

Supporting Information (SI)

Electrochemical-reconstructed WC/WO₂-WO₃ heterostructure as a highly efficient hydrogen oxidation electrocatalyst

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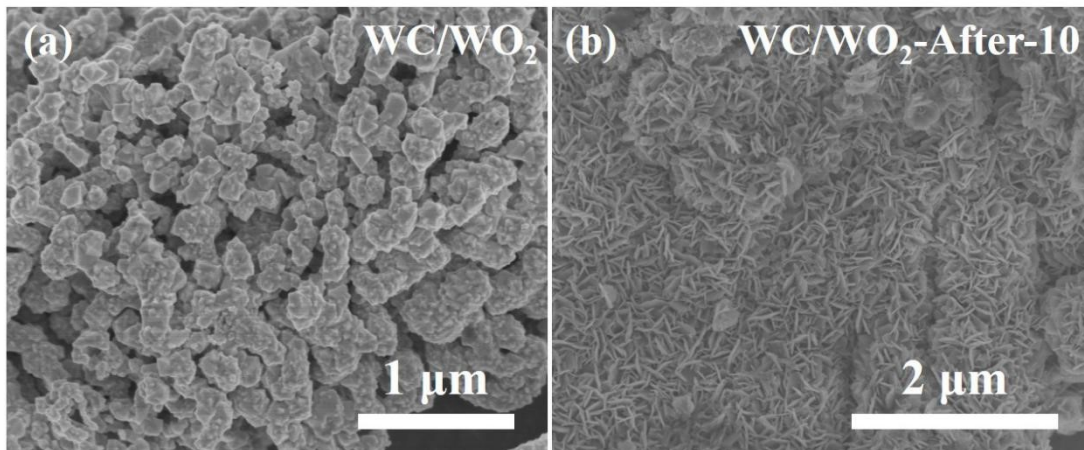


Figure S1. SEM images of pristine WC/WO₂ (a) and WC/WO₂-After-10 (b).

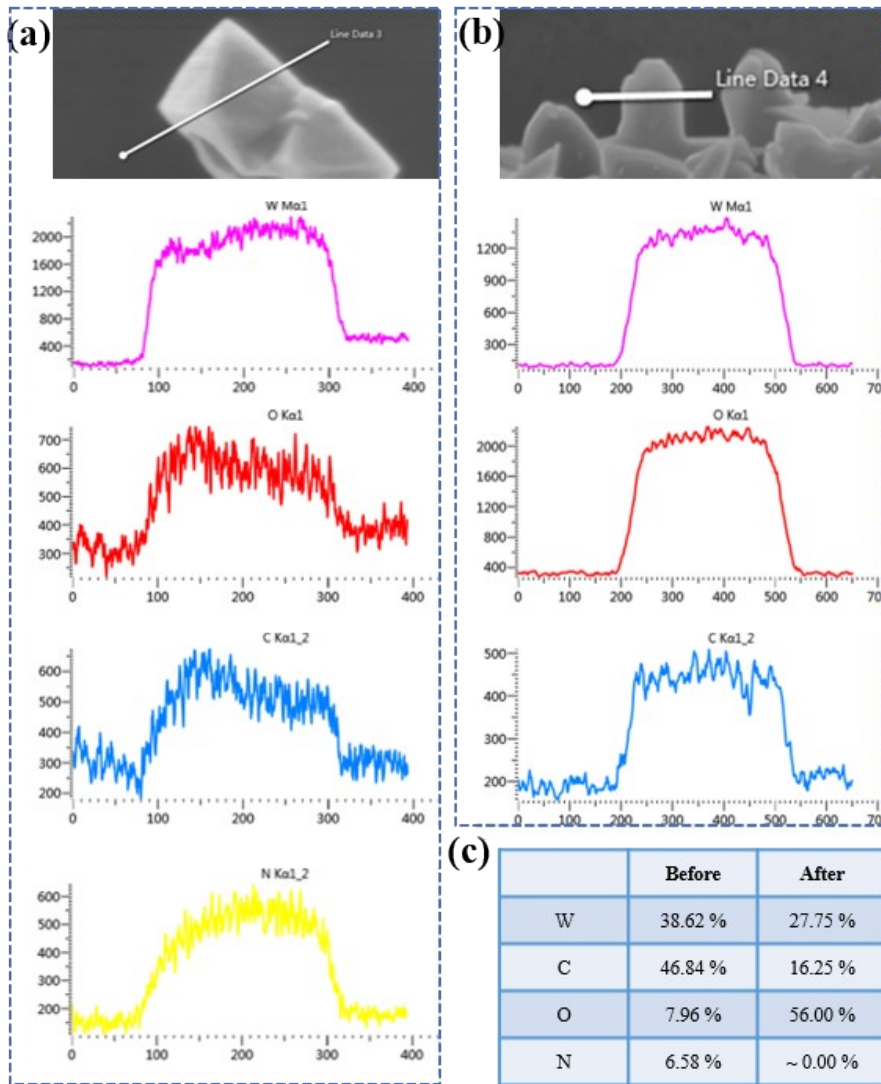


Figure S2. Liner elemental scanning profiles of pristine WC/WO₂ (a) and WC/WO₂-After-10 (b). (c) Corresponding elemental concentrations (wt. %).

