

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **In Situ Derivation of NiFe-LDH Ultra-thin Layer on Ni-BDC Nanosheets as Boosted Electrocatalyst for Oxygen evolution reaction**

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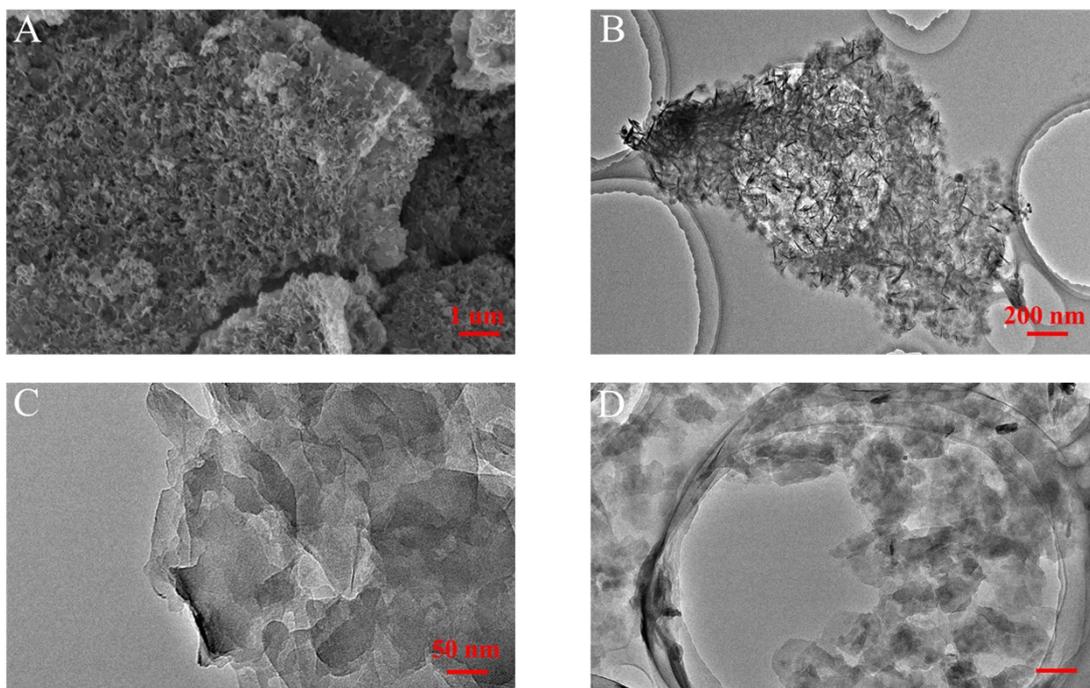
Catalysts	j (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$\eta$ (mV)	Tafel slope (mV dec <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
Ni-BDC@ NiFe-LDH	10	272	45	This work
NiCo-P/NF	35	300	71	[35]
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /NF	10	266	77	[37]
Fe (OH) <sub>3</sub> @Co-MOF	10	292	44	[44]
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /CeO <sub>2</sub>	20	264	146	[42]
Ni <sub>0.75</sub> Fe <sub>0.25</sub> -LDH	10	350	64	[43]
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @C-WCNTs	10	320	62	[45]
Ni-BDC @NiS	20	330	62	[46]

