

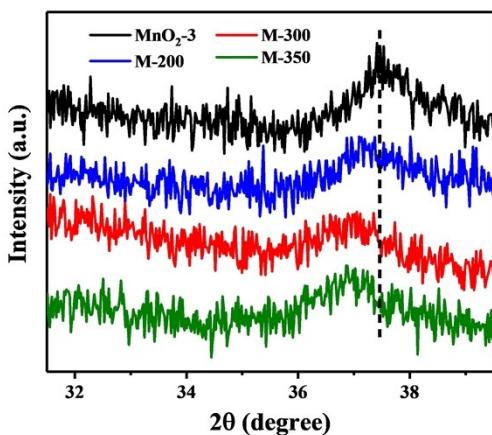
Supplementary Information

**Hydroxide ion dependent  $\alpha\text{-MnO}_2$  enhanced via oxygen vacancies as  
the negative electrode for high-performance supercapacitors**

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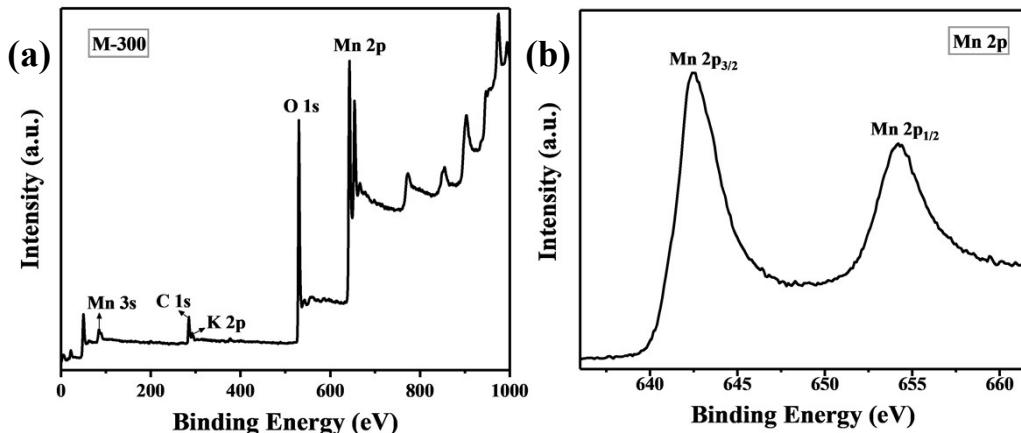
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**Fig.S1.** The magnification of (211) peak.

(M-200:  $\alpha$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> annealed at 200°C for 3 h; M-350:  $\alpha$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> annealed at 350°C for 3 h)



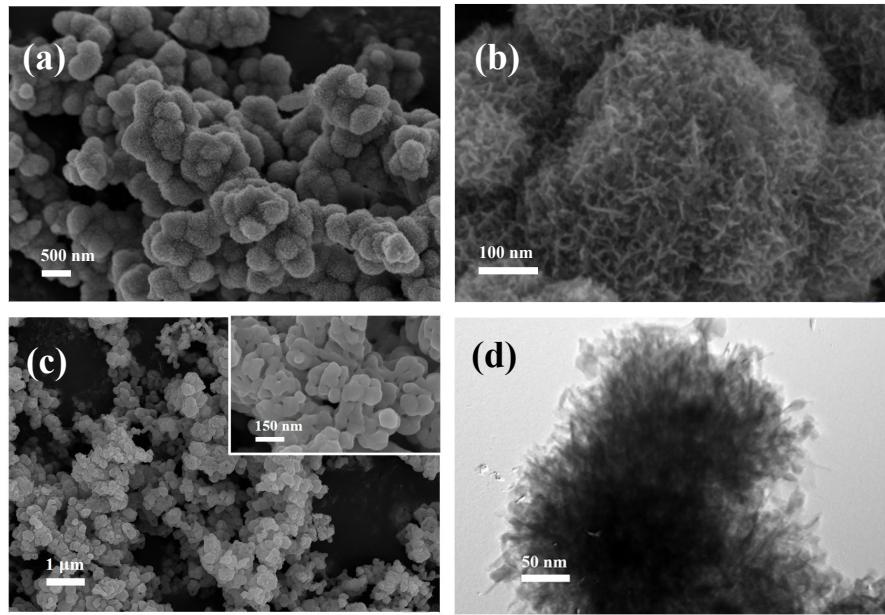
**Fig.S2.** (a) Data survey spectrum of M-300. (b) Mn 2p high resolution XPS spectra of M-300