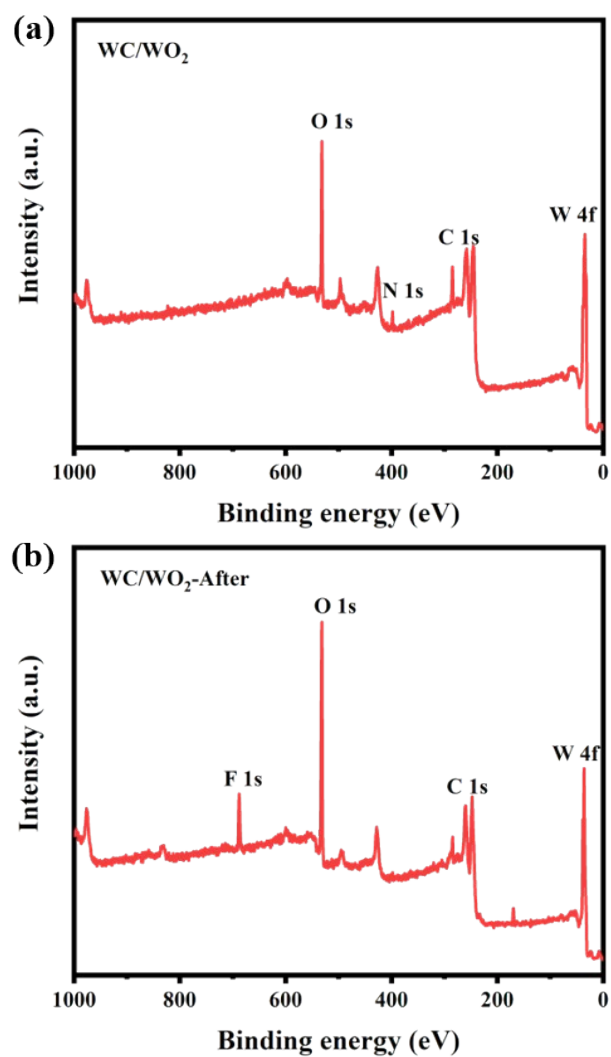


Figure S3. XPS survey spectra of WC/WO₂ (a) and WC/WO₂-After-10 (b).

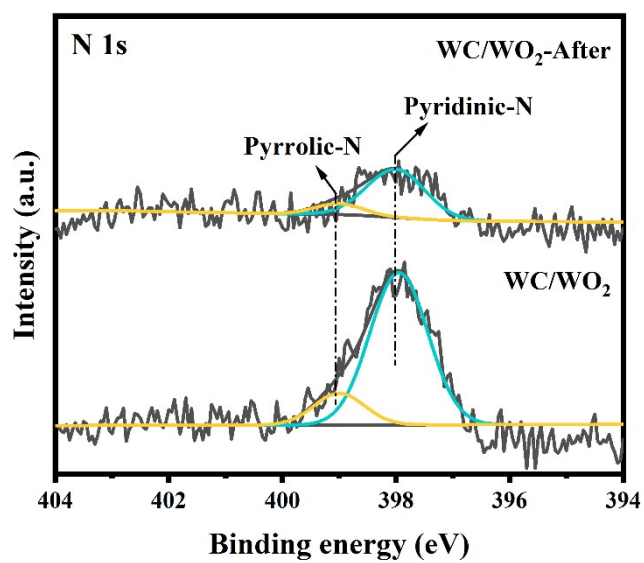


Figure S4. XPS N 1s spectra of WC/WO₂ and WC/WO₂-After-10.

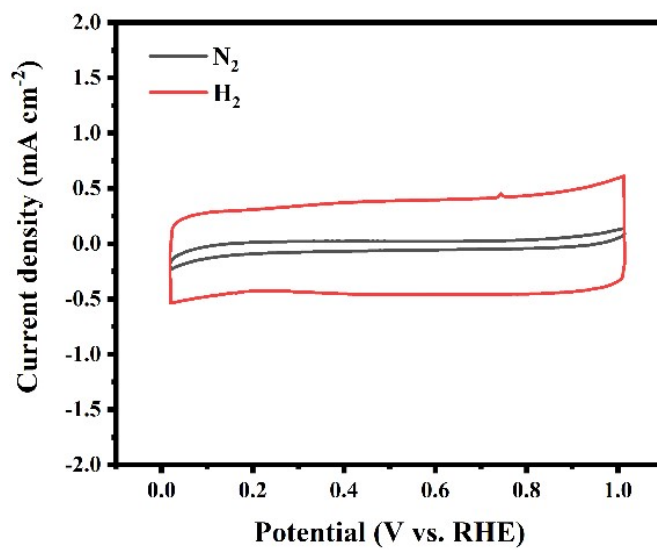


Figure S5. CV curves tested in N₂ or H₂ saturated 0.5 M H₂SO₄ of the pristine WC/WO₂.

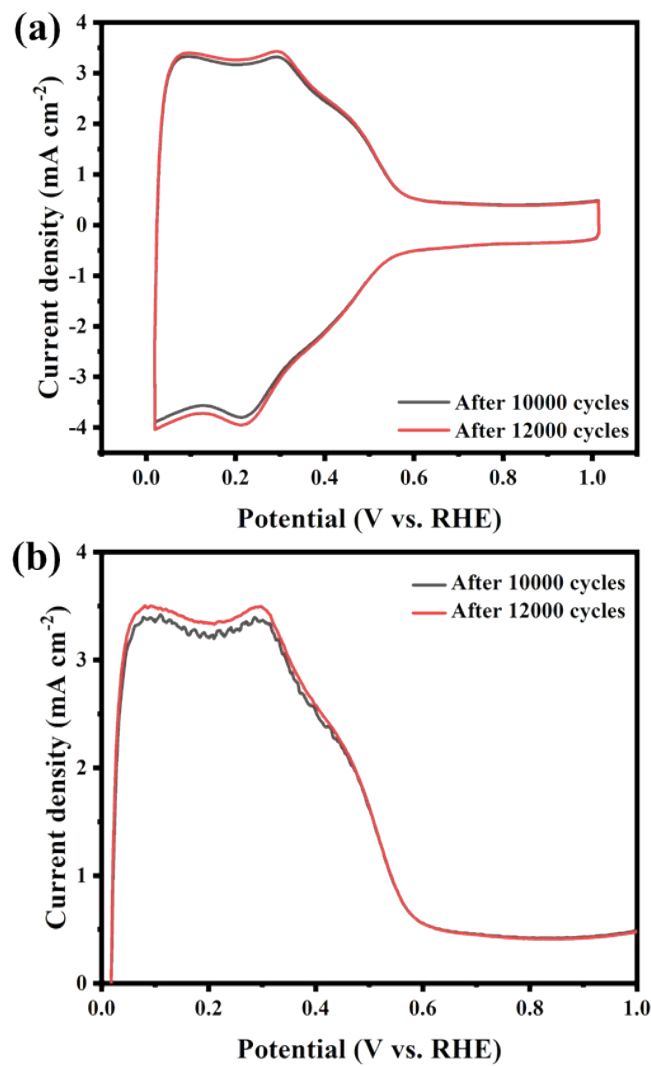


Figure S6. (a) CV curves of WC/WO₂ after 10000 and 12000 HOR cycles in H₂ saturated 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution and the corresponding (b) LSV curves at the rotation speed of 1600 rpm.