**Table S1.** Summary of OER performances of some catalysts in previous works.

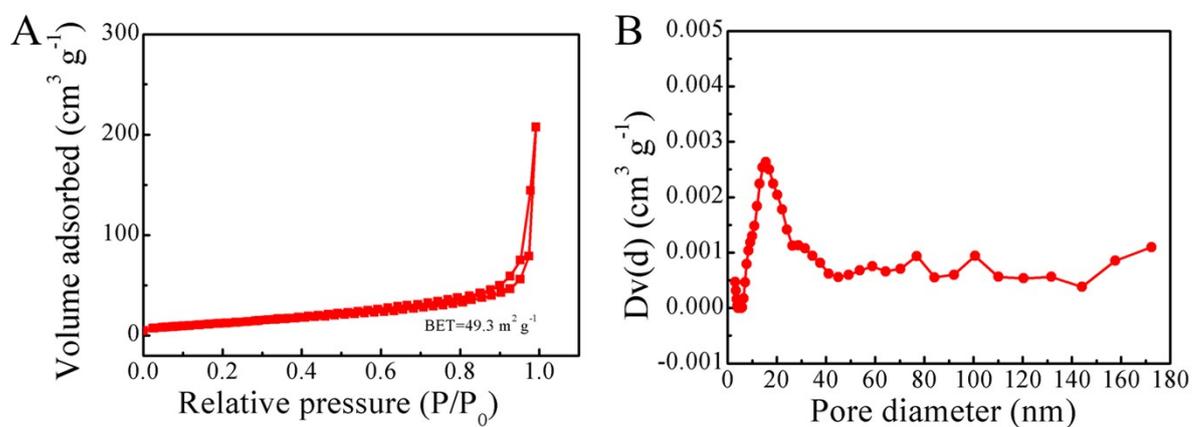
Note: NF refers to foamed nickel; WCNTs refers to carbon nanotubes.

Table S2 Summary of the chemical compositions for different samples

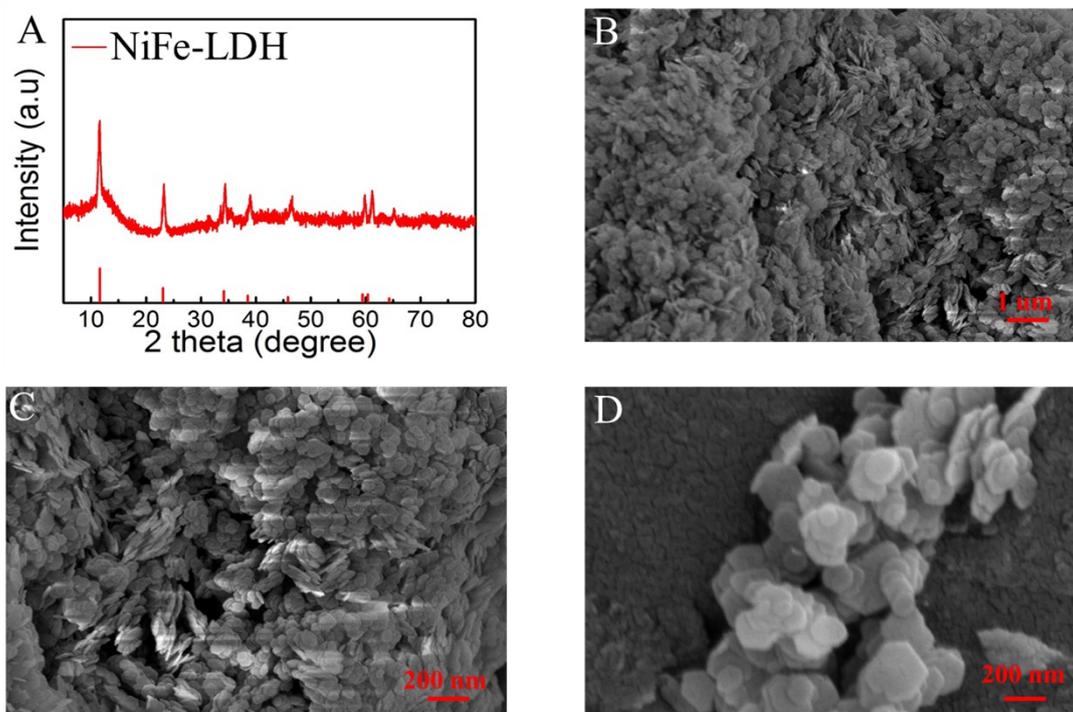
Samples	XPS analysis [Atom%]			
	Ni	Fe	C	O
Ni-BDC@/NiFe-LDH-1	7.81	2.36	58.16	31.30
Ni-BDC@/NiFe-LDH-2	8.53	2.02	61.03	28.40
Ni-BDC@/NiFe-LDH-3	9.36	2.14	57.28	29.49
Ni-BDC@/NiFe-LDH-4	9.84	2.08	59.29	28.61