**Table S1.** Atomic percentages of the elements in M-300 calculated from XPS survey spectra.

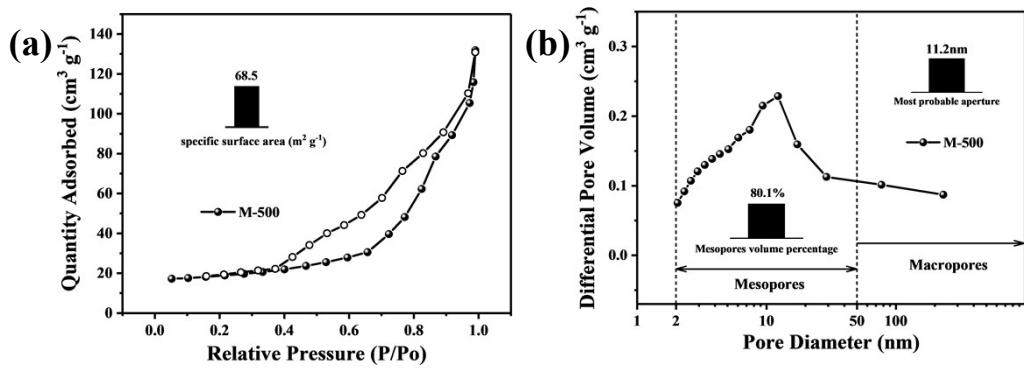
Element	Mn	O	K	C
Atomic %	28.31	51.38	4.80	15.51

**Table S2.** Binding energy and molar ratio of Mn and O element obtained from XPS results.

Element	Mn			O		
	Mn(IV)	Mn(III)	Mn(II)	$O_{latt}$	$O_{ads}$	$O_{H_2O}$
Binding energy (eV)	643.15	642.22	641.07	530.01	531.56	533.34
Molar ratio	1.00 : 0.35 : 0.11			1.00 : 0.28 : 0.06		



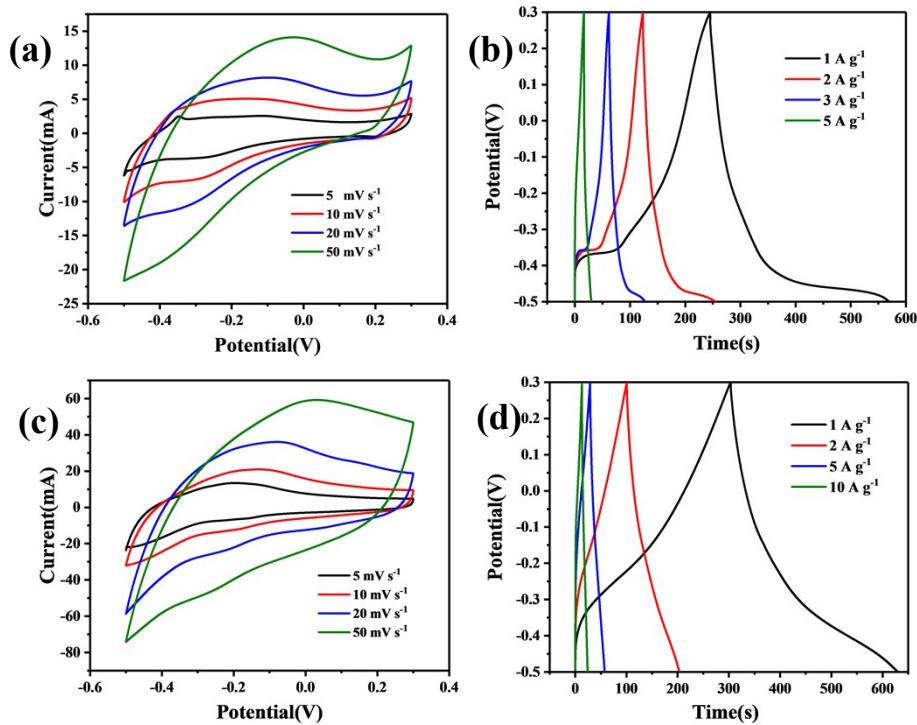
**Fig.S3.** SEM images of (a) M-200 and (c) M-700. (b) SEM enlarged image of M-200. (d) TEM image of  $\text{MnO}_2\text{-}3$