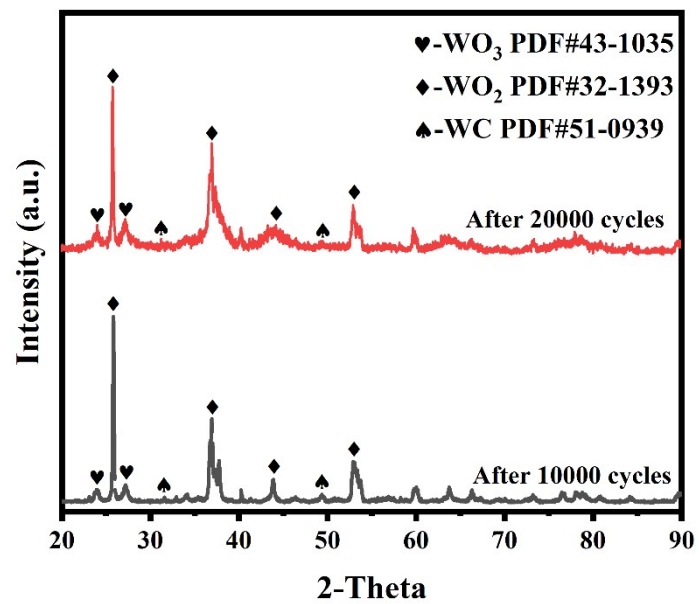


Figure S7. XRD patterns of pristine WC/ WO_2 after 10000 and 20000 HOR cycles.

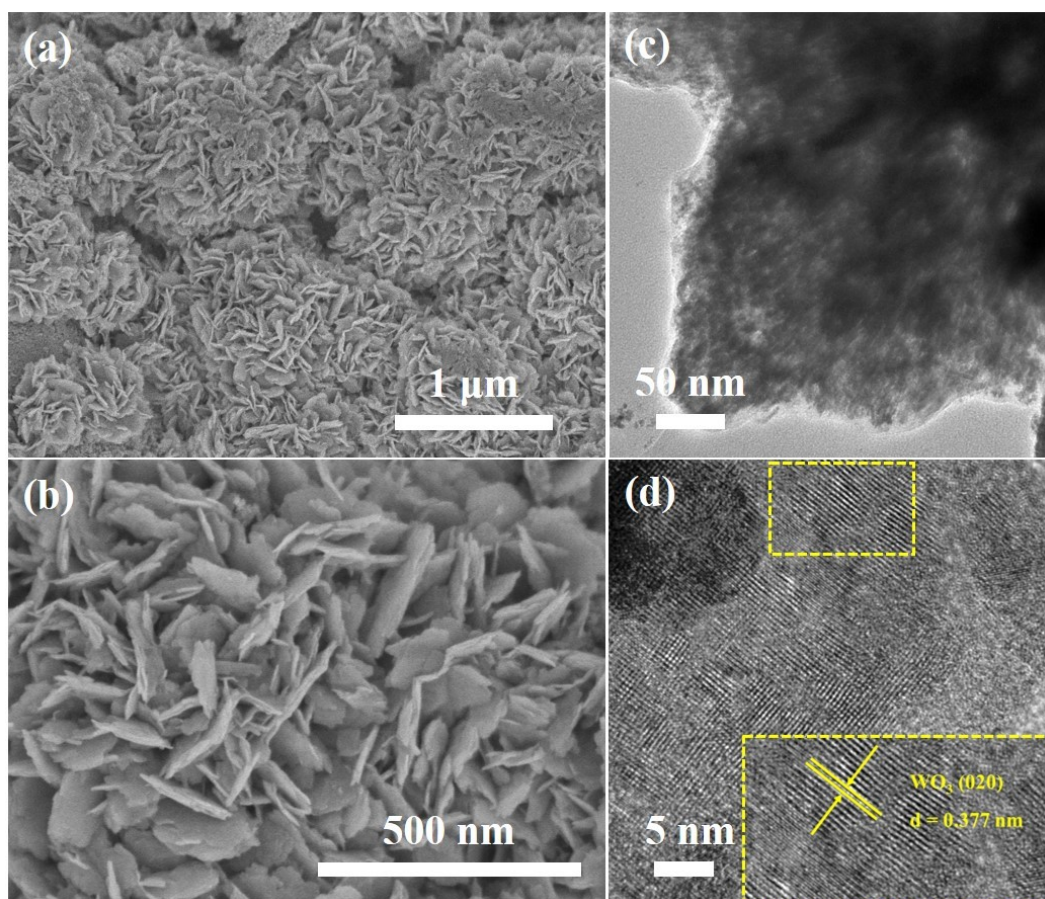


Figure S8. (a, b) SEM images, (c) TEM image and (d) HRTEM image of WC/WO₂ after 20000 HOR cycles.

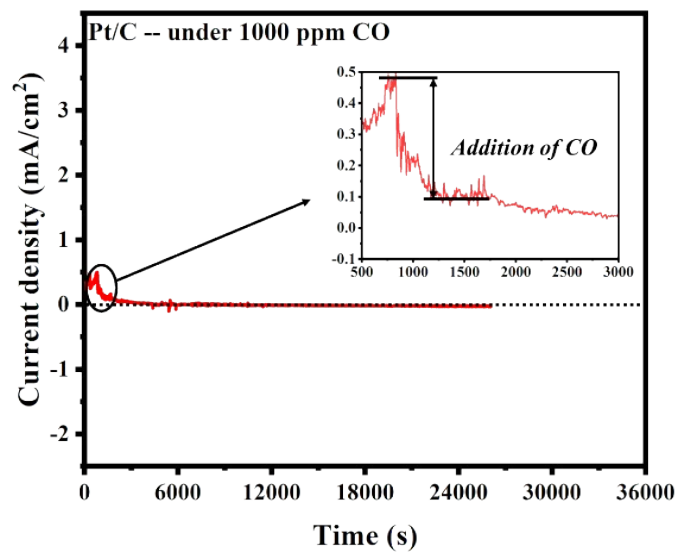


Figure S9. Stability tests of commercial Pt/C under the presence of 1000 ppm CO/H₂-saturated 0.5 M H₂SO₄ at the potential of 0.1 V (vs. RHE).