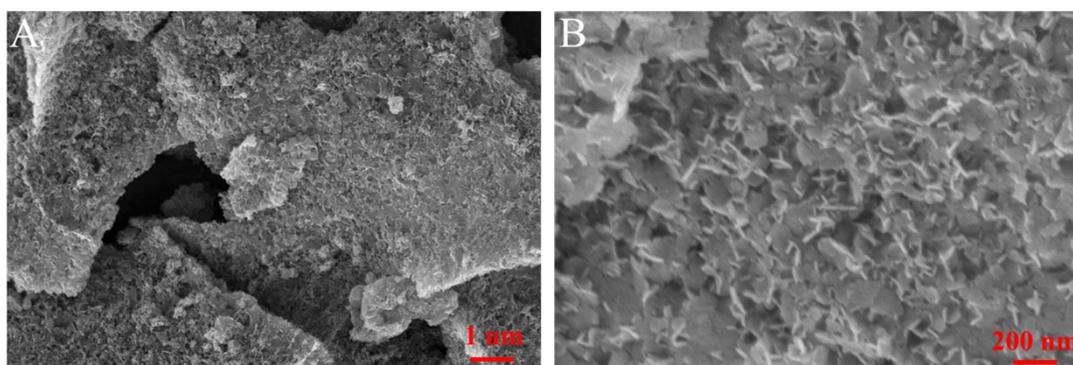
**Figure S1.** (A) SEM images of Ni-BDC@ NiFe-LDH and (B) TEM images of Ni-BDC@ NiFe-LDH; (C, D) TEM images of Ni-BDC.



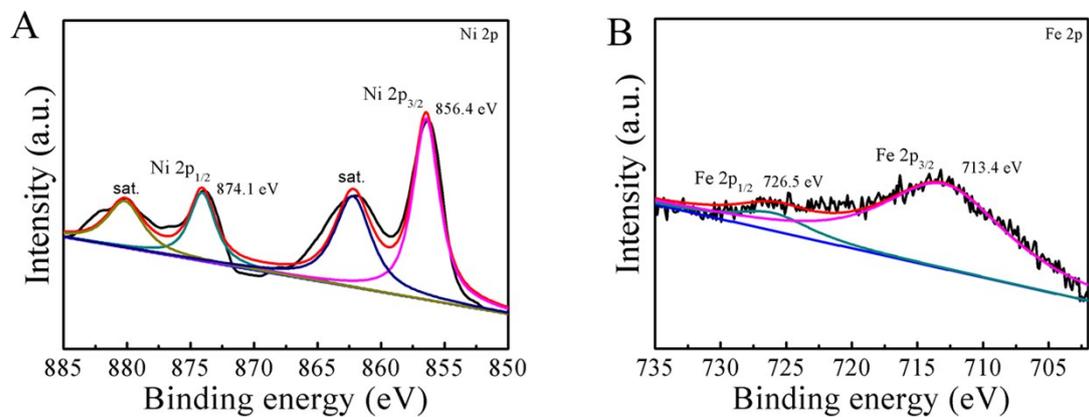
**Figure S2.** (A)  $N_2$ -adsorption/desorption isotherm and (B) pore-size distribution of NiFe-LDH.



