

## Supporting Information

### Pt nanoparticles-decorated two-dimensional oxygen-deficient TiO<sub>2</sub> nanosheet as an efficient and stable electrocatalyst for hydrogen evolution reaction

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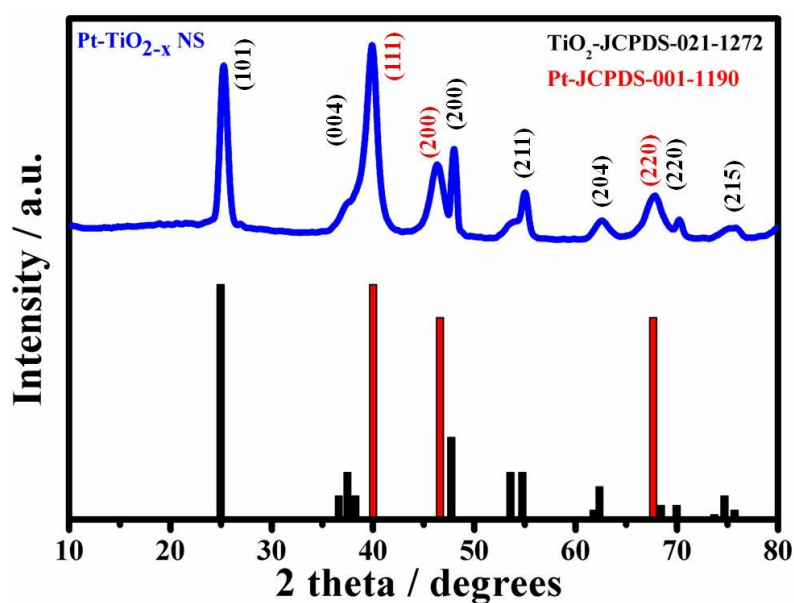
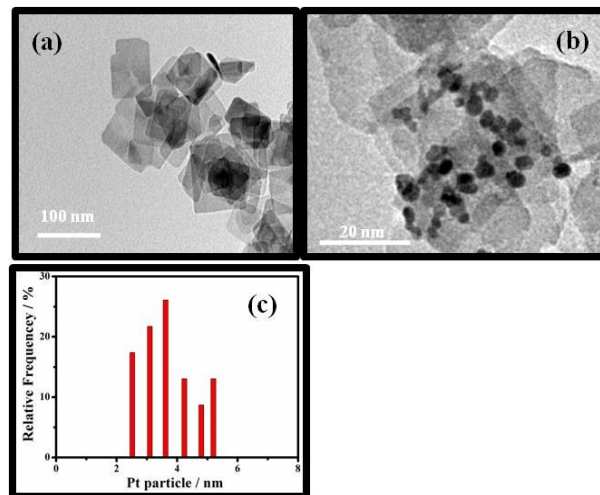
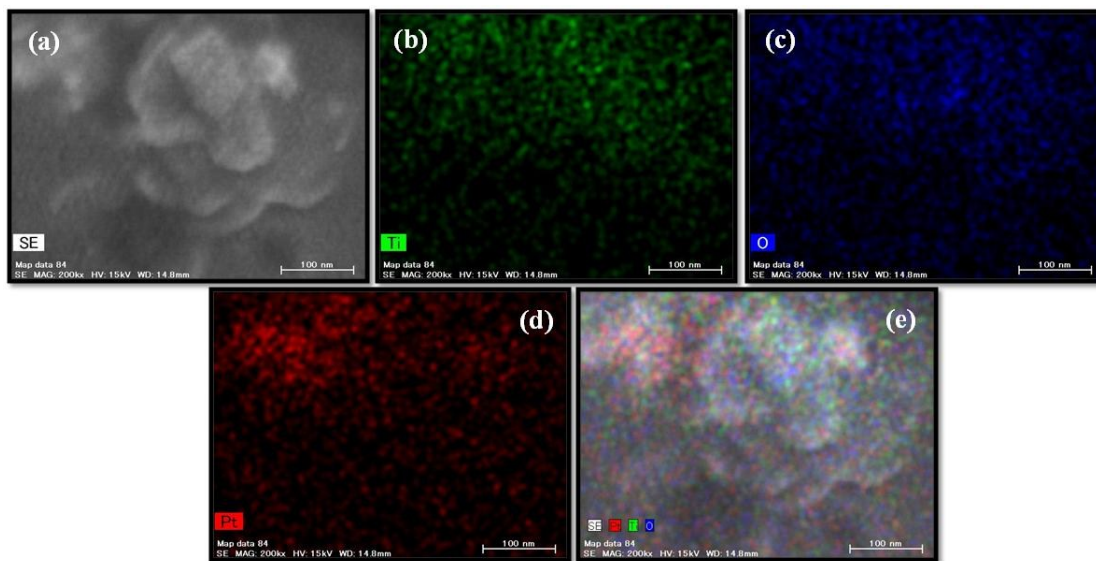