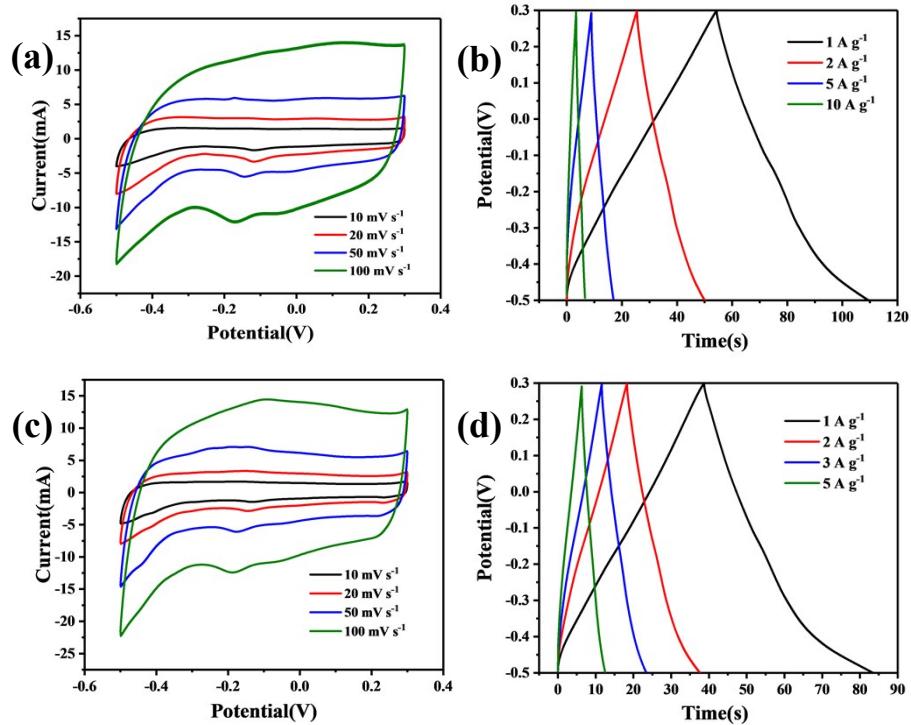
**Fig.S4.** (a) Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm and (b) pore size distribution of M-500.

**Table S3.** Specific surface area and pore volume of all samples

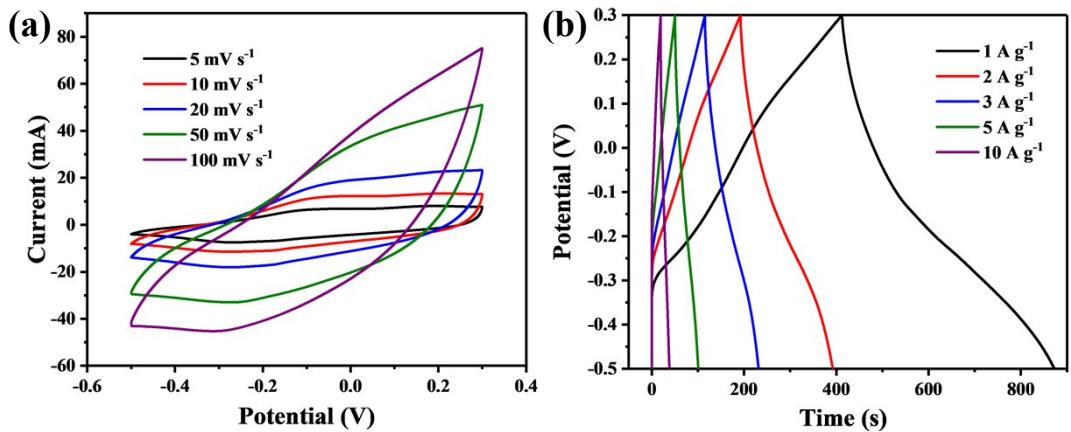
Sample	Specific surface area ( $\text{m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )	Pore volume ( $\text{cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$ )
$\text{MnO}_2\text{-}1$	33.6	0.168
$\text{MnO}_2\text{-}2$	77.7	0.217
$\text{MnO}_2\text{-}3$	115.7	0.249
M-300	119.5	0.311
M-500	68.5	0.159
M-700	64.9	0.144