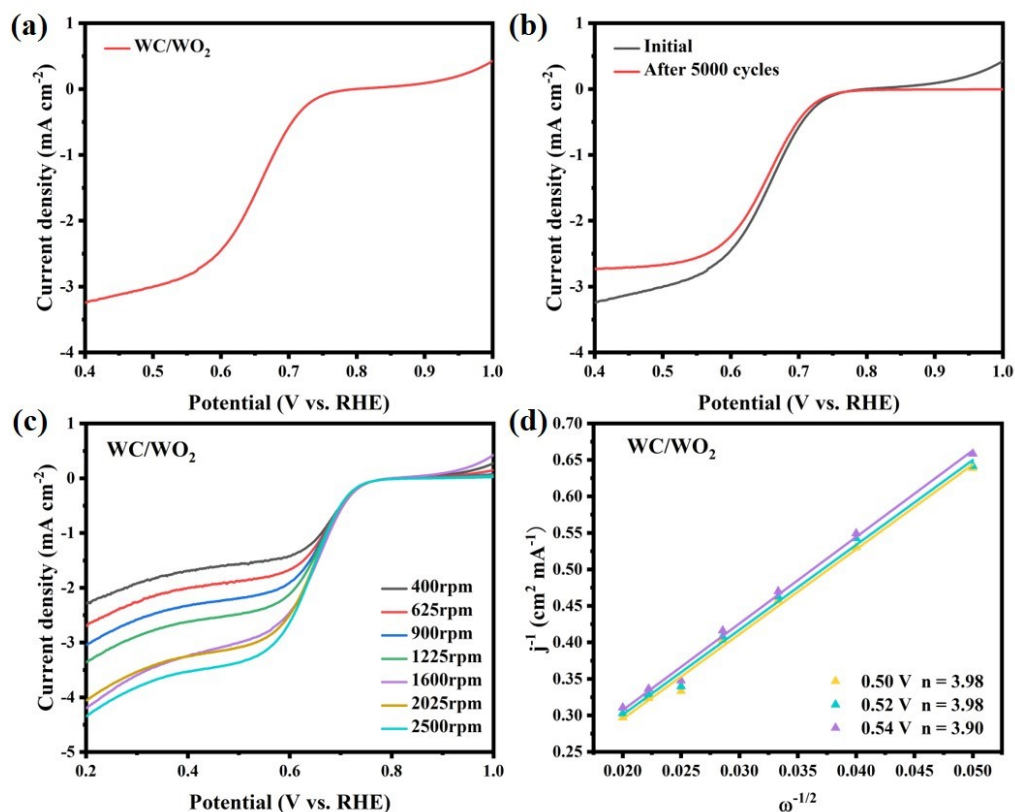


Figure S10. ORR performance of WC/WO₂ catalyst in O₂-saturated 0.1M KOH solution. (a) LSV polarization curves. (b) LSV polarization curves before and after 5000 ORR cycles at the rotation speed of 1600 rpm. (c) LSV polarization curves at different rotation rates with the scan rate of 5 mV/s. (d) K-L plot and the corresponding electron transfer numbers (n) at various potentials. (The LSV curves of oxygen reduction reaction (ORR) were measured in O₂-saturated 0.1M KOH solution at a scan rate of 5 mV/s at a rotating speeds of 400 - 2500 rpm.)

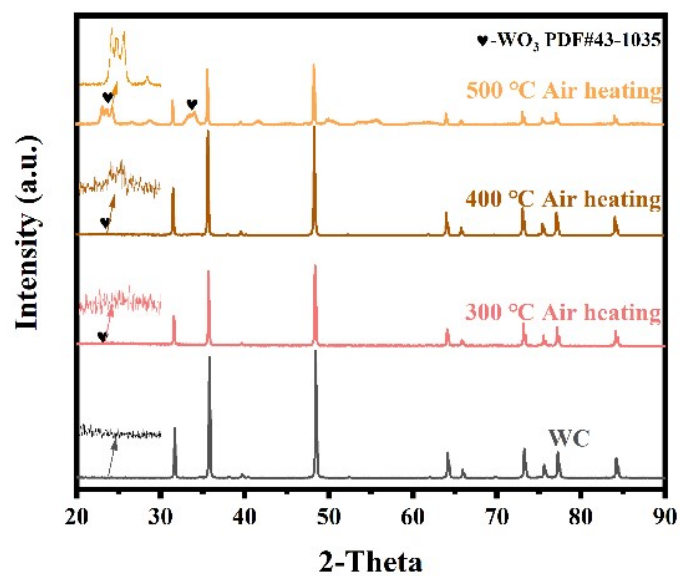


Figure S11. XRD patterns of WC and partial-oxidized WC at different heat treatment temperatures.

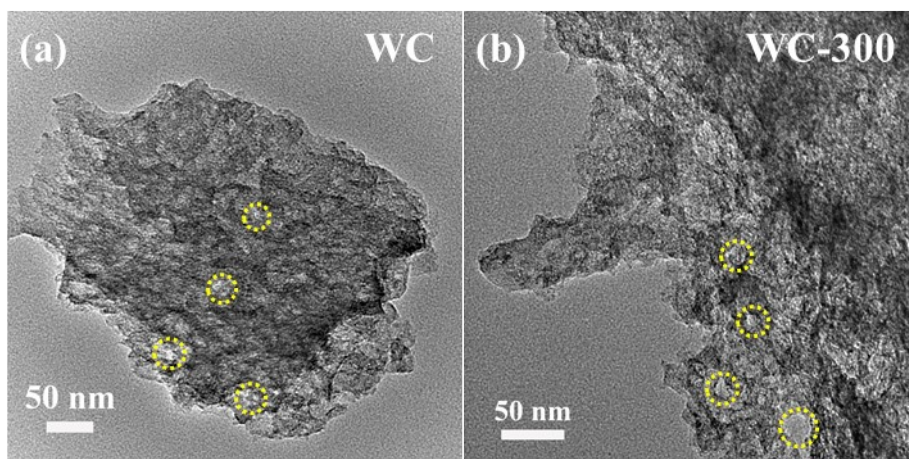


Figure S12. TEM images of WC (a) and WC-300 (b).

