## Electronic Supplementary Material ESI for Sustainable Energy & Fuels

### Metal-Organic Framework Mediated Nickel Doped Copper Ferrite for

#### **Superior Lithium Storage**

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# **Supporting Information**



Figure S1: TEM images of Cu<sub>1-x</sub>Ni<sub>x</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@ZIF after ZIF coating.



Figure S2: XRD patterns of (a)  $Cu_{1-x}Ni_xFe_2O_4$  particles, (b)  $Cu_{1-x}Ni_xFe_2O_4$  @ZIF before postcalcination.



Figure S3: FTIR spectra of  $Cu_{1-x}Ni_xFe_2O_4@ZIF$  before post-calcination.



Figure S4: SEM images of as-synthesized  $Cu_{1-x}Ni_xFe_2O_4$  particles after pre-calcination.



Figure S5: EDX analysis of  $Cu_{1-x}Ni_xFe_2O_4@C$  after post-calcination.



**Figure S6:** Cyclic voltammetry (CV) of  $Cu_{1-x}Ni_xFe_2O_4@C$ .



Figure S7: EIS spectra of  $Cu_{1-x}Ni_xFe_2O_4@C$  after 50 cycles.

Table R1. Comparison of various anode materials in terms of their electrochemical performances.

Anode	Cycling Stability					
	Initial Discharge capacity [mAh g <sup>-1</sup> ]	Capacity after n <sup>th</sup> cycles	No of Cycles	Current rate [mA g <sup>-1</sup> ]	Columbic efficiency	Ref
CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /graphene	1683	501	25	183	53%	2
CuFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -graphene	1605	687	50	100	66%	3
CuFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /rGO	1200	845	25	100	73%	4
NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /rGO	1363	1225	100	100	79%	5
NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /graphene	1350	812	50	100	67%	6
NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub>	1460	690	100	100	71%	7
CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /C	~1700	600	200	185	~70%	8
NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /graphene	1575	407	50	100	72%	9
NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /MWCNT	1305	871	25	100	79%	10
Cu <sub>1-x</sub> Ni <sub>x</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @C	1428	722	500	500	70%	Our Work

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