

Supporting information

Enhancing ORR Activity of Fullerene-Derived Carbons by Implanting Fe in Assembled Diamine-C₆₀ Spheres

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Additional Data

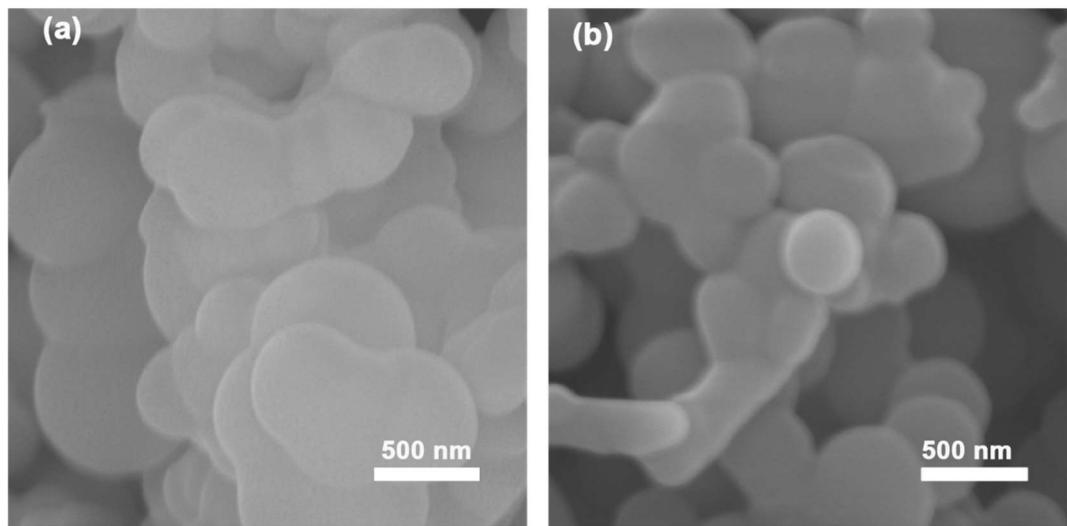


Fig. S1. SEM images of fullerene assembly structures at various mixing ratios of C₆₀ and EDA, (a) C₆₀: EDA = 1:100, (b) C₆₀: EDA = 1:5000.

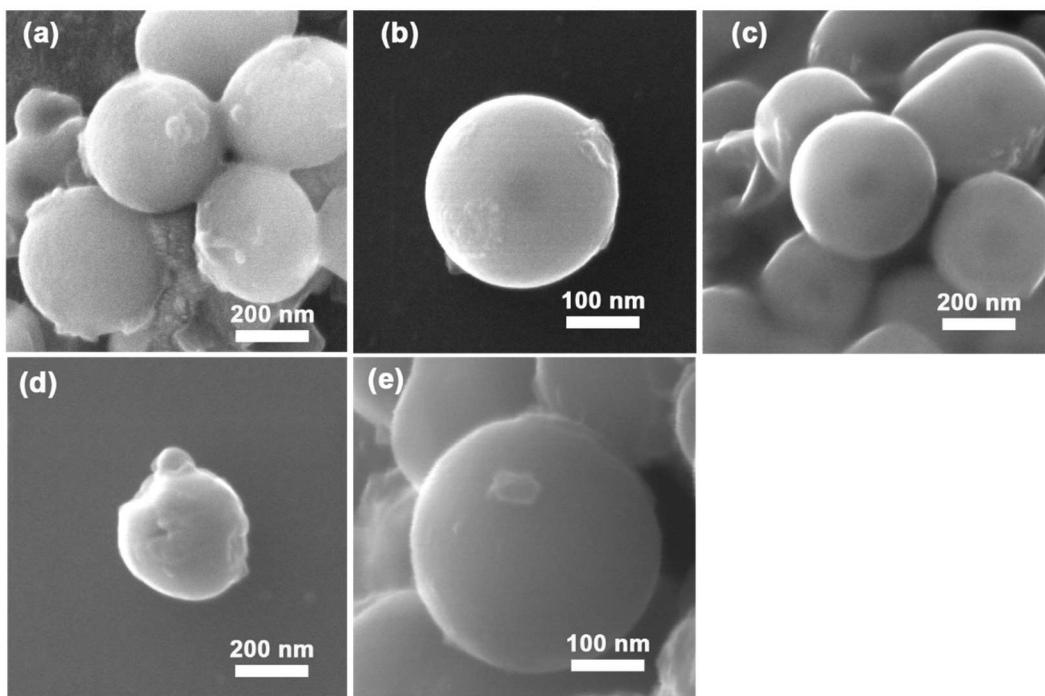


Fig. S2. SEM images of (a) N@FCS-500, (b) N@FCS-700, (c) N@FCS-900, (d) FeN@FCS-500 and (e) FeN@FCS-700.