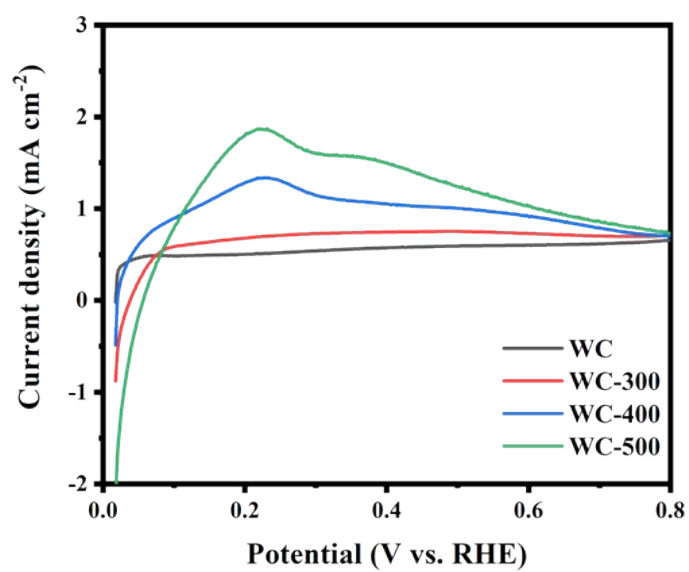


Figure S13. LSV curves of WC and partial-oxidized WC at the rotation speed of 1600 rpm.

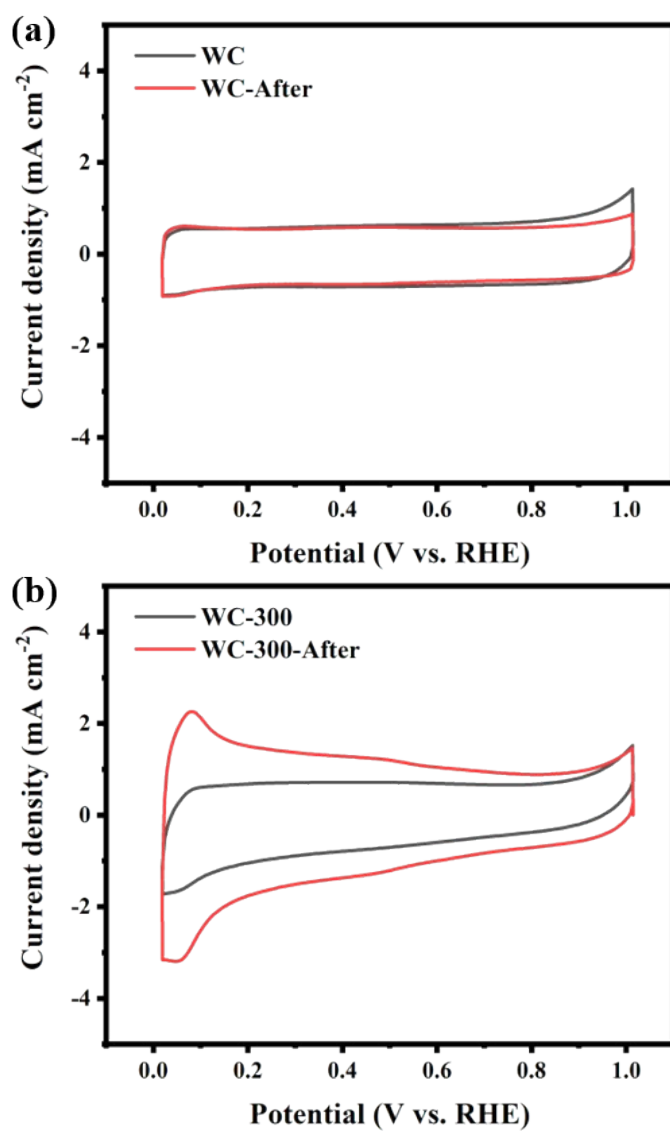


Figure S14. CV curves of WC (a) and WC-300 (b) before and after 10000 HOR cycles.

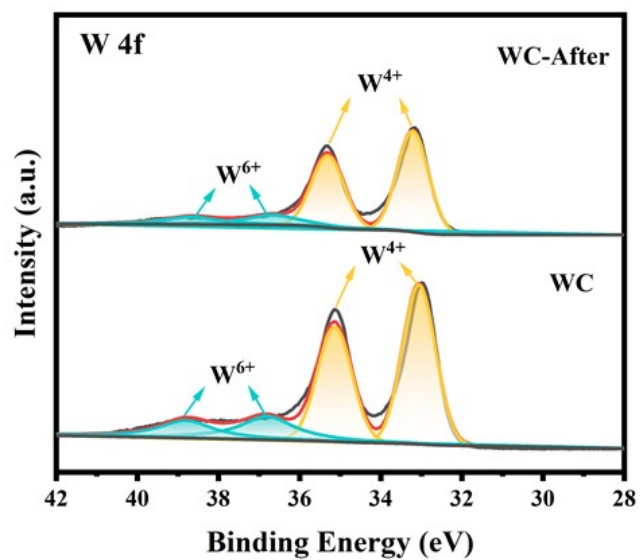


Figure S15. XPS W 4f spectra of WC before and after 10000 HOR cycles.