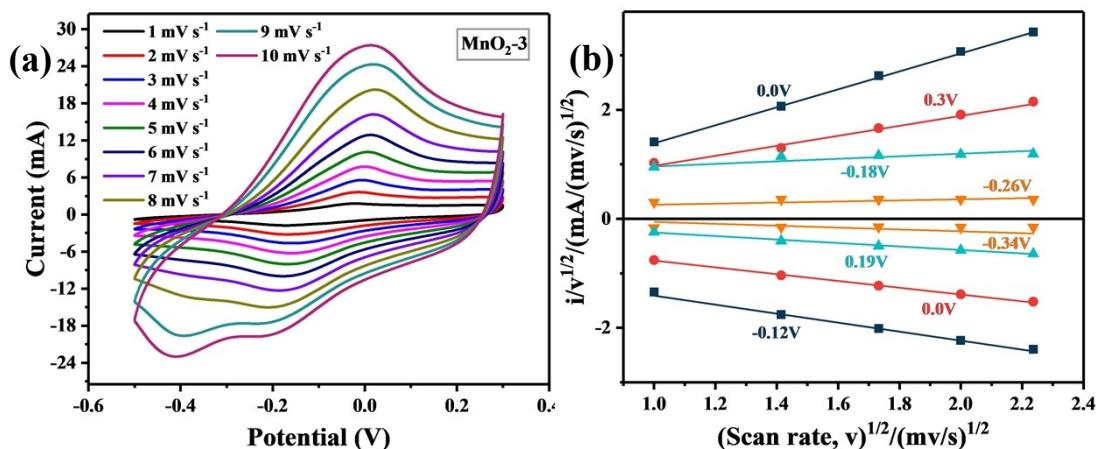
**Fig.S5.** CV curves of (a)  $\text{MnO}_2\text{-}1$  and (c)  $\text{MnO}_2\text{-}2$ , GCD curves of (b)  $\text{MnO}_2\text{-}1$  and (d)  $\text{MnO}_2\text{-}2$



**Fig.S6.** CV curves of (a) M-500 and (c) M-700, GCD curves of (b) M-500 and (d) M-700



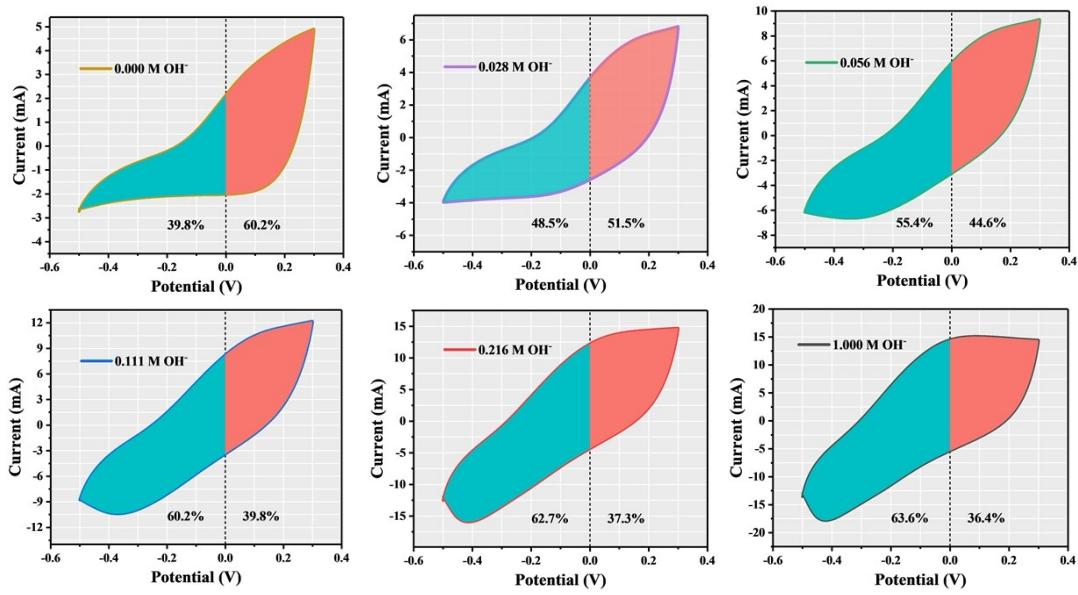
**Fig.S7.** (a) CV and (b) GCD curves of M-300 after 10,000 cycles



