

## **Facile fabrication of ultrafine CoNi alloy nanoparticles supported on hexagonal N-doped carbon/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanosheets for efficient protein adsorption and catalysis**

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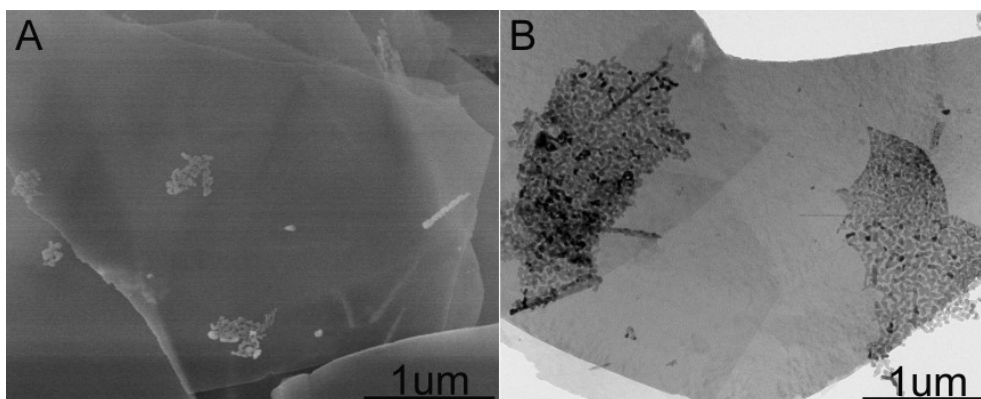


Figure S1. SEM and TEM images of Co/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (A, B).

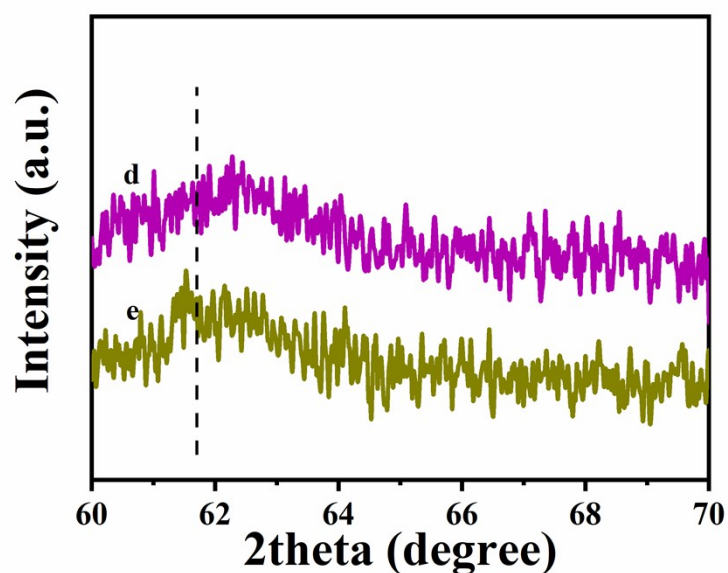


Figure S2. XRD images of C-CoNi/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (d) C-Co/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(e).

**Table S1.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption–desorption isotherms corresponding pore size distributions of the synthesized C-CoNi/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, C-Co/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Co/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

Samples	BET Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Pore Volume ( cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Pore Size (nm)
Co/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	8.7	0.0227	10.5
C-Co/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	25.4	0.0298	4.7
C-CoNi/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	33.9	0.0285	3.4

**Table S2.** The ICP data of C-CoNi/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with different calcination temperature before and after catalytic reaction.

Catalysts	Co ( $\mu\text{g}.\text{mg}^{-1}$ )	Ni ( $\mu\text{g}.\text{mg}^{-1}$ )
C-CoNi/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	298.29	197.63
C-Co/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	410.86	/
Co/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	266.33	/

**Table S3.** A full comparison of C-CoNi/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanosheets catalysis activity and test condition with other nickel and noble metal catalysts.

Catalyst	Type	K( $\times 10^{-3}\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$\kappa(\text{g}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1})$	Reference
C-CoNi/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	nanosheets	3.86	210.58	This work
C-Co/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	nanosheets	2.02	4.92	This work
Co/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	nanosheets	1.21	4.54	This work
Ni/p (AMPS)	Hydrogel	0.9	0.15	1
Ni/MC-550	Nanotube	1.51	338	2
Ni/SiO <sub>2</sub>	Core-shell	2.8	0.94	3
RGO-Ni	Nanosheets	0.25	0.04	4
C-Ni/400	Core-shell	5.9	142	5
Ni/SNTs	Nanotube	9.9	31	6
Ni (modified)	Nanoparticles	2.4	0.80	7

**Table S4.** Isotherm parameters for the adsorption of BHB protein on the C-CoNi/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

T(°C)	Langmuir model			Freundlich model		
	K <sub>d</sub> (mg/mL)	Q <sub>m</sub> (mg/g)	R <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>F</sub> (mg/g)	n	R <sup>2</sup>
C-CoNi/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.10	1164.4	0.9980	585.9	1.72	0.9314
C-Co/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.38		0.9997			
Co/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.26		0.9984			

**Table S5.** Properties of different adsorbents for BHB capture

Adsorbent	Capacity (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
C-CoNi/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1164.4	This work

Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SiO <sub>2</sub> @IL	2150	8
CNTs/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @CuSilicate	302.3	9
Cu-IDA-silica-coated Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	418.6	10
Magnetic HCNTs	2200	11
Ni-MNPs	1054.3	12

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