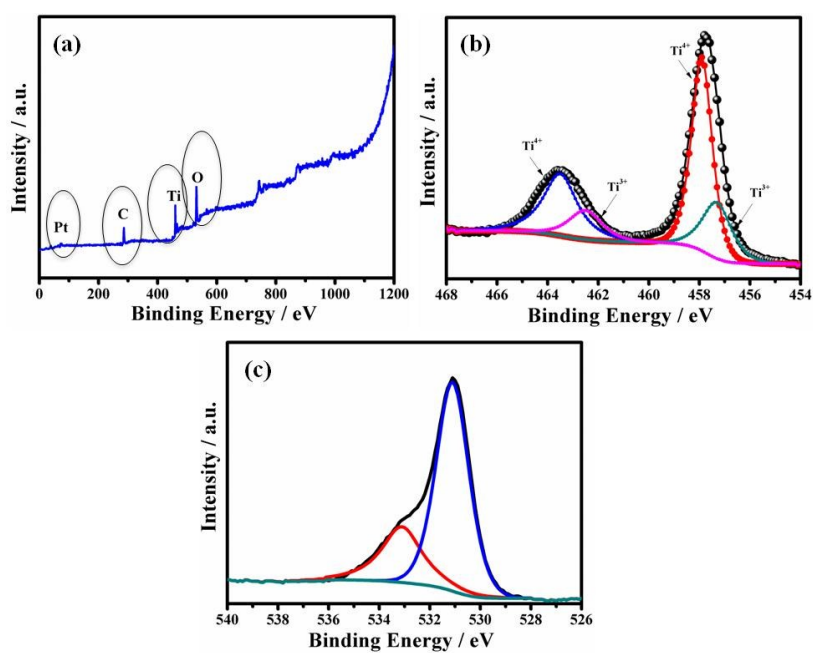
Fig. S1. (a) XRD pattern of Pt-TiO<sub>2-x</sub>NSs compared with standard patterns.



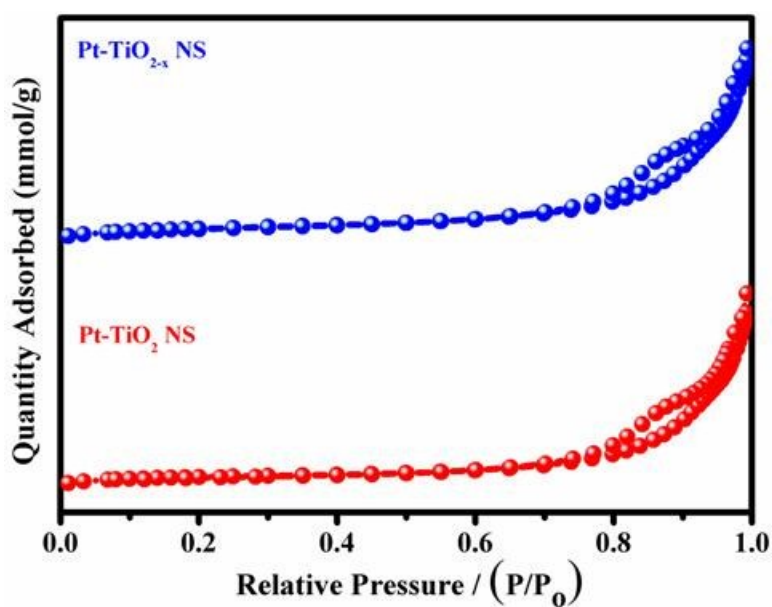
**Fig. S2.** TEM images of (a) TiO<sub>2</sub> NSs, (b) Pt-TiO<sub>2</sub> NSs and (c) particle size distribution profile of Pt-TiO<sub>2</sub> NSs.