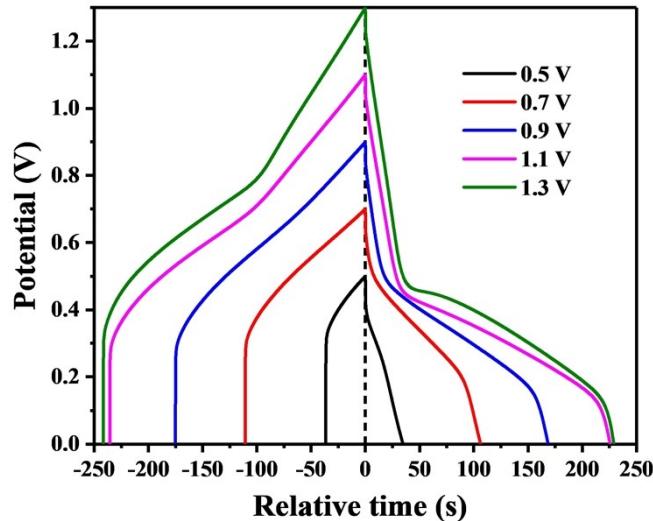
**Fig.S8.** (a) CV curves of MnO<sub>2</sub>-3 at different scan rates. (b) The  $v^{1/2}$  vs.  $i/v^{1/2}$  curves of M-300 used to calculate the constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  at different potentials.

**Table S4.** Percentage of capacitance contribution of MnO<sub>2</sub>-3 and M-300 at different scan rates

Sample	scan rate (mV s <sup>-1</sup> )				
	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0
MnO <sub>2</sub> -3	89.6%	93.7%	96.8%	98.3%	99.1%
M-300	78.7%	87.4%	93.4%	96.8%	98.8%



**Fig.S9.** Percentage of CV area between positive and negative potentials at different OH<sup>-</sup> concentrations.



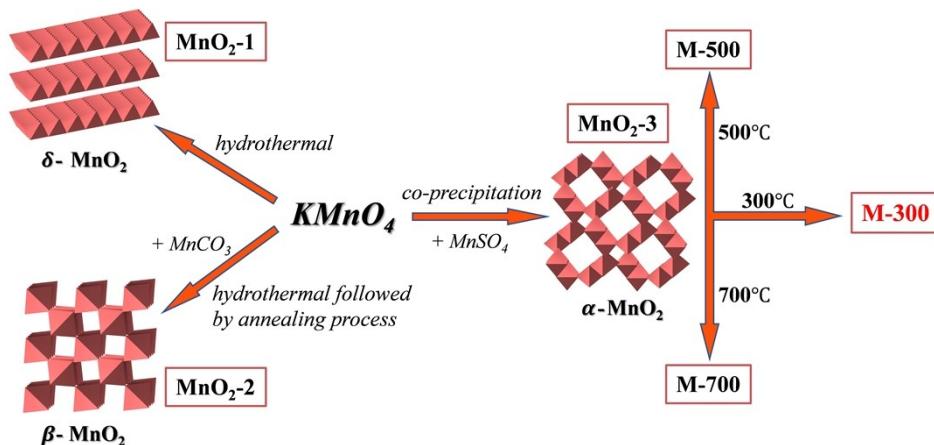
**Fig.S10.** Galvanostatic current charge/discharge curves of M-300//H-NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> asymmetrical supercapacitor under different potential windows.

