samples with different heating temperatures. The low magnification (a) and the high magnification (b) TEM images of the Co_3O_4 samples obtained at 500 ^oC; the SEM (c) and TEM(d) images of the Co_3O_4 samples obtained at 900 ^oC.



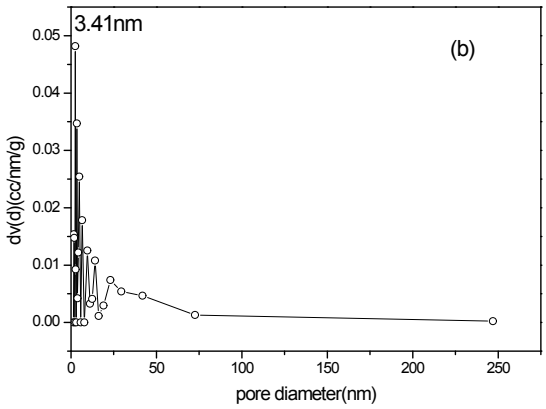


Figure S5. The N_2 adsorption isotherms at 77 K of mesoporous nanobelts (a); the corresponding BJH method adsorption pore size distribution of mesoporous nanobelts (b).