Supporting Information for Ni-P Amorphous Alloy Efficient Electrocatalyst with Hierarchical Structure toward Borohydride Oxidation

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Fig. S1 Schematic diagram of catalyst electrode preparation.



Fig. S2 XRD patterns of Ni-P@NF catalysts with different P.



Fig. S3 SEM images of (A) Ni foam, (B)Ni@NF.



Fig. S4 The EDS element distribution of Ni-P@NF was obtained from TEM.



Fig. S5 Pore size distribution map obtained by TEM.



Fig. S6 (A)-(C) LSVs of BOR on the Ni-P@NF prepared by different deposition times, different phosphorus concentrations, different deposition potentials in 0.27 mol dm⁻³ NaBH₄ and 2 mol dm⁻³ NaOH solution with scan rate of 5 mV s⁻¹ at 298 K, (D) The current density of BOR and the overpotential at current density of 10mA/cm⁻² on the Ni-P@NF prepared by different phosphorus concentrations.



Fig. S7 SEM image of Ni-P@NF (A-B) deposit for 15min, (C-D) deposit for 20min.



Fig. S8 Cyclic voltammograms for (A) Ni@NF; (B) Ni-P-0.1@NF; (C)Ni-P-0.2@NF; (D) Ni-P-0.3@NF; (E) Ni-P-0.4@NF; and (F) Ni-P-0.45@NF in the 0.1 V potential window in 1 mol dm⁻³ NaOH solution at scan rates of 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 mV s⁻¹.



Fig. S9 (A) Plots of the average anodic current density at the specific potential *vs.* Hg/HgO as a function of scan rate (10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 mV s⁻¹), (B) the relationship between active area and phosphorus concentration.

| Catalysts | $C_{\rm DL}({\rm mF~cm^{-2}})$ | ECSA (cm ²) |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ni @NF | 1.07 | 26.75 |
| Ni-P-0.10@NF | 1.17 | 29.25 |
| Ni-P-0.20@NF | 1.77 | 44.25 |
| Ni-P-0.30@NF | 2.10 | 52.5 |
| Ni-P-0.40@NF | 2.43 | 60.75 |
| Ni-P-0.45@NF | 1.75 | 43.75 |

Table S1. The C_{DL} and ECSA of Ni-P electrodes.



Fig. S10 (A) Chronoamperometry curves of BOR on different catalysts in 0.27mol dm⁻³ NaBH₄ and 2 mol dm⁻³ NaOH at 298 K, (B-C) The accelerated lifetime test the Ni-P@NF, Ni @NF in 0.27mol dm⁻³ NaBH₄ and 2 mol dm⁻³ NaOH solution with scan rate of 5 mV s⁻¹ at 298 K.

| Anode catalyst | $R_L(\Omega)$ | $R_{ct}(\Omega)$ | C_d (mF) |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|------------|
| NF | 1.715 | 421.2 | 0.1824 |
| Ni @NF | 1.952 | 13.8 | 0.5054 |
| Ni-P@NF | 1.658 | 1.23 | 0.902 |

Table S2. EIS data of BOR on different catalyst electrodes