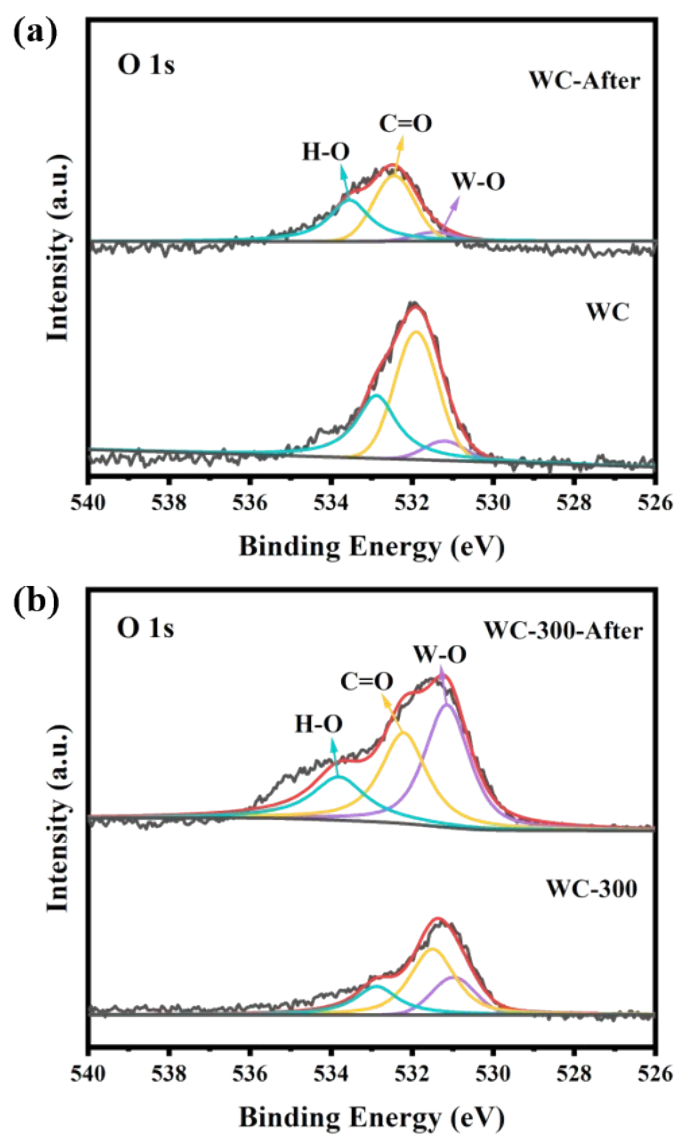


Figure S16. XPS O 1s spectra of WC (a) and WC-300 (b) before and after 10000 HOR cycles.

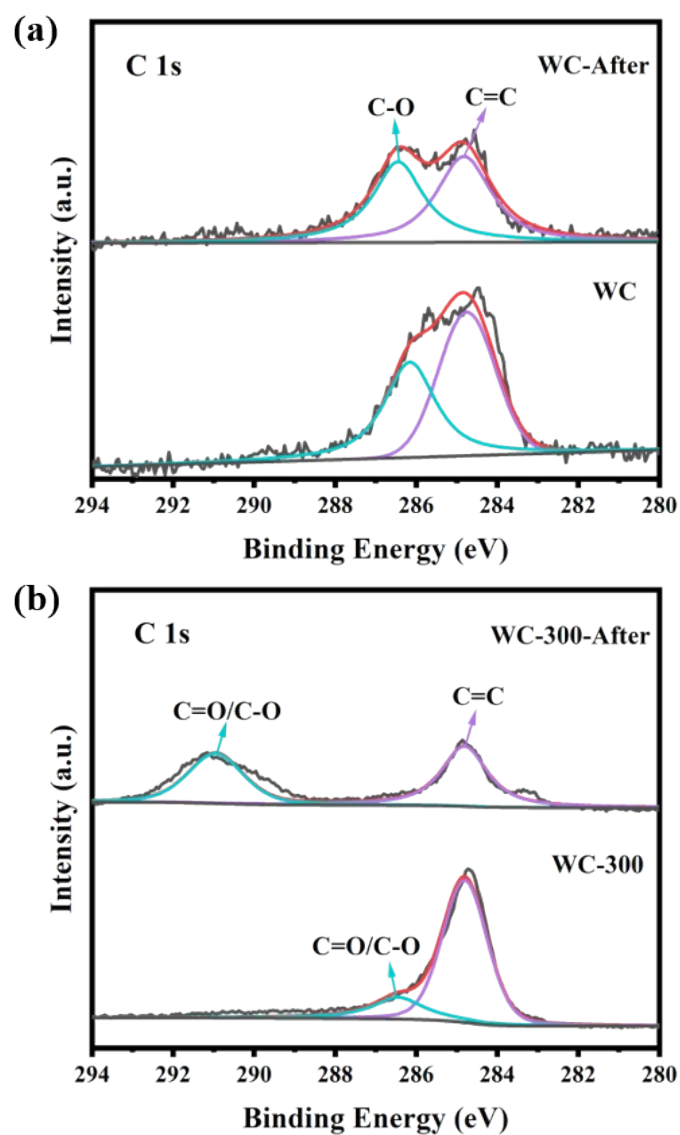


Figure S17. XPS C 1s spectra of WC (a) and WC-300 (b) before and after 10000 HOR cycles.

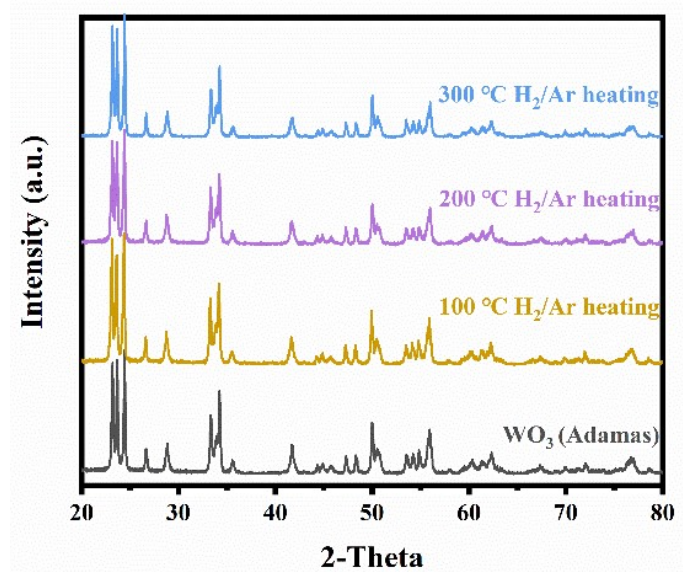


Figure S18. XRD patterns of WO₃ and partial-reduced WO₃ at different heat treatment temperatures.