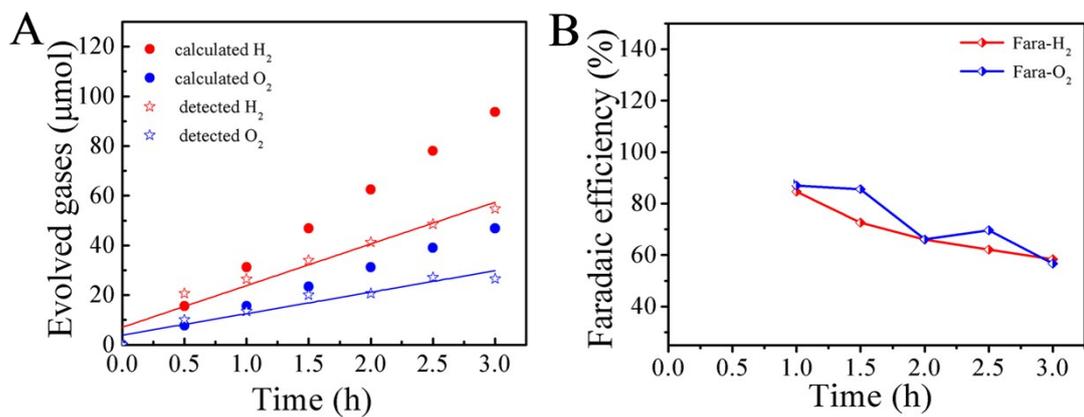
**Figure S3.** (A) XRD spectra of NiFe-LDH; SEM images of NiFe-LDH (B, C, D).



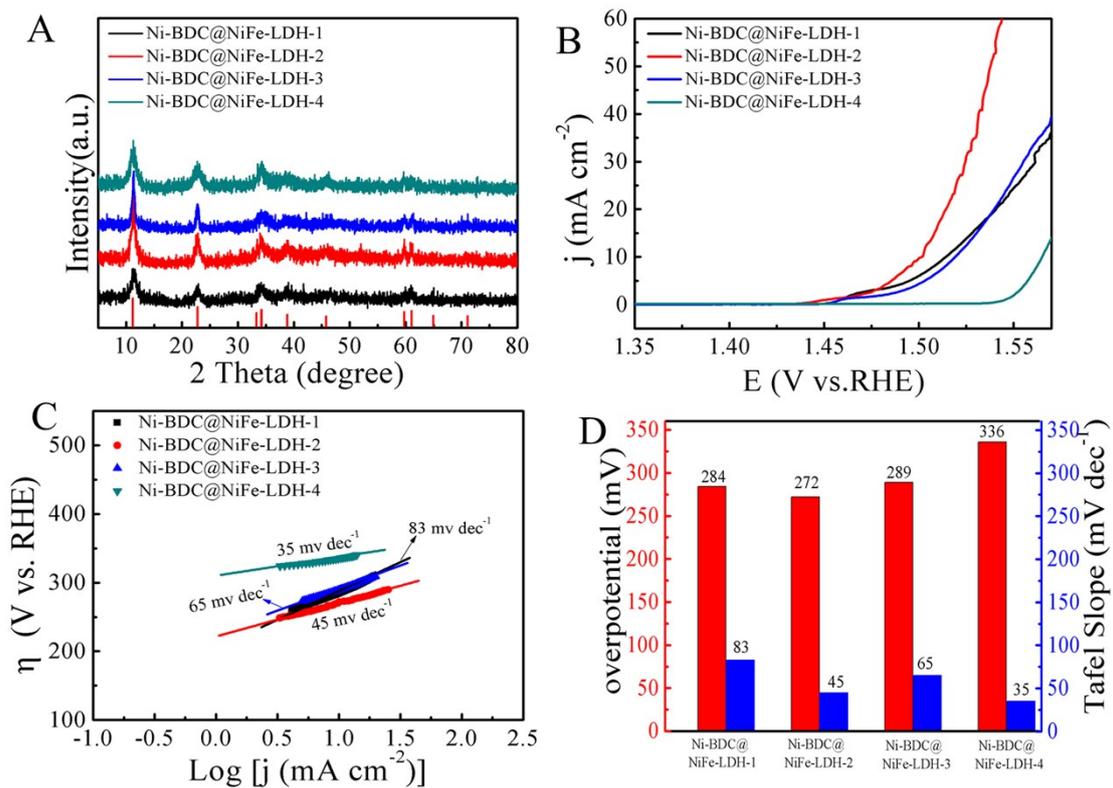
**Figure S4.** SEM images of Ni-BDC@ NiFe-LDH with different magnifications after 30 h long-term stability test (A, B).