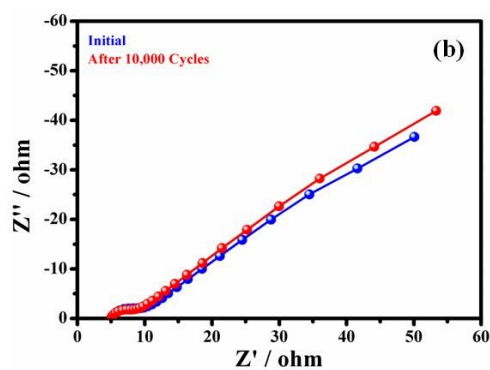
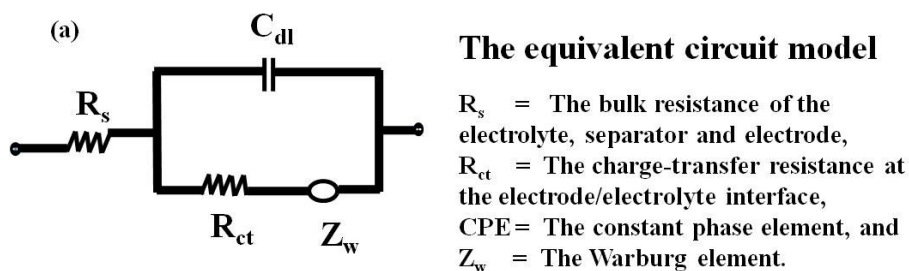
**Fig. S3.** (a) SEM images and elemental maps of (b) Ti, (c) O, (d) Pt and (e) their superposition for Pt-TiO<sub>2-x</sub> NSs.



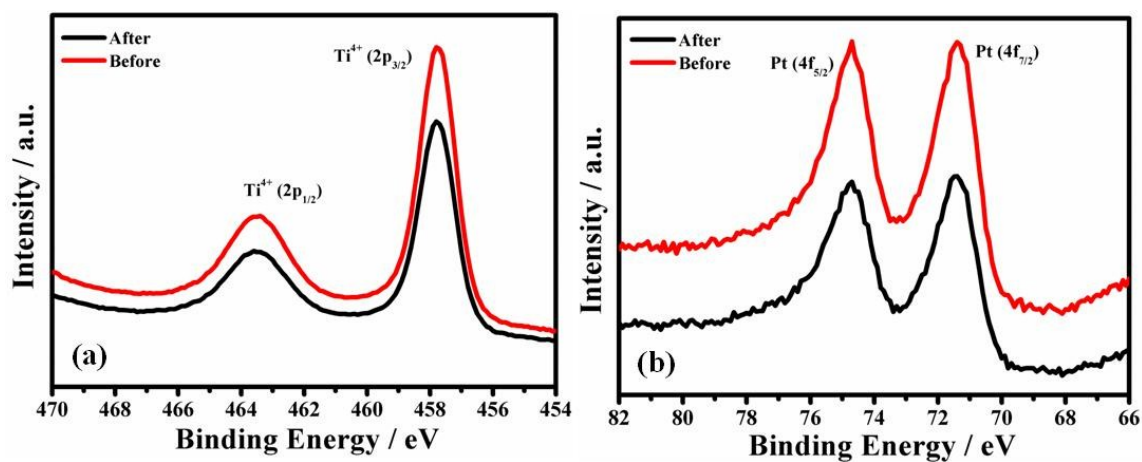
**Fig. S4.** (a) Wide scan spectra of Pt-TiO<sub>2-x</sub> NSs (C is the carbon observed from the substrate i.e, carbon tap), the corresponding high resolution (b) Ti 2p and (c) O 1s spectra.