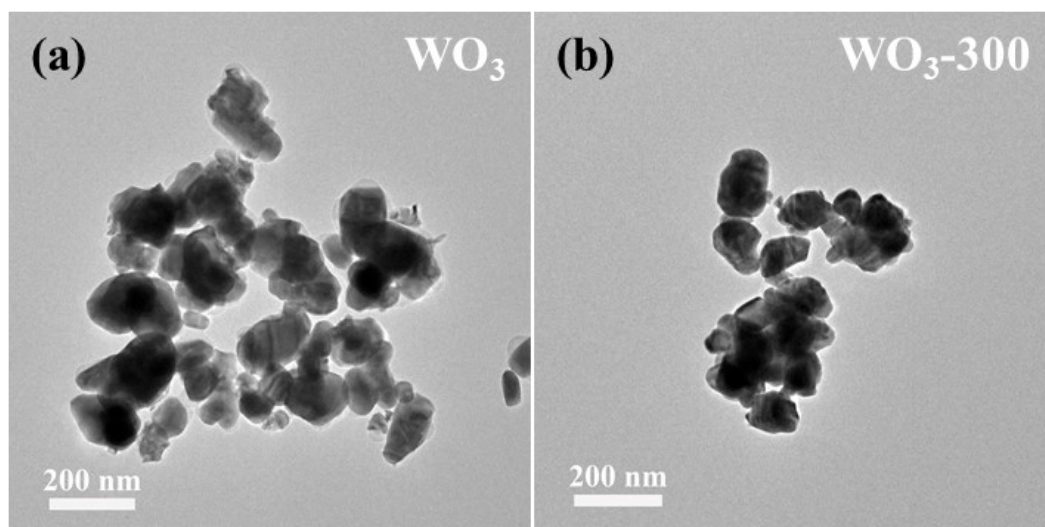


Figure S19. TEM images of WO_3 (a) and $\text{WO}_3\text{-300}$ (b).

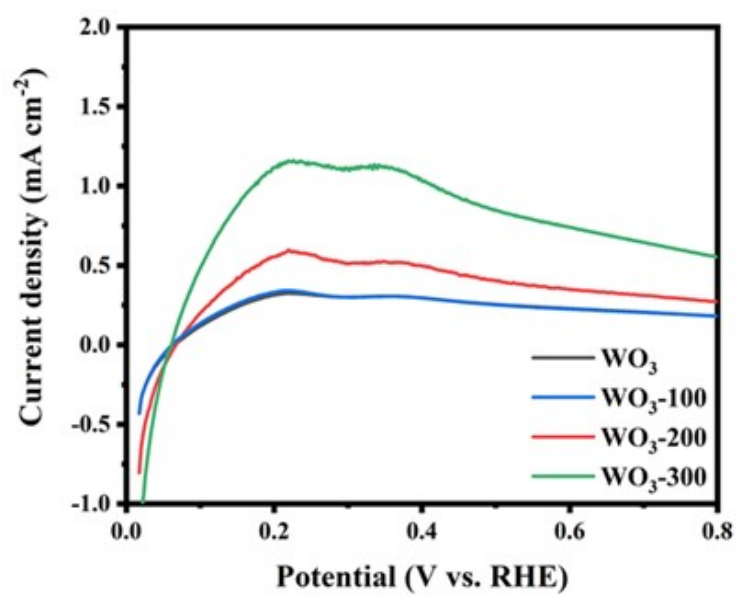


Figure S20. LSV curves of WO₃ and partial-reduced WO₃ at the rotation speed of 1600 rpm.

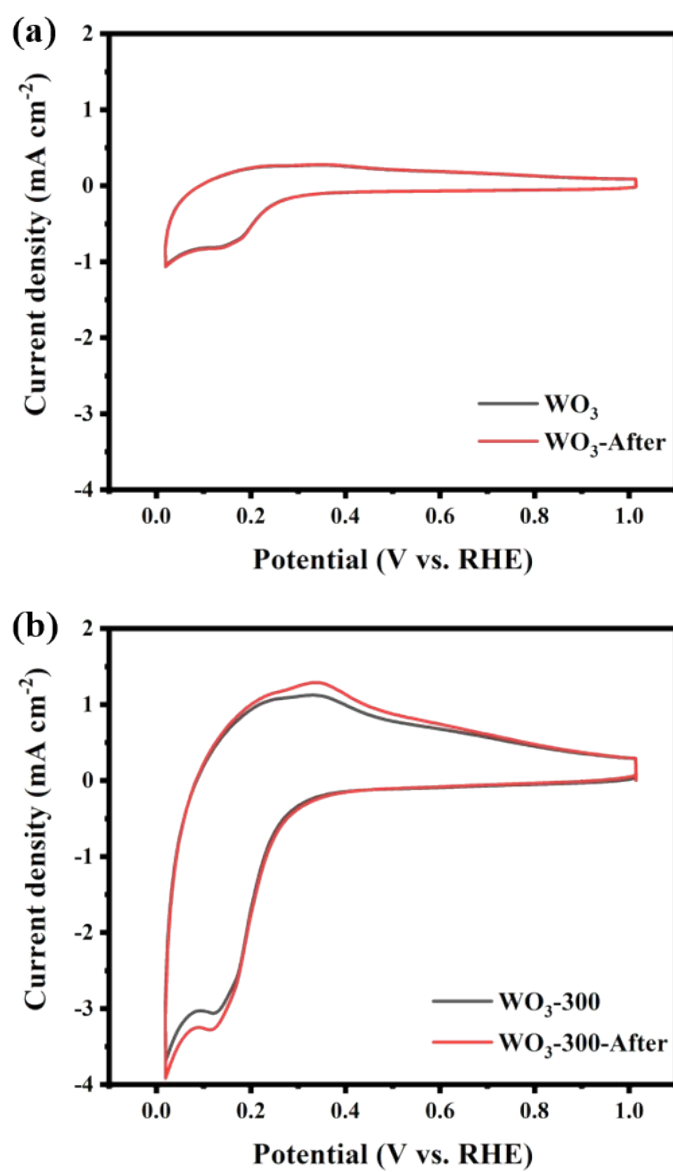


Figure S21. CV curves of WO₃ (a) and WO₃-300 (b) before and after 10000 HOR cycles.