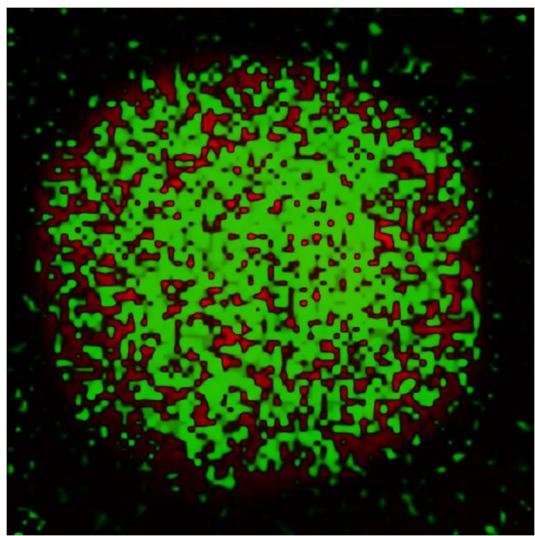


Fig. S3. The image of mixed elemental mappings of FeN@FCS-900 based on STEM observation and EDS analysis.

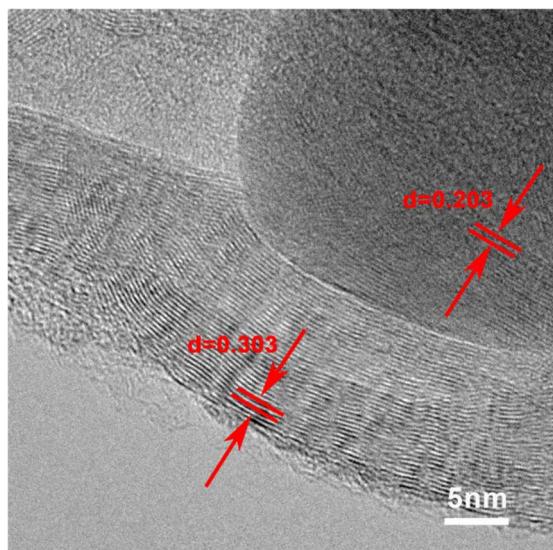


Fig. S4. HR-TEM image of FeN@FCS-900.

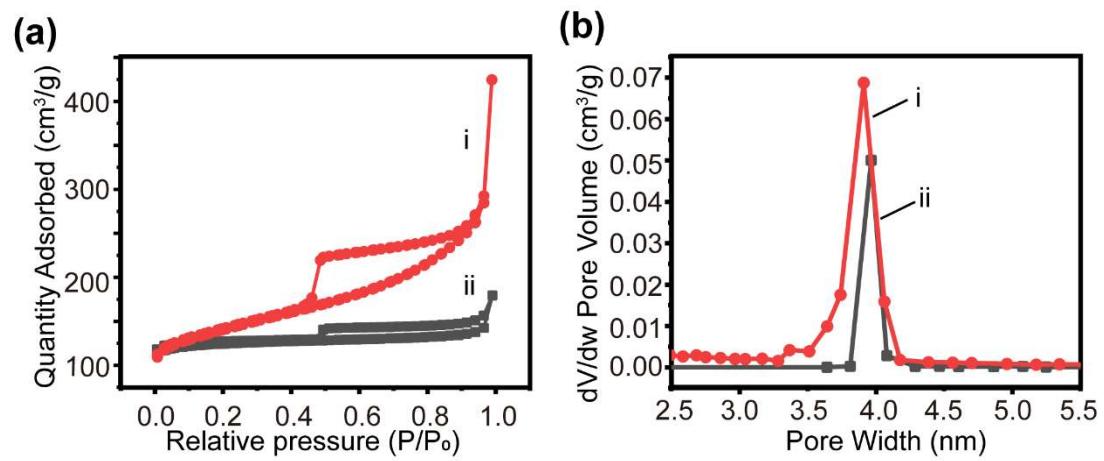


Fig. S5. (a) Nitrogen isotherms and (b) pore size distributions of (i) FeN@FCS-900 and (ii) N@FCS-900.

