## **Supporting Information**

## Engineering oxygen vacancies on dendrite-like IrO<sub>2</sub> for oxygen evolution reaction in acid solution

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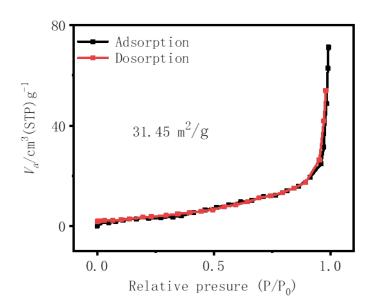


Figure S1. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms of IrO<sub>2</sub> DLNs (650 12 h).

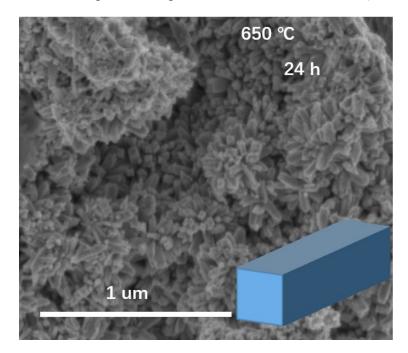


Figure S2. IrO<sub>2</sub> DLNs prepared at 650  $^\circ C$  with ageing time of 24 h.

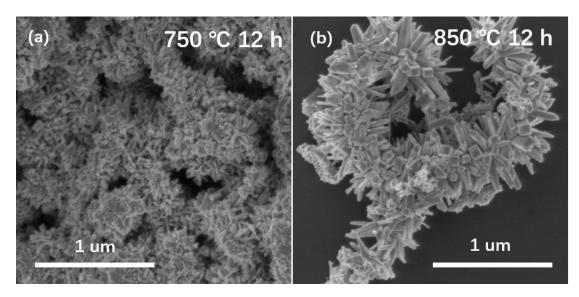


Figure S3. IrO<sub>2</sub> DLNs prepared at different temperature with ageing time of 12 h.

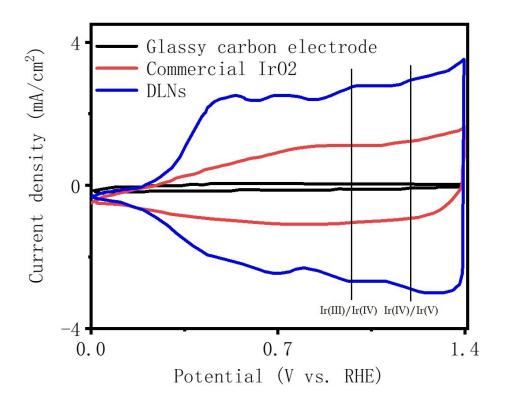


Figure S4. CV curve of support, Commercial  $IrO_2$  and  $IrO_2$  DLNs (650 12 h).  $IrO_2$  DLNs show two redox peaks, i.e., Ir(III)/Ir(IV) and Ir(IV)/Ir(V), located at +0.95 V and +1.23 V vs. RHE, respectively.

Materials	Electrolyte	Overpotential at 10 mA/cm <sup>2</sup> (mV)	Tafel slopes (mV/dec)	Mass activity (A/g)	Ref.
IrRuO3	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	308	-	27.45 A/g at 1.48 V vs. RHE	[1]
Ir/Fe <sub>4</sub> /N	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	316	-	77.6 A/g at 1.54 V vs. RHE	[2]
Ir nanowires	0.5 M HClO <sub>4</sub>	270	43.6		[3]
IrCoNi/C	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	305	53.8		[4]
IrCu frame	0.1 M HClO <sub>4</sub>	293	-		[5]
Y <sub>2</sub> Ru <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7-x</sub>	0.1 M HClO <sub>4</sub>	2.23 mA/cm <sup>2</sup> at 1.5 V <i>vs.</i> RHE	55		[6]
IrO <sub>2</sub> needles	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	313	57		[7]
IrO <sub>2</sub> DLNs	0.5 M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	270	43	820 A/g	This

Table S1. Ir-based materials for OER in acid solution.

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V vs.	
RHE	

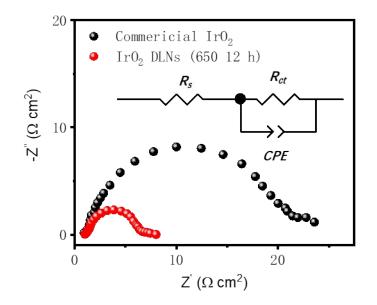


Figure S5. Nyquist plots of Commercial  $IrO_2$  and  $IrO_2$  DLNs (650 12 h). The EIS is measured at 1.5 V vs. RHE.

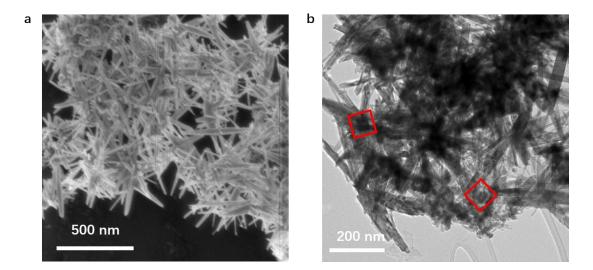


Figure S6. SEM (a) and TEM (b) image of  $IrO_2$  DLNs (650 12 h) after use.

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