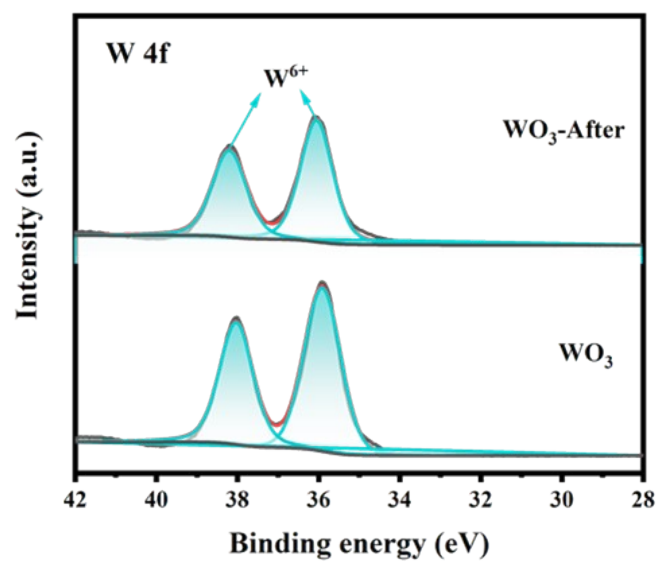


Figure S22. XPS W 4f spectra of WO₃ before and after 10000 HOR cycles.

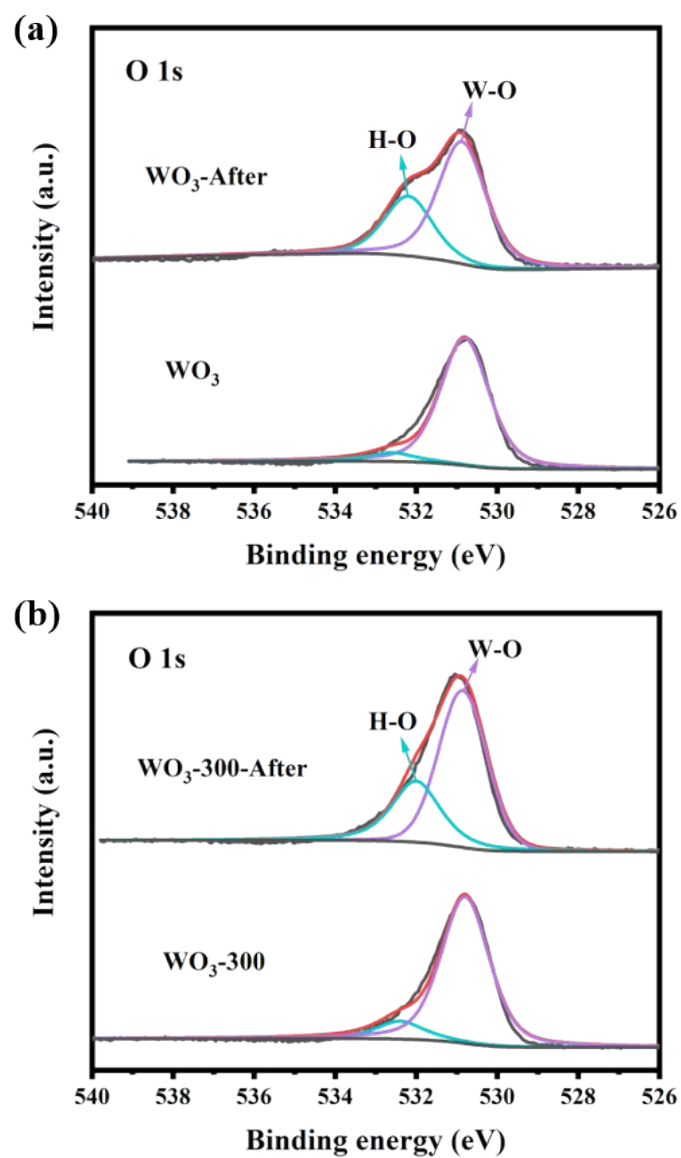


Figure S23. XPS O 1s spectra of WO_3 (a) and WO_3 -300 (b) before and after 10000 HOR cycles.

Table S1. The ratio of W^{x+} ($x=4/5/6$) to total W from the XPS W 4f spectra of WC/WO₂, WC, WC-300, WO₃ and WO₃-300 before and after 10000 HOR cycles.

Catalyst	% Area of W ⁴⁺	% Area of W ⁵⁺	% Area of W ⁶⁺
WC/WO ₂	53.5	6.7	39.8
WC/WO ₂ -After	29.2	-	70.8
WC	73.5	-	26.5
WC-After	79.3	-	20.7
WC-300	55.4	13.7	30.9
WC-300-After	63.8	-	36.2
WO ₃	-	-	100
WO ₃ -After	-	-	100
WO ₃ -300	14.4	13.3	72.3
WO ₃ -300-After	8.4	9.9	81.7

Catalyst	HOR current density (mA/cm ²)	Fuel cell power density (mW/cm ²)	Paper
This work	~ 3.4	~ 200	-
W ₂ C@NPC	~ 1.8	-	Adv. Funct. Mat., 2019. ¹
IrNi/C	~ 2.6	-	Chin. J. Catal., 2016. ²
Ru@TiO ₂	~ 2.9	-	Nat. Catal., 2020. ³
Pd/C	~ 3.0	-	J. Electrochem. Soc., 2016. ⁴
1.5 Pd-WO _{2.72} -L	~ 5.2	-	Nano Res. 2021. ⁵
PdO-RuO ₂ /C	~ 4.5	-	ChemSusChem, 2021. ⁶
IrP ₂ -rGO	~ 2.5	-	ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces, 2020. ⁷
PdRu-WO _x /C	~ 3.1	-	Catal. Today, 2014. ⁸
Ni _x Mo _{1-x} O ₂	~ 0.95	-	ACS Energy Lett., 2020. ⁹
Pd-Co/gCN	-	~ 290	Appl. Energy, 2017. ¹⁰

Table S2. HOR performances in acidic media in the latest reported literature.

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