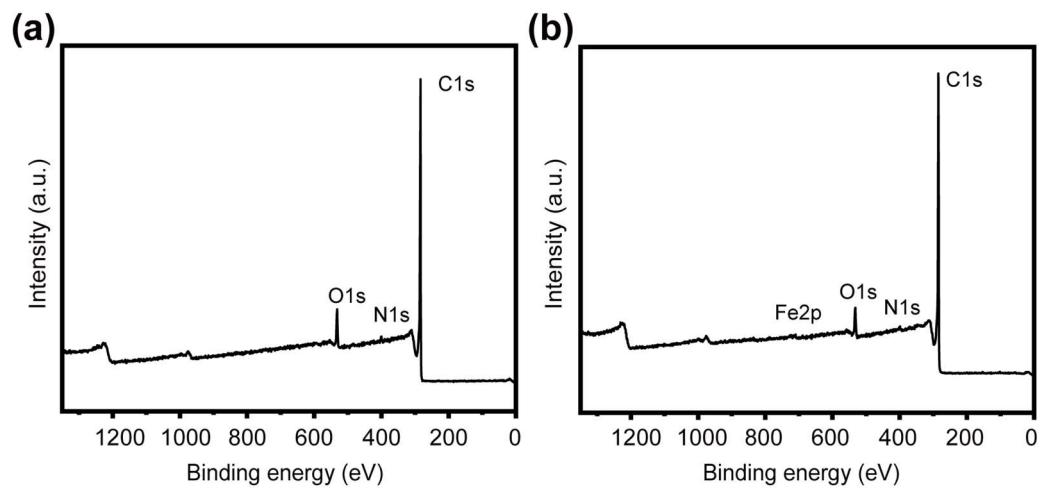


Fig. S6. Full-scan XPS spectra of (a) N@FCS-900 and (b) FeN@FCS-900.

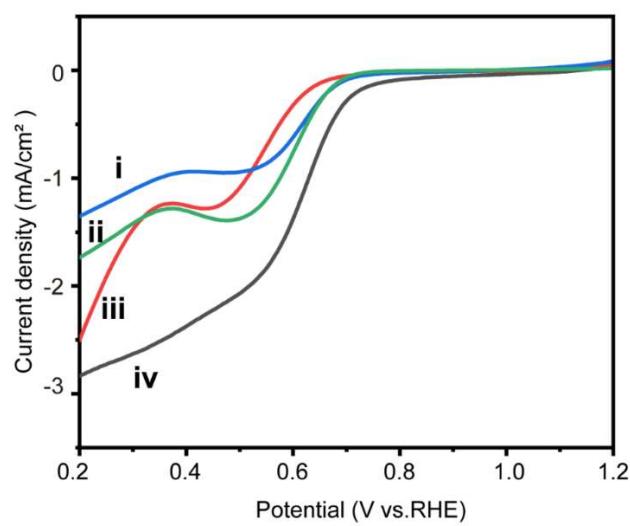


Fig. S7. LSV curves of (i) N@FCS-500, (ii) N@FCS-700, (iii) FeN@FCS-500 and (iv) FeN@FCS-700 in O_2 -saturated 0.1 M KOH solution at 1600 rpm.

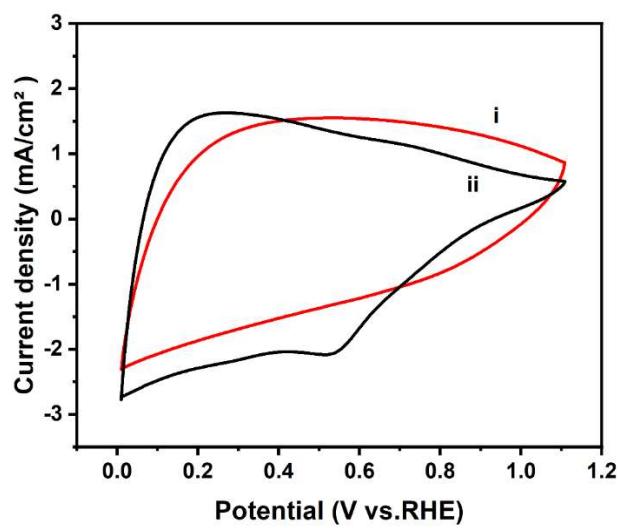


Fig. S8. CV curves of N@FCS-900 measured at scan rate of $10 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ in (i) N_2 -saturated 0.1M KOH solution, and (ii) O_2 -saturated 0.1M KOH solution.