**Table S5.** Specific capacitance of M-300//H-NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> asymmetrical supercapacitor under various current densities.

Current density (A g <sup>-1</sup> )	1.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	10.0
Specific capacitance (F g <sup>-1</sup> )	207.5	181.3	160.6	133.6	111.4	98.2

**Table S6.** Power density and energy density of M-300/H-NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and related reports.

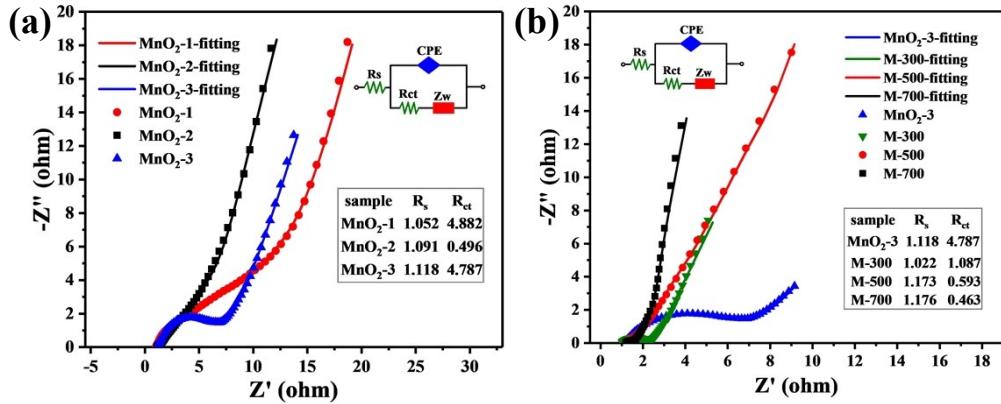
Device	Power density (W kg <sup>-1</sup> )	Energy density (Wh kg <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
PMCHC//W <sub>0.4</sub> Mo <sub>0.6</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	750.5	20.2	[68]
	7481.8	15.4	
U-3DHPC//U-3DHPC	200.7	19.2	[67]
	4000	10.6	
LiCoPO <sub>4</sub> //FeVO <sub>4</sub>	484	27	[69]
	737	26	
	1010	23	
	1326	21	
G@MnO <sub>2</sub> //Gr	197.0	30.6	[8]
	11,804	7.9	
M-300//H-NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	550	34.9	This work
	1100	30.5	
	1650	27.0	
	2750	22.5	
	3850	18.7	
	5500	16.5	



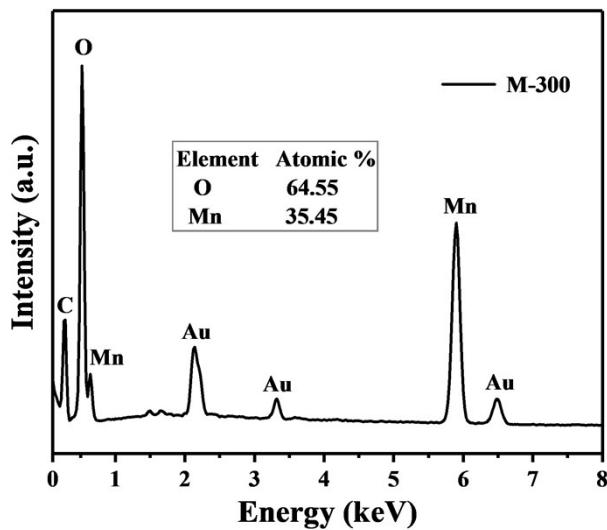
**Fig.S11.** Schematic diagram of the synthesis of all samples

**Table S7.** The areal mass loading of active material of all samples.

Sample	MnO <sub>2</sub> -1	MnO <sub>2</sub> -2	MnO <sub>2</sub> -3	M-300	M-500	M-700
Areal mass (mg cm <sup>-2</sup> )	2.50	3.70	3.56	2.00	2.54	3.49



**Fig.S12.** EIS curve fitting results of (a) MnO<sub>2</sub>-1, MnO<sub>2</sub>-2 and MnO<sub>2</sub>-3; (b) MnO<sub>2</sub>-3, M-300, M-500 and M-700.



**Fig.S13.** EDS images of M-300.