

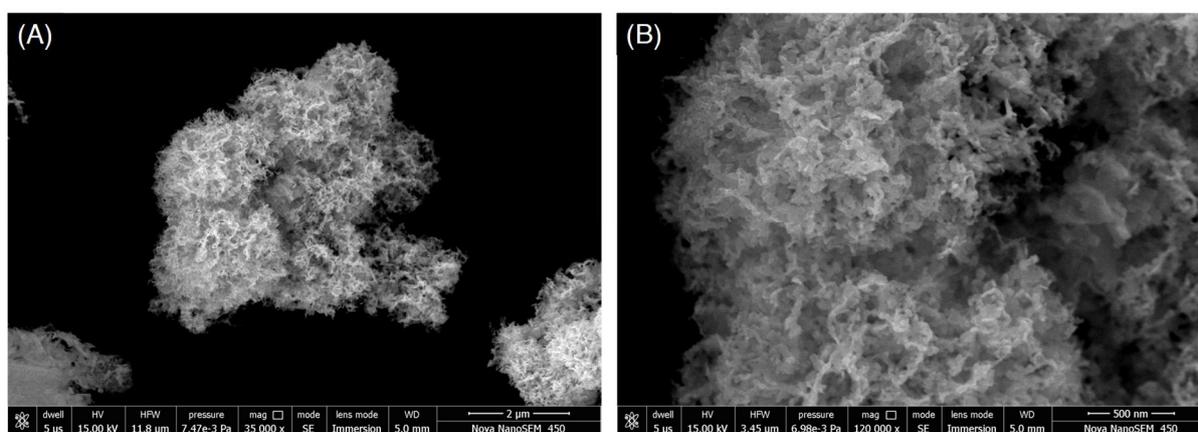
## Supplementary Information

### Study of "Ni-doping" and "Open-pore Microstructure" as Physico-electrochemical Stimuli towards the Electrocatalytic Efficiency of Ni/NiO for Oxygen Evolution Reaction

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**Fig. S1** (A) and (B) shows the respective low and high magnification FESEM images of Ni/NiO-OP sample, which demonstrates the presence of ample porosity (open-pore type) in the sample.

**Table S1.** The comparison of the electrocatalytic OER efficiency of the as-synthesized Ni/NiO-OP sample with other NiO based electrocatalyst.

Sl. No.	Material	Measured current density (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Overpotential (mV)	Tafel slope (mV dec <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
1	NiO-MWNT/Pt	10	779	120	[s1]
2	NiO/Fe <sup>trace</sup>	10	540	30	[s2]
3	NiO nanoparticles	10	501	-	[s3]
4	NiO film	5	450	96	[s4]
5	rGO-NiO/Ni	10	530	81	[s5]
6	NiO	10	484	155.8	[s6]
7	NiO film	1	450	120	[s7]
8	NiO nanocubes	10	510	-	[s8]
9	NiO particles	10	467	140.7	[s9]
10	Ni/NiO@rGO	10	480	41	[s10]
11	Ni/NiO-OP	10	470	58	<b>This work</b>

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