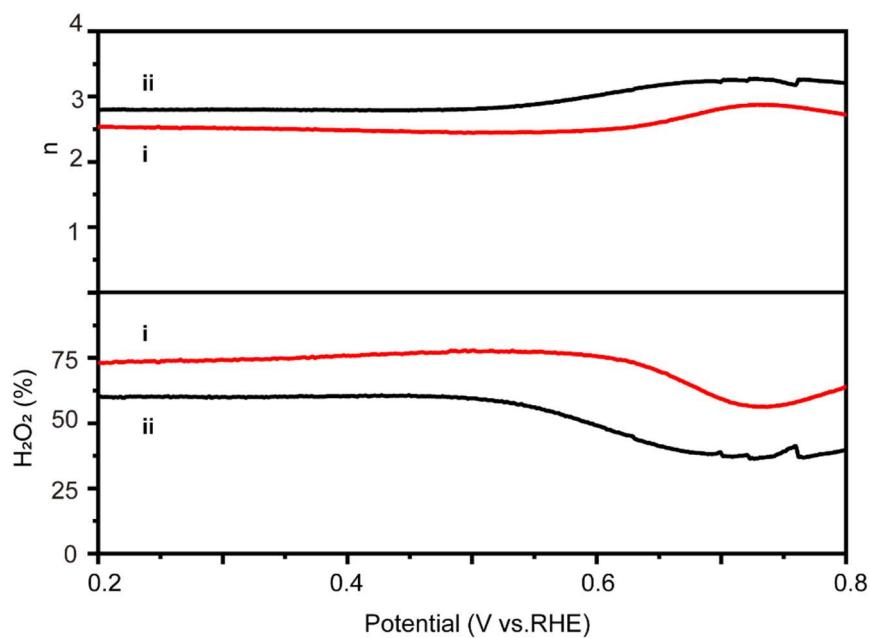


Fig. S9. The electron transfer number (n) and H₂O₂% yield of (i) C₆₀-900 and (ii) N@FCS-900.

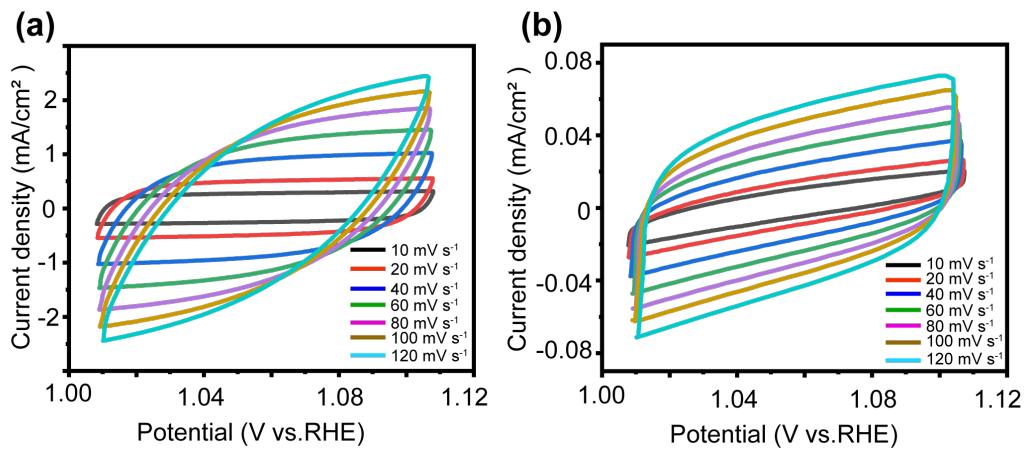


Fig. S10. CV curves of (a) FeN@FCS-900 and (b) N@FCS-900 measured in a non-Faradic region at different scan rates.

