## **Supporting Information:**

## Porous Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> stabilized VS<sub>2</sub> nanosheets obtained with MOF template for efficient HER reaction

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Fig. S1 Optical picture of each electrode used in the HER experiment.



Fig. S2 (a, b) FESEM images under different magnification of Co-MOF.



Fig. S3 (a, b) FESEM images of TS-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.



Fig. S4 (a, b) FESEM images under different magnifications of 10-TS-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> @ VS<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S5 (a, b) FESEM images of  $VS_2$  under different magnifications.



Fig. S6 EDS pattern of TS-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@VS<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S7 XPS full pattern of TS-Co $_3O_4@VS_2$ .



Fig. S8 BET test spectrum of TS-Co $_3O_4@VS_2$  and VS $_2$ .



Fig. S9 (a, b) Electron micrograph of  $TS-Co_3O_4@VS_2$  electrode material after 12 h long-term hydrogen evolution.



**Fig. S10** (a, b) HRTEM micrograph of TS-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@VS<sub>2</sub> electrode material after 12 h long-term hydrogen evolution under different magnification. (c) Line scan result of the selected area. (d) FFT pattern of the selected area.

Catalyst	Rs (Ω)	Ω) Rct (Ω)	
VS <sub>2</sub>	5.11	411.0	
TS-Co₃O₄@VS₂	8.02	190.2	

Table S1 The equivalent circuit component parameters of each catalyst.

S. No	Catalyst	Overpotential at 10 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> (mV)	Tafel slope (mV/Dec)	References
1	$VS_2$ nanoflowers	400	170	1
2	Bulk VS <sub>2</sub>	120	70	2
3	CVD grown VS <sub>2</sub>	68	34	3
4	VS <sub>2</sub> nanosheets	450	201	4
5	V-MoS <sub>2</sub>	194	59	5
6	MoS <sub>2</sub> /VS <sub>2</sub>	199.6	95.2	6
7	$VS_2 NDs$	440	101	7
8	Bio-templated VS <sub>2</sub>	160	50	8
9	TS-Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @VS <sub>2</sub>	175.29	57	This work

Table S2 Performance comparison of HER catalysts based on  $VS_2$  in recent years.

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