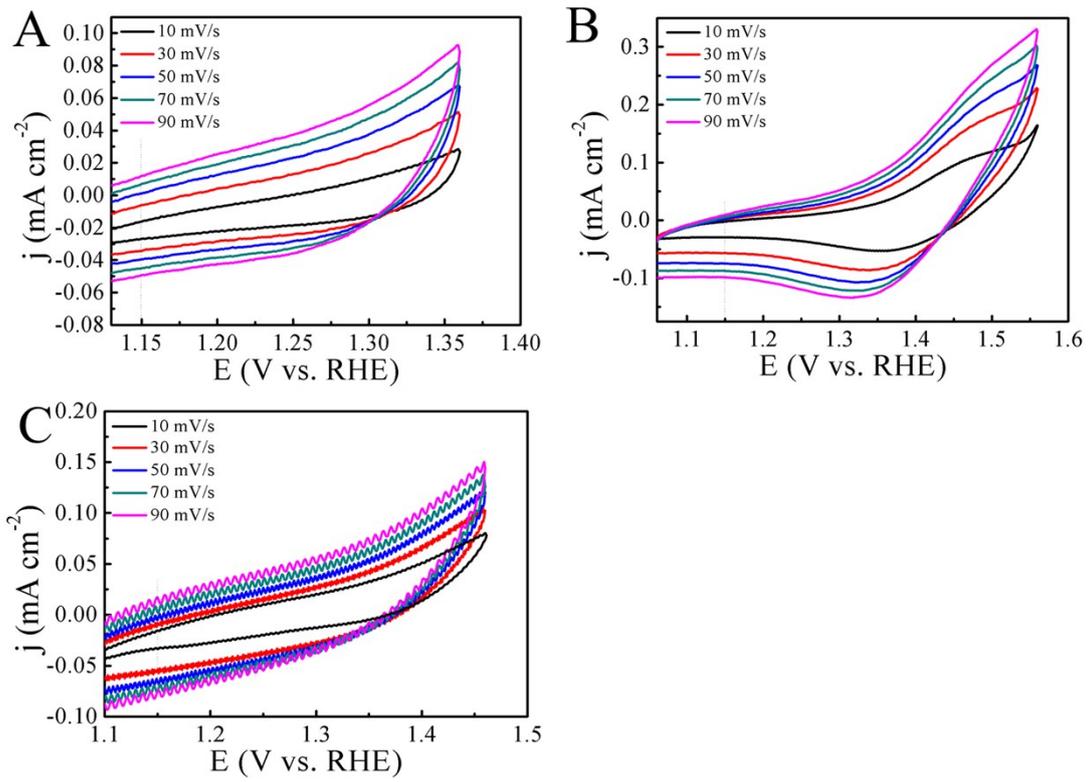
**Figure S5.** High resolution (b) N 1s, (c) Ni 2p and (d) Fe 2p XPS spectra of the Ni-BDC@ NiFe-LDH after the long-term test.



**Figure S6.** (A) The Faraday efficiency and (B) the amount of O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> produced by Ni-BDC@ NiFe-LDH during water splitting at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>.



**Figure S7.** XRD patterns and OER polarization curves of Ni-BDC@ NiFe-LDH nanosheets with different feed ratios of iron salt and BDC (A, B); (C) The corresponding Tafel diagram derived from (B); Intuitive bar graph of overpotential and Tafel (D).



**Figure S8.** CV plots of (A) Ni-BDC@NiFe-LDH-1, (B) Ni-BDC@NiFe-LDH-3 and (C) Ni-BDC@NiFe-LDH-4 measured at various scan rate from 10-90  $\text{mV/s}$ .