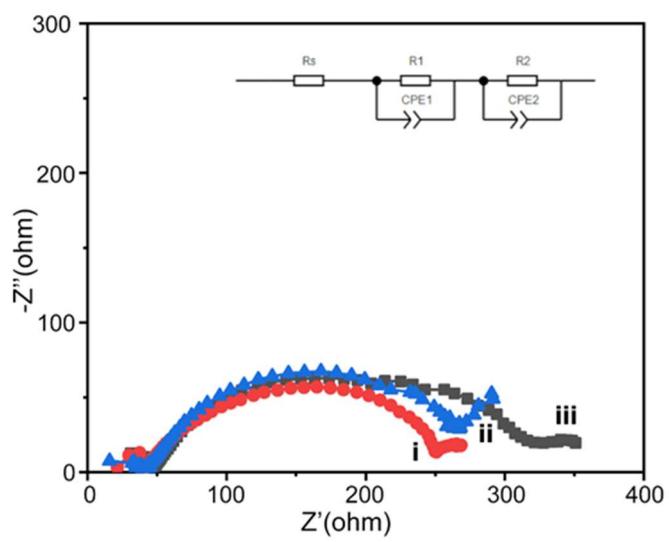


Fig. S11. Nyquist plots of (i) FeN@FCS-900, (ii) Pt/C, (iii) N@FCS-900.

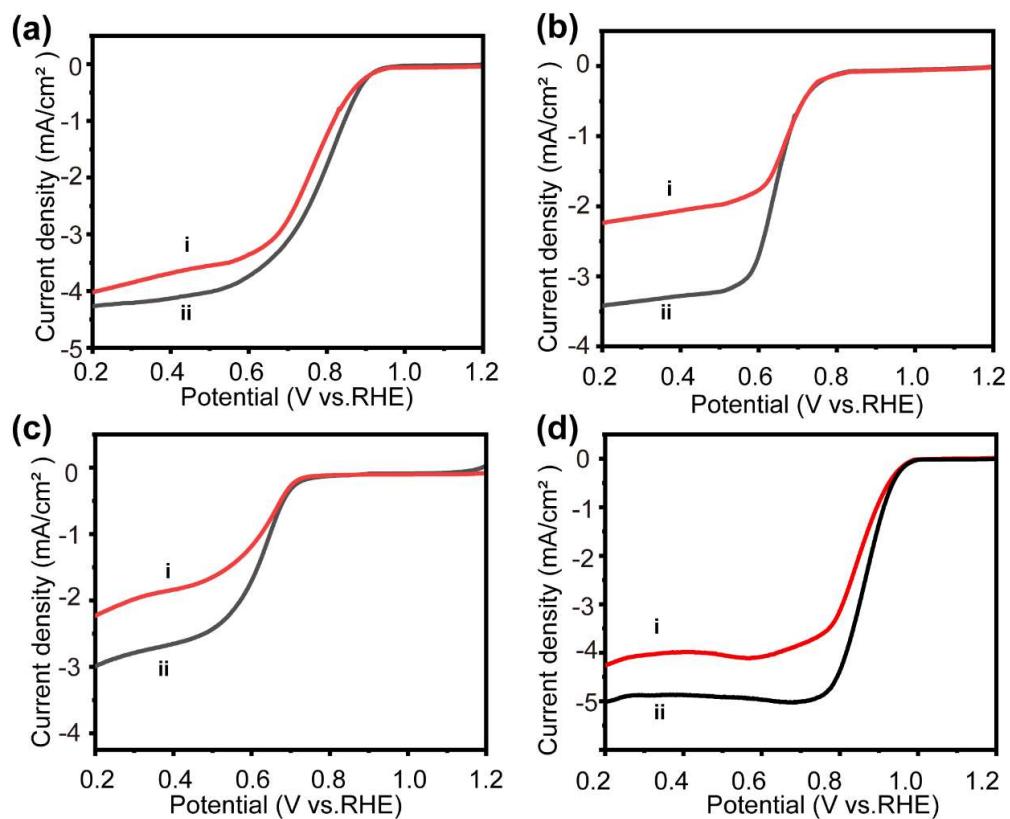


Fig. S12. LSV curves of (a) FeN@FCS-900, (b) N@FCS-900, (c) C₆₀-900, (d) Pt/C in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH solution at 1600 rpm; (i) before and (ii) after 5000 potential cycles.

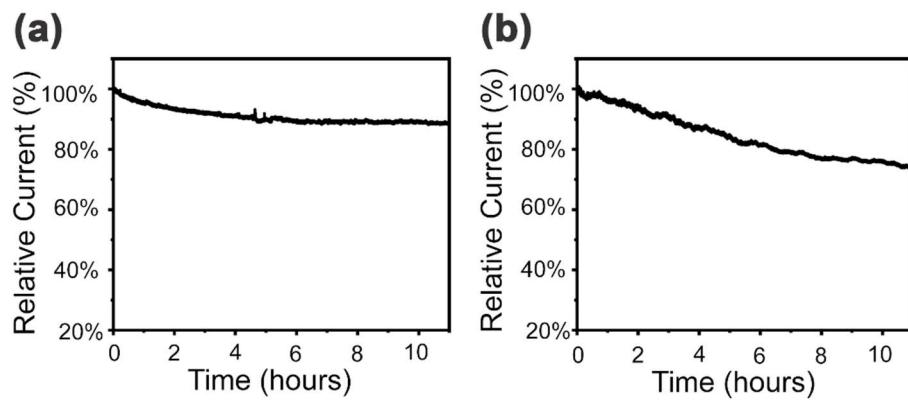


Fig. S13. Chronoamperometric response plots of (a) FeN@FCS-900 and (b) Pt/C in O₂-saturated 0.1M KOH solution.