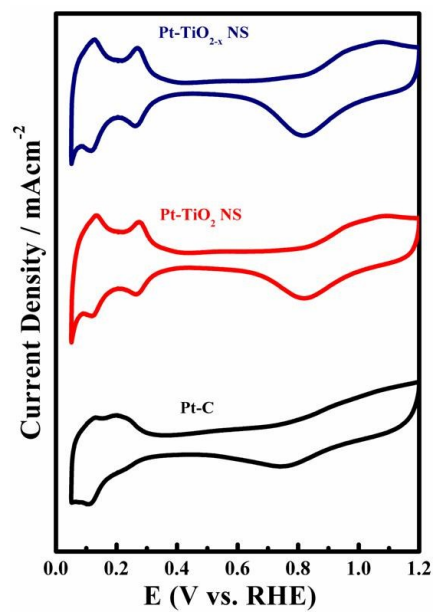
**Fig. S5.** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of Pt-TiO<sub>2</sub> NSs and Pt-TiO<sub>2-x</sub> NSs.



**Fig. S6.** (a) The equivalent circuit used to fit the experimental data from Nyquist plots and (b) Nyquist plots of Pt-TiO<sub>2-x</sub> NSs before and after stability experiment.



**Fig. S7.** XPS spectra of (a) Ti 2p and (b) Pt 4f of Pt-TiO<sub>2-x</sub> NSs before and after stability experiment.



**Fig. S8.** Cyclic voltammograms of Pt-TiO<sub>2-x</sub> NSs, Pt-TiO<sub>2</sub>NSs and Pt/C in Ar-saturated 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution.

**Table S1:** Comparison of HER performance in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/1.0 M KOH/1.0 M PBS solution of Pt-TiO<sub>2-x</sub> NSs with other reported Pt supported electrocatalyst.

Catalyst	Electrolyte	Overpotential @10 mA/cm <sup>2</sup> (mV)	Tafel slope	Stability	Reference
Pt/def- WO <sub>3</sub> @CFC	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	42	61	-	1
Pt/NPC	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	15	36.3	35 h (8 mV)	2
Pt@NHPCP	0.1 M HClO <sub>4</sub>	57	27	-	3
Pt NWs/SL- Ni(OH)	1M KOH	67.8	-	-	4
Pt NPs/SL- Ni(OH)	1M KOH	85.2	-	-	4
Pt/Ni	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	36	43	5.5 h (50 mV)	5
GaPt <sub>3</sub>	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	27	43.3	48 h (300 mV)	6
	1.0 M KOH	48	63.1		
	1.0 M PBS	103	85.3		
Pt SA/WO <sub>3-x</sub>	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	47	45	-	7
Pt <sub>1</sub> /MoO <sub>3-x</sub> /C	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	23.3	28.8	-	8
Pt-MoS <sub>2</sub>	0.1 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	144	96	-	9
Pt-GDY	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	66	46.6	2.7 h (95 mV)	10
Pt/WS <sub>2</sub>	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	80	55	-	11
Pt@PCM	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	105	65.3	5 h (150 mV)	12
	1.0 M KOH	150	73.6		
Pt- MoS <sub>2</sub> /NiS <sub>2</sub>	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	52	40	72 h (10,20,50 mAcm <sup>-2</sup> )	13
Pt-TiO <sub>2-x</sub> NSs	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	36	32.1	50 h (50 mV)	Present work
	1.0 M KOH	69	50.2		
	1.0 M PBS	87	67.6		

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