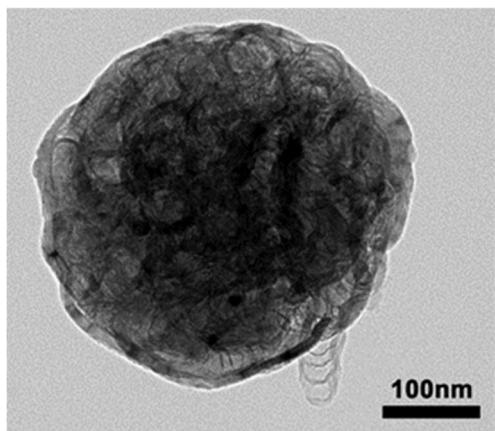


Fig. S14. TEM image of FeN@FCS-900 after the ORR process.

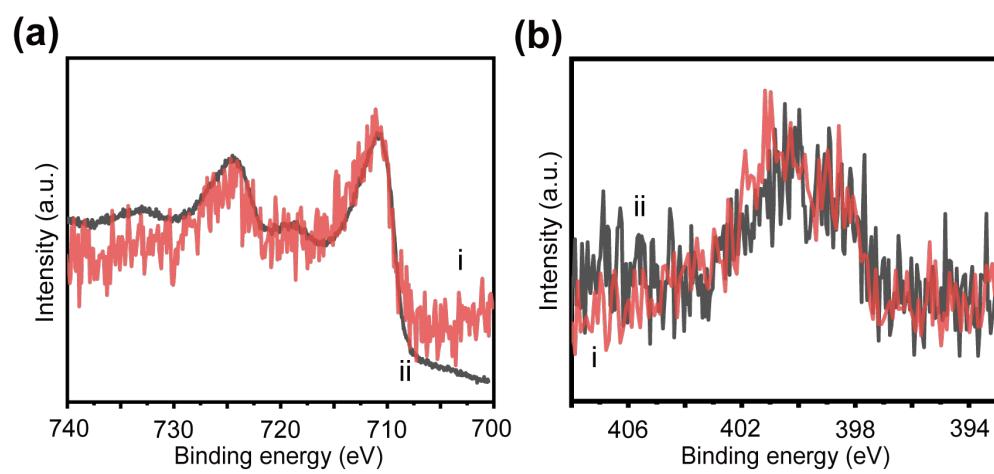


Fig. S15. (a) Fe 2p spectra and (b) N 1s spectra of FeN@FCS-900 (i) before and (ii) after the ORR process.

Table S1. The comparison of the ORR performance with various reported metal-doped carbon materials.

| Sample name | $E_{\text{onset}} (\text{V})$ | $E_{1/2} (\text{V})$ | $j_L (\text{mA})$ | Ref. |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| FeN@FCS-900 | 0.93 | 0.78 | 4.2 | This work |
| L-FeNC | 0.97 | 0.89 | 5.2 | R1 |
| M15-FeNC-NH ₃ | 0.88 | 0.78 | 6.14 | R2 |
| SC-Fe | 0.96 | 0.87 | 5.7 | R3 |
| Co@NCNTs | 1.01 | 0.87 | 5.8 | R4 |
| Cu(15%)-MFC ₆₀ | 0.86 | 0.76 | 5.18 | R5 |
| FMN700 | 0.93 | 0.81 | 4.7 | R6 |
| Fe-MFC ₆₀ | 0.85 | 0.78 | 3 | R7 |
| N,S-PCNFs | 0.96 | 0.83 | 5.50 | R8 |
| MFC ₆₀ -130 | 0.82 | 0.76 | 2.7 | R9 |
| MFC ₇₀ -150 | 0.86 | 0.75 | 5.5 | R10 |
| PD- C ₆₀ | 0.89 | 0.78 | 4.8 | R11 |

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